

# Transforming Data

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# Overview

Why transform?

*Data rarely comes in the format you want it Even if it does, you always want to do something with it Good work upfront saves headache down the road, so don't skimp!*

# Tidy Data

Data should be tidy when working with R. We have a tendency to create untidy data, especially in finance.

“tidy datasets are all alike but every messy dataset is messy in its own way”

Tidy data is:

- ▶ Each variable is its own column
- ▶ Each observation is in its own row

## First Steps

Use *dplyr* and *tidyr* to help clean and manipulate data. Check out the cheatsheet: [Help > Cheatsheets > Data Manipulation with dplyr,tidyr](#)

# Syntax

```
# Load required packages  
library(dplyr)  
library(tidyr)  
  
# Let's say we have a dataset  
iris
```

##	Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width
## 1	5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2
## 2	4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2
## 3	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2
## 4	4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2
## 5	5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2
## 6	5.4	3.9	1.7	0.4
## 7	4.6	3.4	1.4	0.3
## 8	5.0	3.4	1.5	0.2
## 9	4.4	2.9	1.4	0.2
## 10	4.9	3.1	1.5	0.1

## A better way: syntax continued

```
iris_easy <- tbl_df(iris)
iris_easy
```

```
## # A tibble: 150 × 5
##   Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##         <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl> <fct>
## 1         5.1         3.5         1.4         0.2 setosa
## 2         4.9         3.0         1.4         0.2 setosa
## 3         4.7         3.2         1.3         0.2 setosa
## 4         4.6         3.1         1.5         0.2 setosa
## 5         5.0         3.6         1.4         0.2 setosa
## 6         5.4         3.9         1.7         0.4 setosa
## 7         4.6         3.4         1.4         0.3 setosa
## 8         5.0         3.4         1.5         0.2 setosa
## 9         4.4         2.9         1.4         0.2 setosa
## 10        4.9         3.1         1.5         0.1 setosa
## # ... with 140 more rows
```

## View

```
View(iris_easy)
```

	Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
1	5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa
2	4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2	setosa
3	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa
4	4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	setosa
5	5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2	setosa
6	5.4	3.9	1.7	0.4	setosa
7	4.6	3.4	1.4	0.3	setosa
8	5.0	3.4	1.5	0.2	setosa

Figure 1:



## Tidy Data

## An example:

Is this data tidy? Why/why not?

```
library(readxl)
wide_sales <- read_excel("Transforming_Data/data/wide_data.xlsx")
head(wide_sales)
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 × 13
##   Region March April   May   June   July August September
##   <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>      <dbl>
## 1 North  5317  2858  4920  5787  2119  2439        3041
## 2 East   4850  1023  6169  8815  6042  4366        3869
## 3 West   4249  6761   100  5685  8408  3427        8939
## 4 South  4195  3285  1654  5257  4206  2144        8361
## # ... with 3 more variables: December <dbl>, January <dbl>
```

## Reshaping data: gather

```
tidy_sales <- wide_sales %>%  
  gather("month", "sales", 2:13)  
head(tidy_sales)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 × 3  
##   Region month sales  
##   <chr> <chr> <dbl>  
## 1 North March  5317  
## 2 East March  4850  
## 3 West March  4249  
## 4 South March 4195  
## 5 North April 2858  
## 6 East April  1023
```

## Reshaping data: spread

```
tidy_sales %>%  
  spread(Region, sales)
```

```
## # A tibble: 12 × 5  
##   month East North South West  
## *   <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>  
## 1 April  1023  2858  3285  6761  
## 2 August  4366  2439  2144  3427  
## 3 December  9792  8880  9652  4974  
## 4 February  9746  4526  6991  5139  
## 5 January  4806  3644   983   766  
## 6 July  6042  2119  4206  8408  
## 7 June  8815  5787  5257  5685  
## 8 March  4850  5317  4195  4249  
## 9 May  6169  4920  1654   100  
## 10 November  2635  5128  7307  2893  
## 11 October  7819  3811  7400  8959  
## 12 September  3869  3041  8361  8939
```

Manipulate Data

## Intro to Dplyr

You will spend more time with dplyr than any other R package.

