

```
library(dplyr)
```

```
r-ladies_global %>%  
  filter(from = 'Taipei', travel_to = 'UseR! 2019')
```



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# The Dynamic of R Style

## And a glance at UseR! 2019 Toulouse



# Hello!

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# UseR! 2019 @Toulouse

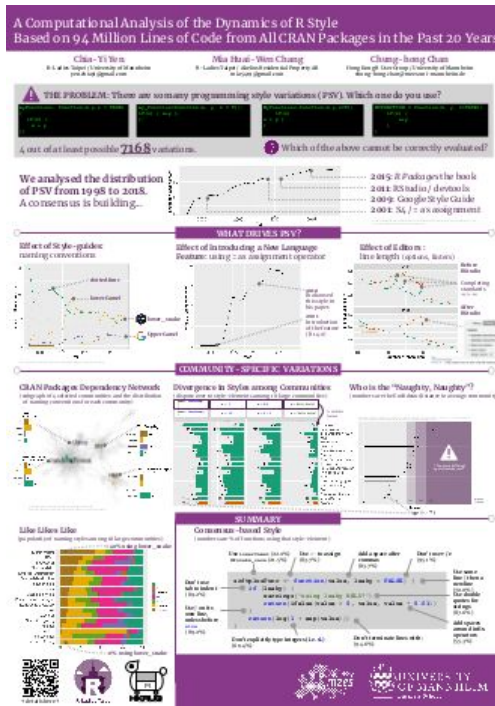


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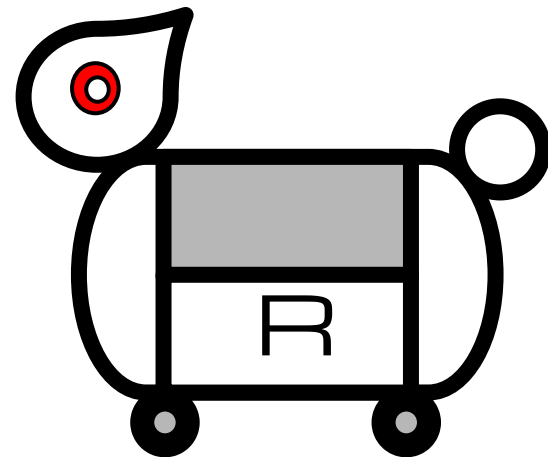
- 2019 @ Toulouse, France
- Talks
  - core team: rstudio team, bioconductor
  - stars: Hadley Wickham
  - diverse field: insurance/pharm / astronomy)
- 2020 @ St. Louis, USA
- R-Ladies Lunch
  - global
  - Taipei 2nd in the world!
- Poster -> dispute across keynote speakers

# A Computational Analysis of the Dynamics of R Style

Based on 94 Million Lines of Code from All CRAN Packages in the Past 20 Years



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**THE PROBLEM:** There are so many programming style variations (PSV). Which one do you use?

```
myFunction<- function(x,y,z = TRUE)
{
  if(z) {
    x + y
  }}

```

```
my_function=function(x, y, z = T){;
if(z) { x+y };
};

```

```
Myfunction<-function(x,y,z=T){
  if(z)
x + y }
}

```

```
MYFUNCTION = function(x, y, z=TRUE){
  if(z) {
    x+y
  }
}

```

4 out of at least possible **7168** variations.

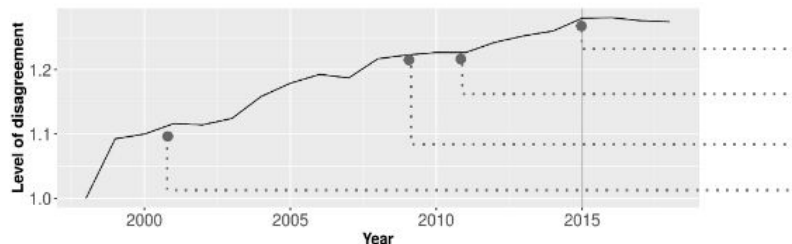


Which of the above cannot be correctly evaluated?

