## Overview

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## Topics to be Covered

- R: Language Basics, Plotting, Getting Help
- Using the RStudio Editor
- Machine Learning Fundamentals
  - Dimension Reduction
  - Regression
  - Clustering
- Accessing Datasets: CellMiner (cell lines/drugs),
   CBioPortal (patient samples), Pathway Commons (pathways)
- Developing Web Applications

#### What is R?

- Free, open source
- Started in 1993
- Geared towards scientific computing
  - Created by Ross Ihaka and Robert Gentleman (statisticians)
- Interpreted; similar to Python and MATLAB

## Why is R Popular?

- Free, open source
- Interactive data analysis
  - Script-driven rather than menu-driven helps reproducibility
- Flexible and powerful plotting support
- Excellent package management system
  - Large and growing collection of statistical analysis methods
  - Simple package installation; dependency management
  - R scripts usually portable to other platforms
  - Package repositories ensure functionality, documentation, and interoperability

# Extending R and Package Repositories

- Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN)
  - 5,800 R packages (as of June 2014)
  - Many packages call C, C++, Fortran, or Java code for speedups
- Bioconductor
  - 800+ R packages focused on bioinformatics
  - 50+ packages dedicated to pathway analysis
- Devtools
  - R package that allows package installation from code repositories

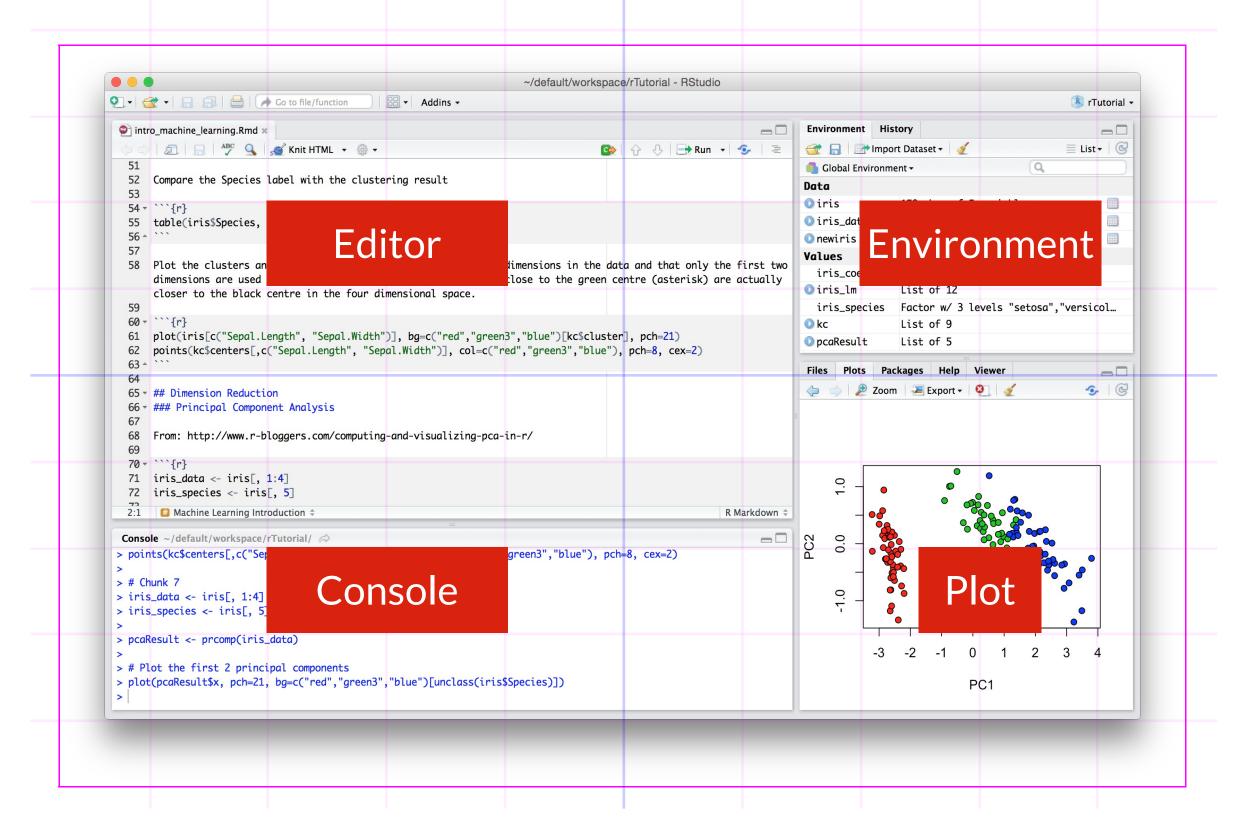
#### **RStudio**

- https://www.rstudio.com/
- Available for Windows, OSX, and Linux
- Simplifies common tasks: plotting, package installation, accessing files, viewing variables, etc.

