
An Introduction to WEKA

a popular suite of machine learning software

**Waikato Environment for Knowledge
Analysis**

Download and Install WEKA

- Website: <http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/~ml/weka/index.html>
- SourceForge: <http://sourceforge.net/projects/weka/>
- 3.6 is the latest stable version

Content

- **Intro and background**
- **Exploring WEKA**
 - Data Preparation
 - Creating Models/ Applying Algorithms
 - Evaluating Results

Available Data Mining Tools

COTs:

- IBM Intelligent Miner
- SAS Enterprise Miner
- Oracle ODM
- Microstrategy
- Microsoft DBMiner
- Pentaho
- Matlab
- Teradata

Open Source:

- WEKA
- KNIME
- Orange
- RapidMiner
- NLTK
- R
- Rattle

What is WEKA?



- **Waikato Environment for Knowledge Analysis**
 - WEKA is a data mining/machine learning application developed by Department of Computer Science, University of Waikato, New Zealand
 - WEKA is open source software in JAVA issued under the GNU General Public License
 - WEKA is a collection tools for data pre-processing, classification, regression, clustering, association, and visualization.
 - WEKA is a collection of machine learning algorithms for data mining tasks
 - WEKA is well-suited for developing new machine learning schemes
- **WEKA is a bird found only in New Zealand**

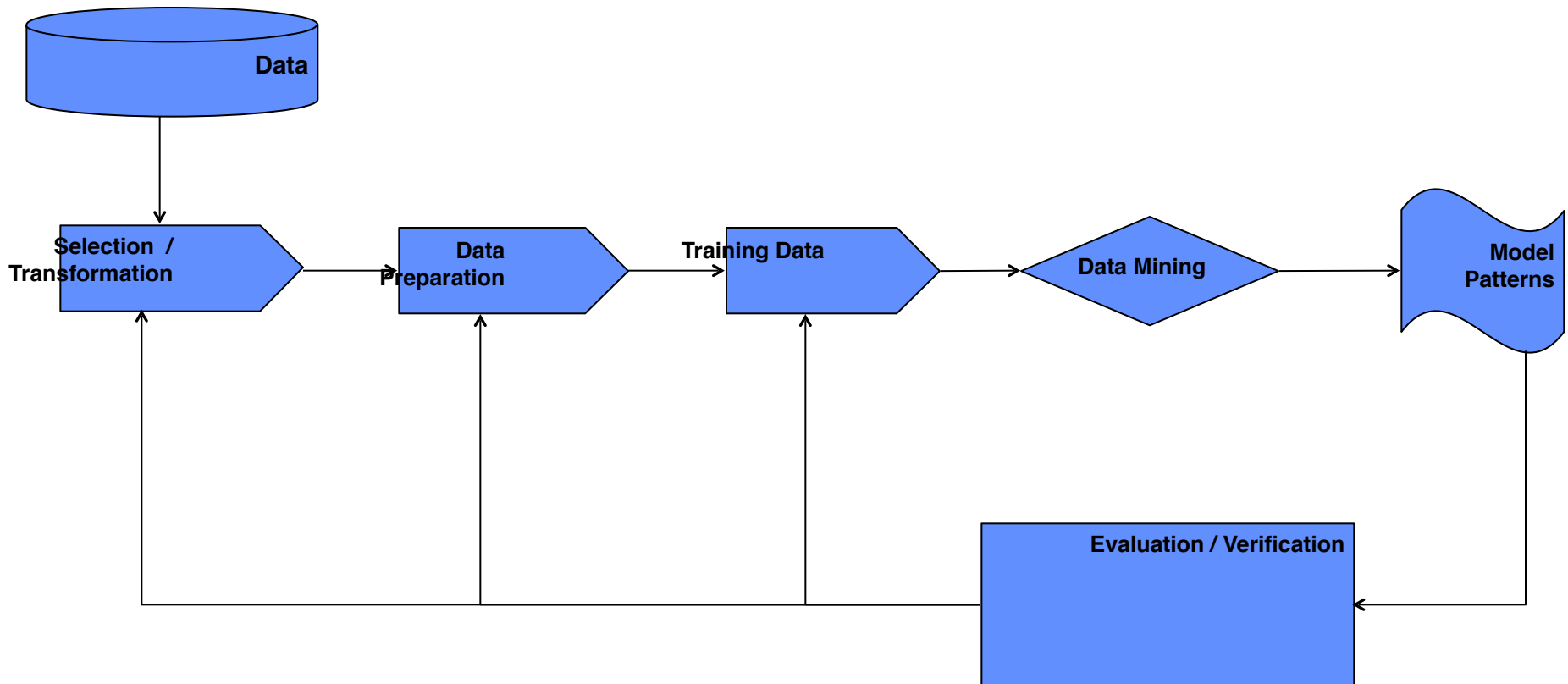
Advantages of Weka

- **Free availability**
 - Under the GNU General Public License
- **Portability**
 - Fully implemented in the Java programming language and thus runs on almost any modern computing platforms
 - Windows, Mac OS X and Linux
- **Comprehensive collection of data preprocessing and modeling techniques**
 - Supports standard data mining tasks: data preprocessing, clustering, classification, regression, visualization, and feature selection
- **Easy to use GUI**
- **Provides access to SQL databases**
 - Using Java Database Connectivity and can process the result returned by a database query

Disadvantages of Weka

- **Sequence modeling is not covered by the algorithms included in the Weka distribution**
- **Not capable of multi-relational data mining**
- **Memory bound**

KDD Process: How does WEKA fit in?



WEKA Walk Through: Main GUI

- **Three graphical user interfaces**
 - “The Explorer” (exploratory data analysis)
 - pre-process data
 - build “classifiers”
 - cluster data
 - find associations
 - attribute selection
 - data visualization
 - “The Experimenter” (experimental environment)
 - used to compare performance of different learning schemes
 - “The KnowledgeFlow” (new process model inspired interface)
 - Java-Beans-based interface for setting up and running machine learning experiments.
- **Command line Interface (“Simple CLI”)**



More at: http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/ml/weka/index_documentation.html



Preprocess | Classify | Cluster | Associate | Select attributes | Visualize

Open file... | Open URL... | Open DB... | Generate... | Undo | Edit... | Save...

Filter
Choose **None** [Apply]

Current relation
Relation: None
Instances: None
Attributes: None

Selected attribute
Name: None
Missing: None
Distinct: None
Type: None
Unique: None

Attributes
All | None | Invert | Pattern

Remove

[Dropdown arrow] Visualize All

Status
Welcome to the Weka Explorer

WEKA:: Explorer: Preprocess

- **Importing data**
 - Data format
 - Uses flat text files to describe the data
 - Data can be imported from a file in various formats:
 - ARFF, CSV, C4.5, binary
 - Data can also be read from a URL or from an SQL database (using JDBC)

WEKA:: ARFF file format

```
@relation heart-disease-simplified
```

```
@attribute age numeric
```

```
@attribute sex { female, male}
```

```
@attribute chest_pain_type { typ_angina, asympt, non_anginal, atyp_angina}
```

```
@attribute cholesterol numeric
```

```
@attribute exercise_induced_angina { no, yes}
```

```
@attribute class { present, not_present}
```

```
@data
```

```
63,male,typ_angina,233,no,not_present
```

```
67,male,asympt,286,yes,present
```

```
67,male,asympt,229,yes,present
```

```
38,female,non_anginal,?,no,not_present
```

```
...
```

numeric attribute

nominal attribute

A more thorough description is available here
<http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/~ml/weka/arff.html>

Preprocess Classify Cluster Associate Select attributes Visualize

Open file...

Open URL...

Open DB...

Generate...

Undo

Edit...

Save...

Filter

Open a set of instances from a file

Choose

None

Apply

Current relation

Relation: None

Instances: None

Attributes: None

Attributes

All

None

Invert

Pattern

Selected attribute

Name: None

Missing: None

Distinct: None

Type: None

Unique: None

Visualize All

Status

Welcome to the Weka Explorer

Log

x 0

Preprocess

Classify

Cluster

Associate

Select attributes

Visualize

Open file...

Open URL...

Open DB...

Generate...

Undo

Edit...

Save...

Filter

Choose

None

Apply

Current relation

Relation: weather

Instances: 14

Attributes: 5

Attributes

All

None

Invert

Pattern

No.	Name
1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> outlook
2	<input type="checkbox"/> temperature
3	<input type="checkbox"/> humidity
4	<input type="checkbox"/> windy
5	<input type="checkbox"/> play

Remove

Selected attribute

Name: outlook

Missing: 0 (0%)

Distinct: 3

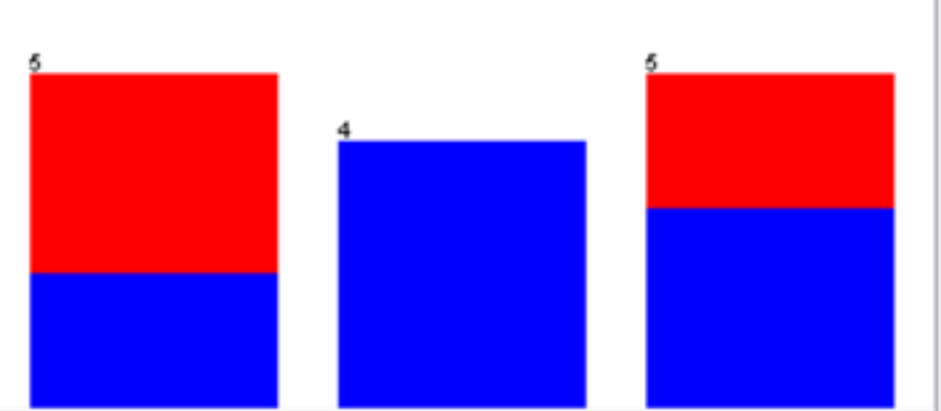
Type: Nominal

Unique: 0 (0%)

No.	Label	Count
1	sunny	5
2	overcast	4
3	rainy	5

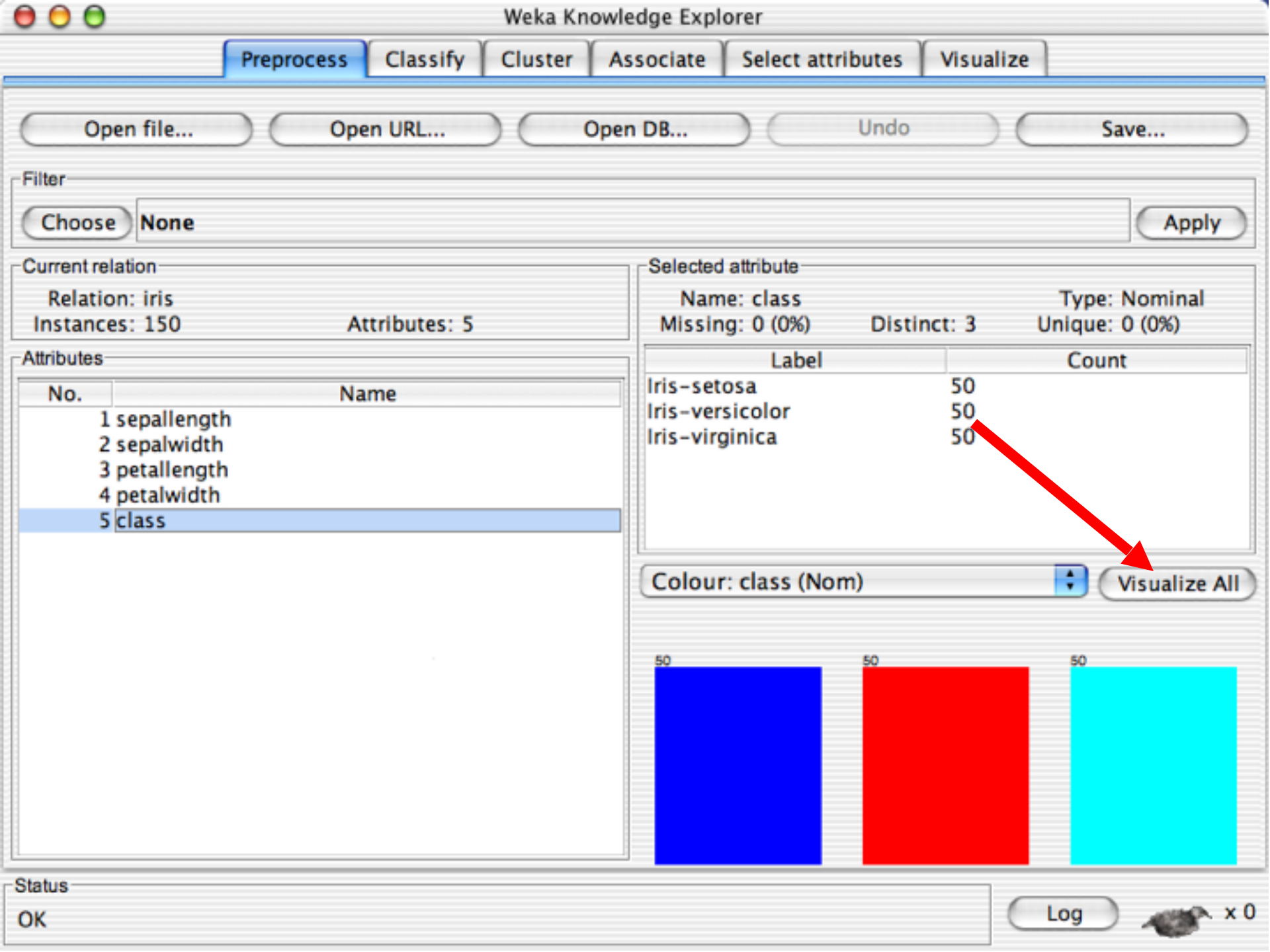
Class: play (Nom)

