

Downloading and Installing the R Program

To download the latest version of the R program, open your web browser and go to:

cran.stat.sfu.ca

In the center of the screen at the top, you will see a section entitled “Download and Install R” with 3 links corresponding to different operating systems.

For Windows:

1. Click on the “Windows” link.
 2. Then, click on the “base” link.
 3. There is then a list of 6 different links related to the R program, choose the 4th one down, the “.exe” file and click on it.
 4. This will bring up a “Save File” option. Choose to Save it. This activates the download.
 5. Once the download is complete, find that file (for many of you it will be on your “Desktop”) and double-click on it. This will start the installation process.
 6. You will have several options about how to install the program. Stick to the standard set-up procedures. No need to change anything (other than possibly a “Full” rather than the “Standard” file installations).
 7. Once you have completed the set-up, you should have a desktop icon that you can double-click and start the R program.
- **Special Notes for Installing on a USB drive:**
 - If you are saving it to a USB drive and plan to run R from there, rather than the desktop, you will need to move (copy and paste) the downloaded installation file (Step 5) into your USB drive folder before starting the installation process.
 - Also, you will not have a start-up shortcut icon. To start the R program, go to the folder on your USB drive where you installed the R program. Open that folder and then open the “bin” folder. Inside of the bin folder, you will find a file called “Rgui”. Double click that to start the R program.

For MacOSx:

1. Click on the “MacOS X” link.
2. Then, click on the very first file available, something like, R-2.7.2.dmg.
3. This will bring up a “Save File” option. Choose to Save it. This activates the download.
4. Once the download is complete, find this file, open it, and double-click on the “R.mpkg” file.
5. This will start the installation process as above.