# Machine Learning algorithms and methods in Weka

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#### Abstract:

this workshop presents a review of concepts and methods used in machine learning. The workshop aims to illustrate such ideas using the Weka software. The workshop is divided into 3 parts; (1) an illustration of data processing and using machine learning algorithms in Weka, (2) a demonstration of experiment administrations in Weka, and (3) a talk on evaluating machine learning algorithms using ROC and Cost Curves.



- Machine learning/data mining software written in Java (distributed under the GNU Public License)
- Used for research, education, and applications
- Complements "Data Mining" by Witten & Frank

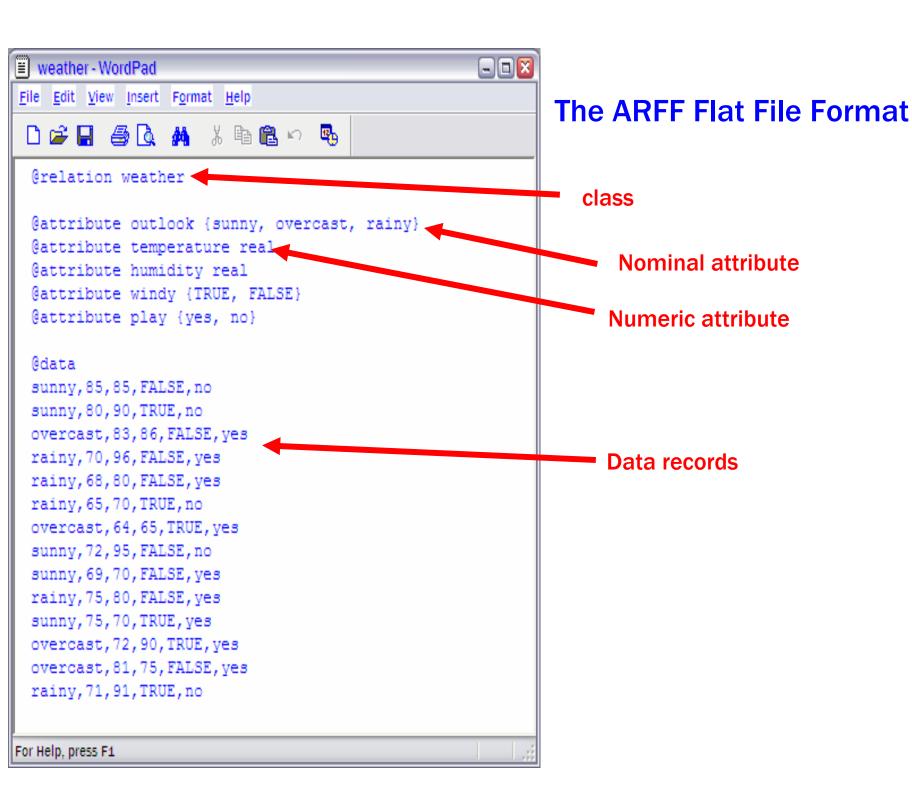
#### Main features:

- Data pre-processing tools
- Learning algorithms
- evaluation methods
  - Graphical user interfaces
  - An environment experimenting

#### **WEKA** is a Machine Learning Toolkit that consists of:

- The Explorer
  - Classification and Regression
  - Clustering
  - Finding Associations
  - Attribute Selection
  - Data Visualization
- The Experimenter
- The Knowledge Flow GUI

Note: the content of this presentation is based on a Weka presentation prepared by Eibe Frank at the Department of Computer Science, University of Waikato, New Zealand











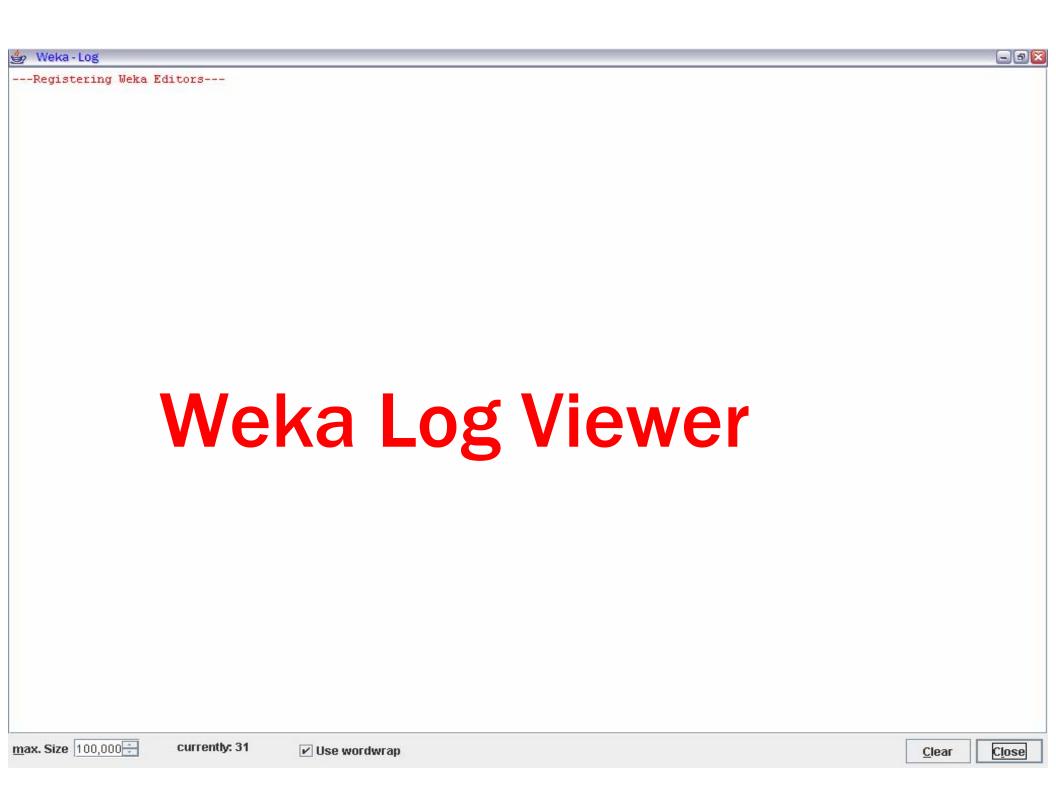
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6	rainy	65.0	70.0	TRUE	no
7	overcast	64.0	65.0	TRUE	yes
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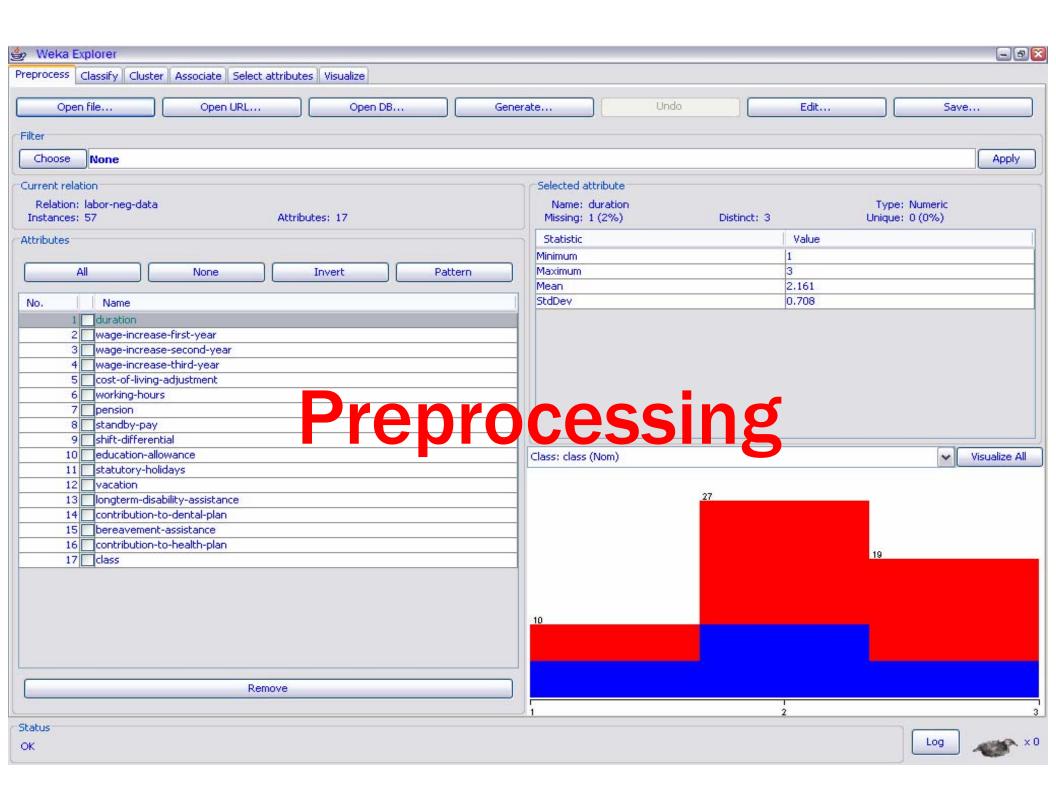
# Weka ARFF Viewer

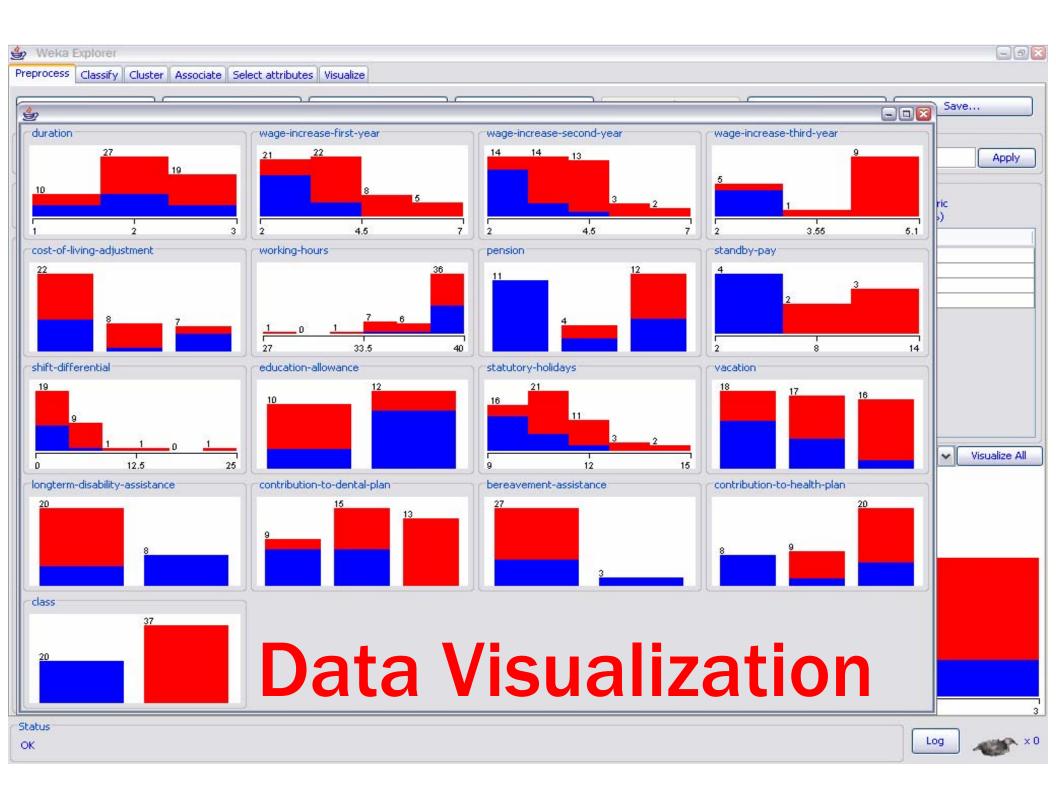


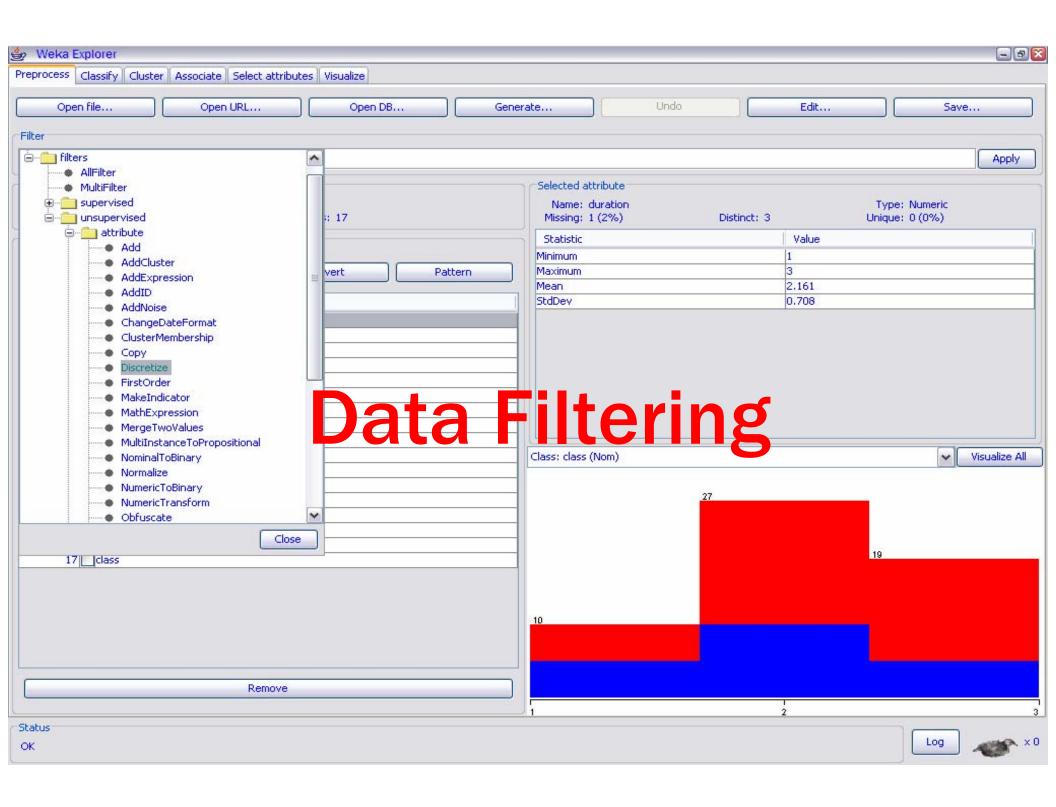
# Part I: data processing and using machine learning algorithms in Weka

