

# Intro to R

RStudio

## Help! Office hours

Poll: What times are best for you for office hours?

**Today is different**

Ava will hold office hours from 5:00pm - 6:00pm EST.

Office hours will always be held at the *same Zoom link*.

# Working with R – RStudio

RStudio is an Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for R

- It helps the user effectively use R
- Makes things easier
- Is NOT a dropdown statistical tool (such as Stata)
  - See [Rcmdr](#) or [Radiant](#)
- All R Studio snapshots are taken from <http://ayeimanol-r.net/2013/04/21/289/>



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# RStudio

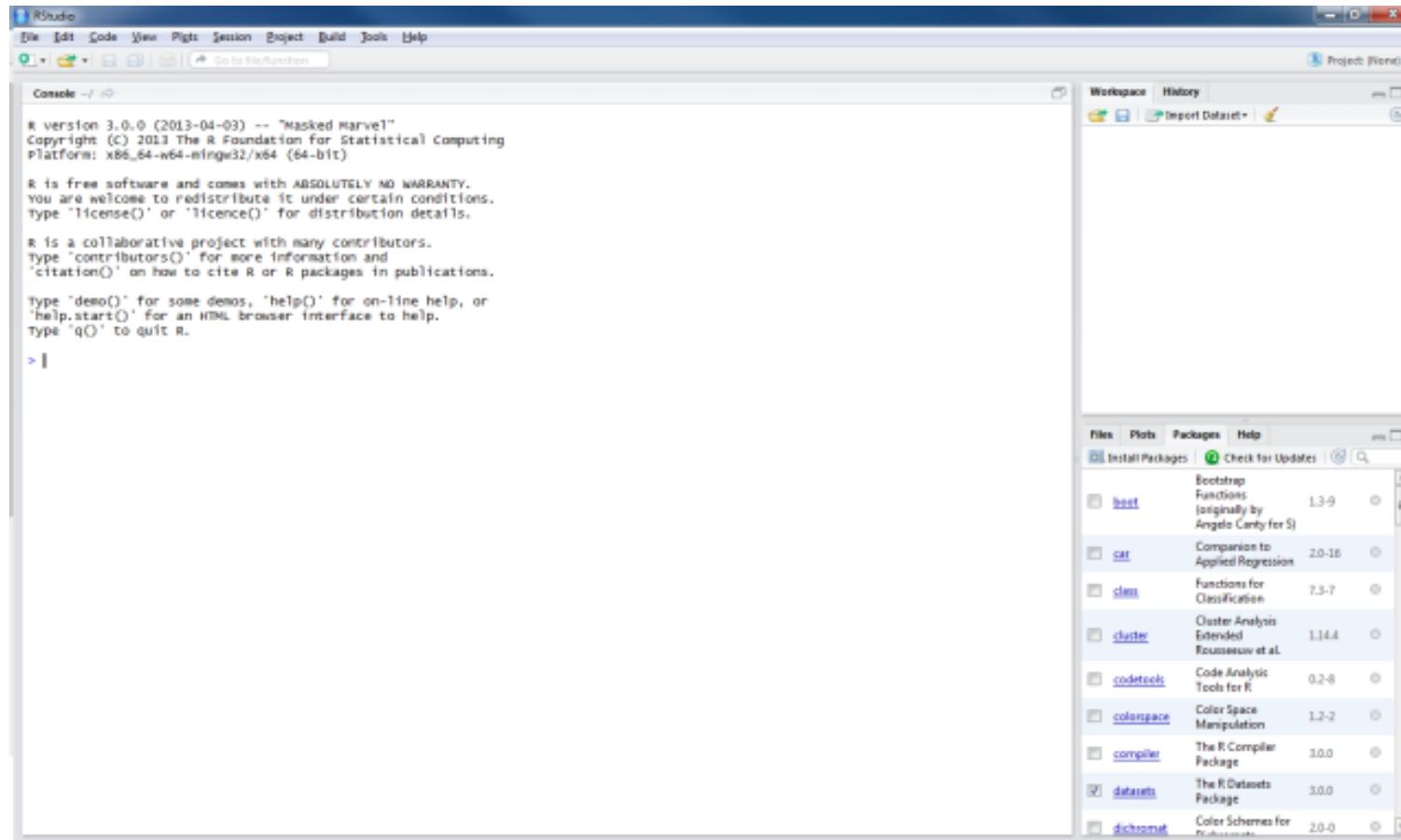
## Easier working with R

- 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
- Searchable command history

# RStudio



# Getting the editor

This screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the 'Console' tab selected. The main pane displays the R startup message and help text. The 'Files' tab is also visible at the bottom.

Only console

This screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the 'Files' tab selected. A red arrow points to the 'New File' button in the toolbar. The main pane shows a list of files in the current directory, including '.gitignore', '.Rbuildignore', '.Rhistory', and '.travis.yml'. The 'Console' tab is also visible at the bottom.

Only files

This screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the 'Editor' tab selected. The main pane is empty, and the 'Files' tab is visible at the bottom.

Editor

This screenshot shows the RStudio interface with both the 'Console' and 'Files' tabs selected simultaneously. The main pane shows the R startup message and help text. The 'Files' tab is also visible at the bottom.

