

# 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](#)



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RStudio used to be the name of a company that is now called [Posit](#).

# RStudio

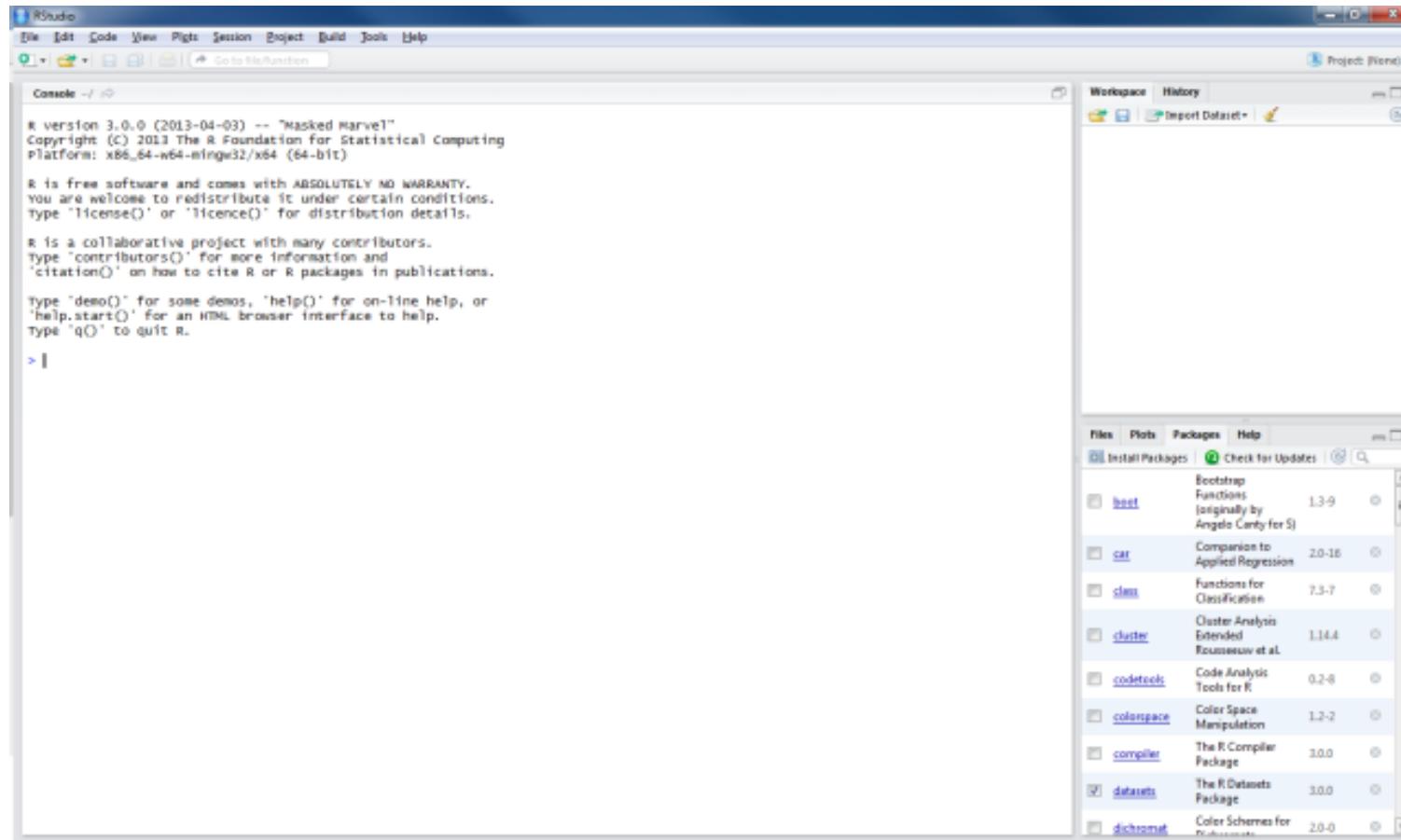
## Easier working with R

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

## More information

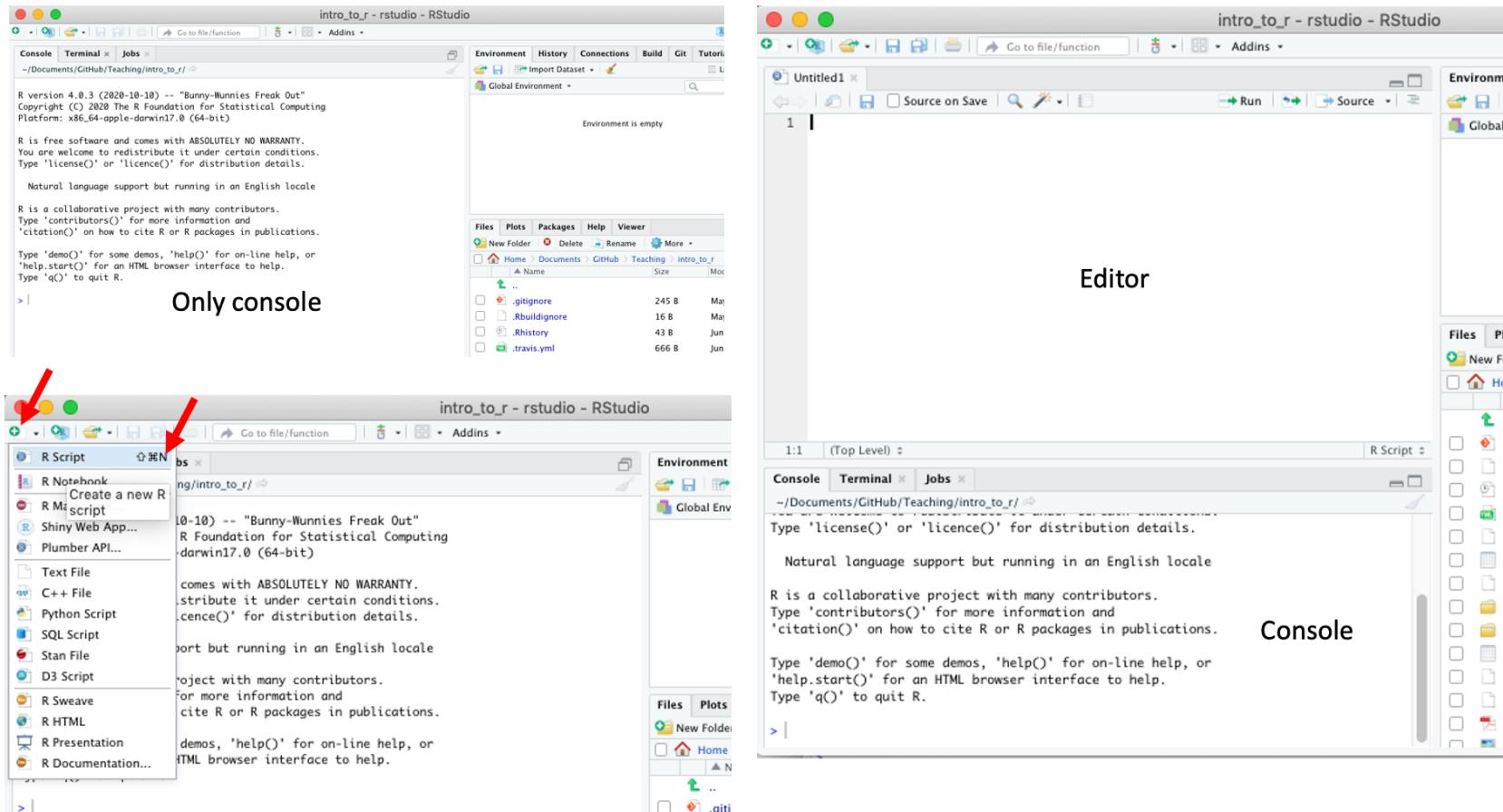
- Workspace browser and data viewer
- Plot history, zooming, and flexible image and file export
- Integrated R help and documentation
- Searchable command history

