

# ST 555:

# Statistical Programming I

Intro to R

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# Outline of Module

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- What is R?
- How to Install R?
- R Packages
- Running your R programs
  - At the Prompt
  - Using Rstudio
- Assigning an Object in R
- Basic Commands in R
- Use R as a Calculator



# Intro: What is R?

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- A statistical language & environment for statistical computing and graphics
- **FREE** software, built and contributed by public users
  - Maintained by a small group of statisticians known as R Development Core Team
  - Large group of volunteers contribute add-on packages
- Available in UNIX, Windows, Linux, MacOS
- Based on S language (S-plus)



# The R Environment

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R is an integrated suite of software facilities for data manipulation, calculation and graphical display. It includes

- an effective data handling and storage facility,
- a suite of operators for calculations on arrays, in particular matrices,
- a large, coherent, integrated collection of intermediate tools for data analysis,
- graphical facilities for data analysis and display either on-screen or on hardcopy, and
- a well-developed, simple and effective programming language which includes conditionals, loops, user-defined recursive functions and input and output facilities.



# The R Environment

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- The term "environment" is intended to characterize it as a fully planned and coherent system, rather than an incremental accretion of very specific and inflexible tools, as is frequently the case with other data analysis software.
- Many users think of R as a statistics system. We prefer to think of it of an environment within which statistical techniques are implemented. R can be extended (easily) via packages. There are about eight packages supplied with the R distribution and many more are available through the CRAN family of Internet sites covering a very wide range of modern statistics.
- CRAN= Comprehensive R Archive Network

# Intro: Installing R

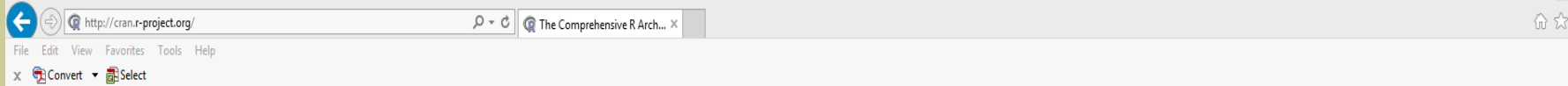


- Two major parts: base program & add-on packages
- Download Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN) at

<http://CRAN.R-project.org>

- Currently base is version R 3.1.2 (released 2014-10-31)
- Once downloaded to begin,
  - In Unix, type R on shell
  - In Windows, click on R icon (top of page)

# http://cran.r-project.org/



## The Comprehensive R Archive Network

### CRAN

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### Download and Install R

Precompiled binary distributions of the base system and contributed packages, **Windows and Mac** users most likely want one of these versions of R:

- [Download R for Linux](#)
- [Download R for \(Mac\) OS X](#)
- [Download R for Windows](#)

R is part of many Linux distributions, you should check with your Linux package management system in addition to the link above.

### Source Code for all Platforms

Windows and Mac users most likely want to download the precompiled binaries listed in the upper box, not the source code. The sources have to be compiled before you can use them. If you do not know what this means, you probably do not want to do it!

- The latest release (2014-10-31, Pumpkin Helmet) [R-3.1.2.tar.gz](#), read [what's new](#) in the latest version.
- Sources of [R alpha and beta releases](#) (daily snapshots, created only in time periods before a planned release).
- Daily snapshots of current patched and development versions are [available here](#). Please read about [new features and bug fixes](#) before filing corresponding feature requests or bug reports.
- Source code of older versions of R is [available here](#).
- Contributed extension [packages](#)

### Questions About R

- If you have questions about R like how to download and install the software, or what the license terms are, please read our [answers to frequently asked questions](#) before you send an email.

### What are R and CRAN?

R is 'GNU S', a freely available language and environment for statistical computing and graphics which provides a wide variety of statistical and graphical techniques: linear and nonlinear modelling, statistical tests, time series analysis, classification, clustering, etc. Please consult the [R project homepage](#) for further information.

CRAN is a network of ftp and web servers around the world that store identical, up-to-date, versions of code and documentation for R. Please use the CRAN [mirror](#) nearest to you to minimize network load.

