

The purpose of this document is to provide clear instructions on how to install R on a Windows or Macintosh computer. Please send comments to Bret Larget ([larget@stat.wisc.edu](mailto:larget@stat.wisc.edu)) if you have suggestions for improvement based on your experience in following these directions.

### Downloading R from the Web

Go the R mirror at <http://cran.us.r-project.org/>.

**Windows (95 or later)** Click on the link **Windows (95 and later)**, then click on the link **base/**, and finally click on **rw2011.exe** (or the most recent version which could have a larger number). This begins the download of a file whose size is about 25MB. After the download is complete, double click on the downloaded file and follow the on-screen installation instructions.

**Macintosh (OS X)** Assuming you have a relatively new Mac, click on the link **MacOS X(10.2.x and above)**. Then, click on the link **R-2.1.1.dmg (latest version)** (or the most recent version which could have a larger number). This file is about 30 Mb. Depending on your browser, you may need to press the Control key while you click the link to initiate the download.

There is likely an icon labeled R-2.1.1 (or a more recent version) on your desktop. Double click on this and then double click on the R.mpkg icon. Follow on-screen instructions to install.