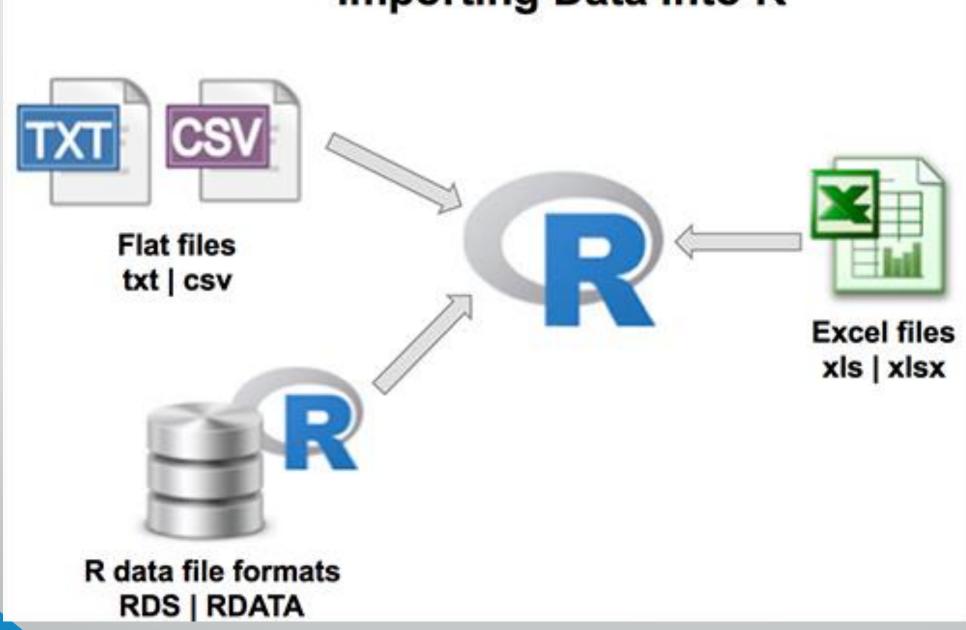
Big Data Analytics

Importing Data Into R



Reading Data Files with <u>read.table()</u>

The R base function **read.table()** is a general function that can be used to read a file in table format. The data will be imported as a data frame.

- The **read.table()** function has a few important arguments:
- file: the path to the file containing the data to be imported into R.
- sep: the field separator character. "\t" is used for tab-delimited file.
- header: logical value. If TRUE, read.table() assumes that your file has a header row, so row 1 is the name of each column. If that's not the case, you can add the argument header = FALSE.
- dec: the character used in the file for decimal points.

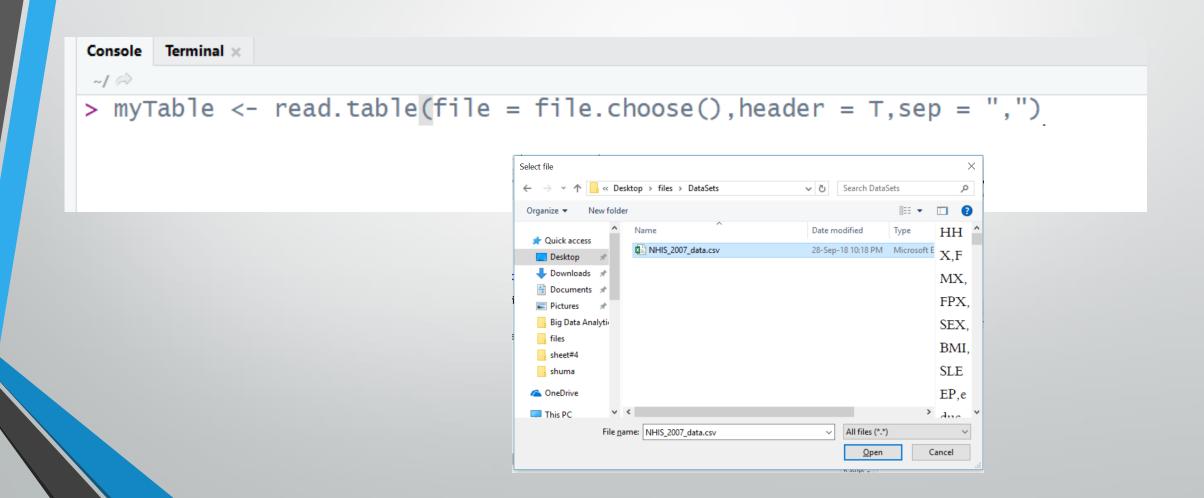
Variants of read.table()

