

R Lecture for Students

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PCA biplot
Fertility
Catholic
Agriculture
Education
| 1-3 60%

Clustering: 4 groups
Groups: 20, 10, 10, 10

Factor 1 (41%)
Factor 3 (16%)

Getting Started:

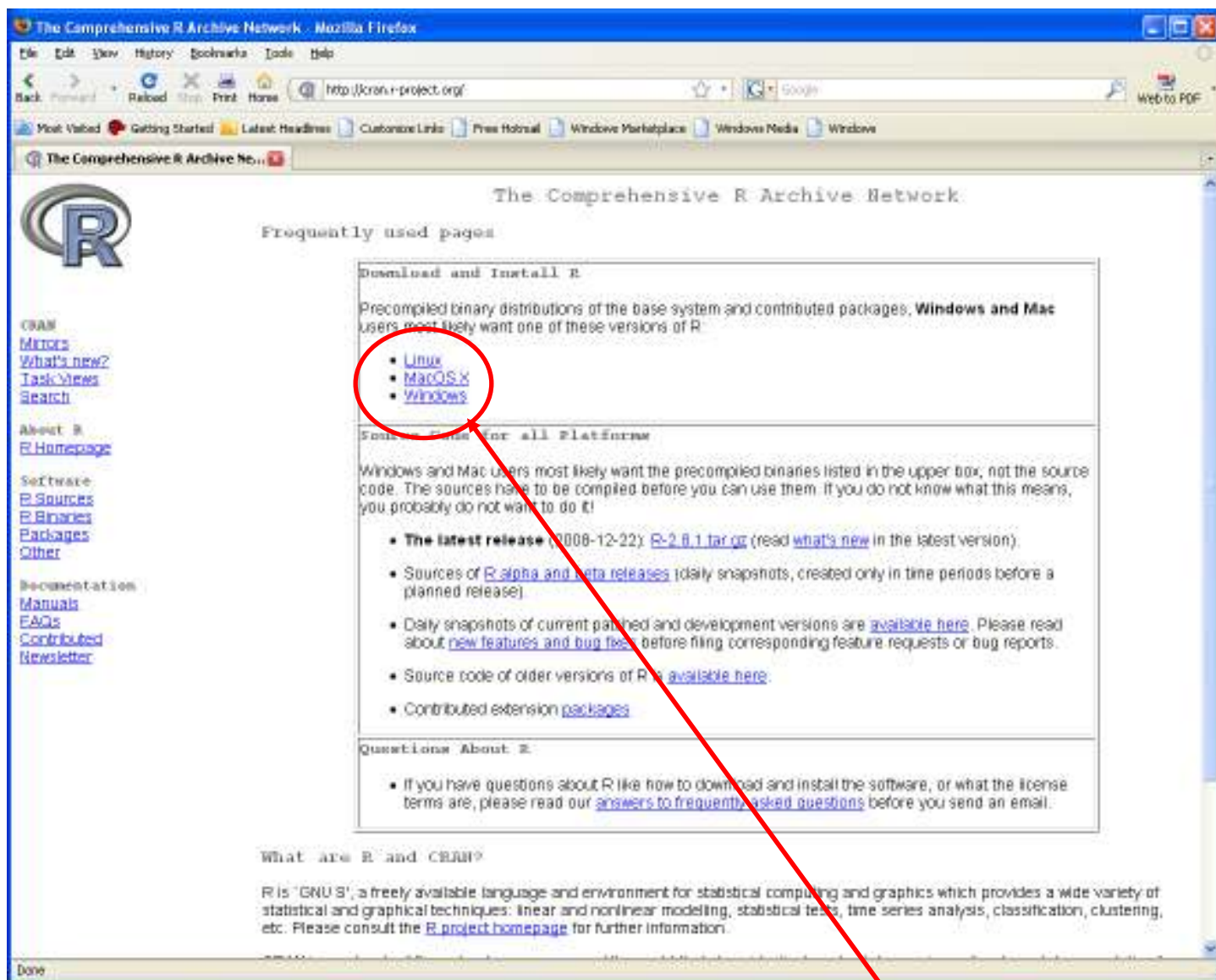
- R is a free software environment for statistical computing and graphics. It compiles and runs on a wide variety of UNIX platforms, Windows and MacOS. To download R, please choose your preferred [CRAN mirror](#).
- If you have questions about R like how to download and install the software, or what the license terms are, please read our [answers to frequently asked questions](#) before you send an email.

News:

- [useR! 2009](#), the R user conference, will be held at Agrocampus Rennes, France, July 8-10, 2009.
- [R 2.7.2 Release Candidates](#) will appear August 18-24. Final release is scheduled for 2008-08-25.
- [R version 2.7.1](#) has been released on 2008-06-23.
- [R News 8/1](#) has been published on 2008-05-27.
- [useR! 2008](#), has been held at Dortmund University, Germany, August 12-14, 2008.

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Getting R from CRAN website: <http://cran.r-project.org/>

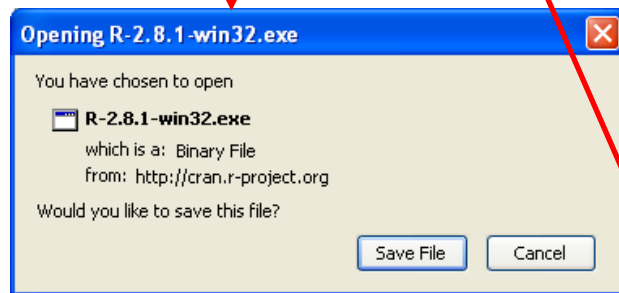
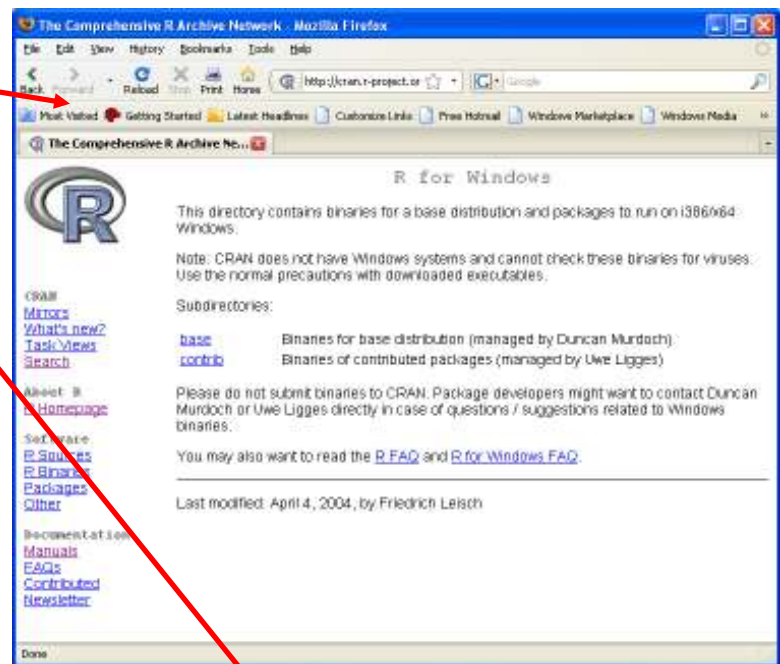


To download and install R on your computer, click the appropriate Operating System you have and follow the directions.

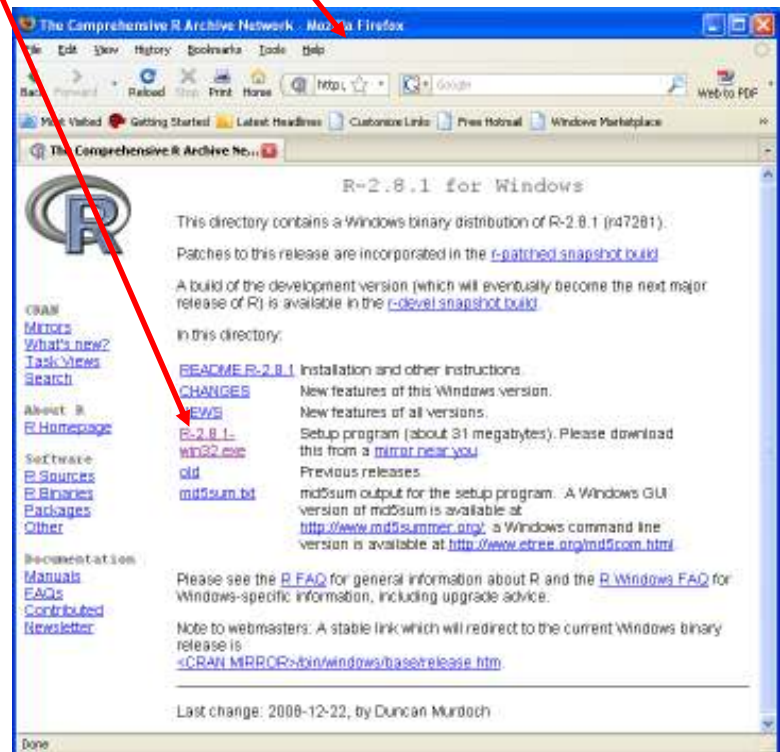
For example, for Windows users, clicking the Windows link get you to this:

Clicking on the [base](#) link gets you to:

Finally, clicking on the [R-2.8.1-win32.exe](#) link, gets you



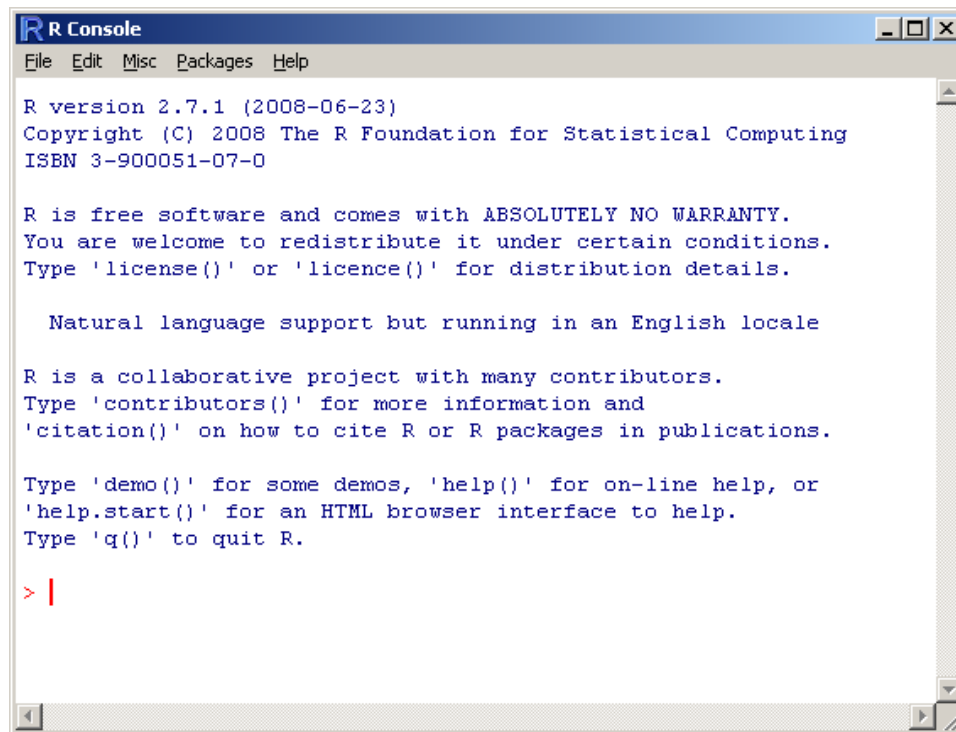
Click the Save File button and save this file to your hard drive. You will be asked where you want to save it. Once you save it, navigate to the file using Windows Explorer and double click on it. You be asked if you want to Run it, click the Run button.



Windows will then set up R. During the setup, when you are asked to choose either MDI or SDI, **choose the SDI option**. Accept all of the other defaults during the setup, since you can change them later.

Starting R (double-click the R icon or select R from the START menu)

R Startup Screen (aka, R Console Window)

