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# Introduction to the Data Science Platform KNIME

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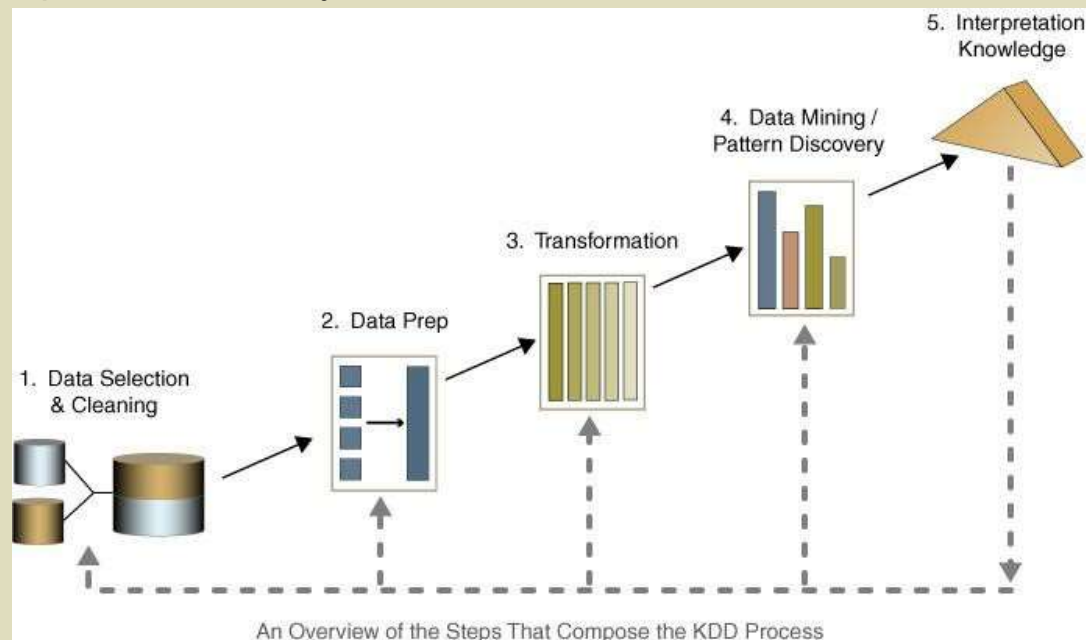
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# Development Environments for Data Science

- ❑ Data Science
  - ❑ Knowledge Discovery Process (KDD)
  - ❑ Data Mining and Machine Learning algorithms
- An open and integrated environment to facilitate the KDD process.
  - A **workflow management system for data analytics and mining** that integrates methods for data management and information visualization with algorithms for prediction, pattern discovery, classification.



# Introducing KNIME

## KNIME Konstanz Information Miner



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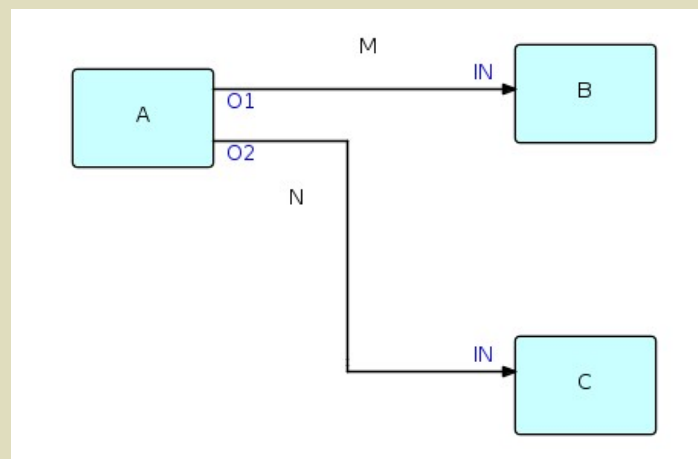


- Developed at the **ALTANA-Chair for Bioinformatics and Information Mining**, Department of Computer and Information Science, University of Konstanz (Germany)
- 1<sup>st</sup> release: ~140 MM effort in two years
- Under continuous evolution and extension
  - April 2006: 1<sup>st</sup> release, version 1.0.0
  - Current release: version 4.2.1 (July 2020)
    - “KNIME Analytics Platform” – An open source software for creating data science applications
      - extensions and integrations
      - KNIME SDK
    - KNIME server (proprietary, enterprise software for teams)
  - Available for Windows, Linux and Mac OS X
  - An open source license (GPL) allows KNIME to be downloaded, distributed, and used freely.

M. Berthold, N. Cebon, F. Dill, G. Di Fatta, T. Gabriel, F. Georg, T. Meinl, P. Ohl, C. Sieb, B. Wiswedel, "KNIME: the Konstanz Information Miner", Proc. of Workshop on Multi-Agent Systems and Simulation (MAS&S), 4th Annual Industrial Simulation Conference (ISC), Palermo, Italy, June 5-7, 2006, pp.58-61.

# Flow-based Programming

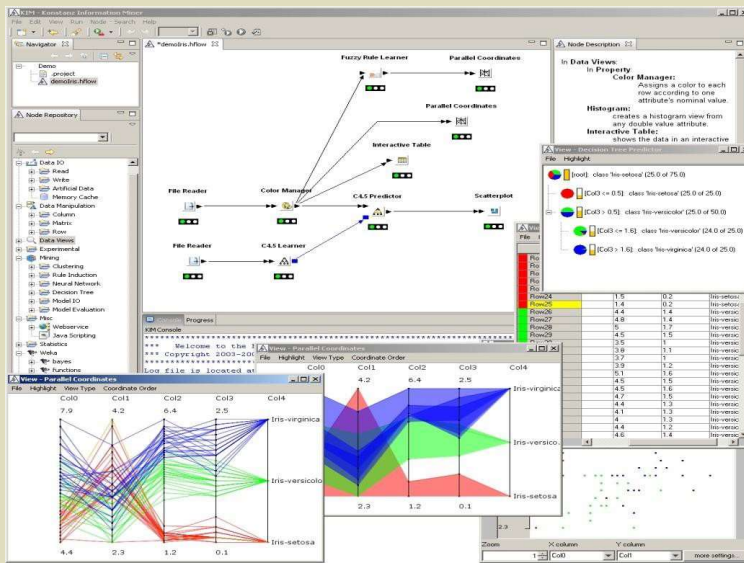
- Flow-based Programming (FBP) is a programming paradigm that defines applications as networks of "black box" processes, which exchange data across predefined connections by message passing, where the connections are specified externally to the processes.
- These black box processes can be reconnected endlessly to form different applications without having to be changed internally. FBP is thus naturally component-oriented.



- J. Paul Morrison, Flow-Based Programming, 2nd Edition: A New Approach to Application Development, CreateSpace, 2010

# KNIME

## Interactive Data Exploration



### Features:

- Modular Data Pipeline Environment
- Large collection of Data Mining techniques
- Data and Model Visualizations
- Interactive Views on Data and Models
- Java Code Base as Open Source Project
- Seamless Integration: R Library, Weka, etc.
- Based on the Eclipse Plug-in technology

