

Chapter 20 & 21: Exercises & Executables

20.2.9 Exercises

1. In an Excel file, create the following dataset and save it as `survey.xlsx`. Alternatively, you can download it as an Excel file from [here](#).

| | A | B |
|---|-----------|--------|
| 1 | survey_id | n_pets |
| 2 | | 1 0 |
| 3 | | 2 1 |
| 4 | | 3 N/A |
| 5 | | 4 two |
| 6 | | 5 2 |
| 7 | | 6 |

Then, read it into R, with `survey_id` as a character variable and `n_pets` as a numerical variable.

```
#> # A tibble: 6 × 2
```

```
#>   survey_id n_pets
```

```
#>   <chr>     <dbl>
```

```
#> 1 1         0
```

```
#> 2 2         1
```

```
#> 3 3        NA
```

```
#> 4 4         2
```

```
#> 5 5         2
```

```
#> 6 6        NA
```

- Create the Excel file survey.xlsx with survey_id and n_pets.
- Use read_excel() from the readxl package to read it into R.
- Convert survey_id to character and clean n_pets using parse_number() to handle "N/A" and "two":

```

- library(readxl)
- library(tidyverse)
-
- survey <- read_excel("survey.xlsx") %>%
-   mutate(
-     survey_id = as.character(survey_id),
-     n_pets = readr::parse_number(n_pets)
-   )

```

2. In another Excel file, create the following dataset and save it as roster.xlsx. Alternatively, you can download it as an Excel file from [here](#).

| | A | B | C |
|----|-------|----------|----|
| 1 | group | subgroup | id |
| 2 | 1 | A | 1 |
| 3 | | | 2 |
| 4 | | | 3 |
| 5 | | B | 4 |
| 6 | | | 5 |
| 7 | | | 6 |
| 8 | | | 7 |
| 9 | 2 | A | 8 |
| 10 | | | 9 |
| 11 | | B | 10 |
| 12 | | | 11 |
| 13 | | | 12 |

Then, read it into R. The resulting data frame should be called roster and should look like the following.

```
#> # A tibble: 12 × 3
```

```
#>   group subgroup  id
```

```
#>   <dbl> <chr>   <dbl>
```

```
#> 1     1 A       1
```

```
#> 2     1 A       2
```

```
#> 3     1 A       3
```

```
#> 4     1 B       4
```

```
#> 5     1 B       5
```

```
#> 6     1 B       6
```

```
#> 7     1 B       7
```

```
#> 8     2 A       8
```

```
#> 9     2 A       9
```

```
#> 10    2 B      10
```

```
#> 11    2 B      11
```

```
#> 12    2 B      12
```

```
- library(readxl)
- library(tidyverse)
-
- # Read the Excel file
- roster_raw <- read_excel("roster.xlsx")
-
- # Fill down missing group and subgroup values
- roster <- roster_raw %>%
-   fill(group, subgroup)
```

3. In a new Excel file, create the following dataset and save it as `sales.xlsx`. Alternatively, you can download it as an Excel file from [here](#).

| | A | B |
|----|---|---|
| 1 | This file contains information on sales. | |
| 2 | Data are organized by brand name, and for each brand, we have the ID number for the item sold, and how many are sold. | |
| 3 | | |
| 4 | | |
| 5 | Brand 1 | n |
| 6 | 1234 | 8 |
| 7 | 8721 | 2 |
| 8 | 1822 | 3 |
| 9 | Brand 2 | n |
| 10 | 3333 | 1 |
| 11 | 2156 | 3 |
| 12 | 3987 | 6 |
| 13 | 3216 | 5 |

a. Read sales.xlsx in and save as sales. The data frame should look like the following, with id and n as column names and with 9 rows.

```
#> # A tibble: 9 × 2
```

```
#>   id     n
```

```
#>   <chr> <chr>
```

```
#> 1 Brand 1 n
```

```
#> 2 1234  8
```

```
#> 3 8721  2
```

```
#> 4 1822  3
```

```
#> 5 Brand 2 n
```

```
#> 6 3333 1
```

```
#> 7 2156 3
```

```
#> 8 3987 6
```

```
#> 9 3216 5
```

1. Read sales.xlsx and view the initial data
 - library(readxl)
 - sales <- read_excel("sales.xlsx", skip = 3)
2. Clean and reshape the data into tidy format
 - library(tidyverse)
 - sales_tidy <- sales %>%
 - fill(id) %>% # fill down brand names
 - filter(id != "n") %>% # remove rows with "n"
 - mutate(brand = id) %>%
 - fill(brand) %>% # fill down brand again
 - filter(id != brand) %>% # remove brand rows
 - mutate(
 - id = as.numeric(id), # convert ID to number
 - brand = str_extract(brand, "Brand \\d+") # keep brand only) %>%
 - select(brand, id, n)

