

Reproducible ecology data with

R

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Shortcuts:

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Data used to be like this...



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...but now lots of accessible data on the interwebs

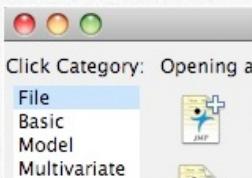


But how should we get data?

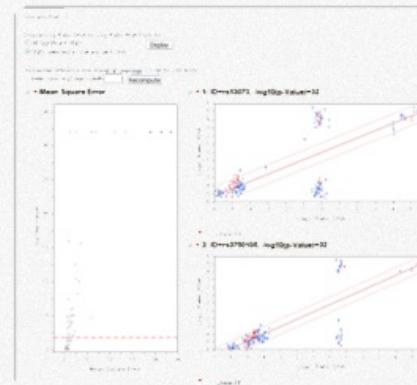
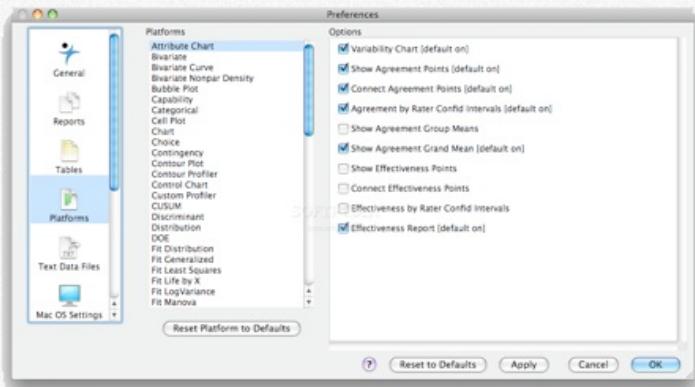
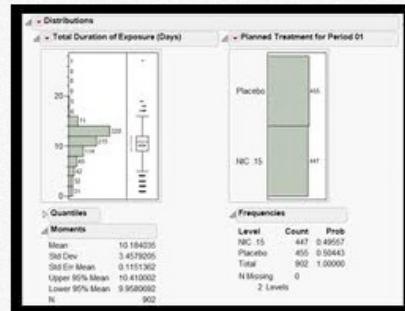
- . Programmatically**
- . Within a familiar environment to biologists**
- . Within one environment to: manipulate, visualize, analyze**

R + Data = smiles

The old way...



Cereal			
	Name	Manufacturer	Mfr
1	100% Bran	Nabisco	N
2	100% Nat. Bran Oats & Honey	Quaker Oats	Q
3	3 Cereals Nat. Low Fat Granola w/ raisins	Quaker Oats	Q
4	All Bran	Kellogg	K
5	All Bran with Extra Fiber	Kellogg	K
6	All Around Crunch 'n Raisins	Kellogg	K
7	Apple Cinnamon Cheerios	General Mills	G
8	Apple Jacks	Post	P
9	Banana Nut Crunch	Post	P
10	Basis 4	General Mills	G
11	Bran Buds	Kellogg	K
12	Bran Flakes	Post	P
13	Capt'n Crunch	Quaker Oats	Q
14	Cereals	General Mills	G
15	Chewy Bran	General Mills	G
16	Choco Puffs	General Mills	G
17	Complete Old Bran	Kellogg	K
18	Complete Wheat Bran	Kellogg	K
19	Corn Chex	General Mills	G
20	Corn Flakes	Kellogg	K
21	Corn Pops	Kellogg	K
22	Cracklin' Oat Bran	Kellogg	K
23	Cream of Wheat (Instant)	Nabisco	N
24	Crispies	Kellogg	K
25	Fiber One	General Mills	G



The new way...all in one...R in this case

Make an API call

```
library(RCurl); library(RJSONIO)
dat <- fromJSON(getURL("https://api.github.com/users/hadley/repos"))
```

Manipulate the data

```
library(plyr); library(reshape2)
dat_melt <- melt(dplyr(dat, function(x) as.data.frame(x[names(x) %in% c("name", "watchers_count",
  "forks", "open_issues")])))
```

Run some statistical model

```
lm(value ~ variable, data = dat_melt)
```

Visualize results

```
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(dat_melt, aes(name, value, colour = variable)) + geom_point() + coord_flip()
```