First thing to understand is the pipe operator: `%>%`

`%>%` passes the result of the previous line to the next line, making your code much more readable

Consider this fake example:

```
miss_muffet_sitting <- sit(miss_muffet, tuffet)
miss_muffet_eating <- eat(miss_muffet_eating, curds_and_whey)
muffet_spider <- sit(miss_muffet_eating, spider, where = 'beside')
muffet_away <- run(muffet_spider, reason = 'frightened')
```

*# Or..*

```
miss_muffet %>%
  sit(tuffet) %>%
  eat(curds_and_whey) %>%
  sit(spider, where = 'beside') %>%
  run(reason = 'frightened')
```

## dplyr: continued

Best way to learn it is to use it...a lot.

```
library(dplyr)
parking <- read.csv("Transforming_Data/data/parking_data.csv")
tbl_df()
parking
```

```
## # A tibble: 234,983 × 11
```

```
##   tag_number_masked date_of_infraction infraction_code
```

```
##           <fctr>                <int>          <int>
```

```
## 1      ***42781          20141123           210
```

```
## 2      ***30955          20141123           210
```

```
## 3      ***57421          20141123           210
```

```
## 4      ***14417          20141123           210
```

```
## 5      ***35411          20141123           207
```

```
## 6      ***49340          20141123             5
```

```
## 7      ***17984          20141123             3
```

```
## 8      ***30956          20141123           207
```

## dplyr: select

Pick columns, and optionally rename and reorder them

```
# Pick
parking %>%
  select(date_of_infraction, infraction_description, 5) %>%
  head()
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 × 3
##   date_of_infraction      infraction_description set_
##           <int>                <fctr>
## 1      20141123    PARK FAIL TO DISPLAY RECEIPT
## 2      20141123    PARK FAIL TO DISPLAY RECEIPT
## 3      20141123    PARK FAIL TO DISPLAY RECEIPT
## 4      20141123    PARK FAIL TO DISPLAY RECEIPT
## 5      20141123  PARK FAIL TO DEP. FEE MACHINE
## 6      20141123 PARK-SIGNED HWY-PROHIBIT DY/TM
```



```
# Rename
```

```
parking %>%
```

```
  select(inf_date = date_of_infraction, desc = infraction_c
```

```
  head())
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 × 4
```

##	inf_date	desc	fine	time
##	<int>	<fctr>	<int>	<int>
## 1	20141123	PARK FAIL TO DISPLAY RECEIPT	30	1554
## 2	20141123	PARK FAIL TO DISPLAY RECEIPT	30	1554
## 3	20141123	PARK FAIL TO DISPLAY RECEIPT	30	1554
## 4	20141123	PARK FAIL TO DISPLAY RECEIPT	30	1554
## 5	20141123	PARK FAIL TO DEP. FEE MACHINE	30	1554
## 6	20141123	PARK-SIGNED HWY-PROHIBIT DY/TM	40	1554

```
# More picking
parking %>%
  select(starts_with('location')) %>%
  head()
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 × 4
##   location1      location2 location3      location4
##   <fctr>          <fctr>    <fctr>          <fctr>
## 1      N/S      LOURDES LANE      W/O HOMEWOOD AVE
## 2      NR      391 KING ST W
## 3      NR      96 ST PATRICK ST
## 4      OPP      986 BLOOR ST W
## 5      NR      111 ELIZABETH ST
## 6      NR 56 BISHOP TUTU BLVD
```

```
parking %>%  
  select(-starts_with('location')) %>%  
  head()
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 × 7  
##   tag_number_masked date_of_infraction infraction_code  
##           <fctr>           <int>           <int>  
## 1          ***42781          20141123             210  
## 2          ***30955          20141123             210  
## 3          ***57421          20141123             210  
## 4          ***14417          20141123             210  
## 5          ***35411          20141123             207  
## 6          ***49340          20141123              5  
## # ... with 4 more variables: infraction_description <fctr>,  
## #   set_fine_amount <int>, time_of_infraction <int>, pro
```

