R Workshop #1

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Data Wrangling

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Subsetting Data

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```
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```

```
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```

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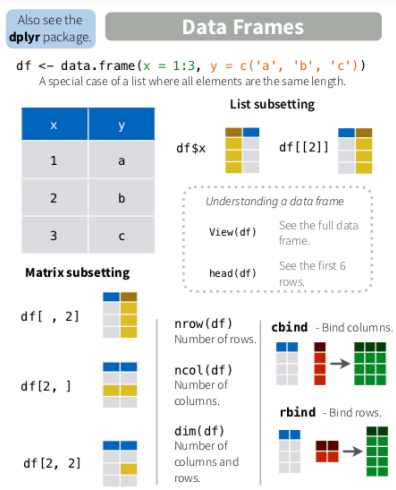
Also see the dplyr package.
Data Frames
df <- data.frame(x = 1:3, y = c('a', 'b', 'c'))
A special case of a list where all elements are the same length.
x
y
1
a
2
b
3
c
List subsetting
df$x
df[[2]]
Understanding a data frame
View(df)
See the full data frame.
head(df)
See the first 6 rows.
Matrix subsetting
df[, 2]
df[2,]
df[2, 2]
nrow(df)
Number of rows.
ncol(df)
Number of columns.
dim(df)
Number of columns and rows.
cbind - Bind columns.
rbind - Bind rows.

- We can do the same thing for `data.frame`s:

```
df<-data.frame(Nums=c(1,2,3,4,5),
               Lets=c("a","b","c","d","e"))
df
```

```
##   Nums Lets
## 1    1    a
## 2    2    b
## 3    3    c
## 4    4    d
## 5    5    e
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- Subset a **specific value**:

```
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```

```
## [1] "b"
```

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```

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subset(df, Nums>2)
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Subsetting Conditionally: `filter()` with `dplyr`

- `dplyr` makes this easier with `filter()`

```
df %>%
  filter(Nums>2)
```

```
##   Nums Lets
## 1    3    c
## 2    4    d
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Useful Conditionals

Condition	Description	Example(s)
`>`	Values greater than	`Num>2`
`>=`	Values greater than or equal to	`Num>=2`
`==`	Values equal to (put value in quotes if a character)	`Num==2`; `Let=="a"`
`!=`	Values are NOT equal to	`Num!=2`; `Let!="a"`
`cond.1 & cond.2`	"AND": BOTH conditions must be met	`Num>2 & Num<5`
`cond.1 | cond.2`	"OR": Either one condition must be met	`Num>2 | Num<5`
`%in% c()`	Values are in a set of values defined in `c()`	`Num %in% c(1,2,3)`
`!%in% c()`	Values are NOT in defined set	`Num !%in% c(1,2,3)`

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Dealing with Missing Data

Missing Data: NA

- If any observation is missing a value of a variable, it will show up as NA

```
x<-c(1,2,NA,4,5)
y<-c("a",NA,"c","d","e")
df<-data.frame(x,y)

df
```

```
##    x    y
## 1  1    a
## 2  2 <NA>
## 3 NA    c
## 4  4    d
## 5  5    e
```

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NAs Propagate...

- Missing data propagates and will ruin many functions you run on it

```
mean(df$x)
```

```
## [1] NA
```

```
sd(df$x)
```

```
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```

```
sum(df$x)
```

```
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```

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```
df2<-na.omit(df) # drop any row that has any NA value for any variable
df2
```

```
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## 1 1 a
## 4 4 d
## 5 5 e
```

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NA Strategy II

2. Drop *all* observations that have some missing value across *any* variable with `na.omit(df)`
    - Often too extreme, may end up throwing out a lot of useful data!

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## 4 4 d
## 5 5 e
```

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NA Strategy III

3. Most functions have a NA option built in

```
mean(df$x, na.rm=TRUE)
```

```
## [1] 3
```

```
sd(df$x, na.rm=TRUE)
```

```
## [1] 1.825742
```

```
sum(df$x, na.rm=TRUE)
```

```
## [1] 12
```

