

# Statistical methods for big data in life sciences and health with R

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Optimizing R available functions to  
handle big data set and use HPC

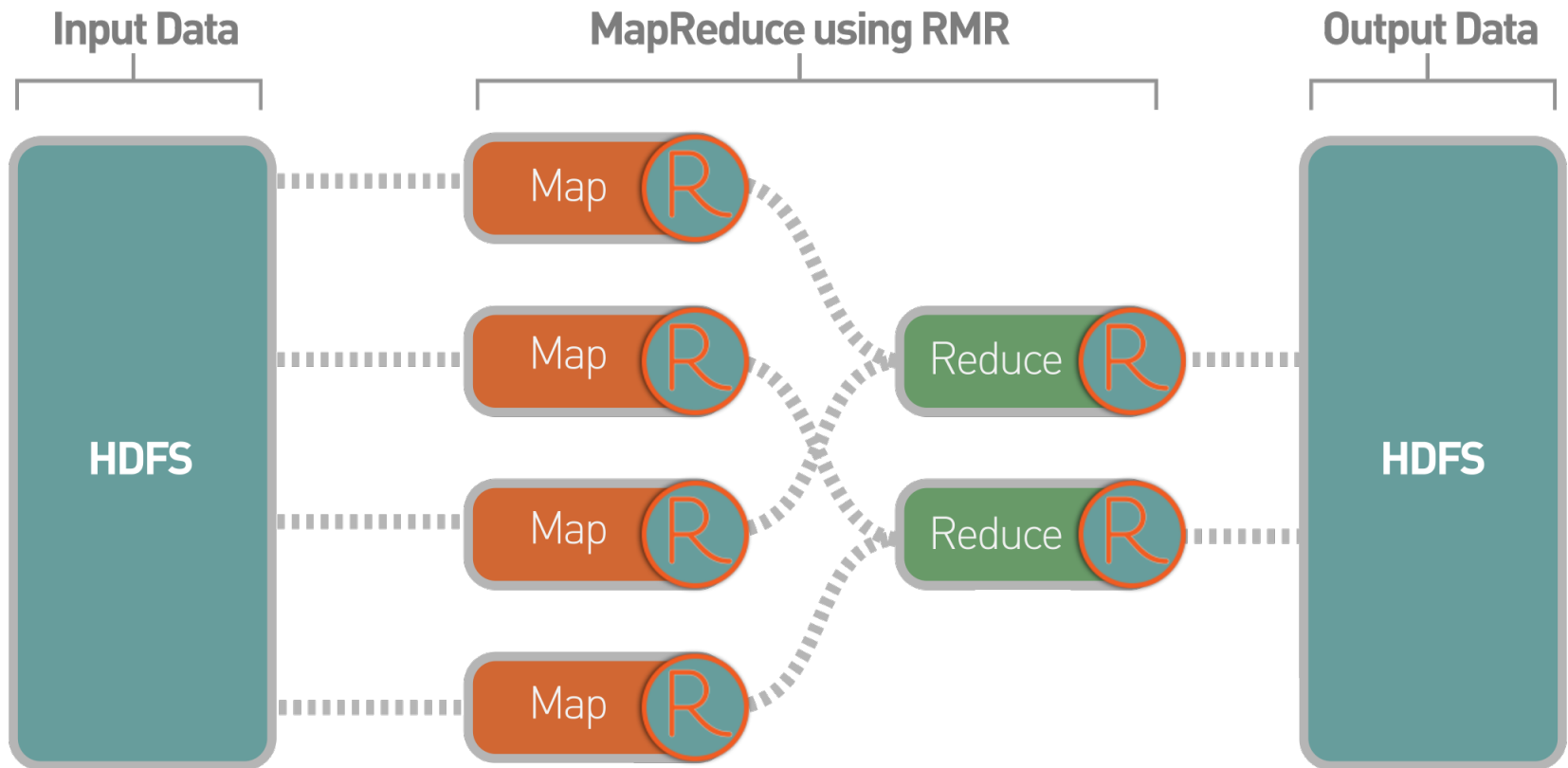
# RevoScaleR Overview

- RevoScaleR package adds capabilities to R:
  - Data Import/Clean/Explore/Transform
  - Analytics – Descriptive and Predictive
  - Parallel and distributed computing
  - Visualization
- Scales from small local data to huge distributed data
- Scales from laptop to server to cluster to cloud
- Portable – the same code works on small and big data, and on laptop, server, cluster, Hadoop

