Creating a network of women *R*-users

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Even though there are many women using *R*, they are underrepresented at conferences and meetups. Thinking about that I created, in October of 2012, the *R*-ladies meetup group. It provides a friendly environment for women to learn and practice *R* and for networking. Based in San Francisco, the group has over 300 members with an average of 25 ladies at each event. Twenty meetups have happened so far, ranging from workshops for *R* beginners to multi-week meetings accompanying online courses such as Johns Hopkins' Computing for Data Analysis [1] and Stanford's Statistical Learning [2]. The group also provides a mailing list where members can post job opportunities and give and receive feedback on resume development and interview preparation. The goal of this work is to share my experience running the *R*-ladies meetup, and ideas on how to get more women into the *R* community.

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