

Lesson 1: Getting to know R

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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 macOS](#)
- [Download R for Windows](#)

R is part of many Linux distributions, you should check with your Linux package management system in addition to the link above.

R installation

- The R software is a free, open-source software platform with powerful statistical analysis and visualization capabilities.
 - **Download R:** <https://cloud.r-project.org/>
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DOWNLOAD

RStudio Desktop

Used by millions of people weekly, the RStudio integrated development environment (IDE) is a set of tools built to help you be more productive with R and Python.

Don't want to download or install anything? Get started with RStudio on [Posit Cloud for free](#). If you're a professional data scientist looking to download RStudio and also need common enterprise features, don't hesitate to [book a call with us](#).

Want to learn about core or advanced workflows in RStudio? Explore the [RStudio User Guide](#) or the [Getting Started](#) section.

OS	Download	Size	SHA-256
Windows 10/11	RSTUDIO-2024.04.2-764.EXE	262.79 MB	09E1E38A
macOS 12+	RSTUDIO-2024.04.2-764.DMG	664.40 MB	D0DDD395
Ubuntu 20/Debian 11	RSTUDIO-2024.04.2-764-AMD64.DEB	194.73 MB	87B20155
Ubuntu 22/Debian 12	RSTUDIO-2024.04.2-764-AMD64.DEB	196.64 MB	1D0BD2F5
OpenSUSE 15	RSTUDIO-2024.04.2-764-X86_64.RPM	196.89 MB	CC0E1D88
Fedora 34/Red Hat 8	RSTUDIO-2024.04.2-764-X86_64.RPM	219.85 MB	DC097731
Fedora 36/Red Hat 9	RSTUDIO-2024.04.2-764-X86_64.RPM	210.75 MB	38140ED7

R installation

- Download RStudio:
<https://posit.co/download/rstudio-desktop/>

! Here is an important tip:

- Don't use a Chinese username when the computer starts up; otherwise, RStudio will bar the Chinese username.
- Try to install on a non-system disc, for example, you can choose to install in the D disc.
- Installation path without Chinese and spaces. For example, this is better
 - D:/R
 - D:/Rstudio

Install packages

- The power of the R language also lies in the various macro packages, which are generally downloaded and installed from [The Comprehensive R Archive Network \(CRAN\)](#).

Examples:

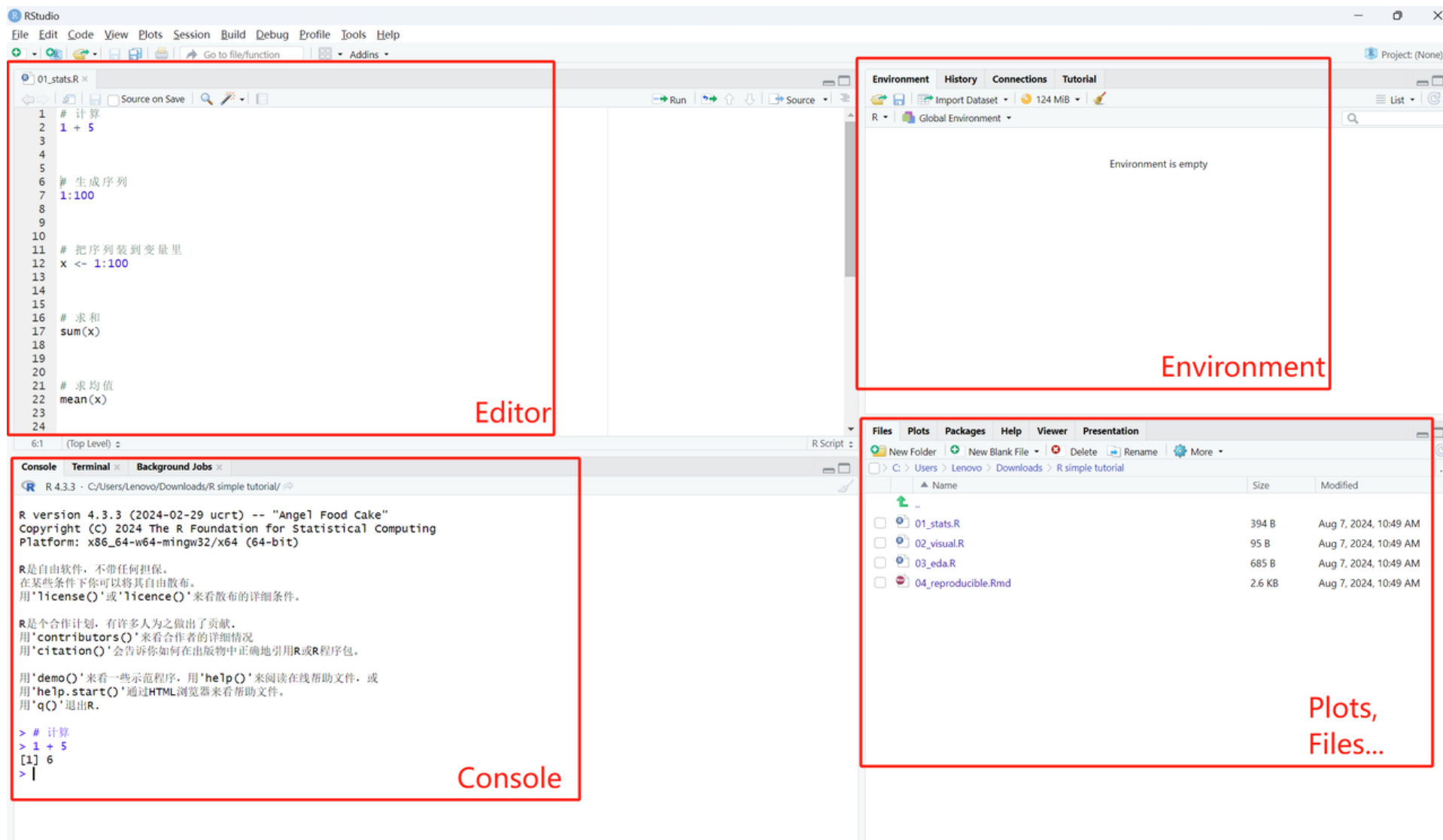
- **Installing a single package:**

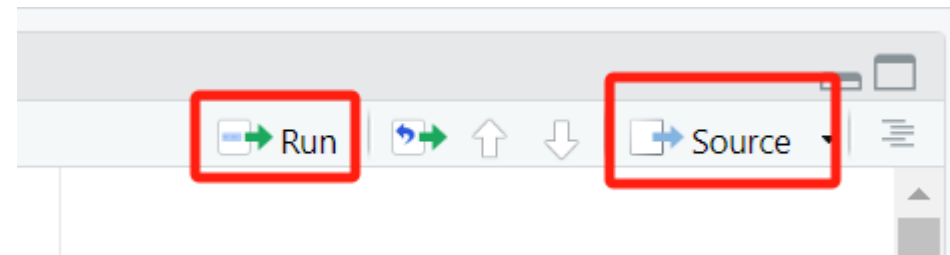
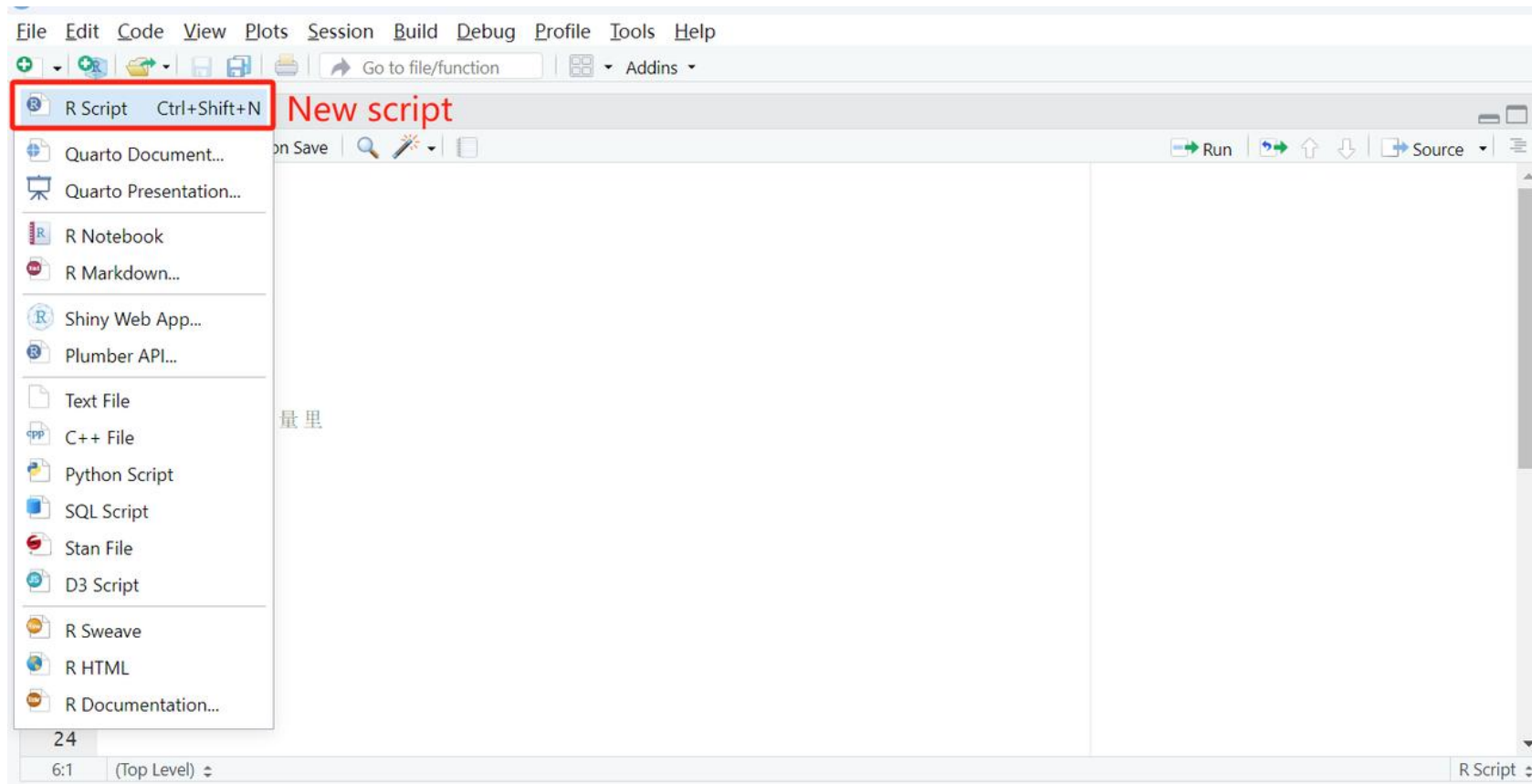
[install.packages](#)("tidyverse")

- **Installing multiple packages:**

[install.packages](#)(c("palmerpenguins", "patchwork", "gapminder", "ggribes", "readxl"))

Let's get started!





Object

Try to type these into
your console...

