## Introduction to R

Part 1

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## R Studio

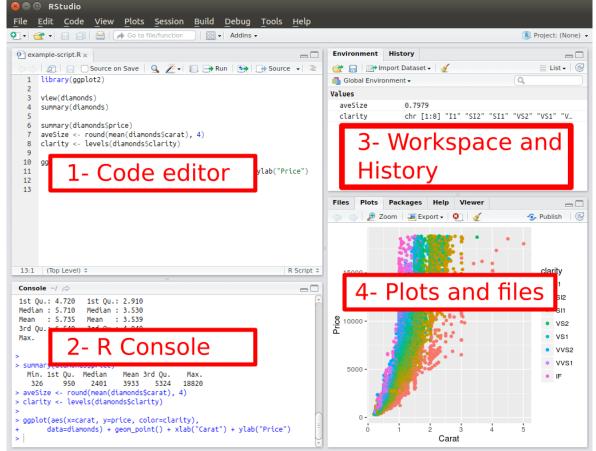
http://www.rstudio.com/

#### **Editor**

for writing longer pieces of code.

#### **R** Console

If you type code here, it is evaluated so that you get an answer



will tell you things about objects (data objects and functions) in the workspace

Will display files, plots, packages, and help information

## Material & Links

http://milchmolch.github.io/R\_Tutorial/

# **Key points**

- Assign values to variables a <- 5</li>
- The primary data type in R is the vector
- Make a vector c(1, 3, 3)
- Extract values and vector[2]
   subsections from data dataframe[Row, Column]

dataframe\$Height

datafr[datafr\$Heigth > 10 & datafr\$Weight < 5,]
 subset(dataframe, Heigth > 10 & Weight < 5)</pre>

- All indices start with 1 (not 0)
- Be aware of vector recycling: how R handles vectors of unequal length

c(4,6) > c(2,4,6,8)

[1] TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE

## Atomic classes

	Examples
character	"a" "URPP" 'a' 'URPP'
numeric (real or decimal)	21 5.5
integer	2L
logical	TRUE FALSE

## Data structures

	Examples	
vector/ atomic vector	c(1, 2, 3) c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, FALSE) c("URPP", "Evolution", "UZH")	
list	"Container" list(1, "a", TRUE, "UZH")	
matrix	Every column is of the same class  1 4 6 3 5 3 4 2 4 2 5 3 6 2 6	
data frame	"Spreadsheet table" Every column can have a different class  "Joe" blond green 173  "Susan" black brown 168	
factors	categorical data - fixed and known set of possible values (e.g. female, male) ordered or unordered	

## Data Structures 2

Dimensions	Homogeneous	Heterogeneous
1-D	vector	list
2-D	matrix	data frame

### Data Structures 3

 Find class an object belongs to internal data type

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class()
typeoff()
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Convert data type
 as.numeric(), as.character(), as.factor(), as.data.frame(), ...

## Clean Code

**Reproducibility:** Our end goal is not just to "do stuff" but to do it in a way that anyone can easily and exactly replicate our workflow and results.

**Readability** - Write programs for humans to read Ideally your scripts should be short and readable, anyone should be able to pick them up and understand what it does.

- Apply consistent style (indentation/spacing, names, ...)
- Functions enable easy reuse within a project
- Break down problem into bite size pieces
   Corresponding with a single operation, single function
- Tell us what your function is doing, not how

# What makes a good function

- Functions enable easy reuse within a project
- It's short not longer than 1-2 screens
- Performs a single operation
   Break down problem into bite size pieces
   Corresponding with a single operation, single function
- Uses intuitive names Calc\_Average\_Per\_Gene()
   Tell us what your function is doing, not how