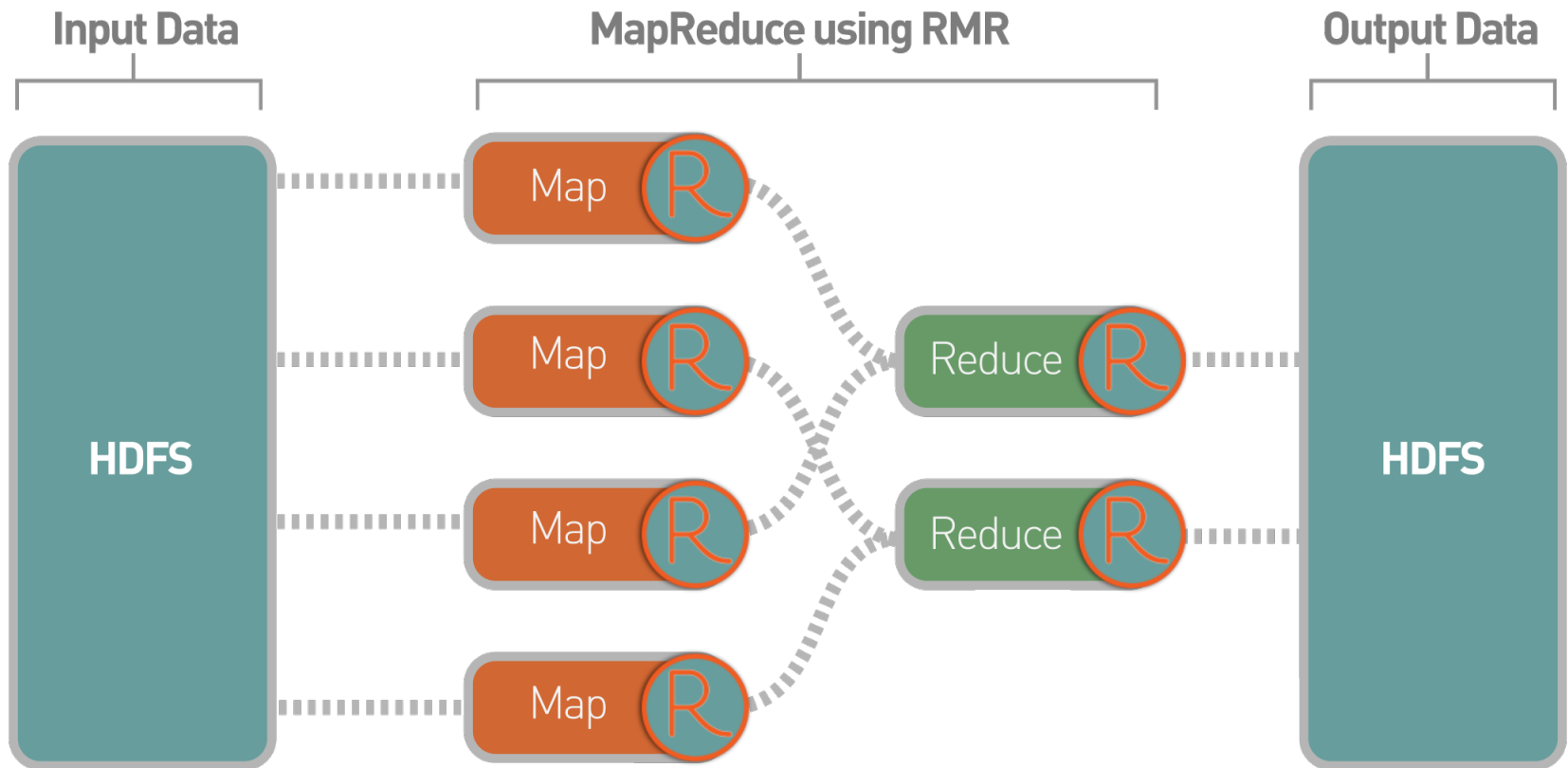
# R and Hadoop

# Revolution R combines R and Hadoop

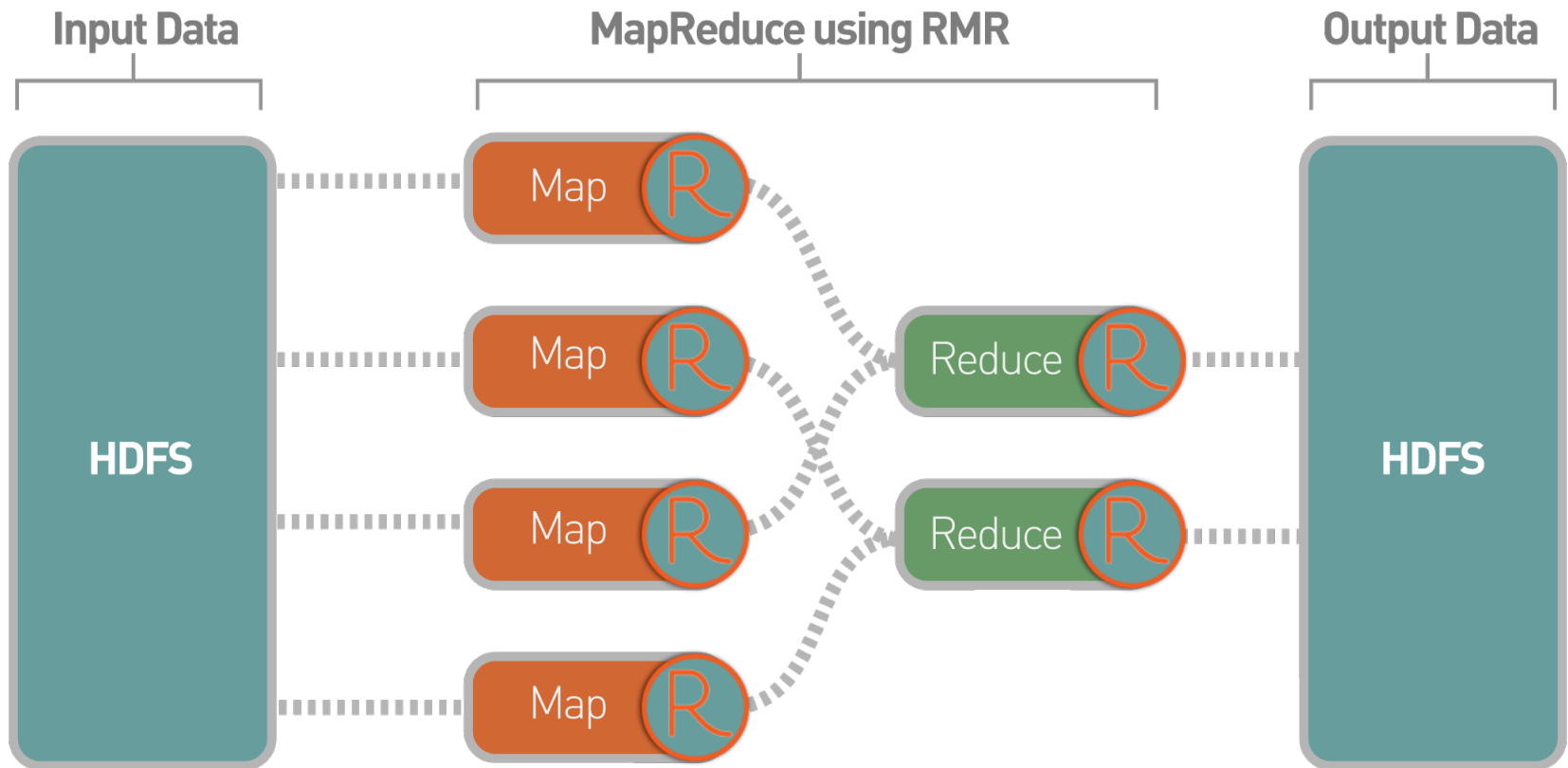
- Rmr2 : R and MAP-REDUCE
- Rhdfs : R and HDFS
- Rhbase : R and HBASE



- Use Hadoop for data storage and preparation
- No need to learn Java, Pig, Python or any other language



- Use RevolScaleR on connected server for descriptive and predictive modeling



- Use Hadoop for model deployment



# High Performance Analytics (HPA)



**R Data Step**



**Descriptive  
Statistics**



**Statistical  
Tests**



**Sampling**



**Predictive  
Models**



**Data  
Visualization**



**Machine  
Learning**



**Simulation**

# Key HPA features

- Handles an arbitrarily large number of rows in a fixed amount of memory
- Scales linearly with the number of rows
- Scales linearly with the number of nodes
- Scales well with the number of cores per node
- Scales well with the number of parameters
- Extremely high performance