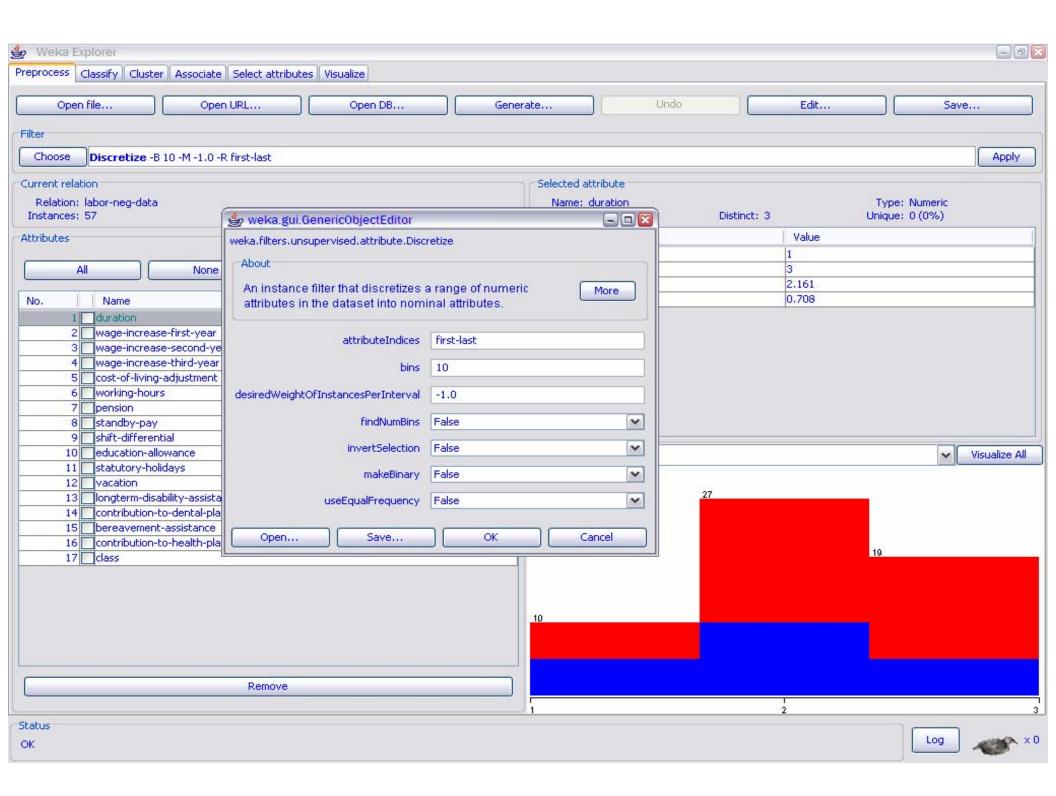
## **Explorer: pre-processing the data**

- 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)
- Pre-processing tools in WEKA are called "filters"
- WEKA contains filters for:
  - Discretization, normalization, resampling, attribute selection, transforming and combining attributes, ...





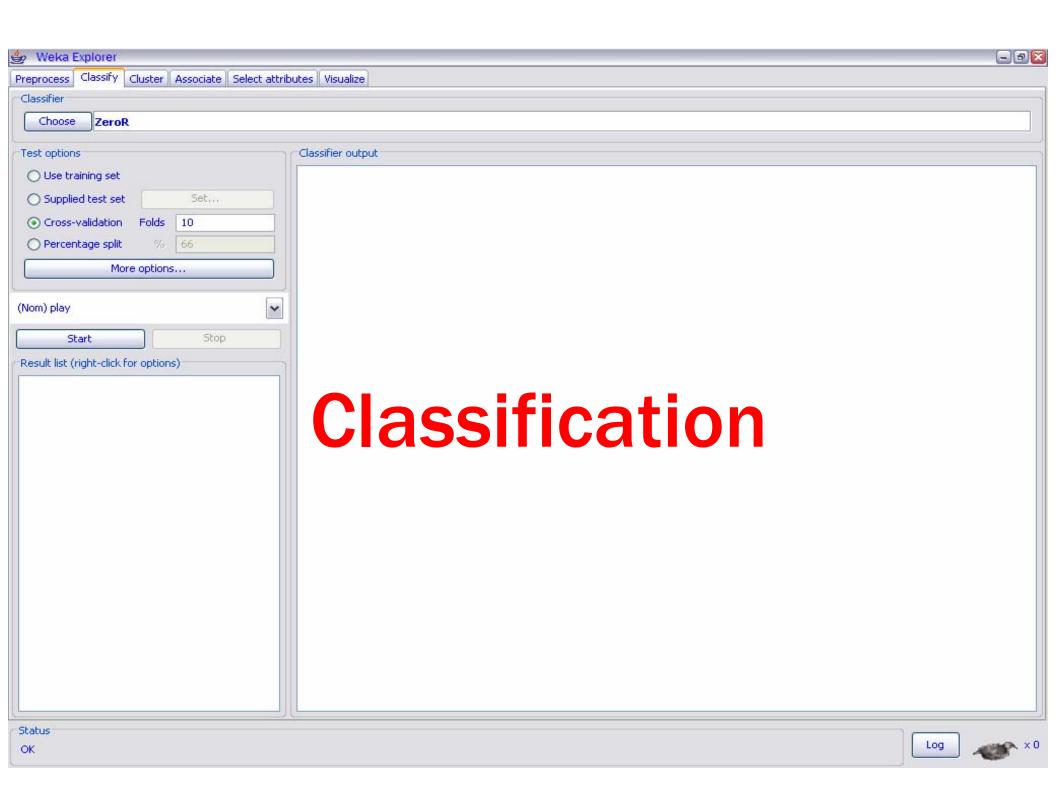


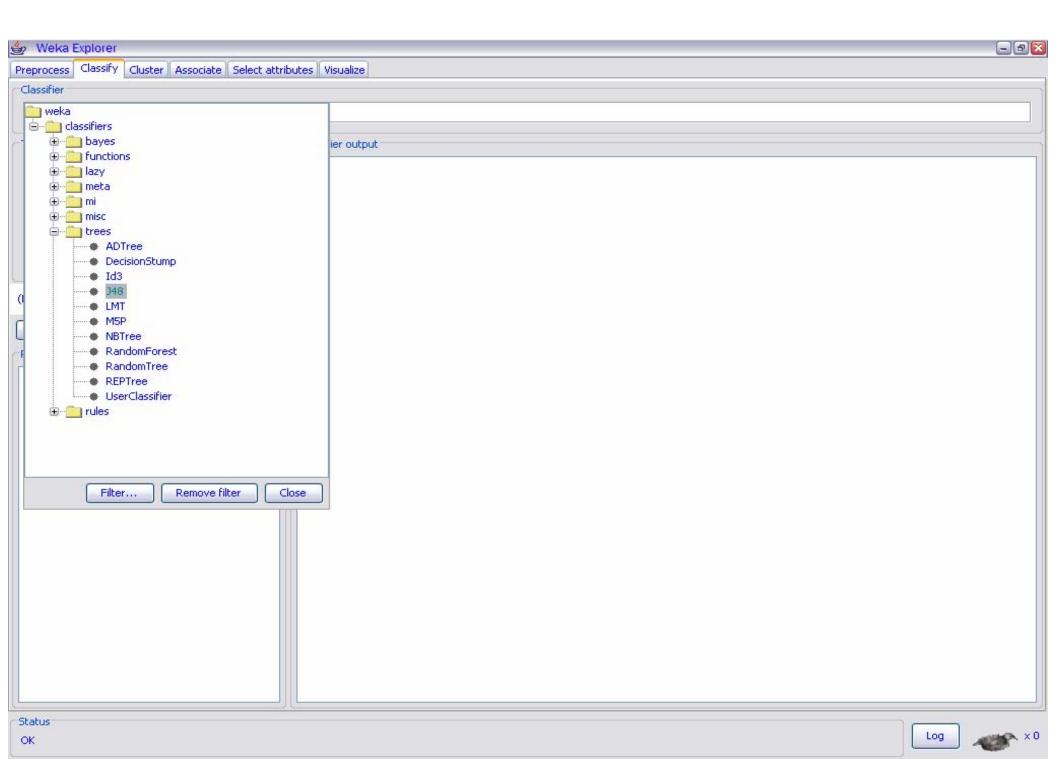


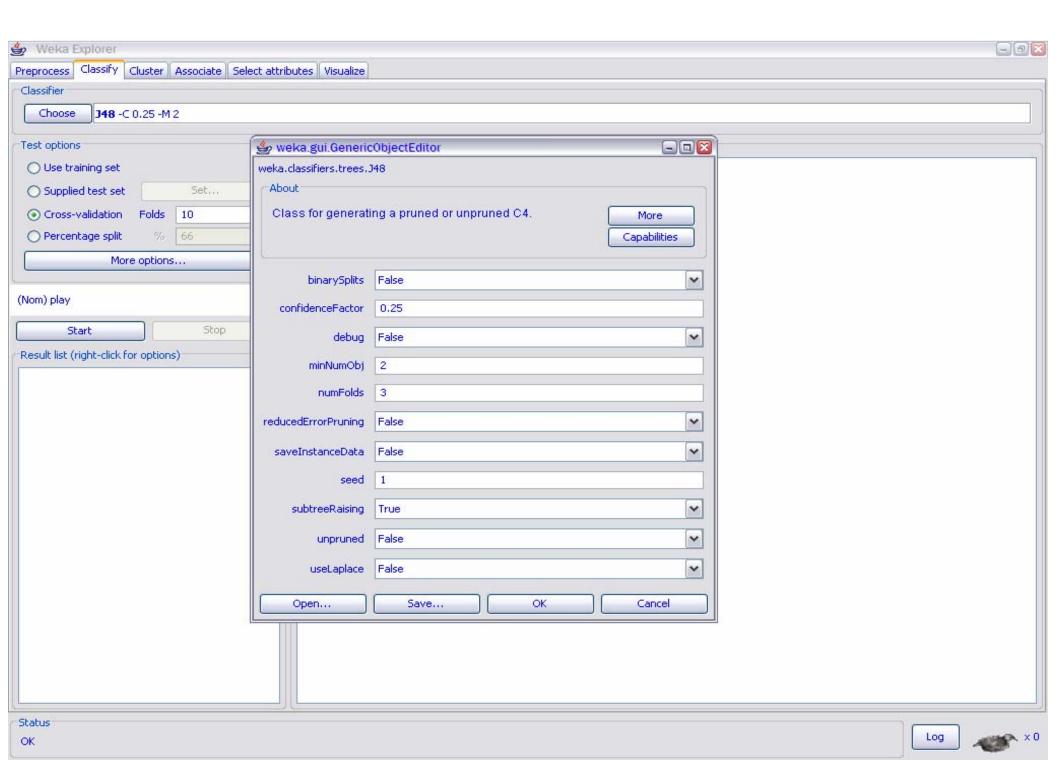


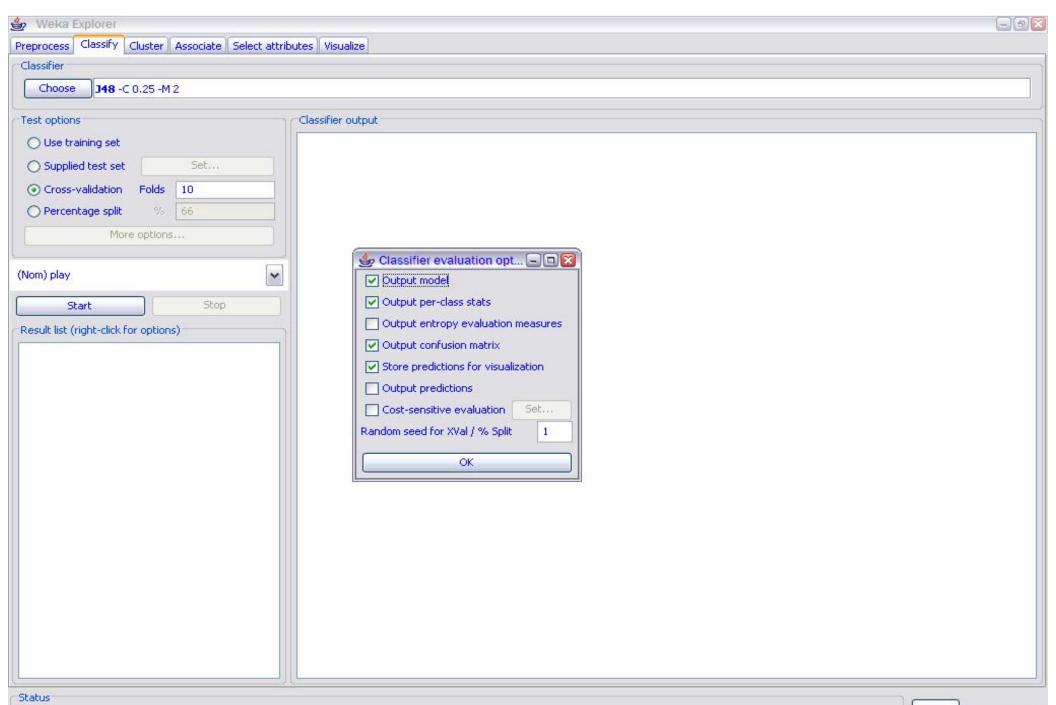
## Explorer: building "classifiers"

