Machine Learning with WEKA

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- WEKA: A Machine Learning Toolkit
- The Explorer
 - Classification and Regression
 - Clustering
 - Association Rules
 - Attribute Selection
 - Data Visualization
- The Experimenter
- The Knowledge Flow GUI
- Conclusions

WEKA: the bird



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WEKA: the software

- Machine learning/data mining software written in Java (distributed under the GNU Public License)
- Used for research, education, and applications
- Complements "Data Mining" by Witten & Frank
- Main features:
 - ◆ Comprehensive set of data pre-processing tools, learning algorithms and evaluation methods
 - Graphical user interfaces (incl. data visualization)
 - ◆ Environment for comparing learning algorithms

History

Project funded by the NZ government since 1993

FRST App Number: 93-WKT-23-719

7. PROGRAMME GOAL (State the overall goal of the programme in a maximum of 5 lines).

The programme aims to build a state-of-the-art facility for developing techniques of machine learning and investigating their application in key areas of the New Zealand economy. Specifically we will create a workbench for machine learning, determine the factors that contribute towards its successful application in the agricultural industries, and develop new methods of machine learning and ways of assessing their effectiveness.

- Develop state-of-the art workbench of data mining tools
- Explore fielded applications
- Develop new fundamental methods

History (2)

- Late 1992 funding was applied for by Ian Witten
- 1993 development of the interface and infrastructure
 - ♦ Weka acronym coined by Geoff Holmes
 - ◆ Weka's file format "ARFF" was created by Andrew Donkin ARFF was rumored to stand for Andrew's Ridiculous File Format
- Sometime in 1994 first internal release of WEKA
 - ◆ TCL/TK user interface + learning algorithms written mostly in C
 - Very much beta software
 - Changes for the b1 release included (among others):
 - "Ambiguous and Unsupported menu commands removed."

 "Crashing processes handled (in most cases :-)"
- October 1996 first public release: WEKA 2.1

History (3)

- July 1997 WEKA 2.2
 - ◆ Schemes: 1R, T2, K*, M5, M5Class, IB1-4, FOIL, PEBLS, support for C5
 - Included a facility (based on Unix makefiles) for configuring and running large scale experiments
- Early 1997 decision was made to rewrite WEKA in Java
 - Originated from code written by Eibe Frank for his PhD
 - Originally codenamed JAWS (JAva Weka System)
- May 1998 WEKA 2.3
 - Last release of the TCL/TK-based system
- Mid 1999 WEKA 3 (100% Java) released
 - Version to complement the Data Mining book
 - Development version (including GUI)

WEKA: versions

- There are several versions of WEKA:
 - ♦ WEKA 3.0: "book version" compatible with description in data mining book
 - ♦ WEKA 3.2: "GUI version" adds graphical user interfaces (book version is command-line only)
 - ◆ WEKA 3.3: "development version" with lots of improvements
- This talk is based on the latest snapshot of WEKA
 3.3 (soon to be WEKA 3.4)

WEKA only deals with "flat" files

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@attribute age numeric
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- @attribute sex { female, male}
- @attribute chest_pain_type { typ_angina, asympt, non_anginal, atyp_angina}
- @attribute cholesterol numeric
- @attribute exercise_induced_angina { no, yes}
- @attribute class { present, not_present}

@data

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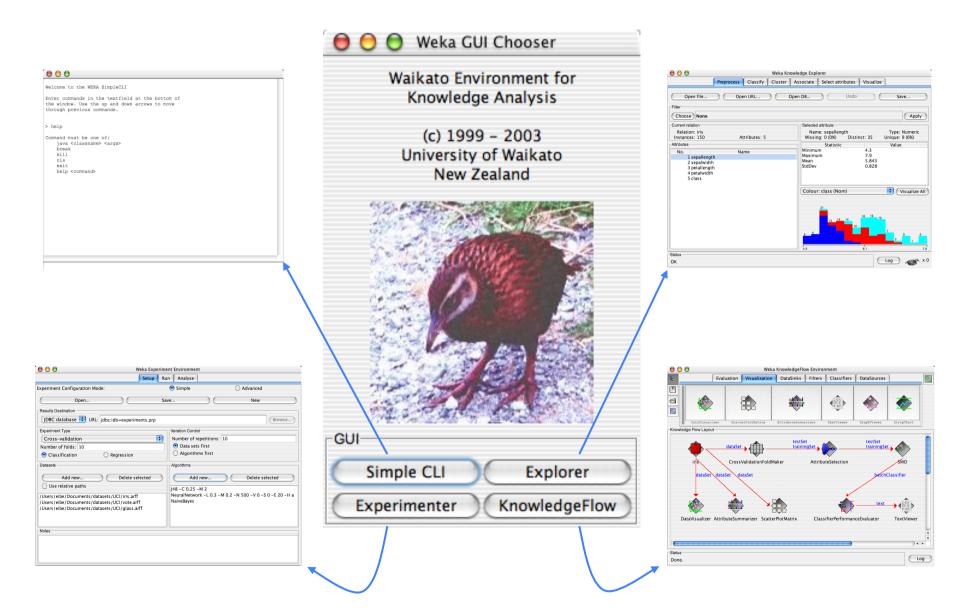
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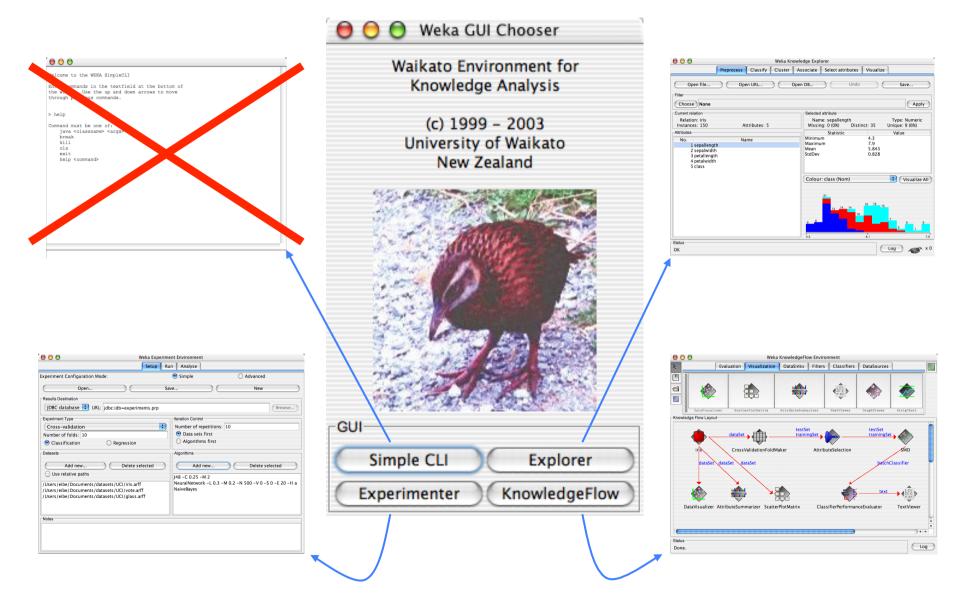
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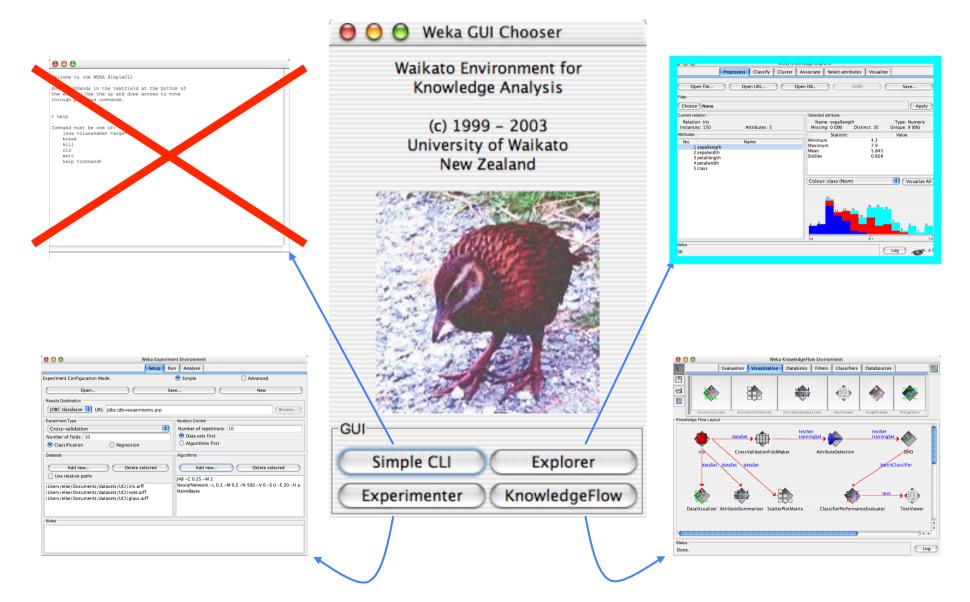
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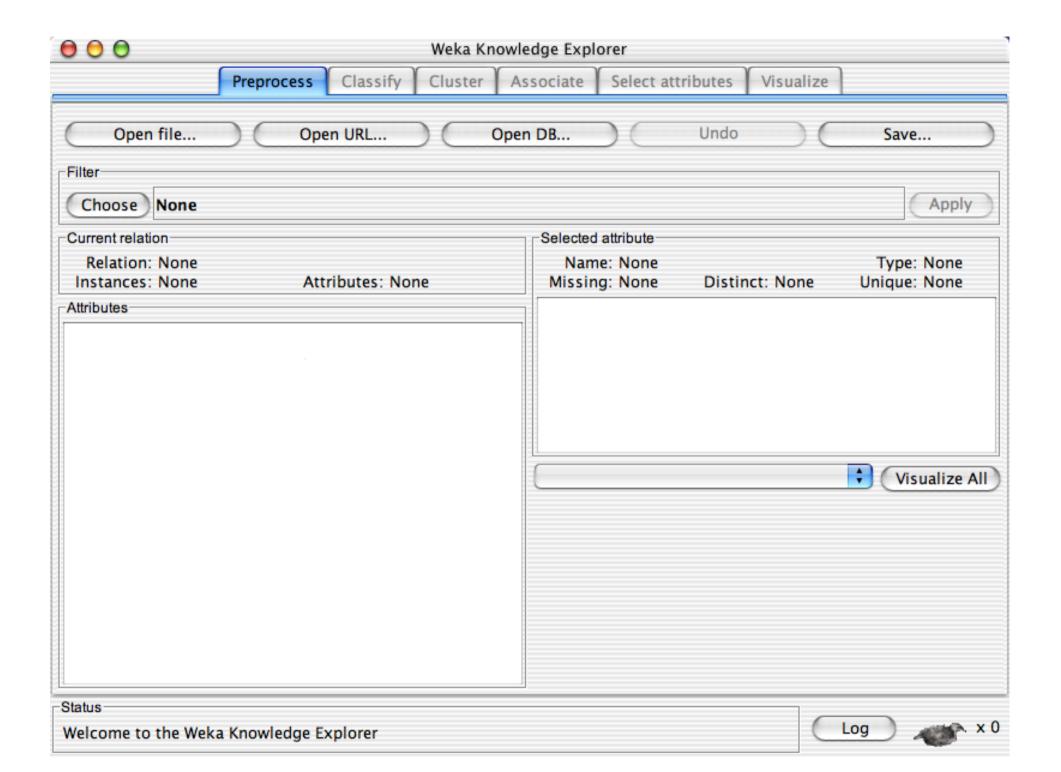


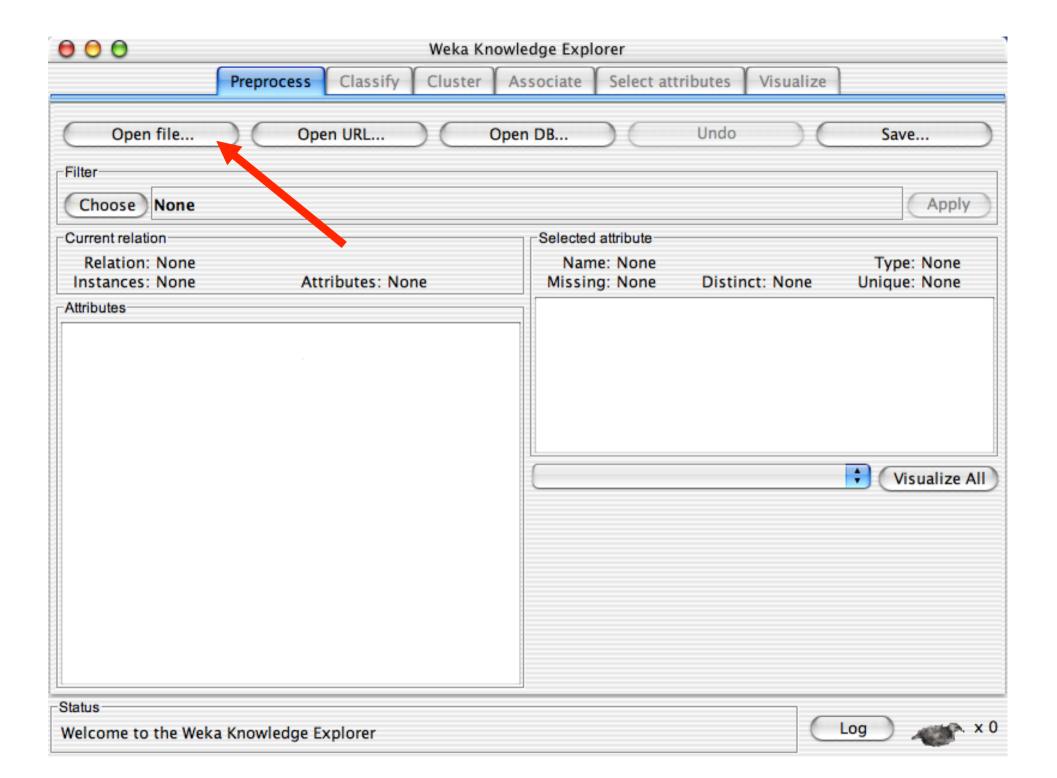


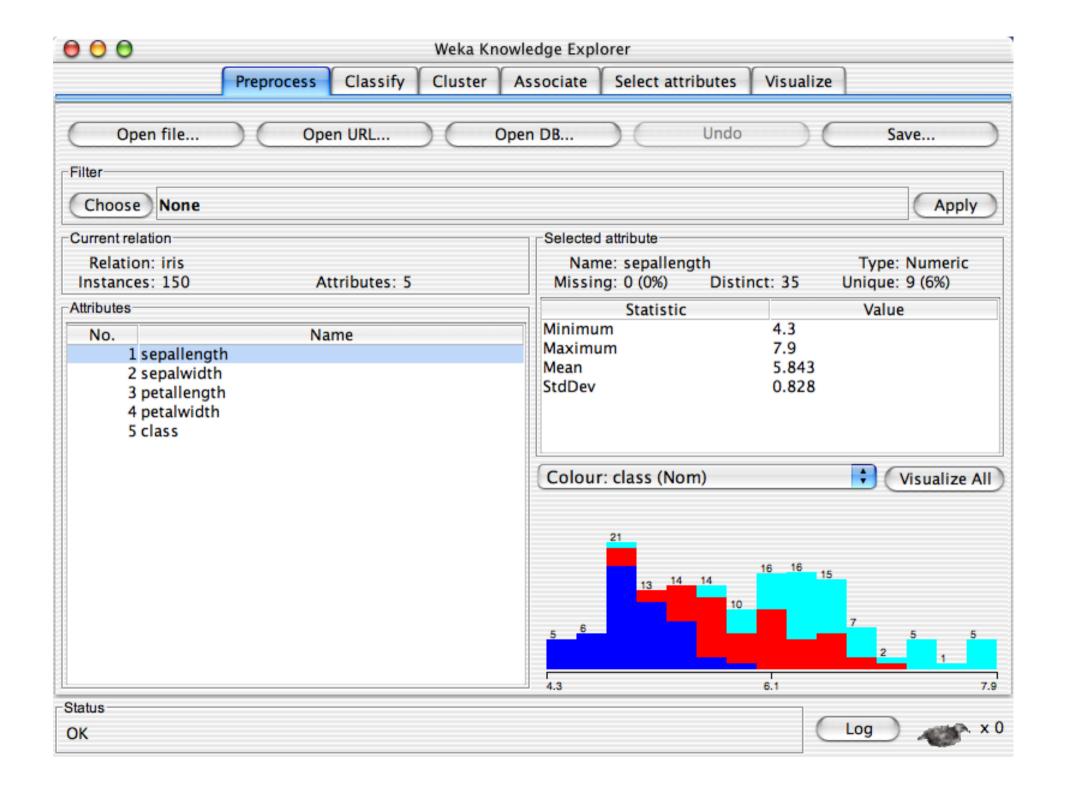


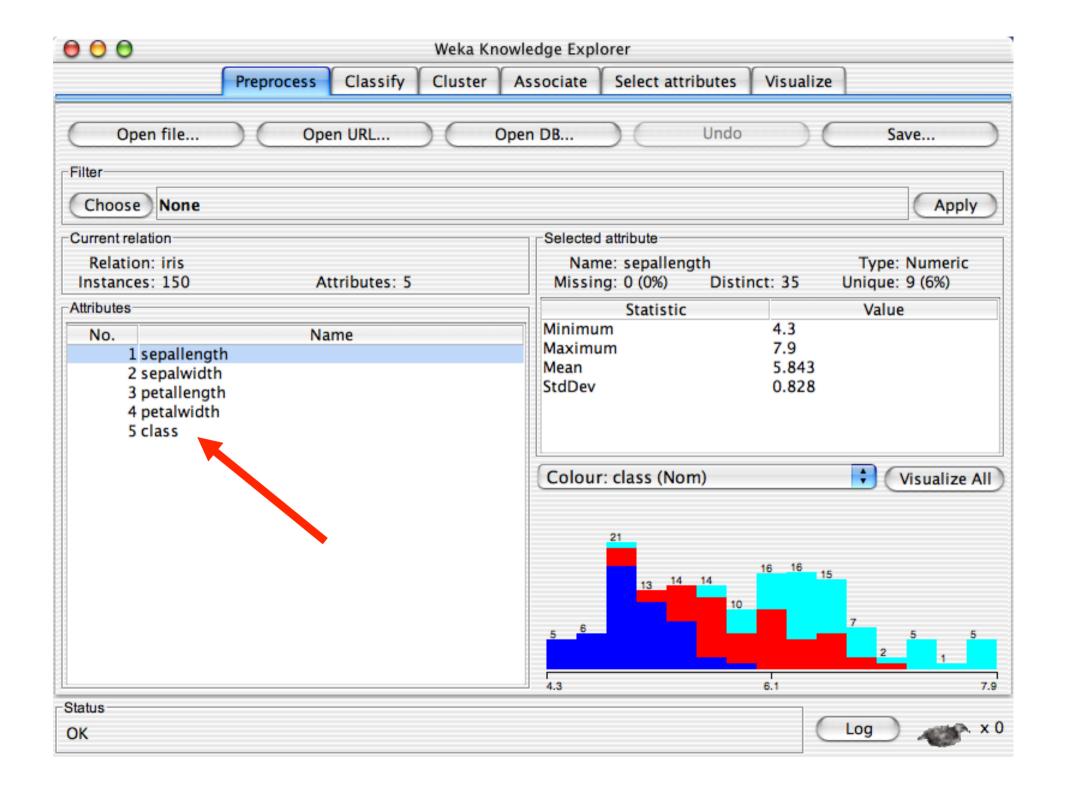
Explorer: pre-processing the data

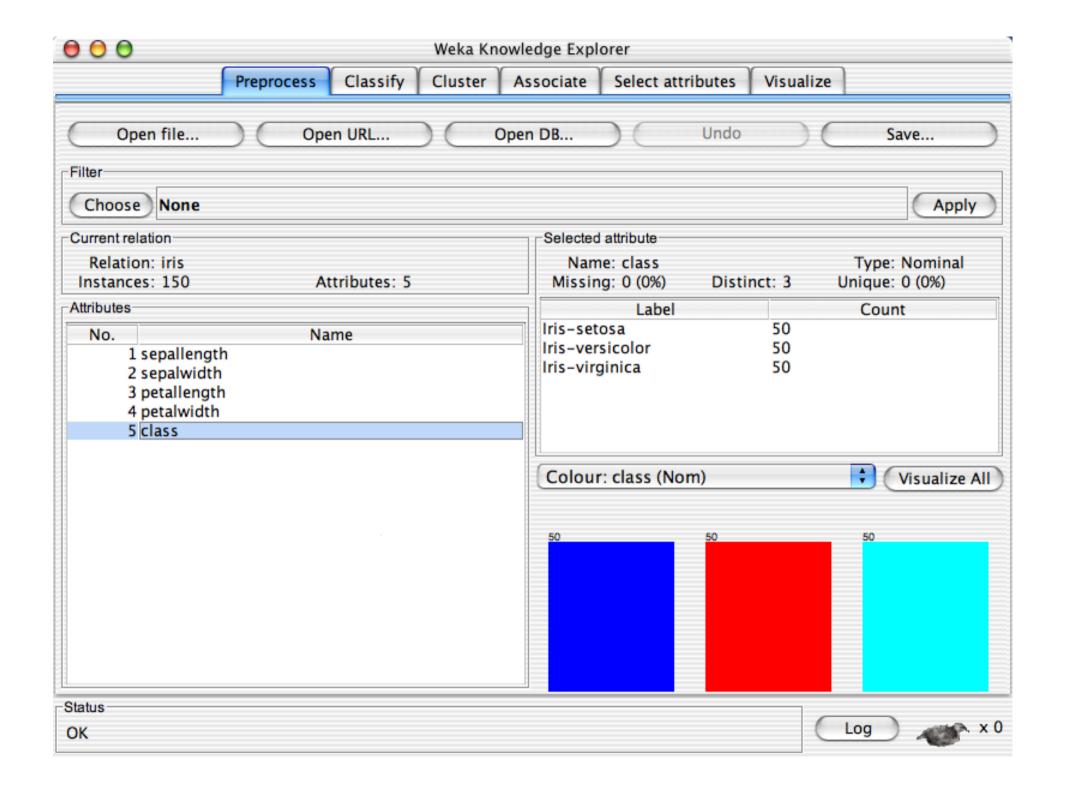
- Data can be imported from a file in various formats: ARFF, CSV, C4.5, binary
- Data can also be read from a URL or from an SQL database (using JDBC)
- Pre-processing tools in WEKA are called "filters"
- WEKA contains filters for:
 - ◆ Discretization, normalization, resampling, attribute selection, transforming and combining attributes, ...

