CT1100: Computer Systems

Topic 6: Running Scripts and using pipes (magrittr)

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Overview

- select() from dplyr
- Running Scripts
- The Pipe Operator

dplyr – "A grammar of data manipulation"

Function	Purpose
filter()	Pick observations by their values
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https://r4ds.had.co.nz

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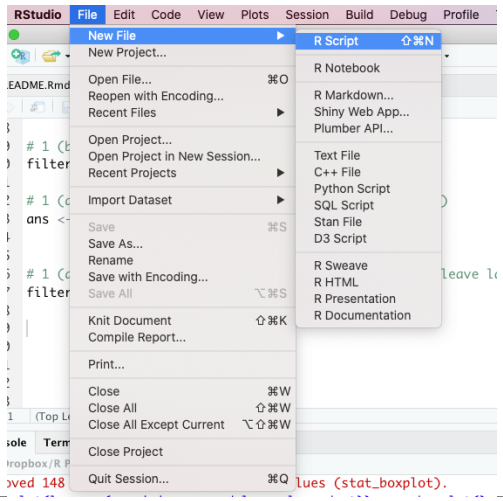
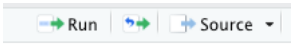
(2) Running Scripts

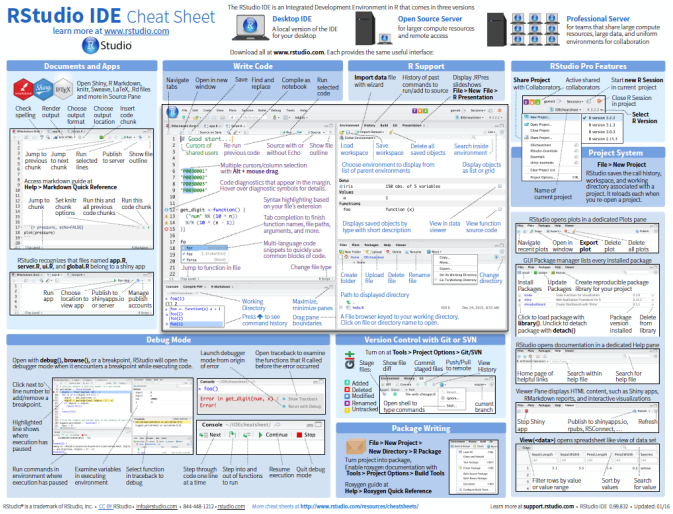
- The console is very useful, but it has limitations
- To provide more room for work, the script editor should be used.
- The script should contain code that you care about
- For a new script:
  - New File
  - R Script
- Save your scripts regularly!



Tips & Shortcuts (1)

- Run a line Cmd/Ctrl-Enter
- Run a file Cms/Ctrl-Shift-S
- Or use the R Studio buttons



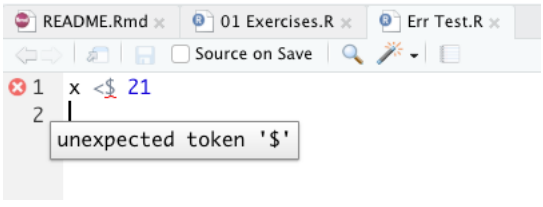


Tips & Shortcuts (2)

- Always start your script with the packages you need
- That way, you can clearly show other coders what is needed to run the script.
- Avoid calling install.packages() or setwd() in a script, as you will be changing someone elses settings!

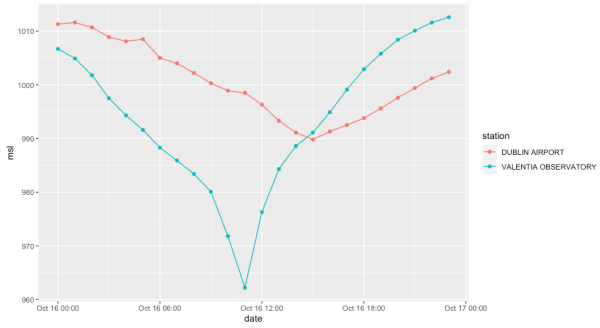
Tips & Shortcuts (3)

- The script editor will highlight syntax errors with a red squiggly line and a cross on the sidebar.



