BIOS 721 | TOPIC 1: OBJECTS IN R – PART 1

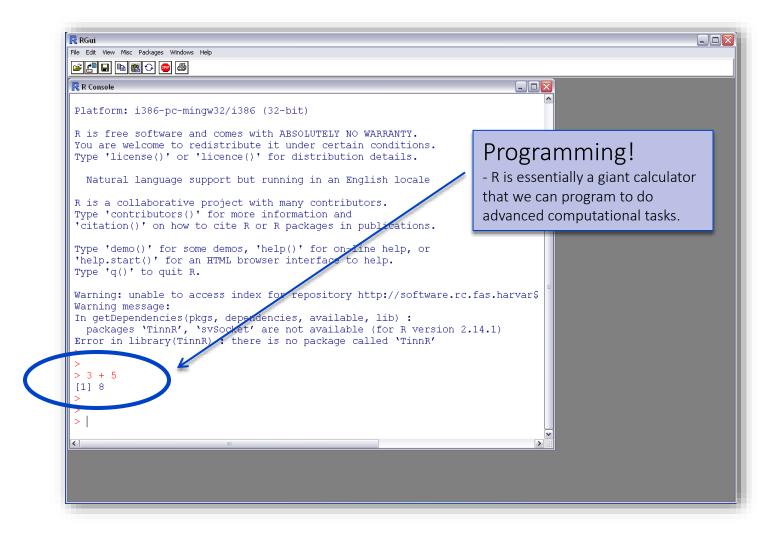
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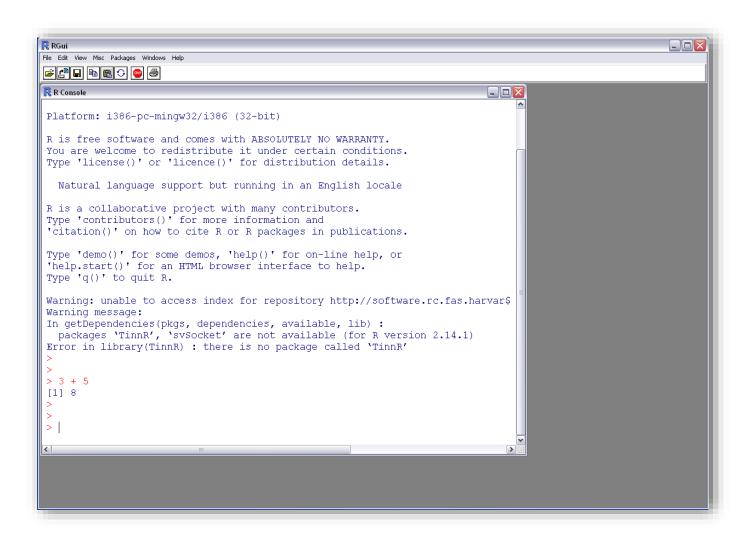
- Objects in R
 - Introduce R and R Studio Software
 - What are the moving parts?
 - How do they work together?
 - What do you need to know to get started?
 - Objects in R
 - Building blocks of programming in R
 - Basic syntax
 - How to create objects in R

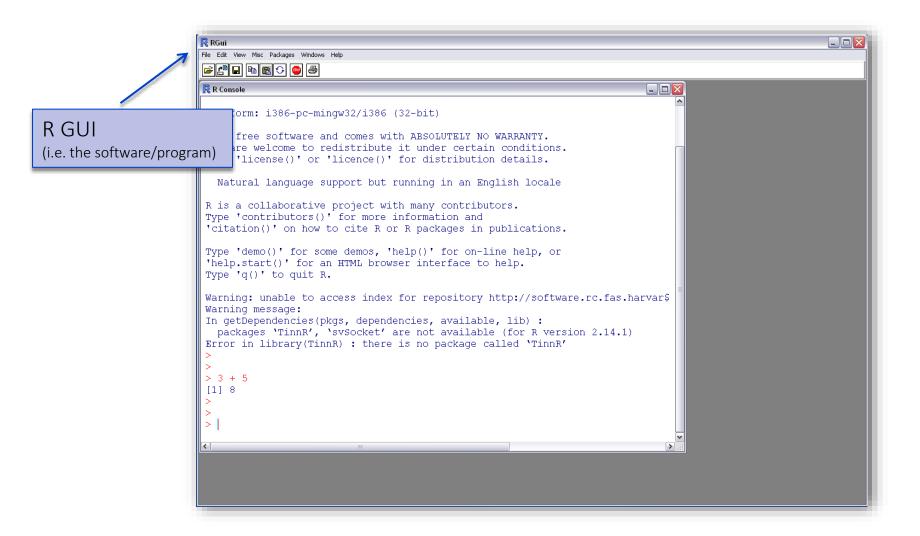
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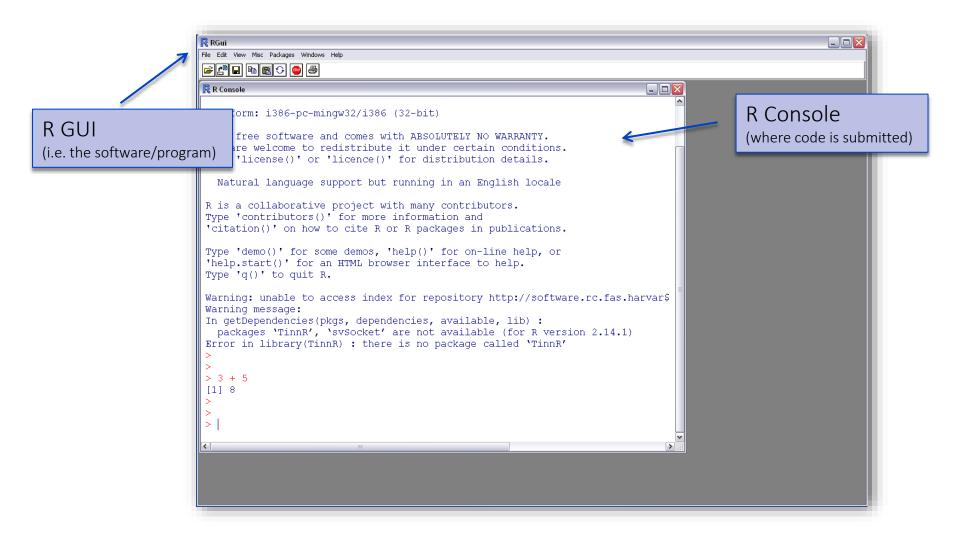
- □ In the simplest form it is ...
 - Writing a line of code
 - Submitting it to R
 - Software processes it
 - Output is returned
- □ Example | Submit the code 3+5 to R
 - > is the command prompt
 - Type 3+5 and hit Enter/Return to submit
 - R processes the code and returns [1]8 as the output/answer