# RStudio



# Getting the editor

You must open a file first to save code to open the editor. These include for example R Scripts or R Markdown.



## 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

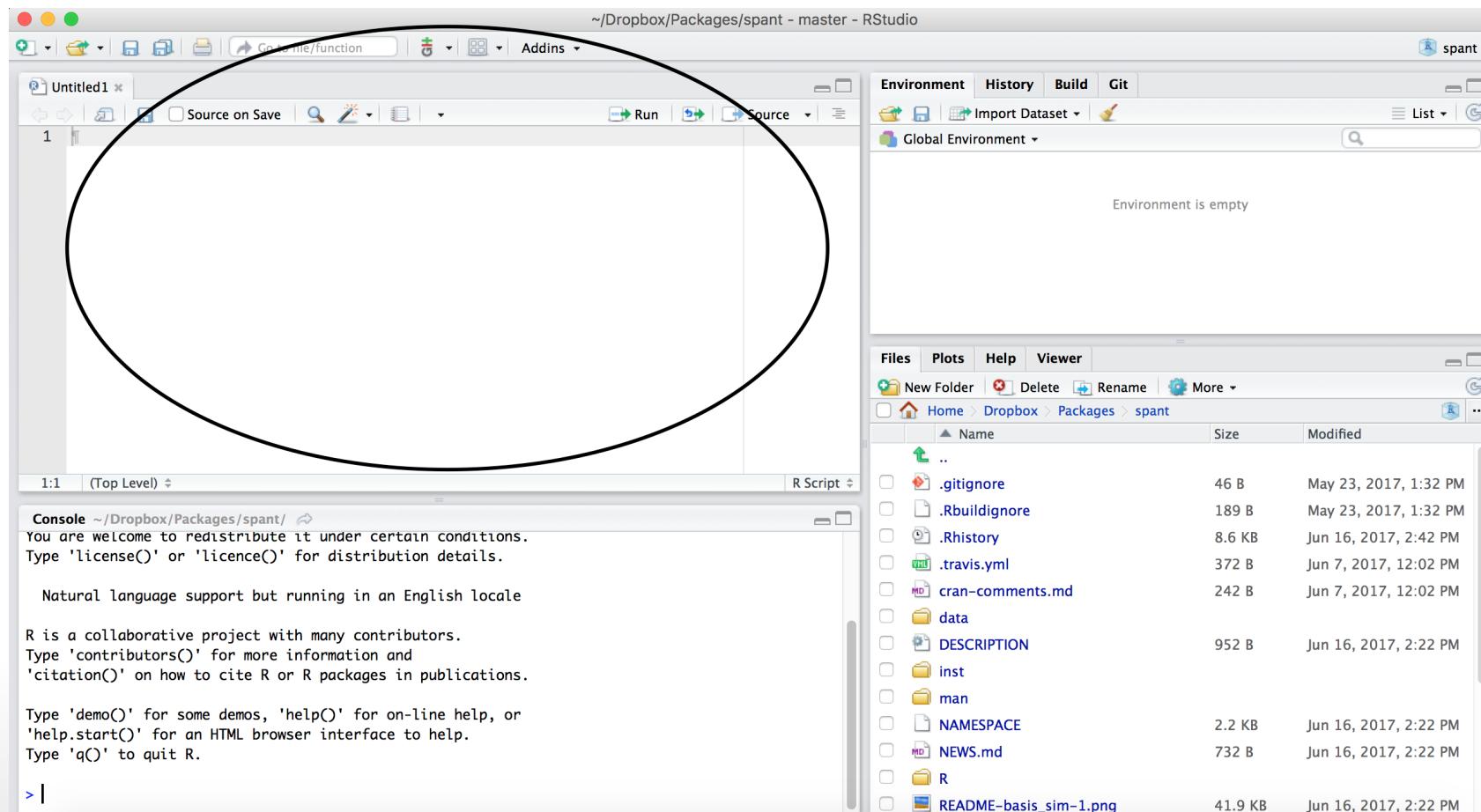
2. The **R Console**: "interprets" whatever you type