$1 + 2$

$5 - 3$

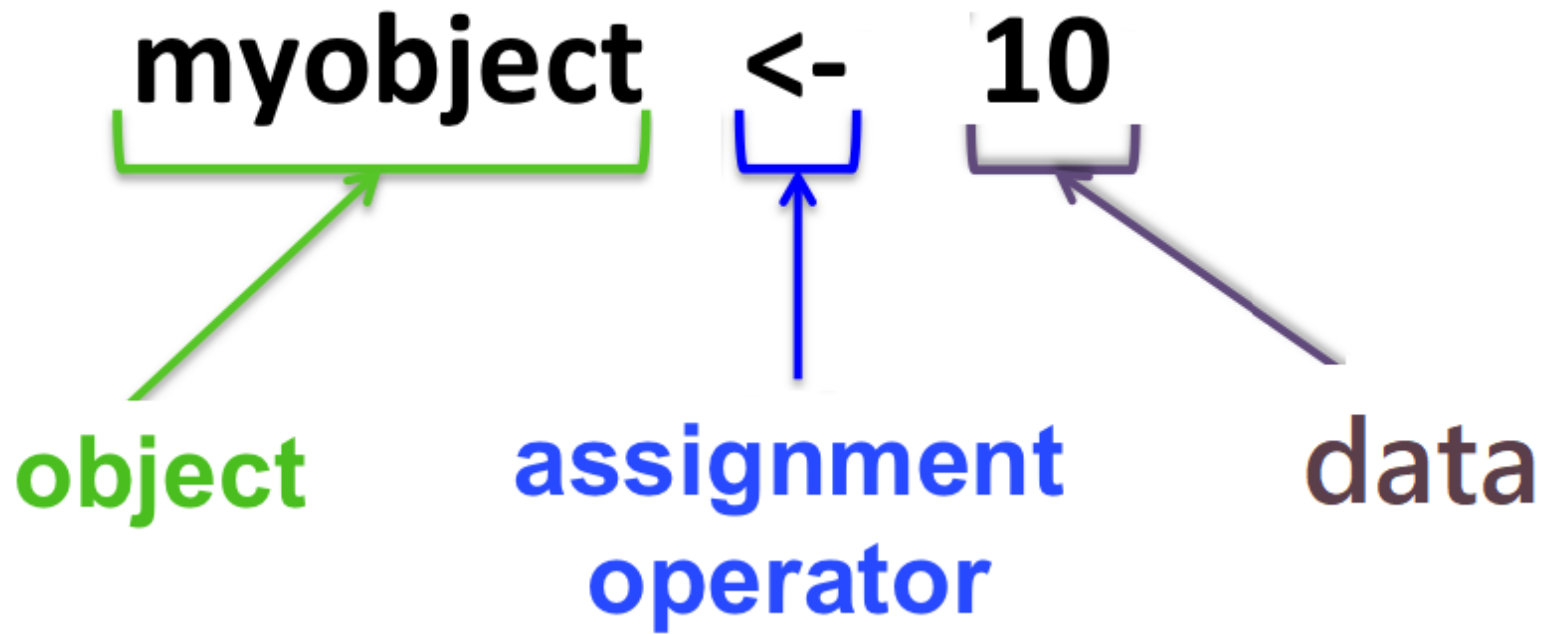
$3 * 4$

$12 / 3$

2^3

$(2 + 4) / 3$

Object



Tibble data

```
> library(tidyverse)
— Attaching core tidyverse packages — tidyverse 2.0.0 —
✓ dplyr      1.1.4      ✓ readr      2.1.5
✓ forcats    1.0.0      ✓ stringr    1.5.1
✓ ggplot2     3.5.1      ✓ tibble     3.2.1
✓ lubridate  1.9.3      ✓ tidyr      1.3.1
✓ purrr       1.0.2
— Conflicts — tidyverse_conflicts() —
✖ dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
✖ dplyr::lag()     masks stats::lag()
i Use the conflicted package to force all conflicts to become errors
```

The tidyverse has designed a data format for tidy data called ***tibble***, which is a combination of the words tidy and table and, as the name implies, refers specifically to tidy data. It is the equivalent of a table in Excel (only if it is tidy), data in Stata, Pandas dataframes in Python, etc.

