

# RStudio

Introduction to R for Public Health Researchers

# Working with R

- ▶ The R Console “interprets” whatever you type
  - ▶ Calculator
  - ▶ Creating variables
  - ▶ Applying functions
- ▶ “Analysis” Script + Interactive Exploration
  - ▶ Static copy of what you did (reproducibility)
  - ▶ Try things out interactively, then add to your script

R essentially is a command line with a set of functions loaded

# R Uses Functions, in Packages

- ▶ R revolves around functions
  - ▶ Commands that take input, performs computations, and returns results
  - ▶ When you download R, it has a “base” set of functions/packages (**base R**)
- ▶ Functions are enclosed in packages
  - ▶ These written by R users/developers (like us) - **some are bad**
  - ▶ Think of them as “R Extensions”

# Using Packages

- ▶ You **need to know base R** - answers on Google commonly use it
- ▶ We will show you some newer and **more intuitive** ways to do things, not in base R
- ▶ RStudio (the company) makes a lot of great packages
- ▶ **Hadley Wickham** writes a lot of them (Employee and Developer at RStudio)
  - ▶ One authority on all things R
  - ▶ How to trust an R package: <http://simplystatistics.org/2015/11/06/how-i-decide-when-to-trust-an-r-package/>

# RStudio (the software)

RStudio is an Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for R

- ▶ It helps the user effectively use R.
- ▶ Makes things easier
- ▶ Is NOT dropdown statistical tools (such as Stata)
  - ▶ See Rcmdr or Radiant
- ▶ All snapshots in these slides are taken from <http://ayeimanol-r.net/2013/04/21/289/>

## Easier working with R

- ▶ Syntax highlighting, code completion, and smart indentation
- ▶ Easily manage multiple working directories and projects

## More information

- ▶ Workspace browser and data viewer
- ▶ Plot history, zooming, and flexible image and PDF export
- ▶ Integrated R help and documentation
- ▶ Searchable command history

# RStudio/R Console

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the R Console window active. The console displays the standard R startup message, which is circled with a large black oval. The message includes the R version (3.0.0), copyright information, and instructions on how to use R and its packages. The right-hand pane shows the 'Workspace' and 'History' tabs, and the bottom-right pane shows the 'Files', 'Plots', 'Packages', and 'Help' tabs. The 'Packages' tab is currently selected, displaying a list of installed and available packages.

```
R version 3.0.0 (2015-04-03) -- "Masked Marvel"  
Copyright (C) 2015 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing  
Platform: x86_64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit)  
  
R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.  
You are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions.  
Type 'license()' or 'licence()' for distribution details.  
  
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.  
  
>
```

Package	Version	Update
<a href="#">boot</a>	1.3-9	○
<a href="#">car</a>	2.0-16	○
<a href="#">class</a>	7.3-7	○
<a href="#">cluster</a>	1.34.4	○
<a href="#">codetools</a>	0.2-8	○
<a href="#">colorspace</a>	1.2-2	○
<a href="#">compiler</a>	3.0.0	○
<a href="#">datasets</a>	3.0.0	○
<a href="#">dichromat</a>	2.0-0	○



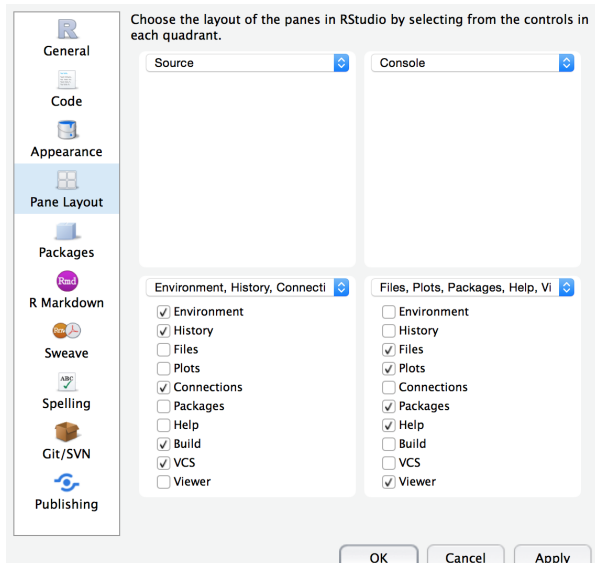
# RStudio/R Console

- ▶ Where code is executed (where things happen)
- ▶ You can type here for things interactively
- ▶ Code is **not saved** on your disk

