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Prehistory

- Already several people with write access, R already works (FSVO)

  - Ross+Robert

  - Martin Mächler

  - Paul Murrell

  - Heiner Schwarte (dyn.load)

  - Luke Tierney

Invitation

➡ Peter Dalgaard, Kurt Hornik, me

As major contributors (and apparently sane people) we would like to invite you to be part of the R "core team"....

...Since you are clearly hopeless software junkies, perhaps you don't need any more incentive...

Plus ça change...

Parsing of nested "if" statments was broken. This is fixed now.

'make tests ' allows to test-run all the help() examples.

Syntax errors in parse(text="...") would cause R to terminate with a segmentation violation.

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Comments are handled better in functions. The rule is that they are shifted to just before their statements. Comments after the last statement of a function are lost.

Why did it work?

- Packages: all y'all can contribute easily

- Mathsoft: no S-PLUS 3 for Linux

- Ross+Robert: willing to let other people play with their toys.

Welcome to R-core

Seth Falcon

➡ Bioconductor

Deepayan Sarkar

➡ lattice

Maybe next time....

You'd think the creator could have spent more time on the name, "R". Branding does matter, even for a programming language.

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