

Intro to R

RStudio

Working with R – RStudio

RStudio is an Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for R

- Helps you write code - makes suggestions
- Helps you view the output of your code
- Helps you find errors
- Is NOT a dropdown statistical tool (such as Stata)
 - See [Rcmdr](#) or [Radiant](#)



RStudio

Easier working with R

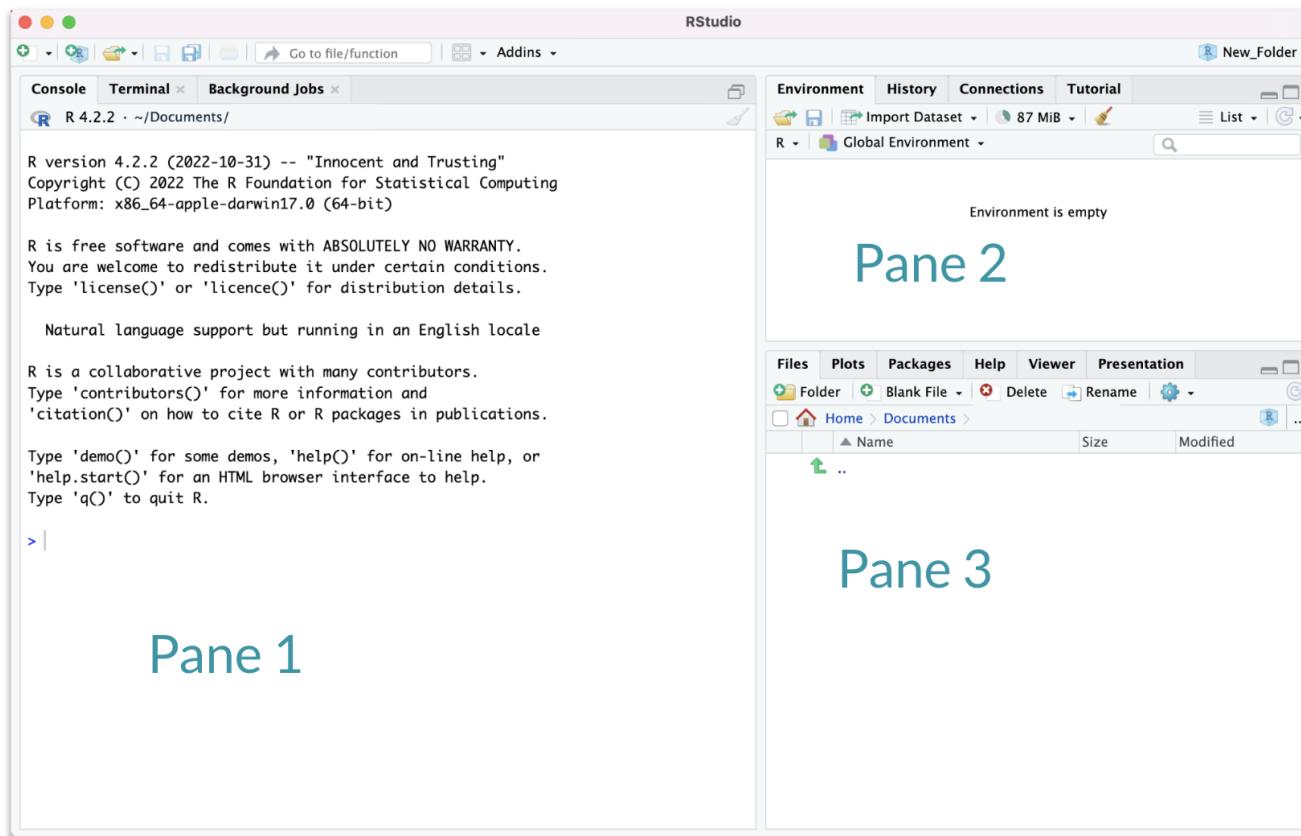
- Syntax highlighting, code completion, and smart indentation
- Easily manage multiple working directories and projects

More information

- Workspace browser and data viewer
- Plot history, zooming, and flexible image and file export
- Integrated R help and documentation

RStudio

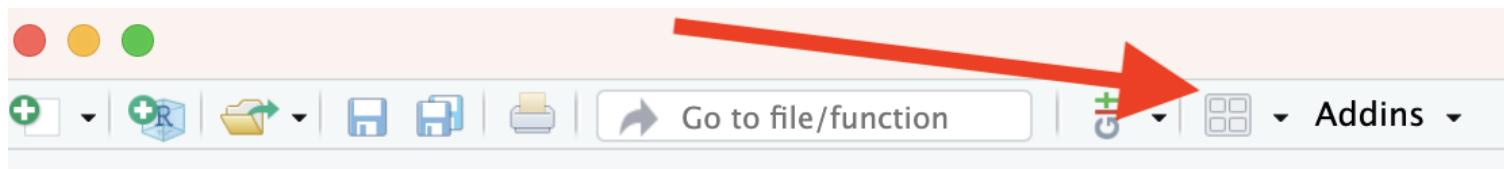
First it is important to be familiar with the layout. When you first open RStudio, you will see 3 panes.



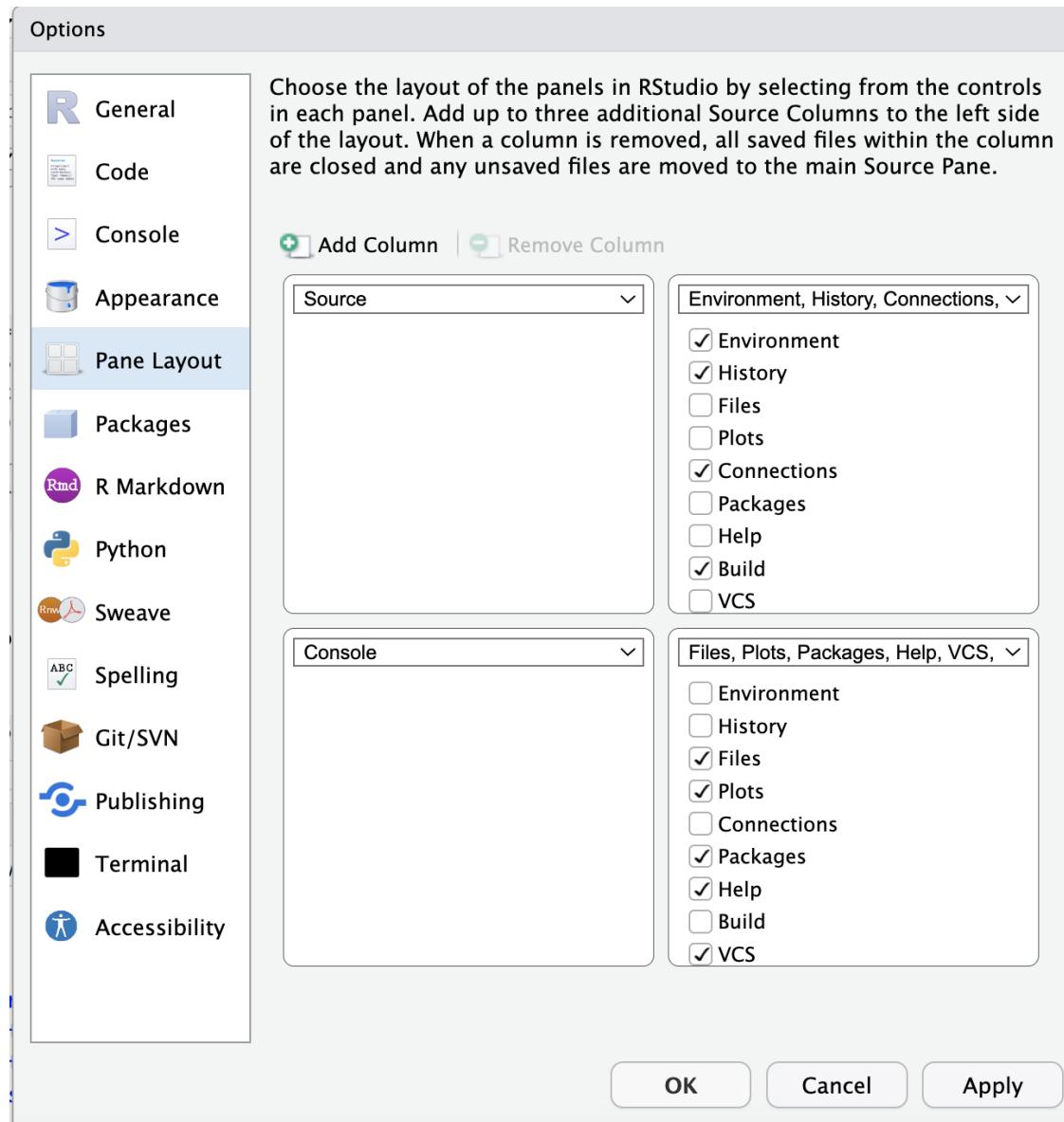
RStudio Layout

If RStudio doesn't look the way you want (or like our RStudio), then:

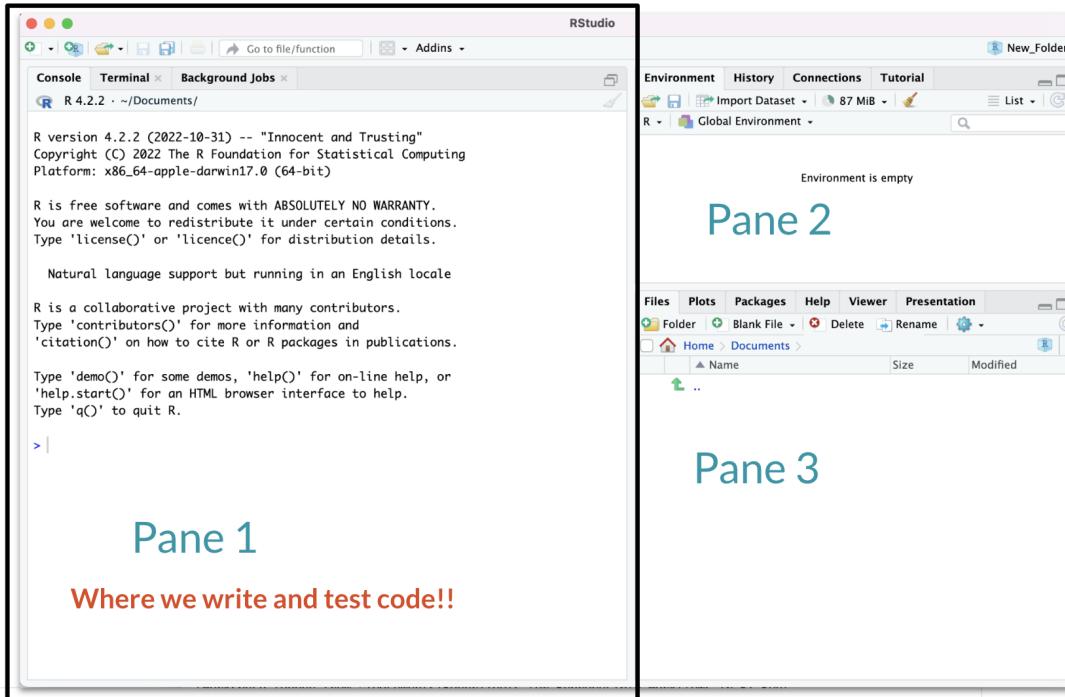
Click on the pane button, which looks like a waffle with 4 indentations. Scroll down to "Pane Layout".



Default Layout

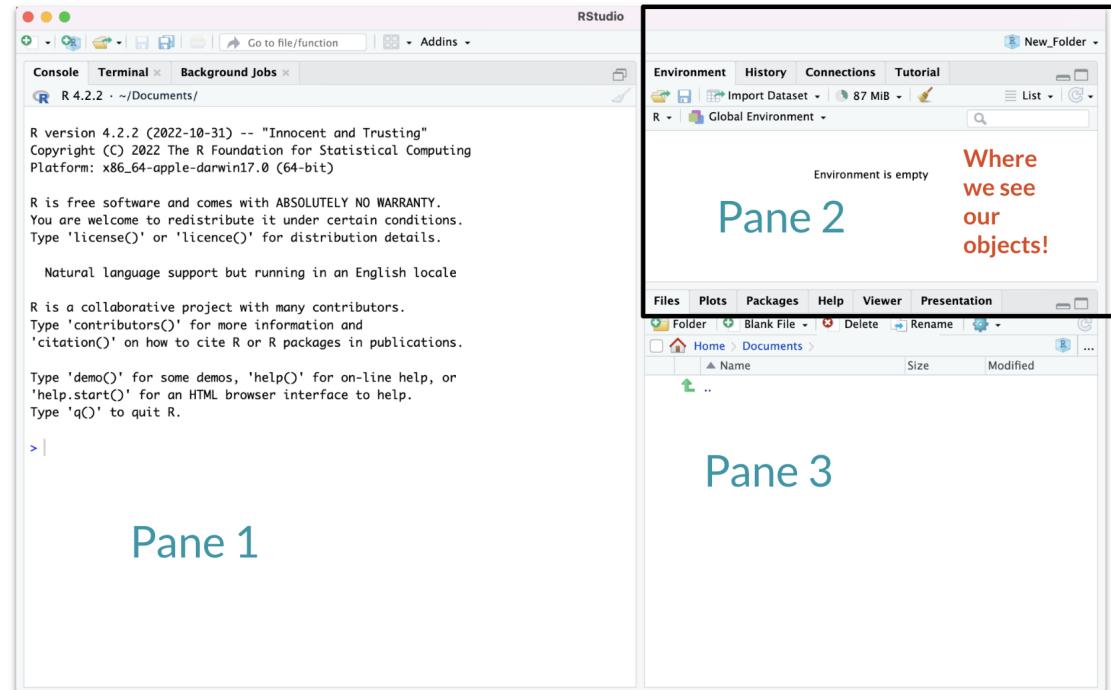


Pane 1 (Left side) for writing code

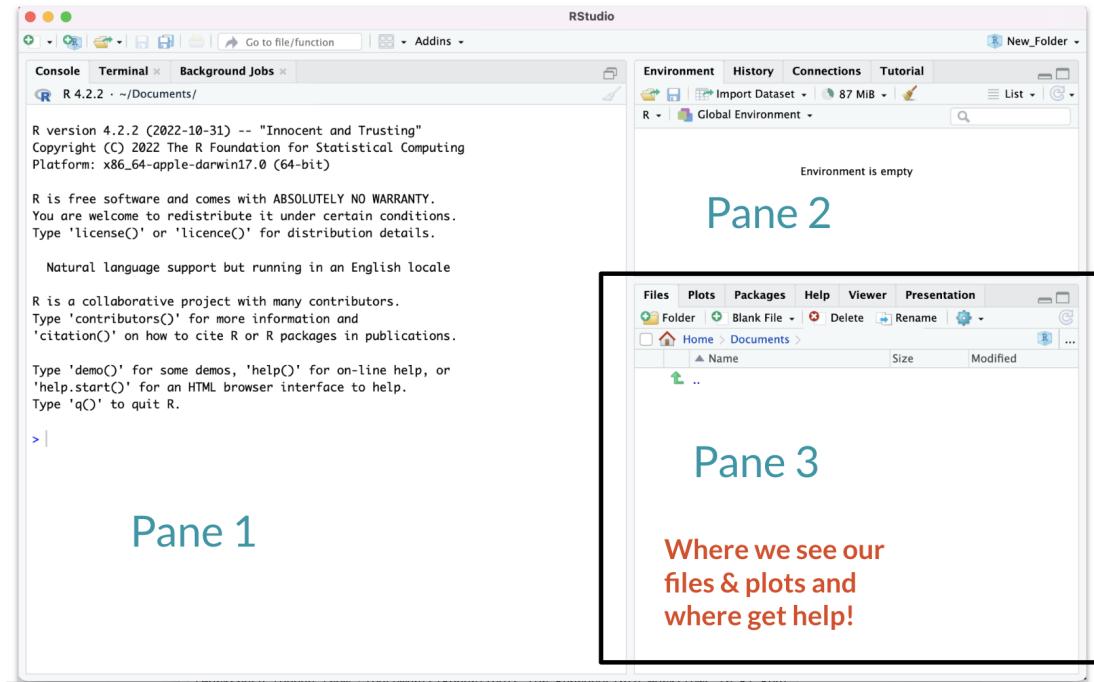


Pane 2 - where objects will be

More on this in a moment!

