

Introduction to R for Reproducible Research

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R's Roots... S

- S is a language that was developed by John Chambers and others at Bell Labs.
- S was initiated in 1976 as an internal statistical analysis environment - originally implemented as Fortran libraries.
- Early versions of the language did not contain functions for statistical modeling.
- In 1988 the system was rewritten in C and began to resemble the system that we have today (this was Version 3 of the language). The book *Statistical Models in S* by Chambers and Hastie (the blue book) documents the statistical analysis functionality.
- Version 4 of the S language was released in 1998 and is the version we use today. The book *Programming with Data* by John Chambers (the green book) documents this version of the language.

History of S

- In 1993 Bell Labs gave StatSci (now Insightful Corp.) an exclusive license to develop and sell the S language.
- In 2004 Insightful purchased the S language from Lucent for \$2 million and is the current owner.
- In 2006, Alcatel purchased Lucent Technologies and is now called Alcatel-Lucent.
- Insightful sells its implementation of the S language under the product name S-PLUS and has built a number of fancy features (GUIs, mostly) on top of it-hence the "PLUS".
- In 2008 Insightful is acquired by TIBCO for \$25 million; future of S-PLUS is uncertain.
- The S language itself has not changed dramatically since 1998.
- In 1998, S won the Association for Computing Machinery's Software System Award.

In "Stages in the Evolution of S", John Chambers writes:

"[W]e wanted users to be able to begin in an interactive environment, where they did not consciously think of themselves as programming. Then as their needs became clearer and their sophistication increased, they should be able to slide gradually into programming, when the language and system aspects would become more important."

<http://www.stat.bell-labs.com/S/history.html>

History of R

- 1991: Created in New Zealand by Ross Ihaka and Robert Gentleman. Their experience developing R is documented in a 1996 JCGS paper.
- 1993: First announcement of R to the public.
- 1995: Martin Machler convinces Ross and Robert to use the GNU General Public License to make R free software.
- 1996: A public mailing list is created (R-help and R-devel)
- 1997: The R Core Group is formed (containing some people associated with S-PLUS). The core group controls the source code for R.
- 2000: R version 1.0.0 is released.
- 2012: R version 2.15.2 is released on October 31, 2012.
- 2013: R version 3.0 is released on April 3, 2013
- There are now over 6,000 packages listed on CRAN.

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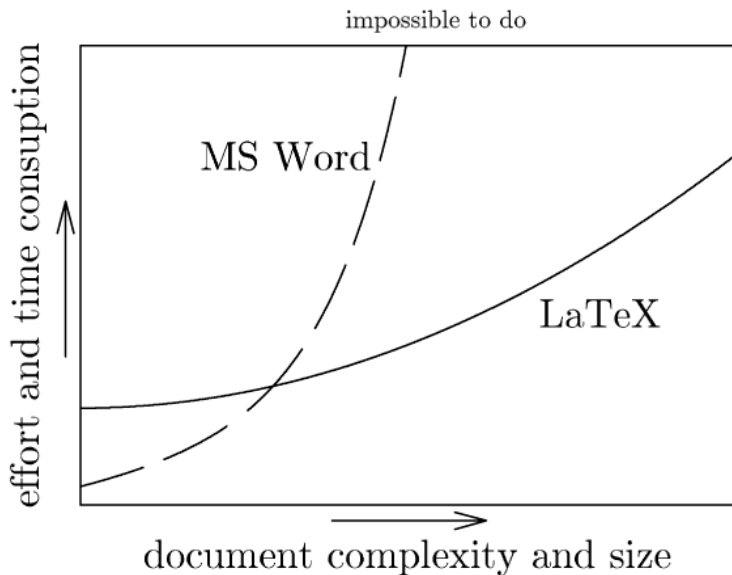
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The fundamental idea around \LaTeX is to focus on the content, *not* the formatting.

Why use \LaTeX



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- Typesetting journal articles, technical reports, books, and slide presentations.
- Control over large documents containing sectioning, cross-references, tables and figures.
- Typesetting of complex mathematical formulas.
- Advanced typesetting of mathematics with AMS-LaTeX.
- Automatic generation of bibliographies and indexes.
- Multi-lingual typesetting.
- Inclusion of artwork, and process or spot colour.
- Using PostScript or Metafont fonts.