# What makes it so fast?

- Lots of things!
- This kind of performance requires
  - Careful architecting that supports performance
  - Constant, intense focus on all of the details
  - A review of every line of code with an eye to performance (in addition to giving the correct answers, of course)
  - Extensive profiling and continuous benchmarking to detect problems and improve code

# Specific speed-related factors

- Efficient computational algorithms
- Efficient memory management – minimize data copying and data conversion
- Heavy use of C++ templates; optimal code
- Efficient data file format; fast access by row and column
- Models are pre-analyzed to detect and remove duplicate computations and points of failure (singularities)
- Handle categorical variables efficiently

R & RevoScaleR

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Updated the bundled packages

checkpoint, curl, doParallel, foreach, and iterators

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## R Client

- for data scientists
- run locally

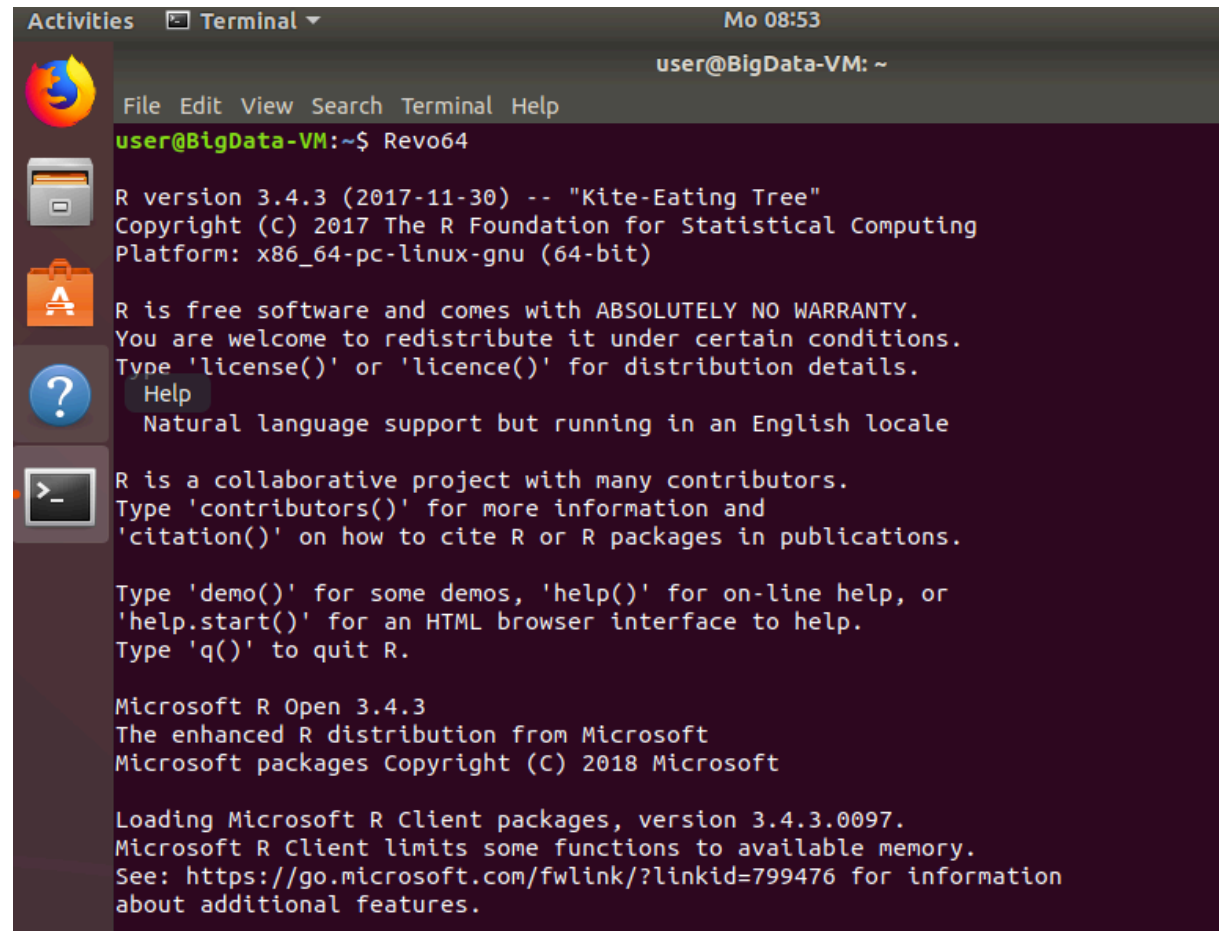
## Machine Learning Server

- commercial software
- runs on a range of platforms
- greater scale
- with infrastructure for handling major workloads



