



Introduction to RStudio

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Introduction

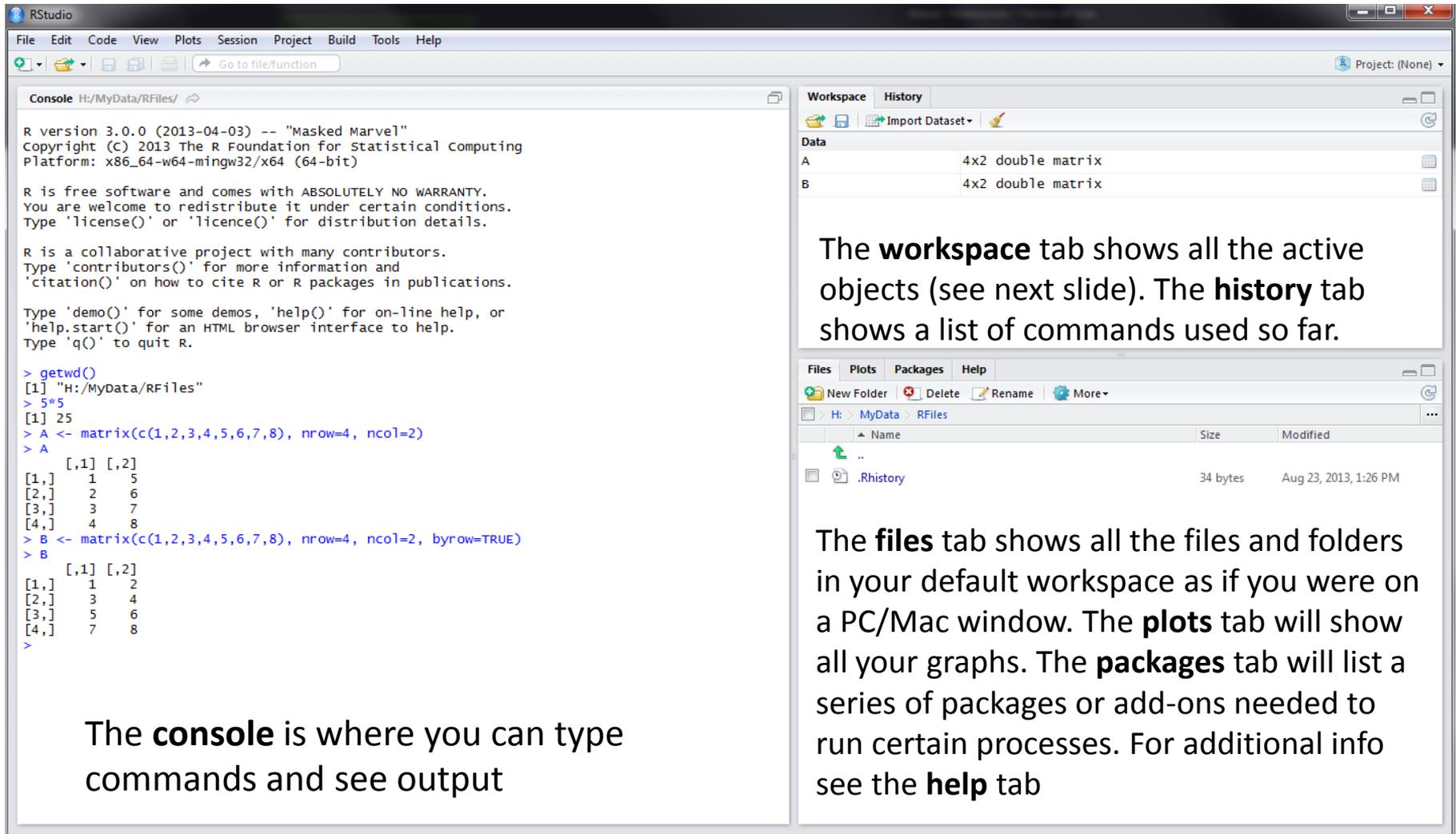
RStudio allows the user to run R in a more user-friendly environment. It is open-source (i.e. free) and available at <http://www.rstudio.com/>

For R related tutorials and/or resources see the following links:

<http://dss.princeton.edu/training/>

<http://libguides.princeton.edu/dss>

RStudio screen



The screenshot displays the RStudio environment with three main panels:

- Console:** Shows the R version (3.0.0), copyright information, and the execution of several R commands. The output includes the current working directory, the result of a matrix multiplication, and the creation of two matrices, A and B.
- Workspace:** Lists active objects in the environment, showing two 4x2 double matrices, A and B.
- Files:** Displays the file explorer for the current workspace, showing a folder named ".Rhistory" with a size of 34 bytes and a modification date of August 23, 2013.

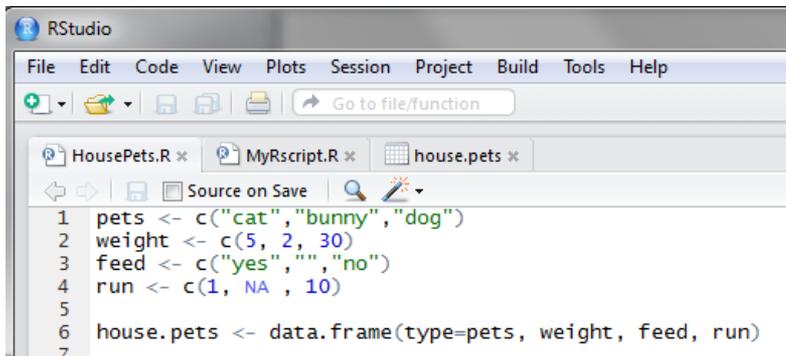
The **console** is where you can type commands and see output

The **workspace** tab shows all the active objects (see next slide). The **history** tab shows a list of commands used so far.