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For Windows the following should also be installed:

- RTools <http://www.murdoch-sutherland.com/Rtools/>

For Mac the following should also be installed which are available from <http://cran.r-project.org/bin/macosx/tools>

- gfortran-4.2.3
- tcl/tk 8.5.5

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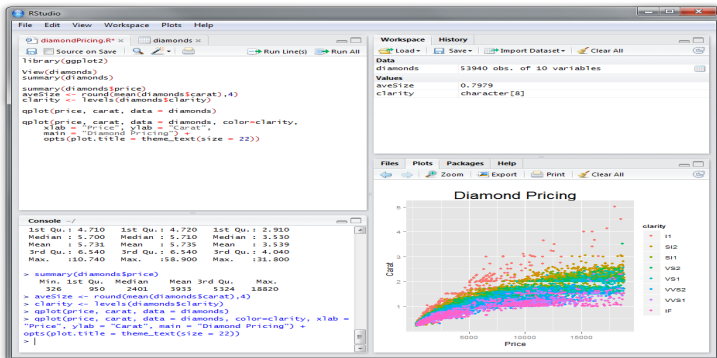
- MiKTeX <http://miktex.org/>

For Mac:

- MacTeX <http://www.tug.org/mactex/2011/>

Editors for R & \LaTeX

There are many editors for R including the built in command line interface. However, we will make use of a relatively new Integrated Development Environment (IDE) designed specifically for R, namely RStudio (<http://rstudio.org>). It is available for Mac OS X, Windows, Linux, and as a Linux based server (which then runs in a web browser).



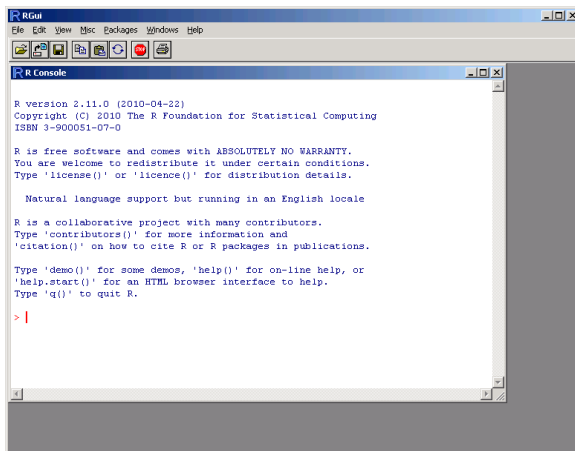
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The R Environment



The screenshot shows the RGui application window. The title bar reads 'RGui'. The menu bar includes 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Misc', 'Packages', 'Windows', and 'Help'. Below the menu bar is a toolbar with icons for file operations and running code. The main window is titled 'R Console' and contains the following text:

```
R version 2.11.0 (2010-04-22)
Copyright (C) 2010 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
ISBN 3-900051-07-0

R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.
You are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions.
Type 'license()' or 'licence()' for distribution details.

Natural language support but running in an English locale

R is a collaborative project with many contributors.
Type 'contributors()' for more information and
'citation()' on how to cite R or R packages in publications.

Type 'demo()' for some demos, 'help()' for on-line help, or
'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.
Type 'q()' to quit R.

> |
```

R as a Big Calculator

```
> 2 + 2
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```

```
[1] 2
```

Installing Packages

Both Windows and Mac have a menu system for installing packages, however the `install.packages` function allows for the installation to be scriptable.

```
> install.packages(c("psych", "gdata", "foreign", "devtools", "roxygen2"))
```

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For a list of packages that have been downloaded, but not necessarily attached, the `library()` function without any parameters will return that list.

```
> library()
```


Useful Packages

Package	Description
psych	Package contains lots of useful functions for descriptive statistics.
foreign	Contains functions to read SPSS files.
gdata	Contains functions to read Excel spreadsheets.
RODBC	Package contains functions to read and write data from ODBC databases (e.g. Oracle, MS SQLServer).
RMySQL	Package for interfacing with MySQL databases.
RSQLite	Package for the creation and editing of SQLite databases embedded within R.
MASS	Package to accompany Venables and Ripley's <i>Modern Applied Statistics with S</i> . See http://www.stats.ox.ac.uk/pub/MASS4/ .
ggplot2	Fantastic package for creating really nice looking graphics http://had.co.nz/ggplot2 .
rcmdr	R Commander is a graphical frontend for R.

Available Packages

The `search()` function will return all packages that are currently attached to the system.

```
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```

```
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[4] "package:psych"       "package:graphics"   "package:grDevices"
[7] "package:utils"       "package:datasets"   "package:ggplot2"
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You can then use the `ls()` function to return a list of functions in a particular package.