Console

## 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

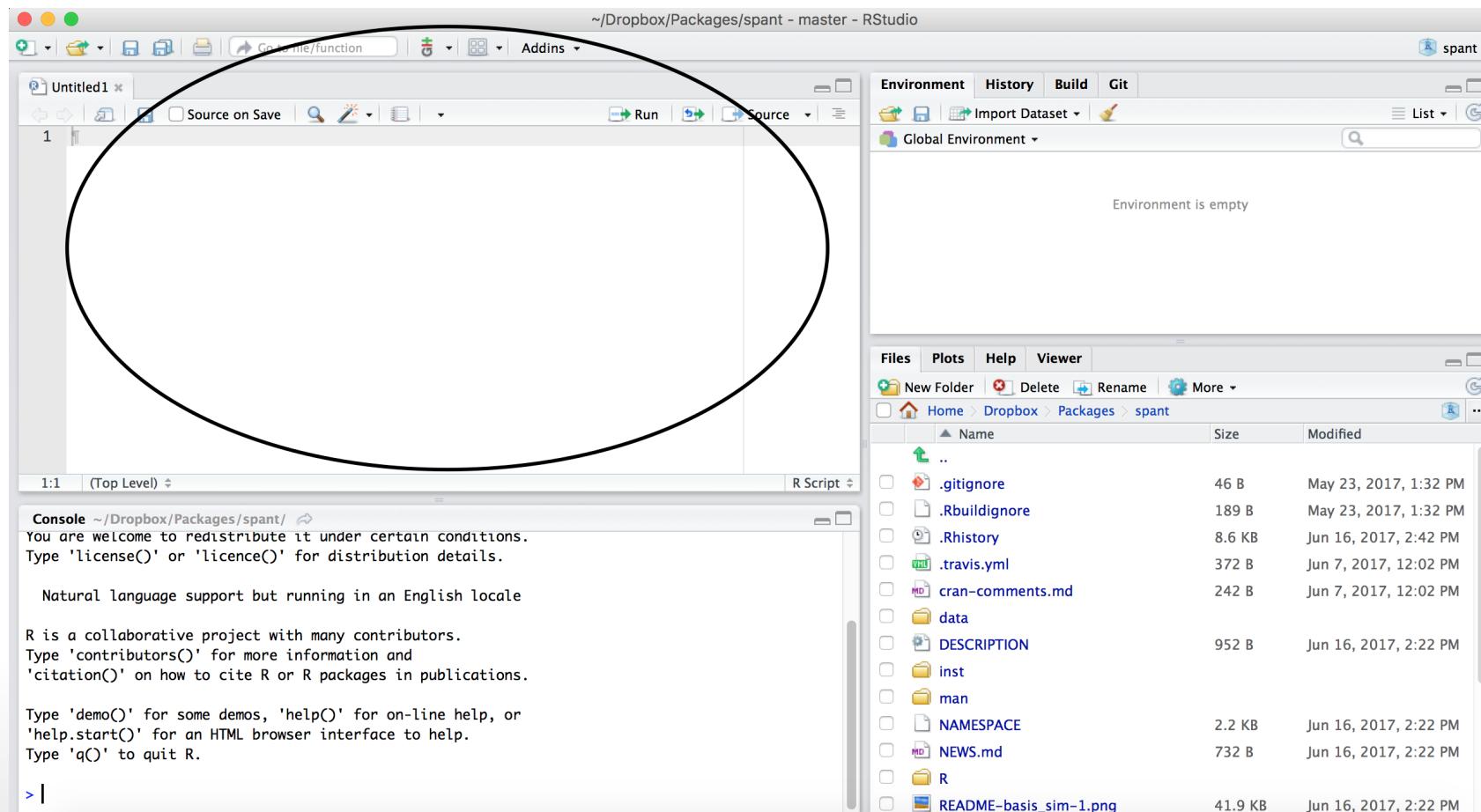
2. The **R Console**: "interprets" whatever you type

