



HR Data Cleaning Utilities (v 1 . 0)

This notebook demonstrates how to **simulate messy HR data** and then build a cleaning pipeline make it analysis-ready.

Data cleaning is a critical step in People Analytics — poor quality data = misleading insights.

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In [1]: # Import libraries
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import random
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1 Create a Messy HR Dataset

We start from the processed dataset and intentionally add issues:

- Duplicates
- Missing values
- Inconsistent casing
- Invalid dates

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In [4]: # Load original dataset
df = pd.read_csv("processed_hr_data.csv")

# 1. Add duplicates
df = pd.concat([df, df.sample(50, random_state=42)], ignore_index=True)

# 2. Introduce missing values randomly
for col in ["JobRole", "MaritalStatus"]:
    df.loc[df.sample(frac=0.05, random_state=42).index, col] = np.nan

# 3. Mess up text casing
df["Department"] = df["Department"].str.upper()

# 4. Add fake date column (with some invalid values)
dates = pd.date_range("2010-01-01", "2020-12-31", freq="ME").strftime("%Y-%m-%d")
df["DateOfJoining"] = [random.choice(dates + ["not_a_date"]) for _ in range(df.shape[0])]

# Save messy dataset
df.to_csv("messy_hr_data.csv", index=False)
print("Messy dataset created !")
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Messy dataset created !

2 Explore the Messy Data

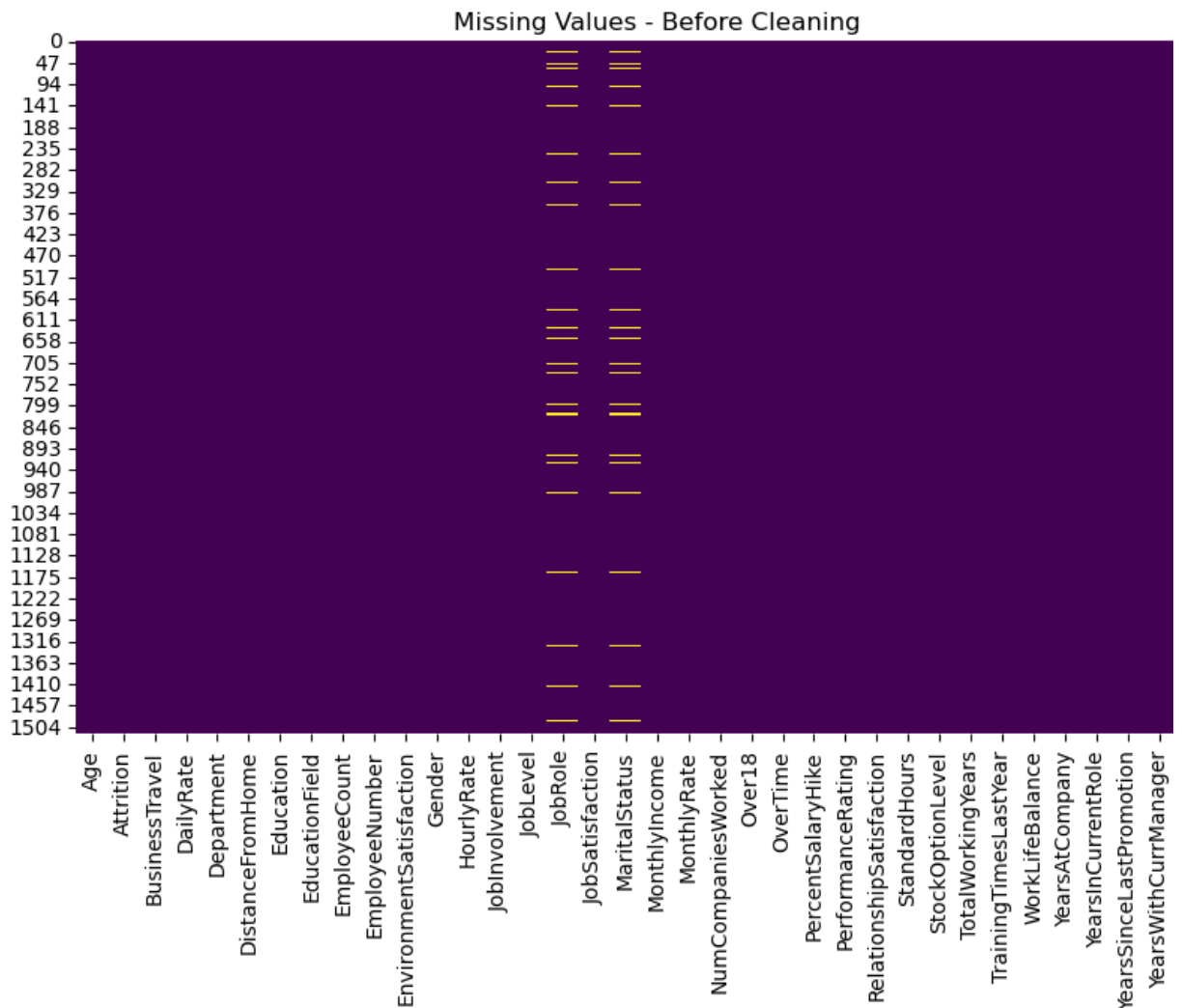
Before cleaning, let's check shape, null values, and visualize missing data.

