

Getting Started with STAT 961

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1 Setup

R and RStudio setup.

- If you do not have R and/or RStudio installed, download and install these softwares by following the instructions [here](#). If you do have RStudio installed, update it to the latest version by opening RStudio and clicking **Help -> Check for Updates**. If you do have R installed, update it to the latest version by following the instructions [here](#). Open RStudio.
- Install packages for compiling reports by entering the following commands at the console (labeled B in Figure 1):

```
install.packages("knitr")
install.packages("xtable")
install.packages('tinytex')
tinytex::install_tinytex()
```

- If you are on a Windows machine, go to **Tools -> Global Options -> Terminal**. In the drop down box for **New terminals open with**, select "Git Bash".
- Go to **Tools -> Global Options -> Sweave** on Windows or **RStudio -> Preferences -> Sweave** on Mac and select the options pictured in Figure 2.

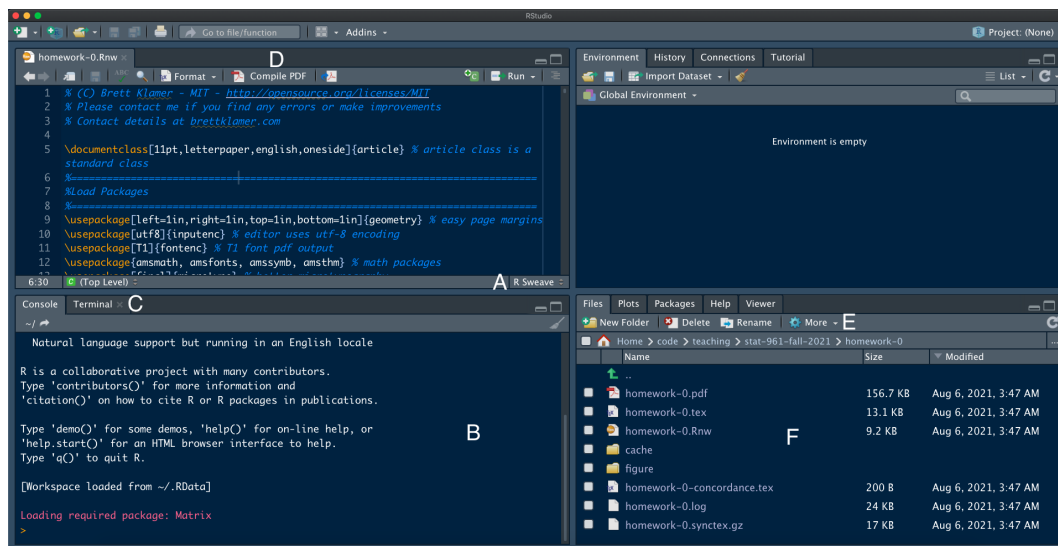


Figure 1: RStudio interface

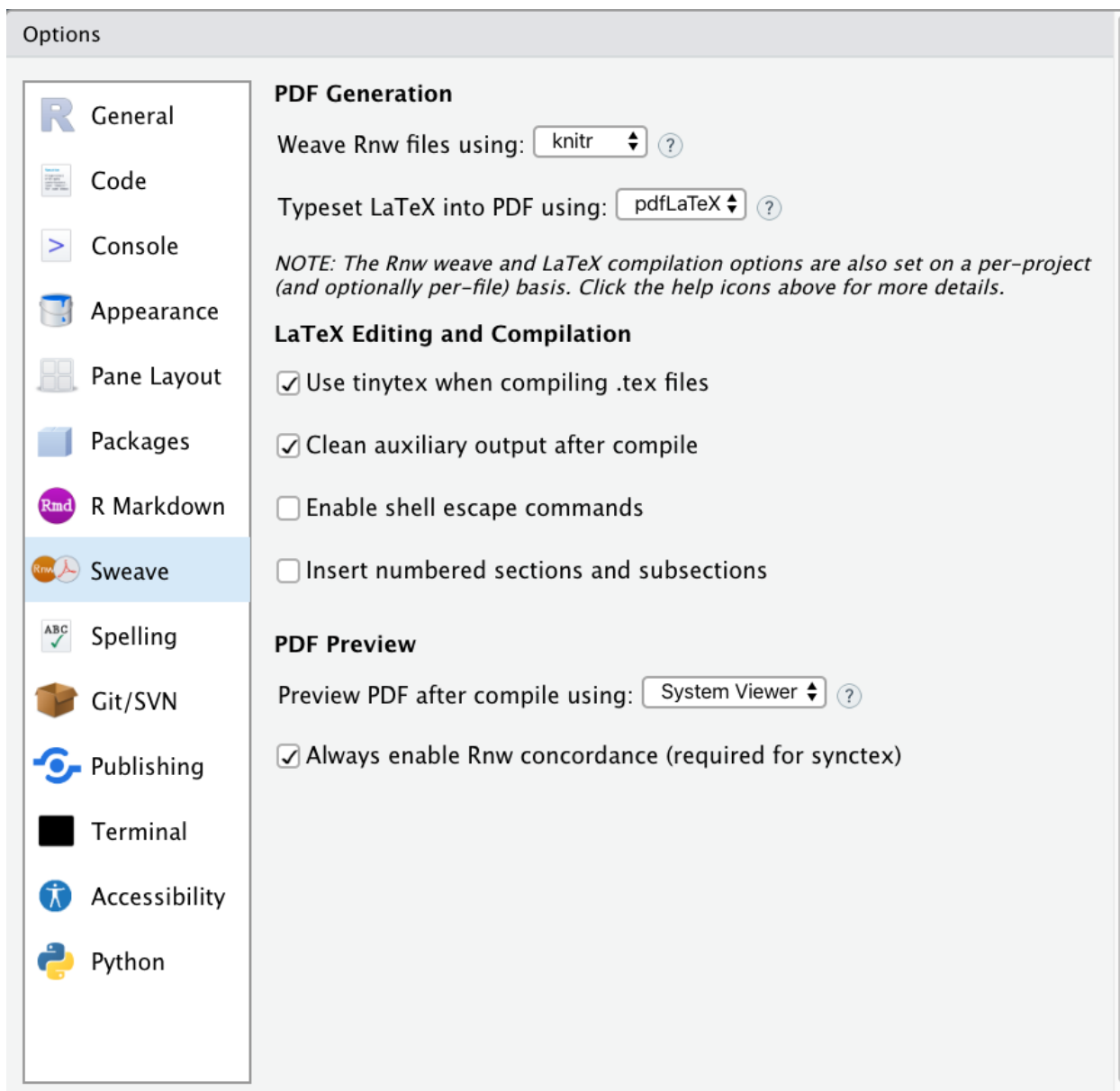


Figure 2: Options for PDF generation.

Git and Github setup.

- Install Git by following the instructions [here](#) (if not already done so).
- Set up Git by following the instructions [here](#) (if not already done so).
- Create an account on [Github](#) (if not already done so).
- Create a repository on Github named `stat-961-fall-2021` by signing into your Github account, clicking "Repositories", clicking the green "New" button, choosing the options pictured in Figure 3, and clicking the green "Create repository" button.
- Create a folder on your computer called `stat-961-fall-2021`.
- Open RStudio and navigate to the `stat-961-fall-2021` directory in the RStudio "Files" pane (Figure 1F). Click **More -> Set As Working Directory** (Figure 1E).
- Open the Terminal in RStudio (Figure 1C), click the down arrow, and click **Go to Current Directory**.
- In the terminal, type

```
git clone https://github.com/katsevich-teaching/stat-961-fall-2021.git
```

This will copy the STAT 961 Github repository onto your local computer.

- In the terminal, type

```
git remote set-url --push origin https://github.com/[USERNAME]/stat-961-fall-2021.git
```

Here, "[USERNAME]" should be replaced by your Github username. This command will tell Github that any changes you make will be synchronized to your version of the class repository, as opposed to the main version.

- In the terminal, type

```
git push