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

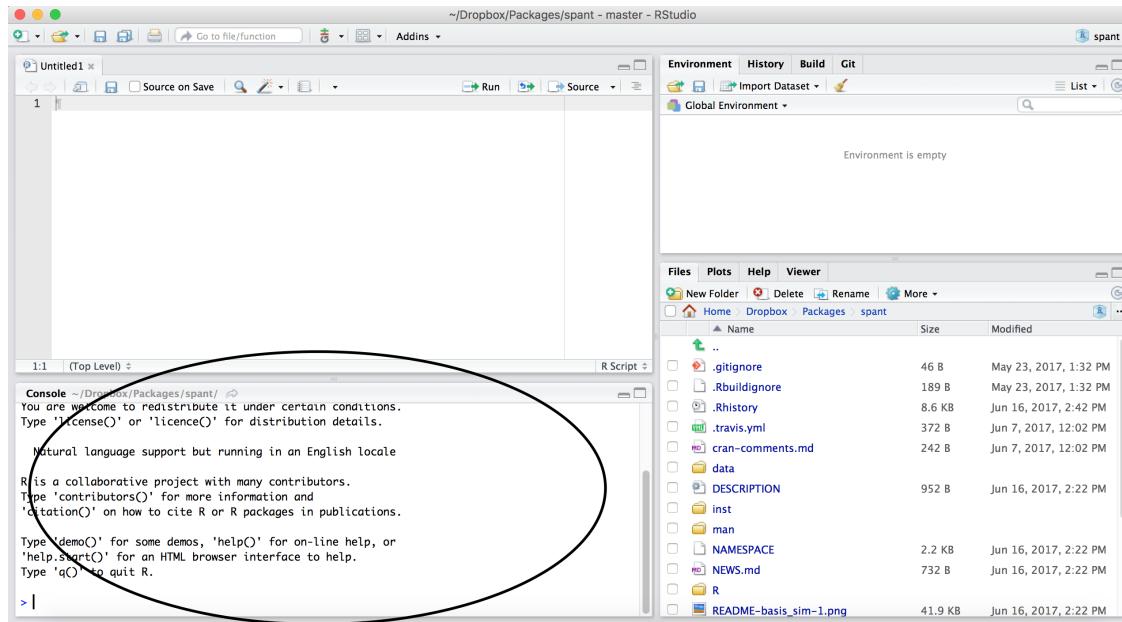
# Source / Editor

- 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

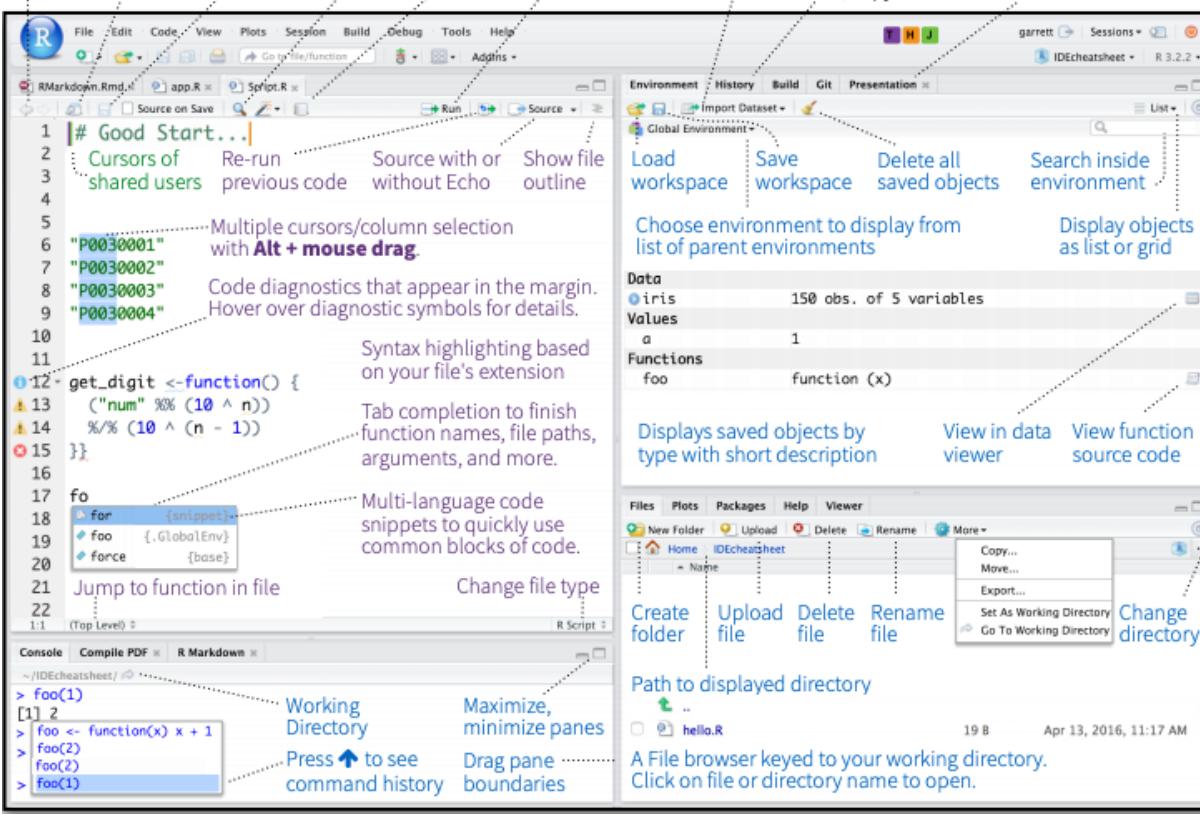
# RStudio

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

To make an R Markdown file: click the green plus button -> R Markdown. We will do this together soon! It will look like this with text in it, unlike a script.