# R Installed

Apps by name ▾

R



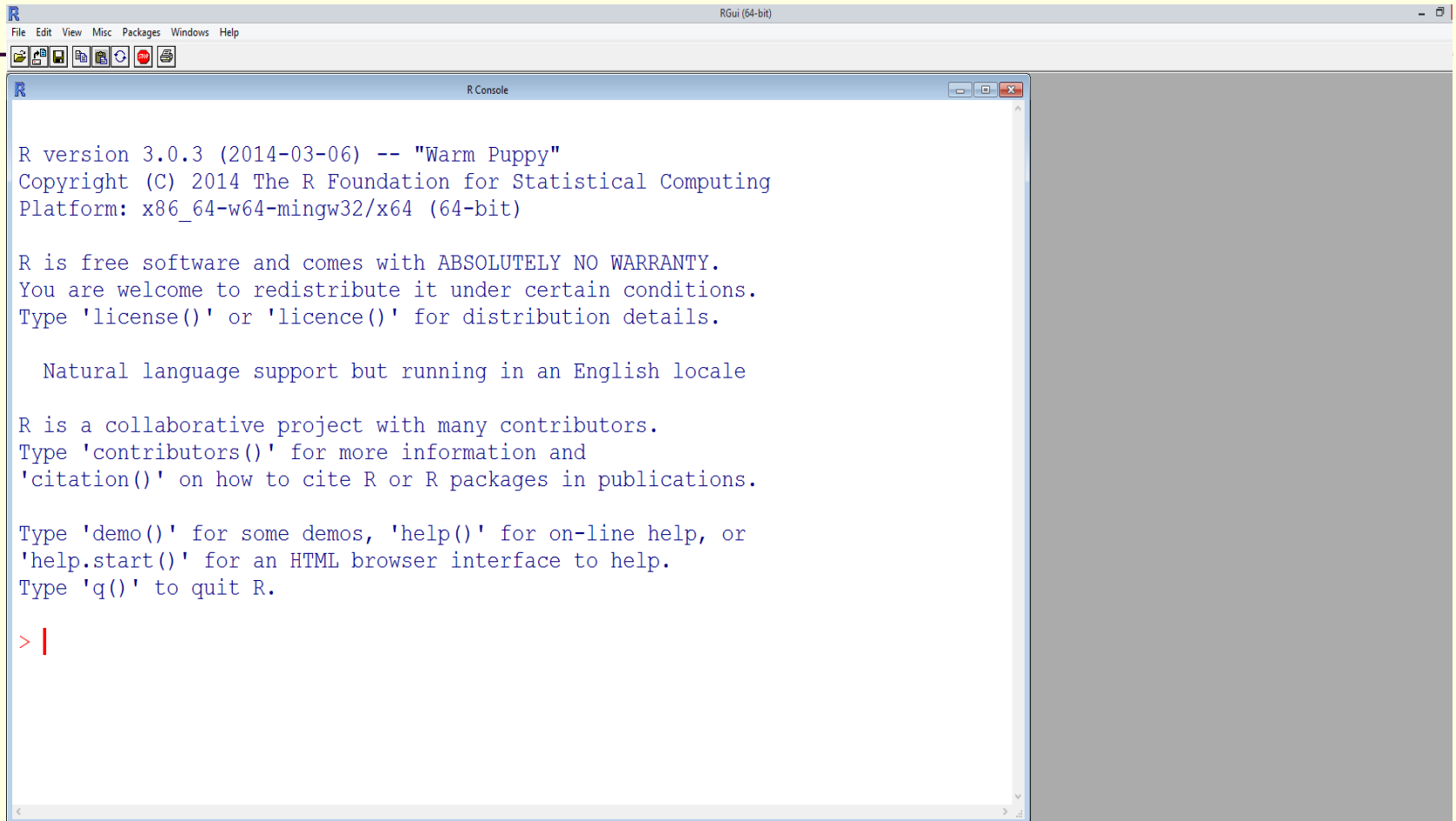
R i386 3.0.3



R x64 3.0.3



# R Installed



```
R version 3.0.3 (2014-03-06) -- "Warm Puppy"
Copyright (C) 2014 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
Platform: x86_64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit)

R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.
You are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions.
Type 'license()' or 'licence()' for distribution details.

  Natural language support but running in an English locale

R is a collaborative project with many contributors.
Type 'contributors()' for more information and
'citation()' on how to cite R or R packages in publications.

Type 'demo()' for some demos, 'help()' for on-line help, or
'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.
Type 'q()' to quit R.

> |
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# R Add-on packages

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- Over 6062 packages (reported 11/13/2014)

To find out which packages are available on your system, type

- `library( )` at the prompt

You can “load” an installed package “pkg” by

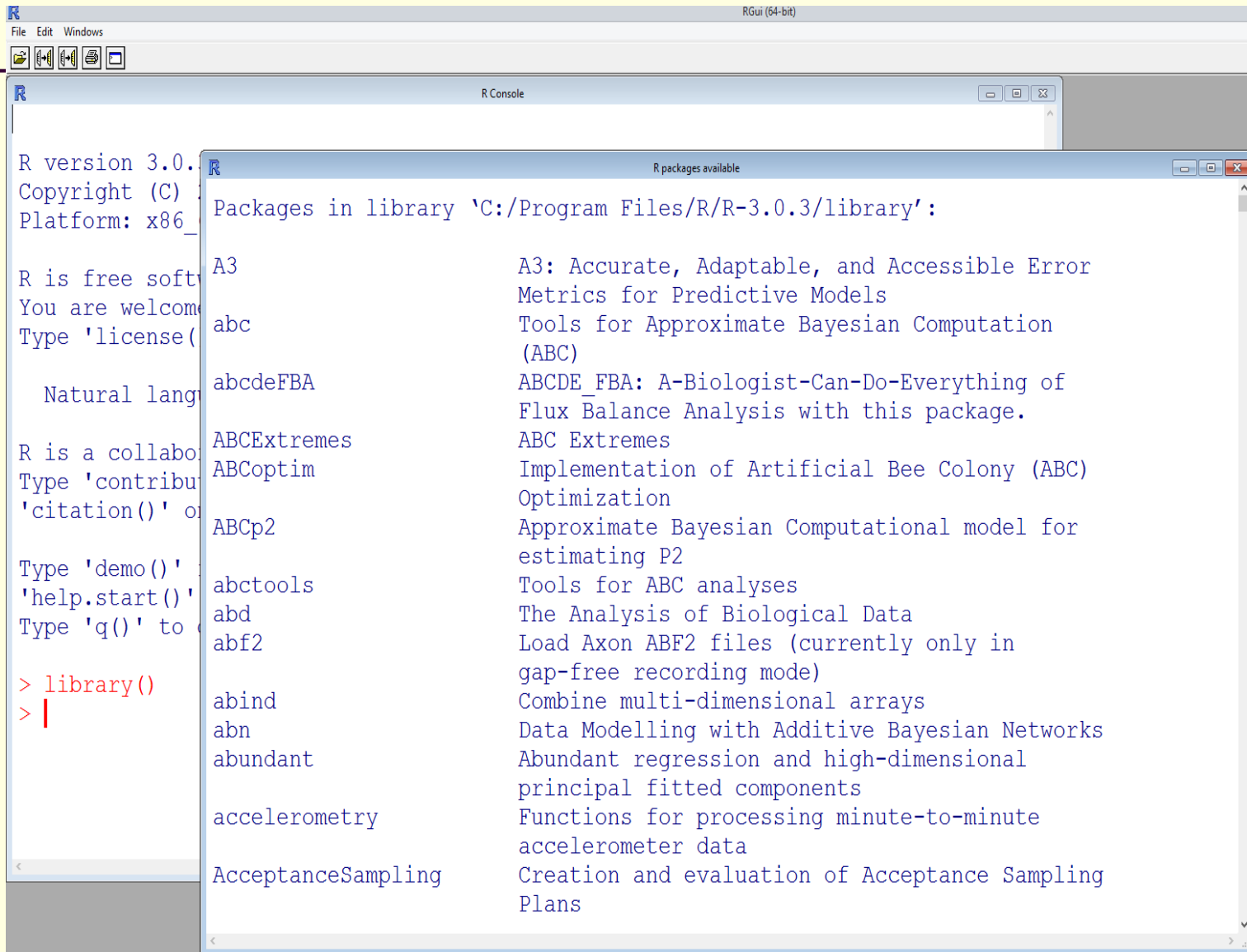
- `library(pkg)`

You can then find out which functions it provides by typing one

`>library(help = pkg)`

`>help(package = pkg)`

# R Add-on packages Installed

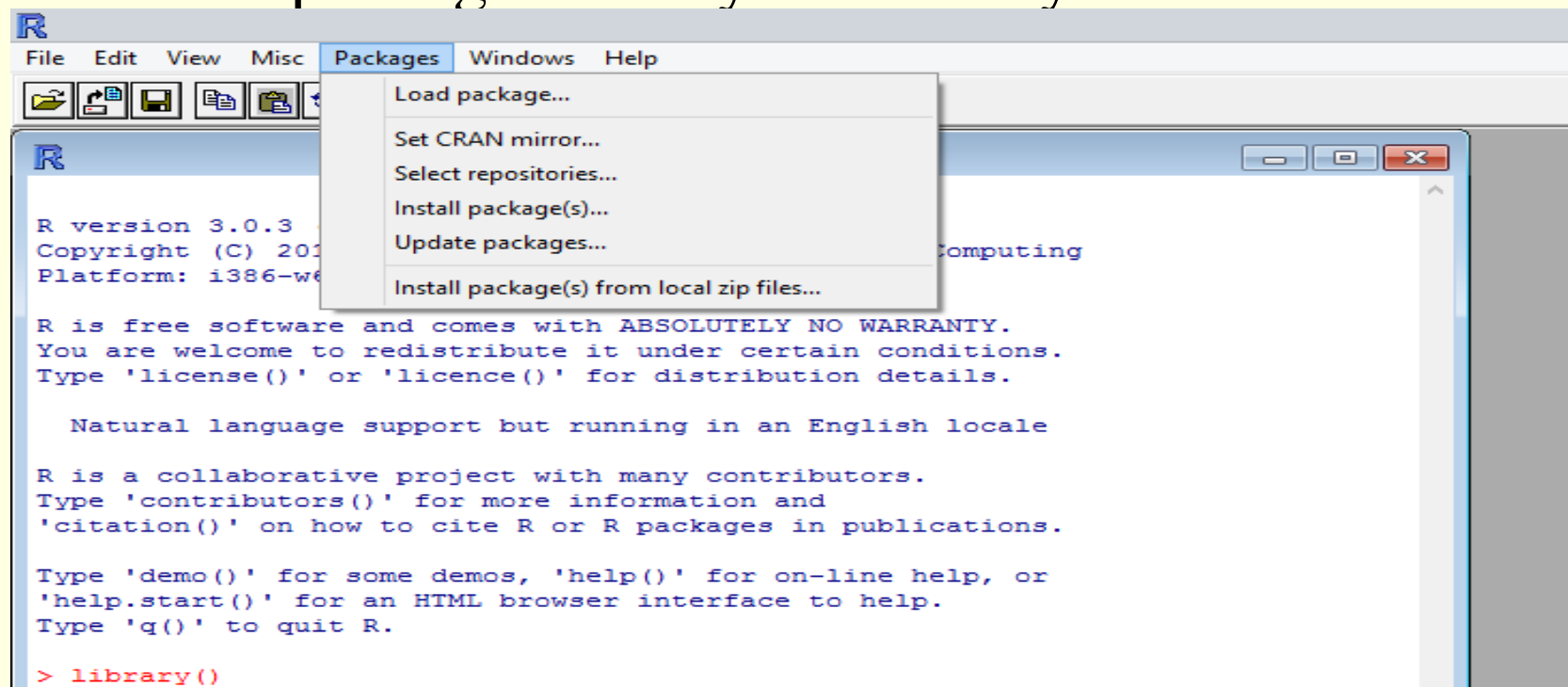


The screenshot shows the R GUI interface. The main R Console window displays the R version 3.0.3 welcome message and the command prompt. The 'R packages available' window is open, showing a list of installed packages and their descriptions. The packages listed are:

Package Name	Description
A3	A3: Accurate, Adaptable, and Accessible Error Metrics for Predictive Models
abc	Tools for Approximate Bayesian Computation (ABC)
abcdeFBA	ABCDE_FBA: A-Biologist-Can-Do-Everything of Flux Balance Analysis with this package.
ABCExtremes	ABC Extremes
ABCOptim	Implementation of Artificial Bee Colony (ABC) Optimization
ABCP2	Approximate Bayesian Computational model for estimating P2
abctools	Tools for ABC analyses
abd	The Analysis of Biological Data
abf2	Load Axon ABF2 files (currently only in gap-free recording mode)
abind	Combine multi-dimensional arrays
abn	Data Modelling with Additive Bayesian Networks
abundant	Abundant regression and high-dimensional principal fitted components
accelerometry	Functions for processing minute-to-minute accelerometer data
AcceptanceSampling	Creation and evaluation of Acceptance Sampling Plans

# R Add-on packages

## ■ Need a package not in your Library



# Intro: Forums for Running your Program

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- Run your “program of codes” by
  - Just type in prompt
  - a text file (e.g. Notepad, MikTek)
  - Open Script file
  - Latest “Sexy Platform”
    - Rcmdr (2009)
    - RStudio (2015):

# RStudio

The screenshot displays the RStudio application window. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, Code, View, Plots, Session, Build, Debug, Tools, and Help. Below the menu is a toolbar with icons for creating a new file, opening a file, saving, and navigating to a file or function. The main window is divided into three panes:

- Console:** Shows the R version 3.0.3 (2014-03-06) -- "warm Puppy" and copyright information. It also displays the R license text and instructions for using R, including how to get help and cite R.
- Environment:** Shows the Global Environment, which is currently empty.
- Files:** Shows a list of installed packages, including A3, abc, abcdeFBA, ABCExtremes, ABCoptim, ABCp2, abctools, abd, abf2, abind, abn, and abundant.

The bottom pane is titled "Viewer" and contains a search bar and a list of installed packages. The list includes the following packages and their descriptions:

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# The Basics

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- Case- Sensitive:  $X \neq x$ 
  - Commands are in lower case
  - Logical Values (T or F) are in upper case
- Type commands after the prompt “>” or “R>”
- Results follow the return prompt “[1]”
- To type in a comment on the same line as a command, precede all comments with a pound (#)

Example: > X<- 3 ## here we assign X the value of 3



# Assigning an Object

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- Two Ways

- `X <- 3` (Recommended)

- `X=3`

- Use “<- “ to avoid confusion with arguments to function calls





# Useful Basic Commands

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- `help.search("mean")` ##another help command
  - Provides help files with alias or concept or title matching 'mean' using regular expression matching:
- `ls()` ## lists data objects available in your session
- `objects()` ## lists data objects available in your session
- `search()` ## tells you which libraries and data frames are available
- `attach()` ## make all variables in the dataset visible to R



# More Basic Commands

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- `detach()`      `##` make the dataset unavailable again
- `rm(object)` `##` removes/deletes the variable “object” from the session
- `rm(list=ls())` `##` removes ALL variables from session, so you have a clear new session
- `q()`      `##` Quit R/S-Plus , automatically saves all variables not removed
- `[Previously saved workspace restored]` `##` if get this notation after opening R it means there are variables saved in the workspace from the previous session



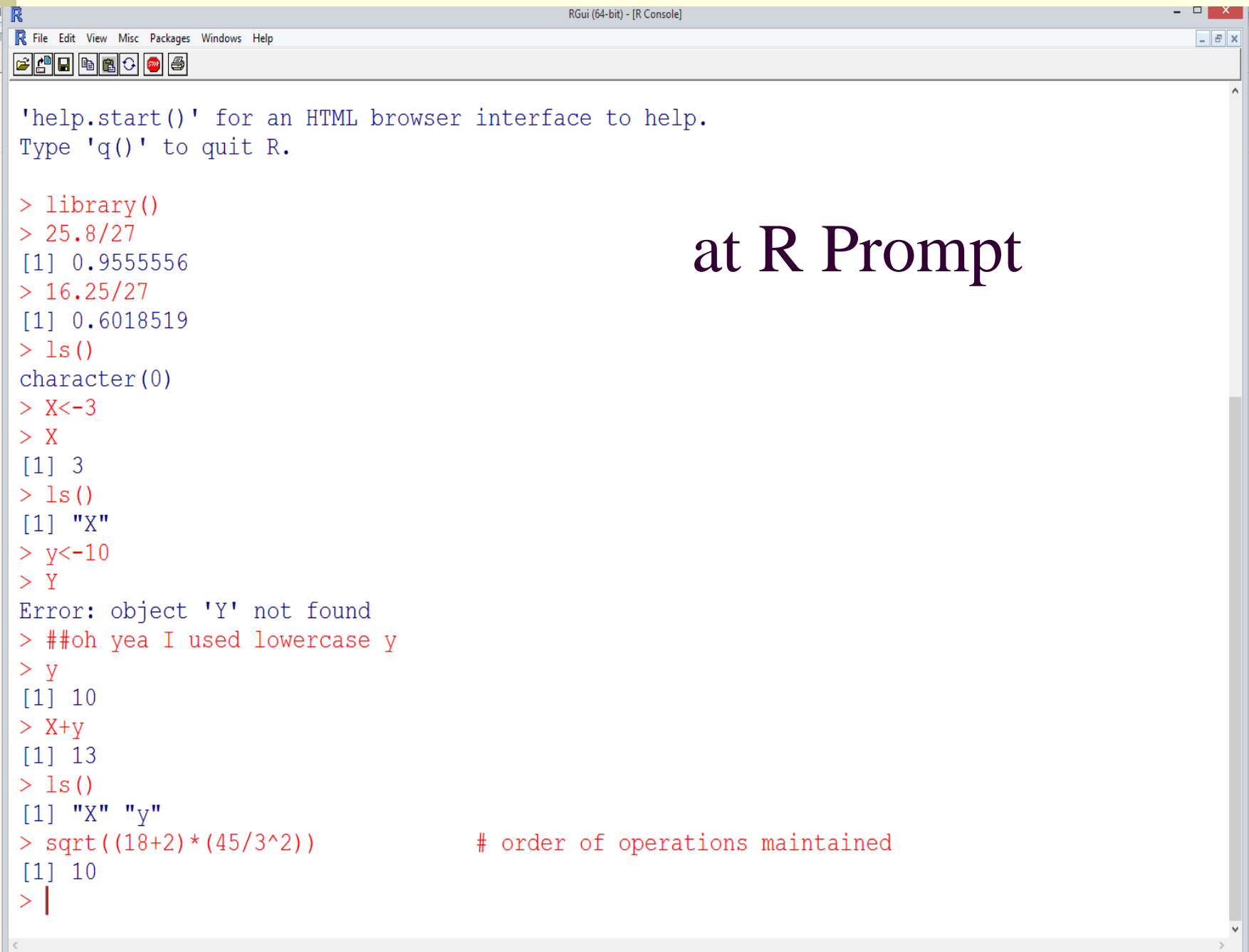
## Intro: R as a Calculator

Operation	Symbol	Example
Arithmetic ops.	+, -, *, /	$a + b$
Exponentiation	$\wedge$	$b^2$
Square root	sqrt()	sqrt(b)
Matrix Multiplication	%*%	$a \%*\% b$

Example:

```
> sqrt((18+2)*(45/3^2))  
[1] 10
```

# order of operations maintained



The image shows a screenshot of the RGui (64-bit) - [R Console] window. The window has a menu bar with 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Misc', 'Packages', 'Windows', and 'Help'. Below the menu bar is a toolbar with icons for file operations and running code. The main area of the window displays the R console output. The text 'at R Prompt' is overlaid on the right side of the console window.

```
'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.  
Type 'q()' to quit R.  
  