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NA Strategy III

3. Most functions have a NA option built in
    - Add "`,na.rm=TRUE`" inside any function's `()` to simply *ignore* all observations with NAs

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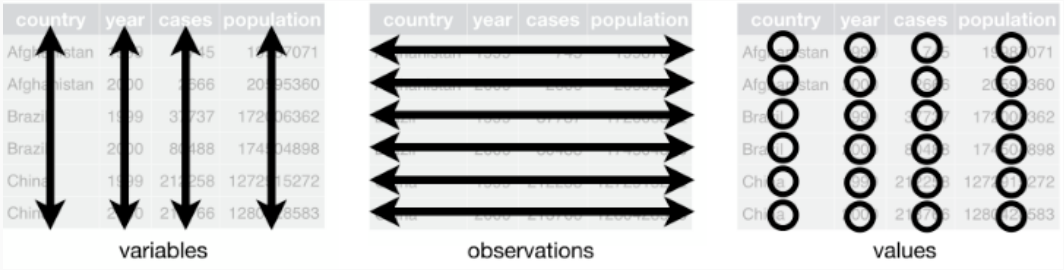
country year cases population
variables
observations
values

```
library("knitr")
FOTR<-read.csv("../Data/The_Fellowship_Of_The_Ring.csv")
TTT<-read.csv("../Data/The_Two_Towers.csv")
ROTK<-read.csv("../Data/The_Return_Of_The_King.csv")
```

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Tidy Data II: Three Datasets

Film	Race	Female	Male
The Fellowship Of The Ring	Elf	1229	971
The Fellowship Of The Ring	Hobbit	14	3644
The Fellowship Of The Ring	Man	0	1995

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The Two Towers	Hobbit	0	2463
The Two Towers	Man	401	3589

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The Return Of The King	Elf	183	510
The Return Of The King	Hobbit	2	2673
The Return Of The King	Man	268	2459

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```
suppressPackageStartupMessages(library("tidyverse"))
LOTR <- bind_rows(FOTR, TTT, ROTK)
```

```
## Warning in bind_rows_(x, .id): Unequal factor levels: coercing to character
```

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```
str(LOTR)
```

```
## 'data.frame':    9 obs. of  4 variables:
##  $ Film  : chr  "The Fellowship Of The Ring" "The Fellowship Of The Ring" "Th
##  $ Race  : Factor w/ 3 levels "Elf","Hobbit",..: 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3
##  $ Female: int  1229 14 0 331 0 401 183 2 268
##  $ Male  : int  971 3644 1995 513 2463 3589 510 2673 2459
```

```
LOTR
```

```
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```

Tidying III

```
LOTR_tidy <-
  gather(LOTR, key = 'Gender', value = 'Words', Female, Male)
LOTR_tidy
```

```
##                          Film   Race Gender Words
## 1  The Fellowship Of The Ring    Elf Female  1229
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## 3  The Fellowship Of The Ring    Man Female     0
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## 12 The Fellowship Of The Ring    Man   Male  1995
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## 15              The Two Towers    Man   Male  3589
```

Saving the Tidy Data

```
write.csv(LOTR_tidy,"../Data/LOTR_tidy.csv")
```

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Now We Can Work With This

- Tidy data works better for analysis

