Data

R for Data Science Basel R Bootcamp







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In this session you will get to know...

- R's 3 main data types
- a little more about **functions**
- R's **Import/Export** functions



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3 Object types for data

R has 3 main data objects...

list - R's multi-purpose container

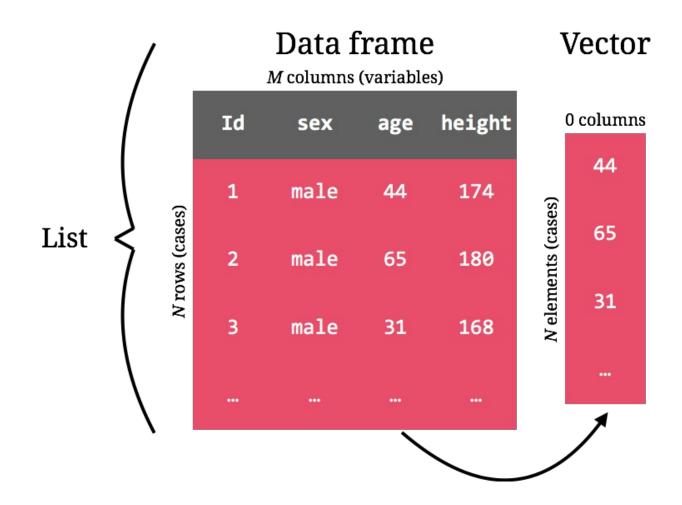
- Can carry any data, incl. lists
- Often used for function outputs

data_frame - R's spreadsheet

- Specific type of list
- Typical data format
- For multi-variable data sets

vectors - R's data container

- Actually carries the data
- Contain data of 1 of many types



list

- 1 Can carry any data, incl. lists, data_frames, vectors, etc.
- 2 Are often used for **function outputs**
- 3 Have named elements.
- 4 Elements can be **inspect**ed via names() or str().
- 5 Elements are (typically) **select**ed by \$.

List N named Elements (objects)

coefficients		df	resid- uals	r square	
var	est.	т	99	1.74 1.42 8.21	0.37
x1	1.17	1.86	99	4.24 0.45	
x2	3.32	2.65		43.1 2.1 	

list: Select element using \$

```
# regression
reg_model <- lm(height ~ sex + age,</pre>
                data = baselers)
reg_results <- summary(reg_model)</pre>
# get element names
names(reg_results)
## [1] "call"
                      "terms"
## [3] "residuals"
                      "coefficients"
## [5] "aliased"
                      "sigma"
## [7] "df"
                      "r.squared"
# select element using $
reg_results$coefficients
                 Estimate t value
## (Intercept) 164.171266 499.5339
## sexmale
                13.993699 66.4724
## age
                -0.003753 -0.5819
```

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data_frame

- 1 Are lists containing vectors of equal length representing the variables.
- 2 Contain vectors of different types: numeric, character, etc.
- 3 Have named elements.
- 4 Elements can be **inspect**ed via names(), str(), print(), View(), or skimr::skim().
- 5 Elements are (typically) **select**ed by \$.
- 6 Come in different flavors: data.frame(), data.table(), tibble().

Data frame

	ld	sex	age	height
es)	1	male	44	174
N rows (cases)	2	male	65	180
Nr	3	male	31	168

Inspect content

inspect baselers via print baselers

```
## # A tibble: 10,000 x 20
       id sex
                  age height weight income
    <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1
        1 male
                   44 174. 113.
                                     6300
## 2
        2 male
                  65 180. 75.2 10900
## 3
        3 fema...
                              55.5
                   31 168.
                                     5100
                  27 209
                              93.8
## 4
      4 male
                                     4200
        5 male
                   24 177.
## 5
                                     4000
    education confession children
   <chr>
              <chr>
                           <dbl>
## 1 SEK_III catholic
## 2 obligato... confessio...
## 3 SEK_III
             <NA>
## 4 SEK_III
              catholic
             catholic
## 5 SEK_III
## # ... with 9,995 more rows, and 11 more
## # variables
```

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Inspect content

View dataframe in a new window View(baselers)

•	id [‡]	sex [‡]	age [‡]	height [‡]	weight [‡]	income [‡]
1	1	male	44	174.3	113.4	6300
2	2	male	65	180.3	75.2	10900
3	3	female	31	168.3	55.5	5100
4	4	male	27	209.0	93.8	4200
5	5	male	24	176.7	NA	4000
6	6	male	63	186.6	67.4	11400
7	7	male	71	151.6	83.3	12000
8	8	female	41	155.7	67.8	7600
9	9	male	43	176.1	69.3	8500
10	10	female	31	166.1	66.3	6100
11	11	female	42	157.8	51.9	8000

