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IMPORTING AND MANAGING FINANCIAL DATA IN R



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- Author and/or maintainer of several packages
 - `TTR` , `xts` , `quantmod` , `blotter` , `quantstrat`
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What is `getSymbols()`?

- Provides access to multiple data sources
- Returns `xts` object by default
- Can import data two ways:
 - Return data like an ordinary function
 - Create an object like `load()` does in base R

```
getSymbols(Symbols = "AAPL", src = "yahoo")
```

```
"AAPL"
```






```
getSymbols("AAPL")
```

```
"AAPL"
```

```
head(AAPL)
```

	AAPL.Open	AAPL.High	AAPL.Low	AAPL.Close	AAPL.Volume	AAPL.Adjusted
2007-01-03	86.29	86.58	81.90	83.80	309579900	10.85709
2007-01-04	84.05	85.95	83.82	85.66	211815100	11.09807
2007-01-05	85.77	86.20	84.40	85.05	208685400	11.01904
2007-01-08	85.96	86.53	85.28	85.47	199276700	11.07345
2007-01-09	86.45	92.98	85.15	92.57	837324600	11.99333
2007-01-10	94.75	97.80	93.45	97.00	738220000	12.56728

getSymbols() data sources

Yahoo! Finance	
Google Finance	
FRED	
Oanda	
CSV	

Other `getSymbols()` data sources

- Yahoo! Finance Japan
- MySQL
- SQLite
- RData
- rds (created by `saveRDS()`)

getSymbols() example

```
# Load data like load()
getSymbols("AAPL", auto.assign = TRUE)
```

```
"AAPL"
```

```
head(AAPL, n = 3)
```

	AAPL.Open	AAPL.High	AAPL.Low	AAPL.Close	AAPL.Volume	AAPL.Adjusted
2007-01-03	86.29	86.58	81.90	83.80	309579900	10.85709
2007-01-04	84.05	85.95	83.82	85.66	211815100	11.09807
2007-01-05	85.77	86.20	84.40	85.05	208685400	11.01904

getSymbols() example

```
# Return data like a normal function  
aapl <- getSymbols("AAPL", auto.assign = FALSE)  
head(aapl, n = 3)
```

	AAPL.Open	AAPL.High	AAPL.Low	AAPL.Close	AAPL.Volume	AAPL.Adjusted
2007-01-03	86.29	86.58	81.90	83.80	309579900	10.85709
2007-01-04	84.05	85.95	83.82	85.66	211815100	11.09807
2007-01-05	85.77	86.20	84.40	85.05	208685400	11.01904

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Introduction to Quandl

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What is Quandl?

- Data service:
 - <https://www.quandl.com/>
- R package:
 - <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=Quandl>
- Function:
 - `Quandl::Quandl()`

Quandl() versus getSymbols()

- Both provide access to multiple data sources
- `Quandl()` always returns data (i.e. does not behave like `load()`)

```
# Instrument and source specified by Symbols and src arguments  
quantmod::getSymbols(Symbols = "DGS10", src = "FRED")
```

```
# Instrument and source specified by code argument  
dgs10 <- Quandl::Quandl(code = "FRED/DGS10")
```

Quandl() versus getSymbols()

- `type` argument controls class of return object:
 - "raw" (`data.frame` object), `xts`, `zoo`, `ts`, `timeSeries`

```
# Return xts object instead of data.frame
```

```
dgs10 <- Quandl::Quandl(code = "FRED/DGS10", type = "xts")
```

- Defaults
 - `getSymbols()` returns `xts`
 - `Quandl()` returns `data.frame`

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Finding data from internet sources

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Dow Futures20,906.00-7.00 (-0.03%)

Nasdaq Futures5,345.50-1.25 (-0.02%)

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iShares Core S&P 500			
SPYV.DE	14.06	-0.06	-0.42%
SPDR S&P Emerging Markets Dividend ETF			
SPYV	114.44	-0.59	-0.52%
SPDR S&P 500 Value ETF			
AAPL	139.52	0.15	0.12%
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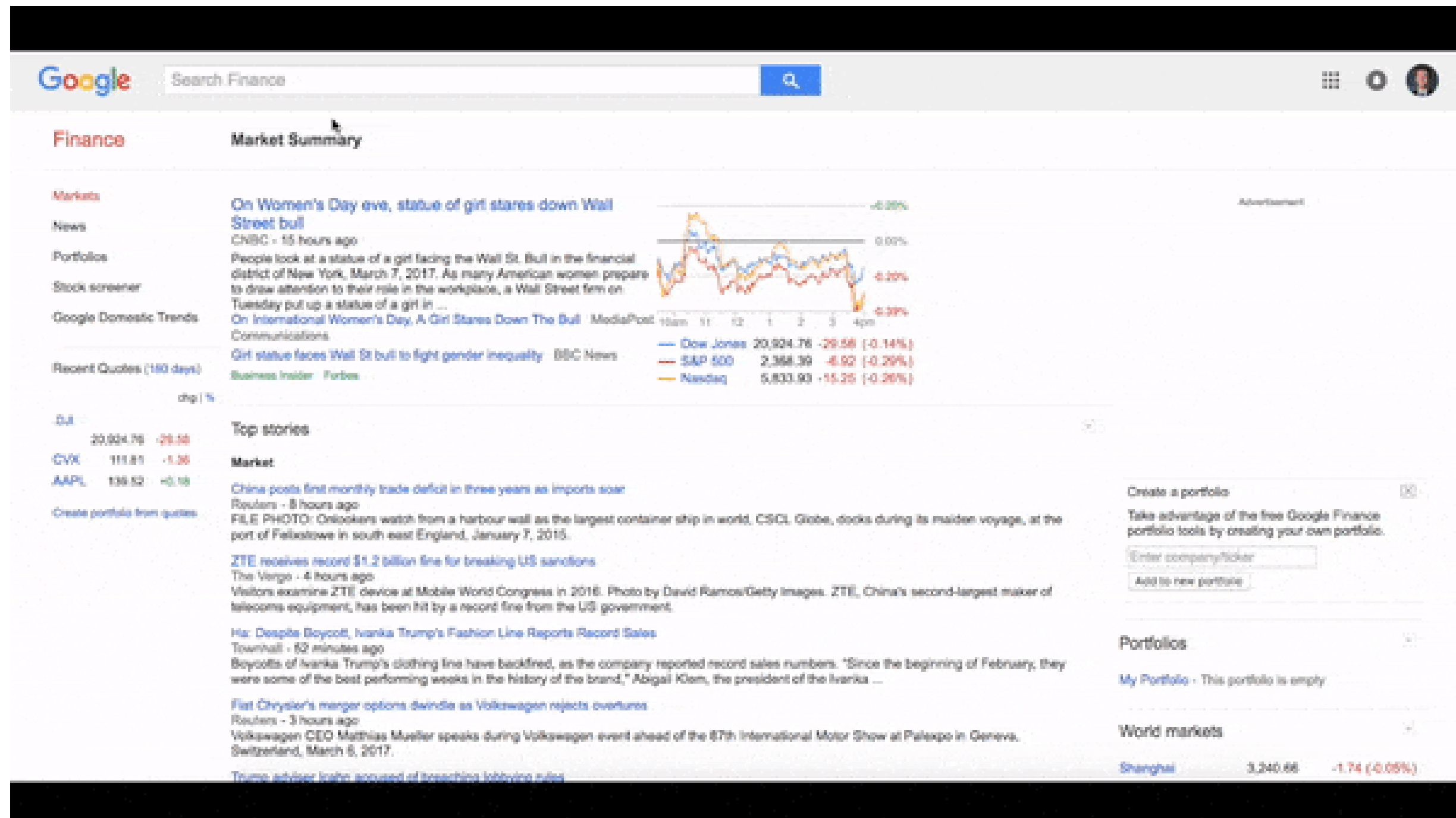
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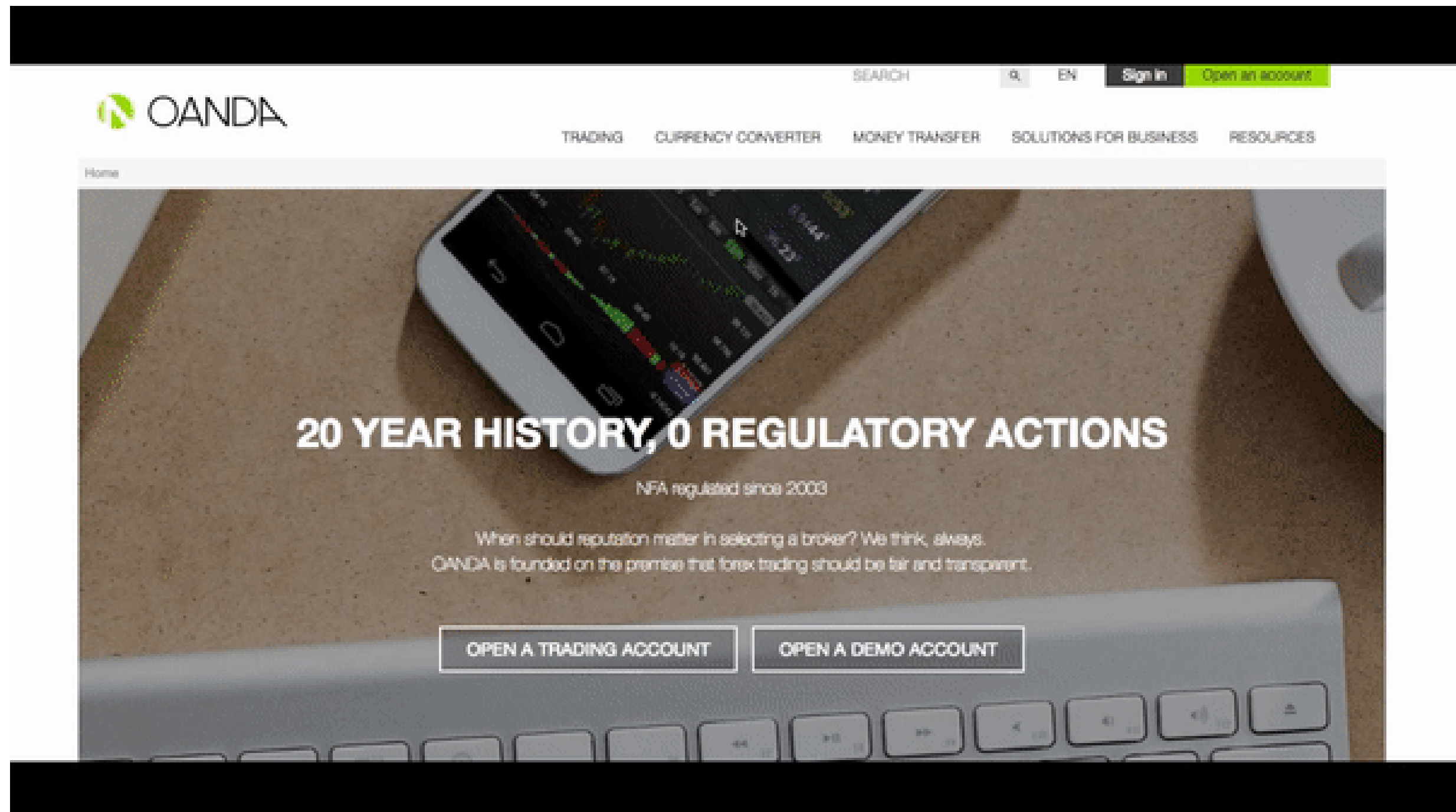
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The screenshot shows the FRED website interface. At the top, the FRED logo is on the left, and 'ECONOMIC RESEARCH' and 'FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ST. LOUIS' are in the center. To the right of the logo is a search bar labeled 'Search FRED'. Further right are links for 'REGISTER' and 'SIGN IN'. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: 'FRED Economic Data', 'Information Services', 'Publications', 'Working Papers', 'Economists', and 'About'. On the far right of this bar is a link to 'St. Louis Fed Home'.