```

This will have the effect of copying the contents of the repository to your personal Github account. Go to [https://github.com/\[USERNAME\]/stat-961-fall-2021](https://github.com/[USERNAME]/stat-961-fall-2021) and check that this operation succeeded.

Create a new repository

A repository contains all project files, including the revision history. Already have a project repository elsewhere? [Import a repository](#).

Owner *



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Repository name *

stat-961-fall-2021



Great repository names are short and memorable. Need inspiration? How about **potential-octo-funicular**?

Description (optional)



Public

Anyone on the internet can see this repository. You choose who can commit.



Private

You choose who can see and commit to this repository.

Initialize this repository with:

Skip this step if you're importing an existing repository.

☐ **Add a README file**

This is where you can write a long description for your project. [Learn more.](#)

☐ **Add .gitignore**

Choose which files not to track from a list of templates. [Learn more.](#)

☐ **Choose a license**

A license tells others what they can and can't do with your code. [Learn more.](#)

Create repository

Figure 3: Creating a new Github repository for the class.

2 Course materials

2.1 Homework assignments

Homework assignments will be made available on the Github [webpage](#). As an example, see [Homework 0](#). To complete homework use the following steps:

1. Locate and open the file `homework-0/homework-0.Rnw` in the files pane (Figure 1F). Select "R Sweave" from the menu in the bottom right-hand corner of the editor pane (Figure 1A).
2. Change "FirstName LastName" to your first and last name in line 24.
3. Click "Compile PDF" near the top of the editor pane, and make sure the PDF compiled.
4. See what changes have been made by typing `git status` in the Terminal
5. Stage the changes for committing by typing the following command in the Terminal:

```
git add --all
```

6. Commit the changes by typing the following command in the Terminal:

```
git commit -m "Changed name on homework 0"
```

7. Push the changes to your Github repository by typing the following command in the Terminal

```
git push
```

8. Submit compiled PDF to Gradescope.

Homework will be in the Rnw format, based on LaTeX and R. If you need to brush up on LaTeX, browse [here](#). Useful articles on this page are those under the heading "mathematics" as well as the [article](#) on cross-referencing.

2.2 Lecture materials