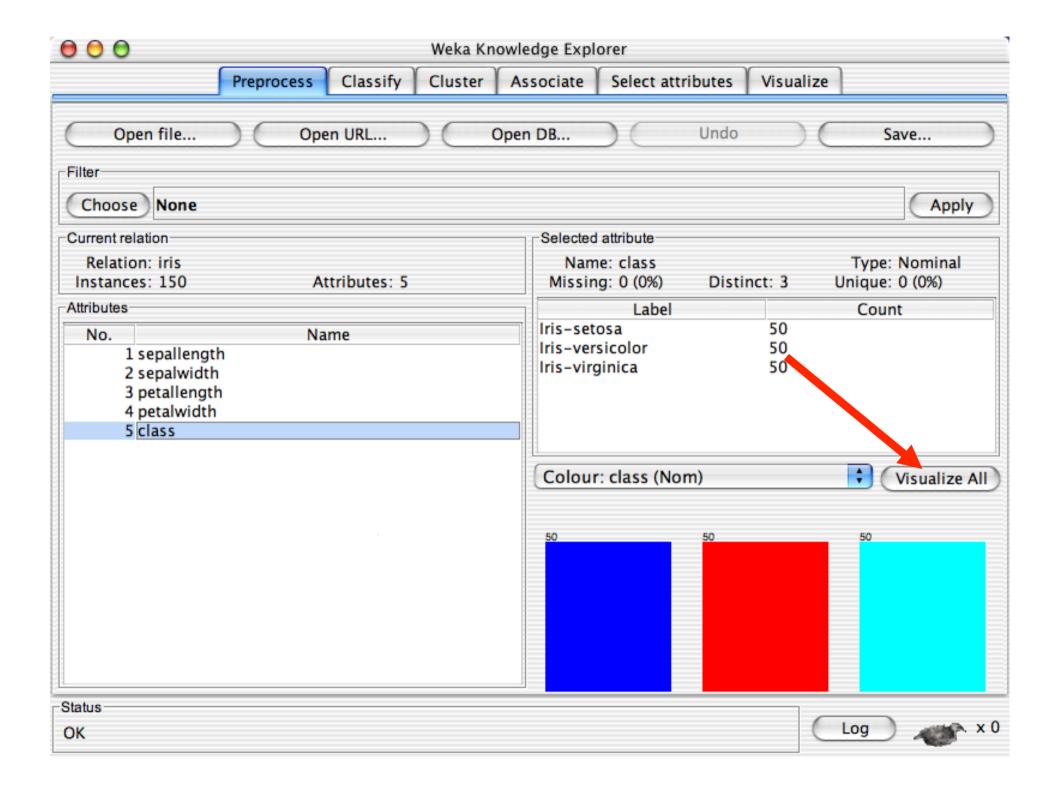


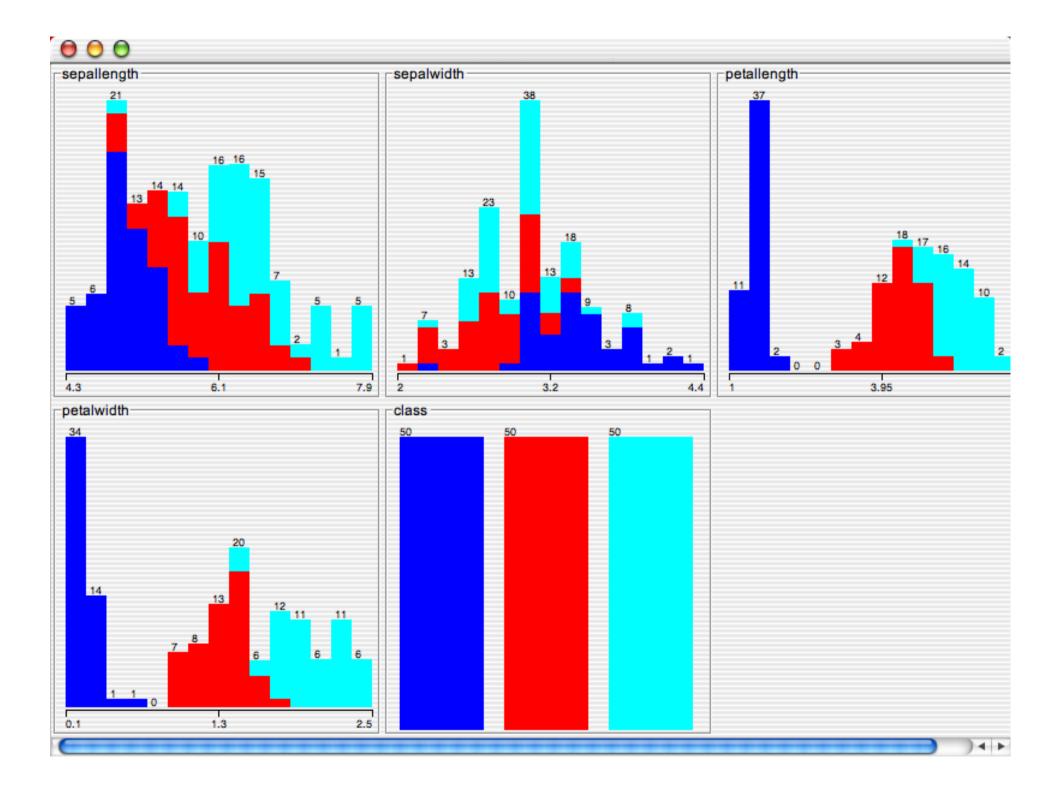


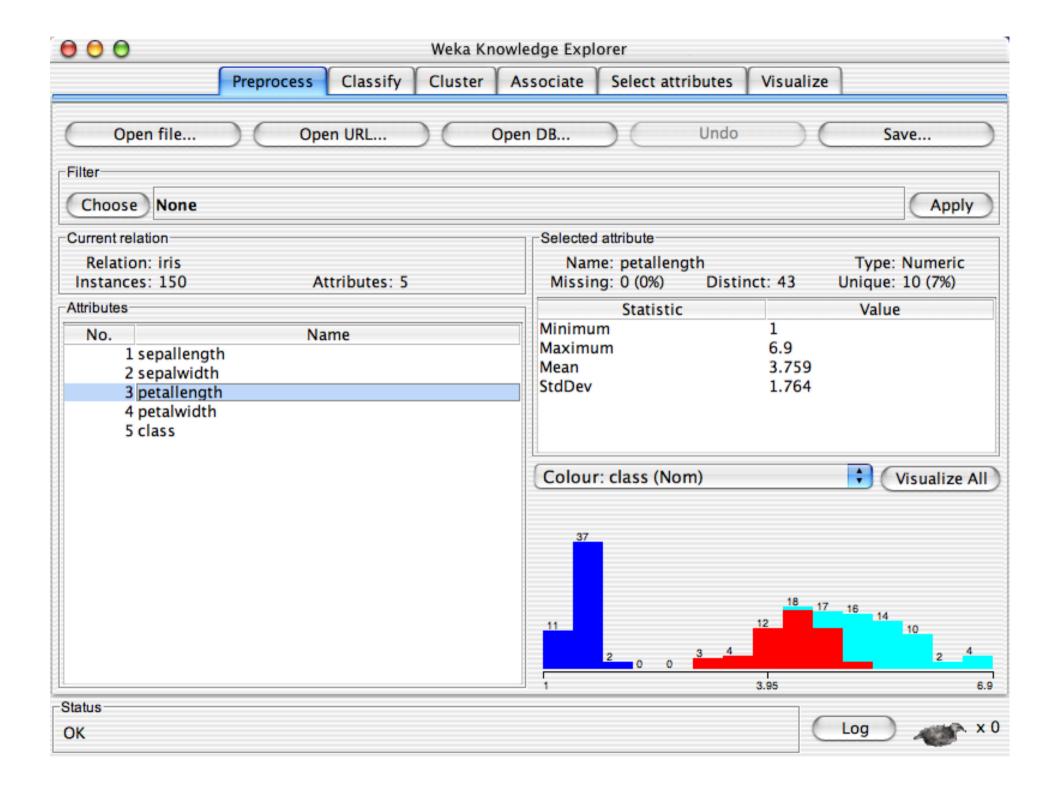


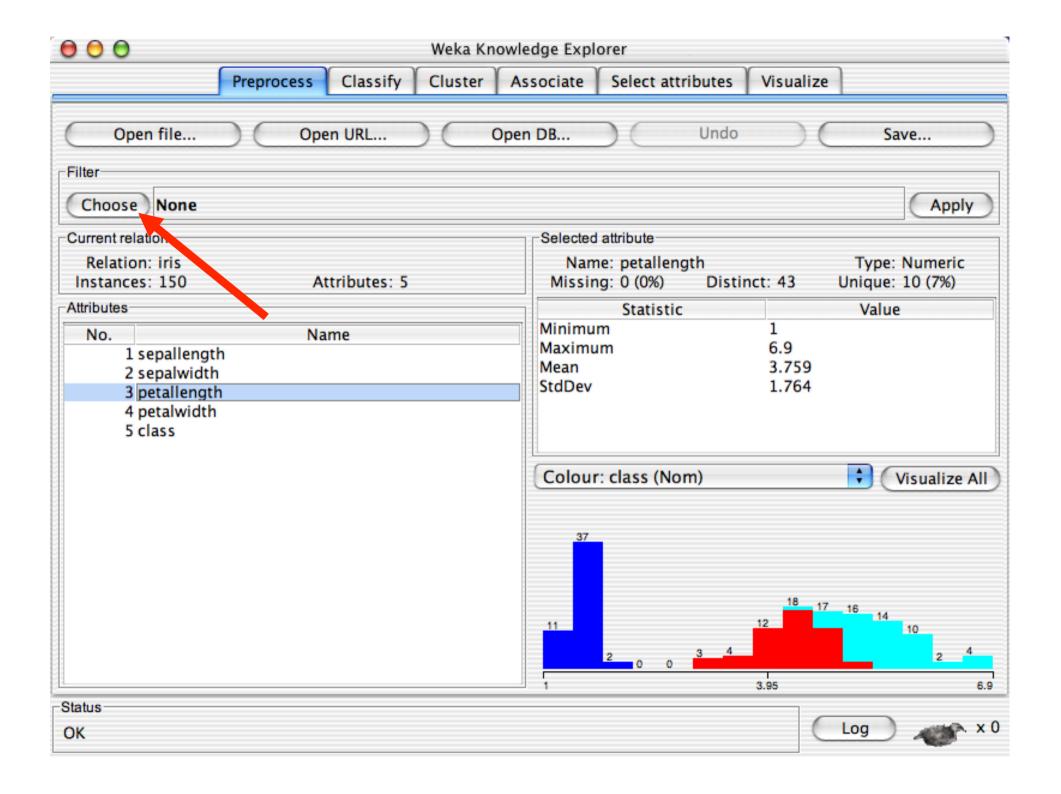


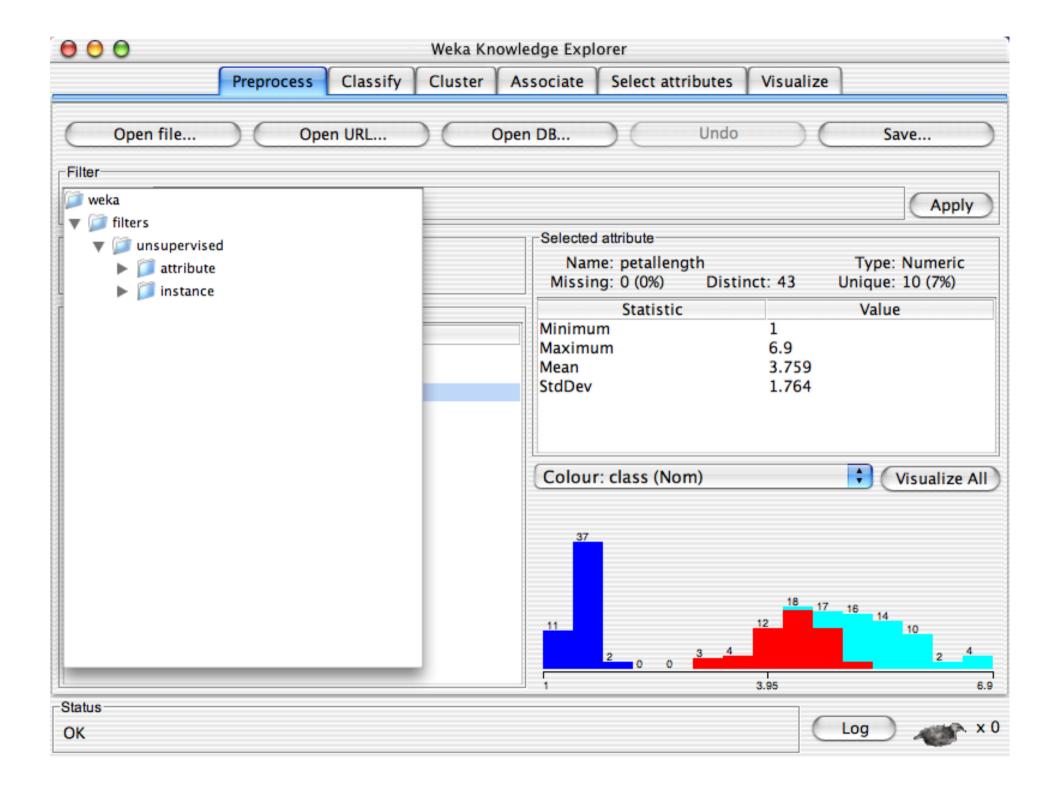


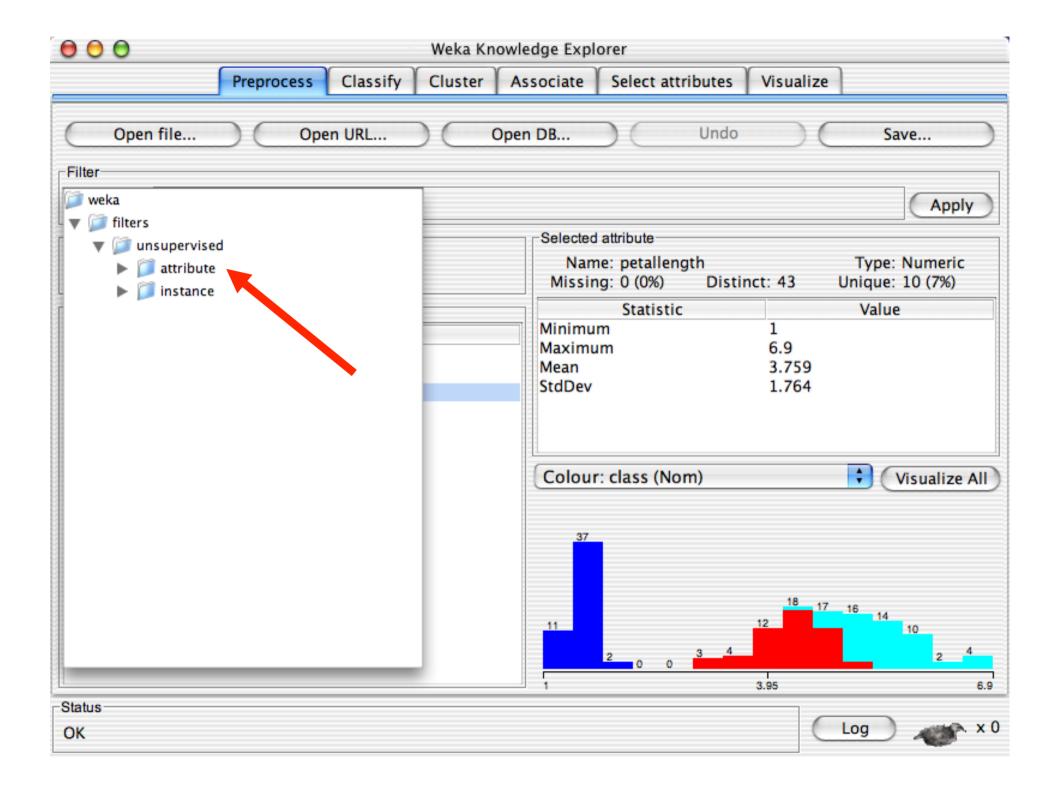


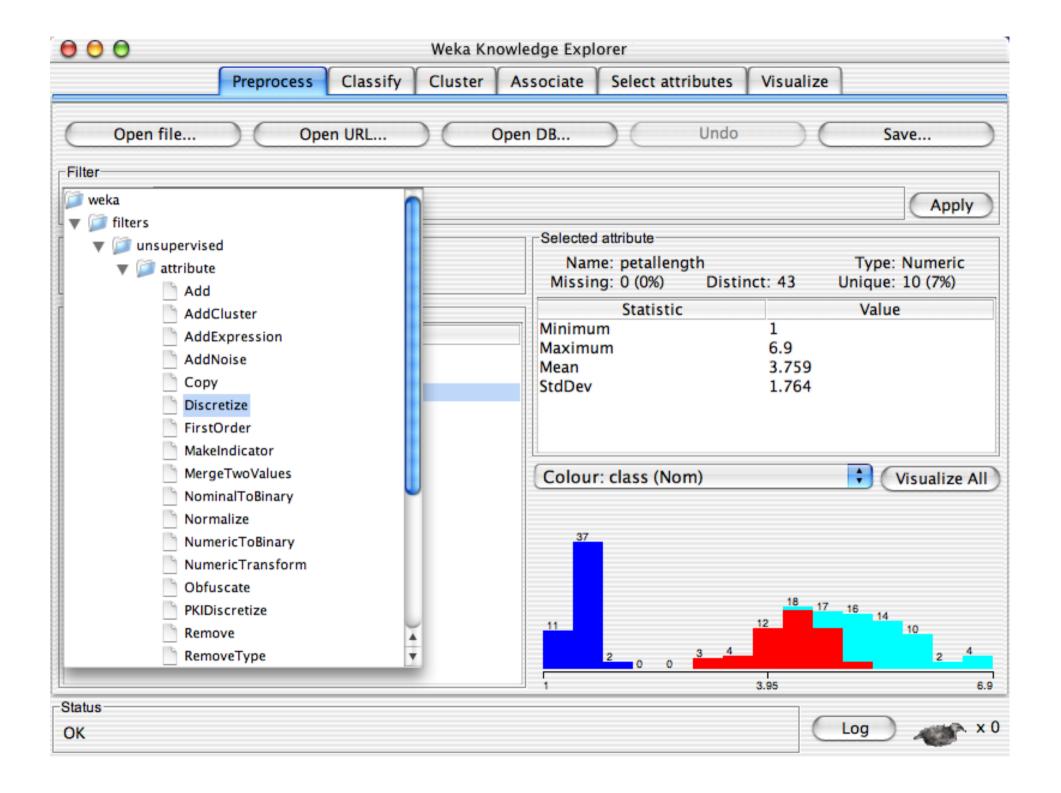


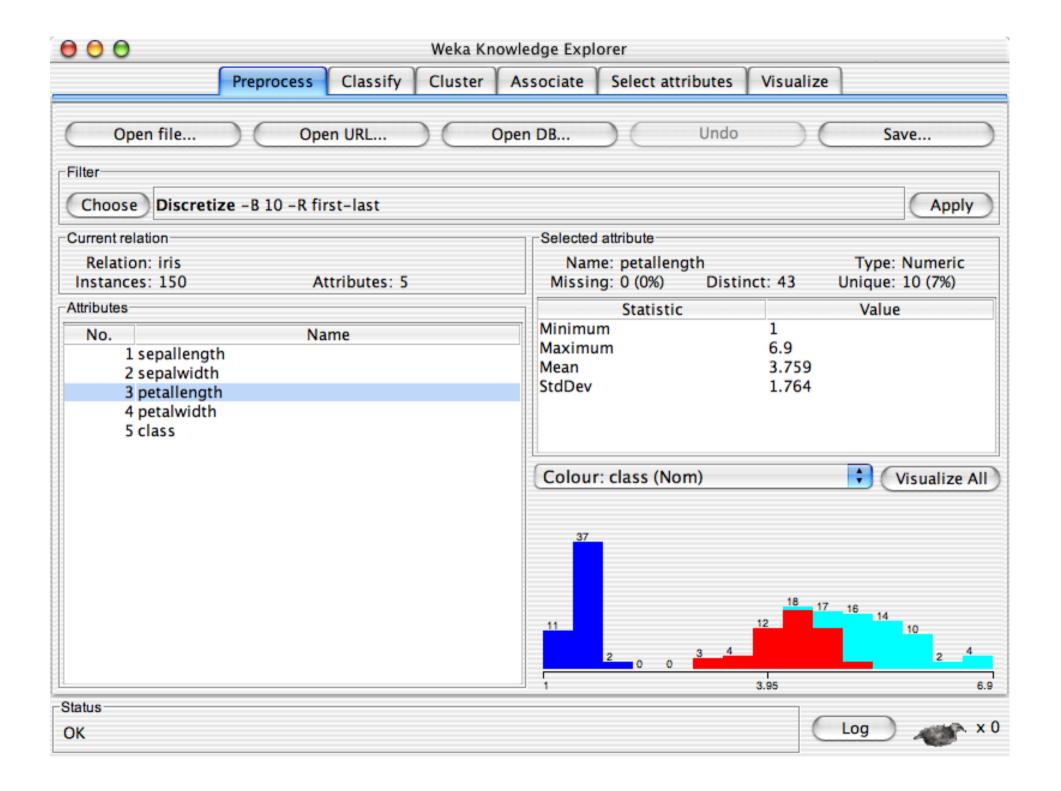


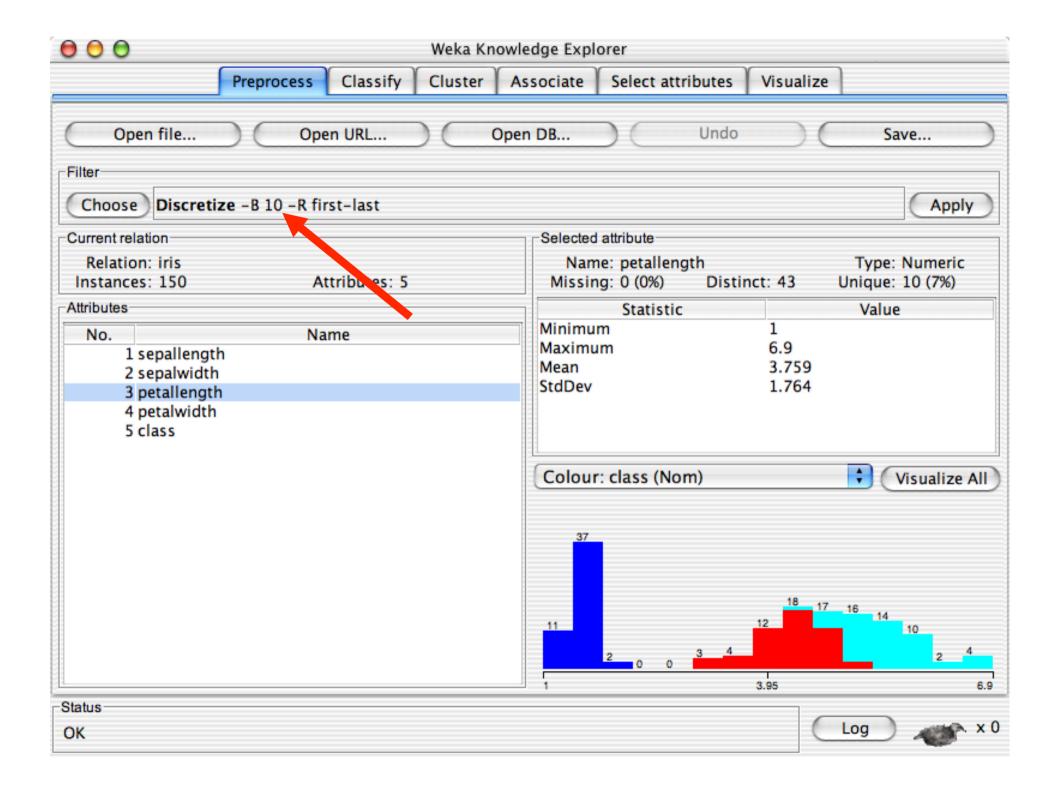


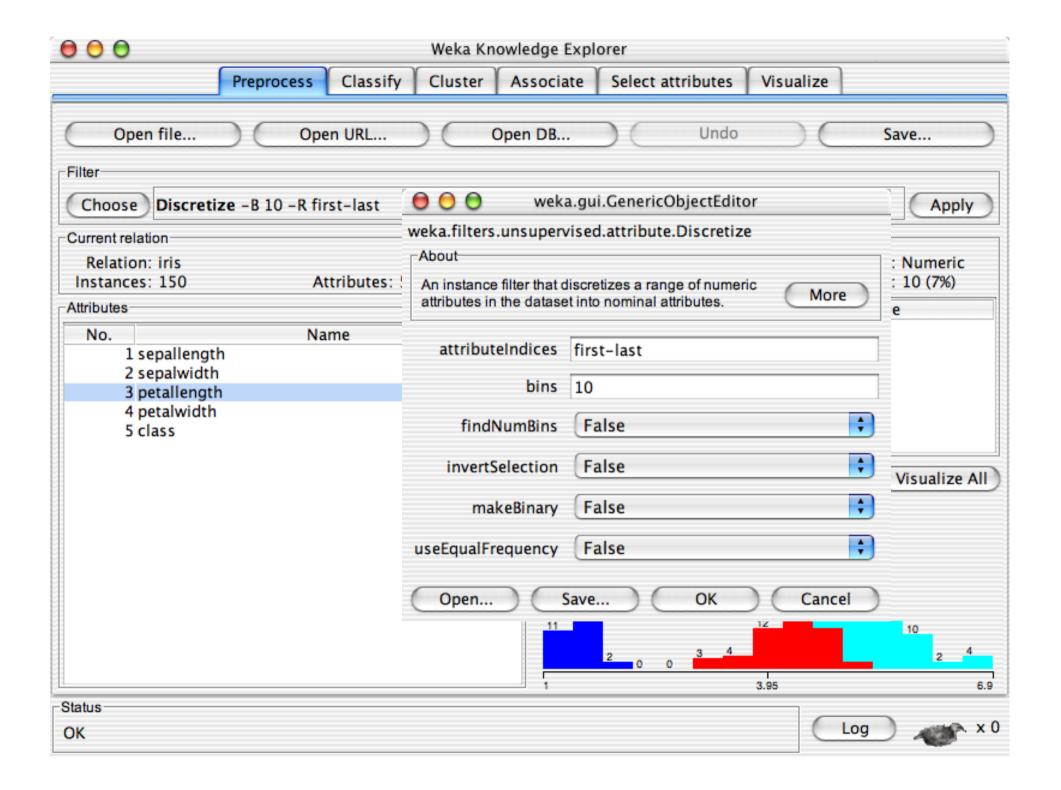


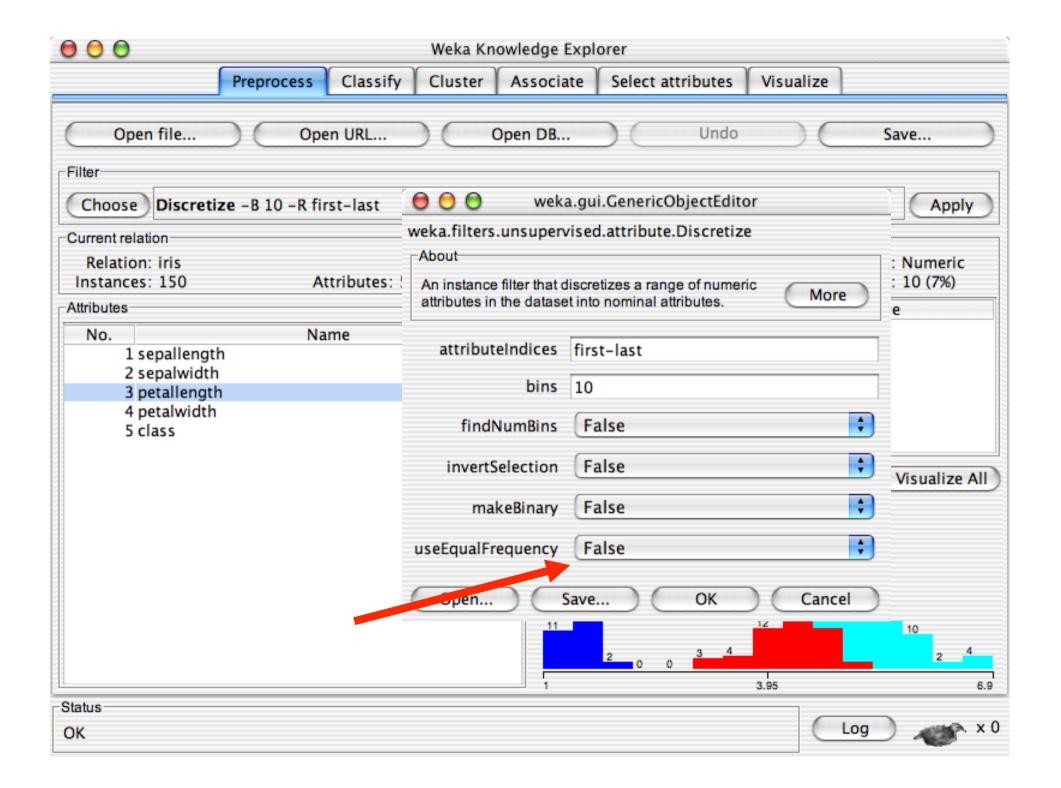


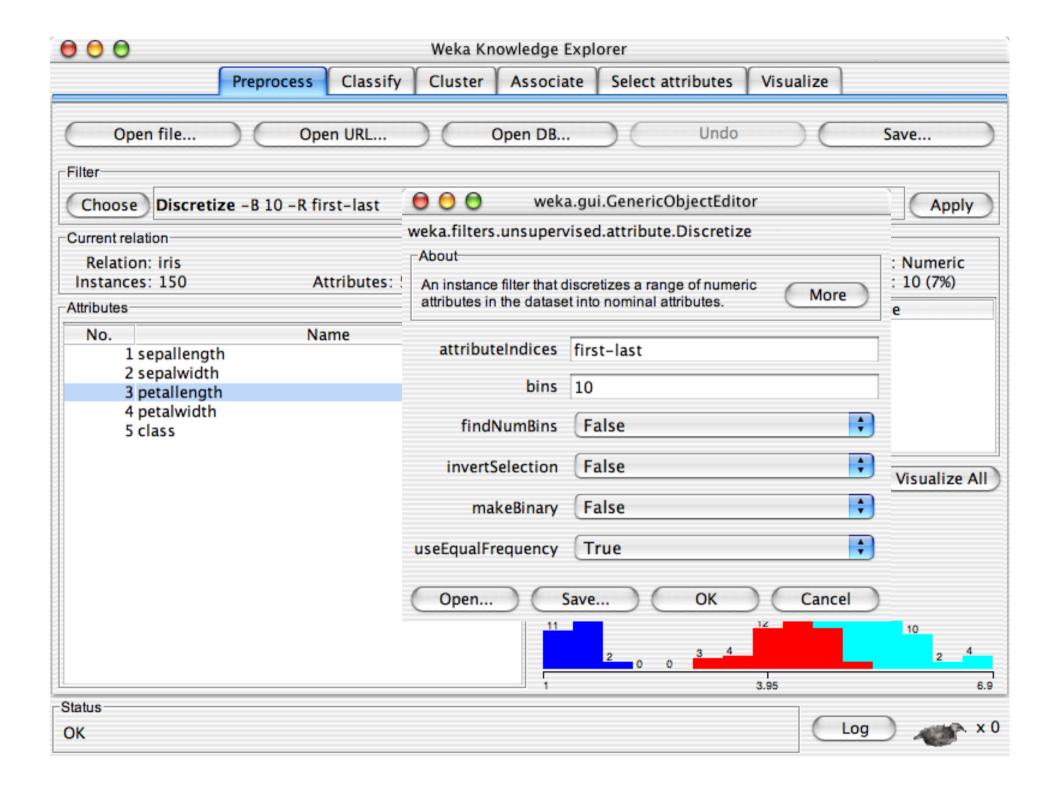


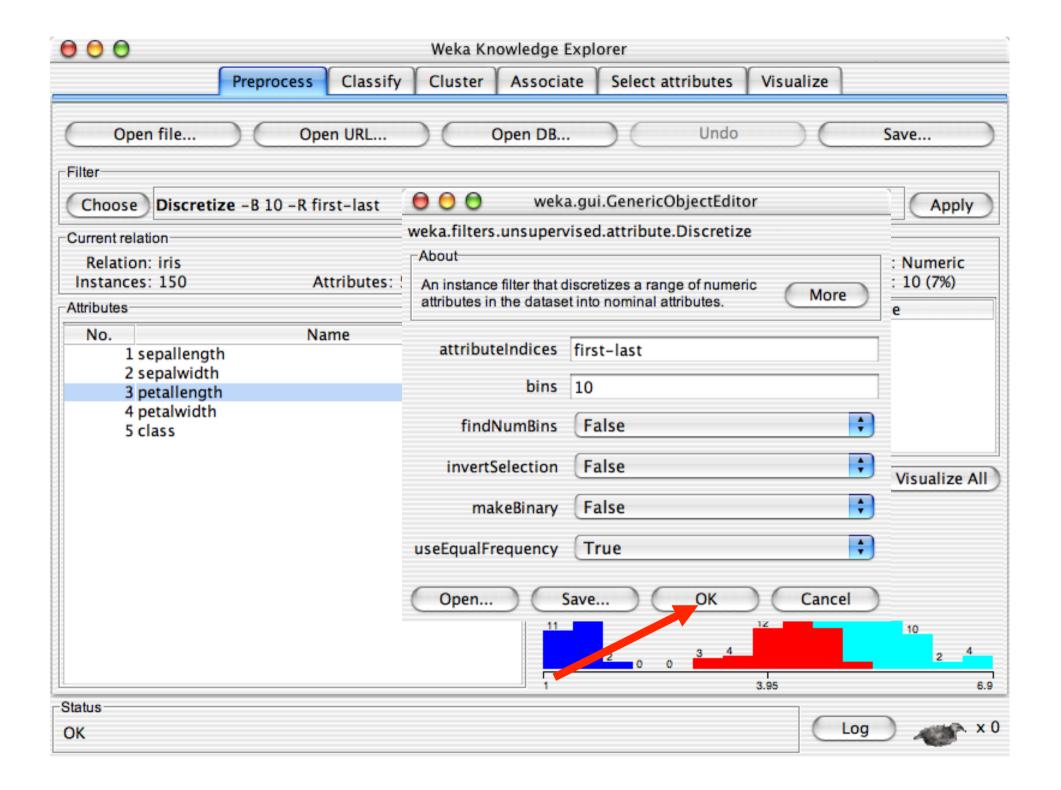


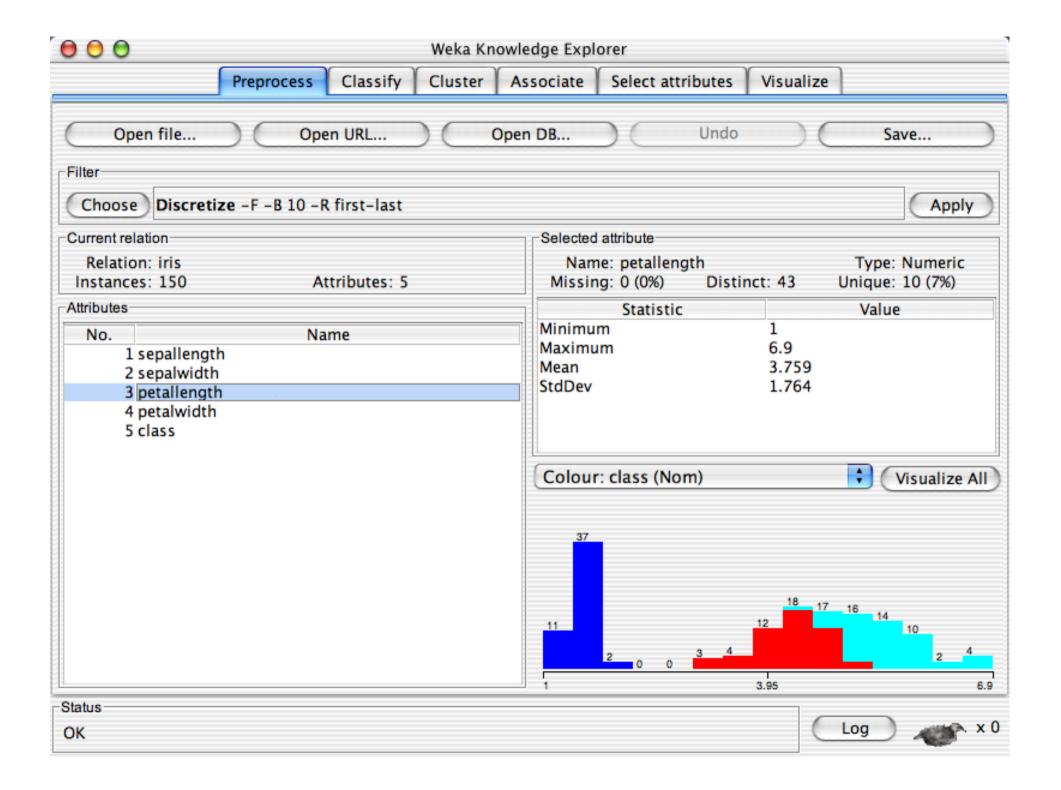


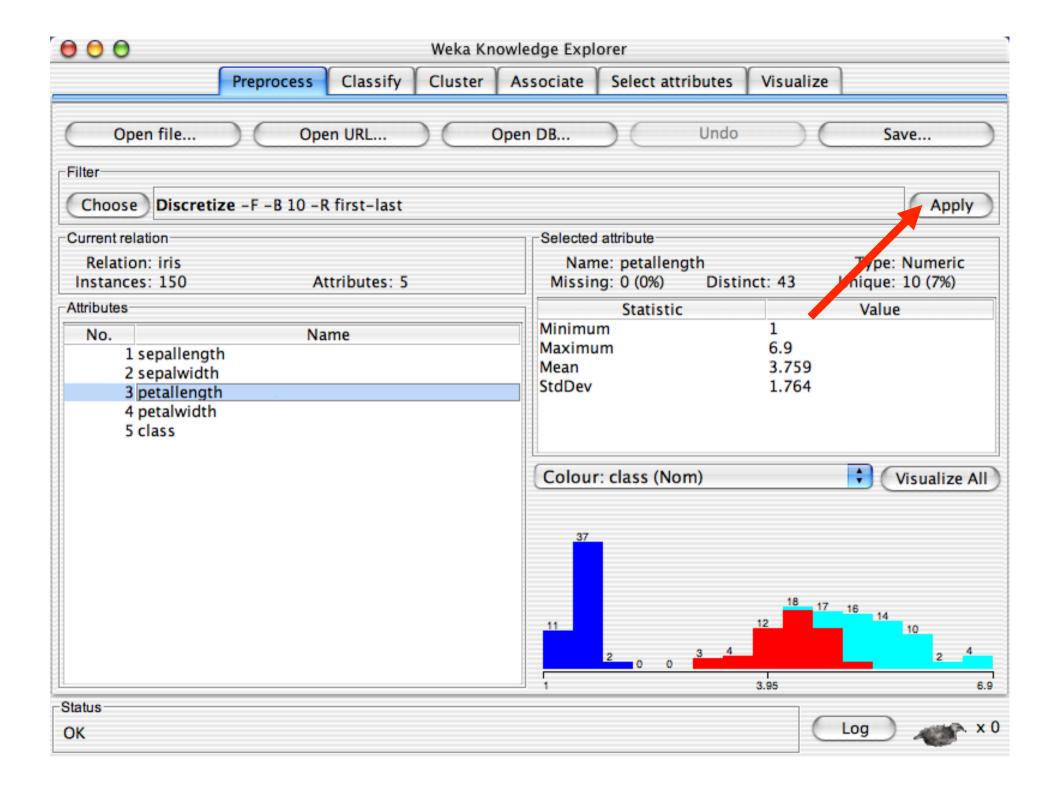


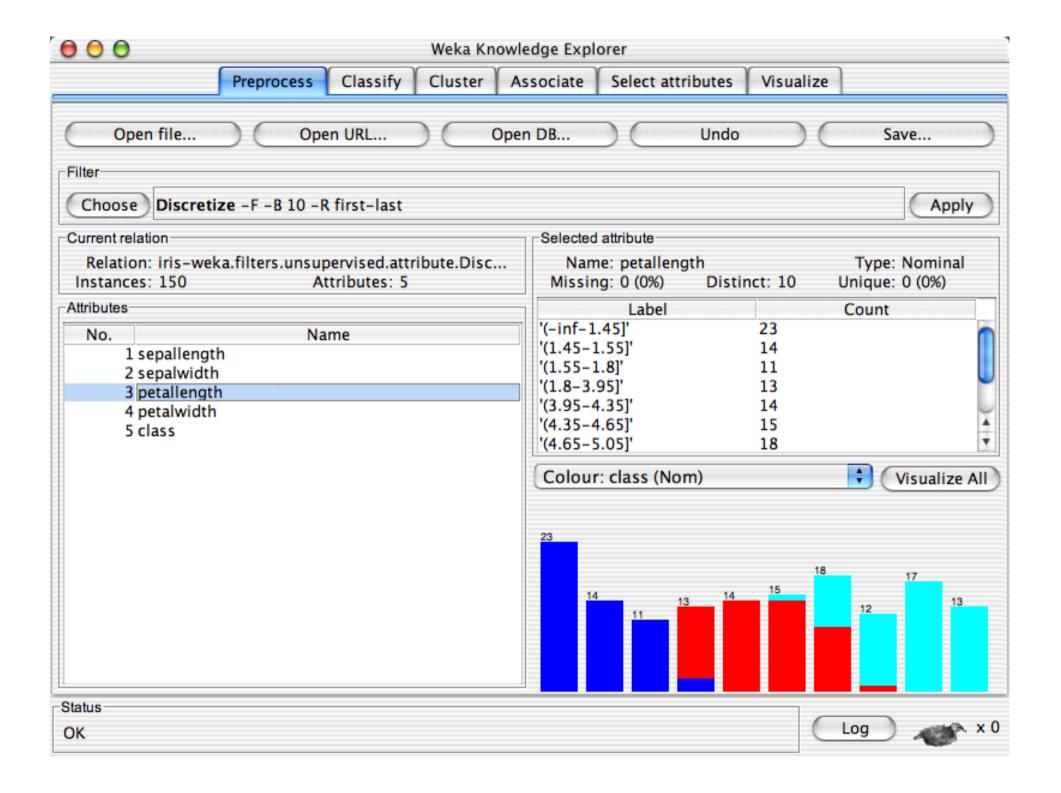






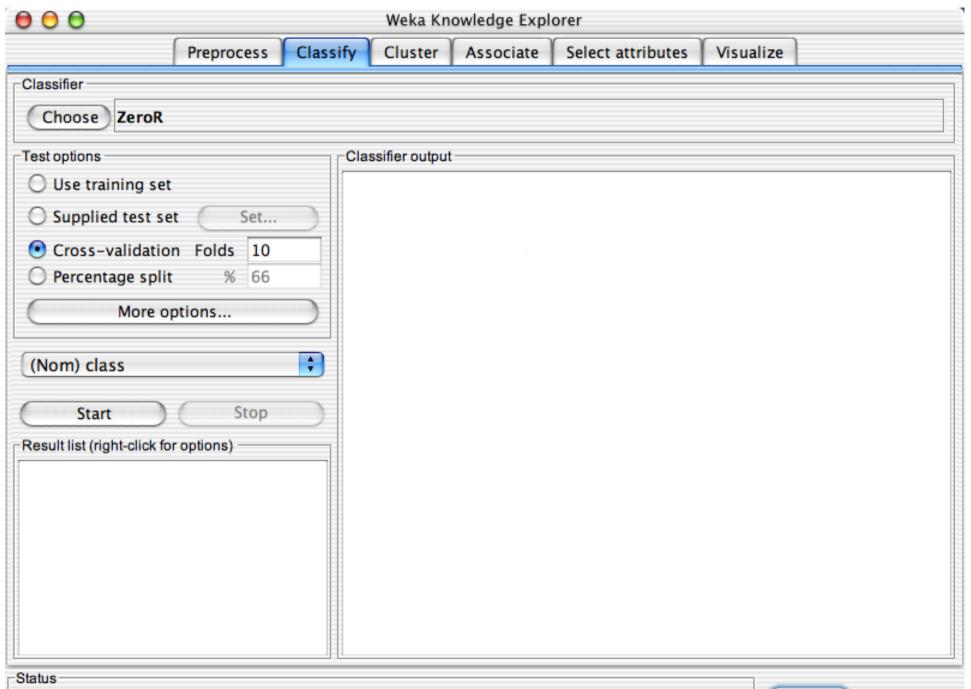




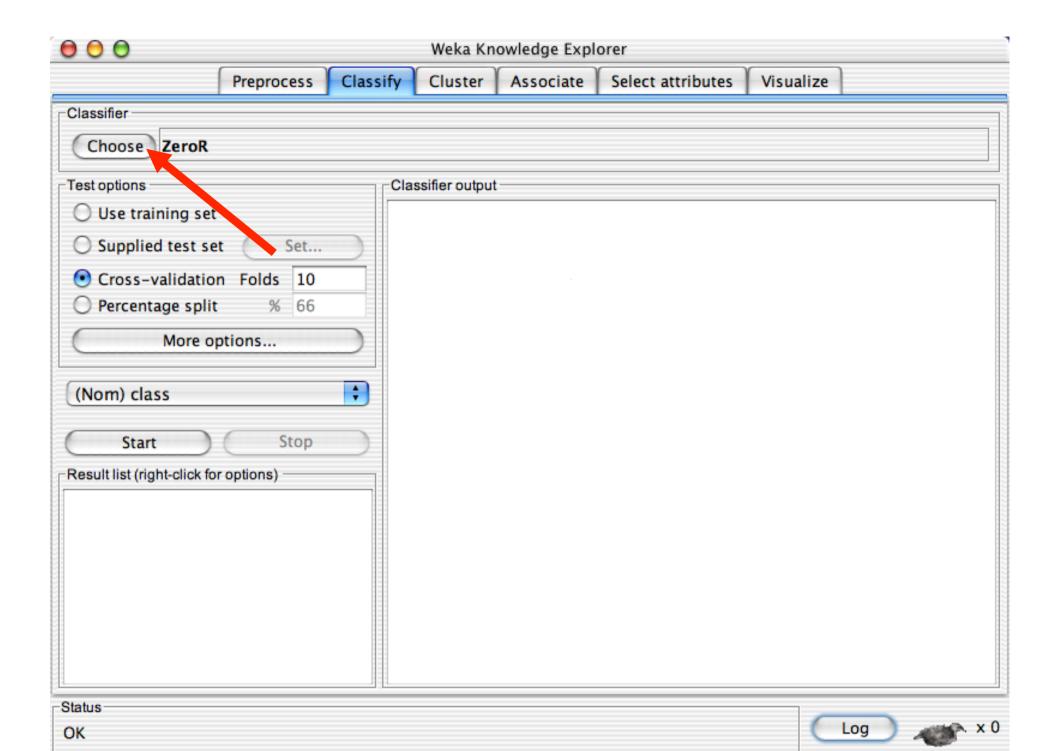


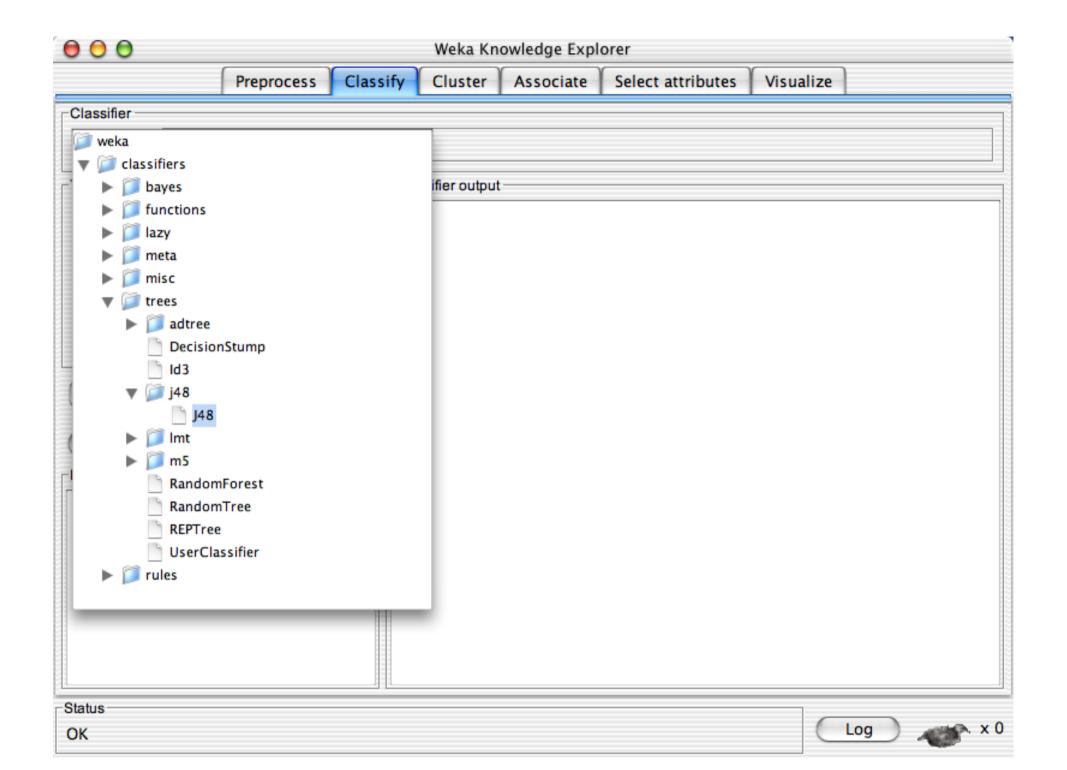
Explorer: building "classifiers"

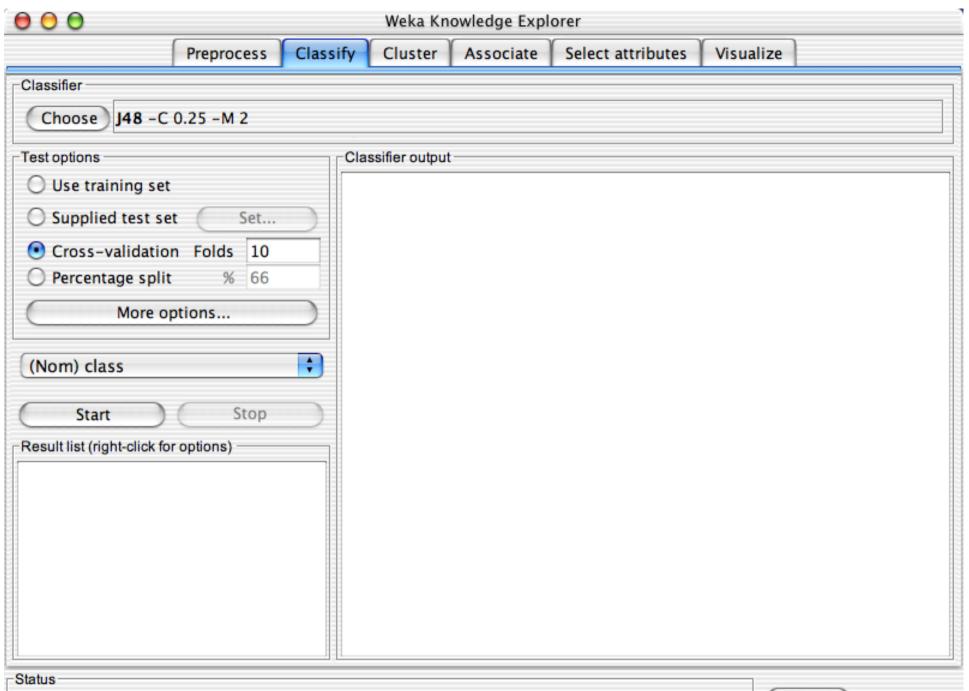
- Classifiers in WEKA are models for predicting nominal or numeric quantities
- Implemented learning schemes include:
 - ◆ Decision trees and lists, instance-based classifiers, support vector machines, multi-layer perceptrons, logistic regression, Bayes' nets, ...
- "Meta"-classifiers include:
 - ◆ Bagging, boosting, stacking, error-correcting output codes, locally weighted learning, ...