```
> ls('package:foreign')
```

```
[1] "data.restore"  "lookup.xport"  "read.S"        "read.arff"
[5] "read.dbf"      "read.dta"      "read.epiinfo"  "read.mtp"
[9] "read.octave"   "read.spss"     "read.ssd"      "read.systat"
[13] "read.xport"    "write.arff"    "write.dbf"     "write.dta"
[17] "write.foreign"
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- Lastly, to search the R mailing lists, use the `RSiteSearch()` function.

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[9] "Country"
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> nrow(students)
[1] 30494
```

Reading SPSS Files

The `foreign` package provides a function to read SPSS files.

```
> shy = read.spss("Exercise2.sav", use.value.labels=FALSE, to.data.frame=TRUE)
> names(shy)
```

```
[1] "rowtype_" "varname_" "age"
[4] "technical" "social"    "frequency"
```

This data file contains six columns: social anxiety (soax), restricted emotionality (reemo), restricted affectionate behavior (reaff), intimate self-disclosure (isd), a single degree-of-freedom continuous measure of shyness (shy), and a three-group experimental structural variable (group).

Reading CSV Files

R can read virtually any type of plain text file with the `read.table` function. For convenience, the `read.csv` will provide a quick way of reading comma-separated values (CSV) files. For example:

```
> students = read.csv(file.choose(), header=TRUE)
```

Reading SQL Databases

```
> channel = odbcDriverConnect(connection="dburl:1521/live", readOnly=TRUE)
> students = sqlQuery(channel, "SELECT * FROM students")
> odbcClose(channel)
```

Data Frames

```
> head(students, n=5)
```

	Level	Division	Degree	Enrolled	Military	Credits
1	GL	BU	MBA	09/24/09	N	9
2	GL	BU	MBG	07/25/05	N	3
3	GL	BU	MBG	08/30/05	N	NA
4	GL	BU	MBG	09/02/05	N	3
5	GL	BU	MBG	10/19/05	N	NA

	ZipCode	State	Country
1	27295	NC	
2	77566	TX	
3	11435	NY	
4	07866	NJ	
5	76065	TX	

Data Frame Structure

```
> str(students)
```

```
'data.frame':      30494 obs. of  9 variables:
 $ Level      : chr  "GL" "GL" "GL" "GL" ...
 $ Division:  chr  "BU" "BU" "BU" "BU" ...
 $ Degree     : chr  "MBA" "MBG" "MBG" "MBG" ...
 $ Enrolled:  chr  "09/24/09" "07/25/05" "08/30/05" "09/02/05" ...
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NA is a logical constant of length 1 which contains a missing value indicator. NA can be freely coerced to any other vector type except raw. There are also constants NA_integer_, NA_real_, NA_complex_ and NA_character_ of the other atomic vector types which support missing values: all of these are reserved words in the R language.

For more details, see <http://opendatagroup.com/2010/04/25/r-na-v-null/>

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Two-way frequency table (the first parameter will be the rows, second the columns)

```
> mytable = table(students$Military, students$Division)
```

```
> mytable
```

	BU	HS	LA	NU	TE
N	1248	188	3140	16428	872
Y	1185	43	4994	660	1736

Tables of Proportions

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Row Percentages:

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> prop.table(mytable, 1)
```

	BU	HS	LA	NU	TE
N	0.0570	0.0086	0.1435	0.7510	0.0399
Y	0.1375	0.0050	0.5795	0.0766	0.2014

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Column Percentages:

```
> prop.table(mytable, 2)
```

	BU	HS	LA	NU	TE
N	0.513	0.814	0.386	0.961	0.334
Y	0.487	0.186	0.614	0.039	0.666

Descriptive Statistics

Mean and standard deviation:

```
> mean(students$Credits, na.rm=TRUE)
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```
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However, the mean, median, 25th and 75th quartiles, min, and max can be returned in a single statement using the `summary` function:

```
> summary(students$Credits)
```

Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
0	3	3	4	6	33
NA's					
18533					

Descriptive Statistics

The `psych` package contains the `describe` and `describe.by` functions which provide a convenient way of calculating summary statistics.

```
> describe(students$Credits)
```

	vars	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed	mad	min	max
1	1	11961	4.5	3.5	3	4.2	4.5	0	33
	range	skew	kurtosis	se					
1	33	1	2.2	0.03					

Descriptive Statistics (cont.)

