Data Analysis in R Data Cleaning

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Cleaning is always a chore...

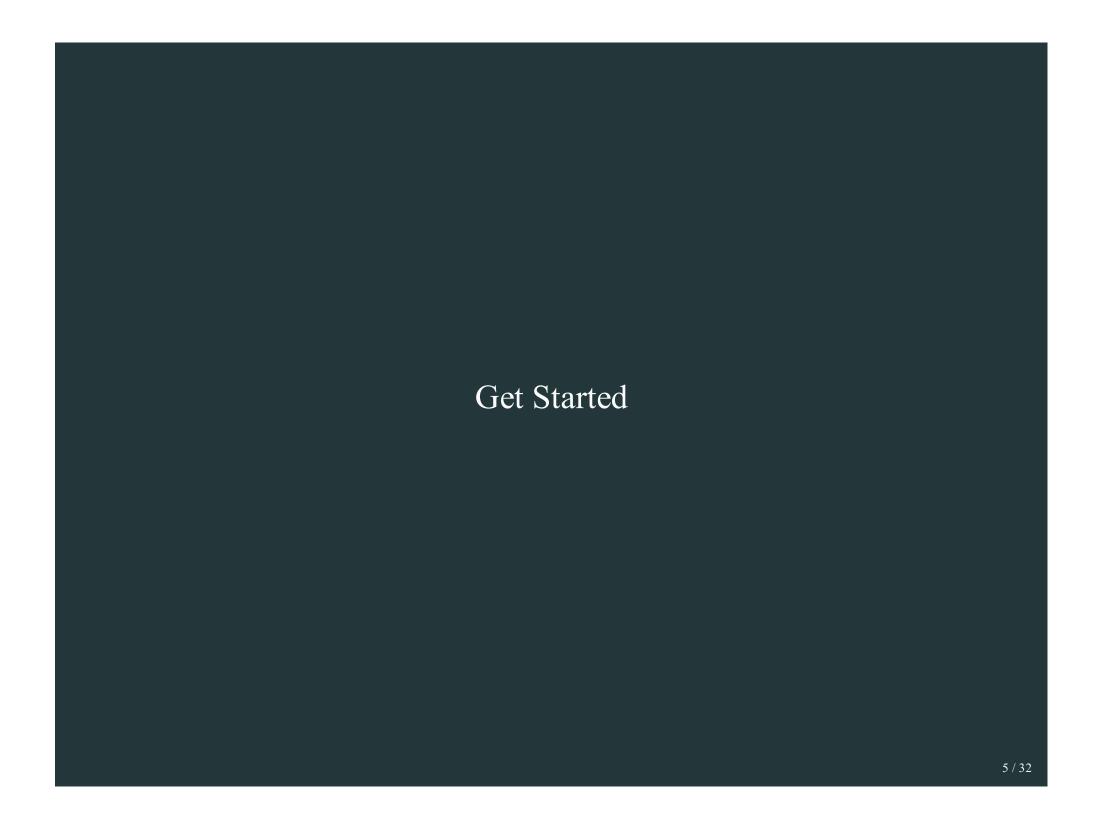


But wouldn't you rather be a Dyson?



Or even better...





Getting Data in...

The first part of the process in uploading data into R.

But the biggest question is what kind of data do you have?



Some Common Data Formats

- Delimited Files (fixed width, comma, tab, ...)
- Excel
- SPSS
- STATA
- Semi- structured (JSON, XML)

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Has some nice defaults that make it easier than some base packages

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Options

- Specify column names
- Where data start
- Column types

Other delimiters

Tab Delimited Files

```
data <- read_tsv("path_to_csv.txt")</pre>
```

Any other delimiter

```
data <- read_delim("path_to_csv.txt", delim = ";")</pre>
```

Now to haven

The haven package can be used to read more proprietary data formats into \boldsymbol{R}

