

Basic Introduction to



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Goals

- Start to code
- Learn how to use R for the analysis of your data
- Know where and how to get help if you are stuck

RStudio



The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the following panels and content:

- Script editor (write code):** Contains R code for reading data, replacing values, deleting data, and plotting. The code is as follows:

```
1
2 # Why use R? -----
3
4 # read data
5 data_L1 <- read.csv("01_Data/data_L1.csv")
6
7 # replace -99999 with NA
8 data_L1$value[data_L1$value == -99999] <- NA
9
10 # delete data in specified region
11 data_L1$ts <- as.POSIXct(data_L1$ts, format = "%d.%m.%y %H:%M", tz = "UTC")
12 data_L1$value[data_L1$ts >= "2019-06-01 14:50:00" &
13   data_L1$ts <= "2019-06-01 17:00:00"] <- NA
14
15 # plot
16 plot(data = data_L1, value ~ ts, type = "l")
17
```
- Environment / History (loaded objects):** Shows the Global Environment with a data object named 'data_L1' containing 998 observations of 4 variables.
- Console (executed code):** Shows the output of the code executed in the script editor, including the plot command and the resulting data structure.
- Files / Plots / Packages / Help / Viewer:** Shows a file explorer view of the project directory, listing files like .gitignore, .Rhistory, 01_Data, 02_Slides, 03_Script, Introduction_to_R.Rproj, LICENSE, and README.md.

Exercises

- Exercises are in the **05_Exercises** folder of the course material
- Exercises are on the first page(s), **hints** to possible solutions are on the **last page**
- Let me know when you reach „*For those who have time left...*“ in the chat
- Feel free to ask questions in the chat
- Write down the shortcuts for special characters (for MAC see *02_Slides_tutorials* folder)

Shortcuts

	Mac	Windows / Linux
Run line	Cmd + Enter	Ctrl + Enter
# Comment line	Alt + 3	
[] Square brackets	Alt + 5 / Alt + 6	
{ } Curly brackets	Alt + 8 / Alt + 9	
OR operator	Alt + 7	
~ Tilde	Alt + N	
Show RStudio shortcuts	Alt + Shift + K	Option + Shift + K

Capabilities of R

- Nice graphs
https://www.r-graph-gallery.com/violin_and_boxplot_ggplot2.html
<https://www.data-to-viz.com/>
- Maps with R
<https://www.r-graph-gallery.com/choropleth-map.html>
- Interactive web applications (R Shiny)
<https://shiny.rstudio.com/gallery/movie-explorer.html>
- R and databases
<https://db.rstudio.com/getting-started/connect-to-database>

Where to get help

- Websites
 - RStudio Cheat Sheets
<https://www.rstudio.com/resources/cheatsheets/>
 - Google
e.g. „r how to merge two data frames“
 - <https://stackoverflow.com/>
 - <https://www.r-bloggers.com/>
- Online book
 - R for Data Science
<https://r4ds.had.co.nz/>

...more help

- Other R courses
 - R: tidyverse for data science (UZH)
<https://app.connect.uzh.ch/apps/id/kurse.nsf/veranstaltungen.xsp>
 - Specialised R-Workshops (2 days, 1 ECTS for PhD students, Plant Science Center)
<https://www.plantsciences.uzh.ch/en/teaching/phdplantscience/coursecatalogue.html>
 - Zurich R Courses
<https://www.zhrcourses.uzh.ch/en.html>
 - Specialised R-Workshops (1 day intensive course, small groups)
<https://ethz.ch/services/de/it-services/katalog/support-weiterbildung/it-training/kurse.html>

Feedback

You will receive an email tomorrow with a link to a feedback form.

- ▶ You can already start to fill in the form now:

<https://www.zi.uzh.ch/en/teaching-and-research.html>

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Feedback form at bottom of page

I am happy about personal feedback as well :)

Course certificate

Write an email to kurssekretariat@id.uzh.ch to get the course certificate.

Sources

For the development of this course I was mainly inspired by the course material of Jan Wunders *R* course

Introduction to R (Wunder, 2016)