# Virtual machine

In console type:  
*Revo64*



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```
user@BigData-VM:~$ Revo64

R version 3.4.3 (2017-11-30) -- "Kite-Eating Tree"
Copyright (C) 2017 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
Platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu (64-bit)

R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.
You are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions.
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Help
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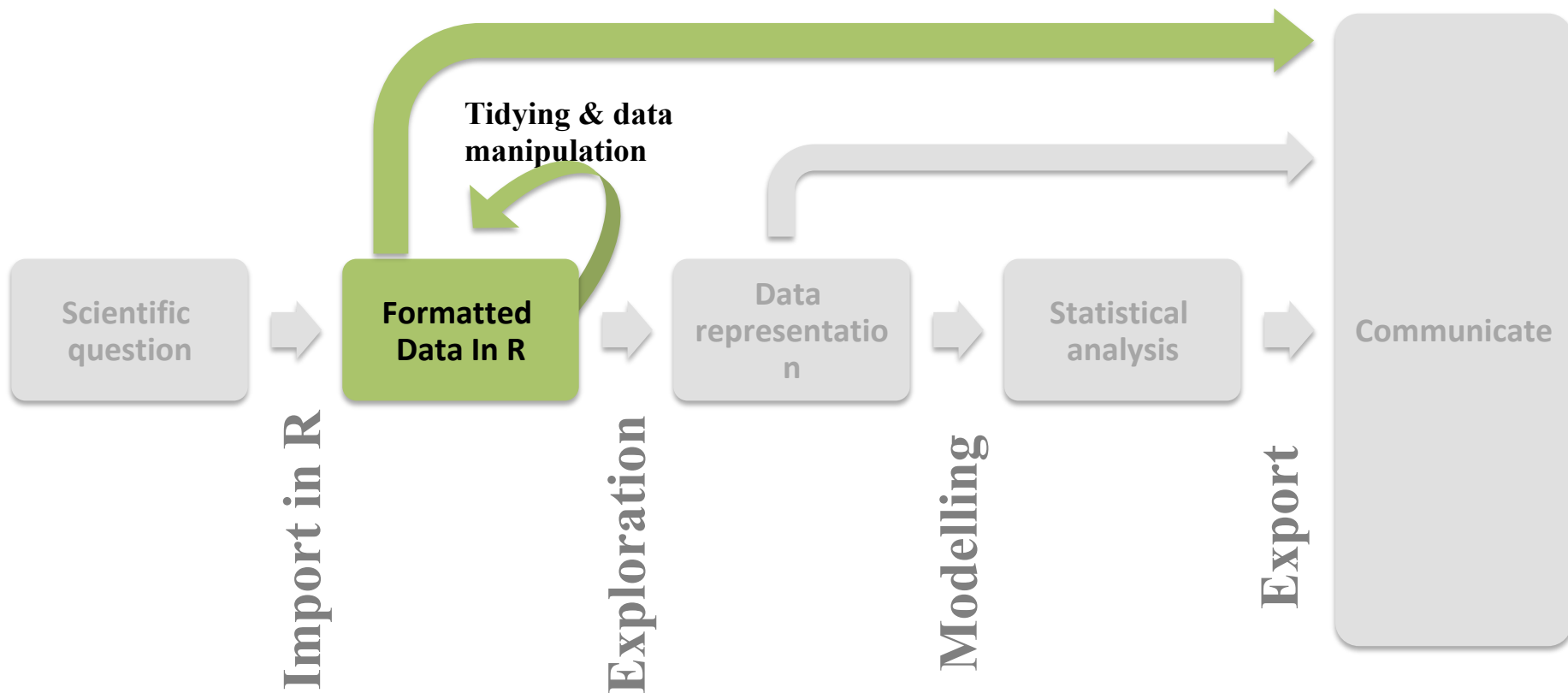
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'citation()' on how to cite R or R packages in publications.

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.

