



**Directly Connecting to Oracle
from the R Programming
Language**



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Session Topics

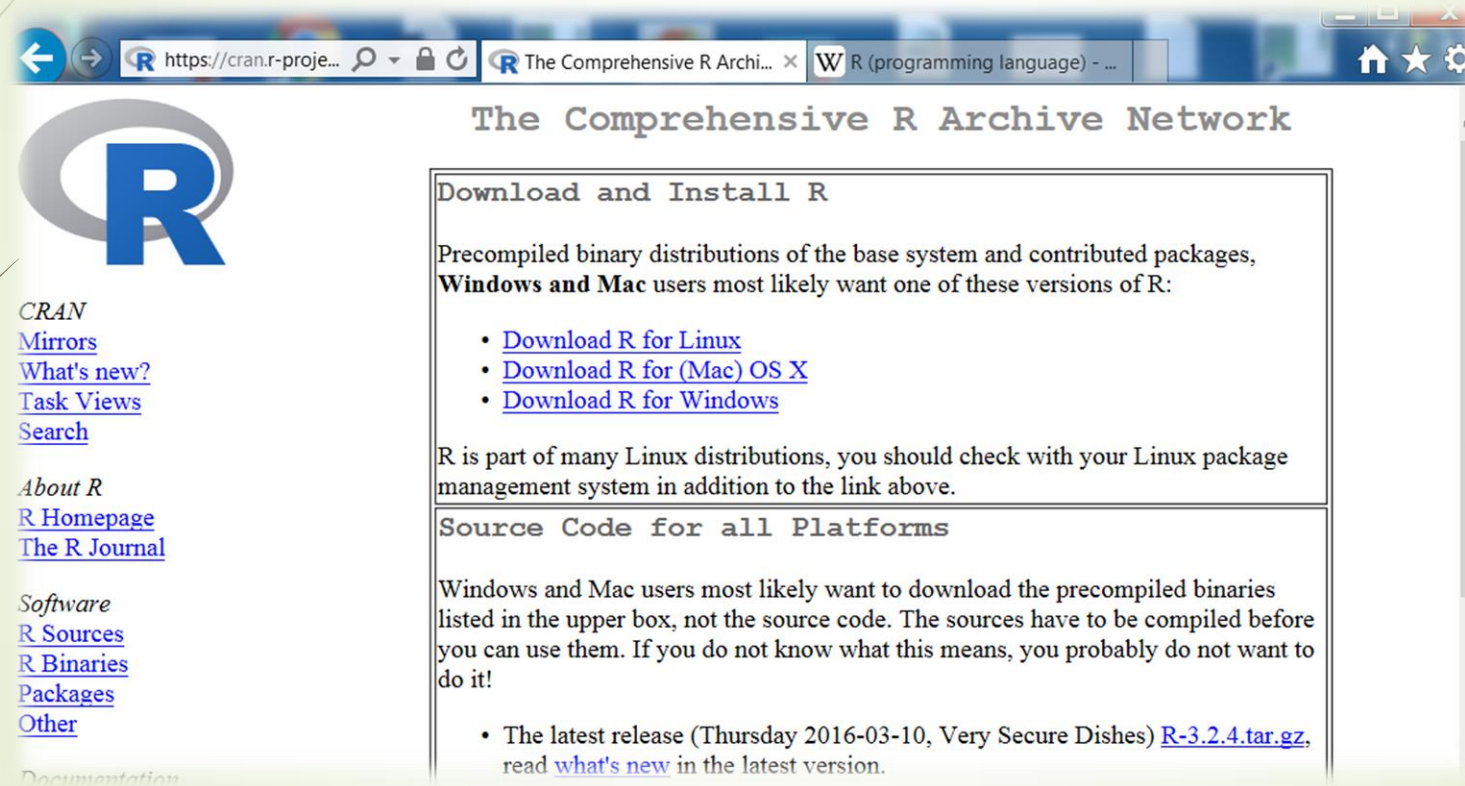
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What is R?

- R is a popular open source programming language and environment used by data scientists, data miners and statisticians to analyze data
- Supported by the R Foundation
- Functional Programming (FP) language ; Object oriented
- GNU License
- Evolved from the "S" Programming language
- R was created by **Ross Ihaka and Robert Gentleman**
- Runs on multiple platforms: MAC / Windows / UNIX
- You can get it here: <https://cran.r-project.org/>

CRAN – “Comprehensive R Archive Network”

<https://cran.r-project.org/>



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the CRAN website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://cran.r-project.org/>. The page title is "The Comprehensive R Archive Network". The main content area is titled "Download and Install R" and contains the following text:

Download and Install R

Precompiled binary distributions of the base system and contributed packages, **Windows and Mac** users most likely want one of these versions of R:

- [Download R for Linux](#)
- [Download R for \(Mac\) OS X](#)
- [Download R for Windows](#)

R is part of many Linux distributions, you should check with your Linux package management system in addition to the link above.

Source Code for all Platforms

Windows and Mac users most likely want to download the precompiled binaries listed in the upper box, not the source code. The sources have to be compiled before you can use them. If you do not know what this means, you probably do not want to do it!

- The latest release (Thursday 2016-03-10, Very Secure Dishes) [R-3.2.4.tar.gz](#), read [what's new](#) in the latest version.