> library()  
> 25.8/27  
[1] 0.9555556  
> 16.25/27  
[1] 0.6018519  
> ls()  
character(0)  
> X<-3  
> X  
[1] 3  
> ls()  
[1] "X"  
> y<-10  
> Y  
Error: object 'Y' not found  
> ##oh yea I used lowercase y  
> y  
[1] 10  
> X+y  
[1] 13  
> ls()  
[1] "X" "y"  
> sqrt((18+2)*(45/3^2))      # order of operations maintained  
[1] 10  
> |
```

File Edit Code View Plots Session Build Debug Tools Help

Go to file/function

Project: (None)

Console //stat.ad.ncsu.edu/Redirect/rhmoore/Documents/

R version 3.0.3 (2014-03-06) -- "Warm Puppy"  
Copyright (C) 2014 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing  
Platform: x86\_64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit)  
  
R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.  
You are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions.  
Type 'license()' or 'licence()' for distribution details.  
  
R is a collaborative project with many contributors.  
Type 'contributors()' for more information and  
'citation()' on how to cite R or R packages in publications.  
  
Type 'demo()' for some demos, 'help()' for on-line help, or  
'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.  
Type 'q()' to quit R.  
  
> ls()  
character(0)  
> 26.8/27  
[1] 0.9925926  
> X<-3  
> ls()  
[1] "X"  
> y<-10  
> Y  
Error: object 'Y' not found  
> X+y  
[1] 13  
> |

Environment History

Import Dataset Clear

List

Global Environment


Values

X	3
y	10

Files Plots Packages Help Viewer

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Statistical Data Analysis



Manuals

[An Introduction to R](#)  
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[R Data Import/Export](#)

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[R Installation and Administration](#)  
[R Internals](#)

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[Search Engine & Keywords](#)

in RStudio



# Help and Documentation

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- <http://CRAN.R-project.org/manuals.html>
  - An Introduction to R
  - R Data Import/Export
- Within R, can type
  - `help.start()`
    - Manuals, Reference, Packages, Search Engine, FAQs
  - `help()` opens up window w tabs for Contents, Index, Search
  - `help(name of a topic)`, e.g. `help(mean)`

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# Statistical Programming I



RStudio part 1

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# Outline

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- Introduce to RStudio
- Install RStudio
- Change RStudio settings



# What is RStudio?

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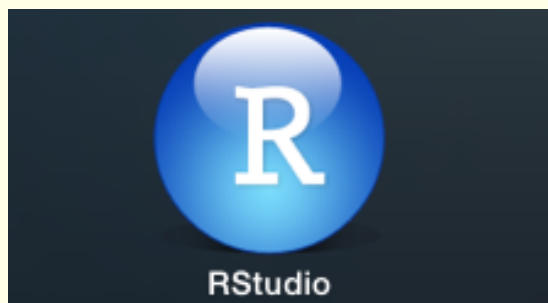
- RStudio is the premier integrated development environment (IDE) for R
- It is FREE!
- User-friendly, easy to learn
- Open source and free to write R packages
- Available in both open source and commercial editions on the desktop (Windows, Mac, and Linux)
- Includes powerful coding tools designed to enhance your productivity