A screenshot of the R Console window. The title bar reads "R Console". The menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "Misc", "Packages", and "Help". The main text area displays the following information: "R version 2.7.1 (2008-06-23)", "Copyright (C) 2008 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing", "ISBN 3-900051-07-0", a disclaimer about warranty and redistribution, information about natural language support, contributors, and how to get help. At the bottom, a red prompt character ">" is followed by a vertical cursor bar.

```
R version 2.7.1 (2008-06-23)
Copyright (C) 2008 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
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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.

Natural language support but running in an English locale

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.

> |
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R is a command line system and the R Console is where commands are entered and output occurs.

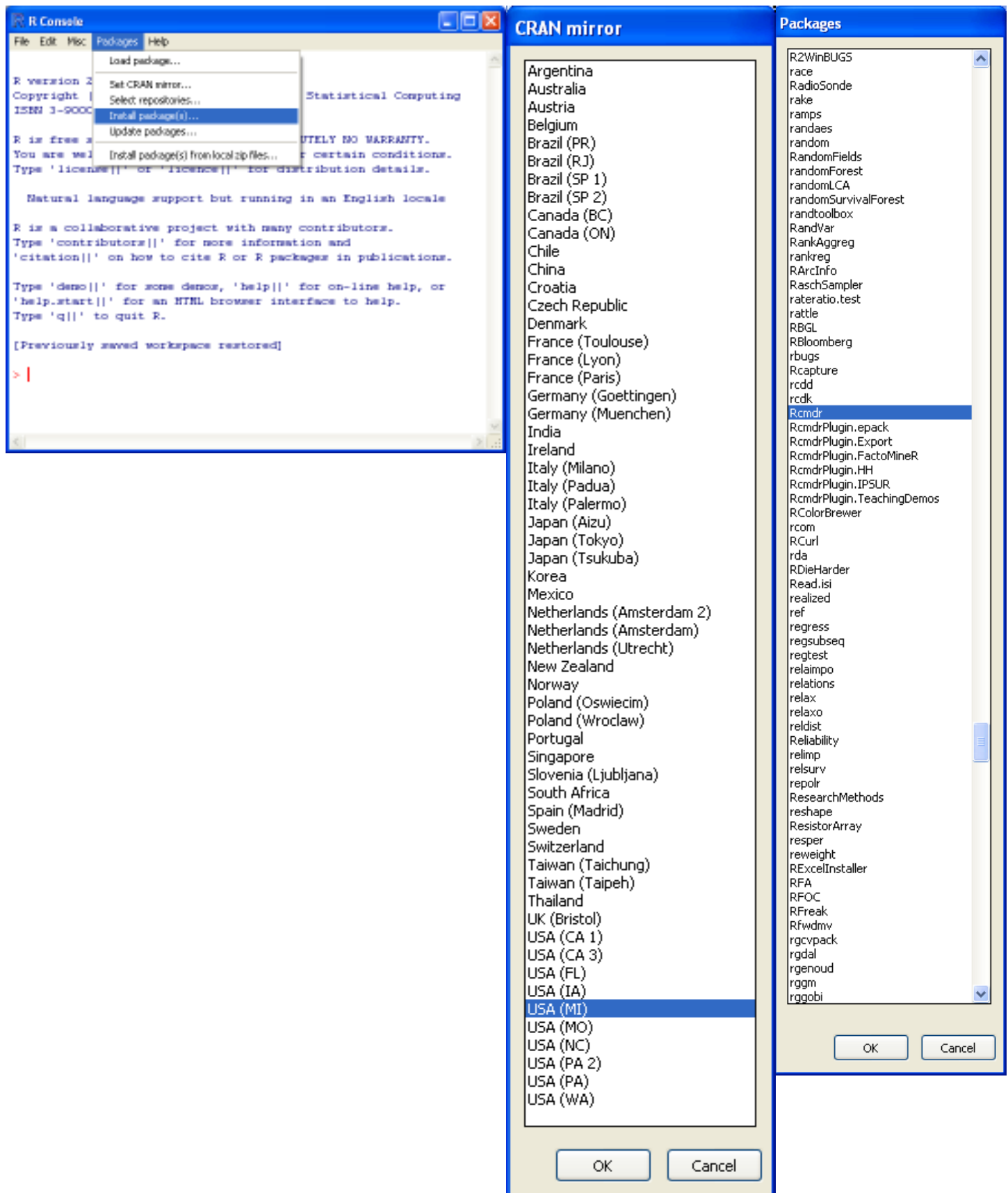
RCommander, seen next, eliminates knowing commands and allows you to “point-and-click” to produce results.

Installing the Rcmdr package (becomes part of the R Library but not yet usable)

From here

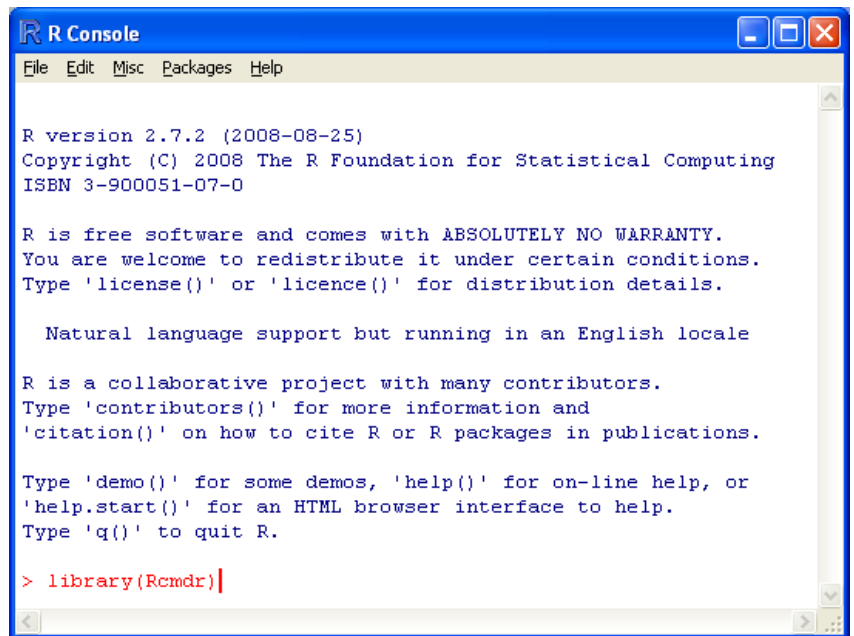
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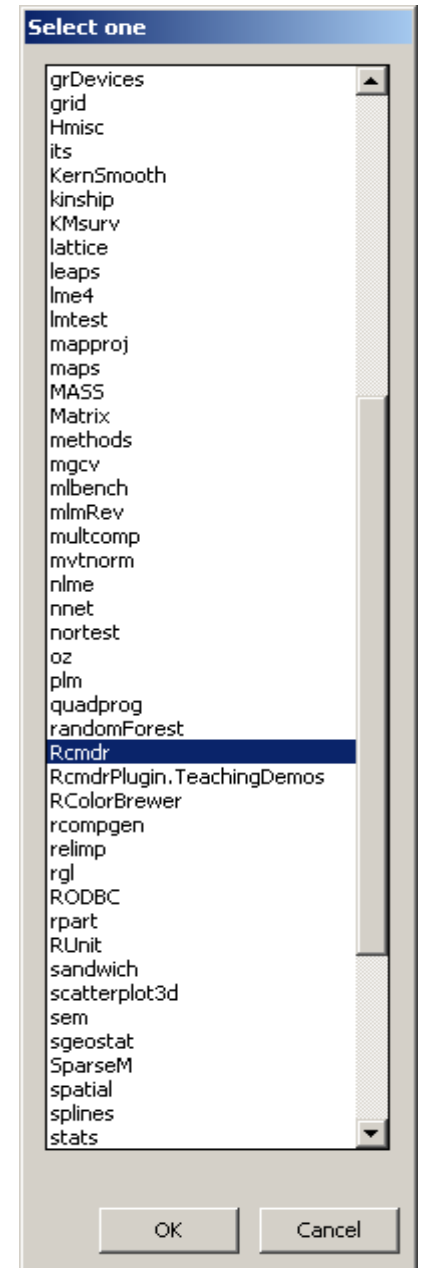
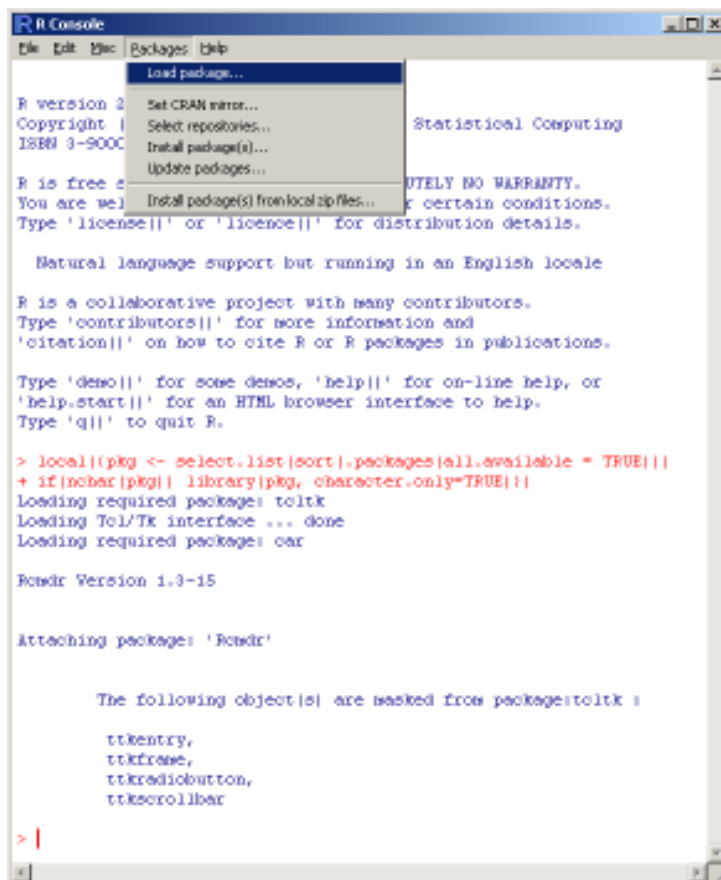


Starting RCommander

Once RCommander has been installed it is part of the R Library, **BUT** you still need to "start" RCommander by either using the `library(Rcmdr)` command

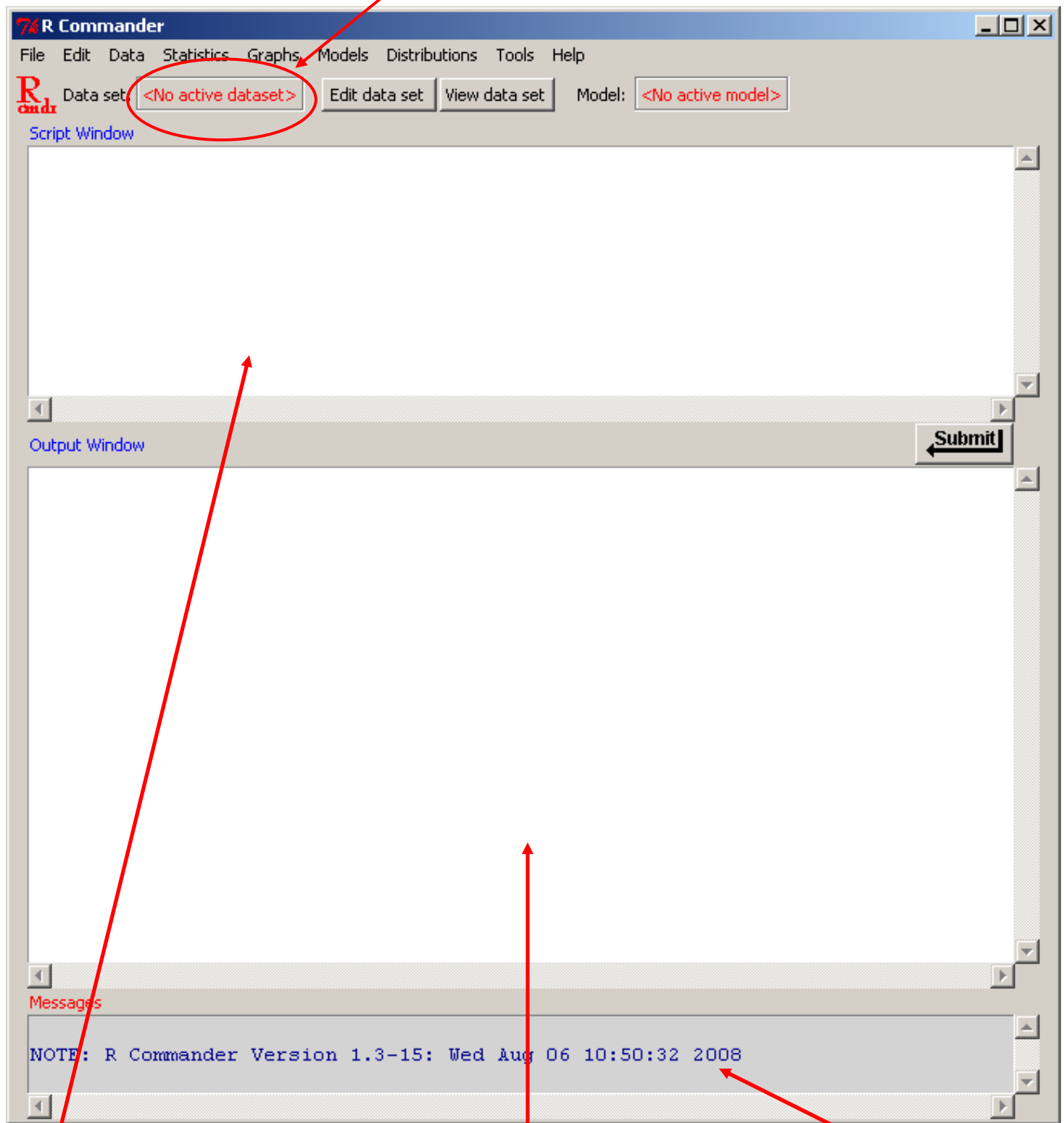


OR Load package... menu:



RCommander Window

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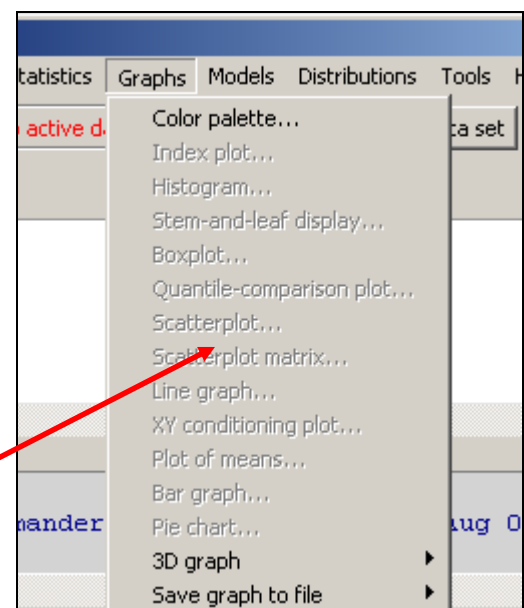
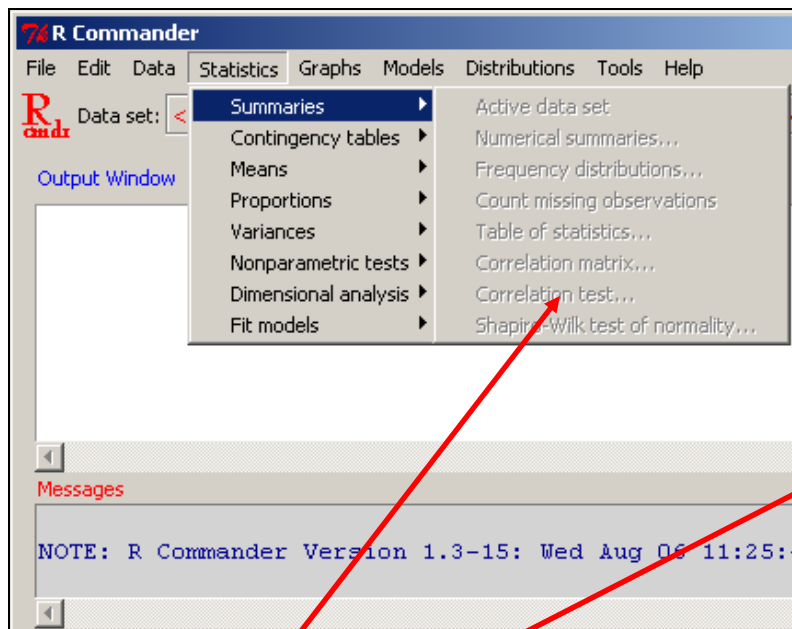
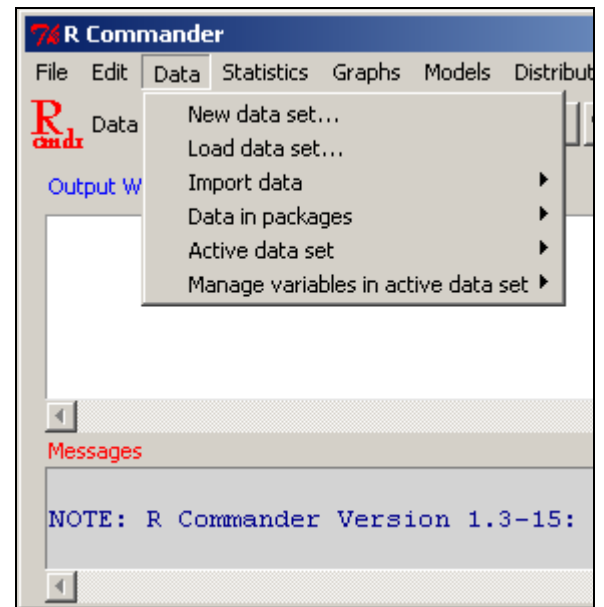
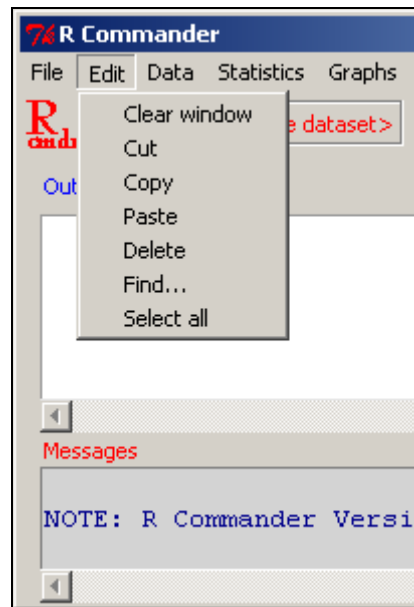
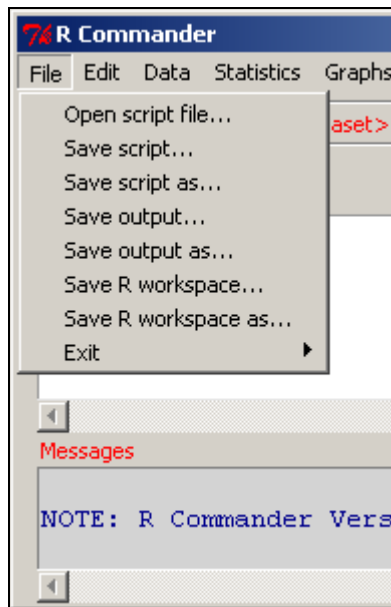


Script Window

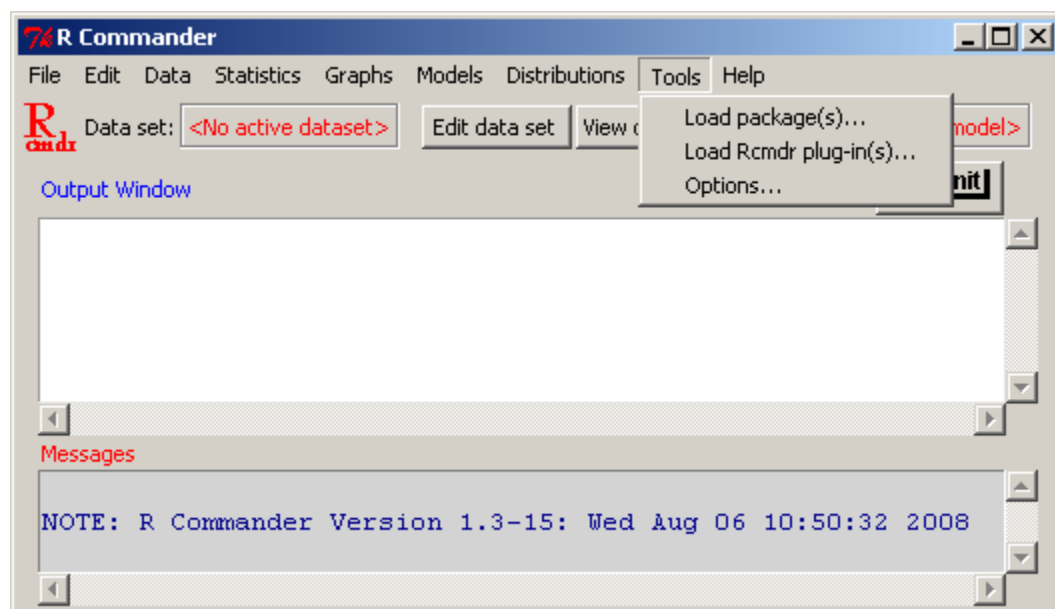
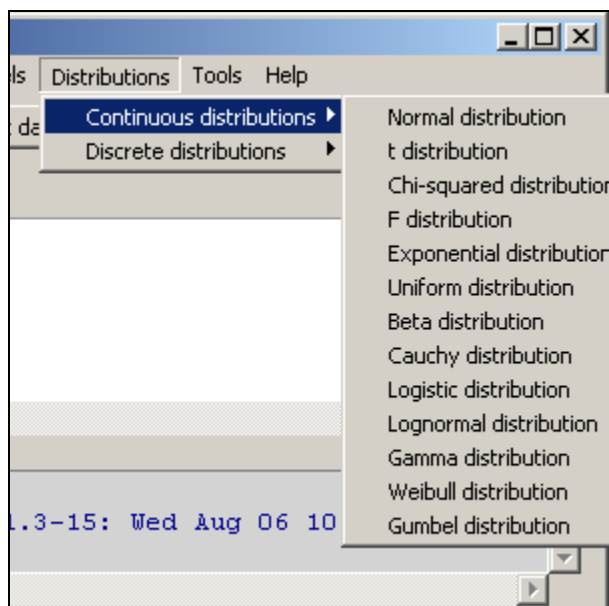
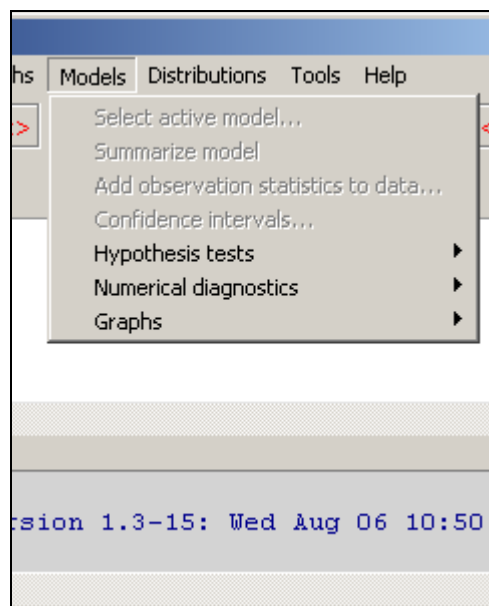
Output Window

Messages

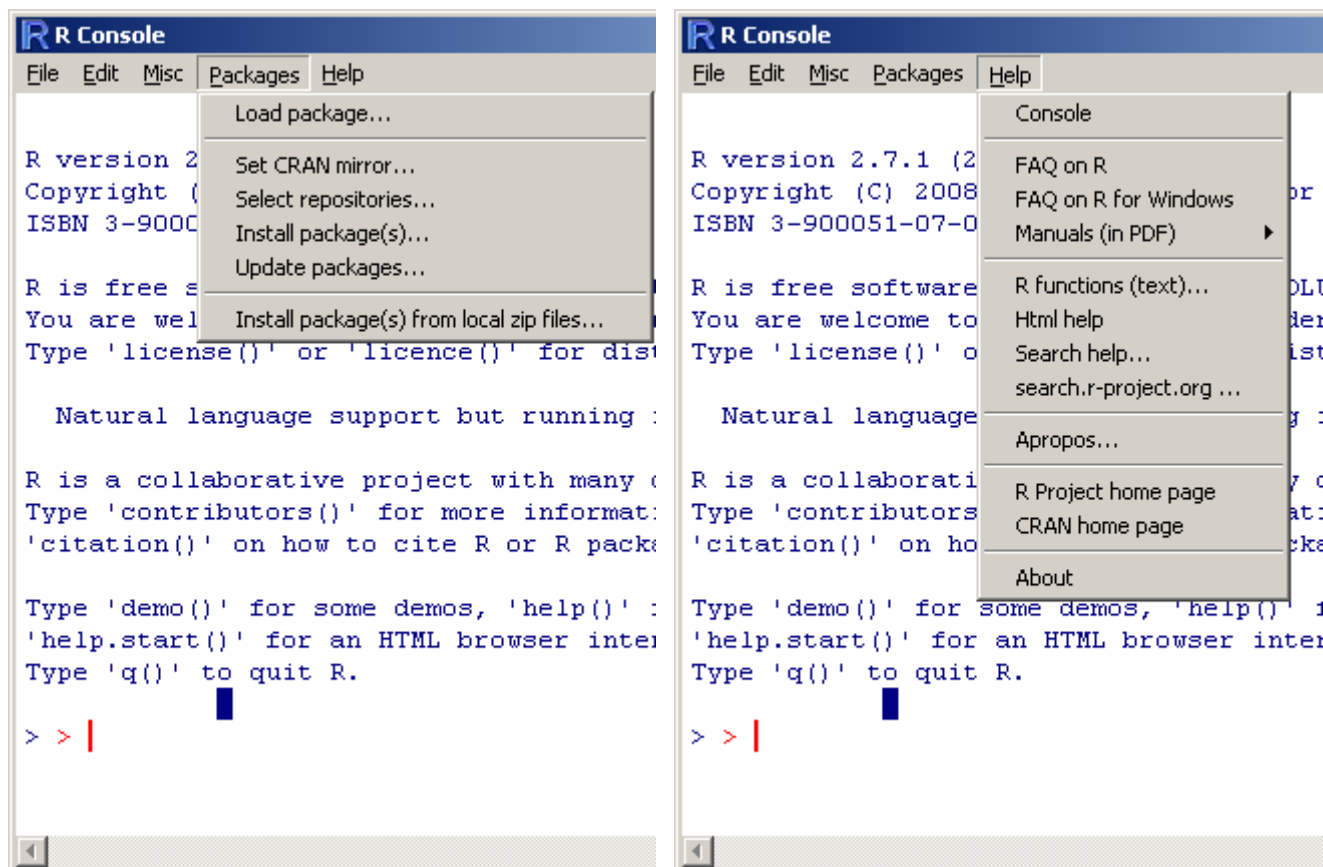
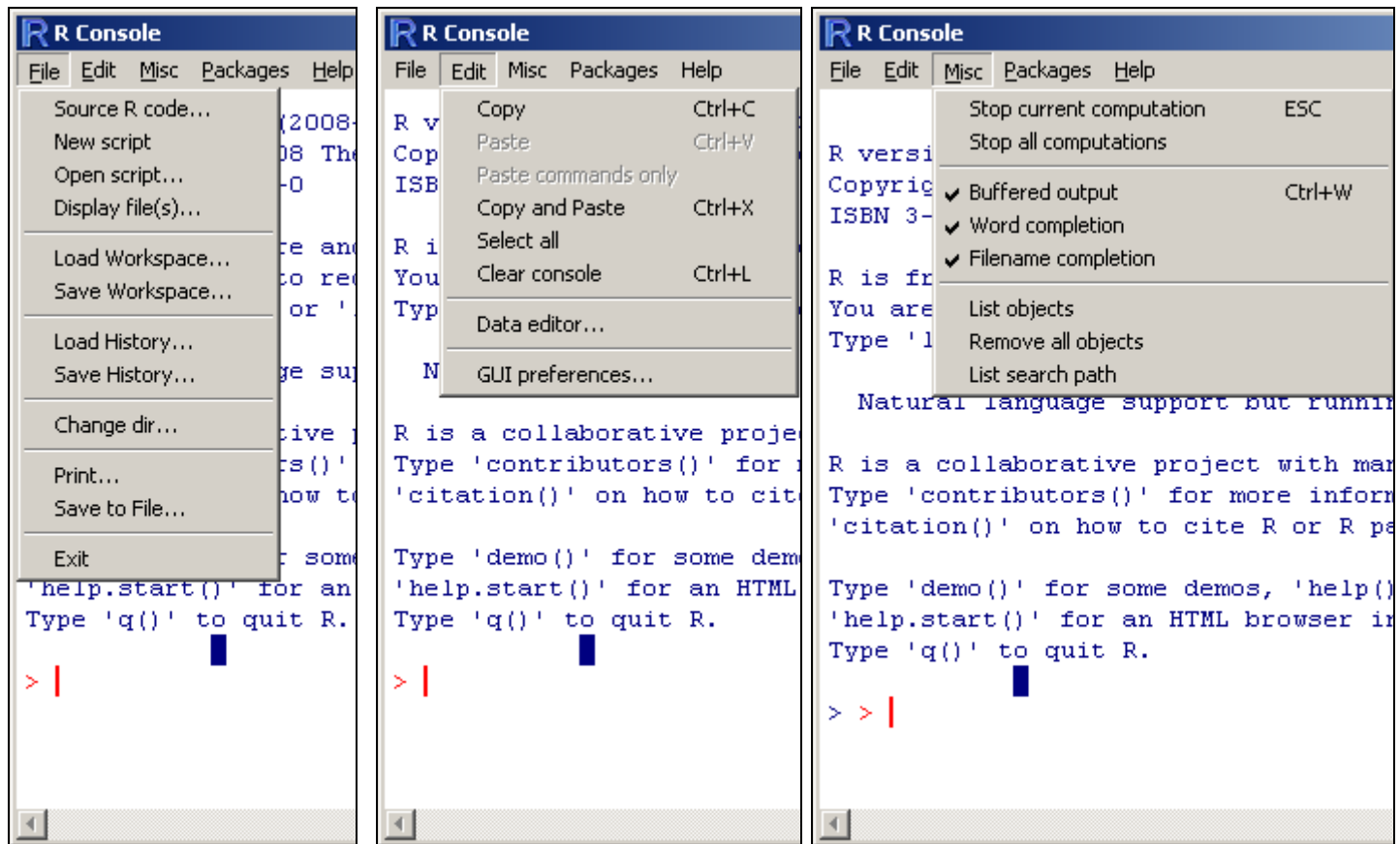
RCommander Menus



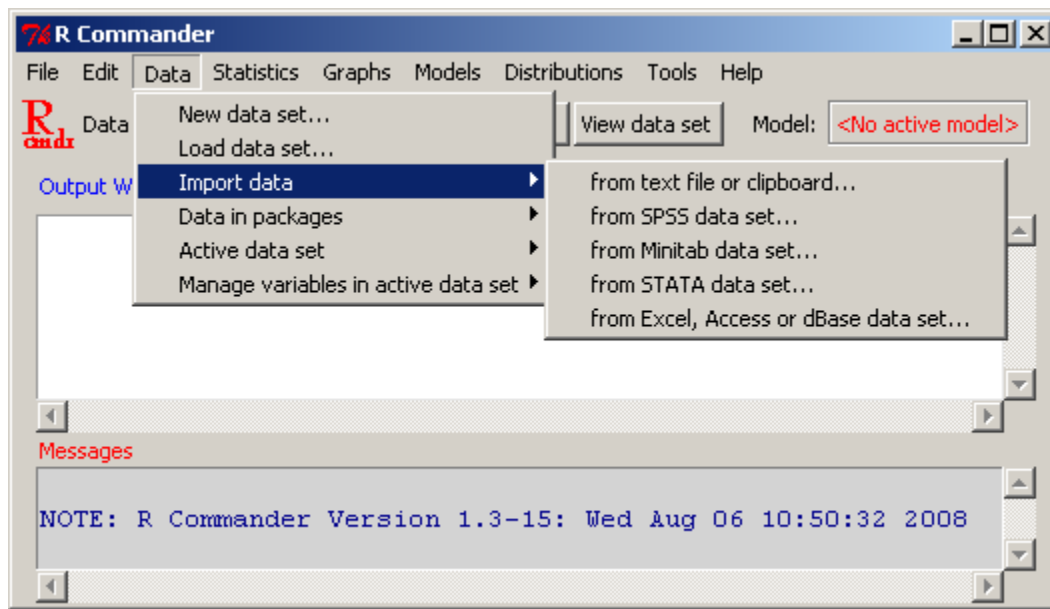
NOTE!



R Console Menus



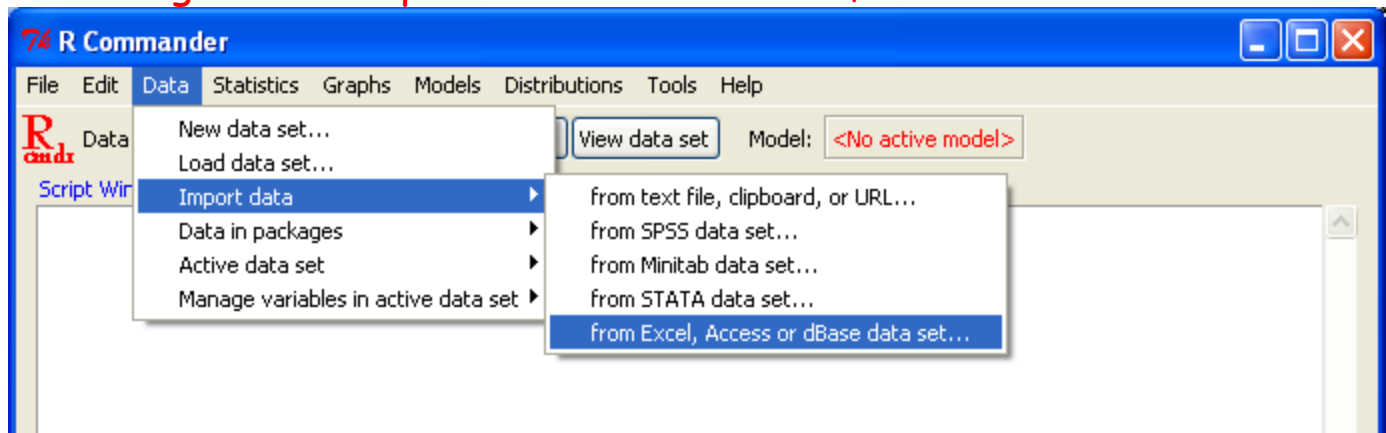
Getting Data Into R Using RCommander



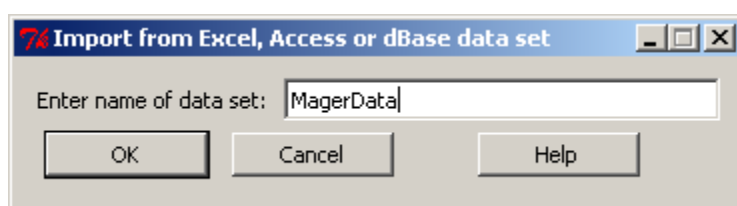
Importing Data from an Excel Spreadsheet

Jay Mager (Zoo) Michigan Loon Behavior Data

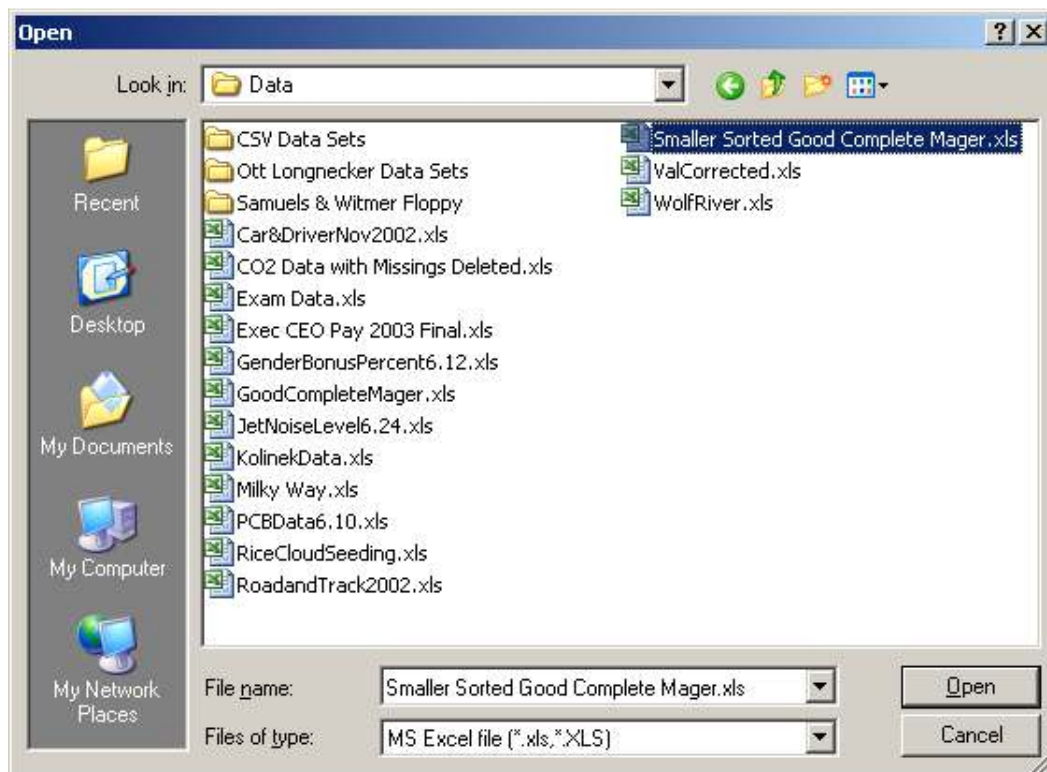
Selecting Data > Import data > from Excel, Access or dBase data set...



Yields



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Notes re the Jay Mager data set. Each variable value of the behavior is the % of total time observed for that observation period that the behavior was observed.

SF = foraging under water (for under 1min) for prey

LOC = locomotion other diving including flying, surface swimming, and walking on land

REST = floating or drifting on surface of water, either sleeping or awake

MAIN = preening, waterproofing of feathers, or bathing

SOC = social gatherings of loons, including circle swimming and jerk-diving

INC = incubation, sitting on eggs, regardless of other activity

NB = nest building or maintenance, when material is brought from under water or land and added to nest