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

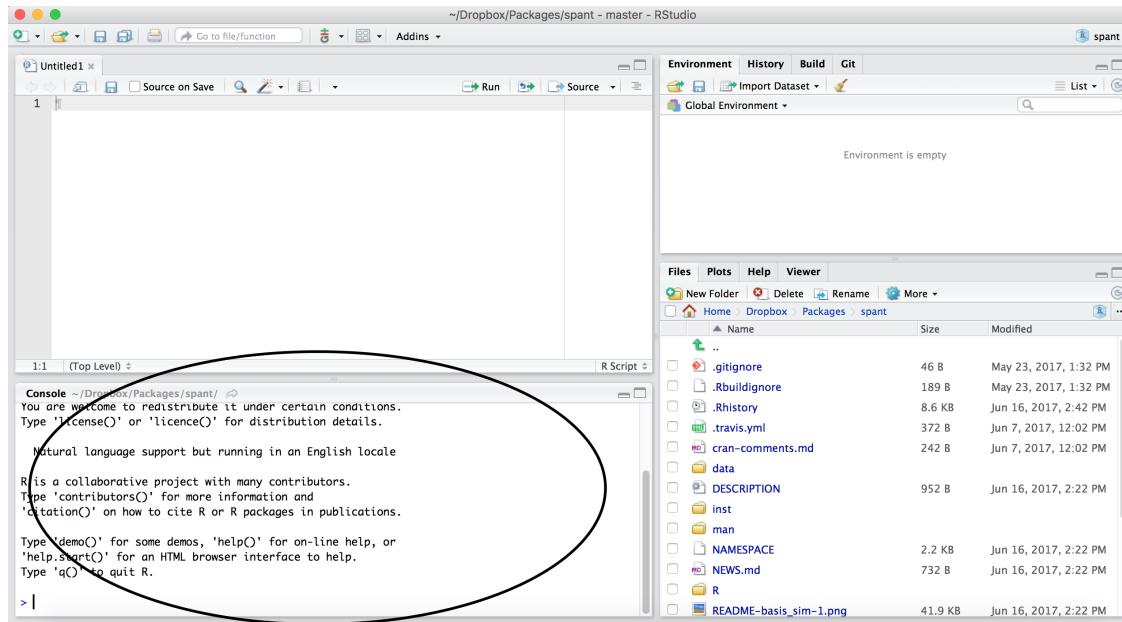
# Source / Editor

- 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

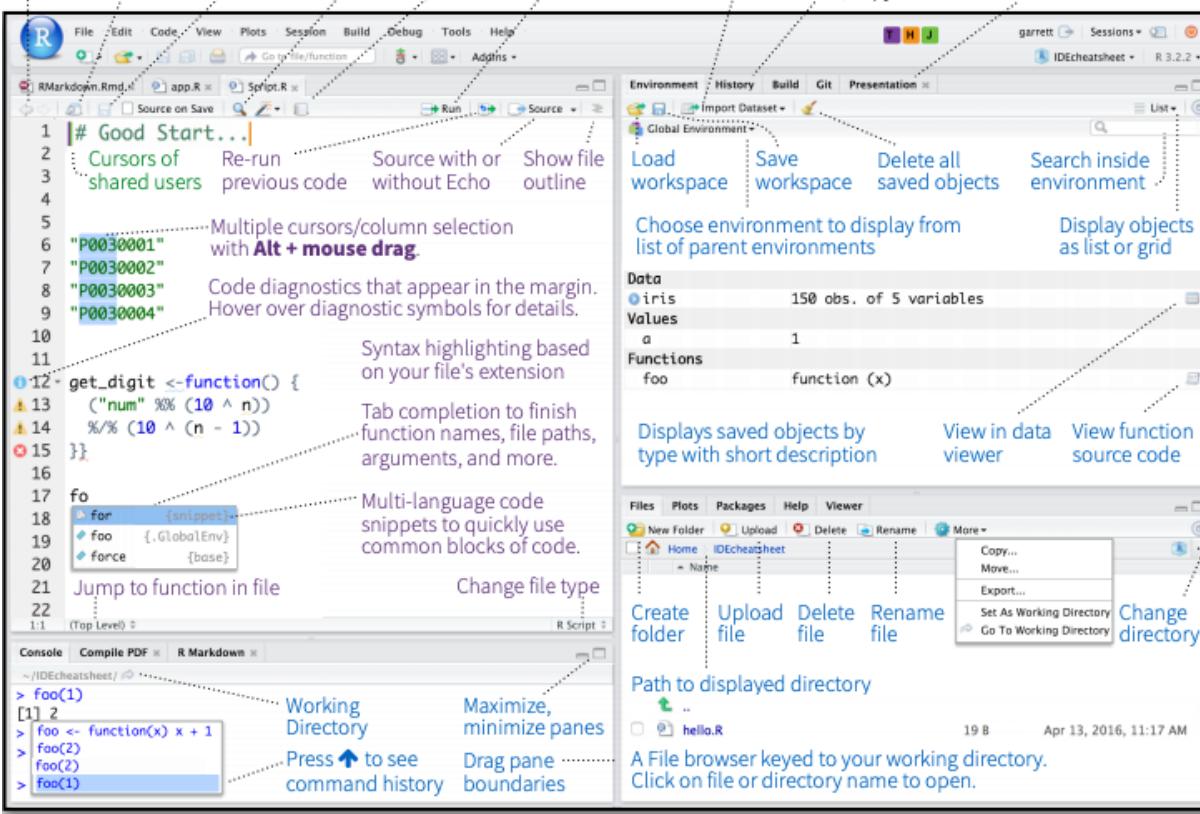
# RStudio

Super useful “cheat sheet”:

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

## Write Code

Navigate tabs  
Open in new window  
Save  
Find and replace  
Compile as notebook  
Run selected code



## R Support

Import data with wizard  
History of past commands to run/copy  
Display .RPres slideshows  
**File > New File > R Presentation**

# RStudio layout

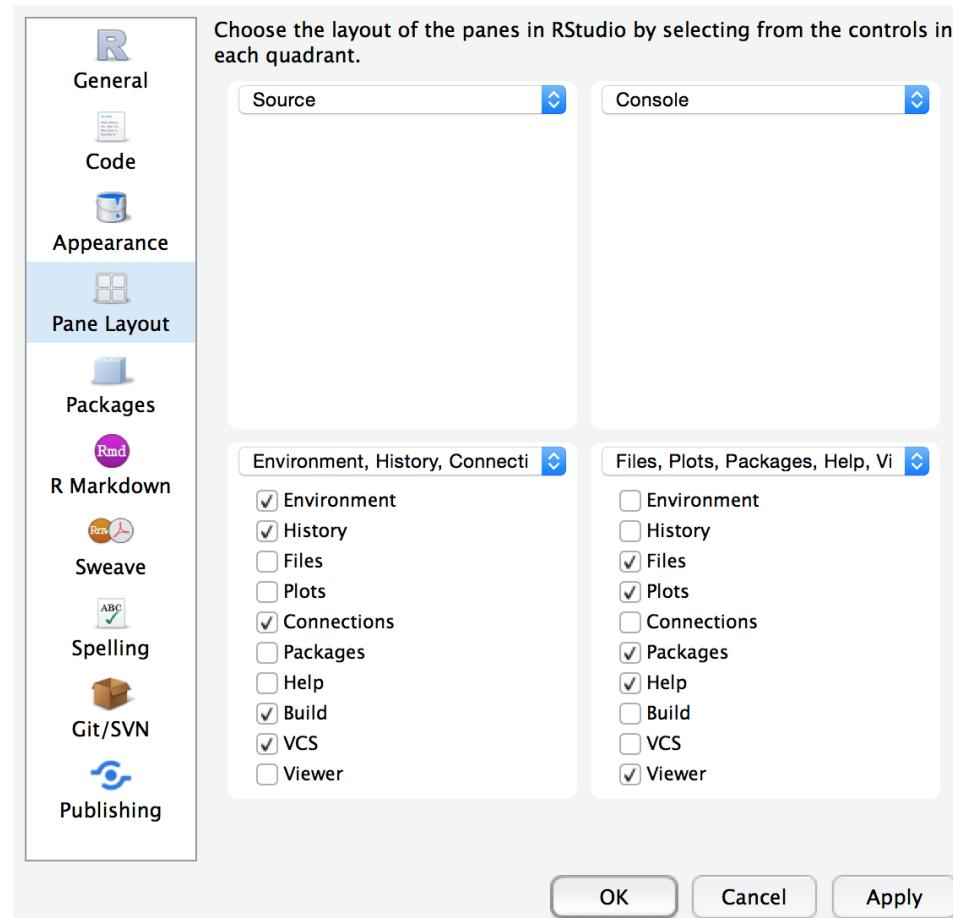
The screenshot displays the RStudio interface with the following components:

- Code Editor (Left Panel):** Shows the R Markdown file "Untitled1.Rmd". The code includes setup code for knitr, followed by a section titled "# R Markdown" which describes R Markdown syntax and provides a link to <http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com>. It also shows an example of embedding an R code chunk.
- Environment (Top Right Panel):** Shows the Global Environment pane, which is currently empty.
- File Browser (Bottom Right Panel):** Shows the file structure for the "intro\_to\_r" directory. The contents include .gitignore, .Rbuildignore, .Rhistory, .travis.yml, all\_functions.xlsx, all\_the\_functions.csv, all\_the\_packages.txt, Arrays\_Split, Basic\_R, Best\_Model\_Coefficients.csv, Best\_Model\_Coefficients.xlsx, bibliography.bib, black\_and\_white\_theme.pdf, and bloomberg\_logo\_small\_horizontal.png.
- Console (Bottom Left Panel):** Displays the R console output, including the R welcome message, information about natural language support, and details about the R project contributors.