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Select via \$

```
# Access age column from baselers
baselers$age
```

```
## [1] 44 65 31 27 24 63 71 41 43 31 42 31
## [13] 38 49 39 54 78 62 88 74
```

Access education column from baselers baselers\$education

```
[1] "SEK_III"
## [2] "obligatory_school"
## [3] "SEK_III"
   [4] "SEK_III"
   [5] "SEK_III"
   [6] "SEK_III"
   [7] "SEK_III"
   [8] "SEK_III"
## [9] "apprenticeship"
## [10] "SEK_II"
```

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Change/Add via \$

```
# Divide income by 1000
baselers$income <- baselers$income / 1000</pre>
# inspect baselers
baselers
```

```
## # A tibble: 10,000 x 20
        id sex
                  age height weight income
     <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
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                                       6.3
## 2
        2 male
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                               75.2
                                      10.9
## 3
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                               55.5
                                       5.1
                        209
                               93.8
                                       4.2
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              <chr>
                            <dbl>
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```

Data frame

4 columns (variables)

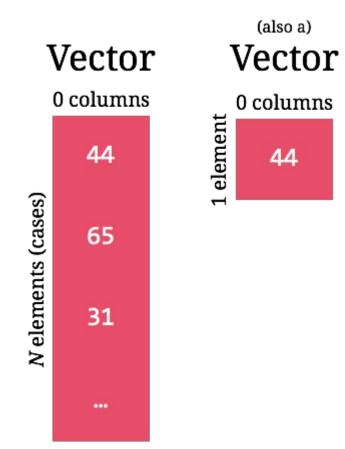
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		•••		

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vector

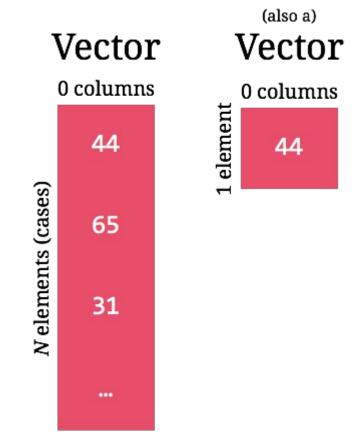
- 1 R's basic and, in a way, only data container.
- 2 Can contain only a single type of data and missing values.
- 3 Data types

```
numeric - All numbers
character - All characters (e.g., names)
logical - TRUE or FALSE
NA - missing values
```



Select/Change/(Add) via []

```
# extract vector containing age
age <- baselers$age
age
## [1] 44 65 31 27 24 63 71 41 43
# select value
age[2]
## [1] 65
# change value
age[2] <- 100
age
## [1] 44 100 31 27 24 63 71 41 43
```



Find more info on indexing here.

Data types: numeric

numeric vectors are used to store numbers and only numbers.

```
baselers$age
```

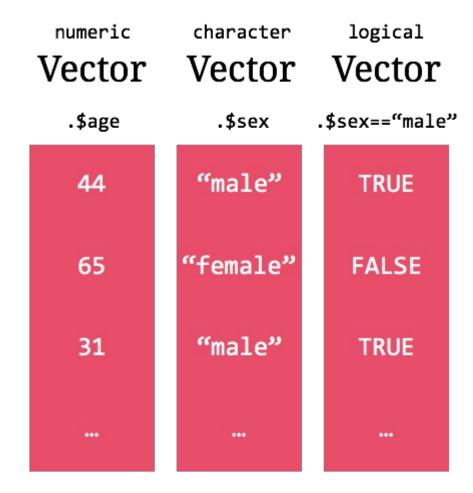
[1] 44 65 31 27 24 63 71 41 43

```
# evaluate class
class(baselers$age)
```

[1] "numeric"

is age numeric? is.numeric(baselers\$age)

[1] TRUE



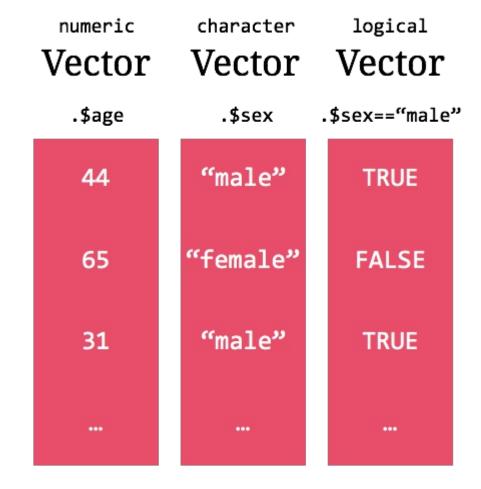
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Data types: character

character vectors are used to store data represented by letters and symbols, and all other data.

You can always recognise character vectors by quotation marks " "

