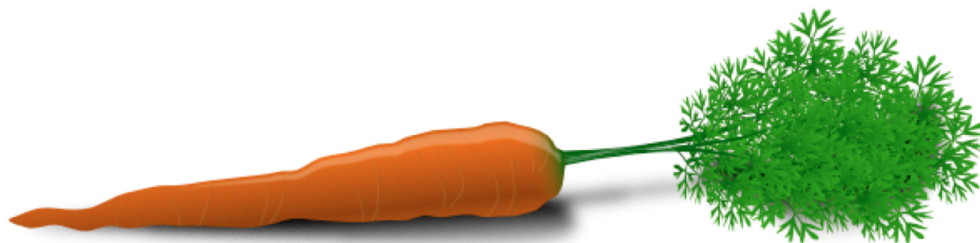


The caret Package



The **caret** package (short for *Classification And REgression Training*) is a set of functions that attempt to streamline the process for creating predictive models. The package contains tools for:

- data splitting
- pre-processing
- feature selection
- model tuning using resampling
- variable importance estimation

as well as other functionality.

There are many different modeling functions in R. Some have different syntax for model training and/or prediction. The package started off as a way to provide a uniform interface the functions themselves, as well as a way to standardize common tasks (such parameter tuning and variable importance).

The current release version can be found on [CRAN](#) and the project is hosted [on github](#).

Some resources:

- The book *Applied Predictive Modeling* features **caret** and over 40 other R packages. It is on sale at [Amazon](#) or the [the publisher's website](#). There is a [companion website](#) too.
- There is also a paper on caret in the [Journal of Statistical Software](#). The example data can be obtained [here](#) (the predictors) and [here](#) (the outcomes).
- There is a [webinar](#) for the package on Youtube that was organized and recorded by Ray DiGiacomo Jr for the Orange County R User Group.
- At [useR! 2014](#), I was [interviewed](#) and discussed the package and the book.

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