```
LOTR_tidy %>%
  count(Gender, Race, wt = Words)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 3
##   Gender Race       n
##   <chr>  <fct>  <int>
## 1 Female Elf     1743
## 2 Female Hobbit    16
## 3 Female Man      669
## 4 Male   Elf     1994
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- All `tidyverse` packages assume tidy data

```
LOTR_tidy %>%
  count(Gender, Race, wt = Words)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 3
##   Gender Race       n
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```r
by_race_film <- LOTR_tidy %>%
   group_by(Film, Race) %>%
   summarize(Words = sum(Words))

by_race_film
```

```
## # A tibble: 9 x 3
## # Groups:   Film [?]
##   Film                        Race   Words
##   <chr>                       <fct>  <int>
## 1 The Fellowship Of The Ring Elf     2200
## 2 The Fellowship Of The Ring Hobbit  3658
## 3 The Fellowship Of The Ring Man     1995
## 4 The Return Of The King     Elf      693
## 5 The Return Of The King     Hobbit  2675
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```

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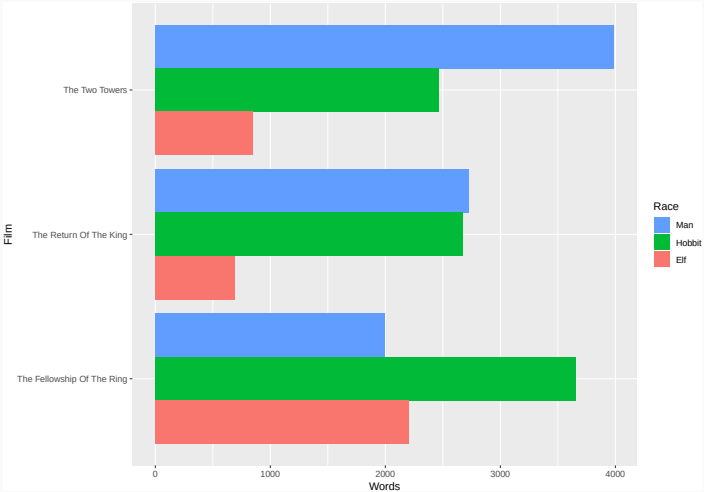
```
p <- ggplot(by_race_film, aes(x = Film, y = Words, fill = Race))
p + geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = "dodge") +
  coord_flip() + guides(fill = guide_legend(reverse = TRUE))
```



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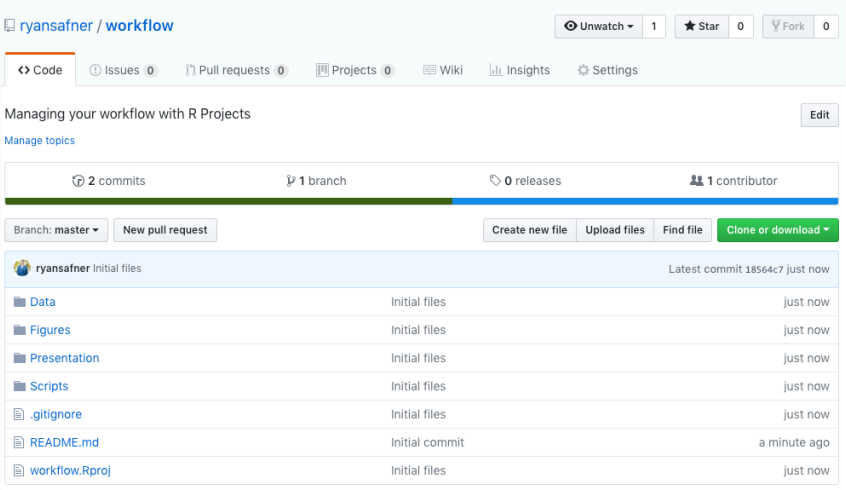

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- Let's make our own `mean()` function called `my.mean()`:

```
my.mean<-function(x){
  sum(x)/length(x)
}
```

- You can then use your function on any object

```
a<-c(1,2,3,4,5)

my.mean(a)

## [1] 3

b<-c(2,4,6,8,10)

my.mean(b)

## [1] 6
```

Another Simple Example

- You can even put another function as an input to a function

```
power<-function(exponent){
  function(x) x^exponent
}

# define other functions
square<-power(2)
cube<-power(3)

# run on examples

square(6)
```

`for` Loops

- R will execute some statement `for` each `value` in a `sequence` of values:

```
for (value in sequence){
  statement
}
```

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- Square all the numbers in the following vector `numbers.to.square`

```
numbers.to.square<-c(1,7.5,pi,3,-57,874,91)

for (i in numbers.to.square){
  print(i^2)
}
```

```
## [1] 1
## [1] 56.25
## [1] 9.869604
## [1] 9
## [1] 3249
## [1] 763876
```