

# Can the Hello World Program be written in R using the RStudio IDE?

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The Hello World Program is a simple code that is used to display the text "Hello World" on a computer screen. It is often used as a starting point for learning a new programming language. R is a popular programming language used for statistical computing and graphics. The RStudio IDE (Integrated Development Environment) is a powerful tool that provides a user-friendly interface for writing and executing R code. Therefore, it is possible to write the Hello World Program in R using the RStudio IDE. This can be achieved by using the "print" function in R to display the desired text on the screen. Overall, the combination of R and the RStudio IDE provides a convenient platform for beginners to practice coding and for professionals to develop complex projects.

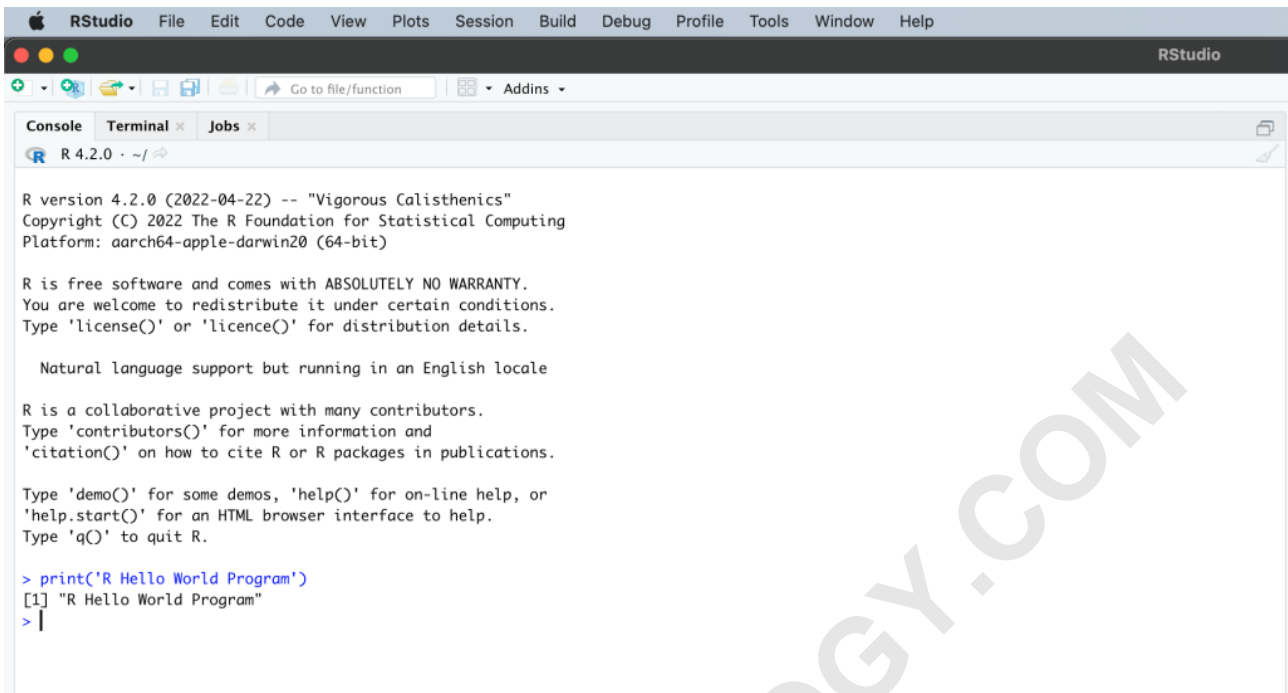
Let's see how to run a Hello World program in R programming language from **RStudio IDE**, command prompt using **rscript**. When you are learning any programming language we basically want to see execute a simple statement that we call as Hello World program. Executing this R hello world program also helps us to check if our R install is successfully done.

In case you do not have R Install R and RStudio IDE, please have them installed before you proceed with this article. Below I have provided quick URLs to download and install.

Download the R package from the R official website. Download RStudio IDE

## 1. Run R Hello World Program in RStudio

In order to run the **hello world program in R**, open RStudio IDE from your system which brings you the below RSudio application. On the IDE, go to the console tab and type `print('R Hello World Program')` on the prompt and press enter to execute the statement.