The `describe.by` will calculate summary statistics by grouping variables. The `mat` parameter will return the results in matrix form.

```
> describe.by(students$Credits, students$Division, na.rm=TRUE, mat=TRUE)
```

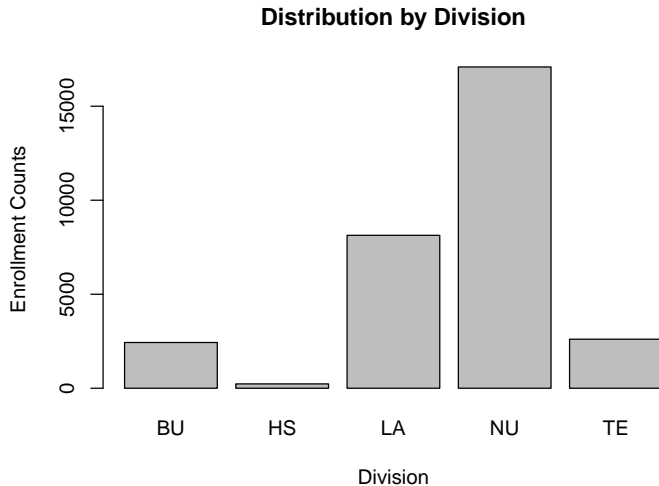
	item	group1	vars	n	mean	sd	median	trimmed
11	1	BU	1	932	4.8	3.7	3	4.4
12	2	HS	1	127	5.5	3.6	6	5.1
13	3	LA	1	2879	4.6	3.6	3	4.2
14	4	NU	1	7079	4.4	3.4	3	4.2
15	5	TE	1	944	4.5	3.4	3	4.1

	mad	min	max	range	skew	kurtosis	se
11	4.4	0	24	24	1.52	3.73	0.120
12	4.4	0	17	17	0.90	0.54	0.319
13	4.4	0	33	33	1.47	4.24	0.067
14	4.4	0	24	24	0.64	0.47	0.040
15	4.4	0	24	24	1.28	3.31	0.109

Histograms

```
> barplot(table(students$Division),  
  main='Distribution by Division',  
  xlab='Division', ylab='Enrollment Counts')
```

