# 1 football data co uk

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```
library(rvest)
library(stringr)
library(dplyr)
library(data.table)
library(xm12)
library(tidyverse)
library(pBI)
library(lubridate)

# - initialize the connection
con <- DBI::dbConnect(odbc::odbc(), "betting_ds")</pre>
```

Note: MIGHT BE REFRESHED ANYTIME.

## Introduction

The document provides an automated way of refreshing the data necessary for the project. There are two types of data source - historical match data www.football-data.co.uk/data.php and actual odds provided by Tipsport.

#### Get Seasons to be refreshed

After creating the database schema with appropriate tables, the query is created in order to update only relevant part of the data. It is not required to download all data each time, when the document is knitted i.e. the incremental upload is implemented.

```
select * from t_match_calendar;
```

### Historical Data Download - Matches Results

The data are located on the website https://www.football-data.co.uk/data.php in the .csv format. The procedure implemented within this document is following

- get seasons that will be updated
- get all links of .csv files for the major leagues
- · download data using tidy framework
- write the data into corresponding tables

The data sources contain information about the match played, league and results with extra information about number of shots, cards etc. Detail description of data source might be found in the README.md document Branch Johnson and Johnson case study.

```
start_url <- c("https://www.football-data.co.uk/data.php")</pre>
start_webpage <- read_html(start_url)</pre>
links_all <- start_webpage %>%
  html_nodes("a") %>%
  html_attr("href") %>%
  str_subset("\\m.php") %>%
  str_subset(string = ., pattern = "https://") %>%
  str_subset(string = ., pattern = "scam", negate = TRUE) %>%
  str_subset(string = ., pattern = "betting", negate = TRUE) %>%
  str_subset(string = ., pattern = "downloadm", negate = TRUE) %>%
  str_subset(string = ., pattern = "gambling", negate = TRUE) %>%
  unique()
# ---- Get file links ----
links_data <-
  data.frame(name_league = links_all) %>%
  group_by(name_league) %>%
  mutate(file_link =
           map(name_league, function(i_link){
             data.frame(file_link =
                          html(i link) %>%
                          html_nodes("a") %>%
                          html attr("href") %>%
                          str_subset("\\.csv") %>%
                          as.character())
           })) %>%
  unnest(c(file_link)) %>%
  as.data.frame() %>%
  # - subset only links to be refreshed (INCREMENTAL REFRESH)
  left_join(., c_match_calendar %>%
              filter(created_at > Sys.Date() - 360) %>%
              mutate(is_refreshed = 1) %>%
              select(file_link, is_refreshed) %>%
              distinct()) %>%
  as.data.frame() %>%
  filter(is.na(is_refreshed)) %>%
  select(-is_refreshed) %>%
  as.data.frame()
# ---- Download Files ----
master_data <-
 links_data %>%
  group_by(file_link) %>%
 mutate(orig_data =
           map(file_link,
               function(i_link) {
                 data <-
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# - read data
                   read.csv(paste("https://www.football-data.co.uk/",
                                  i_link, sep = ""),
                            stringsAsFactors = FALSE) %>%
                   as.data.frame()
                 # - return
                 return(data)})) %>%
  # - get season and league
  rowwise() %>%
  mutate(season = str_split(file_link, pattern = "/")[[1]][2],
         league =
           str_replace(str_split(file_link, pattern = "/")[[1]][3],
                       pattern = ".csv", replacement = "")) %>%
  select(-name_league, -file_link) %>%
  as.data.frame()
rm(start_webpage)
rm(start_url)
rm(links_all)
```

#### **Data Pre-Processing**

Applied procedures to process the data (in the order, how they are applied in the tidy pipeline)

- full-time result, i.e. FTR needs to have only admissible values H, D, A
- some .csv files contains columns HT and AT instead of standard HomeTeam and AwayTeam, therefore the synchronization is necessary
- created\_at represents date of a match. The column is not standard in each .csv files, therefore it is created based on the get\_day, get\_month and get\_year.
- using FTR = ifelse("FTR" %in% names(.), FTR, NA), each column is expected to be present within the data, otherwise missing values are added.
- all columns expected to be numeric, except created\_at, HomeTeam, AwayTeam and FTR
- using gather() function, the data are transformed to long format, where HomeTeam and AwayTeam creates new column, i.e. is\_home