## Dplyr: Filter

Subset data using logic

```
parking %>%  
  filter(set_fine_amount > 300)
```

```
## # A tibble: 1,270 × 11
```

```
##   tag_number_masked date_of_infraction infraction_code  
##           <fctr>           <int>           <int>  
## 1          ***54560          20141123             355  
## 2          ***49346          20141123             367  
## 3          ***61327          20141123             355  
## 4          ***30223          20141123             355  
## 5          ***13649          20141123             367  
## 6          ***55315          20141123             363  
## 7          ***49375          20141123             367  
## 8          ***88513          20141123             355  
## 9          ***03453          20141123             355  
## 10         ***53656          20141124             363
```

```
parking %>%
```

```
  filter(infraction_code == 355, province != "ON")
```

```
## # A tibble: 18 × 11
```

```
##   tag_number_masked date_of_infraction infraction_code
```

```
##           <fctr>                <int>          <int>
```

```
## 1          ***45827          20141127            355
```

```
## 2          ***68860          20141127            355
```

```
## 3          ***69264          20141128            355
```

```
## 4          ***11902          20141129            355
```

```
## 5          ***79981          20141202            355
```

```
## 6          ***11996          20141204            355
```

```
## 7          ***42247          20141214            355
```

```
## 8          ***45845          20141214            355
```

```
## 9          ***80547          20141215            355
```

```
## 10         ***44391          20141216            355
```

```
## 11         ***84360          20141216            355
```

```
## 12         ***69611          20141218            355
```

```
## 13         ***48790          20141218            355
```

```
## 14         ***22224          20141218            355
```

## Distinct

```
parking %>%  
  select(infraction_code, infraction_description) %>%  
  distinct()
```

```
## # A tibble: 146 × 2
```

```
##   infraction_code      infraction_description  
##           <int>                <fctr>  
## 1           210    PARK FAIL TO DISPLAY RECEIPT  
## 2           207    PARK FAIL TO DEP. FEE MACHINE  
## 3              5 PARK-SIGNED HWY-PROHIBIT DY/TM  
## 4              3      PARK ON PRIVATE PROPERTY  
## 5              8    STAND VEH.-PROHIBIT TIME/DAY  
## 6            16    PARK-WITHIN 9M INTERSECT ROAD  
## 7           347          PARK IN A FIRE ROUTE  
## 8           406    PARK-VEH. W/O VALID ONT PLATE  
## 9           355    PARK IN ACCESSIBLE NO PERMIT  
## 10            6 PARK-SIGNED HWY-EXC PERMT TIME  
## # ... with 136 more rows
```

## Samples

```
set.seed(42)
parking %>%
  select(location2, infraction_description, set_fine_amount)
sample_n(10, replace = FALSE)
```

```
## # A tibble: 10 × 3
```

```
##           location2           infraction_description set_fine_amount
##           <fctr>                <fctr>
## 1      ST CLAIR AVE W    PARK-SIGNED HWY-PUBLIC LANE
```

```
## 2      225 KING ST W    STOP-SIGNED HIGHWAY-RUSH HOUR
```

```
## 3      16 NEWTON DR    PARK-SIGNED HWY-PROHIBIT DY/TM
```

```
## 4    700 HUMBERWOOD BLVD    PARK ON PRIVATE PROPERTY
```

```
## 5      225 QUEBEC AVE    PARK PROHIBITED TIME NO PERMIT
```

```
## 6      BRENTWOOD RD N    PARK FAIL TO DISPLAY RECEIPT
```

```
## 7      20 EGLINTON AVE W    STAND VEH.-PROHIBIT TIME/DAY
```

```
## 8      ST NICHOLAS ST    PARK-SIGNED HWY-PROHIBIT DY/TM
```

```
## 9      14 COLLEGE ST    PARK FAIL TO DEP. FEE MACHINE
```

```
## 10     256 DONLEA DR    PARK-SIGNED HWY-PROHIBIT DY/TM
```

## Slice

```
parking %>%  
  slice(12:15)
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 × 11  
##   tag_number_masked date_of_infraction infraction_code  
##           <fctr>           <int>           <int>  
## 1           ***49341           20141123             5  
## 2           ***42782           20141123          207  
## 3           ***14419           20141123          210  
## 4           ***14957           20141123             5  
## # ... with 8 more variables: infraction_description <fctr>,  
## #   set_fine_amount <int>, time_of_infraction <int>, loc  
## #   location2 <fctr>, location3 <fctr>, location4 <fctr>
```