Easy extendibility

New nodes via open API and integrated wizard

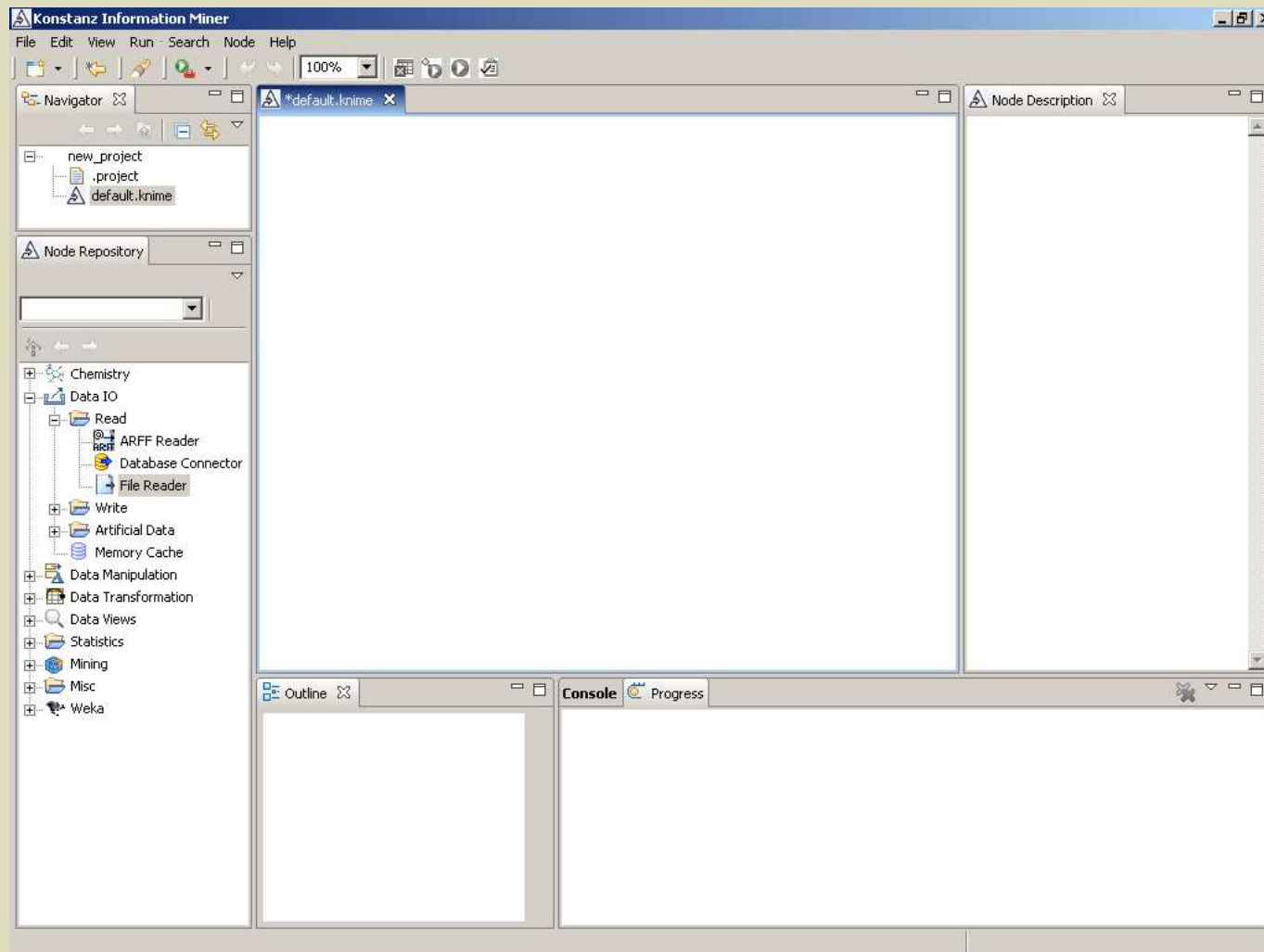
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➤ Introduction to KNIME - Demo

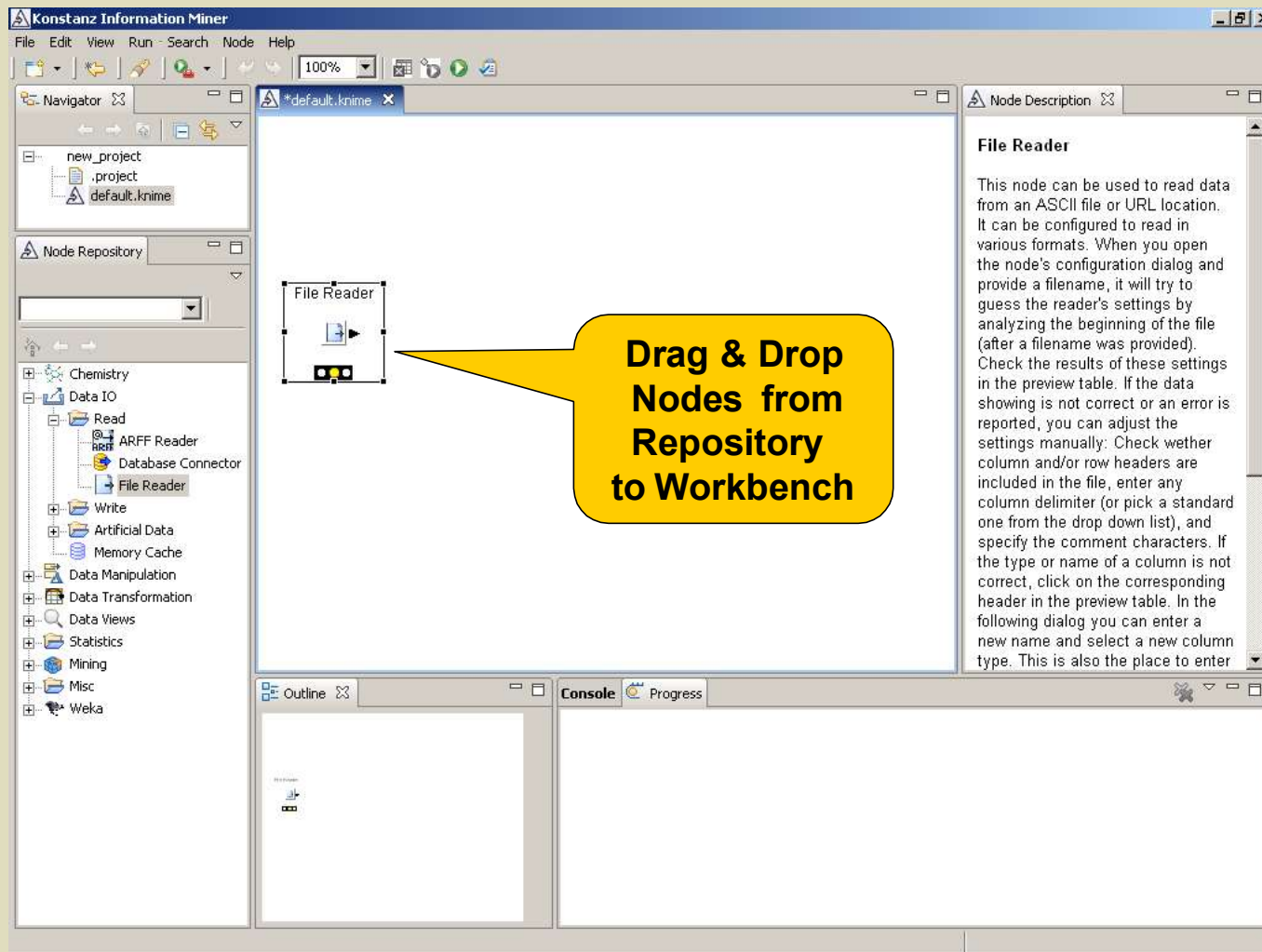
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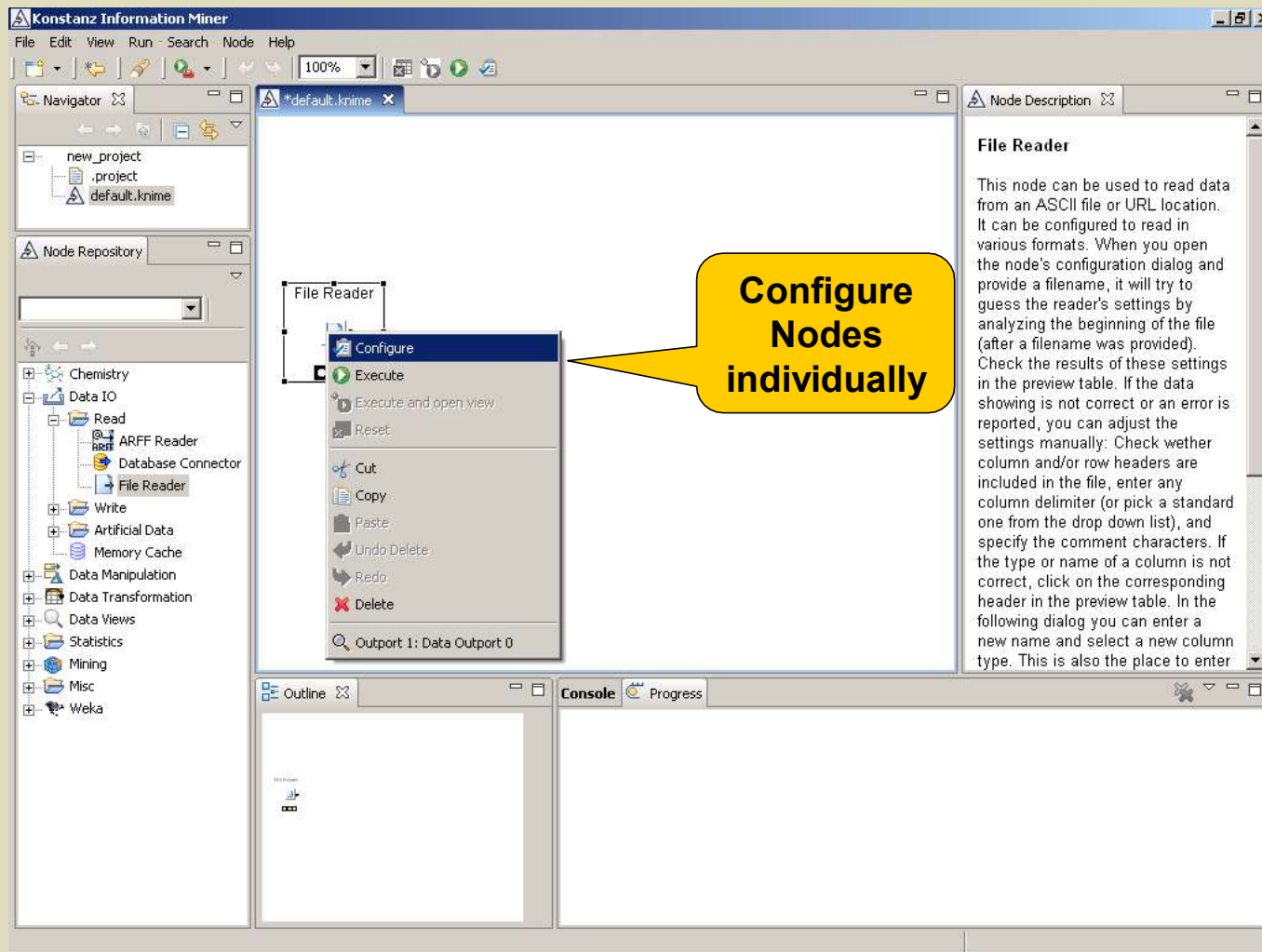
# The User Interface of KNIME 1.0

The original user interface was so simple and intuitive that is still very similar in the latest version.









