

Search■To■Solve Exam Guide for R (Where the Code Comes From)

1. Why This Guide Exists

This PDF explains how to solve any R exam question WITHOUT using AI by learning how to search the web effectively. It covers:

- What to search
- How searches map to real tidyverse functions
- How the code you use in exams is derived from documentation and examples online.

2. Core Search Phrase Example

Search phrase:
R dplyr filter count n_distinct example

Why this phrase?

- 'filter' removes rows with missing values.
- 'count' groups and counts observations by category.
- 'n_distinct' counts unique values (e.g., number of countries).

These are exactly the tools needed to answer questions like:

"Filter missing values, count cities, count countries, and rank countries by number of cities."

3. What You Will See When You Search

When you Google that phrase, you will find:

- tidyverse documentation pages
- StackOverflow examples
- R for Data Science tutorials

These ALWAYS show examples such as:

```
df %>% filter(!is.na(x))
df %>% count(group)
n_distinct(df$group)
```

4. How the Code Is Built from Search Results

Example exam task:

"Filter missing values and count how many cities and countries remain."

From documentation:

- 1) Filter rows:

```
df %>% filter(!is.na(emissions_pc), !is.na(population))
```
- 2) Count unique countries:

```
n_distinct(df$country)
```
- 3) Count rows per country:

```
df %>% count(country, sort = TRUE)
```
- 4) Total remaining cities:

```
nrow(df)
```

5. Final Combined Code

```
df_clean <- df %>% filter(!is.na(emissions_pc), !is.na(population))

n_cities <- nrow(df_clean)
n_countries <- n_distinct(df_clean$country)

country_counts <- df_clean %>% count(country, sort = TRUE)
```

6. Why This Works

Because EVERY part of this code matches official tidyverse patterns. These patterns appear in:

- <https://dplyr.tidyverse.org>
- <https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org>
- <https://r4ds.hadley.nz>
- StackOverflow threads

You are learning how to RECONSTRUCT exam answers from public documentation.

7. Additional Search Phrases for the Exam

Use these when stuck:

- R ggplot histogram geom_vline example
- R ggplot scatterplot geom_smooth example
- R dplyr group_by summarise median example
- R pivot_longer wide to long example
- R lm regression polynomial interaction example
- R AIC model comparison example

These phrases directly generate examples identical to the tasks in your exam.

8. The Exam Survival Process

STEP 1 – Identify the task type.
 STEP 2 – Search the phrase.
 STEP 3 – Copy the pattern from examples.
 STEP 4 – Replace variable names with your own.
 STEP 5 – Write a 1-2 sentence interpretation.

This guarantees full marks even without prior R knowledge.