```
baselers$sex
## [1] "male"
                "male"
                         "female" "male"
                "male"
## [5] "male"
                         "male"
                                  "female"
baselers$education
## [1] "SEK_III"
## [2] "obligatory_school"
## [3] "SEK_III"
## [4] "SEK_III"
```



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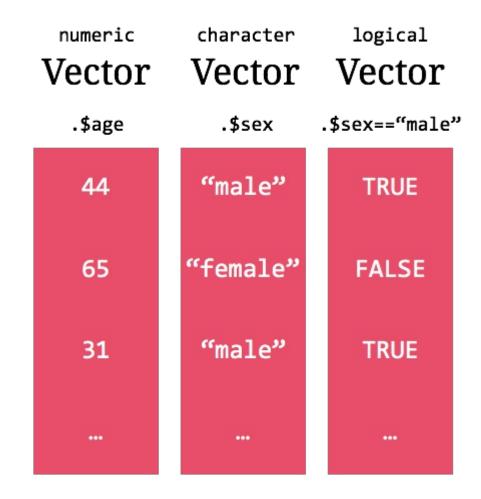
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```
baselers$age
```

[1] 44 65 31 27 24 63 71 41

```
# convert age to character
as.character(baselers$age)
```

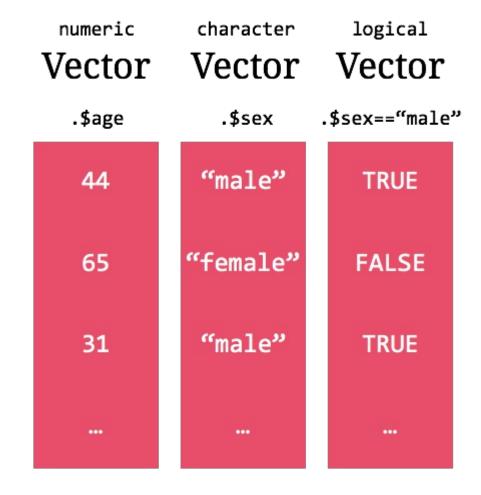
```
## [1] "44" "65" "31" "27" "24" "63" "71"
## [8] "41" "43"
```



Data types: logical

logical vector are used to data aka to select elements or rows. logical are typically created from other vectors via logical comparisons.

```
# which sex values are male?
baselers$sex == "male"
## [1] TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE
## [7] TRUE FALSE
# which ages are less than 30?
baselers$age < 30</pre>
## [1] FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE
## [7] FALSE FALSE FALSE
```