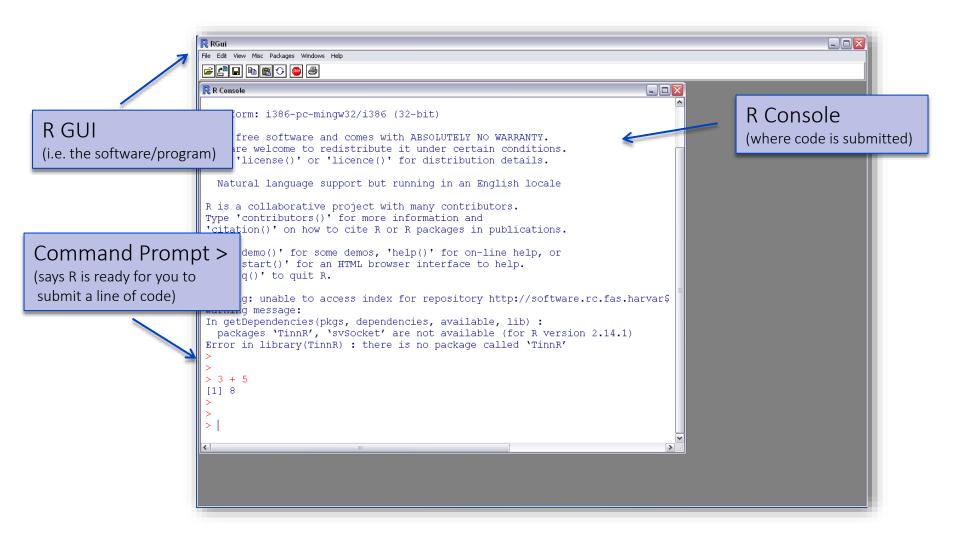
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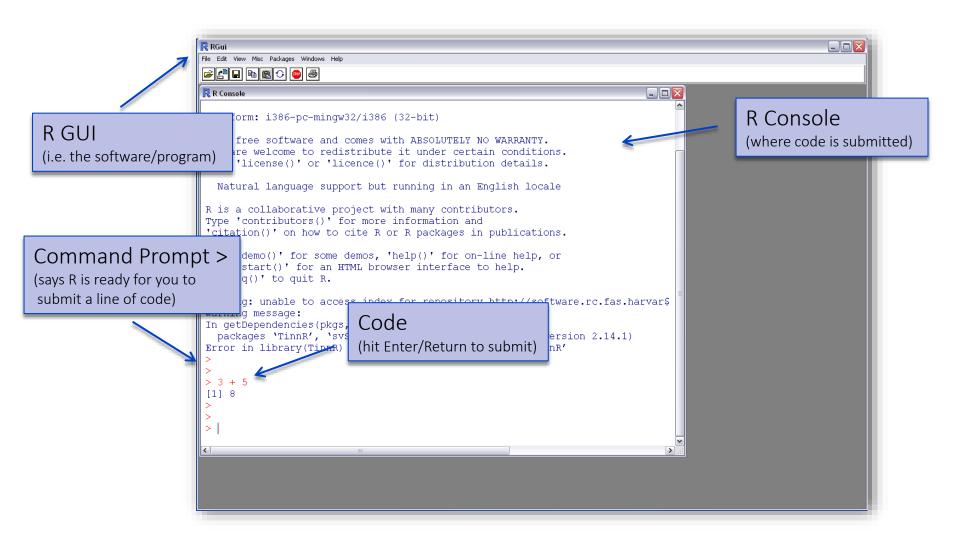


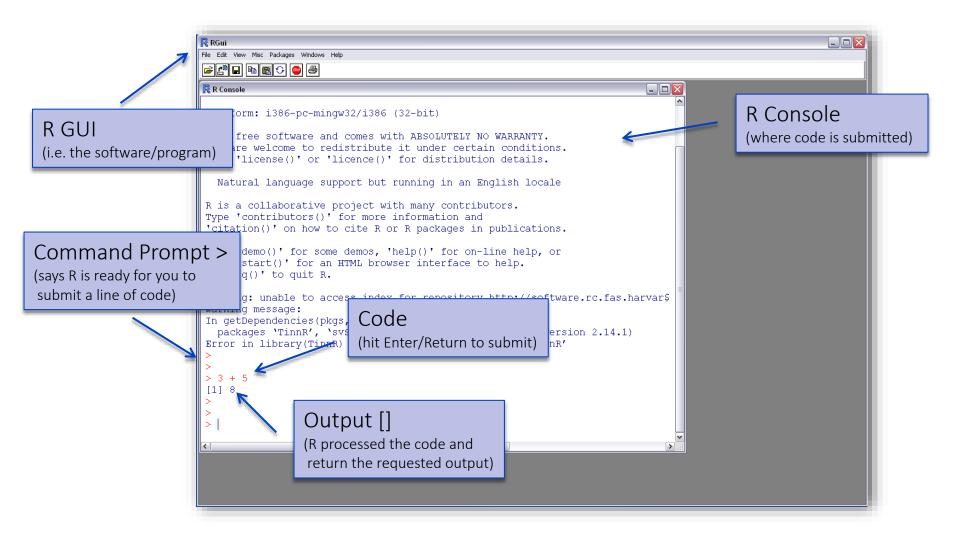








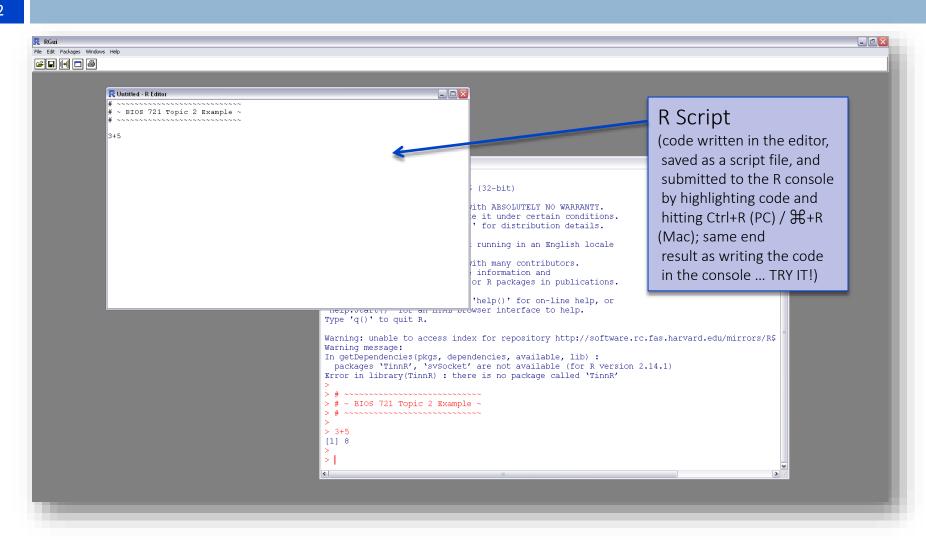




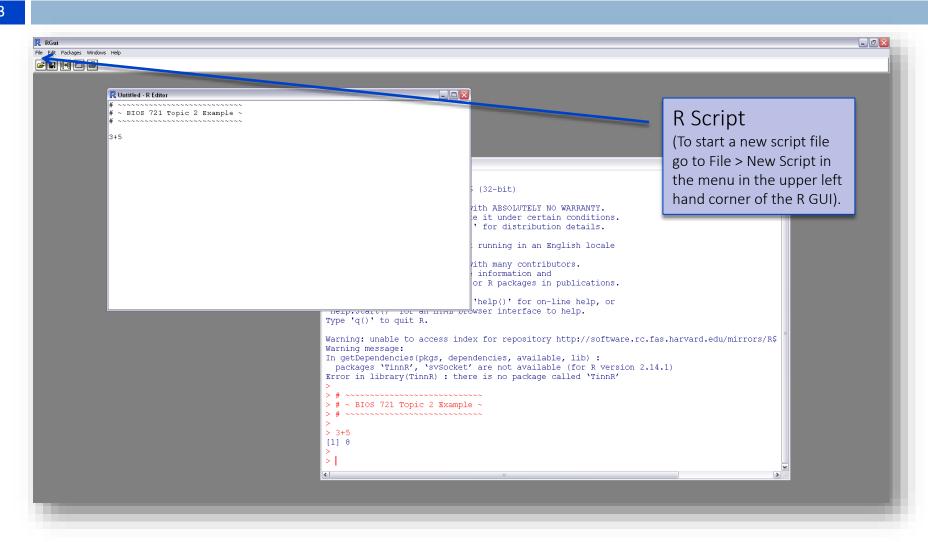
Script Files

- □ In the previous example, the "code" was written and submitted in the same place the R console.
 - In R you do have the option to type code directly into console and submit, but this would become cumbersome if you had A LOT of code to submit and it took A LOT of time to develop (which is typically the case).
 - Instead if code is written and developed using a script file, you can easily save an editable and re-runable version of the code for future use and development.
- □ For these reasons, using SCRIPT FILES is highly recommended (and somewhat necessary).
 - Scripts contain all of the code you have written in a way that you easily re-submit the code to processor as well make changes to the existing code and add new code to the same file.

Script Files – Use Them!