A screenshot of the RStudio IDE interface. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, Code, View, Plots, Session, Build, Debug, Profile, Tools, Window, and Help. Below the menu bar is a toolbar with icons for file operations and a search bar. The main window is titled 'RStudio' and contains a 'Console' tab. The console shows the R version 4.2.0 (2022-04-22) and the output of a print statement: > print('R Hello World Program') [1] "R Hello World Program". A large watermark 'ARABPSYCHOLOGY.COM' is overlaid diagonally across the console output.

```
R version 4.2.0 (2022-04-22) -- "Vigorous Calisthenics"
Copyright (C) 2022 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
Platform: aarch64-apple-darwin20 (64-bit)

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R is a collaborative project with many contributors.
Type 'contributors()' for more information and
'citation()' on how to cite R or R packages in publications.

Type 'demo()' for some demos, 'help()' for on-line help, or
'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.
Type 'q()' to quit R.

> print('R Hello World Program')
[1] "R Hello World Program"
> |
```

## 2. Hello World Program with R Dataframe

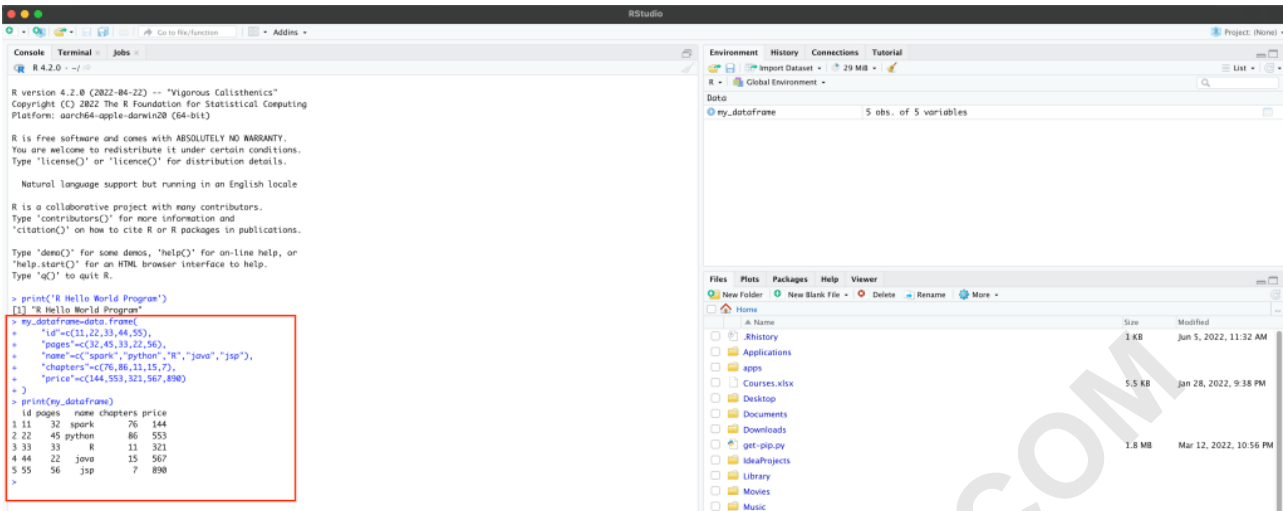
Above Hello Word program in R doesn't exactly show the benefit of the R hence, let's create a data frame which is the main feature of R programming language.

You can initialize an R data frame by using `data.frame()` function. Dataframe in R stores the data in the form of rows and columns similar to RDBMS tables. So it is a two-dimensional data structure such that one dimension refers to the row and another dimension refers to a column.

```
#Create dataframe
my_dataframe=data.frame(
  "id"=c(11,22,33,44,55),
  "pages"=c(32,45,33,22,56),
  "name"=c("spark","python","R","java","jsp"),
  "chapters"=c(76,86,11,15,7),
  "price"=c(144,553,321,567,890)
)
```

```
#Display the dataframe
print(my_dataframe)
```

Yields the output in a table.



### 3. Run R Program From Command Line (File or Script)

Running R programs from an RStudio would be helpful during the development where you wanted to run the statements and validate the output. But in real-time we would write the r programs in the R script file with extension .r and run it from the command line.

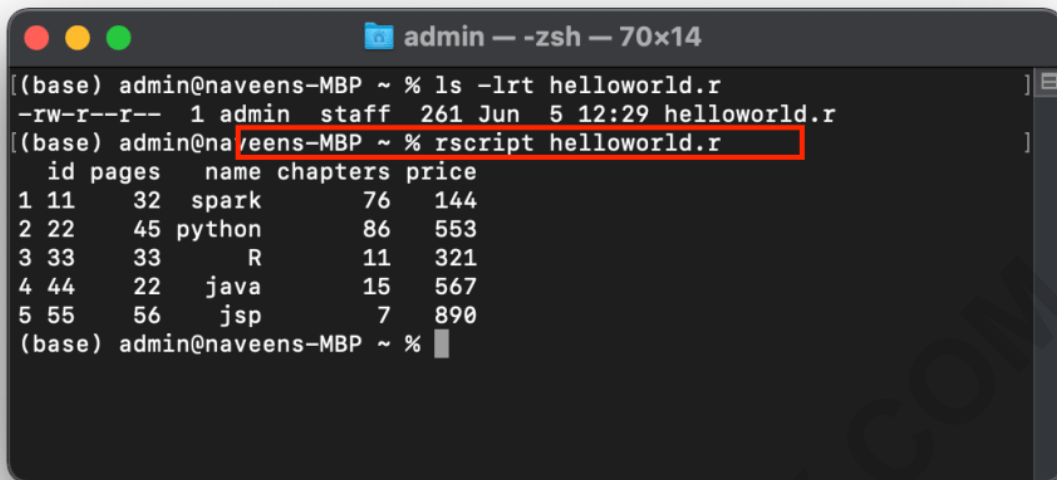
#### 3.1 Create an R Program in a Notepad

