

# Assignment 2: Coding Basics

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## OVERVIEW

This exercise accompanies the lessons in Environmental Data Analytics on coding basics.

### Basics Day 1

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#1. Generate a sequence of numbers from 1 to 100, increasing by fours. Name this sequence as "seq_1_4_100"  
seq_1_4_100 <- seq(1,100,4)
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#2. Calculate the mean and median of the sequence.  
mean(seq_1_4_100)
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## [1] 49
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median(seq_1_4_100)
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## [1] 49
```

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#3. determine whether the mean is greater than the median  
mean(seq_1_4_100) > median(seq_1_4_100)
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

### Basics Day 2

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#5. Create a series of vectors, each with four components, consisting of  
#(a) names of students,  
#(b) test scores out of a total 100 points  
#(c) whether or not they have passed the test (TRUE or FALSE) with a passing grade of 50.  
stdname <- c("Tom", "Todd", "May", "Merry")  
scr <- c(48, 96, 96, 48)  
ispass <- scr>50
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#6. Label each vector with a comment on what type of vector it is.  
class(stdname)
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## [1] "character"
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class(scr)
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## [1] "numeric"
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class(ispass)
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## [1] "logical"
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#7. Combine each of the vectors into a data frame. Assign the data frame an informative name.  
test.result <- data.frame(stdname,scr,ispass)
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#8. Label the columns of your data frame with informative titles.  
colnames(test.result) <- c("Name", "Score", "Pass or Not")
```

9. QUESTION: How is this data frame different from a matrix?

**Answer:** The elements in a matrix are in the same format (e.g. numeric), while one data frame could hold various types of data.

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#10. Create a function with an if/else statement. Your function should determine whether a test score is  
is.pass.50 <- function(x) {  
  for (i in 1:length(x)){  
    if (x[i]>50) {  
      print("TRUE")  
    }  
    else {  
      print("FALSE")  
    }  
  }  
}  
  
is.pass.50.ifelse <-function(x) {  
  ifelse(x>50,"TRUE","FALSE")  
}
```

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#11. Apply your function to the vector with test scores that you created in number 5.  
is.pass.50(scr)
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## [1] "FALSE"  
## [1] "TRUE"  
## [1] "TRUE"  
## [1] "FALSE"
```

```
is.pass.50.ifelse(scr)
```

```
## [1] "FALSE" "TRUE" "TRUE" "FALSE"
```

12. QUESTION: Which option of if and else vs. ifelse worked?

**Answer:** Both of the function worked. “ifelse” is more convenient as it could handle the whole vector instead of only one element.