

object-oriented systems in R

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Me:

- Data Scientist @Emarsys
- 3 years R
- started with C++, Python

You:

- R user without CS background



- understand core concepts
- explore & debug more effectively

```
summary(lm(y~x))
```

...

Coefficients:

...

Signif codes: 0 '*'**

Multiple R-squared: 0.7262

```
summary(c(1:99,  
10^6))
```

Min. : 1.0

1st Qu.: 25.8

Median : 50.5

Mean : 10049.5

3rd Qu.: 75.2

Max. :1000000.0

object =

behavior

+

data

r
attend -> learn

date: 2018-10-27

talk at ->

feedback

organize -> proud



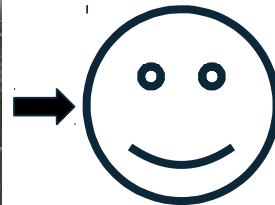
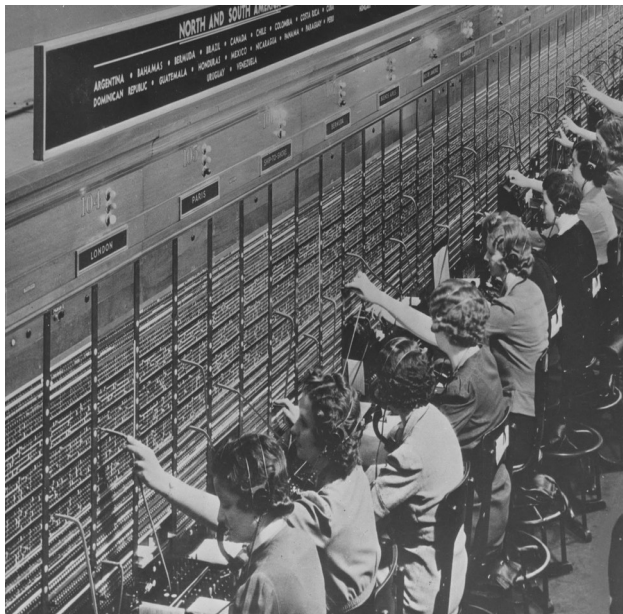
venue: Belgrade

participants:

100+

S3

+36 1 333-3333





summary.lm → Coef R²

class
+
generic → **dispatch**
method →

$\text{lm}(y \sim x)$
+
summary



summary.lm

details

class / object type



type/class in R

integer

character

list

Date

data.frame

r_conference



base types



S3 types

method

summary.lm

generic

**clas
s**

~~as.factor~~

method

summary.data.frame

generic

classes

generic

classes

as.Date.numeric

generic

classes

generic

classes

generic

```
summary <- function(object, ...)  
  UseMethod("summary")
```

```
sum <- function(..., na.rm = FALSE)  
  .Primitive("sum")
```

```
summary(lm(y~x))
```



```
summary.lm(lm(y~x))
```



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dispatch
h

why so
powerful?

flexible &
extensibl

**base R +
different packages
work together**

**complex types
can inherit behavior
from simpler types**

class is a vector

```
c("r_conference", "conference", "event")
```

most specific □ □ □ least specific

specialize

- `print(data.table())`
- `print.data.table(data.table())`

	Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width
1:	5.1	3.5
2:	4.9	3.0
3:	4.7	3.2
4:	4.6	3.1
5:	5.0	3.6

146:	6.7	3.0
147:	6.3	2.5
148:	6.5	3.0
149:	6.2	3.4
150:	5.9	3.0

- `print(data.frame())`
- `print.data.frame(data.frame())`

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7	4.6	3.4
8	5.0	3.4
9	4.4	2.9
10	4.9	3.1
...		

fallback

- `summary(data.table())`
- ~~`summary.data.table(data.table())`~~
- `summary.data.frame(data.table())`

Sepal.Length
Min. :4.300
1st Qu.:5.100
Median :5.800
Mean :5.843
3rd Qu.:6.400
Max. :7.900

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extend

gift.conference

gift.r_conference



learn more

explore

- `seq.Date`
- `data.table:::print.data.table`
- `lookup::lookup("sum")` – Jim Hester
- <https://github.com/wch/r-source>

explore

- sloop – R package by Hadley Wickham
- s3_class, ftype
- s3_dispatch
- s3_methods_class, s3_methods_generic

Advanced R by Hadley Wickham

<https://www.ildiczeller.com/2018/04/02/investigating-difftime-behavior/>

take-away

use

understand

(create)