Microsoft R Open 3.4.3
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Loading Microsoft R Client packages, version 3.4.3.0097.
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about additional features.
```

# R steps



# Import data

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There's no need to have SAS or SPSS installed on your system to import those file types.

For database: you need a locally installed ODBC driver for your database to access data on a local or remote computer.

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```
>nrow(dataExample)
```

```
>ncol(dataExample)
```

```
>names(dataExample)
```

```
>head(dataExample)
```

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```

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```
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  varsToDrop = c("year"), # Specify any variables to keep or drop  
  rowSelection = score < 850, # Specify rows to select  
  # Specify a list of new variables to create  
  transforms = list(  
    expression = cut(ccExp, breaks = c(0, 6500, 13000),  
    labels = c("Low exp", "High exp")))
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  rowSelection = score < 850, # Specify rows to select  
  # Create a new column "newCol" in data.  
  transforms = list(newCol= ID)  
)
```

# Merge

```
>rxMerge (inData1=xxx,  
          inData2= yyy,  
          outFile = outFile,  
          type="inner",  
          matchVars=c(gene))
```

xxx		
geneID	sample1	sample2


yyy				
geneID	sample3	sample4	sample5	sample6

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1	~	~	+	1	~~~~	→	1	~	~	1	~~~~
2	~	~		3	~~~~		3	~	~	3	~~~~
3	~	~		5	~~~~						
4	~	~									

**Inner joins** An inner join , the default, keeps only rows that match.


1	~	~	+	1	~~~~	→	1	~	~	1	~~~~
2	~	~		3	~~~~		2	~	~	.	.
3	~	~		5	~~~~		3	~	~	3	~~~~
4	~	~					4	~	~	.	.

**Left joins** In a left join , all rows from the table on the left are kept even if they do not have a match in the other table.

1	~	~	+	1	~~~~	→	1	~	~	1	~~~~
2	~	~		3	~~~~		3	~	~	3	~~~~
3	~	~		5	~~~~		.	.	.	5	~~~~
4	~	~									

**Right joins** In a right join , all rows from the table on the right are kept even if they do not have a match in the other table.

1	~	~	+	1	~~~~	→	1	~	~	1	~~~~
2	~	~		3	~~~~		2	~	~	.	.
3	~	~		5	~~~~		3	~	~	3	~~~~
4	~	~					4	~	~	.	.
							.	.	.	5	~~~~

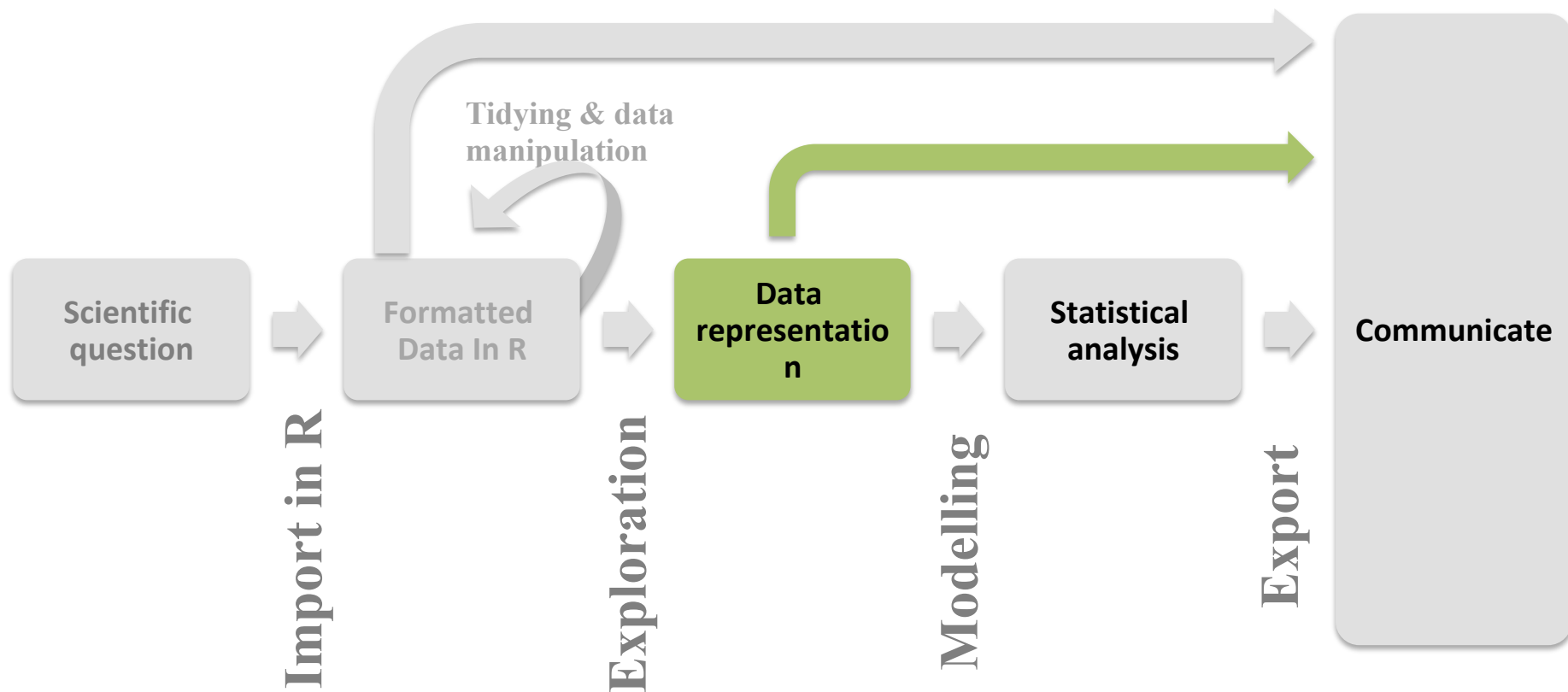
**Full outer joins** In a full outer join , all rows are kept from both tables.

# factor

Call the `rxFactors()` function to convert variable to categorical.