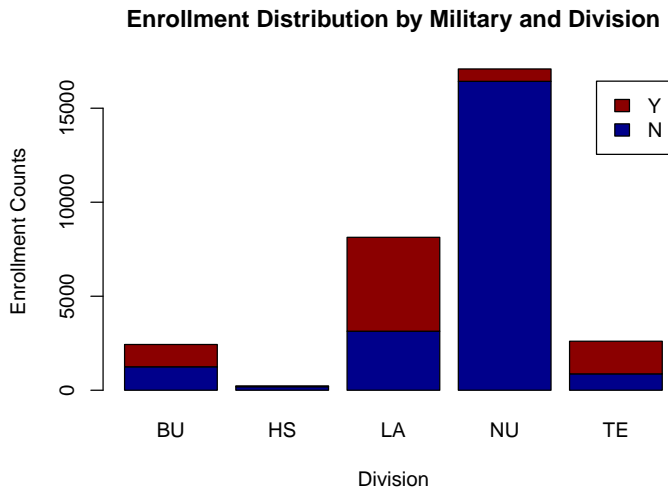
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```
> counts = table(students$Military, students$Division)
> barplot(counts,
  main='Enrollment Distribution by Military and Division',
  xlab='Division', ylab='Enrollment Counts',
  legend=rownames(counts), col=c('darkblue', 'darkred'))
```

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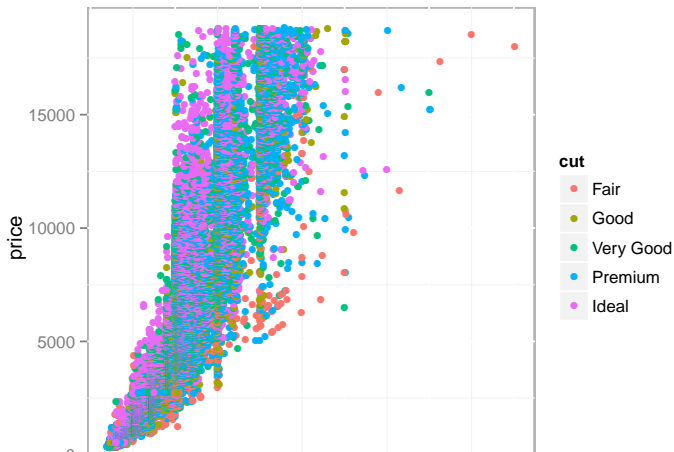
ggplot2: A Grammar of Graphics

- ggplot2 is an R package that provides an alternative framework based upon Wilkinson's (2005) Grammar of Graphics.
- ggplot2 is, in general, more flexible for creating "prettier" and complex plots.
- Works by creating layers of different types of objects/geometries (i.e. bars, points, lines, polygons, etc.)
- ggplot2 has at least three ways of creating plots:
 - 1 `qplot`
 - 2 `ggplot(...) + geom_XXX(...) + ...`
 - 3 `ggplot(...) + layer(...)`

We will focus only on the second.

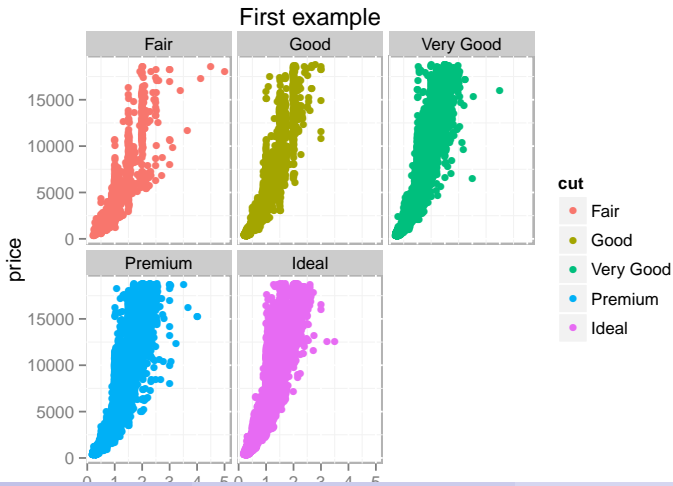
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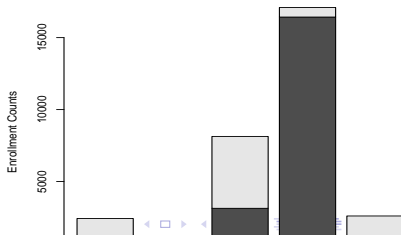
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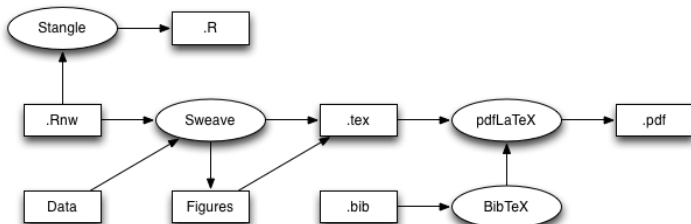
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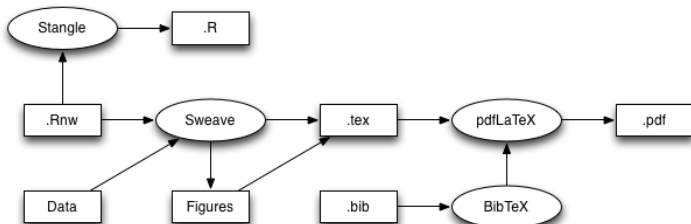
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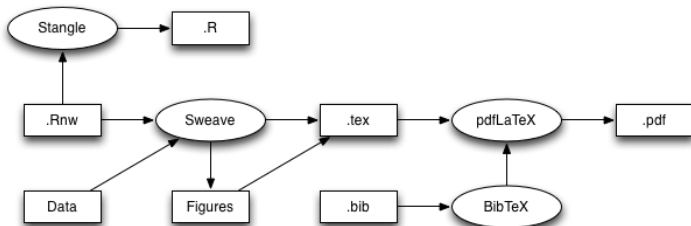
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R-Bloggers	http://r-bloggers.com
R in Action	http://www.manning.com/kabacoff/
R for SAS & SPSS Users	http://oit.utk.edu/scc/RforSAS&SPSSusers.pdf
An Introduction to R	http://cran.r-project.org/doc/manuals/R-intro.pdf
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R Seek: An R Search Engine	http://www.rseek.org
R Reference Card	http://cran.r-project.org/doc/contrib/Short-refcard.pdf
The Personality Project	http://www.personality-project.org/r
R Cheat Sheets	http://devcheatsheet.com/tag/r
ggplot2	http://had.co.nz/ggplot2
More Math Into L ^A T _E X (First section is free)	http://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/info/mil/mil.pdf
Wikibooks	http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX
L ^A T _E X Help Sheet	http://www.scribd.com/doc/191838/LaTeX-Help-Sheet
Sweave User Manual	
Beamer L ^A T _E X style used to create this presentation.	http://latex-beamer.sourceforge.net

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