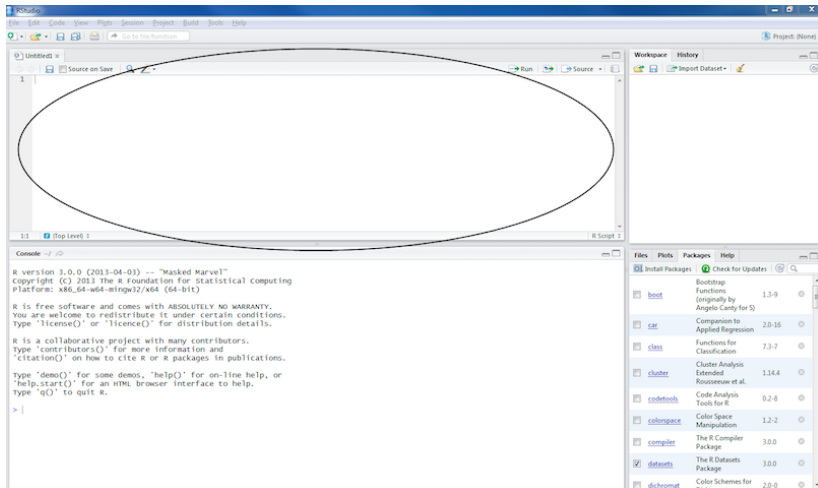
# RStudio Layout

If RStudio doesn't look like this (or our RStudio), then do:

RStudio → Preferences → Pane Layout



# Source/Editor



## Source

- ▶ Where files open to
- ▶ Have R code and comments in them
- ▶ Can highlight and press (CMD+Enter (Mac) or Ctrl+Enter (Windows)) to run the code

In a .R file (we call a script), code is saved on your disk

# Workspace/Environment

The screenshot displays the RStudio interface with three main panels:

- Source Editor:** Contains R code for loading packages and creating a ggplot. Lines 19 and 20 are highlighted in blue.
- Console:** Shows the execution of the code, including package attachment messages and the final plot command.
- Plots Panel:** Displays a scatter plot of mpg vs wt.

**Source Editor Code:**

```
1  
2  
3  
4 # load libraries of packages #####  
5  
6  
7 library(languageR)  
8 library(lme4)  
9 library(ggplot2)  
10 library(rms)  
11 library(plyr)  
12 library(reshape2)  
13 library(psych)  
14  
15  
16  
17 # plotting demonstration #####  
18  
19 p <- ggplot(mtcars, aes(wt, mpg))  
20 p + geom_point()  
21
```

**Console Output:**

```
Attaching package: 'plyr'  
  
The following object is masked from 'package:rmisc':  
  ls.discrete, summarize  
  
> library(reshape2)  
> library(psych)  
  
Attaching package: 'psych'  
  
The following object is masked from 'package:rmisc':  
  describe  
  
The following object is masked from 'package:ggplot2':  
  %>%  
  
> p <- ggplot(mtcars, aes(wt, mpg))  
> p + geom_point()  
>
```

**Workspace/History Panel:** A circle highlights the 'Values' tab, showing a single entry: 'p' with value 'gg[9]'.

**Plots Panel:** A scatter plot showing 'mpg' on the y-axis (ranging from 10 to 35) versus 'wt' on the x-axis (ranging from 2 to 5). The plot shows a negative correlation between weight and miles per gallon.

# Workspace/Environment

- ▶ Tells you what **objects** are in R
- ▶ What exists in memory/what is loaded?/what did I read in?

## History

- ▶ Shows previous commands. Good to look at for debugging, but **don't rely** on it as a script. Make a script!
- ▶ Also type the “up” key in the Console to scroll through previous commands

## Other Panes

- ▶ **Files** - shows the files on your computer of the directory you are working in
- ▶ **Viewer** - can view data or R objects
- ▶ **Help** - shows help of R commands
- ▶ **Plots** - pretty pictures
- ▶ **Packages** - list of R packages that are loaded in memory

# Useful R Studio Shortcuts

- ▶ `Ctrl + Enter` (`Cmd + Enter` on OS X) in your script evaluates that line of code
  - ▶ It's like copying and pasting the code into the console for it to run.
- ▶ `Ctrl+1` takes you to the script page
- ▶ `Ctrl+2` takes you to the console
- ▶ [http://www.rstudio.com/ide/docs/using/keyboard\\_shortcuts](http://www.rstudio.com/ide/docs/using/keyboard_shortcuts)