```
>rxFactors(inData = destData_mrs,  
           outFile = outFileFinal,  
           sortLevels = TRUE,  
           factorInfo = c("var1"),  
           overwrite = TRUE)
```

# R steps





# plot

## Histogram

```
>rxHistogram(~score, data = dataExample )
```

# Exercise1: first steps

1. Use the virtual machine and import the mortality.csv file using RevoScaleR Package.
2. Transform the data by dropping the column named year
3. Transform the data by adding a new column with values high or low: Low when ccExp are between 0 and 6500 and high when when ccExp are between 6500 and 13000
4. Transform the data by keeping only score < 625
5. Plot the histogram of score for each of the newdatasets created in 1, 2, 3 and 4.

# Exercise1: first steps-solution

```
>datacsv <- rxImport("/media/sf_docVM/firststeps/mortality.csv")
>rxGetInfo(datacsv, getVarInfo = TRUE, numRows=3)
>dataExampleNew1 <-rxDataStep(inData = datacsv,outFile = "/media/
sf_docVM/firststeps/outFile1.csv", varsToDrop = c("year"))
>dataExampleNew2<-rxDataStep(inData = datacsv, outFile = "/media/
sf_docVM/firststeps/outFile2.csv", varsToDrop = c("year")), rowSelection
= score < 850, transforms = list(expression = cut(ccExp, breaks = c(0,
6500, 13000),labels = c("Low exp", "High exp")),clinicLow = score <
625))
>rxHistogram(~score, data = datacsv )
>datacsvN1 <- rxImport("/media/sf_docVM/firststeps/outFile1.csv")
>datacsvN2 <- rxImport("/media/sf_docVM/firststeps/outFile2.csv")
>rxHistogram(~score, data = datacsvN1 )
>rxHistogram(~score, data = datacsvN2 )
```

# Exercise2:

1. Use the virtual machine and import `Flight_Delays_Sample.csv` and `Weather_Sample.csv` files using RevoScaleR Package.
2. Merge the data sets once you have renamed the columns of weather, using `originalAirportID`
3. Join flight records and weather data using the destination of the flight `DestAirportID`
4. Call the `rxFactors()` function to convert `OriginAirportID` and `DestAirportID` as categorical.

**Thank you for your attention**

# HPC Capabilities in RevoScaleR

- Execute (essentially) any R function in parallel on nodes and cores
- Results from all runs are returned in a list to the user's laptop
- Extensive control over parameters
- Extensive control over nodes, cores, and times to run
- Ideal for simulations and for running R functions on small amounts of data

# Key ways RevoScaleR enhances R

- High Performance Computing (HPC) functions:  
Parallel/Distributed computing
- High Performance Analytics (HPA) functions:  
Big Data + Parallel/Distributed computing
- XDF file format; rapidly store and extract data
- Use results from HPA and HPC functions in  
other R packages