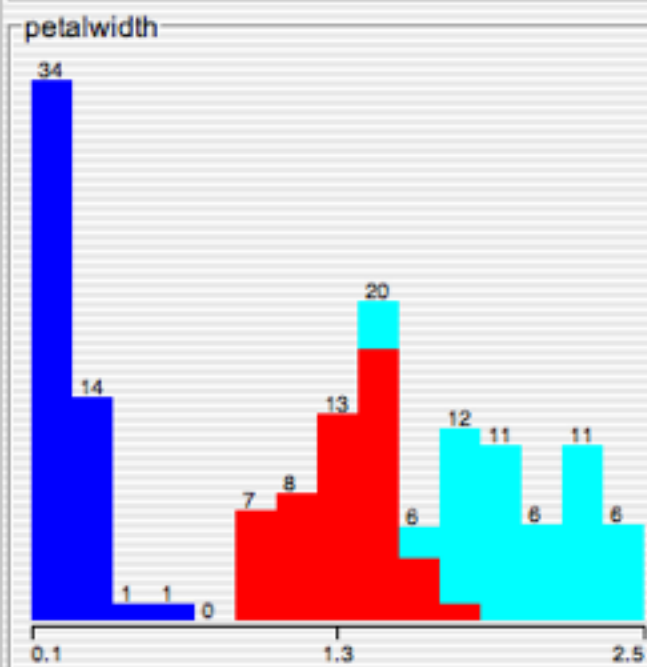
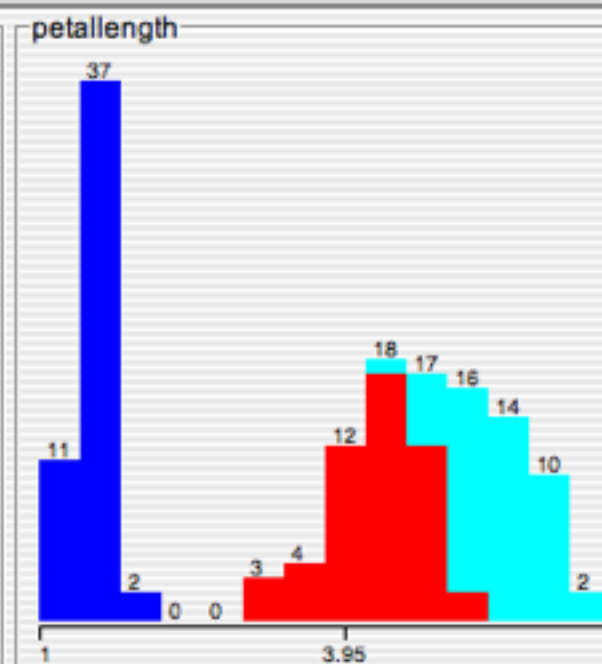
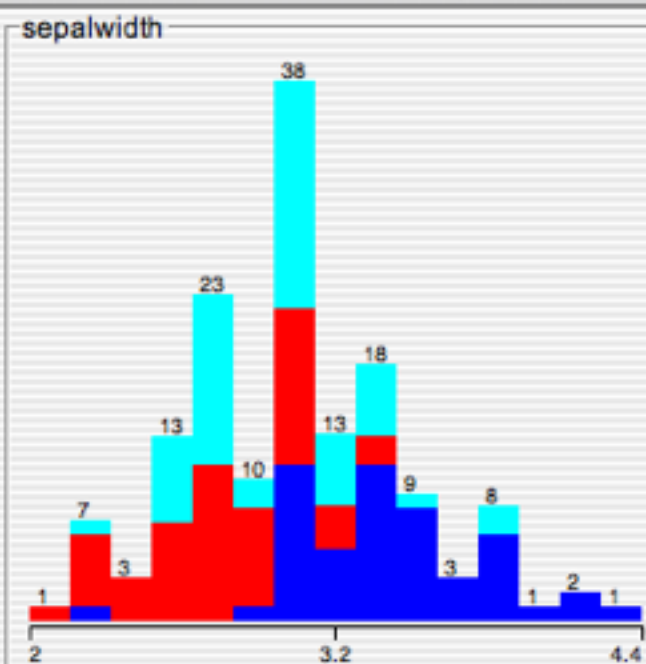
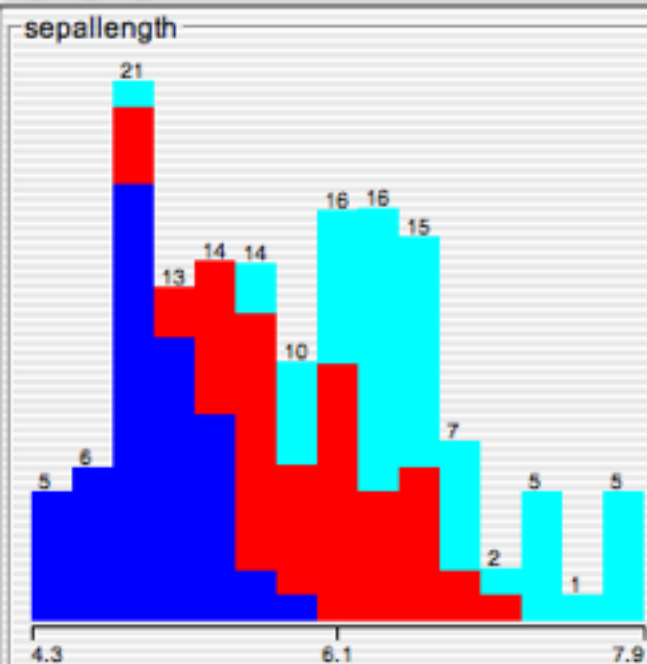
Visualize All



Weka: Explorer:Preprocess

- **Preprocessing data**
 - Visualization
 - Filtering algorithms
 - filters can be used to transform the data (e.g., turning numeric attributes into discrete ones) and make it possible to delete instances and attributes according to specific criteria.
 - Removing Noisy Data
 - Adding Additional Attributes
 - Remove Attributes





Preprocess

Classify

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Associate

Select attributes

Visualize

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Filter

Choose

None

Apply

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Remove

Selected attribute

Name: outlook

Missing: 0 (0%)

Distinct: 3

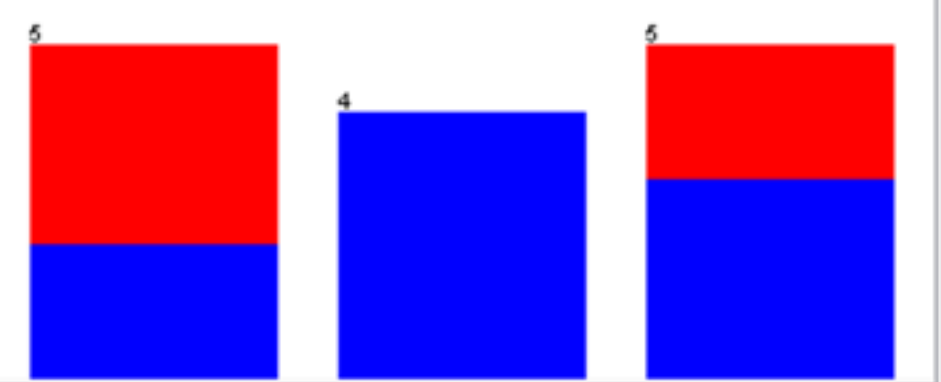
Type: Nominal

Unique: 0 (0%)

No.	Label	Count
1	sunny	5
2	overcast	4
3	rainy	5

Class: play (Nom)

Visualize All



Viewer

Relation: weather

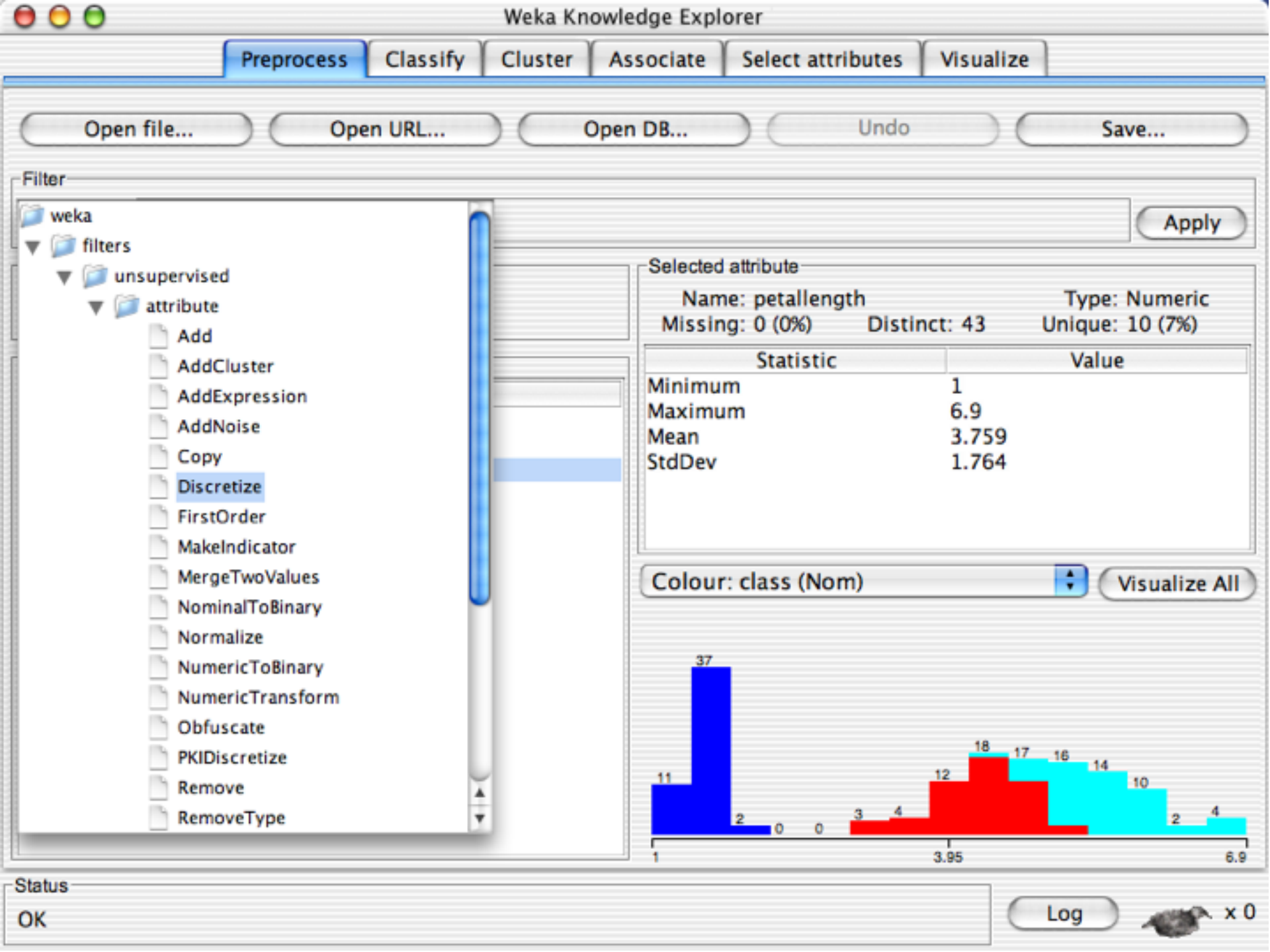
No.	outlook Nominal	temperature Numeric	humidity Numeric	windy Nominal	play Nominal
1	sunny	85.0	85.0	FALSE	no
10	rainy	75.0	80.0	FALSE	yes
11	sunny	75.0	70.0	TRUE	yes
12	overcast	72.0	90.0	TRUE	yes
13	overcast	81.0	75.0	FALSE	yes
14	rainy	71.0	91.0	TRUE	no
2	sunny	80.0	90.0	TRUE	no
3	overcast	83.0	86.0	FALSE	yes
4	rainy	70.0	96.0	FALSE	yes
5	rainy	68.0	80.0	FALSE	yes
6	rainy	65.0	70.0	TRUE	no
7	overcast	64.0	65.0	TRUE	yes
8	sunny	72.0	95.0	FALSE	no
9	sunny	69.0	70.0	FALSE	yes