SAS

```
my_sas <- read_sas("myfile.sas7bdat")</pre>
```

SPSS

```
my_sas <- read_spss("myfile.sav")</pre>
```

STATA

```
my_sas <- read_dta("myfile.dta")</pre>
```

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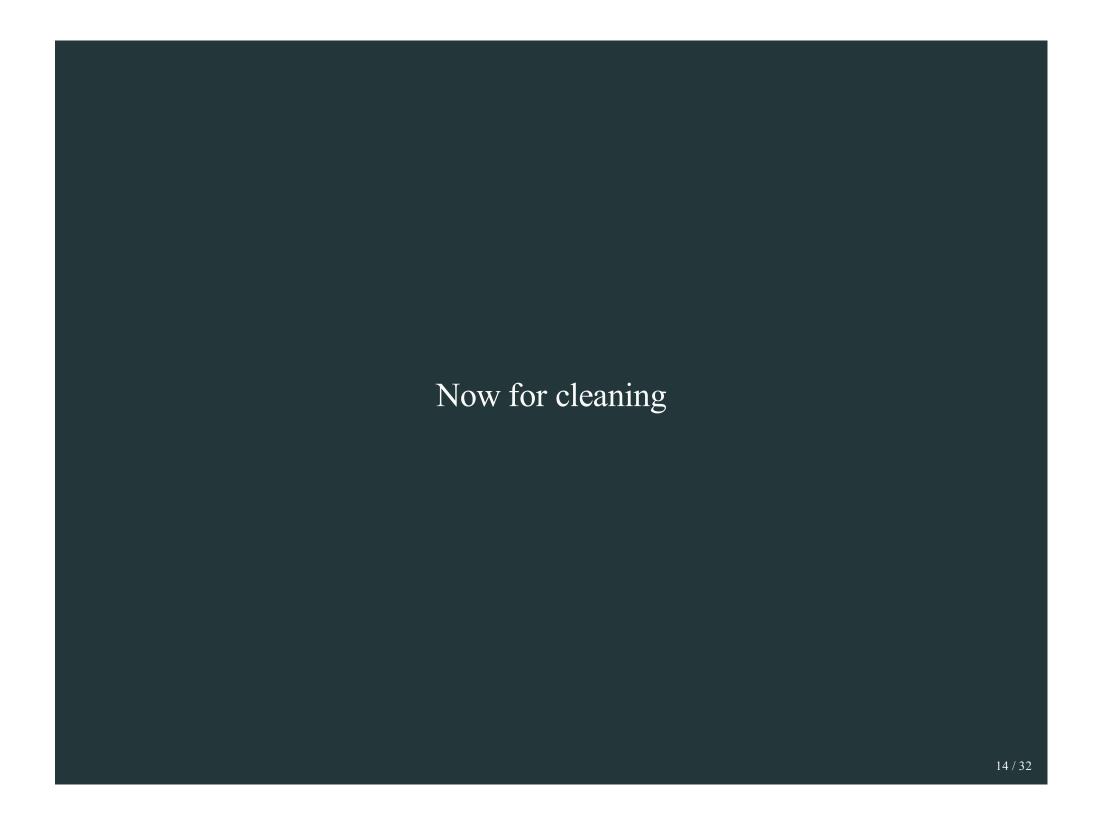
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- Specify cell ranges
- Name columns
- etc

And other formats

Json with jsonlite

XML with xml2 or xmL (my preference is xml2)