The **files** tab shows all the files and folders in your default workspace as if you were on a PC/Mac window. The **plots** tab will show all your graphs. The **packages** tab will list a series of packages or add-ons needed to run certain processes. For additional info see the **help** tab

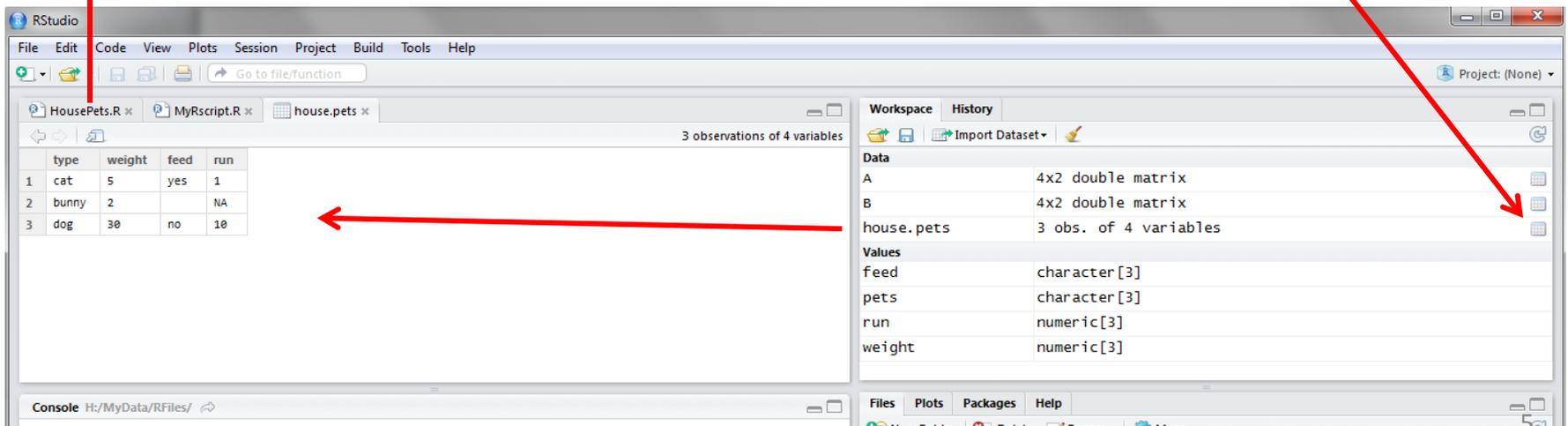
Workspace tab (2)

Here is another example on how the workspace looks like when more objects are added. Notice that the data frame `house.pets` is formed from different individual values or vectors.



```
1 pets <- c("cat", "bunny", "dog")
2 weight <- c(5, 2, 30)
3 feed <- c("yes", "", "no")
4 run <- c(1, NA, 10)
5
6 house.pets <- data.frame(type=pets, weight, feed, run)
7
```

Click on the dotted square to look at the dataset in a spreadsheet form.



The screenshot shows the RStudio workspace with the data frame `house.pets` displayed in a spreadsheet view. The data is as follows:

	type	weight	feed	run
1	cat	5	yes	1
2	bunny	2		NA
3	dog	30	no	10

The workspace pane on the right shows the following objects:

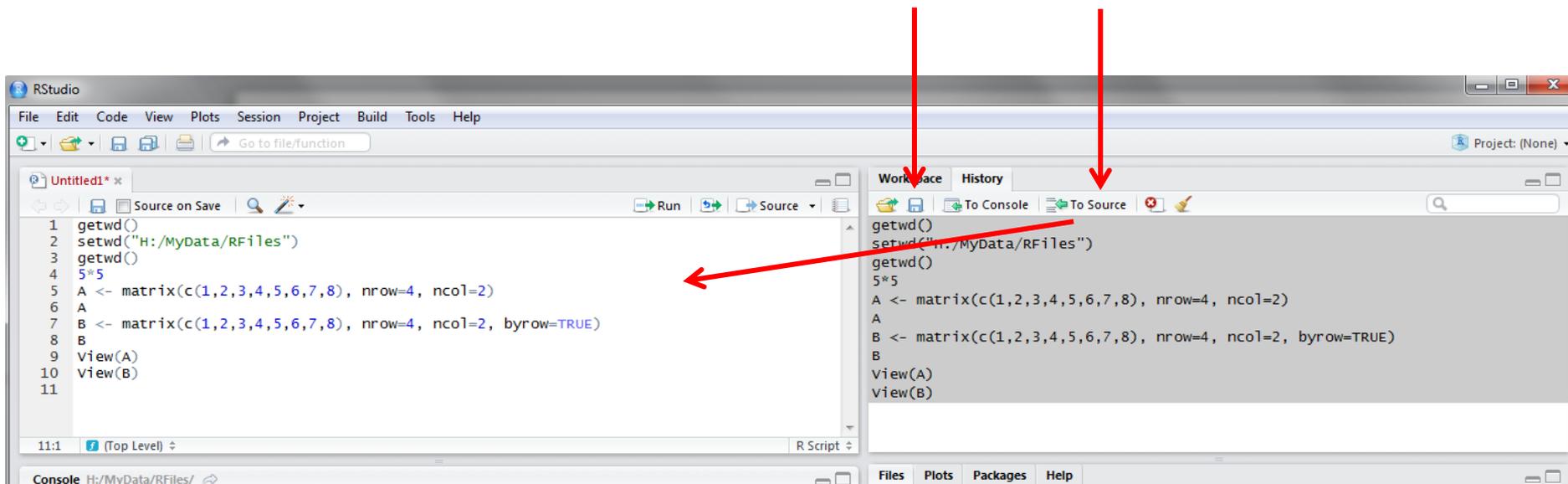
- Data
 - A: 4x2 double matrix
 - B: 4x2 double matrix
 - house.pets: 3 obs. of 4 variables
- Values
 - feed: character [3]
 - pets: character [3]
 - run: numeric [3]
 - weight: numeric [3]

Red arrows indicate the flow of information: one arrow points from the code editor to the spreadsheet view, and another points from the text instruction to the dotted square icon in the workspace pane.

