# Parsing dates with lubridate

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## ymd()

- 27th of February 2013
  - ymd() year, then month, then day

```
ymd("2013-02-27")
"2013-02-27"
ymd("2013.02.27")
"2013-02-27"
ymd("2013 Feb 27th")
"2013-02-27"
```



## Friends of ymd()

```
ymd() , ydm() , mdy() , myd() , dmy() , dym()
dmy("27-02-2013")
"2013-02-27"
mdy("02-27-2013")
"2013-02-27"
dmy_hm("27-02-2013 12:12pm")
"2013-02-27 12:12:00 UTC"
```



#### parse\_date\_time(x = \_\_\_, order = \_\_\_)

```
parse_date_time("27-02-2013", order = "dmy")
```

"2013-02-27 UTC"

```
parse_date_time(c("27-02-2013", "2013 Feb 27th"),
+ order = c("dmy", "ymd"))
```

"2013-02-27 UTC" "2013-02-27 UTC"



## Formatting characters

Character	Meaning
d	Numeric day of the month
m	Month of year
у	Year with century
Y	Year without century
Н	Hours (24 hour)
M	Minutes

Character	Meaning
а	Abbreviated weekday
Α	Full weekday
b	Abbreviate month name
В	Full month name
I	Hours (12 hour)
р	AM/PM

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### Weather in Auckland

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## akl\_weather\_daily.csv

```
date, max_temp, min_temp, mean_temp, mean_rh, events, cloud_cover
2007-9-1,60,51,56,75,NA,4
2007-9-2,60,53,56,82,Rain,4
2007-9-3,57,51,54,78,NA,6
2007-9-4,64,50,57,80,Rain,6
2007-9-5,53,48,50,90,Rain,7
```



#### akl\_weather\_hourly\_2016.csv

```
year, month, mday, time, temperature, weather, conditions, events, humidity, date_utc 2016,1,1,00:00:00,68, Clear, Clear, NA,68,2015-12-31T11:00:00Z 2016,1,1,00:30:00,68, Clear, Clear, NA,68,2015-12-31T11:30:00Z 2016,1,1,01:00:00,68, Clear, Clear, NA,73,2015-12-31T12:00:00Z 2016,1,1,01:30:00,68, Clear, Clear, NA,68,2015-12-31T12:30:00Z 2016,1,1,02:00:00,68, Clear, Clear, NA,68,2015-12-31T13:00:00Z
```



## make\_date(year, month, day)

```
make_date(year = 2013, month = 2, day = 27)
```

"2013-02-27"

make\_datetime(year, month, day, hour, min, sec) for
datetimes

## dplyr Review

- mutate() add new columns (or overwrite old ones)
- filter() subset rows
- select() subset columns
- arrange() order rows
- summarise() summarise rows
- group\_by() useful in conjuction with summarise()

## **Pipe %>%**

```
# Without the pipe: nested functions
summarise(group_by(filter(releases, major == 3), minor), n = n())
# With pipe: more linear
releases %>%
  filter(major == 3) %>%
  group_by(minor) %>%
  summarise(n = n())
```

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# Extracting parts of a datetime

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## Extracting parts of a datetime

```
x <- ymd("2013-02-23")
year(x)
2013
month(x)
day(x)
```

## Extracting parts of a datetime

Function	Extracts
year()	Year with century
month()	Month (1-12)
day()	Day of month (1-31)
hour()	Hour (0-23)
min()	Minute (0-59)
second()	Second (0-59)
wday()	Weekday (1-7)

## Setting parts of a datetime

X

"2013-02-23"

 $year(x) \leftarrow 2017x$ 

"2017-02-23"

#### Other useful functions

Function	Extracts
<pre>leap_year()</pre>	In leap year ( TRUE or FALSE )
am()	In morning ( TRUE or FALSE )
pm()	In afternoon ( TRUE or FALSE )
dst()	During daylight savings ( TRUE or FALSE )
quarter()	Quarter of year (1-4)
semester()	Half of year (1-2)

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# Rounding datetimes

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## Rounding versus extracting

```
release time <- releases$datetime
head(release_time)
"1997-12-04 08:47:58 UTC" "1997-12-21 13:09:22 UTC"
"1998-01-10 00:31:55 UTC" "1998-03-14 19:25:55 UTC"
"1998-05-02 07:58:17 UTC" "1998-06-14 12:56:20 UTC"
head(release_time) %>% hour()
8 13 0 19 7 12
head(release_time) %>% floor_date(unit = "hour")
"1997-12-04 08:00:00 UTC" "1997-12-21 13:00:00 UTC"
"1998-01-10 00:00:00 UTC" "1998-03-14 19:00:00 UTC"
"1998-05-02 07:00:00 UTC" "1998-06-14 12:00:00 UTC"
```



#### Rounding in lubridate

```
round_date() - round to nearest
 ceiling_date() - round up
 floor_date() - round to down
Possible values of unit:
o "second" , "minute" , "hour" , "day" , "week" ,
 "month", "bimonth", "quarter", "halfyear", or
 "year" .
o Ormultiples, e.g "2 years", "5 minutes"
```

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