KNIME TUTORIAL

What is KNIME?

- KNIME = Konstanz Information Miner
- Developed at University of Konstanz in Germany
- Desktop version available free of charge (Open Source)
- Modular platform for building and executing **workflows** using predefined components, called **nodes**
- Functionality available for tasks such as **standard data mining, data analysis** and **data manipulation**
- Extra features and functionalities available in KNIME by extensions
- Written in Java based on the Eclipse SDK platform

KNIME resources

- Web pages containing documentation
- www.knime.org - tech.knime.org – tech.knime.org
- installation-0
- Downloads
  - knime.org/download-desktop
- Community forum
  - tech.knime.org/forum
- Books and white papers
  - knime.org/node/33079

Installation and updates

- Download and unzip KNIME
  - No further setup required
  - Additional nodes after first launch

- Workflows and data are stored in a ***workspace***

- New software (nodes) from update sites
  - http://tech.knime.org/update/community-contributions/realease

Forum & Documentation

KNIME tech

Download KNIME Desktop & SDK

Download the latest KNIME Deskop and KNIME SDK version 2.8.2 for Windows, Linux, and Mac OS X.

KNIME Desktop

The KNIME Desktop version is intended for end users and provides everything needed to immediately begin using KNIME as well as extend KNIME with extension packages developed by others. The downloads also contain the KNIME quickstart guide.

Windows

Usually unzipping the archive somewhere on your hard drive is sufficient for the installation of KNIME. However, under Windows problems with the built-in unzip utility sometimes truncate file names. Therefore we offer self extracting archives:

- KNIME for Windows 32bit (self-extracting archive)
- KNIME for Windows 64bit (self-extracting archive)

If you are using a proper unzipper and want to use zip archives instead, you can find them here.

Linux

For Linux a 32 and 64bit build are available:

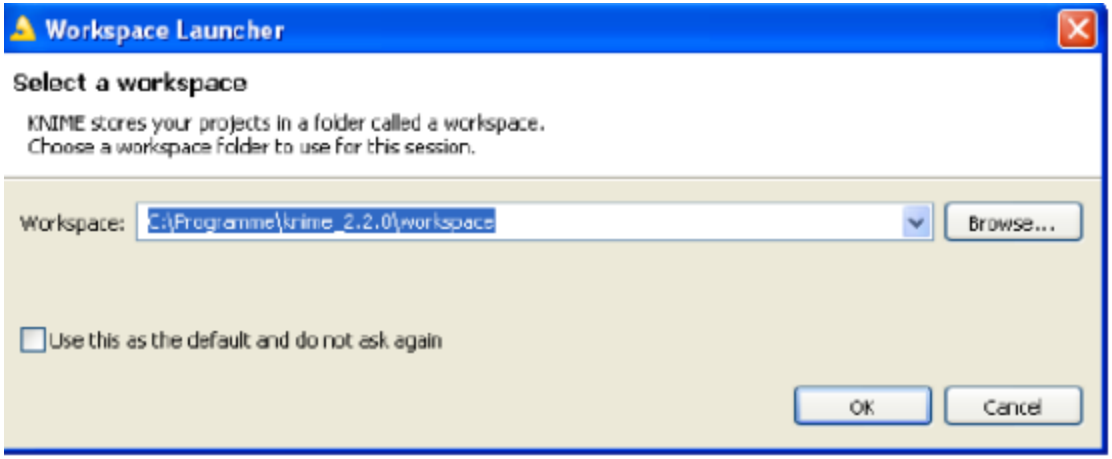
- KNIME for Linux 32bit
- KNIME for Linux 64bit

Mac OS X

Since KNIME 2.3.0 we are proud to announce a fully supported KNIME build for Mac OS X. It requires a 64bit Intel-based architecture with Java 1.6:

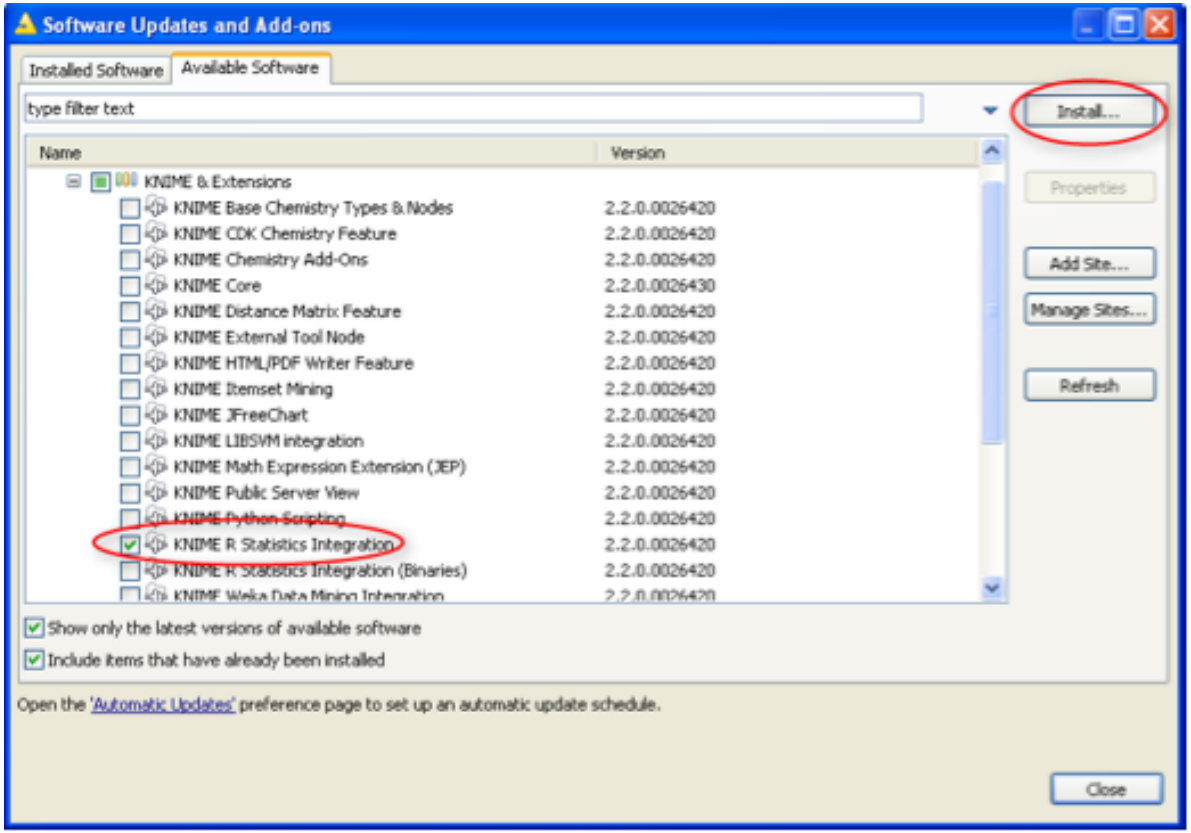
Workspace

- The workspace is the directory where all your workflows and preferences are saved in the next KNIME session.
- The workspace directory can be located anywhere on your hard-disk.
- By default, the workspace directory is "**[KNIME] \workspace**". But, you can change it, by changing the path requested at the beginning, before starting the KNIME working session.



