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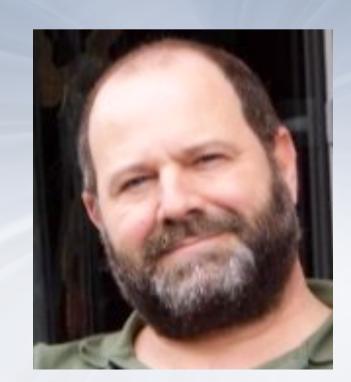


So you installed R, now what? A journey through the Tidyverse

# A journey through the Tidyverse

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# Agenda

- Prerequisites: R base system, IDE, Tidyverse packages
- The Tidyverse concept: why and what?
- The Tidyverse components: packages and demos
- Wrap-up, ressources & credits, Q&A

# Pre-Prerequisites

• Programming language for statistical computing and visualization, widely used by statisticians, data miners, analysts, data scientists



- Created by Ross Ihaka and Robert Gentleman, Uni Auckland, in 1993 as an open source implementation of the (1970s) S language
- GNU project, maintained by the R Foundation for Statistical Computing, compiled builds für Mac OS, Linux, Windows, supported by R Consortium
- Extensible through user-created packages, > 10.000 available on CRAN
- Commercial support, e.g. since 2007 by Revolution Analytics, acquired by Microsoft in 2015, now provide Microsoft R Open, R Server
- IDEs: R.App, RStudio 1.0.143, MS R Tools for VS (<del>"nearly"</del> 1.0)
- Support for R now in SQL Server, Power BI, Azure ML

### Prerequisites

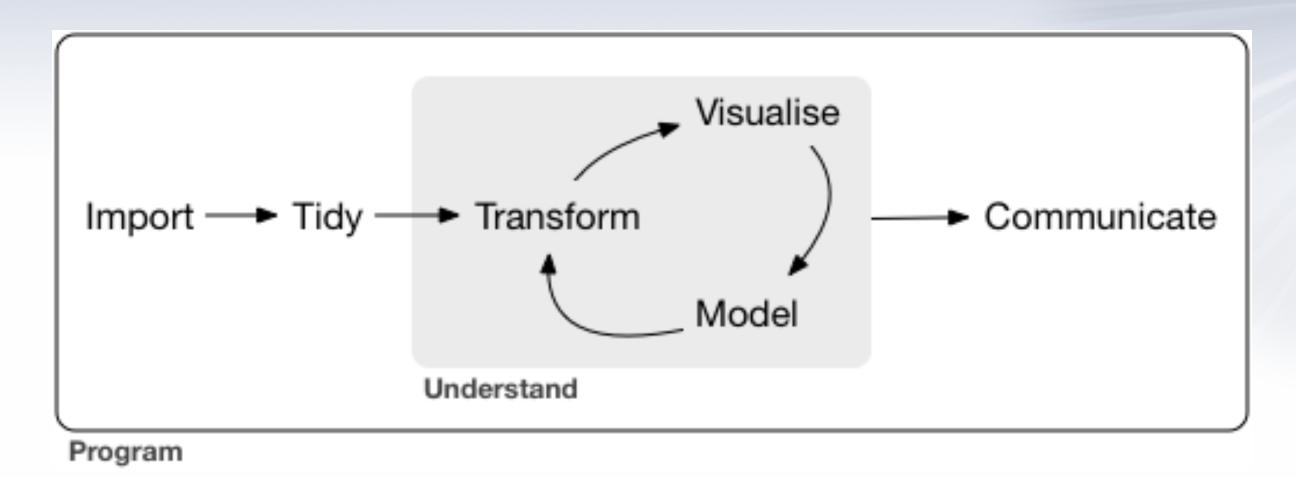
You already have an idea what R can be used for

R

- Install the R base system, available from https://cran.r-project.org/index.html
- Get the IDE of your choice, in my case RStudio: https://www.rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/
- Of course we'll need the Tidyverse install.packages ("tidyverse") then library (tidyverse) will load the core packages
- Let the fun begin!

