

How to install the latest version of R

R is open-source statistical software that you can download for free to your own computer. For more information on R (including manuals, general and platform-specific FAQs, and more information on downloading R), go to the closest CRAN homepage (Sweden):

<http://ftp.sunet.se/pub/lang/CRAN/>

Windows (95 and later)

Download the latest Windows release of R by going to:

<http://ftp.sunet.se/pub/lang/CRAN/bin/windows/base/release.htm>

You should be downloading a file called:

R-2.6.2-win32.exe

Run this program. Follow the instructions in this program to finish installing R. Unless you are an advanced user, there is no need to customize the installation procedure. To open R, click on the Windows shortcut that has been created on the desktop and/or the start menu.

Mac OS X

Get the latest Mac OS X 10.4.4 and higher release of R by downloading:

<http://ftp.sunet.se/pub/lang/CRAN/bin/macosx/R-2.6.2.dmg>

Save the .dmg file to a known location. When the file is finished downloading, open it by double-clicking on the downloaded file called R-2.6.2.dmg. A disc image will be 'mounted' on your desktop called R-2.6.2. Open this new disc image by double-clicking on it (it may have already opened automatically for you), and then double-click on the R.mpkg file. Follow the prompts of the installation program. You do not need to customize the installation for the purposes of this class. Once the installer program has run, the R program will be stored in the Applications folder on your computer. You can open the program just like any other, by double-clicking on the R icon.

(Note that R-2.6.2 is the current version of R as of 4/21/2008. This version number will change every few months.)