1. Install swirl

Since swirl is an R package, you can easily install it by entering a single command from the R console:

install.packages("swirl")

If you've installed swirl in the past make sure you have version 2.2.21 or later. You can check this with:

packageVersion("swirl")

2. Load swirl

Every time you want to use swirl, you need to first load the package. From the R console:

library(swirl)

3. Install the Getting and Cleaning Data course

swirl offers a variety of interactive courses, but for our purposes, you want the one called Getting and Cleaning Data. Type the following from the R prompt to install this course:

install\_from\_swirl("Getting and Cleaning Data")

4. Start swirl and complete the lessons

Type the following from the R console to start swirl:

swirl()

Then, follow the menus and select the Getting and Cleaning Data course when given the option.