Download Extensions

- From the Top Menu, select **Help -> Software Updates**
- In the “Software Updates” window, select Tab **Available Software**
- Open the sites and **select the extensions**
- Click the **Install** button on the top right
- Restart KNIME
- In the **Node Repository** you can see the new nodes

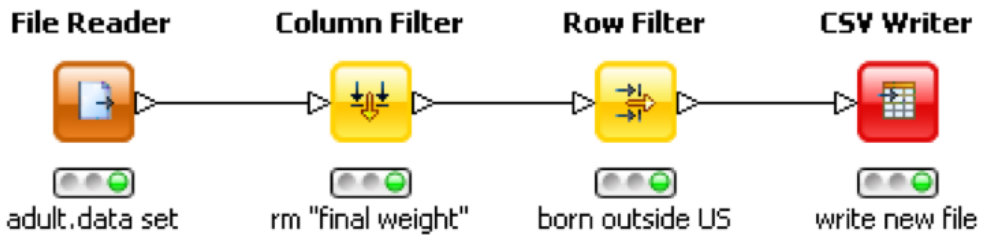


What can you do with KNIME?

- **Data manipulation and analysis**
  - File & database I/O, filtering, grouping, joining, ….
- **Data mining / machine learning**
  - WEKA, R, Interactive plotting
- **Scripting Integration**
  - R, Perl, Python, Matlab …
- **Much more**
  - Bioinformatics, text mining and network analysis

KNIME Workflow

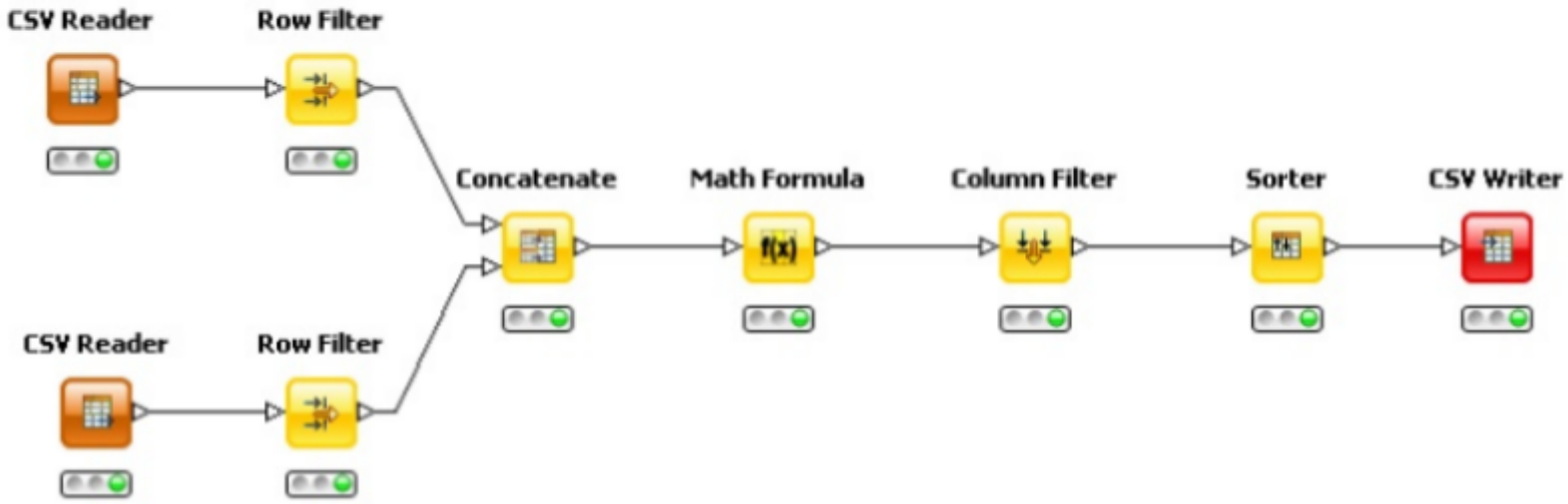
- KNIME does not work with scripts, **it works with workflows.**
- A workflow is an analysis flow, which is the sequence of the analysis steps necessary to reach a given result:
  1. Read data
  2. Clean data
  3. Filter data
  4. Train a model



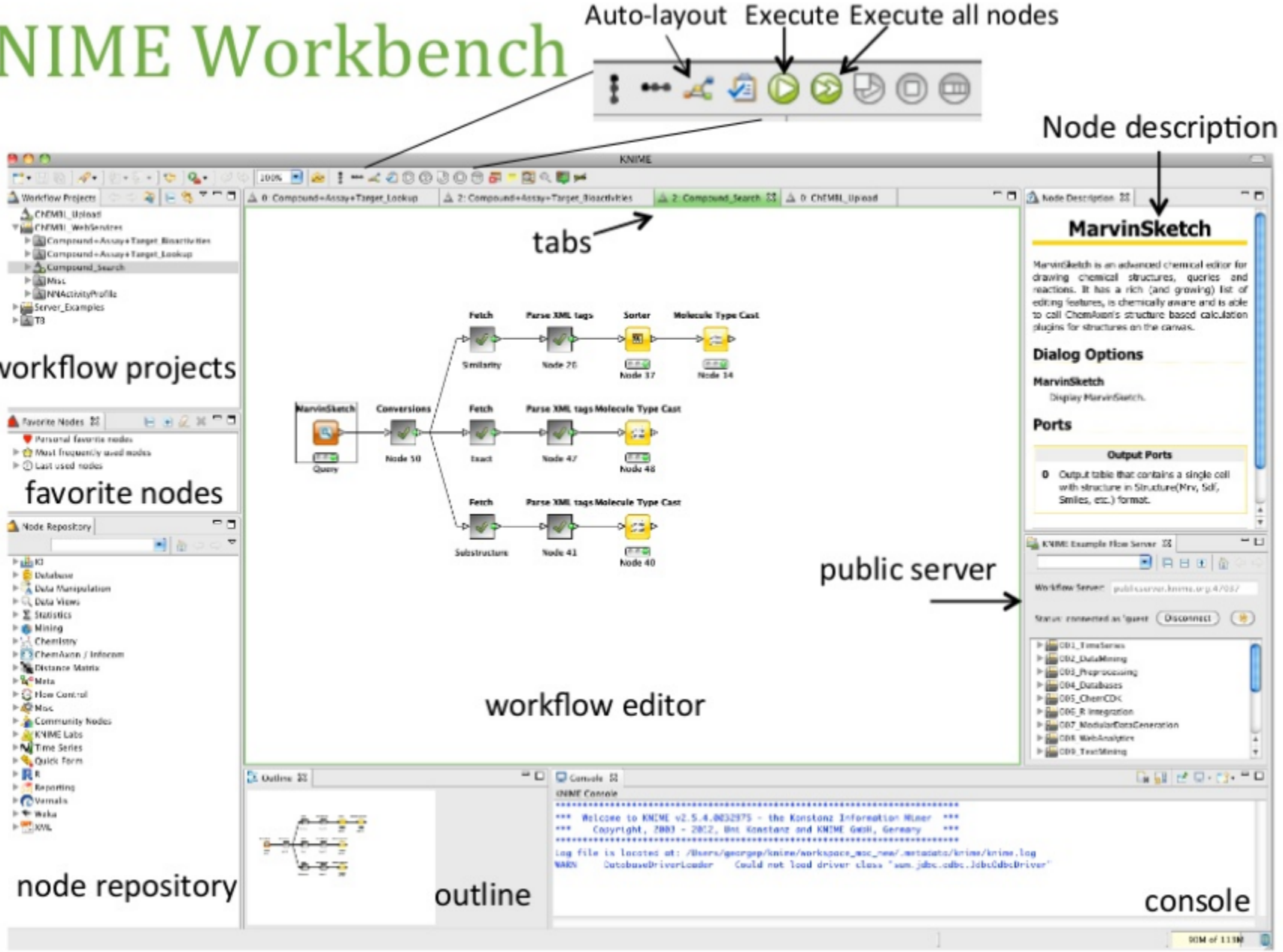
- KNIME implements its workflows **graphically**.
- Each step of the data analysis is executed by a little box, called a **node**.
- **A sequence of nodes makes a workflow.**

