

Class 03: An Introduction to Linux and R

Held: Monday, 28 January 2008

Summary: We begin to explore the computer tools that you will need for this course.

Notes:

- The stairways are a nightmare. I'll understand if people are late to class today.
- There seems to be some gossip that I don't like our textbook. That's false. I very much like the textbook. I'm just not sure that it will serve long-term as a reference.
- There seems to be have been some confusion about how to do assignments. When I tell you to do a whole topic on your own (which will be rare), you should do it in your textbook or lab notebook. When I ask for homework problems, you should do them on separate paper, which you turn in in class. At times, I'll ask you to email me something, but that will be rare.
- Today's R lab is a bit experimental, so we may use the next class for it, too.
- I'd like you to try to do Topic 3 on your own, for Wednesday.
- Answers will probably be posted after class today. Sorry for the delay.

- Preparation: No preparatory work required.
- Handouts: Getting Started with Linux and Getting Started with R.
- Due: Activities 2-9, 2-11, 2-14.

Overview:

- A bit about Linux.
- A bit about R.
- Work with R.

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