

Tibbles vs. data.frame

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Before starting, I installed the following: **tibble** packages and the **tibble**, **tidyverse**, **tidyr**, **magrittr** libraries.

The two main differences in using a tibble versus the **data.frame** is printing and subsetting.

Printing

When using tibbles, the refined print method only displays the first 10 rows by default.

```
tb = tibble(  
  a = lubridate::now() + runif(1e3) * 86400,  
  b = lubridate::today() + runif(1e3) * 30,  
  c = 1:1e3,  
  d = runif(1e3),  
  e = sample(letters, 1e3, replace = TRUE)  
)
```

Display Options

One option you can use to display more than the first 10 rows is to use the **print(n)** function, where “n” is the number of rows you want to display. If some of the columns are hidden due to size, you can also use **width=Inf** to show all of the columns in the table.

```
tb %>%  
  print(n = 15, width = Inf)
```

```
## # A tibble: 1,000 x 5  
##       a                b                c          d e  
##   <dtm>          <date>          <int>   <dbl> <chr>  
## 1 2018-09-13 14:53:38 2018-10-07         1 0.878 w  
## 2 2018-09-13 20:18:49 2018-09-13         2 0.844 b  
## 3 2018-09-13 19:22:06 2018-09-19         3 0.627 u  
## 4 2018-09-13 09:01:34 2018-09-21         4 0.494 k  
## 5 2018-09-13 13:55:20 2018-09-18         5 0.0755 g  
## 6 2018-09-13 12:48:52 2018-09-26         6 0.220 p  
## 7 2018-09-13 06:00:16 2018-10-01         7 0.547 z  
## 8 2018-09-13 11:42:36 2018-10-02         8 0.898 z  
## 9 2018-09-13 22:45:40 2018-09-29         9 0.105 p  
## 10 2018-09-13 18:52:19 2018-10-03        10 0.815 p  
## 11 2018-09-13 21:31:59 2018-09-25        11 0.469 u  
## 12 2018-09-13 05:16:05 2018-09-13        12 0.146 g  
## 13 2018-09-13 11:01:00 2018-09-12        13 0.855 x  
## 14 2018-09-13 00:42:17 2018-10-03        14 0.877 a  
## 15 2018-09-13 20:28:16 2018-09-30        15 0.239 u  
## # ... with 985 more rows
```

Display Min & Max

To show a minimum or a maximum number of rows use: `options(tibble.print_max = n, tribble.print_min = m)`. In this instance, if there are more than “m” rows, it will display all the rows up to “n” rows.

```
options(tibble.print_max = 30, tribble.print_min = 20)
tb
```

Display All Rows

To always display all rows, use: `options(dplyr.print_min = Inf)`.

```
options(dplyr.print_min = Inf)
tb
```

Display All Columns

To show all columns by default, use: `options(tribble.width = Inf)`

```
options(n = 15, tribble.width = Inf)
tb
```

Display All in New Tab

You can also use RStudio’s built-in data viewer to display a scrollable view of the dataset using `View()`.

Final Print Options

To view all of the package options, run `package?tibble`

Subsetting

To pull from a single variable, you can use `[]` to extract by name or position, or you can use `$` to extract only by name.

Tibbles are more strict than data.frames, as they do not allow for partial matching.

```
df = tibble(
  x = runif(5),
  y = runif(5)
)
```

```
# Extract by Name
df$x
```

```
## [1] 0.76553542 0.85817816 0.01264303 0.88478504 0.36337227
```

```
df[["x"]]
```

```
## [1] 0.76553542 0.85817816 0.01264303 0.88478504 0.36337227
```

```
# Extract by Position
df[[1]]
```

```
## [1] 0.76553542 0.85817816 0.01264303 0.88478504 0.36337227
```

```
# To Use in a Pipe, Use a Special Placeholder
df %>% .$x

## [1] 0.76553542 0.85817816 0.01264303 0.88478504 0.36337227

df %>% .[["x"]]

## [1] 0.76553542 0.85817816 0.01264303 0.88478504 0.36337227
```

Interacting with Older Code

If you are trying to use an older function that doesn't seem to be working, use `as.data.frame()` to convert the tibble to a data.frame.

```
class(as.data.frame(tb))
```