The main content area features a large light blue box with the text: 'Download, graph, and track **469,000** US and international time series from **83** sources.' Below this is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search FRED data e.g., gdp, inflation, unemployment' and a magnifying glass icon. Underneath the search bar is a link: 'Browse data by Tag, Category, Release, Source, Release Calendar or Get Help'.

Below the search bar is a yellow box containing 'FRED News' and 'FRED Blog' sections. The 'FRED News' section has a link 'FRED Adds Data on Burdened Households'. The 'FRED Blog' section has a link 'What is unemployment? : There is more to it than not working'. Below these is a 'Research News' section with a link 'A Degree Doesn't Always Build Wealth'.

To the right of the yellow box is a white box for 'GEOFRED' with the text: 'Build your own U.S. data map. Show FRED data at state, county, and metropolitan statistical area levels.' Below this box is a link: 'GEOGRAPHICAL ECONOMIC DATA | ST. LOUIS FED'.

At the bottom of the main content area is a navigation bar with tabs: 'AT A GLANCE', 'POPULAR SERIES', 'LATEST RELEASES', 'TOOLS', and 'NEED HELP?'. Below this bar is a section showing two data series: 'CPI' with a value of '+2.5 % Chg. from Yr. Ago on Jan 2017' and 'US/Euro FX Rate' with a value of '1.0552 U.S. \$ to 1 Euro on 2017-03-03'. Each series has a small line graph icon next to it.

On the right side of the page, there is a vertical blue button labeled 'Send feedback'.

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Extracting columns from financial time series

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OHLC

- Stands for "Open High Low Close"
- *Open and Close*: first and last observed prices
- *High and Low*: largest and smallest observed prices
- Often *Volume*: sum of all contracts traded

OHLC data

```
head(DC)
```

		DC.Open	DC.High	DC.Low	DC.Close	DC.Volume
2016-01-16	01:00:00	20.845	20.850	20.835	20.845	157
2016-01-16	02:00:00	20.845	20.850	20.835	20.845	214
2016-01-16	03:00:00	20.845	20.850	20.835	20.845	103
2016-01-16	04:00:00	20.845	20.855	20.835	20.845	180
2016-01-16	05:00:00	20.845	20.845	20.845	20.845	211
2016-01-16	06:00:00	20.845	20.845	20.840	20.845	35

Single-column extractor functions

- `Op()` - opening price
- `Hi()` - high price
- `Lo()` - low price
- `Cl()` - close price
- `Vo()` - traded volume
- `Ad()` - adjusted close price

Single-column extractor functions

```
# Open price
dc_open <- Op(DC)
head(dc_open, 4)
```

	DC.Open
2016-01-16 01:00:00	20.84
2016-01-16 02:00:00	20.85
2016-01-16 03:00:00	20.85
2016-01-16 04:00:00	20.85

```
# High price
dc_high <- Hi(DC)
head(dc_high, 4)
```

	DC.High
2016-01-16 01:00:00	20.85
2016-01-16 02:00:00	20.85
2016-01-16 03:00:00	20.85
2016-01-16 04:00:00	20.85

Multi-column extractor functions

```
# Extract multiple columns  
dc_ohlcv <- OHLCV(DC)  
head(dc_ohlcv)
```

		DC.Open	DC.High	DC.Low	DC.Close
2016-01-16	01:00:00	20.84	20.85	20.83	20.84
2016-01-16	02:00:00	20.85	20.85	20.83	20.85
2016-01-16	03:00:00	20.85	20.85	20.84	20.85
2016-01-16	04:00:00	20.85	20.85	20.84	20.85
2016-01-16	05:00:00	20.85	20.85	20.84	20.85
2016-01-16	06:00:00	20.84	20.85	20.84	20.85

getPrice()

- 3 arguments
 - `x` : object that contains data
 - `symbol` : optional symbol if `x` contains multiple symbols
 - `prefer` : optional preferred price
- If `prefer` not specified:
 - `"price"` , then `"trade"` , then `"close"`

```
head(DC)
```

		Price	Volume	Bid.Price	Bid.Size	Ask.Price	Ask.Size
2016-01-16	00:00:07	NA	NA	20.84	198	20.85	684
2016-01-16	00:00:08	NA	NA	20.84	198	20.85	683
2016-01-16	00:00:08	NA	NA	20.84	198	20.85	682
2016-01-16	00:00:11	NA	NA	20.84	198	20.85	683
2016-01-16	00:00:25	NA	NA	20.84	198	20.85	684
2016-01-16	00:00:44	20.84	1	20.84	198	20.85	684

```
dc_bid <- getPrice(DC, prefer = "bid")  
head(dc_bid)
```

		Bid.Price
2016-01-16	00:00:07	20.84
2016-01-16	00:00:08	20.84
2016-01-16	00:00:08	20.84
2016-01-16	00:00:11	20.84
2016-01-16	00:00:25	20.84
2016-01-16	00:00:44	20.84

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Importing and transforming multiple instruments

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Aggregating with Quandl()

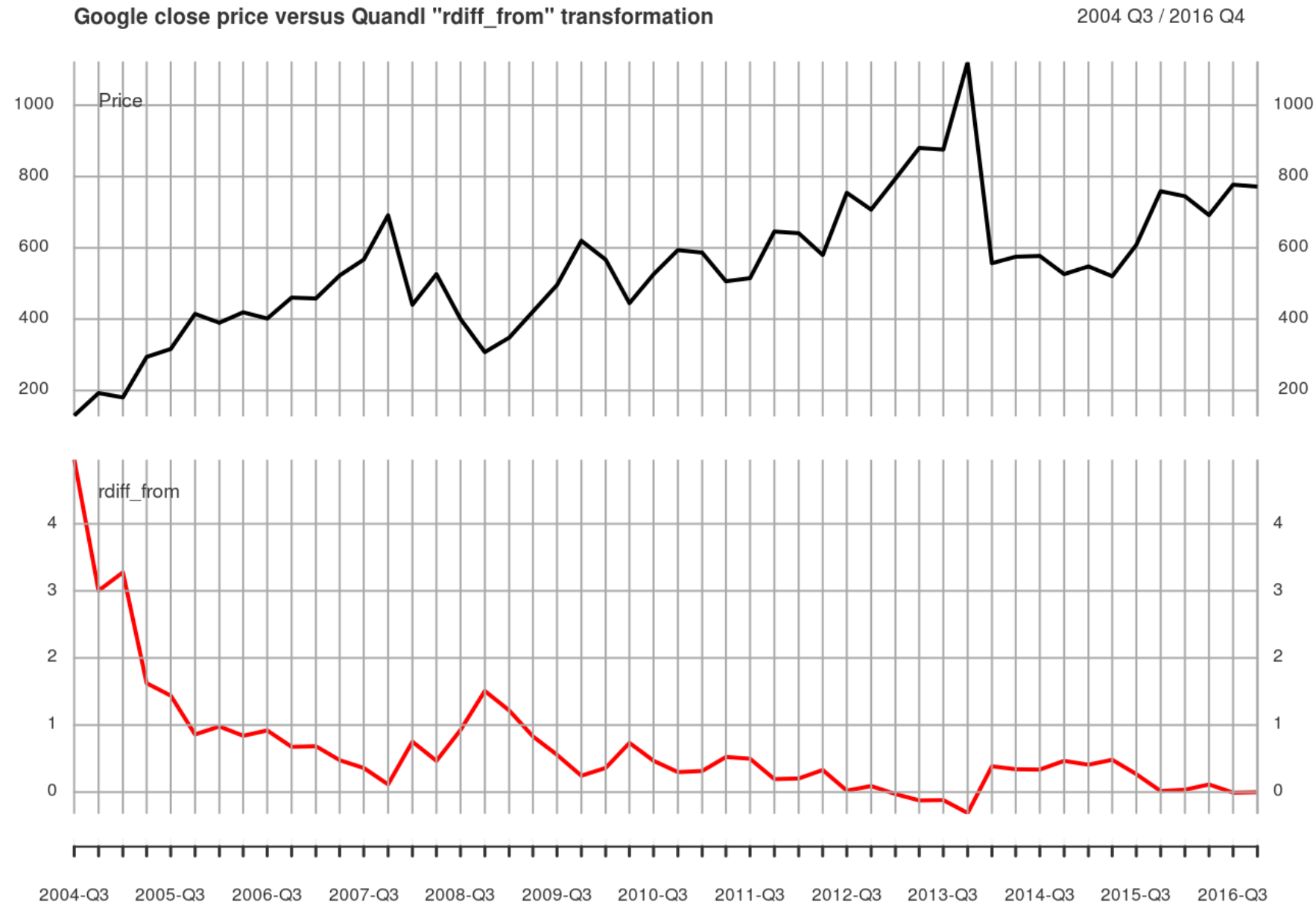
- Use `collapse` argument to aggregate
 - daily
 - weekly
 - monthly
 - quarterly
 - annual
- Always returns last observation for given time period
 - Can cause issues for some columns (e.g., opening price)

