

Getting help

Slides

Objectives

- Know your options for finding help
- Understand how to create a minimal reproducible example to get better help

Live coding/discussion: options for finding help

- `--help` flag
- man pages
- `?` in R
- Package websites (found with google or through CRAN page)
 - These often are the same material as help files + vignettes, but easier to read and examples are rendered on web
- StackOverflow
 - People aren't always the friendliest, but making a reprex helps you get good answers
- Minimal reproducible examples with reprex
 - Demo RStudio addin
- ChatGPT
 - Not recommended for beginners!
 - Sometimes (~50% by some estimates) gives the wrong answer, difficult to spot mistakes if you're a beginner