**Konstanz Information Miner**

File Edit View Run Search Node Help

100%

**Dialog - ASCII Data File Reader**

File

Settings

Enter ASCII data file location: (press 'Enter' to update preview)

valid URL: file:/C:/Dokumente und Einstellungen/berthold.INF/Desktop/KNIME\_0.9

Basic Settings

☐ read row headers ☐ read column headers

Column delimiter: <space>

☒ ignore spaces and tabs

☒ Java-style comments

Single line comment

Preview

Click column header to change column properties (\* = name/type user setting)

Key	D Col0	D Col1	D Col2	D Col3	S Cl
Row1	5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa
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Row15	5.8	4	1.2	0.2	Iris-setosa
Row16	5.7	4.4	1.5	0.4	Iris-setosa

**New settings for column ...**

Column Properties

Name: Class

Type: String

miss. value pattern: ?

Domain...

OK Cancel

OK Apply Cancel

**Configure Nodes individually**

File Reader

Chemistry

Data IO

Read

ARFF Reader

Database Connector

File Reader

Write

Artificial Data

Memory Cache

Data Manipulation

Data Transformation

Data Views

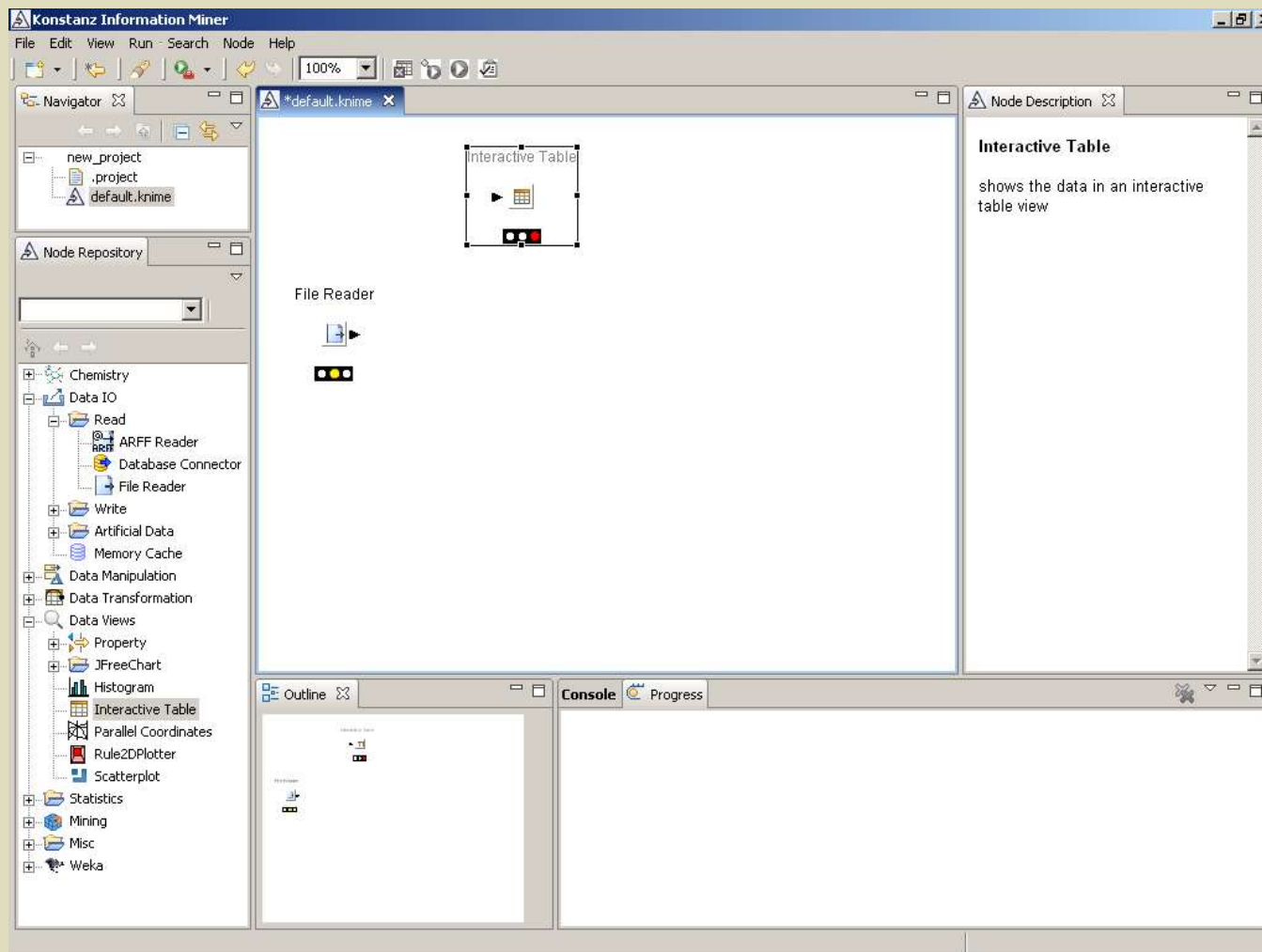
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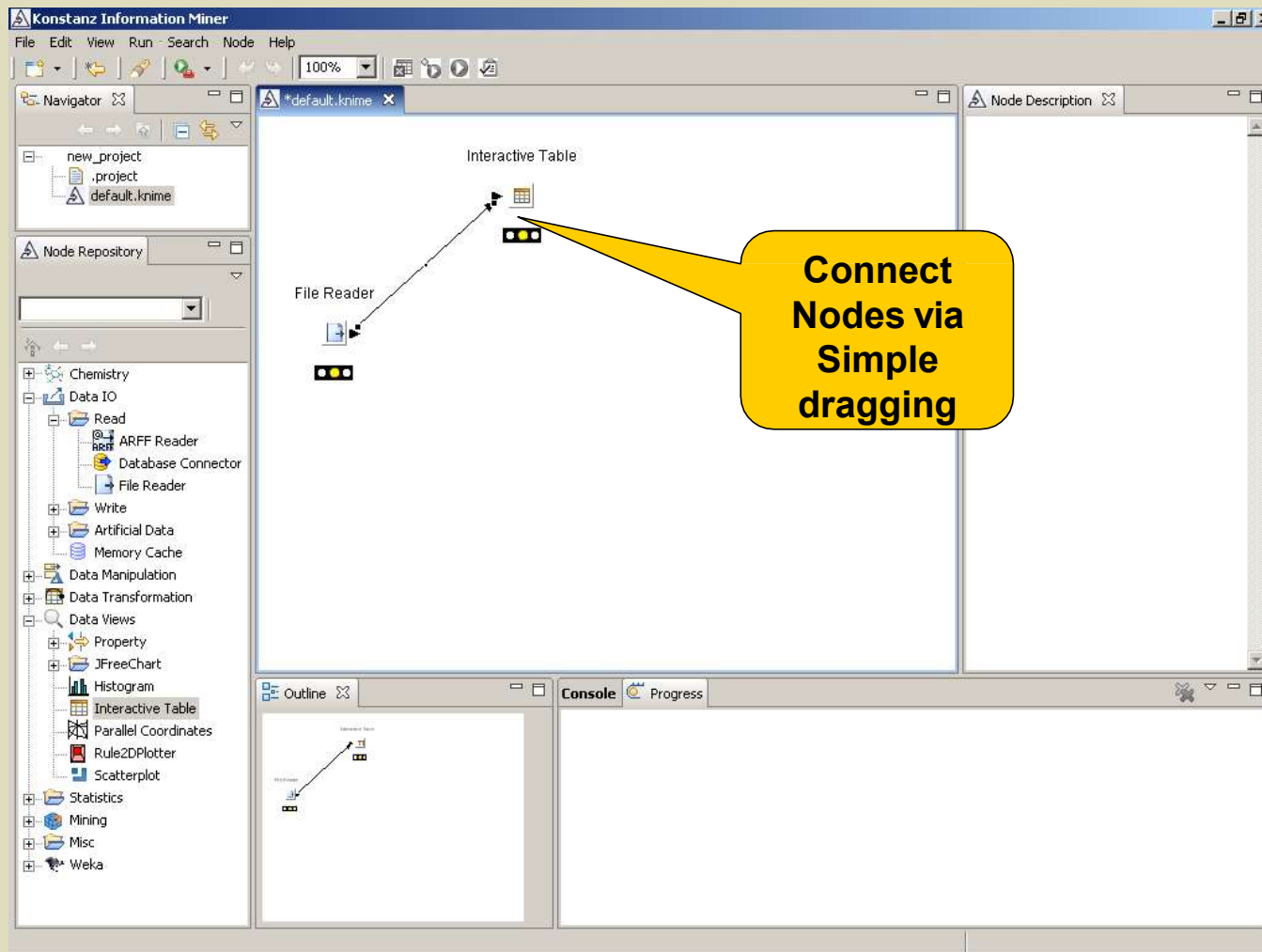
Mining