Transforming with Quandl()

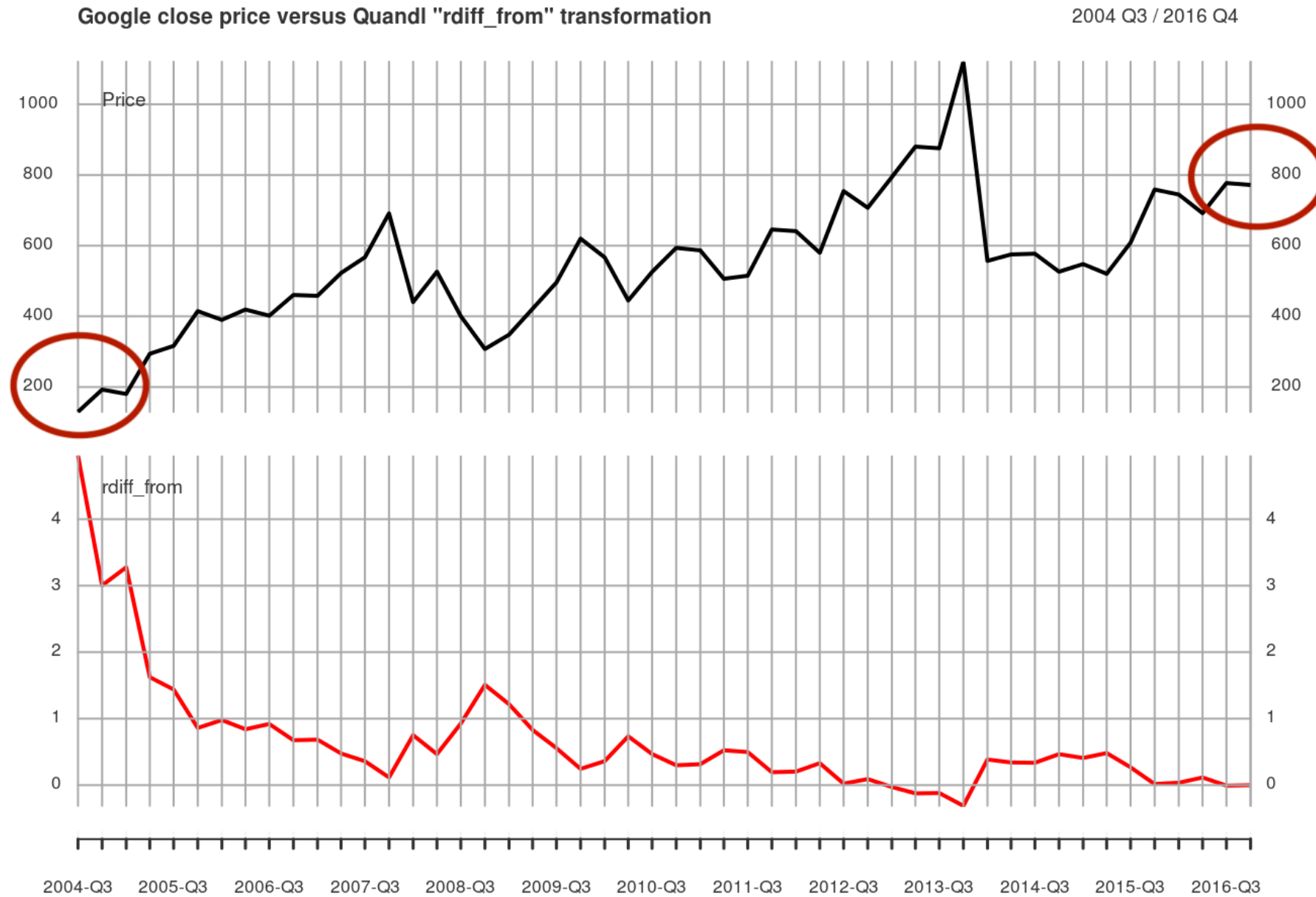
- Use `transform` argument to perform simple calculations before downloading

Name	Effect	Formula
none	no effect	$y'_t = y_t$
diff	row-on-row change	$y'_t = y_t - y_{t-1}$
rdiff	row-on-row % change	$y'_t = (y_t - y_{t-1})/y_{t-1}$
rdiff-from	latest value as % increment	$y'_t = (y_{latest} - y_t)/y_t$
cumul	cumulative sum	$y'_t = y_0 + y_1 + \dots + y_t$
normalize	scale series to start at 100	$y'_t = y_t \div y_0 * 100$

