Use R to fix up a data file

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Import, reshape, and recode some data

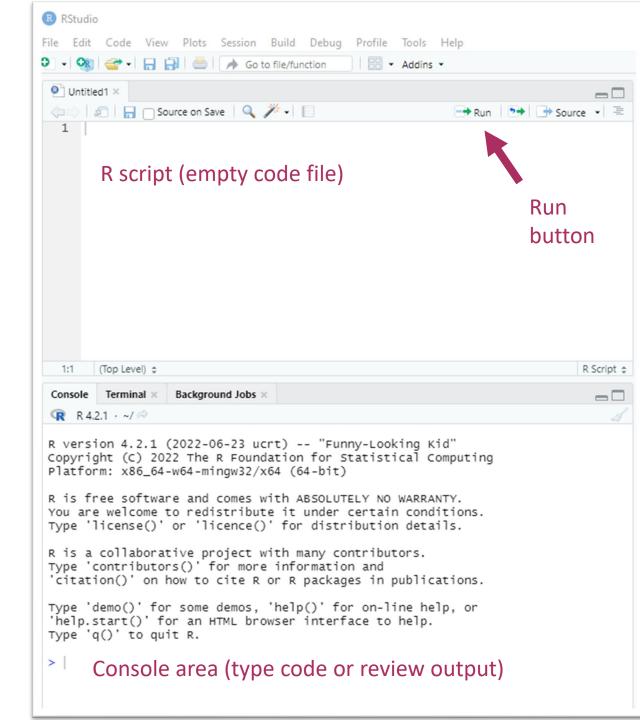
Try a cool function to make it IPEDS-compatible

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RStudio Reminder

- Two options to run code
 - Type code in an empty R script. At the start/end of a line, hit Ctrl-Enter or Cmd-Enter. (You can also highlight and use the Run button)
 - Click into the console, type your code, and hit Enter



Open Rstudio, load packages

```
Note: this format is used for code that you should run # are used for comments within the code
```

```
#load packages
library(readr) #for reading in files
library(dplyr) #for manipulating data
library(IPEDSuploadables) #for prepping the upload file
```



Read in data

Situation: You have some data in a csv file that may need more preparation

Solution: Read the csv data into R; use R code to fix it

```
# your file location may be different
# include the extension .csv
# R needs this slash direction /
```

dat <- read_csv("C:/Users/alanski/Downloads/SampleDataPrepCOM.csv")</pre>



Explore: See the general structure of the data

```
# using our existing file, for now...
colnames (dat) #very helpful when you're writing code later
# three ways to explore overall
str(dat)
glimpse(dat)
View (dat)
# can filter within "View" pane or see the top rows with
head (dat)
```

Explore: See all possible values in a column

The pipe %>% connects pieces of code that should be run in order

The result of each piece of code is fed into the next piece of the pipe

If you want all possible values and frequencies

#general example
dat %>% distinct(columnname)

#general example
dat %>% count(columnname)

#specific example
dat %>% distinct(Sex)

#specific example
dat %>% count(Sex)



To prep this data for IPEDS submission, we need to....

- Add a column for the unitid
- Update Sex and GenderDetail information
- Recode student degree level and Race/Ethnnicity
- Create a combined column with a complete 6 digit CIP code
- Remove non-graduates
- Create Distance Ed 31/32 info based on this rule:
 - Location: 1 = mandatory onsite
 - Location: 2 = not-mandatory onsite
 - Location: 3 = mandatory and non-mandatory onsite
 - Location: 4 = nothing onsite



Basic column updates in R

```
# rename a column
dat <- dat %>% rename(new column name = old column name)
# change a datatype
dat <- dat %>% mutate(column name = as.numeric(column name))
dat <- dat %>% mutate(column name = as.integer(column name))
dat <- dat %>% mutate(column name = as.character(column name))
```

Select/Remove things

```
# remove a column
dat <- dat %>% select(-column name)
# remove rows by rule
dat <- dat %>% filter(column name == value)
# remove 100% duplicated rows
dat <- dat %>% distinct() #nothing inside those ( )
```



Change/add columns with mutate()

```
# set a fixed value
dat <- dat %>% mutate(col name = value)
# do arithmetic
dat <- dat %>% mutate(col name = other col*that col)
# round numbers
dat <- dat %>% mutate(col name = round(col name, 1)
```



Change/add columns with mutate()

```
# replace Null values with something else
dat <- dat %>% mutate(col name = replace na(col name, 0))
# combine columns into a string
dat <- dat %>% mutate(col name = paste0(other col, ' ', 'JR'))
# take one portion of a string
dat <- dat %>% mutate(col name = substr(other col, 1, 3))
```



Two-prong conditions within mutate ()

```
# ifelse function
dat <- dat %>%
     mutate(col name = ifelse(other col == 1, 'Yes', 'No'))
# case when function
Dat <- dat %>%
     mutate(col name = case when(other_col == 1 ~ 'Yes',
                                  TRUE ~ 'No'))
```



Multi-prong conditions with case_when()

```
# line breaks added for clarity
dat <- dat %>% mutate(column name = case when(
          other col == 1 ~ 'PhD',
          other col == 2 ~ 'MA',
          other col == 3 & that col = 'Science' ~ 'BS',
          other col == 4 & that col = 'Humanities' ~ 'BA',
          TRUE ~ 'No Degree'))
# I like to check when done (did I mess up?)
dat %>% count(column name, other column, that col)
```

We can write multi-function multi-line code

```
dat <- dat %>%
      mutate(col20 = 'banana',
            col21 = substr(col20, 2, 3),
            col22 = ifelse(col04 == 'Yes' & col05 == 'Yes', 'UG', 'GR'),
            col23 = case when (col22 == 'UG' ~ 5,
                      col22 == 'GR' \& col06 == 'LLD' ~ 18,
                     col22 == \GR' \& substr(col06, 1, 2) == \M' \sim 7,
                     col22 == \GR' \& substr(col06, 1, 2) == \P' \sim 17,
                     TRUE ~ 999)) %>%
      mutate(col22 = ifelse(col22 == 'GR' & col06 == 'LLD, 'PR', col22))
```



Summary of functions so far

Exploration:

```
colnames()
```

head()

count() distinct()

Preservation/Removal:

```
select()
```

ifelse()

distinct()

Changes within a mutate():

```
round()
as.numeric()
```



How did we fix the data?

Final code is in this file: SampleComPrepDataSolution.R



Create the final IPEDS submission file

```
# this function is part of the IPEDSuploadables package
# it will generate a popup window asking you where to
save the file
```

```
produce_com_report(new_dat)
```



Need more R help?

Some general resources:

R Cheatsheets: https://posit.co/resources/cheatsheets/

R4DS: https://r4ds.had.co.nz/

R4DS slack channel: http://r4ds.io/join

R-ladies slack channel: https://guide.rladies.org/comm/slack/

See the meeting attachment for more suggestions

IPEDSuploadables documentation: https://alisonlanski.github.io/IPEDSuploadables/

