

The Rattle Package: Quick Start Guide

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1 Introduction

Rattle (Williams, 2011) is a package written in R providing a graphical user interface to very many other R packages that provide functionality for data mining.

This quick start guide is under development. See <http://rattle.togaware.com> for extensive documentation

2 Requirements

Rattle depends on over 40 other R packages and a couple of other software applications/libraries that are independent of R. The first thing to ensure is that you have installed the GTK+ libraries and the GGui application. This is operating system dependent and full installation instructions are available from <http://rattle.togaware.com/>.

Only a couple of R packages are dependencies for Rattle. Most are suggestions, but without them functionality is quite limited. At a minimum it is useful to ensure you have the [RGtk2](#) package installed. Others that you might like to install include: [ada](#), [arules](#), [doBy](#), [ellipse](#), [fBasics](#), [fpc](#), [gplots](#), [Hmisc](#), [kernlab](#), [mice](#), [party](#), [playwith](#), [pmml](#), [randomForest](#), [reshape](#), [rggobi](#), [RGtk2](#), [ROCR](#), [RODBC](#), and [rpart](#).

The packages will usually be installed with the following command:

```
> install.packages(rattle, dependencies=c("Depends", "Suggests"))
```

The latest beta version of rattle is available from <http://rattle.togaware.com/>:

```
> install.packages("rattle", repos="http://rattle.togaware.com", type="source")
```

3 First Steps

Start up rattle:

```
> library(rattle)
> rattle()
```

4 References

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