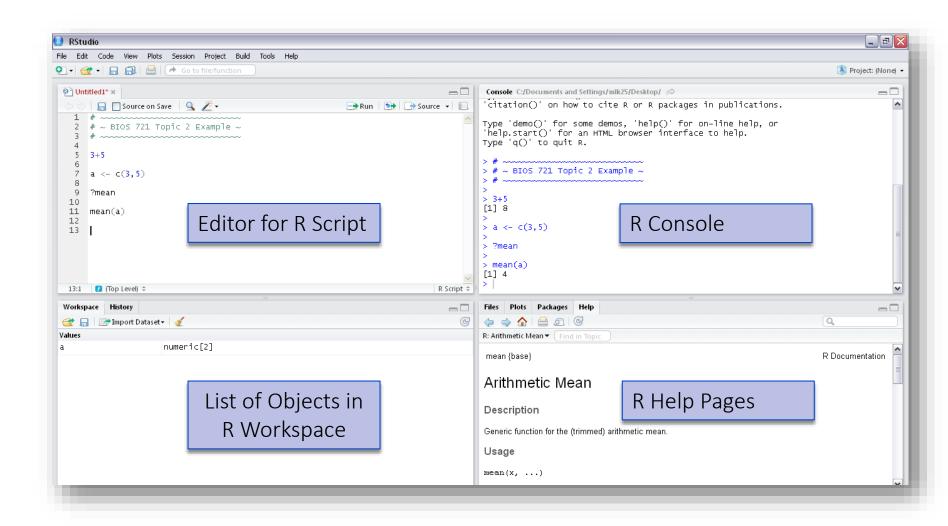
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R and R Studio

- □ Where to code in R and how to submit it?
 - Can do it all within the RGui
 - File > New Script for an editor
 - Highlight code and hit Crtl+R/光+R to submit code to R console
 - But I prefer an IDE called R Studio
 - It puts all of the moving parts into a single window (yeah!)
 - Its editor is color coded and has informative highlighting
 - What I will use in this course
 - But you may use whatever you prefer!
 - In all editors, scripts saved as .R files!

Moving Parts in R Studio



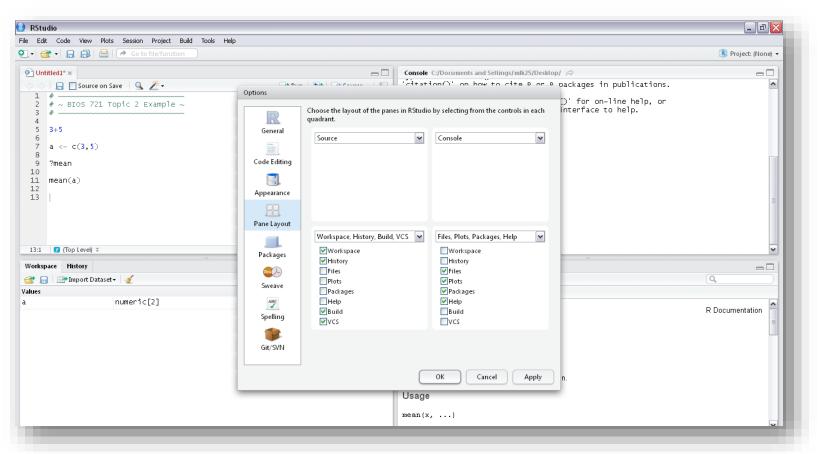
Setting Up R Studio

□ Note: You MUST have R installed before using R Studio.

- After installing R Studio, there are a few options you should set to make working a little easier:
 - You may want to re-arrange the window layout (the layout on the previous screen is NOT the default, but is what I prefer).
 - You should set the default working directory (where input will be read from and where output will go by default I like to use my desktop you can always change this later)

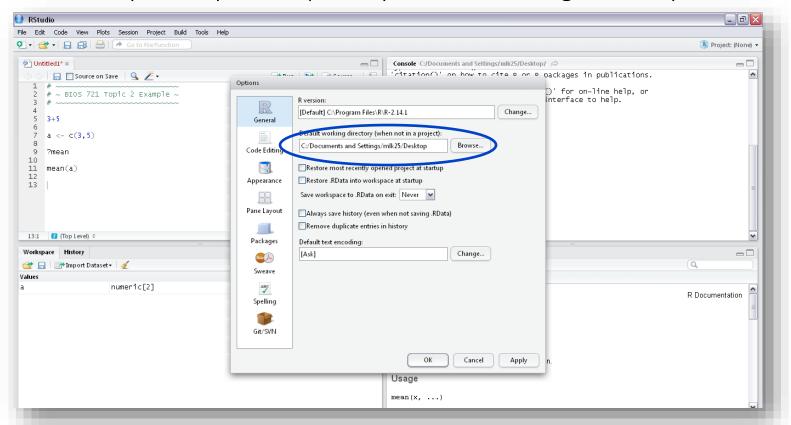
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- Re-arranging the window layout:
 - Tools > Global Options > Pane Layout > Apply/Ok

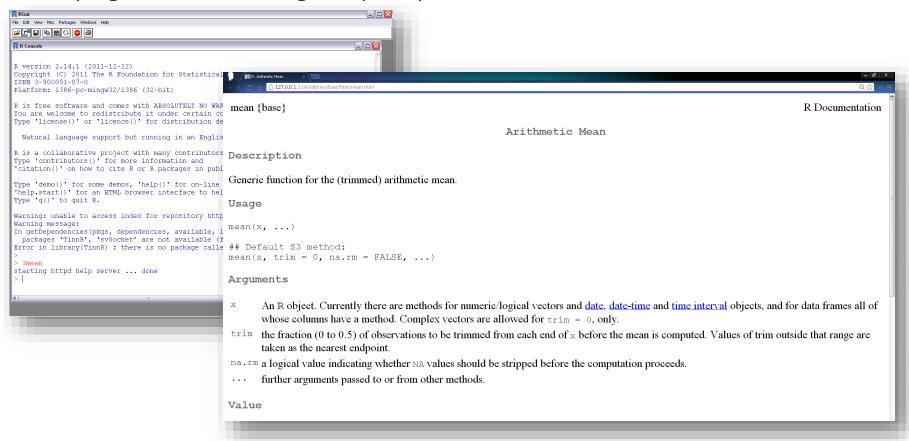


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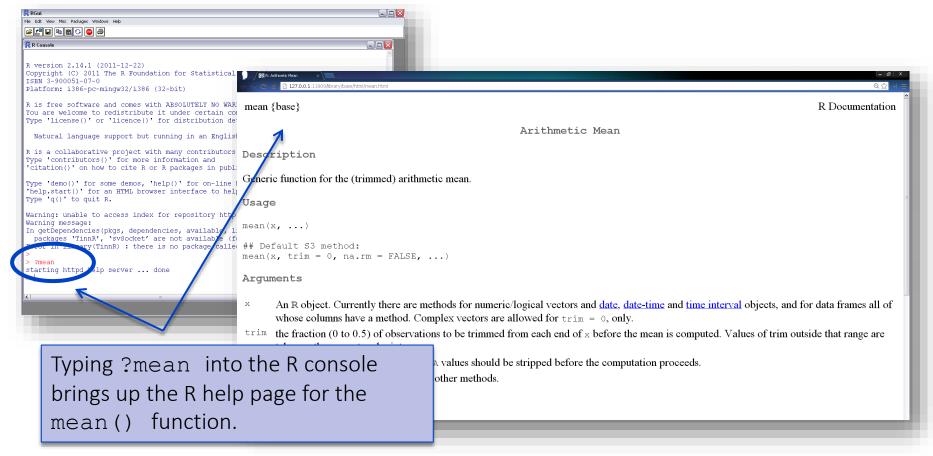
- Set default working directory:
 - Tools > Options > R General > Enter directory in 2nd box > Apply/Ok
 - I usually use my desktop as my default working directory