- Supports R Markdown, R Sweave, R Presentation

# Installing RStudio

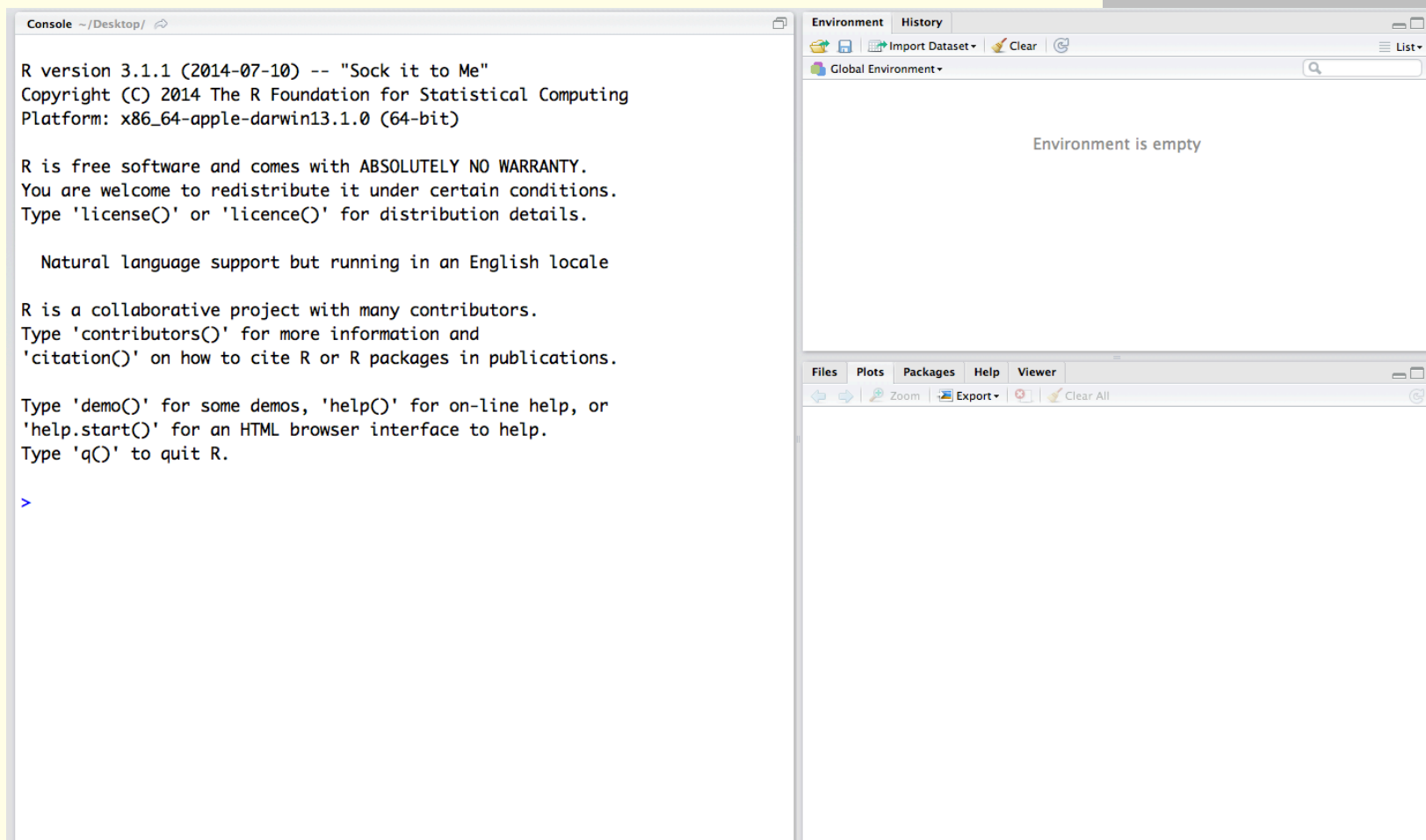
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- Download regular release or preview version
- Regular release: <http://www.rstudio.com/products/rstudio/>
- Preview version:  
<http://www.rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/preview/>

After installing, you could see this sign in your desktop



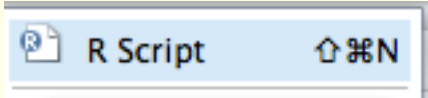


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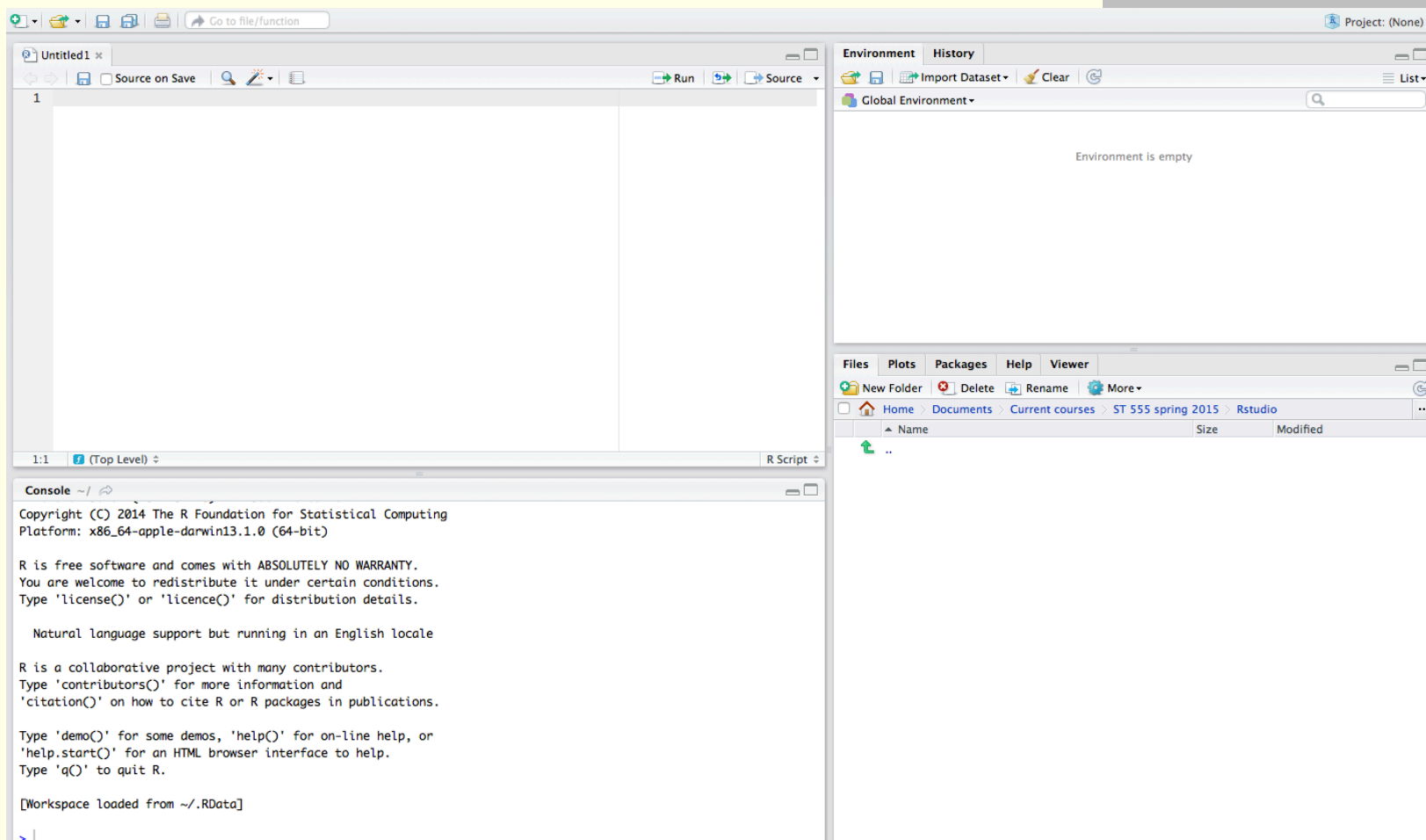


# Add a new R Script

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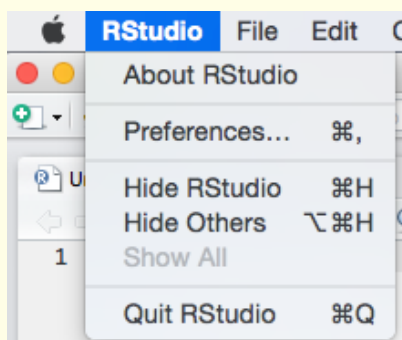
- Find out  button in the left upper side of RStudio.
- Click , then click .

# Add a new R Script

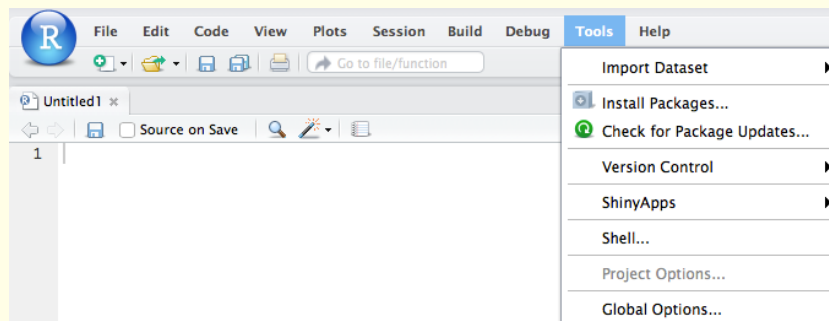


# Change preferences

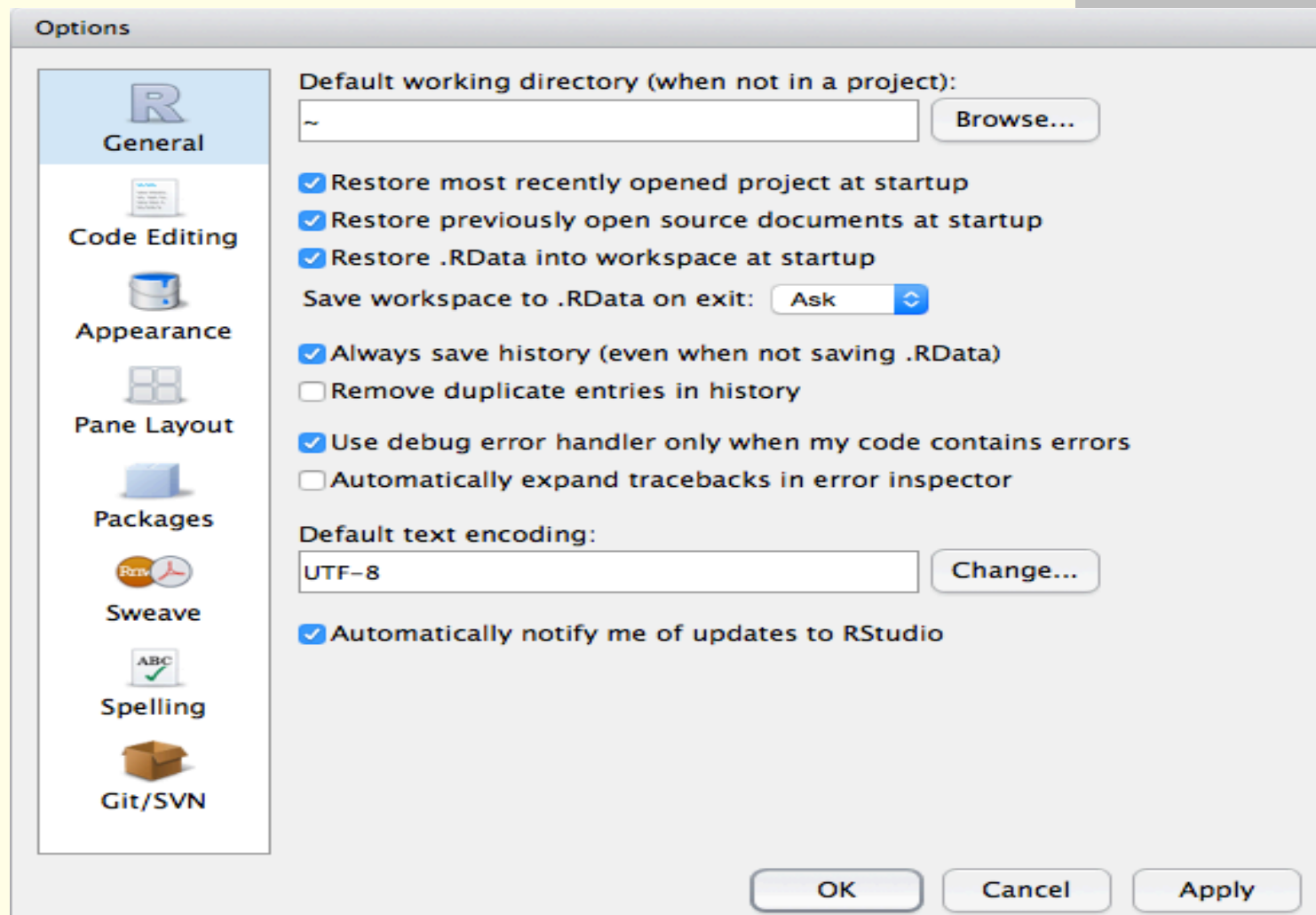
For mac user, click RStudio button, then click “Preferences”



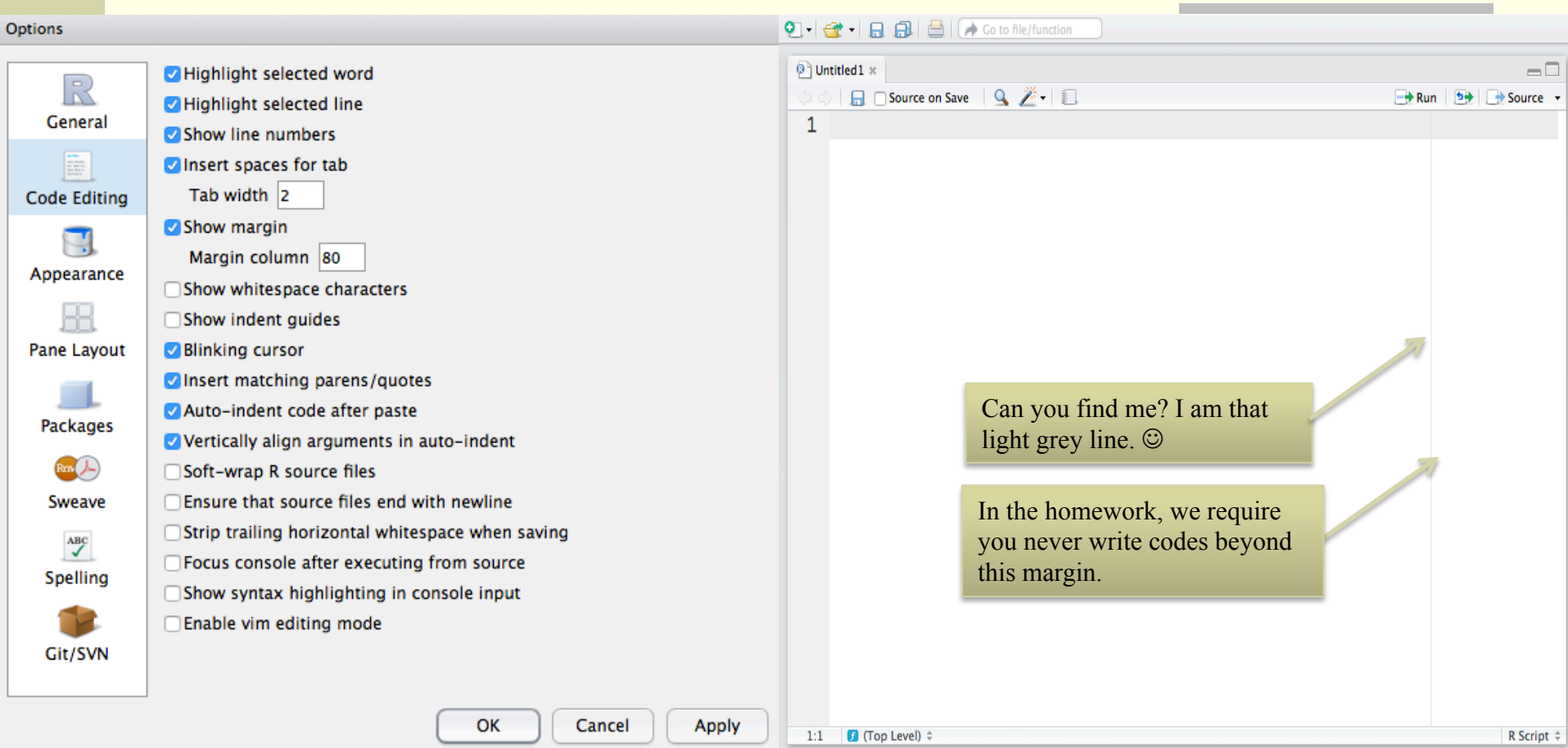
For windows user, click Tools button, then click “Global Options”



# Change preferences

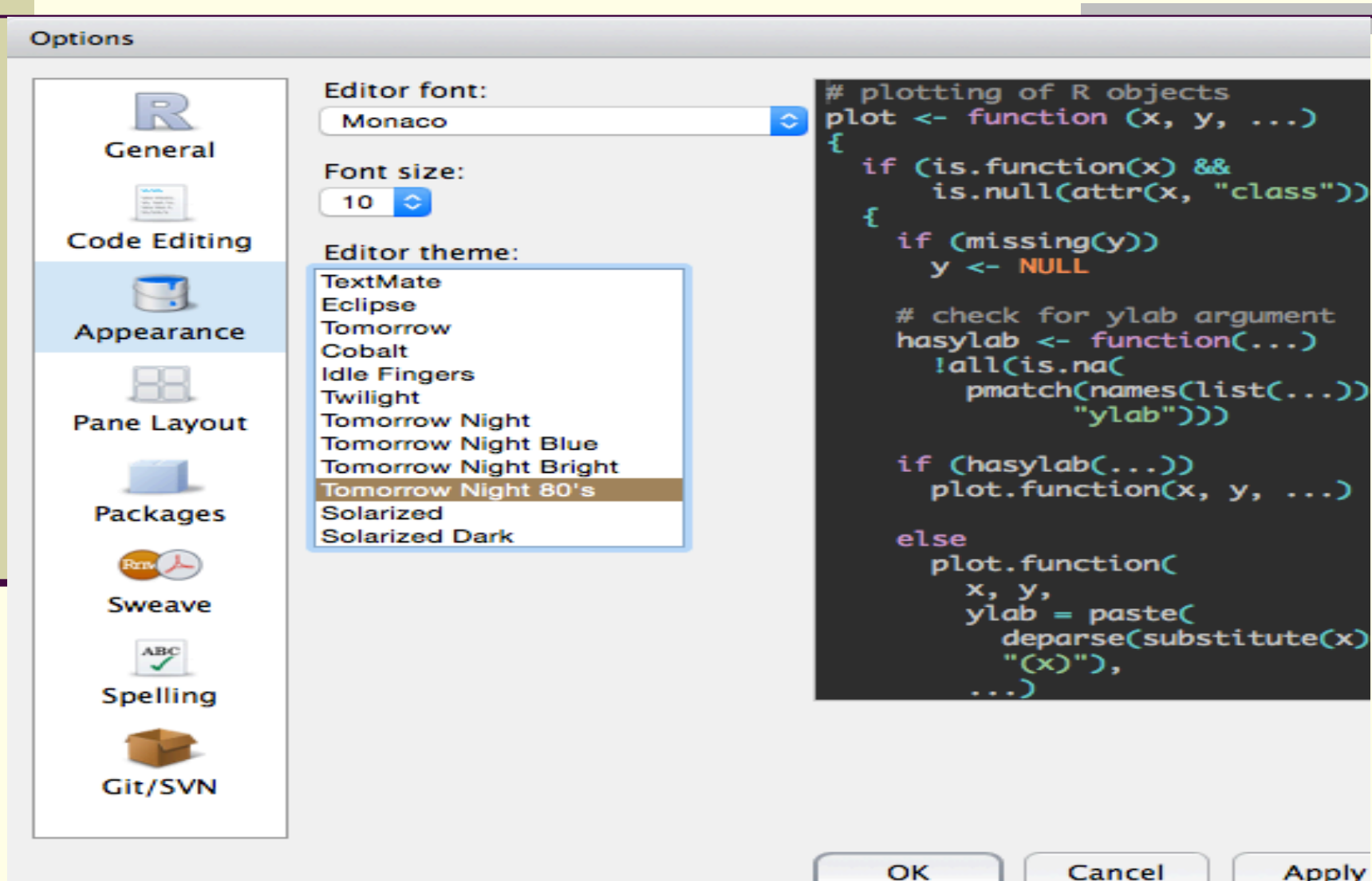


# Change preferences





# Change Rstudio appearance



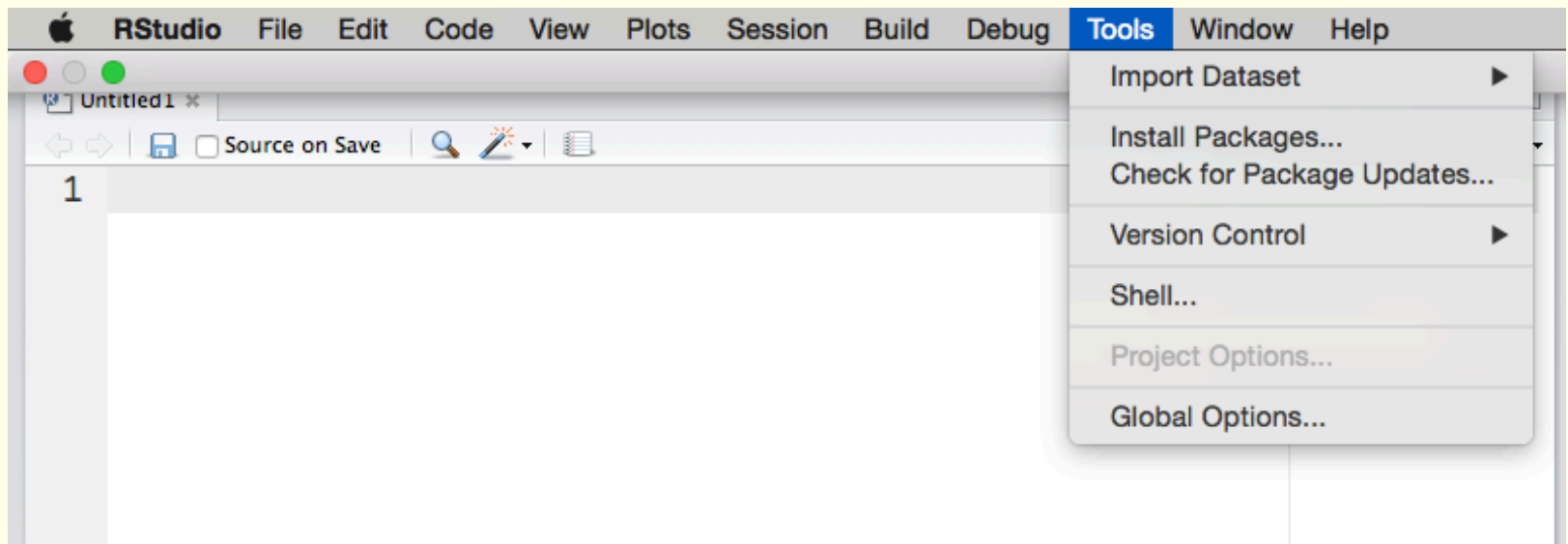
# Exercises: makes changes in RStudio

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- 1. Create a new R script
- 2. In the “Preferences” or “Global options” do the following:
  - i. Find out the following options and click them
    - “Highlight selected word”
    - “Highlight selected line”
    - “Show line numbers”
  - ii. Change your RStudio’s appearance

# Install packages

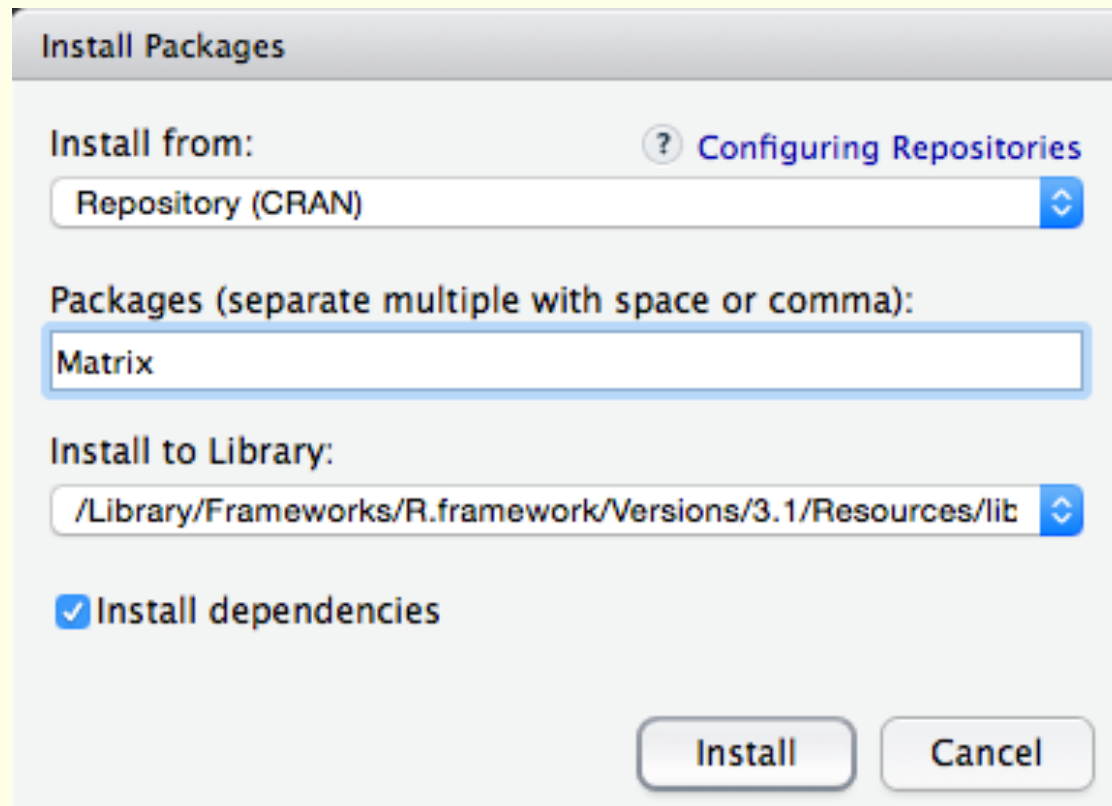
Click “Tools”, then click “Install Packages...”



# Install packages

For example, to install “Matrix” packages.

Choose Install from to Repository (CRAN), in the Packages, type package`s name “Matrix”, click Install.



The screenshot shows the 'Install Packages' dialog box. It has a title bar 'Install Packages'. Below it, there are three main sections: 'Install from:', 'Packages (separate multiple with space or comma):', and 'Install to Library:'. The 'Install from:' section has a dropdown menu set to 'Repository (CRAN)' and a blue button with a question mark and the text 'Configuring Repositories'. The 'Packages' section has a text input field containing 'Matrix'. The 'Install to Library:' section has a dropdown menu set to '/Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/3.1/Resources/lib'. At the bottom, there is a checkbox labeled 'Install dependencies' which is checked. At the very bottom, there are two buttons: 'Install' and 'Cancel'.

Install Packages

Install from: [? Configuring Repositories](#)

Repository (CRAN)

Packages (separate multiple with space or comma):

Matrix

Install to Library:

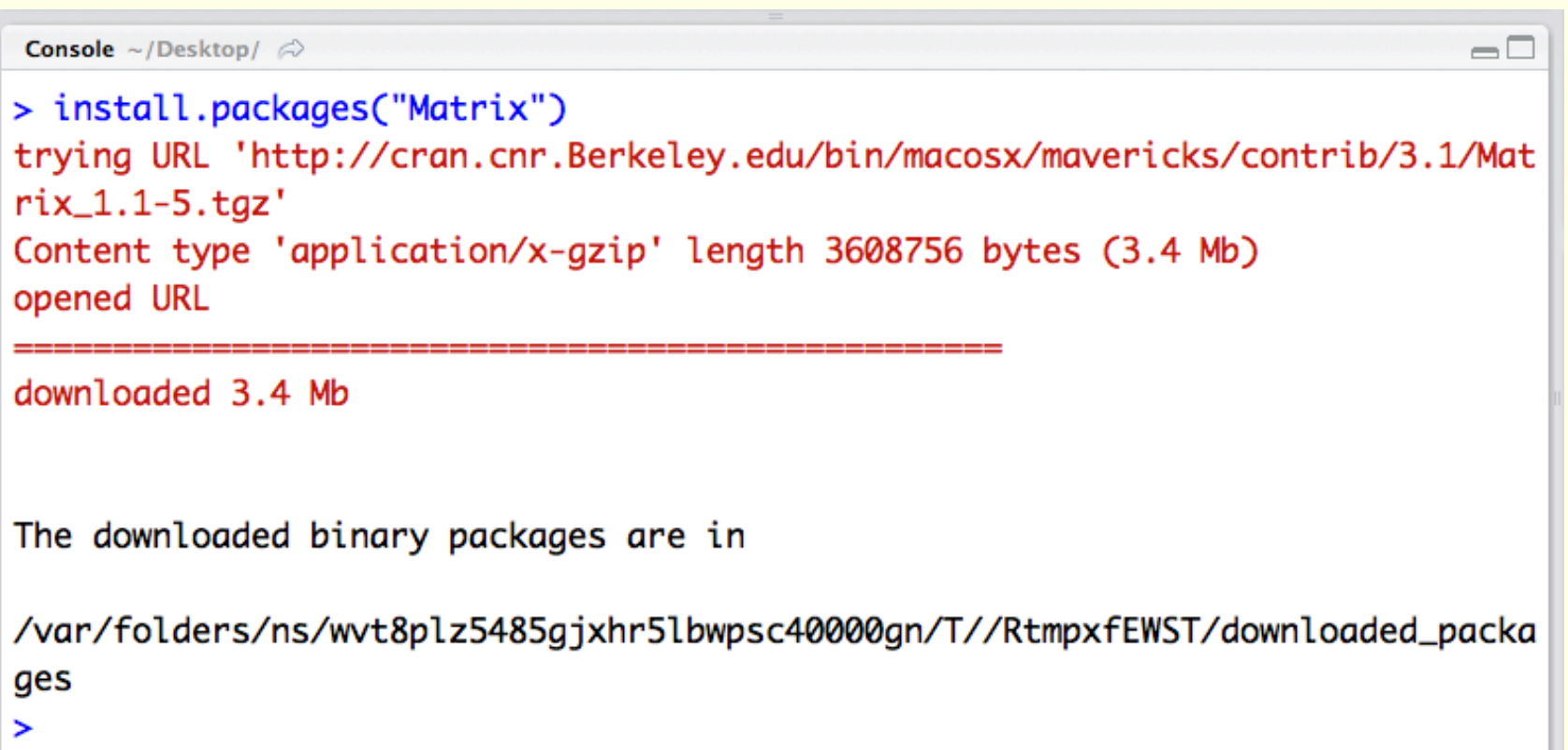
/Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/3.1/Resources/lib

☒ Install dependencies

Install Cancel

# Install packages

- In Console, you can find out if the package was installed or not.



