

# Working with Water-Quality Data

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These examples demonstrate some of the functions and statistical methods for importing, managing, and manipulating water-quality data that are available in the **smwrQW** package.

```
> # Load the smwrQW package  
> library(smwrQW)
```

## 1 Class "qw"

The class "qw" provides a mechanism for storing water-quality data that facilitates managing and analyzing those data.

## 2 Importing Water-Quality Data

Easy from NWISweb.

Data needs from other sources.

### **3   Arithmetic Operations**

Addition and multiplication methods.

## 4 Comparison Operations

Typical and specialized comparisons.

## 5 Mathematical Transformations

A few monotonic math functions are supported.

## 6 Miscellaneous Manipulations

Things like `qwCoalesce`.

## 7 Conversions for Analysis

Conversion to class "lcens" or "mcens."

### References

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