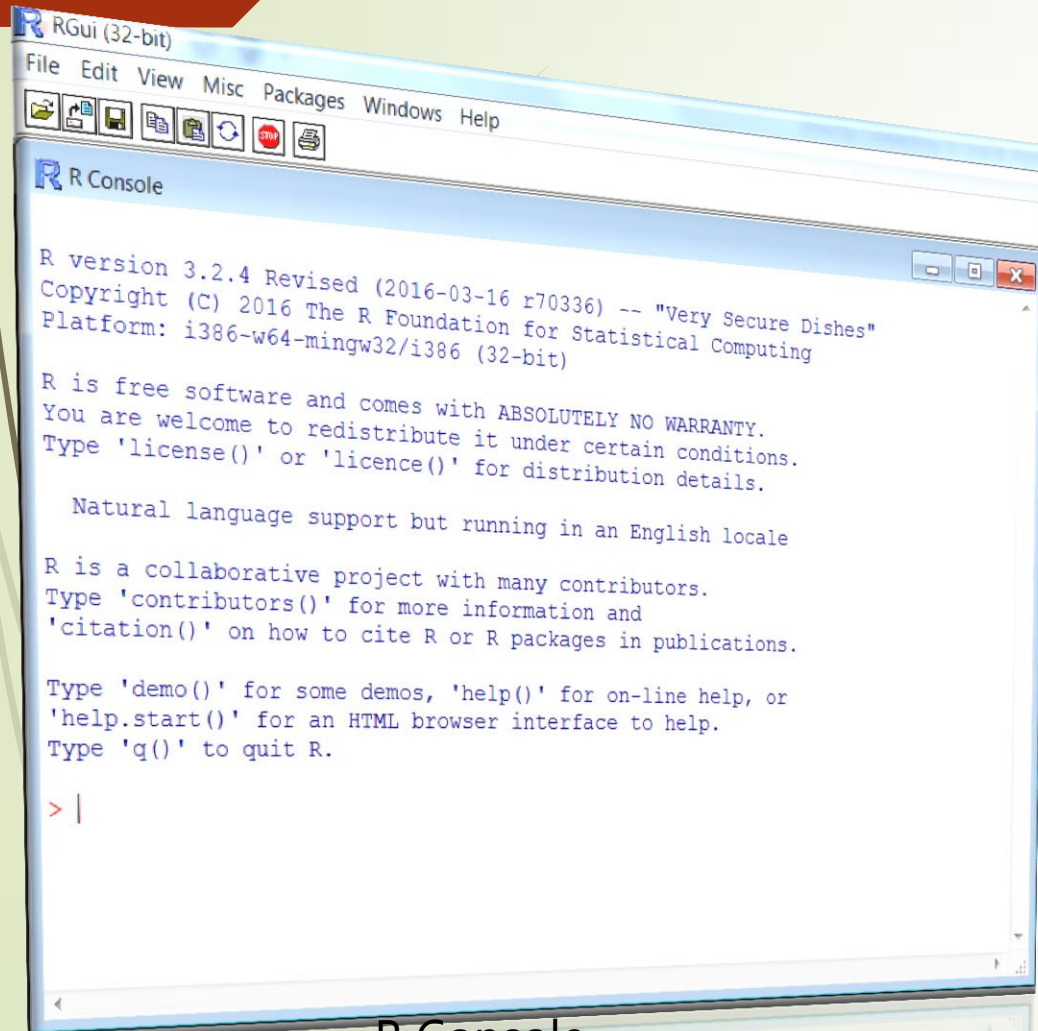
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- CRAN
- [Mirrors](#)
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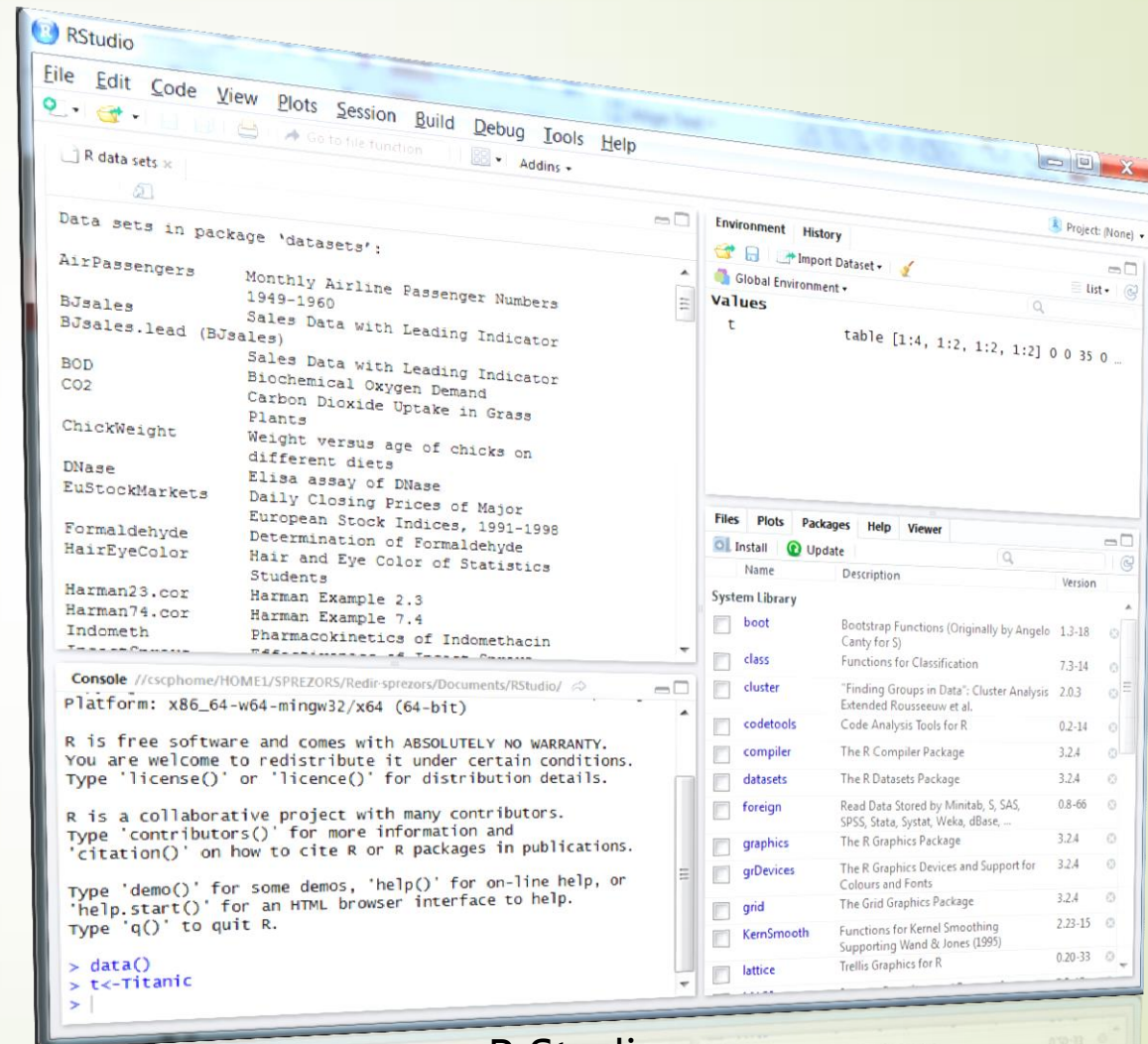
There are thousands of packages that you can download from CRAN. R is highly extensible.

R – INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENTS

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R Console



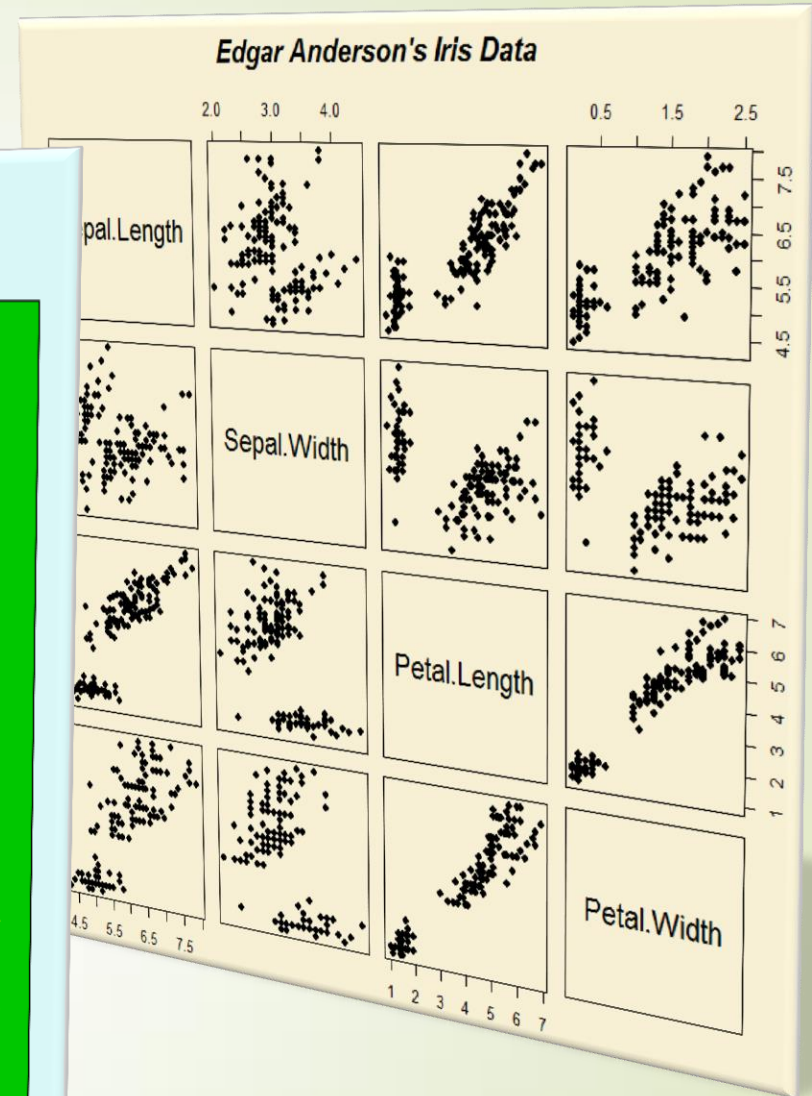
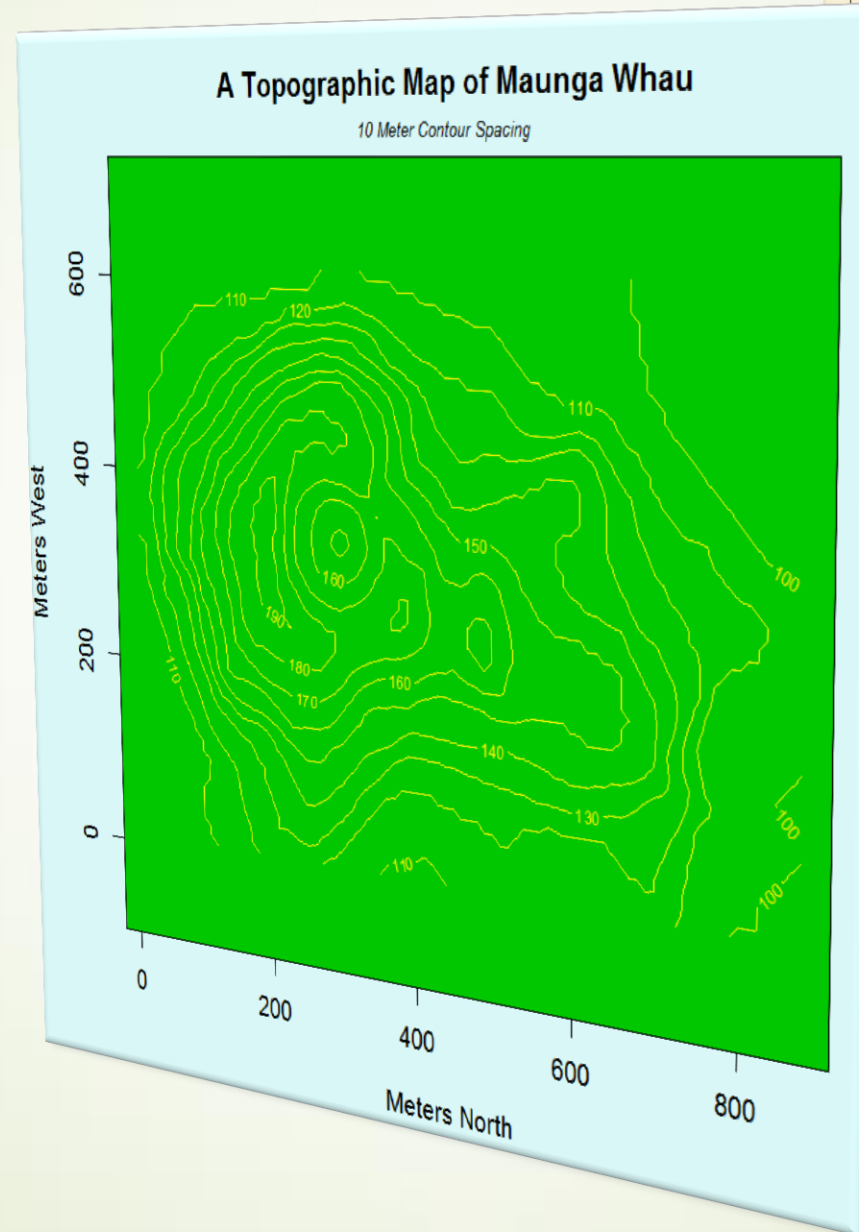
R Studio

