Setting the working directory in R permanently

1) The getwd() command gives the current working directory for R. The setwd(*<path>*) sets the working directory
2) Locate the Rprofile.site file.
   - It should be in C:\Program Files\R\R-*<version>*\etc\Rprofile.site (on Windows).
   - I'm not sure where this is on a Mac
3) Add setwd(*<path>*) to the end of the Rprofile.site file
   - Open the Rprofile.site file on text editor (notepad)
   - Add the line below to the end of theRprofile.site file and **add a new line (hit the enter key).**
     - setwd("*<the desired working directory >*")
   - My Rprofile.site file looks like this:
     ```
     # Things you might want to change


     # options(papersize="a4")
     # options(editor="notepad")
     # options(pager="internal")


     # set the default help type
     # options(help_type="text")
       options(help_type="html")


     # set a site library
     # .Library.site <- file.path(chartr("\\", "/", R.home()),
     "site-library")


     # set a CRAN mirror
     # local({r <- getOption("repos")
     #       r["CRAN"] <- "http://my.local.cran"
     #       options(repos=r)})
     setwd("C:\\Programming\\R\\Data\\RegressionClassData")
     ```
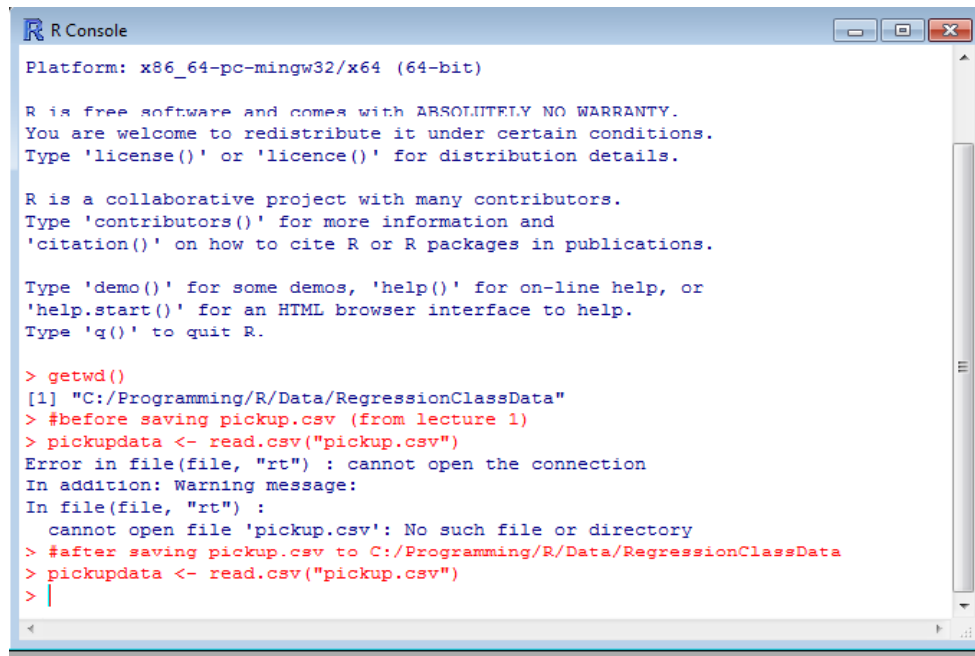

   - **NOTICE THE EXTRA EMPTY LINE AFTER THE setwd() COMMAND.**
   - Save and close this file
   - Restart the R GUI
   - Typing getwd() on the command line should now return the path that was set in the previous steps. Here is a screen shot.

This procedure seems to work for me. I can load files without having to specify the working directory every time. And, if close and reopen R, getwd() returns the directory saved in the Rprofile.site file.