Introduction to R, RStudio and Quarto

Kursus R: Pengenalan dan Praktikal

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R

Introduction to R

- R programming language is a lot like magic...
- Except instead of spells, we have a function.
- R users are like magician.
 - → We can rely on functions that have been developed for them.
 - → We can also create our own.
 - → We do not have to pay for the use of them.
 - → And once experienced enough, we are almost unlimited in our ability to change our environment.

Open Source?

- Free! We don't have to pay to use R.
- We can use it on any computer.
- We have full access to algorithm and our implementation.
- We can modify the code to suit our needs.
- Promote REPRODUCIBLE RESEARCH by providing open and accessible tools.
- It is CUTTING EDGE

What is R?

- R is a programming language.
- R is a high-level language.
 - → Code that is easy to read and write, close to human language
- R is an interpreted computer language.
 - → Execute line-by-line
 - → No need to compile
 - → The software that interprets R language and executes codes
- Provide an extensive, coherent and integrated collection of tools for data analysis.

Is it relevance to me?

- IKU is one of RESEARCH INSTITUTE in Malaysia
 - → That mean our main job is doing research (and related activities)
- We depend on data to make decisions
 - → 80% of our time is spent on data **preparation and cleaning**
- We also require effective data visualization to communicate our findings

Pros and Cons

Pros

- Fast and Free
- State of the art
- Active user community
- It forces We to think about our analysis.
- New techniques available without delayed

Cons

- Steep learning curve
- Some commercial support
- In the beginning, data prep & cleaning can be messier and more mistake-prone
- It is easy to make mistakes and not know.
- Limited in handling huge dataset
- It can be not easy to choose the best package for We need

SPSS and R

- Learning (and using) R requires a new paradigm of thinking.
 - → R is a programming language, and We will be writing code 99% of the time.
- This is not an exam. We don't have to remember everything.
- Google (and AI chatbox) is our friend

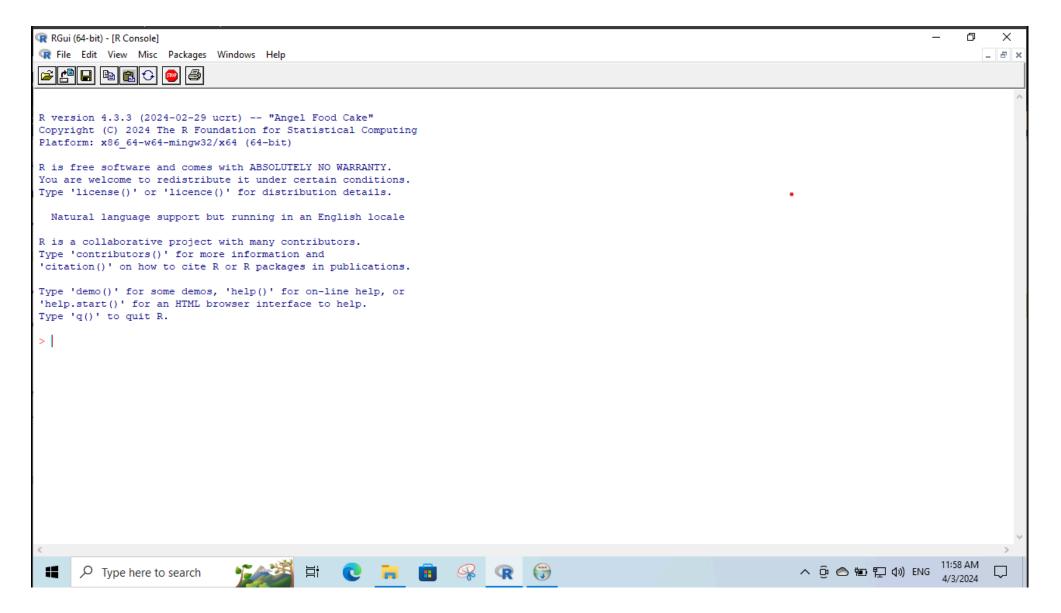
SPSS and R

- Learning (and using) R requires a new paradigm of thinking.
- Almost everything in R is an objects
 - → We can create, modify, and delete
 - → Import external files
 - → Many different options are available at the same time.
 - → The dataset can be any dimension.
- SPSS only available one dataset at a time
 - → SPSS datasets are rectangular

Learning R

- CRAN website, manuals
- Because R is interactive, errors are our friends!
- ?1m gives We help on the lm function.
- Reading help files can be very helpful.
- MOST IMPORTANT the more time We spend using R, the more comfortable We become with it