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Logical operators

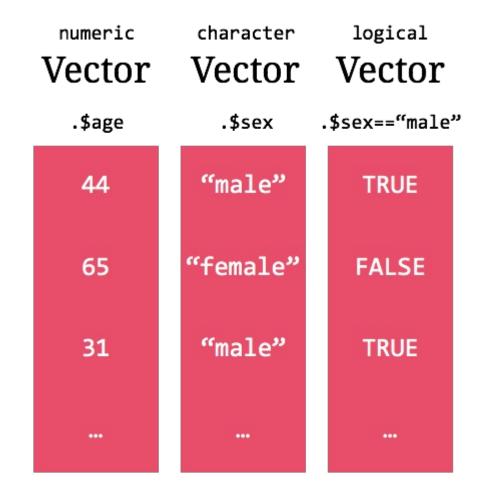
```
== - is equal to
```

<, > - smaller/greater than

<=, >= - smaller/greater than or equal

&, && - logical AND

I, II - logical OR



Data I/O

Raw (structured) Data

delim-separated data

id, sex, age, height, weight, income, education, confession, childre 1,male,44,174.3,113.4,6300,SEK_III,catholic,2,5,7,610,40,6,4 2, male, 65, 180.3, 75.2, 10900, obligatory_school, confessionless, 3, female, 31, 168.3, 55.5, 5100, SEK_III, NA, 2, 7, 6, 720, 14, 3, 6, 102, 4, male, 27, 209, 93.8, 4200, SEK_III, catholic, 2, 7, 8, 680, 39, 6, 0, 11 5, male, 24, 176.7, NA, 4e3, SEK_III, catholic, 1, 5, 4, 260, 19, 0, 1, 82, 6, male, 63, 186.6, 67.4, 11400, SEK_III, evangelical-reformed, 0, 7, 7, male, 71, 151.6, 83.3, 12e3, SEK_III, evangelical-reformed, 2, 8, 5 8, female, 41, 155.7, 67.8, 7600, SEK_III, confessionless, 1, 7, 2, 135 9, male, 43, 176.1, 69.3, 8500, apprenticeship, catholic, 2, 7, 5, 150, 10, female, 31, 166.1, 66.3, 6100, SEK_II, catholic, 1, 6, 7, 700, 0, 0, 3 11, female, 42, 157.8, 51.9, 8e3, obligatory school, catholic, 2, 9, 7 12, male, 31, 165.9, 66, 5900, apprenticeship, evangelical-reformed 13, female, 38, 162.5, 73.4, 6200, apprenticeship, confessionless, 2 14, female, 49, 182.8, 46.9, NA, SEK_III, evangelical-reformed, 1, 6, 15, female, 39, 160, NA, 5600, SEK_III, other, 2, 7, 4, 540, 35, 7, 4, 122, 16, female, 54, 139.7, 50.3, 10900, SEK_III, evangelical-reformed, 3 17, female, 78, 153.1,64.1,11e3, SEK_III, confessionless, 2, 7, 2, 97 18, female, 62, 174.6, 63.8, 11500, SEK III, confessionless, 2, 9, 7, 1 19, male, 88, 191.4, 99.8, 14200, SEK_III, confessionless, 2, 7, 3, 121 20, male, 74, 183.8, 78.1, 12100, apprenticeship, catholic, 2, 5, 7, 11

markup data

```
<!doctype html>
<html lang="en" class="gr__therbootcamp_github_io">
▶ <head>...</head>
▼<body data-gr-c-s-loaded="true">
    <script async src="https://www.google-analytics.com/analytics.</pre>
   <script type="text/javascript" async src="https://snap.licdn.u</pre>
   insight.min.js"></script>
   <script type="text/javascript">
          _linkedin_data_partner_id = "111419";
        </script>
  ▶ <script type="text/javascript">...</script>
  ▼<div id="particles-js">
    ▼<div class="content">
      ▼ <h1>
         <span class="site-title">TheRBootcamp</span>
         <span class="site-description">Learn Data Science in R
       ▼<a class="link" href="#upcoming" data-scroll>
           <font size="6" color="#FF3A2A">Basel July 21 22 28 29
         </a>
       </h1>
```

Delim-separated data

- 1 Most typical file format.
- 2 Requires **delimiter** to separate entries.



delim-separated data

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readr

readr is a tidyverse package that provides convenient functions to **read in** (non-nested) data files into data frames (tibbles to be precise):



```
# Importing data from a file

data <- read_csv(file, ...) # comma-delimited
data <- read_csv2(file, ...) # semicolon-delimeted
data <- read_delim(file, ...) # arbitrary-delimited

# Writing a data frame to a file

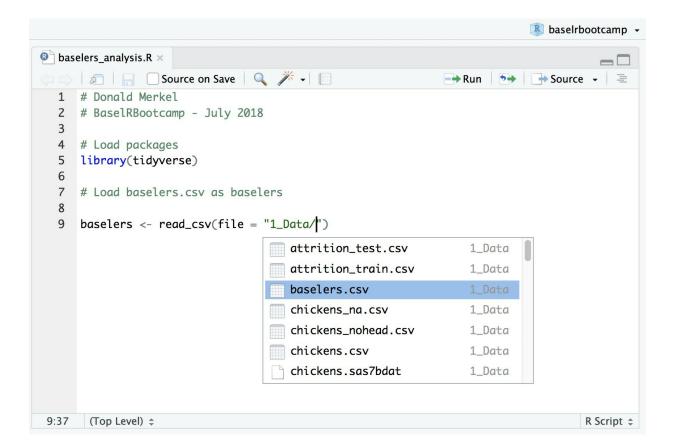
write_csv(data_object, path, ...) # comma-delimited
write_delim(data_object, path, ...) # arbitrary-delimited</pre>
```

Finding the file path

- 1 Identify the file path using the autocomplete.
- 2 Initiate auto-complete and browse through the folder structure by placing the cursor between two quotation marks and using the tab key.



3 - Auto-complete begins with the project folder - place your data inside your project folder!