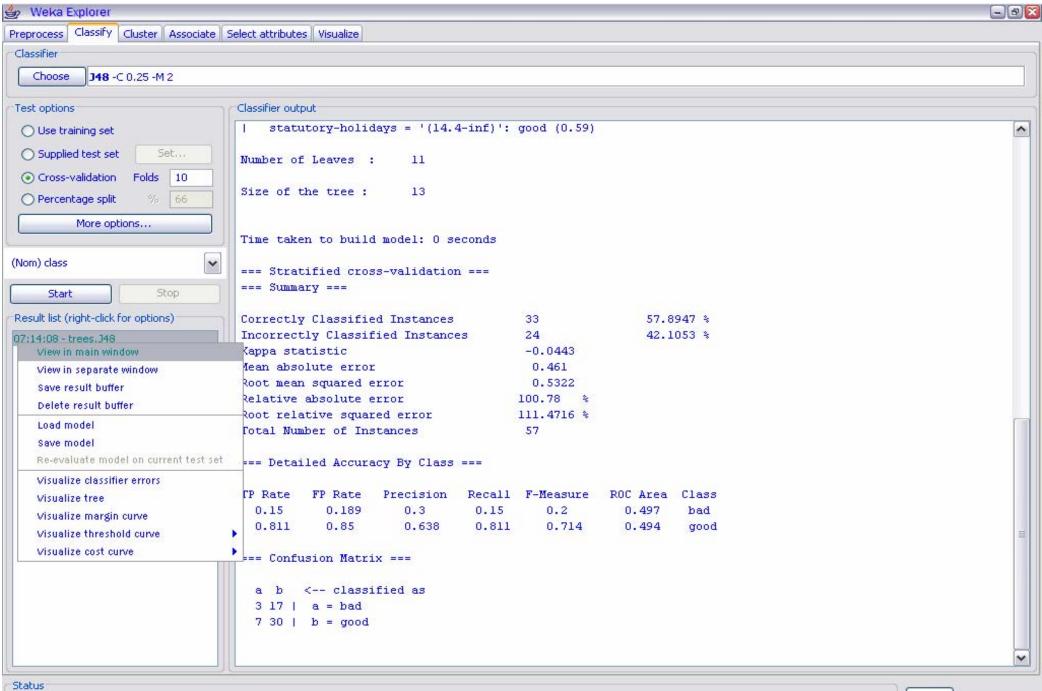
- Classifiers in WEKA are models for predicting nominal or numeric quantities
- Implemented learning schemes include:
  - Decision trees and lists, instance-based classifiers, support vector machines, multi-layer perceptrons, logistic regression, Bayes' nets, ...
- "Meta"-classifiers include:
  - Bagging,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