<https://www.rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/>

What can I do with R?

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- Data Analysis
- Data Visualizations
- Descriptive and Predictive Modeling
- Data Mining
- Non-Statistical Uses



Graphs produced by Demo package included with R. demo()

R Basic Commands

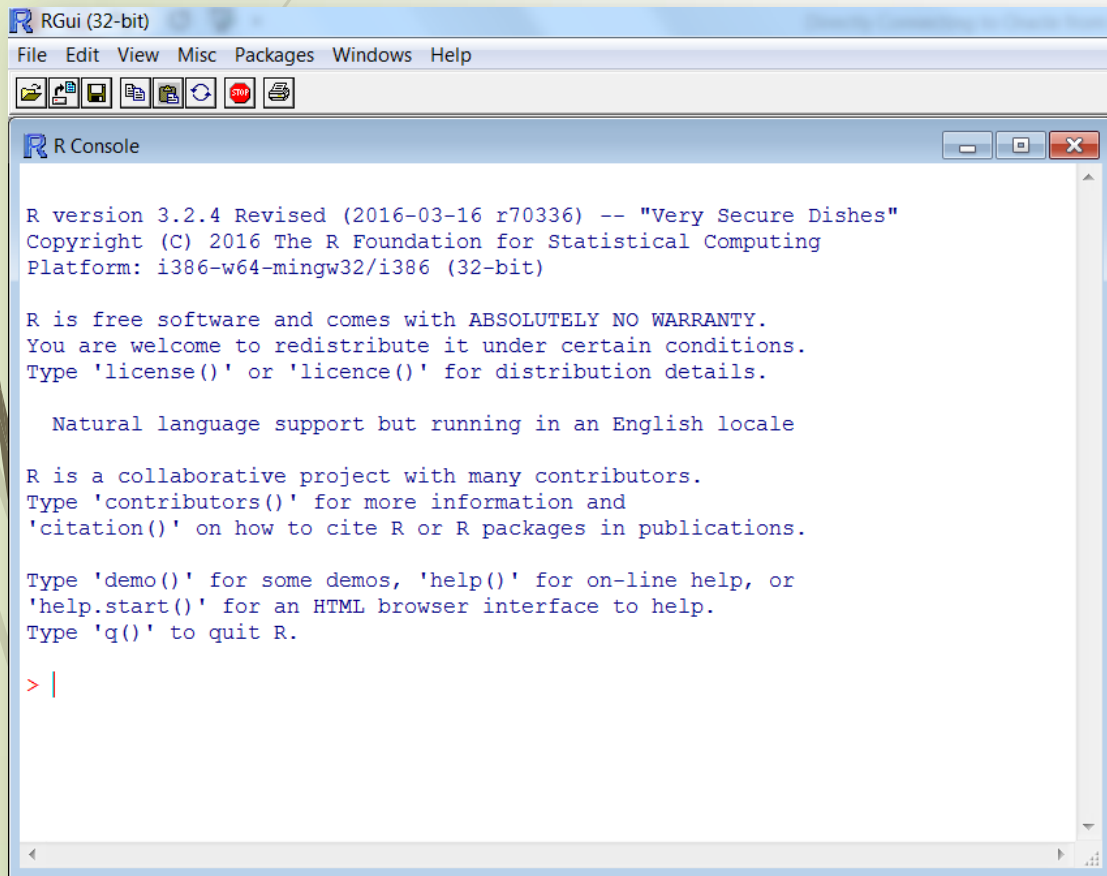
"Everything that exists in an object ; Everything that happens is a function call." - John Chambers

Command	Purpose
ls()	Lists objects in a workspace
help()	Get help on a function, include function name: ex. help(version)
getwd()	Get working directory
setwd("c:/temp")	
install.packages("RODBC")	How to install a package
rm()	Remove an object from your workspace
library(RODBC)	Use a library once it is installed
summary()	Show basic stats on an object
q()	Leave R session

Caution: R is case sensitive!

