"Import Dataset" in RStudio

Some people (including me) have had problems with the Import Dataset wizard in the latest version of RStudio. It wants you to install two other packages before it will open and they may not install easily. You can either uninstall RStudio and install an earlier version or you can just not use the import wizard. It isn't hard. To import a text or csv file from your own file system and give the resulting dataframe a name, e.g., mydataframe,

> mydataframe=read.table(choose.files( ), header=T)

If your file doesn't have a header row, omit the argument header=T. If it is a csv file you are importing, you can use

> mydataframe=read.csv(choose.files( ), header=T)

but either function will work.

The function choose.files() causes a window to open on your own file system. Navigate to the file you want, select it and click "Open".

If you want to import data from the internet, find the link to the particular file, right click on that link and select "Save link address". Then in R, type

> mydataframe=read.table("link address", header = T)

but don't type "link address". Instead paste the saved link address or URL between the quotes. Ask for help if you have trouble.