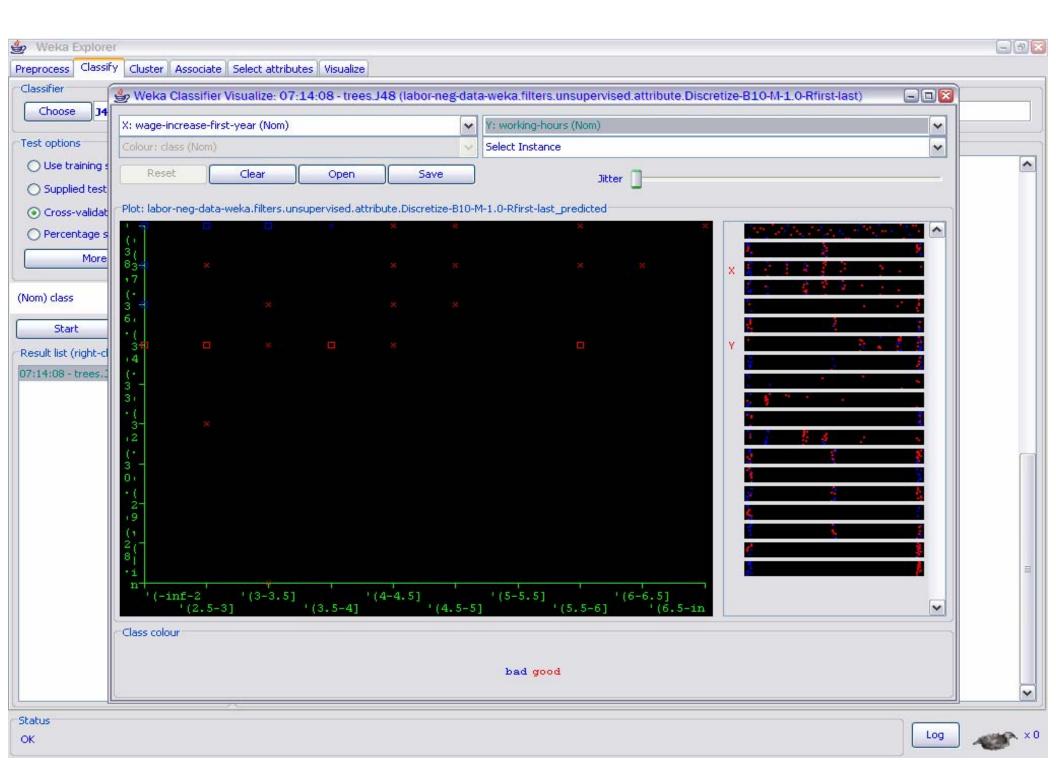


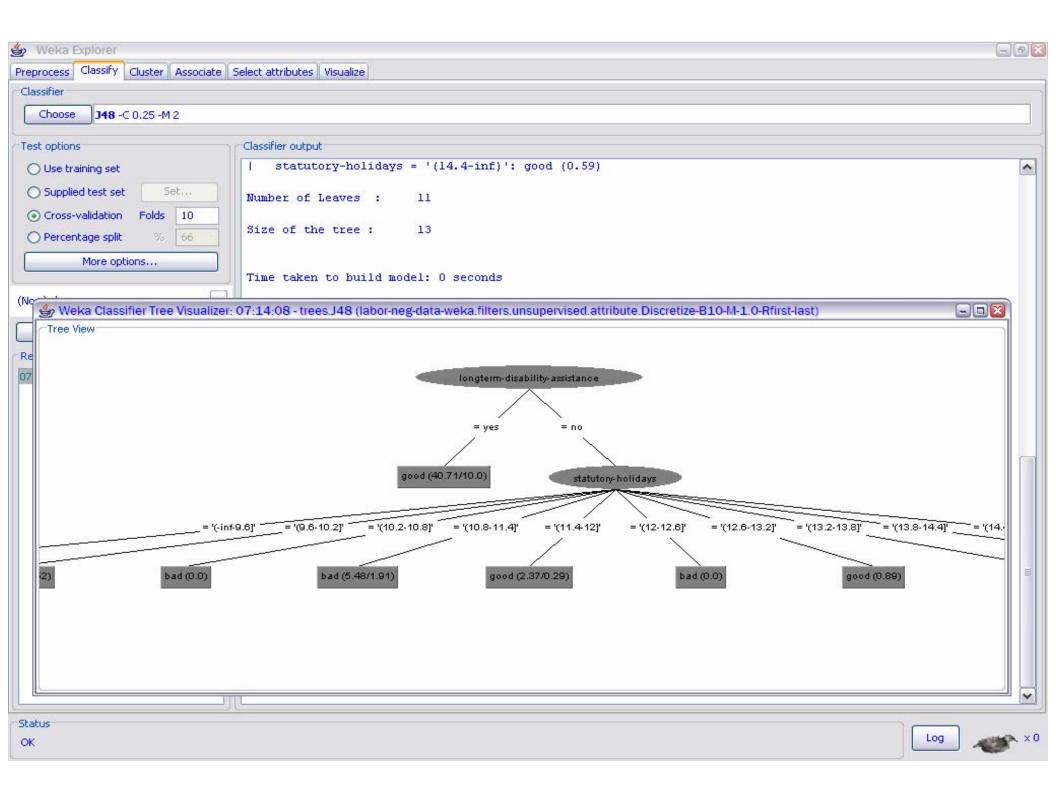


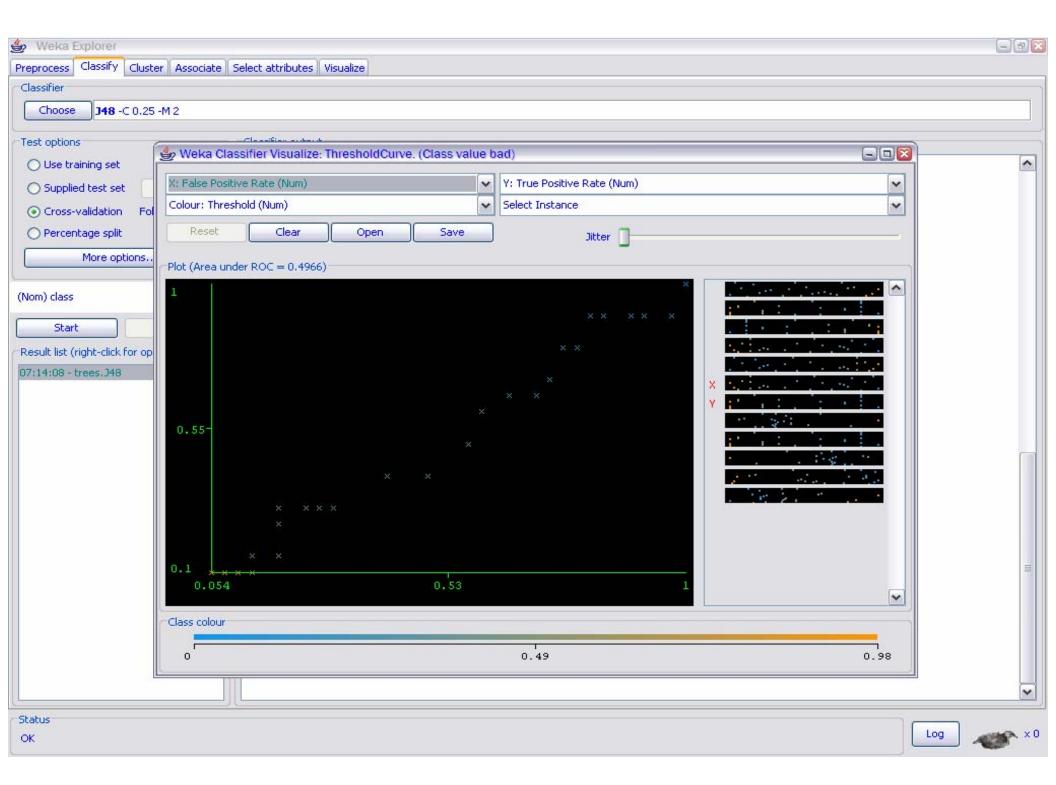


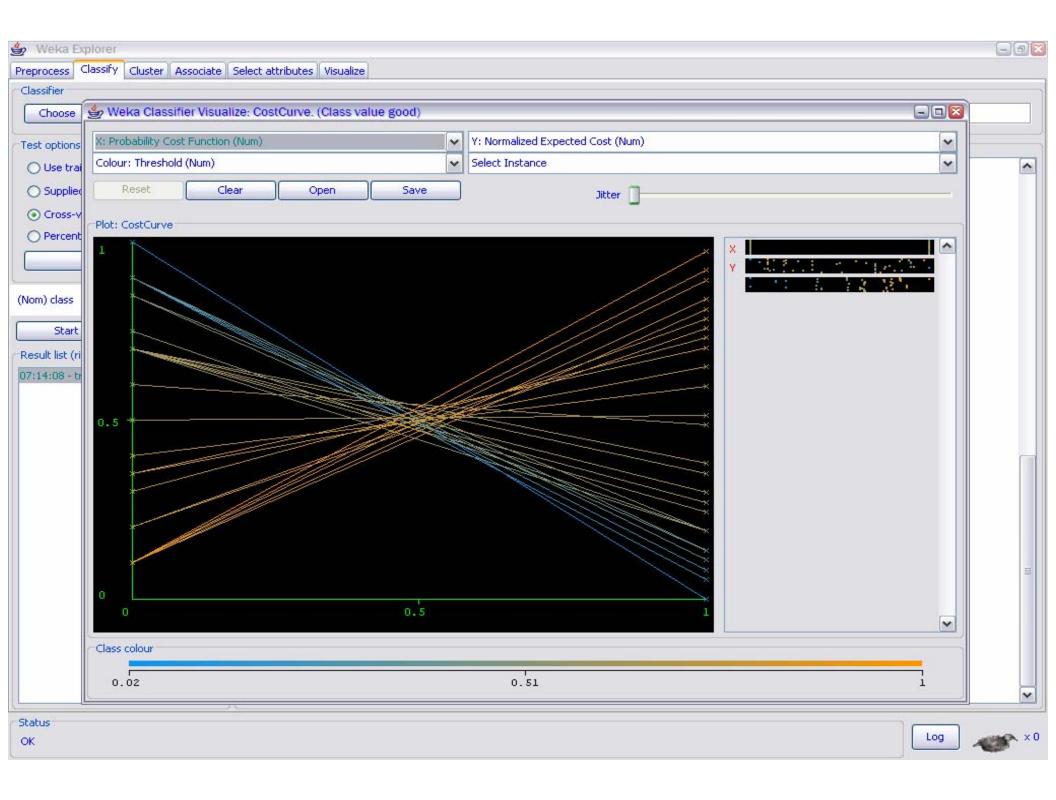


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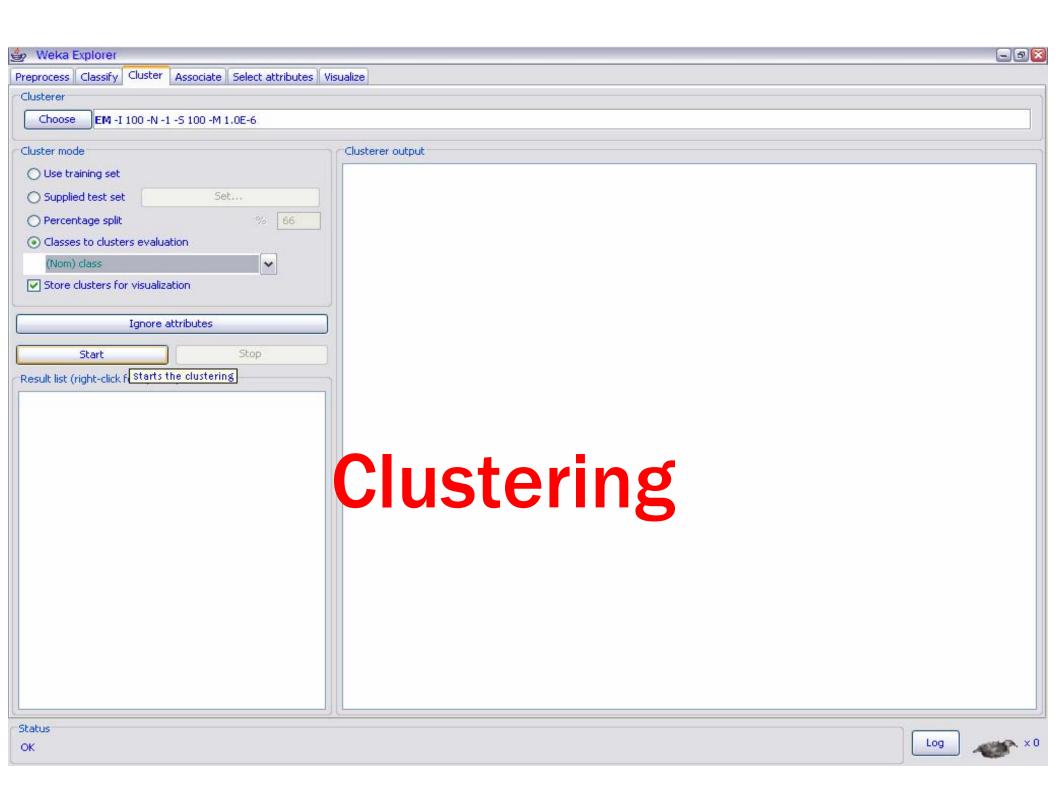


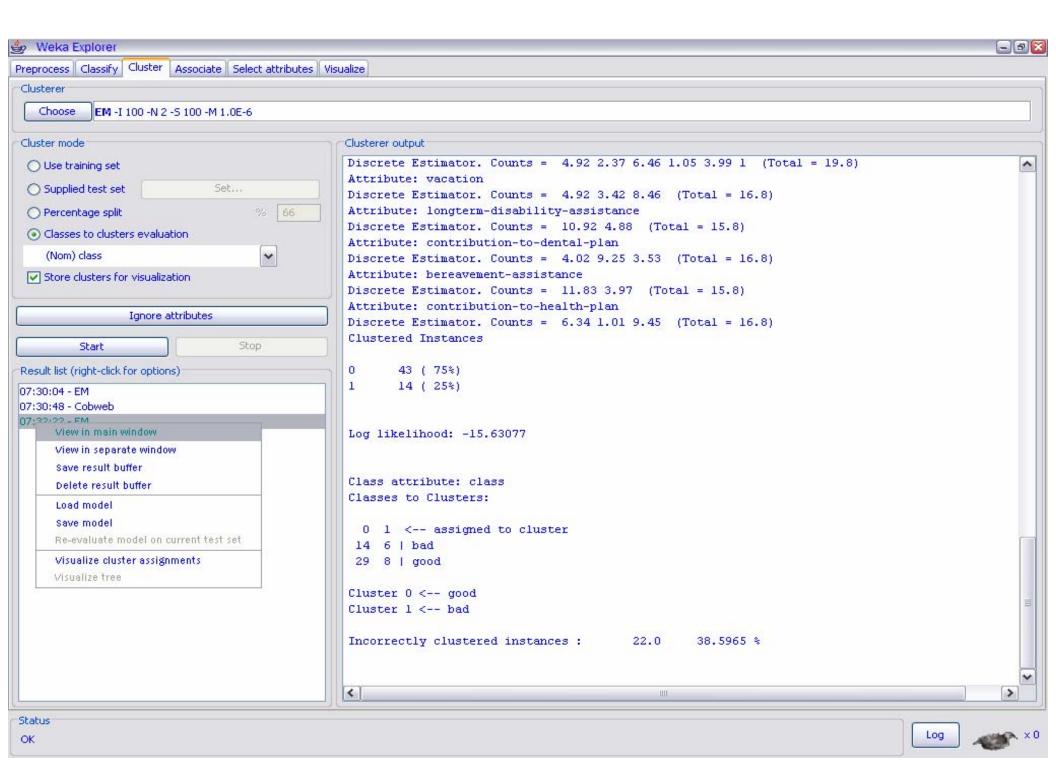


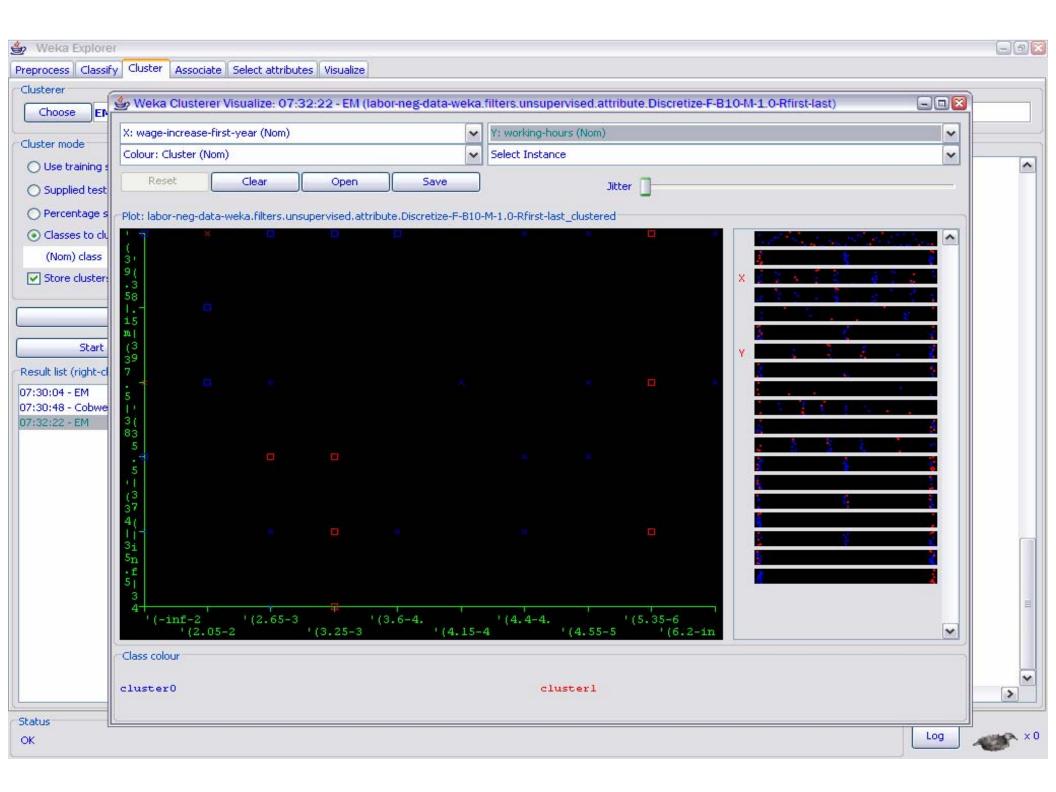


## **Explorer: clustering data**

- WEKA contains "clusterers" 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