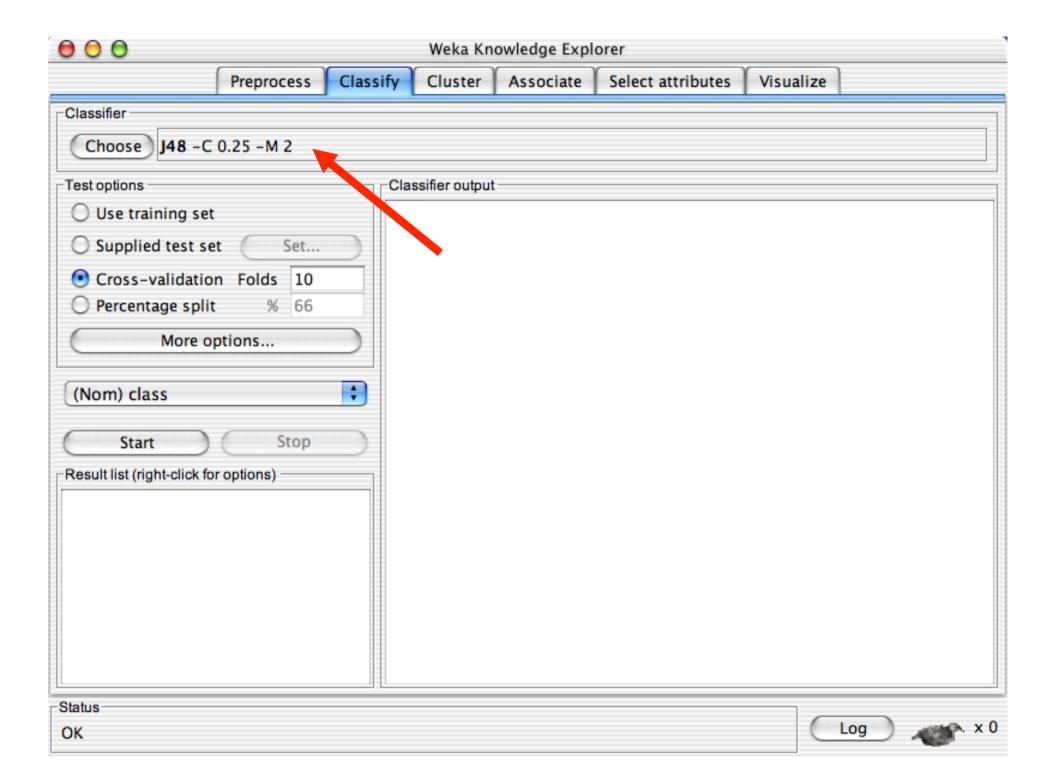


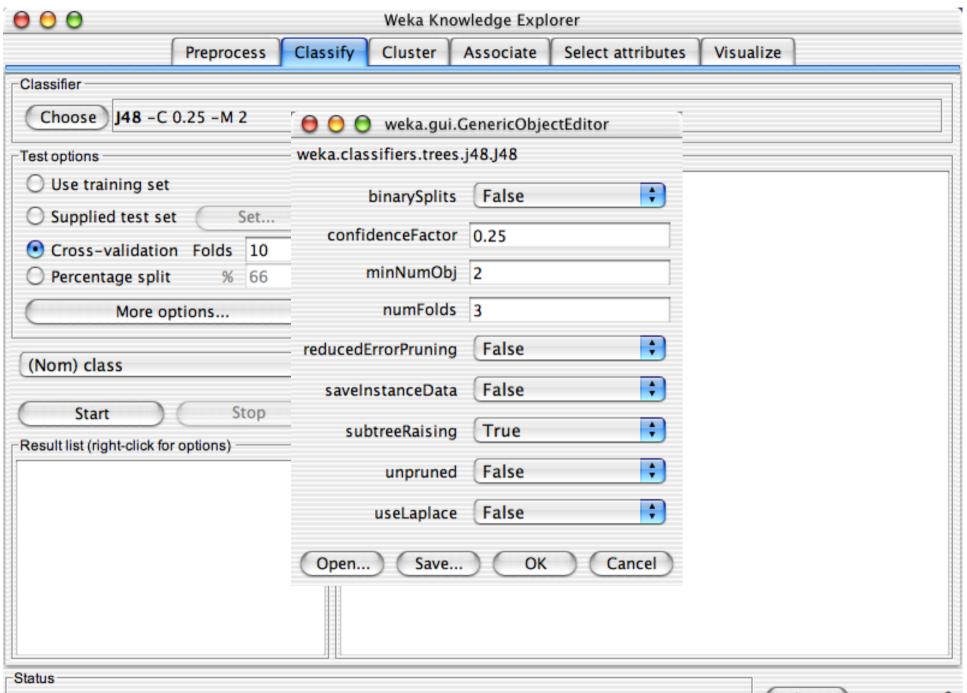


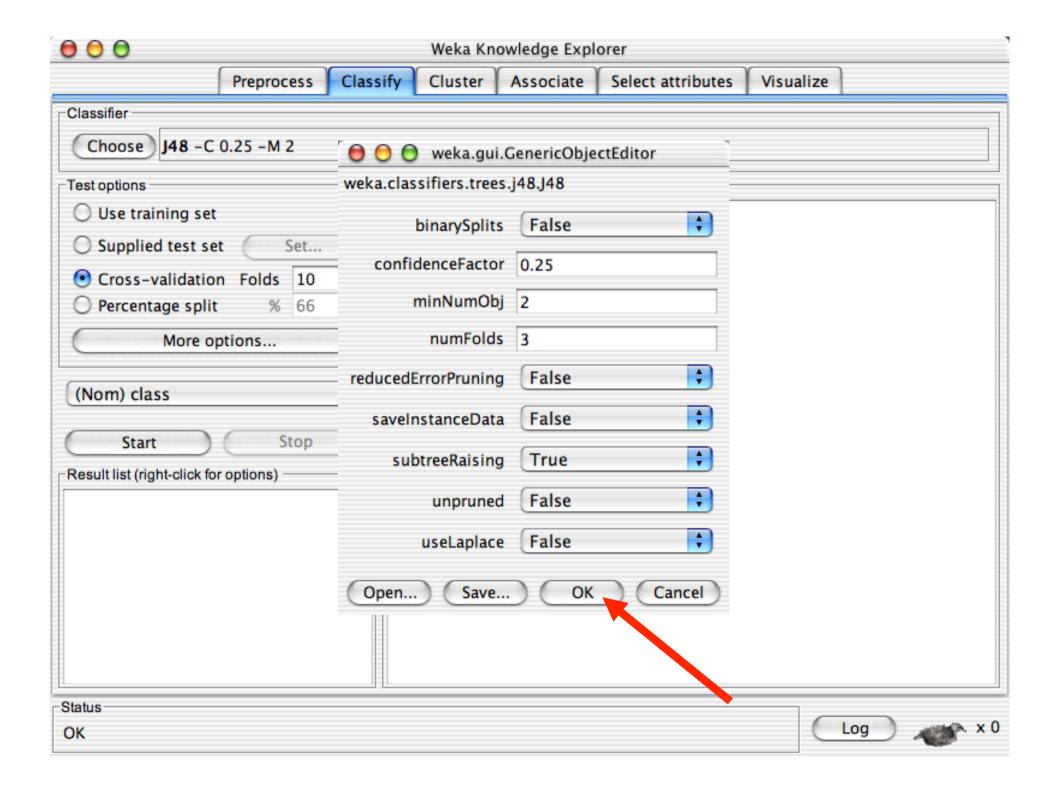


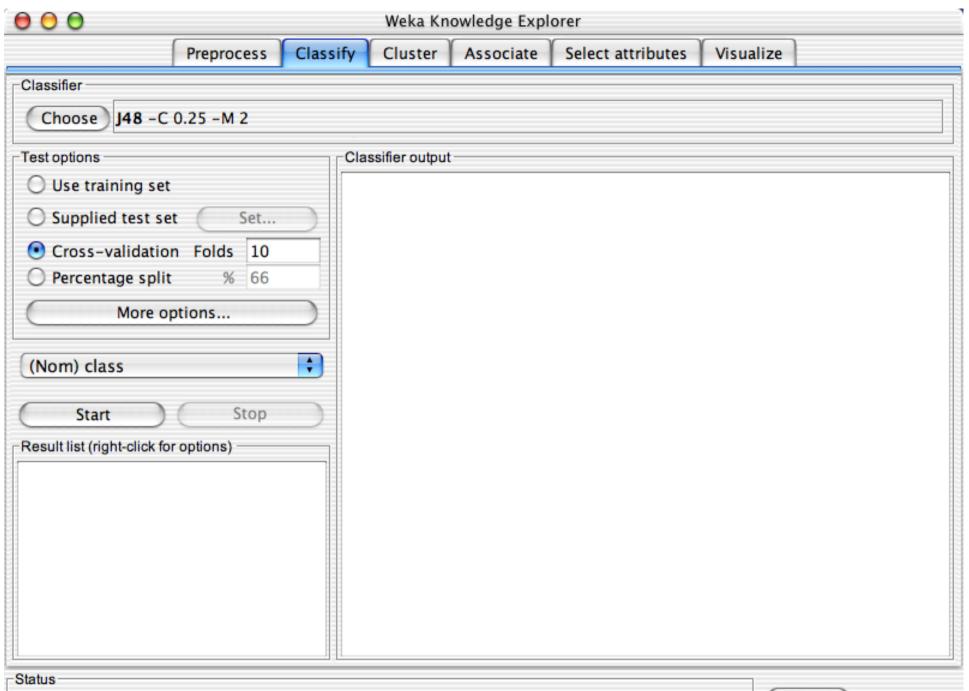


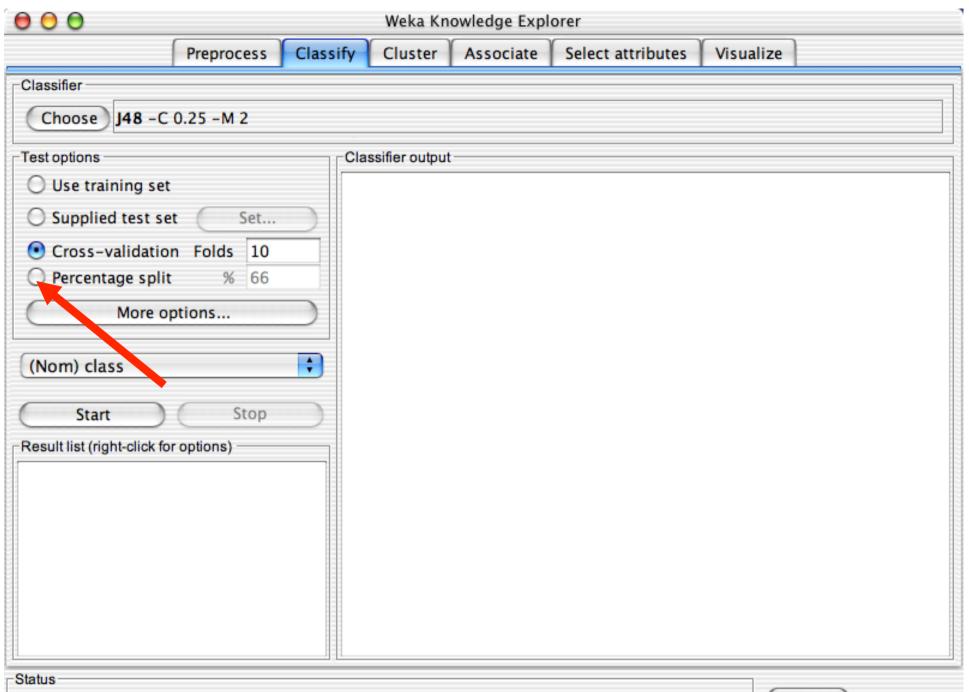


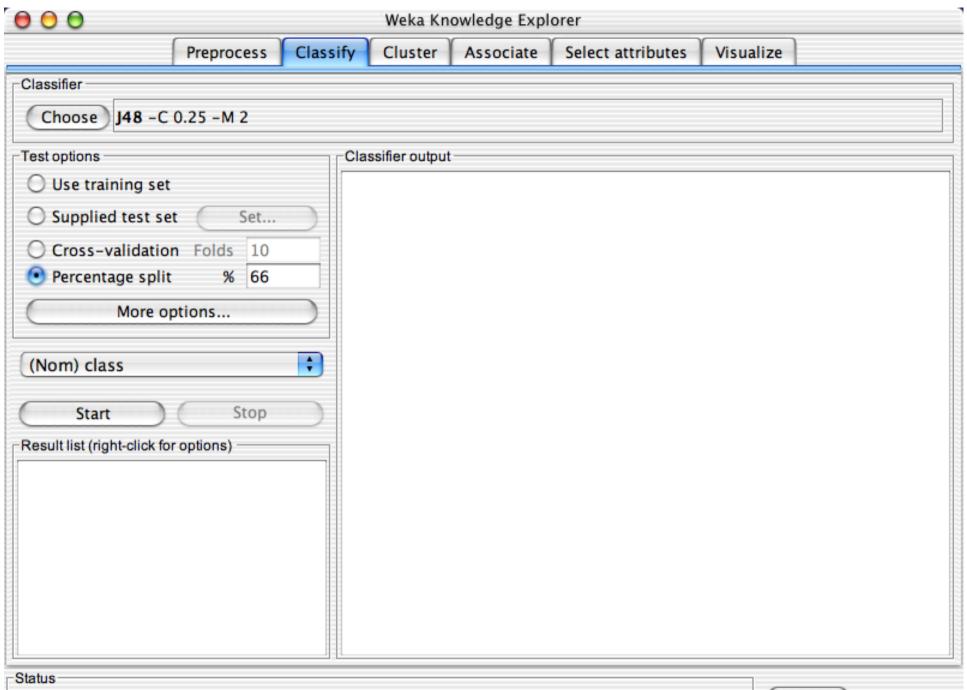


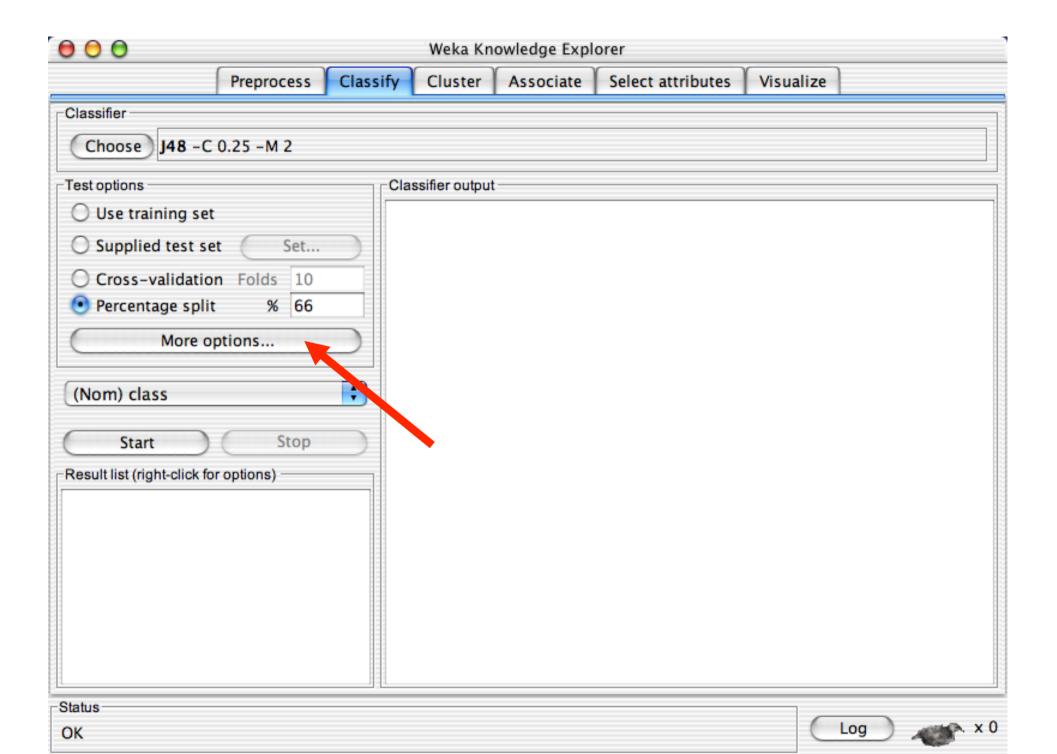


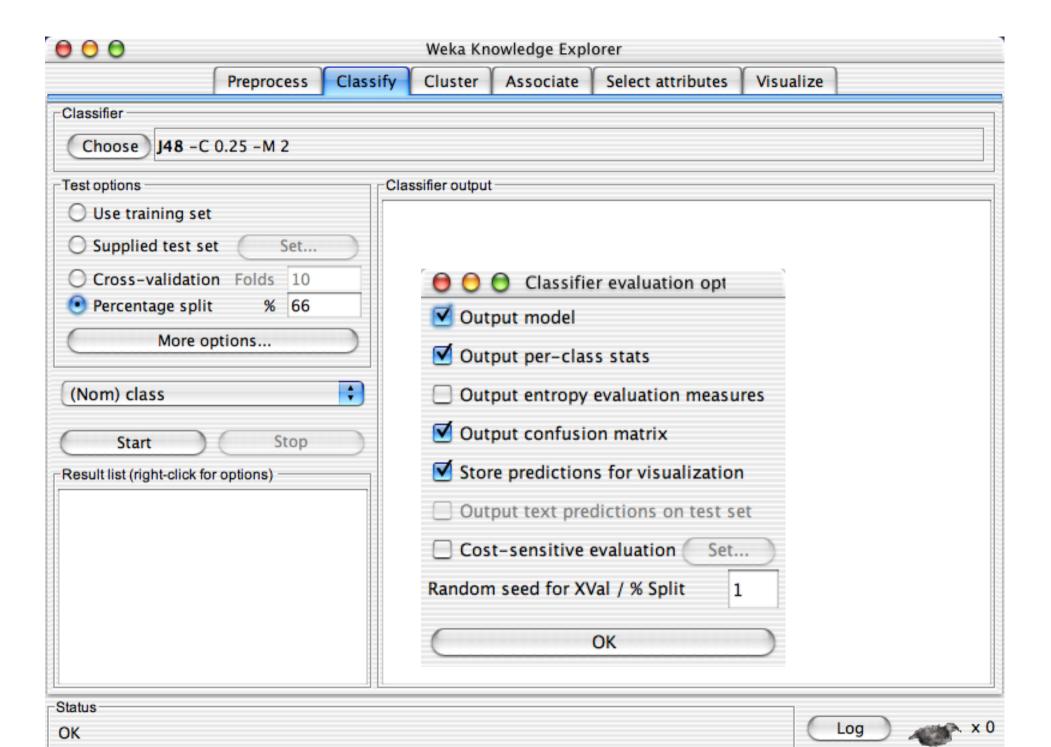


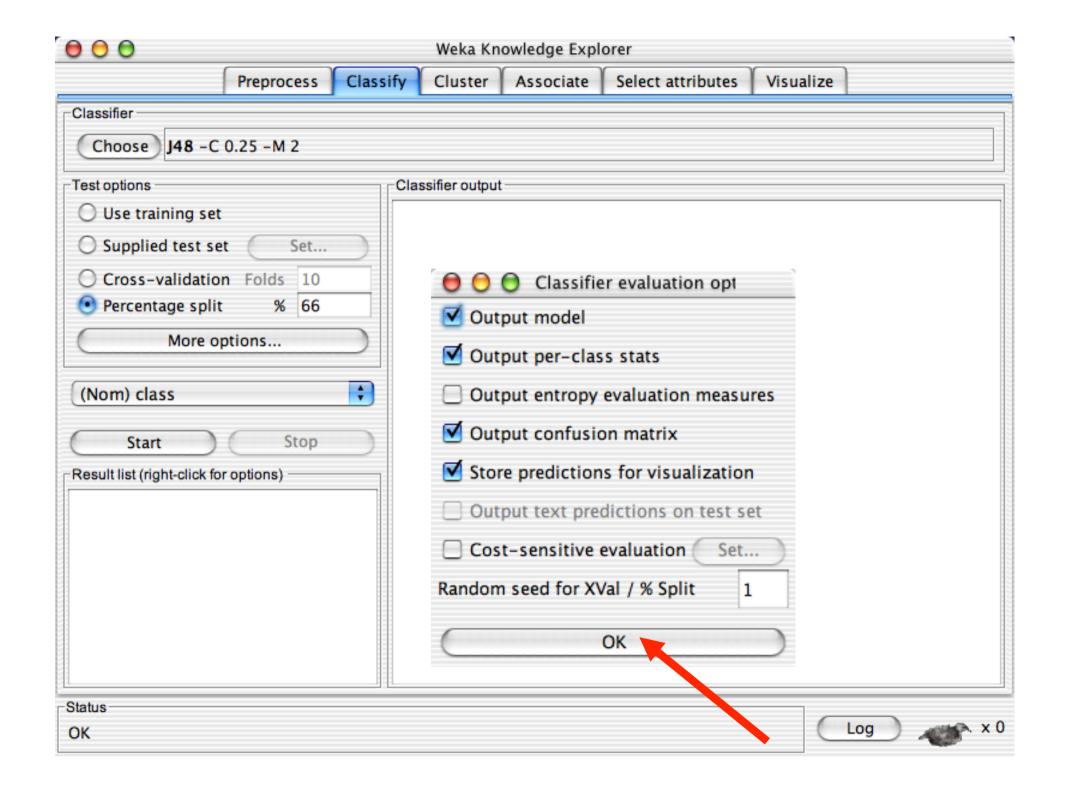


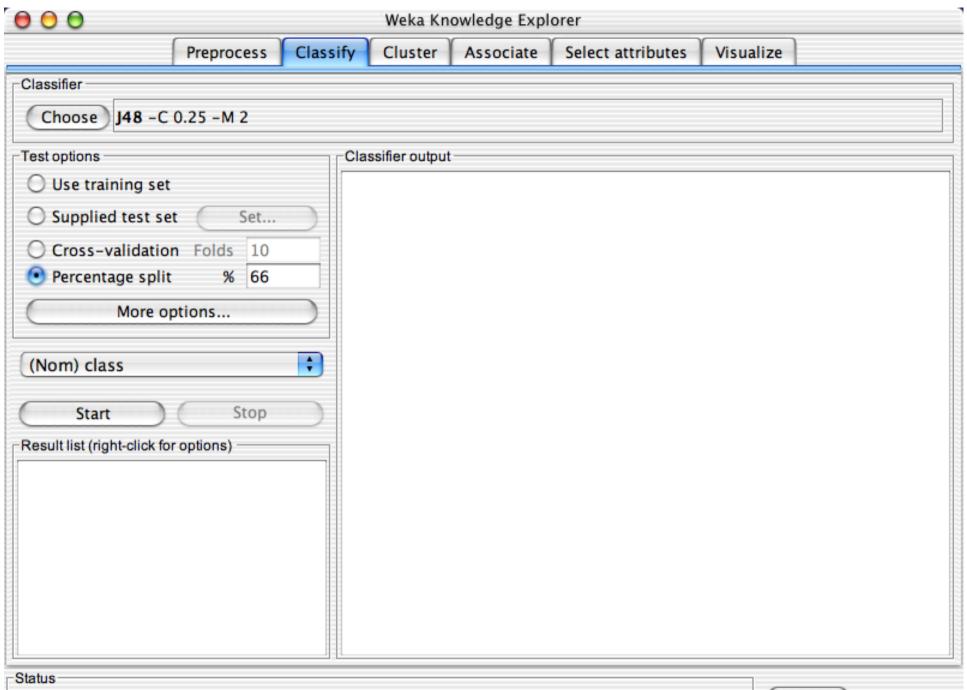


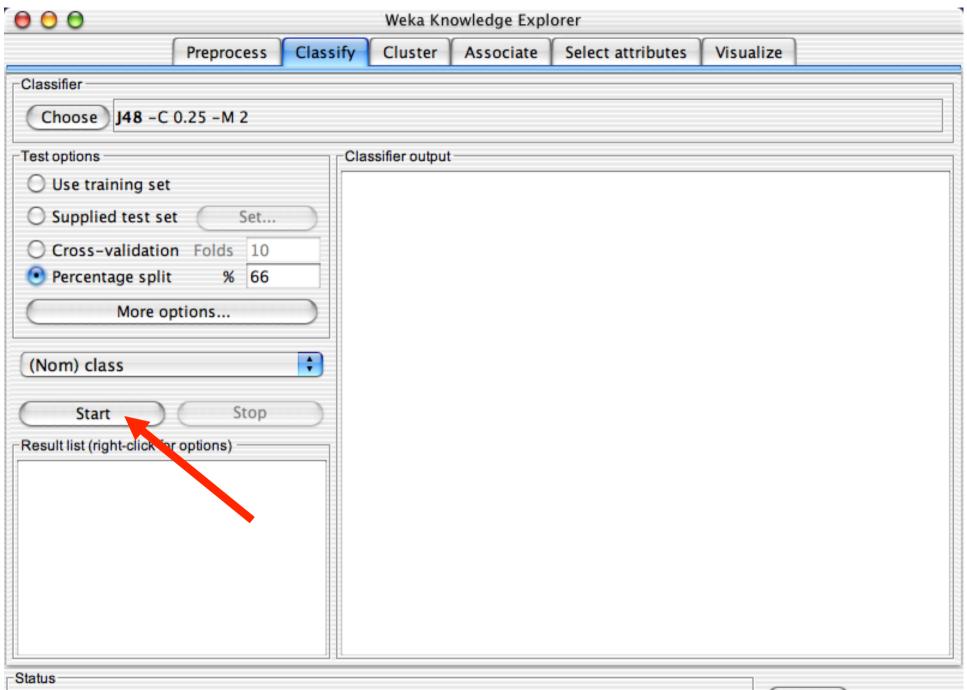


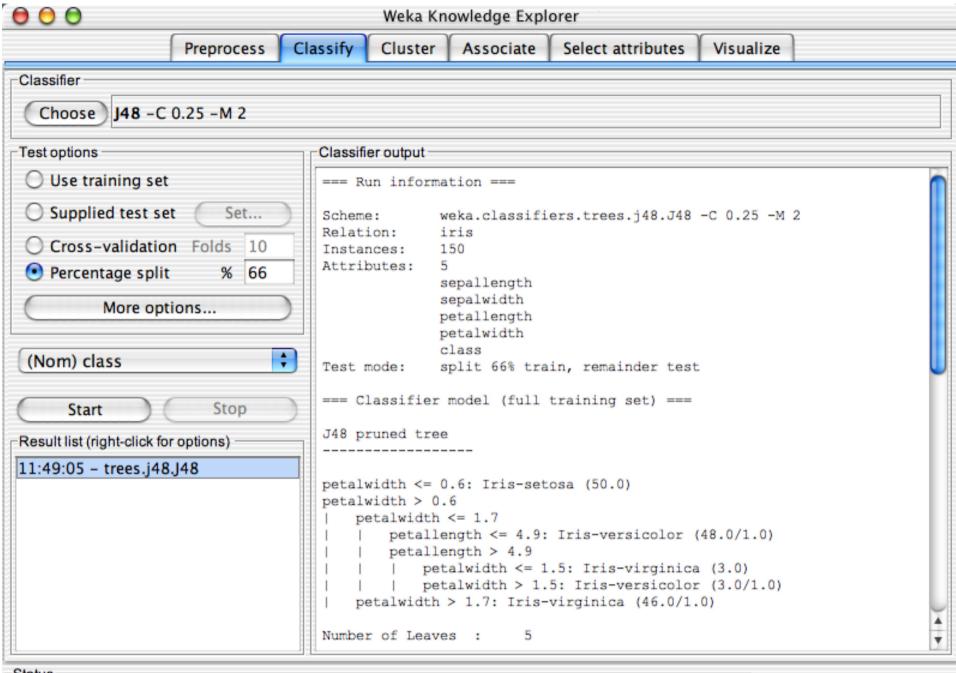






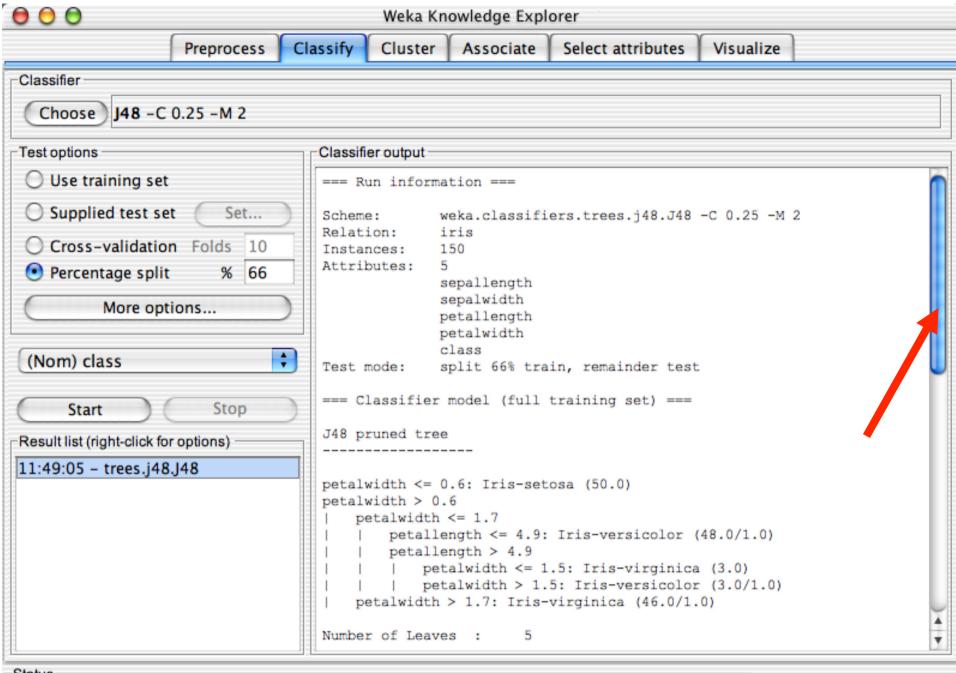




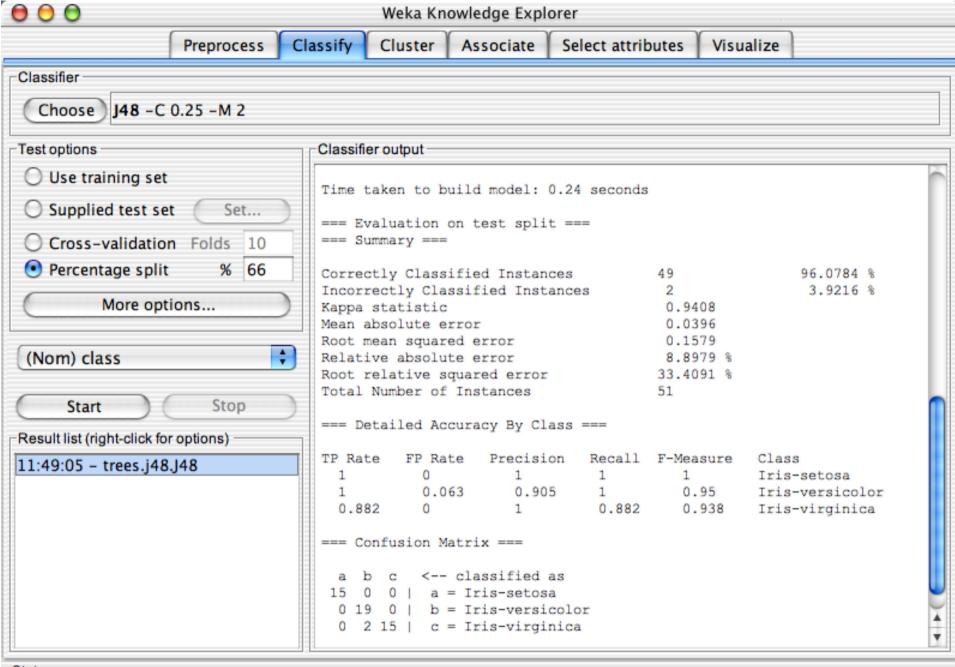






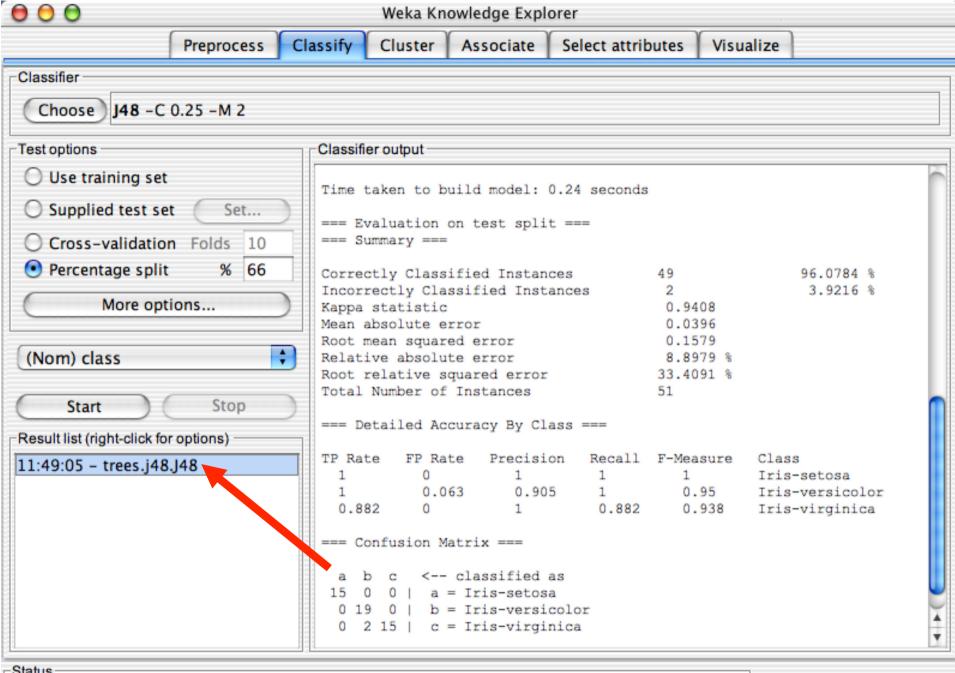






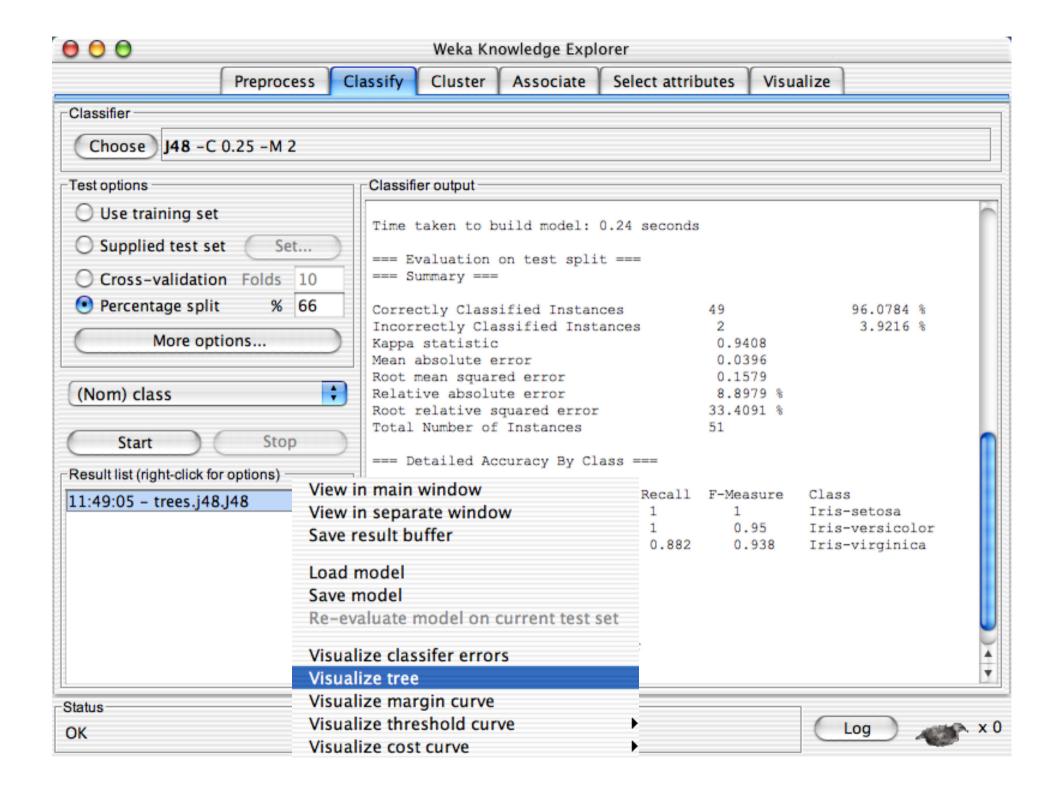


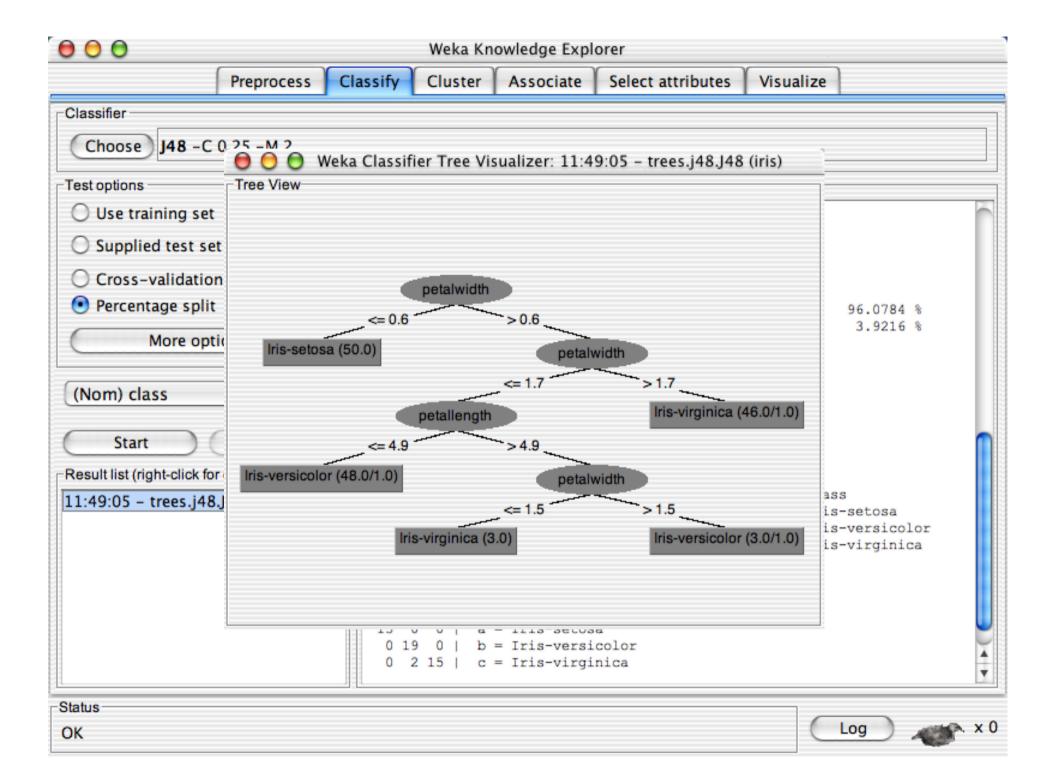


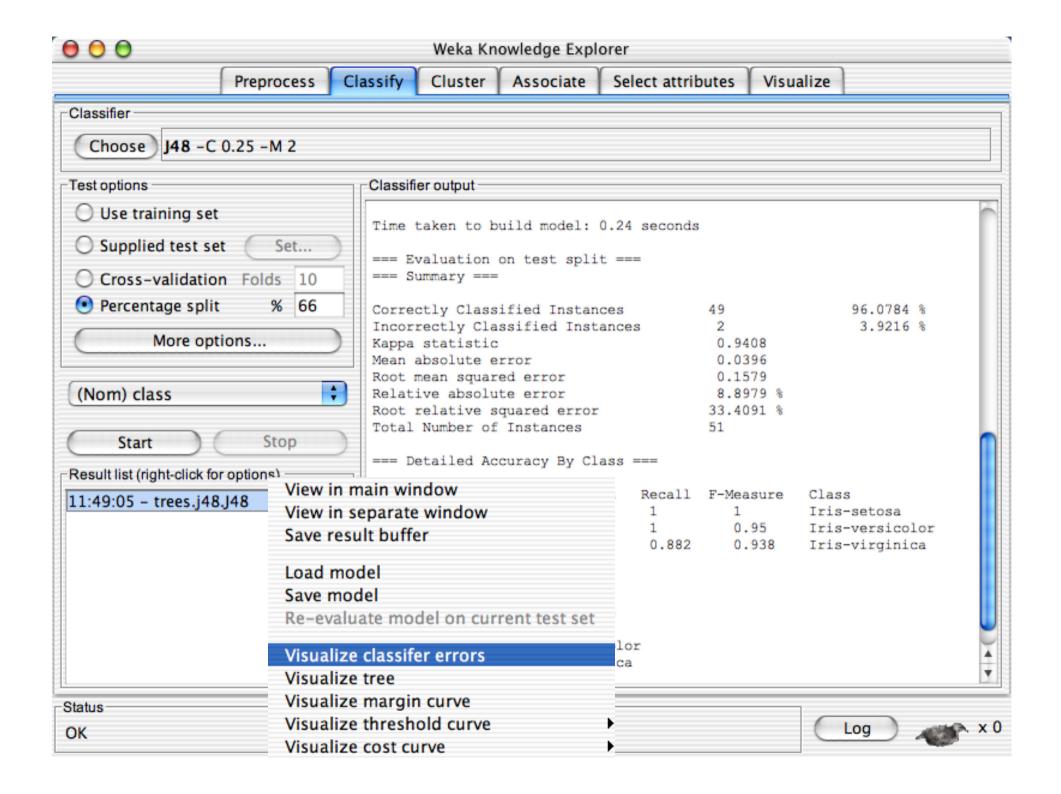


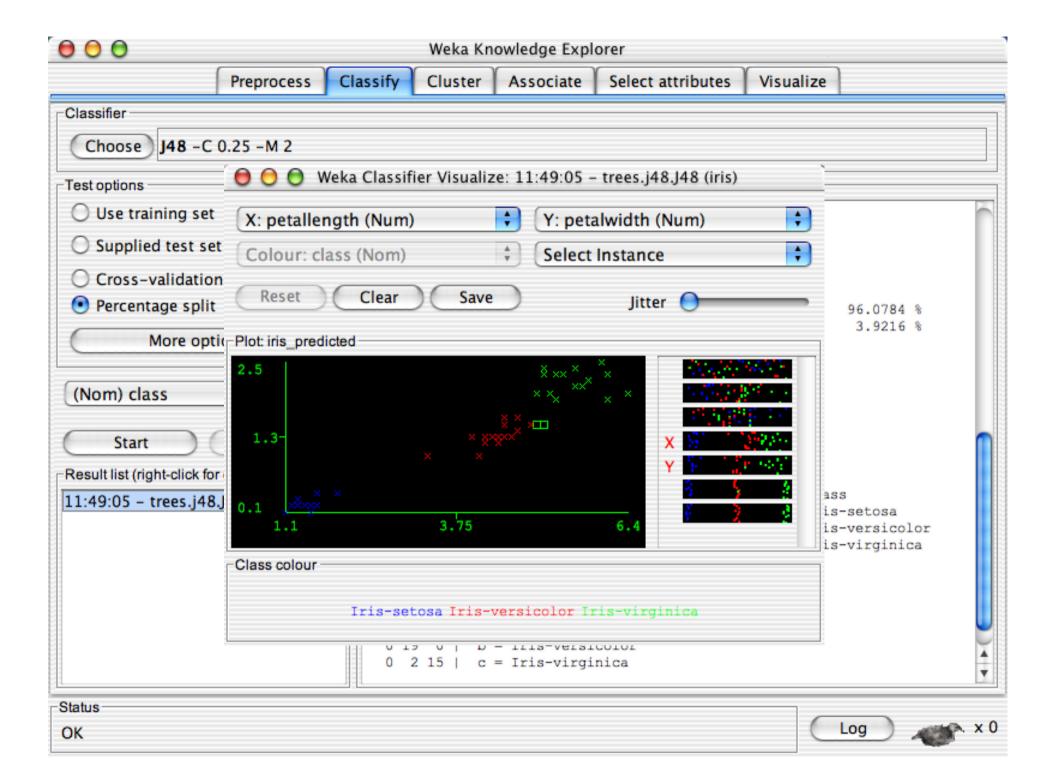


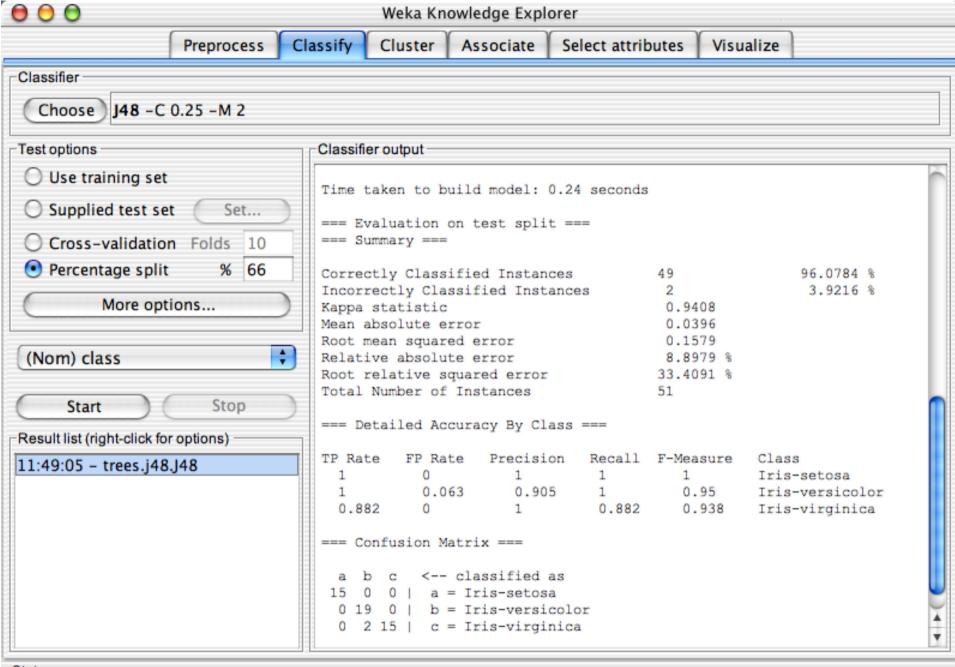






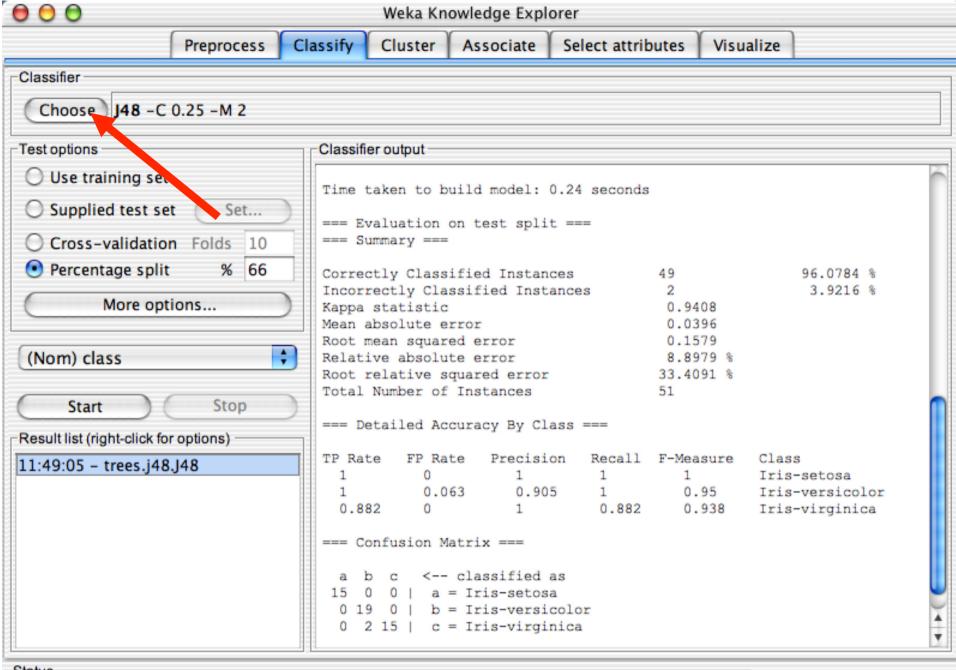






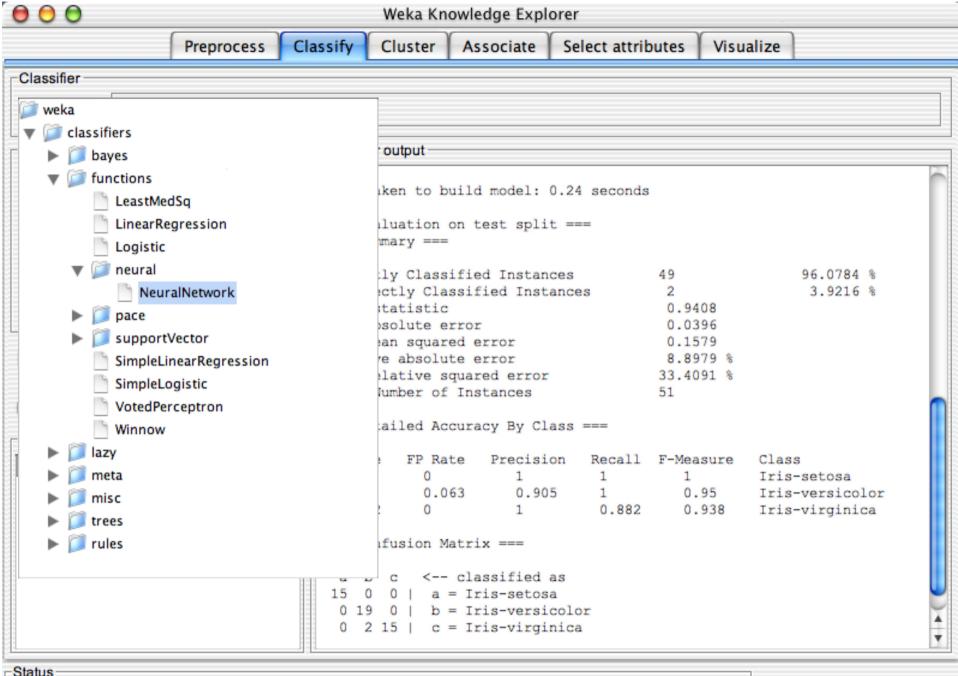






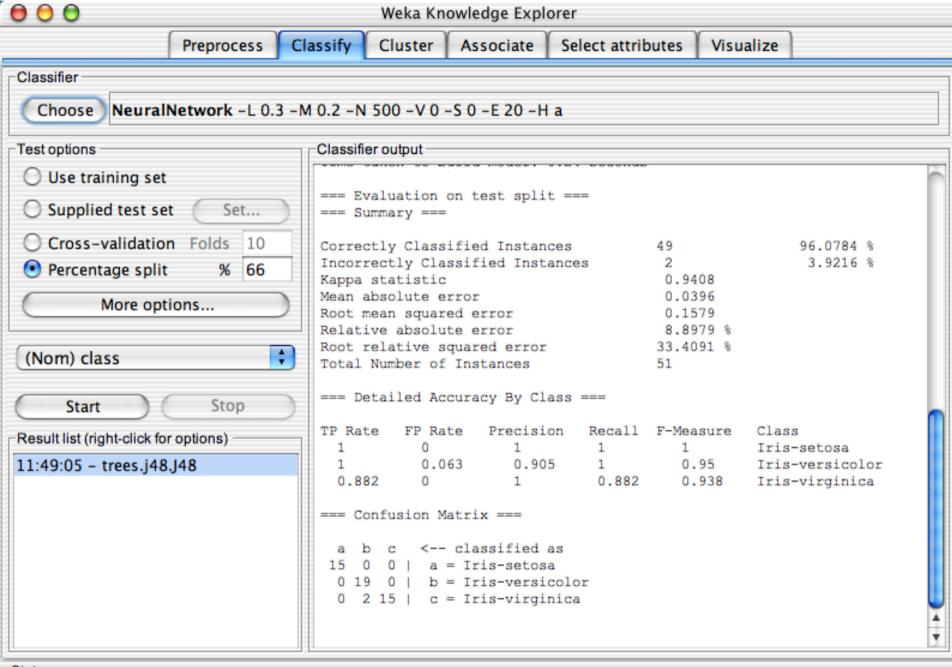






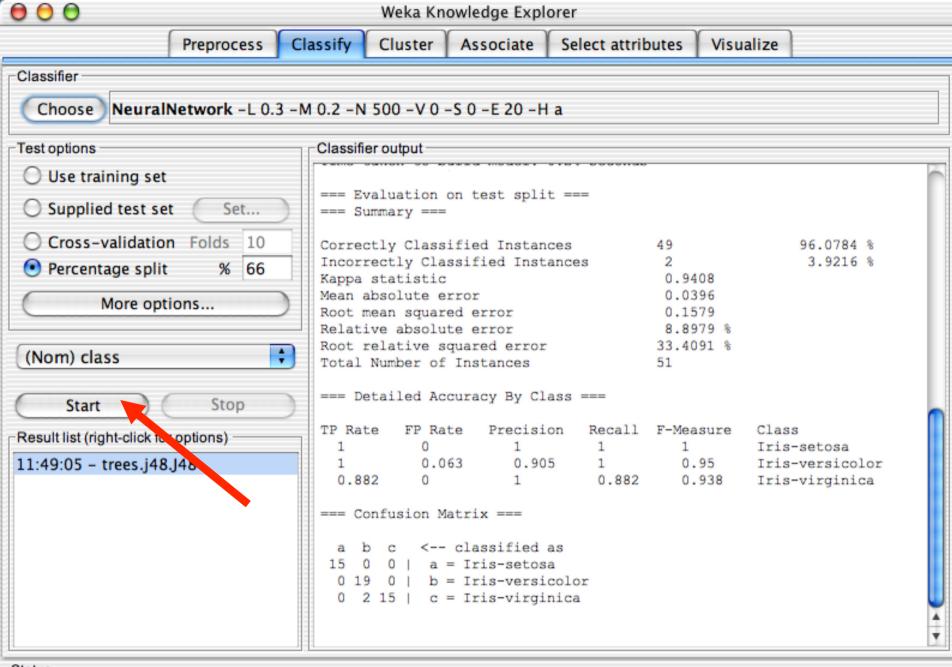