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*Given no dominant style guide in the past 20 years,  
what happens to the **programming styles** in R community then?*

**We analysed the distribution  
of PSV from 1998 to 2018.  
A consensus is building...**

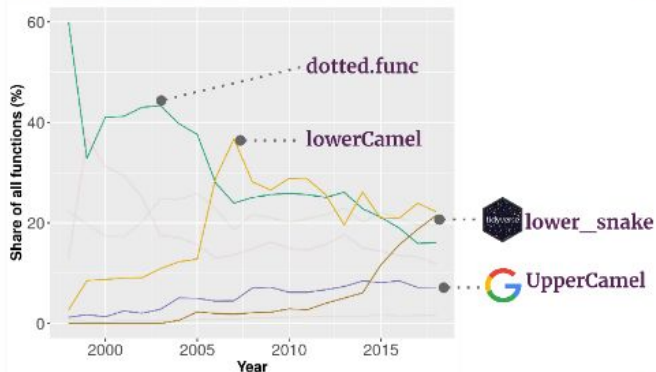


**2015:** *R Packages* the book  
**2011:** RStudio / devtools  
**2009:** Google Style Guide  
**2001:** S4 / = as assignment

A level of disagreement is quantified by normalized Shannon entropy of the 100 distributions per year.  
Lower value indicates a dominance of certain styles.

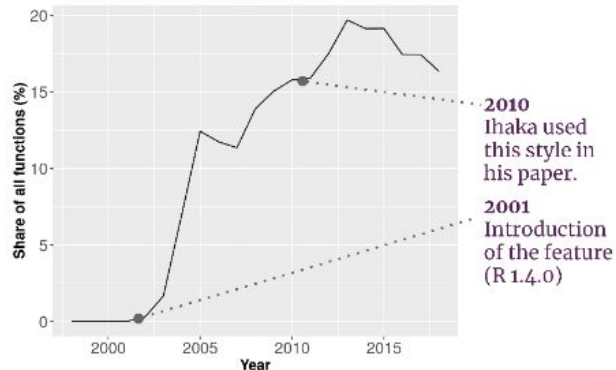
# What Drives Programming Style Variation?