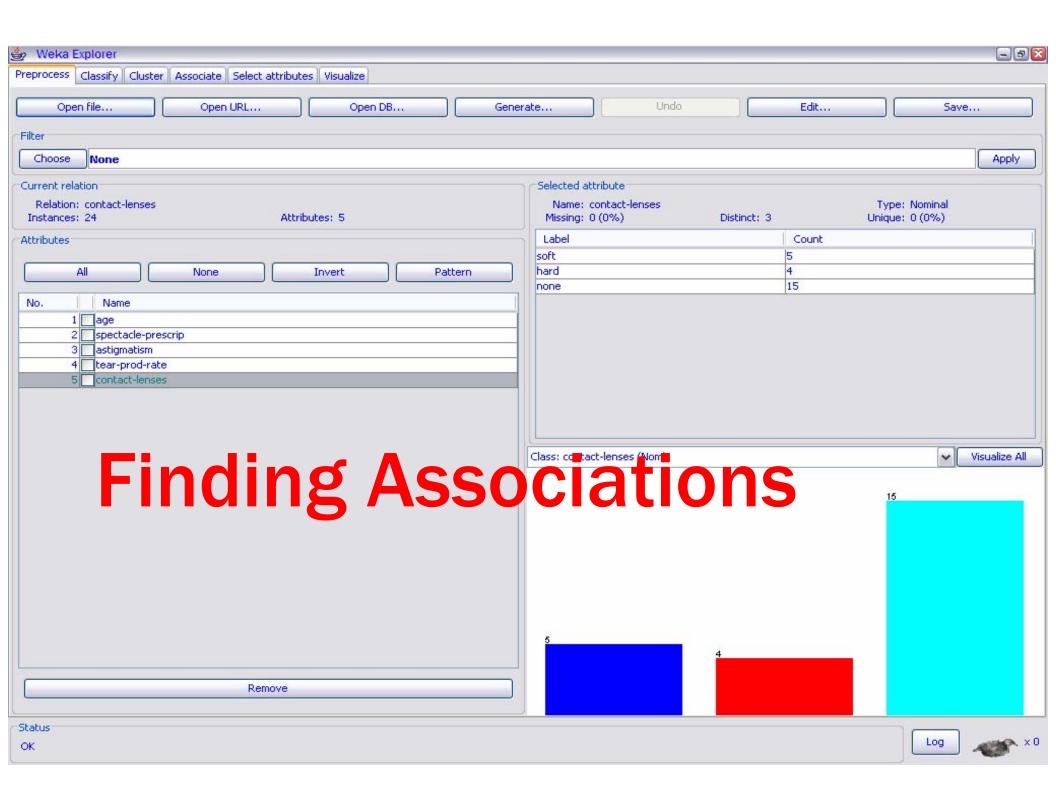


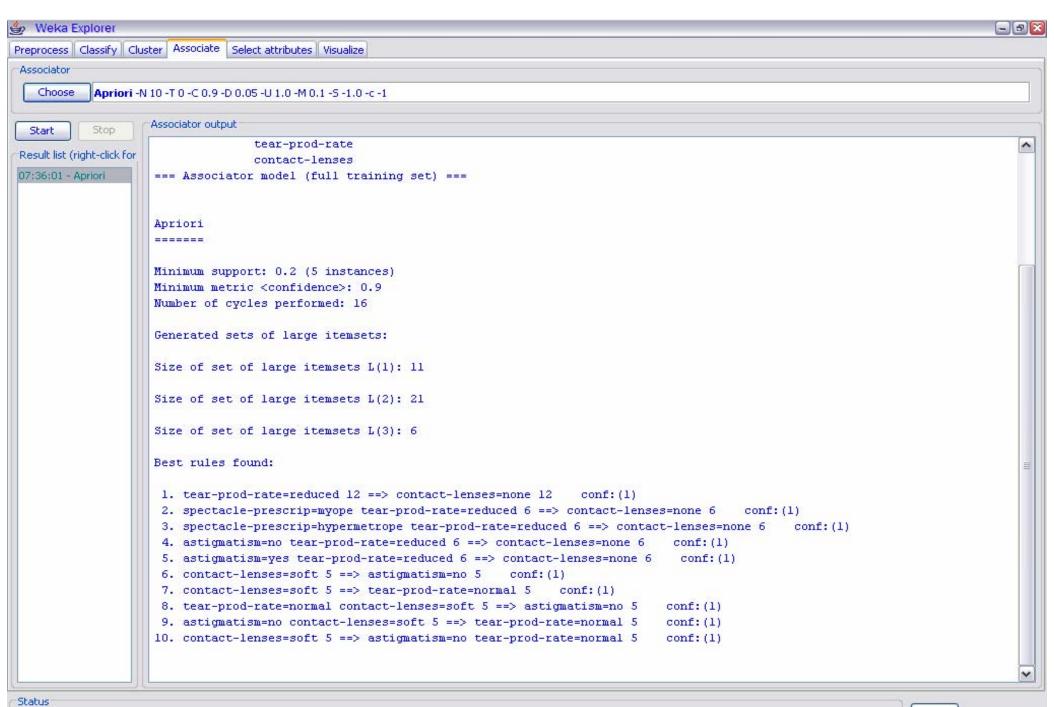


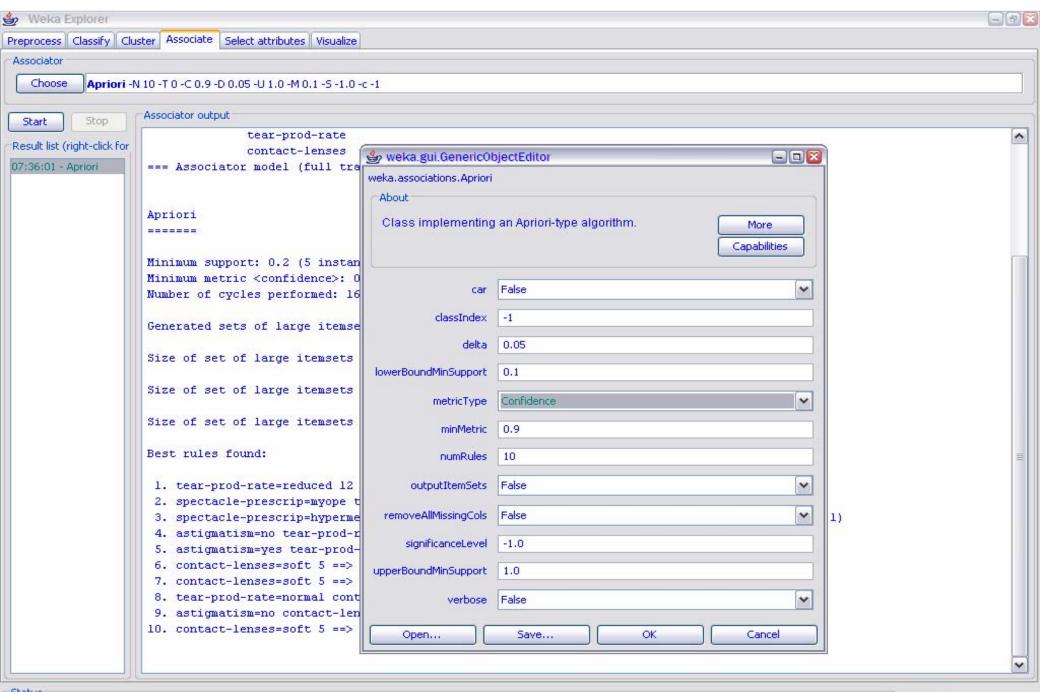


## **Explorer: finding associations**

- 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 ⇒ 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

