

# Basic Code in R

## Running Functions

*Using R as a calculator*

Addition is +  
Subtraction is -  
Multiplication is \*  
Division is /

*Using R Functions*

```
sum(1,1) # Calculates the sum of 1 and 1
sum(1,1,2) # Calculates the sum of 1 and 1 and 2
sum(1:100) # Calculates the sum of all numbers from 1 to 1000

sum(age) # Calculates the sum of all the values from the vector 'age' (see below)
```

## Creating objects

<- (less than sign and dash) or = (equal sign) can be used to assign one or more values to a name. This creates an object in R that can be used to call on the stored information when running functions.

**IMPORTANT:** R will overwrite objects and files of the same name without any warning.

Some examples of objects:

*Vectors*

```
age <- c(16,21,18,19)
# This creates a numeric vector with 4 elements called 'age'

name <- c("John","Mary","Paul","Jane")
# This creates a character vector with 4 elements called 'name'

male <- c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, FALSE)
# This creates a logical vector with 4 elements called 'male'
```

*Data frames*

```
survey <- data.frame(name = name, age = age, male = male)
# This creates a data frame out of the three vectors above.
```

More information on different data types can be found here:

<http://www.statmethods.net/input/datatypes.html>  
[https://www.tutorialspoint.com/r/r\\_data\\_types.htm](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/r/r_data_types.htm)

*Adding comments*

```
# Add one (or more) hashtags to add comments to your R Script.
```

When working on the R Script, the text in comments will turn green. This means that R will not treat this as code. A new # needs to be added at the beginning of every line. Anything in black is treated as code.

## Installing and loading packages

CRAN packages website: <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/>

### Installing a package

*Installation via menu*

1. Go to **Tools** -> **Install Packages**
2. Type *ggplot2* into the empty field in the dialogue box that appears
3. Click on **Install**

OR

*Installation via R code*

```
install.packages("ggplot2")
```

### Loading a package

```
library(ggplot2)
```

**Note:** A package needs to be re-loaded using `library()` each time a new session is started. For example, if `ggplot2` is used and then RStudio is closed and re-opened, `library(ggplot2)` needs to be run again before functions from the package can be used.

## Getting help in R

R function	What does it do
<code>help()</code>	Opens the help notes for a particular function
<code>?</code>	Opens the help notes for a particular function
<code>??</code>	Searches for a specific word in the help section
<code>example()</code>	Gives examples of how to use a function

Examples:

```
help(sum) # Help with the function sum()
?sum      # Help with the function sum()
??boxplot # Searching for the word 'boxplot' in all the help files
example(sum) # Gives examples of how to use the sum() function
```

The help notes will appear under the **Help** tab in the bottom-right pane.