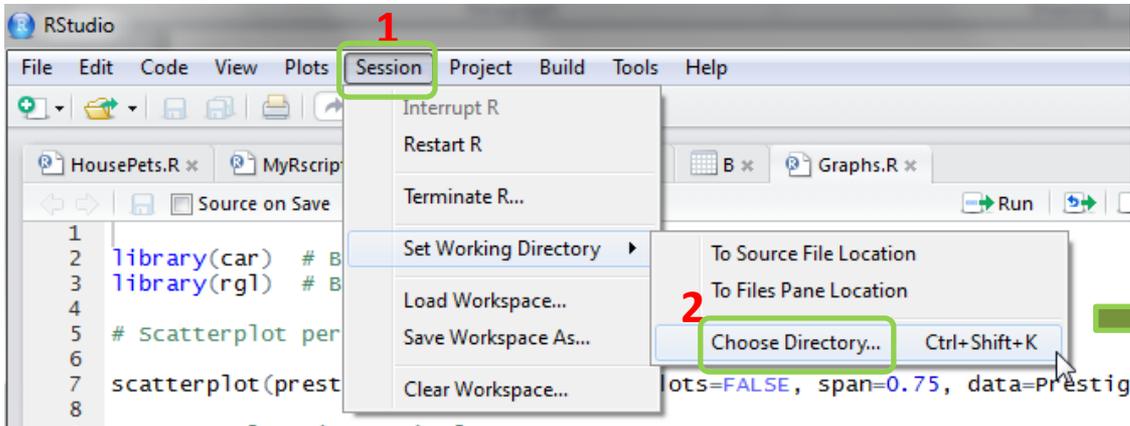
History tab

The history tab keeps a record of all previous commands. It helps when testing and running processes. Here you can either **save** the whole list or you can **select** the commands you want and send them to an R script to keep track of your work.

In this example, we select all and click on the “To Source” icon, a window on the left will open with the list of commands. Make sure to save the ‘untitled1’ file as an *.R script.



Changing the working directory



If you have different projects you can change the working directory for that session, see above. Or you can type:

```
# Shows the working directory (wd)
```

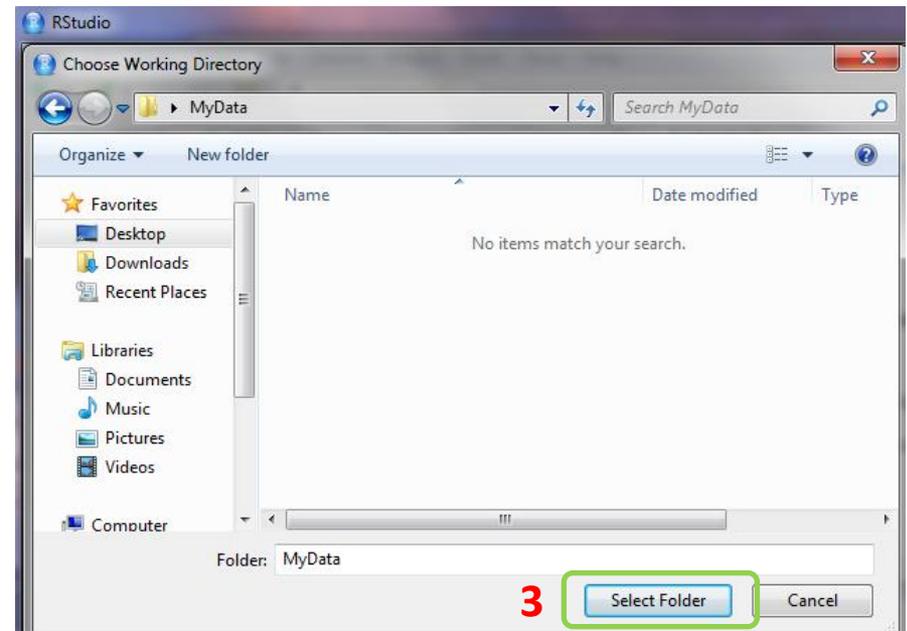
```
getwd()
```

```
# Changes the wd
```

