Setting up R and RStudio

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About R

- R is a programming language for statistics (computing and visualisation)
- For a brief history of R, go to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/R_(programming_language)

Download and install R

- Go to https://cloud.r-project.org/
- Download the version of R for your operating system: Windows, Mac, or Linux
- The installation file will then get downloaded: .pkg on a Mac, or .exe on Windows, people with Linux know what they're doing
- Follow the instructions for installation
- There is no need to run R (you'll know why in a jiffy)

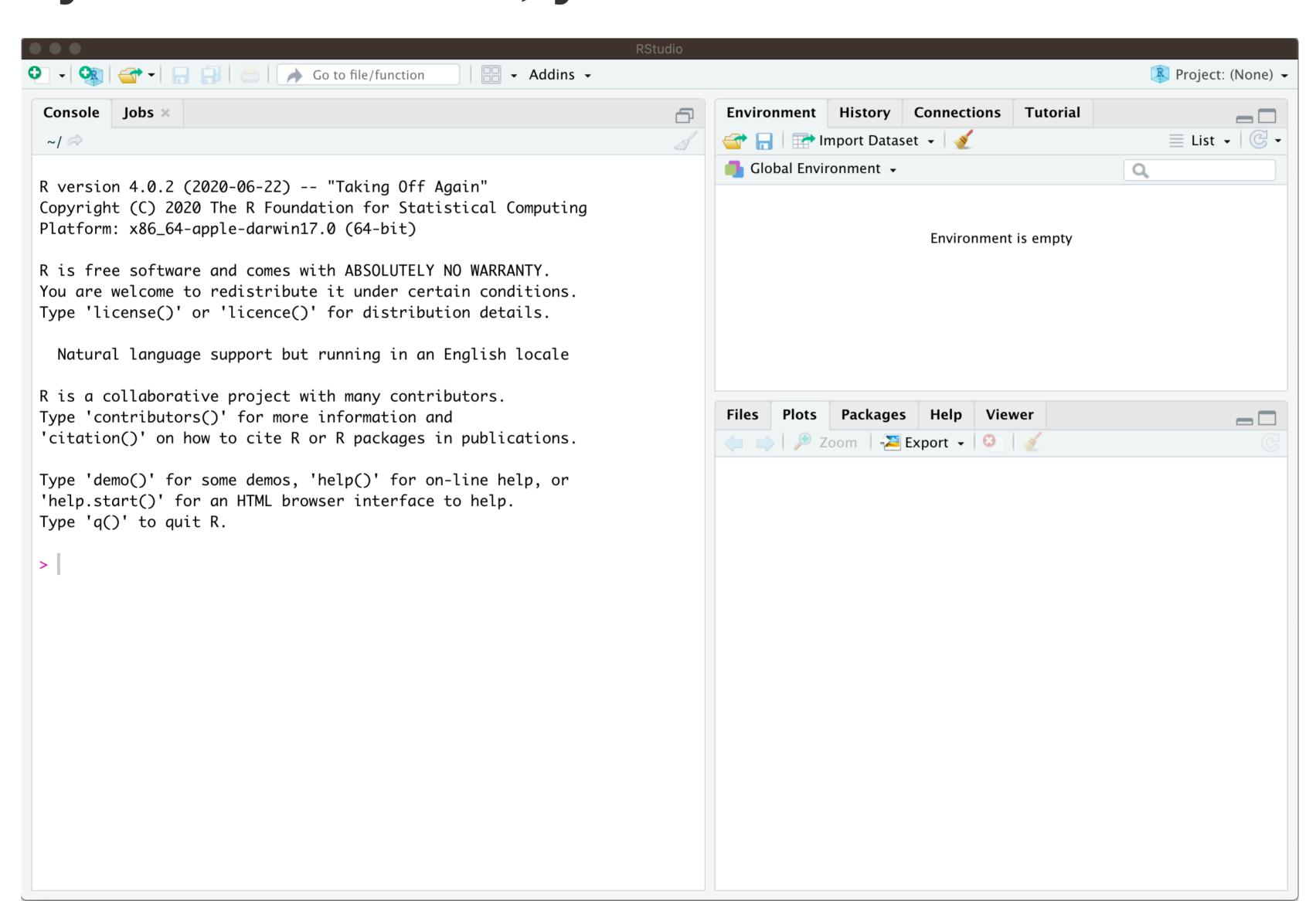
About RStudio

- RStudio is an IDE (Integrated Development Environment) for R
- For more about RStudio, go to: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RStudio

Download and install RStudio

- Go to: https://www.rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/
- Scroll down, there will be multiple versions offered
- You want "RStudio desktop Free"
- Click to download
- Install following instructions
- Now we are ready to run RStudio

If you run RStudio, you should see this



Two adjustments

- Open the options window: Cmd+, (this means press Command and comma simultaneously) on a Mac or go to Tools and then all the way down to Global Options
- Uncheck "Restore .RData into workspace on startup"
- Set "Save workspace to .RData on exit" to "Never"

Additional adjustments?

- If you want to export .pdf files for your assignment submissions, you will need to install some R packages
- To do this, you need to run up to three lines in your console (the part on the left you see when you first open RStudio)
- Do not do this now; do it when you have a few minutes to wait for the installation to finish

Additional adjustments (cont'd)?

- The first line is:
 - install.packages("tidyverse")
- Then, remember if you have LaTeX already installed on your computer
- If you do, you're done
- If you don't, then run: install.packages("tinytex")
- Then, you run: tinytex::install_tinytex()

HELP!

- Google is your best friend!
- Within the console you can type: help("command")

or

?command

Now we play ...