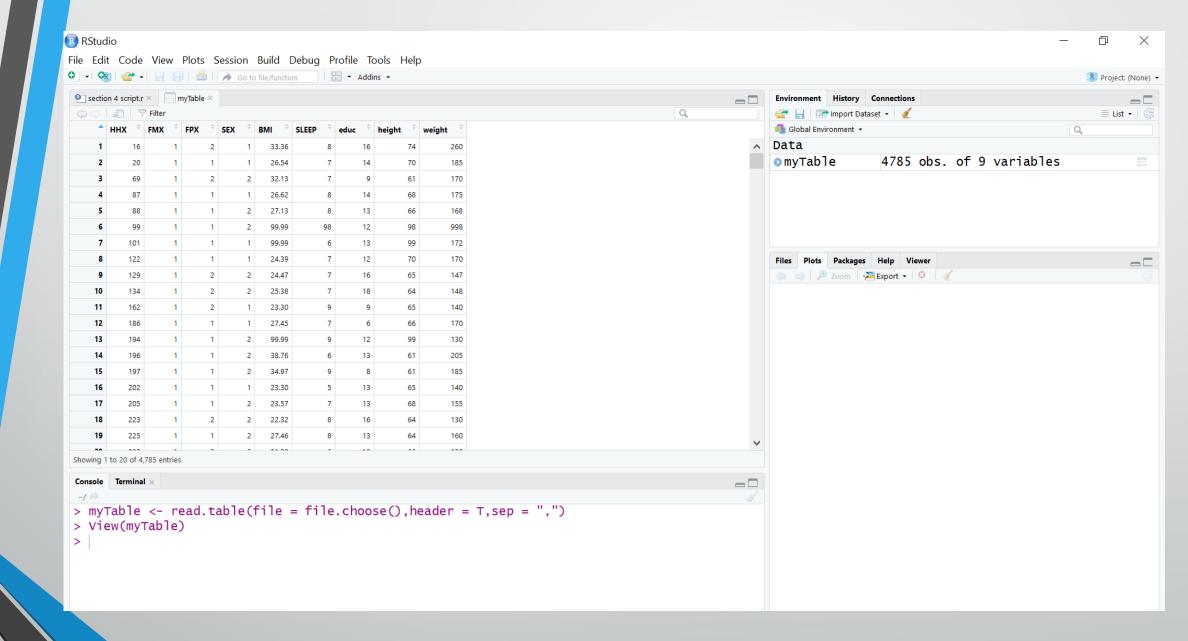
- depending on the format of your file, several variants of read.table() are available including
- read.csv(): for reading "comma separated value" files (".csv").
- read.csv2(): variant used in countries that use a comma "," as decimal point and a semicolon ";" as field separators.
- read.delim(): for reading "tab-separated value" files (".txt"). By default, point (".") is used as decimal points.
- read.delim2(): for reading "tab-separated value" files (".txt"). By default, comma (",") is used as decimal points.

Variants of read.table() (Examples)

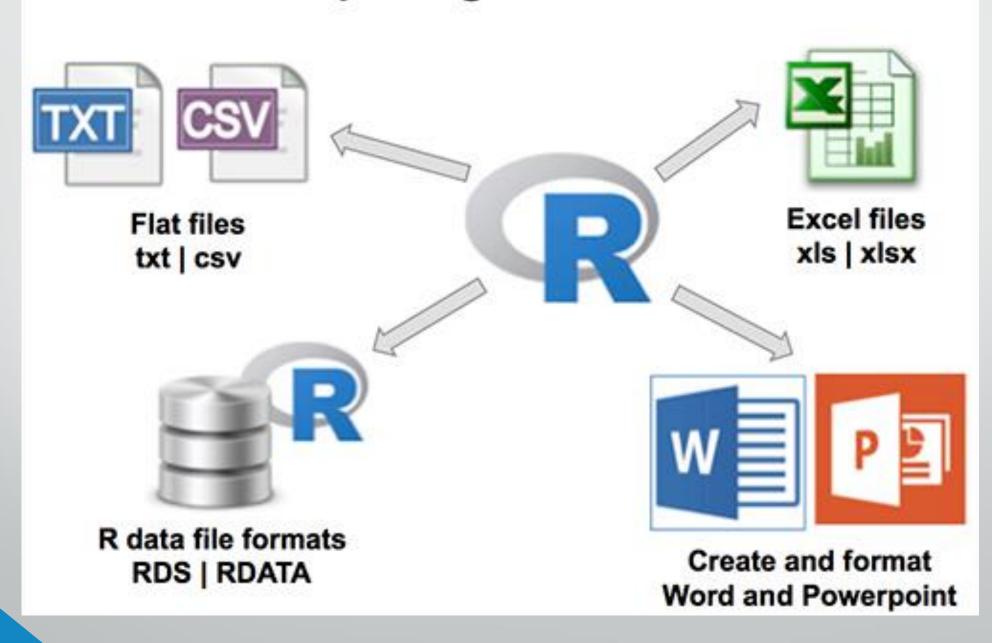
```
# Read tabular data into R
read.table(file, header = FALSE, sep = "", dec = ".")
# Read "comma separated value" files (".csv")
read.csv(file, header = TRUE, sep = ",", dec = ".", ...)
# Or use read.csv2: variant used in countries that
# use a comma as decimal point and a semicolon as field separator.
read.csv2(file, header = TRUE, sep = ";", dec = ",", ...)
# Read TAB delimited files
read.delim(file, header = TRUE, sep = "\t", dec = ".", ...)
read.delim2(file, header=TRUE, sep="\t", dec=",",...)
```