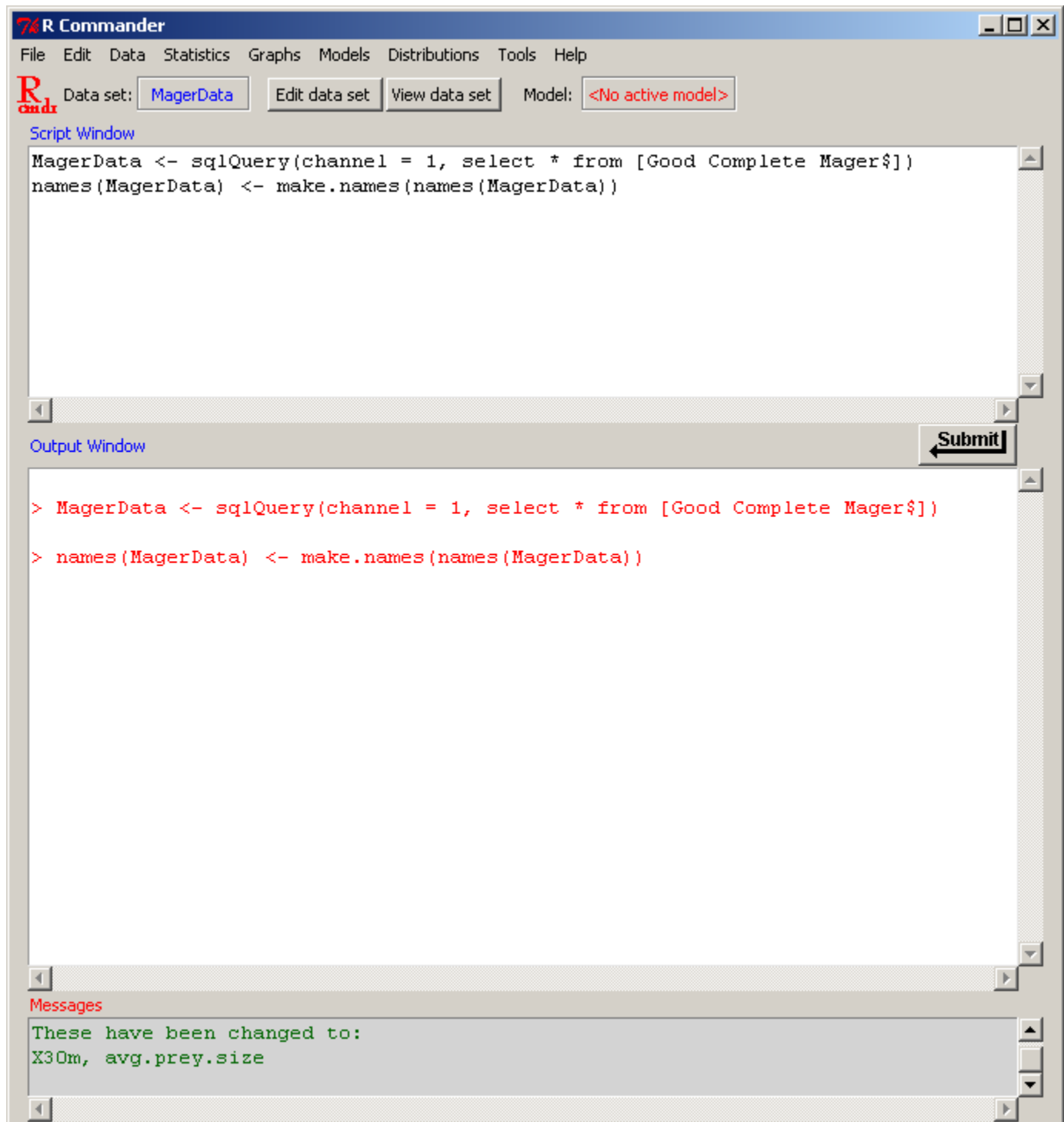
CF = chick feeding, foraging for chicks and presenting chicks with prey

AG = aggression and alertness towards other loons and individuals

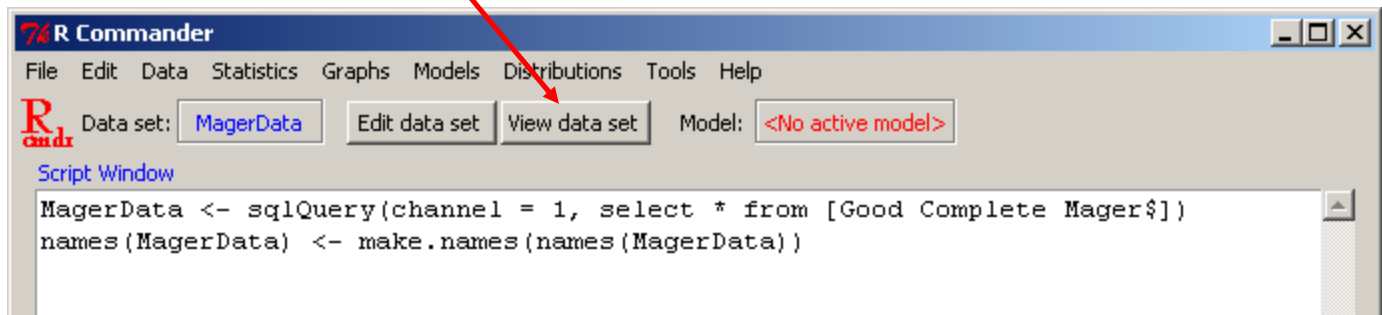
CARRY = carrying chicks on their backs

NOTES:

- Script
- Output
- R Commands
- "Active" Data Set



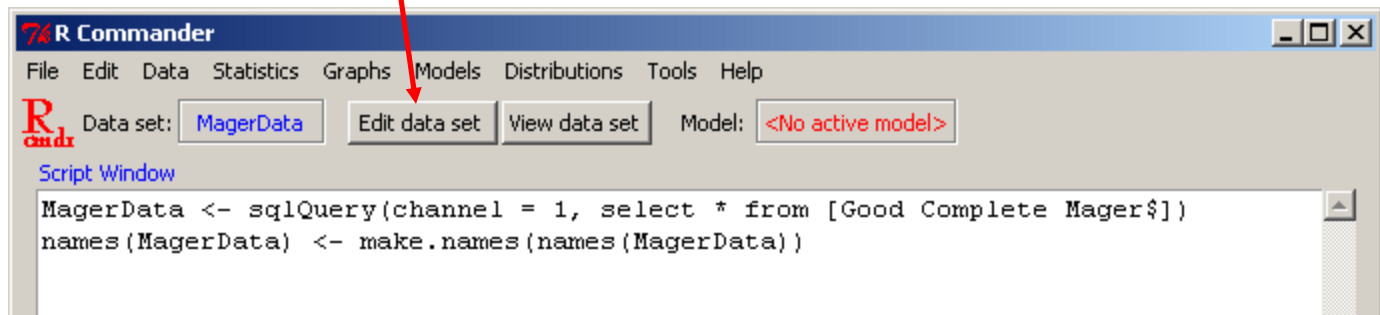
"View data set" button



The screenshot shows the 'MagerData' data set window. It displays a table with 30 rows of data. The columns are: Year, Lake, Offsp, DAH, Gender, Mins, SF, Loc, Rest, Main, Soc, and Inc. The data is as follows:

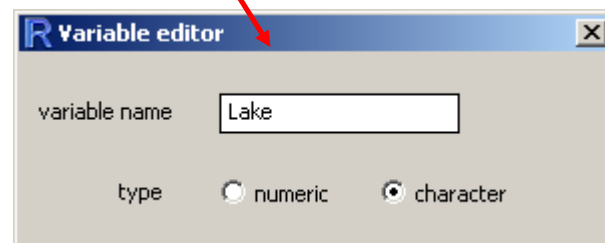
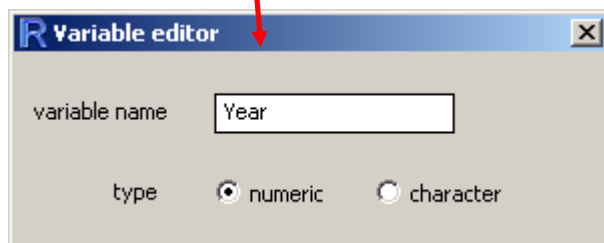
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1	1993	Imp	2	4	Female	190	0.000	2.632	45.263	2.105	0.000	0.000
2	1993	Imp	2	4	Male	190	2.105	5.263	35.789	8.421	0.000	0.000
3	1993	Imp	2	5	Female	191	13.089	8.377	19.372	5.759	0.000	0.000
4	1993	Imp	2	5	Male	200	15.000	2.500	18.500	8.000	0.000	0.000
5	1993	Imp	2	6	Female	200	26.500	7.500	50.500	6.500	0.000	0.000
6	1993	Imp	2	6	Male	200	6.000	2.500	2.500	2.500	0.000	0.000
7	1993	Imp	2	7	Female	200	33.000	12.500	30.500	12.500	0.000	0.000
8	1993	Imp	2	7	Male	200	25.000	0.000	12.000	11.000	0.000	0.000
9	1993	Imp	2	8	Female	200	46.500	10.500	4.000	24.000	0.000	0.000
10	1993	Imp	2	8	Male	200	3.000	0.000	1.500	0.000	0.000	0.000
11	1993	Imp	2	9	Female	200	15.500	17.000	17.000	12.500	0.000	0.000
12	1993	Imp	2	9	Male	200	28.000	0.000	9.000	8.500	0.000	0.000
13	1993	Imp	2	10	Female	180	6.667	5.556	26.667	5.556	0.000	0.000
14	1993	Imp	2	10	Male	180	6.667	1.111	33.889	4.444	0.000	0.000
15	1993	Imp	2	11	Female	180	30.000	11.111	14.444	8.333	0.000	0.000
