

Introduction to Data Science

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Course Outcomes

- Accessing data sets from R
- Review of commonly accessed data sources
- Provide reusable code snippets for accessing data
- Learn how to write data files

Lesson Objectives

- Accessing data sources
- Downloading files from the web
- Comma separated value (CSV)
- Excel
- JSON
- Web page scraping
- SQL databases
- SQL equivalents in R
- Writing data

Data Access

What you wish data looked like

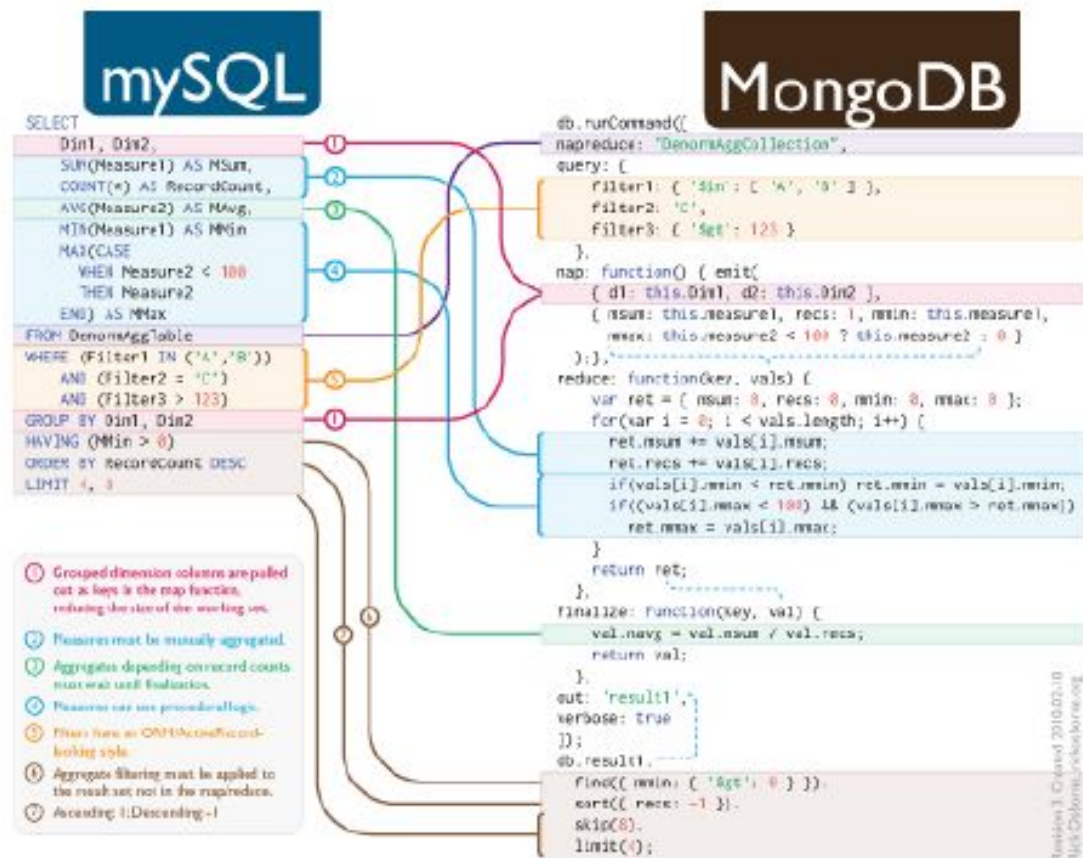
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37	37	267	1307120382	1307120515	1870	E
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Data Access

What does data really look like?

ALLERGIES		MEDICATION HISTORY	
Last Updated: 01 Dec 2011 @ 0851		Last Updated: 11 Apr 2011 @ 1737	
Allergy Name:	TRIMETHOPRIM	Medication:	AMLODIPINE BESYLATE 10MG TAB
Location:	DAYT29	Instructions:	TAKE ONE TABLET BY MOUTH TAKE ONE-HALF TABLET FOR : GRAPEFRUIT JUICE--
Date Entered:	09 Mar 2011	Status:	Active
Reaction:		Refills Remaining:	3
Allergy Type:	DRUG	Last Filled On:	20 Aug 2010
A Drug Class:	ANTI-INFECTIVES,OTHER	Initially Ordered On:	13 Aug 2010
Observed/Historical:	HISTORICAL	Quantity:	45
Comments:	The reaction to this allergy was MILD (NO SQUELAE)	Days Supply:	90
		Pharmacy:	DAYTON
		Prescription Number:	2718953
Allergy Name:	TRAMADOL	Medication:	IBUPROFEN 600MG TAB
Location:	DAYT29	Instructions:	TAKE ONE TABLET BY MOUTH FOUR TIMES A DAY WITH FOOD
Date Entered:	09 Mar 2011	Status:	Active
Reaction:	URINARY RETENTION	Refills Remaining:	3
Allergy Type:	DRUG	Last Filled On:	20 Aug 2010
A Drug Class:	NON-OPIOID ANALGESICS	Initially Ordered On:	01 Jul 2010
Observed/Historical:	HISTORICAL	Quantity:	300
Comments:	gradually worsening difficulty emptying bladder		

Where is data?



Definition of data

“Data are values of qualitative or quantitative variables, belonging to a **set of items**.”

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Data>

- Set of items – sometimes called the population; the set of objects you are interested in
- Variables – a measurement or characteristic of an item
- Qualitative item – country of origin, gender, department, etc.
- Quantitative item – Q1 sales, salary, square feet, etc.

Raw versus processed data

Raw data

- The original source of the data
- Often hard to use for data analyses
- Data analysis *includes* processing
- Raw data may only need to be processed once

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raw_data

Processed data

- Data that is ready for analysis
- Processing can include merging, subsetting, transforming, etc.
- There may be standards for processing
- All steps should be recorded

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computer_data_processing

The tidy data

1. Each variable you measure should be in one column
2. Each different observation of that variable should be in a different row
3. There should be one table for each "kind" of variable
4. If you have multiple tables, they should include a column in the table that allows them to be linked

Some other important tips

- Include a row at the top of each file with variable names.
- Make variable names human readable AgeAtDiagnosis instead of AgeDx
- In general data should be saved in one file per table.

Code module

- WEEK 5-1 Code module – downloading files
- WEEK 5-2 Code module – reading CSV and Excel
- WEEK 5-3 Code module – reading JSON files
- WEEK 5-4 Code module – SQL databases
- WEEK 5-5 Code module – SQL equivalents in R
- WEEK 5-6 Code module – writing data files

Summary

- In WEEK 5 of Introduction to Data Science we continue to add useful items to our data science toolbox. This time, we added tools to access different data sources
- We saw how to download files from the web
- We read in files in CSV and Excel format
- We read in files in JSON format
- We saw how to scrape data off web pages
- We read in data from a SQL database
- We saw how to do SQL equivalents using R
- We wrote a new data file