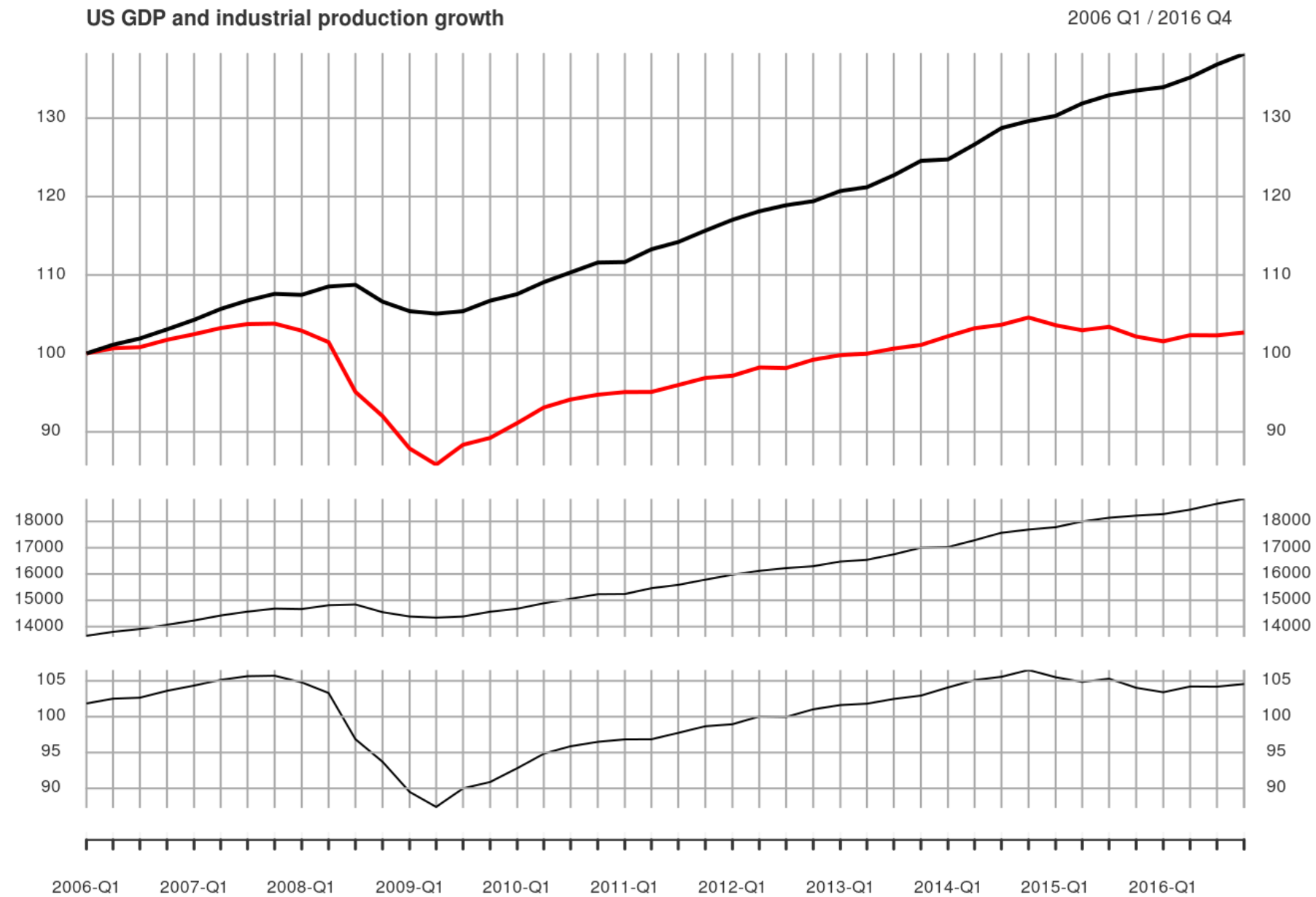
Quandl() rdiff_from transformation



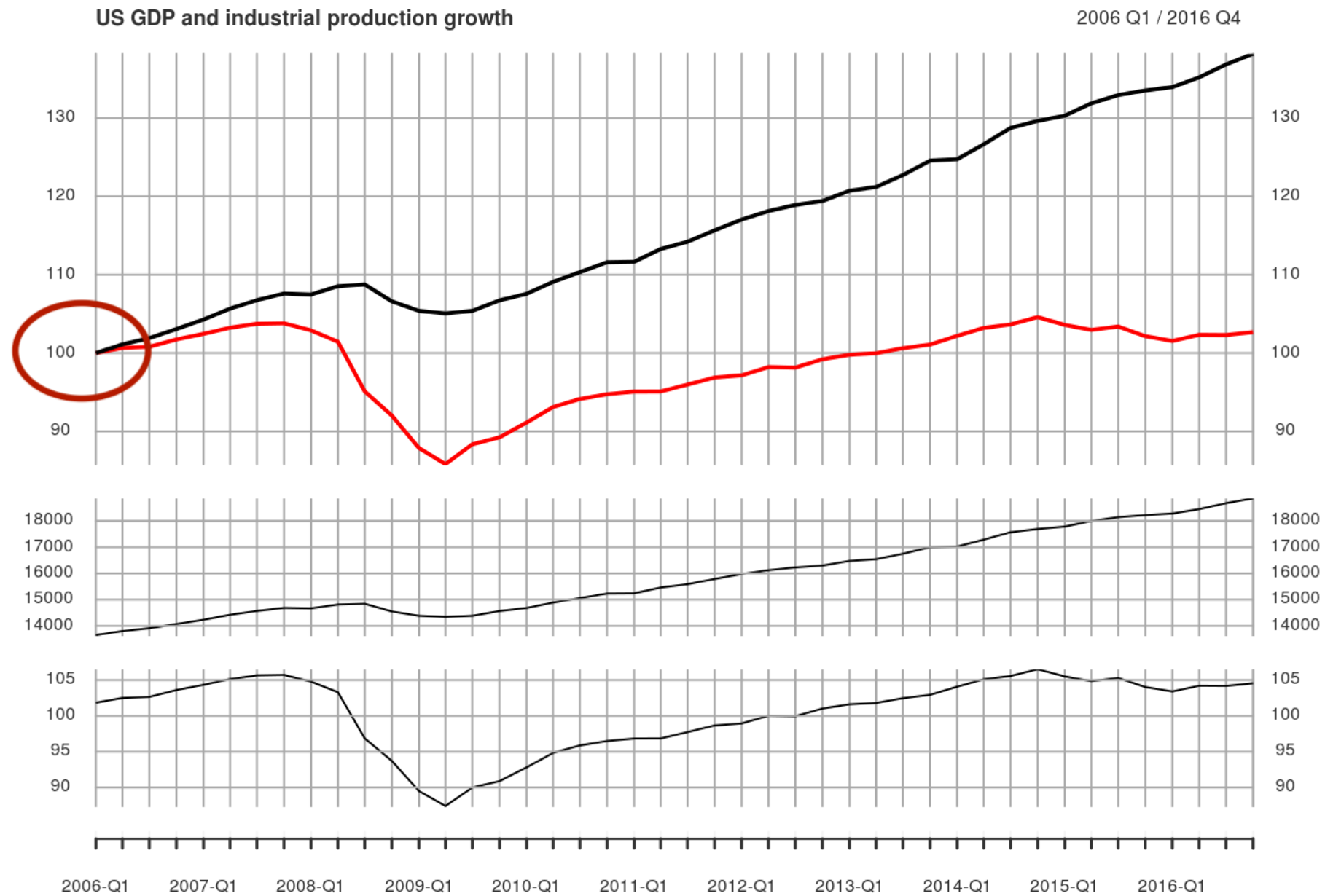
Quandl() rdiff_from transformation



Quandl() normalize transformation



Quandl() normalize transformation



Download instruments into a custom environment

```
# Create new environment
data_env <- new.env()
# Use getSymbols to load data into the environment
getSymbols(c("SPY", "QQQ"), env = data_env, auto.assign = TRUE)
```

```
"SPY" "QQQ"
```

```
# Look at a few rows of the SPY data
head(data_env$SPY, 3)
```

	SPY.Open	SPY.High	SPY.Low	SPY.Close	SPY.Volume	SPY.Adjusted
2007-01-03	142.25	142.86	140.57	141.37	94807600	114.8094
2007-01-04	141.23	142.05	140.61	141.67	69620600	115.0530
2007-01-05	141.33	141.40	140.38	140.54	76645300	114.1353

Using `lapply()`

- Loops over all objects in environment
- Combine list of function results into one object using `do.call()`
 - First argument (`what`) is the function to be called
 - Second argument (`args`) is a list of arguments to pass

Extract volume and merge into one object

```
# Extract volume column from each object
adjusted_list <- lapply(data_env, Ad)
# Merge each list element into one object
adjusted <- do.call(merge, adjusted_list)
```

```
head(adjusted)
```

	QQQ.Adjusted	SPY.Adjusted
2007-01-03	39.47694	114.8094
2007-01-04	40.22558	115.0530
2007-01-05	40.03385	114.1353
2007-01-08	40.06124	114.6632
2007-01-09	40.26210	114.5658
2007-01-10	40.73684	114.9475

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Setting default arguments for `getSymbols()`

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getSymbols() “methods”

- `getSymbols()` doesn't contain code to import data
- Code for each data source are in a `getSymbols.[source]` “method”
- For example:

```
# You call getSymbols()  
getSymbols("GDP", src = "FRED")  
  
# getSymbols() calls source "method"  
getSymbols.FRED("GDP")
```

- Users should not call `getSymbols()` “methods” directly

Use `setDefault()` to change default data source

```
setDefault(getSymbols, src = "FRED")
```

```
gdp <- getSymbols("GDP", auto.assign = FALSE)
# Note the 'src' attribute
str(gdp)
```

```
An 'xts' object on 1947-01-01/2016-10-01 containing:
  Data: num [1:280, 1] 243 246 250 260 266 ...
- attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 2
  ..$ : NULL
  ..$ : chr "GDP"
Indexed by objects of class: [Date] TZ: UTC
xts Attributes:
List of 2
 $ src      : chr "FRED"
 $ updated: POSIXct[1:1], format: "2017-02-13 08:46:50"
```

setDefault()

- Sets new default arguments using `name = value` pairs
- Only alters behavior for `getSymbols()`
- Stores values in global `options()`

Other arguments

- Find formal arguments for a `getSymbols()` source method
 - Use `args()` : `args(getSymbols.yahoo)`
 - Use `help()` : `help("getSymbols.yahoo")`

Default from and to values

```
args(getSymbols.yahoo)
function (Symbols, env, return.class = "xts", index.class = "Date",
  from = "2007-01-01", to = Sys.Date(), ...)
```

```
setDefault(getSymbols.yahoo, from = "2016-01-01", to = "2016-12-31")?
aapl <- getSymbols("AAPL", auto.assign = FALSE)
str(aapl)
```

```
An 'xts' object on 2016-01-04/2016-12-30 containing:
  Data: num [1:252, 1:6] 102.6 105.8 100.6 98.7 98.6 ...
- attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 2
 ..$ : NULL
 ..$ : chr [1:6] "AAPL.Open" "AAPL.High" "AAPL.Low" "AAPL.Close" ...
Indexed by objects of class: [Date] TZ: UTC
xts Attributes:
List of 2
 $ src      : chr "yahoo"
 $ updated: POSIXct[1:1], format: "2017-02-13 08:46:50"
```

getDefaults()

```
getDefaults()
```

```
"getSymbols.yahoo"
```

```
getDefaults(getSymbols.yahoo)
```

```
$from  
" '2016-01-01' "  
  
$to  
" '2016-12-31' "
```

- Values returned do not imply those functions to accept user-specified defaults

```
setDefaults(load,  
            file = "my_file.RData")
```

```
# Will not alter behavior  
getDefaults(load)
```

```
$file  
" 'my_file.RData' "
```

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Setting per-instrument default arguments

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Use `setSymbolLookup()` to set data source

```
setSymbolLookup(AAPL = "google")
```

```
aapl <- getSymbols("AAPL", auto.assign = FALSE)
str(aapl) # note the 'src' attribute
```

```
An 'xts' object on 2007-01-03/2017-02-22 containing:
  Data: num [1:2552, 1:5] 12.3 12 12.2 12.3 12.3 ...
- attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 2
  ..$ : NULL
  ..$ : chr [1:5] "AAPL.Open" "AAPL.High" "AAPL.Low" "AAPL.Close" ...
Indexed by objects of class: [Date] TZ: UTC
xts Attributes:
List of 2
 $ src      : chr "google"
 $ updated: POSIXct[1:1], format: "2017-02-23 14:16:55"
```

Use `setSymbolLookup()` to set other arguments

```
setSymbolLookup(MSFT = list(src = "google", from = "2016-01-01"))
```

```
msft <- getSymbols("MSFT", auto.assign = FALSE)  
str(msft) # note the 'src' attribute and first date
```

```
An 'xts' object on 2016-01-04/2017-02-27 containing:  
Data: num [1:290, 1:5] 54.3 54.9 54.3 52.7 52.4 ...  
- attr(*, "dimnames")=List of 2  
..$ : NULL  
..$ : chr [1:5] "MSFT.Open" "MSFT.High" "MSFT.Low" "MSFT.Close" ...  
Indexed by objects of class: [Date] TZ: UTC  
xts Attributes:  
List of 2  
 $ src      : chr "google"  
 $ updated: POSIXct[1:1], format: "2017-02-23 14:20:21"
```

Save and restore defaults (1)

```
# Set default  
setSymbolLookup(AAPL = "google")
```

```
# Verify the default changed  
getSymbolLookup()
```

```
$AAPL  
$AAPL$src  
"google"
```

```
# Save lookup  
saveSymbolLookup("symbol_lookup.rda")
```

```
# Remove lookup  
setSymbolLookup(AAPL = NULL)
```

Save and restore defaults (2)

```
# Verify the default is removed  
getSymbolLookup()
```

```
named list()
```

```
# Load lookup  
loadSymbolLookup("symbol_lookup.rda")
```

```
# Verify the default is restored  
getSymbolLookup()
```

```
$AAPL  
$AAPL$src  
"google"
```

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Handling instrument symbols that clash or are not valid R names