Misc

Weka

Outline





**Konstanz Information Miner**

File Edit View Run Search Node Help

**Navigator**

- new\_project
  - .project
  - default.knime

**Node Repository**

- Chemistry
- Data IO
  - Read
    - ARFF Reader
    - Database Connect
    - File Reader
  - Write
- Artificial Data
- Memory Cache
- Data Manipulation
- Data Transformation
- Data Views
  - Property
  - Colors
    - Size manager
- JFreeChart
  - Histogram
  - Interactive Table
  - Parallel Coordinates**
  - Rule2DPlotter
  - Scatterplot
- Statistics
- Mining
  - Clustering

**\*default.knime**

Interactive Table

File Reader

Color Manager

Parallel Coordinates

**Node Description**

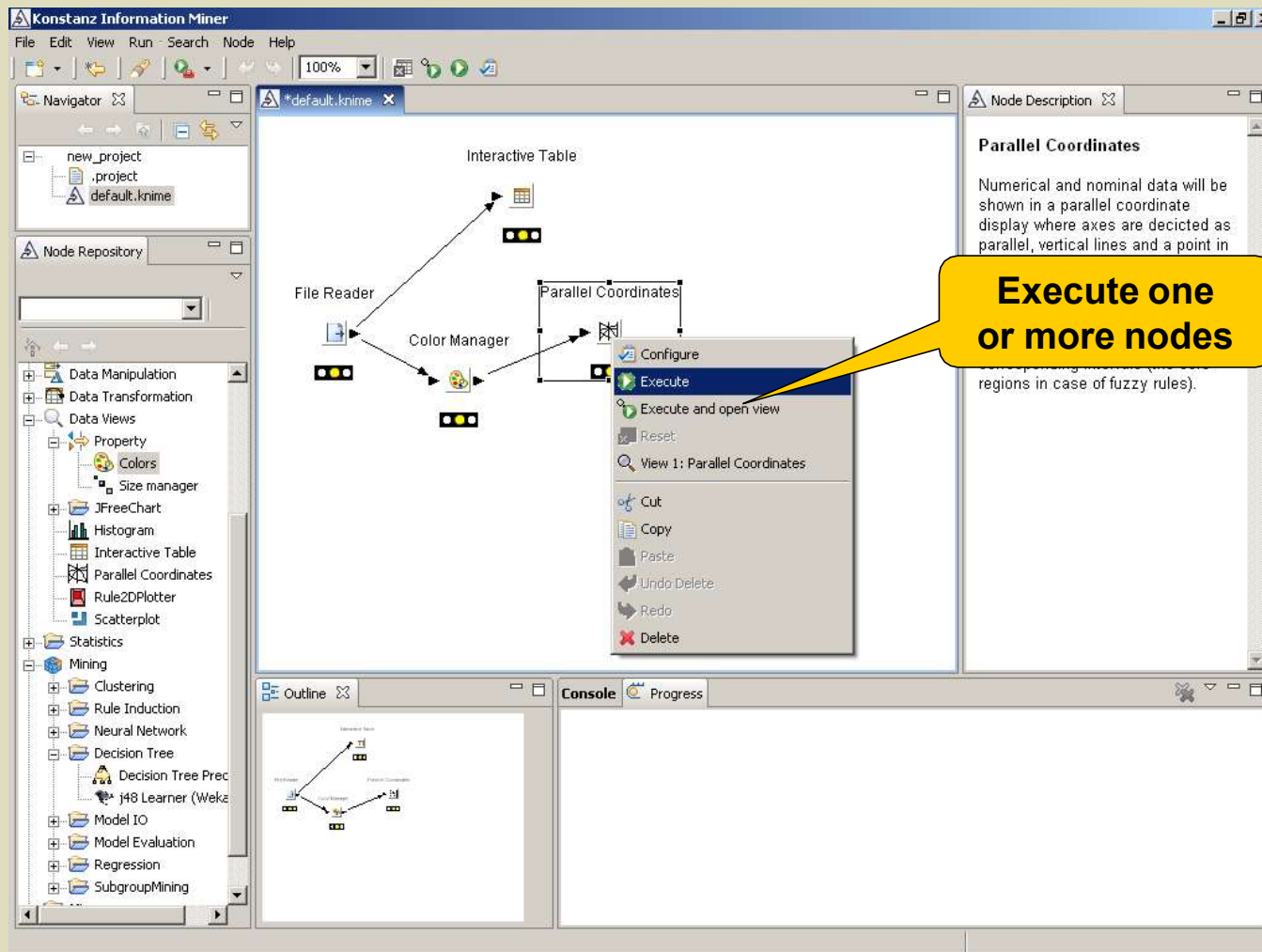
### Parallel Coordinates

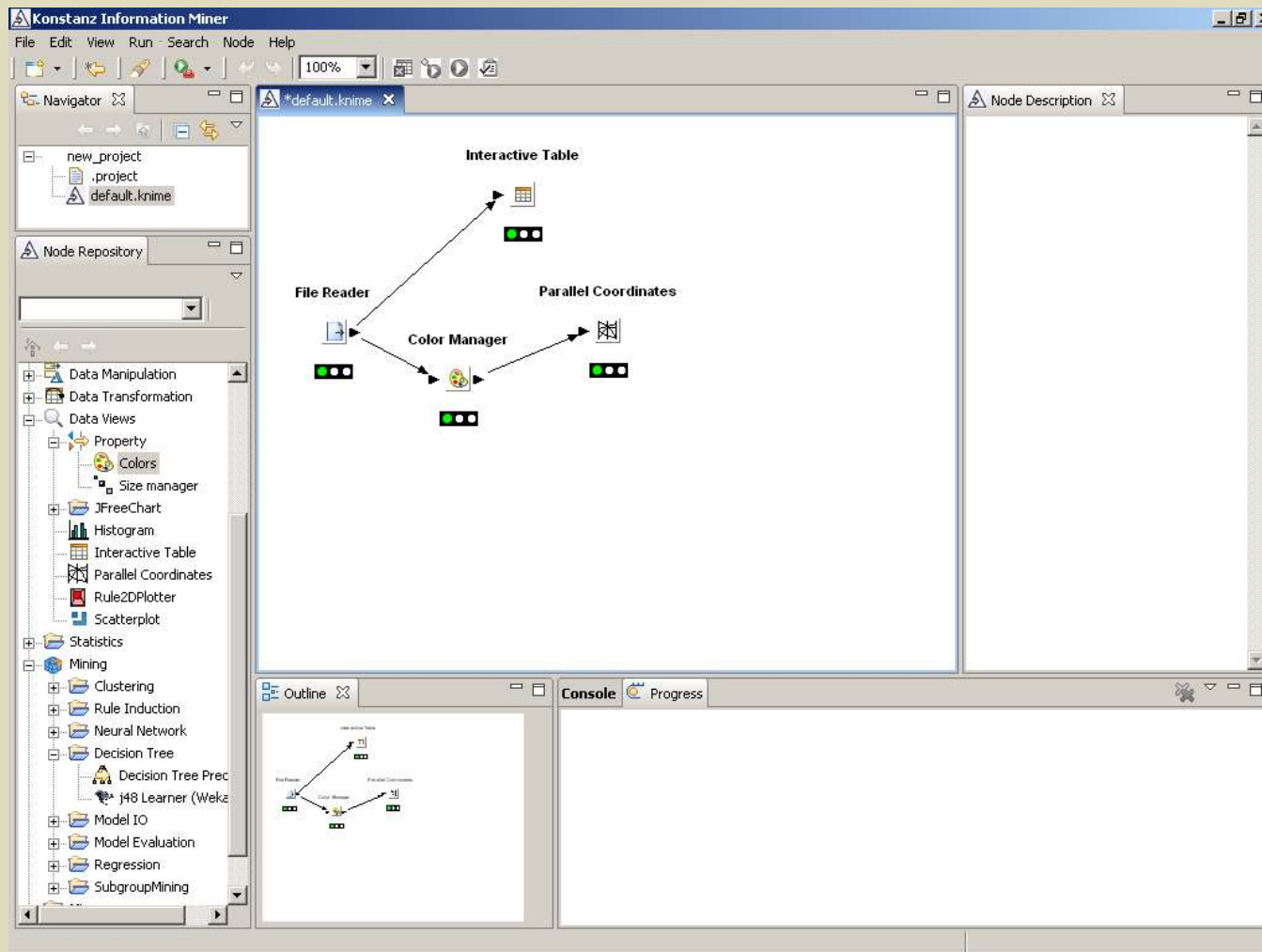
Numerical and nominal data will be shown in a parallel coordinate display where axes are decided as parallel, vertical lines and a point in this high dimensional space will be visualized as a line, connecting the attributes' values on each axes. (Fuzzy) Rules are represented as bands, connecting the corresponding intervals (the core regions in case of fuzzy rules).

