

# Activation

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## Activation

When a user first starts RStudio it will activate an initial evaluation period during which the product is fully usable. After the evaluation period expires, the product will need to be activated with a license to continue using it.

### Viewing License Status

Use **Help/Manage License** menu to display the *Manage RStudio License* dialog and view the amount of time remaining in the evaluation.

The license status can also be viewed from the *About* dialog.

### License Activation

After [purchasing a license](#), you will receive a license file (.lic). From the **Manage RStudio License** dialog, click **Select license file...** and follow the instructions.

Additional details on license management can be found in the [License Management](#) section.

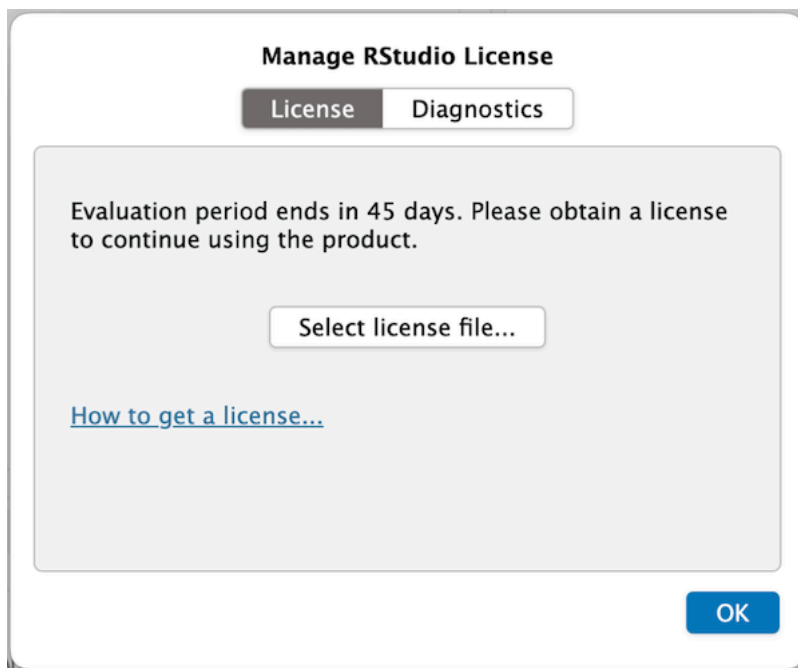


Figure 1: Manage License Dialog Showing Evaluation Period



Figure 2: RStudio Pro About Dialog