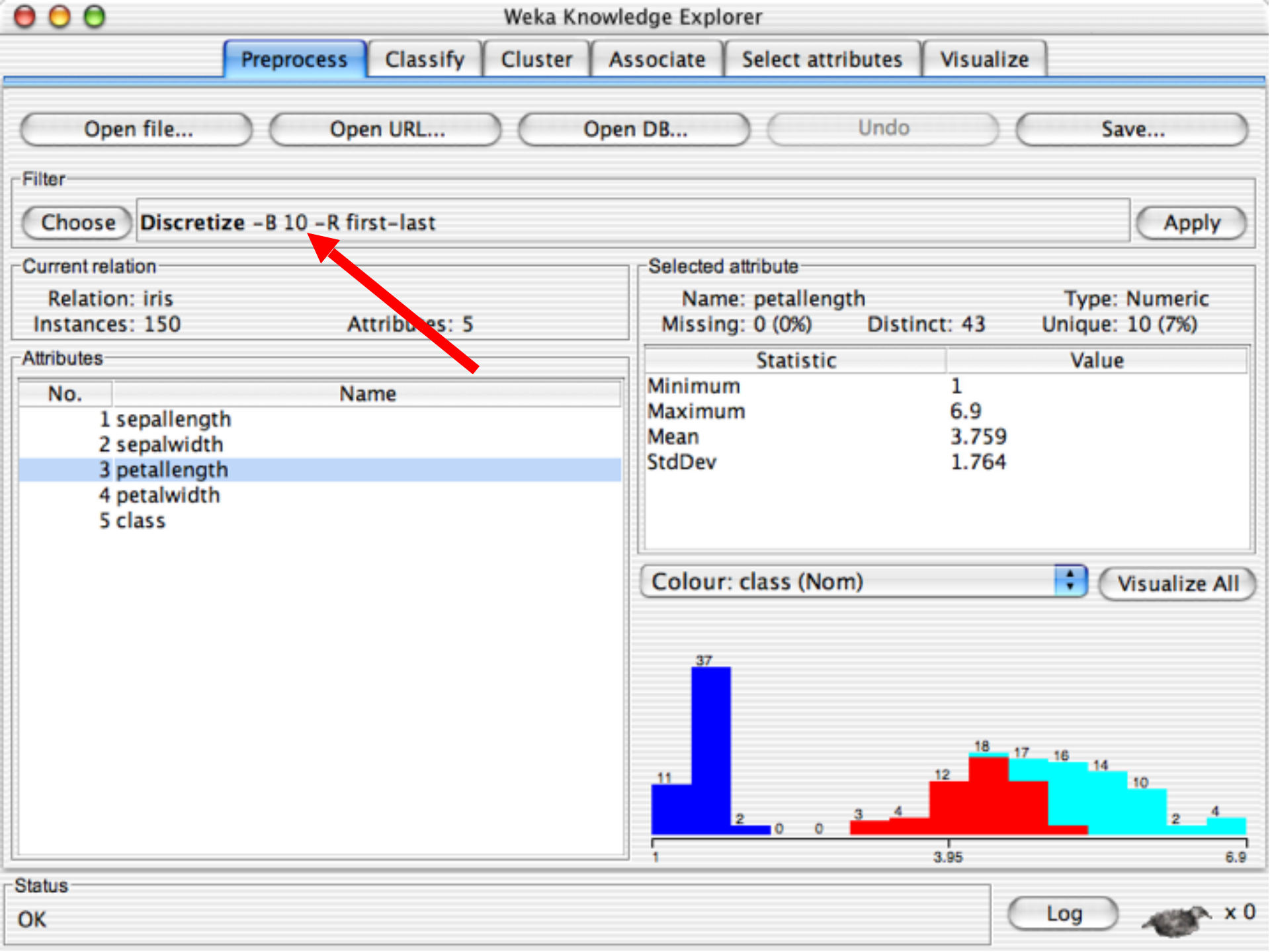
Undo OK Cancel

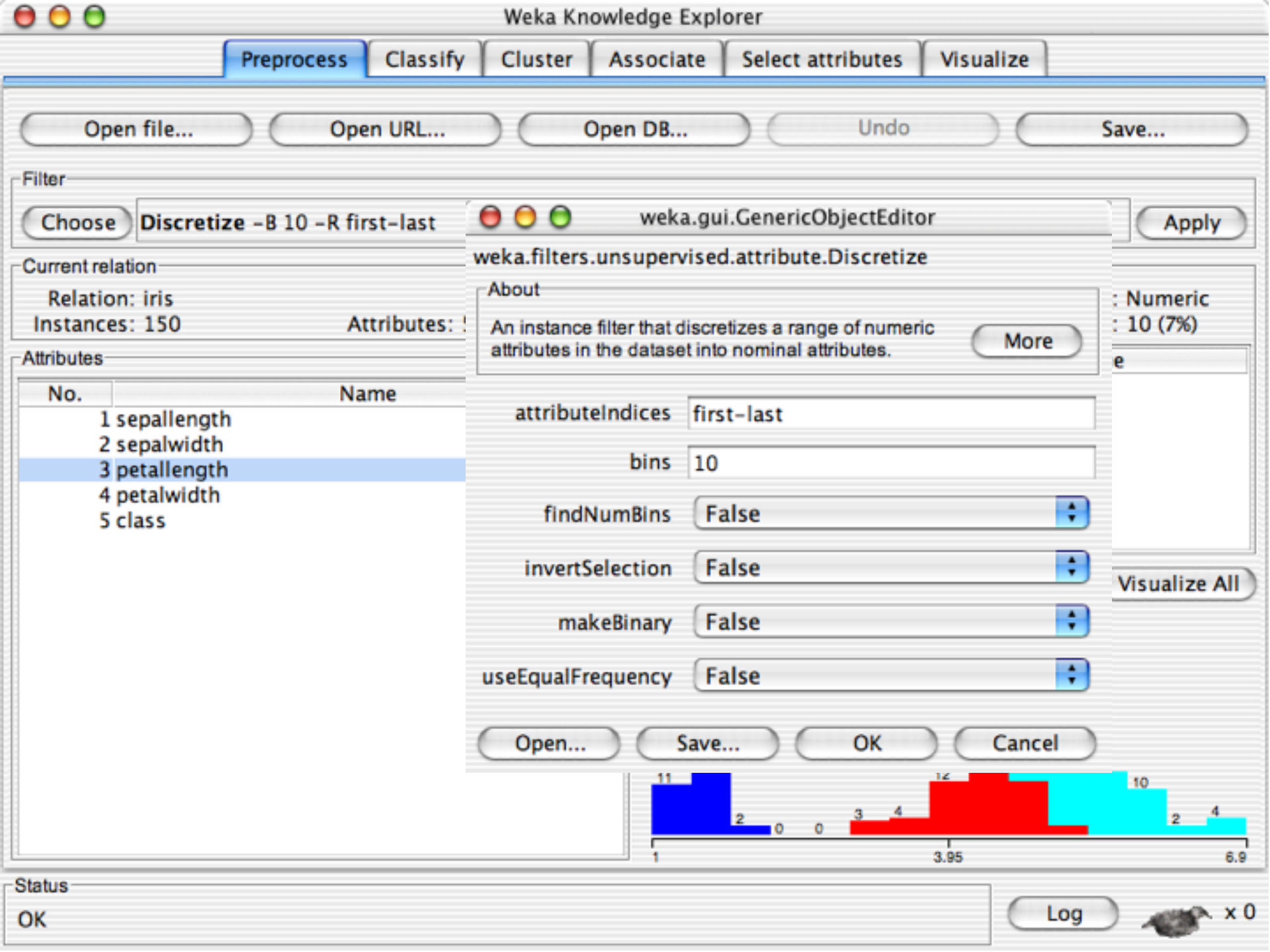
- Get mean...
- Set all values to...
- Set missing values to...
- Replace values with...
- Rename attribute...
- Attribute as class
- Delete attribute
- Delete attributes...
- Sort data (ascending)
- Optimal column width (current)
- Optimal column width (all)

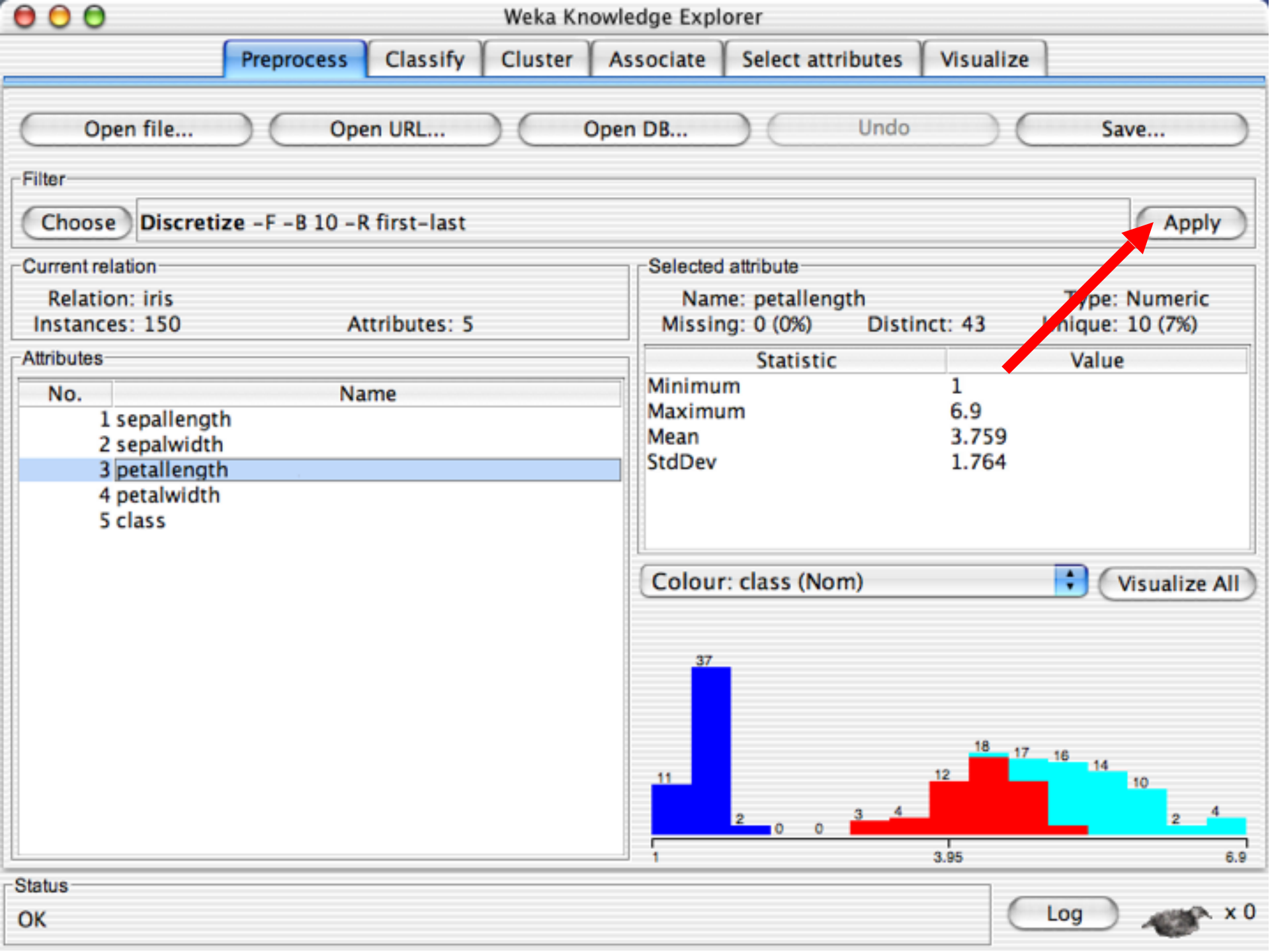
WEKA:: Explorer: Preprocess

- **Used to define filters to transform Data.**
- **WEKA contains filters for:**
 - Discretization, normalization, resampling, attribute selection, transforming, combining attributes, etc











Preprocess

Classify

Cluster

Associate

Select attributes

Visualize

Open file...

Open URL...

Open DB...

Undo

Save...

Filter

Choose

Discretize -F -B 10 -R first-last

Apply

Current relation

Relation: iris-weka.filters.unsupervised.attribute.Disc...

Instances: 150

Attributes: 5

Attributes

No.	Name
1	sepalength
2	sepalwidth
3	petallength
4	petalwidth
5	class

Selected attribute

Name: petallength

Type: Nominal

Missing: 0 (0%)

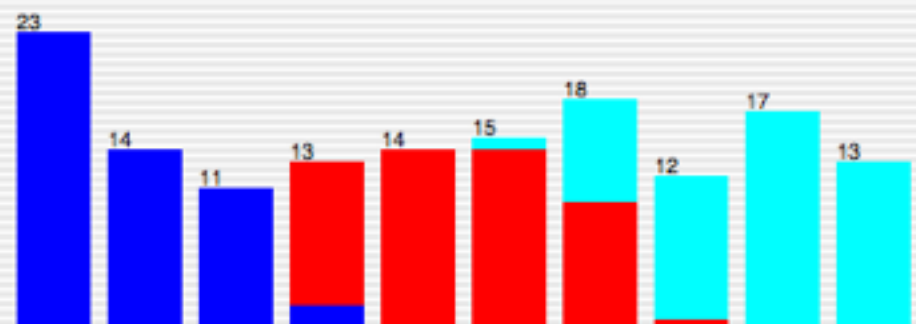
Distinct: 10

Unique: 0 (0%)

Label	Count
'(-inf-1.45]'	23
'(1.45-1.55]'	14
'(1.55-1.8]'	11
'(1.8-3.95]'	13
'(3.95-4.35]'	14
'(4.35-4.65]'	15
'(4.65-5.05]'	18

Colour: class (Nom)

Visualize All



Status

OK

Log



WEKA:: Explorer: building “classifiers”

- **Classifiers in WEKA are models for predicting nominal or numeric quantities**
- **Implemented learning schemes include:**
 - Decision trees and lists, instance-based classifiers, support vector machines, multi-layer perceptrons, logistic regression, Bayes' nets, ...
- **“Meta”-classifiers include:**
 - Bagging, boosting, stacking, error-correcting output codes, locally weighted learning, ...