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Key functions

spread

Narrow to Wide

gather

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Example

```
stocks
## # A tibble: 30 x 3
     time
               stock price
     <date>
               <chr> <dbl>
## 1 2010-01-01 X
                      0.892
## 2 2010-01-02 X
                      1.09
```

```
## 3 2010-01-03 X
                     -0.0525
                      0.899
## 4 2010-01-04 X
## 5 2010-01-05 X
                      0.326
## 6 2010-01-06 X
                      1.82
## 7 2010-01-07 X
                      0.0298
## 8 2010-01-08 X
                      0.164
## 9 2010-01-09 X
                      0.428
## 10 2010-01-10 X
                      -0.475
## # ... with 20 more rows
```

```
stocks %>%
  spread(stock, price)
```

```
## # A tibble: 10 x 4
     time
                    Χ
                 <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
     <date>
## 1 2010-01-01 0.892 -0.0475 7.63
## 2 2010-01-02 1.09
                       2.79 -1.78
## 3 2010-01-03 -0.0525 1.72
                             -0.642
## 4 2010-01-04 0.899 3.03 -1.26
## 5 2010-01-05 0.326 -2.84
                              2.88
## 6 2010-01-06 1.82
                      1.75
                              5.27
## 7 2010-01-07 0.0298 1.22
                              4.13
## 8 2010-01-08 0.164 -1.81
                              2.52
## 9 2010-01-09 0.428 -1.43 -7.40
## 10 2010-01-10 -0.475 -2.44 -3.41
```

Gather

Syntax

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    value = "what you want to call value",
    -"what you don't want grouped")
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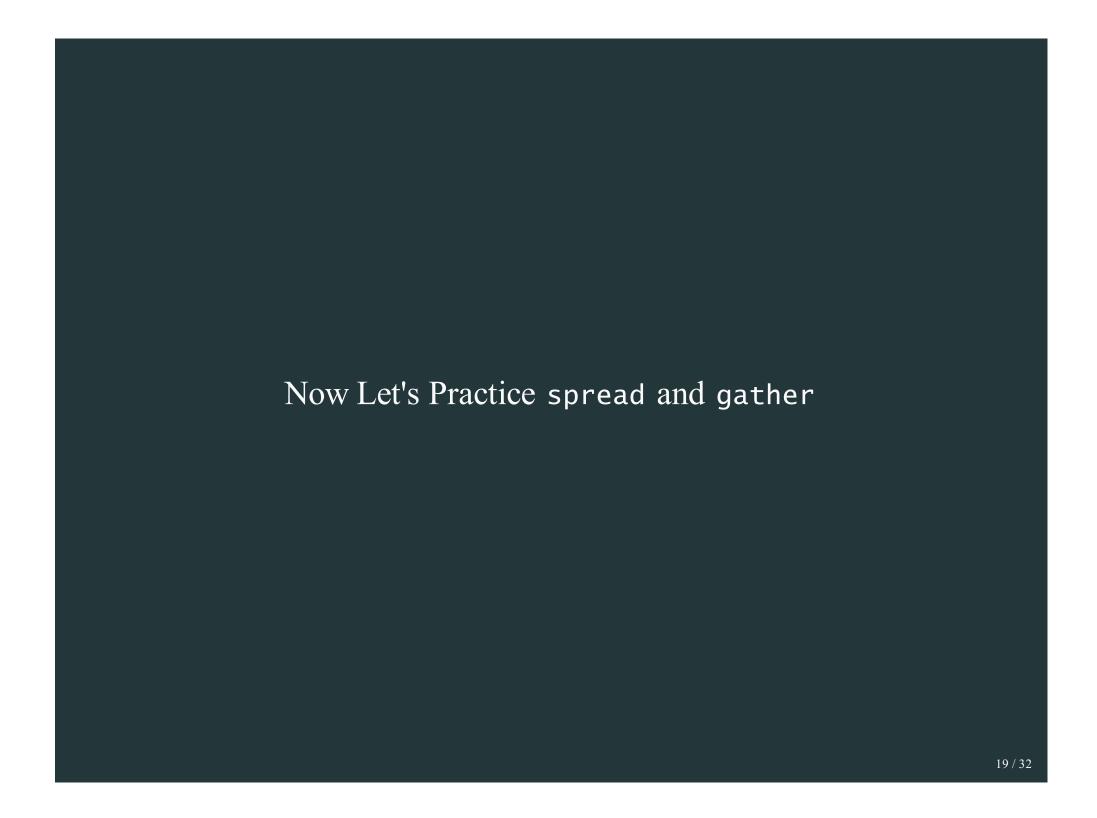
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Example

```
mini_iris
## # A tibble: 3 x 5
## Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Spe
            <dbl>
                       <dbl>
                                    <dbl>
                                                <dbl> <fc
## 1
             5.1
                                      1.4
                                                  0.2 set
                         3.5
## 2
             7
                         3.2
                                      4.7
                                                  1.4 ver
## 3
             6.3
                         3.3
                                      6
                                                  2.5 vir
<
```

```
mini_iris %>%
  gather(attribute, measurement, -Species)
```

```
## # A tibble: 12 x 3
     Species
               attribute
                            measurement
     <fct>
                <chr>
                                  <dbl>
## 1 setosa
                Sepal.Length
                                    5.1
## 2 versicolor Sepal.Length
                                    7
## 3 virginica Sepal.Length
                                    6.3
## 4 setosa
                Sepal.Width
                                    3.5
## 5 versicolor Sepal.Width
                                    3.2
## 6 virginica Sepal.Width
                                    3.3
## 7 setosa
                Petal.Length
                                    1.4
## 8 versicolor Petal.Length
                                    4.7
## 9 virginica Petal.Length
                                    6
## 10 setosa
               Petal.Width
                                    0.2
## 11 versicolor Petal.Width
                                    1.4
## 12 virginica Petal.Width
                                    2.5
```