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In [6]: df = pd.read_csv("messy_hr_data.csv")
print("Initial shape:", df.shape)
print(df.isnull().sum().head())
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plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
sns.heatmap(df.isnull(), cbar=False, cmap="viridis")
plt.title("Missing Values - Before Cleaning")
plt.savefig("images/missing_values_before.png", dpi=300, bbox_inches="tight")
plt.show()
```

Initial shape: (1520, 37)

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Age          0
Attrition    0
BusinessTravel  0
DailyRate    0
Department   0
dtype: int64
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3 Apply Cleaning Steps

Now we:

- 1 . Remove duplicates
- 2 . Fill missing values
- 3 . Normalize categorical values
- 4 . Convert date columns into proper format

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In [7]: # 1. Drop duplicates
df = df.drop_duplicates()

# 2. Fill missing values
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df = df.fillna({
    "JobRole": "Unknown",
    "MaritalStatus": "Unknown"
})

# 3. Normalize categorical values
df["Department"] = df["Department"].str.title().str.strip()
df["JobRole"] = df["JobRole"].str.title().str.strip()

# 4. Fix Date column
df["DateOfJoining"] = pd.to_datetime(df["DateOfJoining"], errors="coerce")

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4 Verify the Cleaning

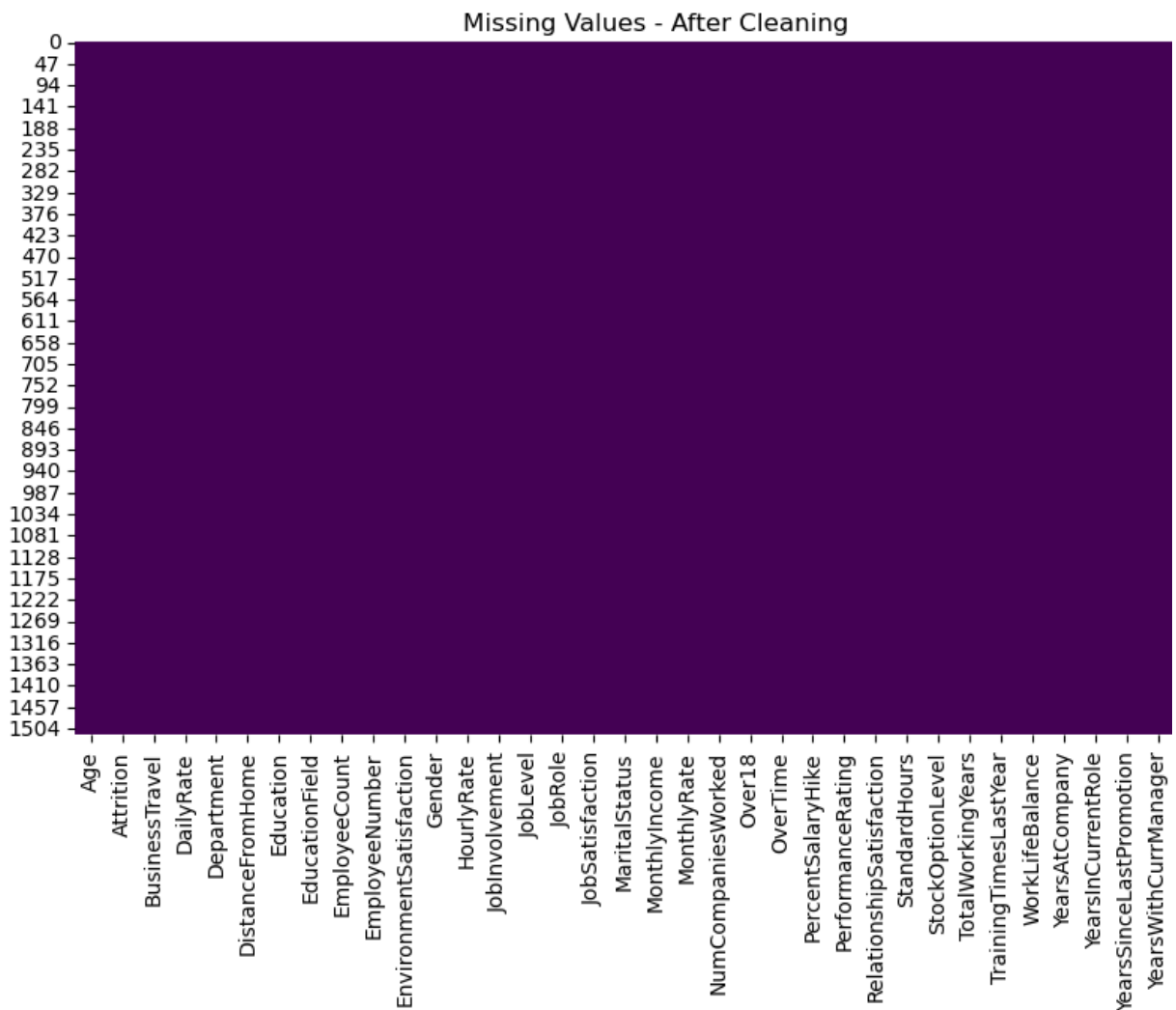
Check if missing values reduced and visualize again.

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In [8]: plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
sns.heatmap(df.isnull(), cbar=False, cmap="viridis")