## Effect of Style-guides: naming conventions

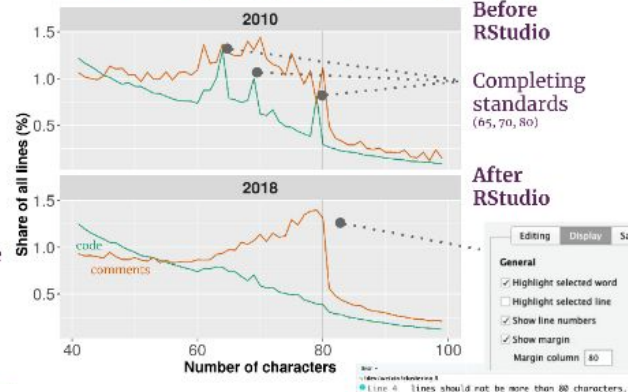


\* Do not confuse naming conventions (ALL, PWS, alllower, other) for simplicity

## Effect of Introducing a New Language Feature: using = as assignment operator



## Effect of Editors : line length (options, linters)



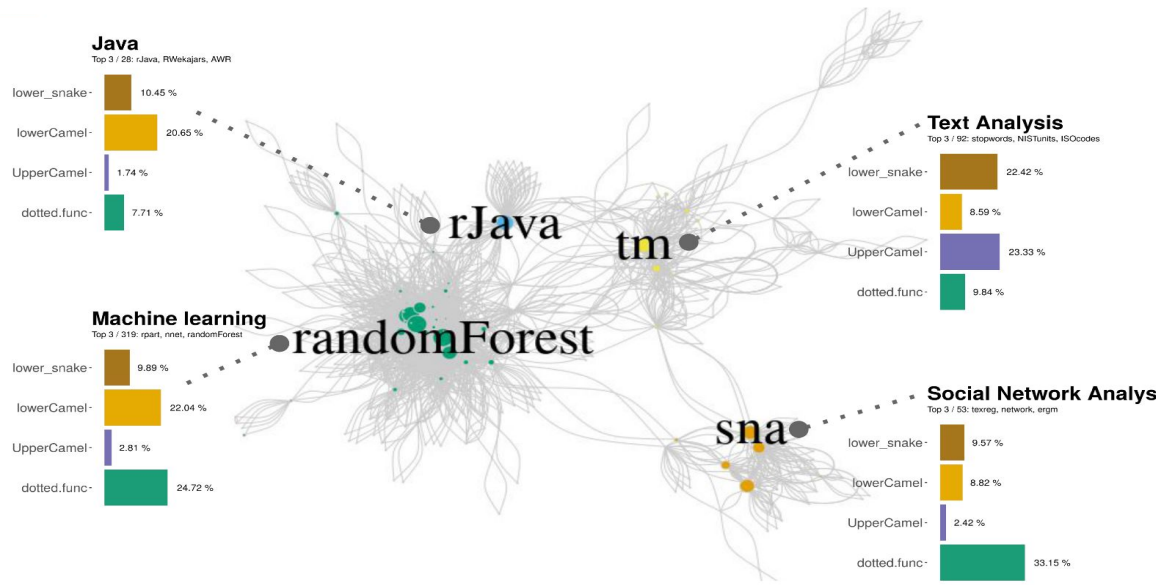


# CRAN Packages Dependency Network

## ggplot2: Create Elegant Data Visualisations Using the Grammar of Graphics

A system for 'declaratively' creating graphics, based on "The Grammar of Graphics". You provide the data, tell 'ggplot2' how to map variables to aesthetics, what graphical primitives to use, and it takes care of the details.

Version: 3.2.0  
 Depends: R ( $\geq 3.2$ )  
 Imports: [digest](#), [grDevices](#), [grid](#), [gtable](#) ( $\geq 0.1.1$ ), [lazyeval](#), [MASS](#), [mgcv](#), [reshape2](#), [rlang](#) ( $\geq 0.3.0$ ), [scales](#) ( $\geq 0.5.0$ ), [stats](#), [tibble](#), [viridisLite](#), [withr](#) ( $\geq 2.0.0$ )  
 Suggests: [covr](#), [dplyr](#), [ggplot2movies](#), [hexbin](#), [Hmisc](#), [knitr](#), [lattice](#), [mapproj](#), [maps](#), [maptools](#), [multcomp](#), [munsell](#), [nlme](#), [profvis](#), [quantreg](#), [rgeos](#), [rmarkdown](#), [rpart](#), [sf](#) ( $\geq 0.7-3$ ), [svglite](#)





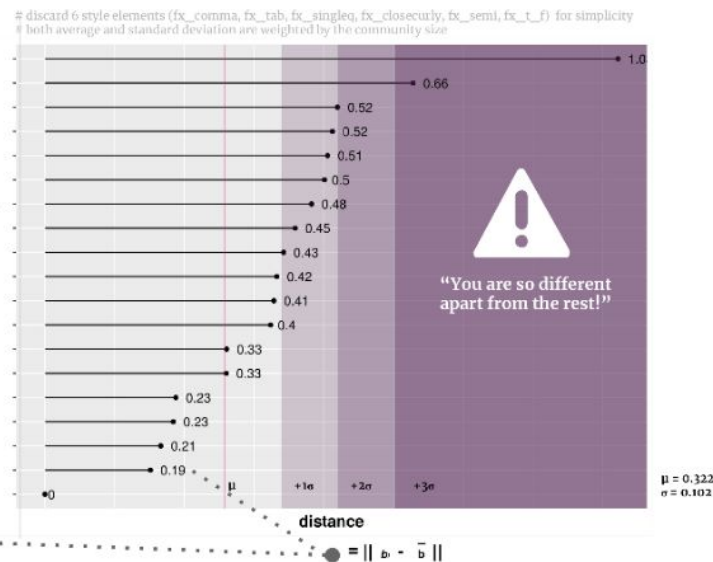
## Divergence in Styles among Communities

