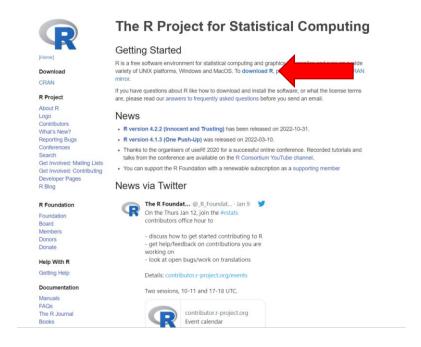


## **OVERVIEW**

This short tutorial walks through how to install R and RStudio on your personal machine or laptop. The computers in our classroom have these software installed, as does the <u>Virtual Workstations</u> maintained by the A-School, but you will appreciate having direct access. R and RStudio are separate software applications and **you must** have both installed in order to complete the exercises in this course. The first thing to know, is that RStudio is an <u>integrated development environment</u> or IDE that makes it easier for us to interact with R, but you have to install both R and RStudio (i.e., RStudio alone is useless for our purposes).

### **WINDOWS USERS**

First we will install R. Open your preferred internet browser and visit <a href="https://www.r-project.org">https://www.r-project.org</a>. Now, click the "download R" link near the middle of the page under "Getting Started."



Next, select a CRAN location (a mirror site) and click the corresponding link. They are all the same, but the mirror site hosted at Duke University is physically closest to us.

Click on the "Download R for Windows" link near the top of the page.





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Download and Install R

Precompiled binary distributions of the base system and contributed packages, Windows and Mac users most likely want one of these versions of R:

Download R for Linux (Debian Fedora/Redhat Ubuntu)
Download R for Mindows
Download R for macOS
Download R for Mindows
R is part of many Linux distributions, yether should check with your Linux package management system in addition to the link above.

Source Code for all Platforms

Windows and Mac users most likely want to download the precompiled binaries listed in the upper box, not the source code. The sources have to be compiled before you can use them. If you do not know what this means, you probably do not want to do it!

The latest release (2022-10-31, Innocent and Trusting) R-4.2.2 targe, read what's new in the latest version.

Sources of R alpha and beta releases (daily snapshots, created only in time periods before a planned release).

Daily snapshots of current patched and development versions are available here. Please read about new features and bug fixes before filling corresponding feature requests or bug reports.

Source code of older versions of R is available here.

Contributed extension packages

Ouestions About R

 If you have questions about R like how to download and install the software, or what the license terms are, please read our answers to frequently asked questions before you send an email.
 What are R and CRAN?

R is 'GNUS', a freely available language and environment for statistical computing and graphics which provides a wide variety of statistical and graphical techniques: linear and nonlinear modelling, statistical tests, time series analysis, classification, clustering, etc. Please consult the Reproject homepage for further information.

CRAN is a network of fip and web servers around the world that store identical, up-to-date, versions of code and documentation for R. Please use the CRAN mirror nearest to you to minimize network load.

Submitting to CRAM

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To "submit" a package to CRAN, check that your submission meets the CRAN Repository Policy and then use the web form

# Now click on the "install R for the first time" link at the top of the page.



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Subdirectories:

base Binaries for base distribution. This is what you want to <u>install R for the first time</u>
contrib
Binaries of contributed CRAN packages (for R >= 3.4.x),
old contrib
Binaries of contributed CRAN packages for outdated versions of R (for R < 3.4.x).
Rtools
Tools to build R and R packages. This is what you want to build your own packages on Windows, or to build R itself

Please do not submit binaries to CRAN. Package developers might want to contact Uwe Ligges directly in case of questions / suggestions related to Windows binaries

You may also want to read the R FAQ and R for Windows FAQ.

Note: CRAN does some checks on these binaries for viruses, but cannot give guarantees. Use the normal precautions with downloaded executables.

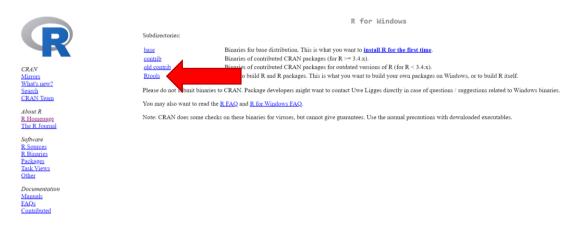
We're getting there! Next, click "Download R for Windows" and save the executable file somewhere on your computer.





Run the .exe file that you just downloaded and follow the installation instructions.

Next, you should go ahead and install RTools as well because it will save you some time later on in the course when we want to use packages that "live" on GitHub:

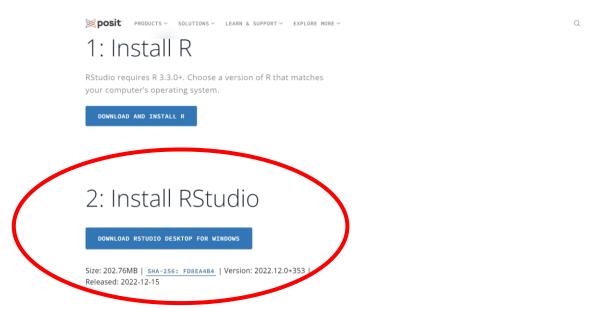


Click the installer link for RTools on the next page, then run the downloaded executable to install.