```
Console ~/Desktop/ ↵  
> install.packages("Matrix")  
trying URL 'http://cran.cnr.Berkeley.edu/bin/macosx/mavericks/contrib/3.1/Mat  
rix_1.1-5.tgz'  
Content type 'application/x-gzip' length 3608756 bytes (3.4 Mb)  
opened URL  
=====  
downloaded 3.4 Mb  
  
The downloaded binary packages are in  
  
/var/folders/ns/wvt8plz5485gjxh5lbwpsc40000gn/T//RtmpxfEWST/downloaded_packa  
ges  
>
```

# Install packages

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Another way to install packages in RStudio is to type  
`> install.packages("Matrix")`  
in the Script or Console.

Note the package's name is case sensitive.

# Exercises: Install packages

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1. Try to install the following packages in R studio

Matrix

base

ggplot2

2. Now, let`s try to install R packages in another way. Some R packages are not in “Repository (CRAN)”, we need to download from website and install from “Package Archive File”

Download the “glmnet” package from

<http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/glmnet/index.html>

Try to install from Package Archive File.

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RStudio part 2

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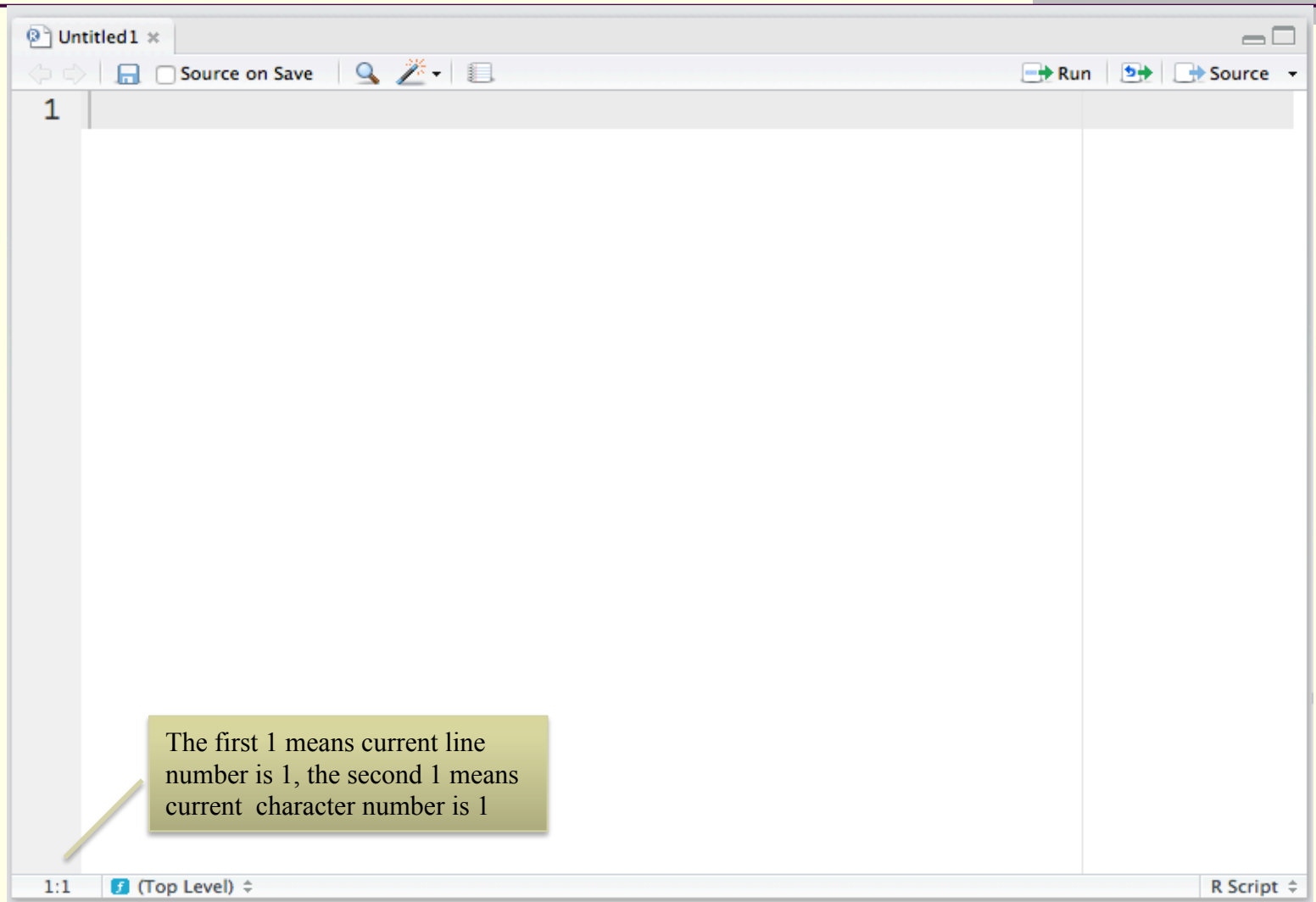


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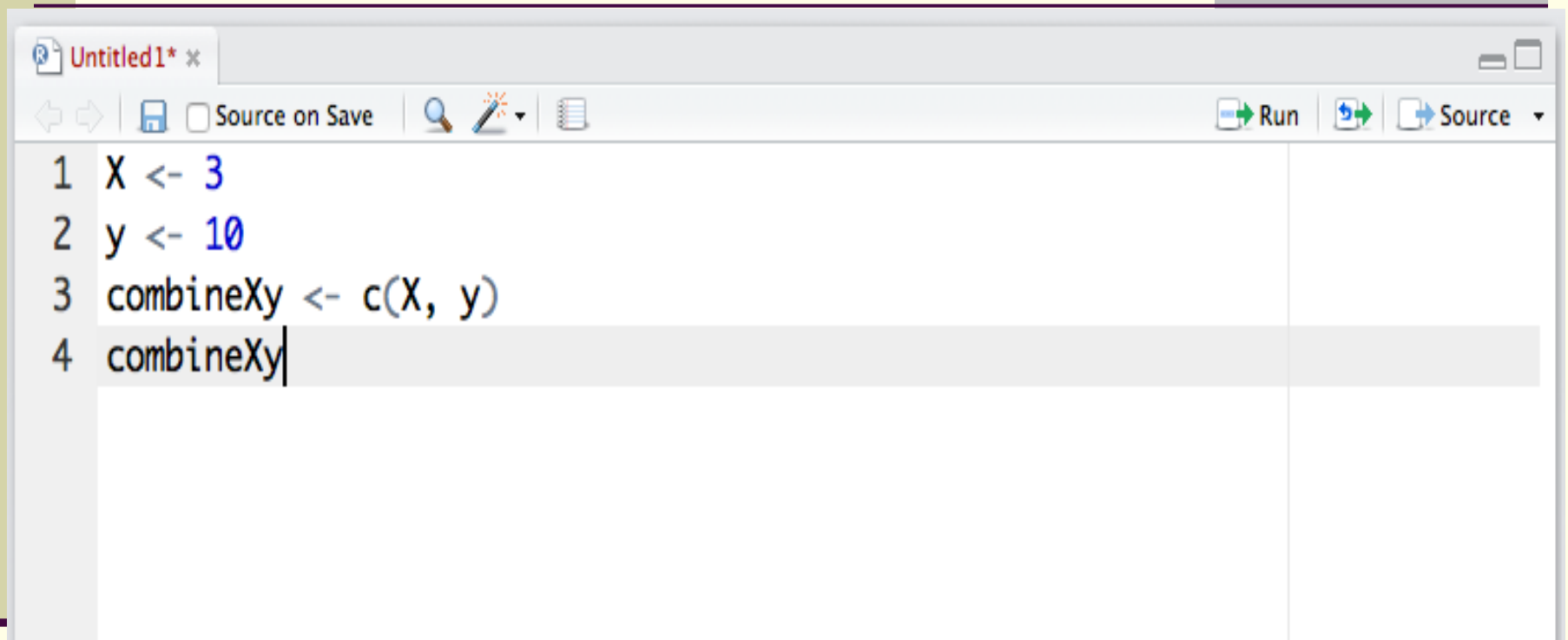
- Running R programs
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# Running R Programs using RStudio



# Running R Programs using RStudio

## Writing in the Script



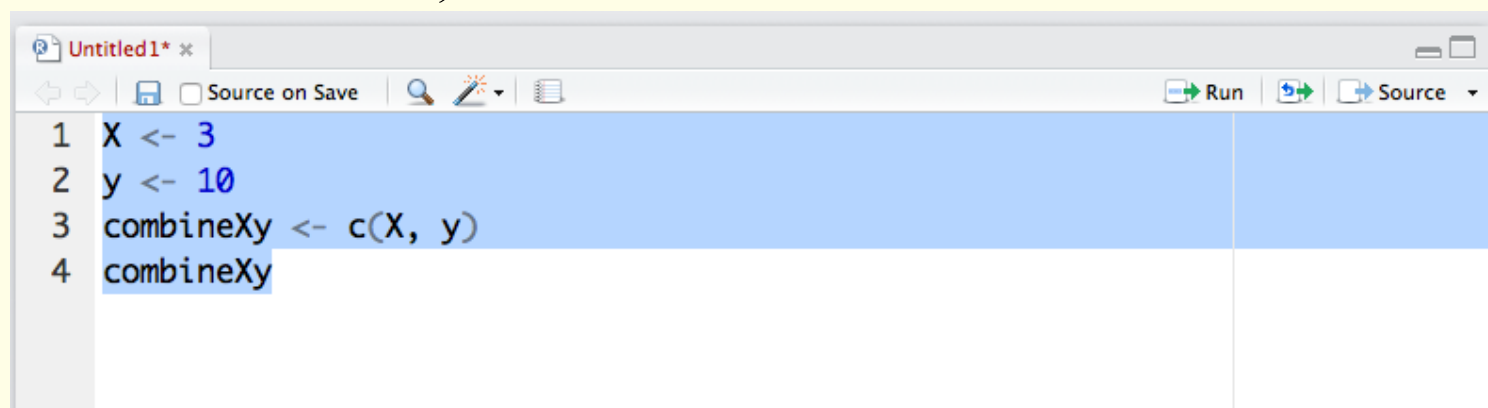
The image shows a screenshot of the RStudio interface. The title bar at the top indicates the file is 'Untitled1\*'. Below the title bar is a toolbar with icons for navigation (back, forward), saving, and running. The main editor area contains four lines of R code, with the fourth line selected. The code is as follows:

```
1 X <- 3
2 y <- 10
3 combineXy <- c(X, y)
4 combineXy
```

# Running R Programs using RStudio

- Two other ways to run the code:
- 1. Copy the code and paste it in the console;
- 2. Use keyboard shortcuts.

First, highlight the code, then for mac user, use “Command + Return”; for windows user, use “Ctrl + Enter”



The screenshot shows the RStudio editor window with a file named 'Untitled1\*.r'. The code is as follows:

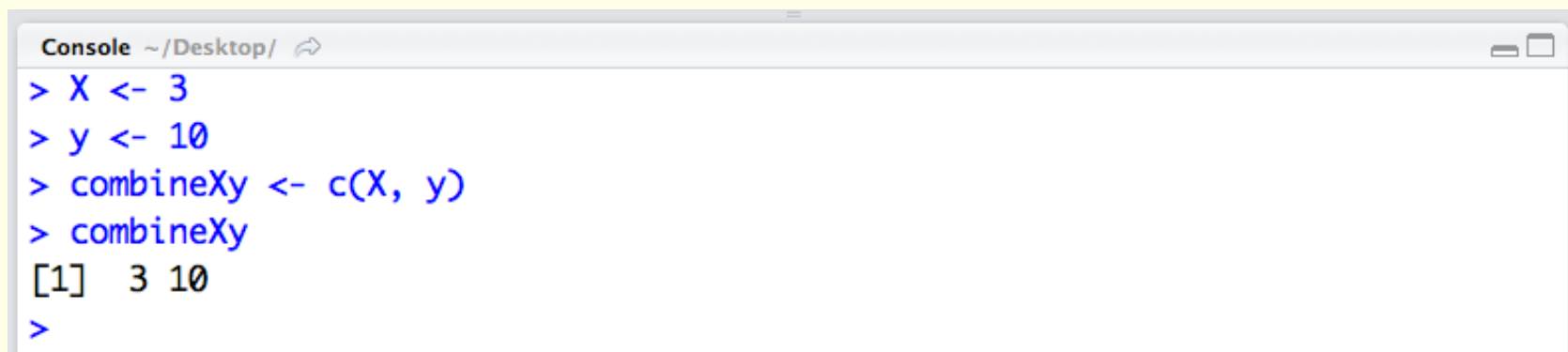
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4 combineXy
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For more shortcuts check out this webpage:

<https://support.rstudio.com/hc/en-us/articles/200711853-Keyboards-Shortcuts>

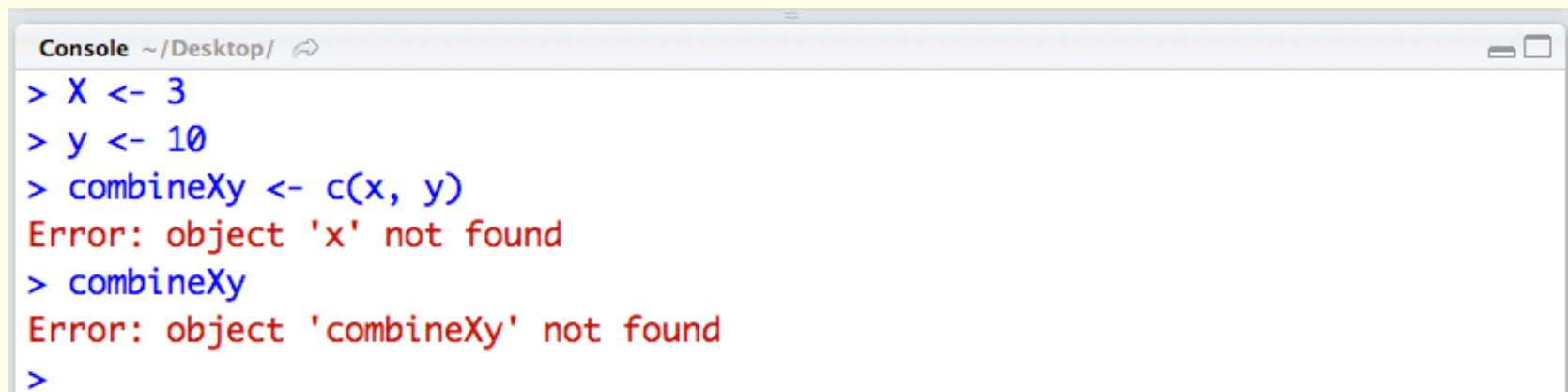
# Running R Programs using RStudio

- In the RStudio console, you could see the result.



```
Console ~/Desktop/ ↵
> X <- 3
> y <- 10
> combineXy <- c(X, y)
> combineXy
[1] 3 10
>
```

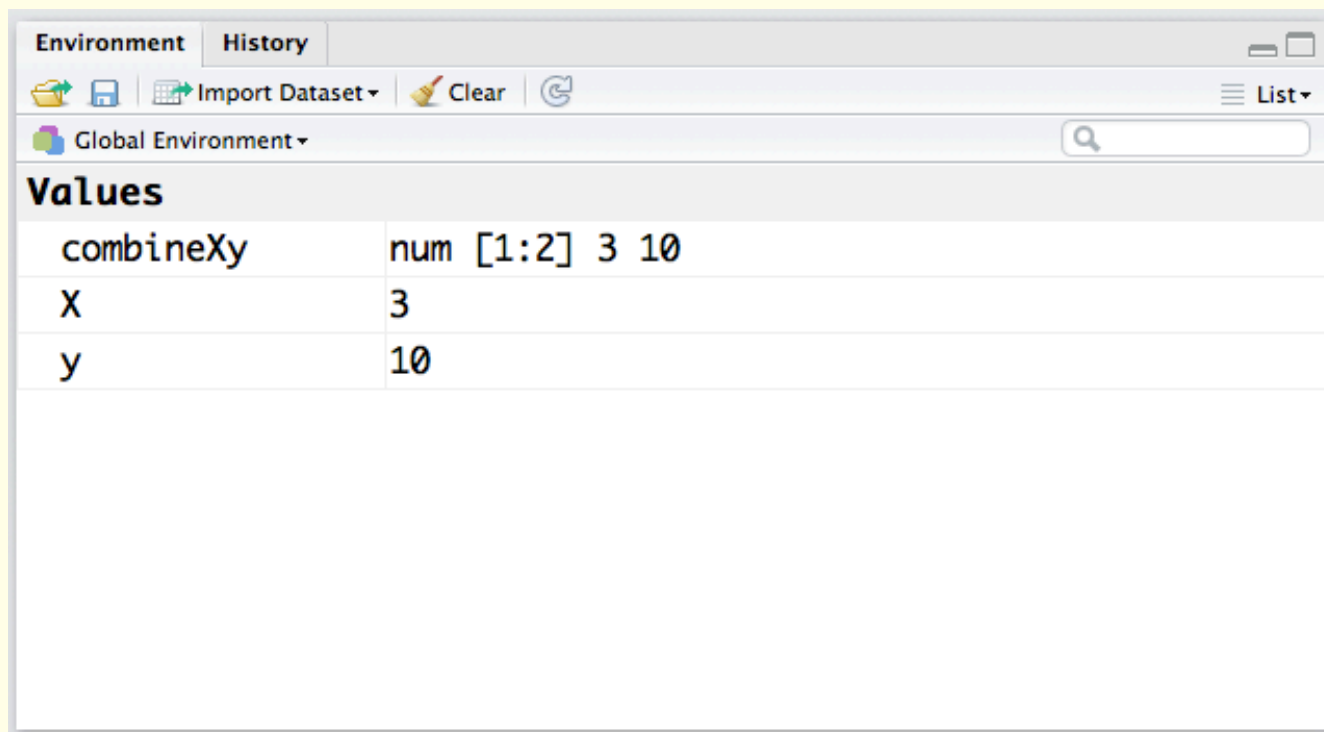
- If your code is wrong, RStudio will give you warning messages.
- For example, input “X” as “x”, then



```
Console ~/Desktop/ ↵
> X <- 3
> y <- 10
> combineXy <- c(x, y)
Error: object 'x' not found
> combineXy
Error: object 'combineXy' not found
>
```

# Running R Programs using RStudio

- Furthermore, RStudio saves variables name in “Environment” dialogue box, which is in the upper right corner of RStudio.



# R programming standards

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1. All programs should be well organized and easy to follow.
2. There should be no errors or warnings in the console when the code is run.
3. Student should follow all specifications in the assignment.
4. Program and output should be correct.
5. Student should complete all the tasks in the assignment.

# R programming standards, continued

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6. Programs should have a complete header comment, including students name, date, assignment name, goal of program, and data files used.
7. Comments should be used throughout the program to identify and explain the rational for each section of code
8. Variables assignment should use “<-” not “=”
9. Always add “rm(list = ls())” at the top and at the bottom of your program. [Be sure to save first]



# R programming standards, more

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10. Each line, the character length should not exceed 80
11. Always add space before and after math operations such as “+”, “-”, “\*”, “/”, always add space after “,”.
12. Name variables consistently.

Here are some options for naming variables (by Yiwen Zhang)

all lower case: `searchpaths` ...

period separated: `as.numeric`, `read.table` ...

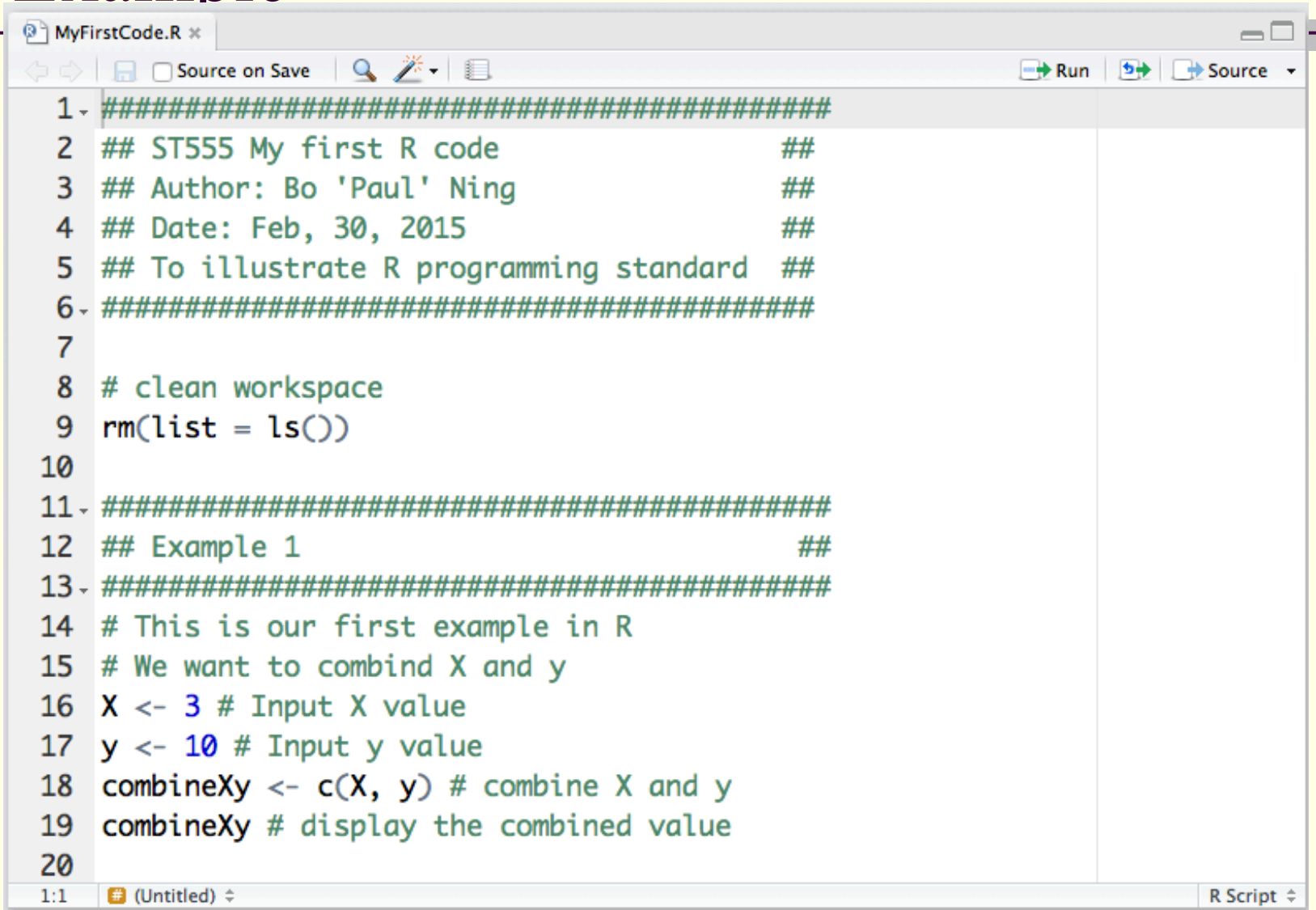
underscore separated: `package_version` ...

lower camel case (suggested): `colSums`, `sessionInfo` ...

upper camel case: `Vectorize`, `NextMethod` ...

# R programming standards

## Example



```
1- #####
2  ## ST555 My first R code                ##
3  ## Author: Bo 'Paul' Ning                ##
4  ## Date: Feb, 30, 2015                   ##
5  ## To illustrate R programming standard  ##
6- #####
7
8  # clean workspace
9  rm(list = ls())
10
11- #####
12  ## Example 1                            ##
13- #####
14  # This is our first example in R
15  # We want to combine X and y
16  X <- 3 # Input X value
17  y <- 10 # Input y value
18  combineXy <- c(X, y) # combine X and y
19  combineXy # display the combined value
20
```

1:1 (Untitled) R Script

# R programming standards

Look at the following two examples, which one do you prefer?

Example A:

I am that light grey line again!