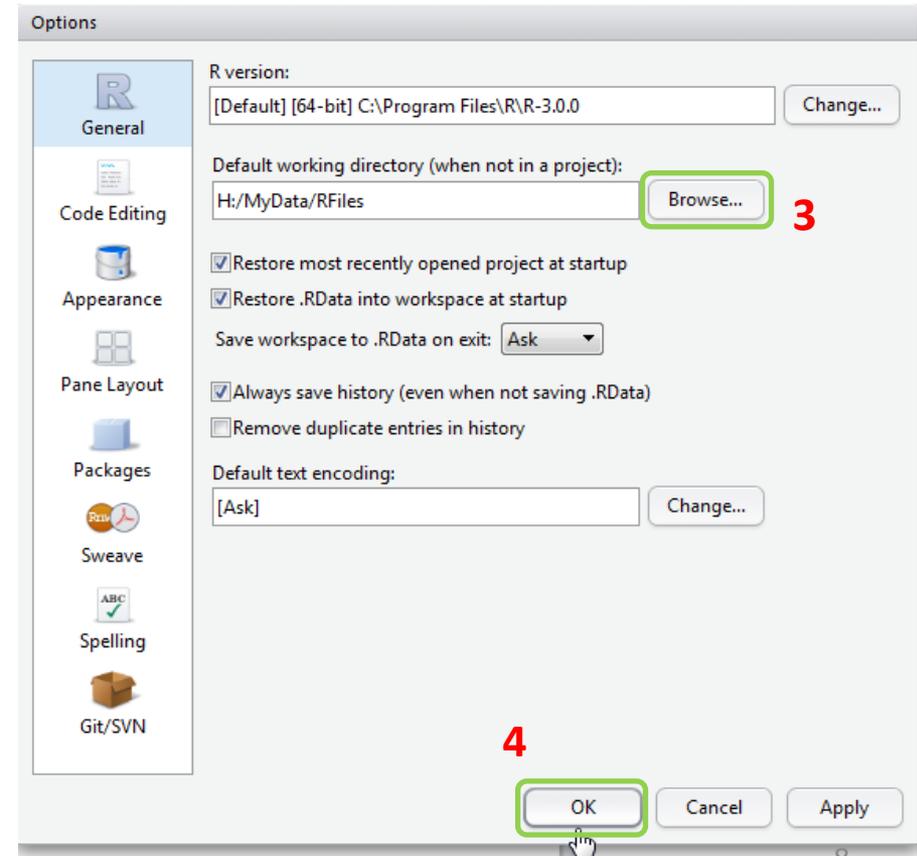
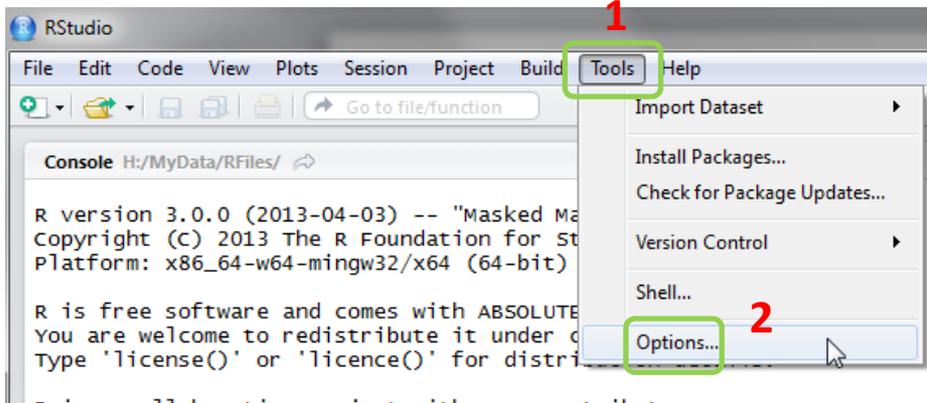
```
setwd("C:/myfolder/data")
```

More info see the following document:

<http://dss.princeton.edu/training/RStata.pdf>



Setting a default working directory



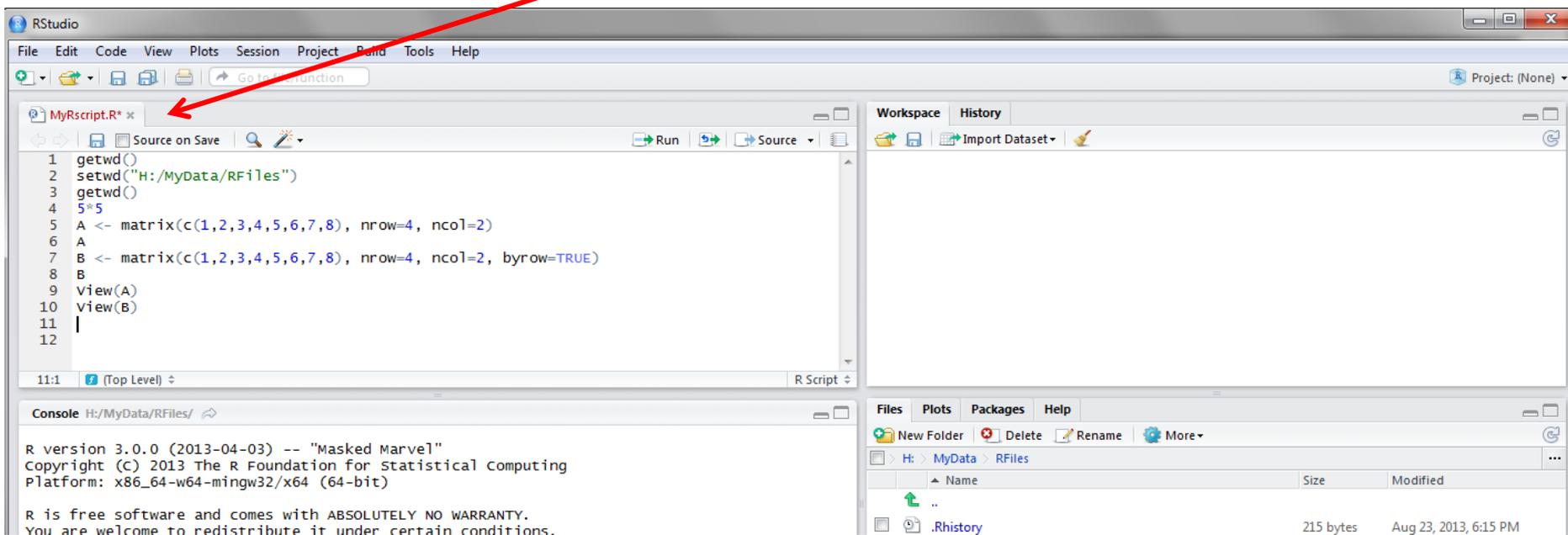
Every time you open RStudio, it goes to a default directory. You can change the default to a folder where you have your datafiles so you do not have to do it every time. In the menu go to Tools->Options