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Syntactically valid names

- Valid names contain letters, numbers, `.` and `_`
- Must start with a letter, or a `.` followed by a non-number
- May not be one of the **reserved** words
- Not valid:
 - `.4times` , `_one` , `for`

Accessing objects with non-syntactic names (1)

- `getSymbols()` makes some names valid
 - S&P 500 Index: `"^GSPC"`

```
getSymbols("^GSPC")
```

```
"GSPC"
```

```
head(GSPC, 3)
```

	GSPC.Open	GSPC.High	GSPC.Low	GSPC.Close	GSPC.Volume	GSPC.Adjusted
2007-01-03	1418.03	1429.42	1407.86	1416.60	3429160000	1416.60
2007-01-04	1416.60	1421.84	1408.43	1418.34	3004460000	1418.34
2007-01-05	1418.34	1418.34	1405.75	1409.71	2919400000	1409.71

Accessing objects with non-syntactic names (2)

- Some ticker symbols are not valid names
 - Shanghai Stock Exchange Composite Index: "000001.SS"

```
getSymbols("000001.SS", auto.assign = TRUE)
```

```
"000001.SS"
```

```
str(000001.SS)
```

```
Error: unexpected symbol in "str(000001.SS)"
```

```
head(`000001.SS`, n = 3)
```

	000001.SS.Open	000001.SS.High	000001.SS.Low
2007-01-04	2715.72	2715.72	2715.72
2007-01-05	2641.33	2641.33	2641.33
2007-01-08	2707.20	2707.20	2707.20

	000001.SS.Close	000001.SS.Volume	000001.SS.Adjusted
2007-01-04	2715.72	0	2715.72
2007-01-05	2641.33	0	2641.33
2007-01-08	2707.20	0	2707.20

```
head(get("000001.SS"), n = 3)
```

	000001.SS.Open	000001.SS.High	000001.SS.Low
2007-01-04	2715.72	2715.72	2715.72
2007-01-05	2641.33	2641.33	2641.33
2007-01-08	2707.20	2707.20	2707.20

	000001.SS.Close	000001.SS.Volume	000001.SS.Adjusted
2007-01-04	2715.72	0	2715.72
2007-01-05	2641.33	0	2641.33
2007-01-08	2707.20	0	2707.20

Valid name for one instrument

- Assign `getSymbols()` output to valid name
- Convert column names to valid names

```
sse <- getSymbols("000001.SS", auto.assign = FALSE)
```

```
colnames(sse) <- paste("SSE",  
                       c("Open", "High", "Low", "Close",  
                         "Volume", "Adjusted"), sep = ".")  
  
head(sse, n = 2)
```

	SSE.Open	SSE.High	SSE.Low
2007-01-04	2715.72	2715.72	2715.72
2007-01-05	2641.33	2641.33	2641.33

	SSE.Close	SSE.Volume	SSE.Adjusted
2007-01-04	2715.72	0	2715.72
2007-01-05	2641.33	0	2641.33

- Create symbol-to-R object mapping with `setSymbolLookup()`

```
setSymbolLookup(SSE = list(name = "000001.SS"),  
                FORD = list(name = "F"))  
getSymbols(c("SSE", "FORD"))
```

```
"SSE"  "FORD"
```

```
head(SSE, n = 2)
```

	SSE.Open	SSE.High	SSE.Low	SSE.Close	SSE.Volume	SSE.Adjusted
2007-01-04	2715.72	2715.72	2715.72	2715.72	0	2715.72
2007-01-05	2641.33	2641.33	2641.33	2641.33	0	2641.33

```
head(FORD, n = 2)
```

	FORD.Open	FORD.High	FORD.Low	FORD.Close	FORD.Volume	FORD.Adjusted
2007-01-03	7.56	7.67	7.44	7.51	78652200	6.150263
2007-01-04	7.56	7.72	7.43	7.70	63454900	6.305862

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Making irregular data regular

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Regular date-time sequences

- Time observations are same distance apart
- Create regular date-time sequences using `seq()` methods:
 - `seq.Date()`
 - `seq.POSIXt()` (`POSIXct` and `POSIXlt`)

```
from_date <- as.Date("2017-01-01")
to_date <- as.Date("2017-01-03")
date_seq <- seq(from = from_date, to = to_date, by = "day")
```


- `start()` first index value
- `end()` last index value

```
regular_xts <- xts(seq_along(date_seq), order.by = date_seq)  
start(regular_xts)
```

```
"2017-01-01"
```

```
end(regular_xts)
```

```
"2017-01-03"
```

```
seq(from = start(regular_xts), to = end(regular_xts), by = "day")
```

```
"2017-01-01" "2017-01-02" "2017-01-03"
```

Zero-width xts objects

- `xts` object with an index, no data

```
zero_width_xts <- xts(, order.by = date_seq)  
zero_width_xts
```

```
Data:  
numeric(0)  
Index:  
Date[1:3], format: "2017-01-01" "2017-01-02" "2017-01-03"
```

```
str(zero_width_xts)
```

```
An 'xts' object of zero-width
```

Creating regular from irregular data

- Add observation at each date-time in regular sequence
- `NA` in the result

Merge irregular xts with regular zero-width xts

irregular

```
      Price
2017-01-02 20.01
2017-01-04 20.02
2017-01-10 20.05
```

```
date_seq <- seq(from = start(irregular),
               to = end(irregular),
               by = "day")
```

```
regular_xts <- xts(, date_seq)
```

Merge irregular xts with regular zero-width xts

```
merge(irregular, regular_xts)
```

	Price
2017-01-02	20.01
2017-01-03	NA
2017-01-04	20.02
2017-01-05	NA
2017-01-06	NA
2017-01-07	NA
2017-01-08	NA
2017-01-09	NA
2017-01-10	20.05

Filling missing values

```
merged_xts <- merge(irregular, regular_xts)
na.locf(merged_xts)
```

	Price
2017-01-02	20.01
2017-01-03	20.01
2017-01-04	20.02
2017-01-05	20.02
2017-01-06	20.02
2017-01-07	20.02
2017-01-08	20.02
2017-01-09	20.02
2017-01-10	20.05

Filling missing values

```
merge(irregular, regular_xts, fill = na.locf)
```

	Price
2017-01-02	20.01
2017-01-03	20.01
2017-01-04	20.02
2017-01-05	20.02
2017-01-06	20.02
2017-01-07	20.02
2017-01-08	20.02
2017-01-09	20.02
2017-01-10	20.05

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Aggregating to lower frequency

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Low frequency data

- Timestamps have too much resolution
- Represent the first quarter of 2017
 - "2017-01-01" (first)
 - "2017-03-31" (last)
 - "2017-02-01" (middle)

Example

- Compare the daily 10-year Treasury constant maturity rate with USA Gross Domestic Product (quarterly)
- FRED symbols:
 - DGS10
 - GDP

Merge aggregated data with low-frequency data

```
# Aggregate to quarterly
QGS10 <- apply.quarterly(DGS10, median, na.rm = TRUE)
# Merge quarterly aggregate with quarterly GDP
QGS10_GDP <- merge(QGS10, GDP)
QGS10_GDP
```

	DGS10	GDP
2015-01-01	NA	17783.6
2015-03-31	1.97	NA
2015-04-01	NA	17998.3
2015-06-30	2.19	NA
2015-07-01	NA	18141.9
2015-09-30	2.20	NA
2015-10-01	NA	18222.8
2015-12-31	2.23	NA

Low frequency date-time classes

- `yearmon()` for monthly data
- `yearqtr()` for quarterly data

```
as.Date("2017-01-01")
```

```
"2017-01-01"
```

```
as.yearmon("2017-01-01")
```

```
"Jan 2017"
```

```
as.yearqtr("2017-01-01")
```

```
"2017 Q1"
```

Convert index to lowest frequency

```
# Convert both indexes to yearqtr  
index(QGS10) <- as.yearqtr(index(QGS10))  
index(GDP) <- as.yearqtr(index(GDP))
```

```
# Merging 'just works'  
merge(QGS10, GDP)
```

		DGS10	GDP
2015	Q1	1.97	17783.6
2015	Q2	2.19	17998.3
2015	Q3	2.20	18141.9
2015	Q4	2.23	18222.8

Align with beginning-of-period timestamp

```
# Last observation carried backward
QGS10_GDP_locb <- na.locf(QGS10_GDP, fromLast = TRUE)
```

```
# Subset by beginning-of-period index
QGS10_GDP_first_period <- QGS10_GDP_locb[index(GDP)]
QGS10_GDP_first_period
```

	DGS10	GDP
2015-01-01	1.97	17783.6
2015-04-01	2.19	17998.3
2015-07-01	2.20	18141.9
2015-10-01	2.23	18222.8

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Aggregating and combining intraday data

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Timezones!



¹ Source: <https://www.shutterstock.com/video/search/time-zone-clocks>

Timezones!

