# INTRODUCTION TO R/RSTUDIO FOR NEW USERS

# OUTLINE

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- Appendix: External Resources

# PART I PERSONAL BACKGROUND

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- <u>The Book of R</u> (Tilman M. Davies)
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- <u>swirl</u> (Nick Carchedi, Brian Caffo, Sean Kross, et al.)
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- <u>RStatistics.net</u>
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