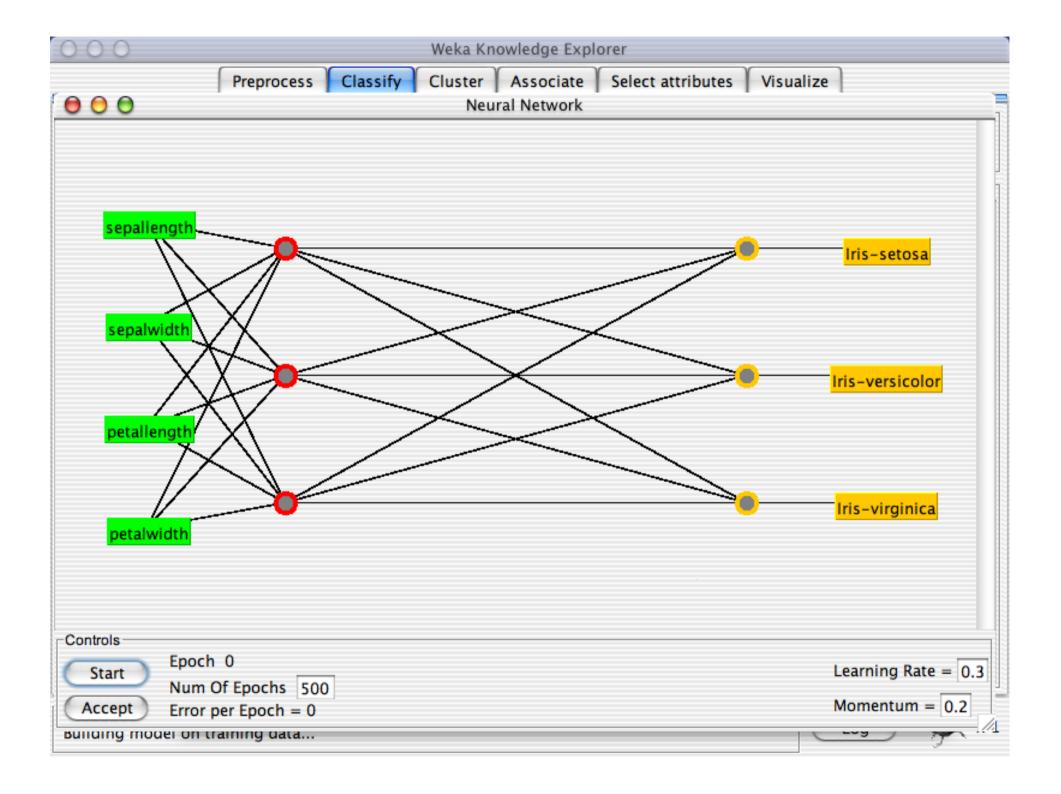


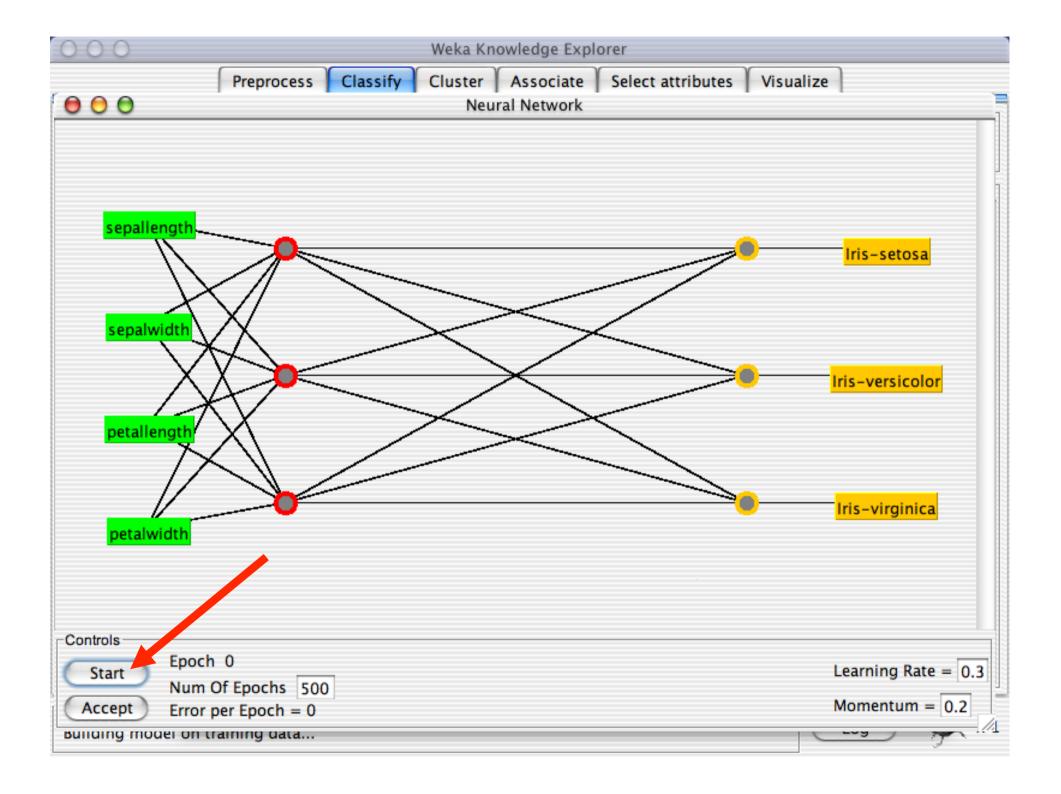


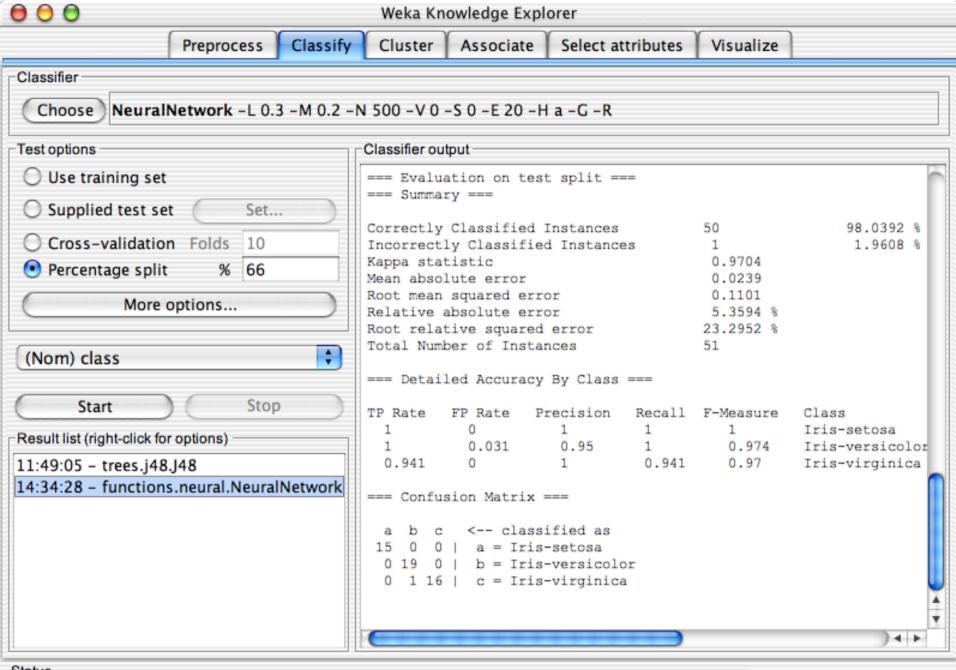






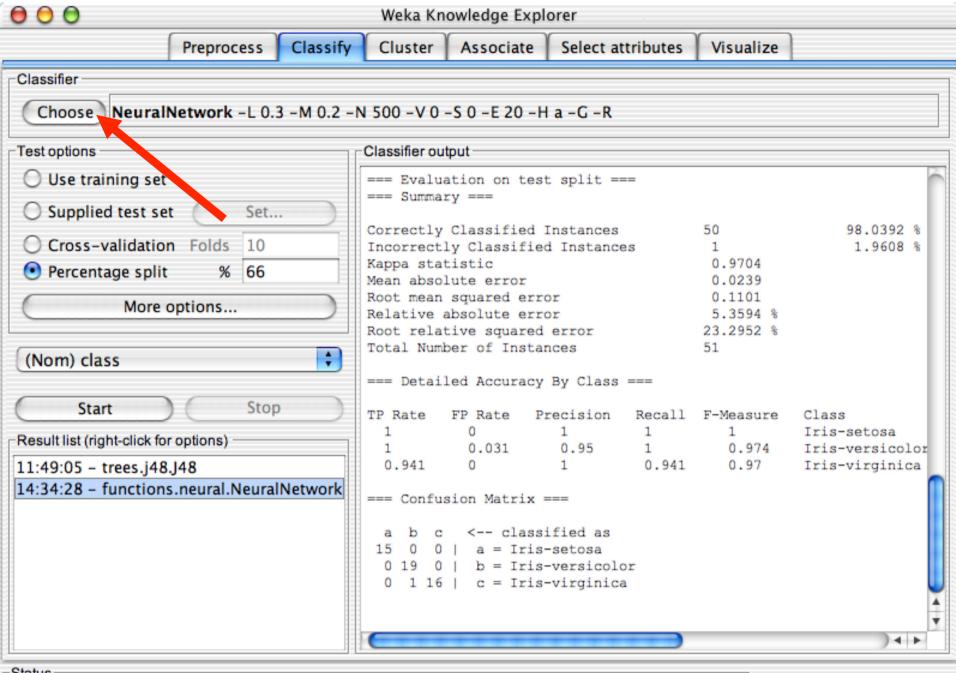






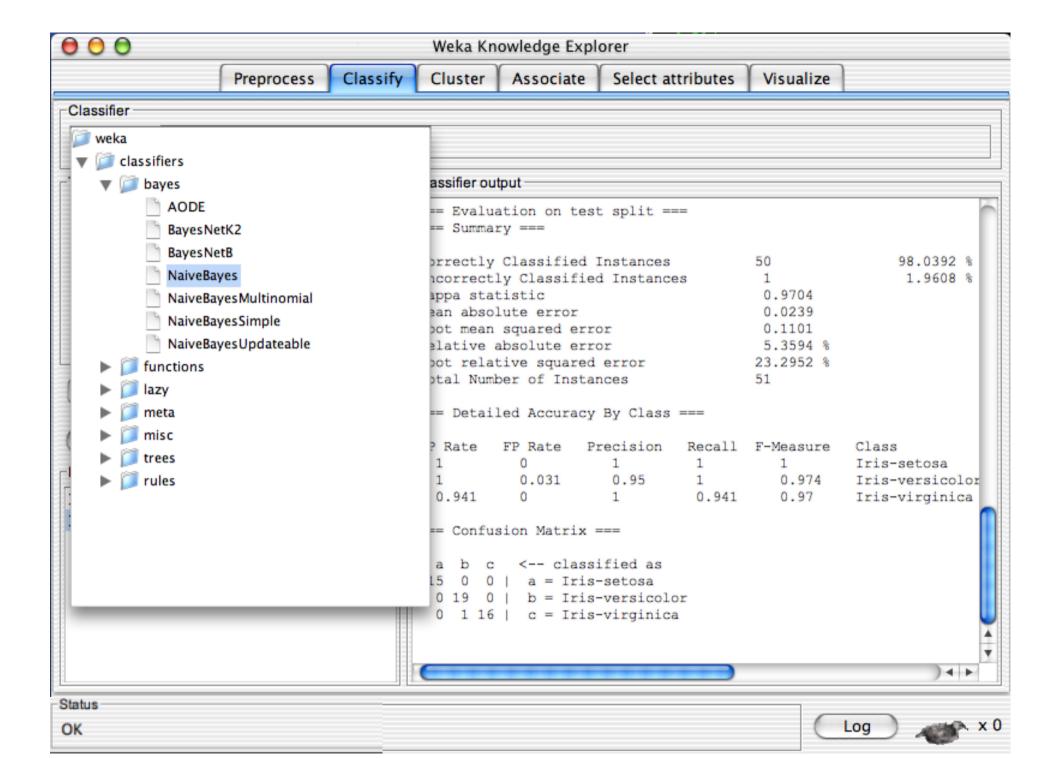


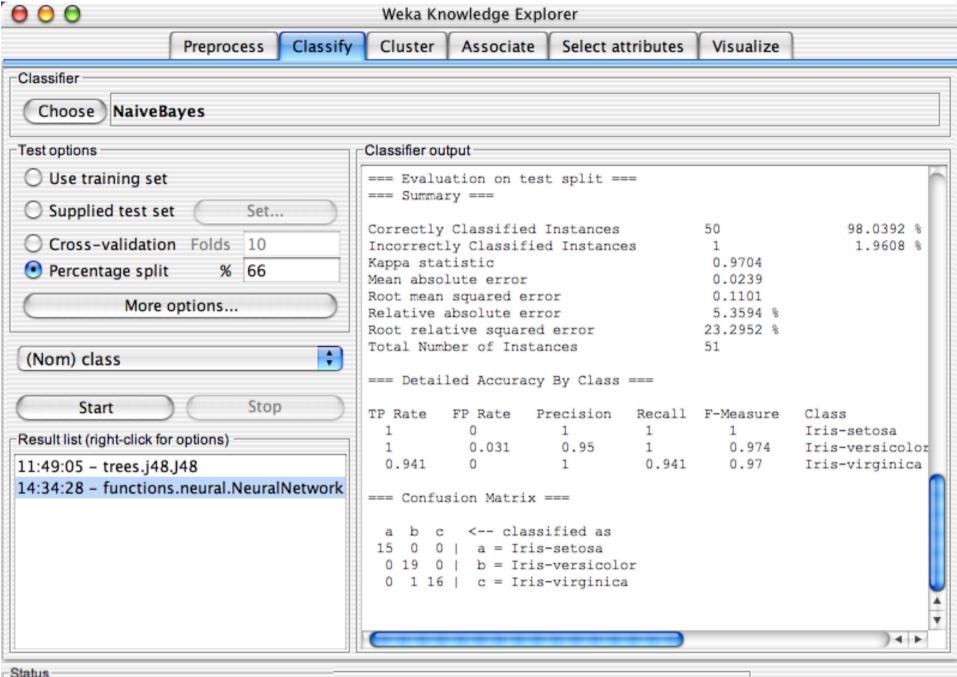






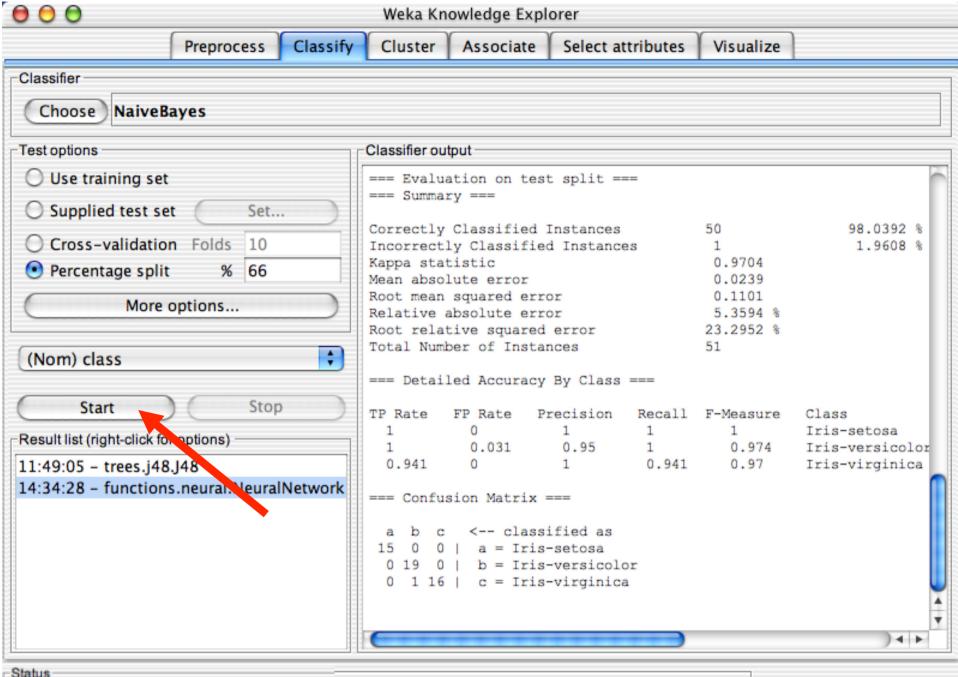






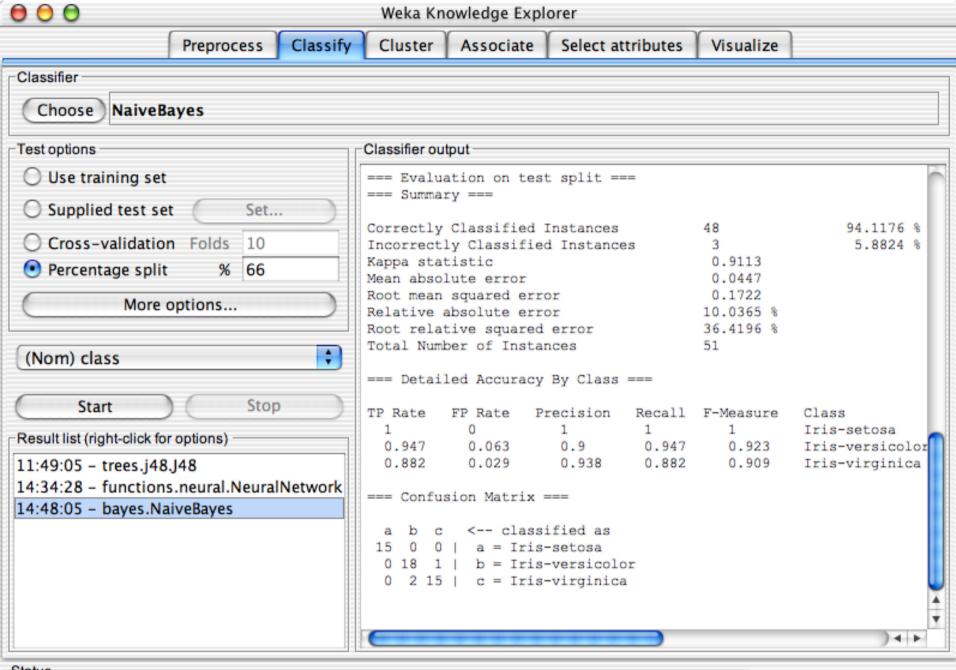






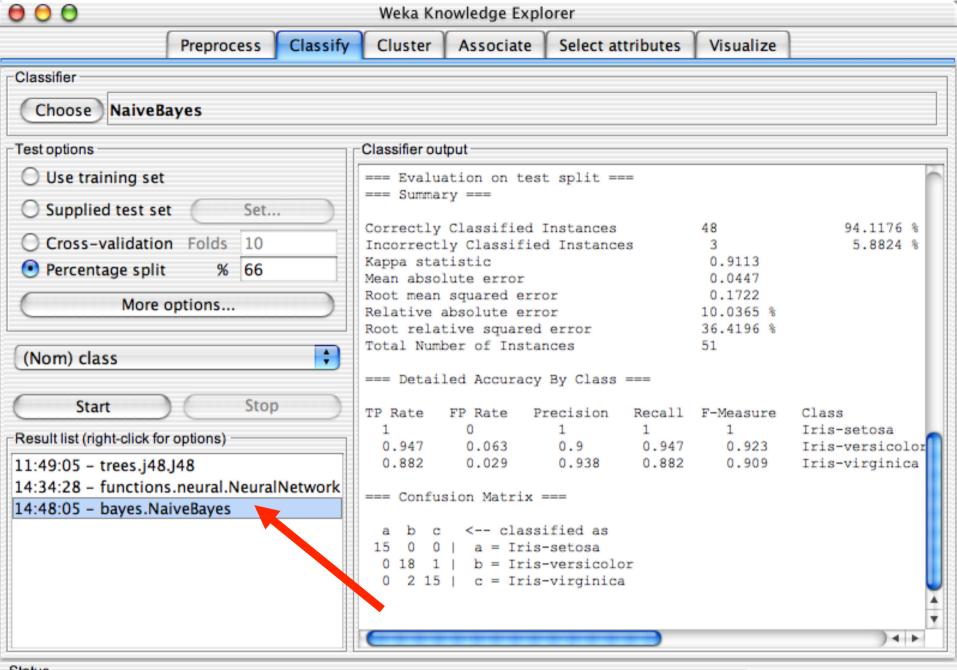






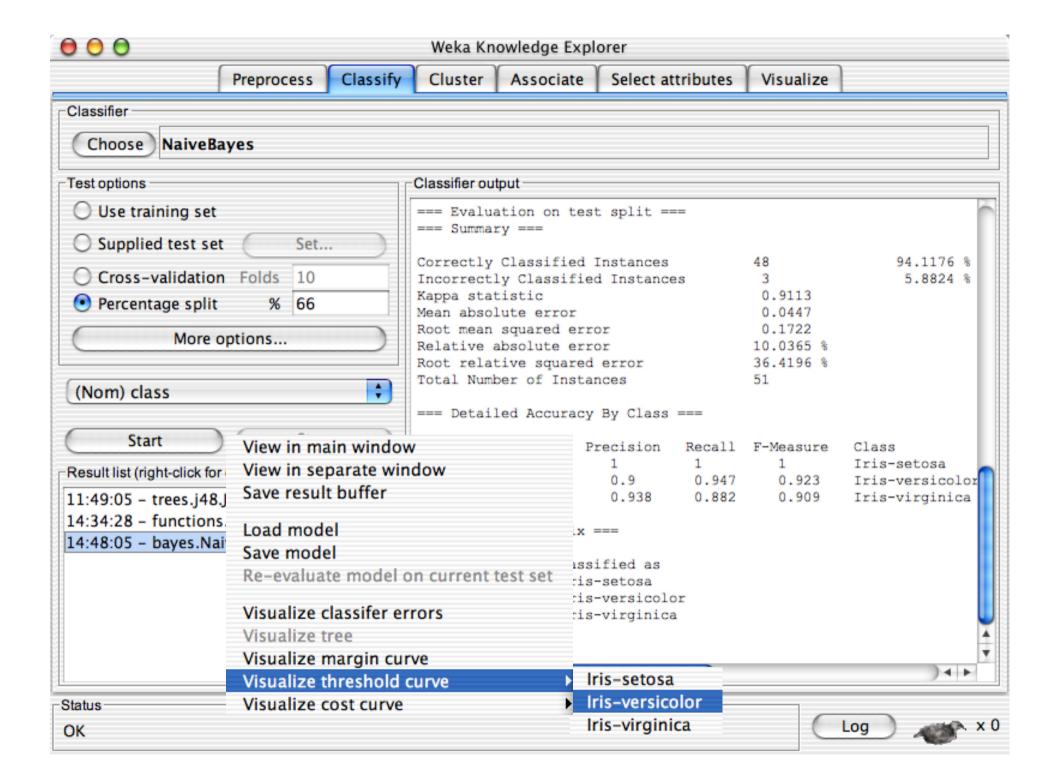


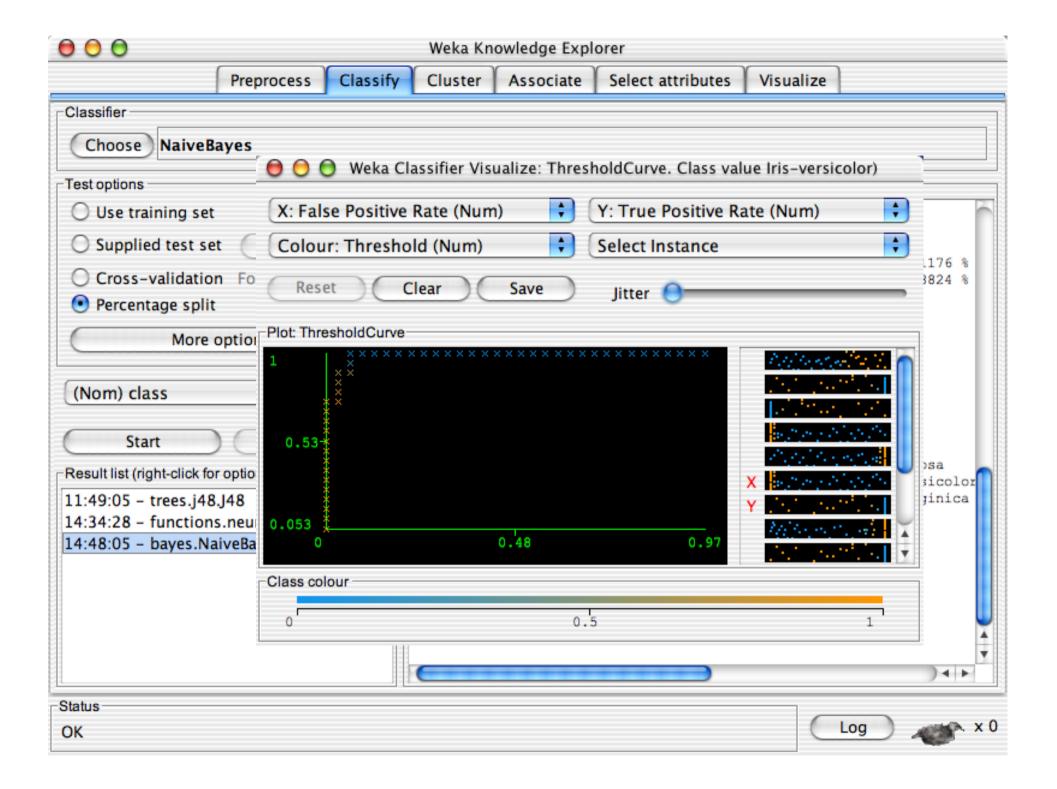


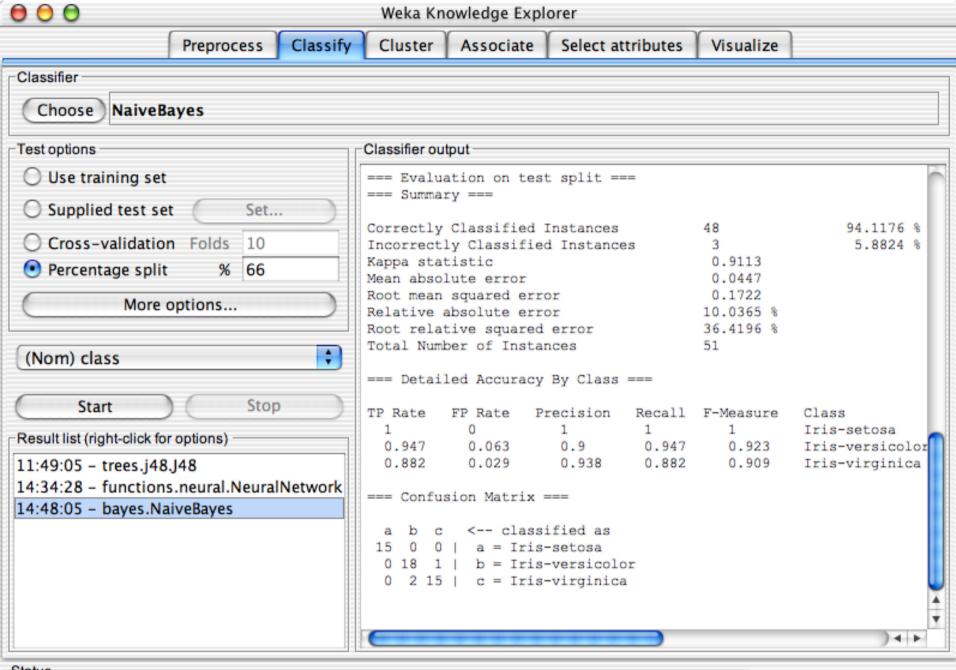






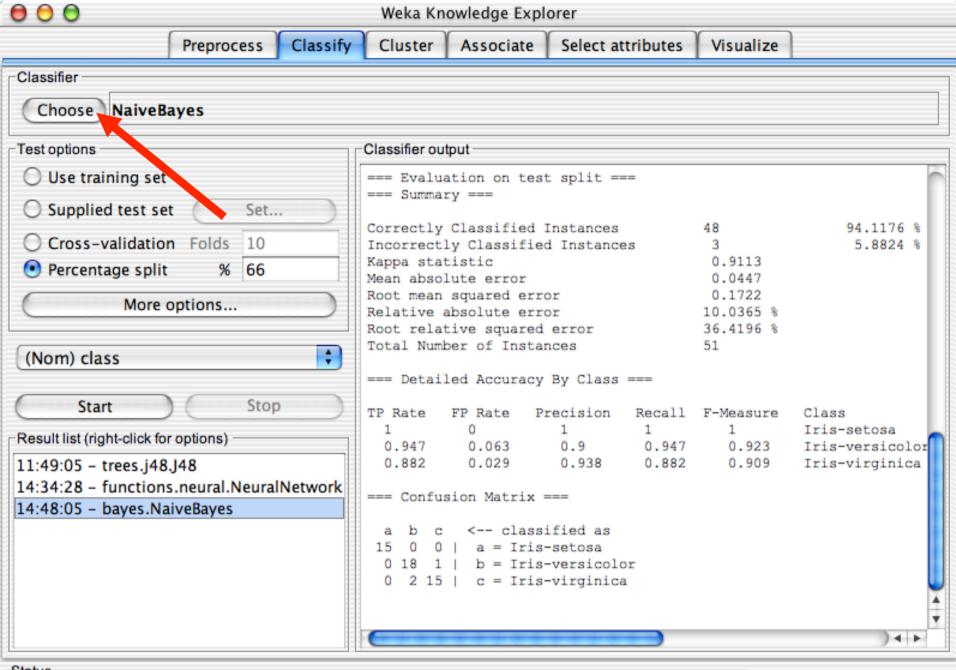






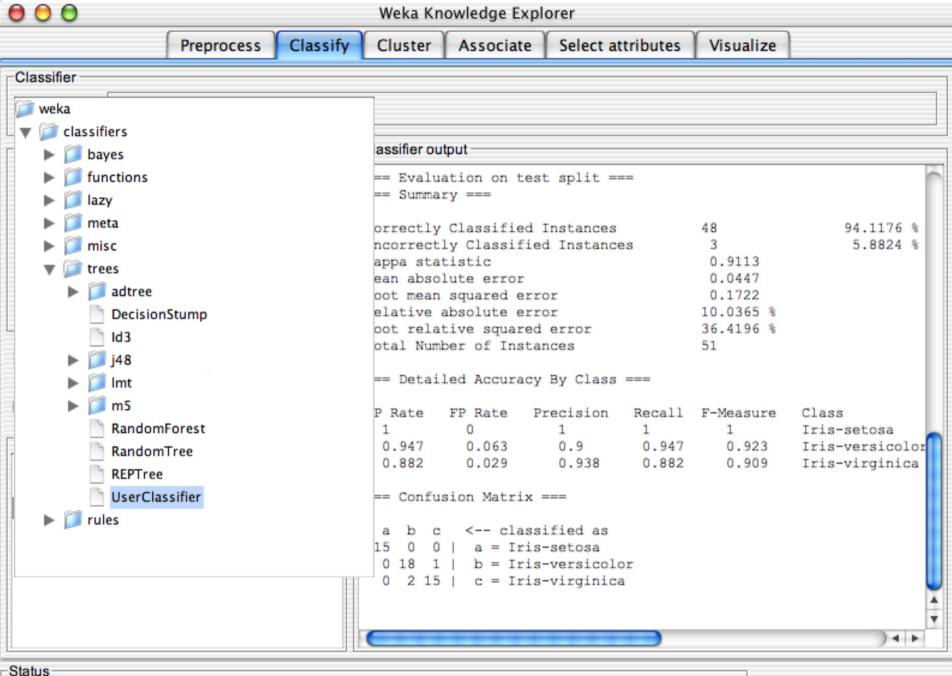




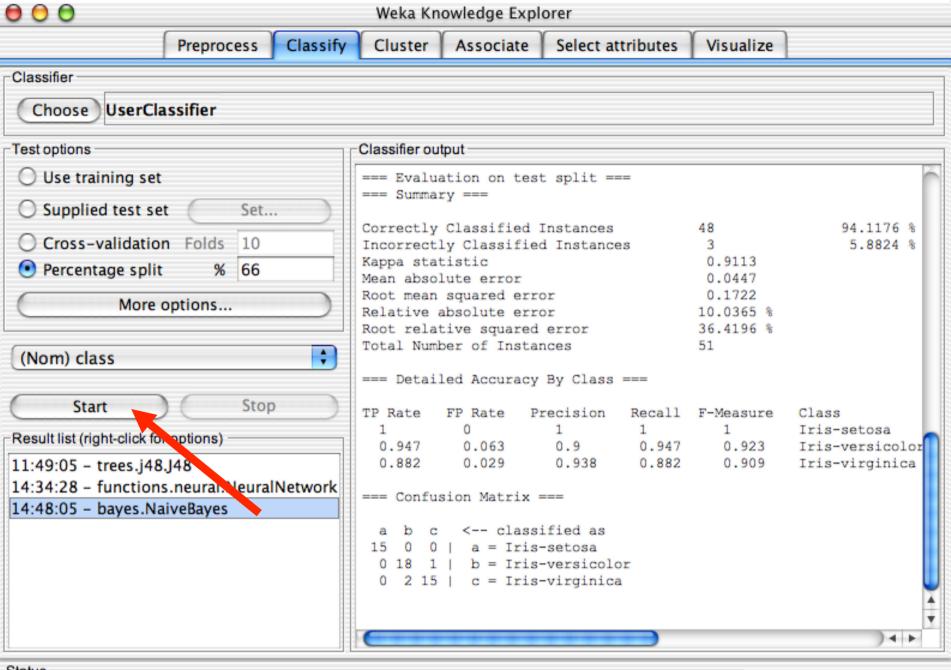






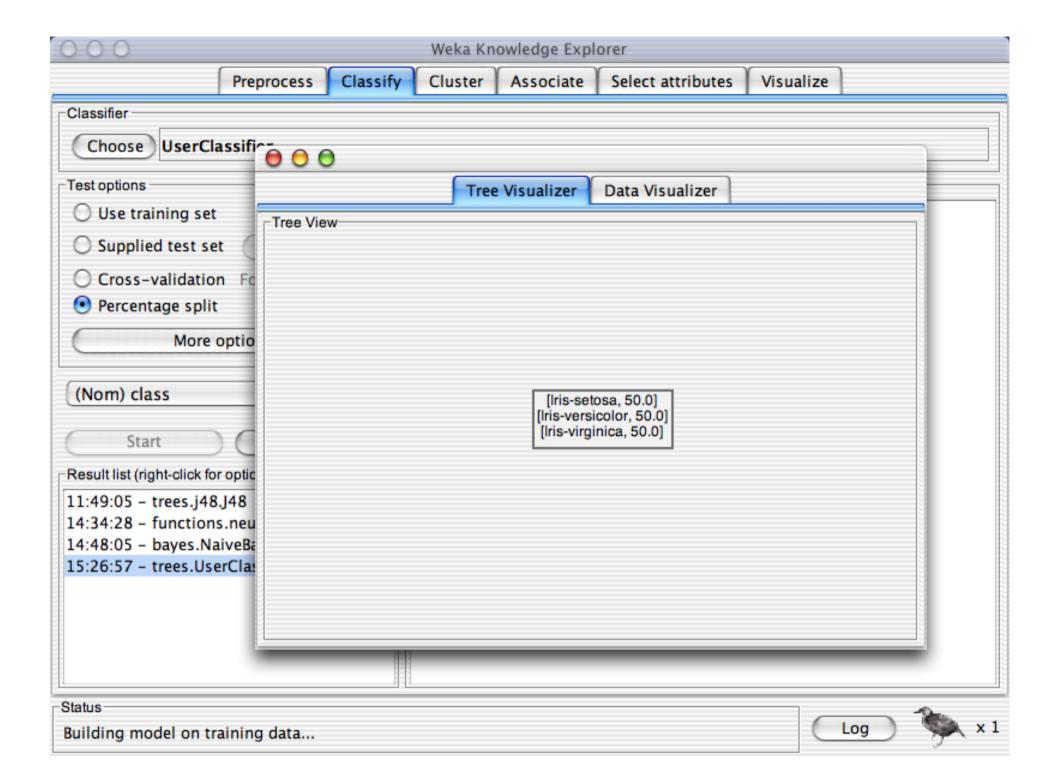


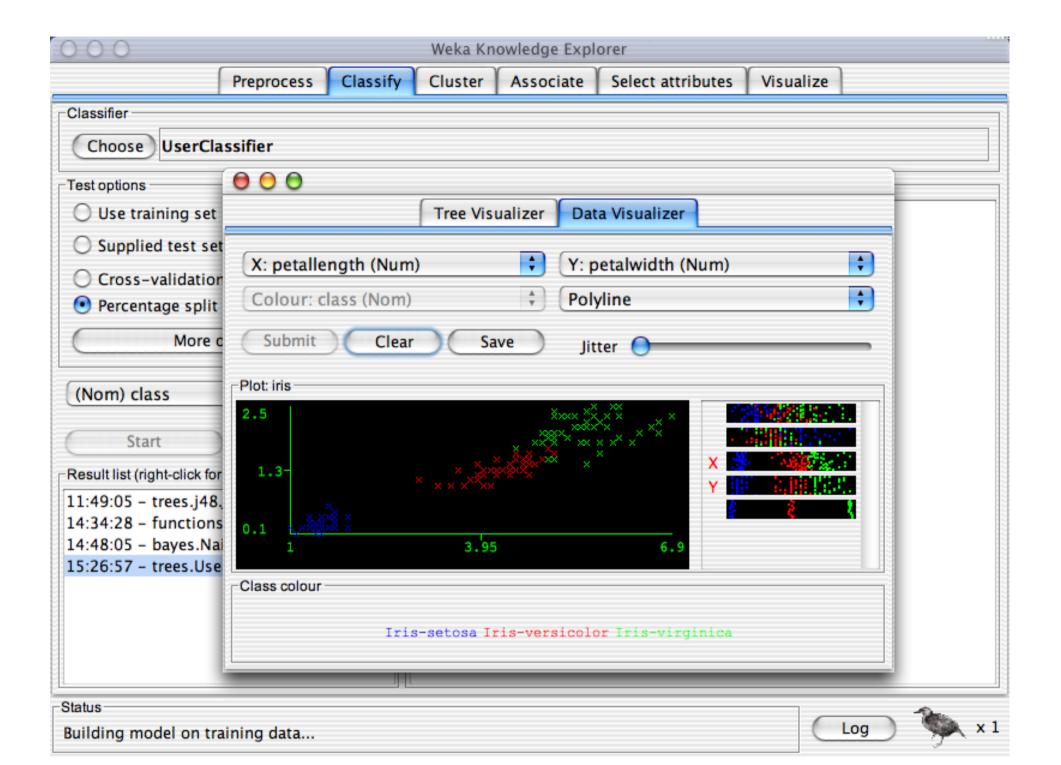


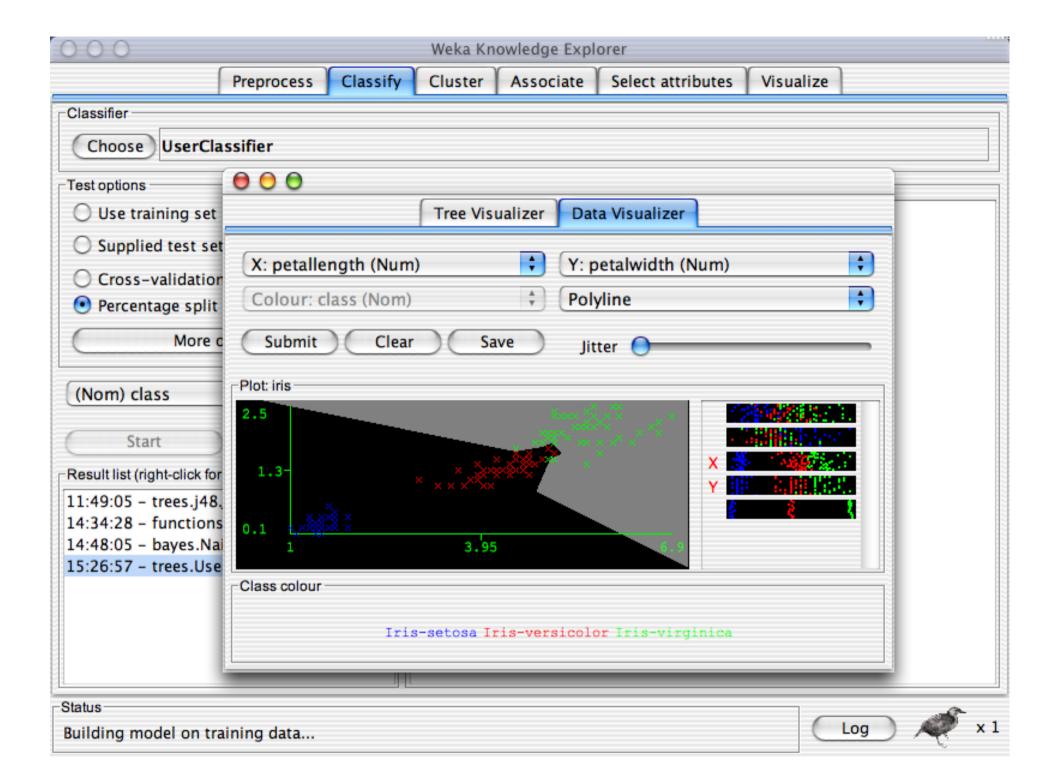


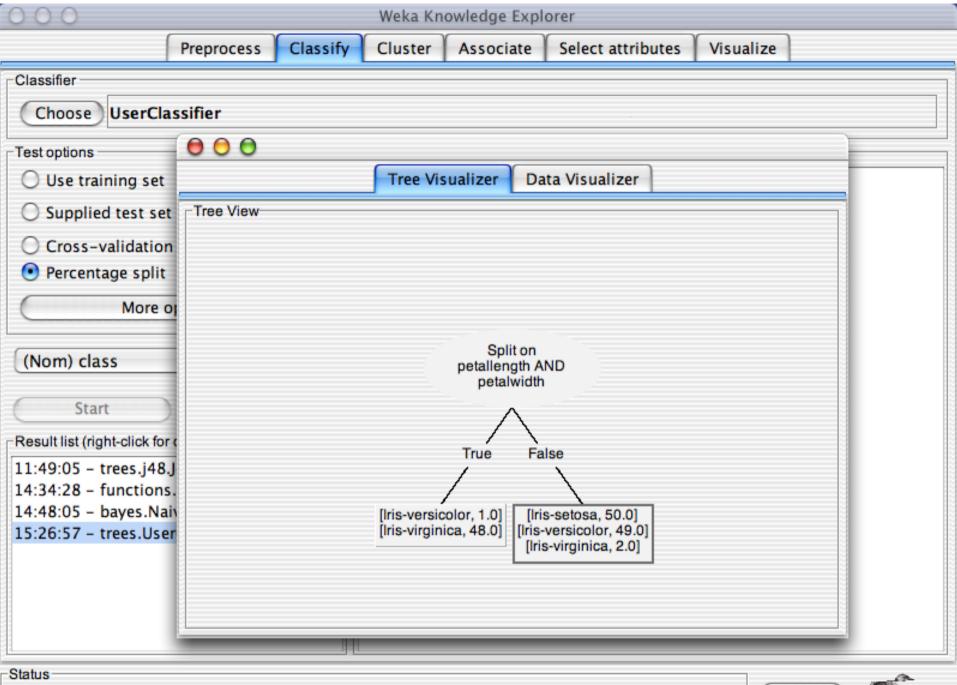






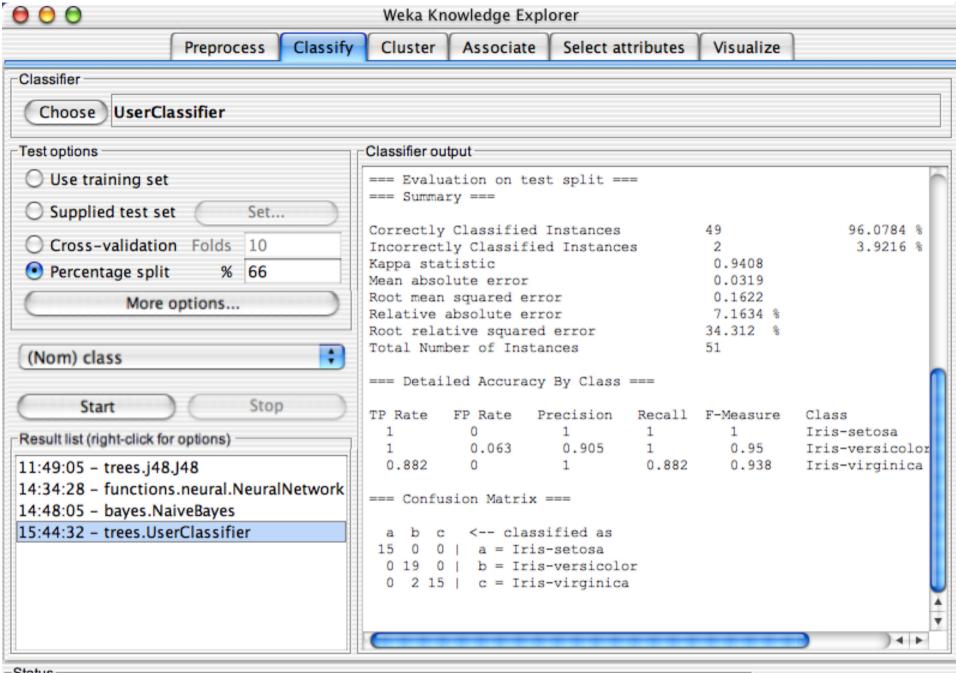






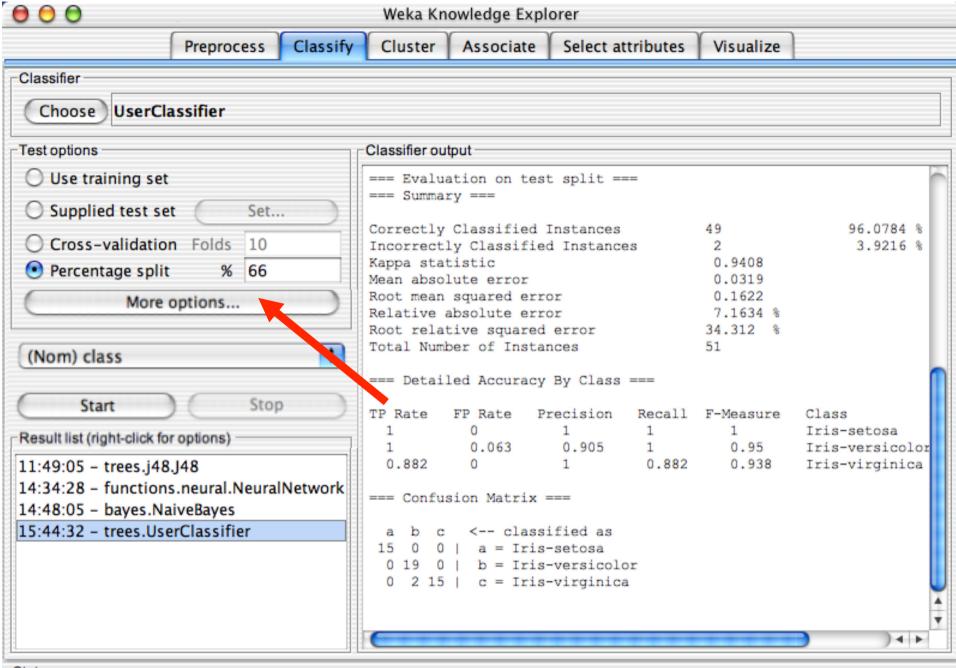
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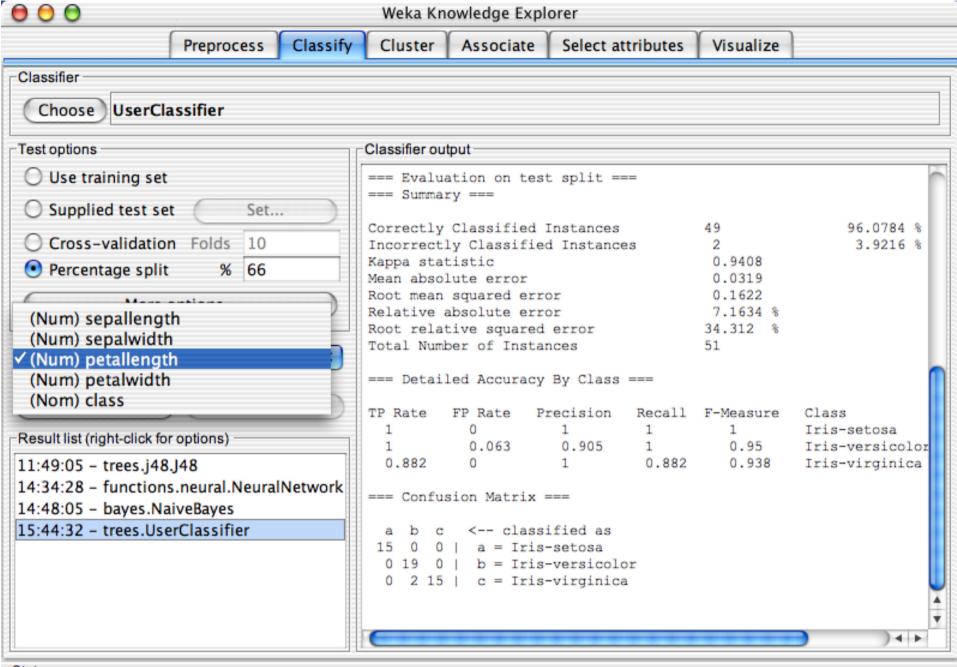