- Internally, `xts` index is seconds since midnight `1970-01-01` in UTC
- `merge()` uses internal index
- `merge()` result will have timezone of the first object

Timezones!

```
datetime <- as.POSIXct("2017-01-18 10:00:00", tz = "UTC")  
london <- xts(1, datetime, tzone = "Europe/London")  
tokyo <- xts(1, datetime, tzone = "Asia/Tokyo")
```

```
merge(london, tokyo)
```

```
              london tokyo  
2017-01-18 10:00:00      1      1
```

```
merge(tokyo, london)
```

```
              tokyo london  
2017-01-18 19:00:00      1      1
```

Creating regular intraday data

```
head(dc_trades)
```

```
                Price
2016-01-16 08:00:58 20.85
2016-01-16 08:01:56 20.85
2016-01-16 08:03:35 20.85
2016-01-16 08:07:44 20.84
2016-01-16 08:45:58 20.85
2016-01-16 08:46:49 20.85
```

Creating regular intraday data

```
datetimes <- seq(from = as.POSIXct("2016-01-16 08:00"),  
                 to = as.POSIXct("2016-01-17 18:00"),  
                 by = "1 min")
```

```
regular_xts <- xts(, order.by = datetimes)
```

```
merged_xts <- merge(dc_trades, regular_xts)  
head(merged_xts)
```

	Price
2016-01-16 08:00:00	NA
2016-01-16 08:00:58	20.85
2016-01-16 08:01:00	NA
2016-01-16 08:01:56	20.85
2016-01-16 08:02:00	NA
2016-01-16 08:03:00	NA

Subset to trading hours

```
# All observations should be NA  
all(is.na(merged_xts["2016-01-16 19:00/2016-01-17 07:00"]))
```

```
TRUE
```

```
# xts time-of-day subsetting  
merged_trade_day <- merged_xts["T08:00/T18:00"]
```

```
# Now there are no observations  
nrow(merged_trade_day["2016-01-16 19:00/2016-01-17 07:00"])
```

```
0
```

Fill missing values by trading day

- `split()` - `lapply()` - `rbind()` paradigm from [this DataCamp course about manipulating time series](#)

```
# split() data into list of non-overlapping chunks
trade_day_list <- split(merged_trade_day, "days")
```

```
# lapply() a function to each chunk (list element)
filled_trade_day_list <- lapply(trade_day_list, na.locf)
```

```
# Combine list of chunks using do.call() and rbind()
filled_trade_day <- do.call(rbind, filled_trade_day_list)
```


Aggregate irregular intraday data

- Aggregate dense intraday data with `to.period()`
 - `period` : new periodicity (e.g. seconds, hours, days, etc)
 - `k` : number of periods per new observation

Aggregate irregular intraday data (1)

```
head(dc_price)
```

```
              DC.Price
2016-01-16 00:00:07 20.84224
2016-01-16 00:00:08 20.84225
2016-01-16 00:00:08 20.84225
2016-01-16 00:00:11 20.84225
2016-01-16 00:00:25 20.84224
2016-01-16 00:00:44 20.84224
```

```
xts_5min <- to.period(dc_price, period = "minutes", k = 5)
head(xts_5min, n = 4)
```

	dc_price.Open	dc_price.High	dc_price.Low	dc_price.Close
2016-01-16 00:03:49	20.84224	20.84227	20.84140	20.84160
2016-01-16 00:09:50	20.84160	20.84160	20.84156	20.84156
2016-01-16 00:14:57	20.84156	20.84156	20.84154	20.84154
2016-01-16 00:19:23	20.84154	20.84154	20.83206	20.83211

```
xts_aligned <- align.time(xts_5min, n = 60 * 5)
head(xts_aligned, n = 4)
```

	dc_price.Open	dc_price.High	dc_price.Low	dc_price.Close
2016-01-16 00:05:00	20.84224	20.84227	20.84140	20.84160
2016-01-16 00:05:00	20.84160	20.84160	20.84156	20.84156
2016-01-16 00:15:00	20.84156	20.84156	20.84154	20.84154
2016-01-16 00:20:00	20.84154	20.84154	20.83206	20.83211

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Importing text files

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getSymbols() with CSV files

- Well-formatted
 - One instrument per file
 - Columns: date, open, high, low, close, volume, adjusted close
- Files named "[symbol].csv"
- Can use `dir` argument to specify directory

getSymbols() with CSV files

- AMZN.csv

```
"Date", "AMZN.Open", "AMZN.High", "AMZN.Low", "AMZN.Close", "AMZN.Volume", "AMZN.Adjusted"  
2002-01-02, 11.13, 11.01, 10.46, 10.87, 6674703, 10.87  
2002-01-03, 11.26, 12.25, 10.76, 11.99, 11441553, 11.99  
2002-01-04, 12.46, 12.62, 11.71, 12.1, 12619402, 12.1
```

```
getSymbols("AMZN", src = "csv")
```

```
"AMZN"
```

```
head(AMZN, 3)
```

	AMZN.Open	AMZN.High	AMZN.Low	AMZN.Close	AMZN.Volume	AMZN.Adjusted
2002-01-02	11.13	11.01	10.46	10.87	6674703	10.87
2002-01-03	11.26	12.25	10.76	11.99	11441553	11.99
2002-01-04	12.46	12.62	11.71	12.10	12619402	12.10

read.zoo()

- AMZN.csv

```
"Date", "AMZN.Open", "AMZN.High", "AMZN.Low", "AMZN.Close", "AMZN.Volume", "AMZN.Adjusted"  
2002-01-02, 11.13, 11.01, 10.46, 10.87, 6674703, 10.87  
2002-01-03, 11.26, 12.25, 10.76, 11.99, 11441553, 11.99  
2002-01-04, 12.46, 12.62, 11.71, 12.1, 12619402, 12.1
```

```
amzn_zoo <- read.zoo("AMZN.csv", sep = ",", header = TRUE)  
amzn_xts <- as.xts(amzn_zoo)  
head(amzn_xts, n = 3)
```

	AMZN.Open	AMZN.High	AMZN.Low	AMZN.Close	AMZN.Volume	AMZN.Adjusted
2002-01-02	11.13	11.01	10.46	10.87	6674703	10.87
2002-01-03	11.26	12.25	10.76	11.99	11441553	11.99
2002-01-04	12.46	12.62	11.71	12.10	12619402	12.10

Date and time in separate columns

- FOO.csv

```
"Date", "Time", "Open", "High", "Low", "Close"  
2016-11-08, 09:05:00, 80.9, 81, 80.87, 81  
2016-11-08, 09:10:00, 80.92, 80.93, 80.89, 80.89  
2016-11-08, 09:15:00, 80.93, 80.94, 80.92, 80.93
```

```
foo_zoo <- read.zoo("FOO.csv", sep = ",", header = TRUE,  
                   index.column = c("Date", "Time"))  
head(foo_zoo, n = 3)
```

		Open	High	Low	Close
2016-11-08	09:05:00	80.90	81.00	80.87	81.00
2016-11-08	09:10:00	80.92	80.93	80.89	80.89
2016-11-08	09:15:00	80.93	80.94	80.92	80.93

File contains multiple instruments

- BAR.csv

```
Date,Symbol,Type,Price
2016-01-01 10:43:01,A,Bid,58.23
2016-01-01 10:43:01,A,Ask,58.24
2016-01-01 10:43:01,B,Bid,28.96
2016-01-01 10:43:01,B,Ask,28.98
```

```
bar_zoo <- read.zoo("BAR.csv",
                    split = c("Symbol", "Type"),
                    sep = ",", header = TRUE)

bar_zoo
```

```
          A.Ask B.Ask A.Bid B.Bid
2016-01-01 10:43:01 58.24 28.98 58.23 28.96
2016-01-01 10:43:02 58.25 28.99 58.24 28.97
```

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Checking for weirdness

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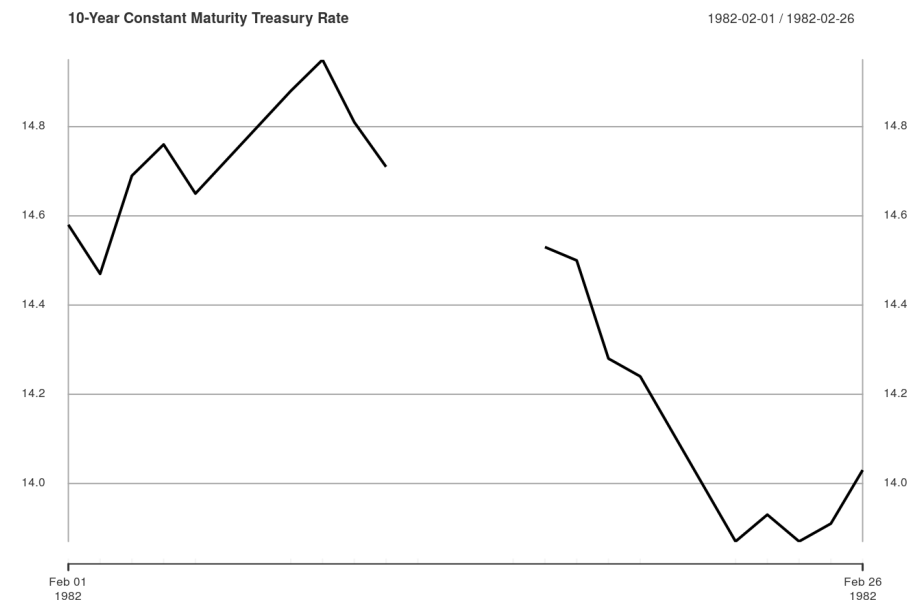
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Visualize Data

```
getSymbols("DGS10", src = "FRED")
```

```
"DGS10"
```

```
treasury_10 <- DGS10["1982-02"]  
plot(treasury_10, main = "10-Year Constant Maturity Treasury Rate")
```



Handle missing values

```
# Fill NA using last observation carried forward
locf <- na.locf(treasury_10)
```

```
# Fill NA using linear interpolation
approx <- na.approx(treasury_10)
```