R script (1)

The usual Rstudio screen has four windows:

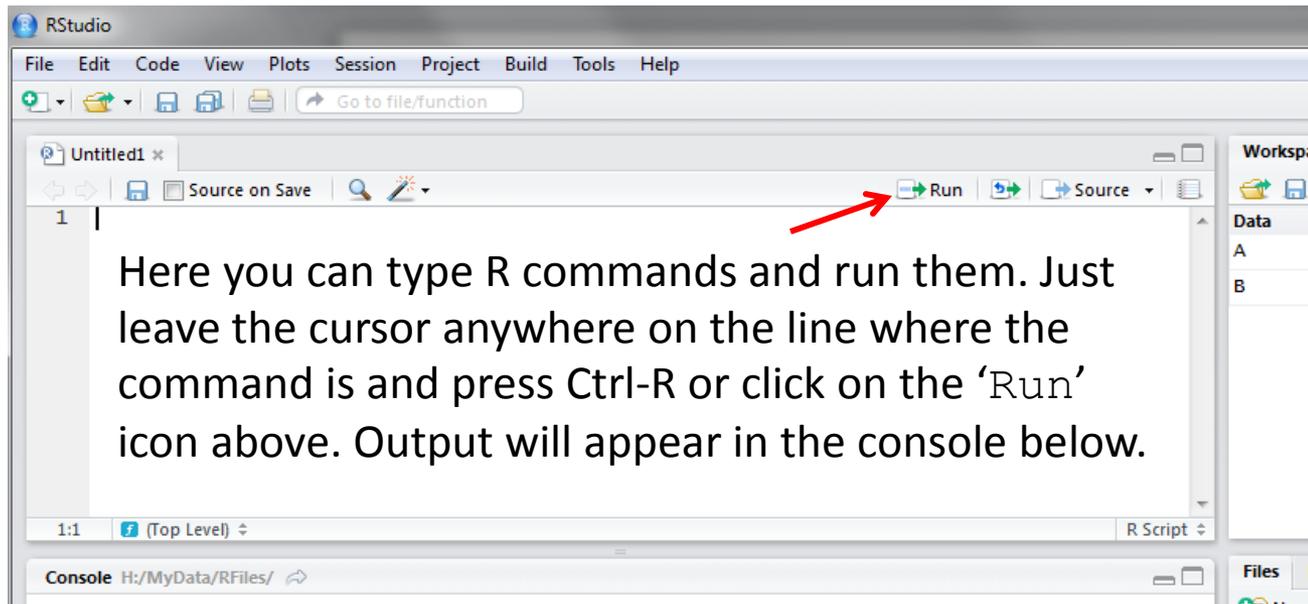
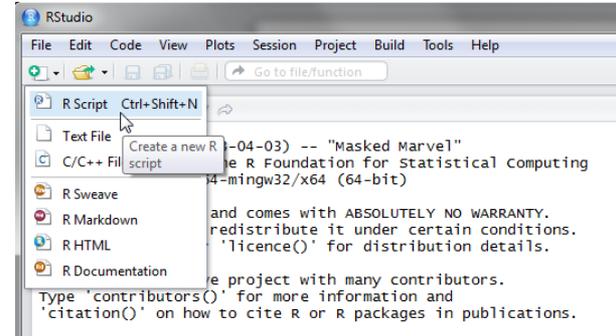
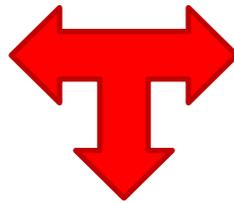
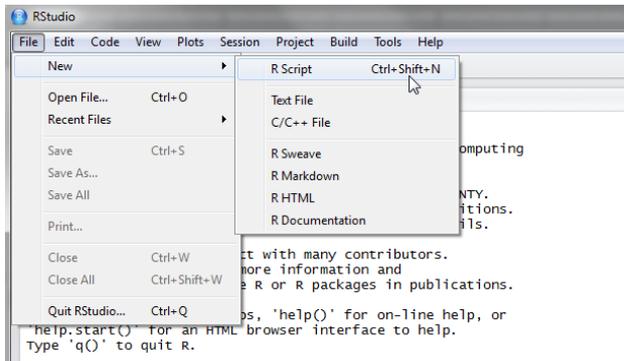
1. Console.
2. Workspace and history.
3. Files, plots, packages and help.
4. The R script(s) and data view.

The R script is where you keep a record of your work. For Stata users this would be like the do-file, for SPSS users is like the syntax and for SAS users the SAS program.