Subset with select

Suppose you want to retain only a few columns.

This can be done with the select command from dplyr

```
iris %>%
  select(Sepal.Length, Petal.Width)
```

```
## # A tibble: 150 x 2
## Sepal.Length Petal.Width
          <dbl>
                     <dbl>
         5.1
                   0.2
## 2 4.9 0.2
## 3 4.7 0.2
      4.6 0.2
5 0.2
5.4 0.4
        4.6
                      0.3
                      0.2
## 9
            4.4
                      0.2
## 10
            4.9
                      0.1
## # ... with 140 more rows
```

Helpers for select

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```
iris %>%
 select(starts_with("Sepal"))
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   Sepal.Length Sepal.Width
         <dbl>
                    <dbl>
## 1
         5.1
                    3.5
           4.9
                     3
      4.7
4.6
           4.7 3.2
                    3.1
                     3.6
      5.4
                     3.9
         4.6
                     3.4
                     3.4
           4.4
                     2.9
## 10
           4.9
                     3.1
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unite is a function that allows you to join (paste together) two columns

Syntax

```
unite(data = data, col = "new_column_name", sep = "separator",
    remove = "T/F if you want to drop the columns", -column_you_dont_want_joined)
```

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```

Example

```
sample_df %>%
unite(col = "united", sep = "_",
    remove = FALSE, -col3)
```

separate is a function that allows you to split a column into multiple columns

Syntax

```
separate(data = data, col = "what to separate", into = "new columns",
    sep = " what to separate by", remove = "T/F")
```