R consoles

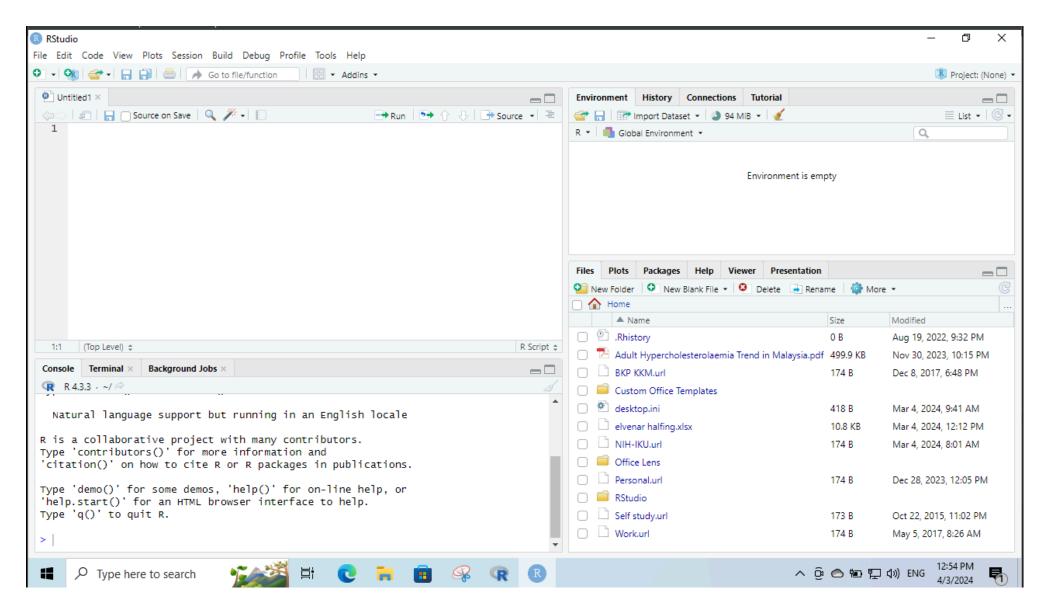


RStudio

RStudio for Statistical Analysis Workflow

- RStudio is an integrated development environment (IDE) for R.
- It includes a console and syntax highlighting editor
- Supports direct code execution and tools for
 - → Plotting
 - → History
 - → Debugging
 - → Workspace management
- Support version control (git)

RStudio GUI

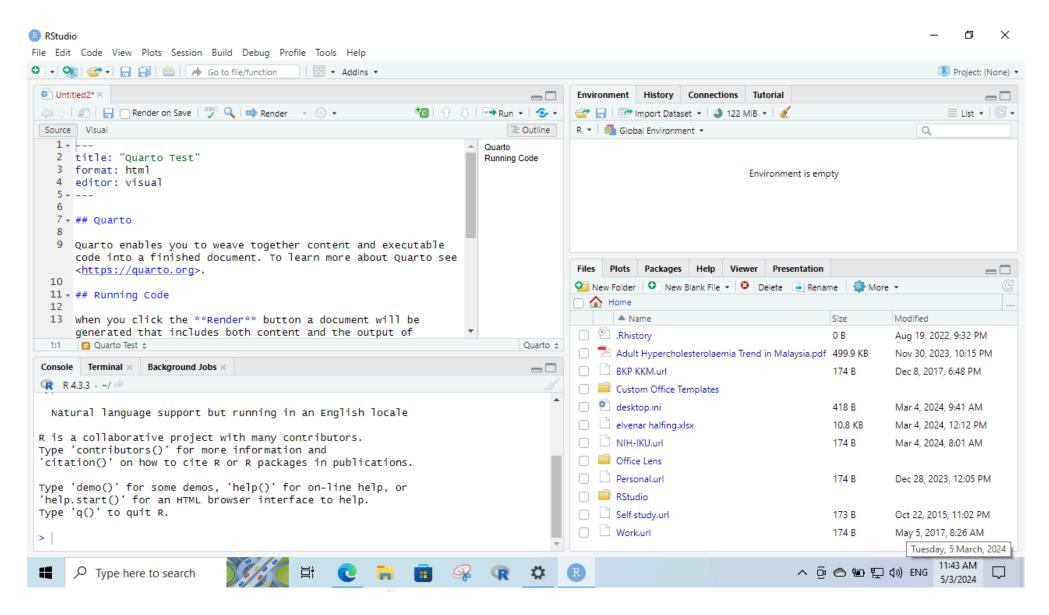


Quarto

Quarto as Notebook

- In my sessions, Quarto will be use as notebook
- Code output will be display in the same document
- Quarto is pre-installed in RStudio

Quarto as Notebook



Further Reading

- R for Data Science
- RStudio Cheat Sheets
- Quarto Documentation
- Graphic with ggplot2
- Tidyverse
- Advanced R