Import/export of workflow

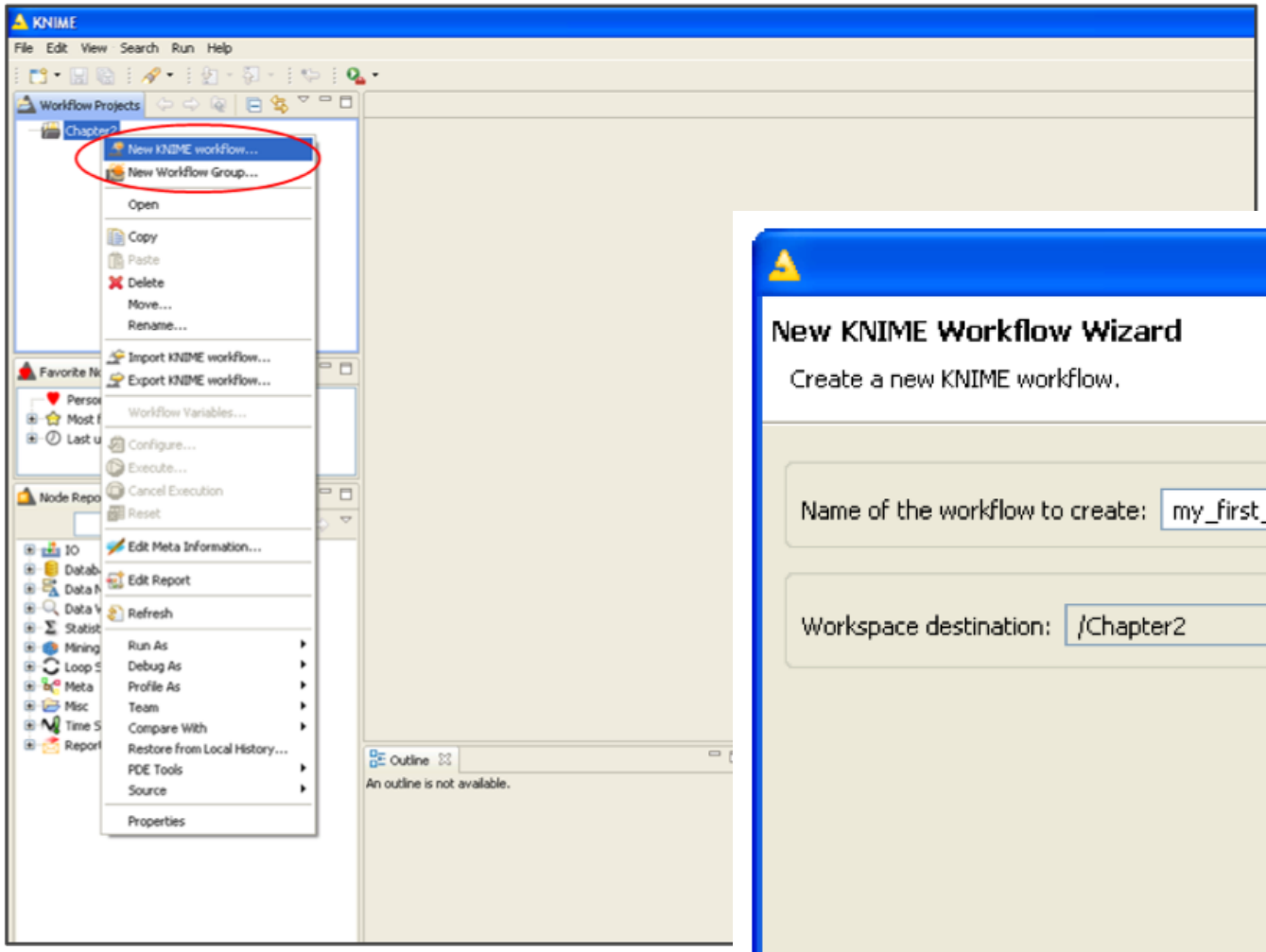
- Workflows can be imported and exported as .zip files
  - With or without the underlying data
  - File → Import KNIME workflow…
  - File → Export KNIME workflow…