Identifying the delimiter

- 1 Find the file on your hard drive. Should be in your data folder inside your project.
- 2 Open the file in RStudio (right-click on the file in the pane) a text viewer, e.g., (Mac), (Windows). (Mac),



baselers.csv

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                       delim = c(","))
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Handling headers

- 1 readr- functions typically expect the column names in the first line.
- 2 If no column names are available, use the col_names**argument** to provide them.

```
# Read with explicit column names
baselers <- read_csv(file = ".../baselers.csv",</pre>
                      col_names = c("id",
                                    "age",
```

baselers.csv

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Handling data types

Reading in data, readr infers the type of data for each column.

```
# Read baselers
read_csv(file = "1_Data/baselers.csv")
## Parsed with column specification:
## cols(
     .default = col_double(),
     sex = col_character(),
     education = col_character(),
     confession = col_character(),
     fasnacht = col_character(),
     eyecor = col_character()
## )
## See spec(...) for full column specifications.
## # A tibble: 10,000 x 20
                   age height weight income
        id sex
     <dbl> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1
                        174. 113.
                                       6300
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```

baselers.csv

id, sex, age, height, weight, income, education, confession, childre 1, male, 44, 174.3, 113.4, 6300, SEK_III, catholic, 2, 5, 7, 610, 40, 6, 4 2, male, 65, 180.3, 75.2, 10900, obligatory_school, confessionless, 3, female, 31, 168.3, 55.5, 5100, SEK_III, NA, 2, 7, 6, 720, 14, 3, 6, 102, 4, male, 27, 209, 93.8, 4200, SEK_III, catholic, 2, 7, 8, 680, 39, 6, 0, 11 5, male, 24, 176.7, NA, 4e3, SEK_III, catholic, 1, 5, 4, 260, 19, 0, 1, 82, 6, male, 63, 186.6, 67.4, 11400, SEK_III, evangelical-reformed, 0, 7, 7, male, 71, 151.6, 83.3, 12e3, SEK_III, evangelical-reformed, 2, 8, 5 8, female, 41, 155.7, 67.8, 7600, SEK_III, confessionless, 1, 7, 2, 135 9, male, 43, 176.1, 69.3, 8500, apprenticeship, catholic, 2, 7, 5, 150, 10, female, 31, 166.1, 66.3, 6100, SEK_II, catholic, 1, 6, 7, 700, 0, 0, 3 11, female, 42, 157.8, 51.9, 8e3, obligatory_school, catholic, 2, 9, 7 12, male, 31, 165.9, 66, 5900, apprenticeship, evangelical-reformed 13, female, 38, 162.5, 73.4, 6200, apprenticeship, confessionless, 2 14, female, 49, 182.8, 46.9, NA, SEK_III, evangelical-reformed, 1, 6, 15, female, 39, 160, NA, 5600, SEK_III, other, 2, 7, 4, 540, 35, 7, 4, 122, 16, female, 54, 139.7, 50.3, 10900, SEK III, evangelical-reformed, 3 17, female, 78, 153.1,64.1,11e3, SEK_III, confessionless, 2, 7, 2, 97 18, female, 62, 174.6, 63.8, 11500, SEK III, confessionless, 2, 9, 7, 1 19, male, 88, 191.4, 99.8, 14200, SEK_III, confessionless, 2, 7, 3, 121 20, male, 74, 183.8, 78.1, 12100, apprenticeship, catholic, 2, 5, 7, 11

Handling data types

Incorrect data types can be fixed. Typically this involves:

- 1 removing character elements from otherwise numeric variables.
- 2 Setting **explicit** NA **strings** using the na-argument.
- 3 Re-running type_convert.

```
# Read baselers
baseslers <- read_csv(file = ".../baselers.csv",</pre>
                       na = c('NA'))
# Try to fix incorrect data types
baselers <- type_convert(baselers)</pre>
```

baselers.csv

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Other data

R provides **read and write functions** for practically all data file formats. See **rio**.

readr



```
# read fixed width files (can be fast)
data <- read_fwf(file, ...)</pre>
# read Apache style log files
data <- read_log(file, ...)</pre>
```

haven



```
# read SAS's .sas7bat and sas7bcat files
data <- read_sas(file, ...)</pre>
# read SPSS's .sav files
data <- read_sav(file, ...)</pre>
# etc
```

readxl



```
# read Excel's .xls and xlsx files
data <- read_excel(file, ...)</pre>
```

Other

```
# Read Matlab .mat files
data <- R.matlab::readMat(file, ...)</pre>
# Read and wrangle .xml and .html
data <- XML::xmlParseParse(file, ...)</pre>
# from package jsonlite: read .json files
data <- jsonlite::read_json(file, ...)</pre>
```

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