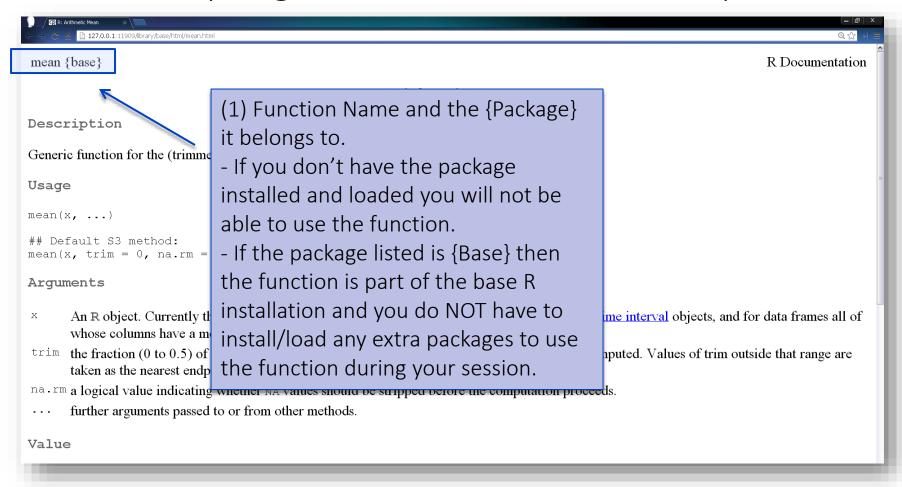


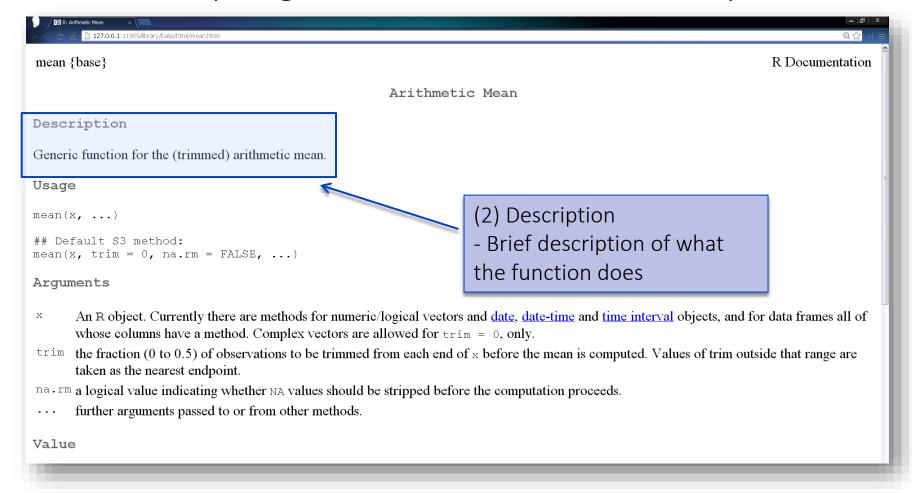
By typing ?name_of_function in the R console, an R help page will be brought up in your internet browser.

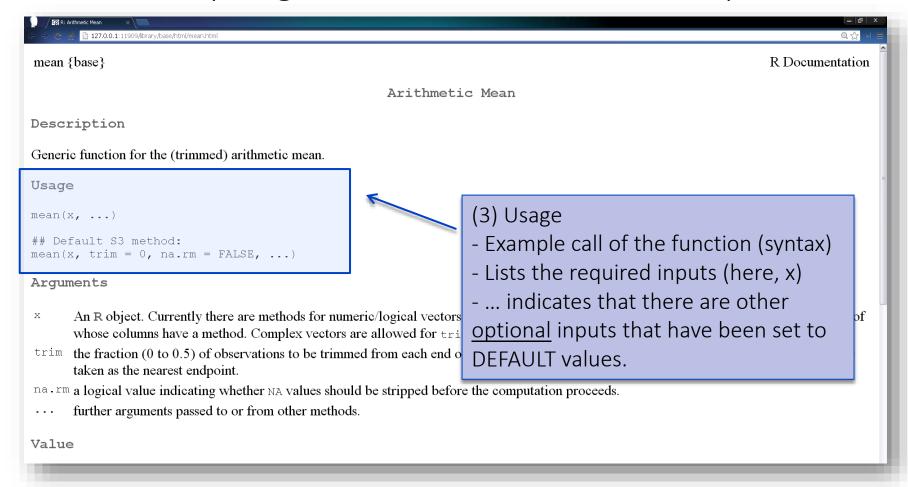


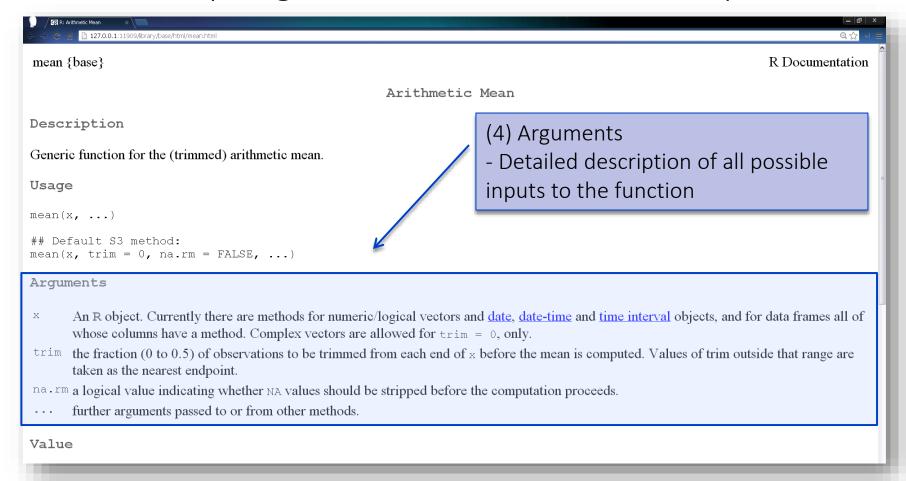
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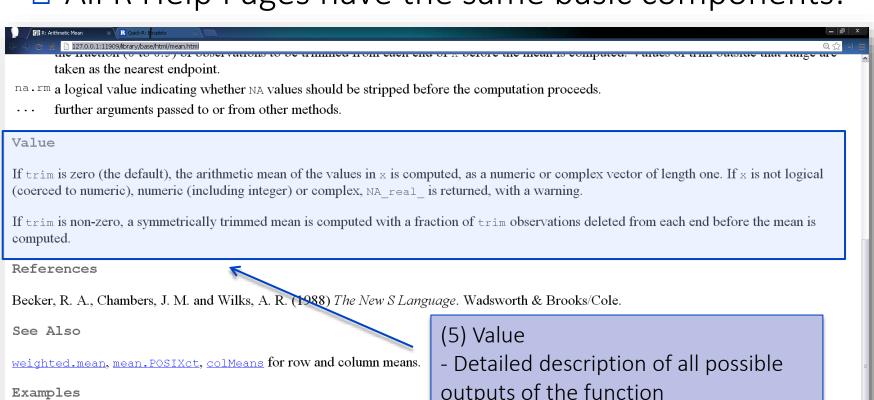