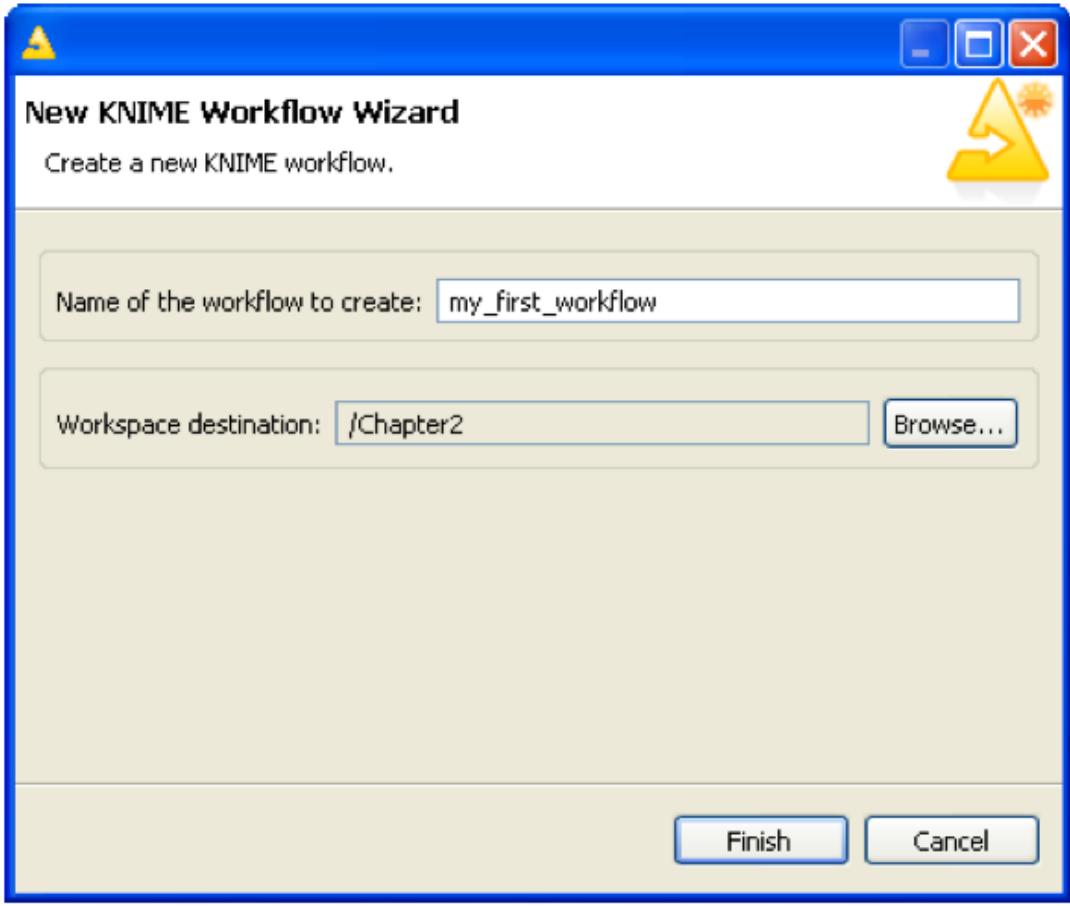


KNIME Workbench



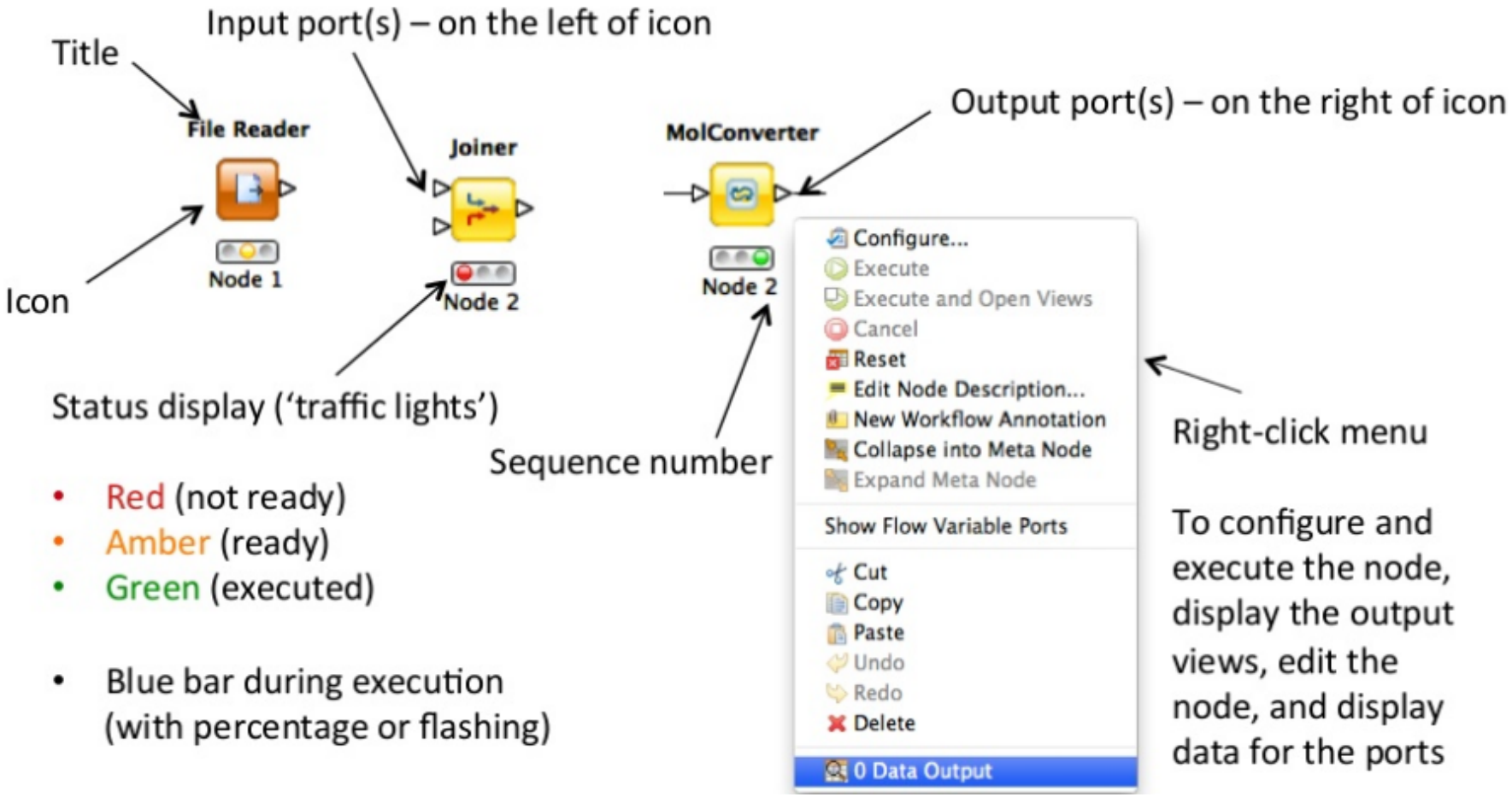
Create a new workflow





KNIME nodes: Overview

Node = basic processing unit of KNIME workflow which performs a particular task

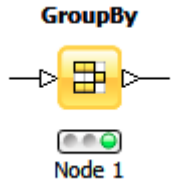


- Red (not ready)
- Amber (ready)
- Green (executed)

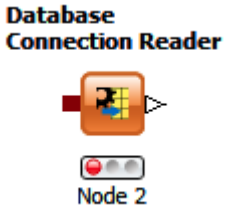
- Blue bar during execution (with percentage or flashing)

Ports

- **Data Port:** a white triangle which transfers flat data tables from node to node



- **Database Port:** Nodes executing commands inside a database are recognized by their database ports (brown square)

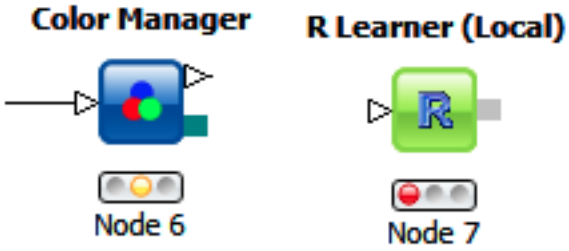


- **PMML Ports:** Data Mining nodes learn a model which is passed to the referring predictor node via a blue squared PMML port

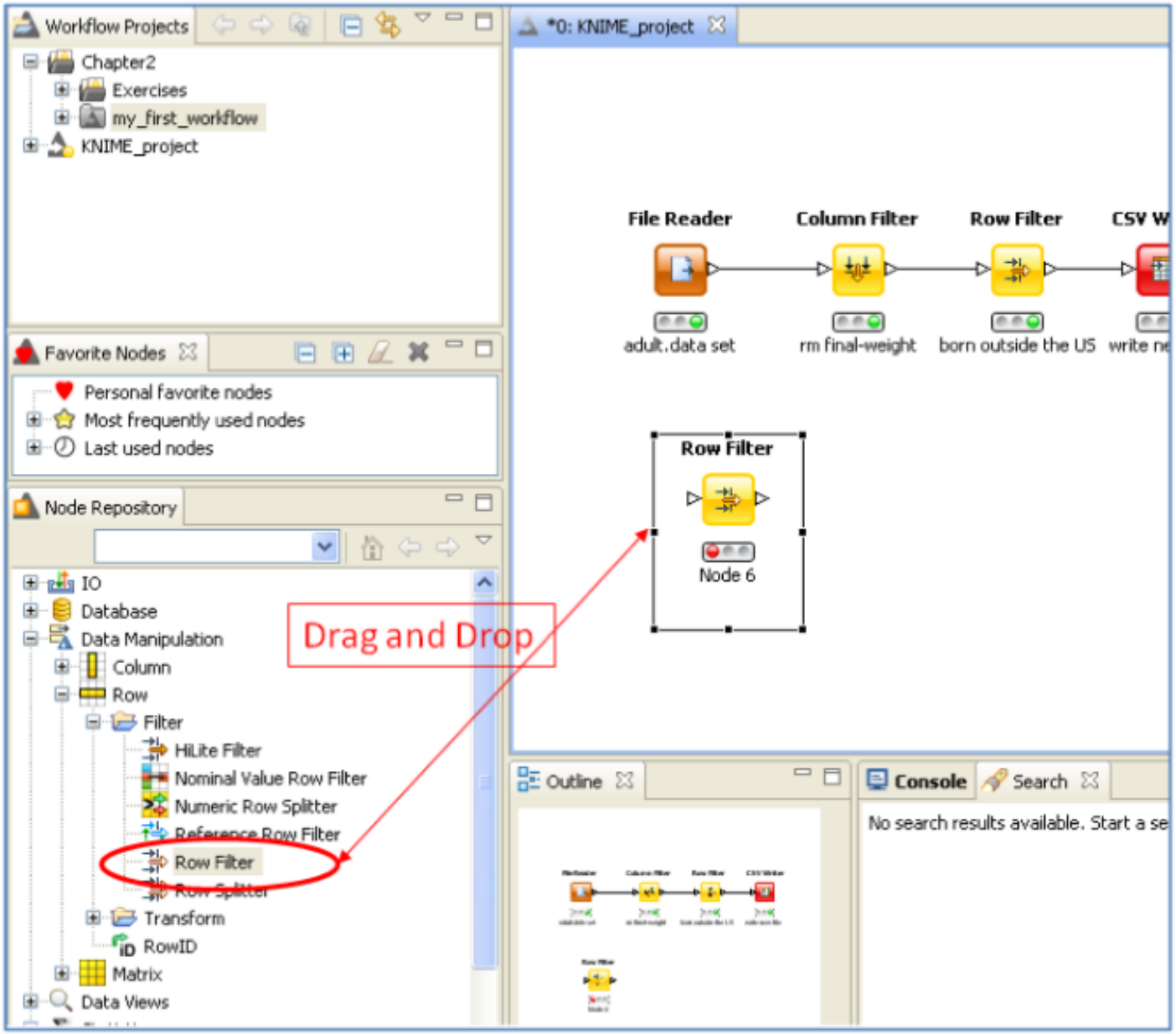
Other Ports

- Whenever a node provides data that does not fit a flat data table structure, **a general purpose port for structured** data is used (dark cyan square).