## Top

```
head(parking, n = 8)
```

```
## # A tibble: 8 × 11
##   tag_number_masked date_of_infraction infraction_code
##           <fctr>           <int>           <int>
## 1         ***42781         20141123             210
## 2         ***30955         20141123             210
## 3         ***57421         20141123             210
## 4         ***14417         20141123             210
## 5         ***35411         20141123             207
## 6         ***49340         20141123              5
## 7         ***17984         20141123              3
## 8         ***30956         20141123             207
## # ... with 8 more variables: infraction_description <fctr>,
## #   set_fine_amount <int>, time_of_infraction <int>, loc
## #   location2 <fctr>, location3 <fctr>, location4 <fctr>
```

## Bottom

```
tail(parking)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 × 11
##   tag_number_masked date_of_infraction infraction_code
##           <fctr>           <int>           <int>
## 1          ***48217           20141231             3
## 2          ***67949           20141231            29
## 3          ***60555           20141231             5
## 4          ***45157           20141231            29
## 5          ***48218           20141231             3
## 6          ***87324           20141231             9
## # ... with 8 more variables: infraction_description <fctr>,
## #   set_fine_amount <int>, time_of_infraction <int>, loca
## #   location2 <fctr>, location3 <fctr>, location4 <fctr>
```

## Top X

```
parking %>%  
  filter(province != "ON") %>%  
  top_n(n = 10, wt = set_fine_amount) %>%  
  select(infraction_description, location2, set_fine_amount)
```

```
## # A tibble: 55 × 3
```

##		infraction_description	location2	se
##		<fctr>	<fctr>	
## 1	STND	ONSTRT ACCESSIBLE NO PRMT	150 SUDBURY ST	
## 2	PARK	ONSTRT ACCESSIBLE NO PRMT	143 GORE VALE AVE	
## 3	STND	ONSTRT ACCESSIBLE NO PRMT	101 ELM ST	
## 4	STND	ONSTRT ACCESSIBLE NO PRMT	410 COLLEGE ST	
## 5	STND	ONSTRT ACCESSIBLE NO PRMT	410 COLLEGE ST	
## 6	PARK	IN ACCESSIBLE NO PERMIT	3401 DUFFERIN ST	
## 7	PARK	IN ACCESSIBLE NO PERMIT	2020 SHEPPARD AVE W	
## 8	PARK	IN ACCESSIBLE NO PERMIT	90 EGLINTON AVE E	
## 9	STND	ONSTRT ACCESSIBLE NO PRMT	410 COLLEGE ST	
## 10	STND	ONSTRT ACCESSIBLE NOT D/O	8 SULTAN ST	

Mutate: make new variables

```
library(stringr)
parking %>%
  select(2:8, -infraction_code) %>%
  mutate(lower_location = str_to_lower(location2))
```

```
## # A tibble: 234,983 × 7
```

```
##   date_of_infraction      infraction_description set
```

```
##           <int>                                <fctr>
```

```
## 1      20141123  PARK FAIL TO DISPLAY RECEIPT
```

```
## 2      20141123  PARK FAIL TO DISPLAY RECEIPT
```

```
## 3      20141123  PARK FAIL TO DISPLAY RECEIPT
```

```
## 4      20141123  PARK FAIL TO DISPLAY RECEIPT
```

```
## 5      20141123  PARK FAIL TO DEP. FEE MACHINE
```

```
## 6      20141123  PARK-SIGNED HWY-PROHIBIT DY/TM
```

```
## 7      20141123      PARK ON PRIVATE PROPERTY
```

```
## 8      20141123  PARK FAIL TO DEP. FEE MACHINE
```

```
## 9      20141123  PARK-SIGNED HWY-PROHIBIT DY/TM
```

```
## 10     20141123  PARK FAIL TO DISPLAY RECEIPT
```

```
## # ... with 234,973 more rows, and 4 more variables:
```

```
## #   time_of_infraction <int> location1 <fctr> location2
```

## rank things

```
parking %>%  
  select(tag_number_masked, set_fine_amount) %>%  
  mutate(rank = min_rank(-set_fine_amount)) %>%  
  arrange(rank)
```

```
## # A tibble: 234,983 × 3
```

```
##   tag_number_masked set_fine_amount rank  
##           <fctr>           <int> <int>  
## 1           ***54560             450     1  
## 2           ***49346             450     1  
## 3           ***61327             450     1  
## 4           ***30223             450     1  
## 5           ***13649             450     1  
## 6           ***55315             450     1  
## 7           ***49375             450     1  
## 8           ***88513             450     1  
## 9           ***03453             450     1  
## 10          ***53656             450     1
```