plt.title("Missing Values - After Cleaning")
plt.savefig("images/missing_values_after.png", dpi=300, bbox_inches="tight")
plt.show()

print("Final shape:", df.shape)

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Final shape: (1519, 37)

5 Export the Cleaned Dataset

The cleaned dataset can now be used for further People Analytics projects.

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In [9]: df.to_csv("cleaned_hr_data.csv", index=False)
print("Cleaning complete! Cleaned dataset saved as cleaned_hr_data.csv")
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Create a Before -After Collage

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In [10]: from PIL import Image

# Load images
before = Image.open("images/missing_values_before.png")
after = Image.open("images/missing_values_after.png")

# Resize to same height
h = min(before.height, after.height)
before = before.resize((int(before.width * h / before.height), h))
after = after.resize((int(after.width * h / after.height), h))

# Combine side by side
collage = Image.new("RGB", (before.width + after.width, h))
collage.paste(before, (0, 0))
collage.paste(after, (before.width, 0))
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In [11]: # Save collage
collage.save("images/missing_values_collage.png")
print("Collage saved at images/missing_values_collage.png")
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Collage saved at images/missing_values_collage.png

Conclusions

- Automated pipeline successfully cleaned the dataset.
- Issues fixed: duplicates, missing values, inconsistent casing, invalid dates.
- Before-After Collage created

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