Preprocess

Classify

Cluster

Associate

Select attributes

Visualize

Classifier

Choose

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Test options

☐ Use training set☐ Supplied test set

Set...

☒ Cross-validation Folds 10☐ Percentage split % 66

More options...

(Nom) class



Start

Stop

Result list (right-click for options)

Classifier output

Status

OK

Log



x 0



Preprocess

Classify

Cluster

Associate

Select attributes

Visualize

Classifier

- weka
 - classifiers
 - bayes
 - functions
 - lazy
 - meta
 - misc
 - trees
 - adtree
 - DecisionStump
 - Id3
 - j48
 - J48
 - lmt
 - m5
 - RandomForest
 - RandomTree
 - REPTree
 - UserClassifier
 - rules

Classifier output

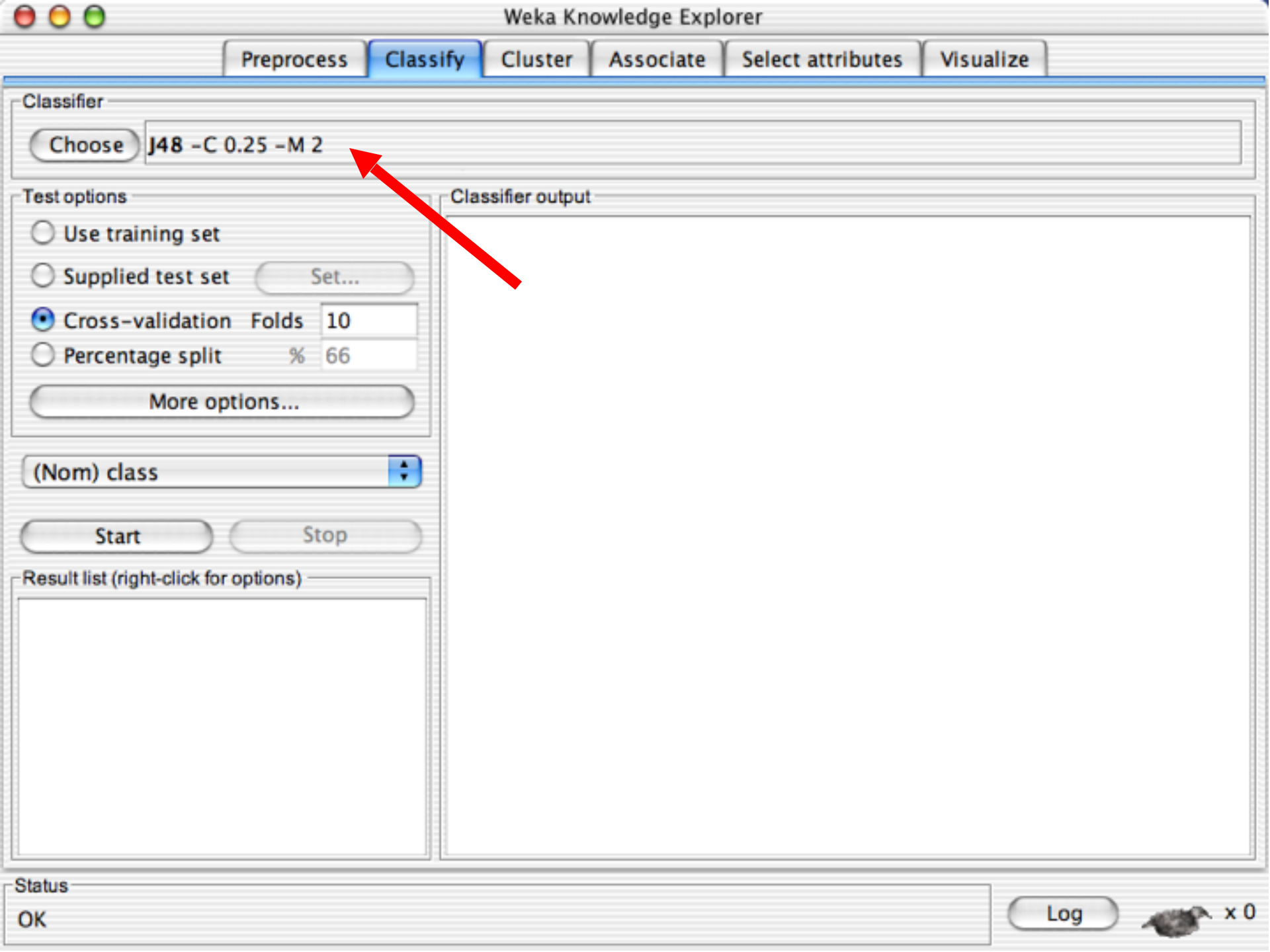
Status

OK

Log



x 0



Preprocess

Classify

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Associate

Select attributes

Visualize

Classifier

Choose

J48 -C 0.25 -M 2

Test options

☐ Use training set

☐ Supplied test set

Set...

☒ Cross-validation Folds 10

☐ Percentage split % 66

More options...

(Nom) class

Start

Stop

Result list (right-click for options)

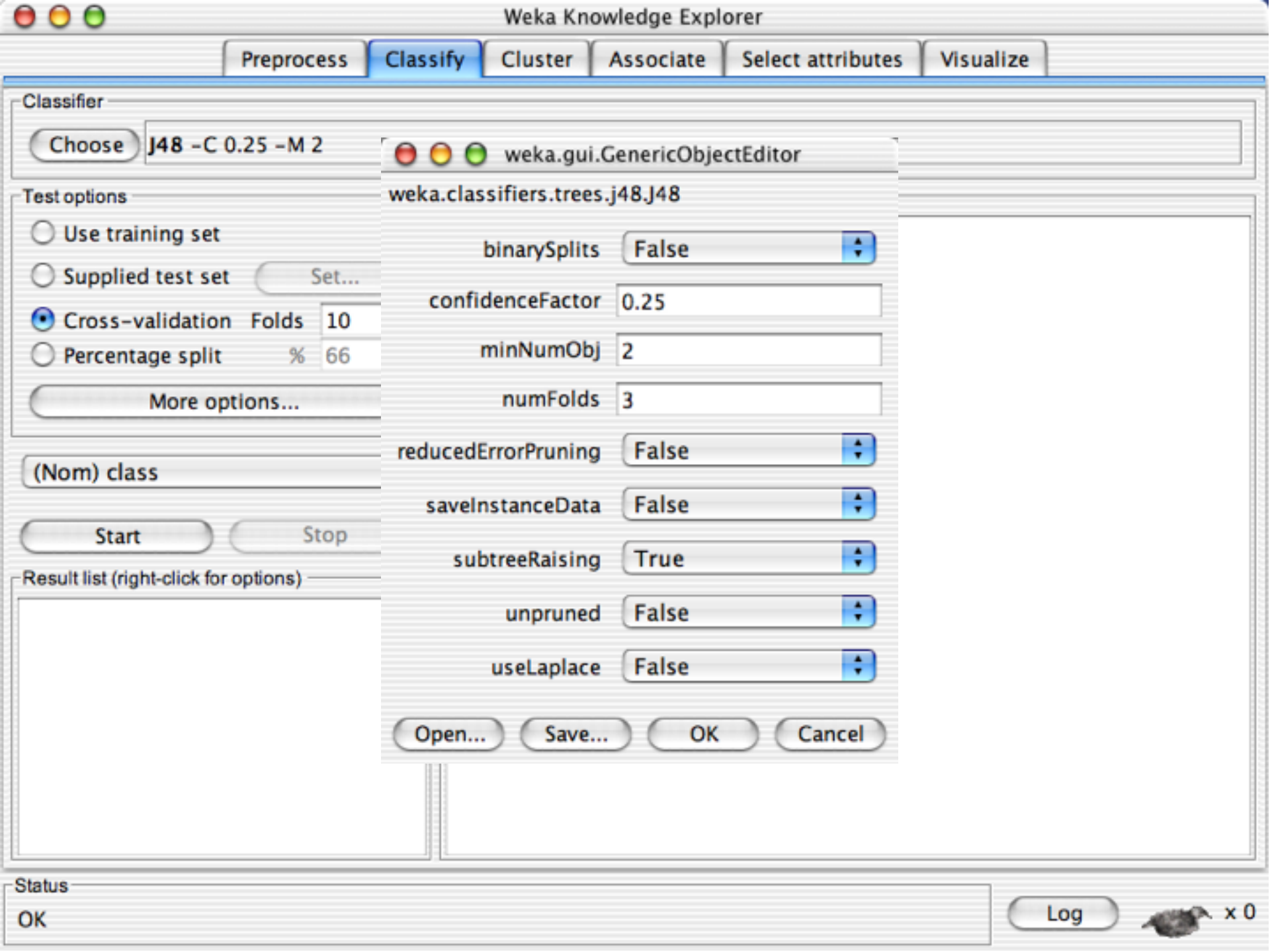
Classifier output

Status

OK

Log

x 0



Preprocess

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Classifier

Choose

J48 -C 0.25 -M 2

Test options

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Set...

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More options...

(Nom) class

Start

Stop

Result list (right-click for options)



weka.gui.GenericObjectEditor

weka.classifiers.trees.j48.J48

binarySplits False

confidenceFactor 0.25

minNumObj 2

numFolds 3

reducedErrorPruning False

saveInstanceData False

subtreeRaising True

unpruned False

useLaplace False

Open...

Save...

OK

Cancel

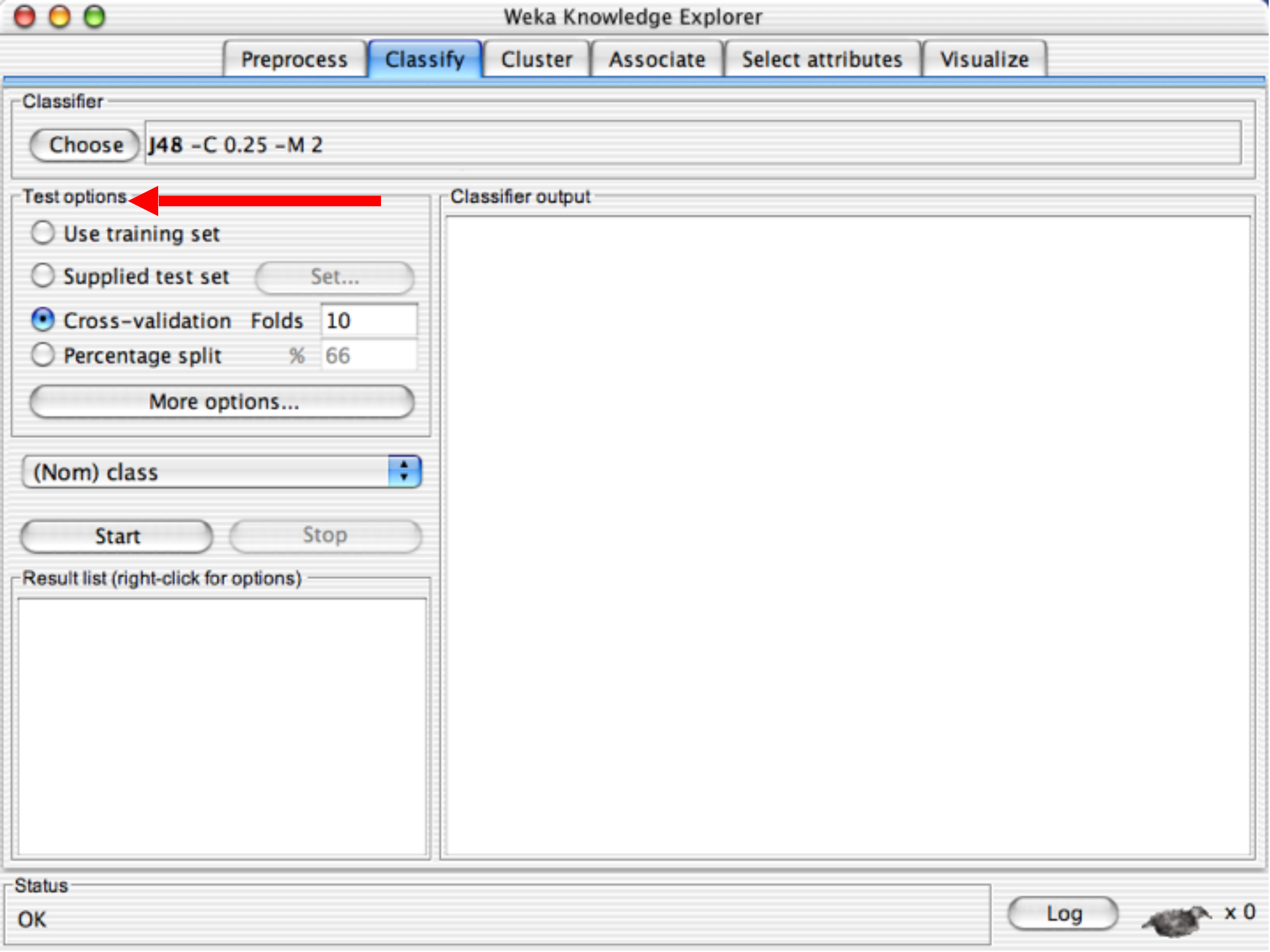
Status

OK

Log



x 0



Preprocess

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Classifier

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Set...