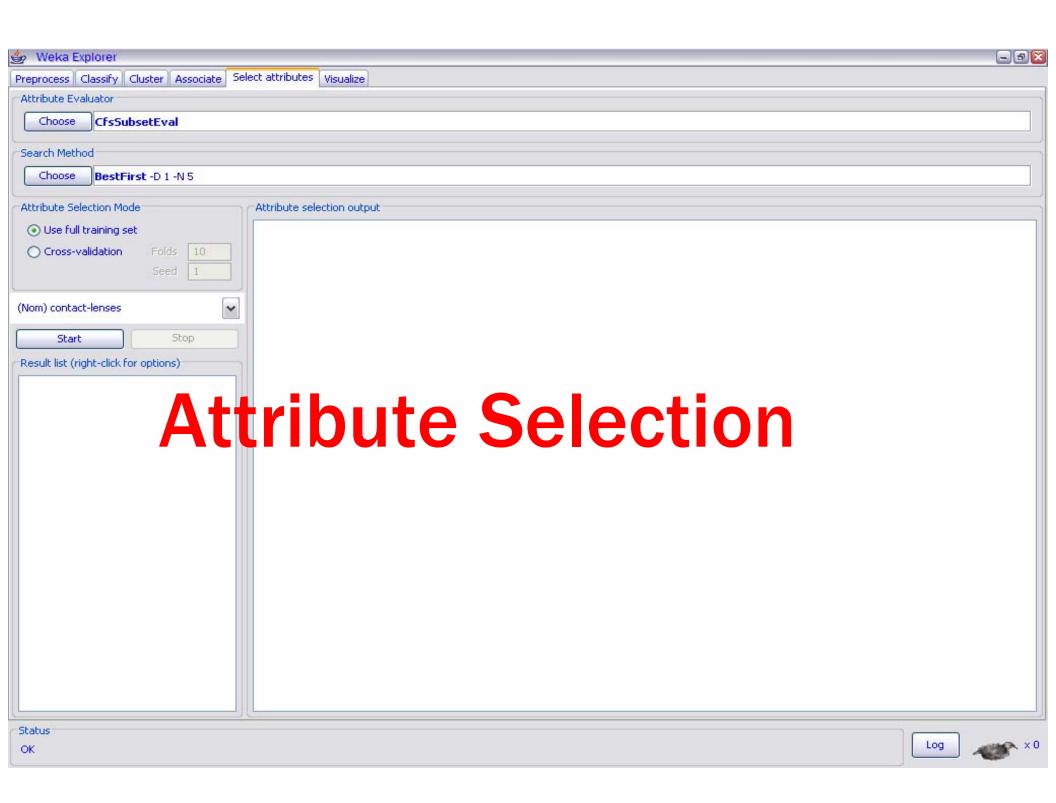


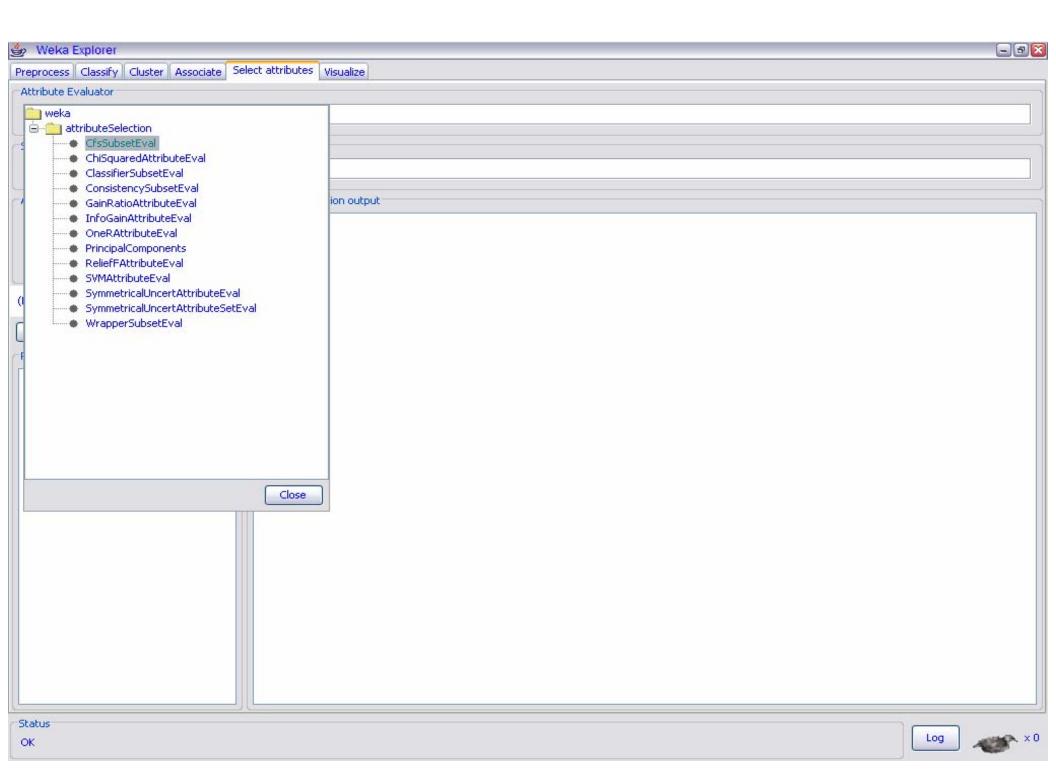


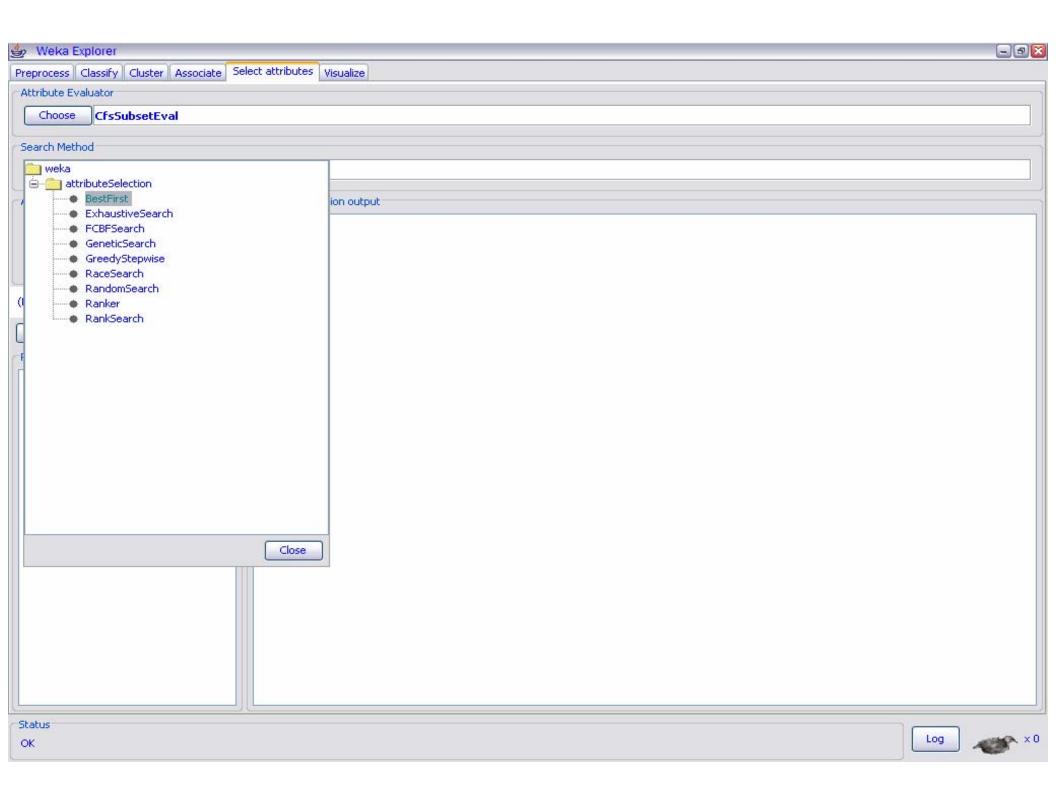


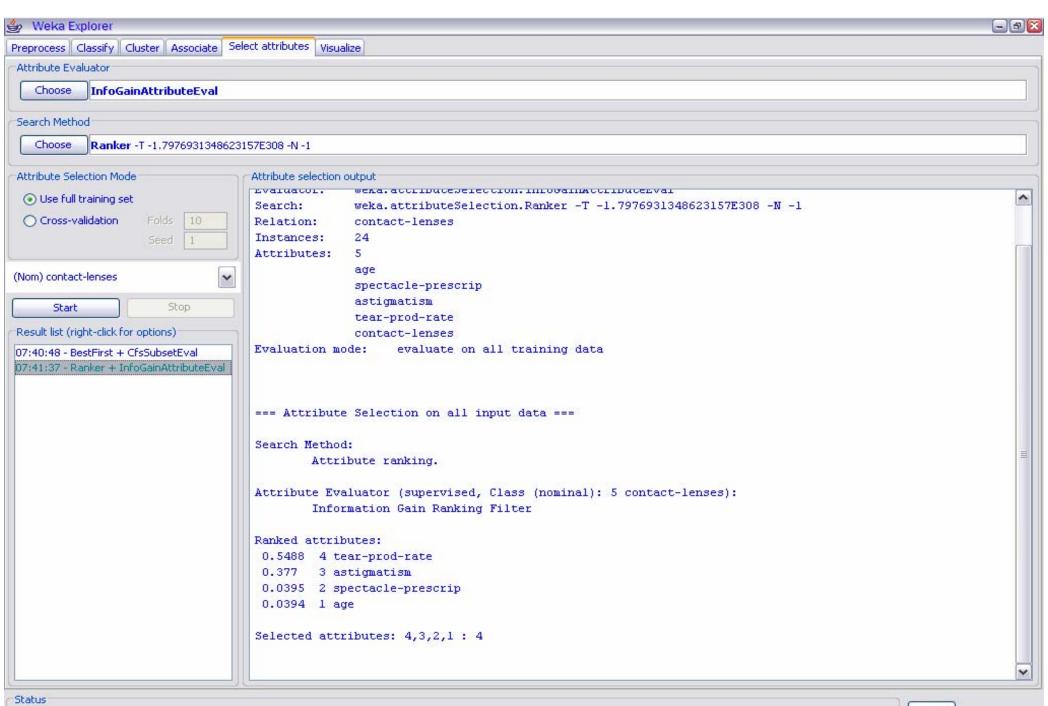
#### **Explorer: attribute selection**

- 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



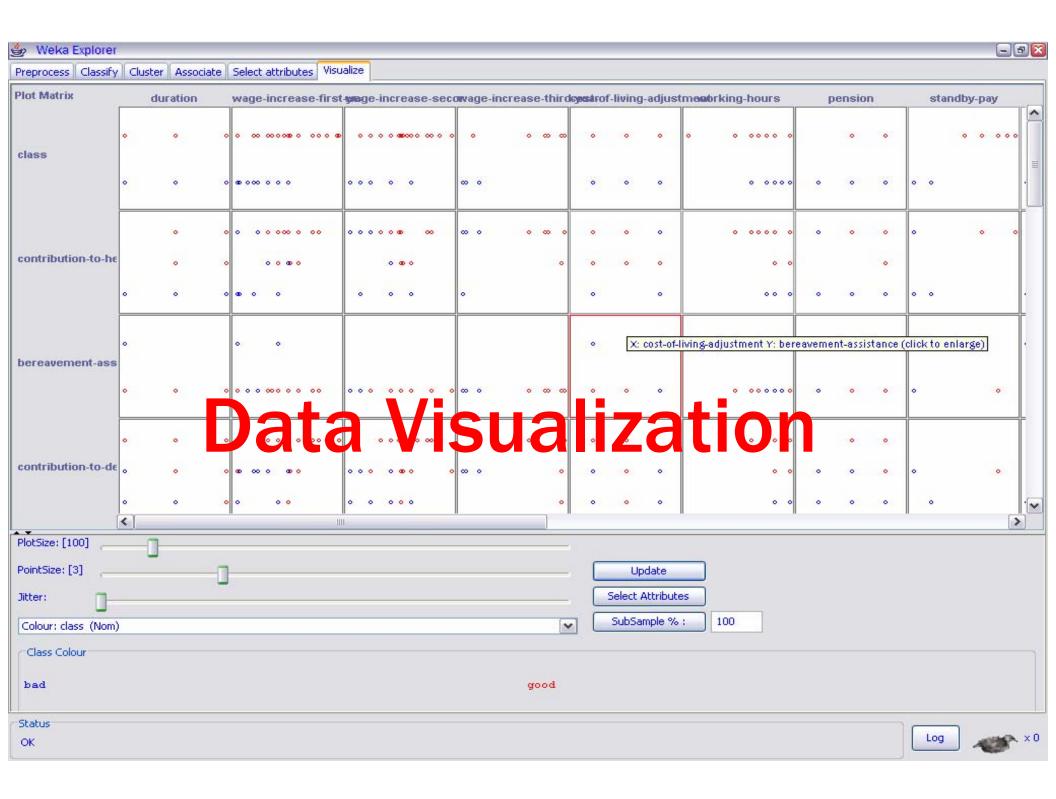


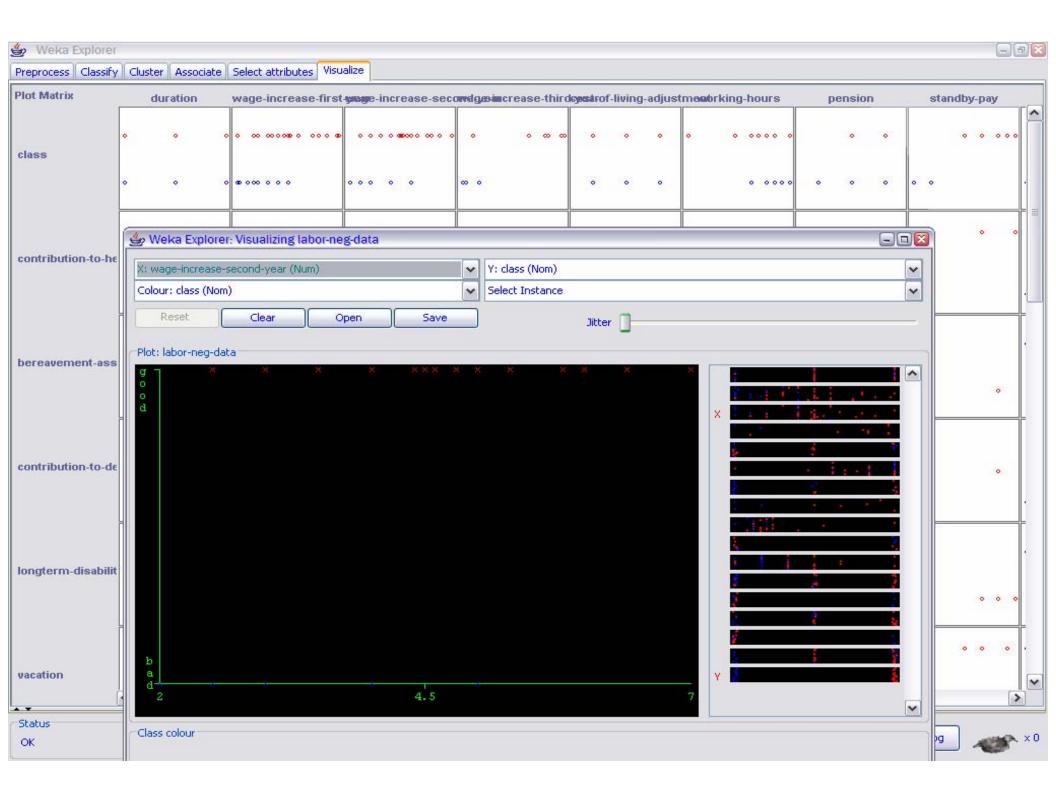


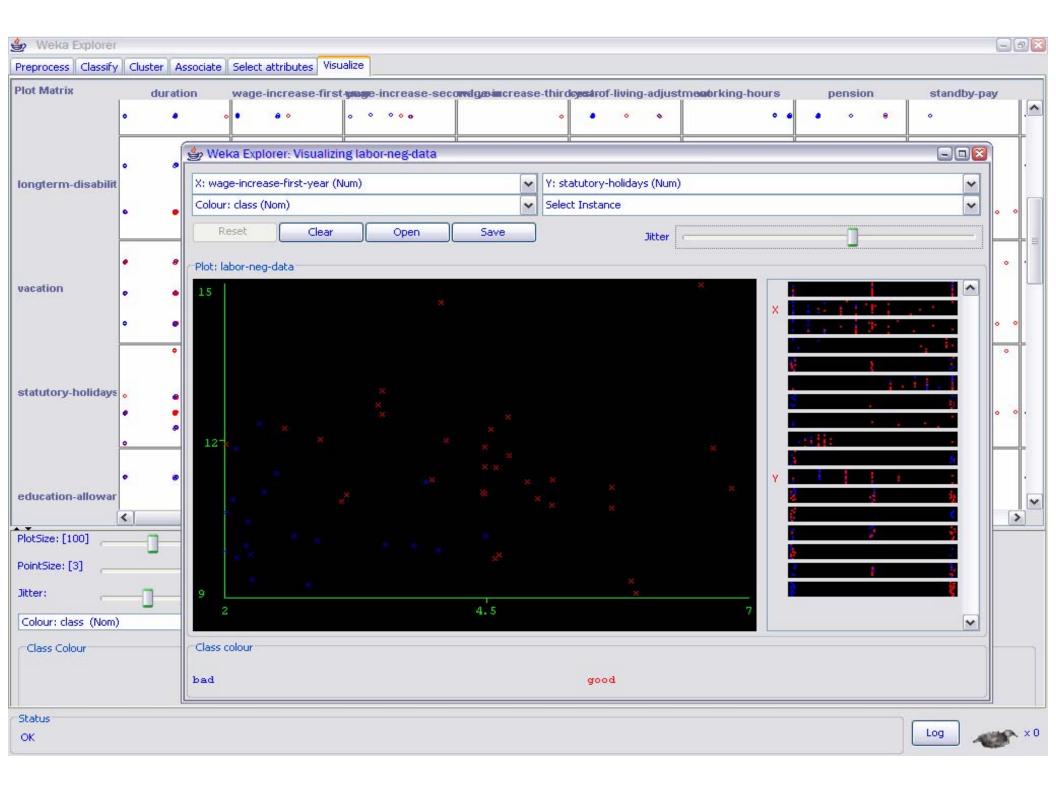


#### **Explorer: data visualization**

- 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