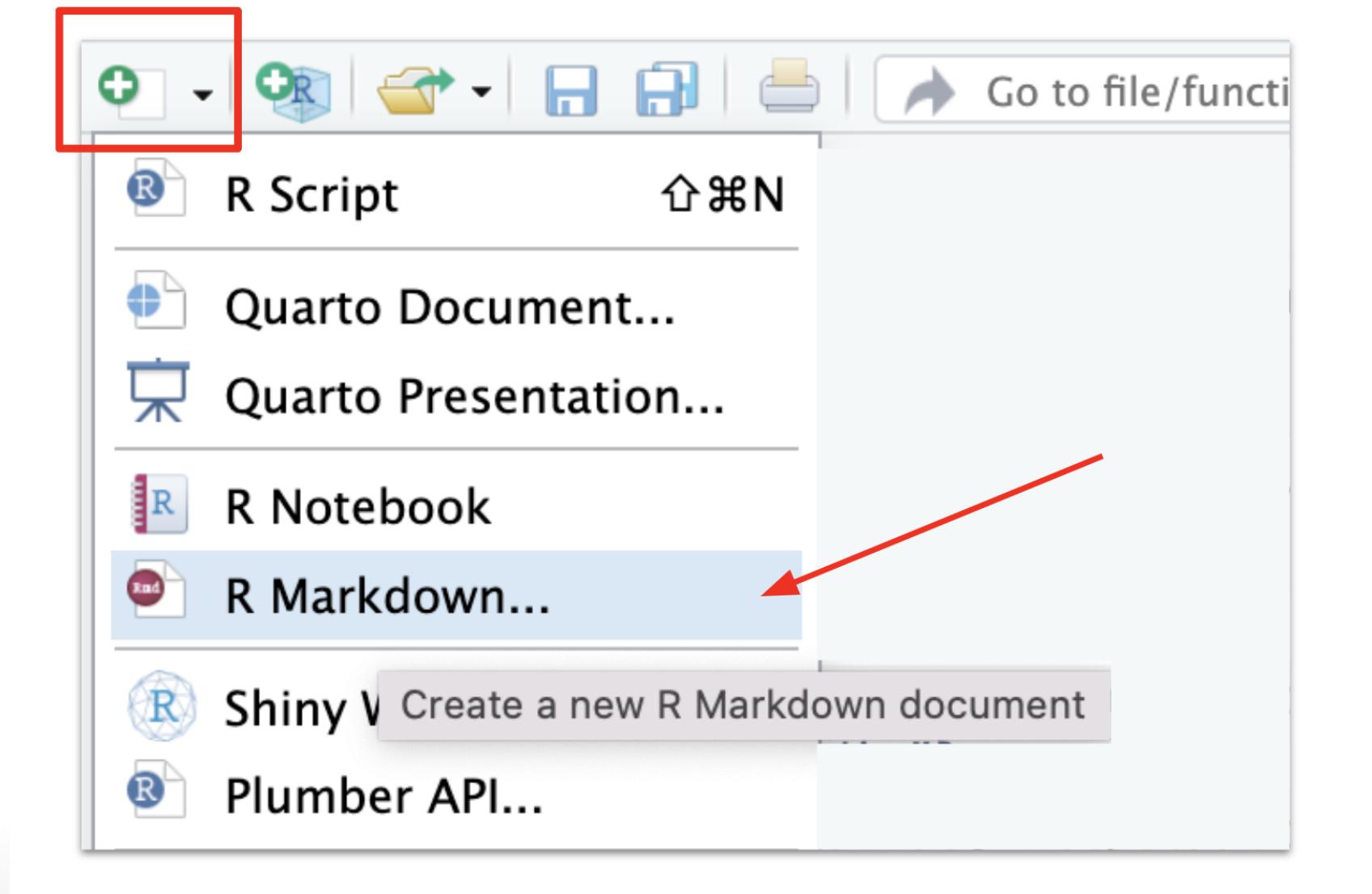


Pane 3 - where we get help and see plots



Hidden Pane

To save a copy of your code. You must open a file first - this will open a 4th pane. These files include Scripts or what are called R Markdown files.



Hidden Pane

You will see a popup that you can just say “OK” to for now.

New R Markdown

Document Presentation Shiny From Template

Title:

Author:

Date:

Use current date when rendering document

Default Output Format:

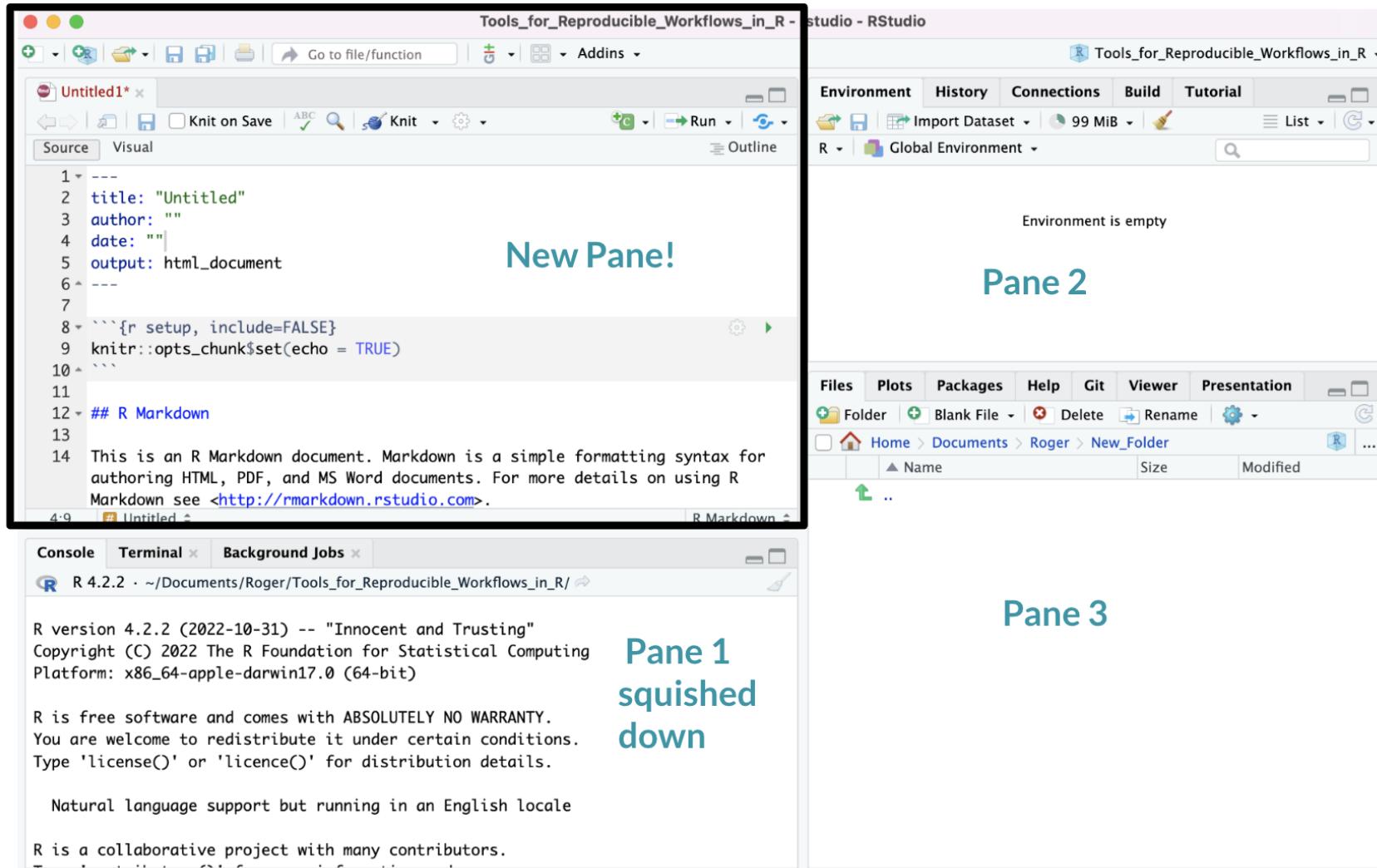
HTML
Recommended format for authoring (you can switch to PDF or Word output anytime).