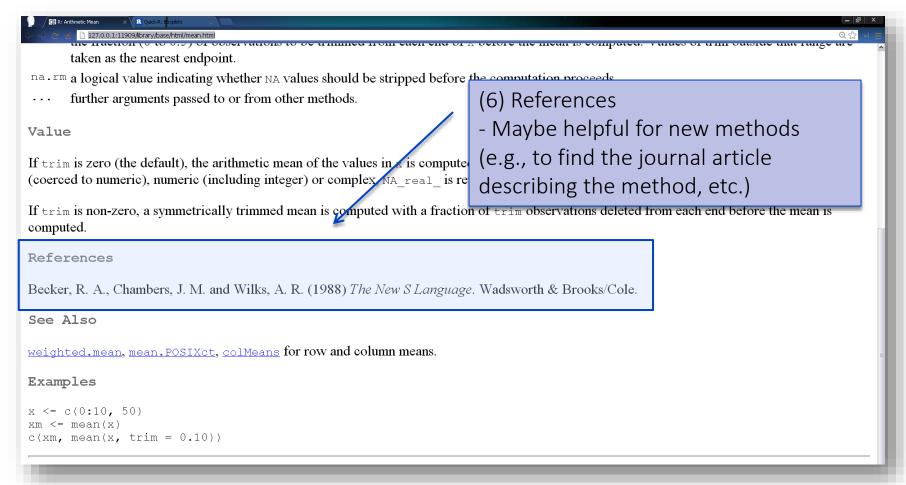


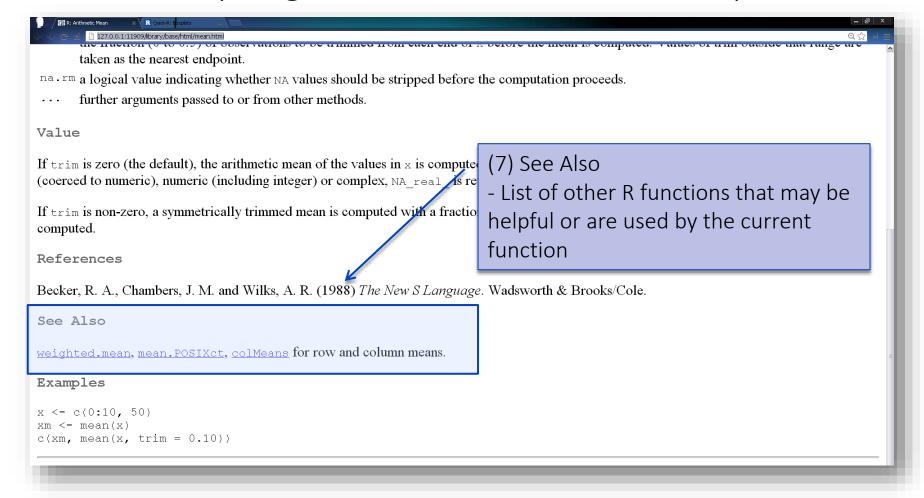


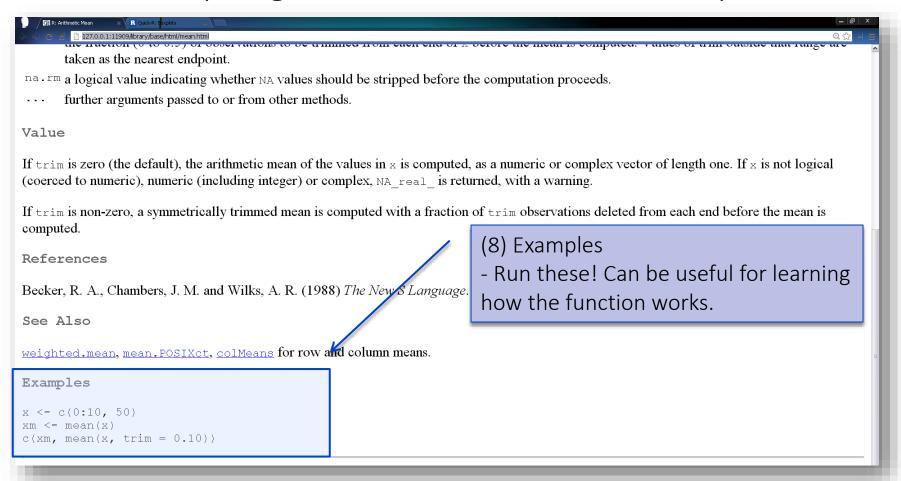
□ All R Help Pages have the same basic components:



x < -c(0:10, 50)xm < - mean(x)c(xm, mean(x, trim = 0.10)) outputs of the function





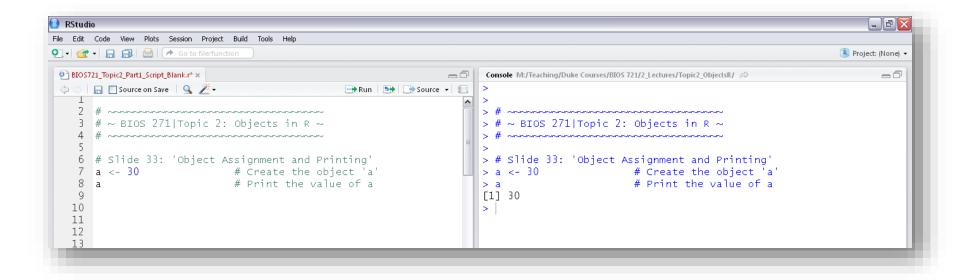


- □ All R Help Pages have the same basic components
- But not all R Help Pages are created equally
 - Some have way better documentation/examples than others
 - Google is your friend chances are someone else has already done what you are tying to do!
- □ Another good R resource is the Quick R website
 - http://www.statmethods.net/
 - Maintained by the author of R in Action
 - Help pages are very complete and often have several examples for each function/topic
 - Search "boxplot" and check out what I mean!

- □ R is an object oriented programming language
 - Makes it very flexible and a powerful programming platform
 - Objects can be very complex (e.g. output from a regression analysis) or very simple (e.g. a matrix).
- □ In their simplest form, you can think of objects as
 - Container + element
 - Example |
 - Container = Matrix
 - Element = Numbers
 - Object = Numeric Matrix

- Data Objects / Structures:
 - Scalars
 - Vectors
 - Matrices
 - Arrays
 - Data Frames
 - Lists
- □ To create an object, use the assignment command:
 - \Box <- or =
- □ To print (i.e. display the value of) the object, enter the object's name into the console at hit enter.

- □ In the example below,
 - The first line of code creates the object 'a' and assigns it to the scalar value 30.
 - The second line of code prints the value of 'a'.