**Outline**

**Console** **Progress**









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 Rule Induction  
 Neural Network  
 Decision Tree  
 Decision Tree Prec  
 J48 Learner (Weka)  
 Model IO  
 Model Evaluation  
 Regression  
 Subgroup Mining

File Reader

Color Manager

Parallel Coordinates

Interactive Table

Open individual views per node

View - Table (150 x 5)

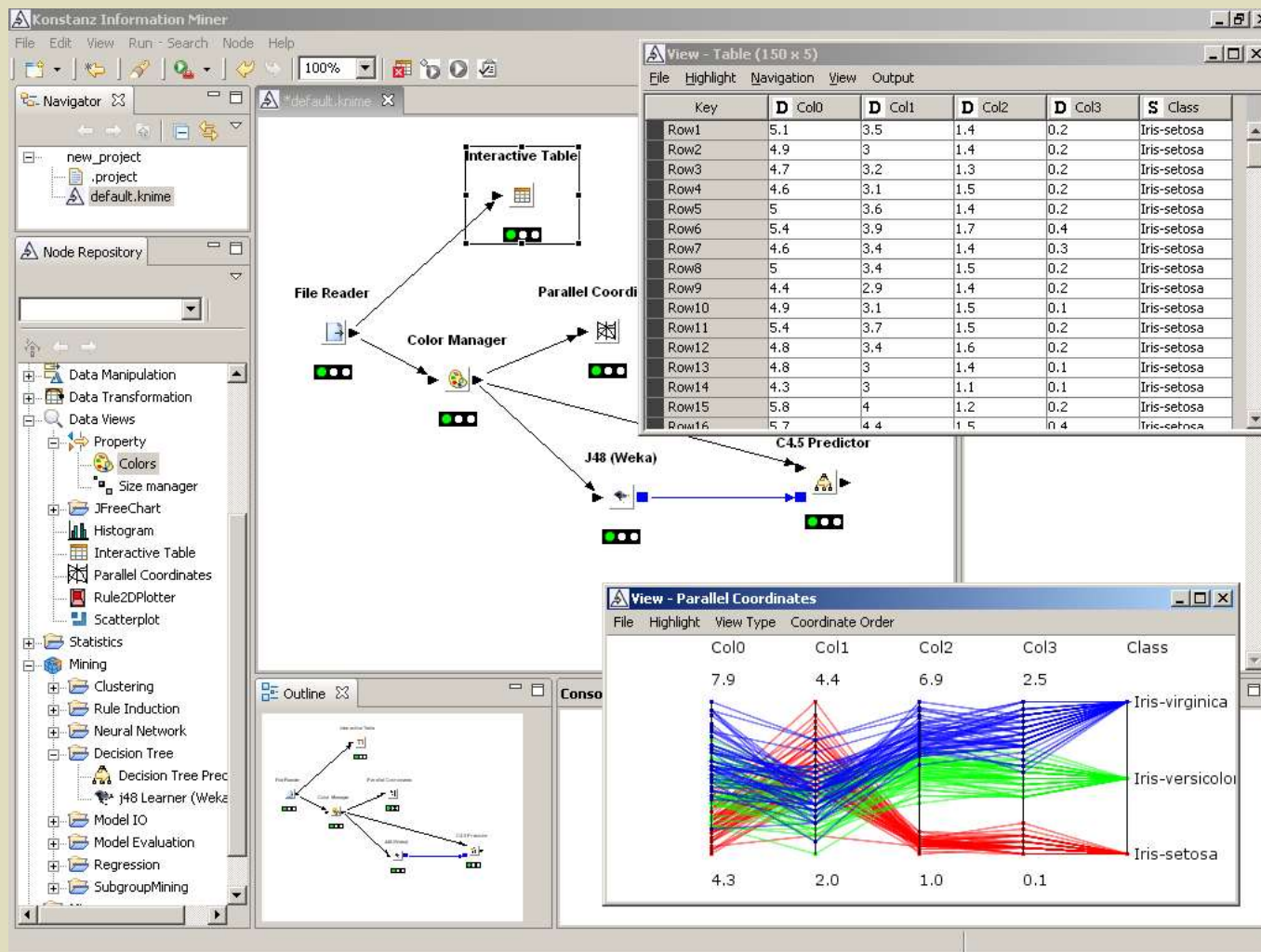
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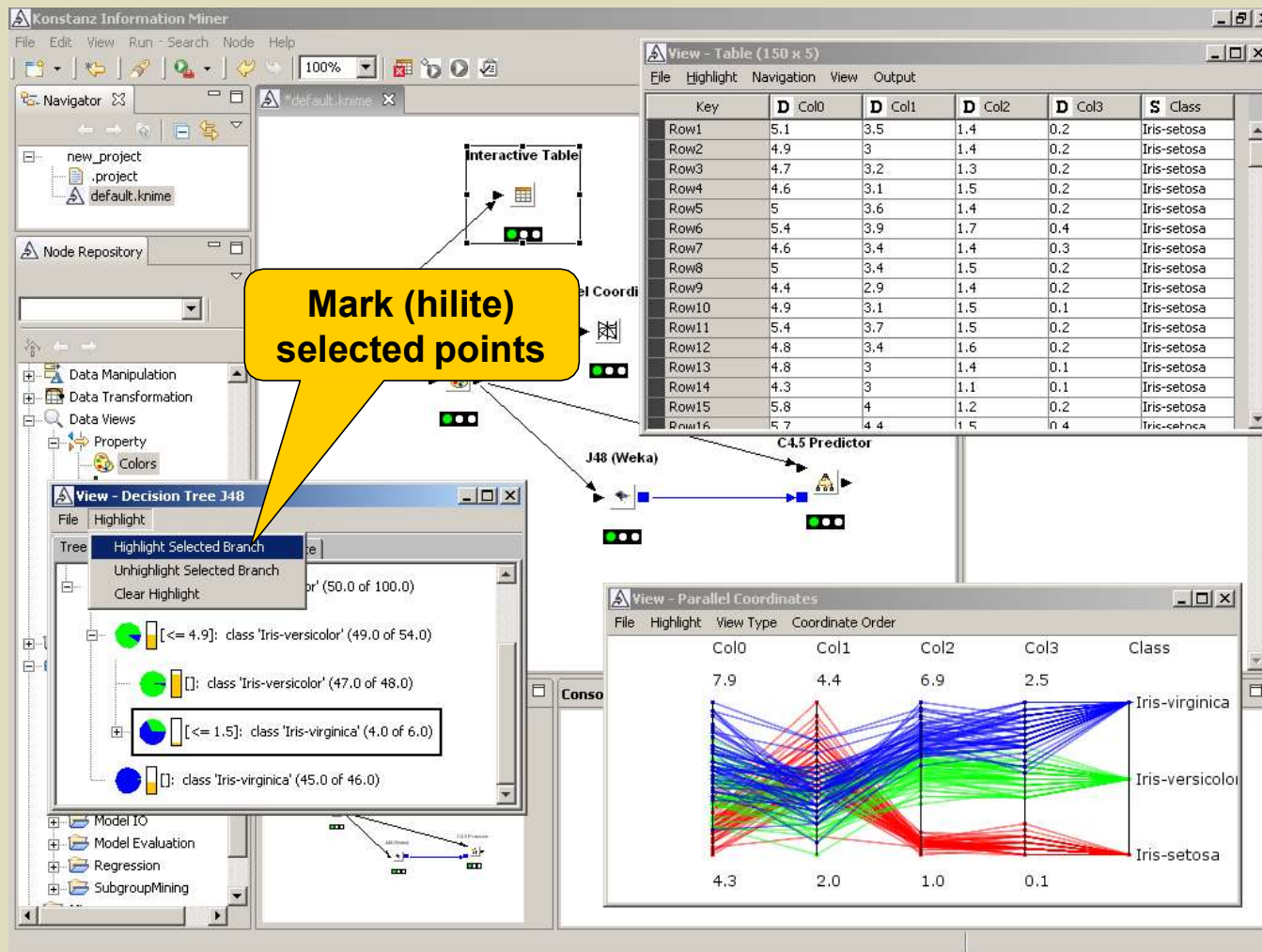
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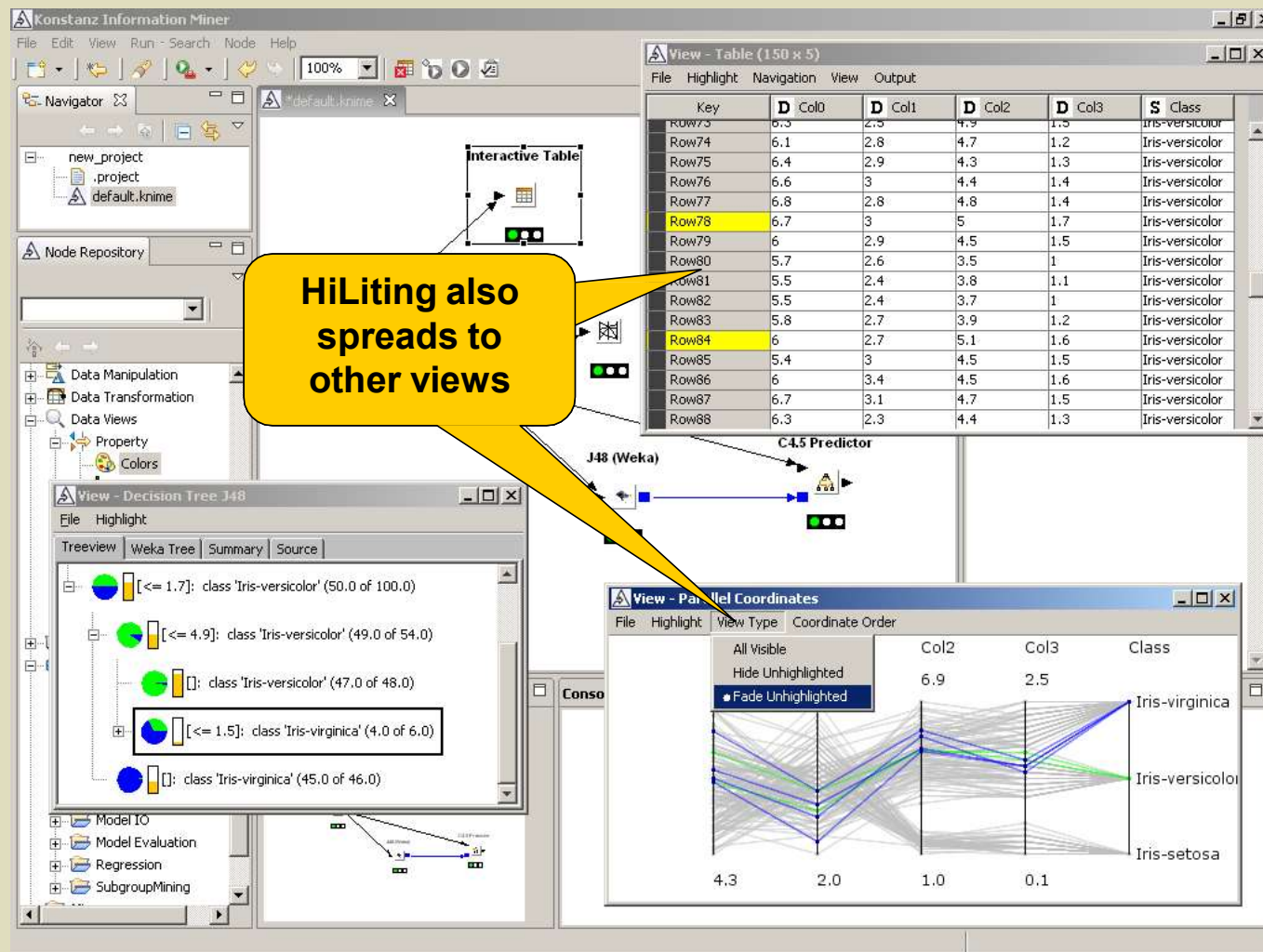
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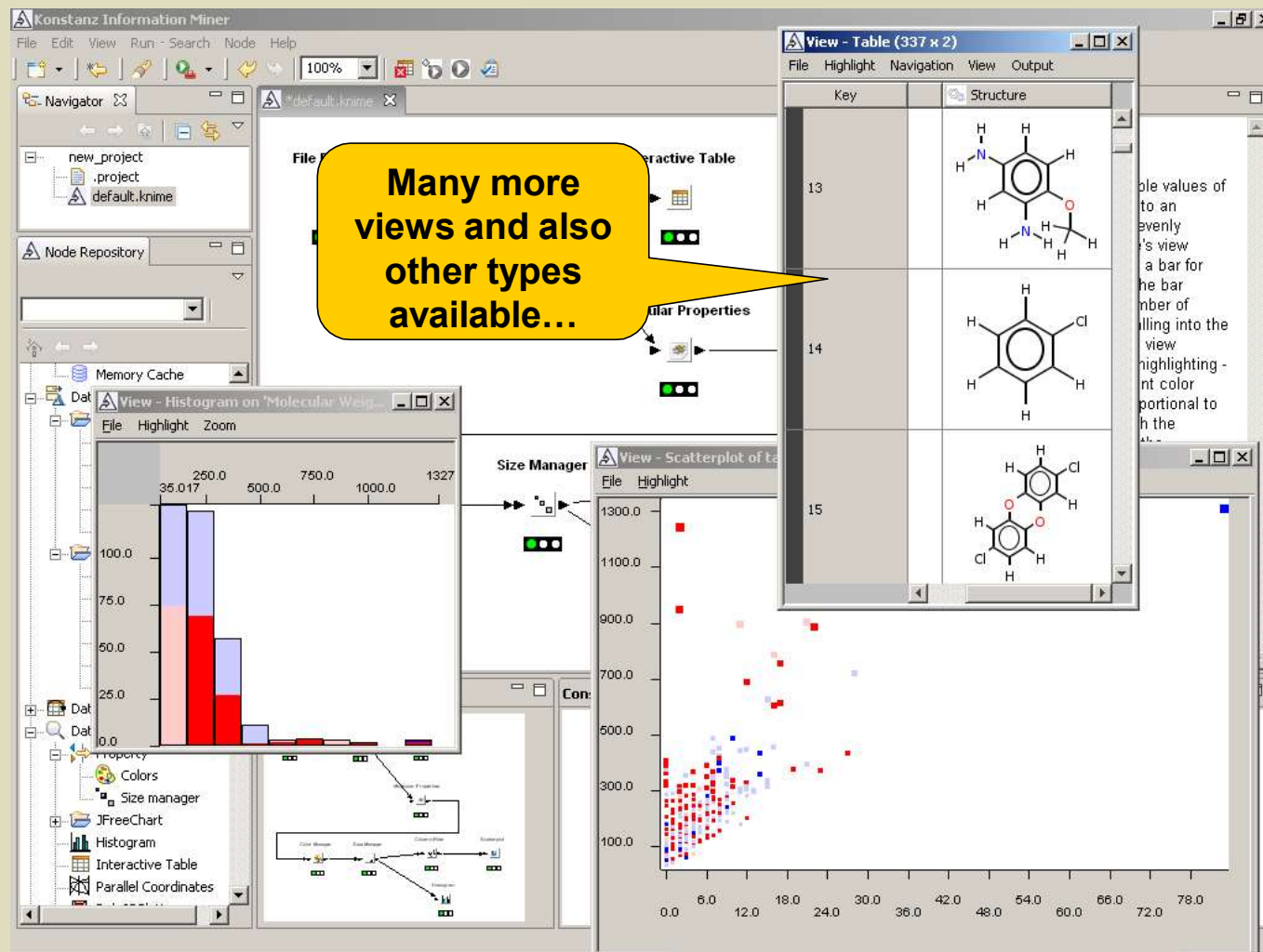
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**Demo - end**