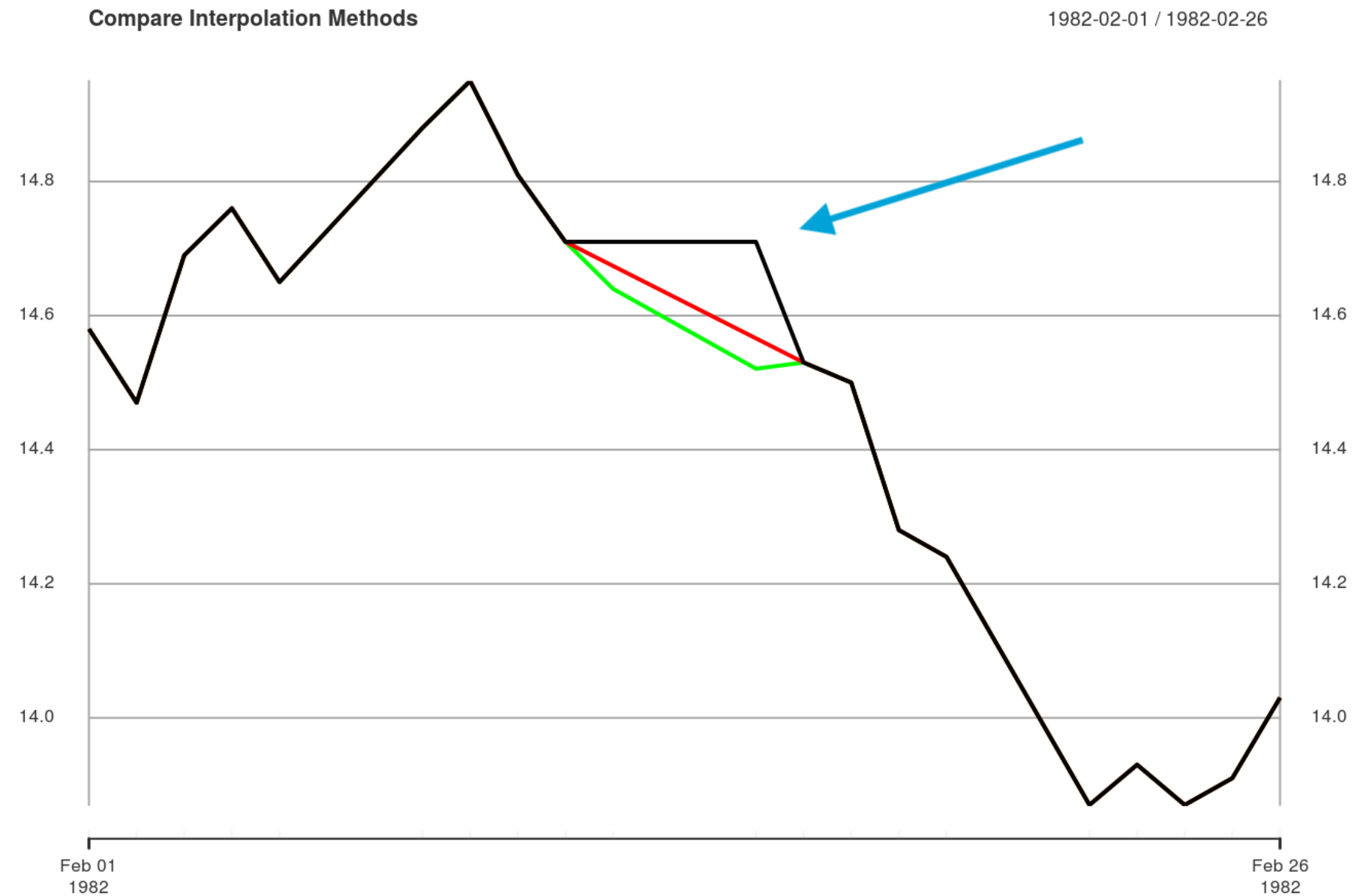
```
# Fill NA using spline interpolation
spline <- na.spline(treasury_10)
```

```
# Merge into one object
na_filled <- merge(locf, approx, spline)
# Plot combined object
plot(na_filled, col = c("black", "red", "green"),
     main = "Compare Interpolation Methods")
```

Handle missing values



Handle missing values

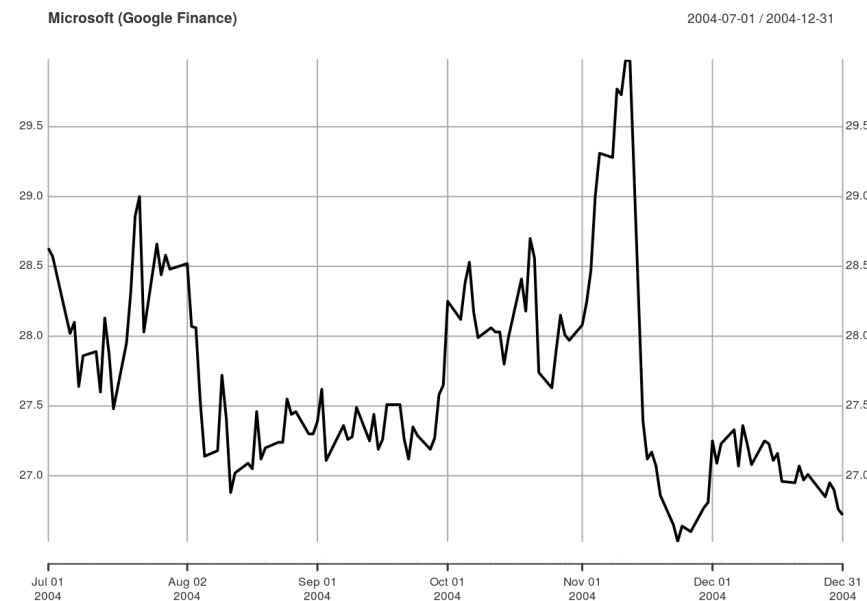


Visualize data

```
getSymbols("MSFT", from = "2004-07-01", to = "2004-12-31", src = "google")
```

```
"MSFT"
```

```
plot(Cl(MSFT), main = "Microsoft (Google Finance)")
```

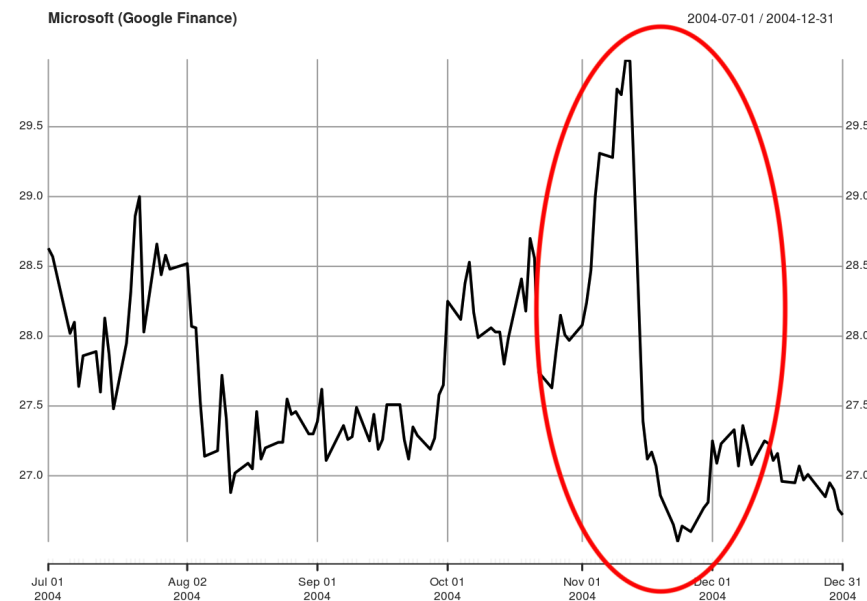


Visualize data

```
getSymbols("MSFT", from = "2004-07-01", to = "2004-12-31", src = "google")
```

```
"MSFT"
```

```
plot(Cl(MSFT), main = "Microsoft (Google Finance)")
```

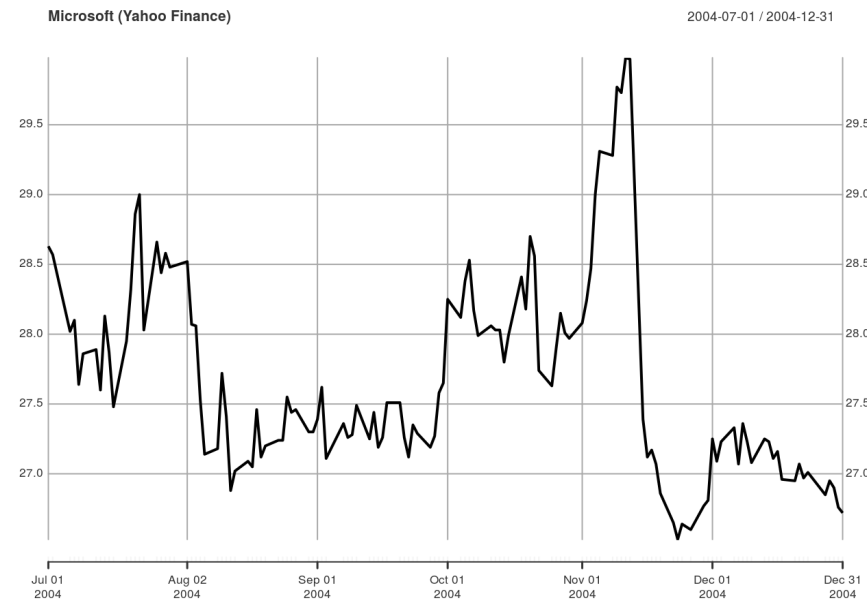


Cross-reference sources

```
getSymbols("MSFT", from = "2004-07-01", to = "2004-12-31")
```

```
"MSFT"
```

```
plot(Cl(MSFT), main = "Microsoft (Yahoo Finance)")
```

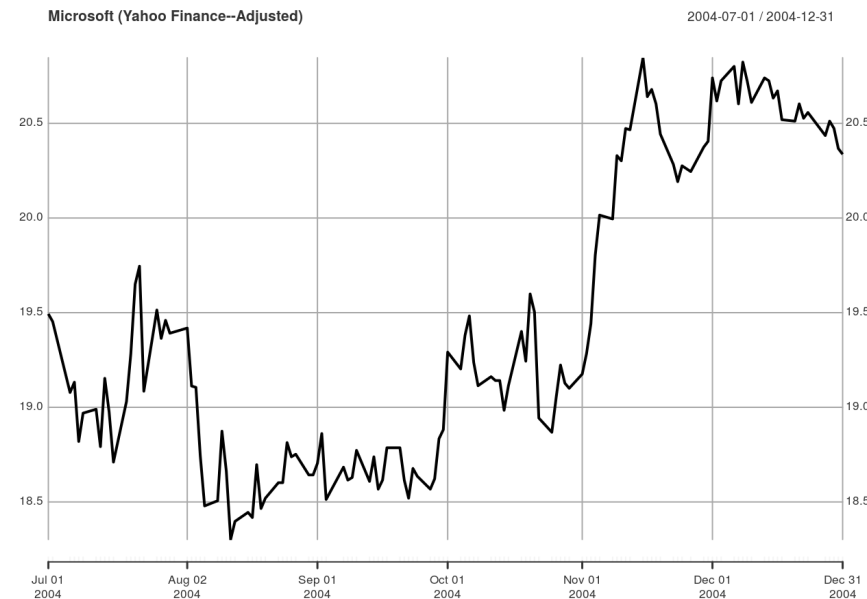


Cross-reference sources

```
getSymbols("MSFT", from = "2004-07-01", to = "2004-12-31")
```

```
"MSFT"
```

```
plot(Ad(MSFT), main = "Microsoft (Yahoo Finance-Adjusted)")
```