### Installing R and RStudio

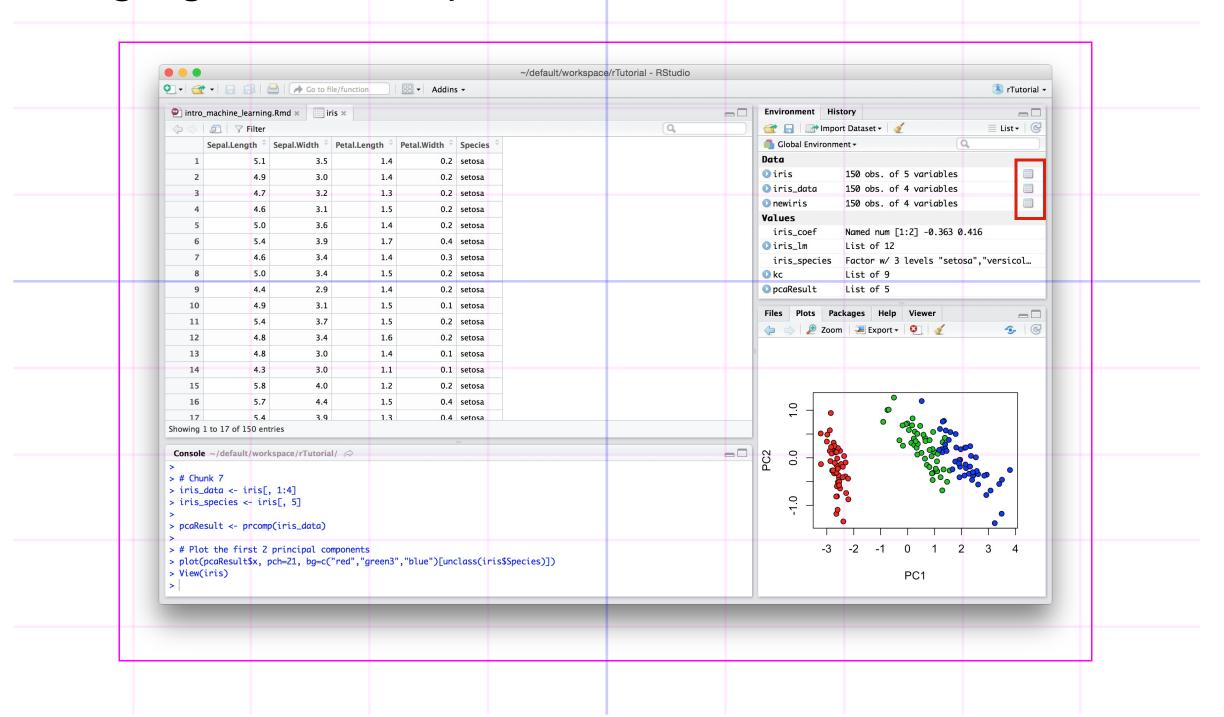
- Install R
  - https://cran.rstudio.com/
- Install RStudio
  - https://www.rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/
- RStudio does not come with R and R must be installed first