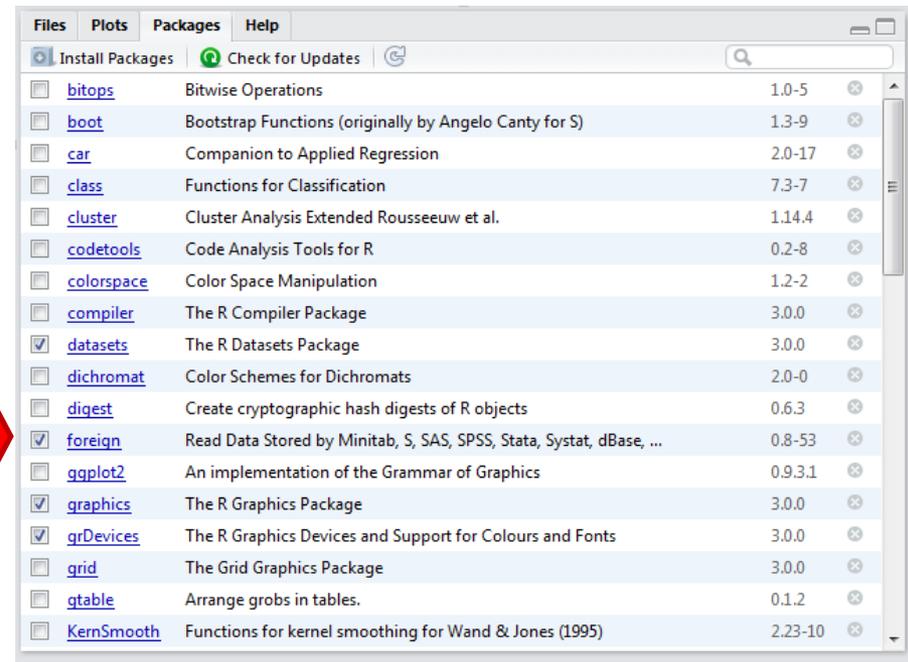
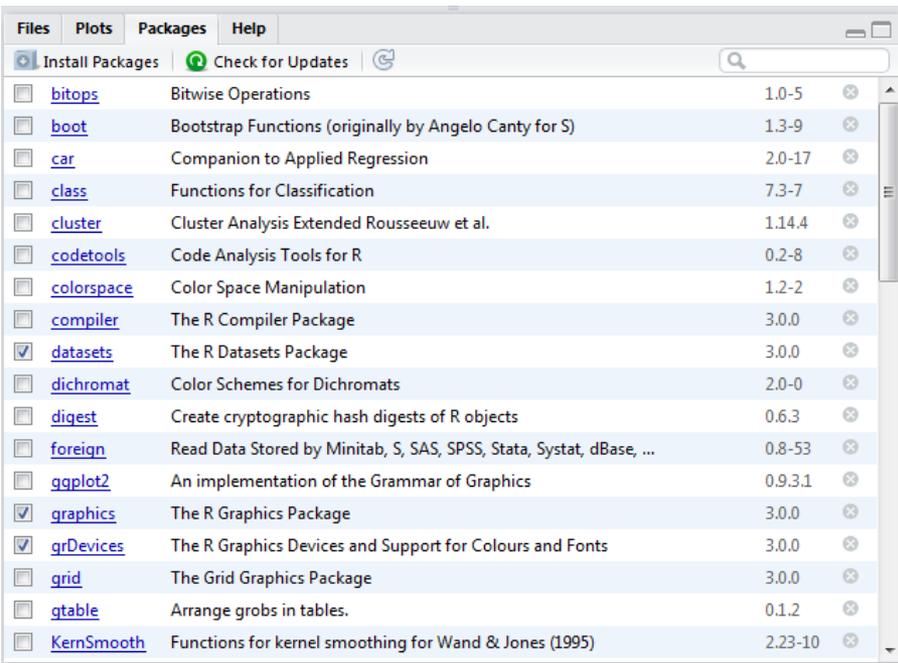
R script (2)

To create a new R script you can either go to `File -> New -> R Script`, or click on the icon with the “+” sign and select “R Script”, or simply press `Ctrl+Shift+N`. Make sure to save the script.



Packages tab

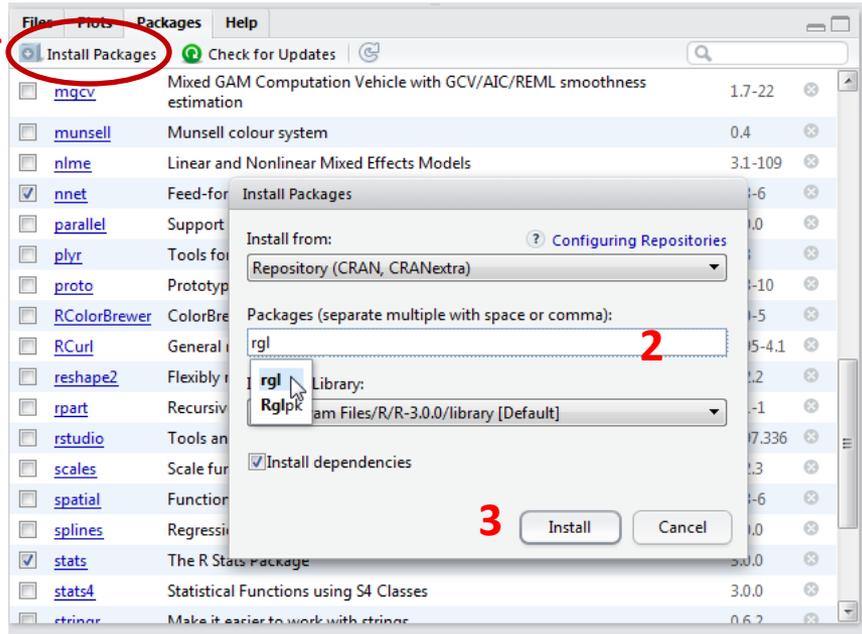
The package tab shows the list of add-ons included in the installation of RStudio. If checked, the package is loaded into R, if not, any command related to that package won't work, you will need select it. You can also install other add-ons by clicking on the 'Install Packages' icon. Another way to activate a package is by typing, for example, `library(foreign)`. This will automatically check the `--foreign` package (it helps bring data from proprietary formats like Stata, SAS or SPSS).