# The Tidyverse concept: why and what?

What a typical data analysis/data science project may look like



The components of the Tidyverse cover these tasks and can help you to accomplish them in a concise manner.

figure © 2017 Wickham/Grolemund: "R for Data Science"

# The Tidyverse concept: why and what?

- "The goal of these principles is to provide a uniform interface so that Tidyverse packages work together naturally". \*)
- Tidy data is data stored it in a consistent, reusable structure, preferably in rectangular datasets, where ideally:
   1 row = 1 observation and 1 column = 1 variable.
- No need for conversions in the middle of analysis.
- You can concentrate on your data!

\*) © 2017 Wickham: "The tidy tools manifesto"

# The Tidyverse components

- Import: readr, DBI, haven, httr, jsonlite, readxl, rvest, XML2
- Tidy: tibble, tidyr
- Transform: <u>dplyr</u>, hms, lubridate, stringr, forcats
- Visualize: <u>ggplot2</u>
- Model: modelr, broom
- Communicate: R Markdown, ggplot2, Shiny
- Program: <u>purrr</u>, magrittr

Packages are: Core, additional, non-Tidyverse

### Import

- readr: mainly imports flat files like csv and others
- DBI: database interface, encapsulating low-level driver work
- haven: import/export files from SPSS, Stata, SAS systems
- httr: handles http requests as GET() and POST()
- jsonlite: JSON anyone? Parse, generate, stream, ...
- readxl: import Excel files into R (xls and xlsx)
- rvest: scrape ("harvest") web pages; wraps httr and XML2
- XML2: parse XML files

#### Transform

- <u>dplyr</u>: "A grammar of data manipulation", provides functions according to the verbs of basic data manipulation: select, filter, arrange, mutate, summarize …
- hms: a "pretty" time-of-day class
- lubridate: functions to work with date-times and time-spans
- stringr: simple, consistent wrapper for string operations
- forcats: tools for working with factors (reordering levels etc.)

## Tidy

- tibble: "Tibbles are a modern take on data frames"
  - never change input types (strings <-> factors)
  - never adjust variable names (allow crazy names)
  - no row.names()
  - prettier print output
- tidyr: easily tidy data mainly with these functions:
  - gather() collapses multiple columns into key-value pairs converts wide -> long
  - spread() does the inverse of gather()
     converts long -> wide

### Visualize

- ggplot2: create elegant data visualizations using the "grammar of graphics"
  - initialize a plot stating the data frame to be used
  - define the aesthetic mappings per plot or per layer
  - add layers of geometric representation of the data
  - add other options: scales, themes, facets

### Model

- modelr: modelling functions that work with the pipe
- broom: convert statistical analysis output to a tidy format

### Communicate

- R Markdown: package and tool to render markdown files to (X)HTML, pdf or other output formats
- ggplot2: see "Visualize" section
- Shiny: a framework for easily building interactive web applications in R with minimal effort

# Program

- magrittr: the forward pipe operator %>% for R, chaining of commands by forwarding the result of one function/expression into the next function call
- <u>purrr</u>: tools for functional programming, e.g.
  - using map\_\*() functions instead of loops or apply()
  - error handling: safely(), possibly(), quietly()

# Tidyverse wrap-up

- "Tidy datasets are all alike, but every messy dataset is messy in it's own way" (Hadley Wickham)
- To avoid this, engage the tidy data philosophy and tools
- So preferably convert 'messy' to tidy data, where tidy means:
  - one variable per column
  - one observation per row
  - each type of observational unit is a tibble
- Easier passing of data between the tools / packages
- Make the tools work together in a natural way

### Resources & credits

- R for Data Science, Hadley Wickham & Garrett Grolemund, O'Reilly, ISBN 978-1491910399, also at <a href="http://r4ds.had.co.nz">http://r4ds.had.co.nz</a>
- The tidy tools manifesto
   https://mran.microsoft.com/web/packages/tidyverse/vignettes/manifesto.html
- The Tidyverse style guide <a href="http://style.tidyverse.org/">http://style.tidyverse.org/</a>
- More on the Shiny framework <a href="http://shiny.rstudio.com/">http://shiny.rstudio.com/</a>
   and on R markdown <a href="http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/">http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/</a>

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- World economic outlook database: International monetary fund http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/weo/2017/01/weodata/download.aspx
- F1 data from: http://www.formel1.de/rennergebnisse/wm-stand/2016/fahrerwertung
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# A journey through the Tidyverse

Time for Q & A:

That is: questions that might be of common interest, and their answers might fit into the remaining time :-)

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