Scalars (a single element)

```
      □ s1 <- 2</td>
      →
      [1]2

      □ s2 <- "Hi!" →</td>
      [1]"Hi!"

      □ s3 <- TRUE →</td>
      [1]TRUE
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- Special Cases
 - NA = missing value
 - NaN = Not a number
 - -Inf/Inf = Infinity (or at least close to it)

Numeric

Character

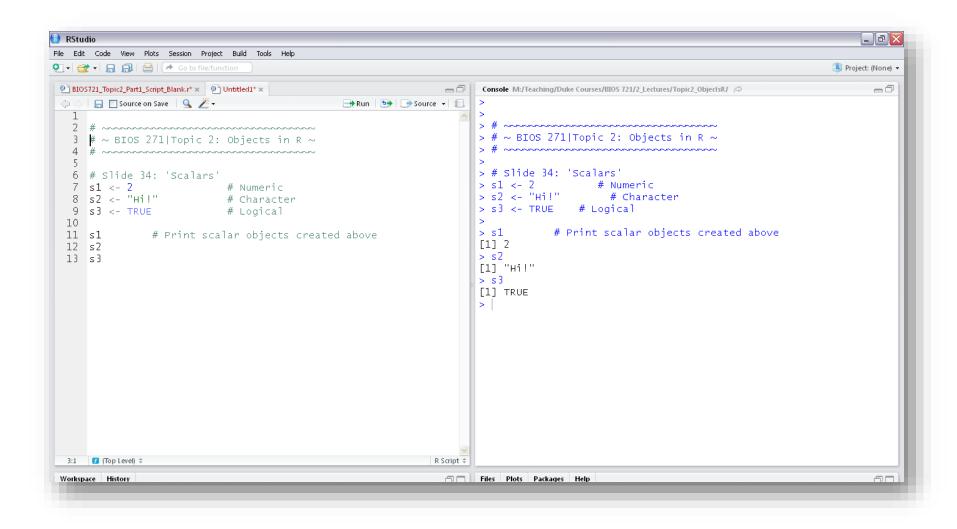
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a.k.a

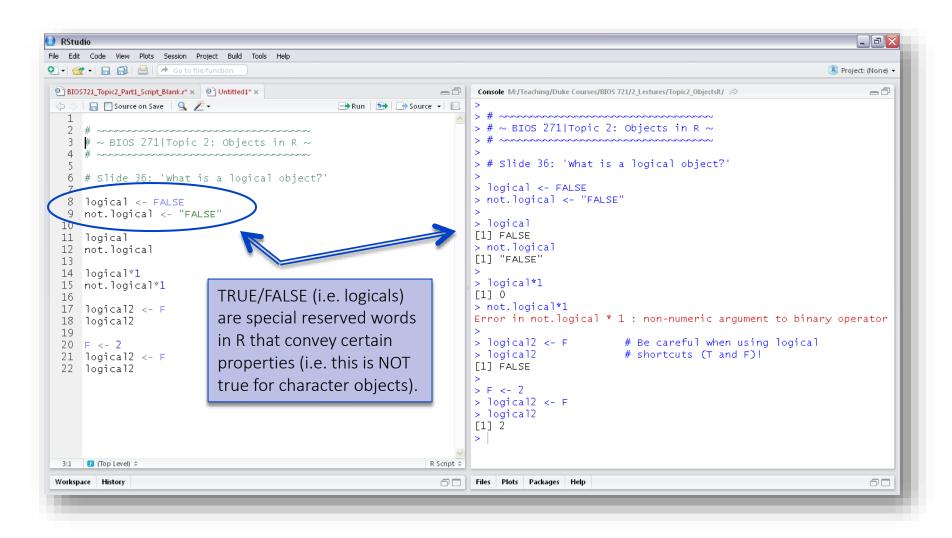
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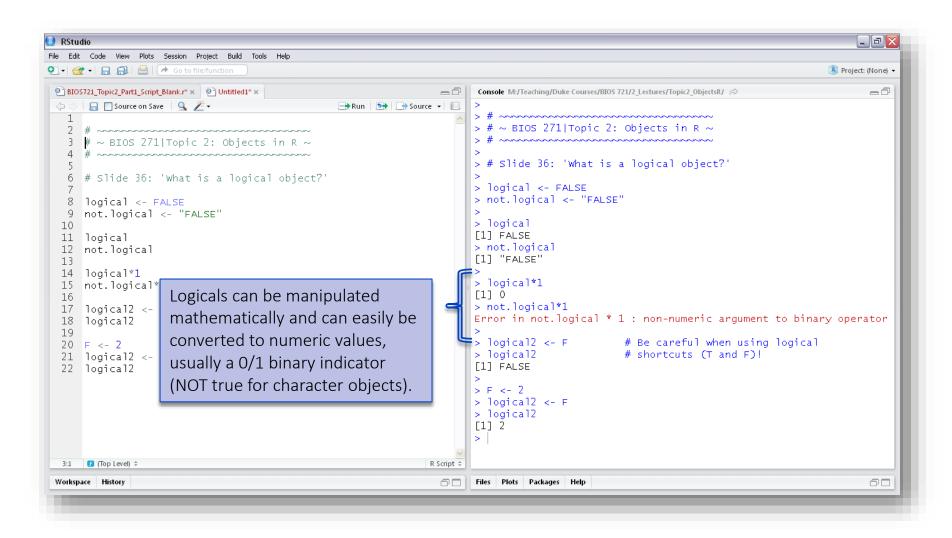
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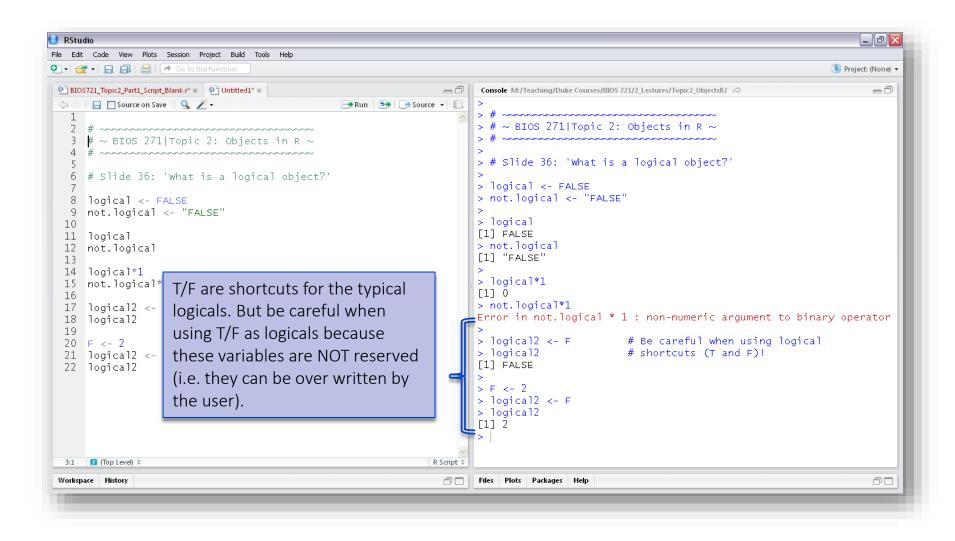
Logical



- □ A Note on Logical Objects:
 - TRUE and FALSE are reserved words (i.e. users cannot assign values to these words)
 - Although the values are "character" visually, they can be manipulated numerically (i.e. R easily allows TRUE and FALSE to be converted to 1 and 0, respectively).
 - T and F are shortcuts that can be used in place of TRUE and FALSE, respectively.
 - But Be Careful! T and F are not reserved, so users can over write these values, which can lead to errors (see next slide for example).





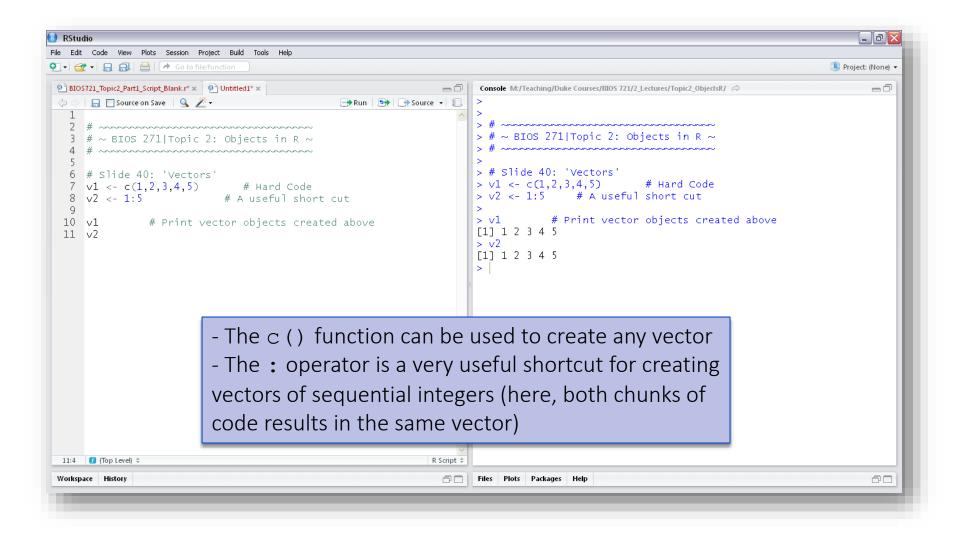


- Vectors (stacks of scalars)
 - □ Create using the R 'combine' function: c (,...)
 - Hard Code

$$-v1 < -c(1,2,3,4,5) \rightarrow [1] 1 2 3 4 5$$

But there are lots of shortcuts ... (more in the PPs)

$$■$$
 v2 <- 1:5 \rightarrow [1] 1 2 3 4 5



- Matrices (stacks of vectors)
 - Create using the R function 'matrix':

- Examples
 - M1 <- matrix(1:6,3,2)
 - M2 <- matrix(1:6,3,2,byrow=TRUE)
 - M3 <- matrix(1:6,3,2, byrow=TRUE, dimnames=list(c("R1", "R2", "R3"), c("C1", "C2")))

- Matrices (stacks of vectors)
 - Create using the R function 'matrix':

Recall:

- Any arguments NOT assigned a value are required input for the function to excute (here data, nrow, and ncol)
- Any arguments assigned to a value are optional; if not given a value during the function call, they will be set to the default value (here byrow and dimnames)
- To learn about a function, check out the R help page

- Matrices (stacks of vectors)
 - Create using the R function 'matrix':