16	1993	Imp	2	11	Male	180	2.778	0.000	22.222	20.556	0.000	0.000
17	1993	Imp	2	12	Female	190	40.000	4.737	38.947	4.737	0.000	0.000
18	1993	Imp	2	12	Male	190	67.368	2.632	7.895	13.158	0.000	0.000
19	1993	Imp	2	13	Female	200	27.500	9.000	22.500	15.500	0.000	0.000
20	1993	Imp	2	13	Male	200	32.000	11.000	38.500	7.000	0.000	0.000
21	1993	Imp	2	17	Female	200	51.000	11.000	18.000	11.500	0.000	0.000
22	1993	Imp	2	17	Male	200	24.000	7.500	37.500	17.000	0.000	0.000
23	1993	Imp	2	18	Female	200	29.500	8.500	26.000	15.500	0.000	0.000
24	1993	Imp	2	18	Male	200	22.500	7.000	26.500	20.500	0.000	0.000
25	1993	Imp	2	19	Female	200	37.500	14.500	26.000	9.000	3.000	0.000
26	1993	Imp	2	19	Male	200	10.000	3.000	46.000	13.500	13.000	0.000
27	1993	Imp	2	20	Female	200	47.500	3.000	15.500	14.000	0.000	0.000
28	1993	Imp	2	20	Male	200	56.000	0.000	14.500	12.000	0.000	0.000
29	1993	Imp	2	21	Female	190	45.263	19.474	24.211	9.474	0.000	0.000
30	1993	Imp	2	21	Male	190	33.684	22.105	36.842	7.368	0.000	0.000

"Edit data set" button



	Year	Lake	Offsp	DAH	Gender	Mins	SF	Loc	Rest
1	1993	Imp	2	4	Female	190	0	2.632	45.263
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3	1993	Imp	2	5	Female	191	13.089	8.377	19.372
4	1993	Imp	2	5	Male	200	15	2.5	18.5
5	1993	Imp	2	6	Female	200	26.5	7.5	50.5
6	1993	Imp	2	6	Male	200	6	2.5	2.5
7	1993	Imp	2	7	Female	200	33	12.5	30.5
8	1993	Imp	2	7	Male	200	25	0	12
9	1993	Imp	2	8	Female	200	46.5	10.5	4
10	1993	Imp	2	8	Male	200	3	0	1.5
11	1993	Imp	2	9	Female	200	15.5	17	17
12	1993	Imp	2	9	Male	200	28	0	9
13	1993	Imp	2	10	Female	180	6.667	5.556	26.667
14	1993	Imp	2	10	Male	180	6.667	1.111	33.889
15	1993	Imp	2	11	Female	180	30	11.111	14.444
16	1993	Imp	2	11	Male	180	2.778	0	22.222
