

# SOFTWARE INSTALLATION



Please use the instructions below to install and check your installation.

If you run into issues, you can post a question with information about what you tried and what didn't work, on the [course github discussion page](#) and we will try reply.

Since 29 April 2025, the latest INLA package is built for R 4.5, so if you're able to upgrade your R installation, please do so to avoid unnecessary issues. The package will in many cases also work with older R versions, but compatibility is sometimes difficult.

## 1 Installing INLA and inlabru

Due to the work involved in building the binaries for the INLA package C software for different architectures, the INLA package is not on CRAN, but it can be installed from its own distribution repository.

1. Check your R version.
2. Install R-INLA, instructions can be found [here](#)
3. Install inlabru (available from CRAN)

```
# Enable universe(s) by inlabru-org
options(repos = c(
  inlabruorg = "https://inlabru-org.r-universe.dev",
  INLA = "https://inla.r-inla-download.org/R/testing",
  CRAN = "https://cloud.r-project.org"
))

# Install some packages
install.packages("inlabru")
```

3. Make sure you have the latest R-INLA, inlabru and R versions installed.
4. Install the following libraries:

```
install.packages(c(
  "dplyr",
  "ggplot2"
))
```

## 2 Installation check

Please check your installation using the basic model runs below.

If you run into issues, you can post a question with information about what you tried and what didn't work, on the [course github discussion page](#).

You can check that INLA is correctly installed by running

```
df <- data.frame(y = rnorm(100) + 10)
fit <- INLA::inla(
  y ~ 1,
  data = df
)
summary(fit)
```

Time used:

Pre = 0.963, Running = 0.19, Post = 0.00811, Total = 1.16

Fixed effects:

	mean	sd	0.025quant	0.5quant	0.975quant	mode	kld
(Intercept)	9.974	0.103	9.771	9.974	10.177	9.974	0

Model hyperparameters:

	mean	sd	0.025quant	0.5quant
Precision for the Gaussian observations	0.952	0.134	0.708	0.946
			0.975quant	mode
Precision for the Gaussian observations			1.23	0.933

Marginal log-Likelihood: -157.21

is computed

Posterior summaries for the linear predictor and the fitted values are computed  
(Posterior marginals needs also 'control.compute=list(return.marginals.predictor=TRUE)')

If the simple `inla()` call fails with a crash, you may need to install different `inla` binaries  
for your hardware/software combination, with `INLA::inla.binary.install()`.

When `inla()` works, you can check that `inlabru` is installed correctly by running the same  
model in `inlabru`:

```
fit <- inlabru::bru(
  y ~ Intercept(1, prec.linear = exp(-7)),
  data = df
)
summary(fit)
```

`inlabru` version: 2.13.0.9016

INLA version: 25.11.22

Components:

Latent components:

Intercept: main = linear(1)

Observation models:

Family: 'gaussian'

Tag: <No tag>

Data class: 'data.frame'

Response class: 'numeric'

Predictor: y ~ .

Additive/Linear: TRUE/TRUE

Used components: effects[Intercept], latent[]

Time used:

Pre = 0.873, Running = 0.193, Post = 0.0128, Total = 1.08

Fixed effects:

```
mean      sd 0.025quant 0.5quant 0.975quant mode kld
Intercept 9.974 0.103      9.771     9.974    10.177 9.974   0
```

Model hyperparameters:

```
mean      sd 0.025quant 0.5quant
Precision for the Gaussian observations 0.952 0.134      0.708     0.946
                                              0.975quant mode
Precision for the Gaussian observations           1.23 0.933
```

Marginal log-Likelihood: -161.67

is computed

Posterior summaries for the linear predictor and the fitted values are computed  
(Posterior marginals needs also 'control.compute=list(return.marginals.predictor=TRUE)')