PDF
PDF output requires TeX (MiKTeX on Windows, MacTeX 2013+ on OS X, TeX Live 2013+ on Linux).

Word
Previewing Word documents requires an installation of MS Word (or Libre/Open Office on Linux).

Hidden Pane

Nice! now we have a place to save code! This is where we will mostly be working.



Working with R in R Studio - 2 major panes:

1. The **Source/Editor**: "Analysis" Script + Interactive Exploration

- Static copy of what you did (reproducibility)
- Top by default

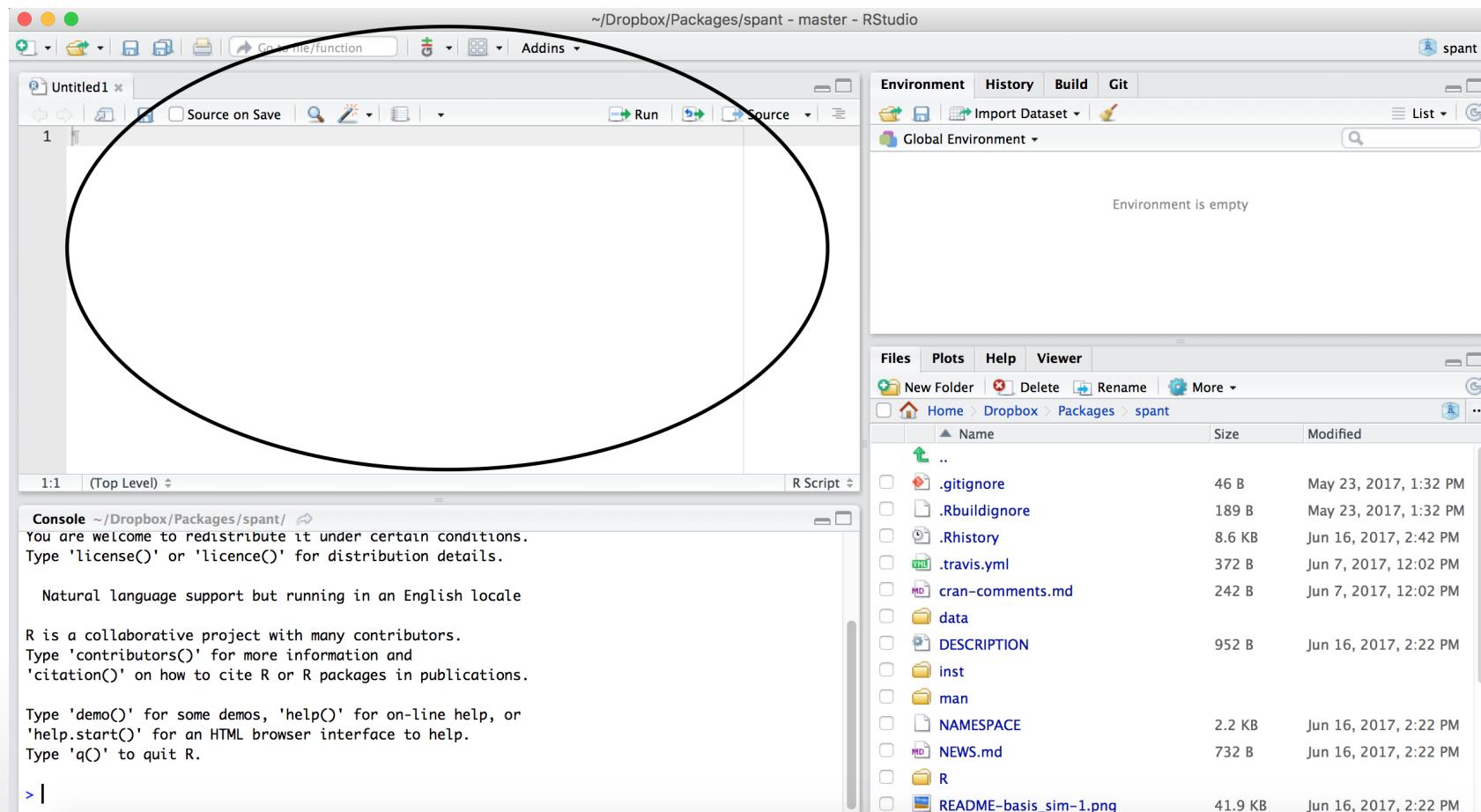
2. The **R Console**: "interprets" whatever you type

- Calculator
- Try things out interactively, then add to your editor
- Bottom by default

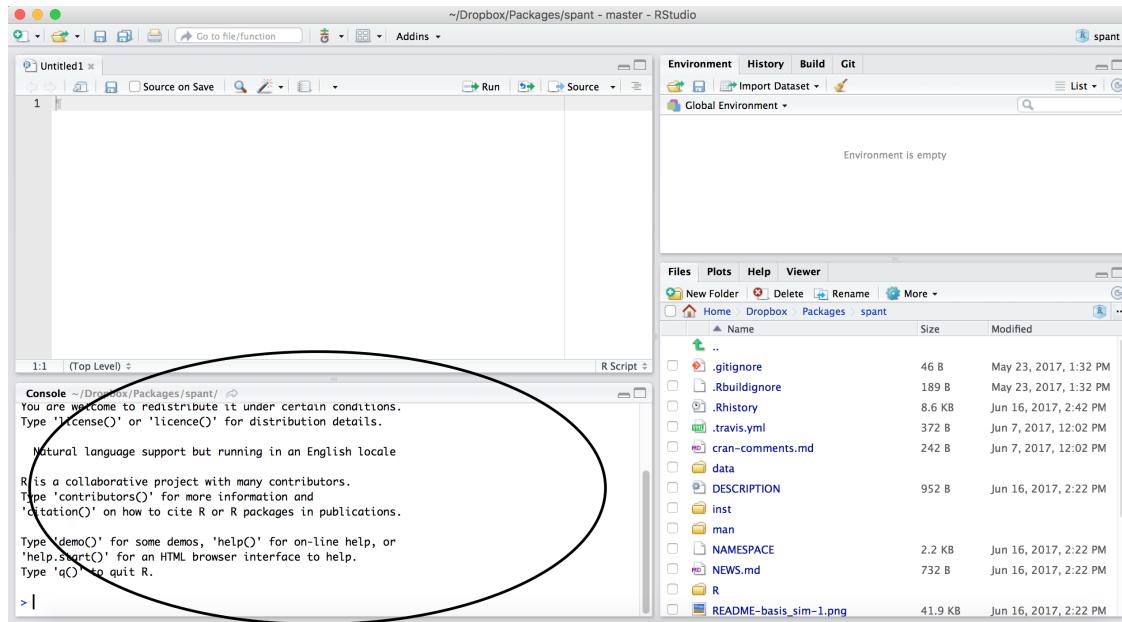
Source / Editor

- Where files open to
- Have R code and comments in them
- Can highlight and press (CMD+Enter (Mac) or Ctrl+Enter (Windows)) to run the code

In a .R file (we call a script), code is saved on your disk



R Console



- Where code is executed (where things happen)
- You can type here for things interactively to test code
- Code is **not saved** on your disk

R Console



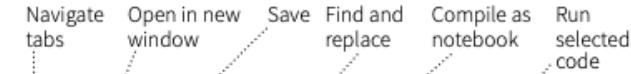
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RStudio

Super useful “cheat sheet”:

<https://github.com/rstudio/cheatsheets/raw/master/rstudio-ide.pdf>

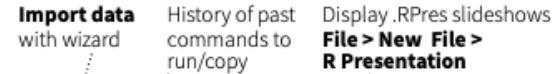
Write Code



The screenshot displays the RStudio IDE interface with several callout boxes highlighting various features:

- File**, **Edit**, **Code**, **View**, **Plots**, **Session**, **Build**, **Debug**, **Tools**, **Help** menus.
- Run**, **Source** buttons.
- Environment**, **History**, **Build**, **Git**, **Presentation** tabs.
- Import Dataset**, **Global Environment**.
- Load workspace**, **Save workspace**, **Delete all saved objects**.
- Search inside environment**.
- Data**, **iris** dataset (150 obs. of 5 variables), **Values**, **a** variable (1), **Functions**, **foo** function (x).
- Display objects as list or grid**.
- Multiple cursors/column selection with Alt + mouse drag**.
- Cursors of shared users**, **Re-run previous code**.
- Source with or without Echo**.
- Show file outline**.
- Code diagnostics that appear in the margin. Hover over diagnostic symbols for details.**
- Syntax highlighting based on your file's extension**.
- Tab completion to finish function names, file paths, arguments, and more.**
- Multi-language code snippets to quickly use common blocks of code.**
- Jump to function in file**.
- Change file type**.
- Files**, **Plots**, **Packages**, **Help**, **Viewer** tabs.
- New Folder**, **Upload**, **Delete**, **Rename**, **More** buttons.
- Copy...**, **Move...**, **Export...**, **Set As Working Directory**, **Go To Working Directory**.
- Create folder**, **Upload file**, **Delete file**, **Rename file**.
- Path to displayed directory**.
- Working Directory**.
- Maximize, minimize panes**.
- Press ↑ to see command history**.
- Drag pane boundaries**.
- Console**, **Compile PDF**, **R Markdown** tabs.
- R Script** dropdown.
- File browser** showing `~/IDEcheatsheet/` with files `hello.R`, `foo1`, `foo2`, `foo3`.
- Maximize, minimize panes**.
- Drag pane boundaries**.
- A File browser keyed to your working directory. Click on file or directory name to open.**

R Support



The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the following details:

- Top Bar:** Environment, History, Build, Git, Presentation.
- Global Environment:** Shows objects: iris (150 obs. of 5 variables), values (1), and foo (function (x)).
- Context Menu (for 'hello.R'):**
 - Copy...
 - Move...
 - Export...
 - Set As Working Directory
 - Go To Working Directory
- Bottom Status Bar:** Path to displayed directory (t), hello.R, 19 B, Apr 13, 2016, 11:17 AM.
- File Browser:** File browser keyed to your working directory. Click on file or directory name to open.

R Markdown files look different from scripts

It will look like this with text in it, unlike a script.

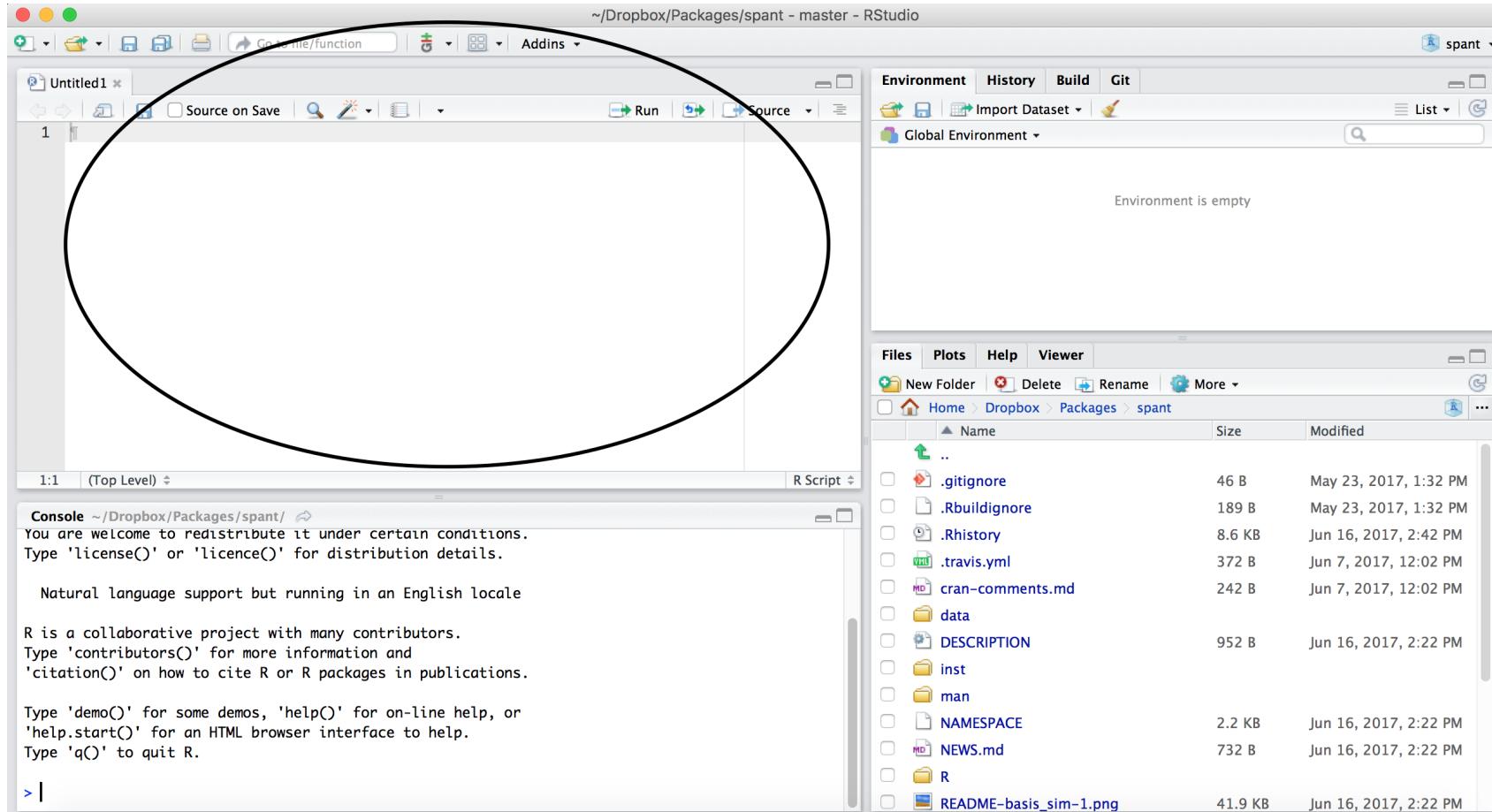
The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with a red box highlighting the code editor area. The code editor contains an R Markdown document named 'Untitled1'. The code includes YAML front matter, R code chunks, and explanatory text. The global environment is empty, and the file browser shows the project structure.

```
1 ---  
2 title: "first_markdown"  
3 output: html_document  
4 ---  
5  
6 ```{r setup, include=FALSE}  
7 knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = TRUE)  
8 ```  
9  
10 ## R Markdown  
11  
12 This is an R Markdown document. Markdown is a simple formatting syntax for  
authoring HTML, PDF, and MS Word documents. For more details on using R  
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both content as well as the output of any embedded R code chunks within the  
document. You can embed an R code chunk like this:  
15  
16 ```{r cars}  
2:23 # first_markdown
```

Console output:

```
~/Documents/GitHub/Teaching/intro_to_r/  
You are welcome to read source code and run certain commands.  
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.
```