17	1993	Imp	2	12	Female	190	40	4.737	38.947
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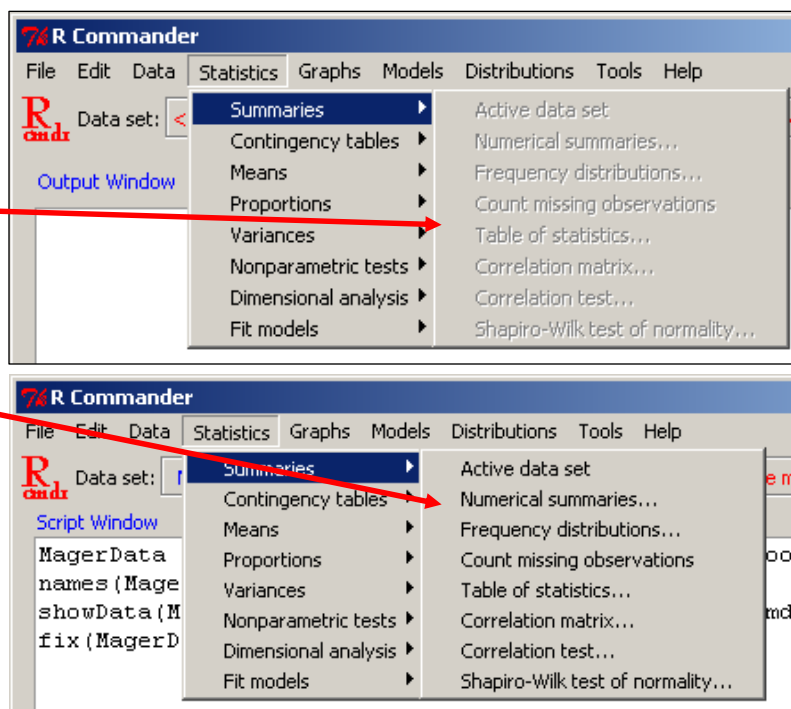
Kinds of Data in R



Now What Can We Do?

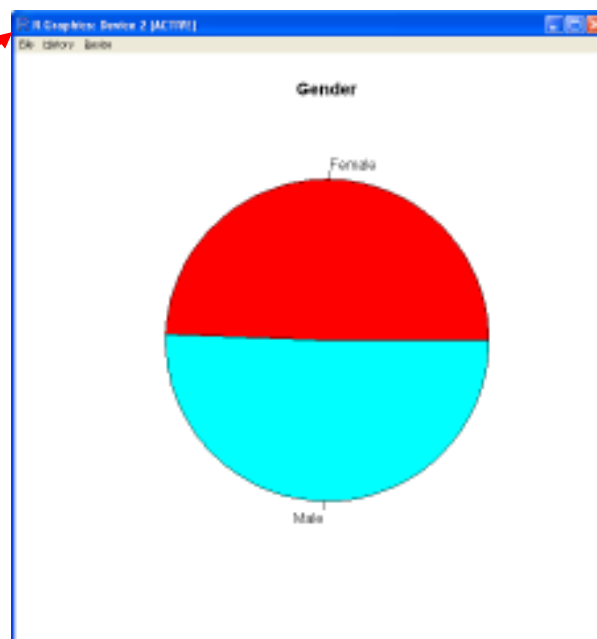
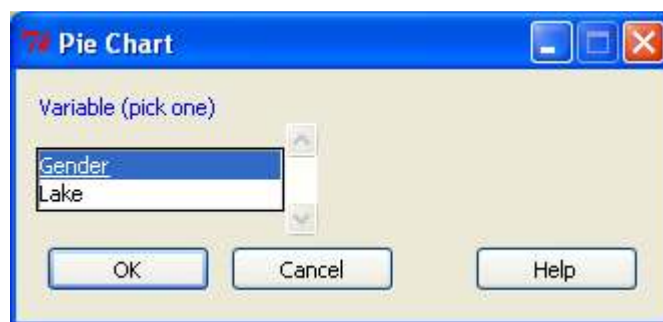
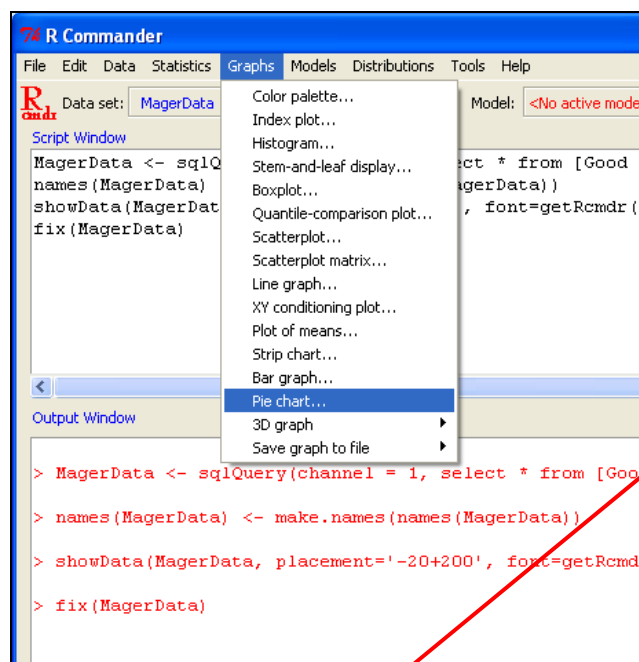
Recall what options we had without an active dataset. NONE!

But now with an active data set, we have options!



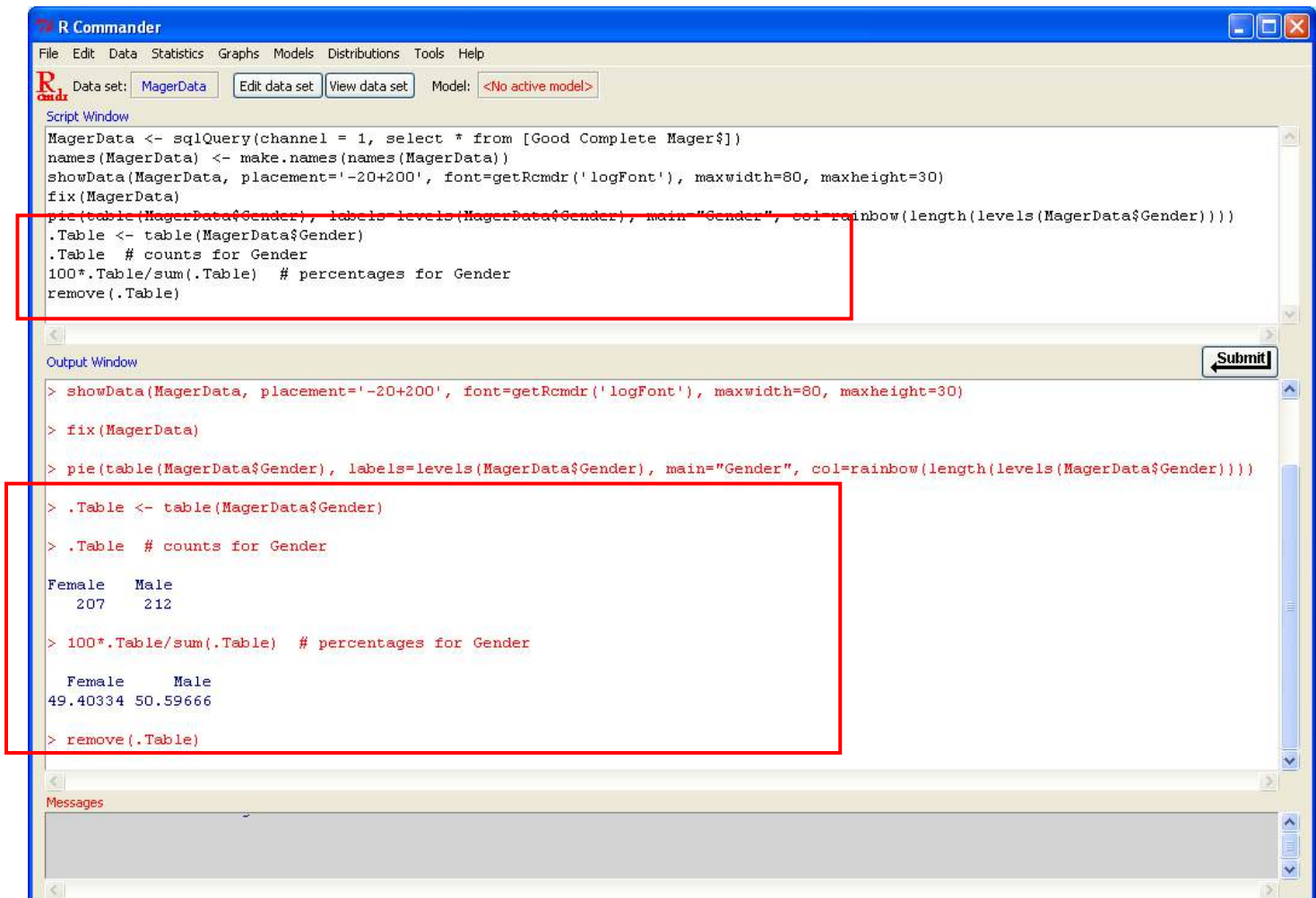
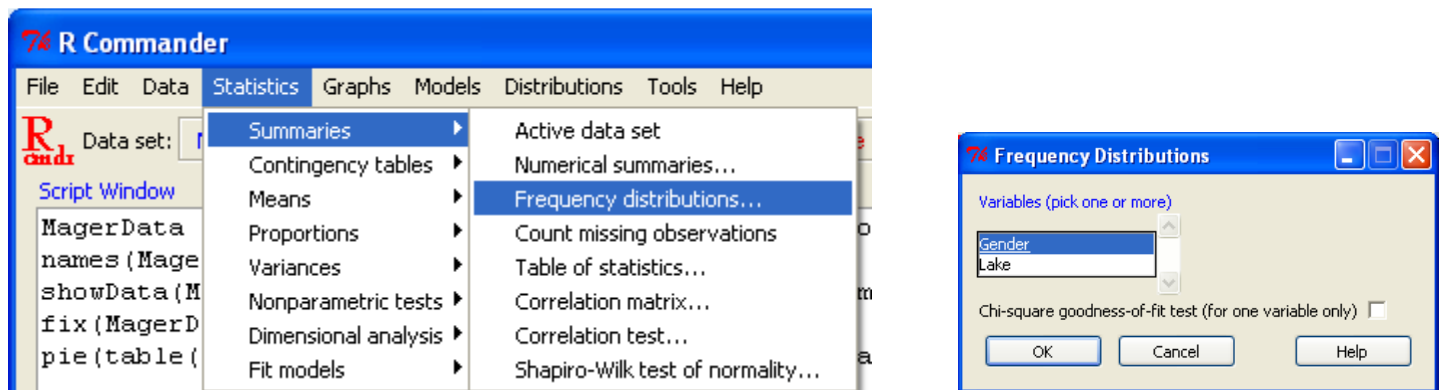
Summarizing CATEGORICAL Data (Graphically and Numerically)

GRAPHICAL Summary of CATEGORICAL Data (Pie chart/Bar graph)



High resolution graphs will show up in the **R Graphics window**.

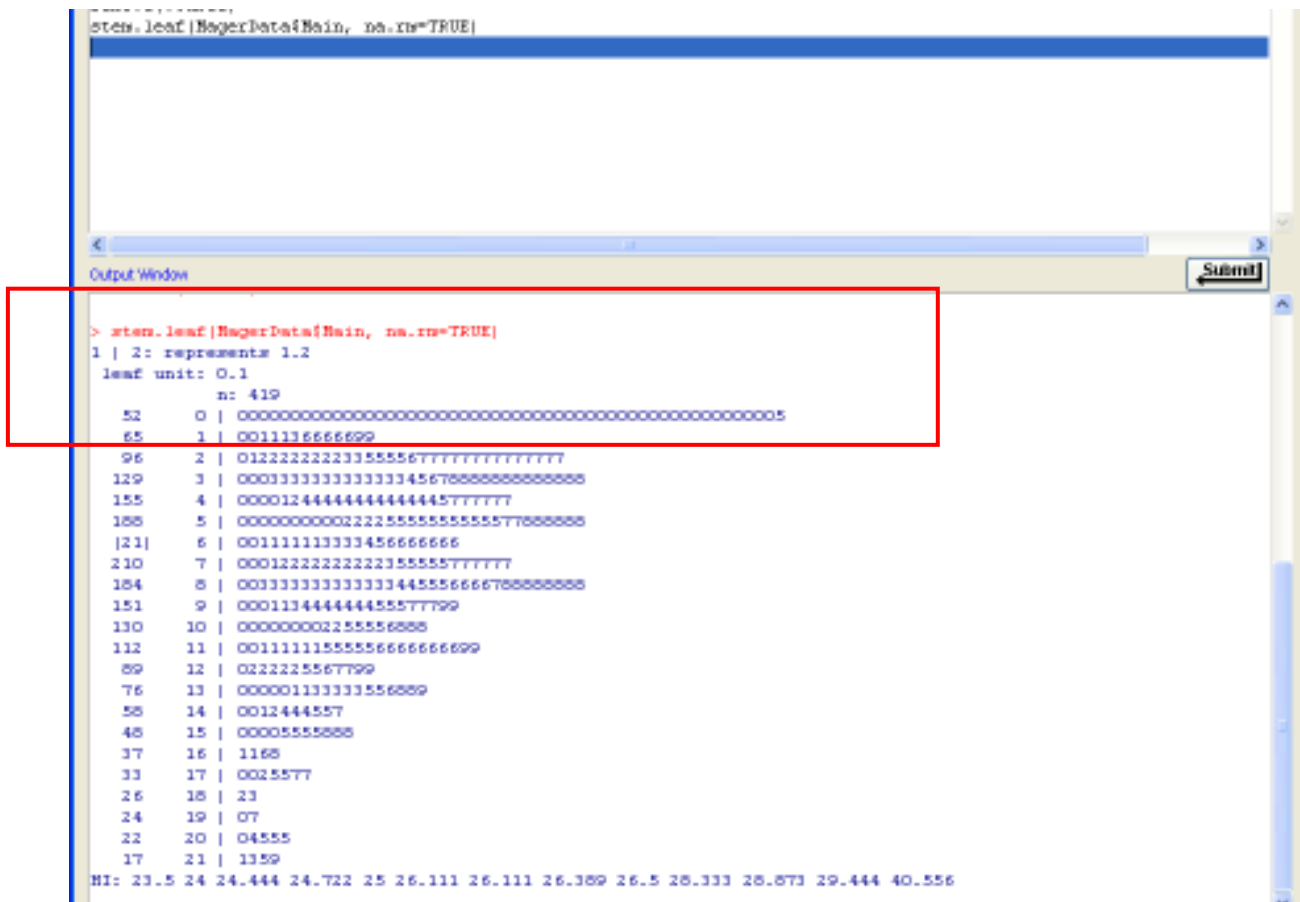
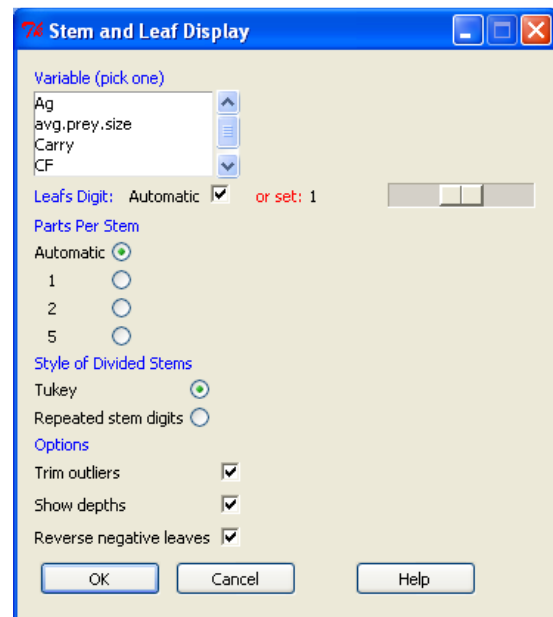
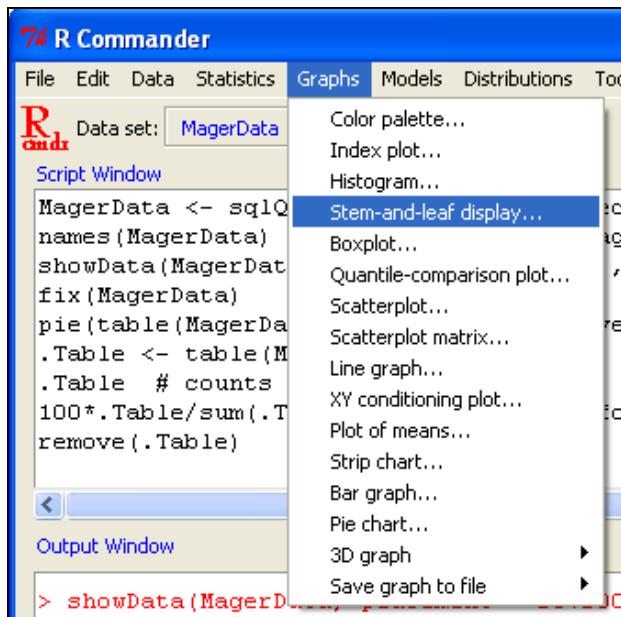
NUMERICAL Summary of CATEGORICAL Data (Counts, %, & Tables)



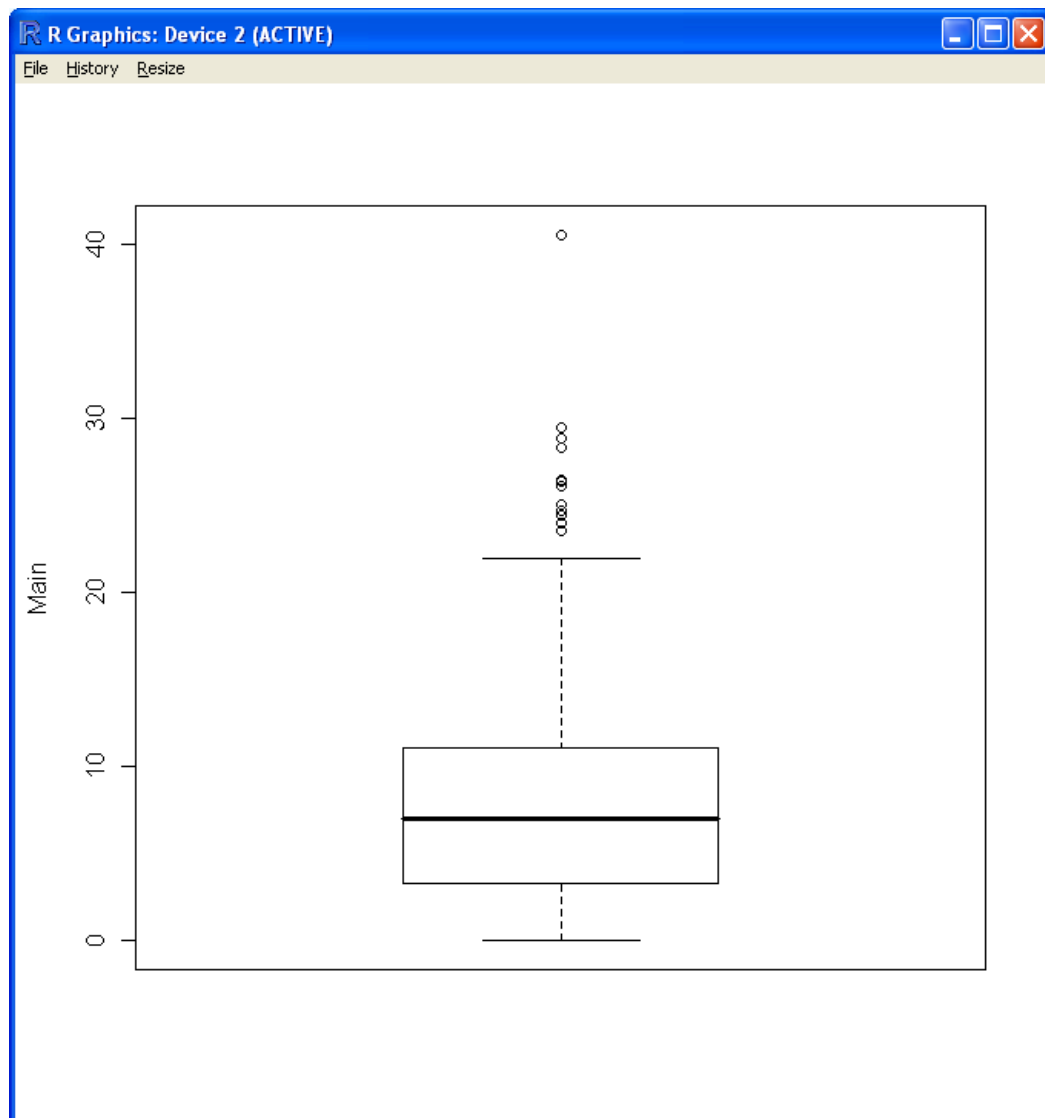
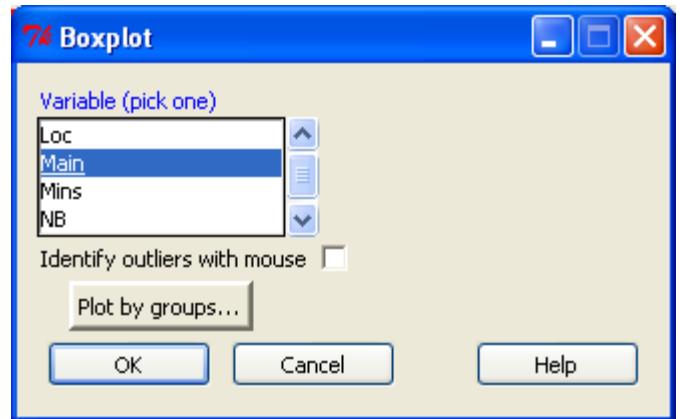
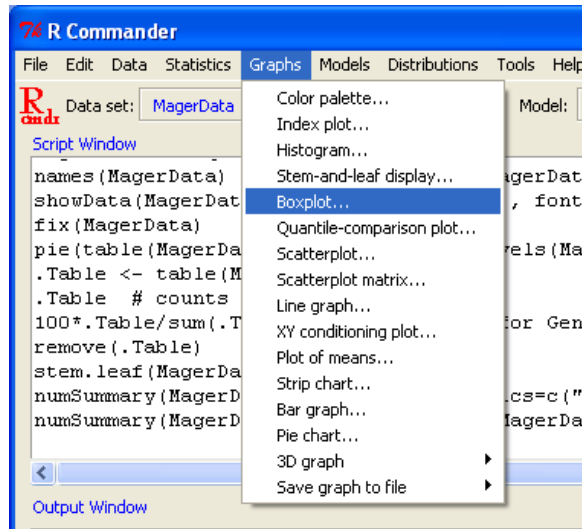
Summarizing NUMERICAL Data (Graphically and Numerically)

Graphical Summary of Numerical Data (Stems, Histogram, Boxplot...)

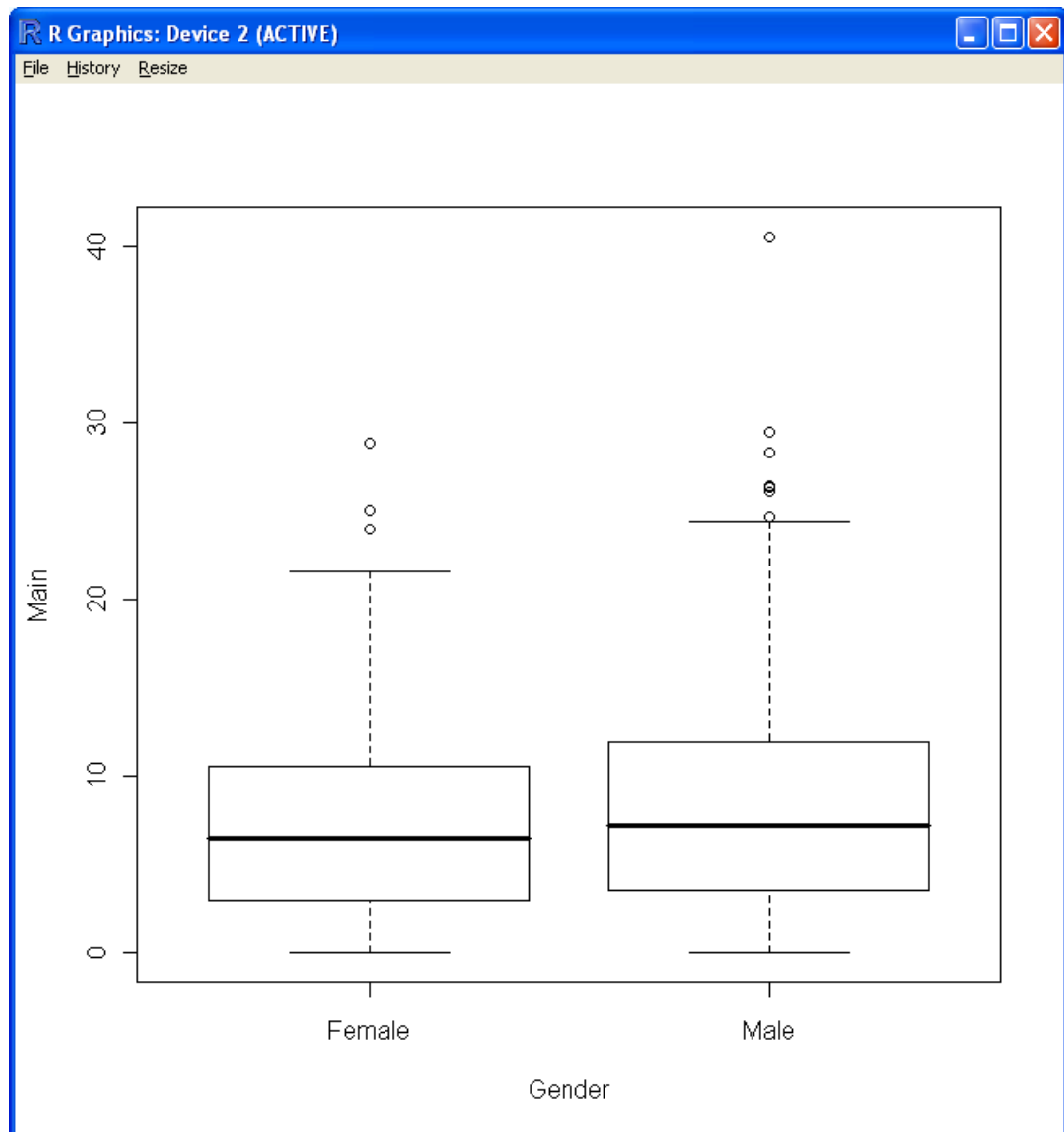
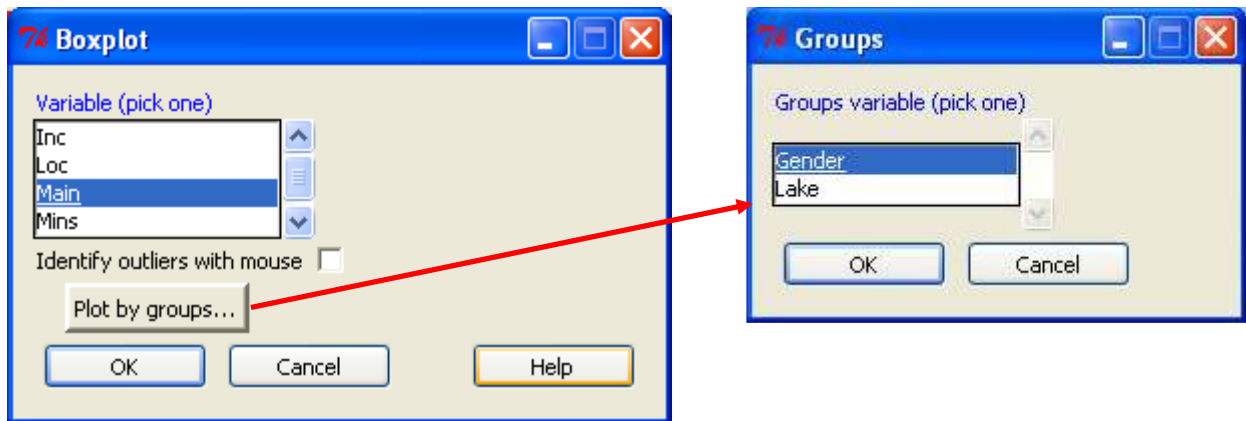
Stem and Leaf Plot



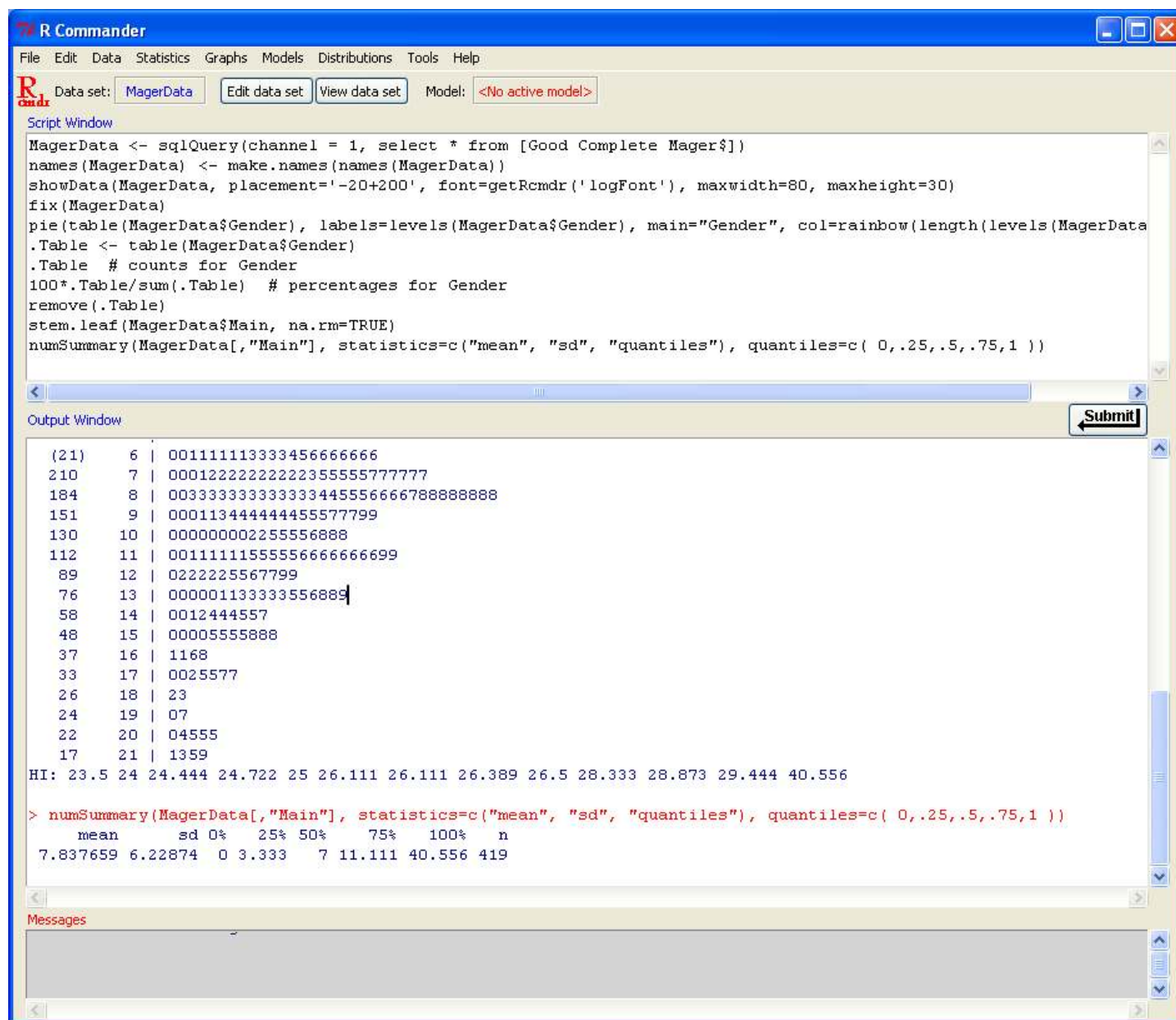
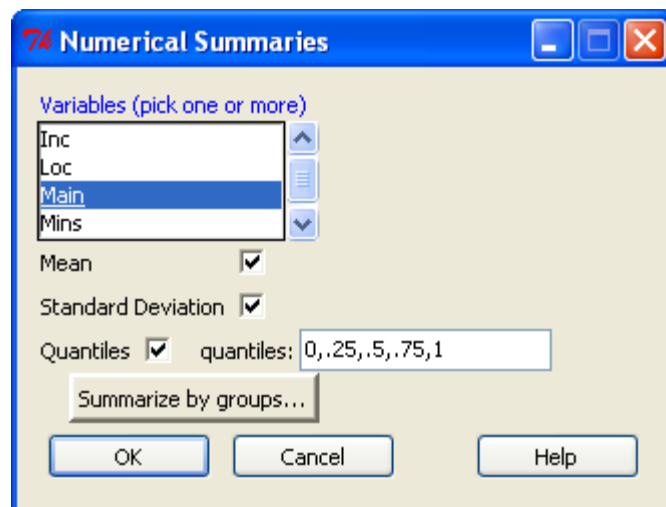
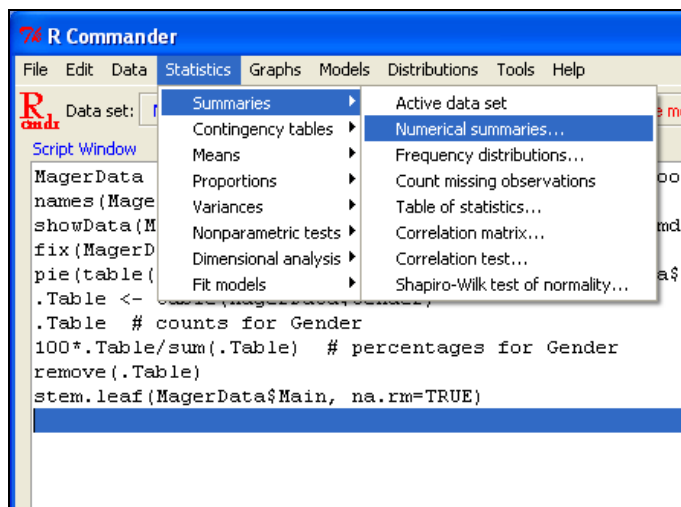
Boxplot



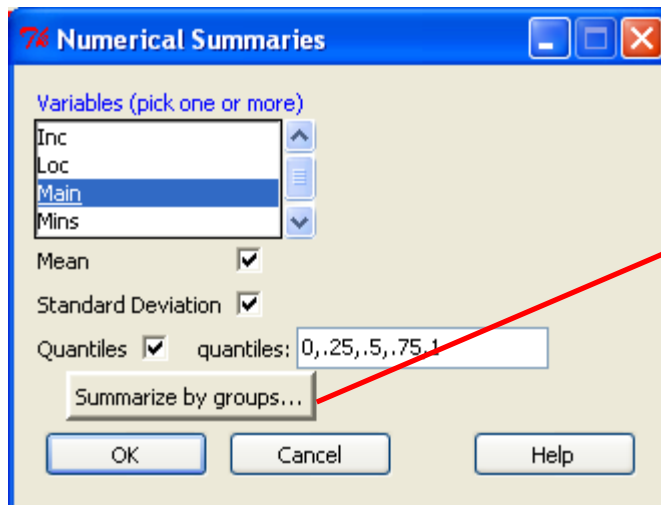
Side by Side Boxplot



Numerical Summary of Numerical Data



Numerical Summary of Numerical Data By a Categorical Variable



R Commander

File Edit Data Statistics Graphs Models Distributions Tools Help

Data set: **MagerData** Edit data set View data set Model: **<No active model>**

Script Window

