

# The Rattle Package: Quick Start Guide

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## 1 Introduction

Rattle (Williams, 2009) is a package written in R providing a graphical user interface to very many other R packages that provide functionality for data mining.

This quick start guide is under development. See <http://rattle.togaware.com> for extensive documentation

## 2 Requirements

Rattle depends on over 40 other R packages and a couple of other software applications/libraries that are independent of R. The first thing to ensure is that you have installed the GTK+ libraries and the Ggobi application. This is operating system independent. Details are available for each of the major operating systems:

- GNU/Linux: [http://datamining.togaware.com/survivor/Install\\_GNU\\_Linux.html](http://datamining.togaware.com/survivor/Install_GNU_Linux.html)
- MS/Windows: [http://datamining.togaware.com/survivor/Install\\_MS\\_Windows.html](http://datamining.togaware.com/survivor/Install_MS_Windows.html)
- Mac OS/X: [http://datamining.togaware.com/survivor/Install\\_Macintosh.html](http://datamining.togaware.com/survivor/Install_Macintosh.html)

Only a couple of R packages are dependencies for Rattle. Most are suggestions, but without them functionality is quite limited. At a minimum, be sure to have the `RGtk2` package installed. Others that you might like to install include: `ada`, `arules`, `doBy`, `ellipse`, `fBasics`, `fpc`, `gplots`, `Hmisc`, `kernlab`, `mice`, `network`, `party`, `playwith`, `pmml`, `randomForest`, `reshape`, `rggobi`, `RGtk2`, `ROCR`, `RODBC`, and `rpart`.

The packages can usually be installed with:

```
> install.packages(rattle, dependencies = c("Depends", "Suggests"))
```

### 3 First Steps

Start up rattle:

```
> library(rattle)
> rattle()
```

### 4 References

Williams, G. J. (2009). *Rattle: A Data Mining GUI for R*. The R Journal, 1(2), 45-55. URL: [http://journal.r-project.org/archive/2009-2/RJournal\\_2009-2\\_Williams.pdf](http://journal.r-project.org/archive/2009-2/RJournal_2009-2_Williams.pdf).