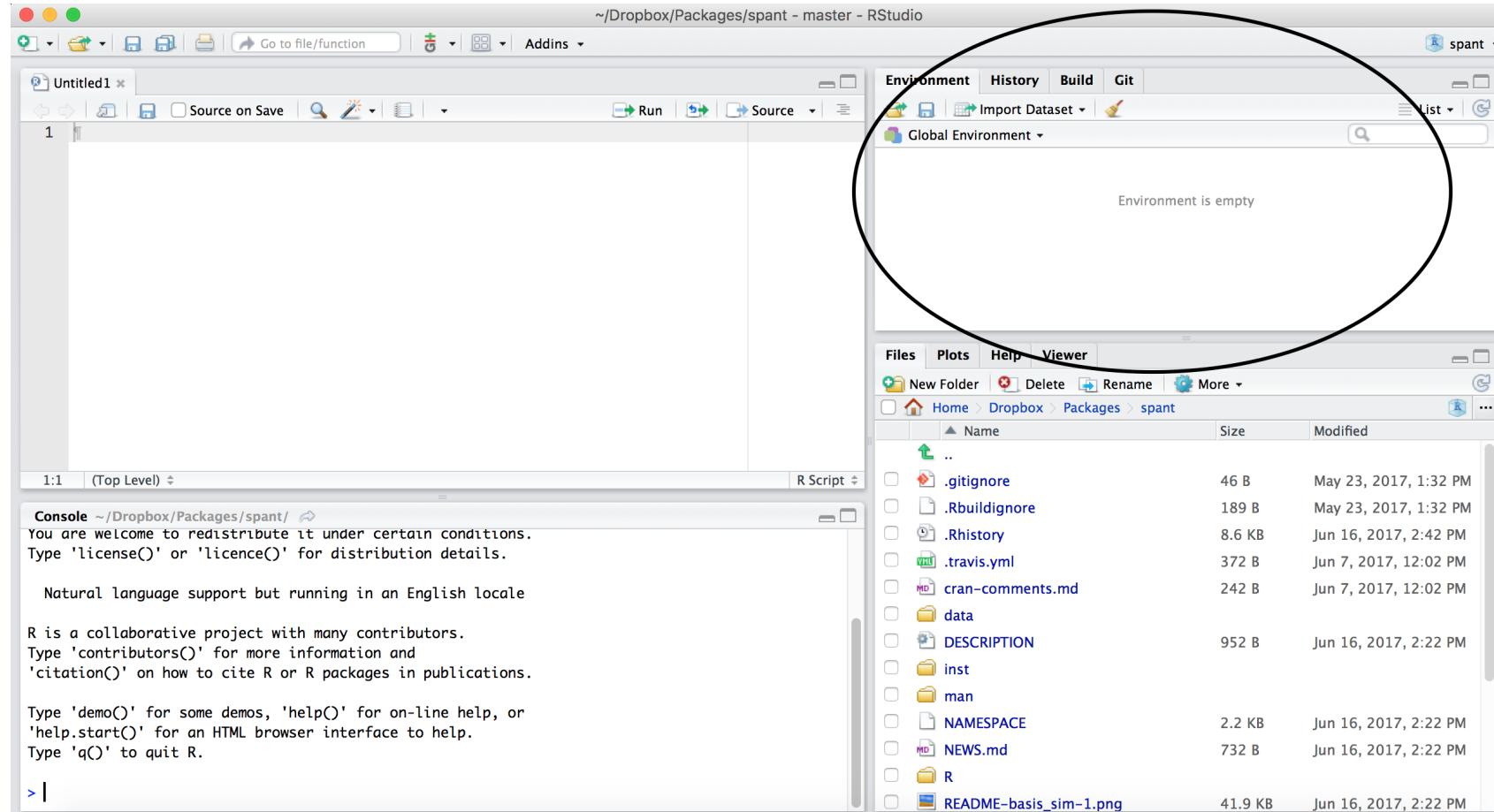
# RStudio Layout

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

RStudio → Preferences → Pane Layout



# Workspace/Environment



## 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

Let's take a look at R Studio  
ourselves!

# Lab: Starting with R and RMarkdown

## RStudio Lab

To do this lab we need to:

1. Download the file at the link above by clicking on the link or typing in:  
[https://jhudatascience.org/intro\\_to\\_r/modules/RStudio/lab/RStudio\\_Lab.Rmd](https://jhudatascience.org/intro_to_r/modules/RStudio/lab/RStudio_Lab.Rmd)

(Also on the [website](#) schedule page - Lab for day 1) 2) Find the downloaded file on your computer 3) Open the file in RStudio

This may require finding your downloads on your computer.

Recall that these videos can help:

If you have a PC: <https://youtu.be/we6vwB7DsNU>

If you have a Mac: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ao9e0cDzMrE>

## R Markdown file

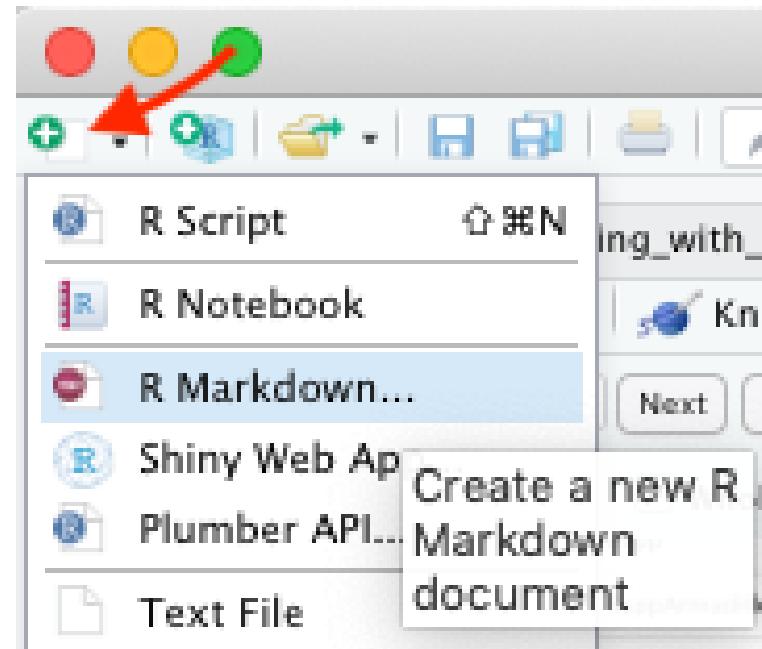
R Markdown files (.Rmd) help generate reports that include your code and output. Think of them as fancier scripts.