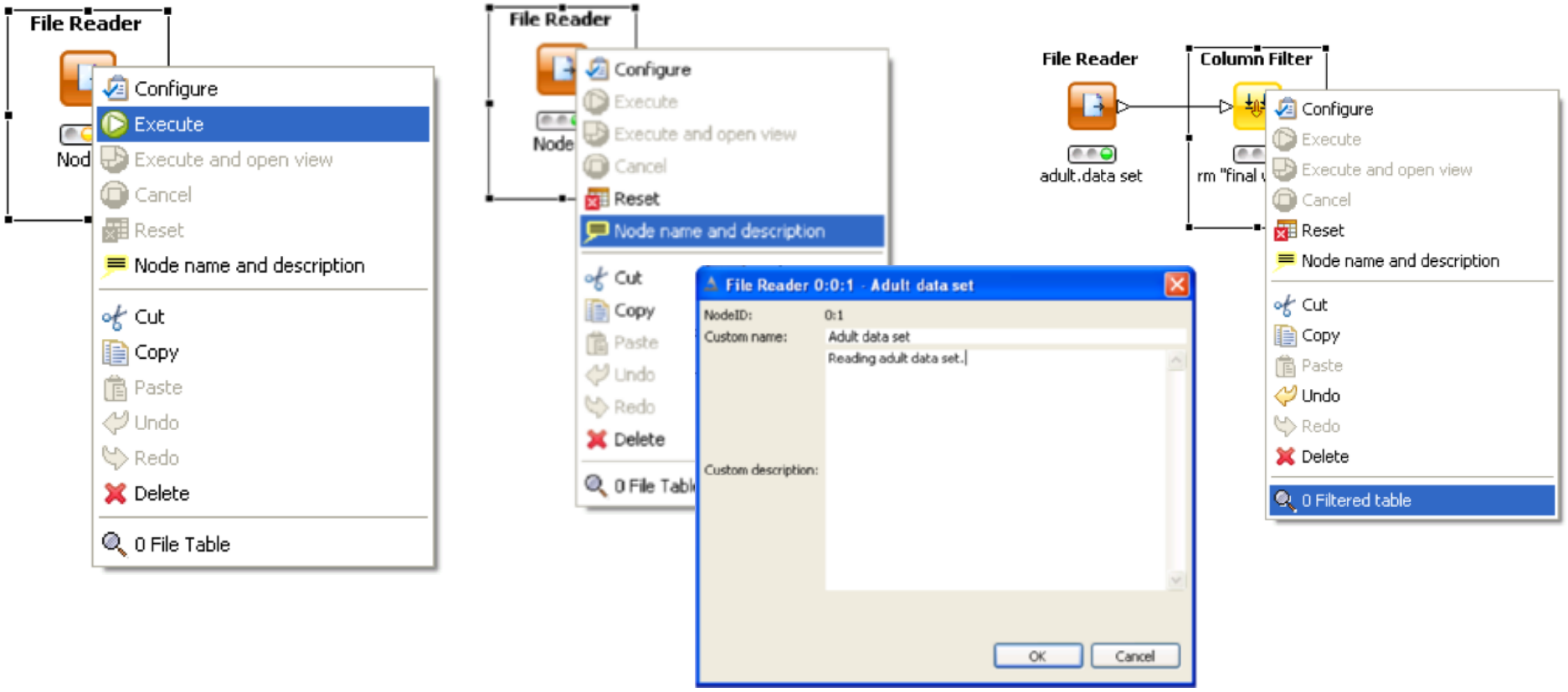
- All ports not listed above are known as **"unknown" types** (gray square).



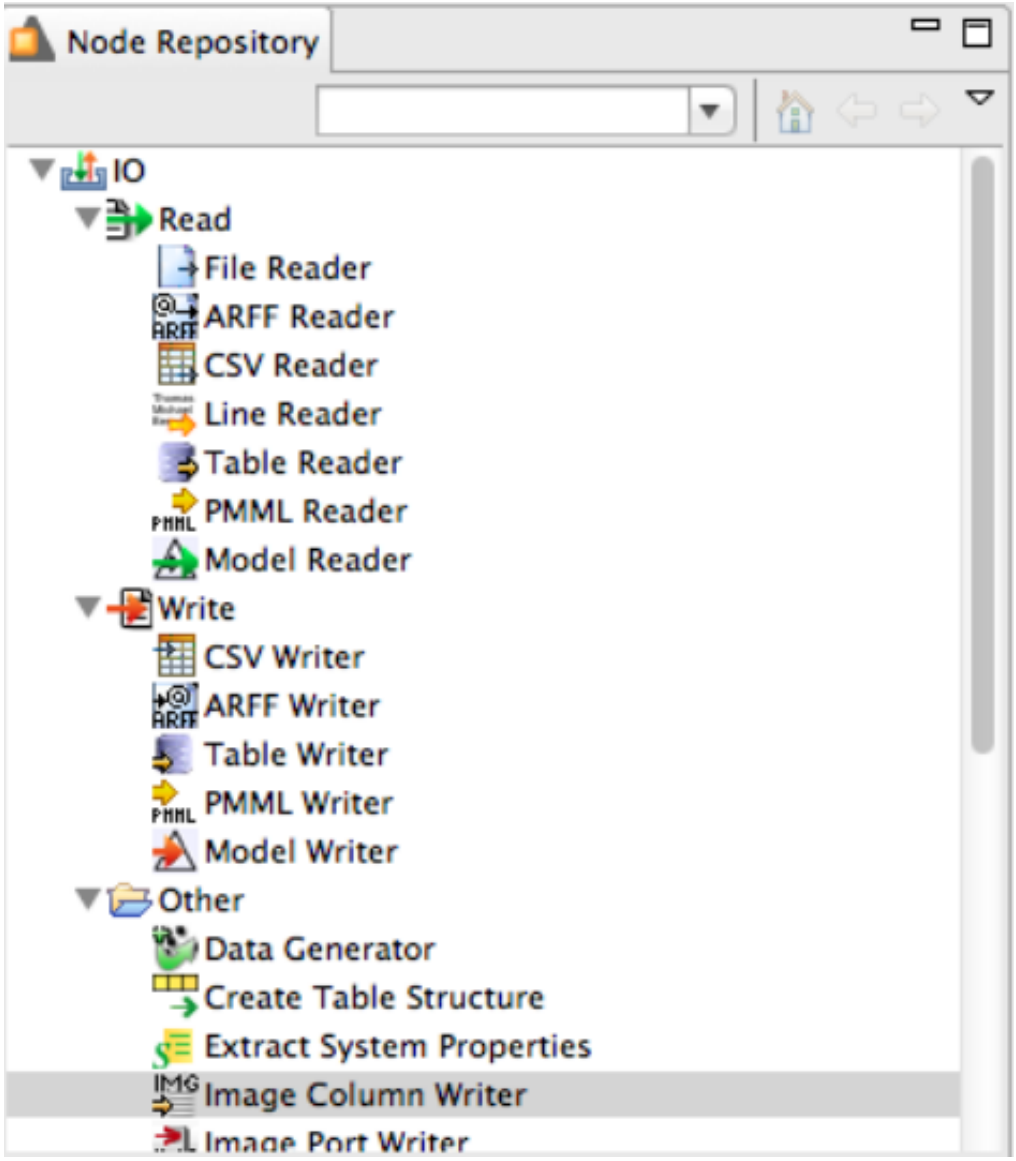
Node Creation



Node Operations



I/O Operations



ARFF (Attribute-Relation File Format) file is an ASCII text file that describes a list of instances sharing a set of attributes.