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More options...

(Nom) class

Start

Stop

Result list (right-click for options)

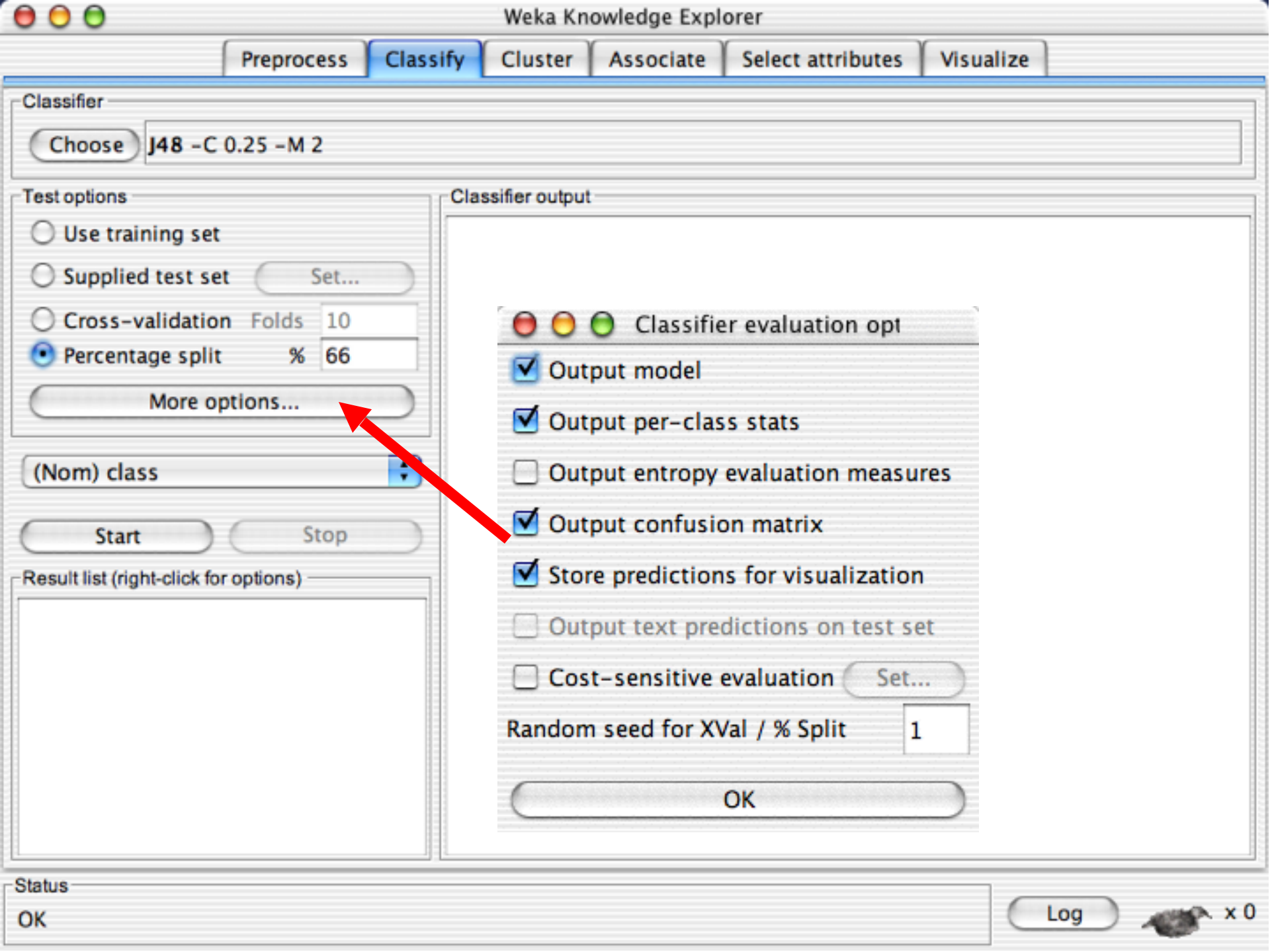
Classifier output

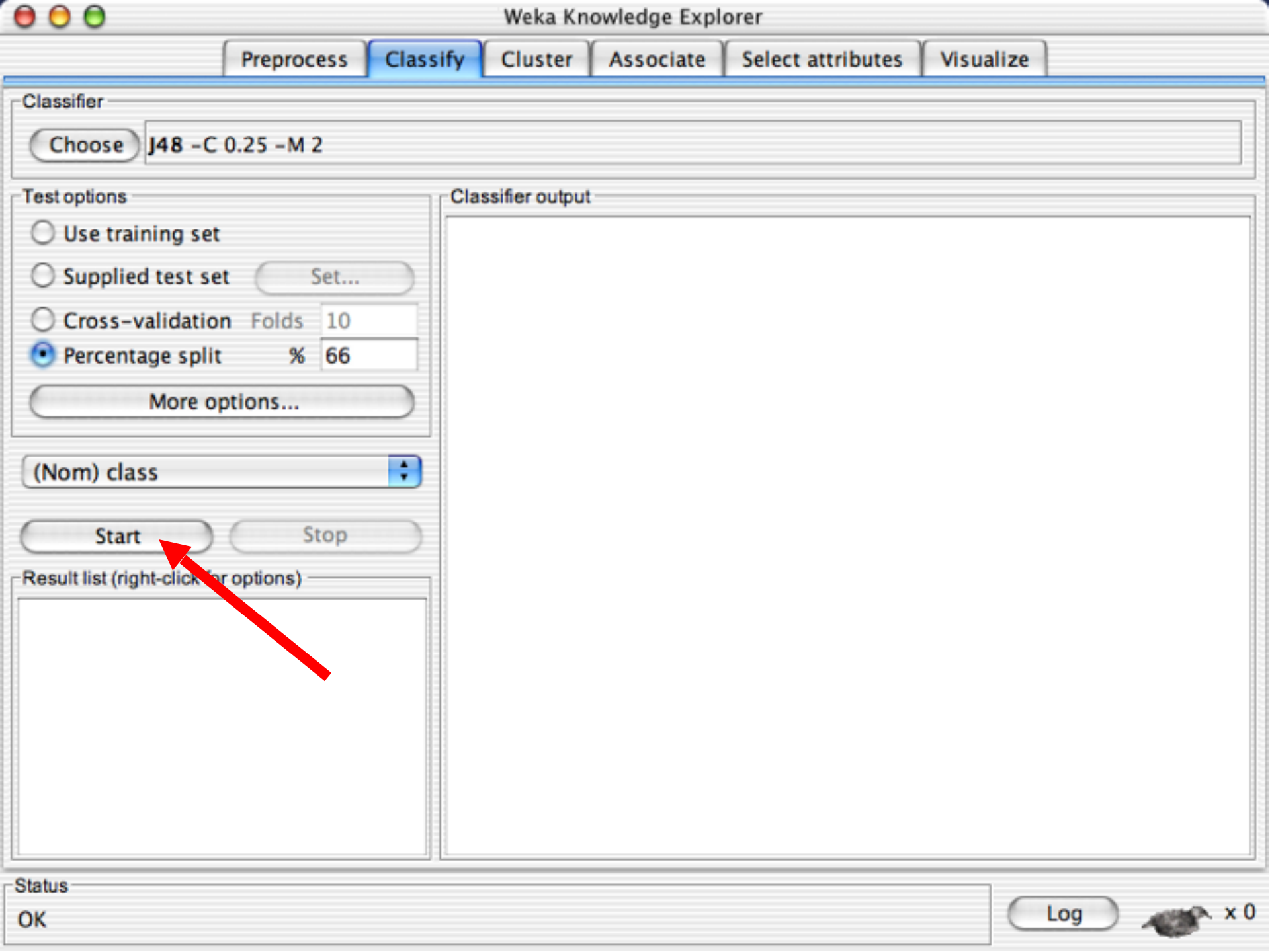
Status

OK

Log

x 0





Preprocess

Classify

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Select attributes

Visualize

Classifier

Choose

J48 -C 0.25 -M 2

Test options

☐ Use training set☐ Supplied test set

Set...

☐ Cross-validation Folds 10☒ Percentage split % 66

More options...

(Nom) class



Start

Stop

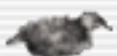
Result list (right-click for options)

Classifier output

Status

OK

Log



x 0



Preprocess

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Visualize

Classifier

Choose J48 -C 0.25 -M 2

Test options

☐ Use training set☐ Supplied test set

Set...

☐ Cross-validation Folds 10☒ Percentage split % 66

More options...

(Nom) class

Start

Stop

Result list (right-click for options)

11:49:05 - trees.j48.J48

Classifier output

=== Run information ===

Scheme: weka.classifiers.trees.j48.J48 -C 0.25 -M 2
Relation: iris
Instances: 150
Attributes: 5

sepalength
sepalwidth
petallength
petalwidth
class

Test mode: split 66% train, remainder test

=== Classifier model (full training set) ===

J48 pruned tree


```
-----  
petalwidth <= 0.6: Iris-setosa (50.0)  
petalwidth > 0.6  
| petalwidth <= 1.7  
| | petallength <= 4.9: Iris-versicolor (48.0/1.0)  
| | petallength > 4.9  
| | | petalwidth <= 1.5: Iris-virginica (3.0)  
| | | petalwidth > 1.5: Iris-versicolor (3.0/1.0)  
| petalwidth > 1.7: Iris-virginica (46.0/1.0)
```

Number of Leaves : 5

Status

OK

Log

 x 0



Preprocess

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Select attributes

Visualize

Classifier

Choose J48 -C 0.25 -M 2

Test options

☐ Use training set☐ Supplied test set

Set...

☐ Cross-validation Folds 10☒ Percentage split % 66

More options...

(Nom) class

Start

Stop

Result list (right-click for options)

11:49:05 - trees.j48.J48

Classifier output

Time taken to build model: 0.24 seconds

=== Evaluation on test split ===

=== Summary ===

Correctly Classified Instances	49	96.0784 %
Incorrectly Classified Instances	2	3.9216 %
Kappa statistic	0.9408	
Mean absolute error	0.0396	
Root mean squared error	0.1579	
Relative absolute error	8.8979 %	
Root relative squared error	33.4091 %	
Total Number of Instances	51	

=== Detailed Accuracy By Class ===

TP Rate	FP Rate	Precision	Recall	F-Measure	Class
1	0	1	1	1	Iris-setosa
1	0.063	0.905	1	0.95	Iris-versicolor
0.882	0	1	0.882	0.938	Iris-virginica

=== Confusion Matrix ===

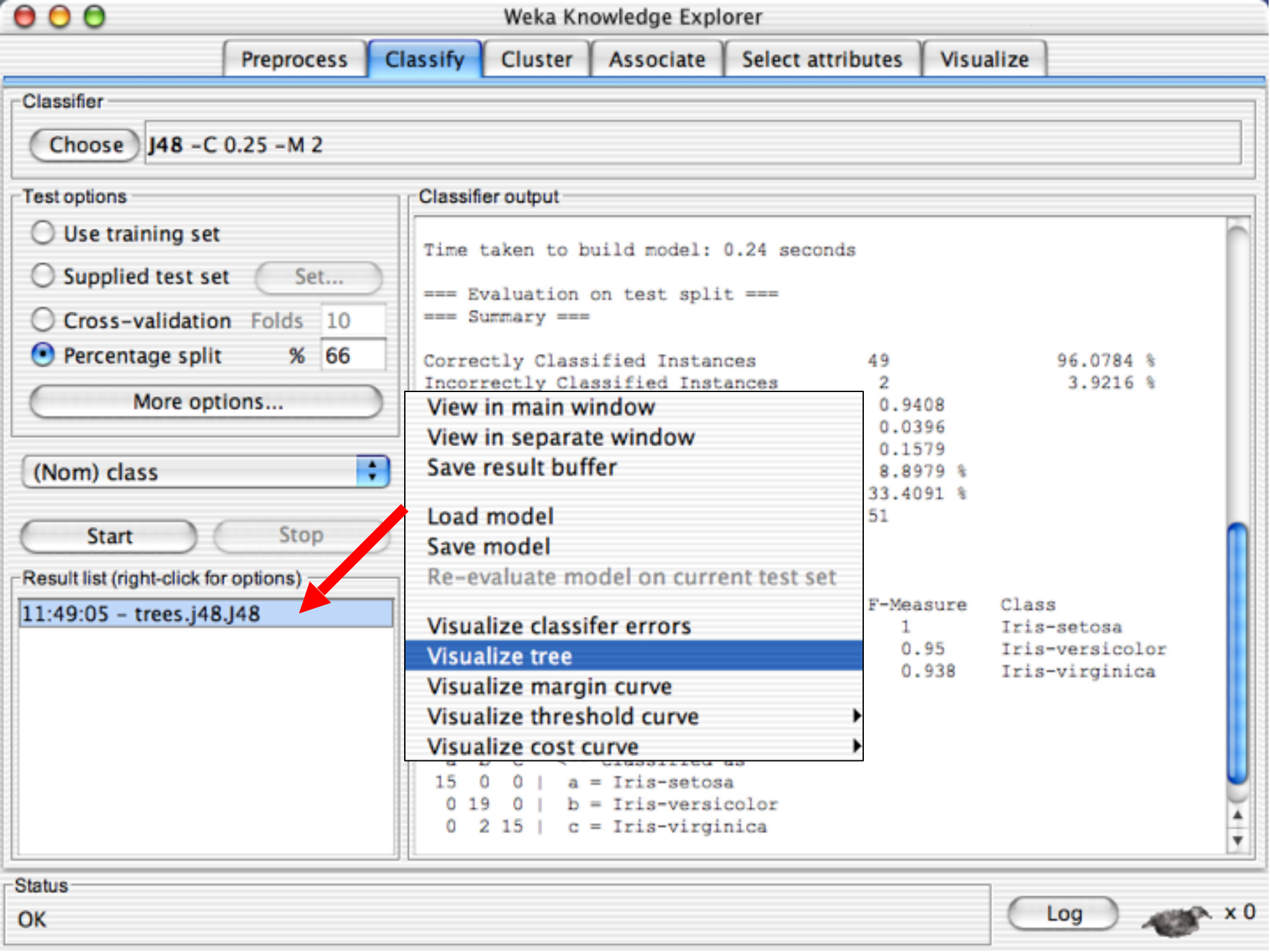
a	b	c	<-- classified as
15	0	0	a = Iris-setosa
0	19	0	b = Iris-versicolor
0	2	15	c = Iris-virginica