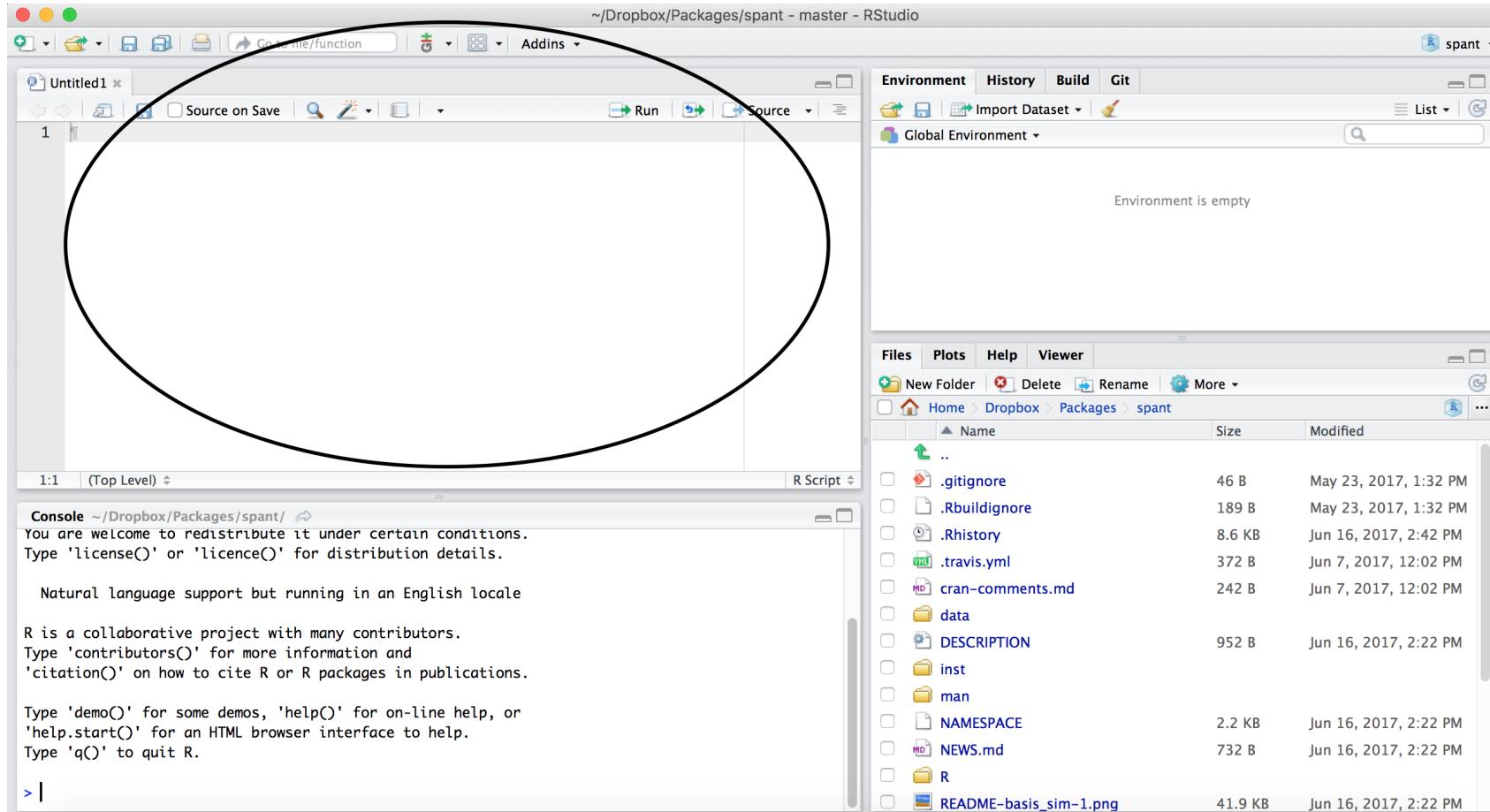
The screenshot shows the RStudio desktop application interface. The main window title is "intro\_to\_r - rstudio - RStudio".

- Code Editor:** The left pane displays an R Markdown document named "Untitled1". The code includes a YAML header and several R code chunks. A red box highlights the first few lines of the document.
- Global Environment:** The top right pane shows the Global Environment tab, which is currently empty.
- File Browser:** The bottom right pane shows the file structure under "GitHub > Teaching > intro\_to\_r".
- Console:** The bottom left pane shows the R console output, including R's welcome message and basic information about the R environment.

```
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  
Markdown see <http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com>.  
13  
14 When you click the **Knit** button a document will be generated that includes  
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
```

Name	Size	Modified
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.gitignore	245 B	May 18, 2021, 1
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.Rhistory	43 B	Jun 10, 2021, 1
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# Recall that a script was just empty



## Scripts and R Markdown

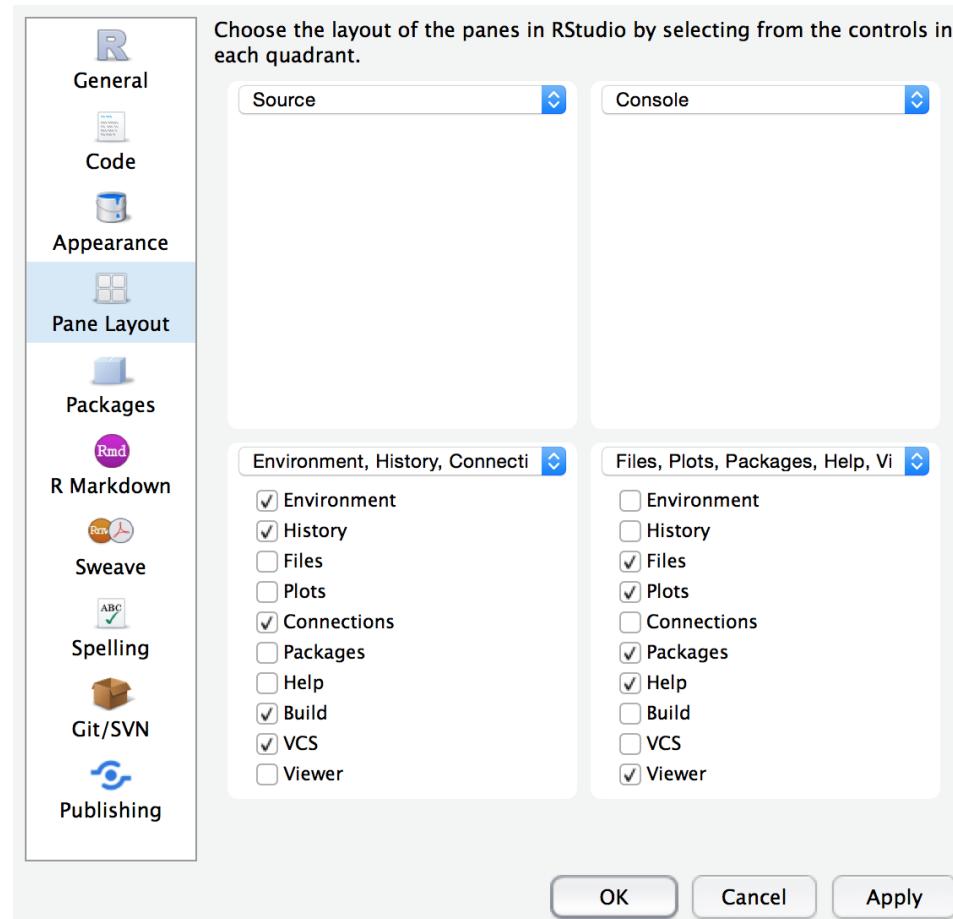
Although people will use scripts often, and they are good for more programmatic purposes, we generally don't recommend them for Public Health Researchers.