R – Interactive Mode and Batch Mode

- ▶ R has an interactive mode (CLI) and a mode where you can create R scripts and run programs.



```
RGui (32-bit)
File Edit View Misc Packages Windows Help

R Console

R version 3.2.4 Revised (2016-03-16 r70336) -- "Very Secure Dishes"
Copyright (C) 2016 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
Platform: i386-w64-mingw32/i386 (32-bit)

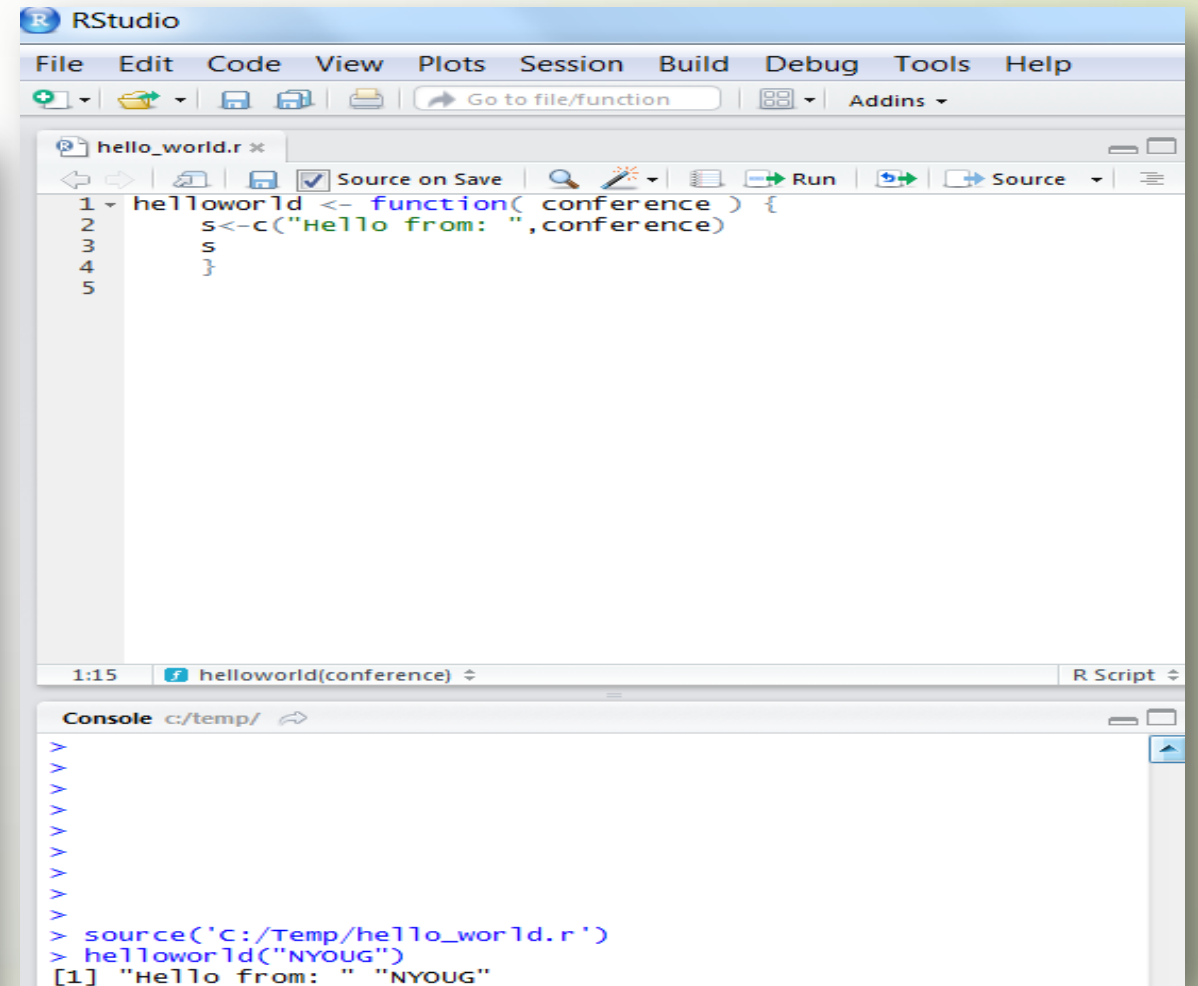
R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.
You are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions.
Type 'license()' or 'licence()' for distribution details.

Natural language support but running in an English locale

R is a collaborative project with many contributors.
Type 'contributors()' for more information and
'citation()' on how to cite R or R packages in publications.

Type 'demo()' for some demos, 'help()' for on-line help, or
'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.
Type 'q()' to quit R.

> |
```



```
RStudio
File Edit Code View Plots Session Build Debug Tools Help
Go to file/function Addins

hello_world.r *
Source on Save Run Source
1 - helloworld <- function( conference ) {
2     s<-c("Hello from: ",conference)
3     s
4 }
5

1:15 helloworld(conference) R Script

Console c:/temp/
>
>
>
>
>
>
>
>
>
>
>
> source('C:/Temp/hello_world.r')
> helloworld("NYOUG")
[1] "Hello from: " "NYOUG"
```


A Few Basic R Data Structures : Vectors & Data Frames

- A vector is a one dimensional array of one data type.
You can have for example a vector of numeric data or string, but not a mixture.

