

# Package ‘MDSGUI’

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**Title** A GUI for interactive MDS in R

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tkrplot, rpanel, graphics, rgl

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**License** GPL (>= 3)

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MDSGUI-package

*An R package providing access to the MDS-GUI*

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## References

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**Usage**

```
MDSgui()
```

**Details**

MDSgui is the sole function available to the user from the MDSGUI package. The function calls the MDS-GUI (Multidimensional Scaling Graphical User Interface).

The function requires no parameters when called and data to be analysed is loaded from the MDS-GUI.

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**See Also**

Refer to the software User Manual and Vignette for information on the use of the MDS-GUI

**Examples**

```
## Not run: MDSgui()
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ShepFirstRun

*A supporting function to the MDS-GUI*

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**Description**

This function is not intended for use by user. It is instead called upon by the MDS-GUI.

**Note**

This function was found to be most effecient when treated as an individual function and not nested within the MDSgui function. The function should not be used independantly.

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