

PubHlth 497D: Intro to Statistical Computing in R

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Course structure

Moodle and DataCamp

Introductions

Please answer the following questions on your notecards:

1. What is your name?
2. Were you able to install R and RStudio on your laptop?
3. Do you have or have you ever had a pet?
4. How many times did you visit a body of water (ocean, pond, lake, river, swimming pool) this summer?
5. Who is your favorite musical artist or band right now?
6. Describe your programming skill in one of these categories
 - 6.1 Never programmed before
 - 6.2 No R experience, beginner in another language
 - 6.3 Beginner in R, no experience in other languages
 - 6.4 Advanced in another language, no/little experience in R

Introductions

- ▶ Get into groups of 4 and write your group name on the note card
- ▶ Each person will introduce themselves and present a summary statistic about their group for one of the last four questions
 - ▶ Non-identifiable please
 - ▶ Important for public health data
 - ▶ e.g. “Steve went to the beach the most times”

My introduction

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100% of the members of my group own a dog:



My introduction

- ▶ The average number of trips to a body of water for members of my group was 8
- ▶ The longest-named band in my group was “Lake Street Dive”
- ▶ None of our members fit into the categories provided for R Skill
 - ▶ I have been using R for 5 years for my research

R is...

1. Free
2. Open source
3. Has a large online community

Despite not being the fastest or most powerful programming language, R is widely used in academia and is being quickly adopted in industry.

R is...

able to do some pretty neat stuff:

- ▶ shiny.rstudio.com/gallery/
- ▶ One of my apps

Let's explore RStudio!

- ▶ Console: is what you see in R
- ▶ Source: a place to save your code
- ▶ Environment: see what you have run so far
- ▶ Files, Plots, Packages, Help!: very useful features
- ▶ Projects: saves settings for a particular assignment