```
names(MagerData) <- make.names(names(MagerData))
showData(MagerData, placement='-20+200', font=getRcmdr('logFont'), maxwidth=80, maxheight=30)
fix(MagerData)
pie(table(MagerData$Gender), labels=levels(MagerData$Gender), main="Gender", col=rainbow(length(levels(MagerData$Gender))))
.Table <- table(MagerData$Gender)
.Table # counts for Gender
100*.Table/sum(.Table) # percentages for Gender
remove(.Table)
stem.leaf(MagerData$Main, na.rm=TRUE)
numSummary(MagerData[, "Main"], statistics=c("mean", "sd", "quantiles"), quantiles=c( 0,.25,.5,.75,1 ))
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Output Window

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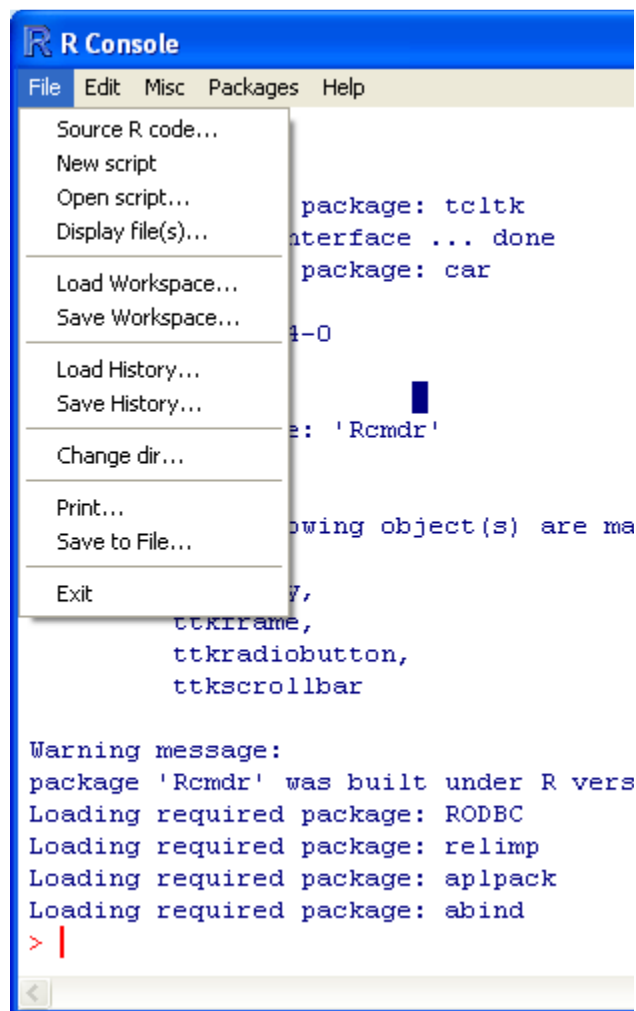
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> numSummary(MagerData[, "Main"], groups=MagerData$Gender, statistics=c("mean", "sd", "quantiles"), quantiles=c(
      mean      sd 0%   25%  50%   75%  100%   n
Female 7.133575 5.385508 0 2.91700 6.500 10.50000 28.873 207
Male 8.525137 6.897921 0 3.58325 7.222 11.91475 40.556 212
```

Messages

Saving Data, Commands, Output (.RData, .R, and .txt), and Graphs

Saving in the R Console



Workspaces are saved as:

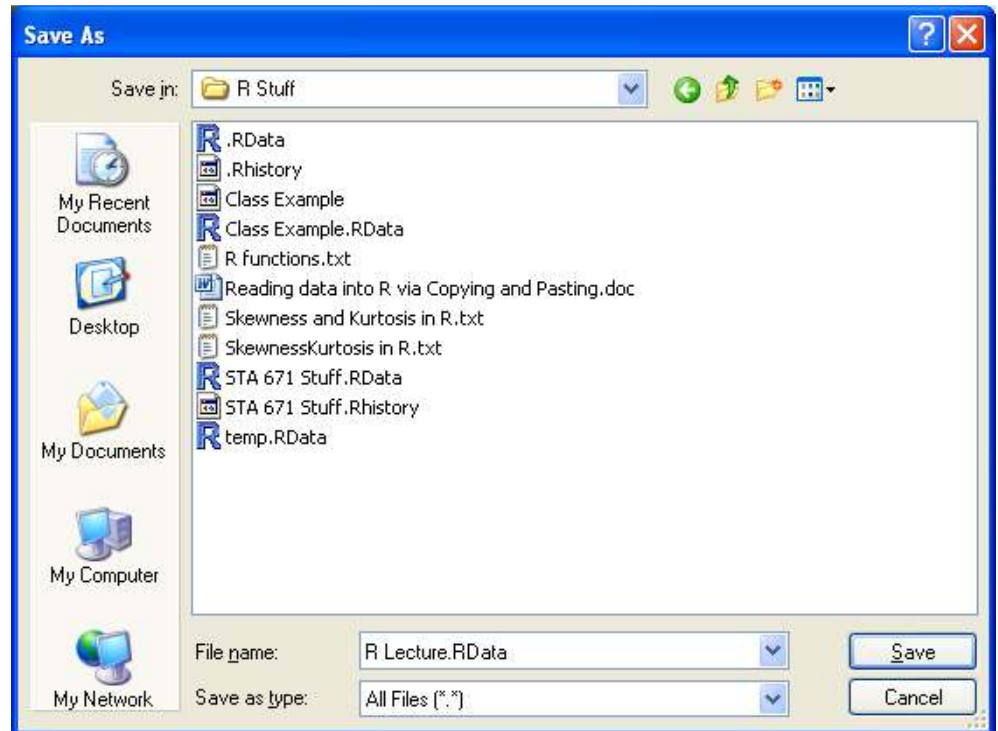
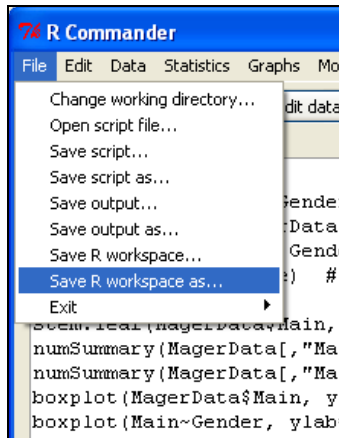
valid filename.RData

Histories are saved as:

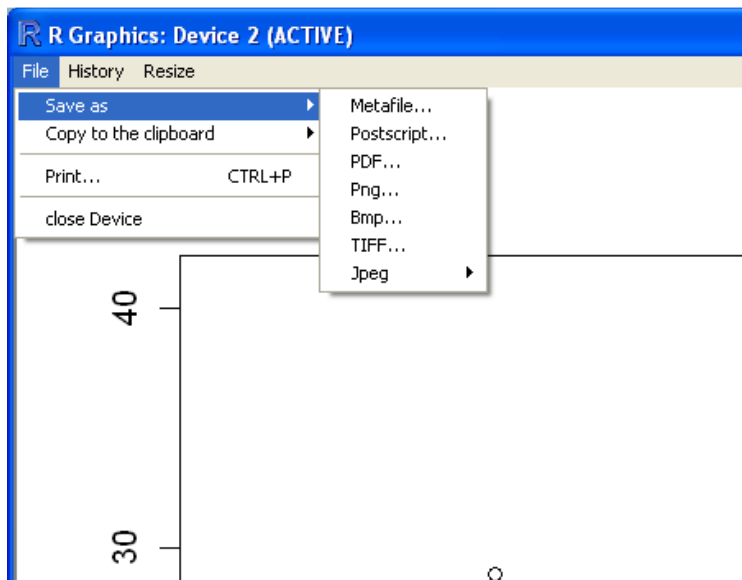
valid filename.RHistory

Saving in R Commander

Saving Commands (script), Output, or Data and Objects (Workspace)

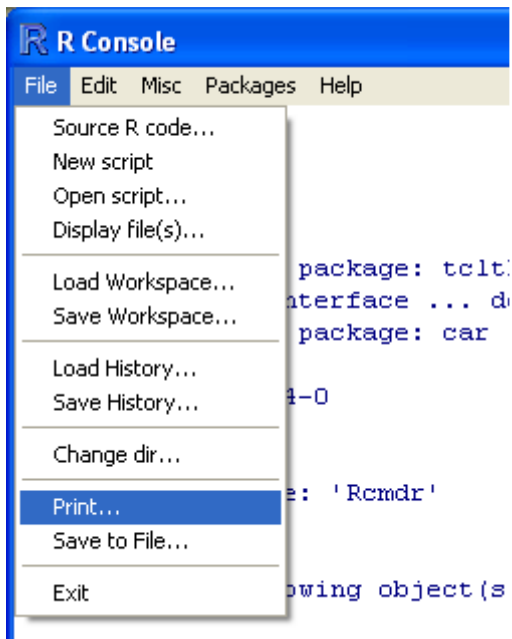


Saving in R Graphics

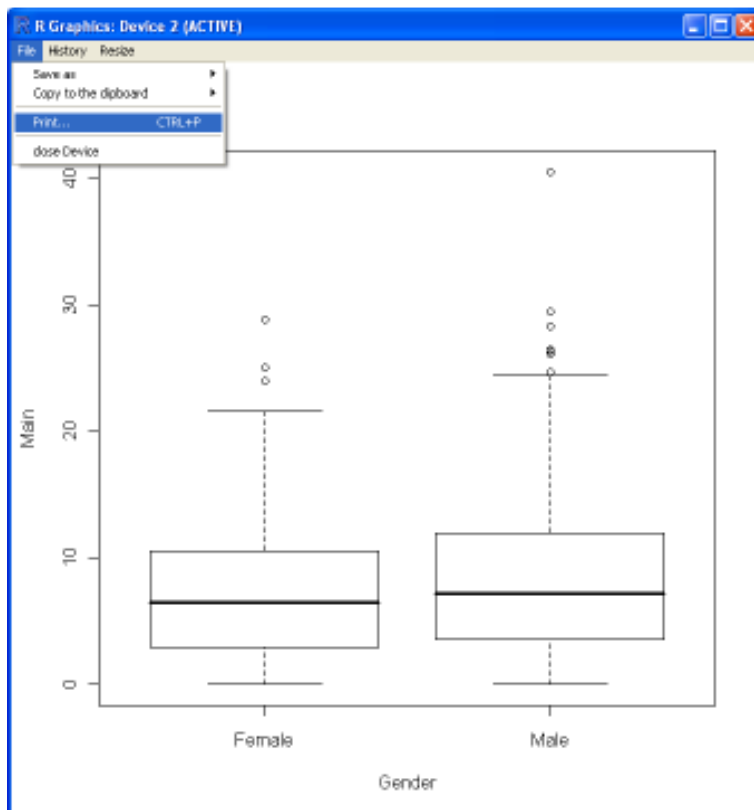


Printing

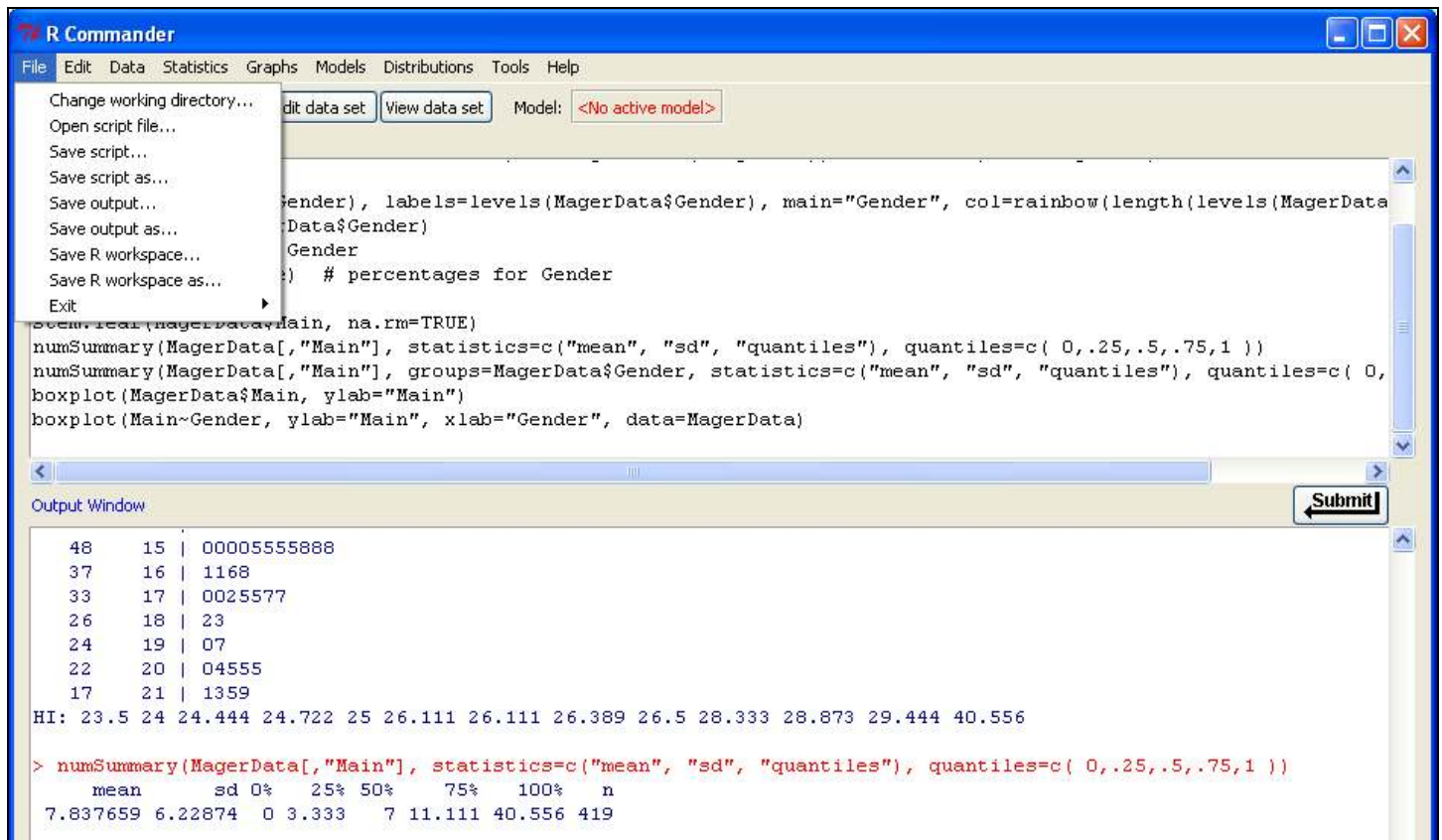
Printing in the R Console: **PRINTS EVERYTHING IN THE WINDOW or just the selected/highlighted output.**



Printing the R Graphics Window [OR copying contents to clipboard to paste elsewhere or save]



Printing in the R Commander Window



The screenshot shows the R Commander interface. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, Data, Statistics, Graphs, Models, Distributions, Tools, and Help. The 'File' menu is open, showing options like 'Change working directory...', 'Open script file...', 'Save script...', 'Save script as...', 'Save output...', 'Save output as...', 'Save R workspace...', 'Save R workspace as...', and 'Exit'. The script editor contains R code for data analysis and plotting. The output window at the bottom displays the results of the executed code, including a summary of the 'Main' variable grouped by 'Gender'.