Installing a package

<input type="checkbox"/>	RCurl	General network (HTTP/FTP/...) client interface for R	1.95-4.1	✕
<input type="checkbox"/>	reshape2	Flexibly reshape data: a reboot of the reshape package.	1.2.2	✕
<input type="checkbox"/>	rpart	Recursive Partitioning	4.1-1	✕

Before



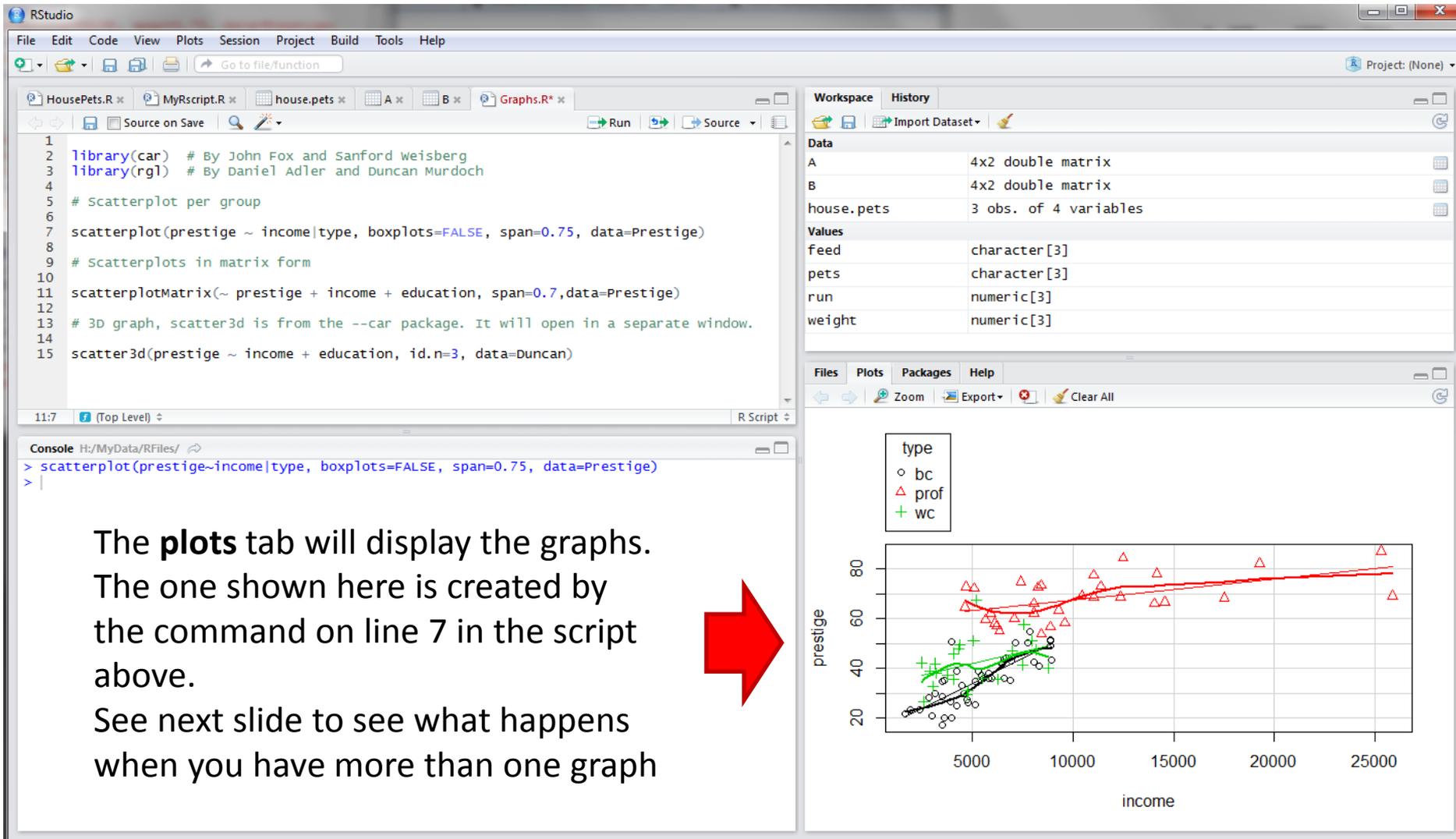
We are going to install the package – `rgl` (useful to plot 3D images). It does not come with the original R install.

Click on “Install Packages”, write the name in the pop-up window and click on “Install”.

After

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Plots tab (1)



The screenshot shows the RStudio interface. The script editor contains the following code:

```
1  
2 library(car) # By John Fox and Sanford Weisberg  
3 library(rgl) # By Daniel Adler and Duncan Murdoch  
4  
5 # Scatterplot per group  
6  
7 scatterplot(prestige ~ income|type, boxplots=FALSE, span=0.75, data=Prestige)  
8  
9 # Scatterplots in matrix form  
10  
11 scatterplotMatrix(~ prestige + income + education, span=0.7, data=Prestige)  
12  
13 # 3D graph, scatter3d is from the --car package. It will open in a separate window.  
14  
15 scatter3d(prestige ~ income + education, id.n=3, data=Duncan)
```

The console shows the execution of the command on line 7:

```
> scatterplot(prestige~income|type, boxplots=FALSE, span=0.75, data=Prestige)  
> |
```

The Plots tab displays a scatterplot of prestige versus income, faceted by type. The legend indicates three types: bc (black circles), prof (red triangles), and wc (green pluses). Each type has a corresponding smoothed regression line. The x-axis (income) ranges from 0 to 25,000, and the y-axis (prestige) ranges from 0 to 80. The prof group shows the highest prestige, followed by wc, and then bc.