#### **RStudio Overview**



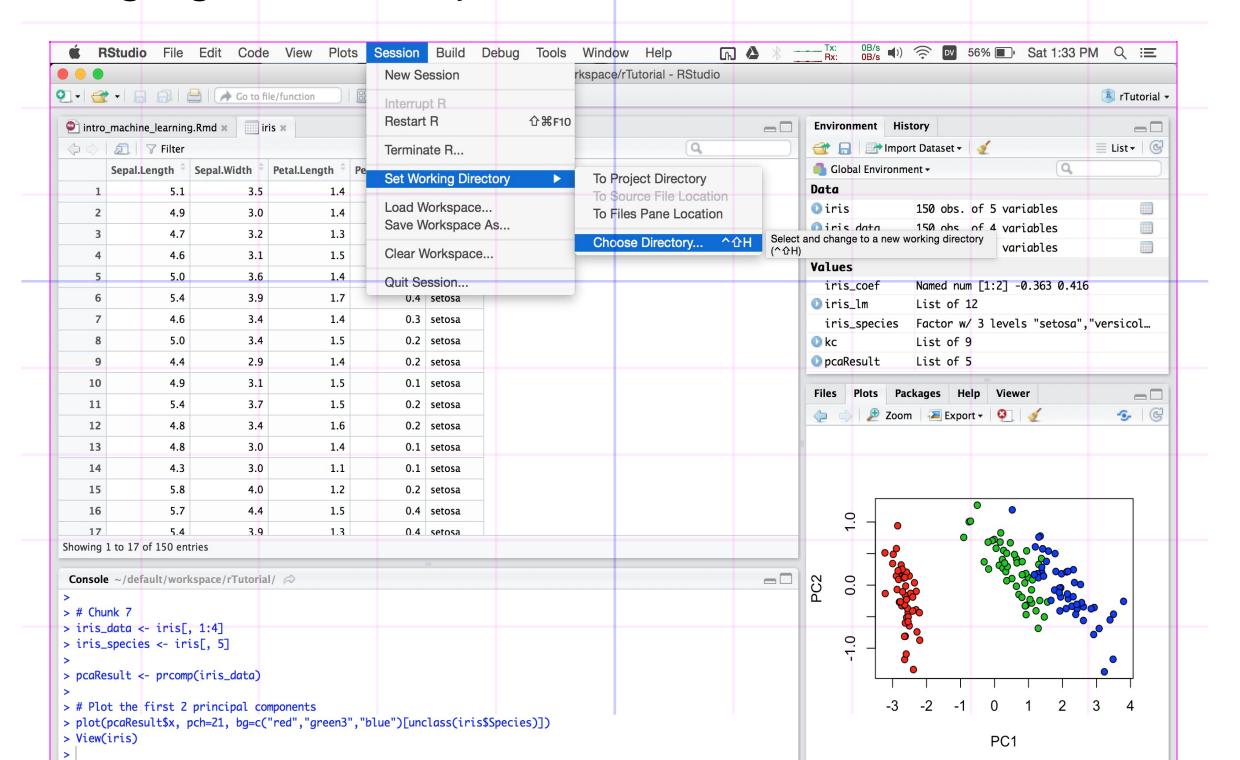
#### Table View of Variables

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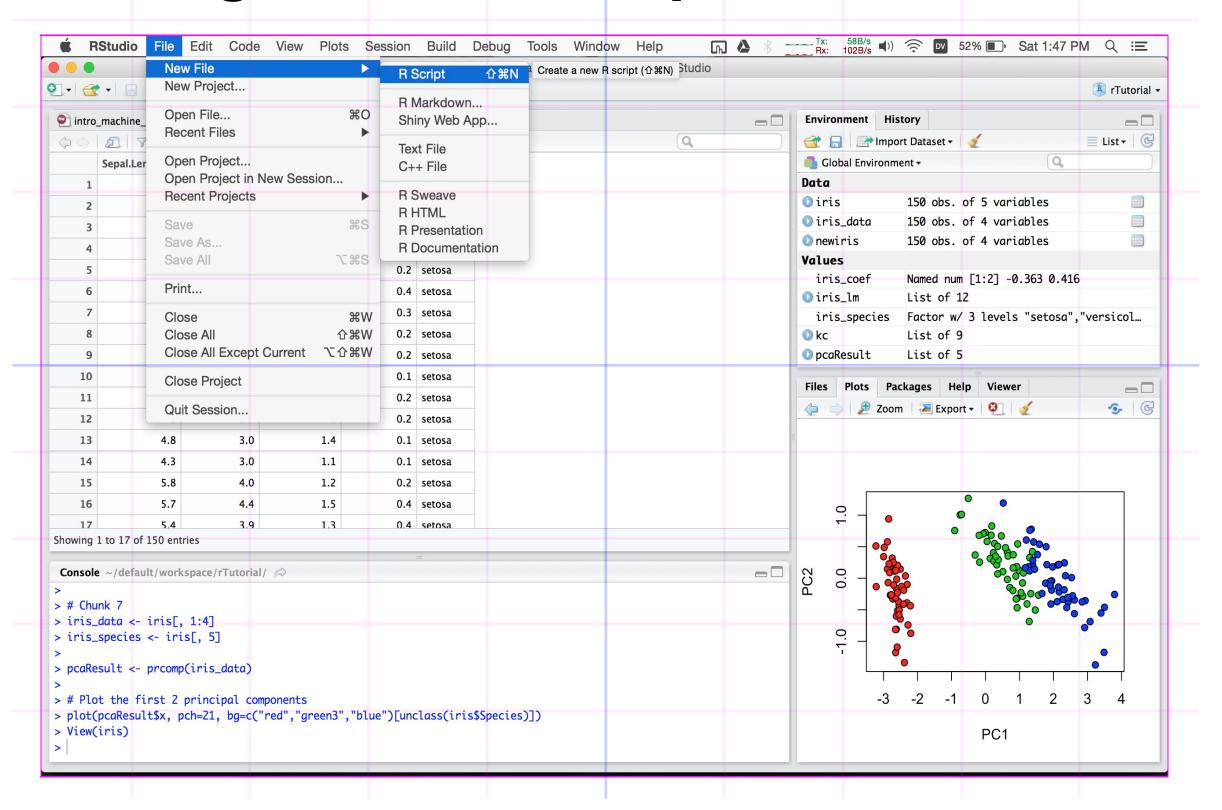