CSV (Comma-Separated Values) file stores tabular data (numbers and text) in plain-text form.

Read data from file

Dialog - 2:1 - File Reader

File

Settings | Flow Variables | Memory Policy

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

valid URL: data/User%20Meeting/Templates/adult%20data%20set/adult.data | Browse...

Preserve user settings for new location

Basic Settings

read row IDs | Column delimiter: , | Advanced...

read column headers | ignore spaces and tabs

Java-style comments | Single line comment:

Preview

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

Row ID	age	workclass	fnlwgt	education	educati...	marital-...	
Row0	39	State-gov	77516	Bachelors	13	Never-married	A
Row1	50	Self-emp-no...	83311	Bachelors	13	Married-civ-...	E
Row2	38	Private	215646	HS-grad	9	Divorced	H
Row3	53	Private	234721	11th	7	Married-civ-...	H
Row4	28	Private	338409	Bachelors	13	Married-civ-...	P
Row5	37	Private	284582	Masters	14	Married-civ-...	E
Row6	49	Private	160187	9th	5	Married-spo...	C
Row7	52	Self-emp-no...	209642	HS-grad	9	Married-civ-...	E
Row8	31	Private	45781	Masters	14	Never-married	P
Row9	42	Private	159449	Bachelors	13	Married-civ-...	E
Row10	37	Private	280464	Some-college	10	Married-civ-...	E
Row11	30	State-gov	141297	Bachelors	13	Married-civ-...	P
Row12	23	Private	122272	Bachelors	13	Never-married	A
Row13	32	Private	205019	Assoc-acdm	12	Never-married	S
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Row15	34	Private	245487	7th-8th	4	Married-civ-...	T
Row16	25	Self-emp-no...	176756	HS-grad	9	Never-married	F
Row17	32	Private	186824	HS-grad	9	Never-married	M
Row18	38	Private	28887	11th	7	Married-civ-...	S
Row19	43	Self-emp-no...	292175	Masters	14	Divorced	E
Row20	40	Private	193524	Doctorate	16	Married-civ-...	P
Row21	54	Private	302146	HS-grad	9	Separated	C
Row22	35	Federal-gov	76845	9th	5	Married-civ-...	F
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Read data from file

- Click in the column name
  - Change column name
  - Change type

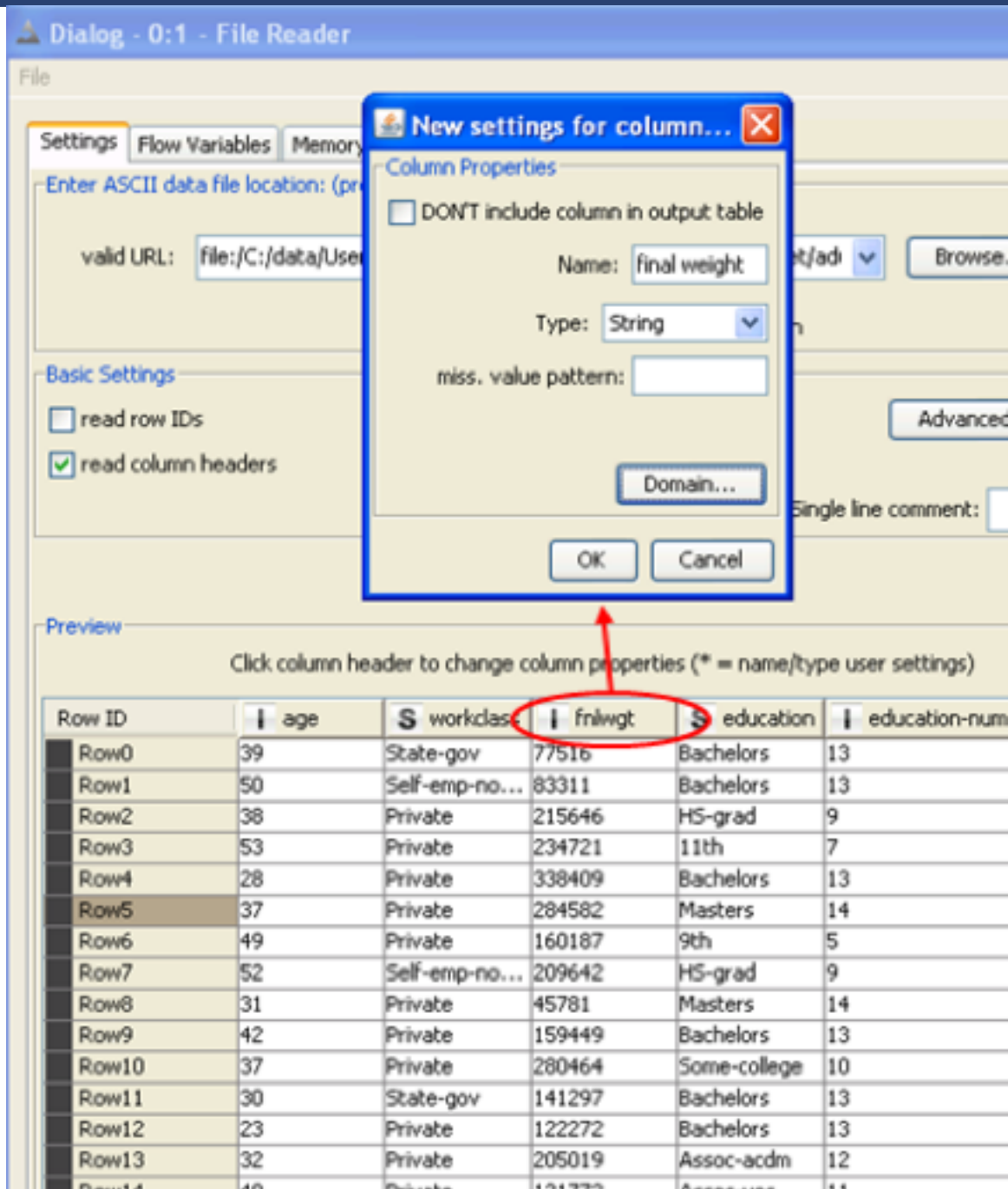
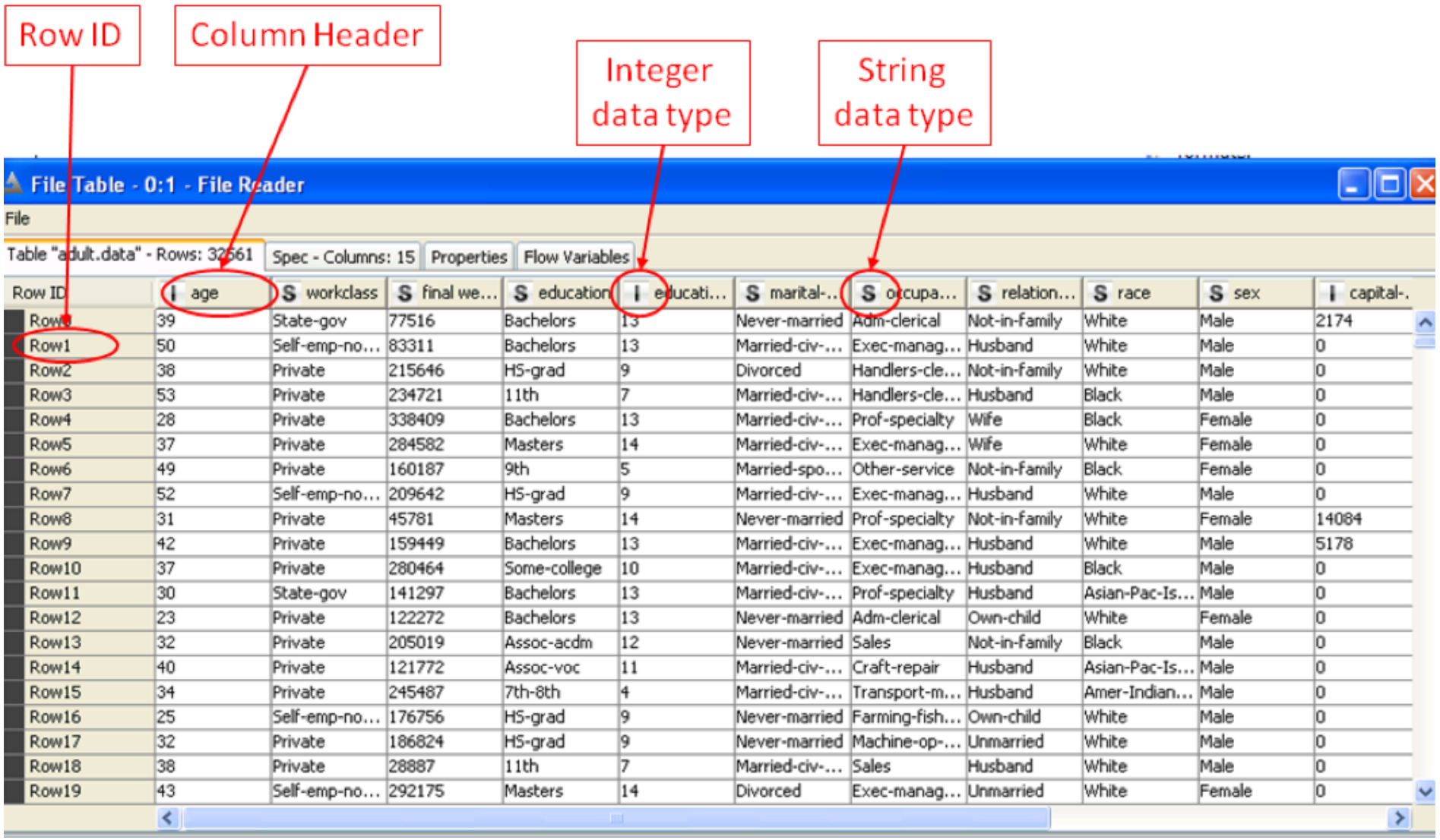


