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We have probably omitted some important names here because of incomplete record keeping. If we have overlooked you, please let us know and we'll update the list. Many more, too numerous to mention here, have contributed by sending bug reports and suggesting various improvements.

A special debt is owed to John Chambers who has graciously contributed advice and encouragement in the early days of R and later became a member of the core team.

R Resources

by the R Core Team

Frequently Asked Questions

A collection of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and their answers is maintained by Kurt Hornik and can be found at the URL http://www.ci.tuwien.ac.at/~hornik/R/R-FAQ.html.

A text version is in file 'FAQ' in the top directory of the R sources, and an HTML version is available via the on-line help (on the index page given by help.start()).

Archives

The Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN) is a collection of sites which carry identical material, consisting of the R distribution(s), the contributed extensions, documentation for R, and binaries.

The CRAN master site (in Vienna, Austria) can be found at the URLs

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http://cran.r-project.org/
ftp://cran.r-project.org/pub/R/
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and is mirrored daily at many sites: see the list at http://cran.r-project.org/mirrors.html.

Mailing Lists

Thanks to Martin Maechler there are number of mailing lists which are used by R users and developers. They are

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r-announce@lists.r-project.org:
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announcements of new R releases or applications.

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r-help@lists.r-project.org:
general inquiries and discussion about R.
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r-devel@lists.r-project.org:
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discussions about the future of R and pretesting of new versions.

To subscribe (or unsubscribe) to these mailing list send 'subscribe' (or 'unsubscribe') in the *body* of the message (not in the subject!) to

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r-announce-request@lists.r-project.org
r-help-request@lists.r-project.org
r-devel-request@lists.r-project.org
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Browsable archives of the mailing lists can be found at http://www.r-project.org/. Text files (in Unix mail folder format) of the archives are made available monthly; see the 'doc/mail/mail.html' file on any CRAN node.

Bug-tracking System

R has a bug-tracking system (or perhaps a bug-filing system is a more precise description) available on the net at

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http://bugs.r-project.org/
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and via e-mail to r-bugs@r-project.org. The R function bug.report() can be used to invoke an editor from within an R session and send the report to the right address. It also fills in some basic information, such as your R version and operating system, which has proved helpful in the debugging process.

The source distribution has a file 'BUGS' at the top level giving a summary of the entries at the time the R distribution was prepared.

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