Introduction to R

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Before we start

Dates, time & location

Dates:

- Module 1: Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th February, 2019
- Module 2: Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th February, 2019
- Module 3: Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th March, 2019
- Module 4: Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th March, 2019

Time:

• 10:00-13:30

Location:

• CRG Training center

Instructors

Julia Ponomarenko (Module 4) Sarah Bonnin (Module 1, 2, 3) from the CRG Bioinformatics core facility (office 460, 4th floor hotel side)

Learning objectives

What is R?

- Programming language and environment for data manipulation, statistical computing, and graphical display.
- Implementation of the S programming language
- Created at the University of Auckland, New Zealand:
 - Initial version released in 1995
 - Stable version released in $2000\,$
- Free and open source!
 - https://www.r-project.org/
- Interactive, flexible
- Very active community of developers and users!
 - Many resources and forums available
- Access through a command-line interpreter:

R Studio

- Free and open source IDE (Integrated Development Environment) for R
- Available for Windows, Mac OS and LINUX

RStudio access

- RStudio Desktop installation
- RStudio access from the CRG server
 - Access with CRG credentials
 - For those who don't have access to the CRG server, use the guest accounts.

RStudio interface

- 4 panels:
 - $-\,$ top-left: scripts and files
 - bottom-left: R terminal
 - top-right: objects, history and environment
 - bottom-right: tree of folders, graph window, packages, help window, viewer

Setting up the folder structure for the course

Rcourse |-Module1 |-Module2 |-Module3 |-Module4

Paths and directories

R basics

Functions basics

R scripts

Exercise 1

Data types