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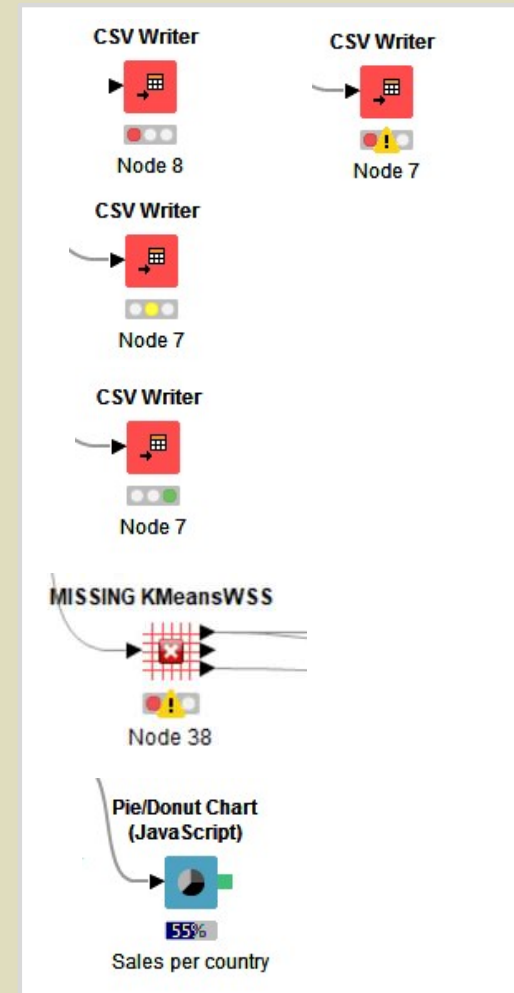
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# The Four States of a KNIME Node

- **Not Configured** (red light): node has not been configured yet or the configuration is not valid, or the node has been executed unsuccessfully.
  - **Configured** (yellow light): node configuration is valid
  - **Executed** (green light): node has been executed successfully and, if applicable, output data and views are ready to be used.
  - **Error**: the node is not available: the platform is missing the extension that provides the node.
- ☐ Progress bar: most nodes typically provide information about the progress of their execution (%).





# Data Table

- Contains meta information (spec)
  - data types
  - domains
  - # of rows/cols
- Large tables are buffered on disc
- Blob cell support for large data cells e.g. images

Bitvector Generator



Row ID	Double	String Col	Integer	Collect
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# Data Types

- Common data types

- Double Value



- Int Value



- String Value

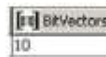


- Collections

- Sets
- Lists



- Bit vectors



- Additional data types

- Terms and Documents

- Image

- Network

- Chemical types

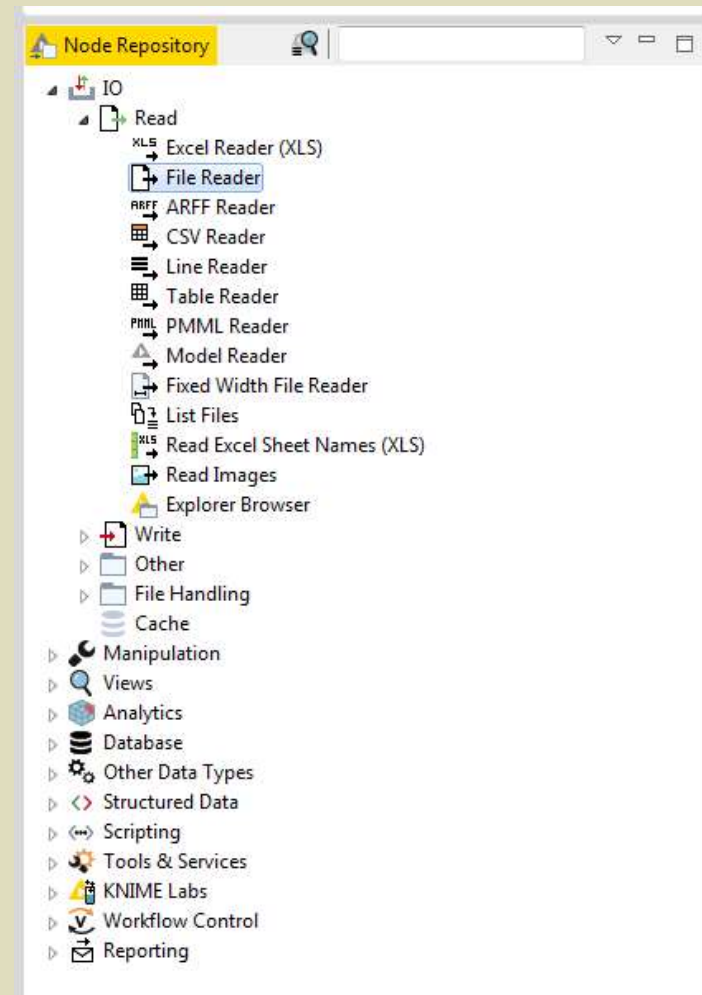
- Molecules i.e. CDK, Smiles, SDF, ...

- Distance Matrix

- Custom data types

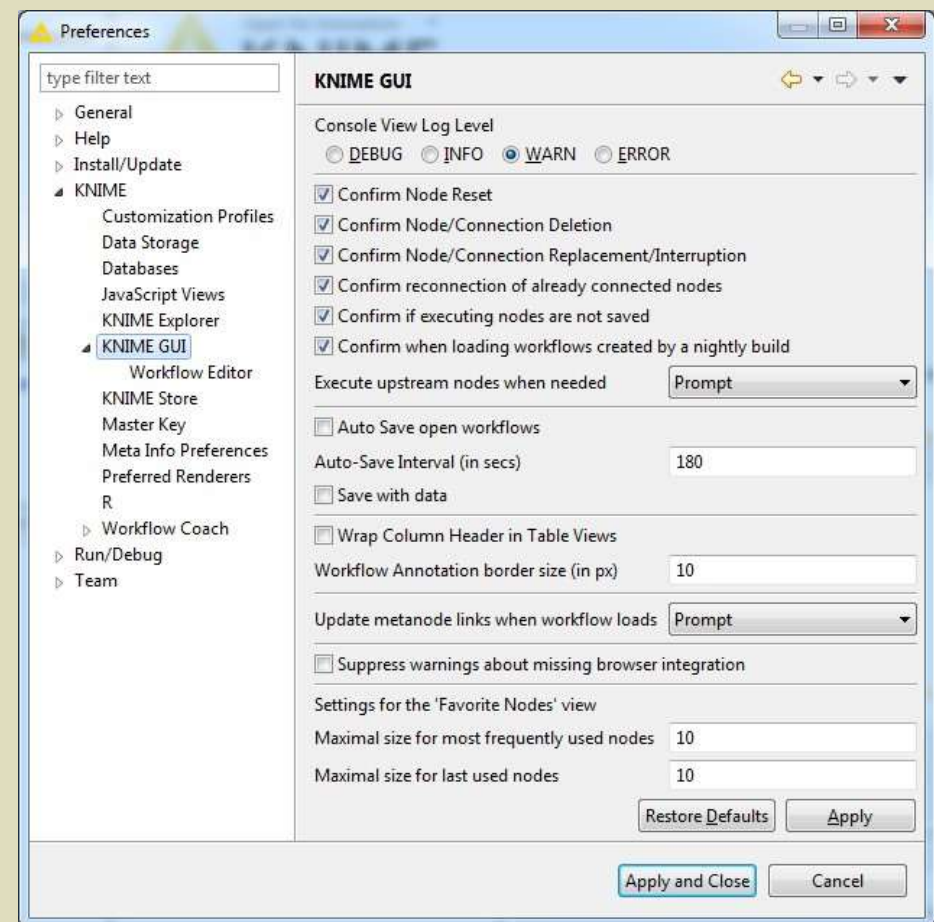
# KNIME Features

- Node (algorithms) repository
- Node types
  - I/O
  - Data manipulation
  - Learners
  - Predictors
  - Views
- Highlighting
- Metanodes
- Loops and flow variables
- Error handling: “try-catch” nodes
- Extensions (KNIME plugins)



# Preferences

- In the KNIME Analytics Platform
  - In menu File, select **Preferences**
- E.g., set the level of log messages shown in the console →
  - DEBUG
  - INFO
  - WARN
  - ERROR