Recall that a script was just empty

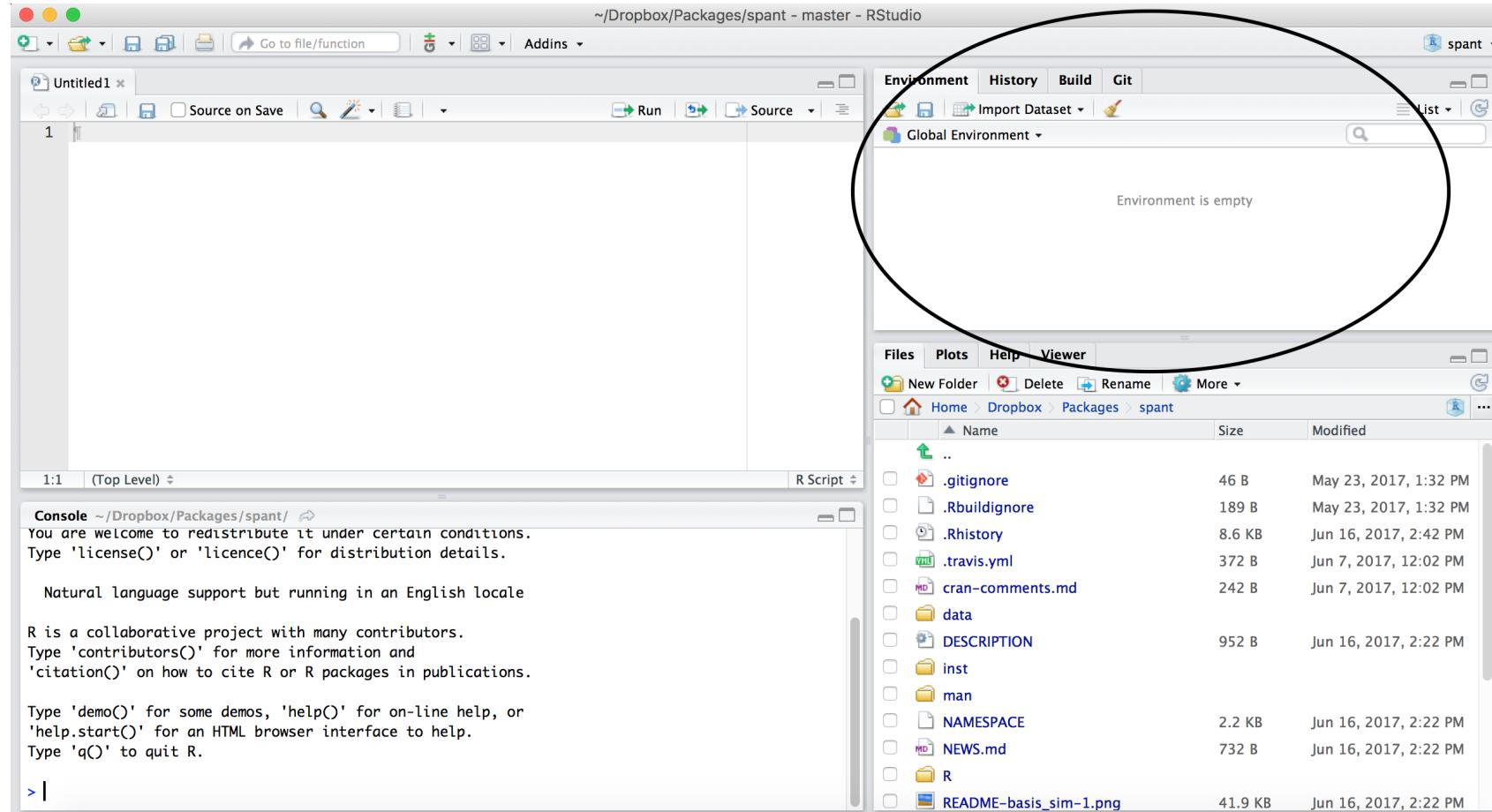


Scripts and R Markdown

Although people will use scripts often, and they are good for more programmatic purposes, we generally don't recommend them for data analyses.

R Markdown files are generally superior because they allow you to check your code and write more info about your code.

Workspace/Environment



TERM: Object



object: an object is something that can be worked with or on in R - can be lots of different things! You can think of objects as **nouns** in R.

- a vector of numbers
- a plot
- a function
- data
- ... many more

Workspace/Environment

- Tells you what **objects** are in R
- What exists in memory/what is loaded?/what did I read in?

History

- Shows previous commands. Good to look at for debugging, but **don't rely** on it.
Instead use RMarkdown!
- Also type the “up” key in the Console to scroll through previous commands

Other Panes

- **Files** - shows the files on your computer or the directory you are working in
- **Viewer** - can view data or R objects
- **Help** - shows help of R commands
- **Plots** - pictures and figures
- **Packages** - list of R packages that are loaded in memory

Practice: Let's take a look at R
Studio ourselves!

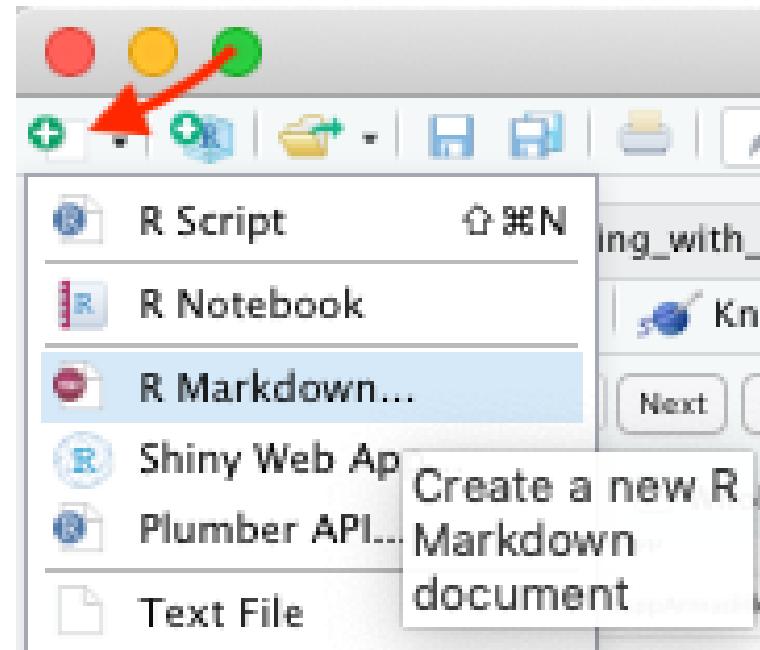
R Markdown file

R Markdown files (.Rmd) help generate reports that include your code and output. Think of them as fancier scripts.

1. Helps you describe your code
2. Allows you to check the output
3. Can create many different file types

Create an R Markdown file

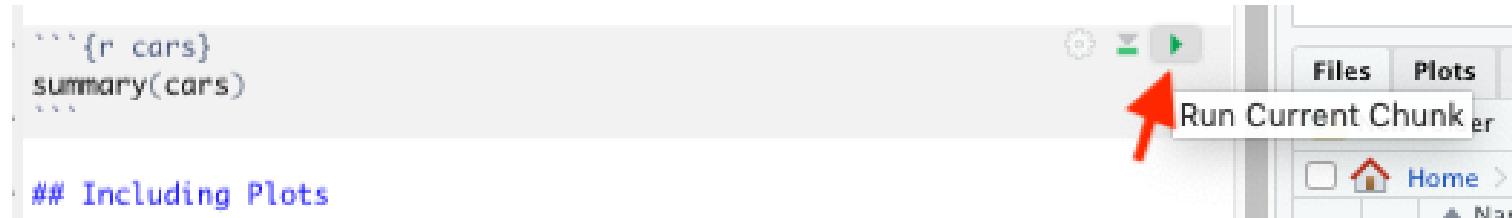
Go to File → New File → R Markdown or click the green add file button.



Code chunks

Within R Markdown files are code “chunks”.

This is where you can type R code and run it!

