

Doing Data Science with Raku

Data wrangling facilitation

Current status: ★★★ (3.25)

Comment: Slicing, splitting, combining, aggregating, summarizing data can be difficult and time consuming.

Pre-2021: No serious efforts, especially, in terms of streamlining data wrangling workflows.

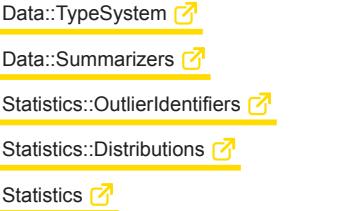
2025: Two major efforts for streamlining data wrangling workflows one using "pure" Raku (good for exploration) and other interfaces "outside" systems.

References

Data::Reshapers

Dan

Introduction to data wrangling with Raku [post]



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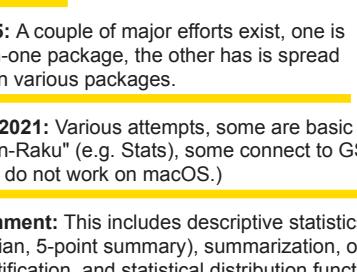
2025: Various (improved) packages for working with JSON, CSC, markup images, PDF, etc. Umbrella ingestion function for them.

Pre-2021: Robust JSON, CSV, CBOR files ingestion; XML and other formats can be ingested, but not in a robust manner.

Comment: That is fundamental and all programming systems have such functionalities to various degrees.

Current status: ★★★ (2.5)

Data ingestion



References

2025: A couple of major efforts exist, one is all-in-one package, the other has spread out in various packages.

Pre-2021: Various attempts, some are basic and "plain-Raku" (e.g. Stats), some connect to GSL (and do not work on macOS.)

Comment: This includes descriptive statistics (mean, median, 5-point summary), summarization, outlier identification, and statistical distribution functions.

Current status: ★★★★ (2.5)

Statistics for data exploration



References

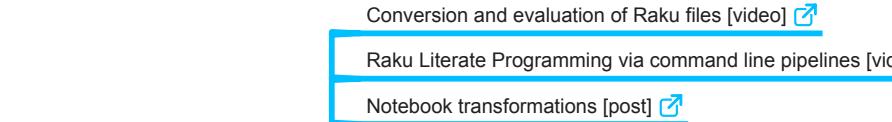
2025: There are two "solid" packages Data Science visualizations, JavaScript::D3, JavaScript::Google::Charts; there is also an ASCI-plots package Text::Plot which is useful when basic, coarse plots are sufficient.

Pre-2021: A few small packages for plotting, at least one connecting external systems (like GnuPlot), none of them that useful for Data Science.

Comment: Insightful plots over data are used in Data Science most of the time.

Current status: ★★★★

Data visualization facilitation



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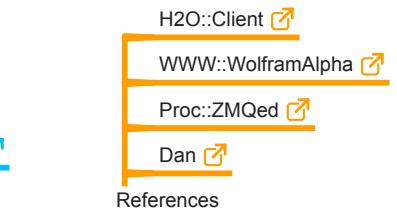
2025: LT is fully supported due to having multiple LT solutions, strong graphics capabilities, LLM integration, and computational documents converters.

Pre-2021: None, except Jupyter::Kernel, but that not useful because of the lack of good graphics.

Comment: LT is very important for Data Science (DS) because of the DS needs for Reproducible Research.

Current status: ★★★★★ (4.5)

Literate programming (LT)



References

2025: The project Dan provides bindings to the data wrangling library Polars. The project H2O::Client aims at providing both data wrangling and ML orchestrations to H2O.ai.

Pre-2021: Various projects connecting to database systems (e.g. MySQL.)

Comment: Effective way to do DS and ML _and_ easily move the developed computations to other systems. Allows reuse and having confidence that the utilized DS or ML algorithms are properly implemented and fast.

Current status: ★★★ (2.5)

External Data Science (DS) and Machine Learning (ML) orchestration

Interactive interfaces to parameterized workflows (dashboards)

Current status: ★

Comment: Very useful for getting data insights by dynamically changing different statistics based on parameters.

Pre-2021: None.

2025: An effort, Air::Examples, that brings interactivity via HTMX is using the Cro package set and templates; since Google Charts provides interactivity JavaScript::Google::Charts can be extended to have those kind of controls and dashboards.

References

Air::Examples

JavaScript::Google::Charts

Data generation and retrieval

Current status: ★★★★

Comment: Any data exploration is done in interactive manner with multiple changes of the data, and analysis or pattern finding workflows.

Pre-2021: The (basic) Raku REPL, related Emacs major-mode, and the notebook environment Jupyter::Kernel.

2025: In addition to pre-2021 work there are RakuMode for Wolfram Notebooks, Jupyter::Chatbook for seamless integration with LLMs.

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Interactive computing environment(s)

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