*Reproducible,
repeatable,
analytic workflow*

ROpenSci



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rOpenSci packages

<http://ropensci.org/packages/index.html>

The screenshot shows the rOpenSci Packages website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with tabs for "Data packages" (which is selected), "Literature packages", and "Hybrid packages". Below the navigation, the page title is "rOpenSci Packages" with a subtitle "Complete list of all packages". The main content area is titled "Data Packages" and describes them as "Packages that connect to data repositories". A table lists seven packages:

Package	Description	Details	API
Dryad	Connects to the Dryad data repository	CRAN	✗
Mendeley	Programmatic interface to Mendeley Networks	CRAN	✓
ritis	Integrated Taxonomic Information Service	CRAN	✗
treebase	Programmatic interface to treebase	CRAN	✗
rfishbase	Programmatic interface to fishbase	CRAN	✗
flybase	Programmatic interface to flybase	CRAN	✗

rOpenSci packages

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 **docs** ★ 0 ⚡ 0
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Last updated an hour ago
all commits commits by owner 52 week participation

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Forked from weecology/retriever
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**But rOpenSci is a focused effort to
build bridges to data via R**

Getting data from the web into R

- Web scraping html, xml, etc.
- Reading json, csv, txt, etc.
- Hitting an Application Programming Interface (API)
 - This is the preferred, and most common method we use
 - Some require an API key, some do not

Authentication: R and APIs - API keys

API keys can be stored in a users.Rprofile file

[Click here for help on .Rprofile files](#)

```
options(MendeleyKey = "uf5daib7wyil7ag5buc")
options(MendeleyPrivateKey = "faj2os5dyd7jop2fok6")
options(PlosApiKey = "ef3vip9yak7od3hud4g")
options(SpringerMetdataKey = "ri9hi7woc6jax4vaf8w")
```

Note: These keys aren't real.

A workflow

Taxonomic Correction:

Are our species names correct? Need higher taxonomy (e.g., family names)?

Getting data:

Occurrence record, Specimen records from museums, Citizen science data

Sharing secondary data:

Sharing data increases impact of your research

And allows others to reuse (possibly you)

Taxonomic correction

Check species names? - pkg taxize w/ plantminer

```
library(taxize)
```

```
# Using plantminer
plants <- c("Myrcia lingua", "Myrcia bella", "Coffea arabica", "Bleh")
out <- plantminer(plants)
```

```
out[, !names(out) %in% c("author", "source", "source.id")]
```

	fam	genus	sp	status	confidence	suggestion	database
1	Myrtaceae	Myrcia	lingua	NA	NA	NA	Tropicos
2	Myrtaceae	Myrcia	bella	Accepted	H	NA	The Plant List
3	Rubiaceae	Coffea	arabica	Accepted	H	NA	The Plant List
4	NA	Bleh	NA	NA	NA	Baea	NA

Taxonomic problems? - taxize with theplantlist.org

```
# Using theplantlist.org
splist <- c("Poa annua", "Platanus occidentalis", "Carex abrupta", "Arctostaphylos canescens",
         "Ocimum basilicum", "Vicia faba", "Quercus kelloggii", "Lactuca serriola")
out2 <- tpl_search(taxon = splist)
out2[, names(out2) %in% c("Genus", "Species", "New.Genus", "New.Species")]
```

	Genus	Species	New.Genus	New.Species
1	Poa	annua	Poa	annua
2	Platanus	occidentalis	Platanus	occidentalis
3	Carex	abrupta	Carex	abrupta
4	Arctostaphylos	canescens	Arctostaphylos	canescens
5	Ocimum	basilicum	Ocimum	basilicum
6	Vicia	faba	Vicia	faba
7	Quercus	kelloggii	Quercus	kelloggii
8	Lactuca	serriola	Lactuca	serriola

Taxonomic problems? - taxize with ITIS

```
# Using ITIS  
tsn <- get_tsn("Compositae")
```

Retrieving data for species ' Compositae '

```
data.frame(getacceptednamesfromtsn(tsn))
```

	submittedTsn	acceptedName	acceptedTsn
1	35421	Asteraceae	35420

Get higher taxonomy names - taxize

REPLACE WITH NEW FXN tax_name!!!!!!

```
### Getting taxonomic data from many sources
library(taxize)
species <- c("Poa annua", "Abies procera", "Helianthus annuus", "Coffea arabica")
famnames <- sapply(species, itis_name, get = "family", USE.NAMES = F)
```

```
data.frame(species = species, family = famnames)
```

	species	family
1	Poa annua	Poaceae
2	Abies procera	Pinaceae
3	Helianthus annuus	Asteraceae
4	Coffea arabica	Rubiaceae