```
# - Home Team and Away Team (some .csv files have AT and HT)
rowwise() %>%
mutate(HomeTeam =
         ifelse("HT" %in% names(.), HT, HomeTeam),
       AwayTeam =
         ifelse("AT" %in% names(.), AT, AwayTeam)) %>%
# - create standardized date column (created at - match date)
rowwise() %>%
mutate(get_day = str_split(Date, "/")[[1]][1],
       get_month = str_split(Date, "/")[[1]][2],
       get_year = str_split(Date, "/")[[1]][3]) %>%
mutate(year_adj =
         ifelse(get_year %in% c("93", "94", "95", "96",
                                "97", "98", "99"),
                paste("19", get_year, sep = ""),
                get_year)) %>%
mutate(year_adj =
         ifelse(str_length(year_adj) < 3,
                paste("20", get_year, sep = ""),
                year_adj)) %>%
mutate(created_at =
         as.Date(paste(get_day, get_month, year_adj,
                       sep = "/"),
                 format = "%d/%m/%Y")) %>%
distinct() %>%
# - ensure the columns exist
rowwise() %>%
mutate(FTR = ifelse("FTR" %in% names(.), FTR, NA),
       FTHG = ifelse("FTHG" %in% names(.), FTHG, NA),
       FTAG = ifelse("FTAG" %in% names(.), FTAG, NA),
       HS = ifelse("HS" %in% names(.), HS, NA),
       AS = ifelse("AS" %in% names(.), AS, NA),
      HST = ifelse("HST" %in% names(.), HST, NA),
       AST = ifelse("AST" %in% names(.), AST, NA),
      HF = ifelse("HF" %in% names(.), HF, NA),
      AF = ifelse("AF" %in% names(.), AF, NA),
      HC = ifelse("HC" %in% names(.), HC, NA),
       AC = ifelse("AC" %in% names(.), AC, NA),
      HY = ifelse("HY" %in% names(.), HY, NA),
      AY = ifelse("AY" %in% names(.), AY, NA),
      HR = ifelse("HR" %in% names(.), HR, NA),
       AR = ifelse("AR" %in% names(.), AR, NA),
       B365H = ifelse("B365H" %in% names(.), B365H, NA),
       B365D = ifelse("B365D" %in% names(.), B365D, NA),
       B365A = ifelse("B365A" %in% names(.), B365A, NA),
       BWH = ifelse("BWH" %in% names(.), BWH, NA),
       BWD = ifelse("BWD" %in% names(.), BWD, NA),
       BWA = ifelse("BWA" %in% names(.), BWA, NA),
       IWH = ifelse("IWH" %in% names(.), IWH, NA),
       IWD = ifelse("IWD" %in% names(.), IWD, NA),
       IWA = ifelse("IWA" %in% names(.), IWA, NA),
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PSH = ifelse("PSH" %in% names(.), PSH, NA),
       PSD = ifelse("PSD" %in% names(.), PSD, NA),
       PSA = ifelse("PSA" %in% names(.), PSA, NA),
       WHH = ifelse("WHH" %in% names(.), WHH, NA),
       WHD = ifelse("WHD" %in% names(.), WHD, NA),
       WHA = ifelse("WHA" %in% names(.), WHA, NA),
       VCH = ifelse("VCH" %in% names(.), VCH, NA),
       VCD = ifelse("VCD" %in% names(.), VCD, NA),
       VCA = ifelse("VCA" %in% names(.), VCA, NA),
       B365.2.5 = ifelse("B365.2.5" %in% names(.),
                         `B365.2.5`, NA),
       B365.2.5.1 = ifelse("B365.2.5.1" %in% names(.),
                           `B365.2.5.1`, NA),
       P.2.5 = ifelse("P.2.5" %in% names(.), `P.2.5`, NA),
       P.2.5.1 = ifelse("P.2.5.1" \%in\% names(.),
                        `P.2.5.1`, NA),
       GB.2.5 =
         ifelse("GB.2.5" %in% names(.), `GB.2.5`, NA),
       GB.2.5.1 = ifelse("GB.2.5.1" \%in\% names(.),
                         `GB.2.5.1`, NA)) %>%
# - select relevant columns
select(created_at, HomeTeam, AwayTeam,
       FTR, FTHG, FTAG,
       HS, AS, HST, AST, HF, AF, HC, AC, HY, AY, HR, AR,
       B365H, B365D, B365A, BWH, BWD, BWA,
       IWH, IWD, IWA, PSH, PSD, PSA,
       WHH, WHD, WHA, VCH, VCD, VCA,
       B365.2.5, B365.2.5.1, P.2.5, P.2.5.1,
       GB.2.5, GB.2.5.1) %>%
distinct() %>%
# - create match id
group_by(created_at) %>%
mutate(match_id = row_number()) %>%
as.data.frame() %>%
# - get numeric values at selected columns
mutate_at(vars(-created_at, -HomeTeam, -AwayTeam, -FTR),
          as.numeric) %>%
# - gather by team and is_home
gather(., is_home, team,
       -created_at, -match_id, -FTR,
       # - Match Statistics
       -FTHG, -FTAG, -HS, -AS, -HST, -AST, -HF, -AF,
       -HC, -AC, -HY, -AY, -HR, -AR,
       # - Bet Odds
       -B365H, -B365D, -B365A, -BWH, -BWD, -BWA,
       -IWH, -IWD, -IWA, -PSH, -PSD, -PSA,
       -WHH, -WHD, -WHA, -VCH, -VCD, -VCA,
```

## Uploads for t\_match\_calendar and t\_match\_stats

## Prepare and write into t\_match\_calendar

t\_match\_calendar table contains information about the downloaded matches - columns are self-explanatory from the table creation script.