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

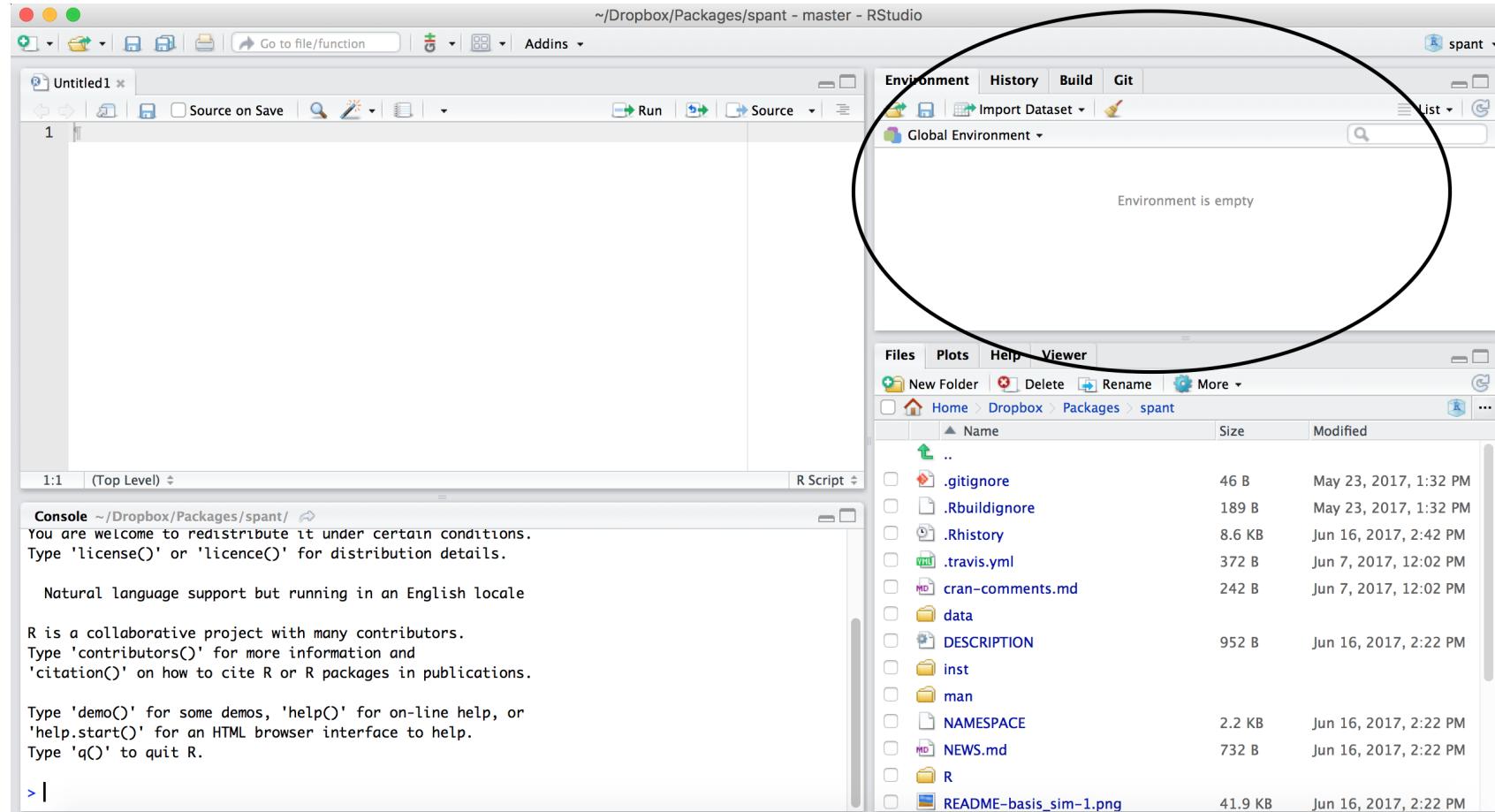
# RStudio Layout

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>

You can find these on the resource page of the class website.

