

# R tutorial

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## Installing R and getting started

R is free and I highly recommend using R through the IDE, RStudio, which offers a lot of helpful functionality like generating R markdown files easily and integrating with git. A common confusion is updating RStudio is *not* also updating R as they are separate programs.

Like Python, R requires installing libraries for more advanced tools, but unlike Python the installation is typically very easy. Most libraries you will want to use are located in the CRAN (Comprehensive R Archive Network), which can be accessed through R, directly.