Some examples:

```
MyFavoriteColors <- c("blue", "purple", "red")
```

```
LuckyLotteryNumbers <- c(14, 32, 64)
```

Environment		History	
Import Dataset Clear Refresh			
Global Environment			
values			
LuckyLotteryNumbers	num [1:3]	14	32 64
MyFavoriteColors	chr [1:3]	"blue"	"purple" "red"

- A data frame is a collection of vectors that have all the same length

	tourney_id	tourney_name	surface	draw_size	tourney_level	tourney_date	match_num	winner_id	winner_seed	winner_entry	winn
1	2015-W-PR-AUS-01A-2015	Brisbane International	Hard	30	P	20150105	1	201468	NA	Q	Yaro:
2	2015-W-PR-AUS-01A-2015	Brisbane International	Hard	30	P	20150105	2	200002	NA		Mirji
3	2015-W-PR-AUS-01A-2015	Brisbane International	Hard	30	P	20150105	3	201521	7		Carli
4	2015-W-PR-AUS-01A-2015	Brisbane International	Hard	30	P	20150105	4	201493	3		Ange:
5	2015-W-PR-AUS-01A-2015	Brisbane International	Hard	30	P	20150105	5	201611	NA	Q	Darii
6	2015-W-PR-AUS-01A-2015	Brisbane International	Hard	30	P	20150105	6	202494	NA		Elini
7	2015-W-PR-AUS-01A-2015	Brisbane International	Hard	30	P	20150105	7	201548	NA	WC	Ajla
8	2015-W-PR-AUS-01A-2015	Brisbane International	Hard	30	P	20150105	8	201485	NA	LL	Alla
9	2015-W-PR-AUS-01A-2015	Brisbane International	Hard	30	P	20150105	9	201662	NA		Karo:
10	2015-W-PR-AUS-01A-2015	Brisbane International	Hard	30	P	20150105	10	201478	NA		Varvi
11	2015-W-PR-AUS-01A-2015	Brisbane International	Hard	30	P	20150105	11	201619	NA		Madi:
12	2015-W-PR-AUS-01A-2015	Brisbane International	Hard	30	P	20150105	12	201466	NA		Kaia
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14	2015-W-PR-AUS-01A-2015	Brisbane International	Hard	30	P	20150105	14	201457	NA	WC	Jarm:
15	2015-W-PR-AUS-01A-2015	Brisbane International	Hard	30	P	20150105	15	201345	1		Mari:
16	2015-W-PR-AUS-01A-2015	Brisbane International	Hard	30	P	20150105	16	201521	7		Carli
17	2015-W-PR-AUS-01A-2015	Brisbane International	Hard	30	P	20150105	17	201493	3		Ange:
18	2015-W-PR-AUS-01A-2015	Brisbane International	Hard	30	P	20150105	18	202494	NA		Elini
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20	2015-W-PR-AUS-01A-2015	Brisbane International	Hard	30	P	20150105	20	201478	NA		Varvi
21	2015-W-PR-AUS-01A-2015	Brisbane International	Hard	30	P	20150105	21	201466	NA		Kaia

> str(wta_tennis_matches_2016) 'data.frame':
2651 obs. of 49 variables:

One Method to Import data into R

- There are a variety of ways to load data into R depending on the format of the data. Here is how to import data in a common .csv file format:

```
wta_tennis_matches_2016=read.csv("c:/nyoug/wta_tennis_data.csv")
```

The data is loaded into a data frame in the R work space.

```
> ls()
 [1] "cnames"          "dat"             "doc"            "fileURL"
 [5] "g"              "LuckyLotteryNumbers" "my_char"       "my_data"
 [9] "my_matrix"      "my_matrix2"     "my_na"         "my_name"
[13] "my_vector"      "MyFavoriteColors" "num_vect"      "patients"
[17] "q"              "q1"             "rootNode"     "simple"
[21] "tf"            "the_zipcodes"  "url"          "vect"
[25] "vect2"         "wta_tennis_matches_2016" "y"           "z"
[29] "zc"
```