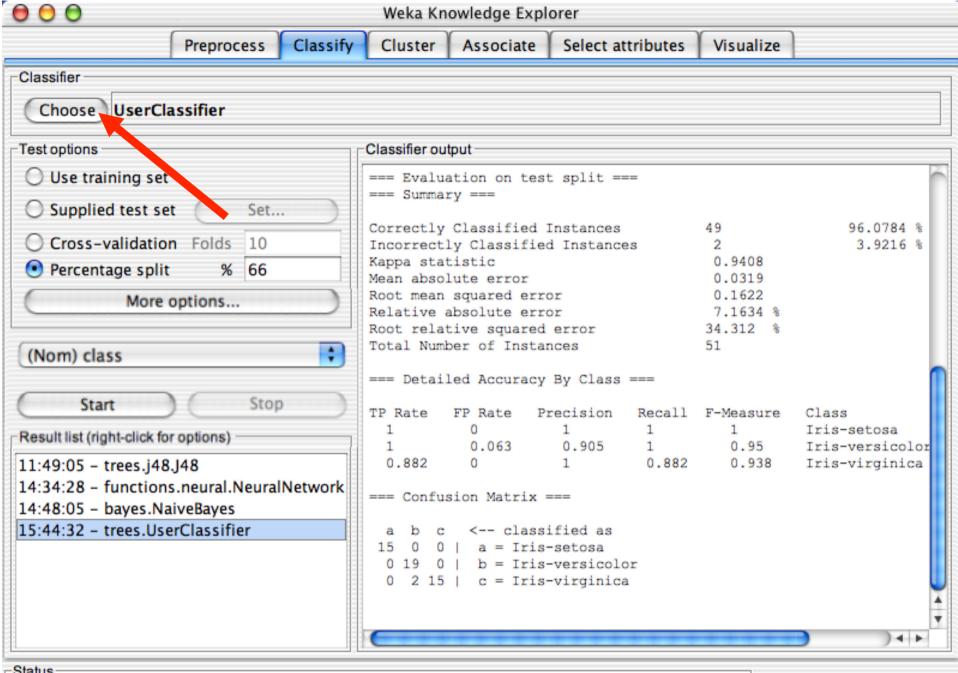




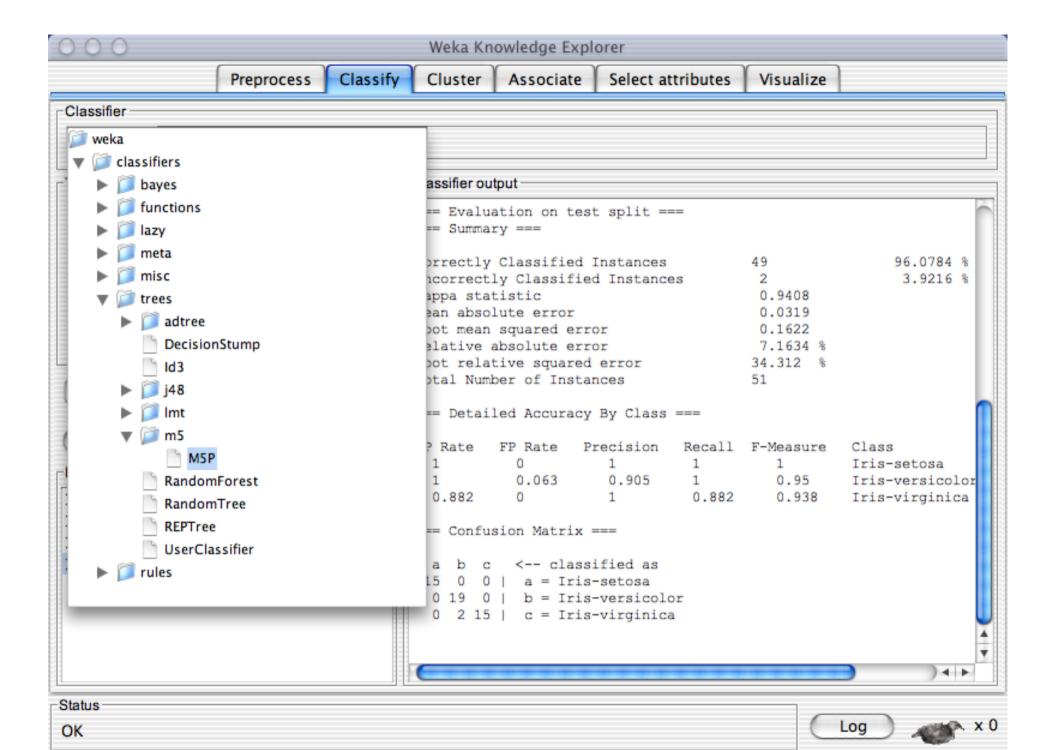


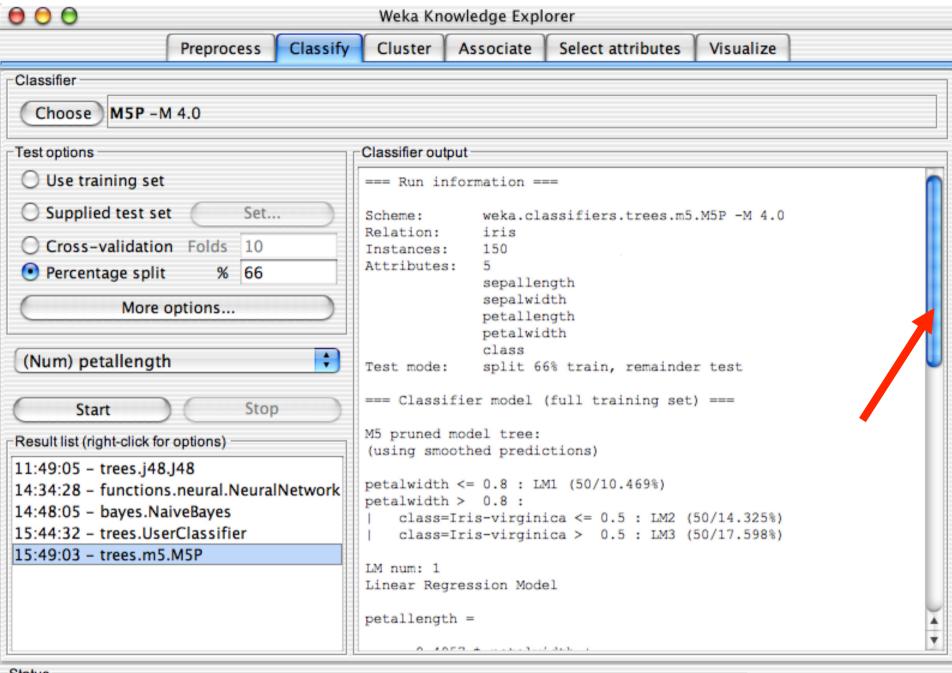




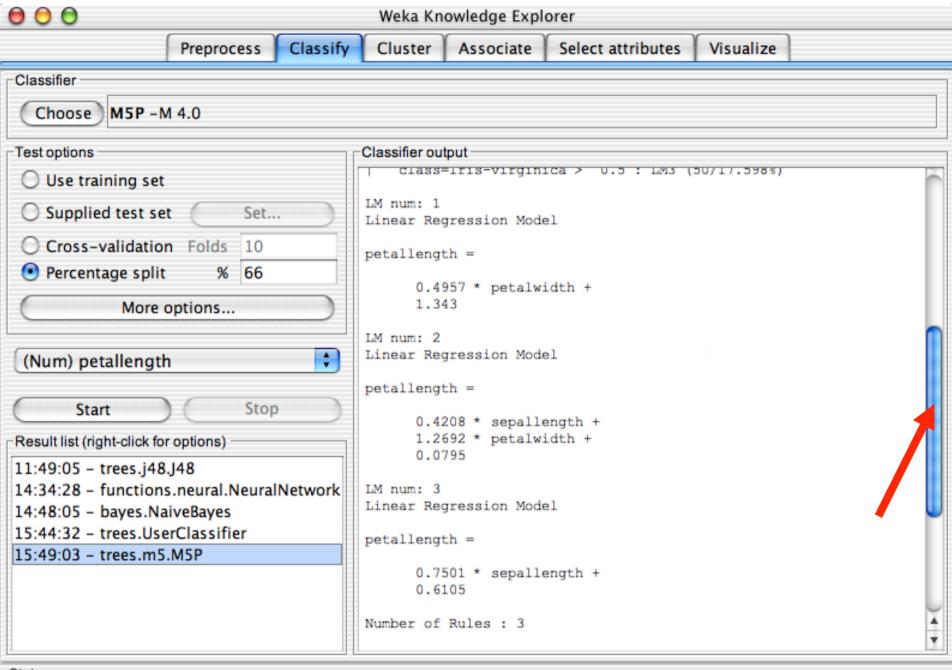






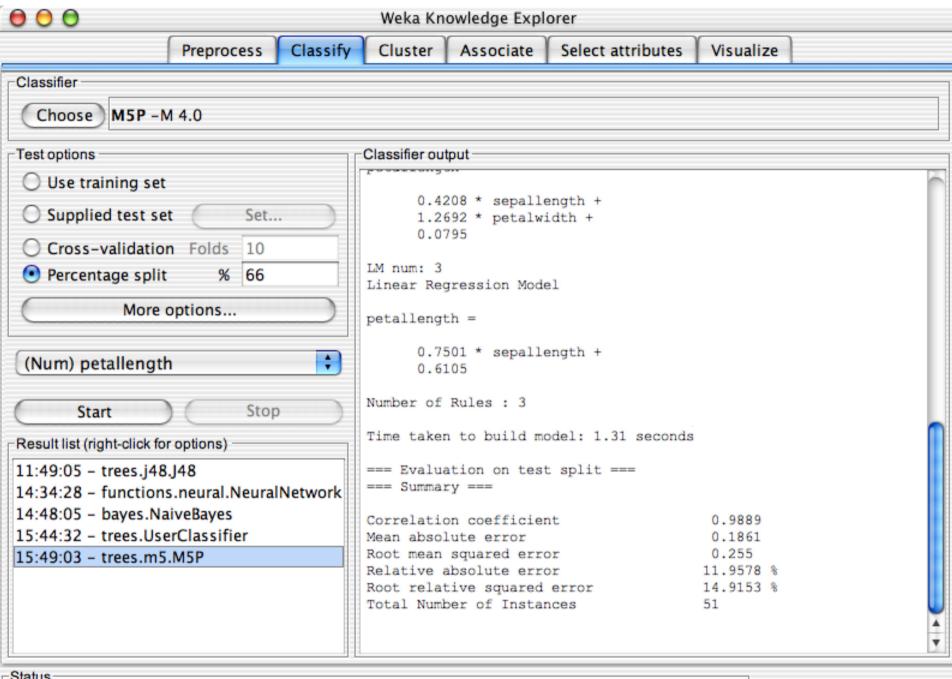






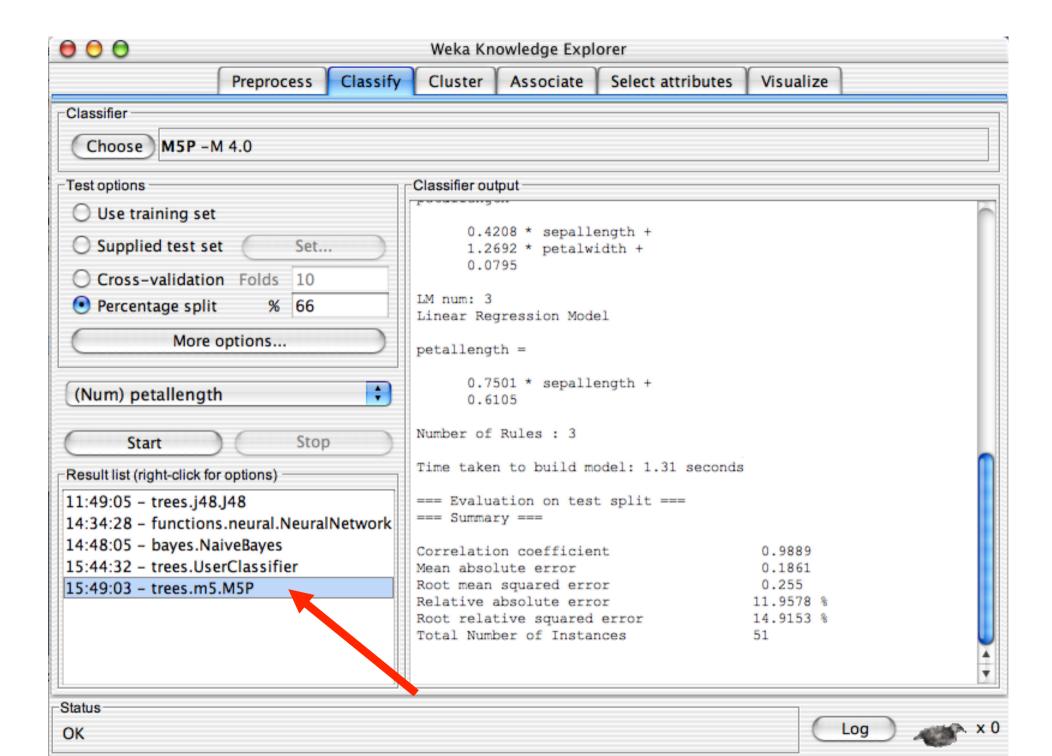


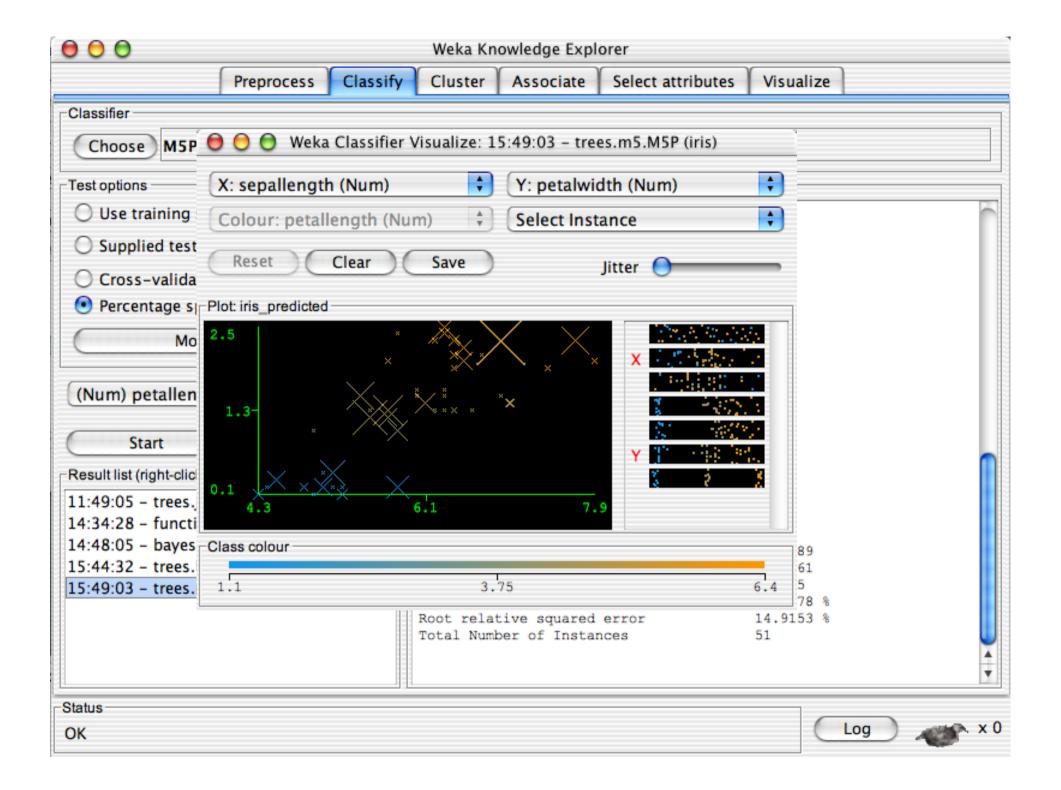


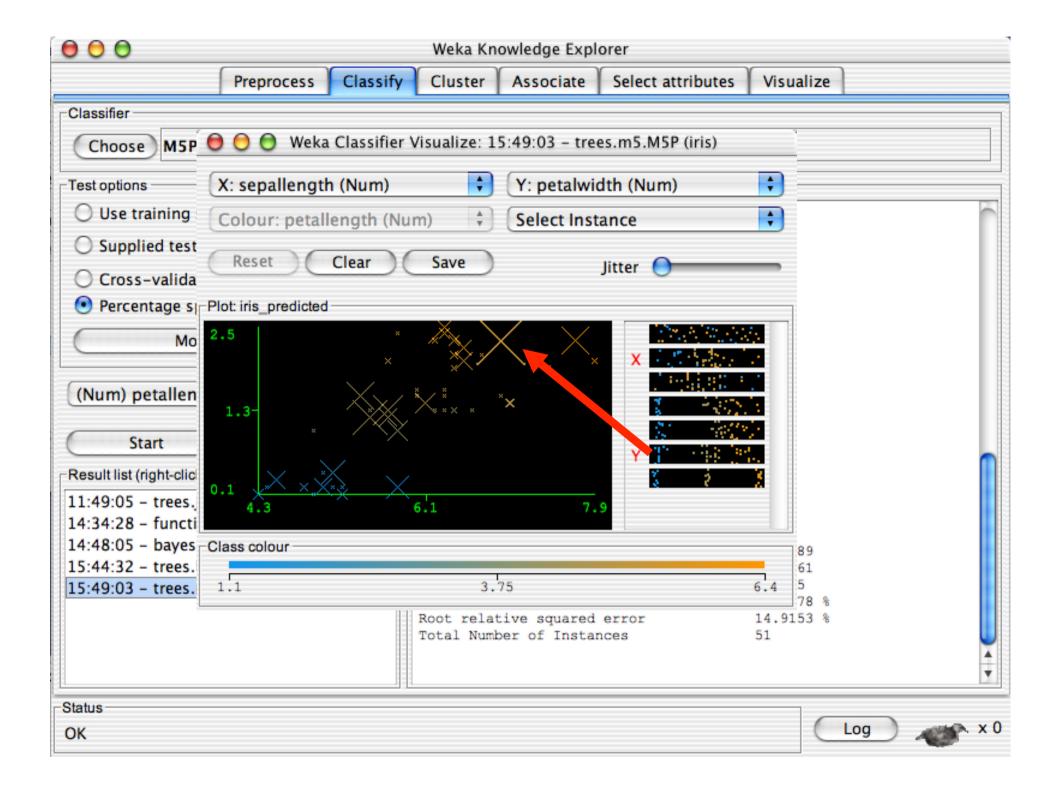


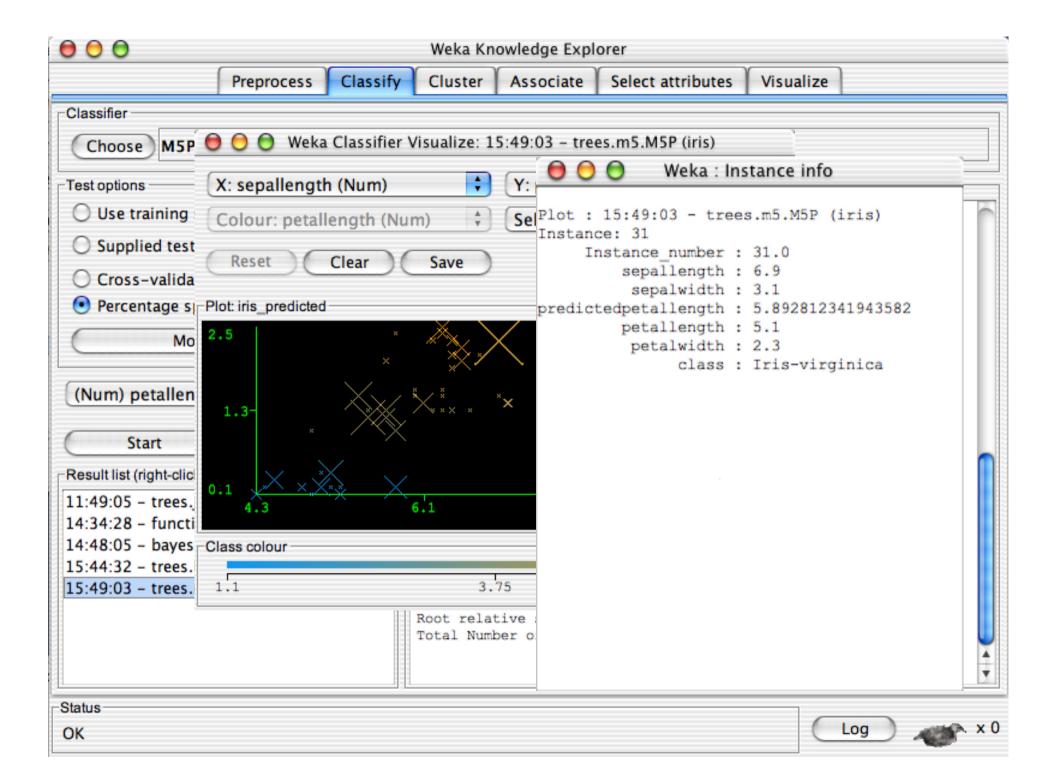






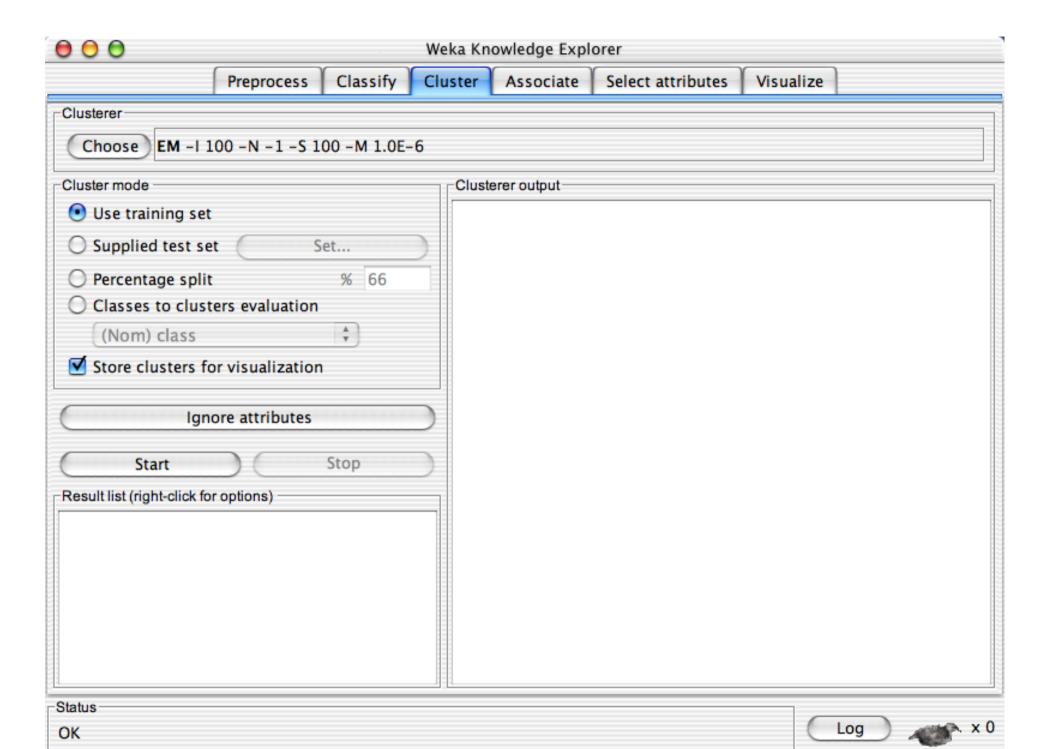


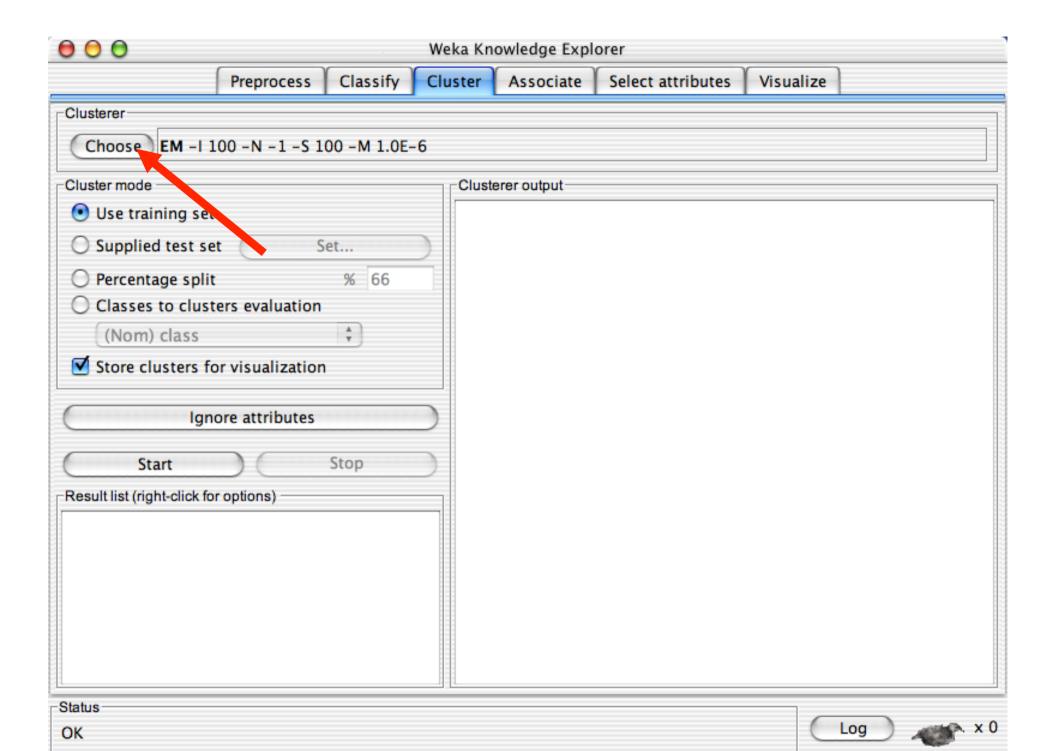


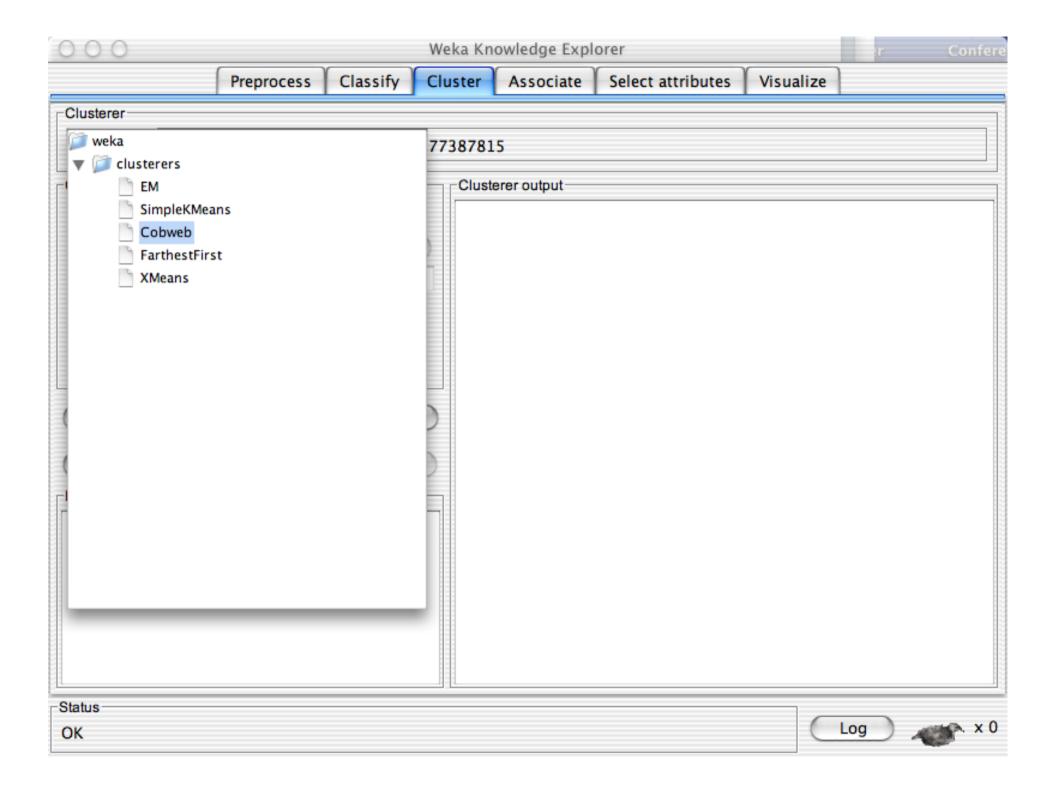


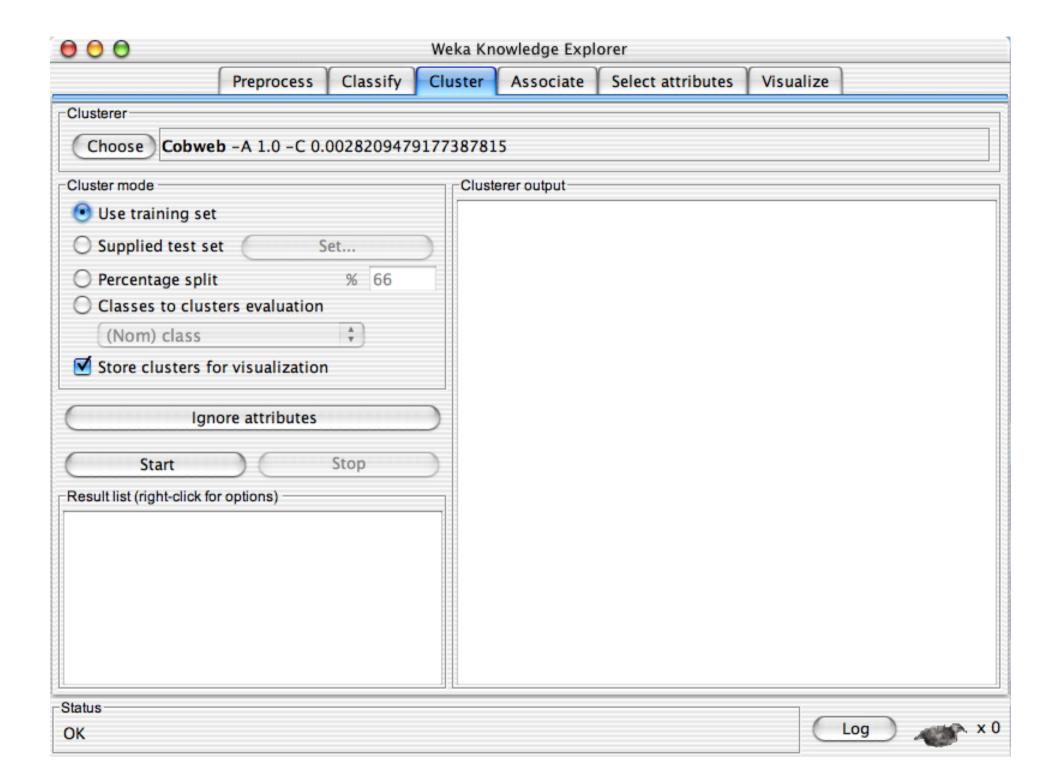
Explorer: clustering data

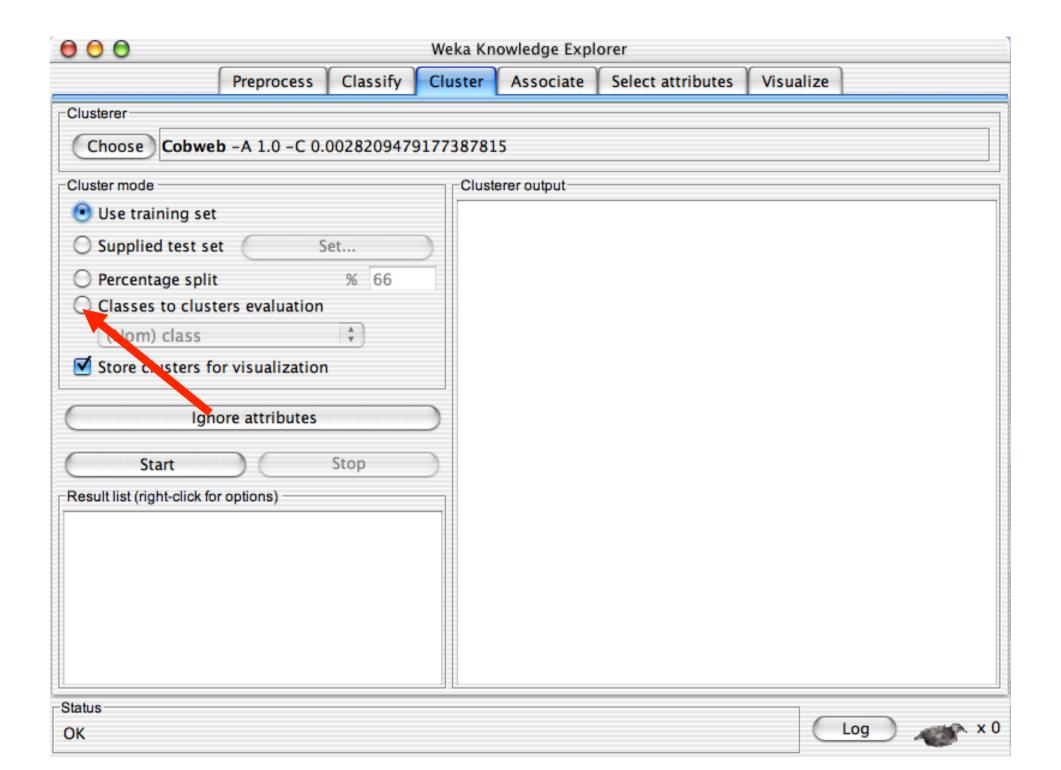
- WEKA contains "clusterers" for finding groups of similar instances in a dataset
- Implemented schemes are:
 - ♦ k-Means, EM, Cobweb, X-means, FarthestFirst
- Clusters can be visualized and compared to "true" clusters (if given)
- Evaluation based on loglikelihood if clustering scheme produces a probability distribution

