Compiling R-packages from source on Windows systems

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You need to install:

1) http://www.stats.ox.ac.uk/pub/Rtools/tools.zip extracted from the cygwin distribution (http://www.cygwin.com/mirrors.html) or (gzip) compiled from the sources. Install it in cd R_HOME\src\gnuwin32

2) MinGW-2.0.0-2.exe from http://sourceforge.net/projects/mingw/. Install it in cd R_HOME\src\gnuwin32

3) The Windows port of perl5, available via http://www.activestate.com/Products/ActivePerl/. Important: Make sure it is at the front of your path.

Installation of Packages:

Assume that the name of the package you want to install is mypkg. Unpack it to a directory called mypkg, located in R_HOME\src\library, and run

cd R_HOME\src\gnuwin32
make pkg-mypkg

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