

Rcpp Quick Reference Guide

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Important Notes

```
// If you experience compiler errors, please check that you
// have an appropriate version of g++. See 'Rcpp-FAQ' for more
// information.
```

```
// Many of the examples here imply the following:
#include <Rcpp.h>
using namespace Rcpp;
// The cppFunction will automatically add this.
```

```
// Or, prefix Rcpp objects with the Rcpp namespace e.g.:
Rcpp::NumericVector xx(10);
```

Create simple vectors

```
SEXP x; std::vector<double> y(10);

// from SEXP
NumericVector xx(x);

// of a given size (filled with 0)
NumericVector xx(10);
// ... with a default for all values
NumericVector xx(10, 2.0);

// range constructor
NumericVector xx( y.begin(), y.end() );

// using create
NumericVector xx = NumericVector::create(
    1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0 );
NumericVector yy = NumericVector::create(
    Named["foo"] = 1.0,
    _["bar"] = 2.0 ); // _ short for Named
```

Extract and set single elements

```
// extract single values
double x0 = xx[0];
double x1 = xx(1);

double y0 = yy["foo"];
double y1 = yy["bar"];

// set single values
xx[0] = 2.1;
xx(1) = 4.2;

yy["foo"] = 3.0;

// grow the vector
yy["foobar"] = 10.0;
```

Using matrices

```
// Initializing from SEXP
// dimensions handled automatically
SEXP x;
NumericMatrix xx(x);

// Matrix of 4 rows & 5 columns (filled with 0)
NumericMatrix xx(4, 5);

// Fill with value
int xsize = xx.nrow() * xx.ncol();
for (int i = 0; i < xsize; i++) {
    xx[i] = 7;
}

// Same as above, using STL fill
std::fill(xx.begin(), xx.end(), 8);

// Assign this value to single element
// (1st row, 2nd col)
xx(0,1) = 4;

// Reference the second column
// Changes propagate to xx (same applies for Row)
NumericMatrix::Column zzcol = xx( _, 1);
zzcol = zzcol * 2;

// Copy the second column into new object
NumericVector zz1 = xx( _, 1);
// Copy the submatrix (top left 3x3) into new object
NumericMatrix zz2 = xx( Range(0,2),
    Range(0,2));
```

Inline C++ Compile in R

```
## Note - this is R code.
## cppFunction in Rcpp allows rapid testing.
require(Rcpp)

cppFunction("
NumericVector exfun(NumericVector x, int i){
    x = x*i;
    return x;
}")

exfun(1:5, 3)

## Use evalCpp to evaluate C++ expressions
evalCpp("std::numeric_limits<double>::max()")
```

Interface with R

```
## In R, create a package shell. For details,
see the "Writing R Extensions" manual.
```

```
Rcpp::package::skeleton("myPackage")
```

```
## Add R code to pkg R/ directory. Call C++
function. Do type-checking in R.
```

```
myfunR = function(Rx, Ry) {
  ret = .Call("myCfun", Rx, Ry,
             package="myPackage")
  return(ret)
}
```

```
// Add C++ code to pkg src/ directory.
```

```
using namespace Rcpp;
```

```
// Define function as extern with RcppExport
```

```
RcppExport SEXP myCfun( SEXP x, SEXP y) {
  // If R/C++ types match, use pointer to x. Pointer is
  // faster, but changes to xx propagate to R ( xx -> x == Rx).
  NumericVector xx(x);
  // clone is slower and uses extra memory. Safe, R-like.
  NumericVector yy(clone(y));
  xx[0] = yy[0] = -1.5;
  int zz = xx[0];
  // use wrap() to return non-SEXP objects, e.g:
  // return(wrap(zz));
  // Build and return a list
  List ret; ret["x"] = xx; ret["y"] = yy;
  return(ret);
}
```

```
## From shell, above package directory
```

```
R CMD check myPackage ## Optional
```

```
R CMD INSTALL myPackage
```

```
## In R:
```

```
require(myPackage)
aa = 1.5; bb = 1.5; cc = myfunR(aa, bb)
aa == bb ## FALSE, C++ modifies aa
aa = 1:2; bb = 1:2; cc = myfunR(aa, bb)
identical(aa, bb)
## TRUE, R/C++ types don't match
```

STL interface

```
// sum a vector from beginning to end
double s = std::accumulate(x.begin(),
                           x.end(), 0.0);
// prod of elements from beginning to end
int p = std::accumulate(vec.begin(),
                        vec.end(), 1, std::multiplies<int>());
// inner_product to compute sum of squares
double s2 = std::inner_product(res.begin(),
                                res.end(), res.begin(), 0.0);
```

Rcpp Attributes

```
// Add code below into C++ file Rcpp_example.cpp
```

```
#include <Rcpp.h>
using namespace Rcpp;
```

```
// Place the export tag right above function declaration.
```

```
// [[Rcpp::export]]
```

```
double muRcpp(NumericVector x){
  int n = x.size(); // Size of vector
  double sum = 0; // Sum value
```

```
  // For loop, note cpp index shift to 0
  for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){
    // Shorthand for sum = sum + x[i]
    sum += x[i];
  }
```

```
  return sum/n; // Obtain and return the Mean
}
```

```
// Place dependent functions above call or
// declare the function definition with:
```

```
double muRcpp(NumericVector x);
```

```
// [[Rcpp::export]]
```

```
double varRcpp(NumericVector x, bool bias =
true){
```

```
  // Calculate the mean using C++ function
  double mean = muRcpp(x);
  double sum = 0;
  int n = x.size();
```

```
  for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){
    sum += pow(x[i] - mean, 2.0); // Square
  }
```

```
  return sum/(n-bias); // Return variance
}
```

```
## In R:
```

```
require(Rcpp)
sourceCpp("path/to/file/Rcpp_example.cpp")
x = 1:5;
all.equal(muRcpp(x), mean(x));
all.equal(var(x), varRcpp(x))
## TRUE
```