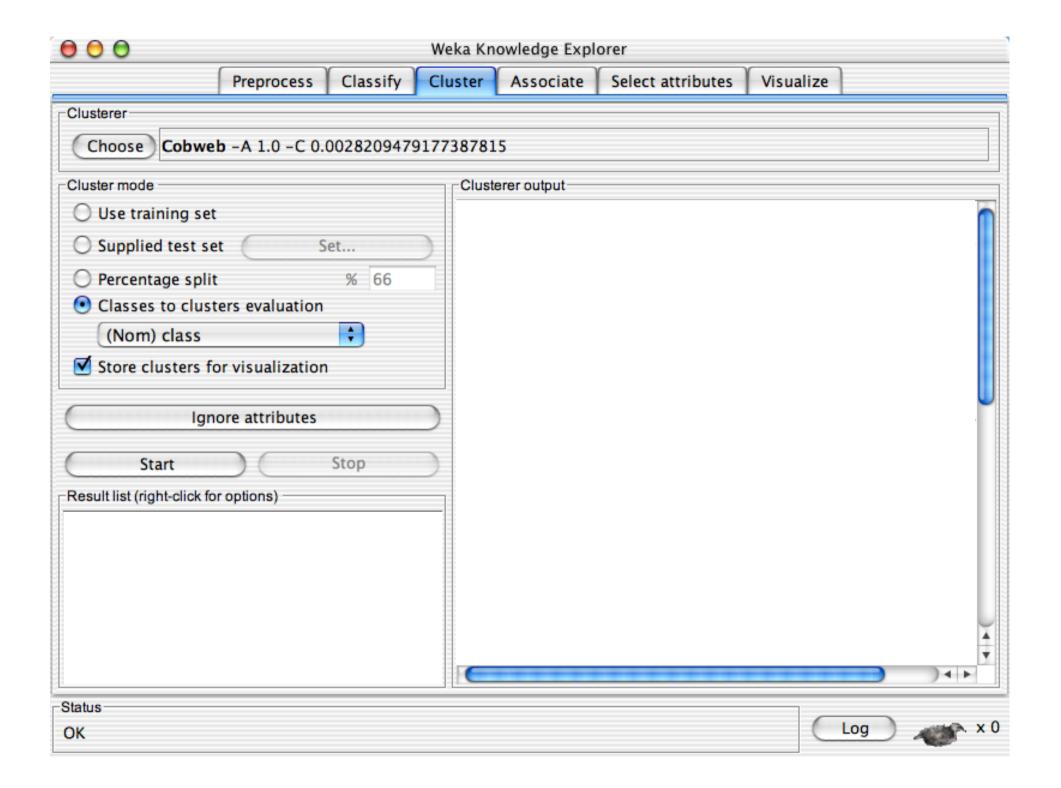


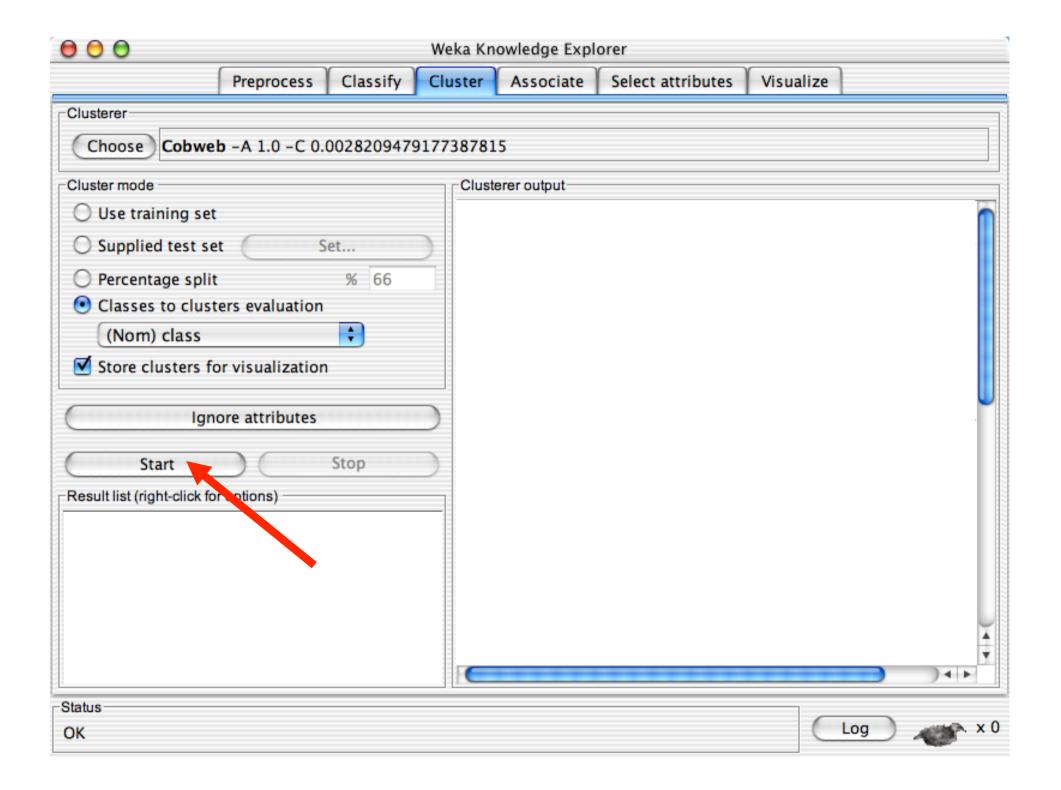


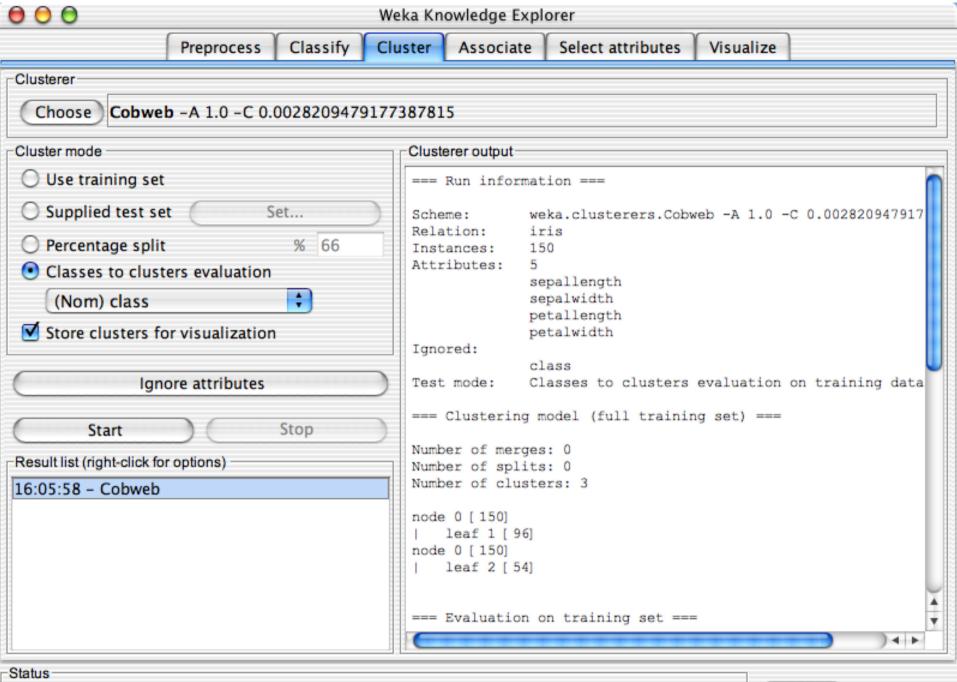




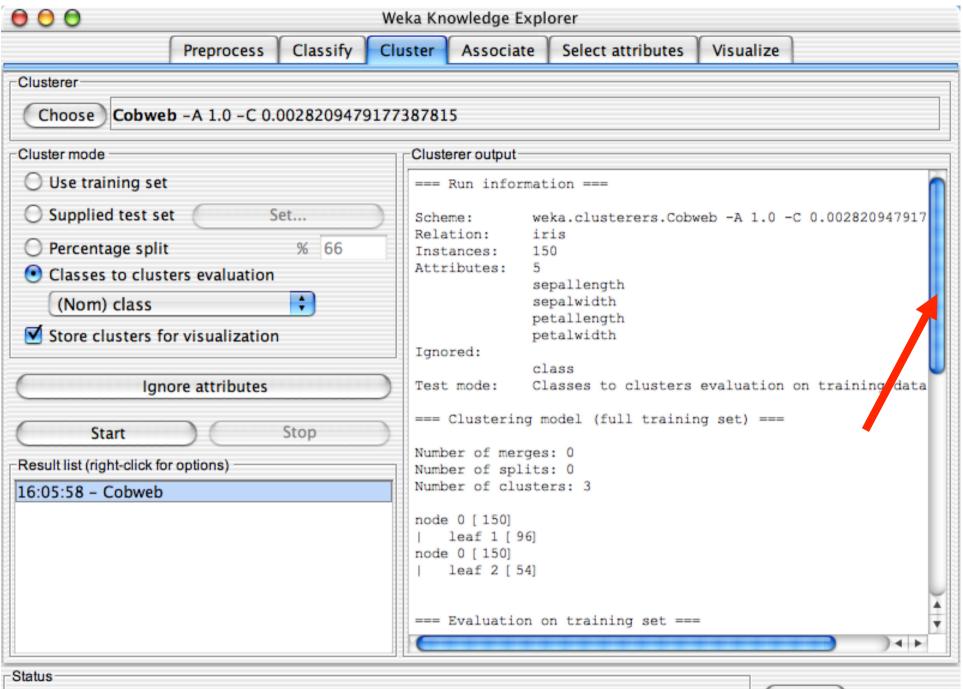




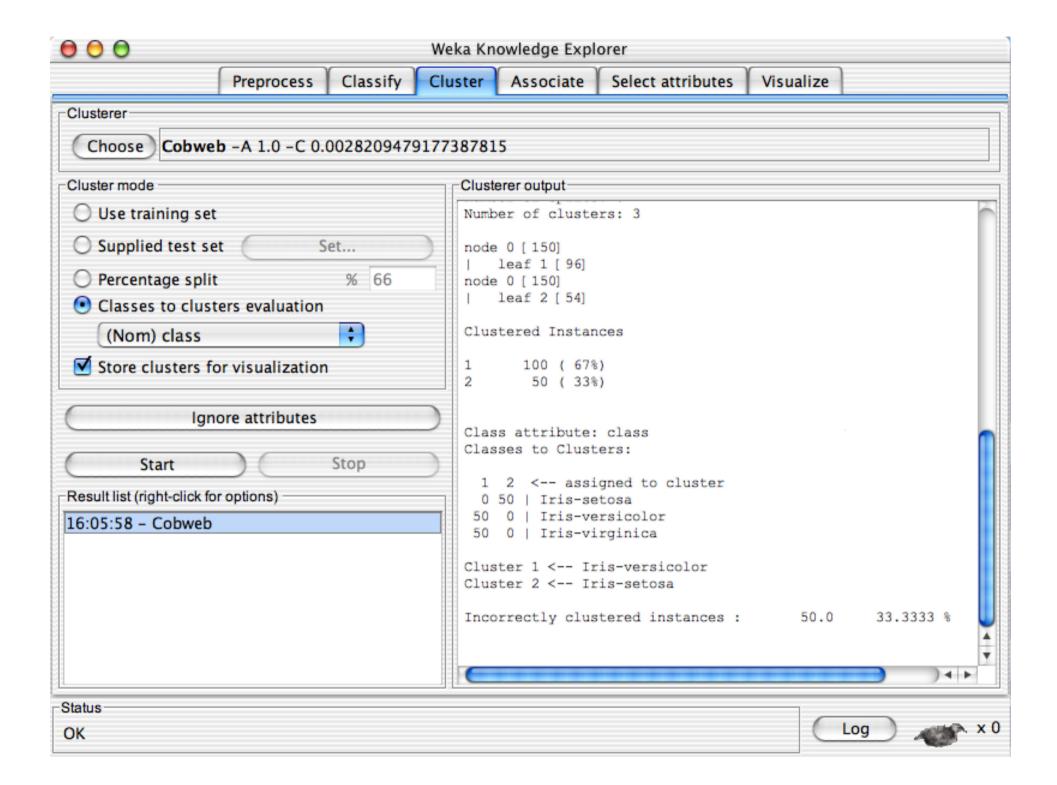


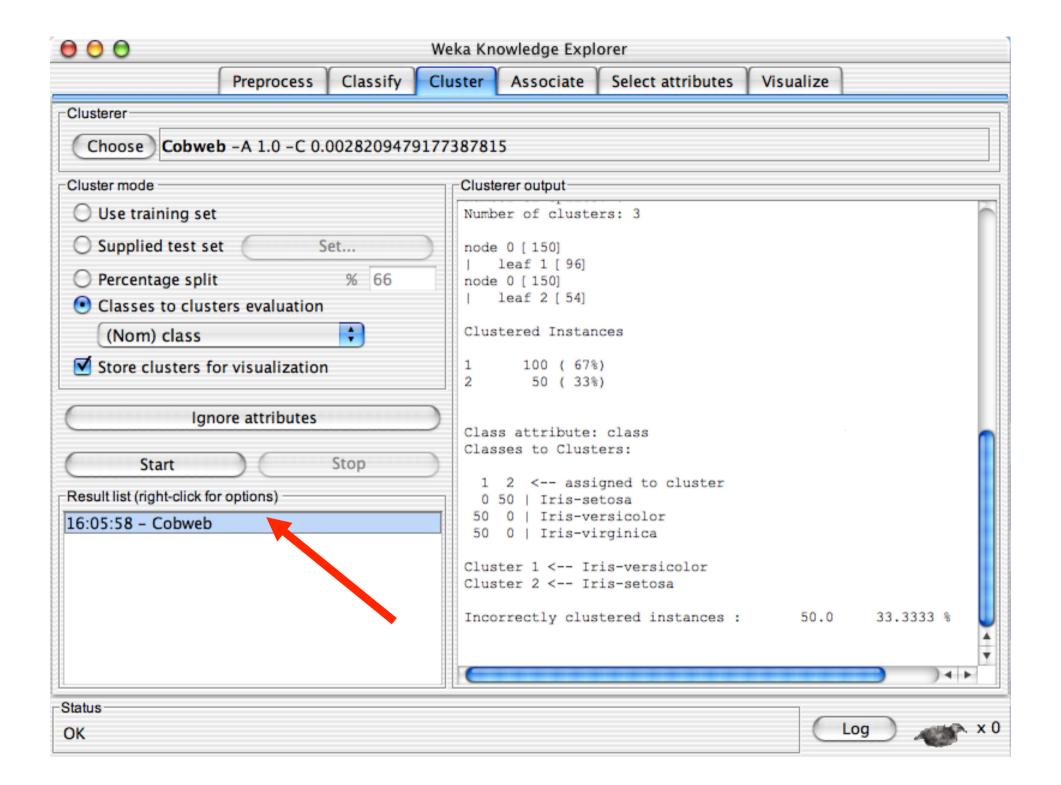


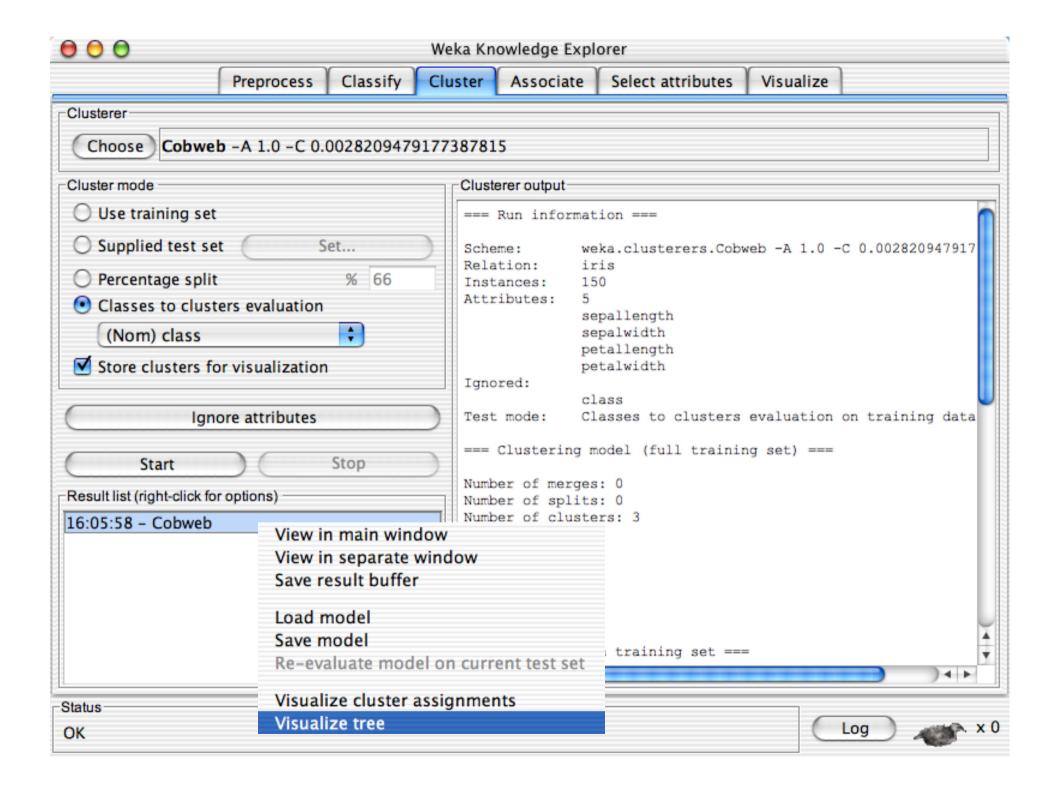


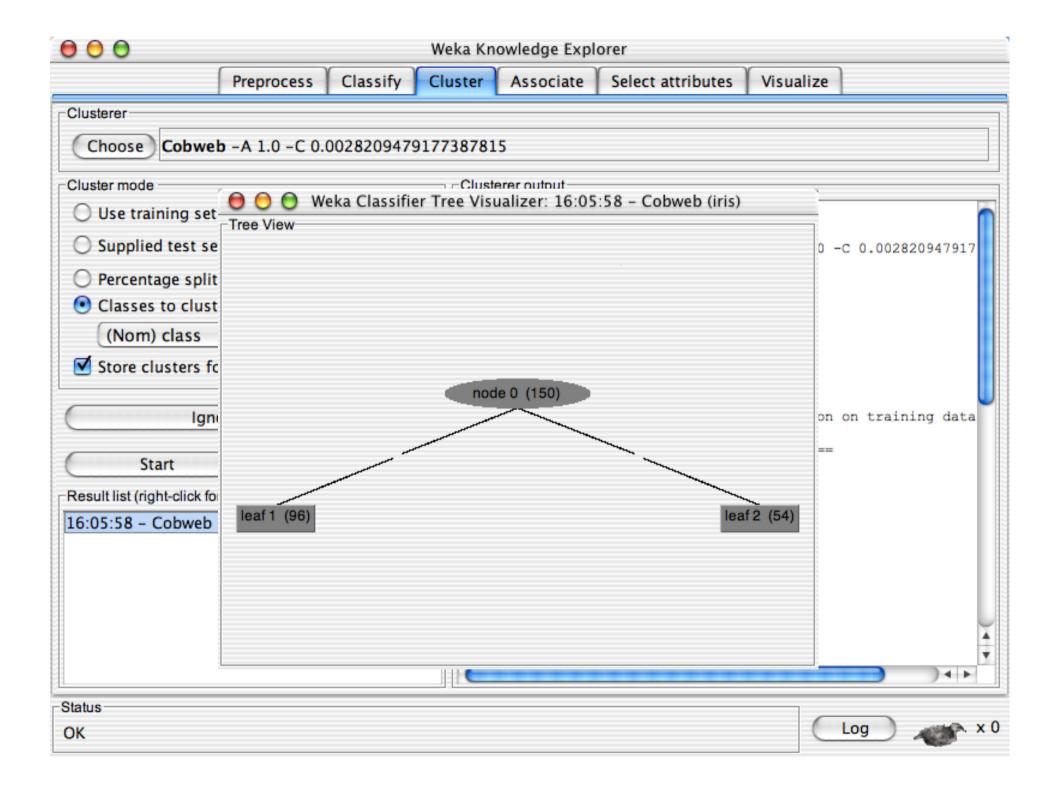


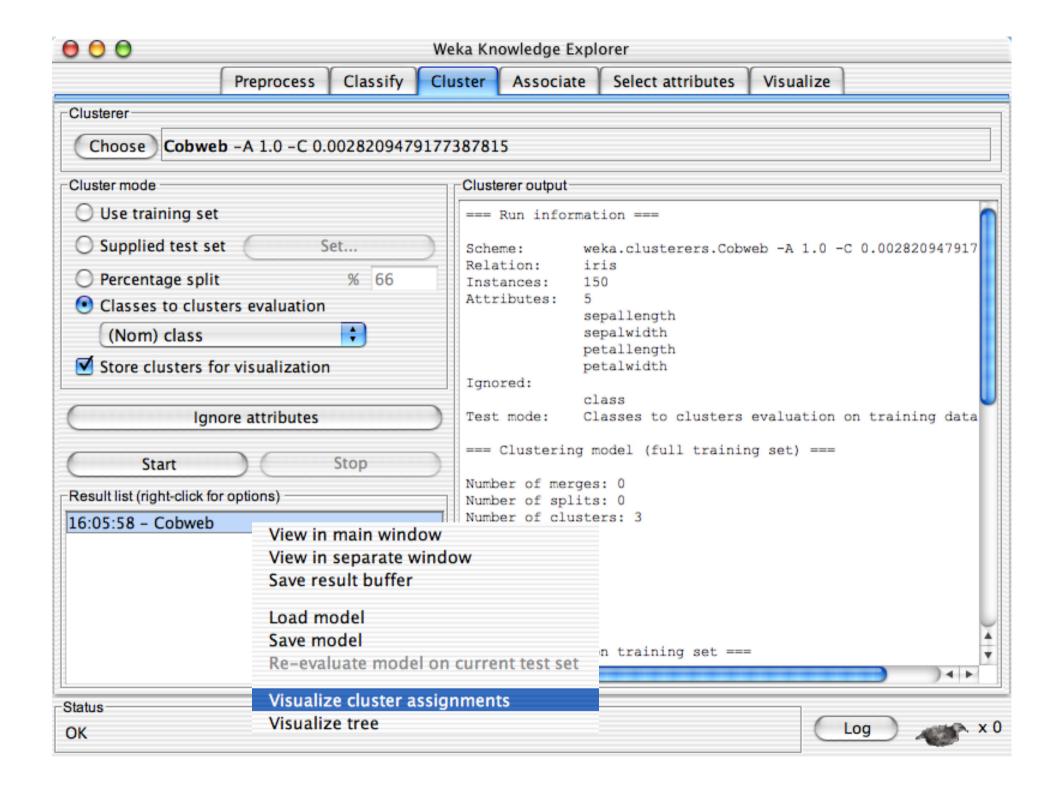


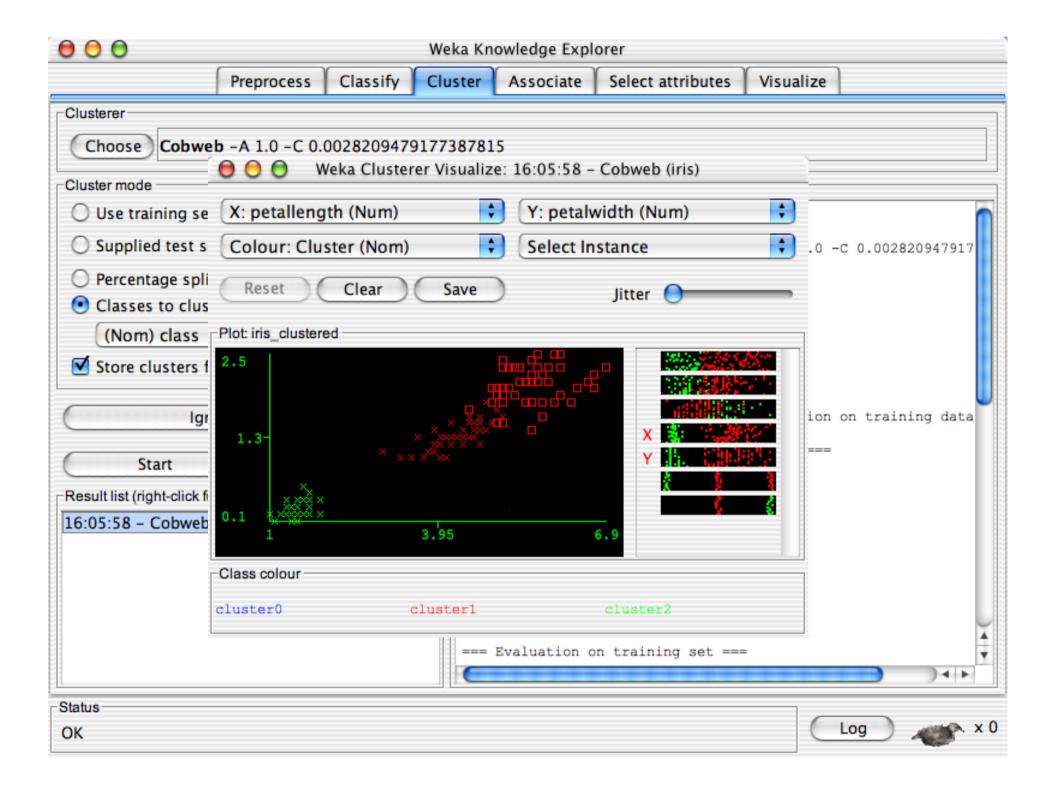






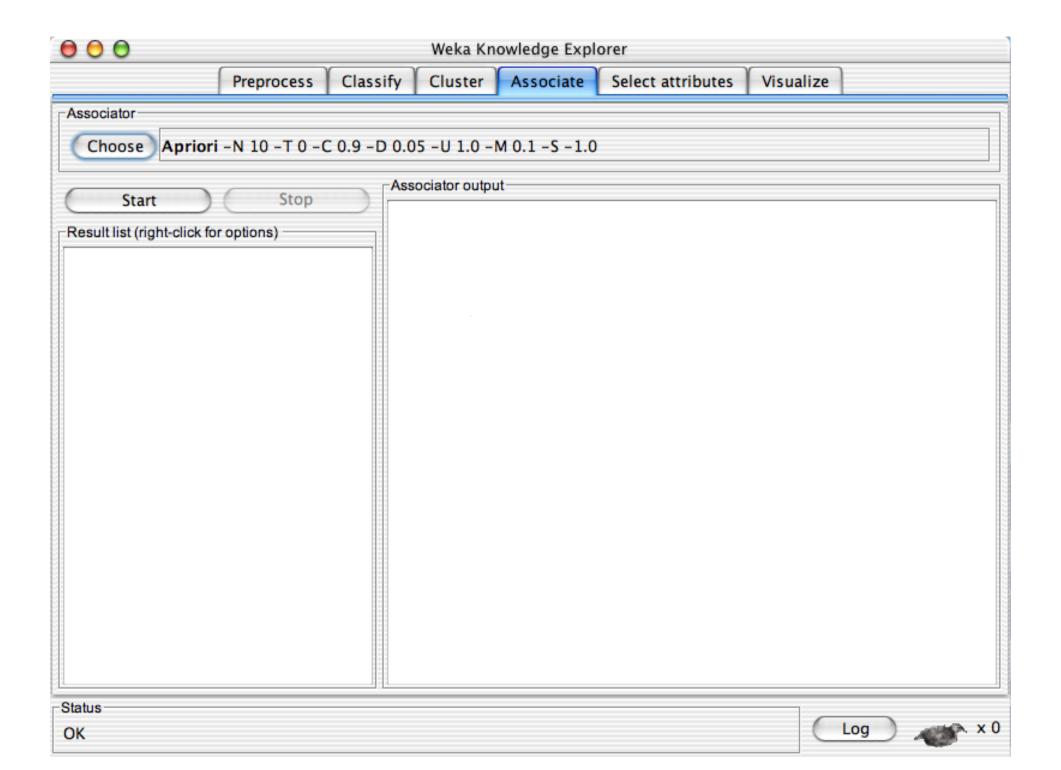


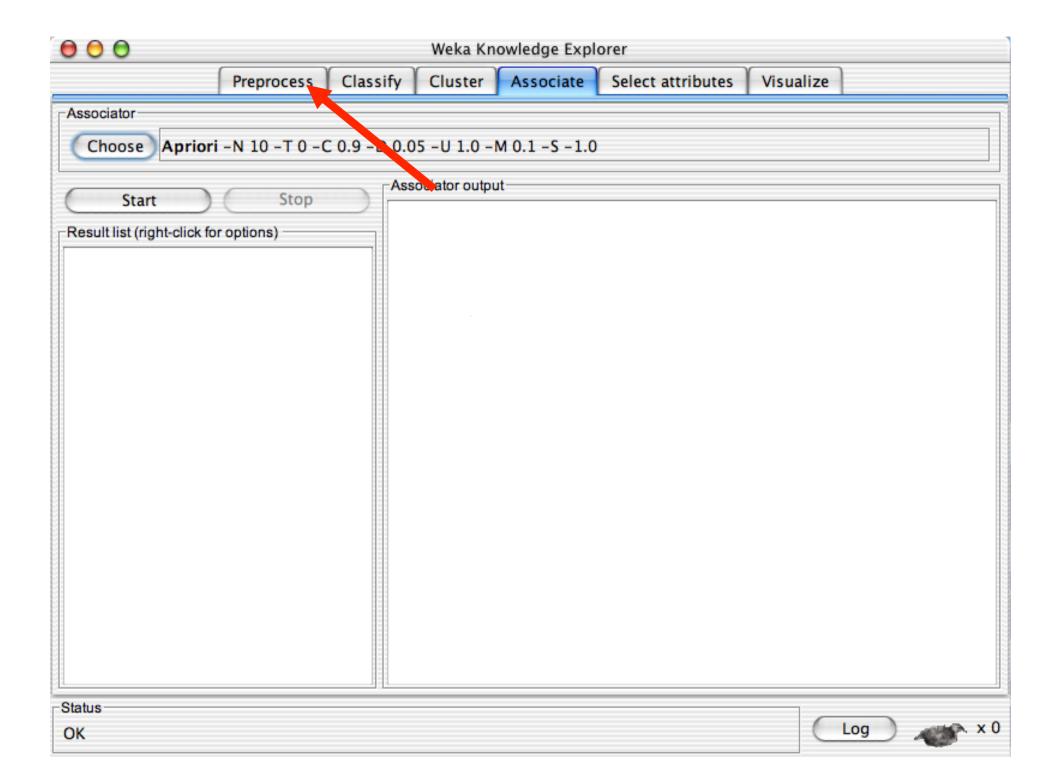


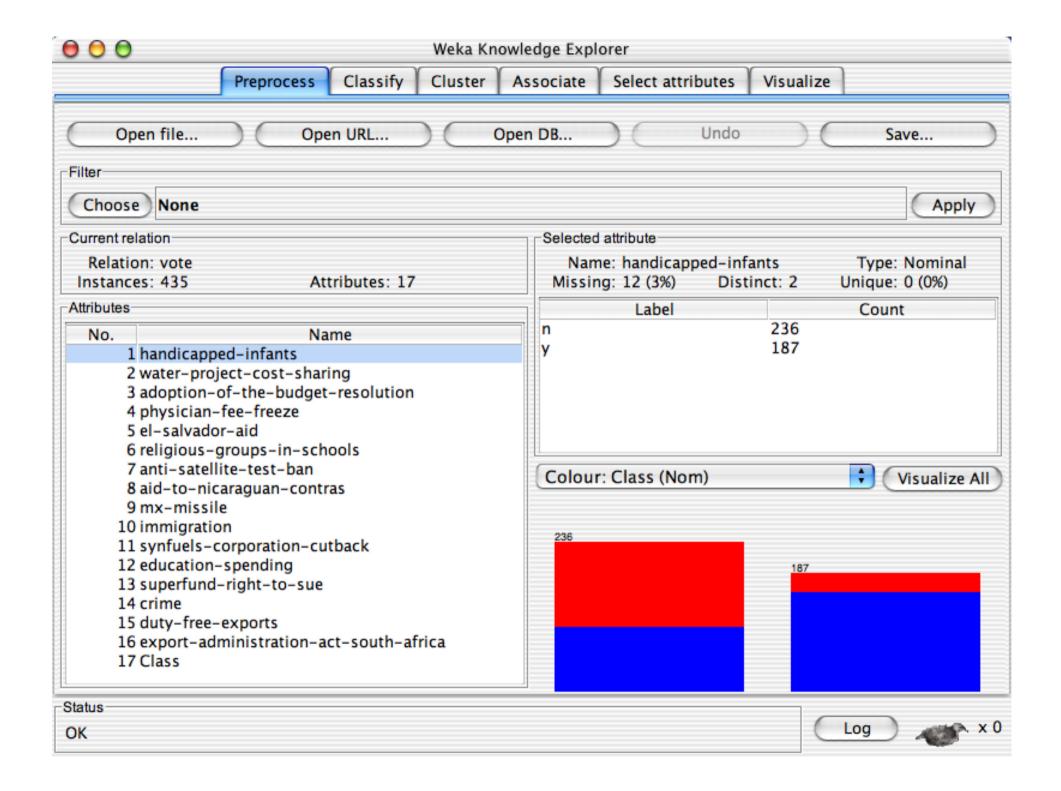


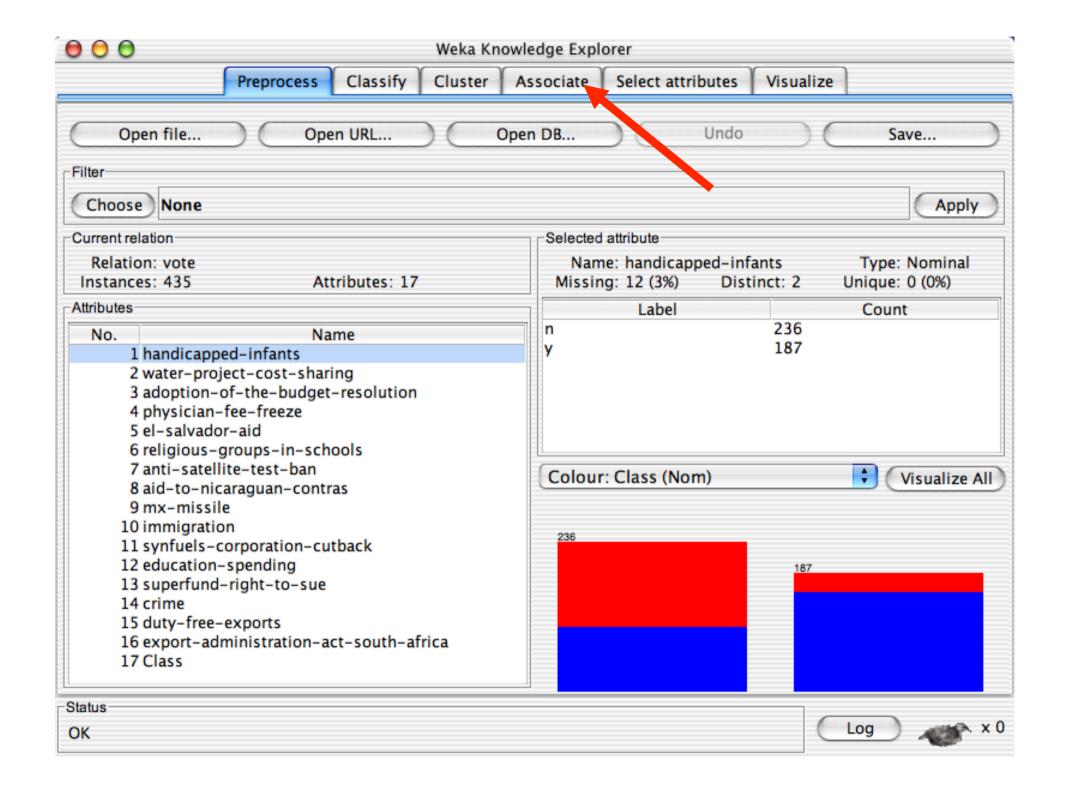
Explorer: finding associations

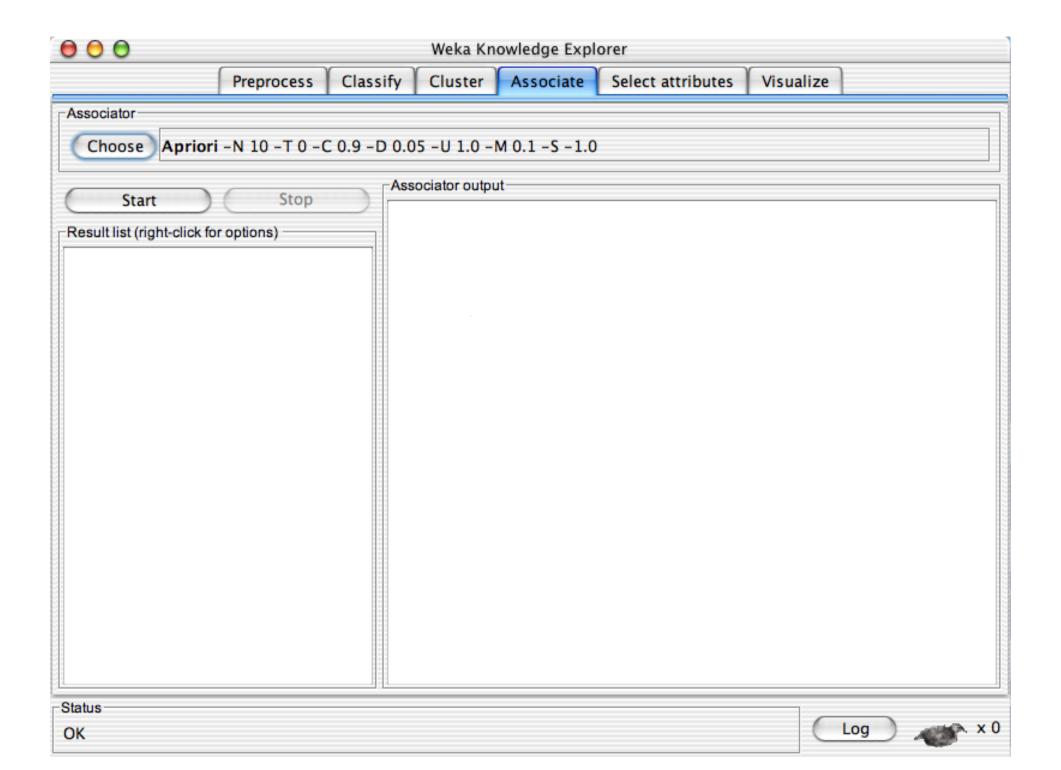
- WEKA contains an implementation of the Apriori algorithm for learning association rules
 - Works only with discrete data
- Can identify statistical dependencies between groups of attributes:
 - milk, butter ⇒ bread, eggs (with confidence 0.9 and support 2000)
- Apriori can compute all rules that have a given minimum support and exceed a given confidence

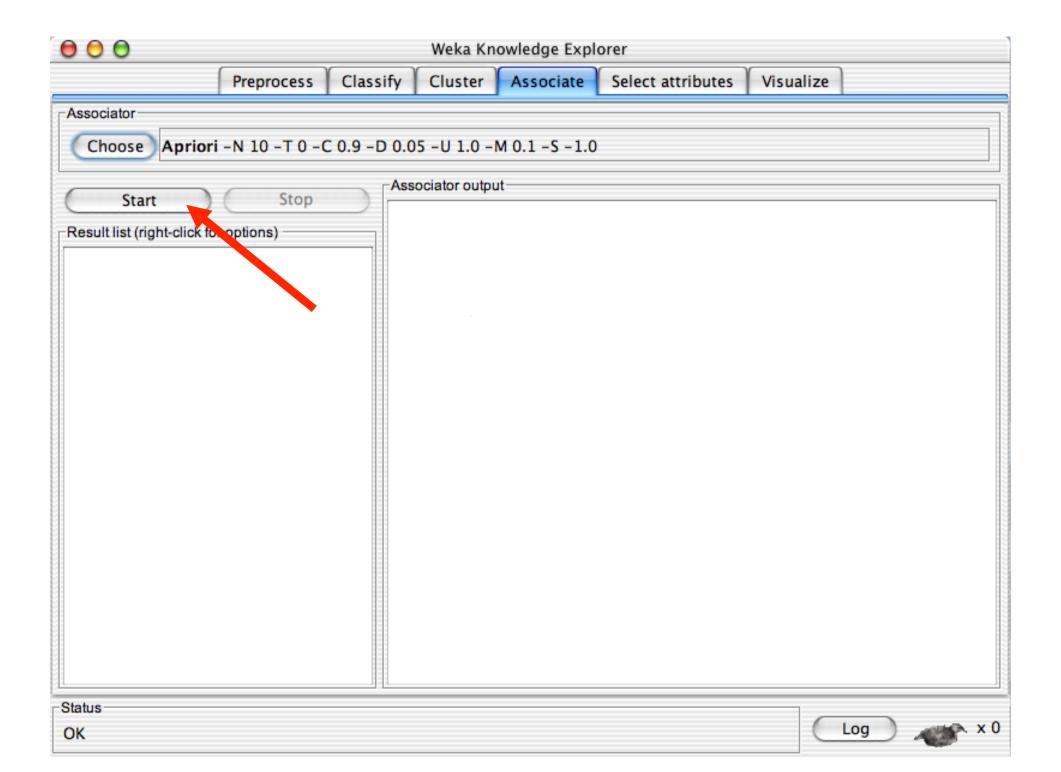


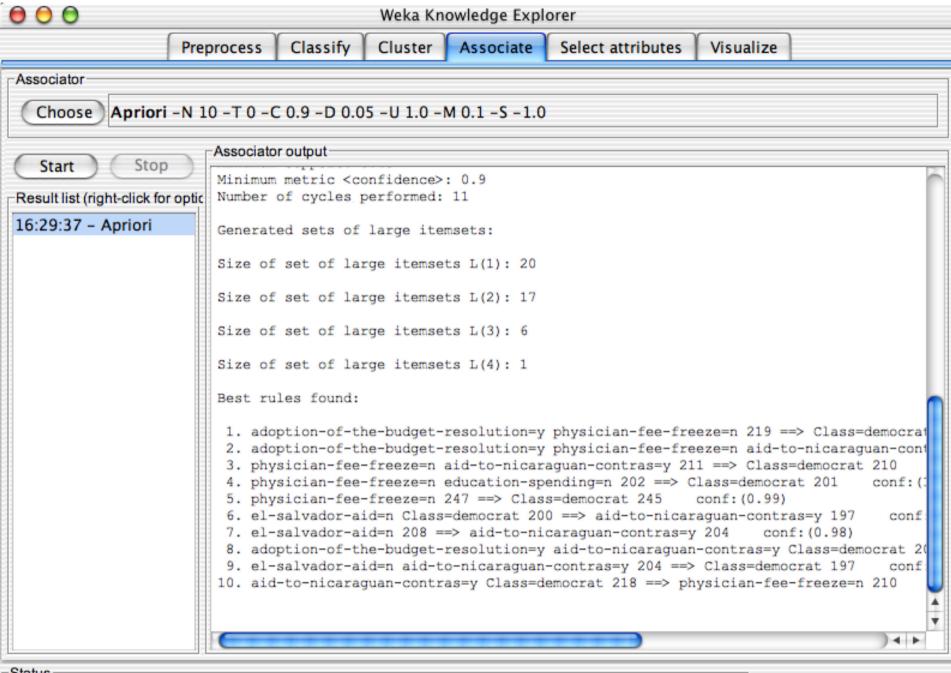












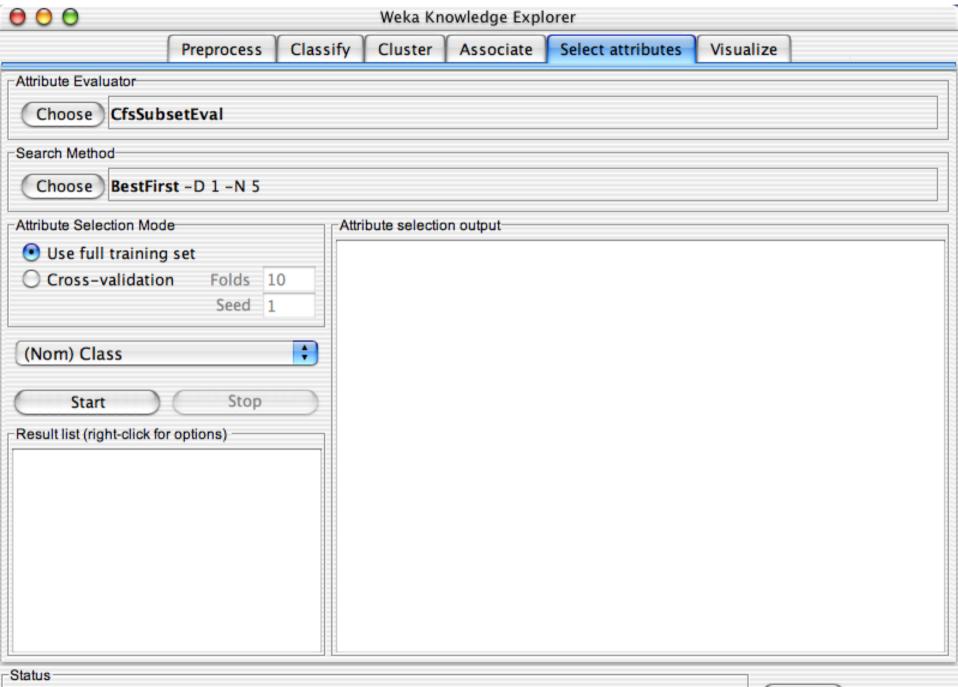
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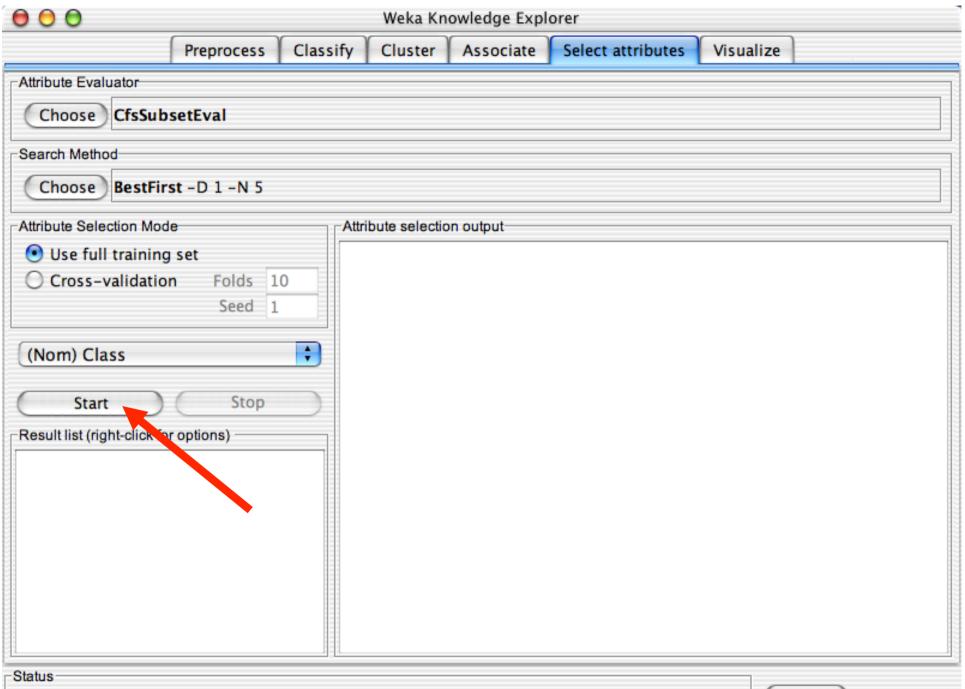


Explorer: attribute selection

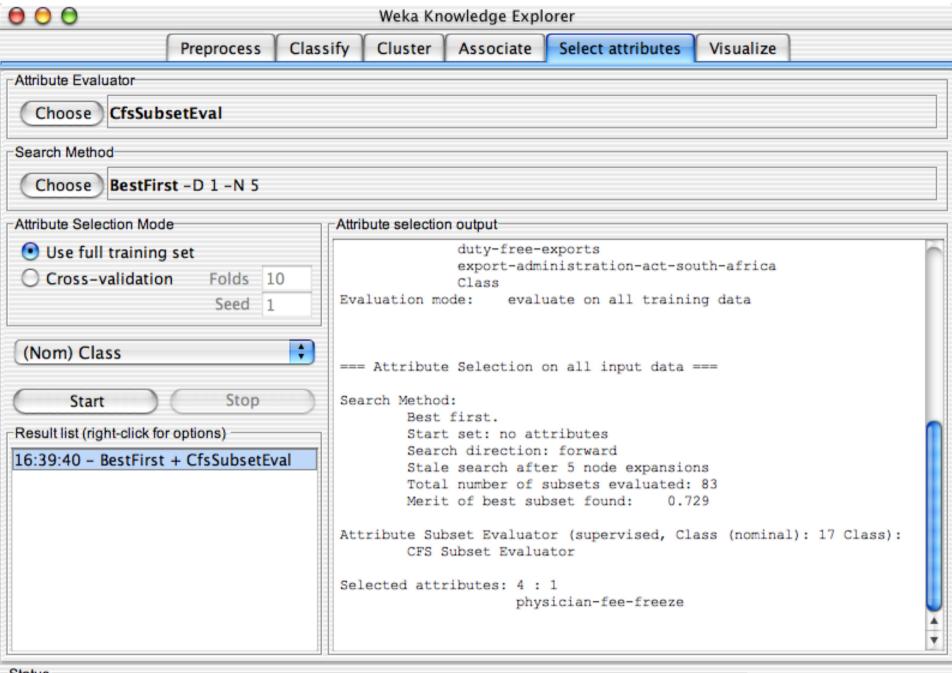
- Panel that can be used to investigate which (subsets of) attributes are the most predictive ones
- Attribute selection methods contain two parts:
 - ◆ A search method: best-first, forward selection, random, exhaustive, genetic algorithm, ranking
 - ◆ An evaluation method: correlation-based, wrapper, information gain, chi-squared, ...
- Very flexible: WEKA allows (almost) arbitrary combinations of these two







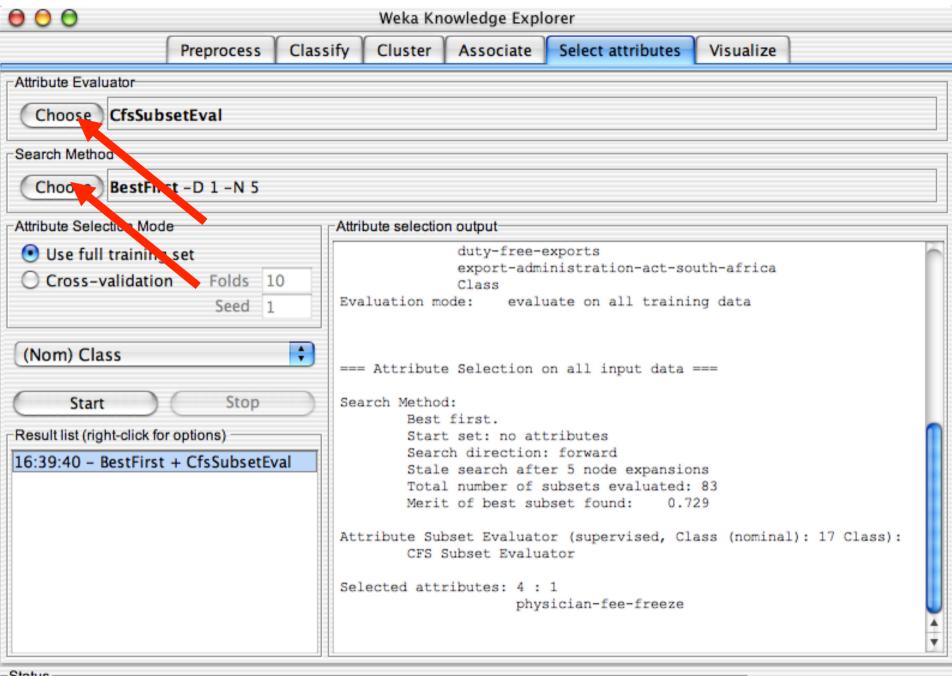




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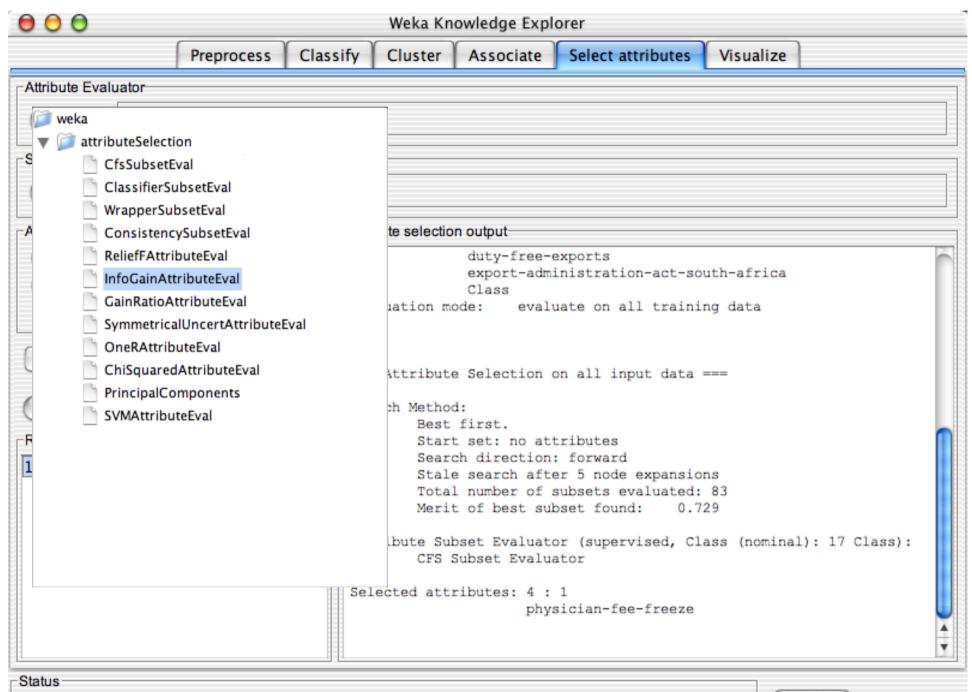


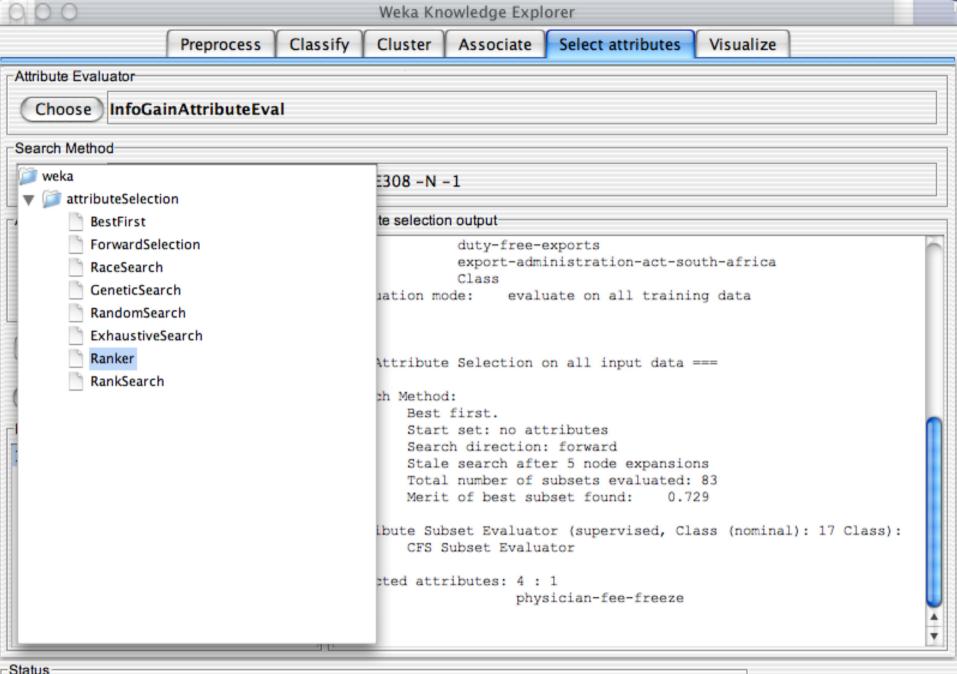


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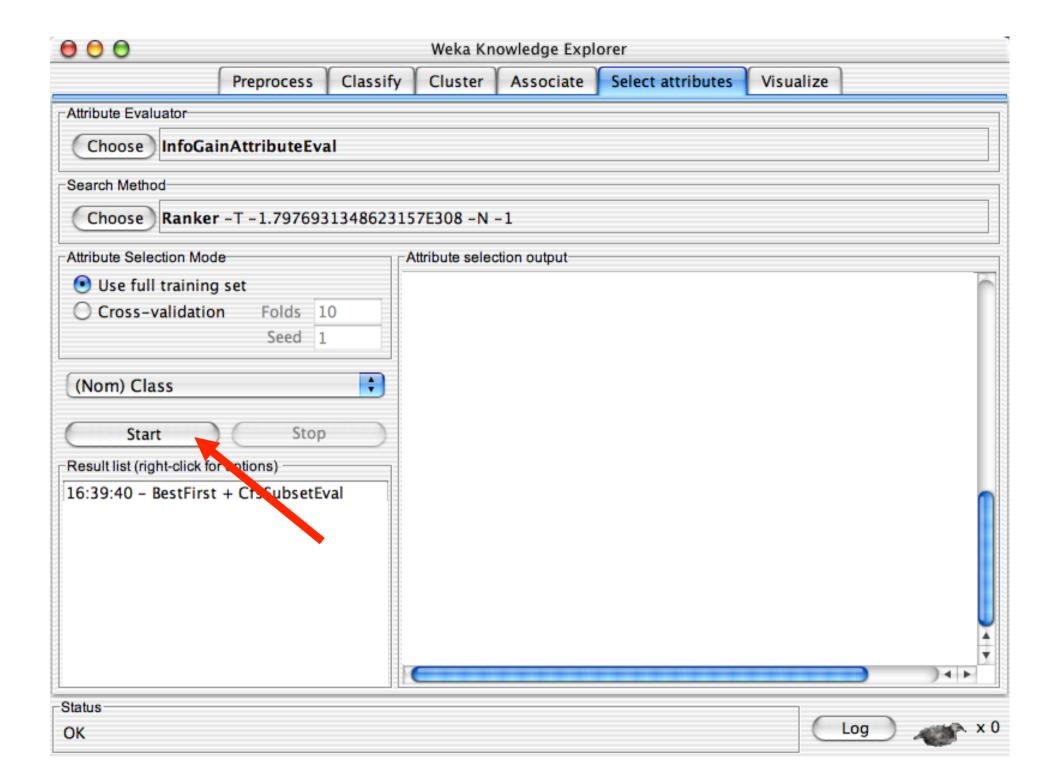


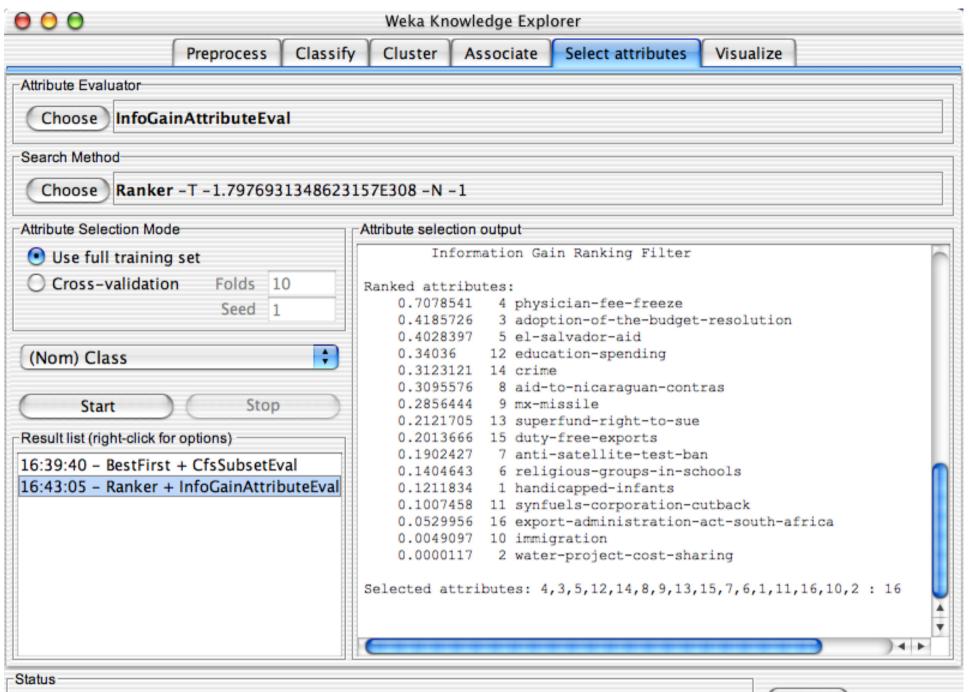










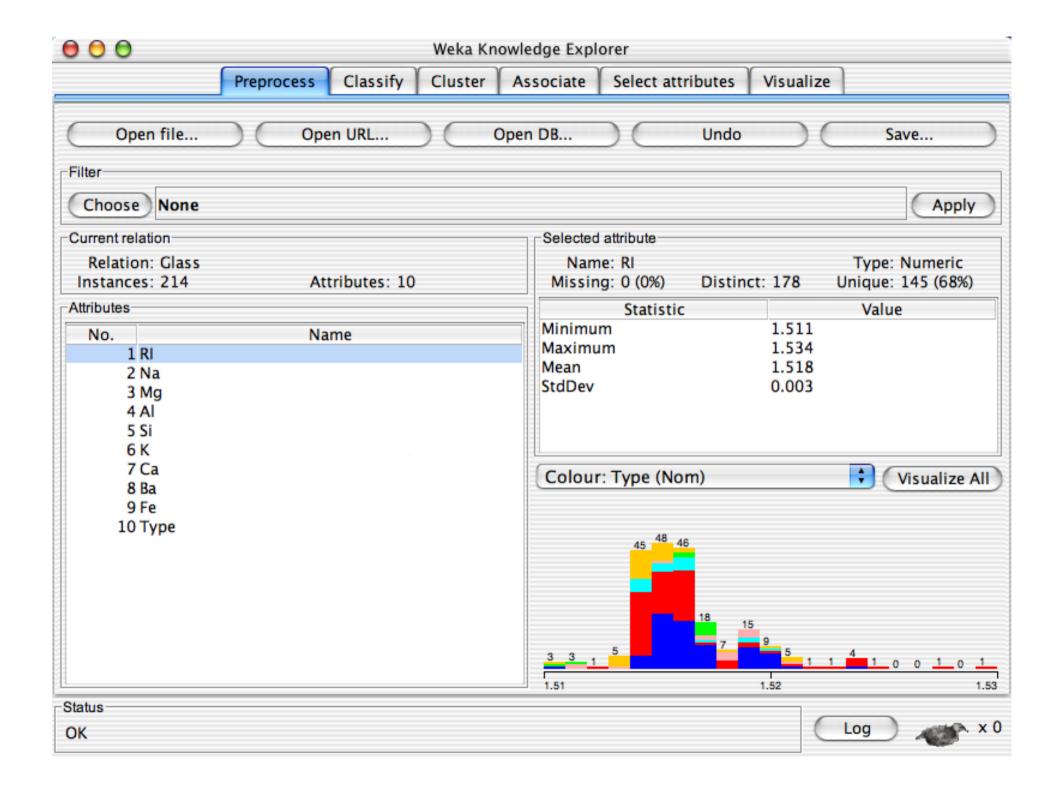


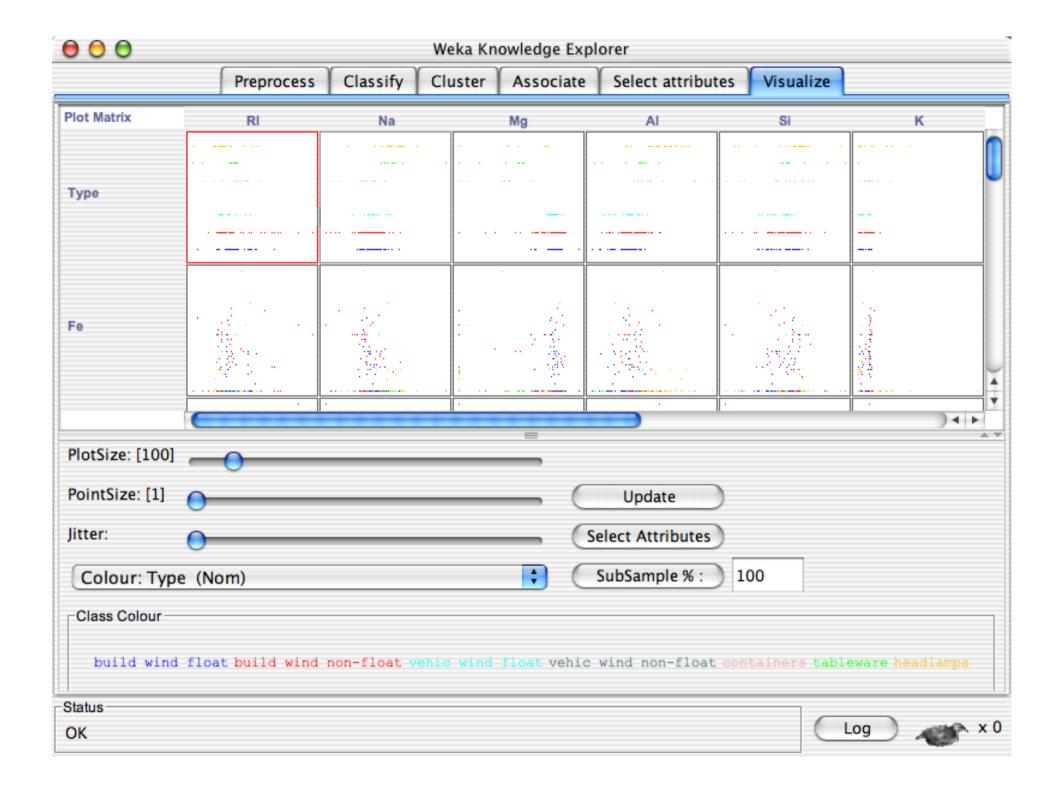


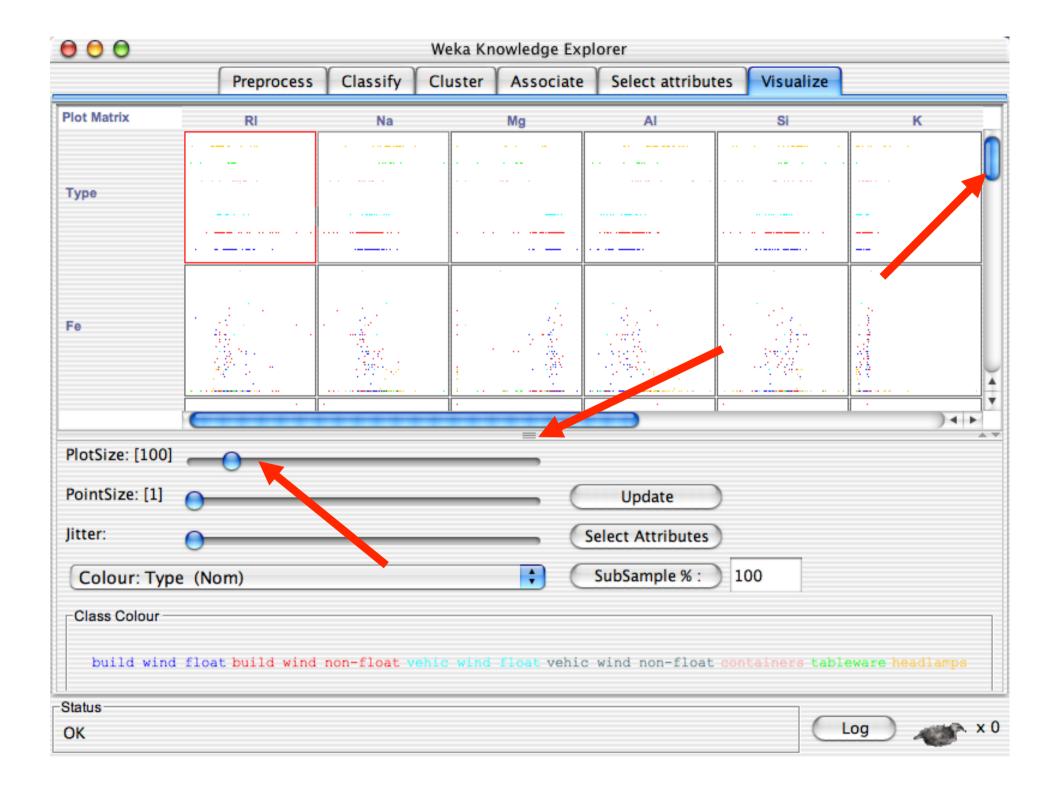


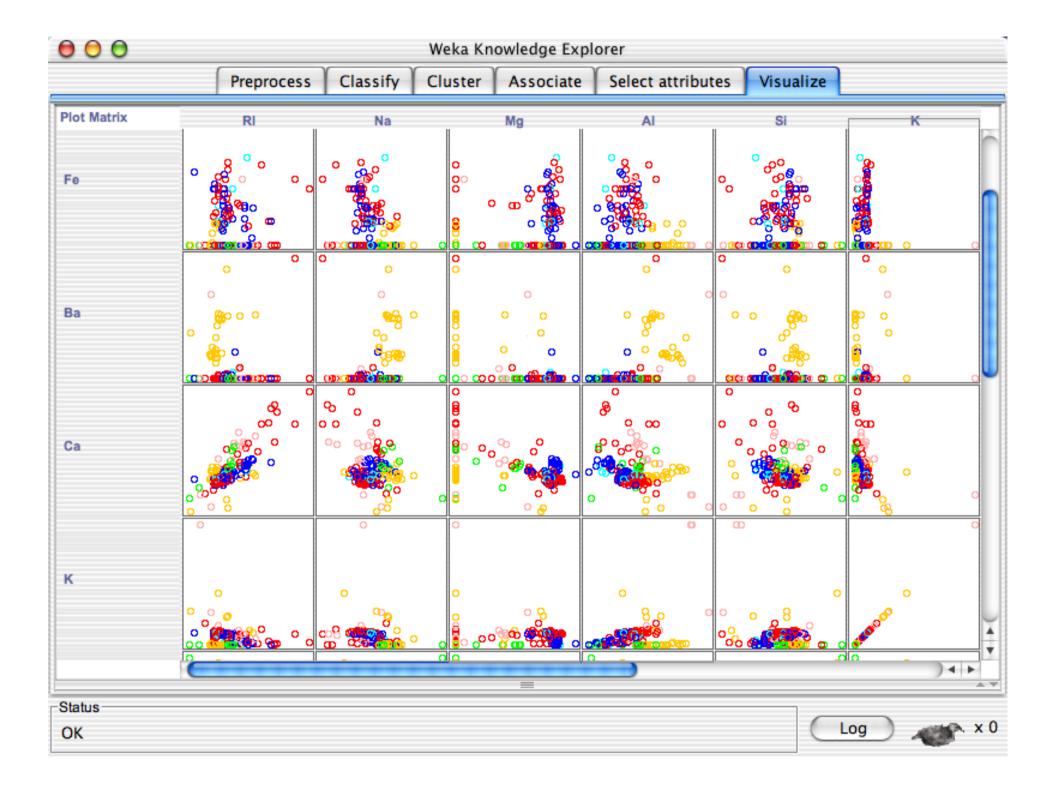
Explorer: data visualization

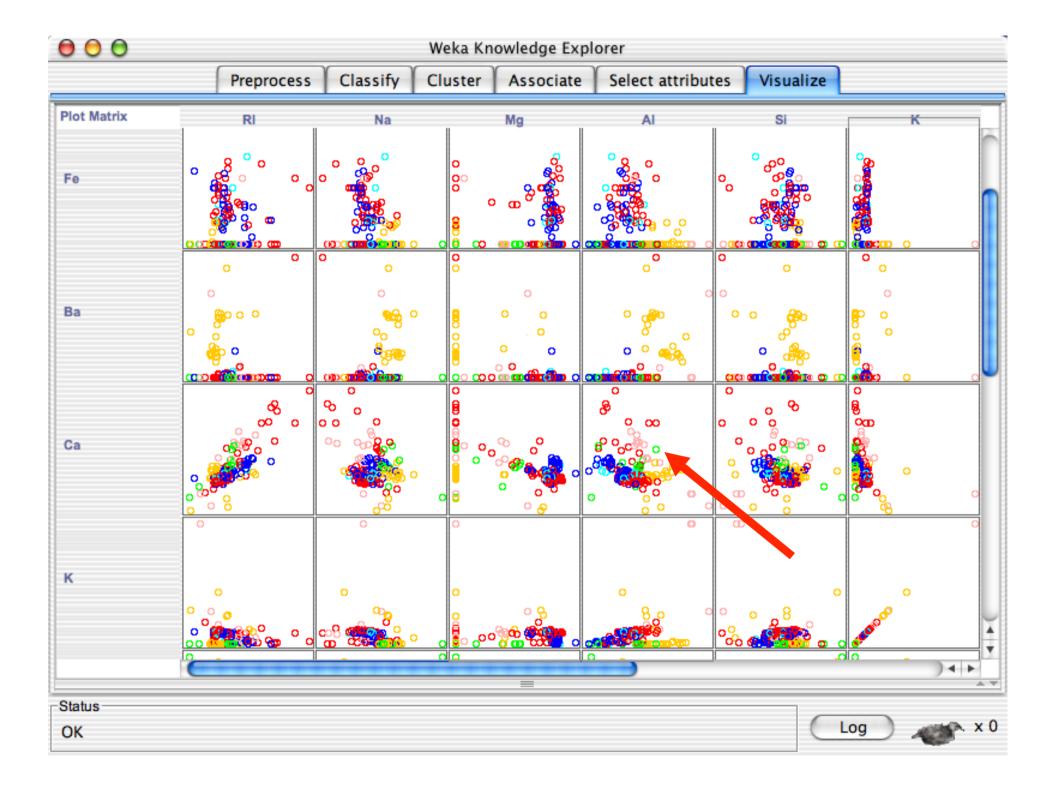
- Visualization very useful in practice: e.g. helps to determine difficulty of the learning problem
- WEKA can visualize single attributes (1-d) and pairs of attributes (2-d)
 - ◆ To do: rotating 3-d visualizations (Xgobi-style)
- Color-coded class values
- "Jitter" option to deal with nominal attributes (and to detect "hidden" data points)
- "Zoom-in" function