(dispute over 10 style-elements among 18 large communities)



## Who is the “Naughty, Naughty”?

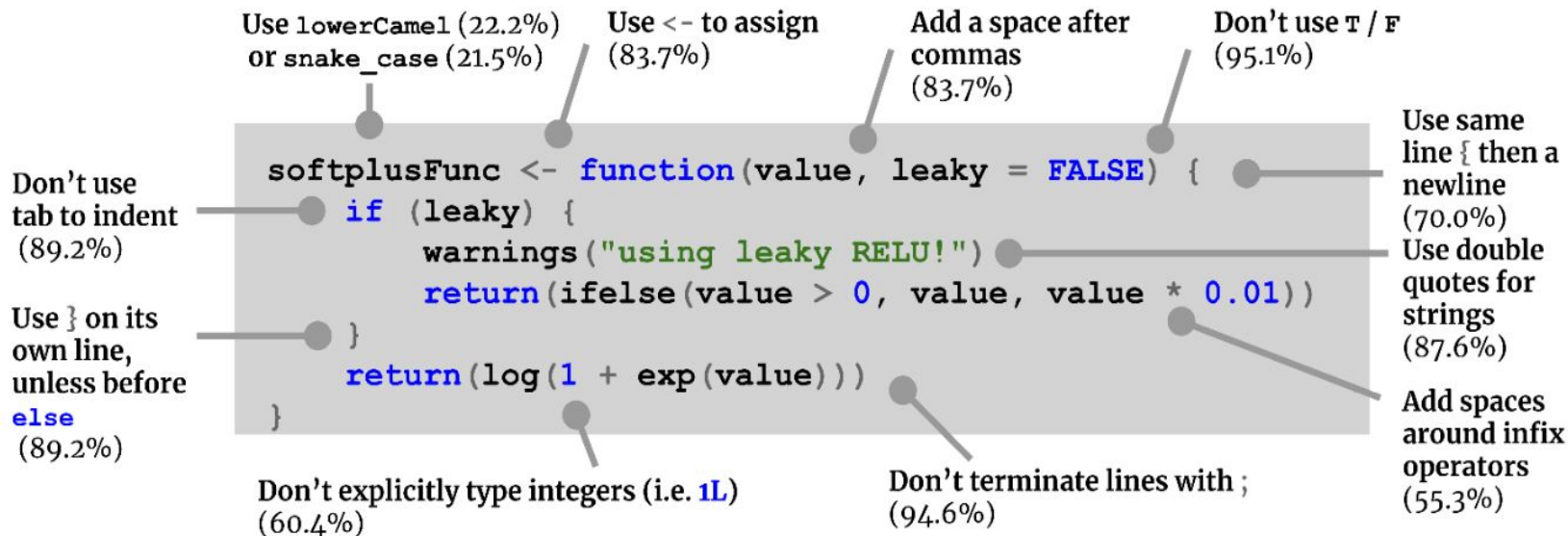
(numbers are the Euclidean distance to average community)



## SUMMARY

### Consensus-based Style

(numbers are % of functions using that style-element)



```
softplusFunc <- function(value, leaky = FALSE) {  
  if (leaky) {  
    warnings("using leaky RELU!")  
    return(ifelse(value > 0, value, value * 0.01))  
  }  
  return(log(1 + exp(value)))  
}
```

Use lowerCamel (22.2%)  
OR snake\_case (21.5%)

Use <- to assign (83.7%)

Add a space after commas (83.7%)

Don't use T / F (95.1%)

Use same line { then a newline (70.0%)

Use double quotes for strings (87.6%)

Add spaces around infix operators (55.3%)

Don't terminate lines with ; (94.6%)

Don't explicitly type integers (i.e. 1L) (60.4%)

Use } on its own line, unless before else (89.2%)

Don't use tab to indent (89.2%)

Thank you for your attention!



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