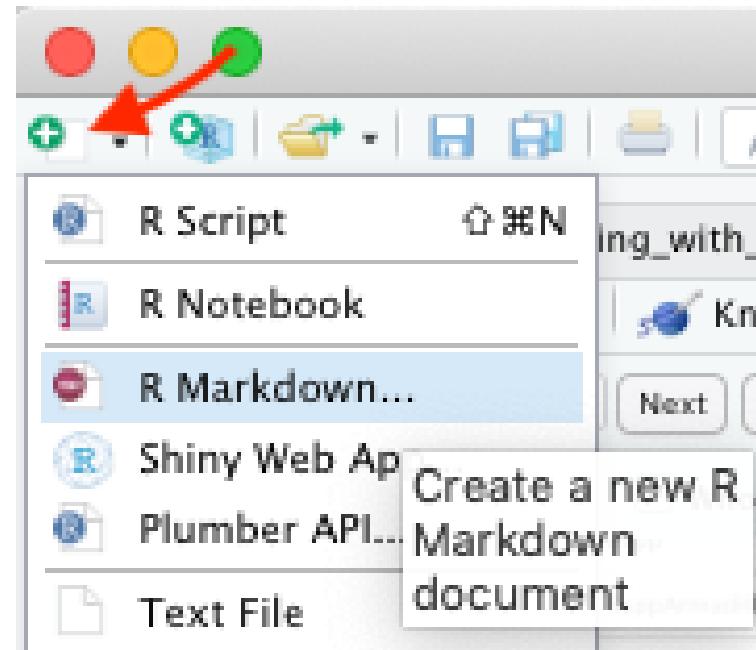
## R Markdown file

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

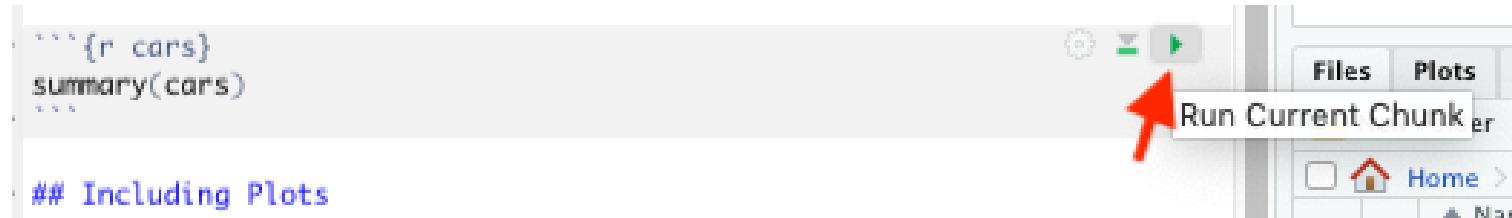
Go to File → New File → R Markdown or click the green add file button.



## Code chunks

Within R Markdown files are code “chunks”