```
21 - #####
22 - ## Example 2.wrong ##
23 - #####
24 - data<-read.table(http://bning.stat.ncsu.edu/Iamverylong/Iamverylong/Iamverylong/dataset.txt)
25 - a<-rowSums(data)
26 - if (any(a==0)) {rmv<-sum(a==0) message(paste( "Warning: ",rmv," rows are removed because the row sums are 0"))}
27 - b<-mean(a[1]+a[2]-a[2]*a[2]/a[2]*sqrt(a[2])^2/sqrt(a[2]^2))
28 -
```

# R programming standards

## Example B:

```
MyFirstCode.R x
Source on Save
Run Source

19- #####
20  ## Example 2. Right                                ##
21- #####
22  # This is our second example in R
23  # This example is to demonstrate the importance of R programming standard
24  # You don't need to understand the code
25
26  # read the dataset from a URL
27  # You might find if the URL is very long, it will exceed our 80 margin.
28  # This contradicts programming standards. Another issue is R cannot read
29  # a URL if you break it into more than two lines. The code below gives
30  # you a way to solve this problem. We break the URL to several parts.
31  url1 <- "http://bning.stat.ncsu.edu/Iamverylong"
32  url2 <- "Iamverylong/Iamverylong/dataset.txt"
33  data <- read.table(paste(url1, url2, sep = ""))
34  # To remove 0 rows from dataset
35  rsum <- rowSums(data)
36- if (any(rsum == 0)) {
37    rmv <- sum(rsum == 0)
38    message(paste("Warning: ", rmv,
39                  " rows are removed because the row sums are 0"))
40  }
41  # do some fancy math
42  rsum.average <- mean( rsum[1] + rsum[2] - rsum[2] * rsum[2] / rsum[2] *
43                        sqrt(rsum[2]) ^ 2 / sqrt(rsum[1] ^ 2) )
44  # clean workspace
45  rm(list = ls())
46
```

# R programming standards

Complete header

Add `rm(list = ls())` at the beginning

Use “<-” to assign values to variables

Variable name is consistent and understandable

Add `rm(list = ls())` at the end

Ample Commenting

Codes never beyond 80 characters per line

Put space before and after operators

```
MyFirstCode.R
Source on Save
Run Source
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3 ## Author: Bo 'Paul' Ning ##
4 ## Date: Feb, 30, 2015 ##
5 ## To illustrate R programming standard ##
6 #####
7 # clean workspace
8 rm(list = ls())
9 #####
10 ## Example 1 ##
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12 # This is our first example in R
13 # We want to combine X and y
14 X <- 3 # Input X value
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16 combineXy <- c(X, y) # combine X and y
17 combineXy # display the combined value
18 #####
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39 }
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41 rsum.average <- mean( rsum[1] + rsum[2] - rsum[2] * rsum[2] / rsum[2] *
42                      sqrt(rsum[2]) ^ 2 / sqrt(rsum[1] ^ 2) )
43 # clean workspace
44 rm(list = ls())
45
```

# R programming standards

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- Good references for R programming Standards (Compliments of Dr. Hua Zhou)

<http://google-styleguide.googlecode.com/svn/trunk/cppguide.xml>

<https://sites.google.com/site/matlabstyleguidelines/home>

# Useful R programming resources

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Here are resources for R programming

1. Advanced R by Hadley Wickham: <http://adv-r.had.co.nz/>
2. Dr. John Monahan's class (2013 fall) on R:  
<http://www.stat.ncsu.edu/people/monahan/courses/ST610/>
3. Online tutorial: <http://tryr.codeschool.com/levels/1/challenges/1>

Taken from Dr. Hua Zhou's ST 758: computation for statistical research  
lecture notes.

# ST 555:

# Statistical Programming I



R Markdown

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# Outline

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- What is R Markdown?
- Why use R Markdown?
- Use R Markdown to generate report

# What is R Markdown? Why Use?




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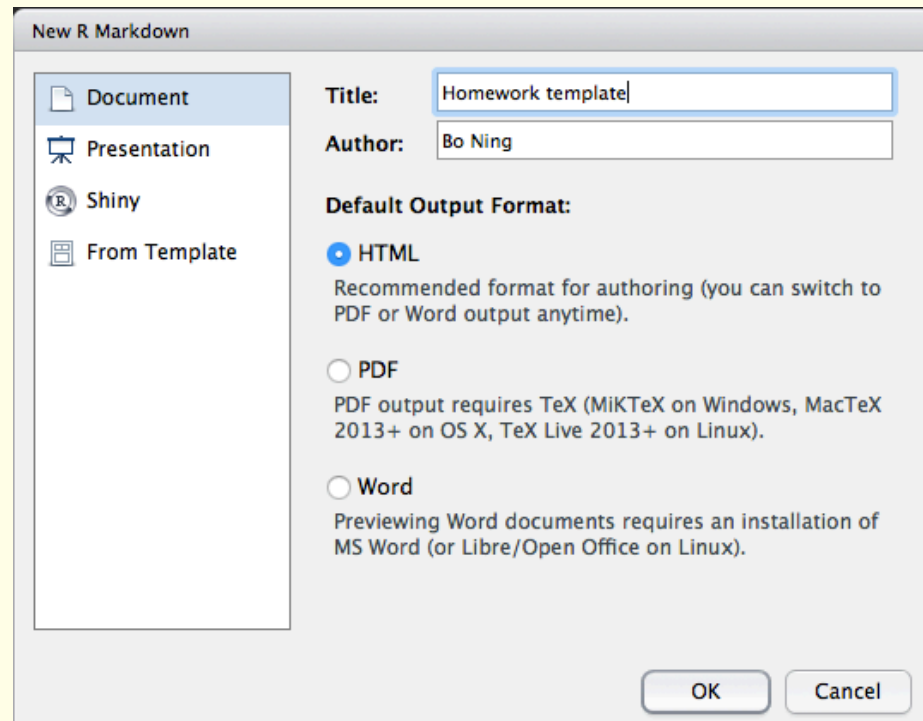
- R Markdown is a dynamic document for R
- It combines the core syntax of markdown (an easy-to-write plain text format) with embedded R code chunks that are run so their output can be included in the final document.

(from <http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com>)

- New technology, widely used
- Integrate texts, R code and output together in one document in a nice looking way
- Automatically generate dynamic report for R programming

# Open R Markdown

- Find out  button in the left upper side of RStudio.
- Click , then click  R Markdown...
- Choose “Document”, “Title”, “Author”, “Format Type”, Then click “OK”.

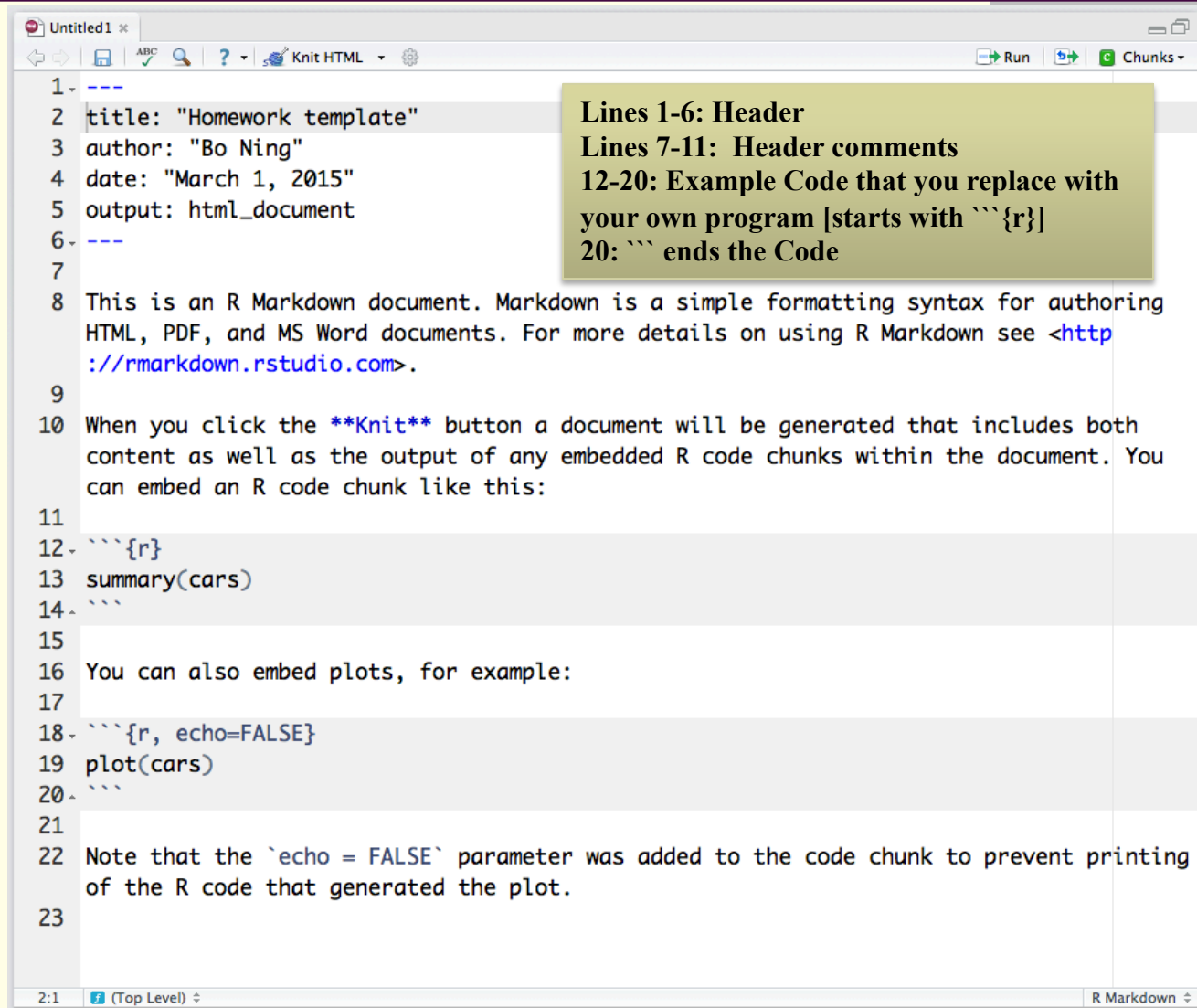


# A Few Comments before Generating RMarkdown Report

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- Make sure you have the latest version of RStudio
- Yes to install 3 packages
- Where are you files saving?
- `>getwd()`
- Ways to change directory
- `>setwd("C:/My Documents")`
- From File Menu Save your Script in preferred directory
- Bottom Right Window, choose Files and then find preferred directory

# Open R Markdown



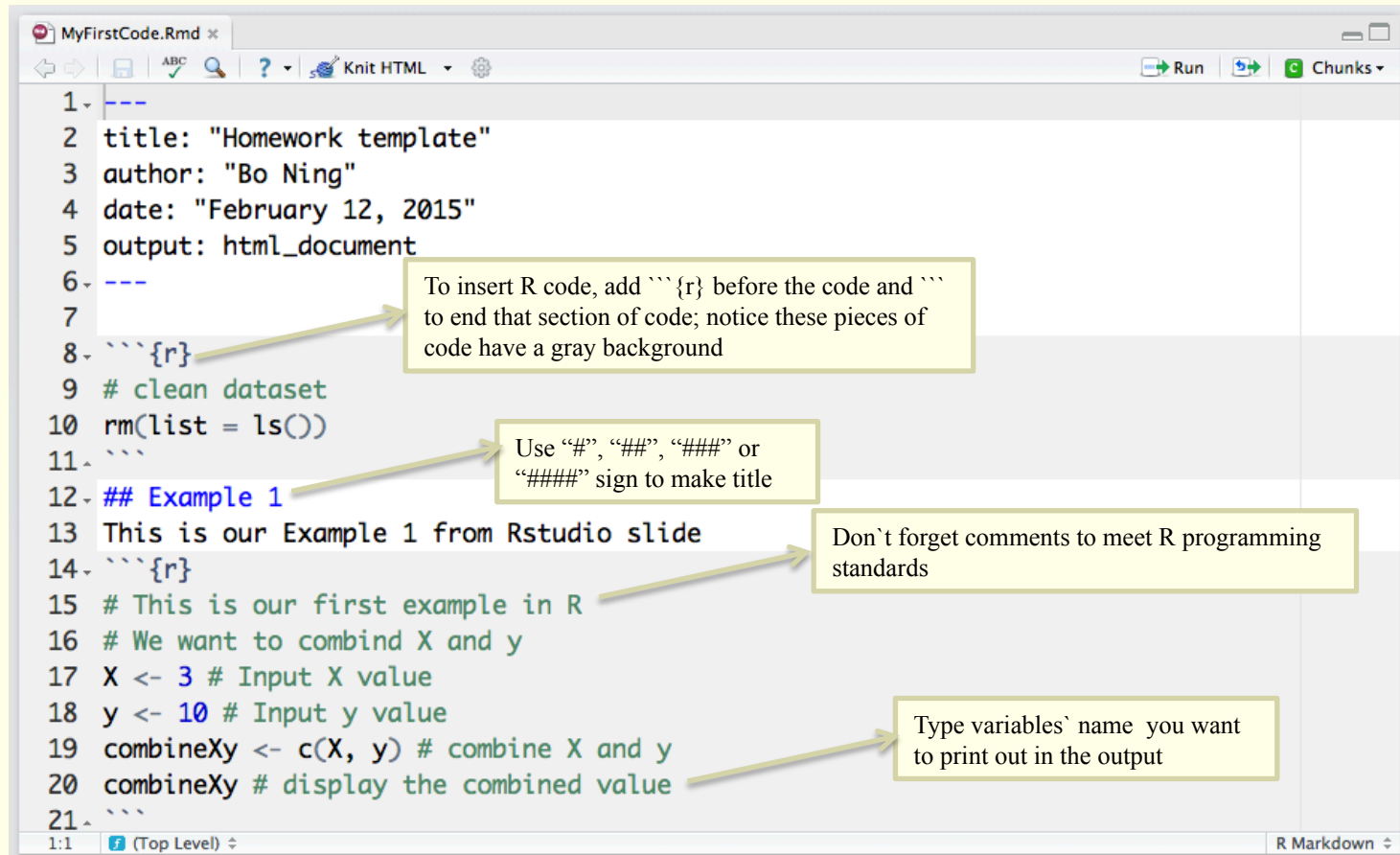
Lines 1-6: Header  
Lines 7-11: Header comments  
12-20: Example Code that you replace with your own program [starts with ````\r{}`]  
20: ````` ends the Code