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

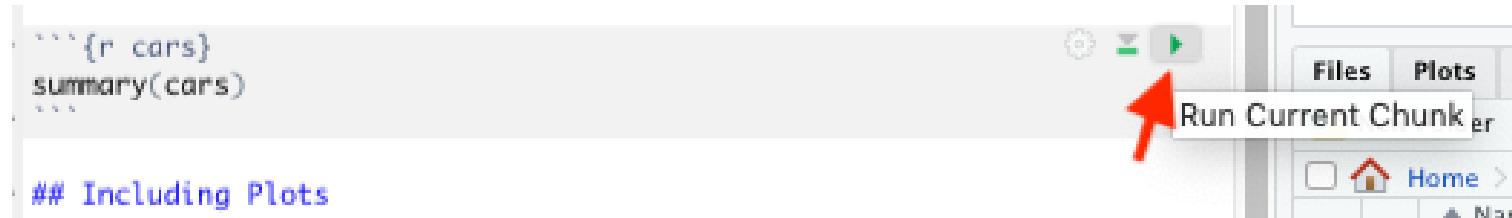
Call your file “first\_markdown”



## Code chunks

Within R Markdown files are code “chunks”

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



A screenshot of the RStudio interface. On the left, there is a code editor window containing R code:

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

## Including Plots
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On the right, the RStudio toolbar is visible, featuring several icons. A red arrow points to the icon for "Run Current Chunk", which is a green square with a white play button symbol.

# Create Chunks

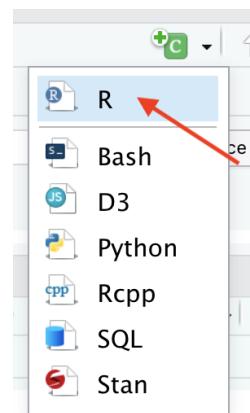
To create a new R code chunk:

Copy paste an existing chunk in the R Markdown file and replace the code **OR**

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

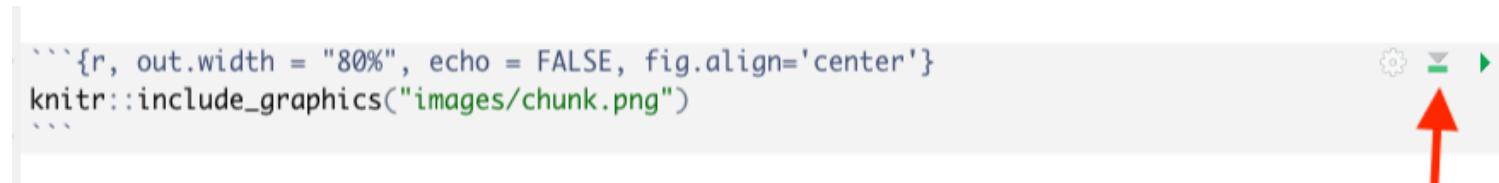


1. Select R (default) as the language:

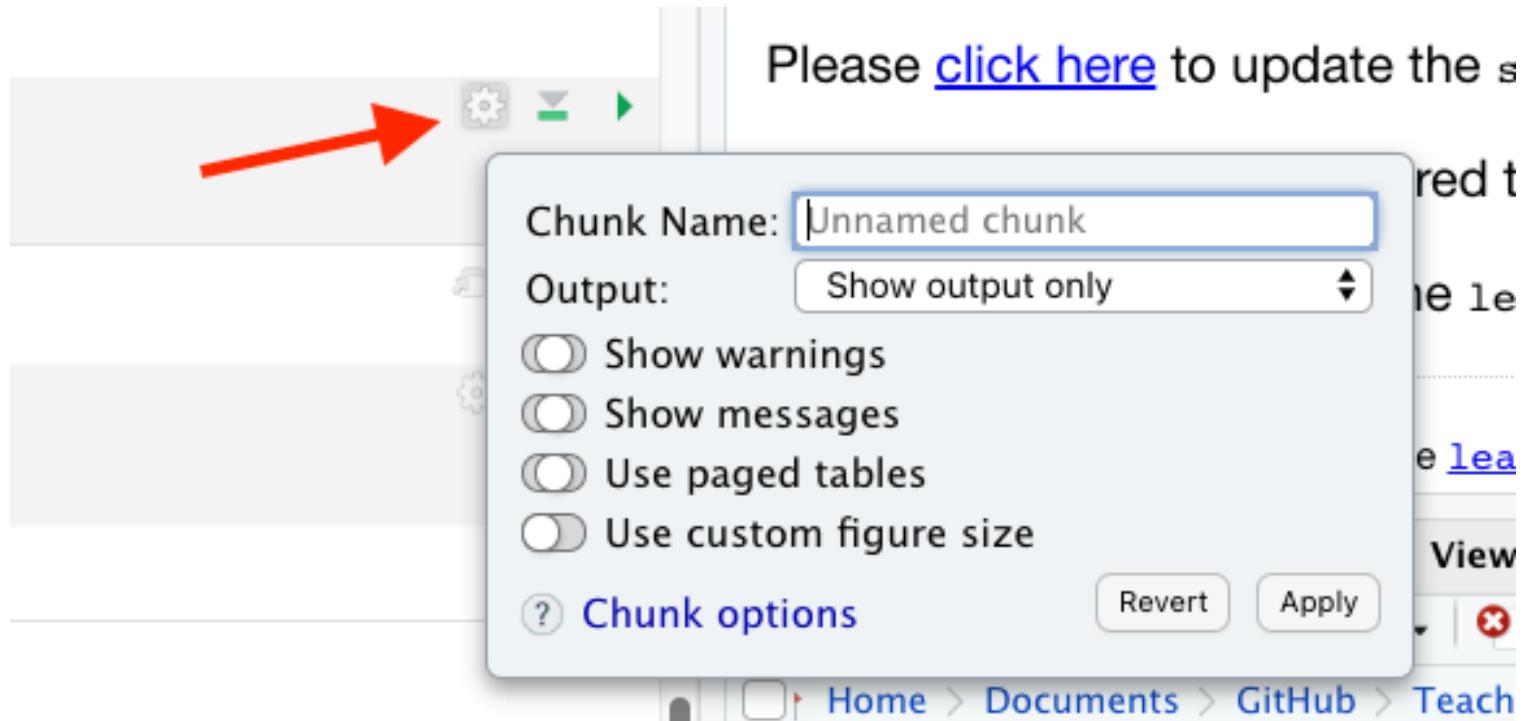


## Run previous chunks button

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

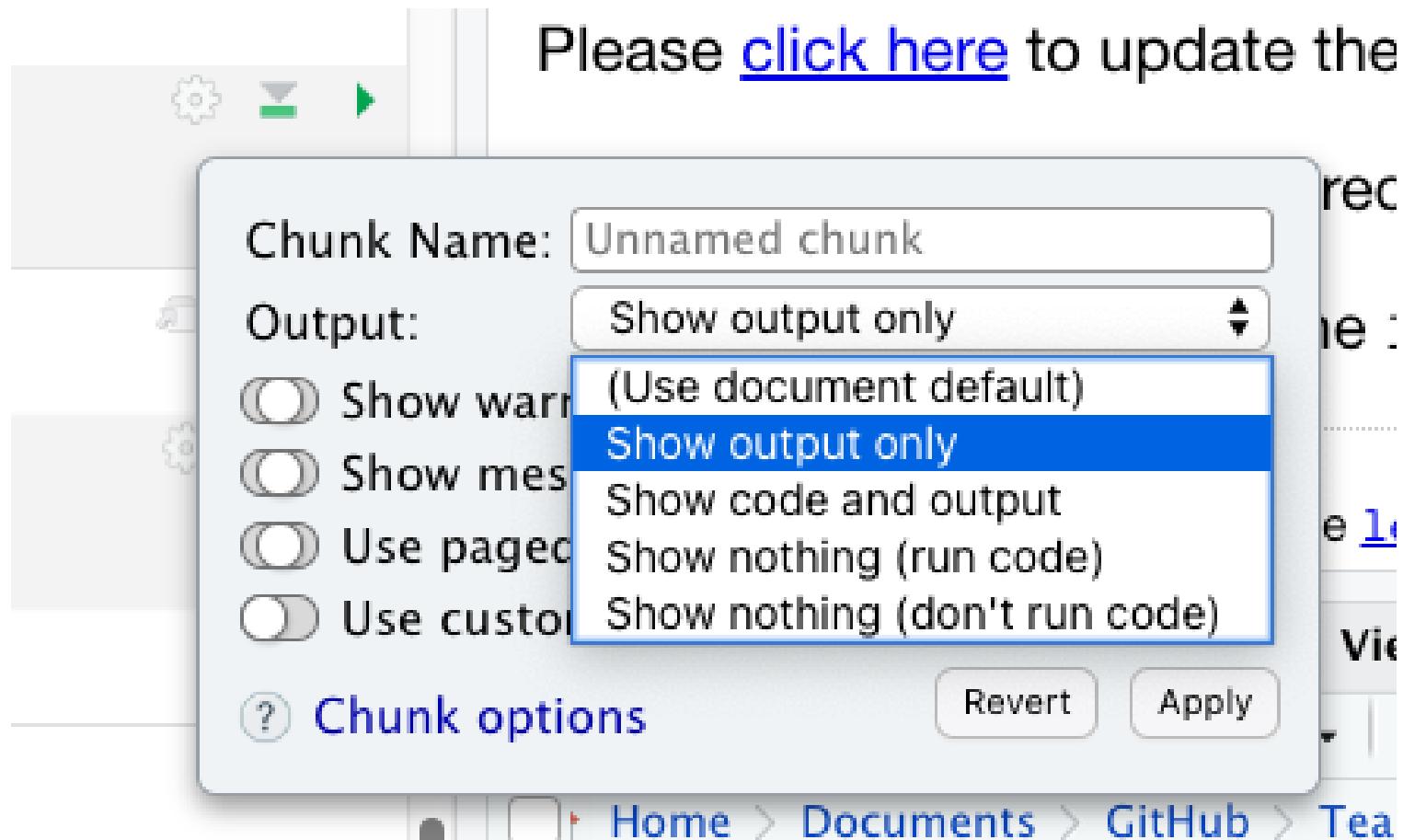


## Chunk settings



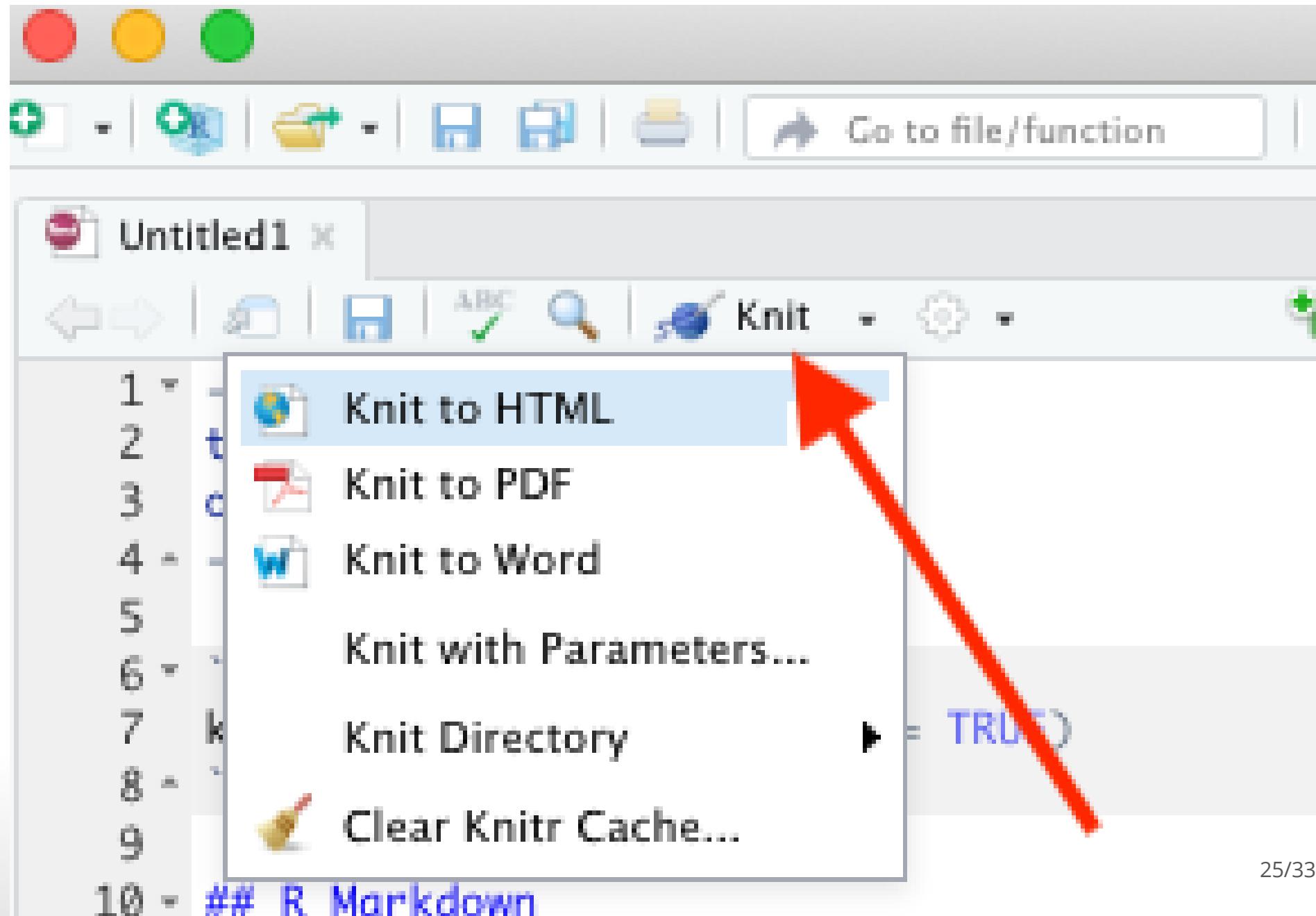
## Chunk settings

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



## Knit file to html

This will create a report from the R Markdown document!



## Useful R Studio Shortcuts

- **Ctrl + Enter** in your script evaluates that line of code
  - It's like copying and pasting the code into the console for it to run.
- **Ctrl+1** takes you to the script page
- **Ctrl+2** takes you to the console
- [http://www.rstudio.com/ide/docs/using/keyboard\\_shortcuts](http://www.rstudio.com/ide/docs/using/keyboard_shortcuts)