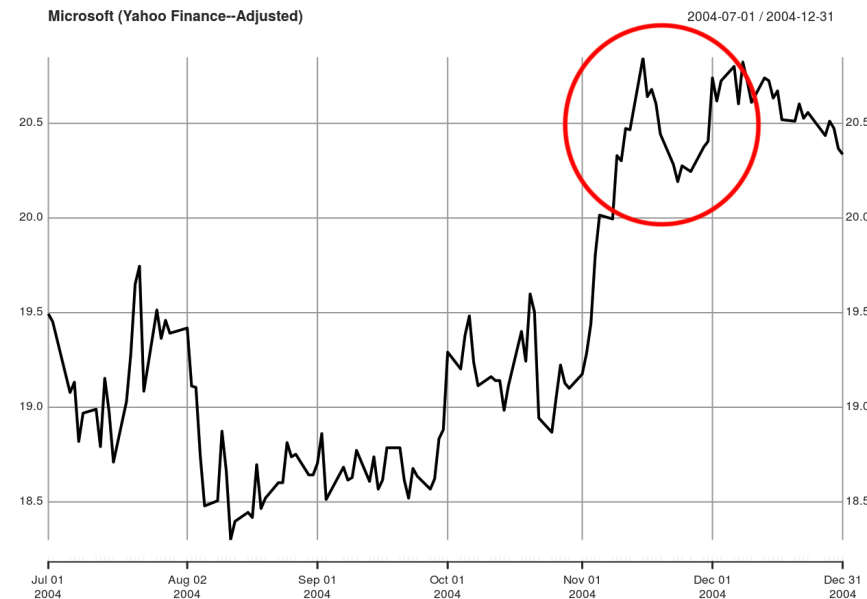


Cross-reference sources

```
getSymbols("MSFT", from = "2004-07-01", to = "2004-12-31")
```

```
"MSFT"
```

```
plot(Ad(MSFT), main = "Microsoft (Yahoo Finance-Adjusted)")
```



Stock split example

- MSFT stock splits 2-for-1

	Pre-split	Post-split
Shares	100	200
Price	\$50	\$25
Value	\$5,000	\$5,000

Stock dividend example

- MSFT issues a \$3 per share dividend

	Pre-dividend	Post-dividend
Cash	\$0	\$300
Shares	100	100
Price	\$50	\$47
Value	\$5,000	\$5,000

Data source differences

- Yahoo Finance:
 - Raw OHLC prices
 - Split- and dividend-adjusted close
- Google Finance:
 - Split-adjusted OHLC prices

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Adjusting for corporate actions

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Adjust for stock splits and dividends (1)

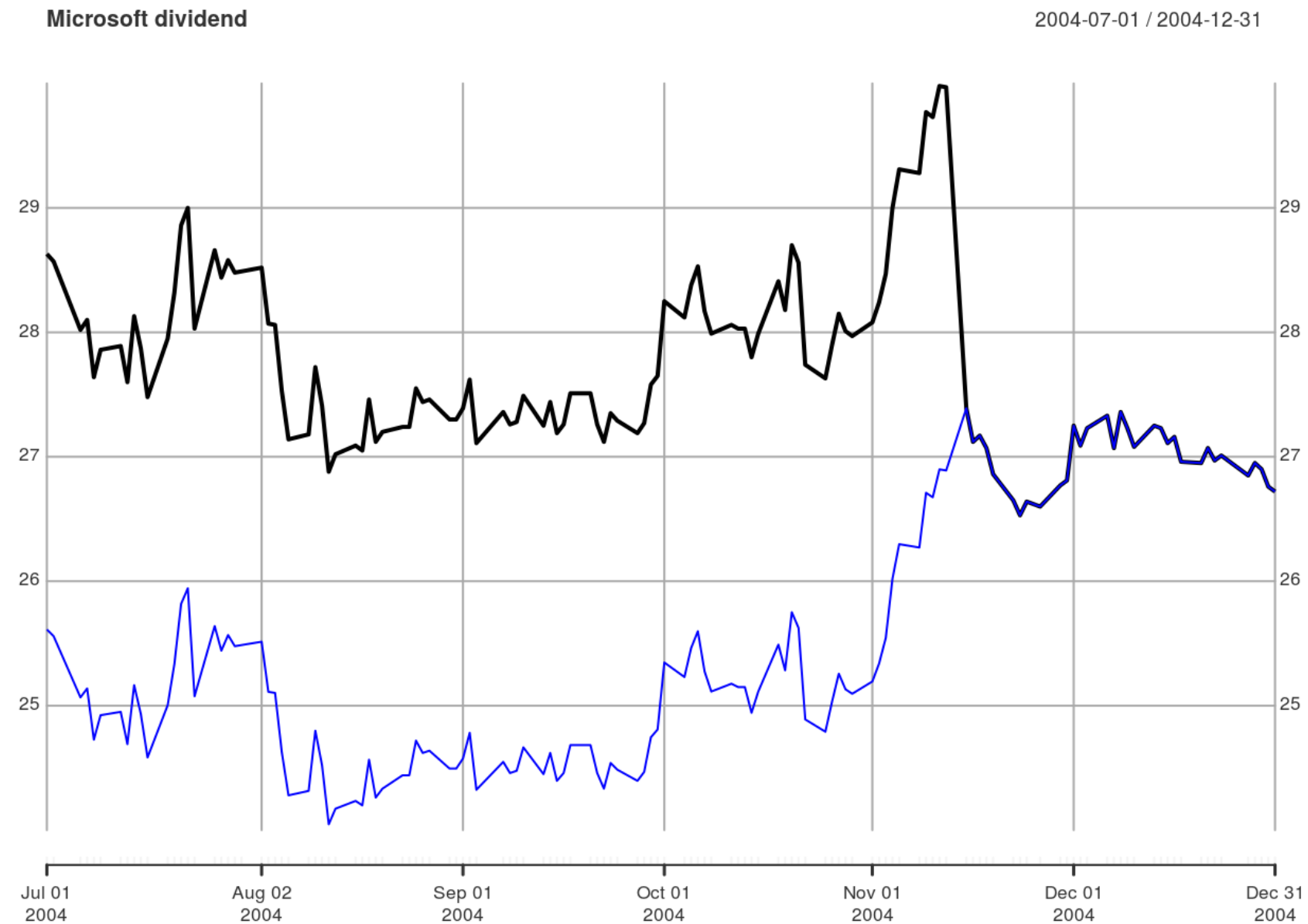
```
getSymbols("MSFT", from = "2004-07-01", to = "2004-12-31")
```

```
"MSFT"
```

```
# Adjust data for splits and dividends  
msft_adjusted <- adjustOHLC(MSFT)
```

```
# Object name is not ticker symbol  
my_data <- MSFT  
  
# Use symbol.name argument  
my_data_adjusted <- adjustOHLC(my_data, symbol.name = "MSFT")
```

Adjust for stock splits and dividends (2)



```
# Download split data from Yahoo Finance
splits <- getSplits("GE")
head(splits, n = 4)
```

```
      GE.spl
1971-06-08  0.5
1983-06-02  0.5
1987-05-26  0.5
1994-05-16  0.5
```

```
# Download split-adjusted dividend data from Yahoo Finance
dividends <- getDividends("GE")
head(dividends, n = 4)
```

```
      GE.div?1970-03-03 0.00677
1970-06-11 0.00677
1970-09-21 0.00677
1970-12-07 0.00677
```

Download unadjusted dividends

```
# Download unadjusted dividend data from Yahoo Finance
dividends_raw <- getDividends("GE", split.adjust = FALSE)

# Compare adjusted and unadjusted dividends
head(merge(dividends, dividends_raw))
```

	GE.div	GE.div.1
1970-03-03	0.00677	0.64992
1970-06-11	0.00677	0.64992
1970-09-21	0.00677	0.64992
1970-12-07	0.00677	0.64992
1971-03-03	0.00677	0.64992
1971-06-17	0.00729	0.34992

adjRatios()

- Back-adjust any series for splits, dividends, or both
- Has 3 arguments:
 - `splits`
 - `dividends`
 - `close`
- Returns `xts` object with 2 columns: `Split` and `Div`

Adjust univariate series for splits and dividends

```
getSymbols("GE", from = "2000-01-01")
```

```
"GE"
```

```
close <- Cl(GE)
splits <- getSplits("GE")
dividends_raw <- getDividends("GE", split.adjust = FALSE)
```

```
# Pass splits, unadjusted dividends, and unadjusted close
ratios <- adjRatios(splits = splits,
                   dividends = dividends_raw,
                   close = close)
```


Adjust univariate series for splits and dividends

```
# Multiply unadjusted close by split and dividend ratios
close_adjusted <- close * ratios[, "Split"] * ratios[, "Div"]

head(merge(close, close_adjusted, Ad(GE)), n = 4)
```

	GE.Close	GE.Close.1	GE.Adjusted
2000-01-03	150.0000	29.50422	29.44630
2000-01-04	144.0000	28.32405	28.26845
2000-01-05	143.7500	28.27488	28.21937
2000-01-06	145.6718	28.65289	28.59664

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