

Grand Challenges R Server Setup

Purpose

While Liam has provided you a detailed guide on setting up the Default server, there is another server known as “R”. Although the Default server allows you to run R after you set up an R environment, this standalone R server will lead you to RStudio, a more attractive interface to run R.

Formats of this document follow “How to use this document” section in **Grand Challenges Default Platform Setup** document.

Access the server

Step 1:

Go to <https://grandchallenge.informaticslab.co.uk/hub/login>

If you do not have access to email Liam or Tim and we will grant access.

You have a choice of either Default or R. Select R.

(If you have previously logged into the Default server, you may need to stop your server and restart it at <https://grandchallenge.informaticslab.co.uk/hub/home> so that the Default/R choice page can reappear where you complete this step.)

No matter what appears on the screen afterwards (could be a screen showing the Default Platform, or an error message), disregard it and proceed to Step 2.

Step 2:

Using a separate tab, go to

https://grandchallenge.informaticslab.co.uk/user/<your_github_username>/proxy/8787/auth-sign-in

A sign in page to RStudio will appear. Enter the following credentials:

Username: rstudio

Password: challenging

No matter what appears on the screen afterwards (could be a screen showing the Default Platform, or an error message), disregard it and proceed to Step 3.

Step 3:

Using another separate tab, go to

https://grandchallenge.informaticslab.co.uk/user/<your_github_username>/proxy/8787/

Ensure the above URL has a trailing slash (the slash (/) after the 8787 element of the URL)

The R Studio Server will appear.

(Credit to Gavin) **If the R Studio Server does not appear, try to repeat the steps by copying and pasting the URLs into a text editor, and then pasting into the search bar.**

You may then use the R Studio to run Base R (see <https://rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/r-cheat-sheet-3.pdf>), plus install, load and use packages/libraries.

Please report to Tim at tl493@exeter.ac.uk if you encounter any issues.

Recommended R Libraries

Library name	Purpose
tools	For utilities
methods	For utilities
tidyverse	A “Package of libraries” for data science
ggplot2	For plotting graphs
stringr	For string manipulations
abind	For array manipulations
grid	For graphics
spam	For matrix manipulations
maps	For map display
fields	For spatial data
ncdf4	For reading NetCDF files