# If you get annoyed by inline code previews in Markdown files:

In RStudio Click the Edit tab → scroll down to Preferences... → R Markdown

Uncheck the following:

The screenshot shows the 'Options' dialog in RStudio. On the left, a sidebar lists categories: General, Code, Console, Appearance, Pane Layout, Packages, R Markdown (which is selected and highlighted in blue), Python, Sweave, and Spelling. The main area has tabs at the top: Basic (selected), Advanced, Visual, and Citations. Under the 'R Markdown' section, there are several settings:

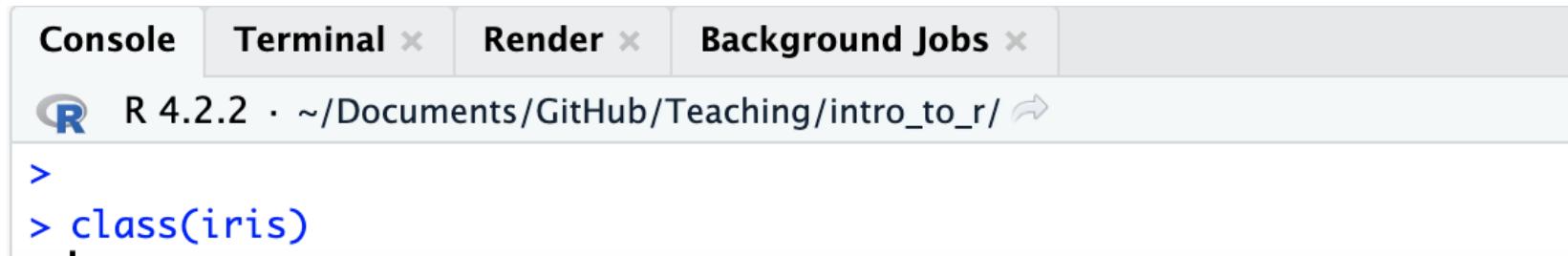
- Show document outline by default
- Soft-wrap R Markdown files
- Show in document outline:
- Show output preview in:
- Show output inline for all R Markdown documents (this option is highlighted with a red border)
- Show equation and image previews:
- Evaluate chunks in directory:

Below this, under 'R Notebooks', are two more options:

- Execute setup chunk automatically in notebooks
- Hide console automatically when executing notebook chunks