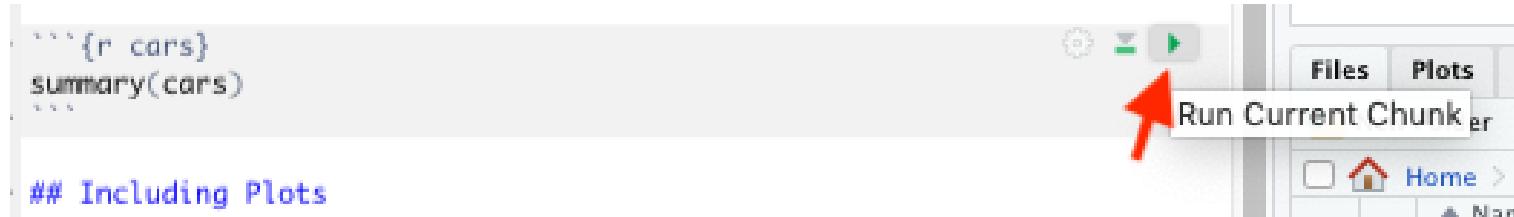


The image shows a screenshot of the RStudio IDE. On the left, there is a code editor window containing R code. The code includes a code chunk with three dots at the top, followed by `summary(cars)`, another three dots, and then a comment `## Including Plots`. On the right, the RStudio toolbar is visible, featuring various icons for file operations like Open, Save, and Print, as well as tabs for 'Files' and 'Plots'. A prominent red arrow points upwards from the bottom of the image towards the 'Run Current Chunk' button, which is highlighted with a green border and a small green arrow icon. Below the toolbar, there are links for 'Home' and 'New'.

```
```{r cars}
summary(cars)
```
## Including Plots
```

Run code in a chunk

Clicking the run (play) button runs the code in the chunk.



Ctrl + Enter on Windows or Command + Enter on Mac in your script evaluates that line of code

Running a chunk executes the code

- generally see a preview of the output of the code just below the chunk
- see the code in the console

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface. At the top, there are two tabs: "Untitled2" and "RStudio.Rmd". Below the tabs is a toolbar with icons for back, forward, knit, run, and other functions. The main area is divided into two panes: "Source" (active) and "Visual". In the Source pane, the R Markdown code is visible:

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18 ```{r cars}  
19 summary(cars)  
20 ```
```

Below the code, the Visual pane displays the output of the `summary(cars)` command:

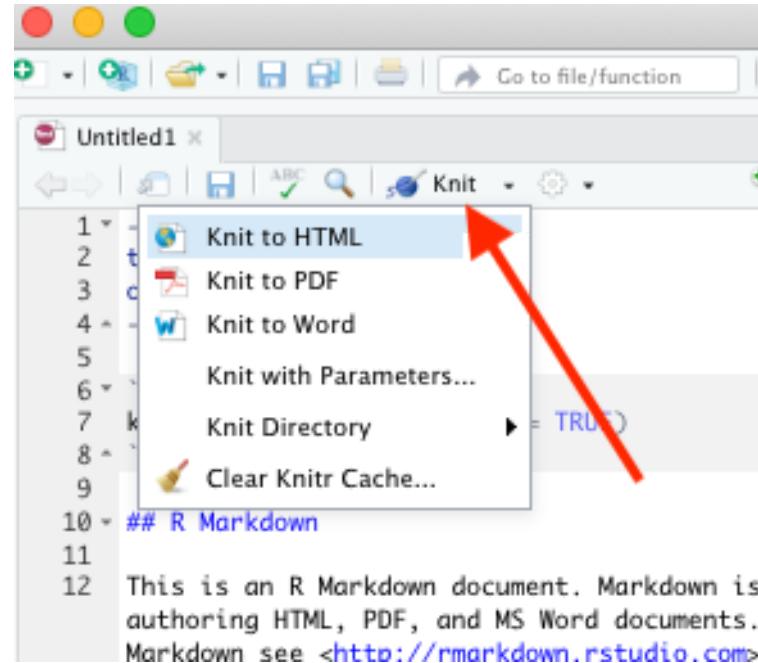
| speed | dist |
|--------------|----------------|
| Min. : 4.0 | Min. : 2.00 |
| 1st Qu.:12.0 | 1st Qu.: 26.00 |
| Median :15.0 | Median : 36.00 |
| Mean :15.4 | Mean : 42.98 |
| 3rd Qu.:19.0 | 3rd Qu.: 56.00 |
| Max. :25.0 | Max. :120.00 |

At the bottom of the RStudio window, the "Console" tab is active, showing the R session history:

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>  
>  
> summary(cars)  
    speed          dist  
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```

Knit file to html

Running all chunks - this will create a report from the R Markdown document!



Nice report!

This generates a nice report that you can share with others who can open in any browser.

The screenshot shows a window titled 'Untitled.html' with the URL ' ~/Documents/Roger/New_Folder/Untitled.html'. The window includes standard OS X window controls (red, yellow, green) and a toolbar with 'Untitled.html', 'Open in Browser', 'Find', and a 'Publish' button. The main content area contains:

Untitled

Your Name
2023-03-29

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```

Including Plots

You can also embed plots, for example:

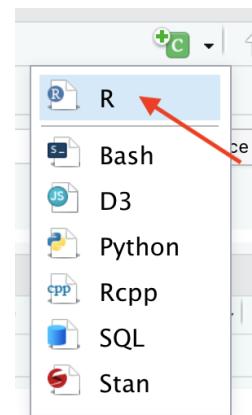
Create Chunks

To create a new R code chunk:

- Use the insert code chunk button at the top of RStudio.

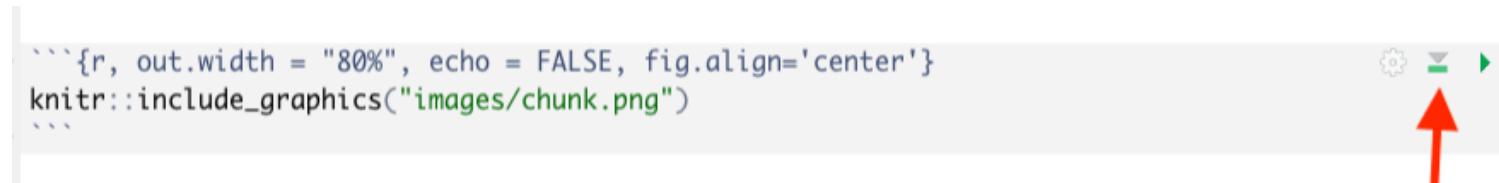


- Select R (default) as the language:

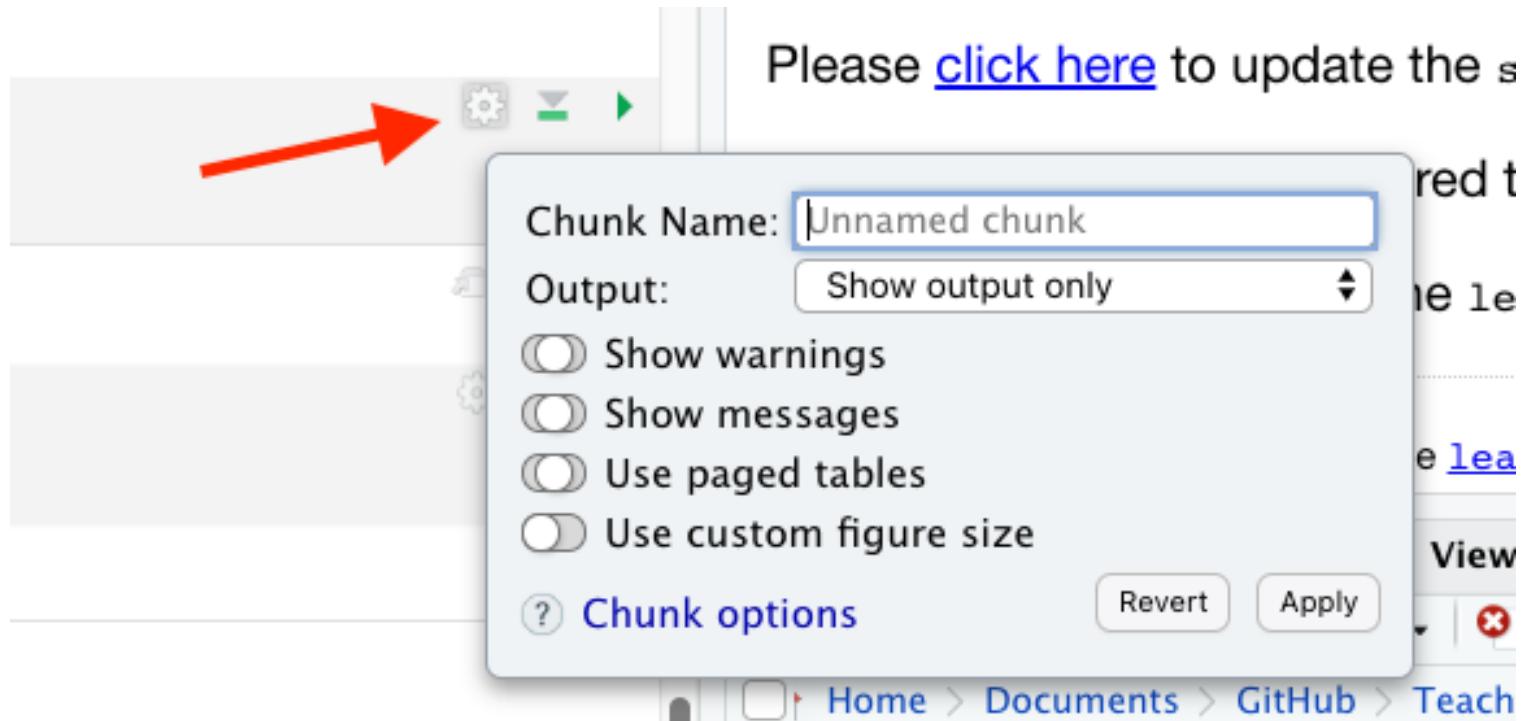


Run previous chunks button

You can run all chunks above a specific chunk using this button:

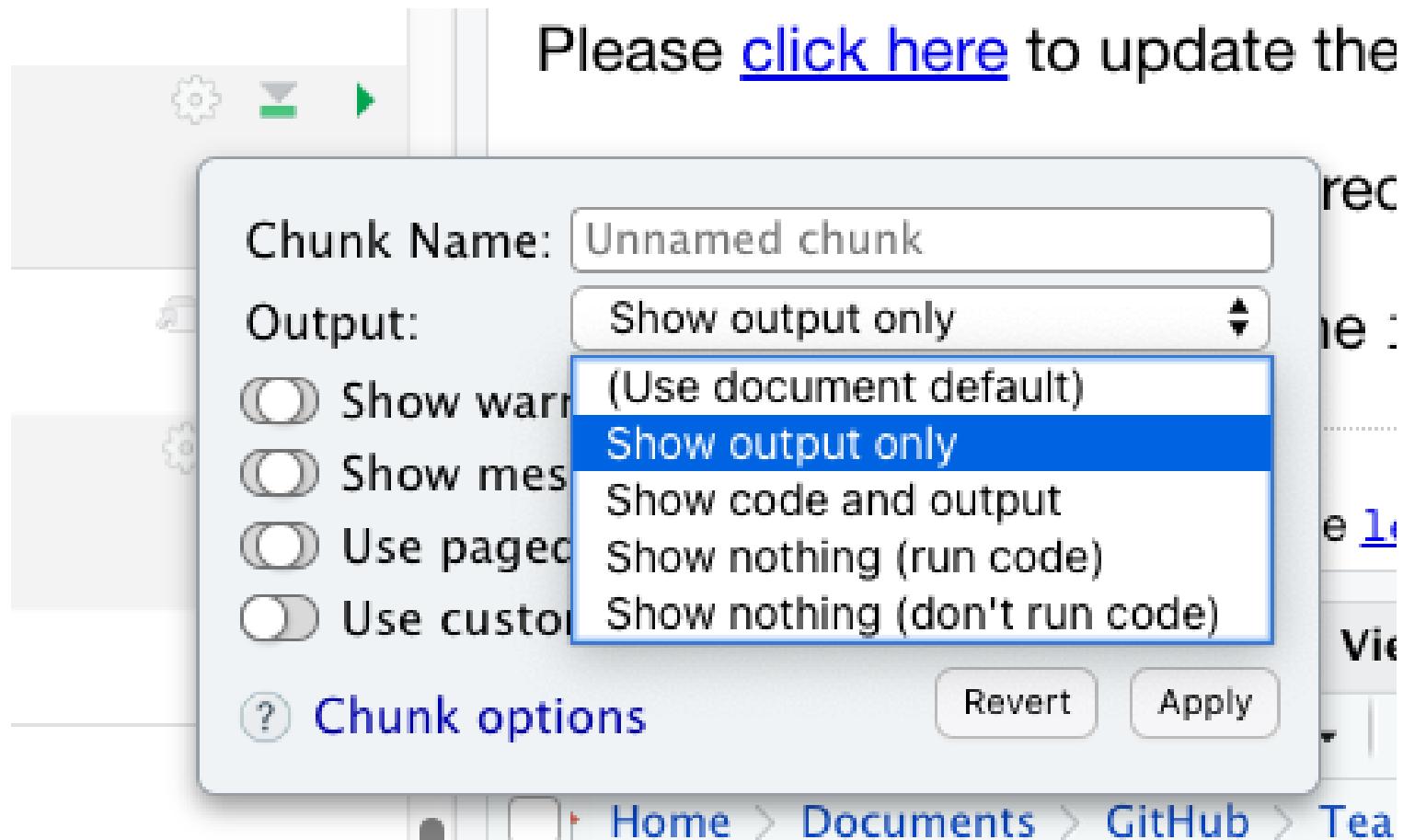


Chunk settings



Chunk settings

You can specify if a chunk will be seen in the report or not.



Errors

R studio can help you find issues in your code. Note that sometimes the error occurs earlier than RStudio thinks.



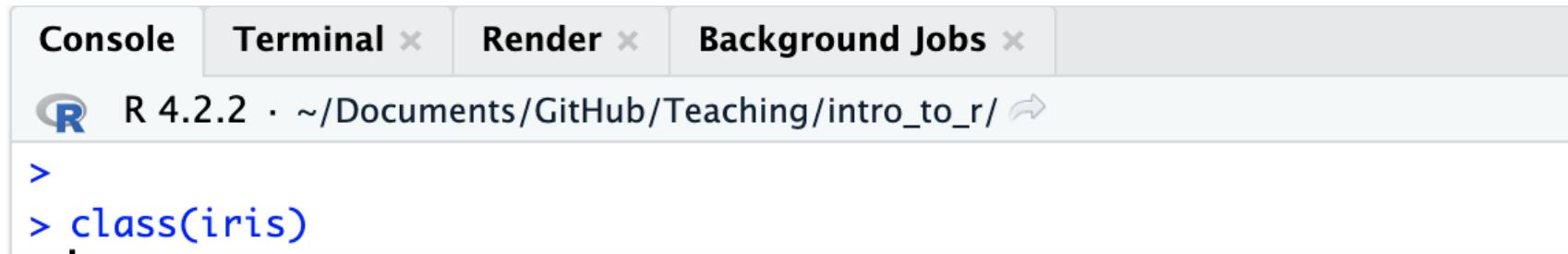
A screenshot of the RStudio IDE interface. The code editor shows the following R code:

```
305 print(x, ...)  
306 - {r}  
✖ 307 print(x))  
308 ...  
3 unexpected token ')'  
3 unexpected end of document
```

The line "print(x))" is highlighted with a red error indicator (a red circle with a white exclamation mark) and a yellow background. A tooltip or error message box is overlaid on the code, containing the two error messages: "unexpected token ')'". The RStudio toolbar at the top right includes icons for settings, file, and run.

Recap of where code goes

- you can test code in the console



The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the 'Console' tab selected. The top bar includes tabs for 'Console', 'Terminal x', 'Render x', and 'Background Jobs x'. Below the tabs, the R logo and session information ('R 4.2.2 · ~/Documents/GitHub/Teaching/intro_to_r/') are displayed. The main console area shows the command '> class(iris)'.

- you can save code in a chunk in the editor (Markdown file)

```
## R Markdown
```

Code does not go here and instead goes within the grey chunks like this:

```
```{r}
summary(cars)
```
```



Summary

- RStudio makes working in R easier
- the Editor (top) is for static code like scripts or R Markdown documents
- The console is for testing code (bottom) - best to save your code though!
- R markdown documents are really helpful for lots of reasons!
- R code goes within what is called a chunk (the gray box with a green play button)
- Code chunks can be modified so that they show differently in reports
- **Objects** (like nouns) are data or variables.

[Workshop Website](#)