Getting data

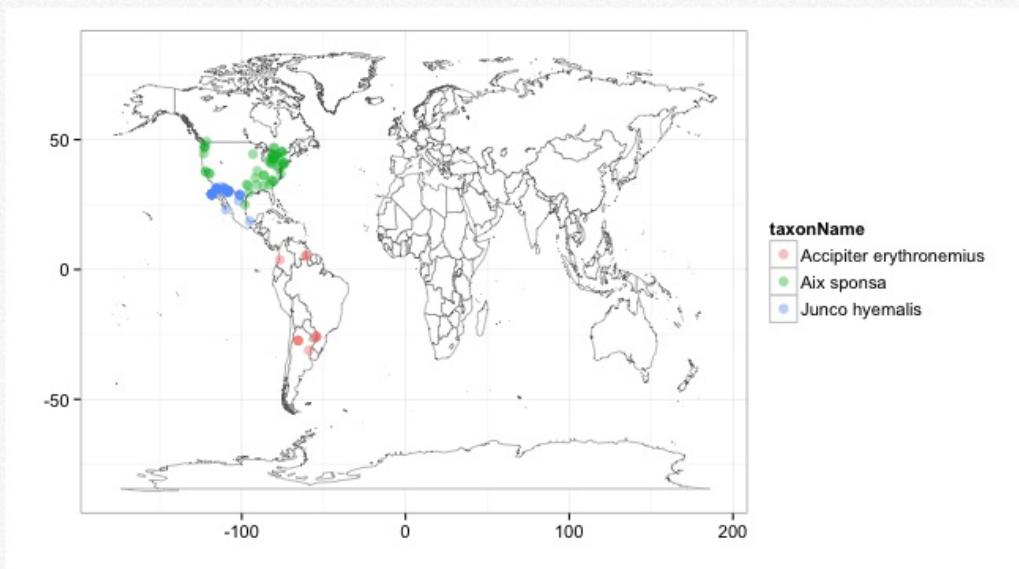
rgbif demo

Mapping biodiversity data - pkg rgbif

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library(rgbif)
splist <- c("Accipiter erythroneurus", "Junco hyemalis", "Aix sponsa")
out <- lapply(splist, function(x) occurrence(x, coordinatestatus = T, maxresults = 50))
gbifmap(out)
```

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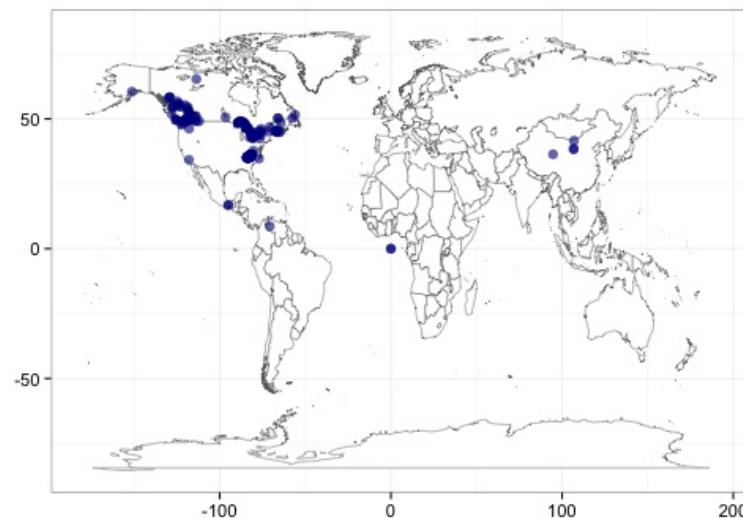
rvertnet demo

Vertebrate specimens - VertNet.org - rvertnet

```
library(rvertnet)
out <- vertoccurrence(t = "Oncorhynchus mykiss", grp = "fish", num = 300)
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Fishbase.org - pkg rfishbase

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library(ggplot2)
loadCache()
reef <- which_fish("reef", "habitat", fish.data)