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



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

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

## Including Plots
```

On the right, the RStudio toolbar is visible, featuring several icons and buttons. A large red arrow points specifically to the "Run Current Chunk" button, which is highlighted with a green border. The button has the text "Run Current Chunk" next to it. Other buttons in the toolbar include "File", "Plots", "Home", and "New".

# Create Chunks

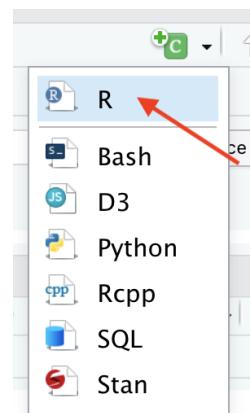
To create a new R code chunk:

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.

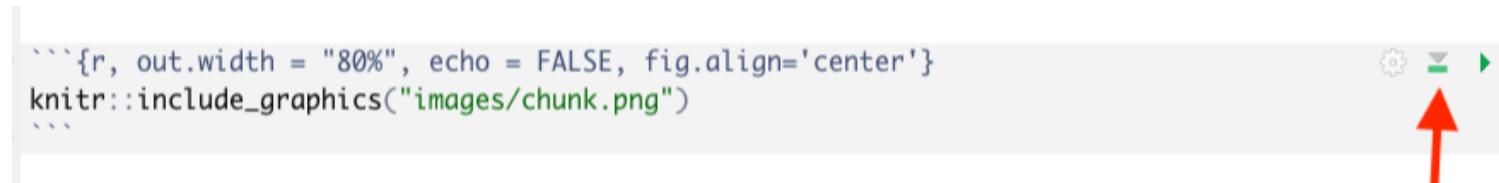


1. Select R (default) as the language:

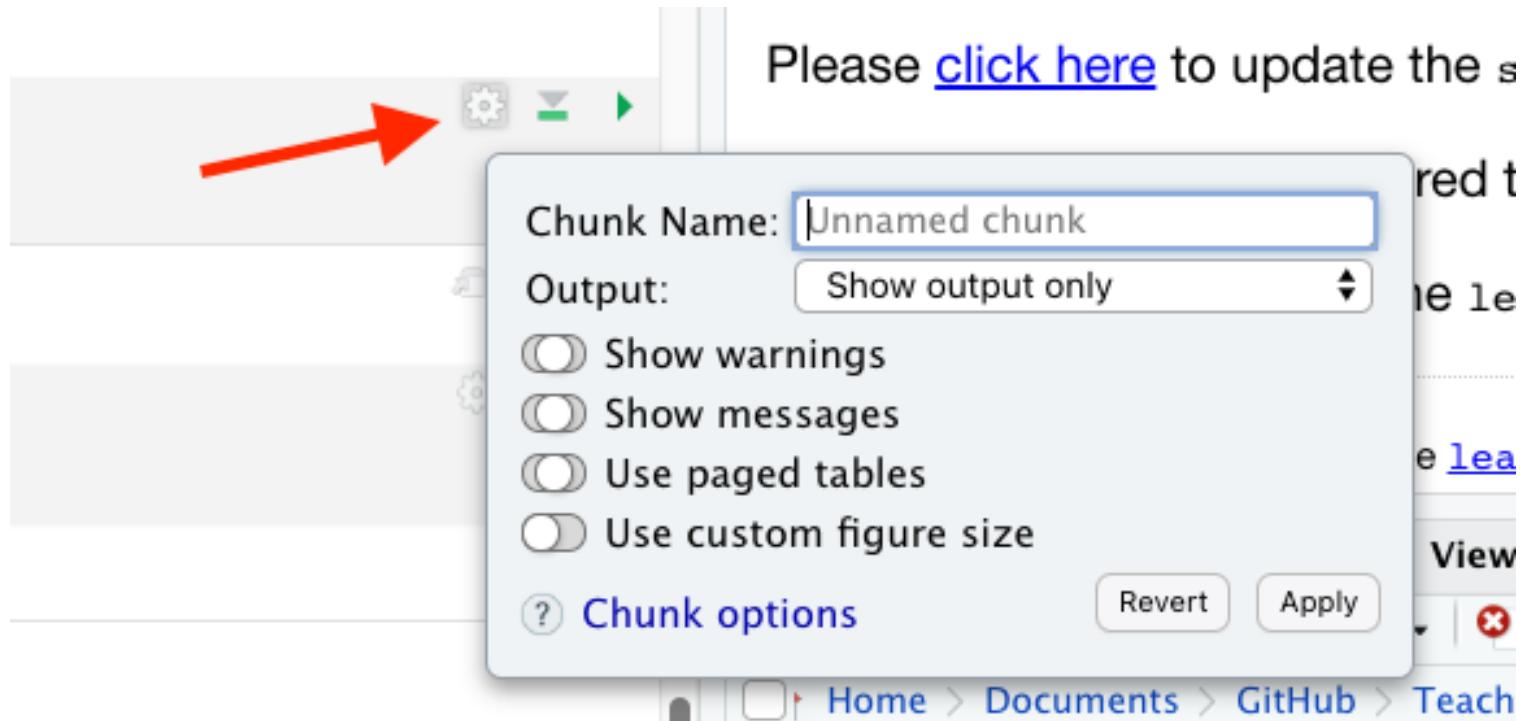


## Run previous chunks button

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

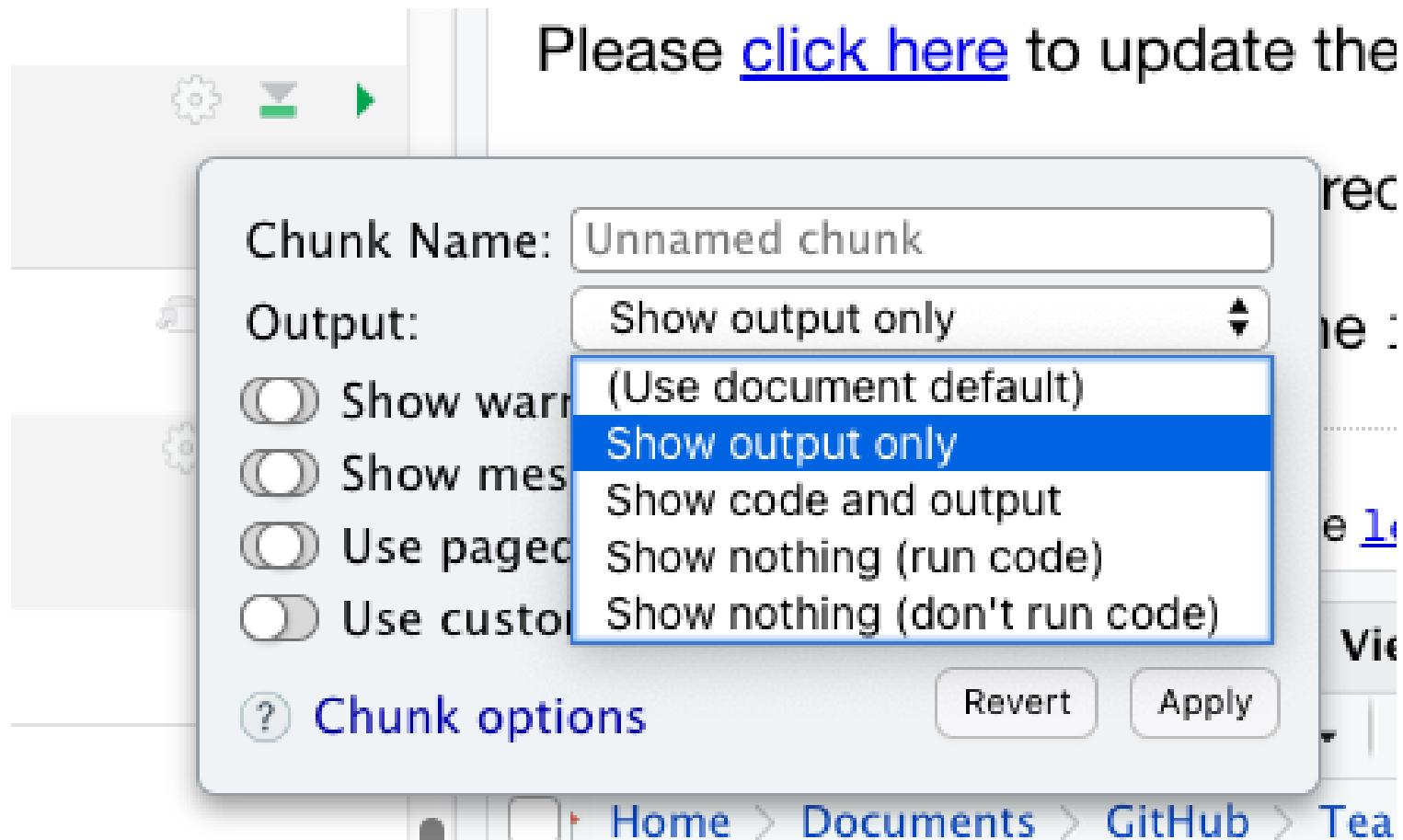


## Chunk settings



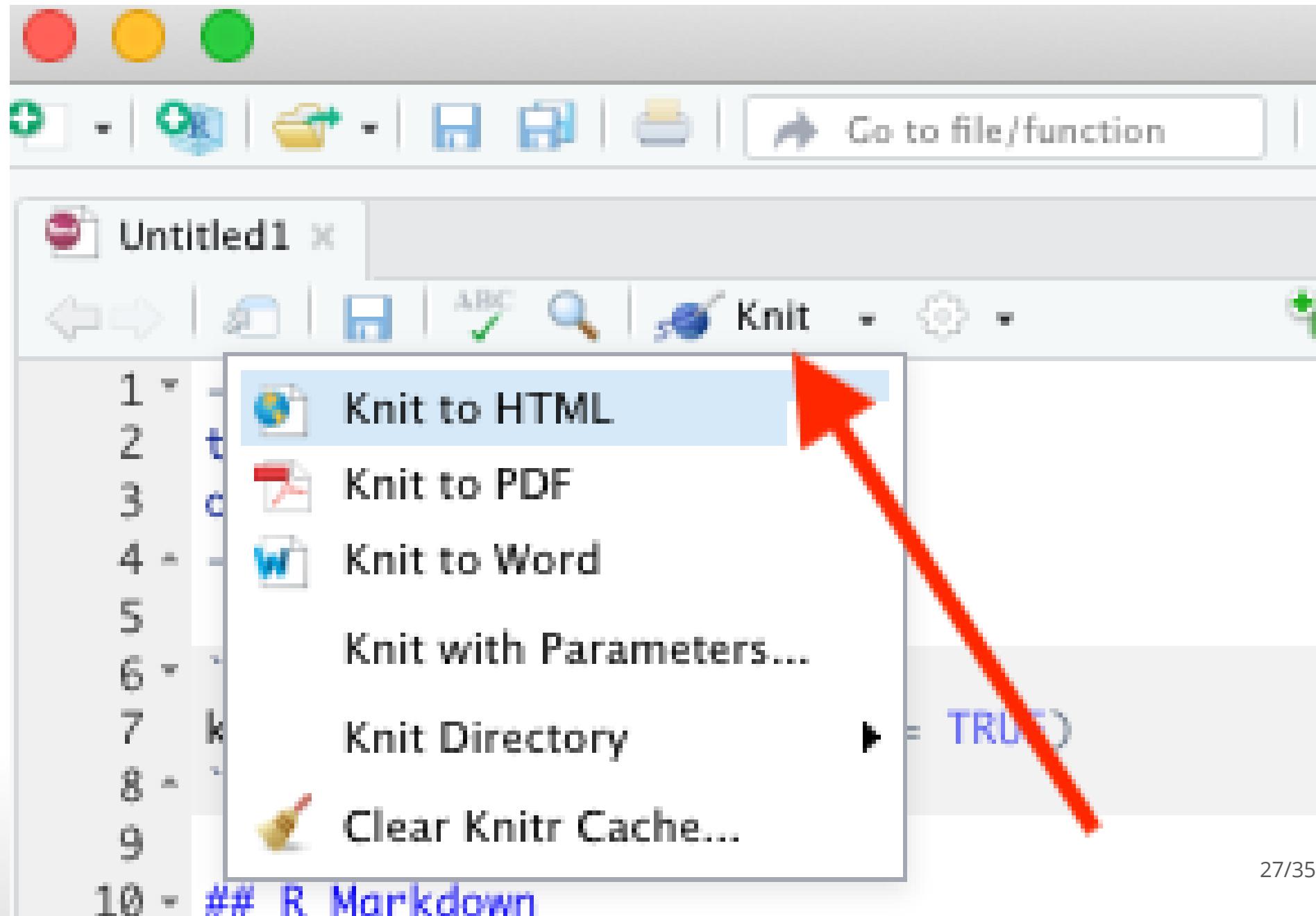
## Chunk settings

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 various sections: 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 configuration options:

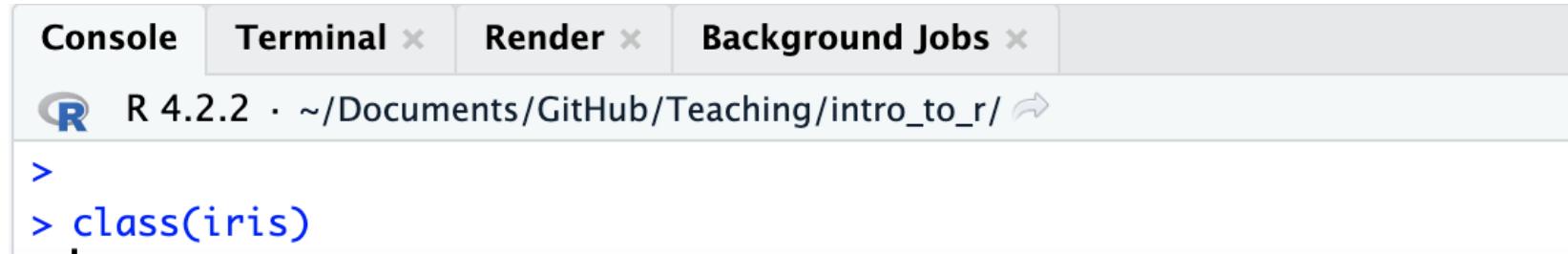
- Show document outline by default
- Soft-wrap R Markdown files
- Show in document outline:
- Show output preview in:
- Show output inline for all R Markdown documents (this option is highlighted with a red border)
- Show equation and image previews:
- Evaluate chunks in directory:

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



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```
>
> 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 instances of RStudio's code editor with function documentation pop-ups.

**Top Preview:** The user has typed `> class`. A tooltip appears over the first result, `class(x)`, which is part of the **Object Classes** documentation. 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 Preview:** The user has typed `> read_`. A tooltip appears over the first result, `read_csv(file, col_names = TRUE, col_types = NULL,`, which is part of the **read\_csv** documentation. The tooltip contains the following text:  
read\_csv(file, col\_names = TRUE, col\_types = NULL,  
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 is a toolbar with icons for back, forward, search, and refresh. A search bar contains the text 'class'. The main content area displays the title 'R: Object Classes' and a 'Find in Topic' button. The search results for 'class' are shown, with the first result being 'class {base}'.