Connecting R to an Oracle Database Directly

R Packages for Oracle Connections

RODBC

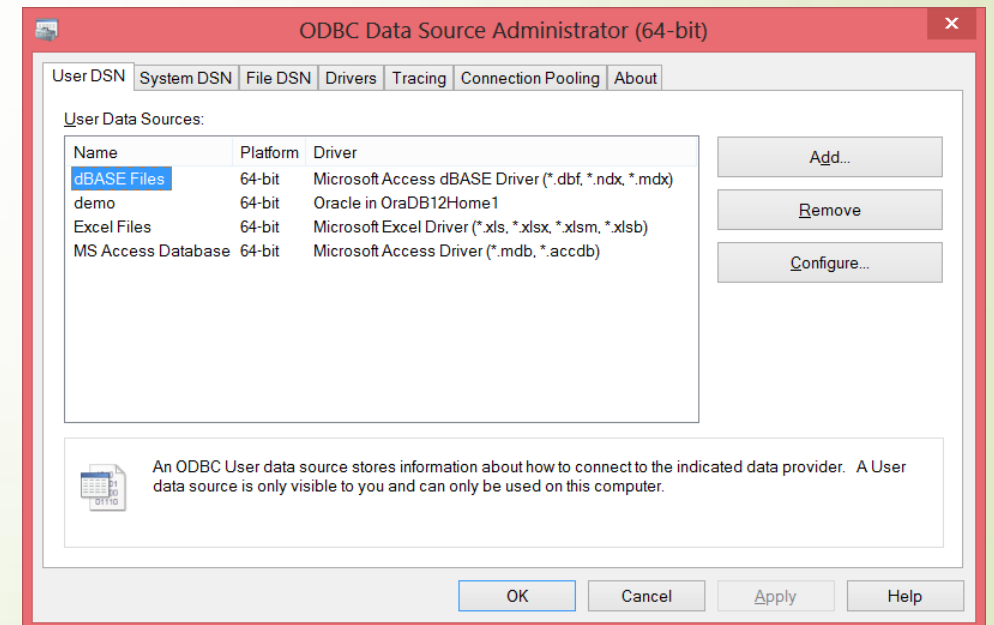
RJDBC

ROracle

Using R to Connect to a database using the RODBC package

- `> install.packages("RODBC")`
- `> library(RODBC)`
- `> myconn <- odbcConnect("demo", uid="demouser", pwd="demopwd")`
ODBC Data Source Name
- `> demodat <- sqlFetch(myconn, "USER_TABLES")`

"demodat" is an R object, a data frame.
The entire USER_TABLES table is now loaded in R.



RODBC Functions Overview

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- Connect to Oracle Database: `odbcConnect()`
- Query data via SELECT statements `sqlquery(channel,query)`
- Insert `sqlSave()` / or update
- Drop: `sqlDrop(channel, sqtable, errors = TRUE)`
- Set Autocommit
- Can copy data from one database to another `sqlCopy()`
- Close the connection when done `odbcClose()`

<https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/RODBC/RODBC.pdf>
Reference Manual or `RShowDoc("RODBC", package="RODBC")`

RODBC: ODBC Database Access

An ODBC database interface.

Version: 1.3-12
Depends: R (\geq 3.0.0)
Imports: stats
Published: 2015-06-29
Author: Brian Ripley [aut, cre], Michael Lapsley [aut] (1999 to Oct 2002)
Maintainer: Brian Ripley <ripley at stats.ox.ac.uk>
License: [GPL-2](#) | [GPL-3](#)
NeedsCompilation: yes
SystemRequirements: An ODBC3 driver manager and drivers.

Using R to Connect to a database using the ROracle Package

```
> library("ROracle")  
> drv<-dbDriver("Oracle")  
> con<-dbConnect(drv,"SYSTEM","ROracle123")  
> demodat <- dbGetQuery(con,"select table_name from user_tables")
```

Annotations: "User id" points to "SYSTEM" and "password" points to "ROracle123".

"demodat" is an R object, a data frame. The results of the query above are sent into the demodat object into the R workspace.

The ROracle package is created and maintained by Oracle. You can download the package from Oracle.

<http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/database/database-technologies/r/roacle/overview/index.html>

Where to get the ROracle package

ROracle Functions Overview

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- Connect to Oracle Database:
`dbConnect`
- Query data via SELECT statements
`dbSendQuery(conn,query) / fetch()`
- `dbGetQuery(conn,query)`
- Drop: `dbRemoveTable(conn,<Table>)`
- `dbWriteTable(conn, <table name>,<obj>)`
- Close the connection when done
`dbDisconnect(conn, ...)`

ROracle: OCI Based Oracle Database Interface for R

Oracle Database interface (DBI) driver for R. This is a DBI-compliant Oracle driver based on the OCI.

Version: 1.2-2
Depends: methods, [DBI](#) (≥ 0.2-5)
Imports: utils
Published: 2016-02-17
Author: Denis Mukhin, David A. James and Jake Luciani
Maintainer: Rajendra S. Pingte <rajendra.pingte at oracle.com>
License: [LGPL-2](#) | [LGPL-2.1](#) | [LGPL-3](#) [expanded from: LGPL]
URL: <http://www.oracle.com>
NeedsCompilation: yes
SystemRequirements: Oracle Instant Client or Oracle Database Client
Materials: [NEWS INSTALL](#)
CRAN checks: [ROracle results](#)

<https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/ROracle/ROracle.pdf> Reference

RODBC V.S. RORACLE Packages

- RODBC implements Open Database Connectivity
- OCI, or "Oracle Call Interface", out performs ODBC, so RODBC will be slower than ROracle, which uses OCI and uses a native connection.
- Use ROracle for better performance. Performance lift increase depends on the data type of the data and other factors.

Performance Test

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RODBC V.S. RORACLE

```
roracle_time<-function()
{
  #Function to time how long it takes to write a data frame into Oracle database
  library("ROracle")
  drv<-dbDriver("Oracle")

  # Start timing
  ptm <- proc.time()
  #Establish the connection...
  conn<-dbConnect(drv,"SYSTEM","ROracle123")

  #Write out wta_tennis_matches_2016 data frame in the R workspace into Oracle as table called: WTA_TENNIS
  dbWriteTable(conn,"WTA_TENNIS", wta_tennis_matches_2016)

  # Stop the clock
  timing<-proc.time() - ptm

  #Close the connection
  dbDisconnect(conn)

  #Print the timing results to the console:
  timing
}
```

```
➤ source('C:/nyoug/roracle_time.r')
➤ roracle_time()

   user system elapsed
➤ 0.11  0.01   0.55
```