Challenge 6.2 – Place in a script and run

- Create tibble one that has the columns month, hour, day, date, station and msl
- Filter the tibble to a second tibble for October 16th, and for "VALENTIA OBSERVATORY" and "DUBLIN AIRPORT"
- Display the hourly values on a time series (x axis is date) using ggplot2 with the aesthetic set to station



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(3) Combining operations with the Pipe

- The pipe %>% comes from the magrittr package (Stefan Milton Bache)
- Helps to write code that is easier to read and understand
- x %>% f(y) turns into f(x, y)
- x %>% f(y) %>% g(z) turns into g(f(x, y),z)

magrittr part of the tidyverse 1.5.0.9000 Get started Refe

Overview

The magrittr package offers a set of operators which make your code more readable by:

- structuring sequences of data operations left-to-right (as opposed to from the inside and out),
- avoiding nested function calls,
- minimizing the need for local variables and function definitions, and
- making it easy to add steps anywhere in the sequence of operations.

The operators pipe their left-hand side values forward into expressions that appear on the right-hand side, i.e. one can replace `f(x)` with `x %>% f()`, where `%>%` is the (main) pipe-operator. When coupling several function calls with the pipe-operator, the benefit will become more apparent. Consider this pseudo example:

https://magrittr.tidyverse.org

```
> sqrt(1:5)
[1] 1.000000 1.414214 1.732051 2.000000 2.236068
> 1:5 %>% sqrt()
[1] 1.000000 1.414214 1.732051 2.000000 2.236068
```


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Examples

```
> observations %>% filter(day==1,station=="ATHENRY",hour==12,month==1)
# A tibble: 1 x 12
  station  year month   day  hour date                rain  temp  rhum   msl
  <chr>    <dbl> <dbl> <int> <int> <dttm>             <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
1 ATHENRY  2017     1     1    12 2017-01-01 12:00:00     0   5.1    75 1027.
# … with 2 more variables: wdsp <dbl>, wddir <dbl>
> observations %>% filter(station=="MACE HEAD") %>% arrange(desc(temp)) %>% head()
# A tibble: 6 x 12
  station  year month   day  hour date                rain  temp  rhum   msl
  <chr>    <dbl> <dbl> <int> <int> <dttm>             <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
1 MACE H…  2017     6    20    17 2017-06-20 17:00:00     0  22.7    69 1015.
2 MACE H…  2017     6    20    16 2017-06-20 16:00:00     0  22.6    67 1016.
3 MACE H…  2017     6    20    18 2017-06-20 18:00:00     0  22.3    71 1015.
4 MACE H…  2017     7    18    16 2017-07-18 16:00:00     0  22.3    61 1008.
5 MACE H…  2017     7    18    18 2017-07-18 18:00:00     0  22.2    65 1007.
6 MACE H…  2017     6    20    15 2017-06-20 15:00:00     0  22.1    68 1017.
# … with 2 more variables: wdsp <dbl>, wddir <dbl>
```


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Challenge 6.2

- Organise the following into a pipeline command
  - Subset all observations from aimsir17 from October 2017
  - Select all those from “ROCHES POINT”
  - Sort the observations by wind speed (descending)

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Summary: 3 of the 5 verbs

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- All verbs (functions) work similarly https://dplyr.tidyverse.org
  - The first argument is a data frame/tibble
  - The subsequent arguments decide what to do with the data frame/tibble
  - The result (data frame/tibble) supports chaining of steps – NOTE the "pipe operator" which we will cover later.

3. select()

- It is not uncommon to get datasets with hundreds, or even thousands, of variables
- A challenge is to narrow down on the variables of you're interested in
- select() allows you to rapidly zoom in on a useful subset using operations based on the variable names
- Number of rows does not change

```
> new_obs <- select(observations,station,year,month,day,hour,temp)
> new_obs
# A tibble: 219,000 x 6
   station  year month   day  hour  temp
   <chr>   <dbl> <dbl> <int> <int> <dbl>
 1 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     0   5.2
 2 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     1   4.7
 3 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     2   4.2
 4 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     3   3.5
 5 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     4   3.2
 6 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     5   2.1
 7 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     6   2
 8 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     7   1.7
 9 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     8   1
10 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     9   1.1
# … with 218,990 more rows
```

