

Introduction to the Devore6 package for R

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1 What is R?

R is freely available, open source, computer system for statistical analysis and graphics. It can be downloaded from the main R information site www.r-project.org, from the Comprehensive R Archive Network site cran.r-project.org, or from any of the mirrors of that site. For example, those in the United States can expect faster downloads from the U.S. mirror cran.us.r-project.org.

Binary versions of R are available for computers running Microsoft Windows (Windows 95 or later), for the Macintosh (OS X), and for various distributions of Linux. The source code is also available on the archives but it is unlikely that you will need to compile R for an introductory Statistics course.