Intro to R

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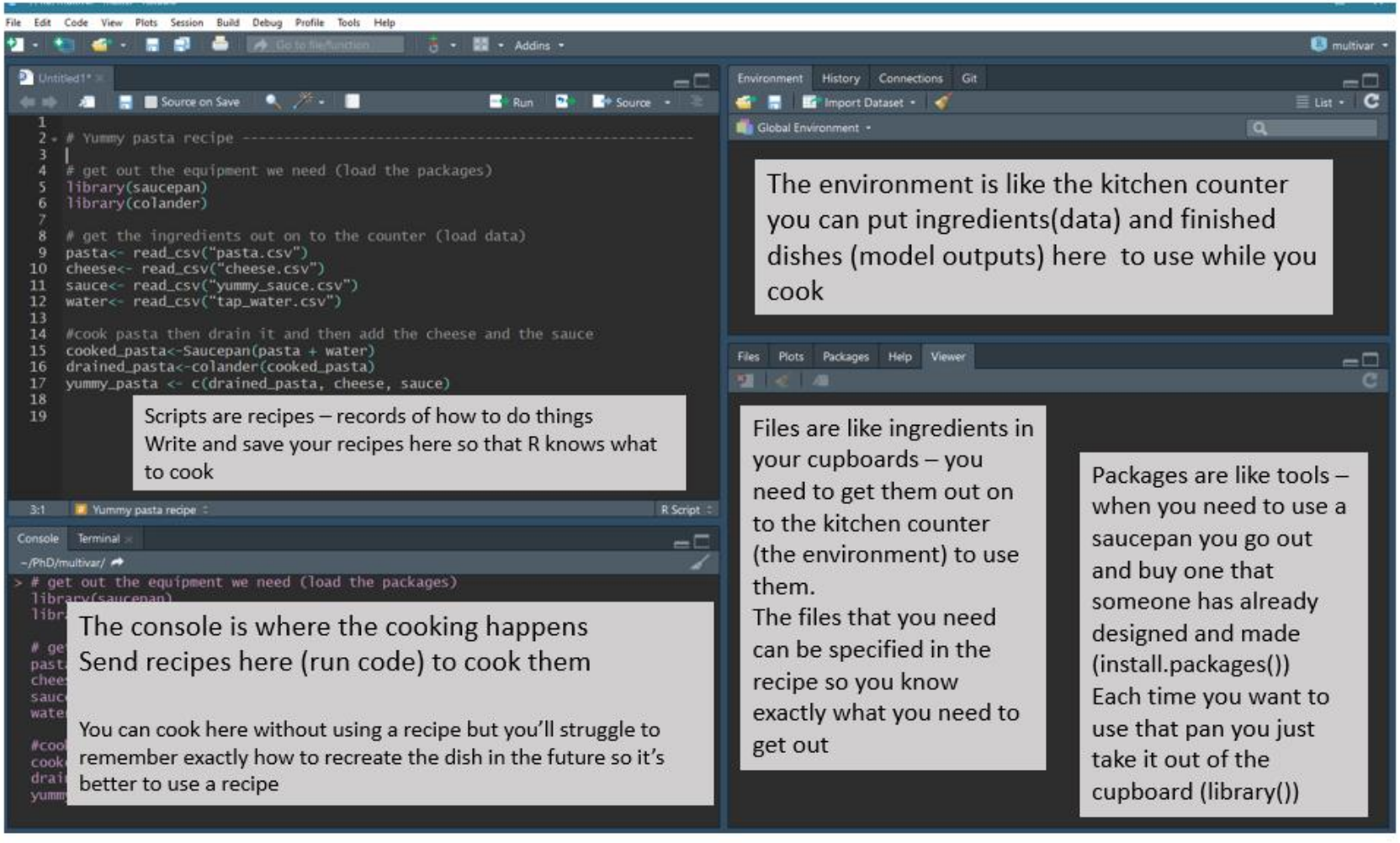
R and R studio