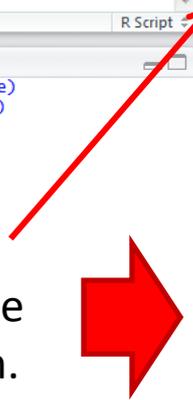
The plots tab will display the graphs. The one shown here is created by the command on line 7 in the script above. See next slide to see what happens when you have more than one graph

Plots tab (2)

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the following components:

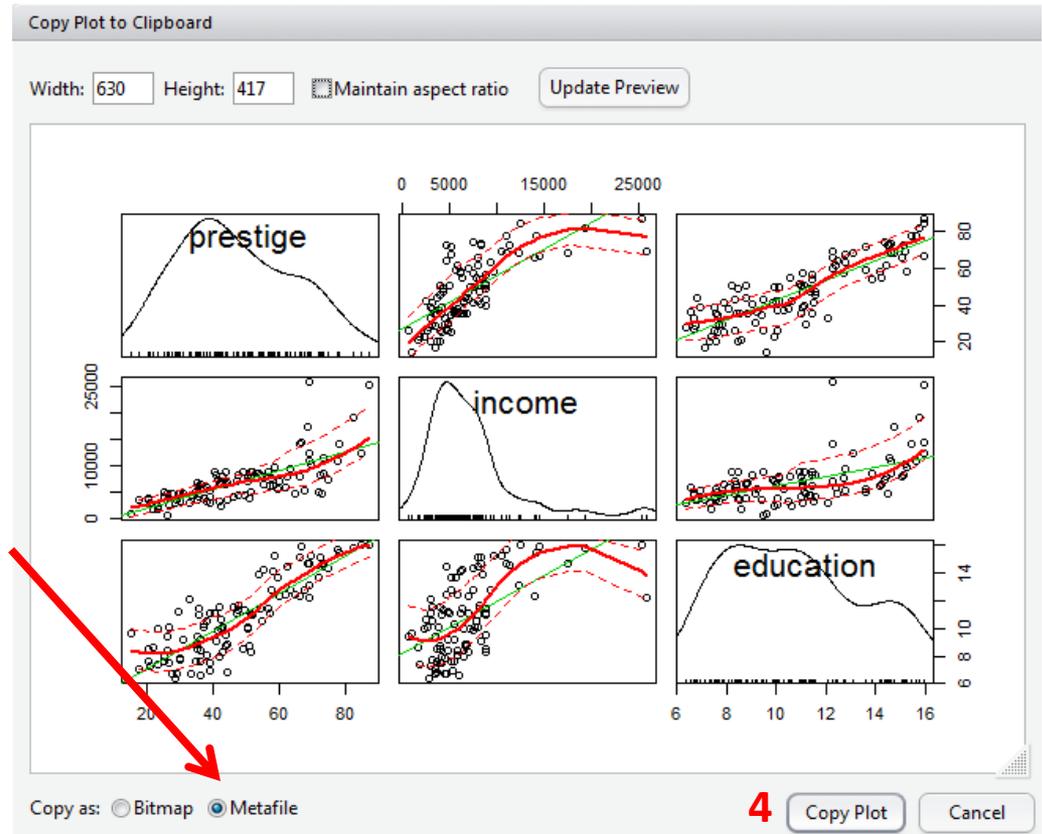
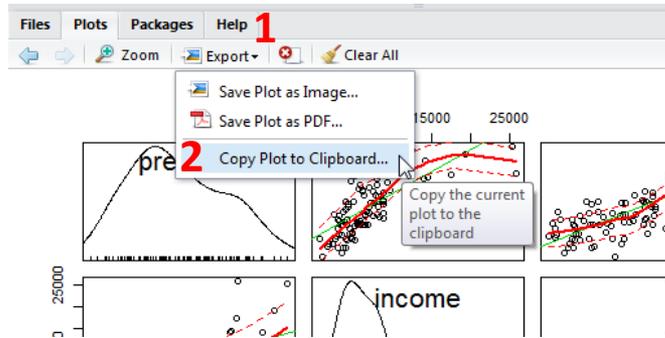
- Source Editor:** Contains R code for plotting. Line 11 uses `scatterplotMatrix()` to create a matrix of plots.
- Console:** Shows the execution of the `scatterplotMatrix()` function, resulting in a grid of plots.
- Plots Panel:** Displays a 3x3 grid of plots for variables 'prestige', 'income', and 'education'. Each plot includes a density curve and a scatter plot with regression lines.
- Workspace:** Lists data objects: 'A' (4x2 double matrix), 'B' (4x2 double matrix), and 'house.pets' (3 obs. of 4 variables).
- Plots Panel Controls:** Includes a left-pointing arrow icon for navigating between plots.

Here there is a second graph (see line 11 above). If you want to see the first one, click on the left-arrow icon.



Plots tab (3) – Graphs export

To extract the graph, click on “Export” where you can save the file as an image (PNG, JPG, etc.) or as PDF, these options are useful when you only want to share the graph or use it in a LaTeX document. Probably, the easiest way to export a graph is by copying it to the clipboard and then paste it directly into your Word document.



3 Make sure to select 'Metafile'

5 Paste it into your Word document

3D graphs

```
RStudio
File Edit Code View Plots Session Project Build Tools Help
Go to file/function
HousePets.R x MyRscript.R x house.pets x A x B x Graphs.R x
Source on Save Run Source
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```
15:1 [Top Level] R Sc
Console H:/MyData/RFiles/
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> scatterplotMatrix(~ prestige + income + education, span=0.7, data=Prestige)
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>
```

3D graphs will display on a separate screen (see line 15 above). You won't be able to save it, but after moving it around, once you find the angle you want, you can screenshot it and paste it to you Word document.