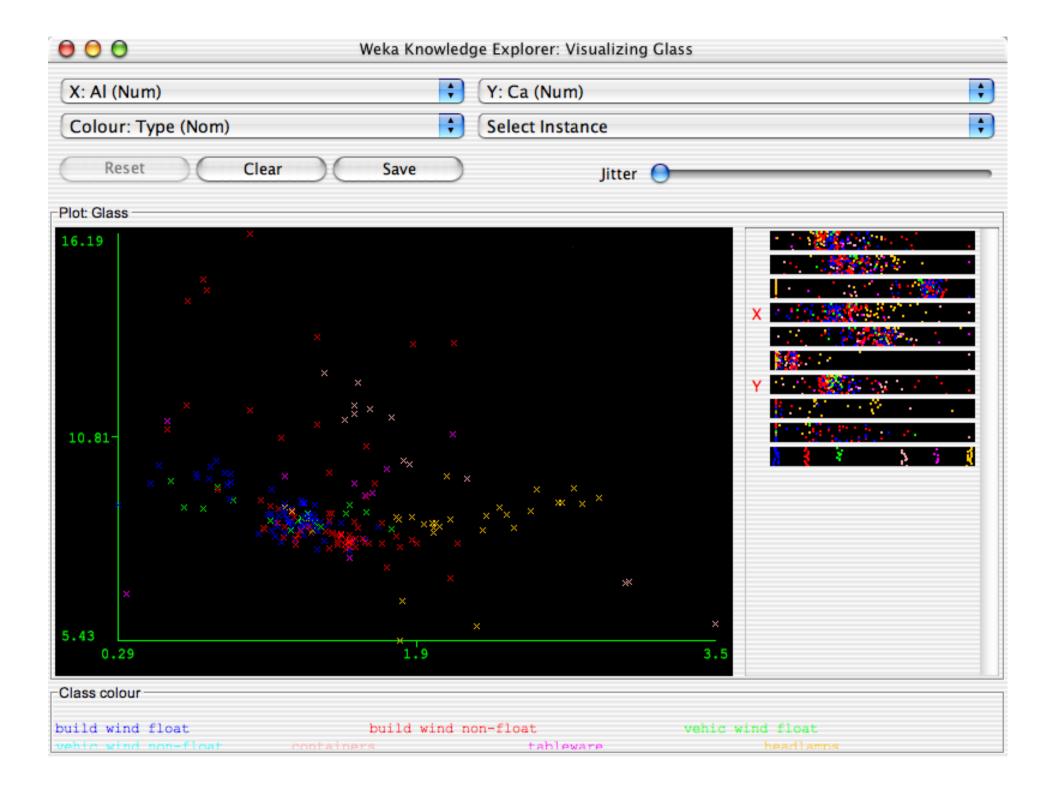


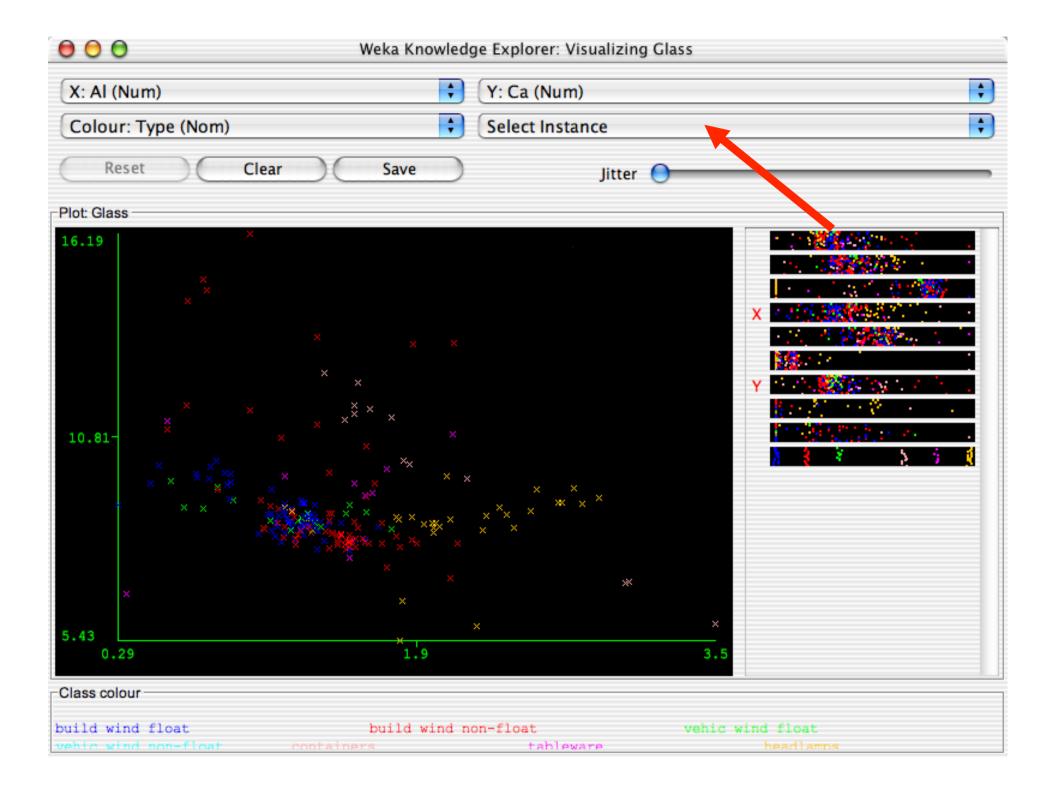


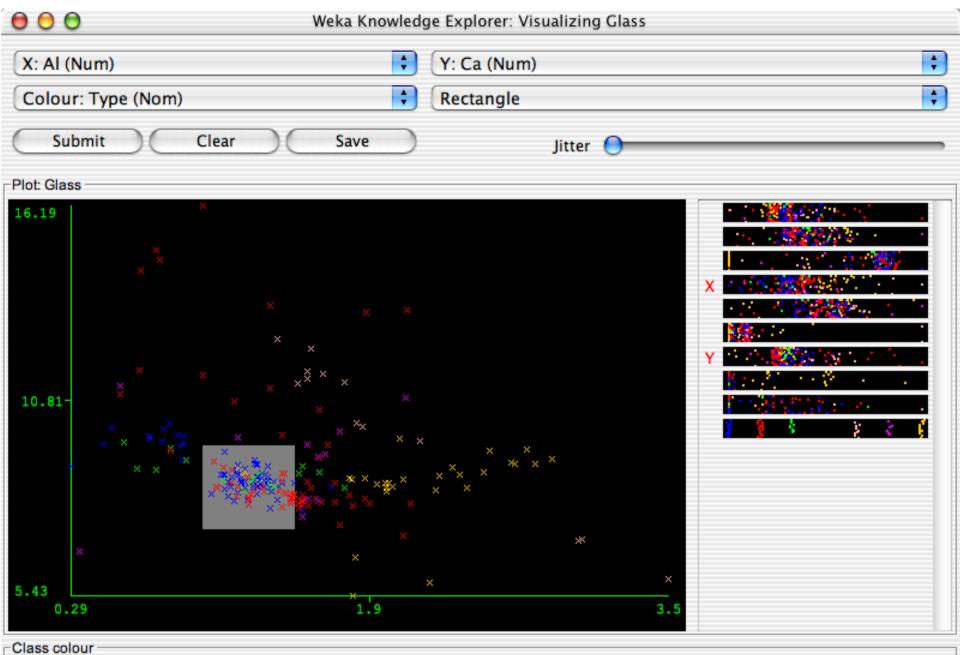




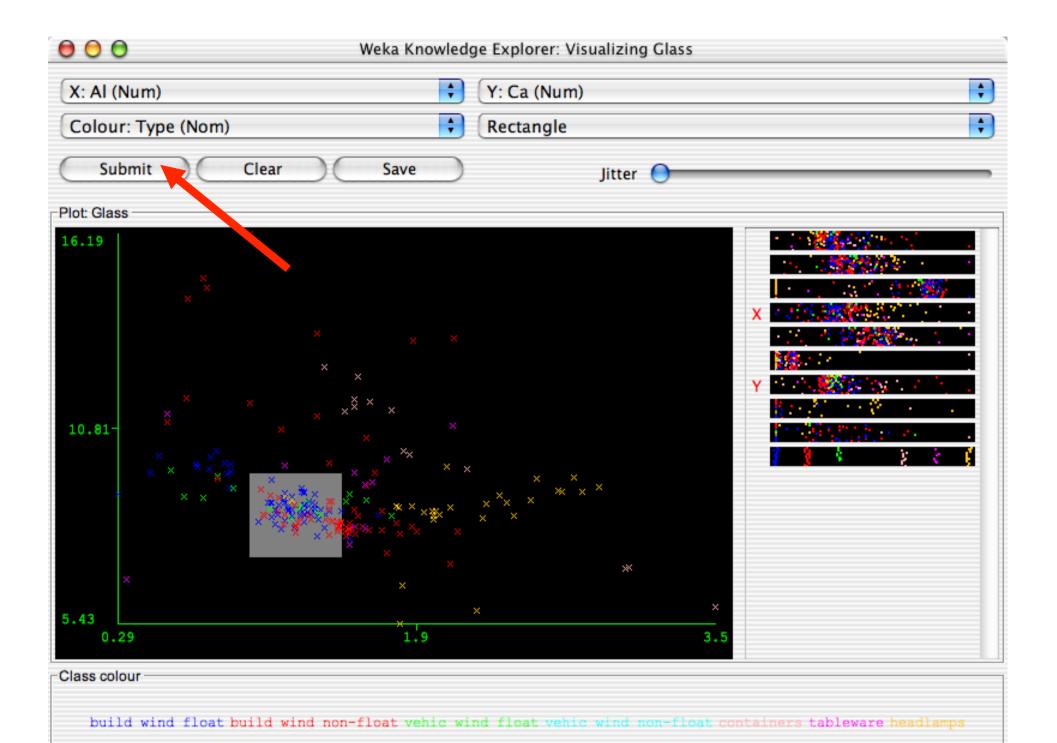


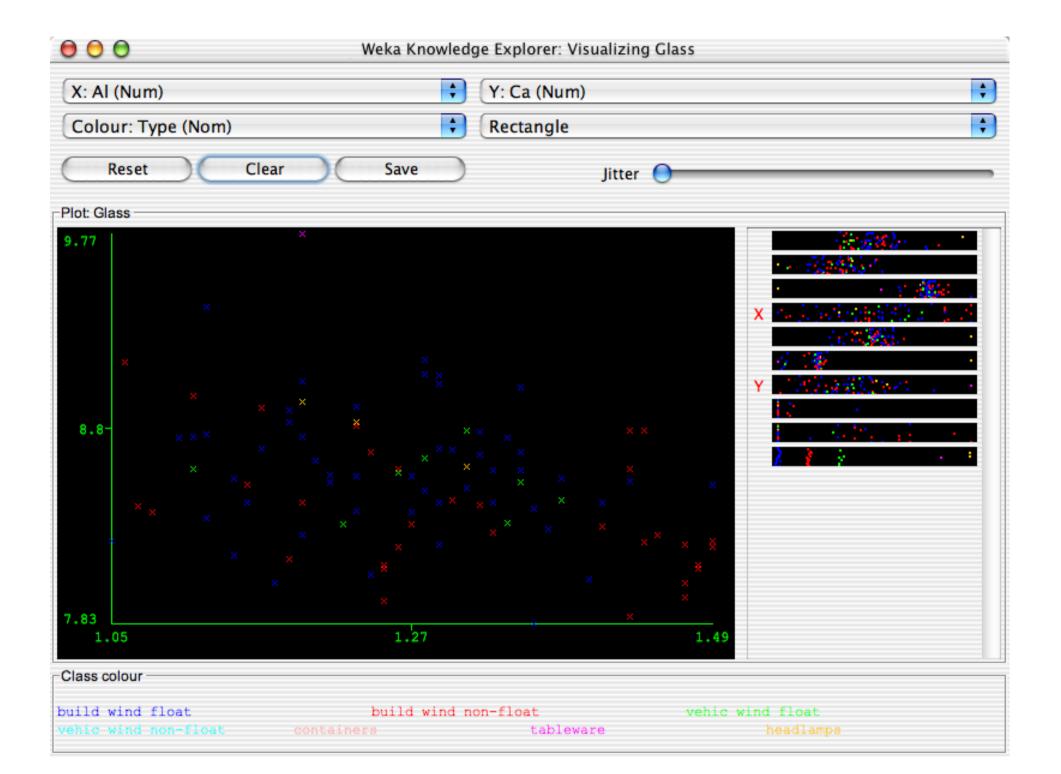


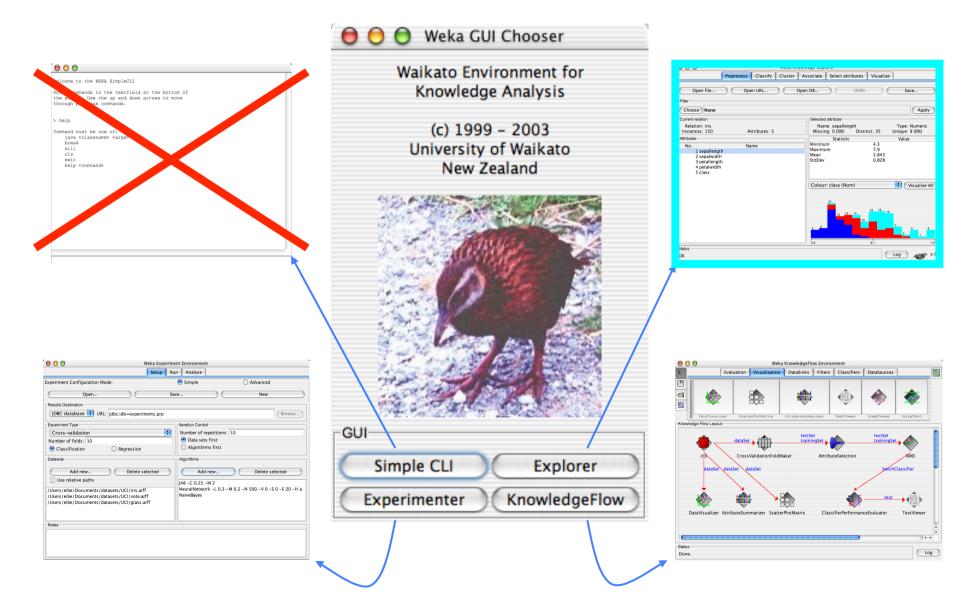


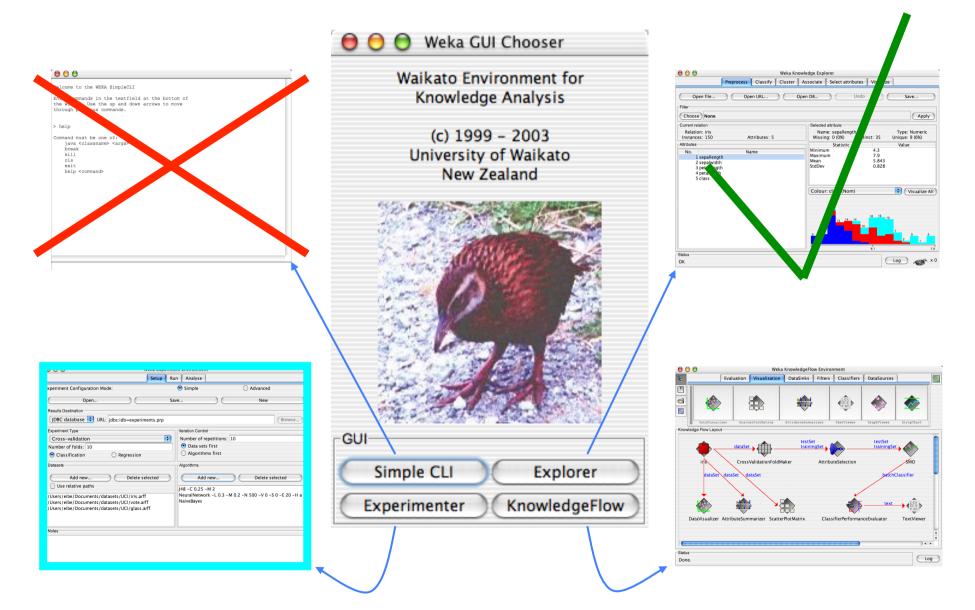


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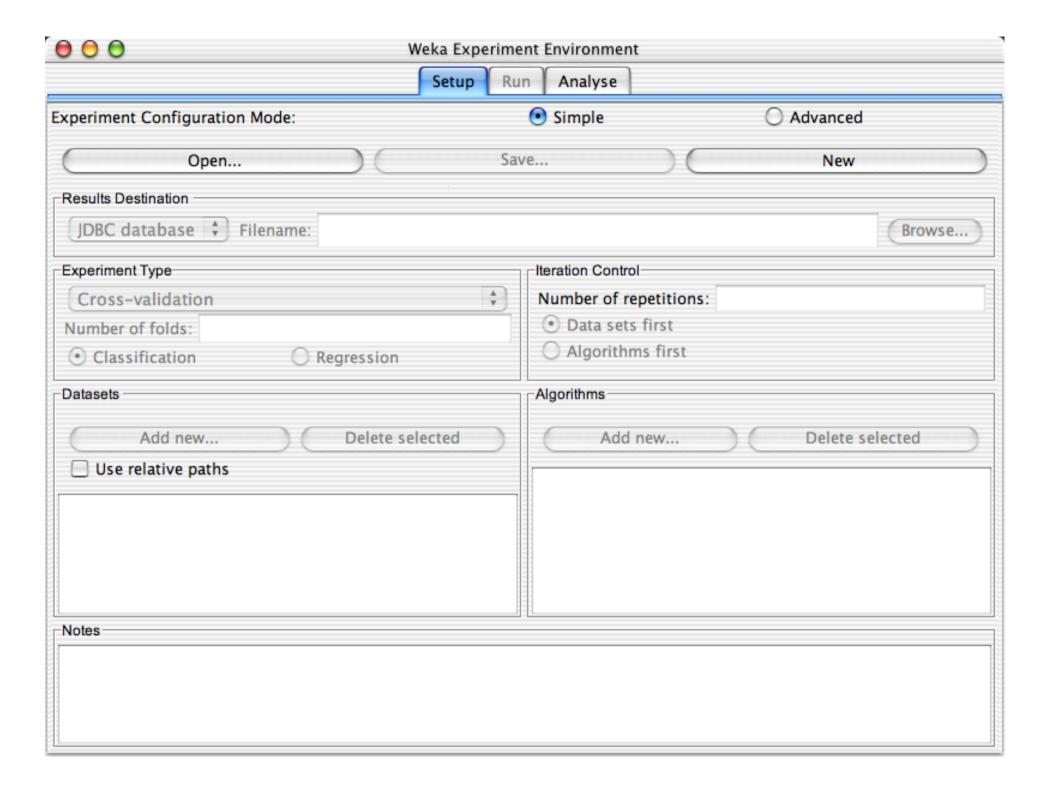


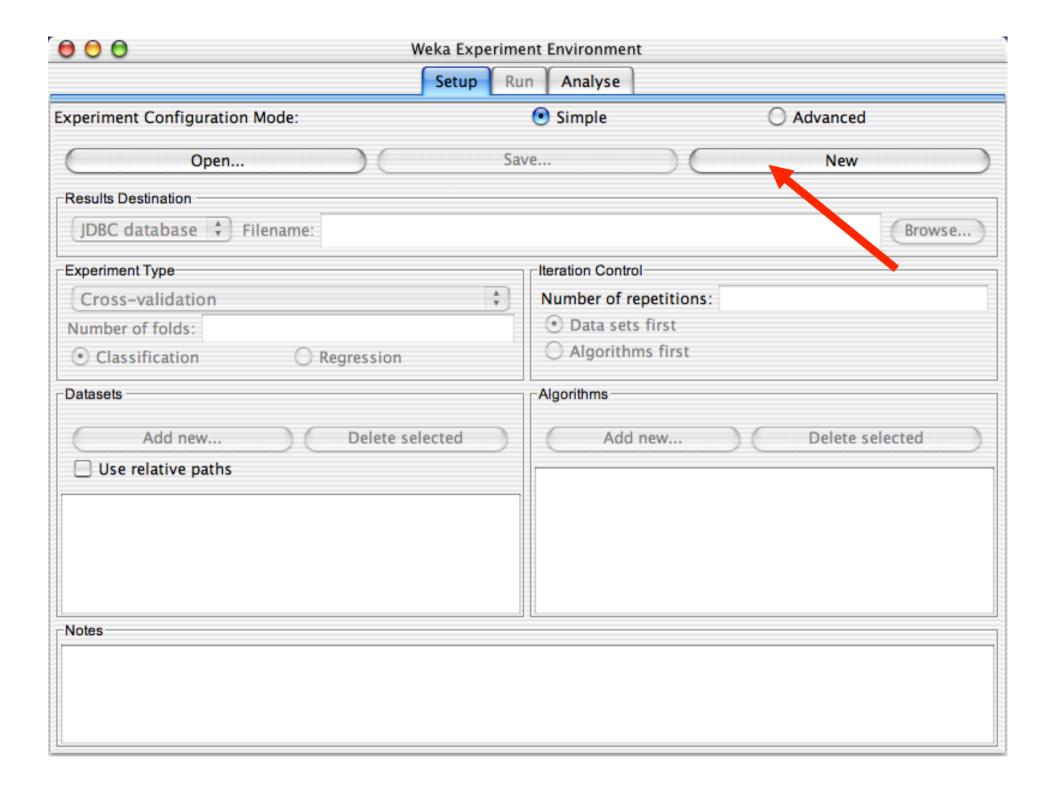


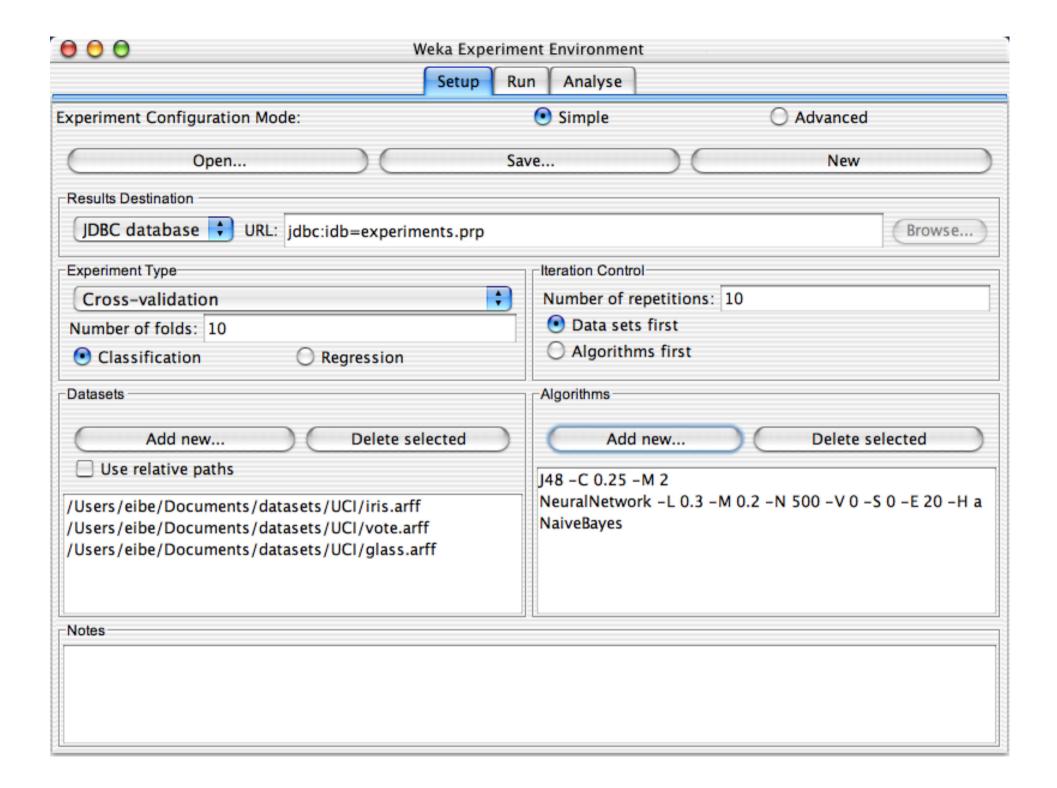


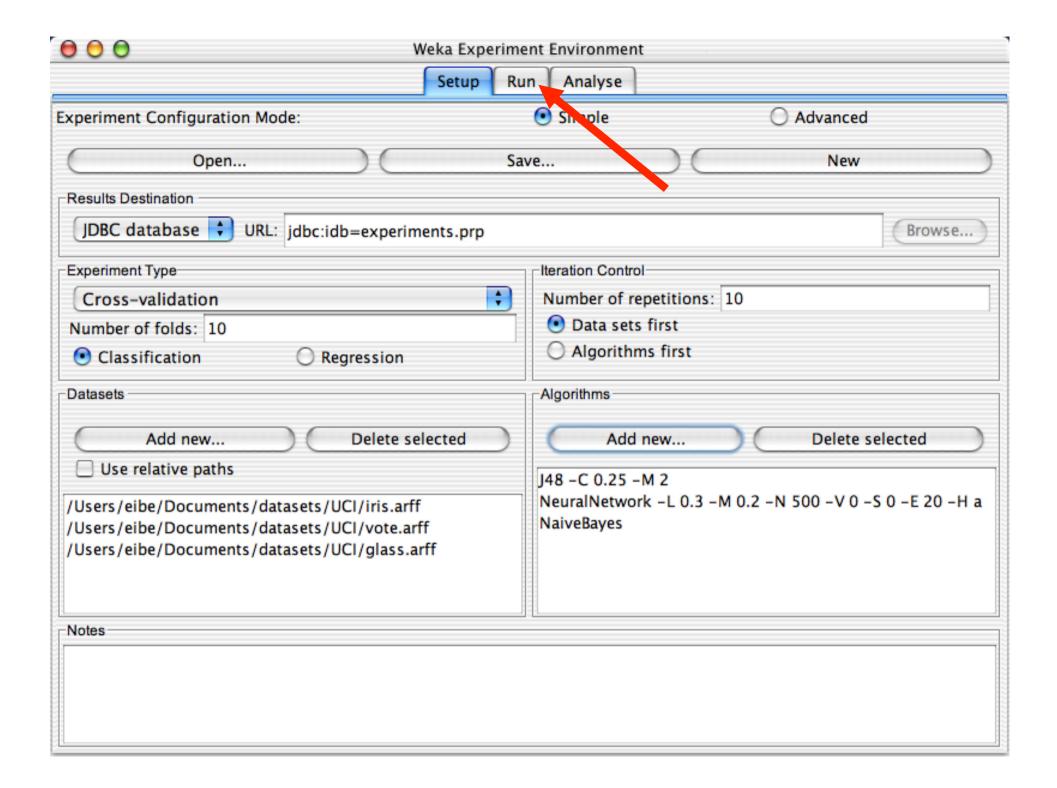
Performing experiments

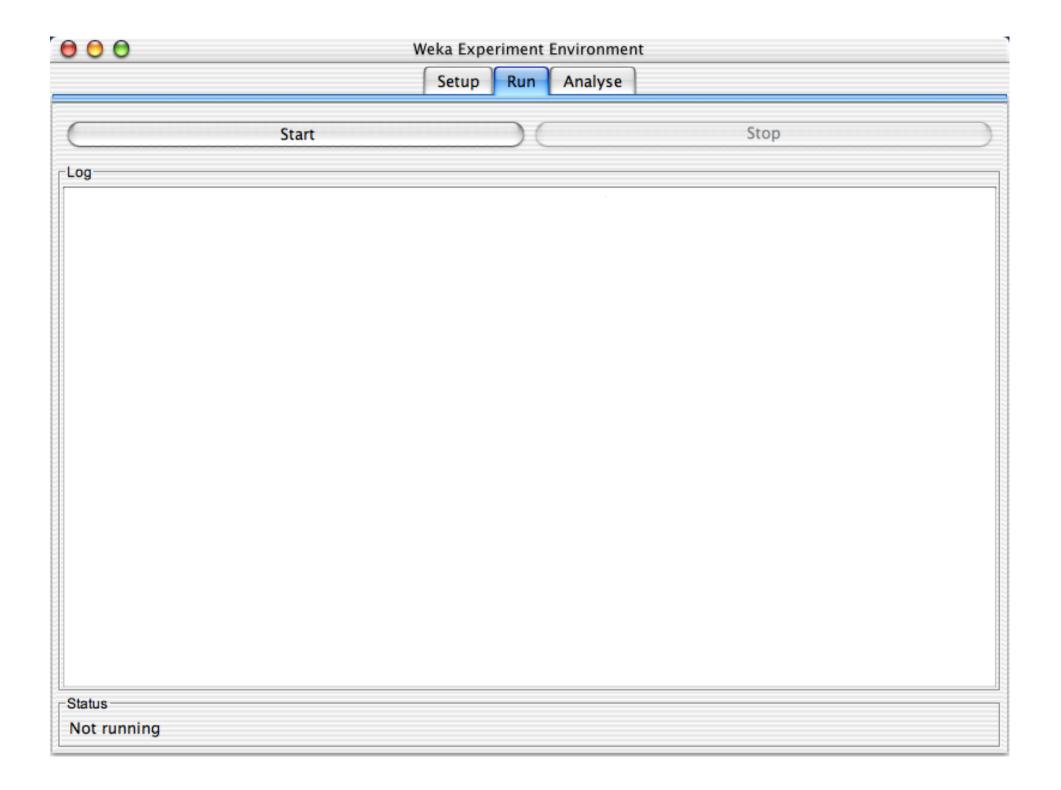
- Experimenter makes it easy to compare the performance of different learning schemes
- For classification and regression problems
- Results can be written into file or database
- Evaluation options: cross-validation, learning curve, hold-out
- Can also iterate over different parameter settings
- Significance-testing built in!