R: Engine

RStudio: Dashboard

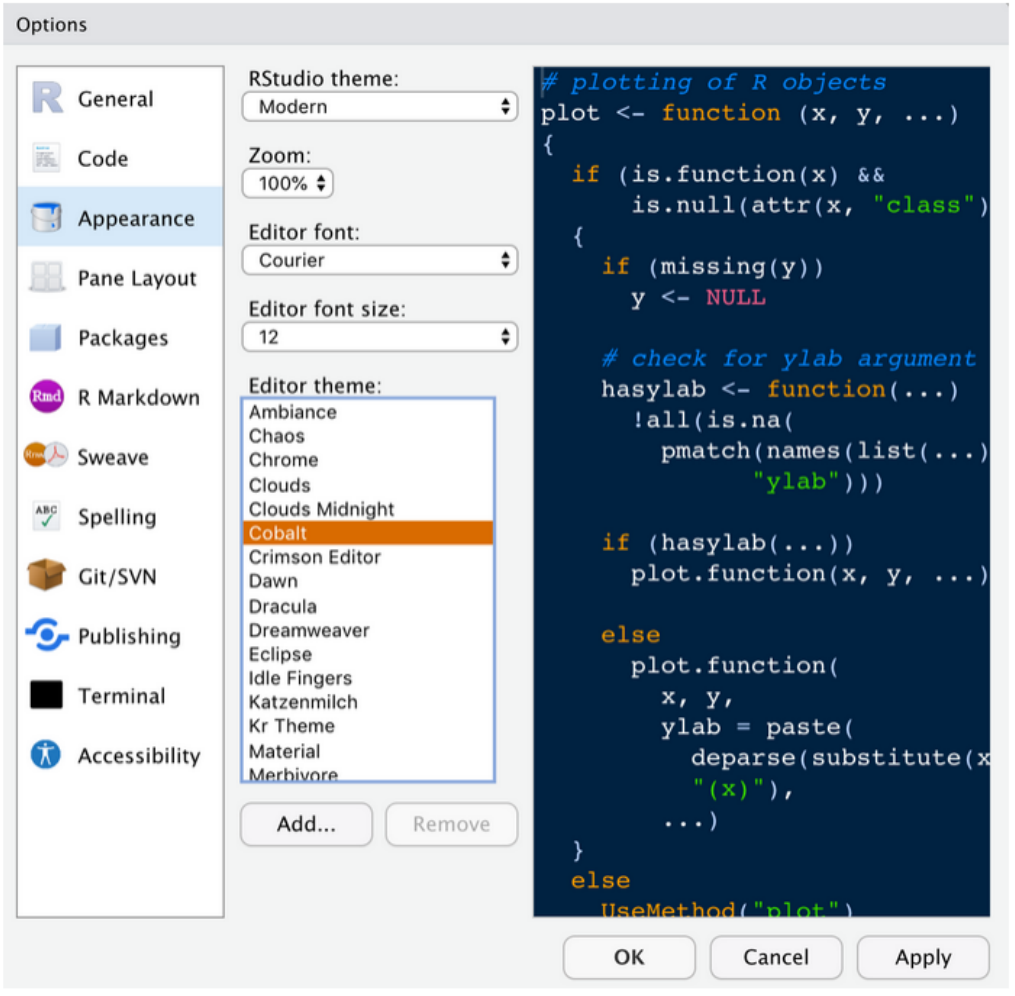
Source: Modern Drive

R Studio Interface



Source: R Ladies

Customizing R Studio



R as a calculator

```
2+2
```

```
## [1] 4
```

```
2/3
```

```
## [1] 0.6666667
```

```
log(10)
```

```
## [1] 2.302585
```

```
abs(-1)
```

```
## [1] 1
```

```
sqrt(9)
```

```
## [1] 3
```

Logical statements

Common logical operators:

- == (is equal)
- != (not equal)
- < (greater than), > (less than)
- & (and), | (or)

Logical statements

```
1 < 2
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
1 == 2
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

```
2 != 2
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

```
1 > 0 & 2 > 0
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
1 < 0 | 2 <= 3
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

PRACTICE

1) Calculate square root of 109090

2) What number is larger: The log of 2000 or the square root of 51? (Try to do this in one line only)

3) What is the maximum number between: the square root of 200, seven times 2, and log of 3000 (Try to do this in one line only)

Objects

- R is based on objects: variables, functions, dataframes, etc.

- Objects can be of different types (or "class"). The types of operations you can perform will depend on the class.

- Most common class of objects: numeric, character, logical, matrix, data.frame, list, function.

Objects

We usually want to store objects so we can work with them later. We do this by attributing a name to that object.