Table Data



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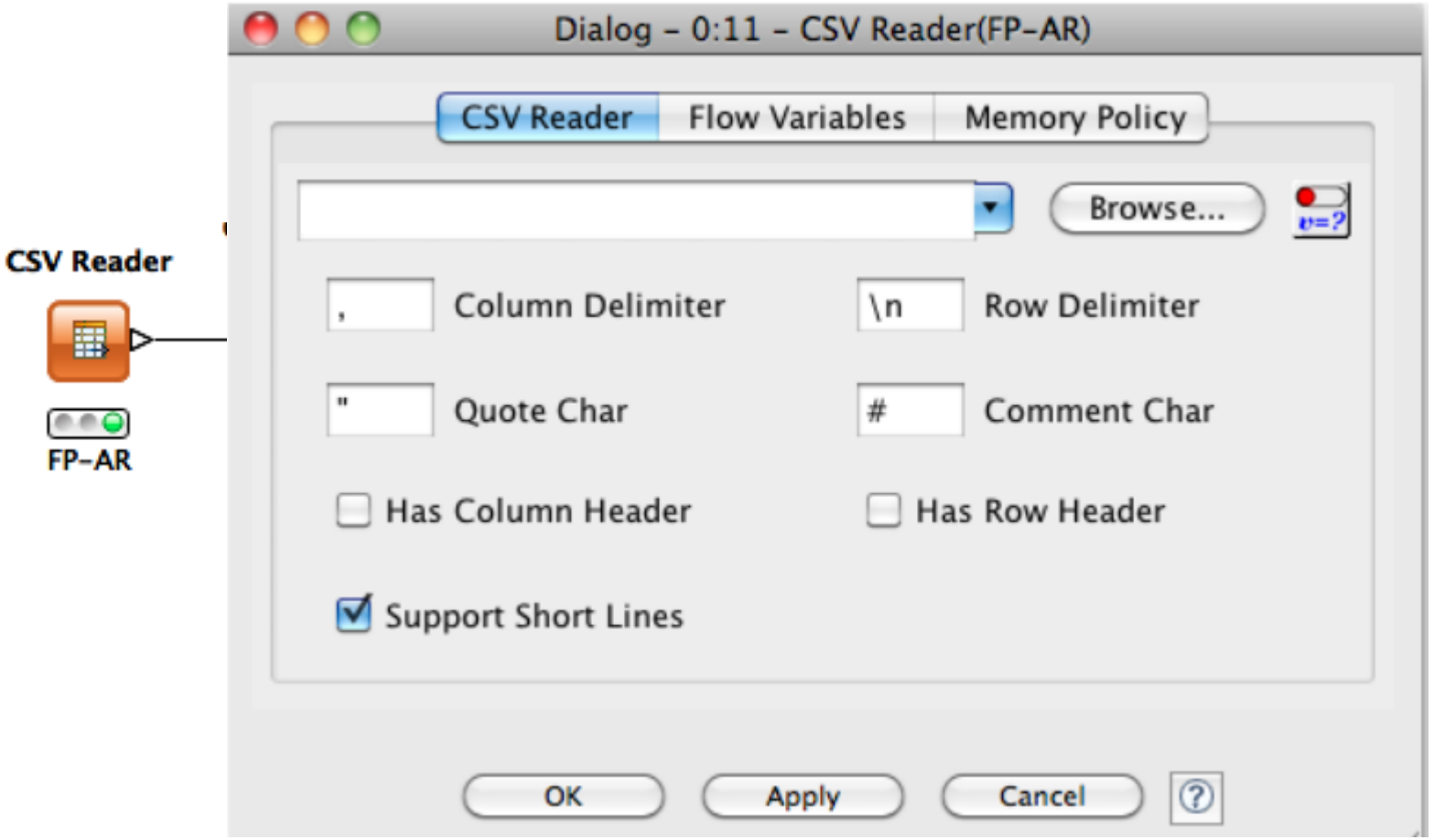
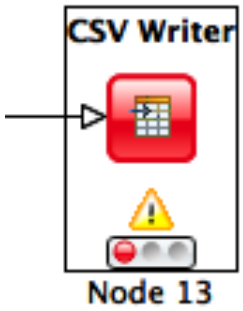
Other input nodes: CSV Reader