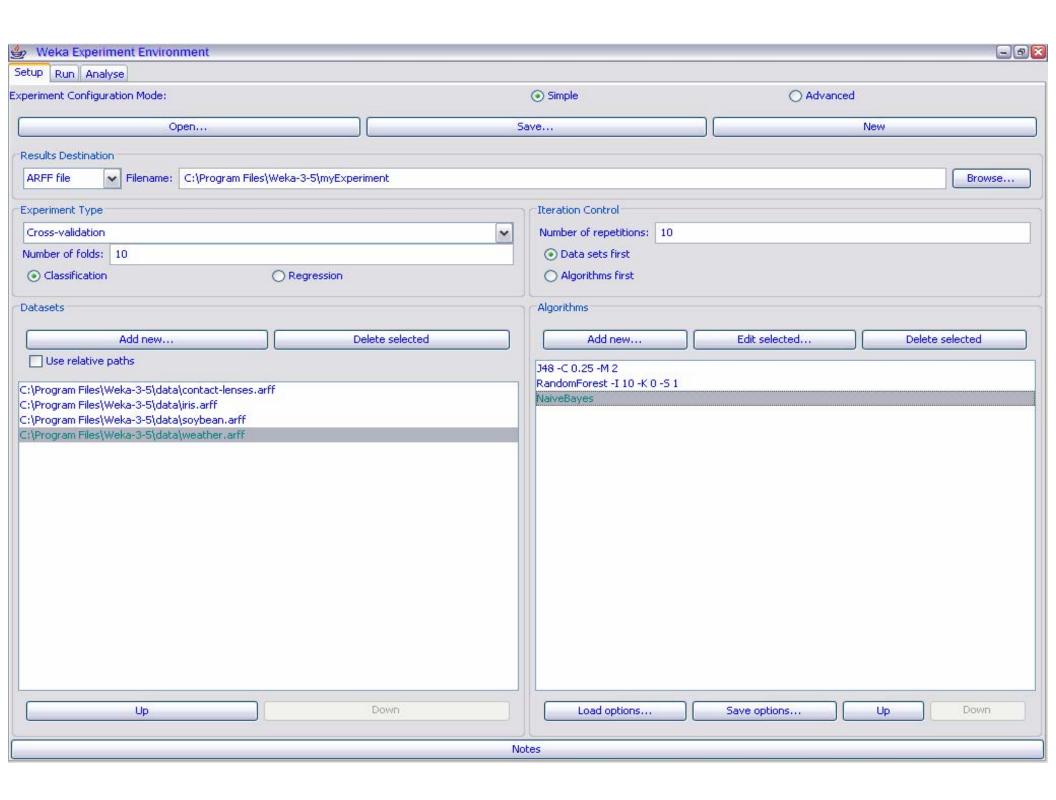


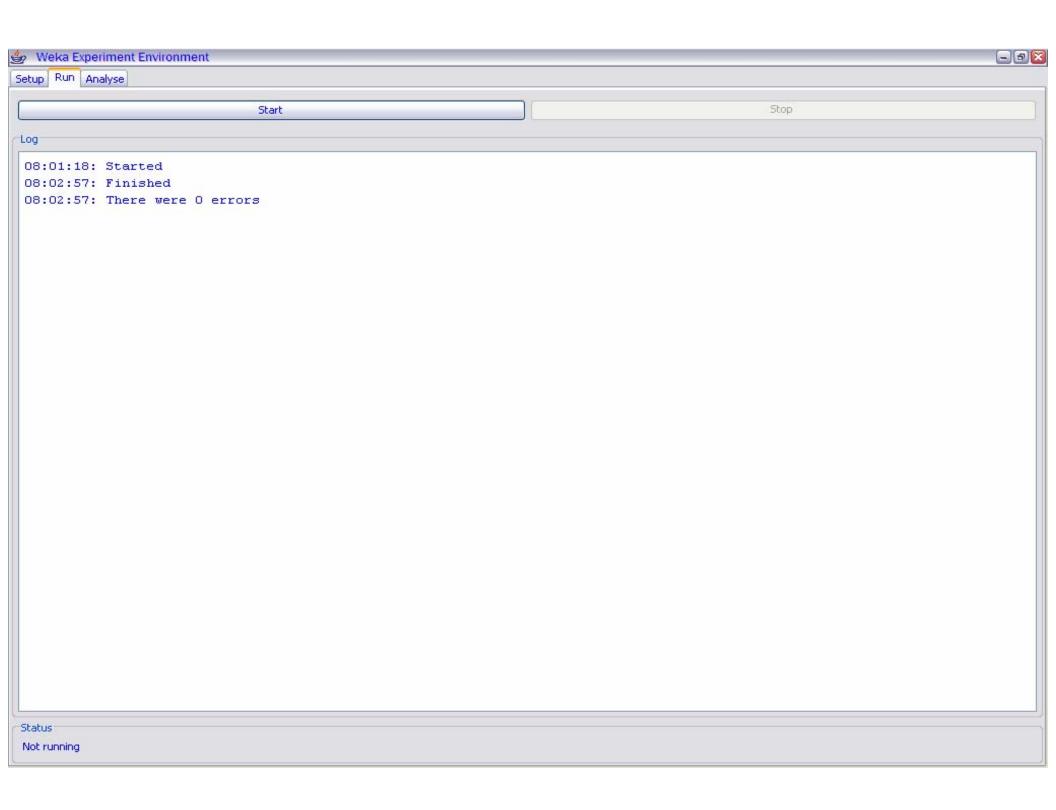
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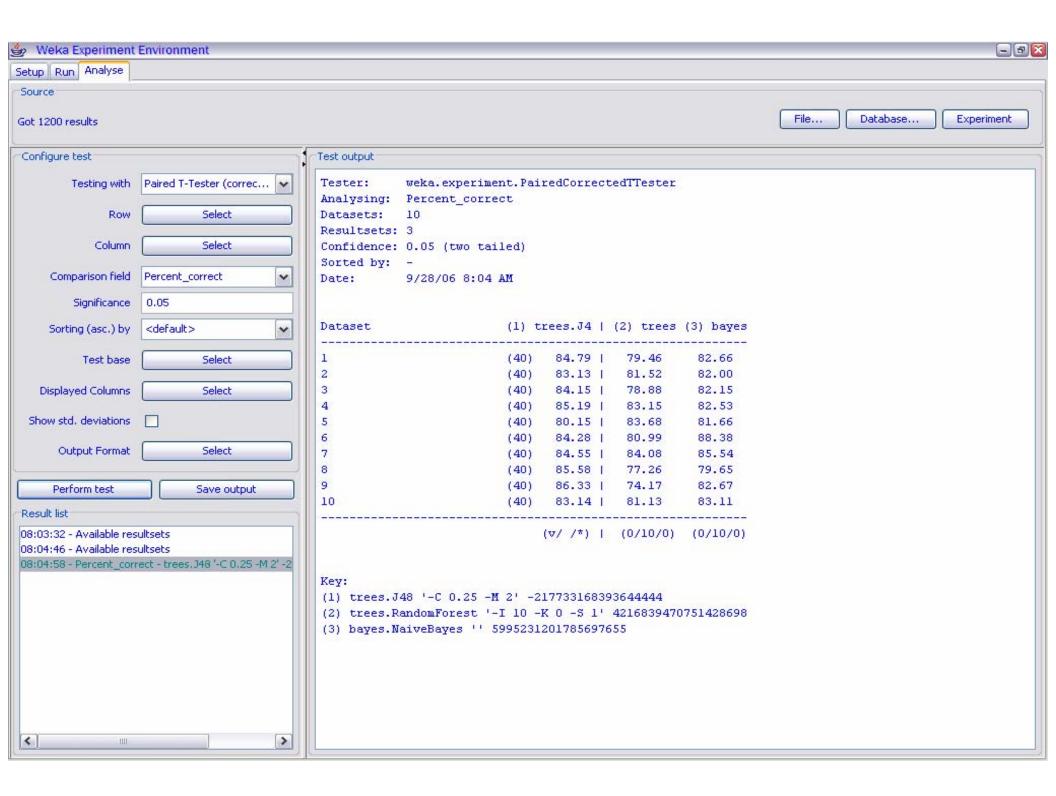
#### Performing experiments

- Experimenter makes it easy to compare the performance of different learning schemes
- For classification and regression problems
- Results can be written into file or database
- Evaluation options: cross-validation, learning curve, hold-out
- Can also iterate over different parameter settings
- Significance-testing built in!



