

Tips for R on Mac OS X

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Problems starting R Commander

1. Solution 1: Download and install the newest R version from CRAN:
<http://cran.r-project.org>
2. Solution 2: If you have an R-version older than 3.0.0 and don't want to update:
 - a. Download and install the tcltk-library if this is not already done (tools-folder under Mac at CRAN)
 - b. If it still does not work, try to update X11. See <http://socserv.socsci.mcmaster.ca/jfox/Misc/Rcmdr/installation-notes.html>
3. Start R and write and execute the following code:
`source(url("http://repository.umb.no/R/run.R"))`

Removing error message “Default locale” in the R Console

1. Open Terminal
2. Write or paste in:
`defaults write org.R-project.R force.LANG en_US.UTF-8`
or alternatively:
`defaults write org.R-project.R force.LANG no_NO.UTF-8`
3. Close Terminal
4. Start R

Writing in a new data set in R Commander

1. Choose menu Data -> New data set (OS X)...
2. New column with numbers:
Click the icon at the top-left or choose `⇧⌘c` on your keyboard
3. New column with text/factor:
Click the icon at the top-left while pressing the `⇧` (key for capital letters) or choose `⇧⇧⌘c`

4. Navigating in the table may be done by using <tabulator> (->|) to change column and arrow keys to change row. There is no need of using <line shift> to confirm entries.

Copying figures

1. Make the figure
2. With the figure in focus, press ⌘c
3. Choose a document to receive the figure and press ⌘v

Figures in separate small windows, e.g. 11"

Standard plot window in R is too big for small screen son Mac, and the content may not fit the window until it is re-sized. You may change the standard plot window by:

1. Open R (not R Commander),
2. Press ⌘, (cmd and comma),
3. Choose the Quartz-tab and choose "Override R Quartz width/height parameters".
4. Width 5 inches and height 4 inches should suffice for most screens.