`farr`: reusable code and teaching data

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I recently released an update of the R package `farr` that provides data and code to support the book "Empirical Research in Accounting: Tools and Methods" to CRAN: `farr` on CRAN

The update was needed in part to address changes in the upstream data sources (current `farr` release notes).

One benefit of putting data and code in an R package is that a function can be introduced in one chapter and used in another without having to repeat the code or introduce dependencies between chapters. Also, it's an easy way to distribute small-ish data sets to students.

Some of the functions and data might be of interest even for researchers not using the book, such as the `winsorize()` function and the GVKEY-CIK table, `gvkey_ciks`.

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The current CRAN release is 1.1.1, published on 22 October 2026. For current code and data, use CRAN or the maintained GitHub source, with the package documentation. The release-notes link above is a current substitute for the original upstream-data reference, which remains recorded in the LinkedIn original.