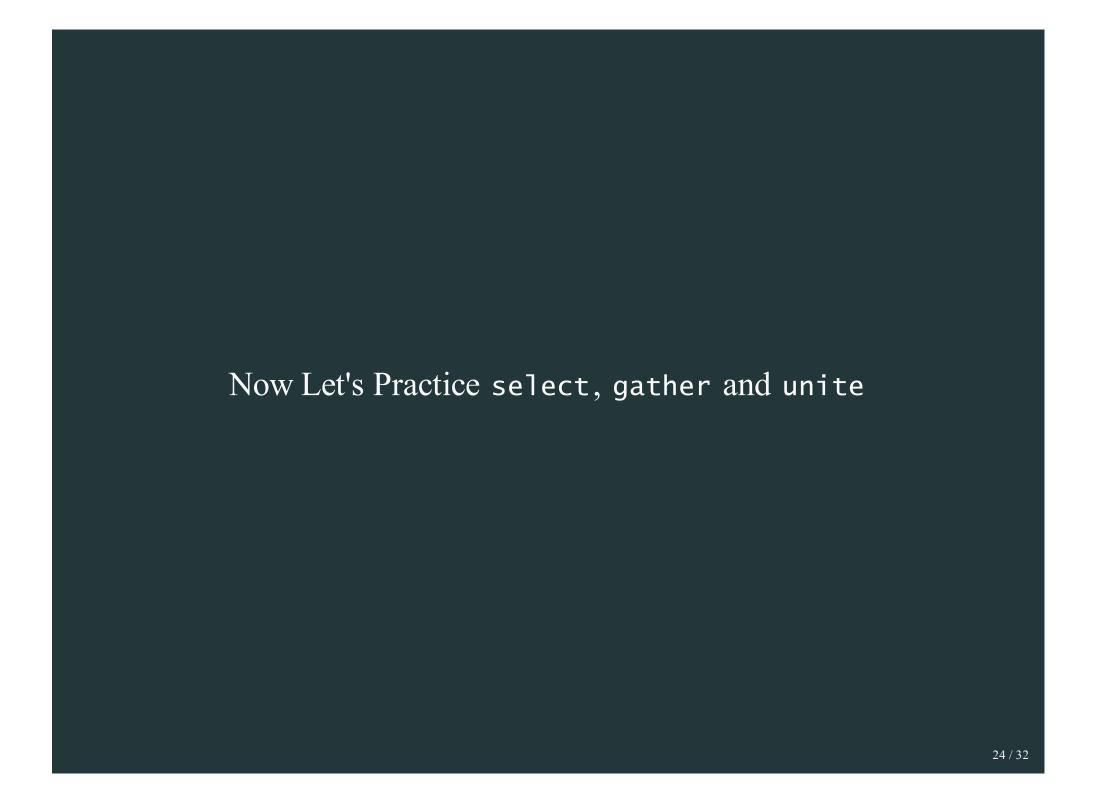
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```

Example

```
## # A tibble: 3 x 3
## col1 col2 col3
## <chr> <chr> +# 1 A 1 X
## 2 B 2 Y
## 3 C 3 Z
```



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Example

```
##
## setosa versicolor virginica
## 50 50 50
```

```
iris %>%
  filter(Species == "setosa") %>%
  select(Species, contains("Sepal"))
```

```
## # A tibble: 50 x 3
     Species Sepal.Length Sepal.Width
                    <dbl>
      <fct>
                                <dbl>
              5.1 3.5
## 1 setosa
## 2 setosa
                    4.9
                                  3
## 2 setosa 4.9
## 3 setosa 4.7
## 4 setosa 4.6
## 5 setosa 5
## 6 setosa 5.4
## 7 setosa 4.6
                                  3.2
                                  3.1
                                  3.6
                                  3.9
                                  3.4
                   5
## 8 setosa
                                  3.4
## 9 setosa
## 10 setosa
                    4.4
                                  2.9
                      4.9
                                  3.1
## # ... with 40 more rows
```

Logical Operators

- == for testing equivalence
- != not equal to
- >/ < greater than or less than
- >= / <= greater than or less than or equal to
- &/ | and and or allows for combining conditions (e.g. Species == "Setosa" & Sepal.Length >5)

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```
iris
## # A tibble: 150 x 5
     Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Sr
             <dbl>
                         <dbl>
                                     <dbl>
                                                 <db1> <f
## 1
              5.1
                          3.5
                                       1.4
                                                   0.2 se
              4.9
                           3
                                       1.4
                                                   0.2 se
## 3
              4.7
                          3.2
                                       1.3
                                                   0.2 se
              4.6
                          3.1
                                       1.5
                                                   0.2 se
                          3.6
                                       1.4
                                                   0.2 se
                          3.9
                                       1.7
              5.4
                                                   0.4 s€
              4.6
                          3.4
                                       1.4
                                                   0.3 se
              5
                          3.4
                                       1.5
                                                   0.2 se
              4.4
                          2.9
                                       1.4
                                                   0.2 se
## 10
              4.9
                          3.1
                                       1.5
                                                   0.1 se
## # ... with 140 more rows
```