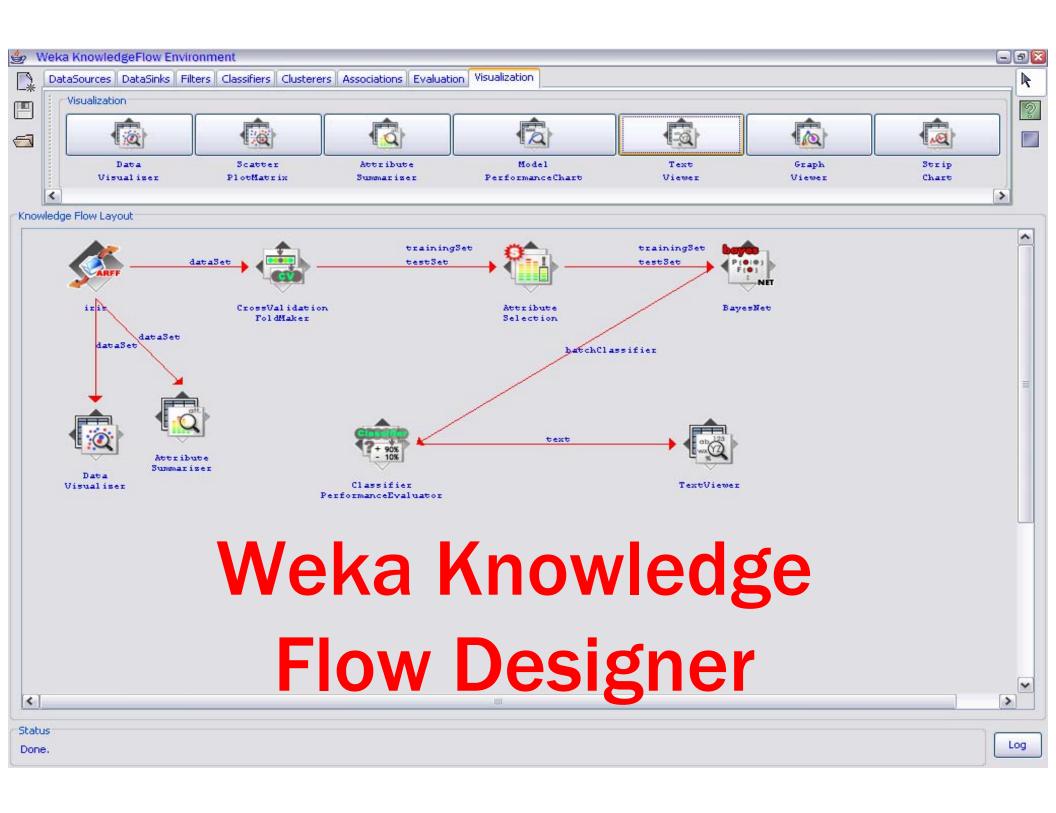


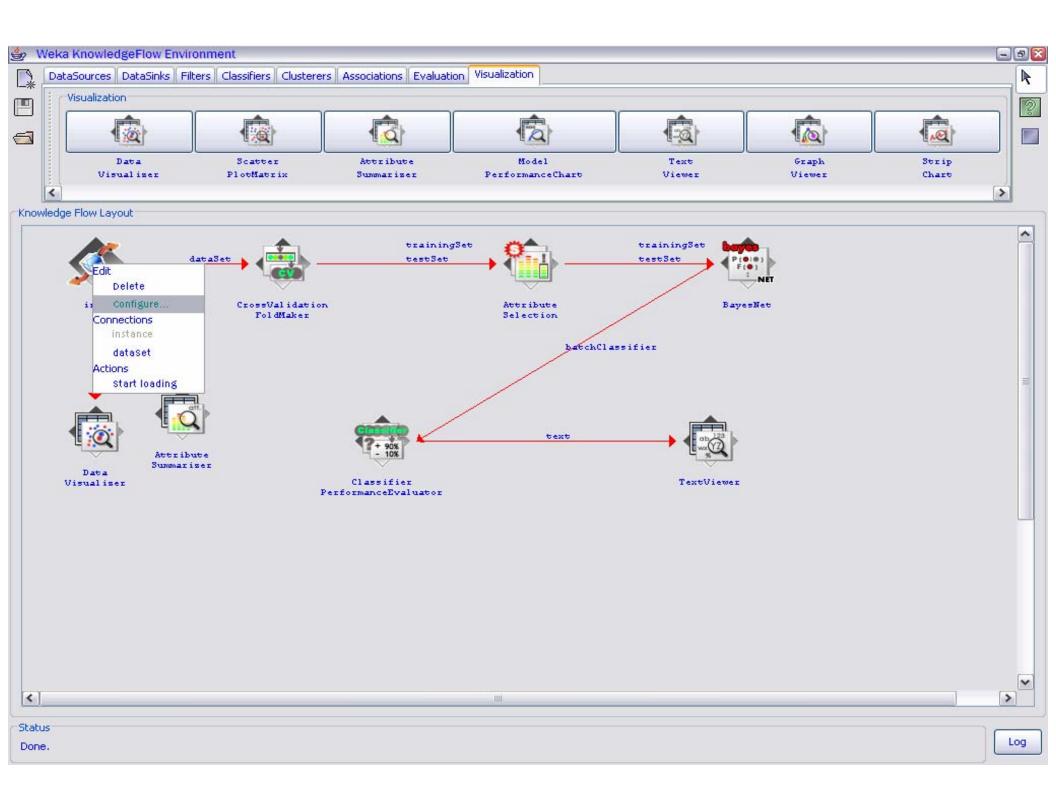


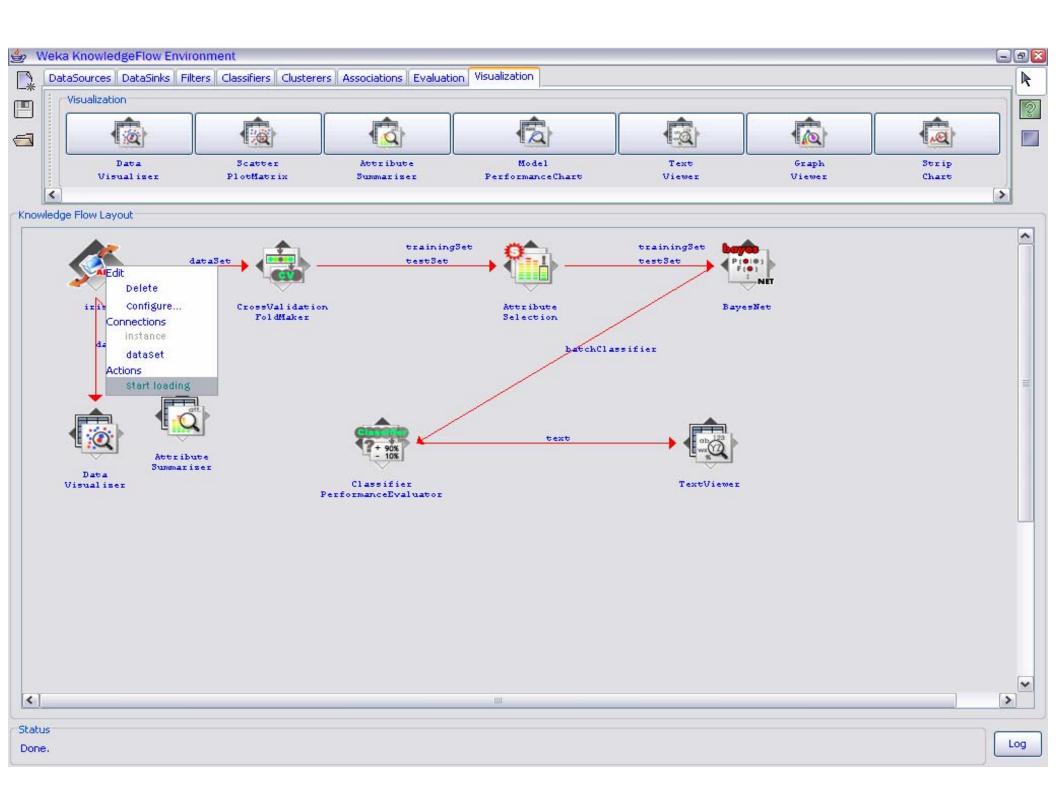


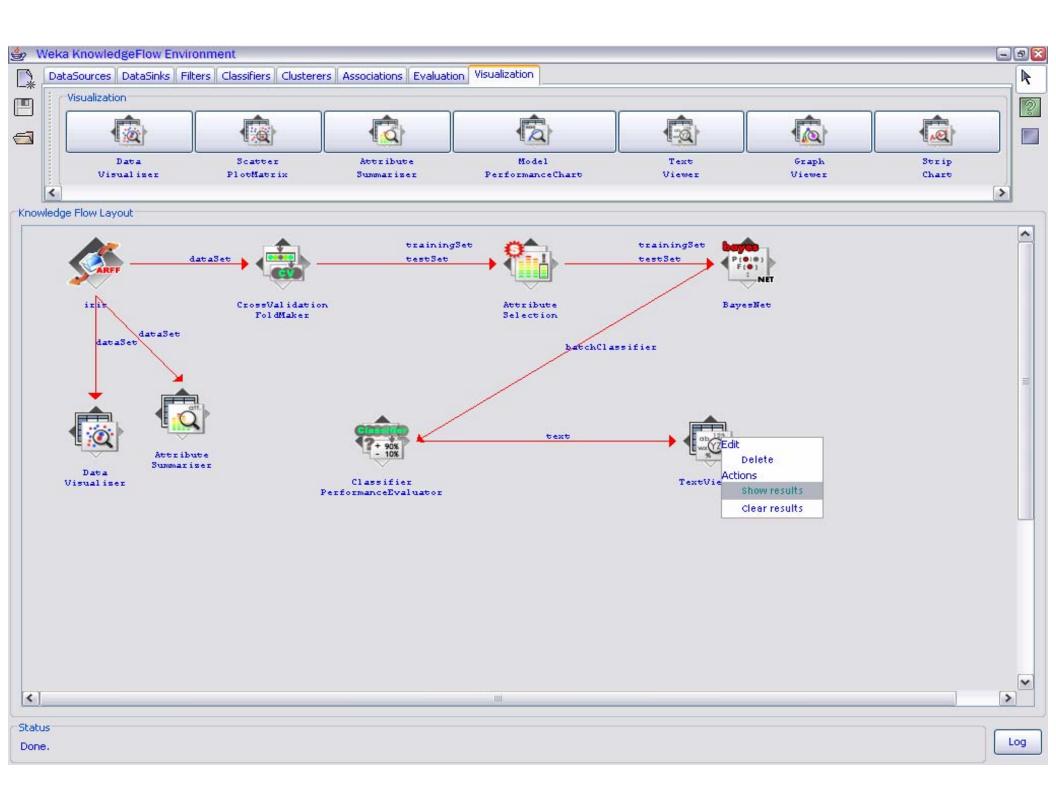
#### The Knowledge Flow GUI

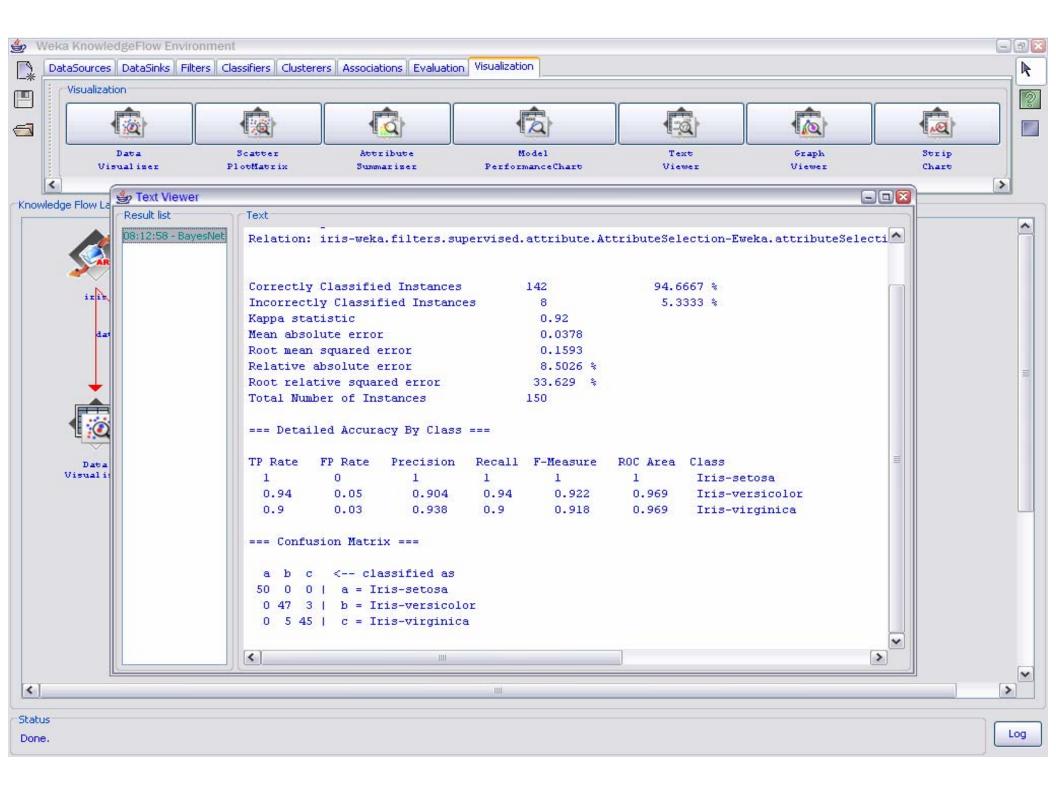
- New graphical user interface for WEKA
- Java-Beans-based interface for setting up and running machine learning experiments
- Data sources, classifiers, etc. are beans and can be connected graphically
- Data "flows" through components: e.g.,
   "data source" -> "filter" -> "classifier" -> "evaluator"
- Layouts can be saved and loaded again later











#### Finally!

WEKA is available at

http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/ml/weka

Also has a list of projects based on WEKA WEKA contributors:

Abdelaziz Mahoui, Alexander K. Seewald, Ashraf M. Kibriya, Bernhard Pfahringer, Brent Martin, Peter Flach, Eibe Frank, Gabi Schmidberger, Ian H. Witten, J. Lindgren, Janice Boughton, Jason Wells, Len Trigg, Lucio de Souza Coelho, Malcolm Ware, Mark Hall, Remco Bouckaert, Richard Kirkby, Shane Butler, Shane Legg, Stuart Inglis, Sylvain Roy, Tony Voyle, Xin Xu, Yong Wang, Zhihai Wang

# Part III: evaluating machine learning algorithms using ROC and Cost Curves

#### Introduction to ROC Curves (Drummond et. al.)

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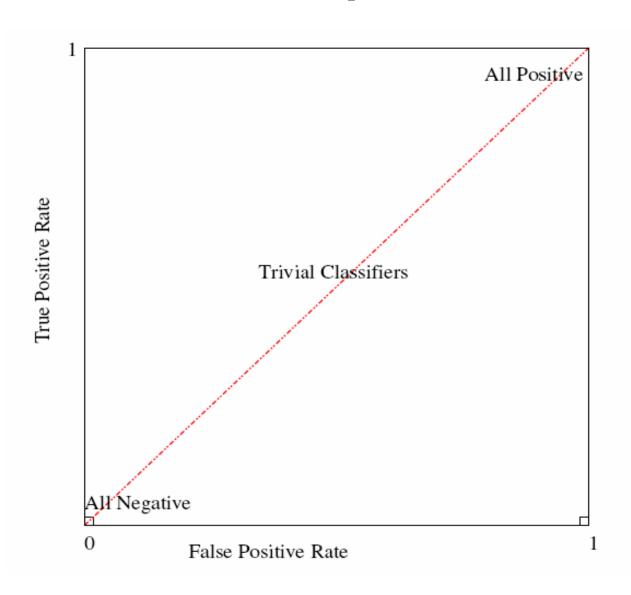
- Given a specific misclassification cost and class probabilities, what is the expected cost of classification?
- For what misclassification costs and class probabilities
- does a classifier outperform the trivial classifiers?
- For what misclassification costs and class probabilities
- does a classifier outperform another?
- What is the difference in performance between two classifiers?
- What is the average performance of several independent classifiers?
- What is the 90% confidence interval for a particular classifier's performance?
- What is the significance of the difference between the performances of two classifiers?

#### Confusion Matrix

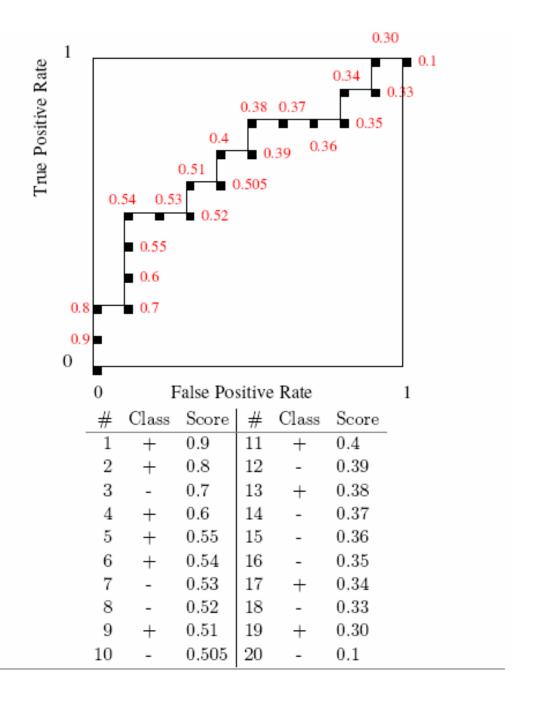
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$$\frac{F+}{-}$$
 T+ Rate (Recall) =  $\frac{T+}{+}$   
Precision =  $\frac{T+}{Y}$  Accuracy =  $\frac{(T+)+(T-)}{(+)+(-)}$   
F-Score = Precision × Recall

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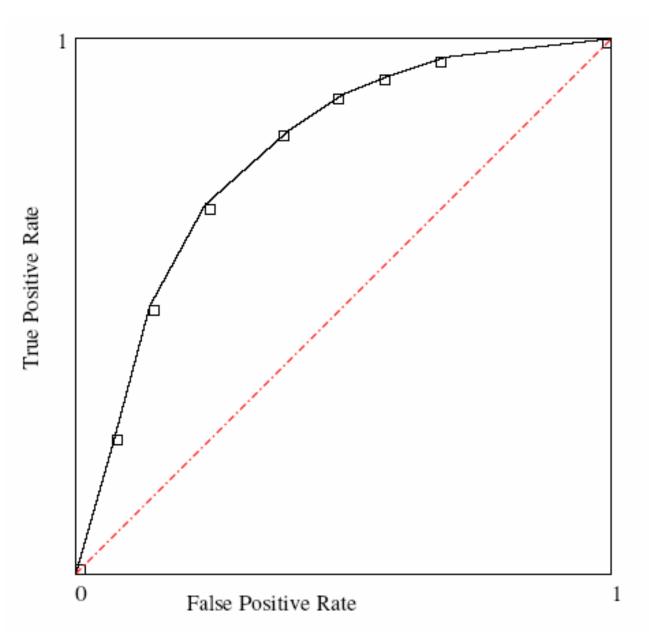
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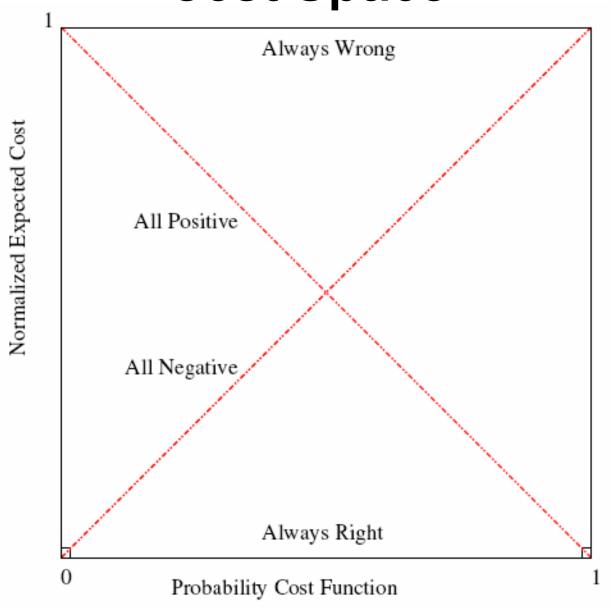
## Generating ROC curves



#### **ROC** curves



#### **Cost Space**



#### **Cost Curves**