```
File Edit Data Statistics Graphs Models Distributions Tools Help
Change working directory... Edit data set View data set Model: <No active model>
Open script file...
Save script...
Save script as...
Save output...
Save output as...
Save R workspace...
Save R workspace as...
Exit

# percentiles for Gender
numSummary(MagerData[, "Main", na.rm=TRUE])
numSummary(MagerData[, "Main"], statistics=c("mean", "sd", "quantiles"), quantiles=c( 0,.25,.5,.75,1 ))
numSummary(MagerData[, "Main"], groups=MagerData$Gender, statistics=c("mean", "sd", "quantiles"), quantiles=c( 0,
boxplot(MagerData$Main, ylab="Main")
boxplot(Main~Gender, ylab="Main", xlab="Gender", data=MagerData)

Output Window
48 15 | 00005555888
37 16 | 1168
33 17 | 0025577
26 18 | 23
24 19 | 07
22 20 | 04555
17 21 | 1359
HI: 23.5 24 24.444 24.722 25 26.111 26.111 26.389 26.5 28.333 28.873 29.444 40.556

> numSummary(MagerData[, "Main"], statistics=c("mean", "sd", "quantiles"), quantiles=c( 0,.25,.5,.75,1 ))
      mean      sd 0%   25% 50%   75% 100%  n
7.837659 6.22874 0 3.333 7 11.111 40.556 419
```


"Things" in R

Objects	Defn	Analogies
vector	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• collection of elements• elements MUST be all of the same type (numeric or categorical)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• similar to a vector seen in math classes, but vectors in R are dimensionless and they don't have to be numbers
matrix	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• rectangular collection of data (n rows with k columns)• elements MUST be all of the same type (numeric or categorical)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• same as a matrix seen in math classes, but now they don't have to be numbers
data.frame	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• rectangular collection of data (n rows with k columns)• elements can be mixed (numeric or categorical) types	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• similar to a spreadsheet in Excel
list	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• collection of matrices and/or vectors of different lengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• kind of like a wallet or purse that contains lots of dissimilar stuff, such as \$, ID's, photos, ...
function	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• commands or operations to perform or do stuff in R• all of the R Packages are made up of functions that will do things that are not part of the base R package	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the square root key on a calculator• average or standard deviation button on a calculator• think of program written in C or Fortran

Examples

OBJECT	EXAMPLE
vector	<pre>> numvector = c(1, 2, 3, 4) # C() IS A "COMBINE" OPERATION IN R > numvector [1] 1 2 3 4 > catvector = c(joe, mary, bill) Error: object "joe" not found > catvector = c("joe", "mary", "bill") > catvector [1] "joe" "mary" "bill" > vector = c(1, 2, "joe", "mary") > vector [1] "1" "2" "joe" "mary"</pre>

VECTOR ELEMENTS ARE ALL OF THE SAME TYPE!

matrix	<pre>> nummatrix = matrix(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6), nrow=3, ncol=2) > nummatrix [,1] [,2] [1,] 1 4 [2,] 2 5 [3,] 3 6 > nummatrix = matrix(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6), nrow=3, ncol=2, byrow=FALSE) > nummatrix [,1] [,2] [1,] 1 4 [2,] 2 5 [3,] 3 6 > nummatrix = matrix(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6), nrow=3, ncol=2, byrow=TRUE) > nummatrix [,1] [,2] [1,] 1 2 [2,] 3 4 [3,] 5 6 > catmatrix = matrix(c("joe", "mary", "bill", "sue"), nrow=2, ncol=2) > catmatrix [,1] [,2] [1,] "joe" "bill" [2,] "mary" "sue" > catmatrix = matrix(c("joe", "mary", "bill", "sue"), nrow=2, ncol=2, byrow=TRUE) > catmatrix [,1] [,2] [1,] "joe" "mary" [2,] "bill" "sue"</pre>
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MATRIX ELEMENTS ARE ALL OF THE SAME TYPE!

data.frame	
list	

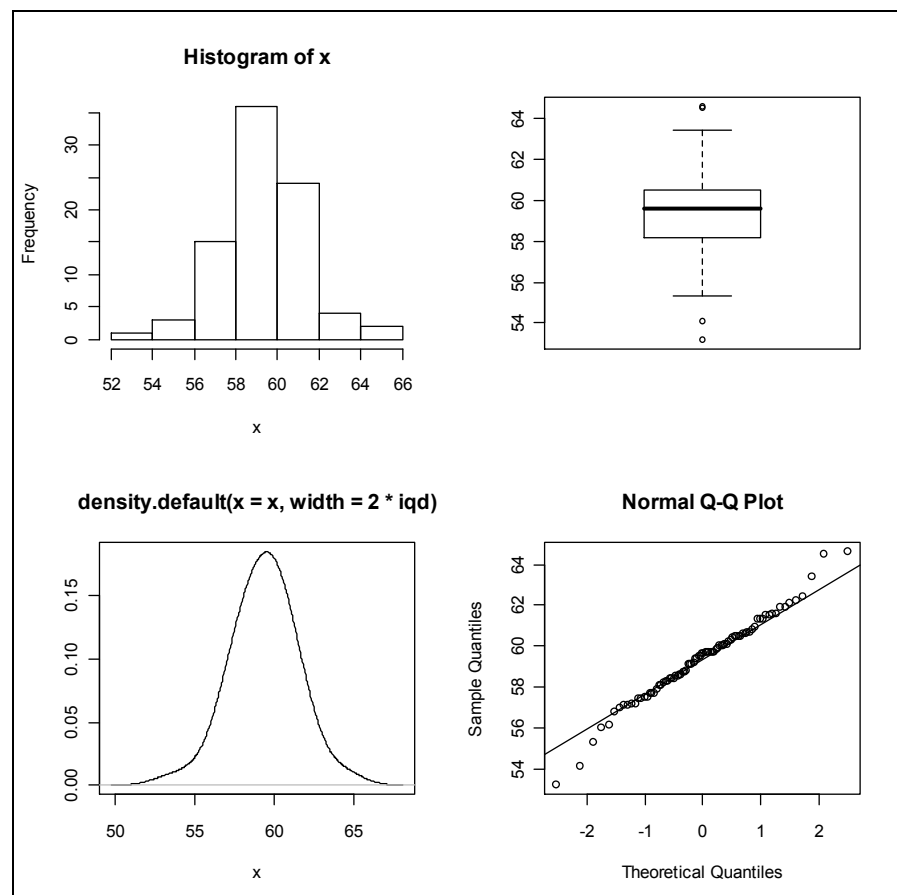
function

```
> eda.shape = function(x)
+ {
+   par(mfrow = c(2,2))
+   hist(x)
+   boxplot(x)
+   iqd <- summary(x)[5] -summary(x)[2]
+   plot(density(x,width=2*iqd),xlab="x",ylab="",type="l")
+   qqnorm(x)
+   qqline(x)
+   par(mfrow=c(1,1))
+ }
```

This function will create a Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) display of the data in the object "x". This EDA display is not part of the base R package, but this function will take things that R does and create the display.

The EDA display of the Milky Way candy weight data would look like:

```
> eda.shape(Milky.Way$CandyWgt)
```



How to determine what Objects are in the Workspace?

In the workspace that loaded and then saved after doing the above examples, use the `ls()` R command to obtain a listing of all objects in the current workspace. Here's what you get:

```
> ls()
[1] "AcornData"           "Alcohol"             "BDeehr"
[4] "CAQuakes"           "cardata"             "catmatrix"
[7] "catvector"          "Cheese"              "CO2.Data"
[10] "CoalGasOilConsump"  "CoalGasPetro"        "CoalMercury"
[13] "COPolution"         "CoralHeadDensity"    "Cruise.Line"
[16] "DRusselBirdBanding" "eda.shape"           "ex3.1"
[19] "ex3.2"              "ex5.55"              "ex5.57"
[22] "ex5.58"             "Exam.Data"           "example5.17"
[25] "example5.18"        "example6.5"          "exp10"
[28] "health.care"        "JBFishData"          "JConstible"
[31] "JetNoiseLevel"      "Kolinek"             "Koper.Spider"
[34] "Mager"              "MercuryFromFires"    "MercuryInBass"
[37] "Milky.Way"          "NewZealandRiverLengths" "NOAAWaterData"
[40] "Nuclear.Data"       "nummatrix"           "numvector"
[43] "OhioSchoolBusCrashes" "PaperSci"            "PCBLevels"
[46] "Pottery"            "Pottery.reduced"     "RiceCloudSeeding"
[49] "SleepInMammals"     "Spider.Data"         "STA671"
[52] "Supers.Salary"      "SWOhioSpeedTraps"    "table3.1"
[55] "USArrests"          "VDSouva"             "vector"
[58] "VHorobik"           "WolfRiverPolution"
>
```

Notice that the "workspace" includes: vectors, matrices, data.frames, and functions!