```
iris %>%
  rename(sepal_length = Sepal.Length) %>%
  select(sepal_length, ends_with("width"))
```

```
## # A tibble: 150 x 3
     sepal_length Sepal.Width Petal.Width
            <dbl>
                        <dbl>
                                   <dbl>
              5.1
                          3.5
                                     0.2
## 1
              4.9
                          3
                                     0.2
## 3
              4.7
                          3.2
                                     0.2
              4.6
                          3.1
                                     0.2
## 5
              5
                          3.6
                                     0.2
              5.4
                          3.9
                                     0.4
## 7
              4.6
                          3.4
                                     0.3
## 8
              5
                          3.4
                                     0.2
## 9
              4.4
                          2.9
                                     0.2
              4.9
## 10
                          3.1
                                     0.1
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```
mtcars
## # A tibble: 32 x 11
      mpg cyl disp
                      hp drat
## * <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl
## 1 21
             6 160
                      110 3.9
                              2.62 16.5
                      110 3.9 2.88 17.0
## 2 21
             6 160
                                            0
## 3 22.8
             4 108
                      93 3.85 2.32 18.6
## 4 21.4
             6 258
                     110 3.08 3.22 19.4
## 5 18.7
             8 360
                     175 3.15 3.44 17.0
                                            0
             6 225
## 6 18.1
                      105 2.76 3.46 20.2
## 7 14.3
             8 360
                      245 3.21 3.57 15.8
                                            0
## 8 24.4
                      62 3.69 3.19 20
             4 147.
                                            1
## 9 22.8
             4 141.
                      95 3.92 3.15 22.9
## 10 19.2
             6 168. 123 3.92 3.44 18.3
                                            1
## # ... with 22 more rows
```

```
mtcars %>%
  mutate(mpg_per_wt = mpg / wt) %>%
  select(mpg, wt, mpg_per_wt)
```

```
## # A tibble: 32 x 3
      mpg wt mpg_per_wt
     <dbl> <dbl>
                    <dbl>
## 1 21
           2.62
                     8.02
## 2 21
          2.88
                     7.30
## 3 22.8 2.32
                     9.83
## 4 21.4 3.22
                     6.66
## 5 18.7 3.44
                     5.44
## 6 18.1 3.46
                     5.23
## 7 14.3 3.57
                     4.01
## 8 24.4 3.19
                     7.65
## 9 22.8 3.15
                    7.24
## 10 19.2 3.44
                    5.58
## # ... with 22 more rows
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Add more groups with group_by

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 8
## cyl am avg_mpg
                     n min_wt max_wt perc_of_group perc_total
## <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
                                               <dbl>
## 1
             22.9 3 2.46 3.19
                                       0.273
                                              0.0938
              28.1
                   8 1.51 2.78
                                       0.727
                                              0.25
## 3
    6 0 19.1 4 3.22 3.46
                                       0.571
                                              0.125
    6 1 20.6 3 2.62 2.88
                                       0.429
                                              0.0938
## 5
    8 0 15.0 12 3.44 5.42
                                       0.857
                                              0.375
## 6 8 1 15.4 2 3.17 3.57
                                       0.143
                                              0.0625
```

To Recap

gather and spread to transform our data between wide and long forms

select to subset columns

filter to filter data to a specific condition

unite and separate to combine and separate columns

rename to rename our columns

mutate to add new derrived or calculated columns

group_by for group-wise operations

summarise for summary functions on grouped variables