CSV Writer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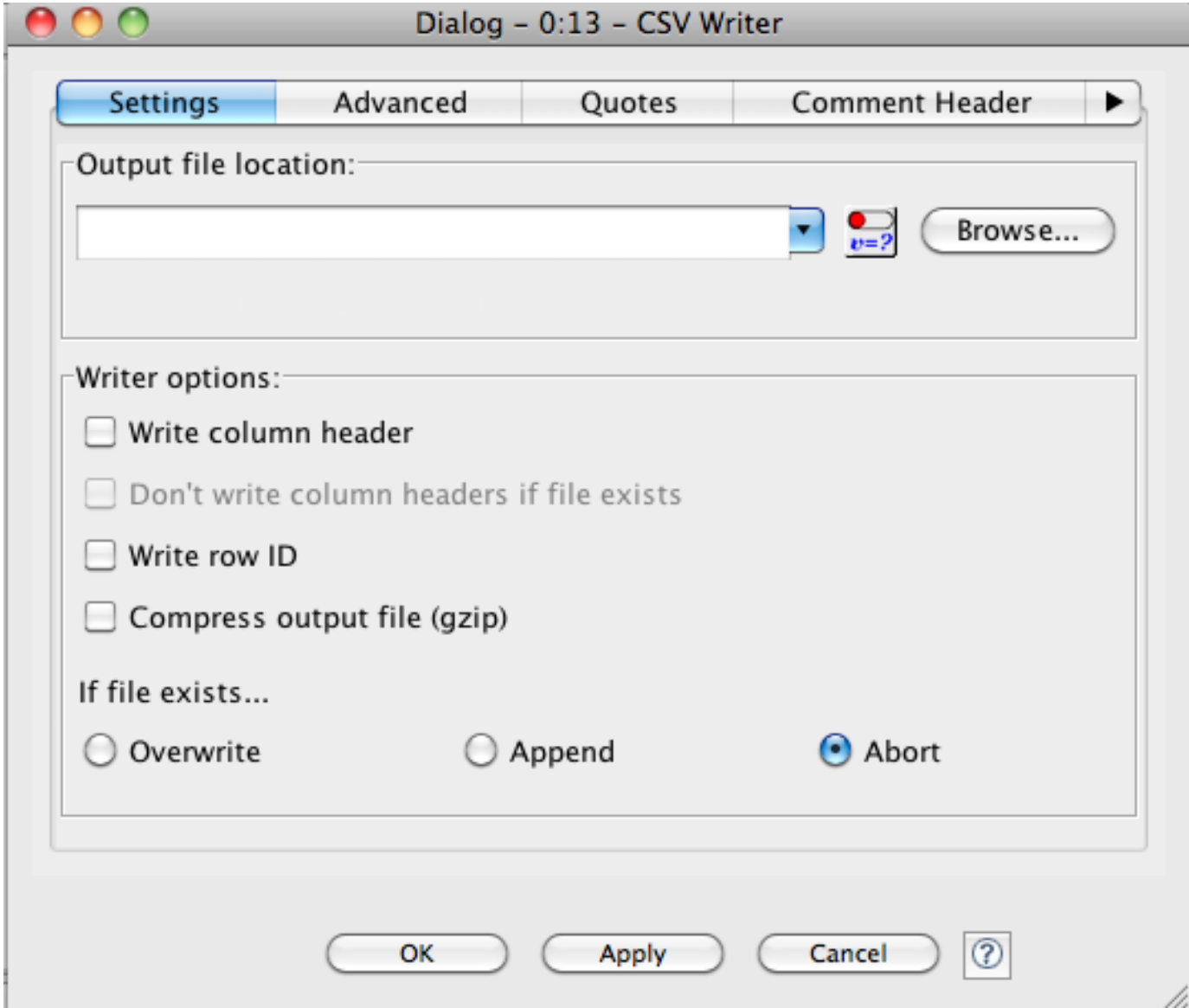
Dialog - 0:13 - CSV Writer
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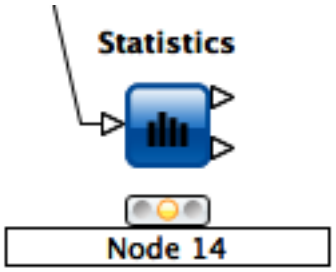
Advanced
Quotes
Comment Header
Output file location:
Browse...
Writer options:
Write column header
Don't write column headers if file exists
Write row ID
Compress output file (gzip)
If file exists...
Overwrite
Append
Abort
OK
Apply
Cancel

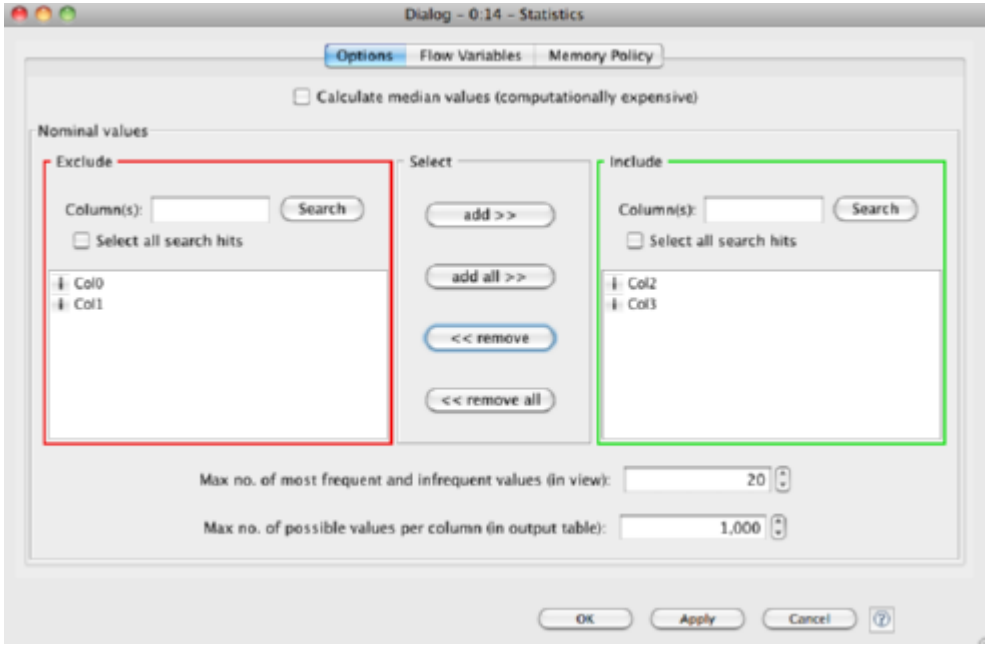
Data Manipulation

- Three main sections
  - **Columns**: binning, replace, filters, normalizer, missing values, …
  - **Rows**: filtering, sampling, partitioning, …
  - **Matrix**: Transpose

Statistics node

- For all numeric columns computes statistics such as
- **minimum**, **maximum**, **mean**, **standard deviation**, **variance**, **median**, **overall sum**, **number of missing values** and **row counts**
- For all nominal values counts them together with their occurrences.

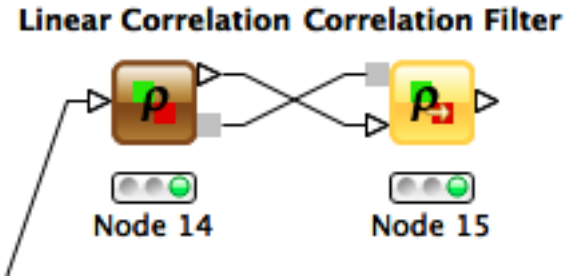




Correlation Analysis

- **Linear Correlation node** computes for each pair of selected columns a correlation coefficient, i.e. a measure of the correlation of the two variables
  - Pearson Correlation Coefficient

- **Correlation Filtering node** uses the model as generated by a Correlation node to determine which columns are redundant (i.e. correlated) and filters them out.
  - **The output table will contain the reduced set of columns.**



Data Views

- Box Plots
- Histograms, Pie Charts, Scatter plots, …
- Scatter Matrix

Mining Algorithms

- Clustering
  - Hierarchical
  - K-means
  - Fuzzy –c-Means
- Decision Tree
- Item sets / Association Rules
  - Borgelt's Algorithms (Extension)
- Weka (Extension)

Data Manipulation

- See Workflow on the course website