

# Class6: R functions

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Functions are how we get work done in R. We call functions to do everything from reading data to doing analysis and outputting plots and results.

All functions in R have at least 3 things: - a **name** (you get to pick this) - input **arguments** (there can be only one or loads) - the **body** (where the work gets done, these codes are between the curly brackets)

## 1. A first silly function

```
x <- 10
y <- 10
x + y
```

```
[1] 20
```

```
add <- function(x) {
  y <- 10
  x + y
}
```

```
add(1)
```

```
[1] 11
```

```
add <- function(x, y) {
  x + y
}
```

```
add(10, 10)
```

```
[1] 20
```

```
add(10, 100)
```

```
[1] 110
```

## 2. grade() function

### trials

```
# Example input vectors to start with
student1 <- c(100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 100, 90)
student2 <- c(100, NA, 90, 90, 90, 90, 97, 80)
student3 <- c(90, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA)

mean(student1)
```

```
[1] 98.75
```

```
mean(student2, na.rm=TRUE)
```

```
[1] 91
```

```
mean(student3, na.rm=TRUE)
```

```
[1] 90
```

```
min(student1)
```

```
[1] 90
```

```
min(student2)
```

```
[1] NA
```

```
min(student3)
```

```
[1] NA
```

```
#which.min() returns the location where the minimal value occurs.  
which.min(student1)
```

```
[1] 8
```

```
which.min(student2)
```

```
[1] 8
```

```
which.min(student3)
```

```
[1] 1
```

```
minLocation <- which.min(student1)  
newGrades <- student1[-minLocation]  
meanGrade <- mean(newGrades, na.rm = TRUE)  
meanGrade
```

```
[1] 100
```

## Q1. my working function!

```
grade <- function(grades) {  
  #find and replace all the NA to 0  
  grades[is.na(grades)] <- 0  
}
```

```

#find the location of the min value
minLocation <- which.min(grades)
#create a new vector that omits the min value
newGrades <- grades[-minLocation]
#calculate the mean of the new vector
meanGrade <- mean(newGrades)
meanGrade
}

grade(student1)

```

```
[1] 100
```

```
grade(student2)
```

```
[1] 91
```

```
grade(student3)
```

```
[1] 12.85714
```

## Q1. applying function to url gradebook

```

url <- "https://tinyurl.com/gradeinput"
gradebook <- read.csv(url, row.names = 1)

# array = gradebook, margin = row (1 for row, 2 for col), function = grade
grades <- apply(gradebook, 1, grade)

```

## Q2. top scoring student

```
which.max(grades)
```

```
student-18
18
```

```
max(grades)
```

```
[1] 94.5
```

### Q3. hardest homework

```
apply(gradebook, 2, mean, na.rm=TRUE)
```

```
      hw1      hw2      hw3      hw4      hw5  
89.00000 80.88889 80.80000 89.63158 83.42105
```

```
which.min(apply(gradebook, 2, mean, na.rm=TRUE))
```

```
hw3  
3
```

### Q4. highest correlation with average grade score

```
mask <- gradebook  
mask[is.na(mask)] <- 0  
mask
```

```
      hw1 hw2 hw3 hw4 hw5  
student-1 100 73 100 88 79  
student-2 85 64 78 89 78  
student-3 83 69 77 100 77  
student-4 88 0 73 100 76  
student-5 88 100 75 86 79  
student-6 89 78 100 89 77  
student-7 89 100 74 87 100  
student-8 89 100 76 86 100  
student-9 86 100 77 88 77  
student-10 89 72 79 0 76  
student-11 82 66 78 84 100  
student-12 100 70 75 92 100
```

student-13	89	100	76	100	80
student-14	85	100	77	89	76
student-15	85	65	76	89	0
student-16	92	100	74	89	77
student-17	88	63	100	86	78
student-18	91	0	100	87	100
student-19	91	68	75	86	79
student-20	91	68	76	88	76

```
apply(mask, 2, cor, y=grades)
```

	hw1	hw2	hw3	hw4	hw5
	0.4250204	0.1767780	0.3042561	0.3810884	0.6325982