

# Packages

# Are you struggling?

How people think programming looks



How it really looks 90% of the time



# Plan for today

- Brief recap
- **Packages**

# Recap of using variables

- Most of the time, we want to do more than add, subtract, multiply etc.
- We want to act on our variables. We do this with operators & **functions**
  - *Each function* has a unique name
  - *Each function* requires some input, and the function can be modified using arguments
  - *Each function* will produce an output
- Remember:
  - objects are *nouns*
  - functions & operators are *verbs*
  - arguments are *adverbs*

# Recap of using variables

Where do you find functions?

- Some exist in R by default
  - `t.test()`
  - `cor()`
  - `scale()`

Lots of people all over the world write their own functions. And they (rightly!) think it's useful to share these functions.

# Packages

What is a **package**?

- A collection of functions and datasets
- Open source





















Packages are the reason R is so powerful!

- While you can definitely write your own functions, most of what you need to do someone else has already done for you!





















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# How do I get packages?

Packages can be downloaded from the *CRAN* (Comprehensive *R* Archive Network)

You will do this from inside [R](#)

**Need to be connected to the internet!**

# 2 ways to install packages

1. Install button in the Packages tab
2. R Code

*Either way, you need to know the name of the package*



# Install Button

Install Packages

Install from: [? Configuring Repositories](#)

Repository (CRAN)

Packages (separate multiple with space or comma):

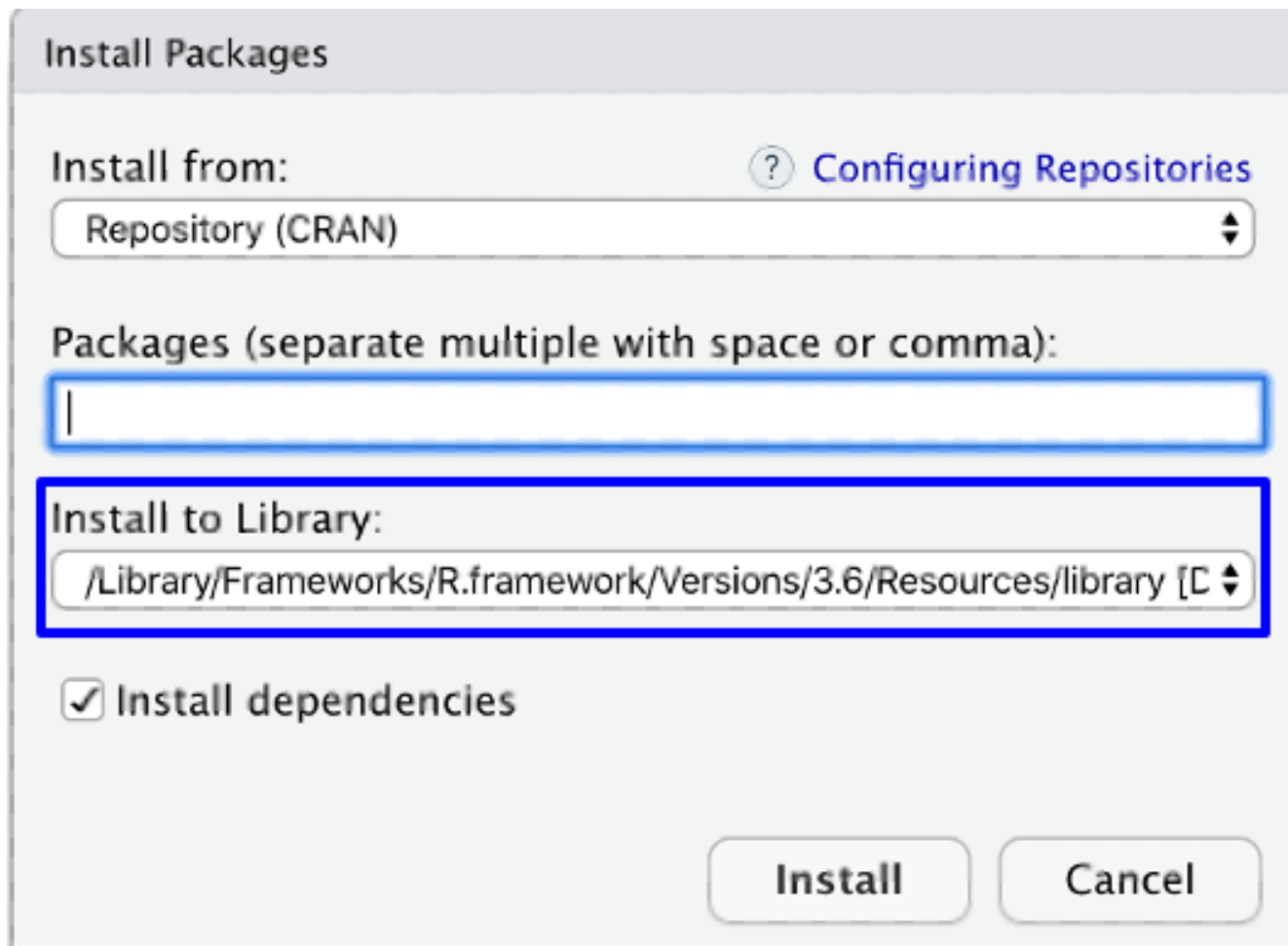
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☒ Install dependencies

Install Cancel

# Install Button



The image shows the 'Install Packages' dialog box in RStudio. It has a title bar 'Install Packages'. Below it, the 'Install from:' section shows a dropdown menu set to 'Repository (CRAN)' with a help icon and a link to 'Configuring Repositories'. The 'Packages (separate multiple with space or comma):' section has an empty text input field. The 'Install to Library:' section has a text input field showing the default R library path, which is highlighted with a blue border. At the bottom, there is a checked checkbox for 'Install dependencies' and two buttons: 'Install' and 'Cancel'.

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# R code to install packages

```
install.packages("psych")
```

# Packages

## INSTALLING

- Downloading the package and saving it to your computer
- Like installing Microsoft Word on your computer
- Do this **ONCE**

## LOADING

- Like opening Microsoft Word to write a paper
- Once a package is loaded, you can use all of its functions and datasets are ready to use
- You need to do this **EVERY TIME** you open a new **R** session

# 2 ways to load packages

1. Checkbox in the packages tab (not recommended)
2. R code

*Either way, you need to know the name of the package*

# R code to load packages

```
library(psych)
```

# Dependencies

```
> library(lme4)  
Loading required package: Matrix  
Loading required package: Rcpp
```

Uses functions from other packages

Installed automatically

Loaded automatically



# Help! (again)

Ways to find documentation:

`?psych` -- opens documentation specific to that package or function

`??psych` -- searches for this in all documentation (that you have installed and loaded)

To find a package that does what you need: **Google**

# Summary

Packages are a collection of functions and data sets

1. You **install** the package once; must be connected to the internet
2. You **load** the package every time you use it; do not need to be connected to the internet

How do you find the function you need? How do you now what package it's in?

- **G-o-o-g-l-e!**
- "structural equation modeling in R"

How do you know how to use the function? What are the function's arguments?

- Help documentation in R
- `? function.name`