Print *Tibble*

```
# A tibble: 349,940 × 8
```

	Date <chr>	Song <chr>	Artist <chr>	Rank <int>	Last.Week <chr>	Peak.Position <int>	Weeks.in.Charts <chr>	Image.URL <chr>
1	1958-08-06	Poor Little Fool	Ricky Nelson	1	1	1	2	#
2	1958-08-06	Nel Blu Dipinto Di Blu (Volare)	Domenico Modu...	2	54	2	2	#
3	1958-08-06	Patricia	Perez Prado A...	3	2	2	2	#
4	1958-08-06	Splish Splash	Bobby Darin	4	3	3	2	#
5	1958-08-06	When	Kalin Twins	5	5	5	2	#
6	1958-08-06	My True Love	Jack Scott	6	8	6	2	#
7	1958-08-06	Hard Headed Woman	Elvis Presley...	7	4	4	2	#
8	1958-08-06	Rebel-'rouser	Duane Eddy Hi...	8	6	6	2	#
9	1958-08-06	Just A Dream	Jimmy Clanton...	9	12	9	2	#
10	1958-08-06	Willie And The Hand Jive	The Johnny Ot...	9	9	9	2	#

```
# i 349,930 more rows  
# i Use `print(n = ...)` to see more rows
```

Sample data 1:

Billboard Hot 100 song data (349940 rows, 8 columns)

Print *Tibble*

In the R interface, the output format of *tibble* data will look like the above, from top to bottom.

```
# A tibble: 53,940 × 11
   X carat cut      color clarity depth table price     x     y     z
  <int> <dbl> <chr>    <chr> <chr>    <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
1     1  0.23 Ideal      E      SI2     61.5    55   326  3.95  3.98  2.43
2     2  0.21 Premium    E      SI1     59.8    61   326  3.89  3.84  2.31
3     3  0.23 Good       E      VS1     56.9    65   327  4.05  4.07  2.31
4     4  0.29 Premium    I      VS2     62.4    58   334  4.2   4.23  2.63
5     5  0.31 Good       J      SI2     63.3    58   335  4.34  4.35  2.75
6     6  0.24 Very Good J      VVS2     62.8    57   336  3.94  3.96  2.48
7     7  0.24 Very Good I      VVS1     62.3    57   336  3.95  3.98  2.47
8     8  0.26 Very Good H      SI1     61.9    55   337  4.07  4.11  2.53
9     9  0.22 Fair       E      VS2     65.1    61   337  3.87  3.78  2.49
10    10  0.23 Very Good H      VS1     59.4    61   338  4     4.05  2.39
# i 53,930 more rows
# i Use `print(n = ...)` to see more rows
```

Sample data 2:

Diamonds data (53940 rows, 11 columns)

If you have a large *tibble* with many rows and columns, the *tibble* will automatically **hide the extra rows and columns** for you when printing.

- **# A tibble: 10 × 10** means the current tibble has 10 rows and 10 columns.
- **carat cut ...** This line is the variable name
- **<dbl> <ord> ...** This line is the variable type, e.g.
 - numeric (**<dbl>**)
 - integer (**<int>**)
 - Ordered category (**<ord>**)
- **1** From this line on, it's all diamond-specific data.
 - **1 is the row number**, the rest are the parameters of the diamond.

Types of columns

Columns, or ‘variables’, are stored inside R in vectors. Some common types of variables are described below:


- **numeric**, including real (double, real) and integer.
- **logical**, including TRUE and FALSE.
- **character**, including various lengths of text
- **factor**, **haven label**, usually numeric variables with labels
- **date**, **datetime**, which is essentially a numeric value
- **geometry**, from the *sf package*, including points, lines, surfaces, etc., used for spatial analysis and drawings
- Other **one-dimensional objects**
- **2D and even multidimensional objects**, such as a column of *tibbles*, each cell stores one *tibble*.





Thank you!

For more information:

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- <https://chenziqui0506-ai.github.io/ziqichenRsimpletutorial/index.html>
 - <https://github.com/chenziqui0506-AI/ziqichenRsimpletutorial/tree/main>