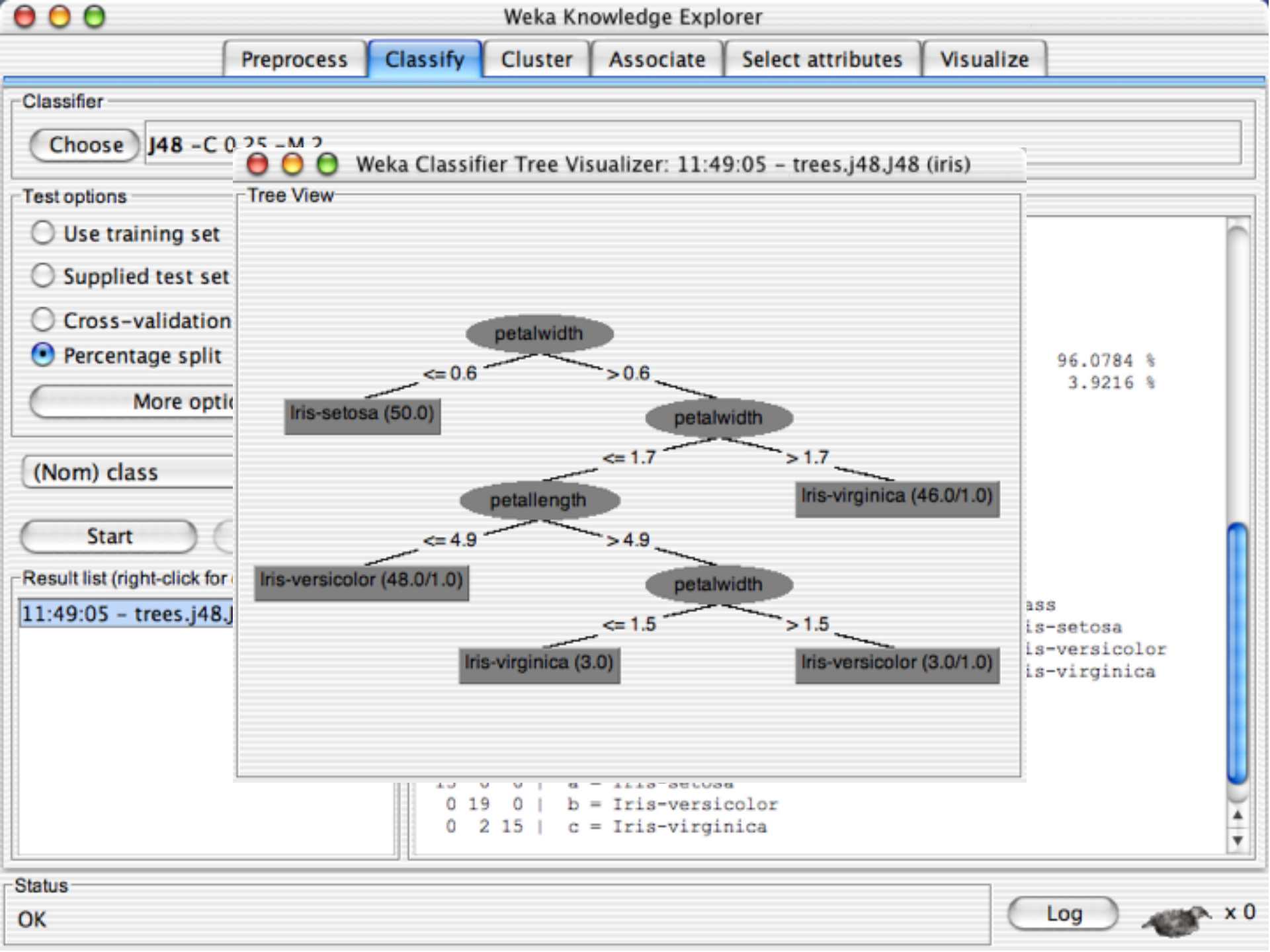
Status

OK

Log

x 0





WEKA:: Explorer: building “Cluster”

- **WEKA contains “clusters” for finding groups of similar instances in a dataset**
- **Implemented schemes are:**
 - k-Means, EM, Cobweb, X-means, FarthestFirst
- **Clusters can be visualized and compared to “true” clusters (if given)**
- **Evaluation based on loglikelihood if clustering scheme produces a probability distribution**

Explorer: Finding associations

- **WEKA contains an implementation of the Apriori algorithm for learning association rules**
 - Works only with discrete data
- **Can identify statistical dependencies between groups of attributes:**
 - milk, butter \Rightarrow bread, eggs (with confidence 0.9 and support 2000)
- **Apriori can compute all rules that have a given minimum support and exceed a given confidence**

Explorer: Attribute Selection

- **Panel that can be used to investigate which (subsets of) attributes are the most predictive ones**
- **Attribute selection methods contain two parts:**
 - A search method: best-first, forward selection, random, exhaustive, genetic algorithm, ranking
 - An evaluation method: correlation-based, wrapper, information gain, chi-squared, ...
- **Very flexible: WEKA allows (almost) arbitrary combinations of these two**

Explorer: Visualize

- **Visualization very useful in practice: e.g. helps to determine difficulty of the learning problem**
- **WEKA can visualize single attributes (1-d) and pairs of attributes (2-d)**
 - To do: rotating 3-d visualizations (Xgobi-style)
- **Color-coded class values**
- **“Jitter” option to deal with nominal attributes (and to detect “hidden” data points)**
- **“Zoom-in” function**



Preprocess

Classify

Cluster

Associate

Select attributes

Visualize

Open file...

Open URL...

Open DB...

Undo

Save...

Filter

Choose

None

Apply

Current relation

Relation: Glass

Instances: 214

Attributes: 10

Attributes

No.	Name
1	RI
2	Na
3	Mg
4	Al
5	Si
6	K
7	Ca
8	Ba
9	Fe
10	Type

Selected attribute

Name: RI

Missing: 0 (0%)

Distinct: 178

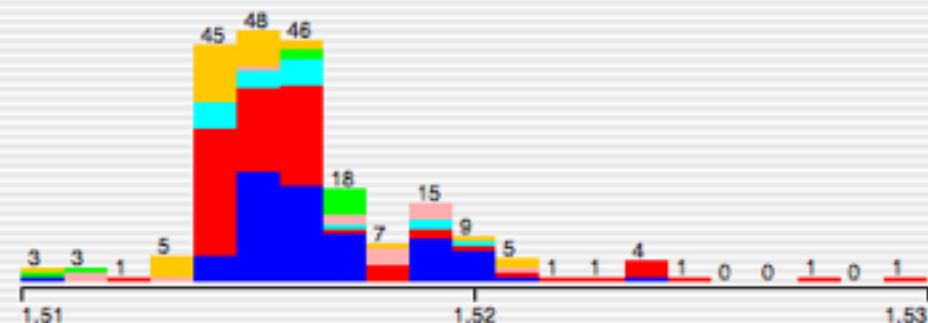
Type: Numeric

Unique: 145 (68%)

Statistic	Value
Minimum	1.511
Maximum	1.534
Mean	1.518
StdDev	0.003

Colour: Type (Nom)


Visualize All



Status

OK

Log

 x 0



Preprocess

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Select attributes

Visualize

Plot Matrix

RI

Na

Mg

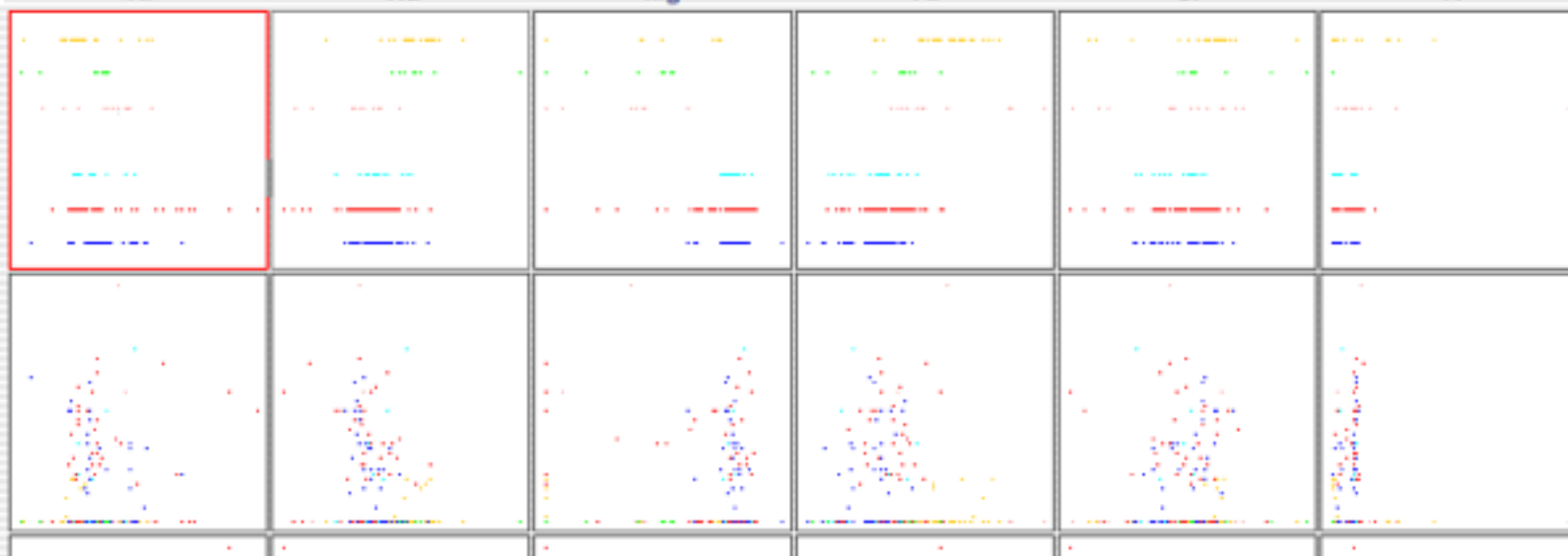
Al

Si

K

Type

Fe



PlotSize: [100]



PointSize: [1]



Update

Jitter:



Select Attributes

Colour: Type (Nom)



SubSample % :

100

Class Colour

```
build wind float build wind non-float vehic wind float vehic wind non-float containers tableware headlamps
```