```
1- ---
2 title: "Homework template"
3 author: "Bo Ning"
4 date: "March 1, 2015"
5 output: html_document
6- ---
7
8 This is an R Markdown document. Markdown is a simple formatting syntax for authoring
9 HTML, PDF, and MS Word documents. For more details on using R Markdown see <http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com>.
10
11 When you click the Knit button a document will be generated that includes both
12 content as well as the output of any embedded R code chunks within the document. You
13 can embed an R code chunk like this:
14
15 ```{r}
16 summary(cars)
17 ```
18
19 You can also embed plots, for example:
20
21 ```{r, echo=FALSE}
22 plot(cars)
23 ```
24
25 Note that the `echo = FALSE` parameter was added to the code chunk to prevent printing
26 of the R code that generated the plot.
27
```

2:1 (Top Level) R Markdown

# Write code in R Markdown

- Let's start to write our first R Markdown file
- Includes title (question number) and “rm(list = ls())”



The screenshot shows an R Markdown file named "MyFirstCode.Rmd" in the RStudio editor. The code is as follows:

```
1 ---
2 title: "Homework template"
3 author: "Bo Ning"
4 date: "February 12, 2015"
5 output: html_document
6 ---
7
8 ```{r}
9 # clean dataset
10 rm(list = ls())
11 ```
12 ## Example 1
13 This is our Example 1 from Rstudio slide
14 ```{r}
15 # This is our first example in R
16 # We want to combine X and y
17 X <- 3 # Input X value
18 y <- 10 # Input y value
19 combineXy <- c(X, y) # combine X and y
20 combineXy # display the combined value
21 ```
```


Annotations with arrows pointing to specific parts of the code:

- Annotation 1: Points to the ````{r}` opening code fence. Text: "To insert R code, add ````{r}` before the code and ````` to end that section of code; notice these pieces of code have a gray background".
- Annotation 2: Points to the `## Example 1` line. Text: "Use `#`, `##`, `###` or `####` sign to make title".
- Annotation 3: Points to the comment `# This is our first example in R`. Text: "Don't forget comments to meet R programming standards".
- Annotation 4: Points to the `combineXy` variable in the `c(X, y)` assignment. Text: "Type variables' name you want to print out in the output".

The status bar at the bottom shows "1:1" and "(Top Level)". The bottom right corner of the window says "R Markdown".

# Generate report

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- To generate a report, in the editor window, find out  .
- There are three formats for reports.
- Knit HTML gives you a .html format report;
- Knit PDF, gives you a .pdf format report;
- Knit Word (.doc/.docx)
- Knit PDF may require you to install LaTeX, which you could download from the website: <http://latex-project.org>
- If you don't wish to install LaTeX, Knit HTML and Knit Word are the options for you.

# Generate report



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying an RStudio HTML report. The browser's address bar shows the file path: `~/Documents/Current courses/ST 555 spring 2015/R slides/MyFirstCode.html`. The browser's title bar is `MyFirstCode.html`. The report content includes a title, author, date, a code block for cleaning the dataset, a section header for 'Example 1', a descriptive text, another code block for a simple R example, and the resulting output.

~/Documents/Current courses/ST 555 spring 2015/R slides/MyFirstCode.html

MyFirstCode.html Open in Browser Publish Find

## Homework template

**Bo Ning**  
**February 12, 2015**

```
# clean dataset
rm(list = ls())
```

## Example 1

This is our Example 1 from Rstudio slide

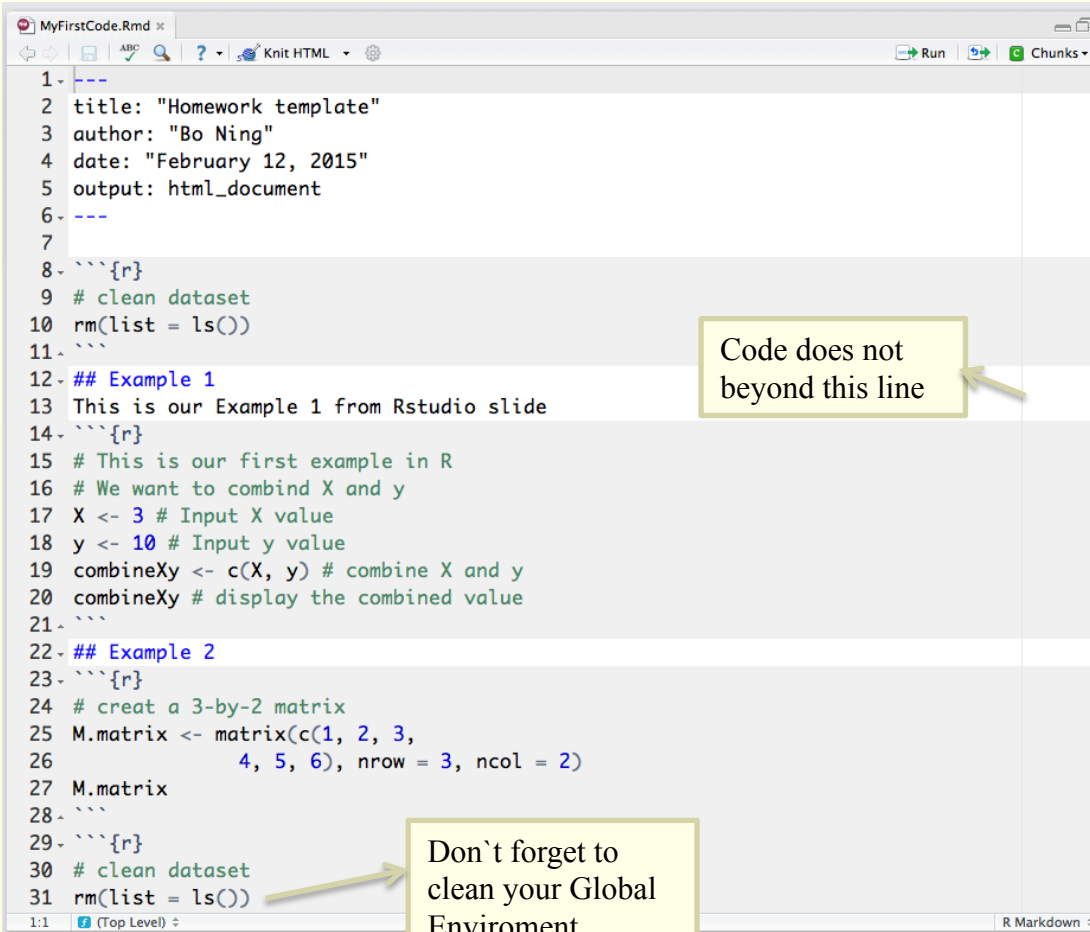
```
# This is our first example in R
# We want to combine X and y
x <- 3 # Input X value
y <- 10 # Input y value
combineXy <- c(X, y) # combine X and y
combineXy # display the combined value
```

```
## [1] 3 10
```



# Generate report

- Suppose our homework template has 2 examples, here is the final version of the code.



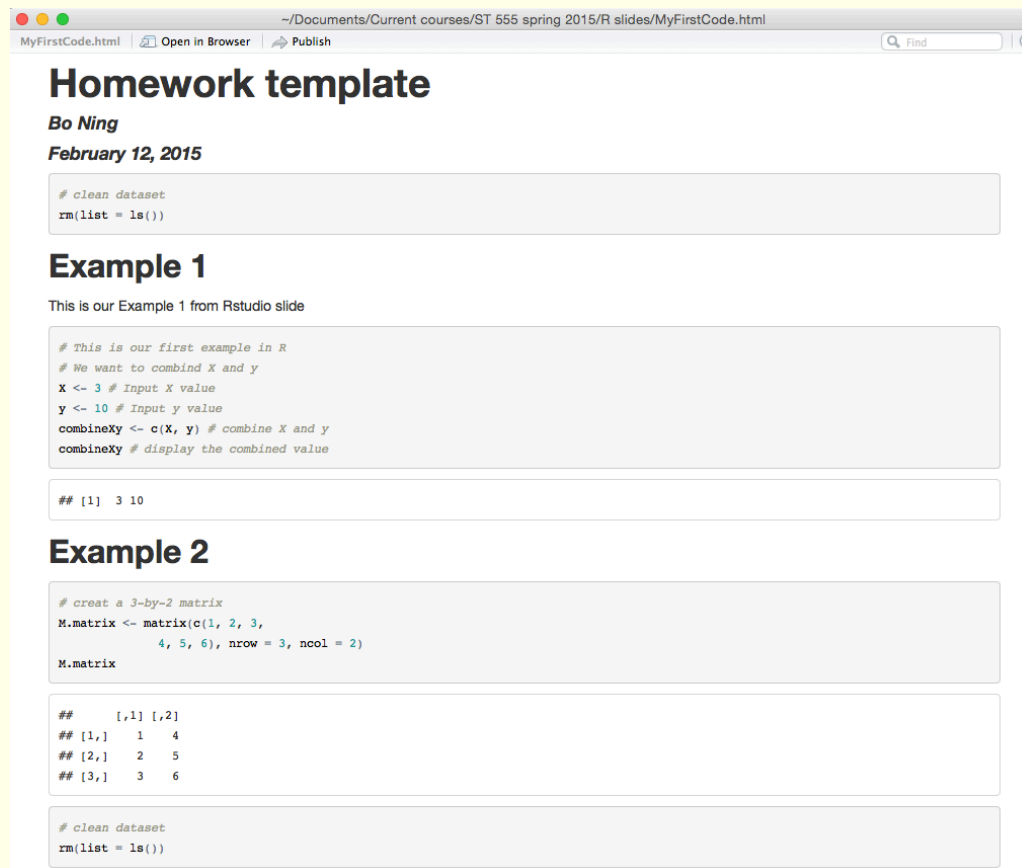
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3 author: "Bo Ning"
4 date: "February 12, 2015"
5 output: html_document
6 ---
7
8 ```{r}
9 # clean dataset
10 rm(list = ls())
11 ```
12 ## Example 1
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19 combineXy <- c(X, y) # combine X and y
20 combineXy # display the combined value
21 ```
22 ## Example 2
23 ```{r}
24 # create a 3-by-2 matrix
25 M.matrix <- matrix(c(1, 2, 3,
26                     4, 5, 6), nrow = 3, ncol = 2)
27 M.matrix
28 ```
29 ```{r}
30 # clean dataset
31 rm(list = ls())
```

Code does not  
beyond this line

Don't forget to  
clean your Global  
Environment

# Generate report

- Let's Knit HTML again.



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying an RStudio HTML report. The title is "Homework template" by "Bo Ning" dated "February 12, 2015". The report contains three code blocks with R code and their output.

```
# clean dataset
rm(list = ls())
```

### Example 1

This is our Example 1 from Rstudio slide

```
# This is our first example in R
# We want to combine X and y
X <- 3 # Input X value
y <- 10 # Input y value
combineXy <- c(X, y) # combine X and y
combineXy # display the combined value
```

```
## [1] 3 10
```

### Example 2

```
# creat a 3-by-2 matrix
M.matrix <- matrix(c(1, 2, 3,
                    4, 5, 6), nrow = 3, ncol = 2)
M.matrix
```

```
##      [,1] [,2]
## [1,]  1   4
## [2,]  2   5
## [3,]  3   6
```

```
# clean dataset
rm(list = ls())
```

# R Markdown supplements

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- An advantage for R Markdown is that it incorporates LaTeX.
- If you want to know more about how to incorporate LaTeX code in R Markdown, please google it, or go to Yihui Xie's blog (<http://yihui.name>)
- For each homework, please submit a R Markdown file (.Rmd file) and the corresponding output file (.html file, .pdf file or a word file).