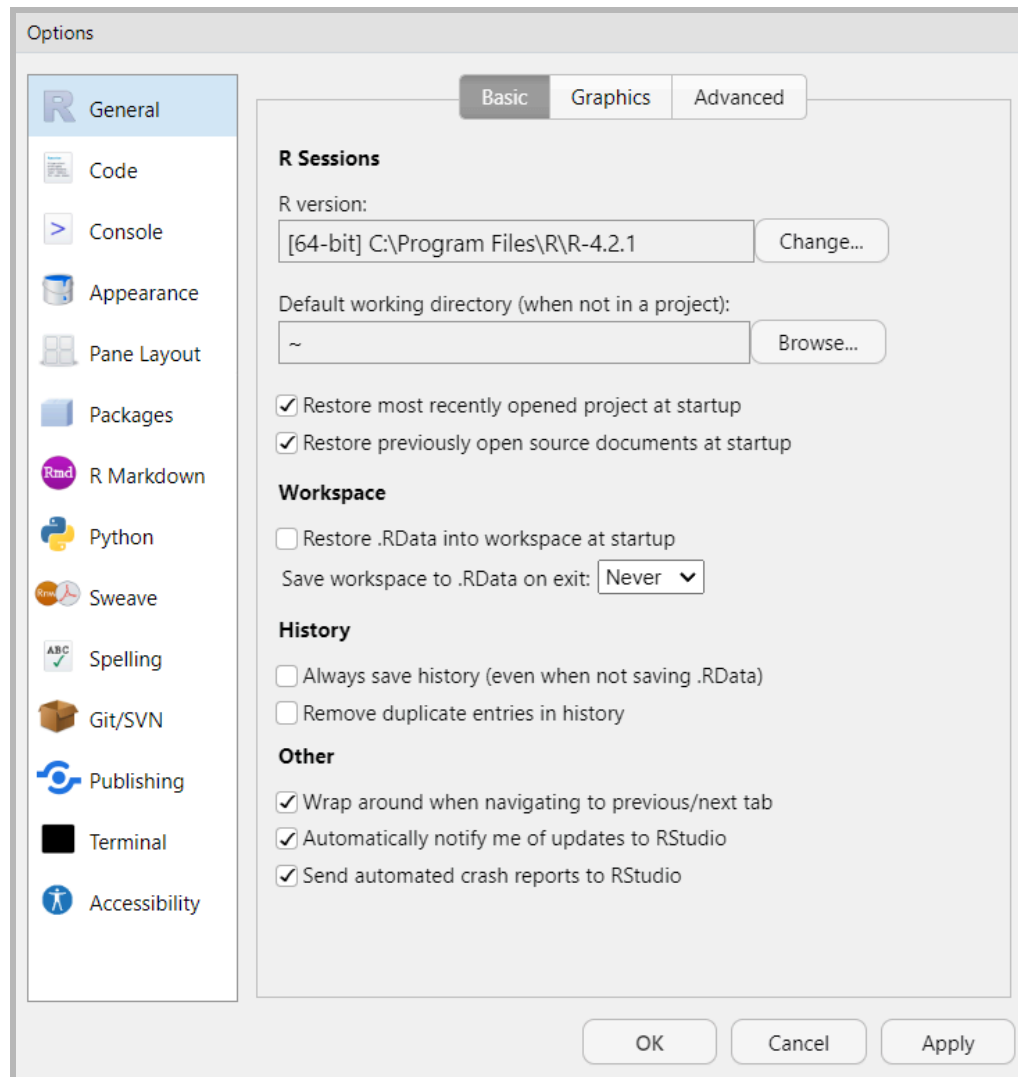


## Quick RStudio setup to ensure reproducibility

RStudio has some default options that we will adjust and/or turn off to avoid saving temporary data. In RStudio, click on the Tools menu and select Global Options. You will see a window of options:



The settings we will change are:

- **Workspace: Restore .RData into workspace at startup** - definitely uncheck this box
- **Workspace: Save workspace to .RData on exit** - set to "Never"
- **History: Always save history (even when not saving .Rdata)** - optional, uncheck this
- Then hit **OK** or **Apply** and close the window.

Why? If you save your .RData on exit, the current value of any variables and objects will be saved out as a .RData file. This is potentially problematic because it may contain old variables and object values that can mess up the reproducibility of your workflow.