## **Change Current Directory**

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## Making a New R Script



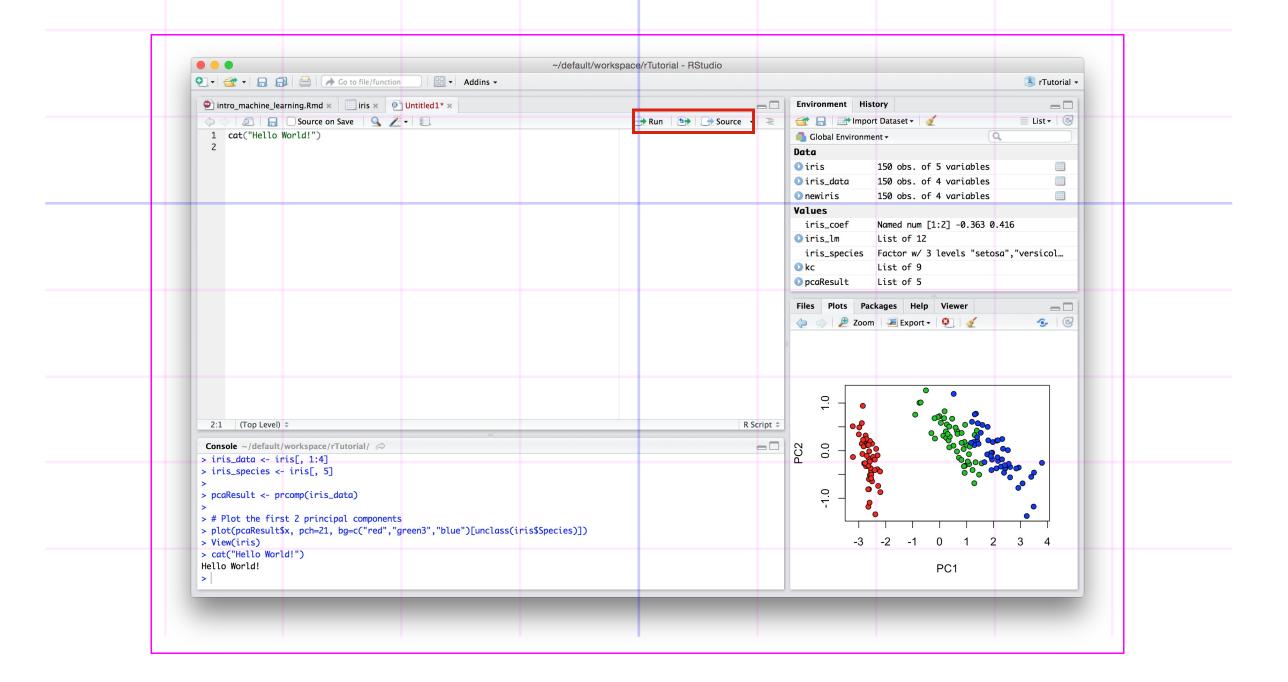
## First Script: Hello World!

• cat() prints a simple message in the console

```
cat("Hello World!")
Hello World!
```

## Running Hello World Script

- "Run" button runs current line or selected lines
- "Source" button runs all lines in file



## **Installing Packages**

CRAN packages can be installed using RStudio or install.packages()