# File knime.ini and JVM memory

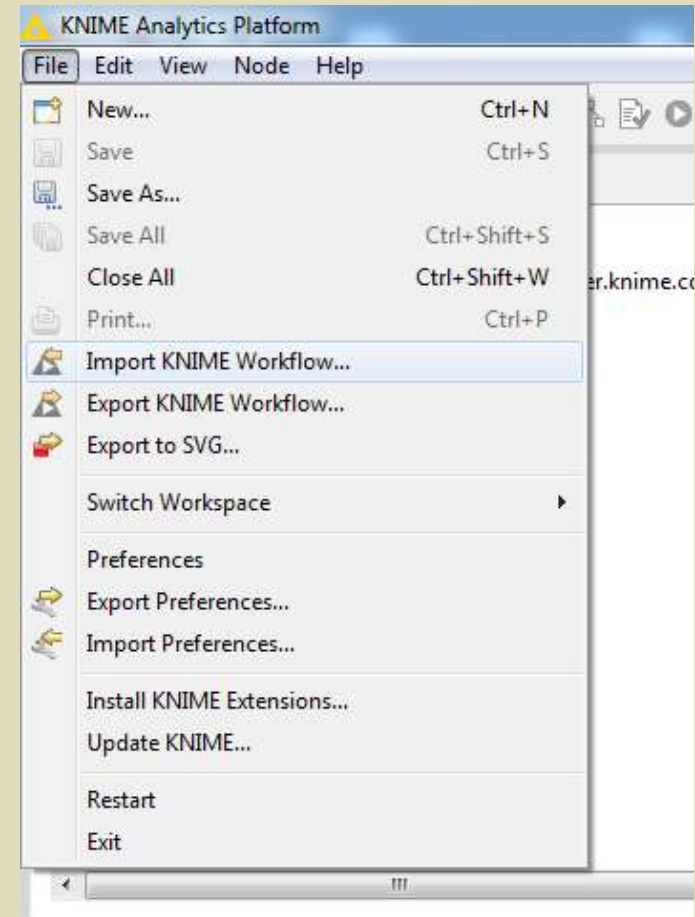
- The file **knime.ini** (in the KNIME installation folder) sets options used by the Java Virtual Machine when KNIME Analytics Platform is launched.
  - You can allocate more memory for the JVM to run KNIME by changing the **Xmx** JVM argument (default: 512 MB)
- Track memory used
  - File -> Preferences -> General -> Tick "Show heap status" checkbox

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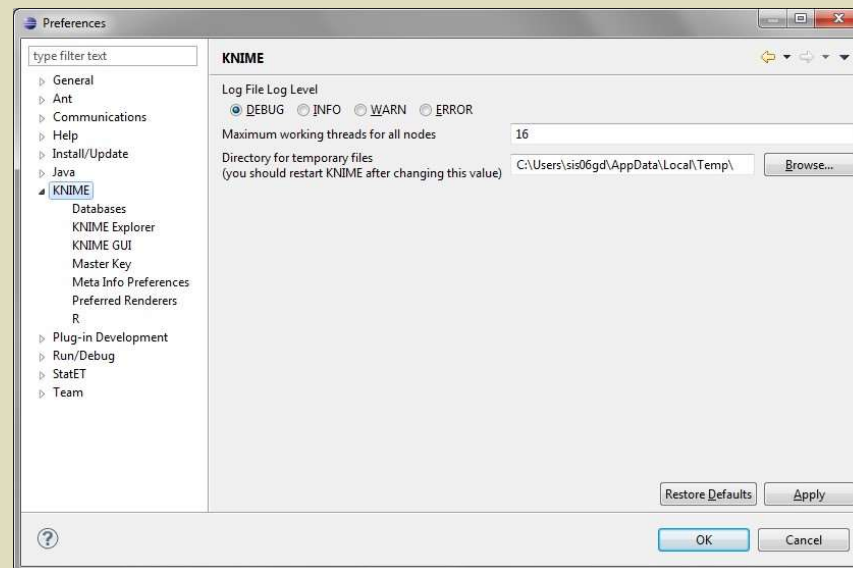
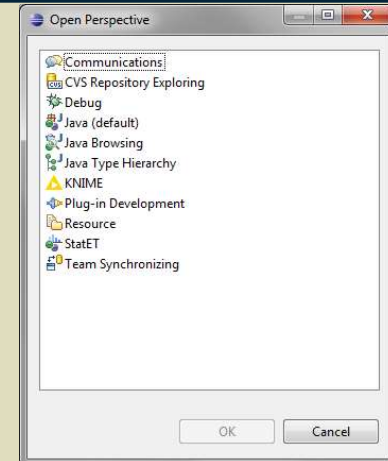
# Importing/Exporting KNIME Workflows

- ❑ Many examples are available at KNIME Hub:
  - <https://hub.knime.com/>
  - You can search and import nodes and workflows
- ❑ Users can share (export and import) workflows via archive files (*archive.knwf*)
  - File -> Export KNIME workflow
  - File -> Import KNIME workflow



# Perspective and Preferences (in KNIME SDK)

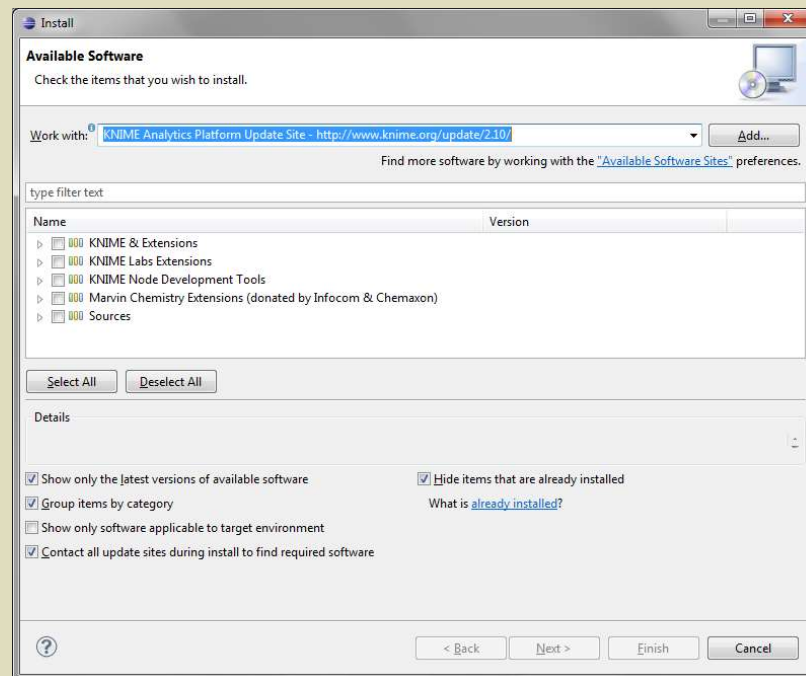
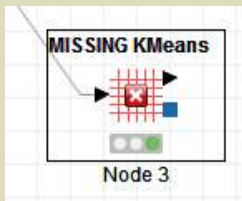
- In the SDK version (Eclipse), you need to select the KNIME perspective.
- In Menu Windows, select Preferences



# KNIME Updates and Extensions

- Extensions are additional features (w.r.t. the basic installation) and are installed via the **KNIME update site**.
  - In KNIME click “Help -> Install KNIME extension...”.
  - select the KNIME update site (<http://update.knime.com/analytics-platform/3.7>)
  - select the features you want to install in the dialog.
  - You need to restart KNIME after installing new extensions in order to get them activated.

- If you import an external workflow and a node is “missing” (warning), you then need to install the specific extension that provides that node.





# KNIME Extensions (Plugins/Dropins)

Some available extensions include:

- Chemistry types and features
- Distance Matrix
- Ensemble Learning
- Item Set Mining
- R Statistics Integration
- Python integration
- Weka Data Mining Integration
- HTML/PDF Writer
- Report Designer
- Webservice Client
- XLS Support
- XML Processing
- Cloud connectors (Amazon, Azure, etc.)
- etc.



# KNIME Extensions

- Experimental “Lab” Extensions: <http://tech.knime.org/knime-labs>
  - JavaScript views
  - Modular Data Generators
  - Network Mining
  - Perl Scripting
  - Text Processing
  - etc.
- Community Contributions: <http://tech.knime.org/community>
  - Chemoinformatics
  - High Content Screening
  - Image Processing
  - Next Generation Sequencing
  - R/Groovy/Matlab/Python Scripting
  - STARK
  - etc.
- KNIME is designed to be extended!
  - You can create your own KNIME nodes (extensions) by using the KNIME SDK version.

# Conclusions on KNIME

- Modularity and extendibility
  - General and extendible data structure (DataTable and DataCell)
  - Nodes encapsulate computational processing tasks (algorithms)
- A workflow management system
  - directed edges connects nodes to create data pipelines
  - a workflow is, in general, a directed acyclic graph
  - multi-threading
  - Meta-nodes (nested workflows)
- New releases
  - Enhanced GUI and performance
  - Include more and more modules and features

# KNIME Useful Resources

KNIME user → desktop version: “KNIME Analytics Platform”

- <https://www.knime.com/downloads>

KNIME resources → learning material, examples, etc.:

- <https://www.knime.com/learning>
- <https://www.knime.com/learning-hub>
- <https://www.knime.com/knimepress>
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/KNIMETV>

For advanced programmers (based on Java Reflection metaprogramming):

KNIME developer → SDK version (Eclipse):

- <https://www.knime.com/developers>
- <https://github.com/knime/knime-sdk-setup>
- <http://tech.knime.org/developer-guide>
- <http://tech.knime.org/developer/example>
- API: for example see the DataTable interface in  
<http://tech.knime.org/docs/api/org/knime/core/data/package-summary.html>

## Next:

- P01: practical on KNIME Basics

## Next week:

- Proximity Measures