...code here

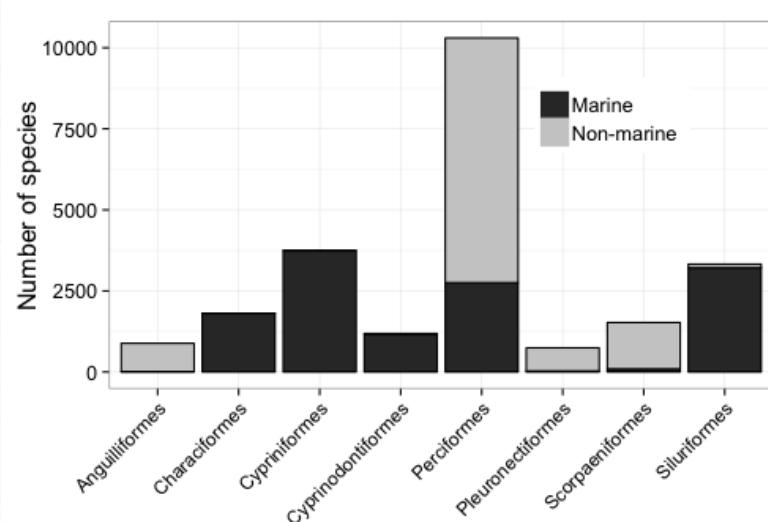
ggplot(primary_orders, aes(order, fill = marine)) + geom_bar() + # a few commands to customize appearance
geom_bar(colour = "black", show_guide = FALSE) + theme_bw(base_size = 16) +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1, size = 12), legend.title = element_blank(),
        legend.justification = c(1, 0), legend.position = c(0.9, 0.6)) +
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Openfisheries.org - pkg rfisheries

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countries <- country_codes()

# let's take a small subset, say 5 random countries
c_list <- countries[sample(nrow(countries), 5), ]$iso3c

# and grab landings data for these countries
results <- lapply(c_list, function(x) {
  df <- landings(country = x)
  df$country <- x
  df
}), .progress = "text")

ggplot(results, aes(year, catch, group = country, color = country)) + geom_line()
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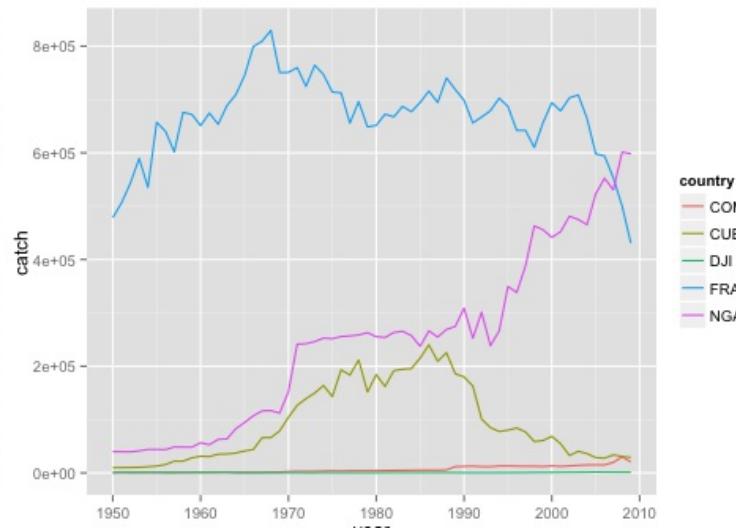
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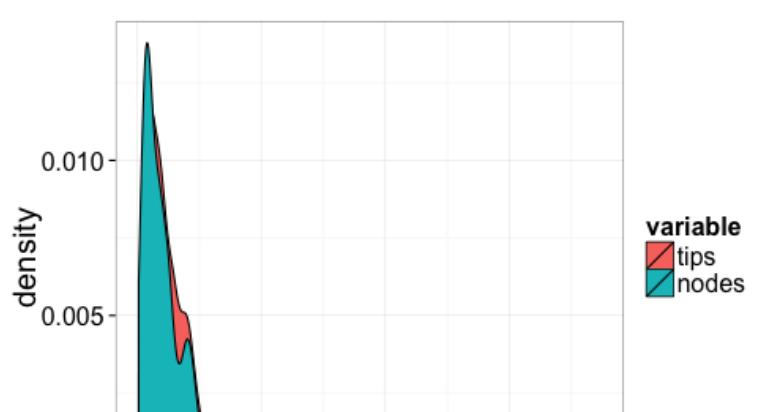