## Group By / Summary

```
parking %>%  
  summarise(total_fee = sum(set_fine_amount))
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 × 1  
##   total_fee  
##   <int>  
## 1 10885905
```

```
parking %>%  
  group_by(province) %>%  
  summarise(total_fee = sum(set_fine_amount)) %>%  
  arrange(desc(total_fee)) %>%  
  mutate(rank = min_rank(-total_fee))
```

```
## # A tibble: 65 × 3  
##   province total_fee rank  
##   <fctr>    <int> <int>  
## 1 ON 10300590 1
```

## more summary:

```
parking %>%  
  group_by(province) %>%  
  summarise(mean_amt = mean(set_fine_amount),  
            max_amt = max(set_fine_amount),  
            n = n(),  
            sd = sd(set_fine_amount)) %>%  
  arrange(desc(mean_amt))
```

```
## # A tibble: 65 × 5  
##   province mean_amt max_amt      n      sd  
##   <fctr>    <dbl>   <int> <int>   <dbl>  
## 1      TX 63.80368     450   163 78.17129  
## 2      VT 61.81818     150    11 47.92039  
## 3      OR 57.17391     450    46 68.74795  
## 4      NC 56.15385     450    39 72.60620  
## 5      AB 55.82815     450  1769 55.38691  
## 6      IN 55.07812     450    64 62.43404  
## 7      LA 54.00000     150    10 40.33196
```



joins

## inner joins

```
prov_names <- data.frame(province = c('AB', 'BC', 'MB', 'NE',  
  'NT', 'NU', 'ON', 'PE', 'QC', 'SK', 'YT'),  
  long_name = c('Alberta', 'British Columbia', 'Manitoba',  
  'Nova Scotia', 'Northwest Territories', 'Nunavut', 'Ontario',  
  'Quebec', 'Saskatchewan', 'Yukon'))
```

```
small_parking <- parking %>%  
  select(province, location2, set_fine_amount)
```

```
inner_join(small_parking, prov_names) %>%  
  filter(province %in% c('NS', 'NY'))
```

```
## Warning in inner_join_impl(x, y, by$x, by$y, suffix$x, suffix$y):  
## factors with different levels, coercing to character vector
```

```
## # A tibble: 552 × 4
```

```
##   province      location2 set_fine_amount long_name  
##   <chr>         <fctr>         <int>      <fctr>
```

## left/right joins

```
left_join(small_parking, prov_names) %>%  
  filter(province %in% c('NS', 'NY'))
```

```
## Warning in left_join_impl(x, y, by$x, by$y, suffix$x, su  
## factors with different levels, coercing to character vec
```

```
## # A tibble: 1,381 × 4
```

```
##   province      location2 set_fine_amount long_name
```

```
##   <chr>          <fctr>          <int>      <fctr>
```

```
## 1      NY      444 FRONT ST W           30      NA
```

```
## 2      NS      82 LINDYLOU RD           40 Nova Scotia
```

```
## 3      NY     399 SPADINA AVE           30      NA
```

```
## 4      NS      BOGERT AVE             30 Nova Scotia
```

```
## 5      NS     125 GEORGE ST            30 Nova Scotia
```

```
## 6      NY    92 YORKVILLE AVE           30      NA
```

```
## 7      NY     269 MUTUAL ST             30      NA
```

```
## 8      NY    228 DANFORTH AVE           30      NA
```

```
## 9      NS    26 BROOKFIELD ST           40 Nova Scotia
```

## anti joins

```
anti_join(small_parking, prov_names)
```

```
## # A tibble: 4,815 × 3
##   province      location2 set_fine_amount
##   <fctr>         <fctr>         <int>
## 1      AR 1090 DON MILLS RD           250
## 2      AR   2305 QUEEN ST E           30
## 3      AR    19 CHESTER AVE           40
## 4      AR      HARBORD ST           30
## 5      AR   1963 QUEEN ST E           30
## 6      AR   1963 QUEEN ST E           30
## 7      AR  420 DANFORTH AVE           30
## 8      AR    84 SAULTER ST           40
## 9      AR   79 TORBARRIE RD           40
## 10     AR   1947 QUEEN ST E           30
## # ... with 4,805 more rows
```