Now that R and RTools are installed on your system, you **still need to download and install RStudio**.

Open another web browser tab and navigate to <a href="https://posit.co/download/rstudio-desktop">https://posit.co/download/rstudio-desktop</a>. Click the "Install RStudio" button shown below.



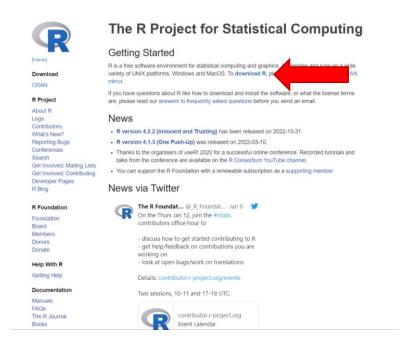


Unzip and run the .exe file you just downloaded and follow the installation instructions.

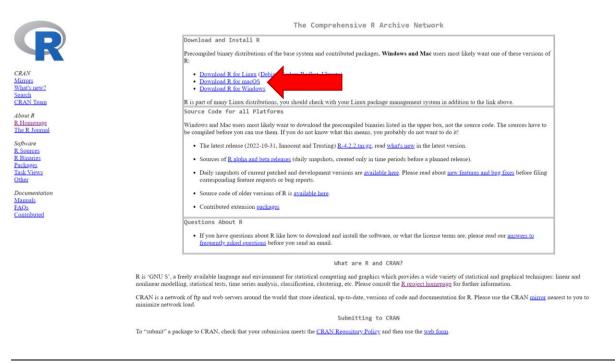


### **MAC USERS**

Again, the first step is to install R. Open your preferred internet browser and visit <a href="https://www.r-project.org">https://www.r-project.org</a>. Now, click the "download R" link near the middle of the page under "Getting Started."

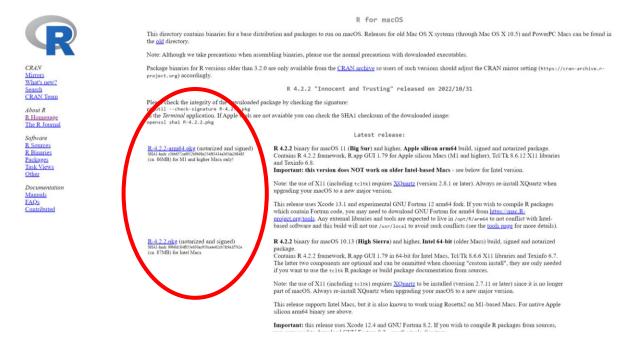


Next, select a CRAN location (a mirror site) and click the corresponding link. They are all the same, but the mirror site hosted at Duke University is physically closest to us. Click on the "Download R for macOS" link near the top of the page.





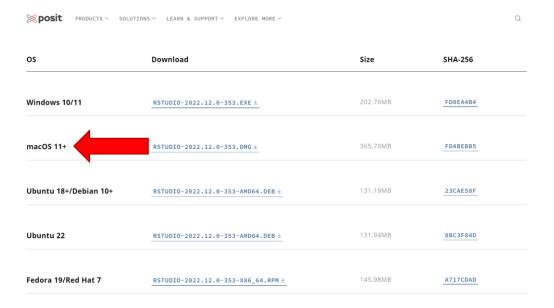
Click on the file containing the latest version of R that is appropriate for your machine.



Save the .pkg file, double-click it to open, and follow the installation instructions.

Now that R is installed on your system, you still need to download and install RStudio.

Open another web browser tab and navigate to <a href="https://posit.co/download/rstudio-desktop">https://posit.co/download/rstudio-desktop</a>. The website should automatically detect your operating system, but if not just scroll down and click on the appropriate link:





Save the .dmg file on your computer, double-click it to open, and then drag and drop it to your applications folder.

Finally, RTools is only for Windows machines, but for Mac users you should only need to install <u>Xcode</u> <u>Command Line Tools</u>. To do this, open a terminal window, click Spotlight search in the top right of your screen, then search for "Terminal". Next copy and paste the following into the terminal and press Enter:

xcode-select --install

You will probably need to provide your password to enable installing the software. Follow any onscreen instructions and wait for it to finish. You can now compile R packages that do not yet exist on the CRAN mirror sites (e.g., newer packages that are hosted on GitHub).

#### EXTRA PRACTICE

If you have the time and inclination, take a look at <u>this online tutorial</u> after you have finished installing R and RStudio. Skip down to "Create an RStudio project" and open RStudio on your machine (note that this tutorial **assumes you are logging into a cloud-based instance of RStudio Server**, which we are not doing so NBD) to begin exploring R.

This would be a nice segue for the next class meeting.