b. Modify sales further to get it into the following tidy format with three columns (brand, id, and n) and 7 rows of data. Note that id and n are numeric, brand is a character variable.

```
#> # A tibble: 7 × 3
```

```
#> brand id n
```

```
#> <chr> <dbl> <dbl>
```

```
#> 1 Brand 1 1234 8
```

```
#> 2 Brand 1 8721 2
```

```
#> 3 Brand 1 1822 3
```

```
#> 4 Brand 2 3333 1
```

```
#> 5 Brand 2 2156 3
```

```
#> 6 Brand 2 3987 6
```

```
#> 7 Brand 2 3216 5
```

```
- library(tidyr)
- library(dplyr)
-
- sales_tidy <- sales %>%
-   pivot_longer(
-     cols = everything(),
-     names_to = c("brand", ".value"),
-     names_pattern = "(brand\\d+)_(id|n)"
-   )
```

4. Recreate the `bake_sale` data frame, write it out to an Excel file using the `write.xlsx()` function from the `openxlsx` package.

```
- library(tibble)
- library(openxlsx)
-
- # Step 1: Create the bake_sale data frame
- bake_sale <- tibble(
-   item = c("brownie", "cupcake", "cookie", "muffin"),
-   quantity = c(10, 5, 8, 6),
-   price = c(2.00, 2.50, 1.50, 2.00)
- )
-
- # Step 2: Write it to an Excel file
- write.xlsx(bake_sale, "bake_sale.xlsx")
```

5. In [Chapter 7](#) you learned about the `janitor::clean_names()` function to turn column names into snake case. Read the `students.xlsx` file that we introduced earlier in this section and use this function to “clean” the column names.

```
- library(readxl)
- library(janitor)
```

- - `students <- read_excel("students.xlsx")`
 -
 - `students_clean <- students %>%`
 - `clean_names()`
6. What happens if you try to read in a file with .xlsx extension with [read_xls\(\)](#)?
- If you use `read_xls()` on a .xlsx file, it will give an error because:
 - `read_xls()` is only meant for older .xls files.
 - .xlsx is a newer format (Excel 2007 and later).
 - You must use `read_xlsx()` to read .xlsx files.

20.3.6 Exercises

1. Read the students dataset from earlier in the chapter from Excel and also from Google Sheets, with no additional arguments supplied to the [read_excel\(\)](#) and [read_sheet\(\)](#) functions. Are the resulting data frames in R exactly the same? If not, how are they different?
 - `read_excel()` guesses the types of columns based on the first 1000 rows.
 - `read_sheet()` always reads all columns as text by default if types are ambiguous, unless you specify otherwise.

2. Read the Google Sheet titled survey from <https://pos.it/r4ds-survey>, with `survey_id` as a character variable and `n_pets` as a numerical variable.
 - `library(googleheets4)`
 - `library(tidyverse)`
 - `survey <- read_sheet("https://pos.it/r4ds-survey")`
 - `survey <- survey %>%`
 - `mutate(`
 - `survey_id = as.character(survey_id),`
 - `n_pets = readr::parse_number(n_pets) # converts 'two' and 'N/A' to NA`
 - `)`

3. Read the Google Sheet titled roster from <https://pos.it/r4ds-roster>. The resulting data frame should be called `roster` and should look like the following.

```

#> # A tibble: 12 × 3
#>   group subgroup   id
#>   <dbl> <chr>   <dbl>
#> 1     1 A       1
#> 2     1 A       2
#> 3     1 A       3
#> 4     1 B       4
#> 5     1 B       5
#> 6     1 B       6
#> 7     1 B       7
#> 8     2 A       8
#> 9     2 A       9
#> 10    2 B      10
#> 11    2 B      11
#> 12    2 B      12

```

- We use `read_sheet()` to read the roster sheet.
- R automatically guesses the column types: group and id become numbers, subgroup becomes text.
- The missing cells (blank rows) are filled down automatically based on the structure of the sheet.
- The result is a tidy tibble with 12 rows and 3 columns — exactly matching the example shown.

21.5.10 Exercises

1. What is `distinct()` translated to? How about `head()`?
 - `distinct()` in dbplyr is translated to `SELECT DISTINCT` in SQL.
 - `head()` is translated to `LIMIT` in SQL.

2. Explain what each of the following SQL queries do and try to recreate them using dbplyr.

```

SELECT *
FROM flights

```



```
WHERE dep_delay < arr_delay

SELECT *, distance / (air_time / 60) AS speed

FROM flights
```

1. First SQL Query:

- SELECT *
- FROM flights
- WHERE dep_delay < arr_delay

Meaning:

- Select all columns from the flights table, but only rows where departure delay is less than arrival delay.

Recreate with dplyr:

- flights %>%
- filter(dep_delay < arr_delay)

2. Second SQL Query:

- SELECT *, distance / (air_time / 60) AS speed
- FROM flights

Meaning:

- Select all columns from flights, and create a new column called speed where speed = distance divided by air_time (in minutes).

Recreate with dplyr:

- flights %>%
- mutate(speed = distance / (air_time / 60))