```
t match calendar <-
 master_data %>%
  group_by(file_link) %>%
  mutate(cal_data = map(prep_data, function(i_data){
   temp <- i_data %>%
      # - get Away Team
      select(created_at, team, match_id, is_home) %>%
      filter(is_home == 0) %>%
     rename(AwayTeam = team) %>%
      select(-is_home) %>%
     distinct() %>%
      as.data.frame() %>%
      # - join Home Team
      left_join(., i_data %>%
                  select(created_at, team, match_id, is_home) %>%
                  filter(is home == 1) %>%
                  rename(HomeTeam = team) %>%
                  select(-is_home) %>%
                  distinct() %>%
                  as.data.frame())
   return(temp)
  })) %>%
  select(season, league, cal_data) %>%
  unnest(c(cal_data)) %>%
  select(-match_id) %>%
  as.data.frame() %>%
  # - subset rows to be uploaded
  left_join(., c_match_calendar %>%
```

```
mutate(is_selected = 1) %>%
              rename(HomeTeam = home_t,
                     AwayTeam = away_t)) %>%
  as.data.frame() %>%
  # - get starting match index
  mutate(start_id = coalesce(max(match_id), 1)) %>%
  filter(is.na(is_selected)) %>%
  select(-is_selected) %>%
  # - create index column
  as.data.frame() %>%
  mutate(match_id = start_id + row_number() - 1) %>%
  select(-start_id) %>%
  # - rename columns
  rename(home_t = HomeTeam,
        away_t = AwayTeam) %>%
  as.data.frame()
if(nrow(t_match_calendar) > 0) {
  dbWriteTable(con, "t_match_calendar", t_match_calendar,
               row.names = F, append = T)}
```

FALSE Error in result\_insert\_dataframe(rs@ptr, values, batch\_rows): nanodbc/nanodbc.cpp:1617: 23505: ER FALSE Error while executing the query RROR: duplicate key value violates unique constraint "t\_match\_c FALSE Error while executing the query

## Prepare and write into t\_match\_stats

The basic building block of the table are columns - created\_at, team, is\_home, season, league, match\_id (added in order to be able to identify HomeTeam and AwayTeam). For this column basis the numerical attributes are added - for example HS (shots by HomeTeam), HST (shots on target by HomeTeam) etc. Furthermore, the bookmakers odds are included - for example B365H (odds by B365 for HomeTeam win), B365.2.5 (odds by B365 that the match and with less than 2.5 goals) etc.

```
t_match_stats <-

# - unnest
master_data %>%
select(season, league, prep_data) %>%
unnest(c(prep_data)) %>%
as.data.frame() %>%

# remove columns
select(-file_link) %>%
as.data.frame() %>%

# - keep rows that should be updated
left_join(., t_match_calendar %>%
select(created_at, home_t, away_t, league, season) %>%
mutate(is_selected = 1) %>%
gather(., is_home, team, -created_at, -season, -league) %>%
mutate(is_home = recode(is_home, "home_t" = 1, "away_t" = 0),
```