Get phylogenies Treebase.org - pkg treebase

```
library(treebase); library(ggplot2); library(reshape2)

data(treebase)
have <- have_branchlength(treebase)
branchlengths <- treebase[have]
dat <- data.frame(tips = sapply(branchlengths, Ntip), nodes = sapply(branchlengths, Nnode))
dat_m <- melt(dat)
```

```
ggplot(dat_m[dat_m$value < 1000, ], aes(value, fill = variable)) + theme_bw(base_size = 20) +
  geom_density()
```



Sharing data

Sharing and using data - pkg rfigshare

Using Figshare's new API, it is now possible to share figures, data, and any other object generated in R directly to one's figshare account. After authenticating:

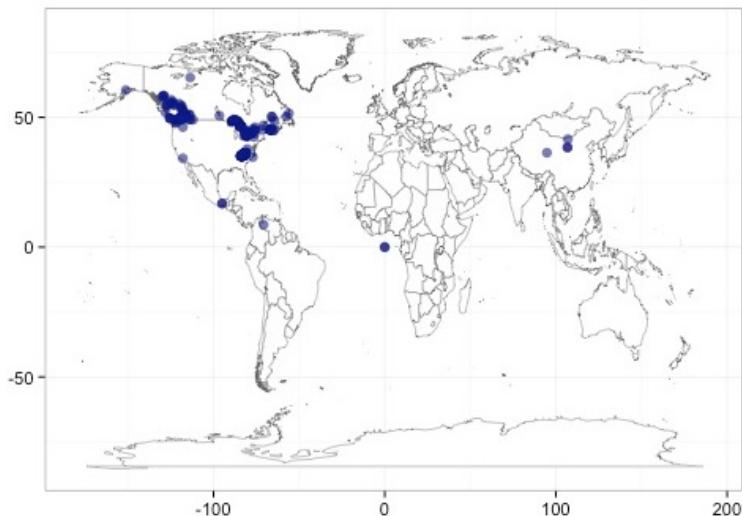
```
library(rfigshare)

# Try creating your own content:
id <- fs_new_article(title = "A Test of rfigshare", description = "testing",
                      type = "figure", authors = "Scott Chamberlain", tags = c("ecology", "openscience"),
                      categories = "Ecology", links = "http://ropensci.org", files = "figure/rvertnet.png")
```

Sharing and using data - pkg rfigshare

A Test of rfigshare

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- Ecology

Authors

Scott Chamberlain

Tags

- ecology
- openscience

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Sharing and using data - (rfigshare)

The screenshot shows the figshare website interface. At the top, there is a logo with a colorful circular icon followed by the word "figshare". To the right of the logo are links for "My data", a search bar with a magnifying glass icon, and "Browse". Below the header, a large banner with the text "automatic analysis and publishing of data" is displayed. The main content area features a video player showing a desktop screen with a file explorer window and a web browser displaying a dashboard with various charts and data visualizations. The video player has a play button in the center and a progress bar at the bottom indicating it is at 02:49.

rOpenSci tutorials

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the rOpenSci tutorials website at ropensci.org/tutorials/. The page has a dark blue header bar with navigation links: HOME, ABOUT, PACKAGES, RESOURCES, CONTRIBUTE, and CONTACT. Below the header, there's a large section titled "Tutorials" with a sub-section for "Treebase" containing links to basic tree queries, replicating results, and meta-analysis. Another section for "Taxize" lists various API-related tutorials.

Tutorials

Treebase

- 🔗 Basic tree and metadata queries
- 🔗 Replicating results
- 🔗 Meta-Analysis

Taxize

- 🔗 Using the Phylomatic API
- 🔗 Search against the Integrated Taxonomic Information Service (ITIS)
- 🔗 Using ITIS and Phylomatic together
- 🔗 Performing taxonomic name resolution using the Taxonomic Name Resolution Service (TNRS)
- 🔗 Performing taxonomic name resolution using the Global Names Resolver (GNR)
- 🔗 Searching taxonomic names in Tropics
- 🔗 Searching taxonomic names in uBio

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