Status

OK

Log



x 0



Preprocess

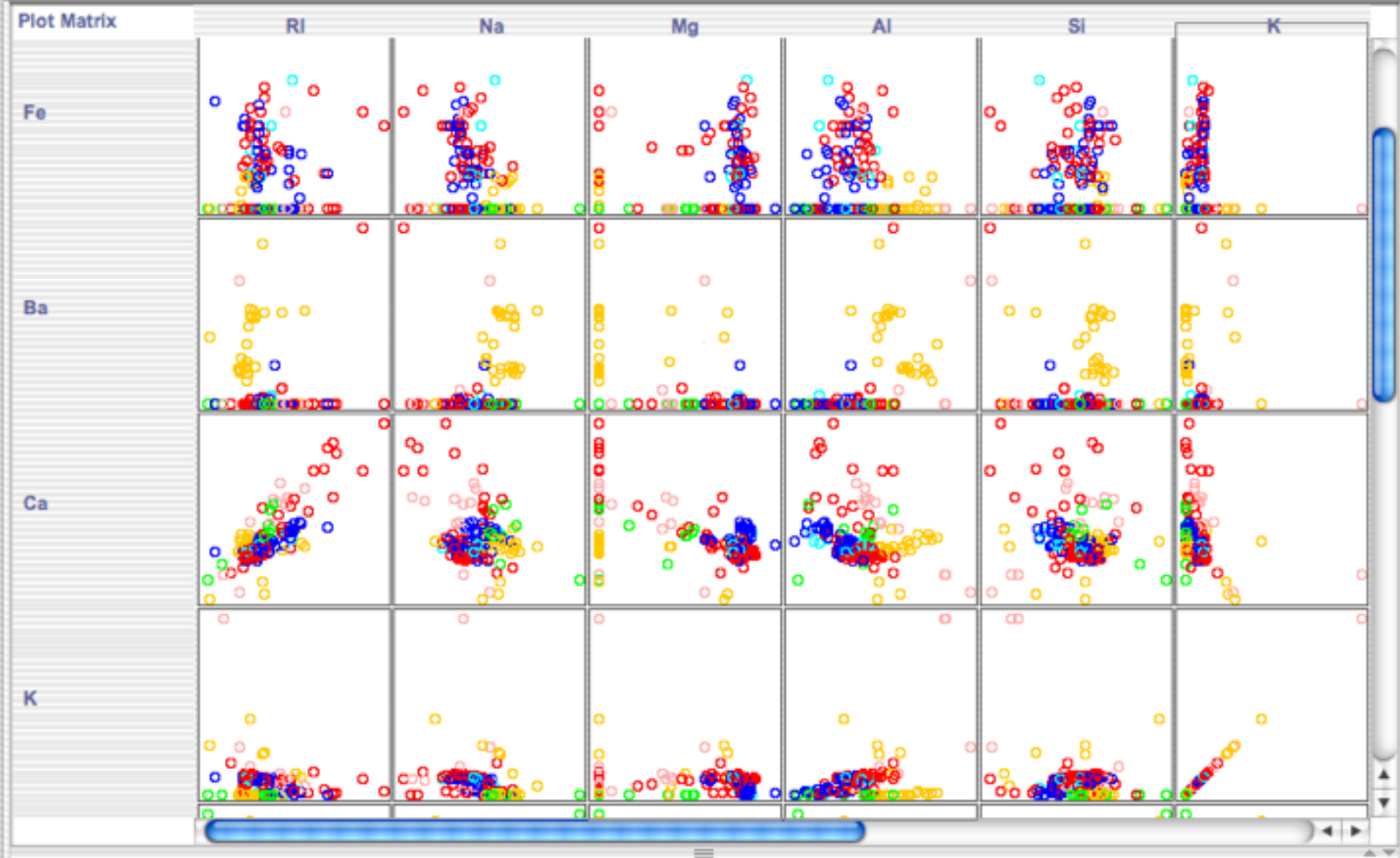
Classify

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Status

OK

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x 0

X: Al (Num)

Y: Ca (Num)

Colour: Type (Nom)

Select Instance

Reset

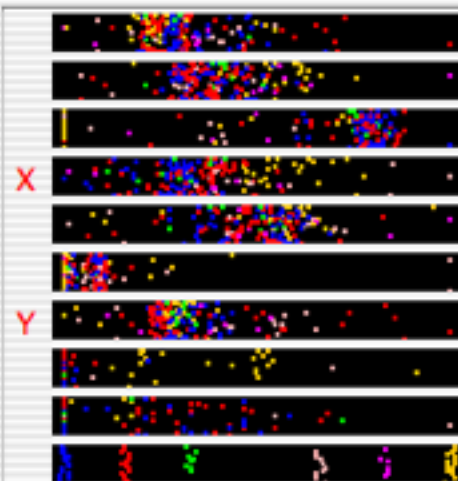
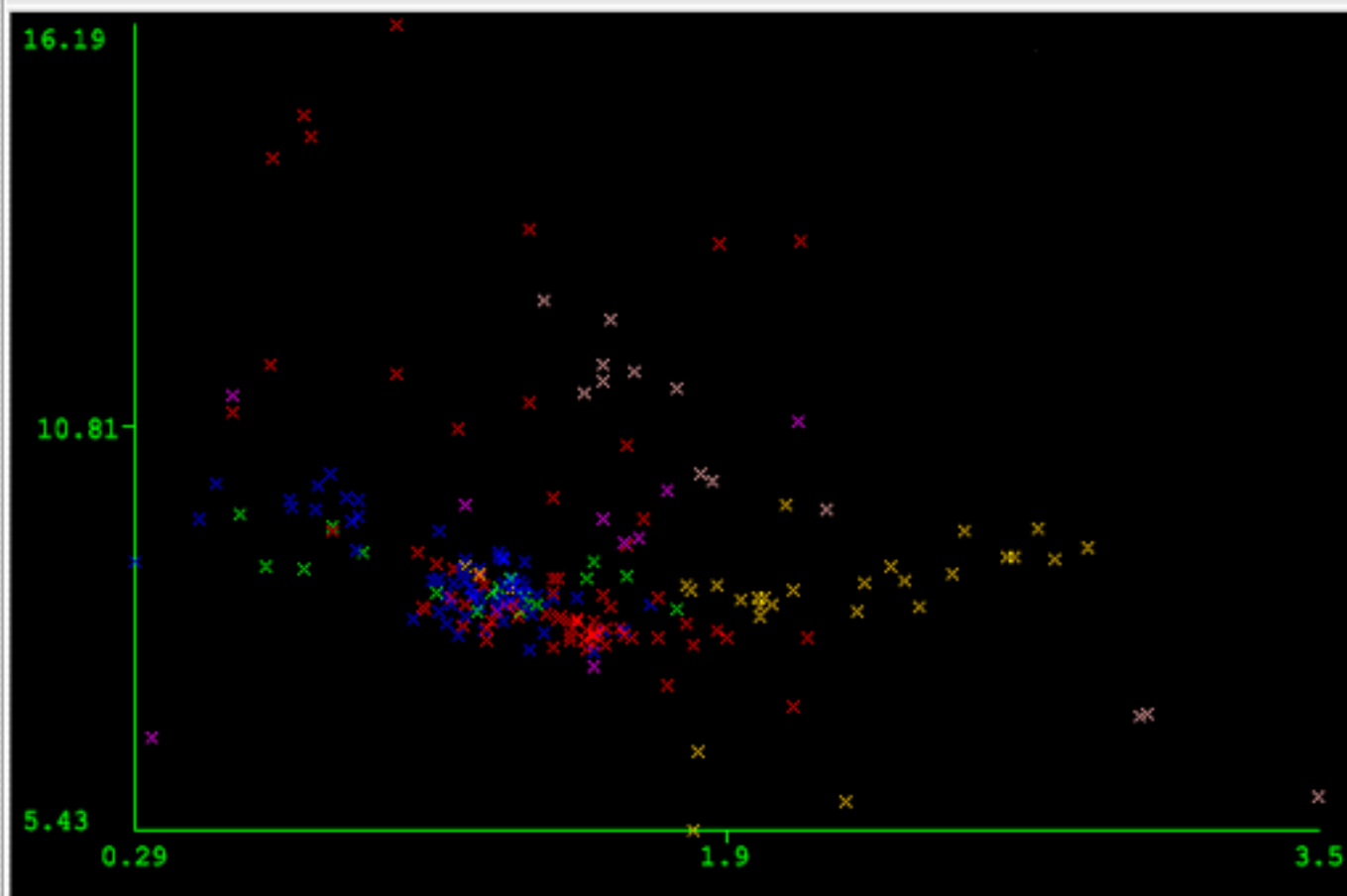
Clear

Save

Jitter



Plot: Glass



Class colour

build wind float

build wind non-float

vehic wind float

vehic wind non-float

containers

tableware

headlamps

X: Al (Num)

Y: Ca (Num)

Colour: Type (Nom)

Select Instance

Reset

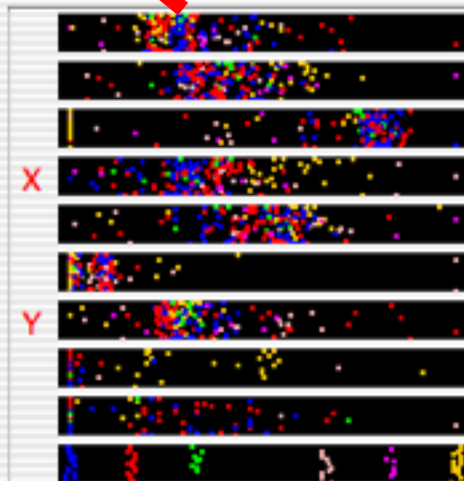
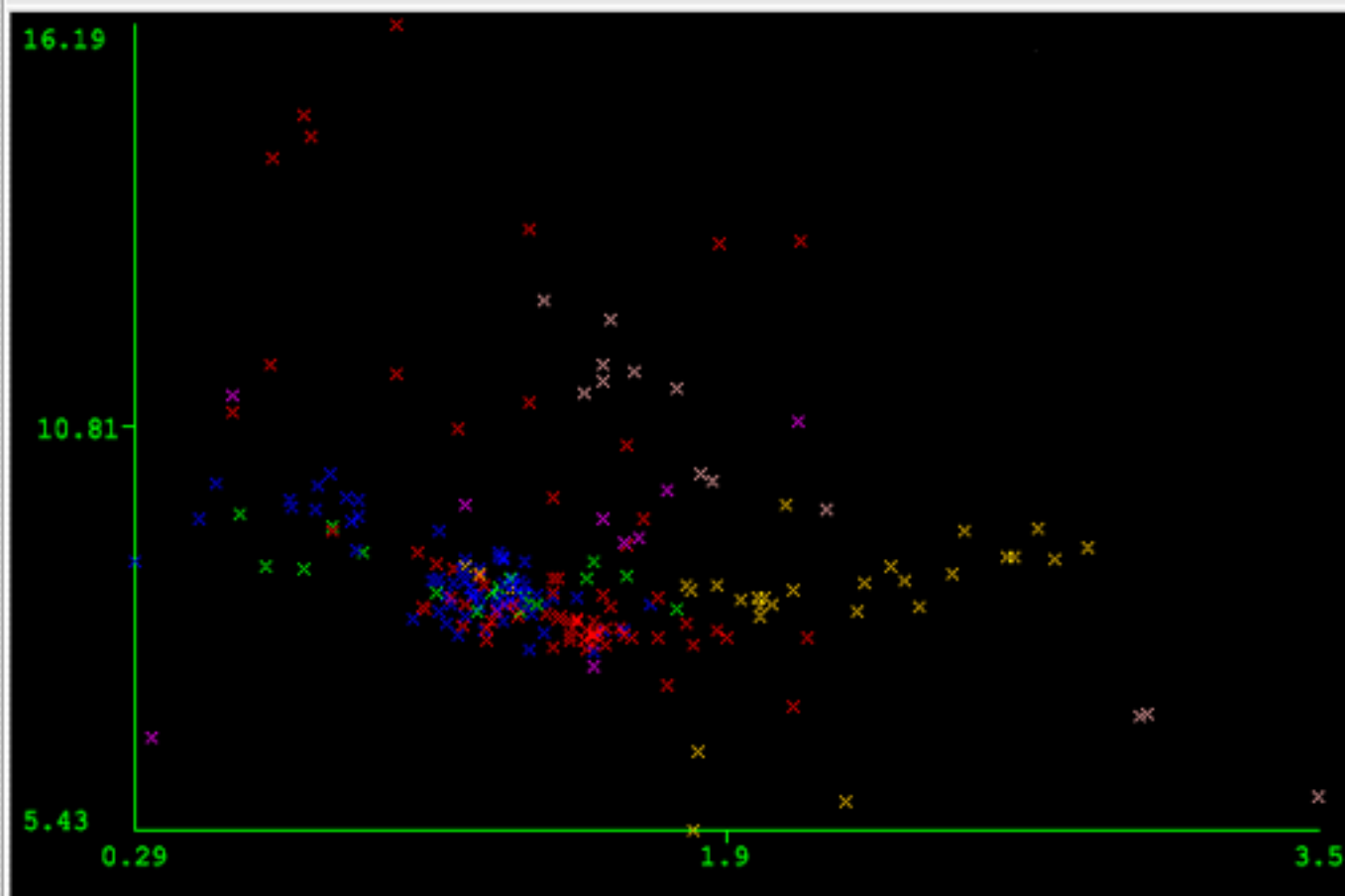
Clear

Save

Jitter



Plot: Glass



Class colour

build wind float

build wind non-float

vehic wind float

vehic wind non-float

containers

tableware

headlamps

X: Al (Num)

Y: Ca (Num)

Colour: Type (Nom)