```
year <- 2020
```

What type of object is "year"?

```
class(year)
```

```
## [1] "numeric"
```

```
prof_name <- "Jean"
prof_name
```

```
## [1] "Jean"
```

```
class(prof_name)
```

```
## [1] "character"
```

Vectors (combining objects)

A vector is a combination of more than one object (of the same class). We can create vectors with c() which stands for "combine".

```
names <- c("Jean", "Amanda", "Pilar")
class(names)
```

```
## [1] "character"
```

```
grad_year <- c(2016, 2021, 2023)
class(grad_year)
```

```
## [1] "numeric"
```

```
area <- c("Methods", "American Politics", "Comparative Politics")
```

PRACTICE

1) Create an object with your first name and a second object with your last name.

2) Create a vector that contains your first and last name. (Try the function "paste" too)

Functions to describe numeric vectors

summary()

mean()

median()

sd()

var()

Dataframes

- Data frames are the core data structure in R. A data frame is a list of named vectors with the same length.
  - Data frames are *heterogenous*: the vectors in a data frames can each be of a different data type.
  - Columns are typically variables and rows are observations.
  - You can make make data frames with `data.frame()`, or by combining vectors with `cbind()` or `rbind()`.

Dataframes (combining vectors)

```
dataset <- cbind(names, grad_year, area)
dataset
```

```
##      names    grad_year area
## [1,] "Jean"   "2016"    "Methods"
## [2,] "Amanda" "2021"    "American Politics"
## [3,] "Pilar"  "2023"    "Comparative Politics"
```

```
dataset <- data.frame(names = c("Jean","Amanda","Pilar"),
                      grad_year = c(2016, 2021, 2023),
                      area = c("Methods", "American Politics", "Comparative Politics"))
dataset
```

```
##    names grad_year                area
## 1   Jean      2016             Methods
## 2 Amanda      2021    American Politics
## 3  Pilar      2023 Comparative Politics
```

Dataframes

Data frames can be indexed by using variable/column names: `df$var` or `df["var"]`.

```
dataset$names
```

```
## [1] "Jean"   "Amanda" "Pilar"
```

```
dataset$grad_year[dataset$names == "Jean"]
```

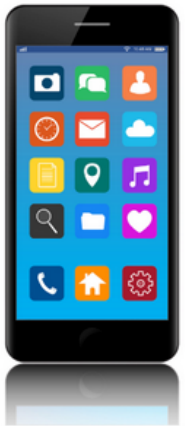
```
## [1] 2016
```

```
dataset$new_grad_year <- dataset$grad_year - 2

dataset$new_grad_year
```

```
## [1] 2014 2019 2021
```

Packages

R: A new phone	R Packages: Apps you can download
	

On phone	On R
Download app	install.packages("")
Open app	library()

Basics of R: Errors and Warnings

Error: If you get an error, the command will not be executed. This can be due to many things (including silly spelling mistakes, missing parentheses, etc.)

```
names <- "Jean", "Amanda", "Pilar"
```

```
## Error: <text>:1:16: unexpected ','
## 1: names <- "Jean",
##                    ^
```

In some occasions, R will warn you about this even before executing the code.

Basics of R: Errors and Warnings

If you get a warning, the command will still be executed, but with some tweaking.

```
x <- as.numeric(c("1", "2", "X"))
```

```
## Warning: NAs introduced by coercion
```

Make sure that "tweaking" still gets you the result you want.

```
x
```

```
## [1]  1  2 NA
```

Where to find help

1) In R:

- type ?mean
- In "Help" window on lower-right pane

2) Google

3) StackExchange, StackOverflow

4) Package documentation, Package vignettes

PRACTICE

1) Install and load the package "dplyr"

2) Find the help file for the command "mutate"