Performance Test

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RODBC V.S. RORACLE

```
rodbc_time<-function()
{
  #Function to time how long it takes to write a data frame into Oracle database
  library(RODBC)

  # Start timing
  ptm <- proc.time()

  myconn<-odbcConnect("demo",uid="SYSTEM",pwd="ROracle123")

  sqlSave(myconn, wta_tennis_matches_2016)

  # Stop the clock
  timing<-proc.time() – ptm

  odbcClose(myconn)

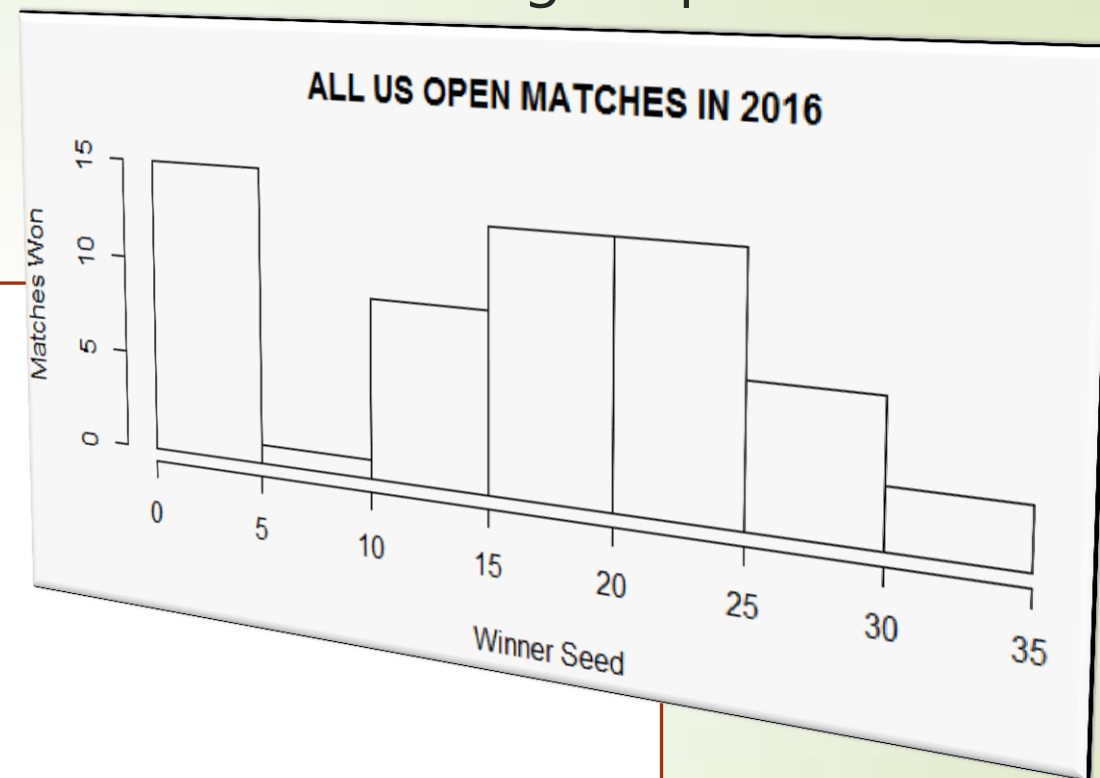
  timing
}
}
```

- source('~/.rodbc_time.r')
- rodbc_time()
- user system elapsed
- 0.44 0.41 44.80

Query from an Oracle Database Using ROracle and Creating Graphical Charts

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```
hist_top_seeded_usopen<-function()
{
  library("ROracle")
  drv<-dbDriver("Oracle")
  #Establish the connection...
  conn<-dbConnect(drv,"SYSTEM","ROracle123")
  #Execute and fetch query and return to Q data frame:
  Q<-dbGetQuery(con,"select winner_seed from TENNIS_MATCHES_2016 where tourney_name='US Open' AND
winner_seed is not null")
  dbDisconnect(conn)
  #Create a histogram of the data now inside R, give title name and axis titles:
  h<-hist(Q$WINNER_SEED,main="ALL US OPEN MATCHES IN 2016",xlab="Winner Seed",ylab="Matches Won")
}
```



Oracle R Offerings:

Oracle R Distribution: Oracle created their own distribution of the R package.

Oracle R Enterprise: Integration of R

Oracle R Advanced Analytics for Hadoop

ROracle: package for high performance connection from R to Oracle databases

<http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/database/database-technologies/r/r-technologies/r-offerings-1566363.html>

Oracle R Enterprise

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- R objects are stored in the oracle database, not in memory in the R workspace
- Offers parallel processing
- Helps resolve in-memory limitations and single threadness of open source R
- <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/database/database-technologies/r/r-enterprise/overview/index.html>

DEMO Using ROBDC / ROracle

Environment:

Oracle 12c Enterprise Version / R 3.2.4 / Windows 8

```
Connected to:  
Oracle Database 12c Enterprise Edition Release 12.1.0.2.0 - 64bit Production  
With the Partitioning, OLAP, Advanced Analytics and Real Application Testing opt  
ions
```

```
R version 3.2.4 Revised (2016-03-16 r70336) -- "Very Secure Dishes"  
Copyright (C) 2016 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing  
Platform: x86_64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit)
```

Session Summary

- ▶ R is an open source language for statistics but can also be used as a general purpose data processing language.
- ▶ There are Enterprise versions available, including Oracle R Enterprise
- ▶ There are a variety of ways to get data into R.
- ▶ I can connect directly to an Oracle database by using RODBBC / ROracle / RJDBC
- ▶ Use: RSEEK (rseek.org) : a specialized search engine to get more information.