Useful options with select()

```
> select(observations,station:rain)
# A tibble: 219,000 x 7
   station  year month   day  hour date                rain
   <chr>   <dbl> <dbl> <int> <int> <dttm>              <dbl>
 1 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     0 2017-01-01 00:00:00   0
 2 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     1 2017-01-01 01:00:00   0
 3 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     2 2017-01-01 02:00:00   0
 4 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     3 2017-01-01 03:00:00   0.1
 5 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     4 2017-01-01 04:00:00   0.1
 6 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     5 2017-01-01 05:00:00   0
 7 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     6 2017-01-01 06:00:00   0
 8 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     7 2017-01-01 07:00:00   0
 9 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     8 2017-01-01 08:00:00   0
10 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     9 2017-01-01 09:00:00   0
# … with 218,990 more rows
```

```
> select(observations,-(station:rain))
# A tibble: 219,000 x 5
    temp  rhum   msl  wdsp wddir
   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
 1   5.2    89 1022.     8   320
 2   4.7    89 1022      9   320
 3   4.2    90 1022.     8   320
 4   3.5    87 1022.     9   330
 5   3.2    89 1023.     8   330
 6   2.1    91 1023.     8   330
 7   2      89 1024.     7   330
 8   1.7    89 1024.     7   340
 9   1      91 1025      7   330
10   1.1    91 1026.     8   330
# … with 218,990 more rows
```


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Special functions with select()

Special functions

As well as using existing functions like `:` and `c`, there are a number of special functions that only work inside `select`

- `starts_with(x, ignore.case = TRUE)`: names starts with `x`
- `ends_with(x, ignore.case = TRUE)`: names ends in `x`
- `contains(x, ignore.case = TRUE)`: selects all variables whose name contains `x`
- `matches(x, ignore.case = TRUE)`: selects all variables whose name matches the regular expression `x`
- `num_range("x", 1:5, width = 2)`: selects all variables (numerically) from x01 to x05.
- `one_of("x", "y", "z")`: selects variables provided in a character vector.
- `everything()`: selects all variables.

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Examples

```
> select(observations,starts_with("w"))
# A tibble: 219,000 x 2
    wdsp wddir
   <dbl> <dbl>
 1     8   320
 2     9   320
 3     8   320
 4     9   330
 5     8   330
 6     8   330
 7     7   330
 8     7   340
 9     7   330
10     8   330
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```

```
> select(observations,ends_with("p"))
# A tibble: 219,000 x 2
    temp  wdsp
   <dbl> <dbl>
 1   5.2     8
 2   4.7     9
 3   4.2     8
 4   3.5     9
 5   3.2     8
 6   2.1     8
 7   2       7
 8   1.7     7
 9   1       7
10   1.1     8
# … with 218,990 more rows
```


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everything()

```
> select(observations,ends_with("p"),everything())
# A tibble: 219,000 x 12
    temp  wdsp station  year month   day  hour date                rain  rhum   msl wddir
   <dbl> <dbl> <chr>   <dbl> <dbl> <int> <int> <dttm>              <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
 1   5.2     8 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     0 2017-01-01 00:00:00   0      89 1022.   320
 2   4.7     9 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     1 2017-01-01 01:00:00   0      89 1022    320
 3   4.2     8 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     2 2017-01-01 02:00:00   0      90 1022.   320
 4   3.5     9 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     3 2017-01-01 03:00:00   0.1    87 1022.   330
 5   3.2     8 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     4 2017-01-01 04:00:00   0.1    89 1023.   330
 6   2.1     8 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     5 2017-01-01 05:00:00   0      91 1023.   330
 7   2       7 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     6 2017-01-01 06:00:00   0      89 1024.   330
 8   1.7     7 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     7 2017-01-01 07:00:00   0      89 1024.   340
 9   1       7 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     8 2017-01-01 08:00:00   0      91 1025    330
10   1.1     8 ATHENRY  2017     1     1     9 2017-01-01 09:00:00   0      91 1026.   330
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Challenge 6.1

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