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title: "R Scraping Demonstration"
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```{r}
library(kableExtra)
library(dplyr)
library(tabulizer)
library(tidyr)
library(stringr)
Purpose: There are several PDF scraping packages in R. I will focus on two:
1.
 `pdftools`
2.
 `tabulizer`
Pros and Cons
 The main reason to consider this approach: cost. It is free.
::: incremental
 The main reasons to **NOT** consider this approach: nearly everything
else:
 1. very code heavy
 2. no support
 3. scrapes only text-based data
 `tabulizer` can be difficult to install if you run into Java
restrictions
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Outline

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Primer to 'pdftools'
 Primarily used to extract **ONLY** text-based data from a pdf
 Will read back all text as a singular string (ignoring structure)
```{r}
#1 echo: true
pdftools::pdf text("https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-
Pages/Programs/State-Water-Project/Operations-And-
Maintenance/Files/Operations-Control-Office/Delta-Status-And-
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Operations/Delta-Operations-Daily-Summary.pdf")
## Primer to 'tabulizer'
    Used to extract **ONLY** text-based data from a pdf
    Can extract formatted tabular data as tables
    However, tables must be formatted as tables
## Case study: Bay Study
Bay Study Datasheet
![](bayStudyExample 1.png)
## Workflow: Bay Study
1. If the data is tabular, use `extract table()` from `tabulizer`
2. Non-tabular data will require more creative approaches
## Workflow: extracting tabular data
```{r}
#| echo: true
extract tables(file.path("Bay Study field sheet front fill2 data.pdf"))
Workflow: extracting tabular data
`extract tables()` has two algorithms to try and scrape tables. Can try
both
```{r}
#| eval: false
#| echo: true
extract tables(file.path("pdfRead", "bayStudyExample.pdf"), method =
"lattice")
extract tables(file.path("pdfRead", "bayStudyExample.pdf"), method =
"stream")
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::: {.fragment}
Does not work still!
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## Workflow: extracting tabular data
One final way is to specify the specific location of the data on the pdf.
```{r}
#| eval: false
#| echo: true
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locate areas(file.path("Bay Study field sheet front fill2 data.pdf"))
Workflow: extracting tabular data {.scrollable}

Workflow: extracting tabular data
Once selected:

Workflow: extracting tabular data
```{r}
#| echo: true
table <- extract tables(file.path("bayStudyExample.pdf"), pages = 1,
                        area = list(c(176.8358, 35.8913, 393.9738,
601.7659)),
                        guess = F, output = "data.frame")
table
## Workflow: extracting tabular data
```{r}
#| echo: true
#| output-location: slide
table[[1]] %>%
 .[-1,] %>%
 setNames(c("Species", "S", "Plus", "Specimen1", "Specimen2", "Specimen3",
 "Specimen4", "Specimen5")) %>%
 data.frame() %>%
 pivot longer(c("Specimen1", "Specimen2", "Specimen3",
 "Specimen4", "Specimen5"),
 # contains("Specimen"),
 names to = "Specimen", values to = "Length") %>%
 mutate(Sex = str extract(Length, "[:upper:]"),
 Length = str extract(Length, "\d+"),
 across(c(S, Plus, Length),
 as.numeric)) %>%
 filter(!(is.na(S) & is.na(Plus) & is.na(Length) & is.na(Sex)))
Case study: DGS Pay Period Tables
`tabulizer` works well *IF* the datasheet is set up correctly.

Case study: DGS Pay Period Tables
```{r}
#|echo: true
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#|output-location: slide
tables <- extract tables(file.path("PayPeriodsDGS.pdf"), method = "stream")</pre>
tables
## Case study: DGS Pay Period Tables
Easily workable, e.g., pay period information for the current month:
```{r}
masterTableLocation <- which (sapply (tables, function (x) x[1, 1] == "Year"))
Cleaning up the tables
Table 6 is the master table showing which schedule table each year will
follow:
masterTable <- data.frame(year = c(tables[[masterTableLocation]][1, 2:12],</pre>
 tables[[masterTableLocation]][4, 2:12],
 tables[[masterTableLocation]][7, 2:12]),
 pattern = c(tables[[masterTableLocation]][2,
2:12],
 tables[[masterTableLocation]][5,
2:121,
 tables[[masterTableLocation]][8,
2:12])) %>%
 mutate(across(everything(), as.numeric)) %>%
 filter(!is.na(year))
priorityTable <- lapply(tables[-masterTableLocation], function(x) {</pre>
 if (grepl("PATTERN", x[1, 1])) {
 data.frame(x) %>%
 mutate(pattern = gsub("[^0-9]", "", X1[1])) %>%
 filter(X2 %in% c(month.name)) %>%
 separate(X3, into = c("startDate", "endDate"), sep = " to ") %>%
 transmute(pattern, month = X2, startDate, endDate, numberPaydays =
X4)
 } else {
 data.frame(x) %>%
 filter(X1 %in% c(month.name)) %>%
 separate(X2, into = c("startDate", "endDate"), sep = " to ") %>%
 transmute(month = X1, startDate, endDate, numberPaydays = X3)
 }
}) %>%
 bind rows() %>%
 fill(pattern, .direction = "down")
priorityTable %>%
 filter(pattern == (masterTable %>%
 filter(year == format(Sys.time(), "%Y")) %>%
 pull(pattern)),
 month == month.name[as.numeric(format(Sys.time(), "%m"))])
Conclusion {.smaller}
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- Possible
- Automate with `tabulizer` and `pdftools`
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However, there are major drawbacks:
::: {.incremental}
 1. requires a non-trivial amount of coding knowledge in R
 2. can only scrape text-based data
 3. sensitive to structure of the datasheet
 4. no established workflow and dedicated features
 5. no support
 6. requires Java
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Pros and Cons
```{r}
data.frame("Features" = c("Ease of installation", "Ease of use", "Ease of
application", "Extract tables", "Extract text", "Automation", "Code
Knowledge", "Recommend"),
           "tabulizer" = c("Hard", "Medium", "Hard", "Yes", "Yes", "Yes",
"Medium High", "No"),
           "pdftools" = c("Easy", "Easy", "Very Hard", "No", "Yes", "Yes",
"Very High", "Very No")) %>%
  setNames(c("Features", "'tabulizer'", "'pdftools'")) %>%
  kable() %>%
  kable styling(bootstrap options = c("striped", "hover", "condensed",
"responsive"))
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Questions