Open your favorite text editor and create a `helloworld.r` file with the data frame and print statements (explained in section 2). Us the following link to learn more about different ways to create a DataFrame in R.



R script file

Now open the terminal or command prompt and run the r script file using `rscript` command. If you stored the file in a custom path then use the absolute path of the script to execute.



```

admin — -zsh — 70x14
(base) admin@naveens-MBP ~ % ls -lrt helloworld.r
-rw-r--r--  1 admin  staff  261 Jun  5 12:29 helloworld.r
(base) admin@naveens-MBP ~ % rscript helloworld.r
  id pages  name chapters price
1  11   32  spark      76   144
2  22   45  python     86   553
3  33   33    R         11   321
4  44   22   java      15   567
5  55   56   jsp        7   890
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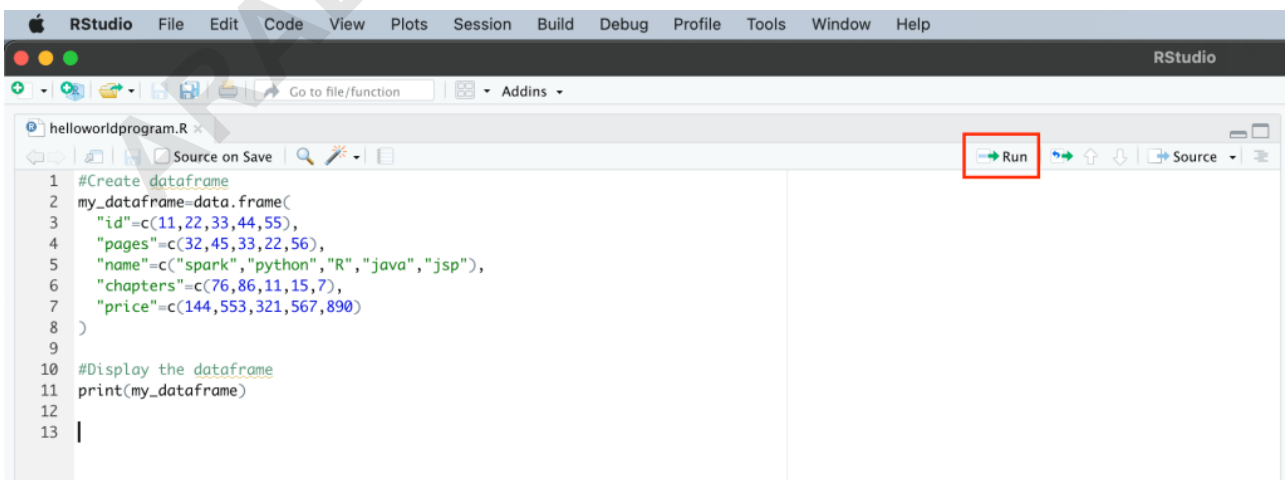
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Execute rscript from command line

### 3.2 Use File from RStudio IDE

Alternatively, you can also write the R script on RStudio IDE. On RStudio, go to **File -> New File -> R Script**, write an R script file with the above statements, and save it with a file name.

Select the statement you wanted to run and click on the **Run** option to run the selected statement. In order to run all statements from the R script, select all and click on the Run option.



```

RStudio File Edit Code View Plots Session Build Debug Profile Tools Window Help
helloworldprogram.R x
Source on Save
1 #Create dataframe
2 my_dataframe=data.frame(
3   "id"=c(11,22,33,44,55),
4   "pages"=c(32,45,33,22,56),
5   "name"=c("spark","python","R","java","jsp"),
6   "chapters"=c(76,86,11,15,7),
7   "price"=c(144,553,321,567,890)
8 )
9
10 #Display the dataframe
11 print(my_dataframe)
12
13 |
Run

```

RStudio IDE

## 4. Run R Program from Online

Lately, there are online tools pretty much for every programming language where you can run the test programs online without installing the IDE and language package on your system. These online editors are useful when you are learning programming languages like R.

Below is a list of online editors to run the R programming language online.

[https://rextester.com/l/r\\_online\\_compiler](https://rextester.com/l/r_online_compiler)

## 5. Conclusion

In this article, you have learned how to execute R hello world simple program by executing on RStudio and running from the file.

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