Rcpp Extensions

```
// Enable C++11
// [[Rcpp::plugins(cpp11)]]
```

```
// Enable OpenMP (excludes macOS)
// [[Rcpp::plugins(openmp)]]
```

```
// Use the RcppArmadillo package
// Requires different header file from Rcpp.h
```

```
#include <RcppArmadillo.h>
// [[Rcpp::depends(RcppArmadillo)]]
```

Rcpp sugar

```
NumericVector x = NumericVector::create(
  -2.0, -1.0, 0.0, 1.0, 2.0 );
IntegerVector y = IntegerVector::create(
  -2, -1, 0, 1, 2 );

NumericVector xx = abs( x );
IntegerVector yy = abs( y );

bool b = all( x < 3.0 ).is_true() ;
bool b = any( y > 2 ).is_true();

NumericVector xx = ceil( x );
NumericVector xx = ceiling( x );
NumericVector yy = floor( y );
NumericVector yy = floor( y );

NumericVector xx = exp( x );
NumericVector yy = exp( y );

NumericVector xx = head( x, 2 );
IntegerVector yy = head( y, 2 );

IntegerVector xx = seq_len( 10 );
IntegerVector yy = seq_along( y );

NumericVector xx = rep( x, 3 );
NumericVector xx = rep_len( x, 10 );
NumericVector xx = rep_each( x, 3 );

IntegerVector yy = rev( y );
```

Random functions

```
// Set seed
RNGScope scope;

// For details see Section 6.7.1--Distribution functions
of the 'Writing R Extensions' manual. In some cases (e.g.
rnorm), distribution-specific arguments can be omitted;
when in doubt, specify all dist-specific arguments. The use of
doubles rather than integers for dist-specific arguments is
recommended. Unless explicitly specified, log=FALSE.

// Equivalent to R calls
NumericVector xx = runif(20);
NumericVector xx1 = rnorm(20);
NumericVector xx1 = rnorm(20, 0);
NumericVector xx1 = rnorm(20, 0, 1);

// Example vector of quantiles
NumericVector quants(5);
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
  quants[i] = (i-2);
}

// in R, dnorm(-2:2)
NumericVector yy = dnorm(quants) ;
NumericVector yy = dnorm(quants, 0.0, 1.0) ;

// in R, dnorm(-2:2, mean=2, log=TRUE)
NumericVector yy = dnorm(quants, 2.0, true) ;

// Note - cannot specify sd without mean
// in R, dnorm(-2:2, mean=0, sd=2, log=TRUE)
NumericVector yy = dnorm(quants, 0.0, 2.0,
true) ;

// To get original R api, use Rf_*
double zz = Rf_rnorm(0, 2);
```

Environment

```
// Obtain an R environment
Environment stats("package:stats");
Environment env( 2 ); // by position

// Special environments
Environment::Rcpp_namespace();
Environment::base_env();
Environment::base_namespace();
Environment::global_env();
Environment::empty_env();

// Extract function from specific
// environment
Function rnorm = stats["rnorm"];

// Assign into the environment
glob["x"] = "foo";
glob["y"] = 3;

// Retrieve information from environment
std::string x = glob["x"];
glob.assign( "foo" , 3 );
int foo = glob.get( "foo" );
int foo = glob.find( "foo" );
CharacterVector names = glob.ls()
bool b = glob.exists( "foo" );
glob.remove( "foo" );

// Administration
glob.lockBinding("foo");
glob.unlockBinding("foo");
bool b = glob.bindingIsLocked("foo");
bool b = glob.bindingIsActive("foo");

// Retrieve related environments
Environment e = stats.parent();
Environment e = glob.new_child();
```

Calling Functions in R

```
// Do NOT expect to have a performance gain
// when calling R functions from R!

// Retrieve functions from default loaded environment
Function rnorm("rnorm");
rnorm(100, _["mean"] = 10.2, _["sd"] = 3.2 );

// Passing in an R function and obtaining results
// Make sure the function conforms with return type!
NumericVector callFunction(NumericVector x,
                           Function f) {
    NumericVector res = f(x);
    return res;
}

## In R:
x = 1:5
callFunction(x, sum)
```

Modules

```
// Warning -- At present, module-based objects do not
persist across quit(save="yes")/reload cycles. To be safe,
save results to R objects and remove module objects before
exiting R.

// To create a module-containing package from R, use:
Rcpp.package.skeleton("mypackage", module=TRUE)
// You will need to edit the RcppModules: line of the DE-
SCRIPTION file to match your module name (in this example,
from yada to mod_bar).

class Bar {
public:
    Bar(double x_) :
        x(x_), nread(0), nwrite(0) {}

    double get_x() {
        nread++; return x;
    }

    void set_x( double x_) {
        nwrite++; x = x_;
    }

    IntegerVector stats() const {
        return IntegerVector::create(
            _["read"] = nread,
            _["write"] = nwrite);
    }
private:
    double x; int nread, nwrite;
};

RCPP_MODULE(mod_bar) {
    class_<Bar>( "Bar" )
        .constructor<double>()
        .property( "x", &Bar::get_x, &Bar::set_x,
            "Docstring for x" )
        .method( "stats", &Bar::stats,
            "Docstring for stats" )
    ;}
```

```
## The following is R code.
require(mypackage); show(Bar)
b <- new(Bar, 10); b$x <- 10
b_persist <- list(stats=b$stats(), x=b$x)
rm(b)
```