```
matrix(data,nrow,ncol,
byrow=FALSE,dimnames=NULL) OR
```

data = any VECTOR of values (numeric, character, or logical)

- Examples
 - M1 <- matrix(1:6,3,2)
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- Matrices (stacks of vectors)
 - Create using the R function 'matrix':

ncol = number of columns in the matrix

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 - M1 <- matrix(1:6,3,2)
 - M2 <- matrix(1:6,3,2,byrow=TRUE)
 - M3 <- matrix(1:6,3,2, byrow=TRUE, dimnames=list(c("R1", "R2", "R3"), c("C1", "C2")))

- Matrices (stacks of vectors)
 - Create using the R function 'matrix':

```
matrix (data, nrow, ncol,
```



byrow=FALSE,dimnames=NULL)

<u>OR</u>

byrow = logical indicator for whether the vector should fill the matrix down columns (byrow=FALSE) or across rows (byrow=TRUE)

- Examples
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 - M2 <- matrix(1:6,3,2,byrow=TRUE)
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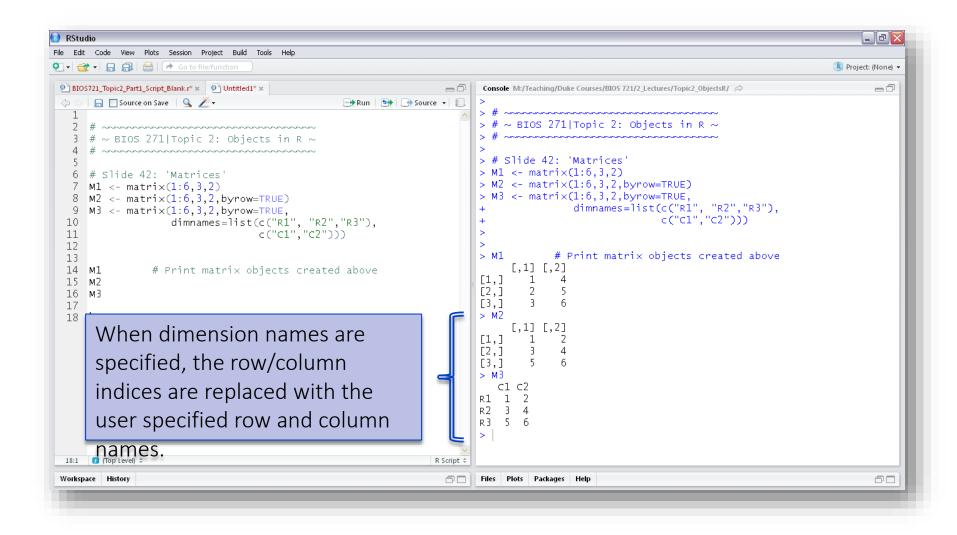
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<u>byrow-FALS</u>, dimnames=NULL) <u>OR</u>

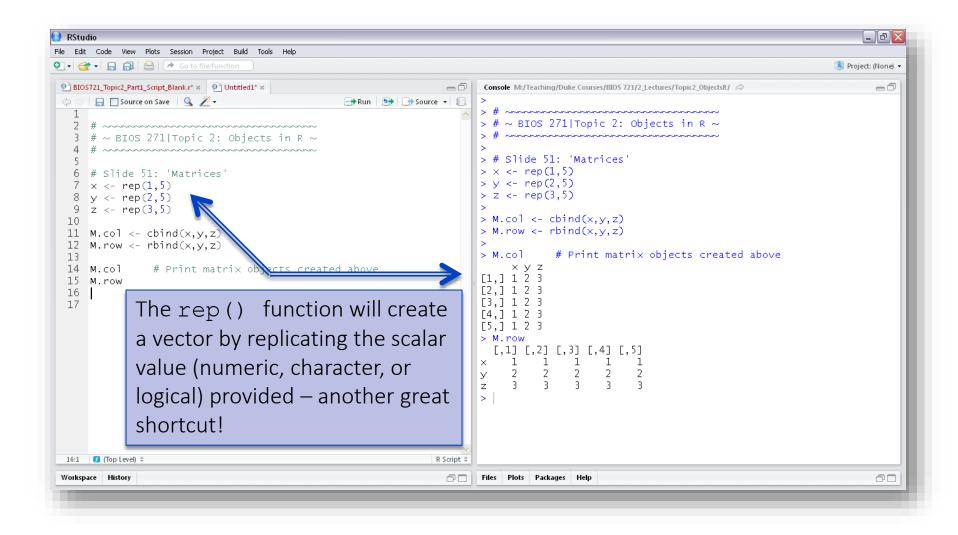
dimnames = a list of two vectors containing the row and column names; row names should be listed first

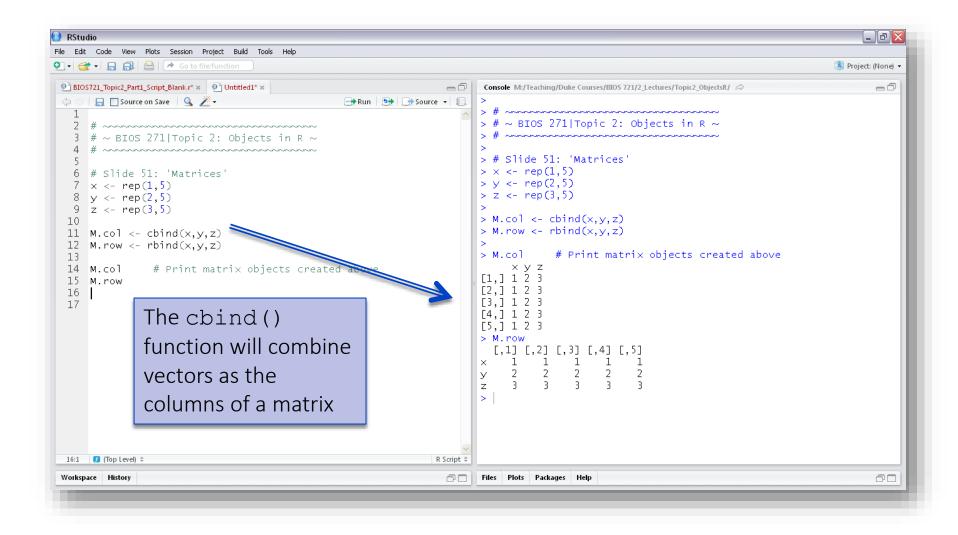
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 - \blacksquare M1 <- matrix(1:6,3,2)
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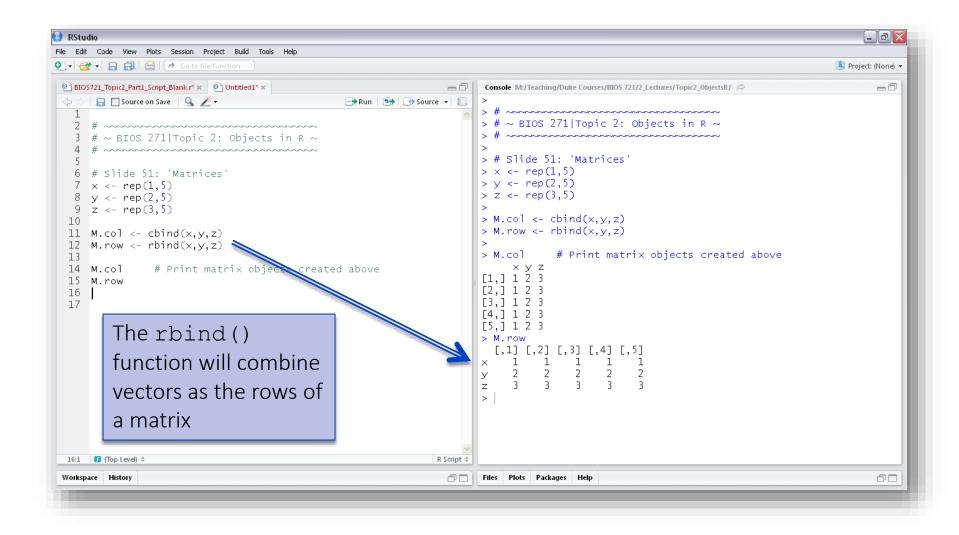




- Matrices (stacks of vectors)
 - Can also create matrices by combining vectors by rows or by columns (can be very useful in simulations)
 - Examples
 - x < rep(1,5)
 - y < rep(2,5)
 - z < rep(3,5)
 - \blacksquare M.col <- cbind(x,y,z)
 - \blacksquare M.row <- rbind(x,y,z)







- Arrays (stacks of matrices)
 - Create using the R function 'array': array (data, dim, ...)

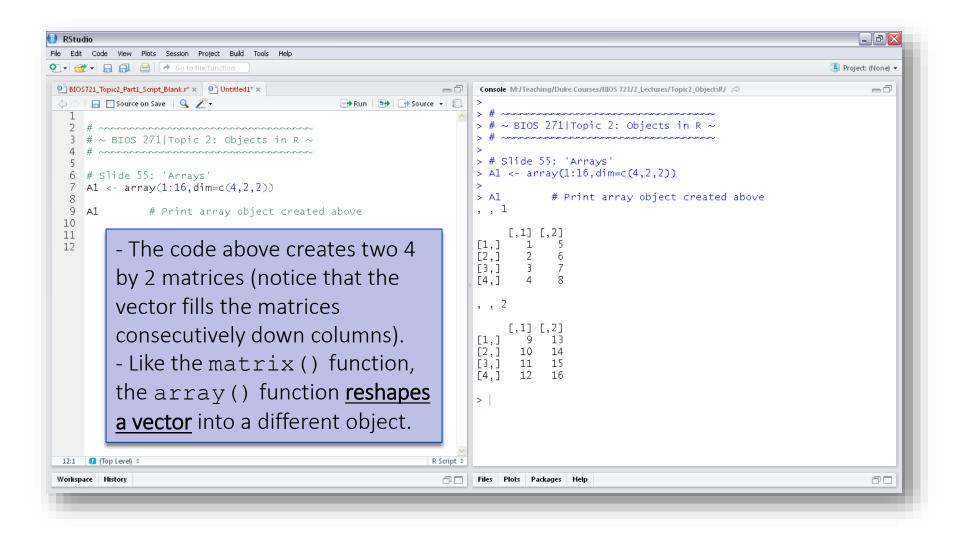
Examples

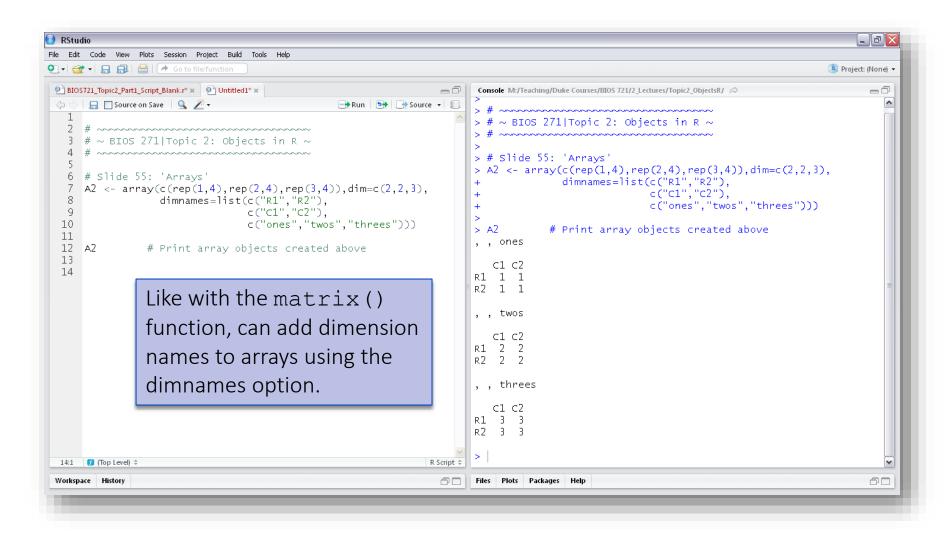
- Arrays (stacks of matrices)
 - Create using the R function 'array':