Rectangle

Submit

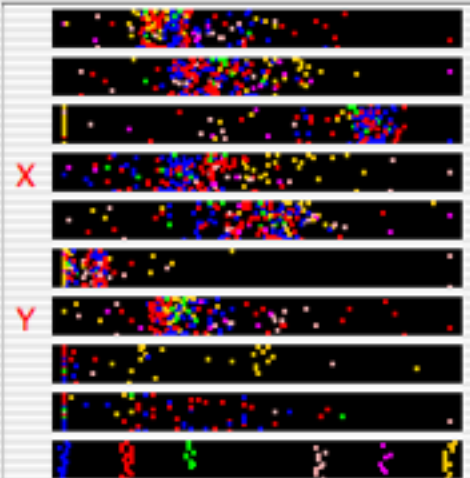
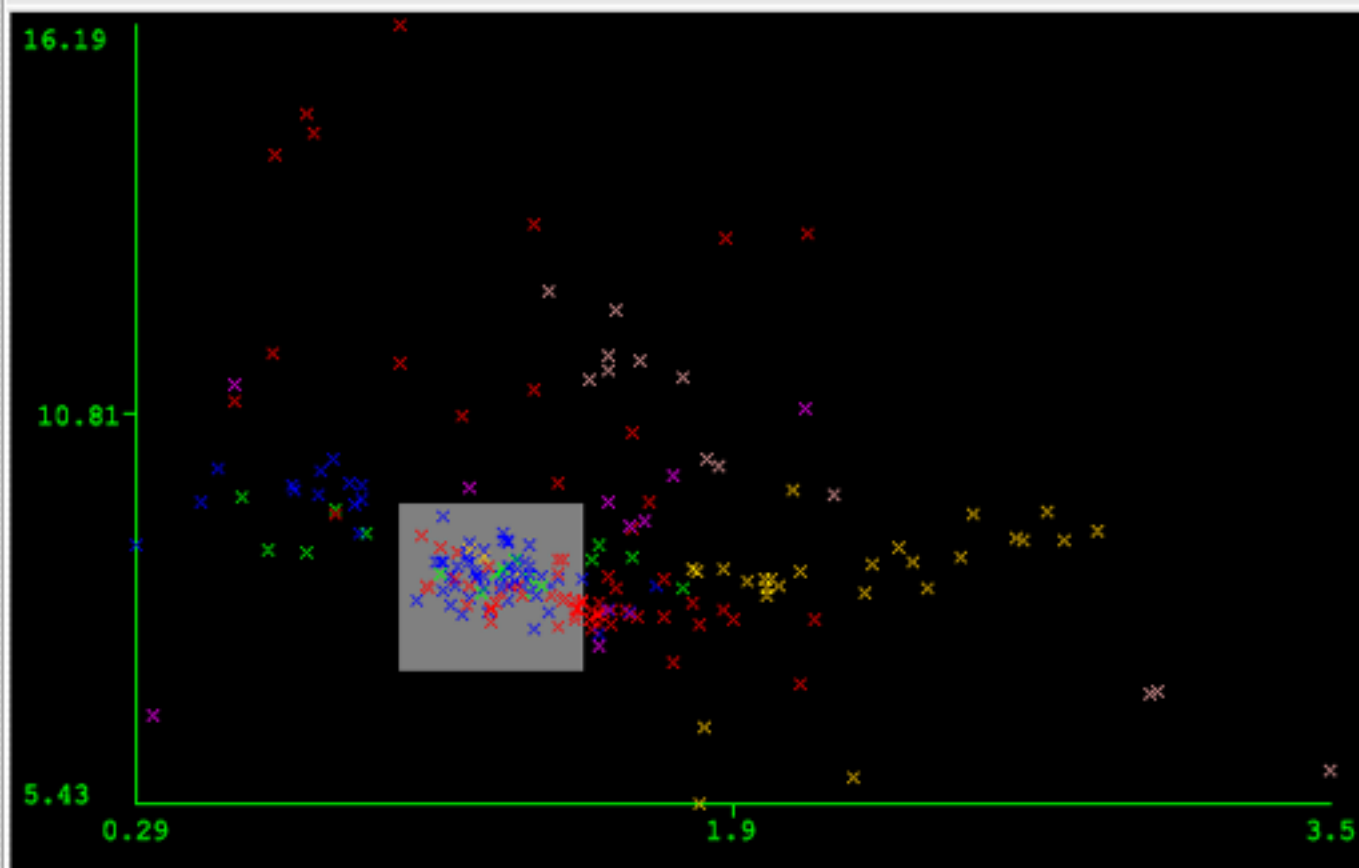
Clear

Save

Jitter



Plot: Glass



Class colour

build wind float build wind non-float vehic wind float vehic wind non-float containers tableware headlamps

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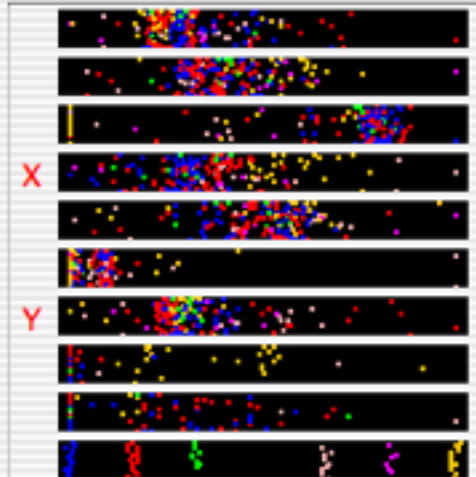
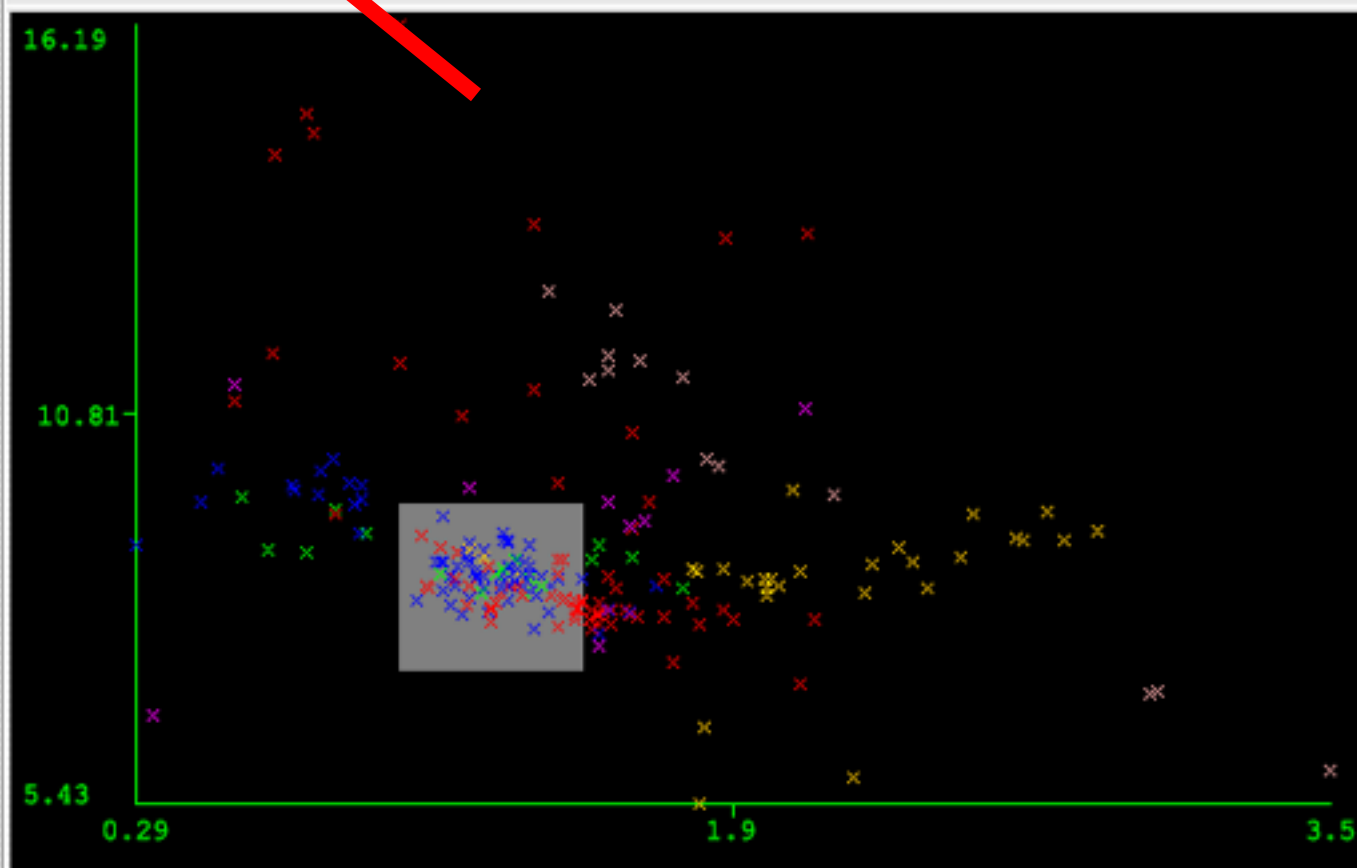
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Plot: Glass



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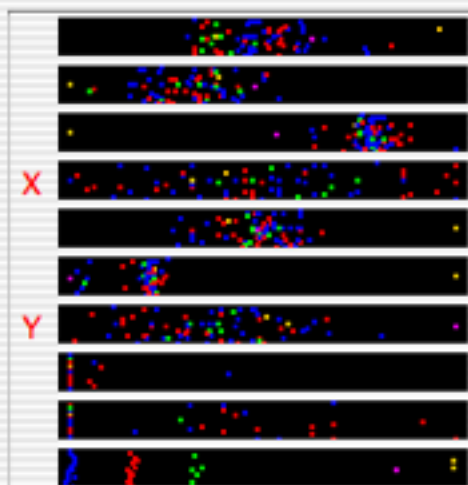
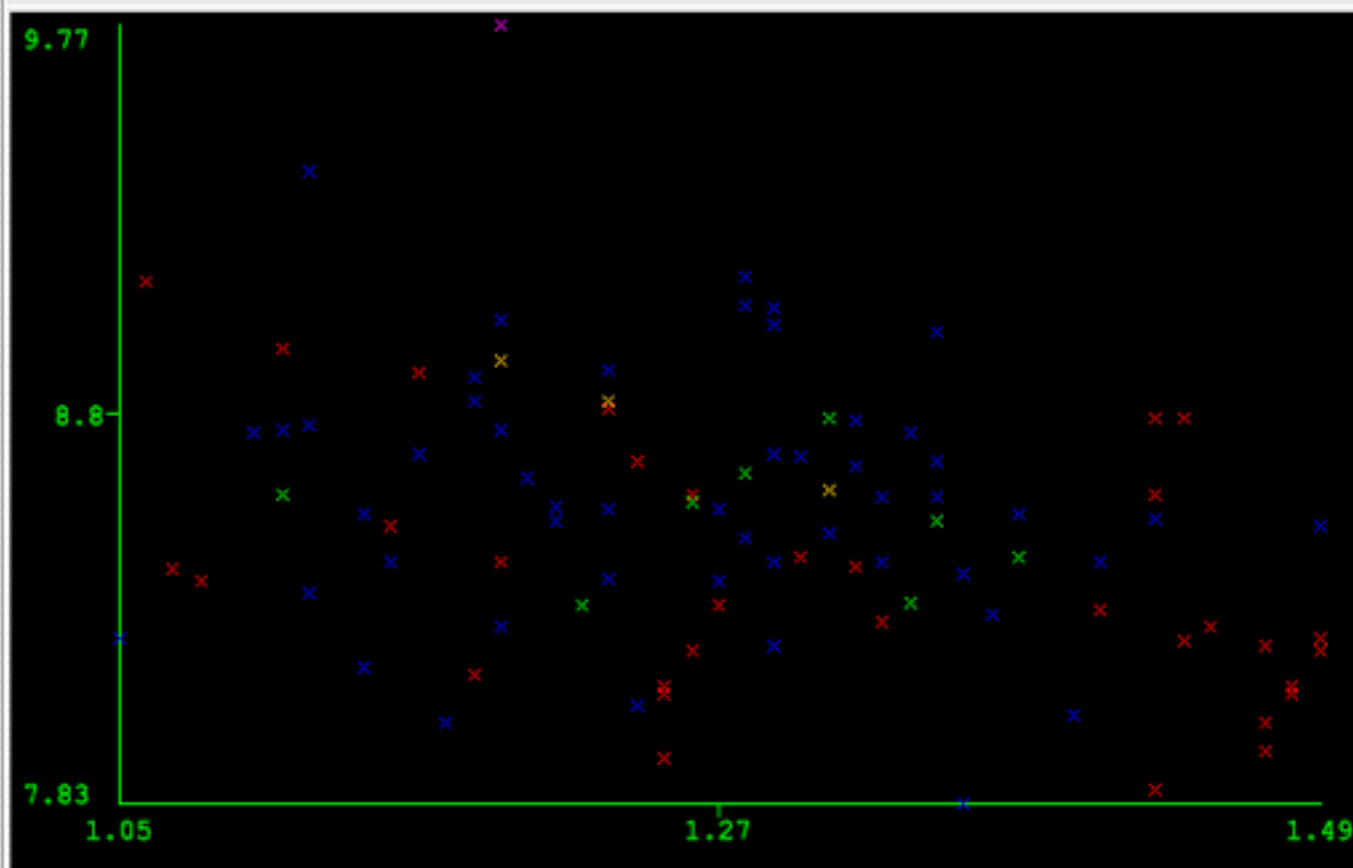
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