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`.

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with two main panes. The left pane is the Console, displaying the command `?class` entered by the user. The right pane is the Help viewer, showing the documentation for the `Object Classes`. The title bar of the Help viewer includes tabs for Files, Plots, Packages, Help, Git, Viewer, and Presentation. The main content area displays the `class` function's description and usage. The description states: "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." The usage section lists the following functions: `class(x)`, `class(x) <- value`, `unclass(x)`, `inherits(x, what, which = FALSE)`, and `isa(x, what)`.

# 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 R code and its output. The user has run several commands related to the tidyverse package, including `?class`, `?tidyverse`, and `??tidyverse`. The output indicates that there is no documentation for 'tidyverse' in the specified packages and libraries, but suggests trying `??tidyverse`. The user then loads the tidyverse package using `library(tidyverse)`. The package documentation is shown on the right, titled 'tidyverse: Easily Install and Load the 'Tidyverse''. It describes the tidyverse as a set of packages designed to work in harmony. The maintainer is Hadley Wickham. A 'tidyverse' logo is also visible.

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```
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> ?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
> |
```

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R: tidyverse: Easily Install and Load the 'Tidyverse' Find in Topic

tidyverse-package {tidyverse} R Documentation

## tidyverse: Easily Install and Load the 'Tidyverse'

### Description

The 'tidyverse' is a set of packages that work in harmony because they share common data representations and 'API' design. This package is designed to make it easy to install and load multiple 'tidyverse' packages in a single step. Learn more about the 'tidyverse' at <https://www.tidyverse.org>.

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## 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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