```
array(data,dim,...)
```

data = any VECTOR of values (numeric, character, or logical) dim = a vector of length 3 giving the no. of rows in each matrix, no. of columns in each matrix, and the no. of matrices

- Examples
 - \blacksquare A1 <- array(1:16,dim=c(4,2,2))
 - A2 <- array(c(rep(1,4),rep(2,4),rep(3,4)),
 dim=c(2,2,3),dimnames=list(c("R1","R2"),
 c("C1", "C2"),
 c("ones","twos","threes")))</pre>





- ☐ For all of the R objects that we have talked about so far, all elements have to be of the SAME mode!
 - That is, the following objects have to have all numeric, character, or logical elements:
 - Vectors
 - Matrices
 - Arrays
 - No mixing!

□ If there is mixing, R will coerce the elements of these objects to all be of the same mode.

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         12 mode(a)
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         15 mode(b)
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- But in consulting and research that is not always practical or feasible.
 - Most data sets will have a mixture of (at least) numeric and character data values.
 - The last two R data objects allow you to mix modes or even object types.
 - Data Frames
 - Lists

- Data Frames
 - Allow you to combine vectors of different modes together to create a data set (essentially a matrix)
 - □ Create using the R function 'data.frame':

```
data.frame(data,...)
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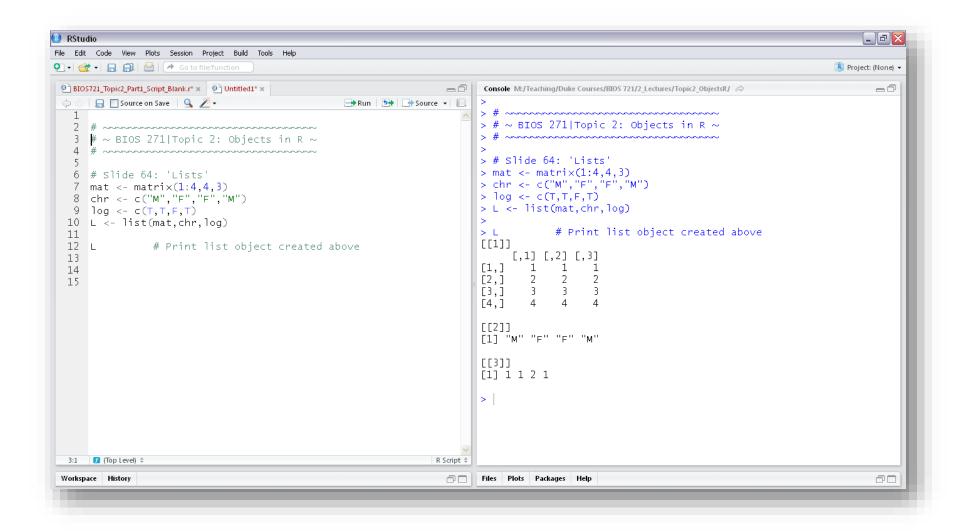
- Example
 - num <- 1:4
 - chr <- c("M", "F", "F", "M")
 - log <- c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, TRUE)
 - D1 <- data.frame(num,chr,log) compare to
 - D2 <- cbind(num,chr,log)



- Lists
 - Allow you to combine objects of different modes and objects of different classes (types) into a single object
 - Create using the R function 'list':

```
list(data,...)
```

- Example
 - mat <- matrix(1:4,4,3)</pre>
 - chr <- c("M", "F", "F", "M")
 - log <- c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, TRUE)
 - L <- list(mat,chr,log)



- ☐ If you want to know the mode of the elements in an object (that does not allow mixing) you can use
 - mode (object)
 - Returns one of the following
 - "numeric"
 - "character"
 - ■"logical"

- If you want to know the type of object that you are dealing with you can use
 - □ class (object)
 - Returns one of the following
 - "numeric"
 "integer"
 "character"
 "logical"
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 - ■"matrix"
 - "array"
 - "data.frame"
 - ■"list"

a.k.a. scalar/vector of a particular mode

For Next Time

- □ Next Time Topic 1 continued (Part 2)
 - Operations performed on objects