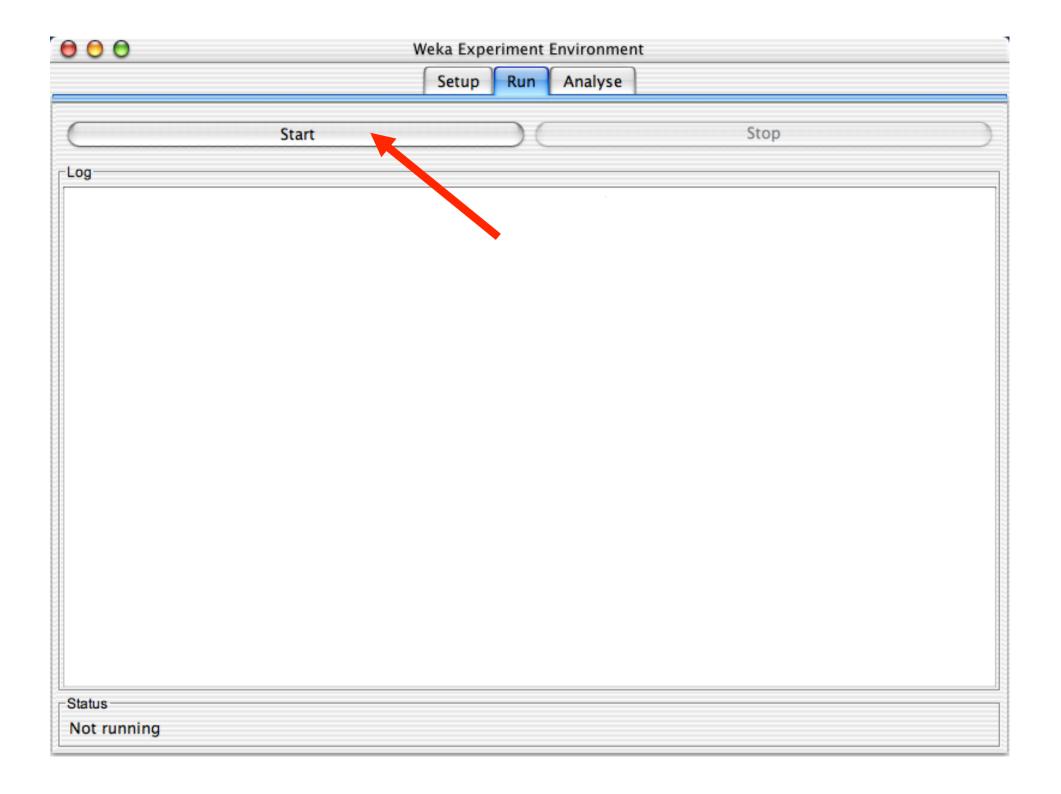


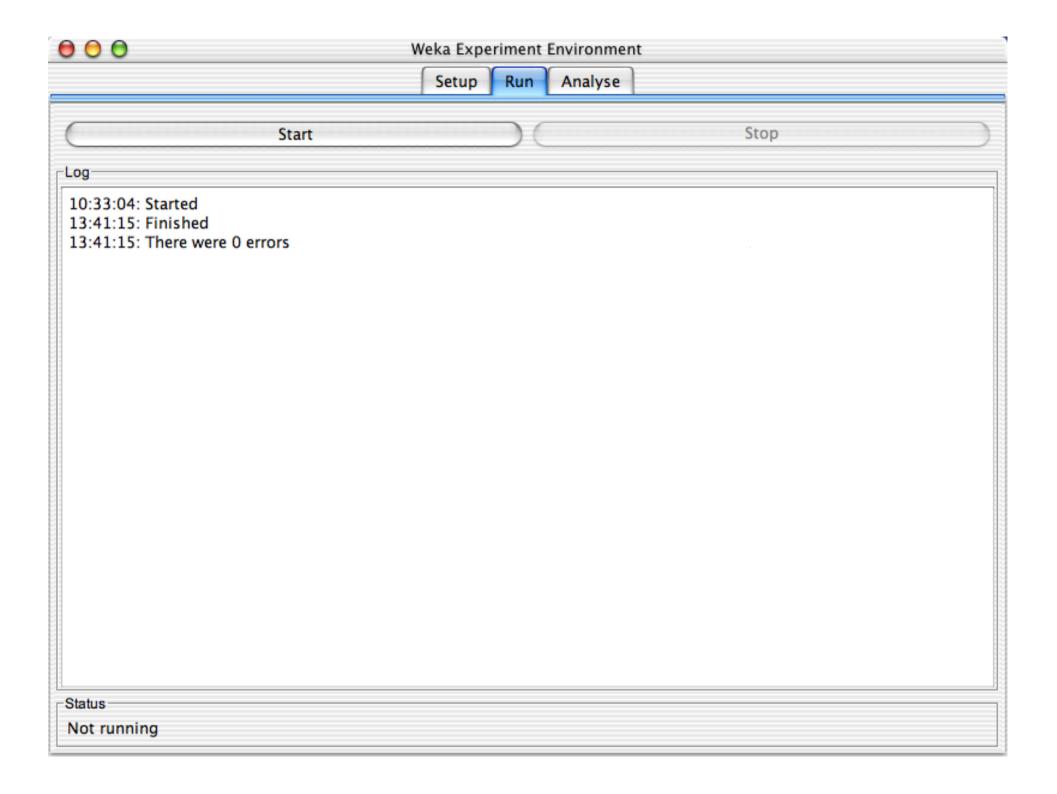


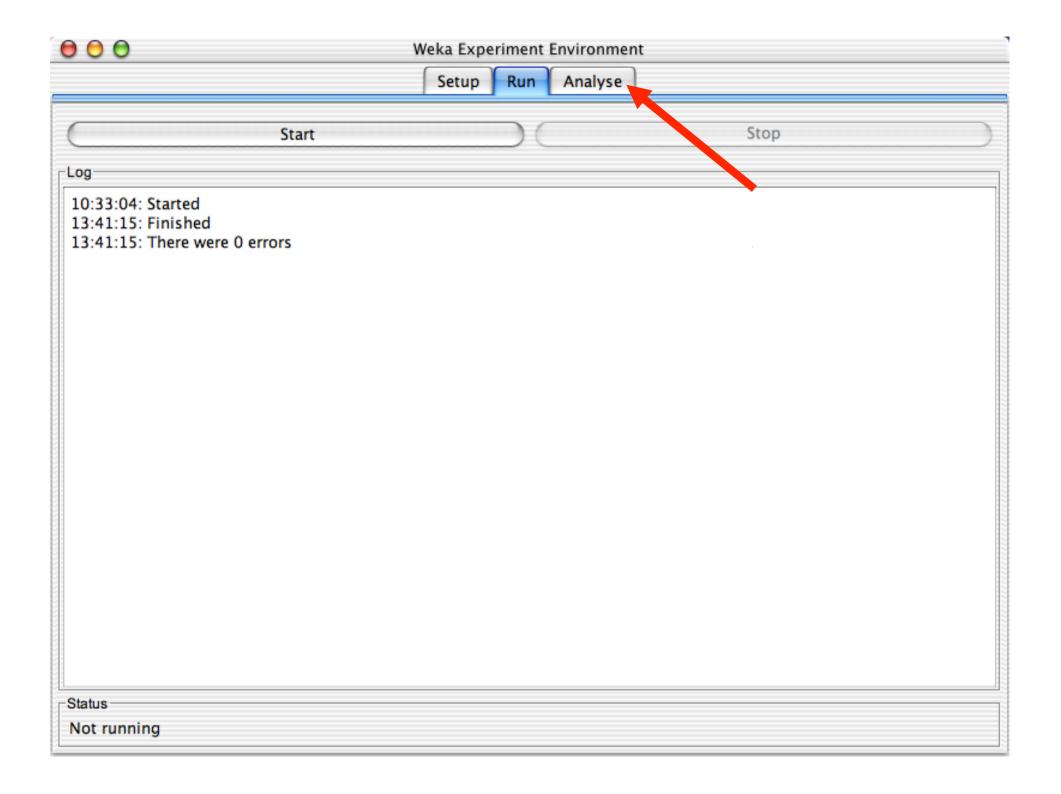


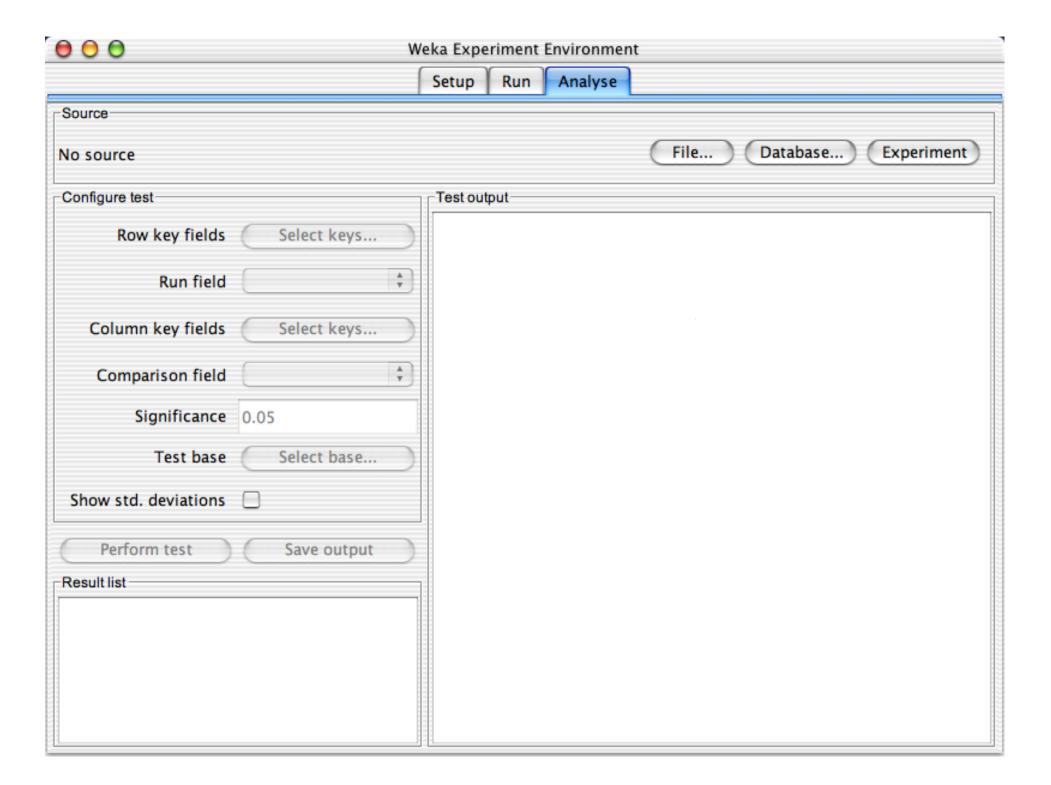


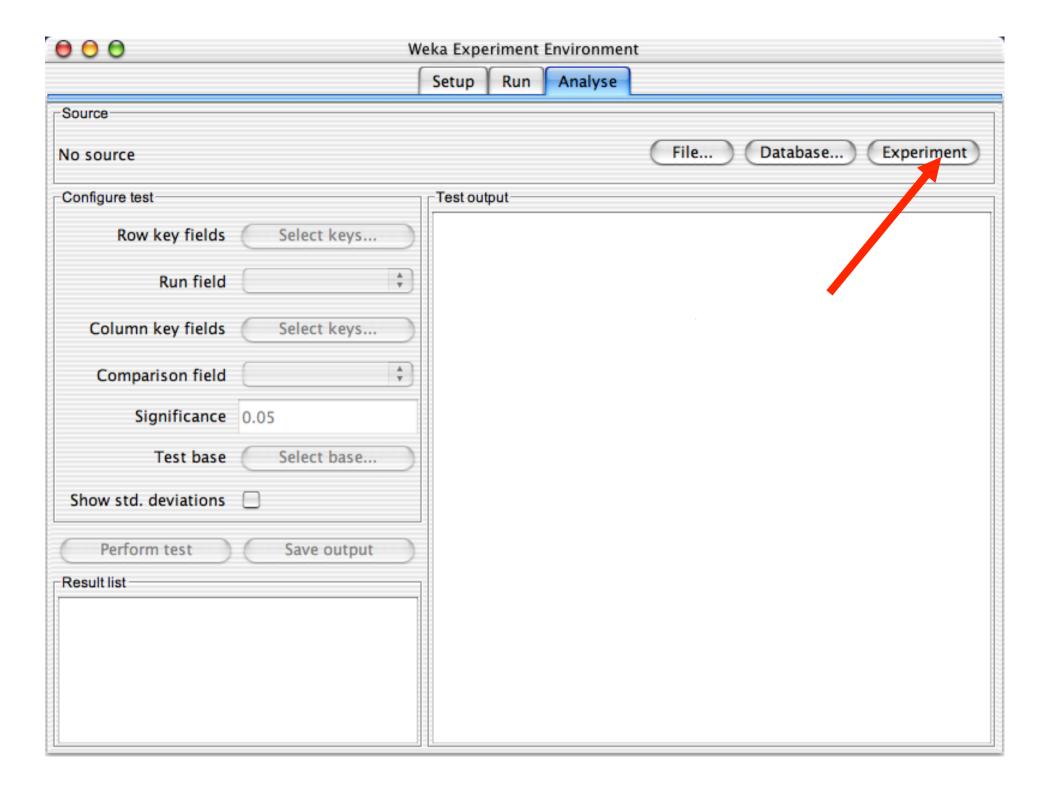


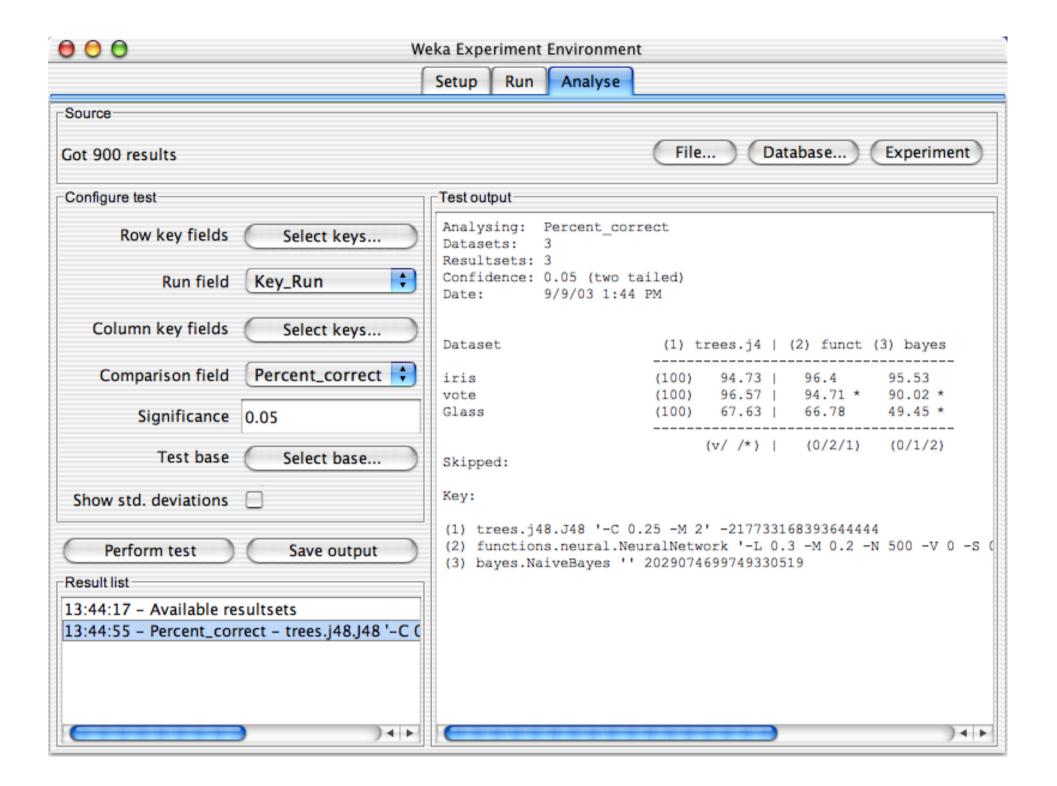


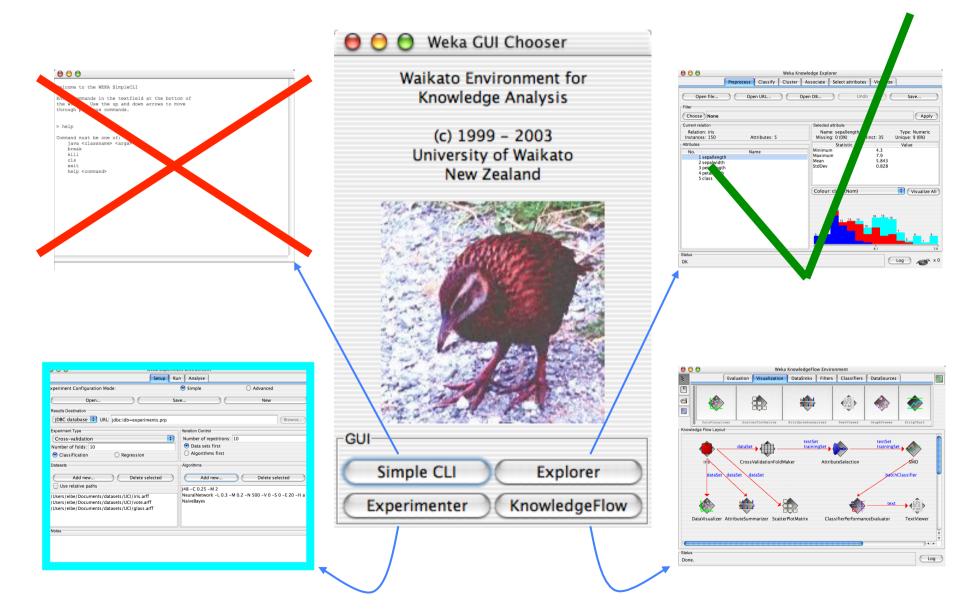


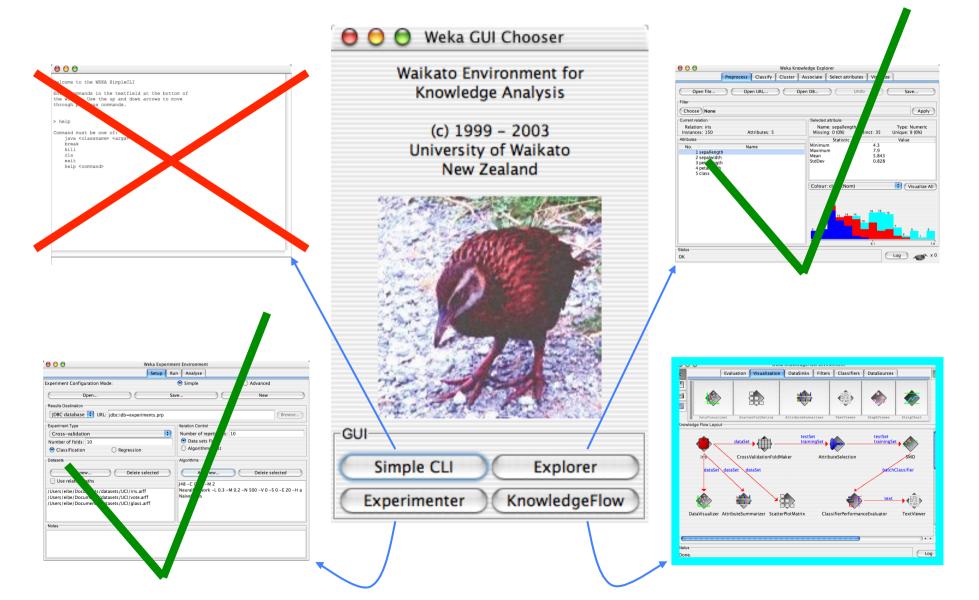






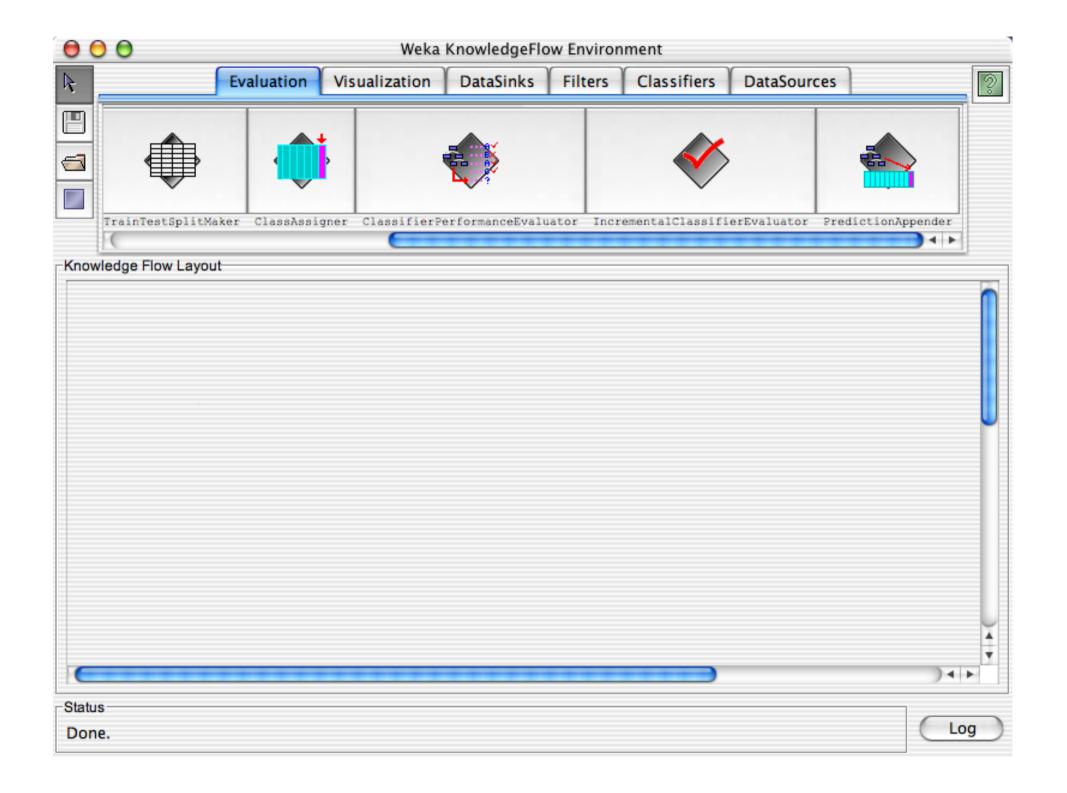


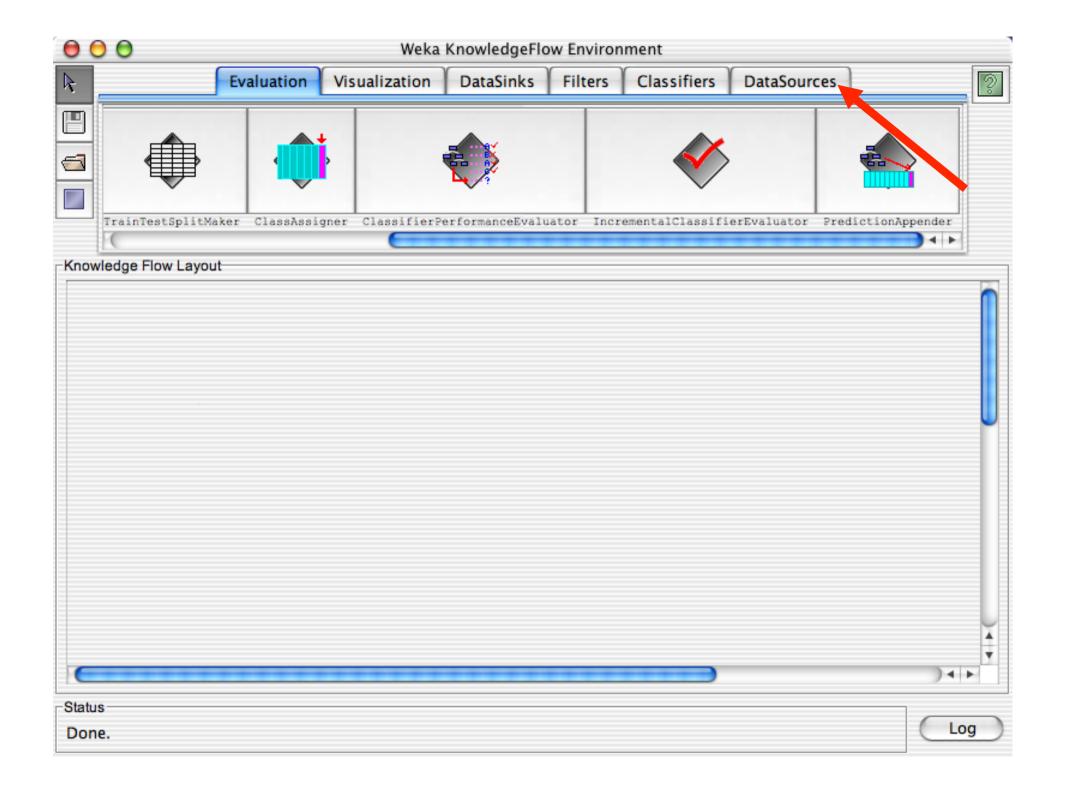


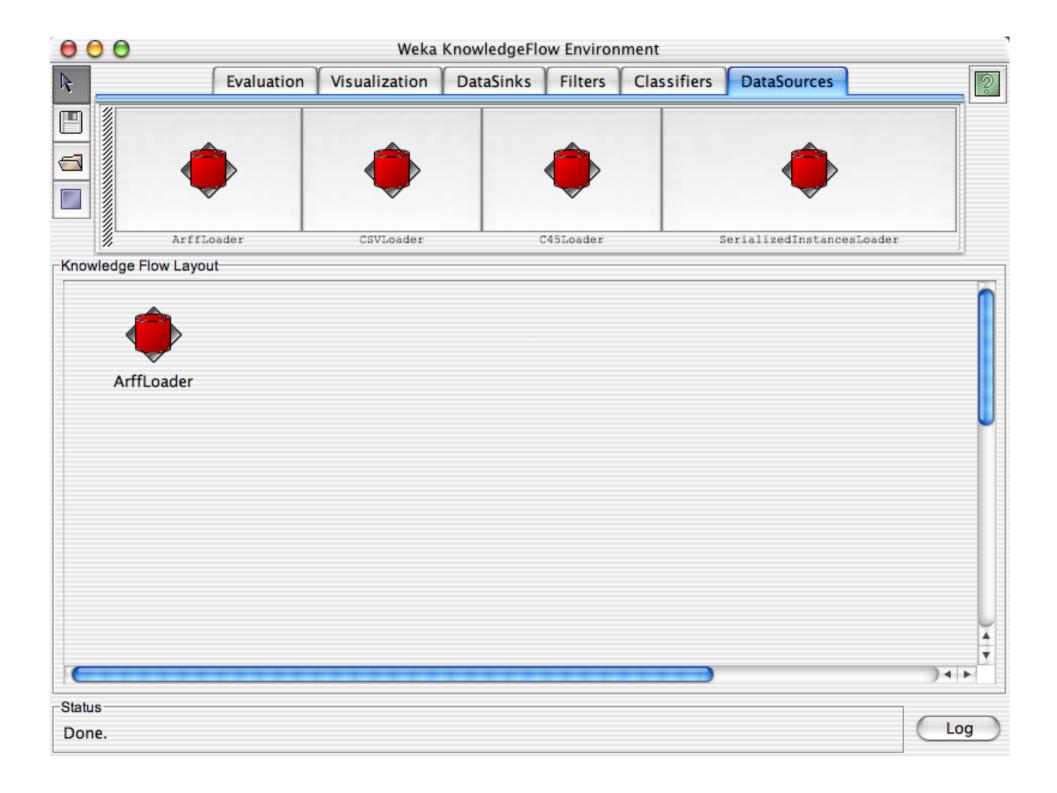


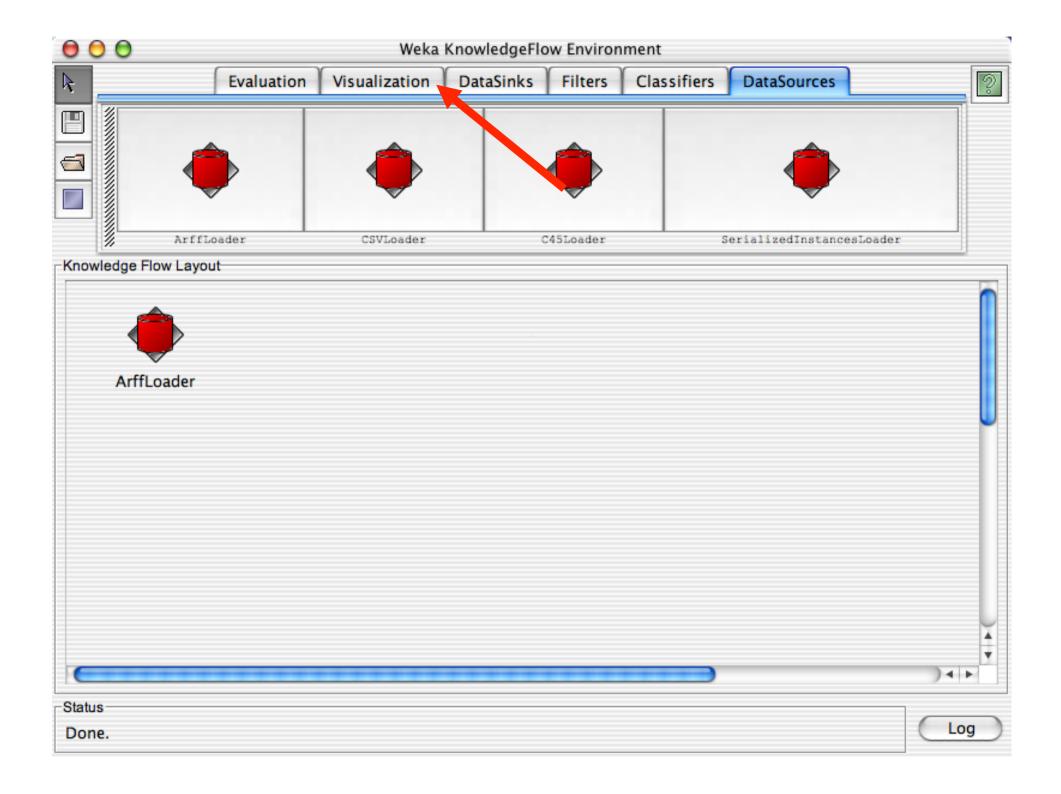
The Knowledge Flow GUI

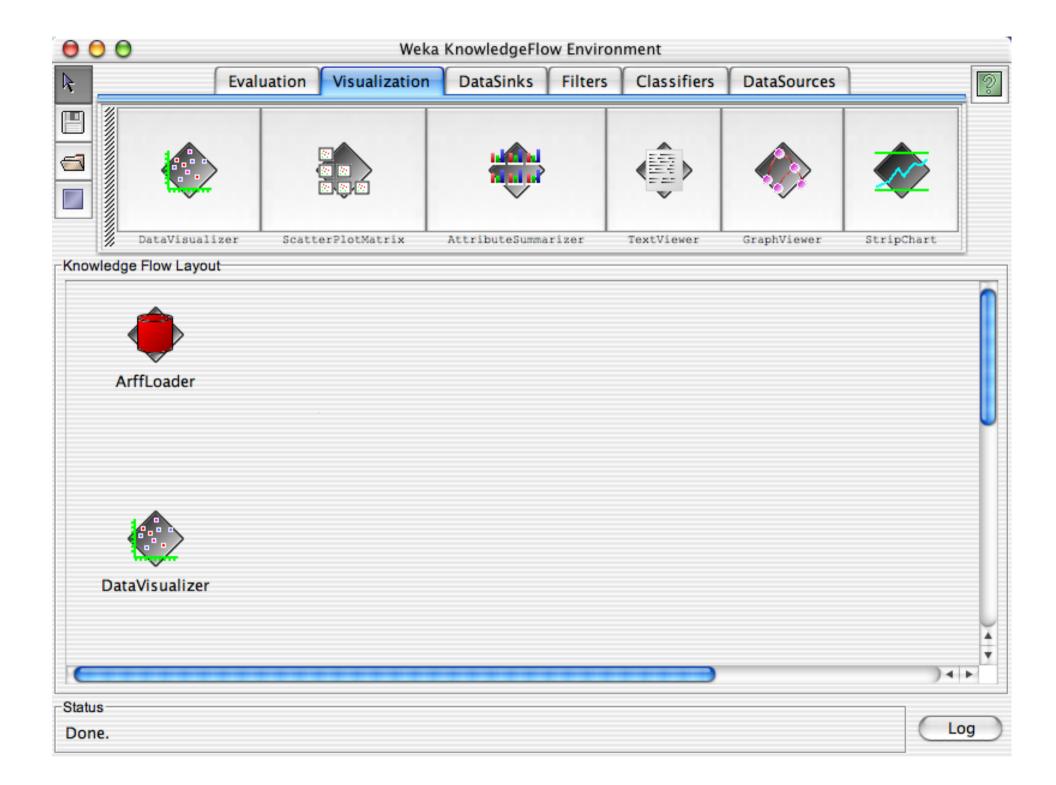
- New graphical user interface for WEKA
- Java-Beans-based interface for setting up and running machine learning experiments
- Data sources, classifiers, etc. are beans and can be connected graphically
- Data "flows" through components: e.g., "data source" -> "filter" -> "classifier" -> "evaluator"
- Layouts can be saved and loaded again later

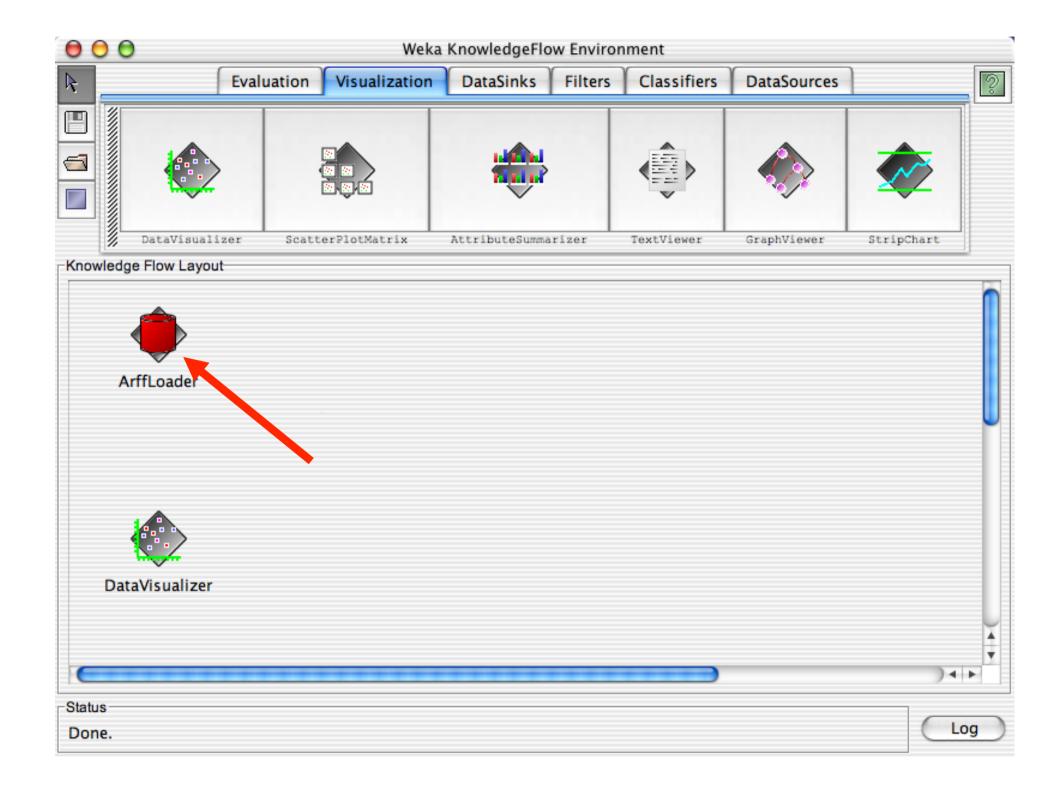


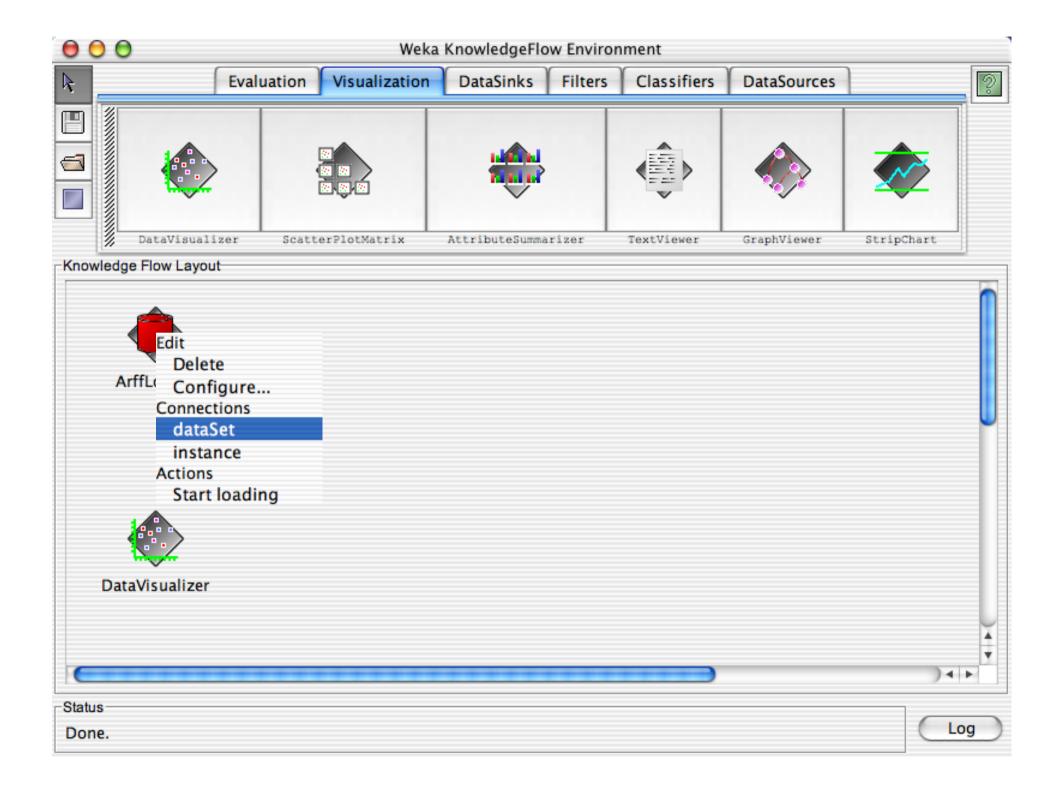


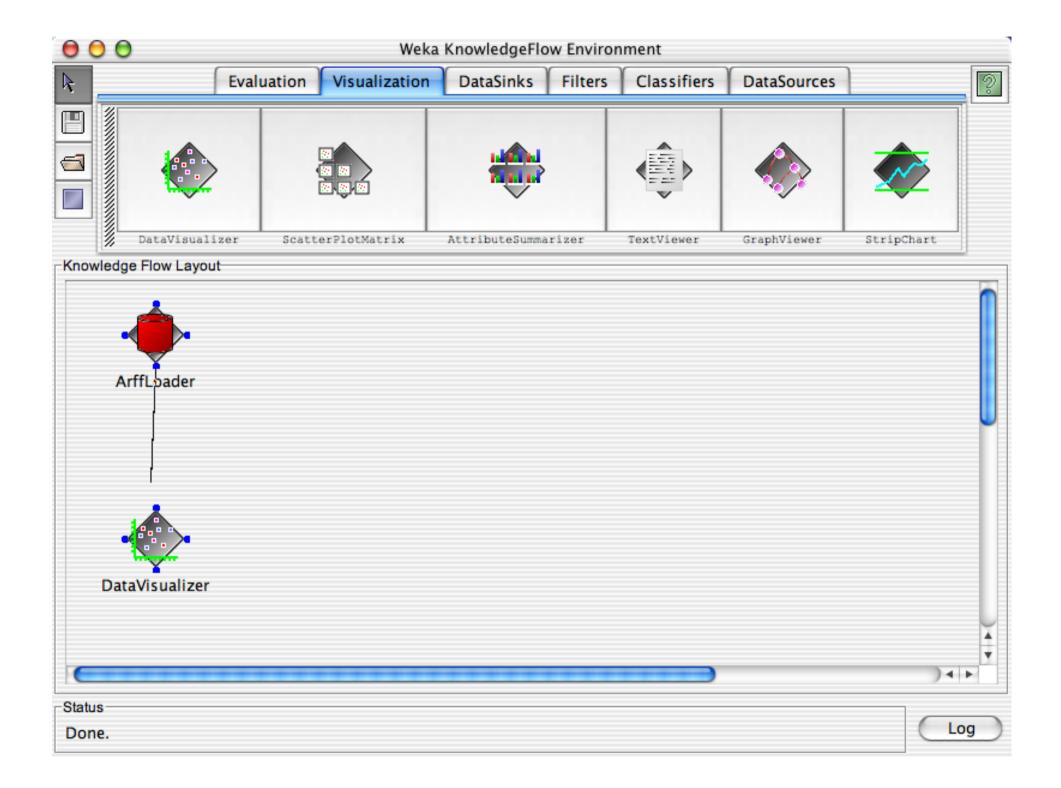


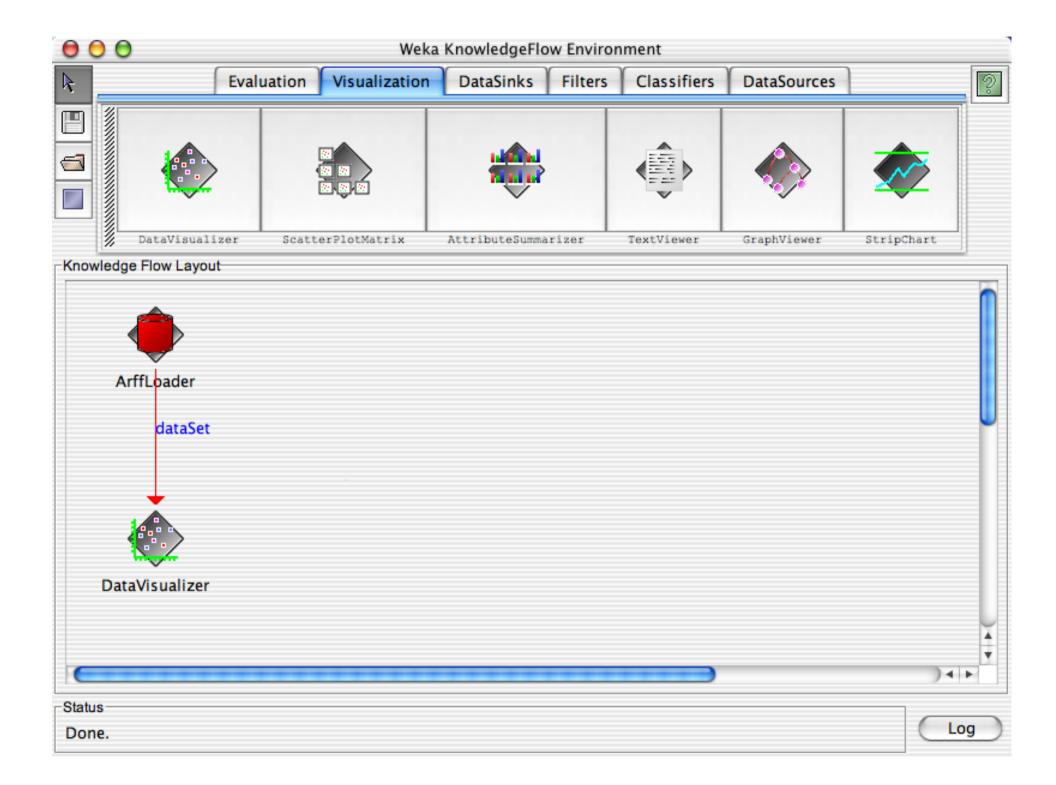


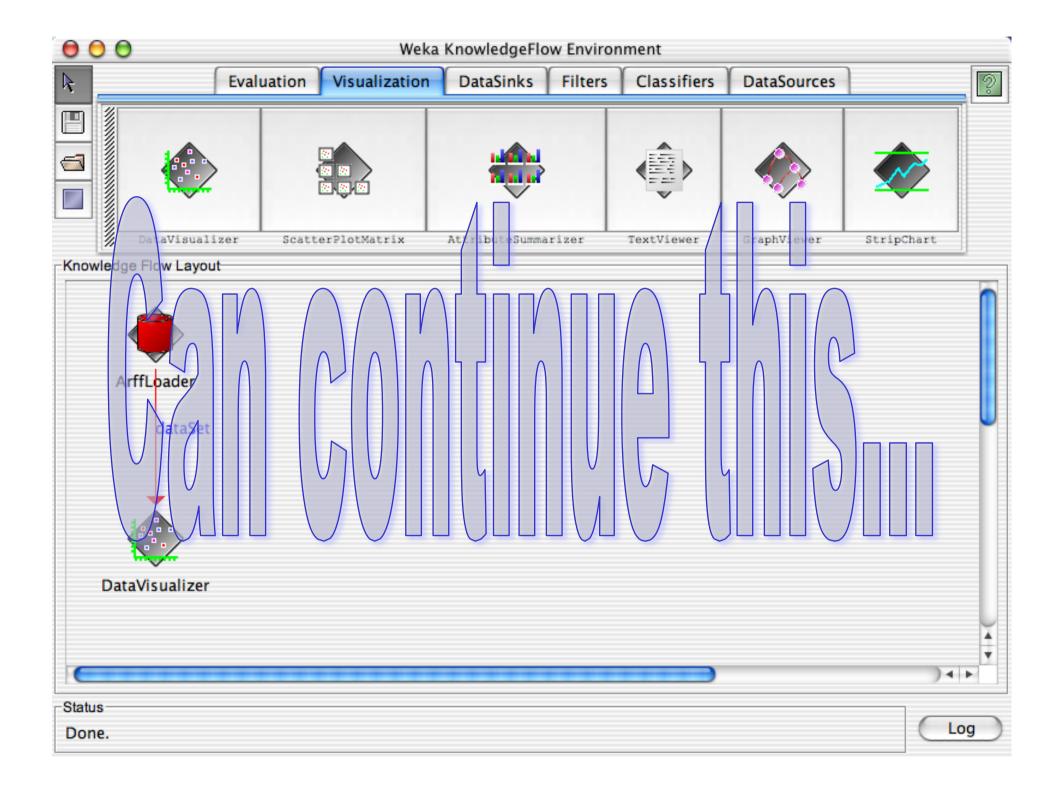


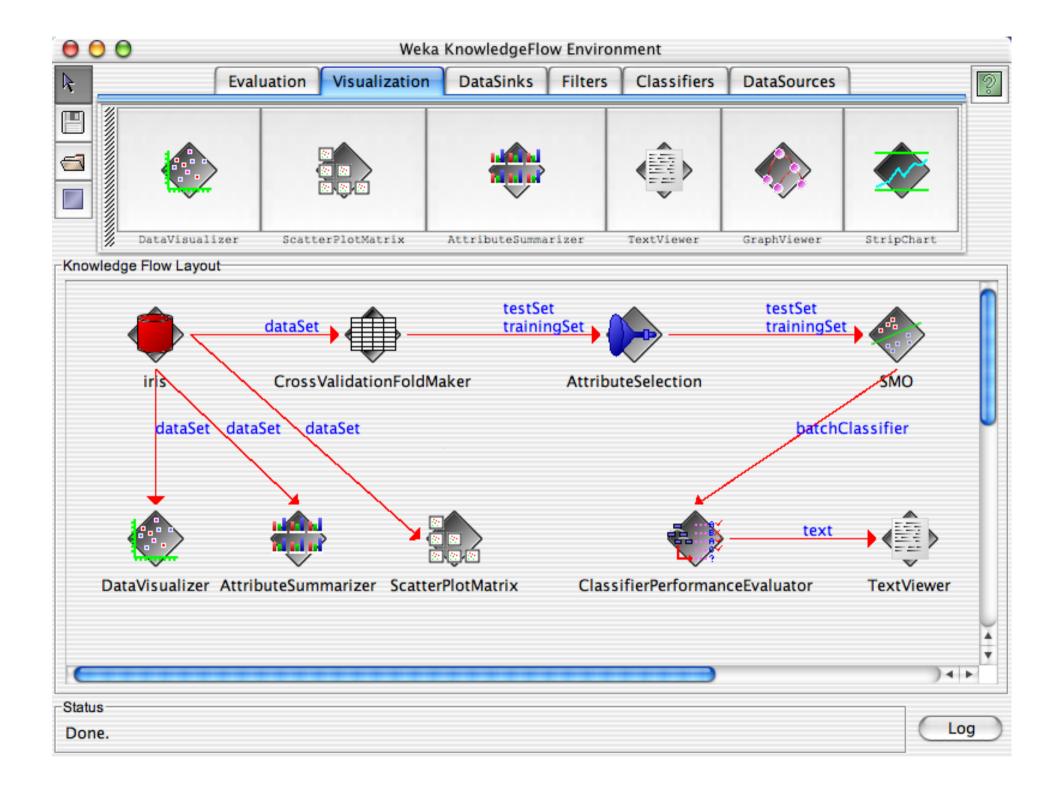


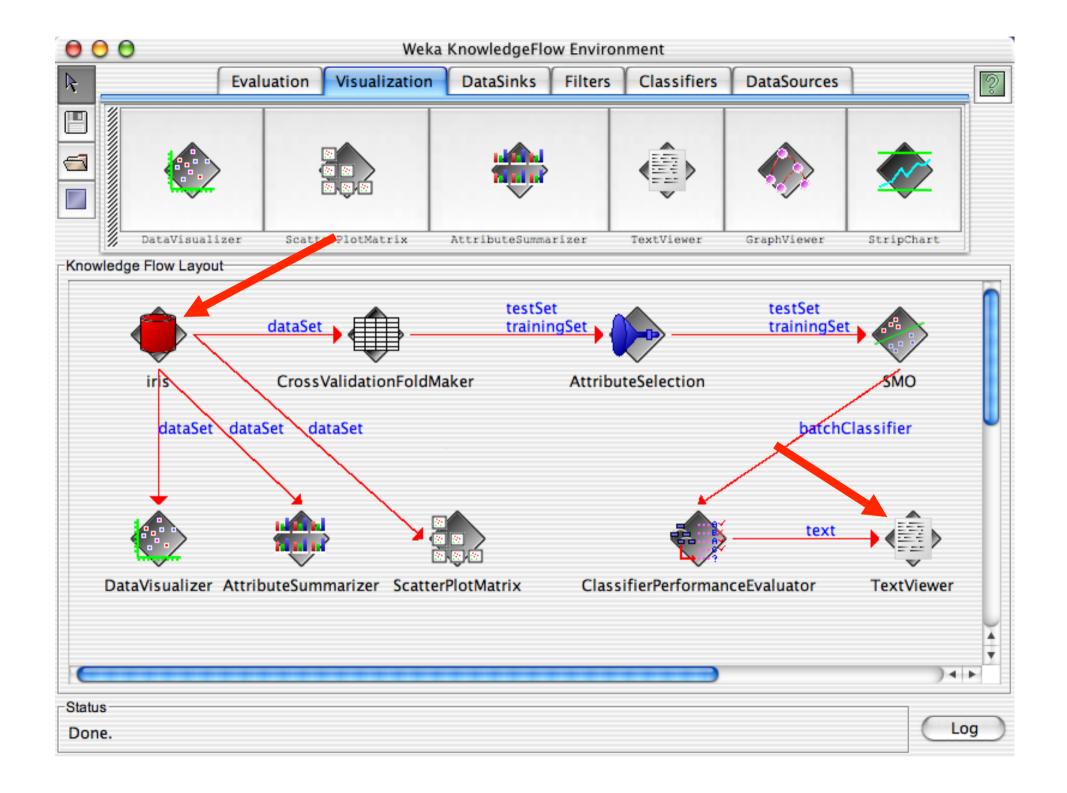


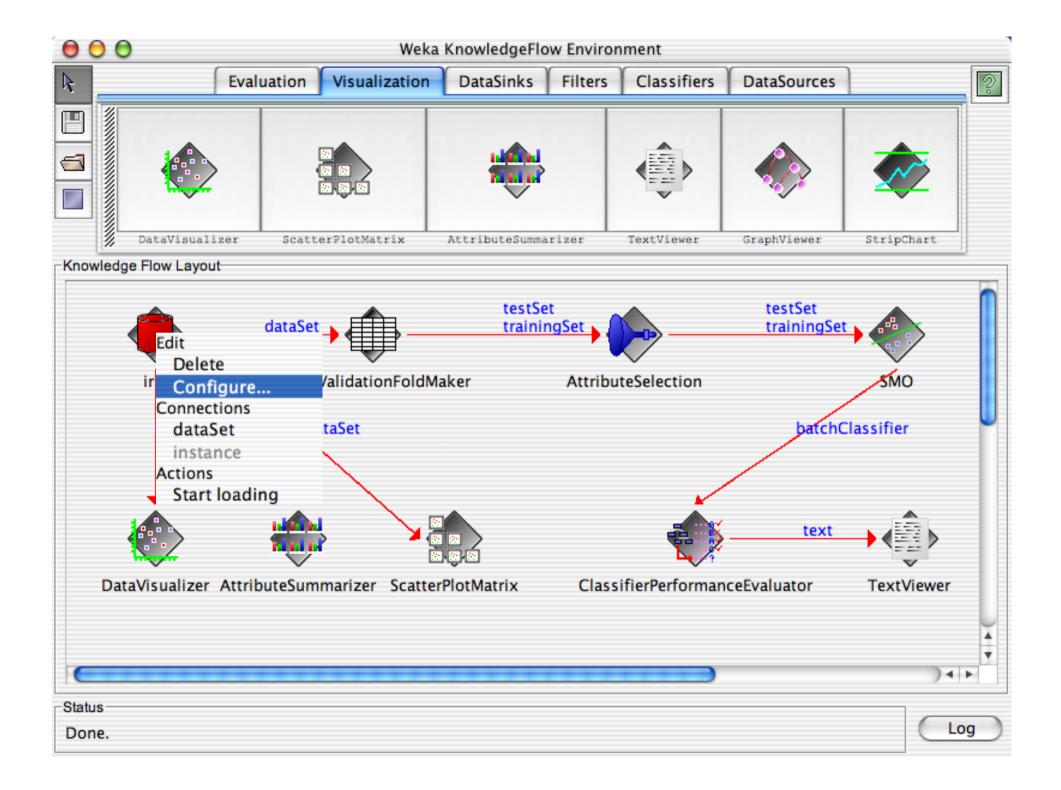


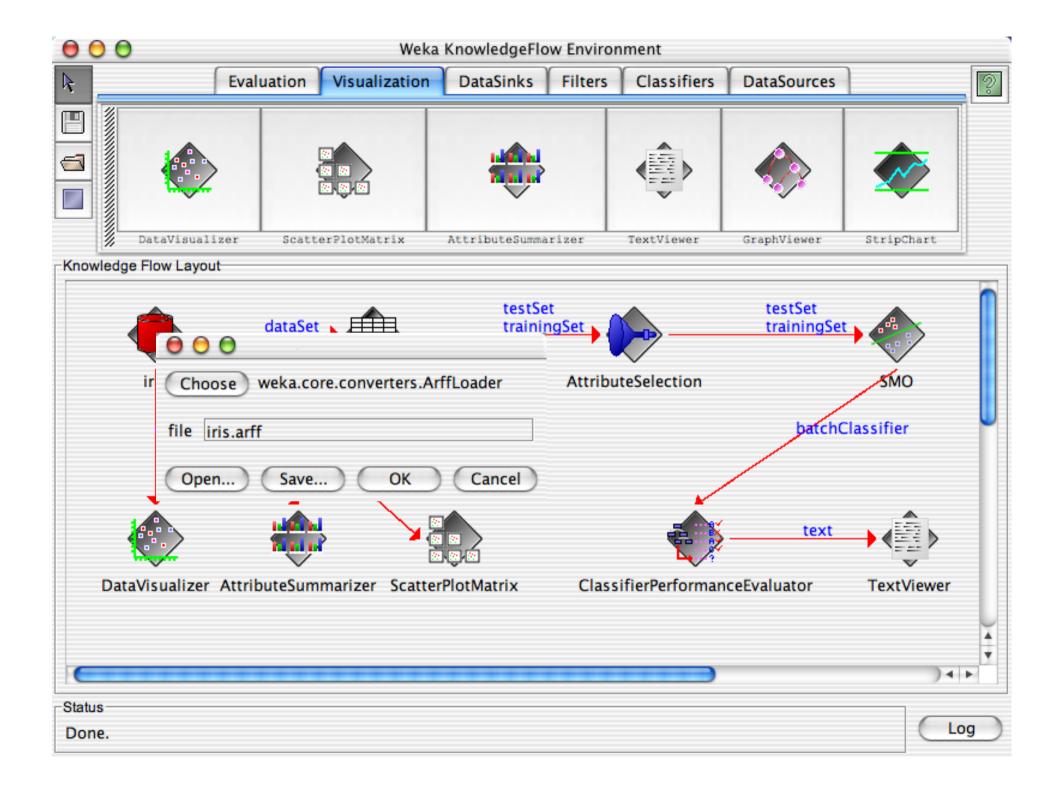


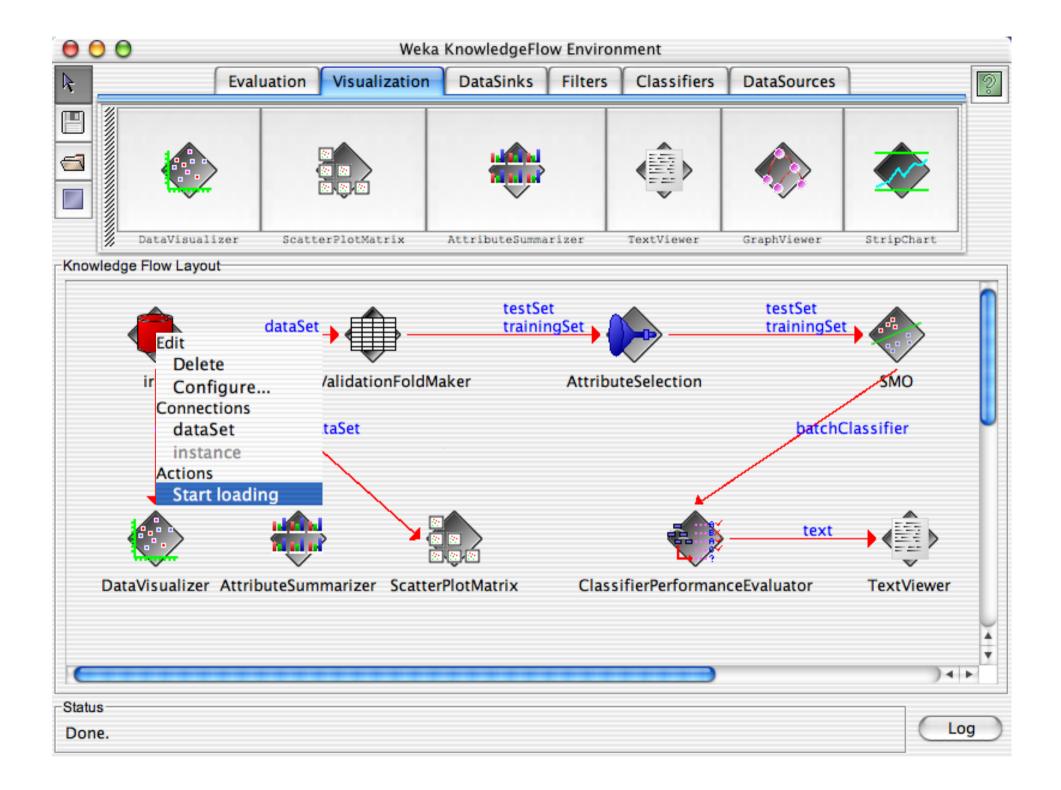


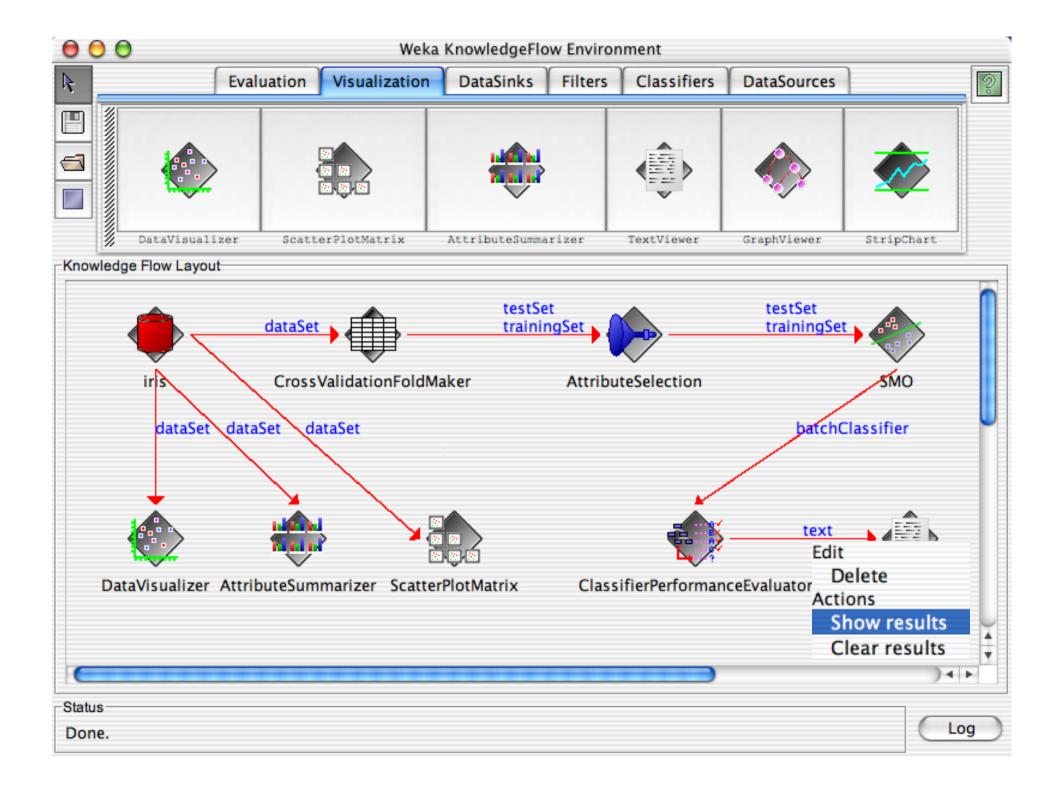


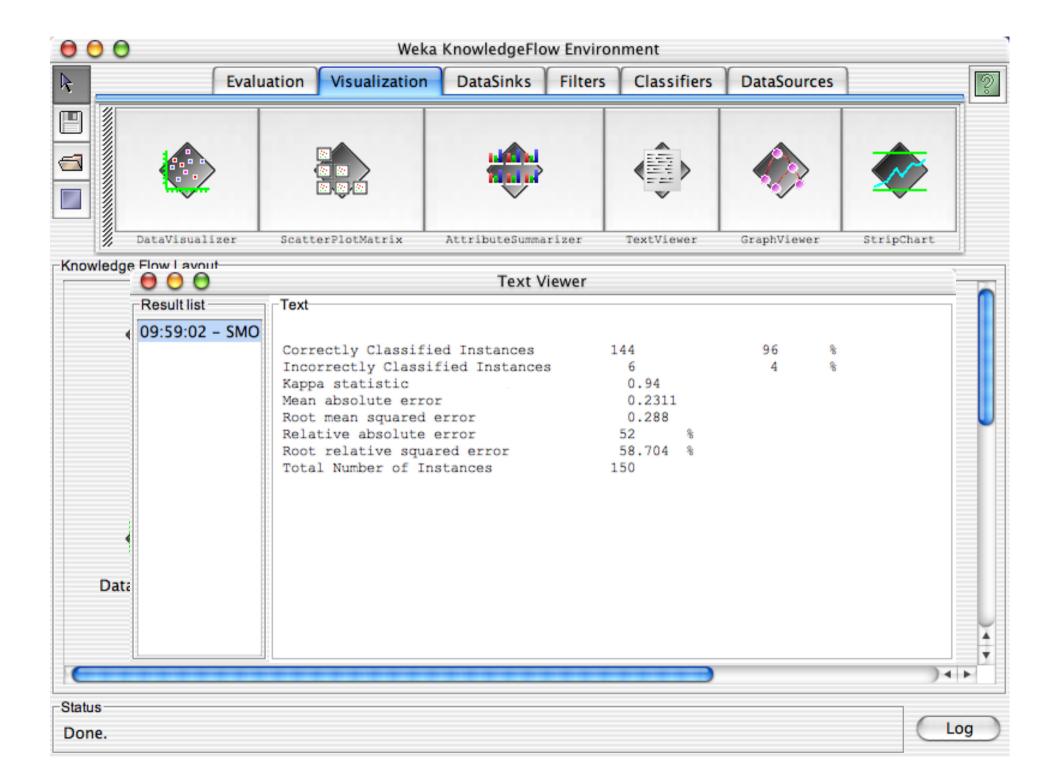


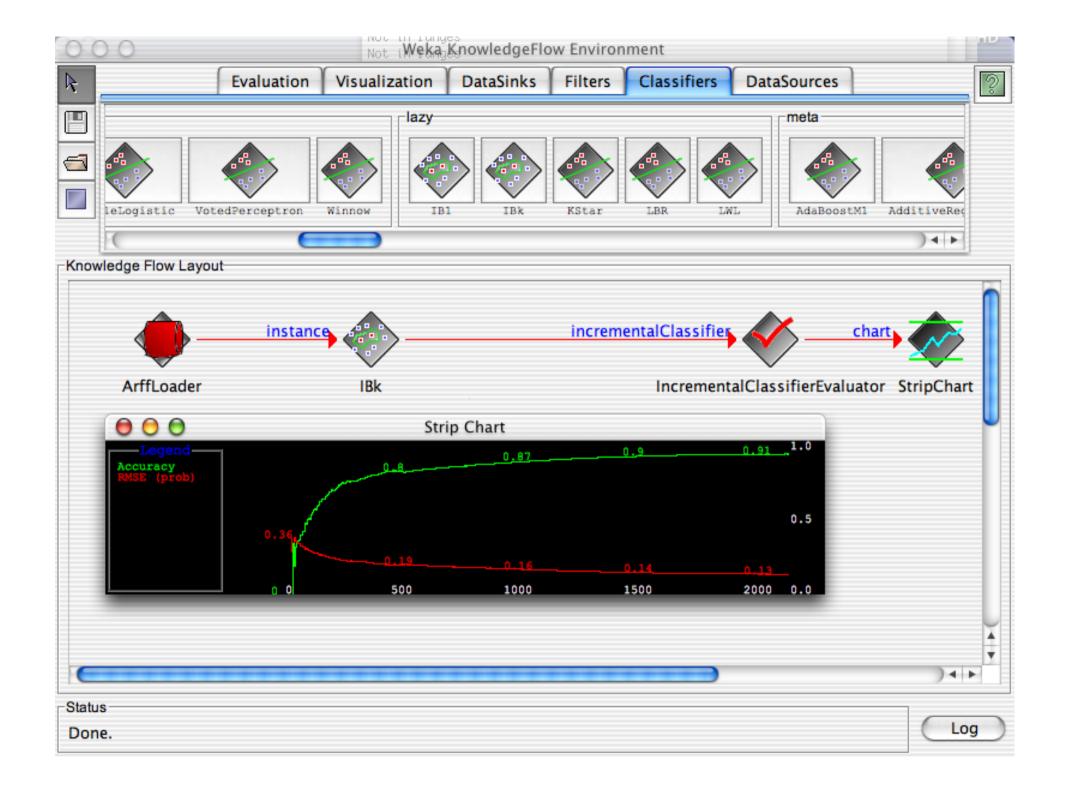


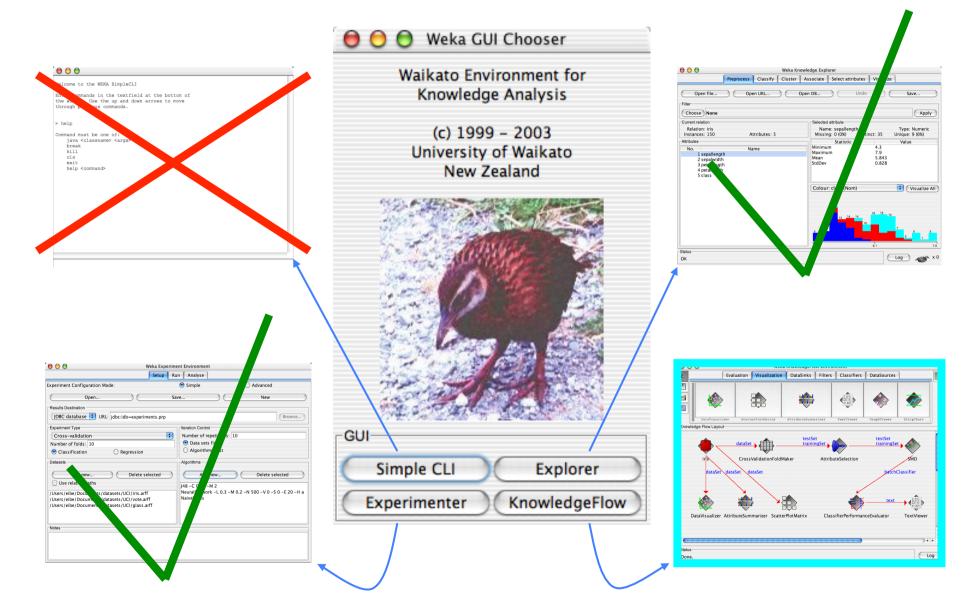


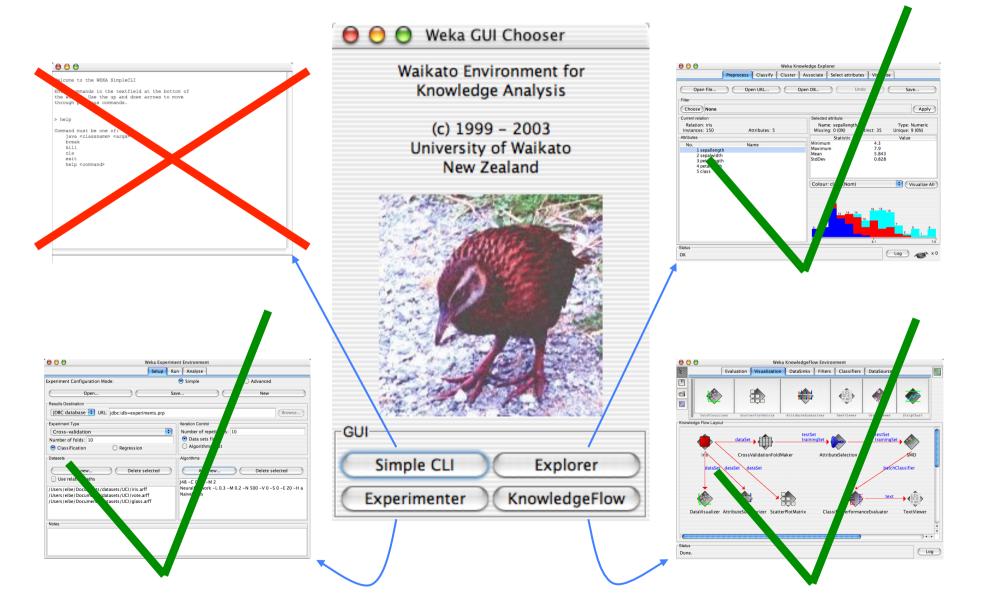












Conclusion: try it yourself!

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 - http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/ml/weka
- Also has a list of projects based on WEKA
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