Style Guide

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Most of contents here are adapted from https://style.tidyverse.org

Five rules

- Write code as if you're writing a paper.
- Organize files.
- Comment religiously.
- Reuse functions.
- Do version control.

Files

```
# Good
fit_models.R

# Bad
fit models.R
```

- When naming files:
 - Don't use special characters.
 - Don't capitalize.
 - Numbering them if files should be run in an order.

Syntax

Objects

```
# Good
day_one

# Bad
DayOne
```

- When naming objects:
 - Don't use special characters.
 - Don't capitalize.
 - Numbering them if files should be run in an order.

Functions

```
# Good
run_rdd

# Bad
rdd
```

- When naming objects:
 - Don't use special characters.
 - Don't capitalize.
 - Use verbs instead of nouns.

Spacing

```
# Good
x[, 1]
mean(x, na.rm = TRUE)
if (debug) show(x)
function(x) {}
height <- (feet * 12) + inches
sqrt(x^2 + y^2)
# Bad
x[,1]
mean (x, na.rm = TRUE)
if(debug) show(x)
function(x){}
height <- (feet*12) + inches
sqrt(x^2 + y^2)</pre>
```

Indenting

```
# Good
if (y < 0 && debug) {
  message("y is negative")
}

# Bad
if (y < 0 && debug)
message("Y is negative")</pre>
```

Long lines

Comments

- Use comments for findings and analysis decisions.
- Show your code; Do not try to explain your code by comments.

Functions

```
# Good
add_row()

# Bad
row_adder()
```

Comments

• Inside functions, use comments to explain why

Pipes

```
# Good
iris %>%
  group_by(Species) %>%
  summarize_if(is.numeric, mean) %>%
  ungroup() %>%
  gather(measure, value, -Species) %>%
  arrange(value)

# Bad
iris %>% group_by(Species) %>% summarize_all(mean) %>%
ungroup %>% gather(measure, value, -Species) %>%
arrange(value)
```

Additional tips

• Use styler package in R to learn how to format your code to according to the style guide above