Function to open a file-choose dialogue file.choose()





Exporting Data From R



R base functions for writing data

- The R base function write.table() can be used to export a data frame or a matrix to a file.
- A simplified format is as follow:

```
write.table(x, file, append = FALSE, sep = " ", dec = ".", row.names = TRUE,
col.names = TRUE)
```

write.table() arguments

- x: a matrix or a data frame to be written.
- file: a character specifying the name of the result file.
- sep: the field separator string, e.g., sep = "\t" (for tab-separated value).
- dec: the string to be used as decimal separator. Default is "."
- row.names: either a logical value indicating whether the row names of x are to be written along with x, or a character vector of row names to be written.
- col.names: either a logical value indicating whether the column names of x are to be written along with x, or a character vector of column names to be written. If col.names = NA and row.names = TRUE a blank column name is added, which is the convention used for CSV files to be read by spreadsheets.

Variants of write.table()

• It's also possible to write **csv** files using the functions **write.csv()** and **write.csv2()**.

```
write.csv(my_data, file = "my_data.csv")
write.csv2(my_data, file = "my_data.csv")
```

Renaming columns with R base functions

get column names

colnames(myTable)

#Change column names

colnames(myTable) <- c("new col_1 name", " new col_2 name ")</pre>

Renaming columns (Cont.)

- # Rename column where names is "Length"
- names(myTable)[names(myTable) == "Length"] <- " new col_1 name " names(myTable)[names(myTable) == "Width"] <- " new col_2 name "</p>
- It's also possible to rename by index in names vector as follow.
- names(myTable)[1] <- "new col_1 name "</p>
- names(myTable)[2] <- " new col_2 name "</p>

Extracting rows by criteria with R base functions: subset()

- Extract rows where Length > 7 and Width ≤ 3. You can use this:
- my_data[my_data\$Length > 7 & my_data\$Width <= 3,]</p>
- OR
- subset(my_data, subset(my_data \$Length > 7 & subset(my_data \$Width <= 3)</p>

Useful Functions

```
Console Terminal ×
~/ @
> head(myTable)
                     BMI SLEEP educ height weight
  HHX FMX FPX SEX
                1 33.36
                                 16
                                         74
                                               260
                1 26.54
                                 14
                                         70
                                               185
                2 32.13
                                        61
                                               170
                1 26.62
                                               175
                2 27.13
                                 13
                                               168
                2 99.99
                                 12
                                         98
                                               998
> head(myTable, n=3)
                     BMI SLEEP educ height weight
  HHX FMX FPX SEX
                1 33.36
   16
                                 16
                                         74
                                               260
                1 26.54
                                 14
                                         70
                                               185
                2 32.13
                                               170
> tail(myTable)
                          BMI SLEEP educ height weight
       HHX FMX FPX SEX
4780 53929
                      2 28.69
                                      12
                                                    200
4781 53939
                      2 17.12
                                                    116
4782 53949
                      1 27.47
                                                    186
4783 53950
                      2 29.16
                                                    170
4784 53953
                                      16
                      2 23.68
                                                    138
4785 53955
                      2 20.12
                                                    110
> tail(myTable,n=2)
                          BMI SLEEP educ height weight
       HHX FMX FPX SEX
4784 53953
                      2 23.68
                                      16
                                              64
                                                    138
4785 53955
                      2 20.12
                                      16
                                                    110
>
```

Useful Functions

```
Console Terminal >
~/ @
> myTable[c(1,2,3), ]
  HHX FMX FPX SEX BMI SLEEP educ height weight
                1 33.36
                                16
                                             260
       1 1 1 26.54
                                             185
           2 2 32.13
                                             170
> myTable[c(1,2,3), c(1,2)]
  HHX FMX
  16
> myTable[, c(1,2)]
       HHX FMX
        16
       101
       122
       129
       134
11
       162
12
       186
13
       194
14
       196
15
       197
16
       202
17
       205
       222
```

Control Structures in R

- if (<condition>){
- ##do something
- } else {
- ##do something

- #initialize a variable
- N <- 10
- #check if this variable * 5 is > 40
- if (N * 5 > 40){
- print("This is easy!")
- } **else** {
- print} ("It's not easy!")
- [1] "This is easy!"

for Loop

- for (<search condition>){
- #do something
- }

```
#initialize a vector
y <- c(99,45,34,65,76,23)

#print the first 4 numbers of this vector
For (i in 1:4){
    print (y[i])
}
[1] 99
[1] 45
[1] 34
[1] 65
```

while Loop

- #initialize a condition
- Age <- 12
- #check if age is less than 17
- **while** (Age < 17){
- print (Age)
- Age <- Age + 1 #Once the loop is executed, this code breaks the loop
- •
- [1] 12
- [1] 13
- [1] 14
- [1] 15
- [1] 16