## Recap of where code goes

- you can test code in the console



R 4.2.2 · ~/Documents/GitHub/Teaching/intro\_to\_r/ ↗

```
>
> 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)
```
```



# Getting help from the preview

When you type in a function name, a pop up will preview documentation to help you. It also helps you remember the name of the function if you don't remember all of it!

The screenshot shows two examples of RStudio's documentation preview feature.

**Top Example:** The user has typed "`> class`". A tooltip appears over the first result in the completion dropdown, which is `class(x)`. The tooltip contains the following text:  
R possesses a simple generic function mechanism which can be used for an object-oriented style of programming. Method dispatch takes place based on the class of the first argument to the generic function.  
Press F1 for additional help

**Bottom Example:** The user has typed "`> read_`". A tooltip appears over the first result in the completion dropdown, which is `read_csv`. The tooltip contains the following text:  
The 'tidyverse'  
read\_csv(file, col\_names = TRUE, col\_types = NULL, ca  
col\_select = NULL, id = NULL, locale =  
default\_locale(), na = c("", "NA"), quoted\_na =  
TRUE, quote = "\"", comment = "", trim\_ws = TRUE,  
skip = 0, n\_max = Inf, guess\_max = min(1000,  
n\_max), name\_repair = "unique", num\_threads =  
readr\_threads(), progress = show\_progress(),  
show\_col\_types = should\_show\_types(),  
...  
Press F1 for additional help

# Get help with the help pane



The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the 'Help' tab selected in the top navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, there are several icons: a left arrow, a right arrow, a house icon, and a refresh/circular arrow icon. To the right of these icons is a search bar containing the text 'class'. Below the search bar, the text 'R: Object Classes' is followed by a dropdown arrow and a 'Find in Topic' button. The main content area displays the title 'class {base}' and the text 'R Documentation'.

class {base} R Documentation

## Object Classes

### Description

R possesses a simple generic function mechanism which can be used for an object-oriented style of programming. Method dispatch takes place based on the class of the first argument to the generic function.

### Usage

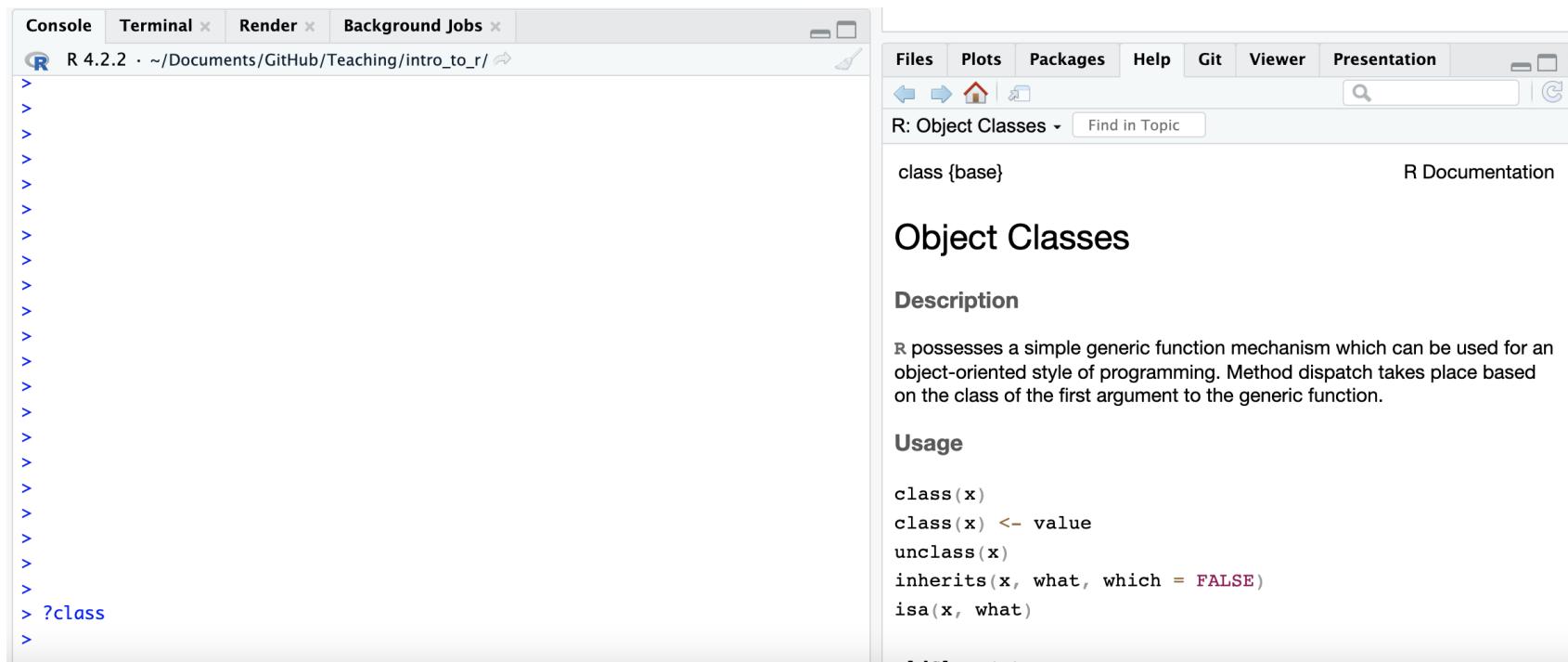
```
class(x)
class(x) <- value
unclass(x)
inherits(x, what, which = FALSE)
isa(x, what)
oldClass(x)
```

# Getting Help with ?

If you know the name of a package or function:

Type `?package_name` or `?function_name` in the console to get information about packages and functions.

For example: ?readr or ?read\_csv.



# Double Question Mark

If you haven't loaded a package yet into R than you may get a response that there is no documentation.

Typing in `??package_name` can show you packages that you haven't loaded yet.

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface. On the left, the R console window displays the following session history:

```
>  
>  
>  
>  
>  
>  
> ?class  
> ?tidyverse  
No documentation for 'tidyverse' in specified packages and libraries:  
you could try '??tidyverse'  
> ??tidyverse  
> library(tidyverse)  
— Attaching packages ——————— tidyverse 1.3.2 —  
✓ ggplot2 3.4.0 ✓ dplyr 1.0.10  
✓ tibble 3.1.8 ✓ stringr 1.5.0  
✓ tidyr 1.2.0 ✓ forcats 0.5.1  
✓ purrr 1.0.0  
— Conflicts ——————— tidyverse_conflicts() —  
✖ dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()  
✖ dplyr::lag() masks stats::lag()  
> ?tidyverse  
> |
```

The right side of the interface is the help viewer for the `tidyverse` package. The title bar says "R: tidyverse: Easily Install and Load the 'Tidyverse'". The main content area shows the package documentation for `tidyverse-package`. It includes a section titled "tidyverse: Easily Install and Load the 'Tidyverse'" with a brief description of the package's purpose and a link to its website (<https://www.tidyverse.org>). There is also a "Description" section and a "Author(s)" section. A small hexagonal logo for "tidyverse" is visible on the right.

## Summary

- RStudio makes working in R easier
- the Editor is for static code like scripts or R Markdown documents
- The console is for testing code
- 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

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