## Pipelines and workflows

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## Pipes in the tidyverse

## **Pipes**

We've seen two types of pipes in R.

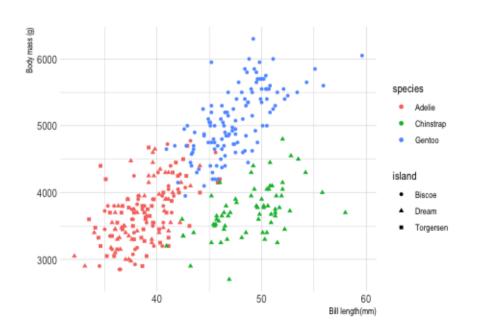
The pipe operator %>% from the **magrittr** package

The + symbol used as a pipe-like operator in **ggplot2** 

## **Pipes**

You can combine the two pipes into a workflow to create a visualization

The **ggplot** pipe has to be at the end of the workflow. Also note, we're not adding the data argument to ggplot since it is tidyverse-compatible and slots the end of the previous pipe into the data argument



### **Rowwise operations**

The **dplyr** package allows you to do rowwise operations much more easily than before within a pipe using the rowwise function. For example

```
mpg %>%
  select(manufacturer, year, cty, hwy) %>%
  rowwise() %>%
  mutate(avg_mpg = mean(c(hwy, cty)))
```

```
# A tibble: 234 x 5
# Rowwise:
                               hwy avg_mpg
  manufacturer year
                         cty
   <chr>
                <int> <int> <int>
                                      <dbl>
                                       23.5
  audi
                  1999
                          18
                                29
2 audi
                  1999
                          21
                                29
                                       25
                                      25.5
3 audi
                  2008
                          20
                                31
                                      25.5
 4 audi
                  2008
                          21
                                30
 5 audi
                  1999
                          16
                                26
                                      21
                                26
                                      22
 6 audi
                  1999
                          18
                                27
                                      22.5
 7 audi
                  2008
                          18
                                26
                                      22
 8 audi
                  1999
                          18
                                25
9 audi
                  1999
                          16
                                       20.5
10 audi
                  2008
                          20
                                28
                                       24
 ... with 224 more rows
```

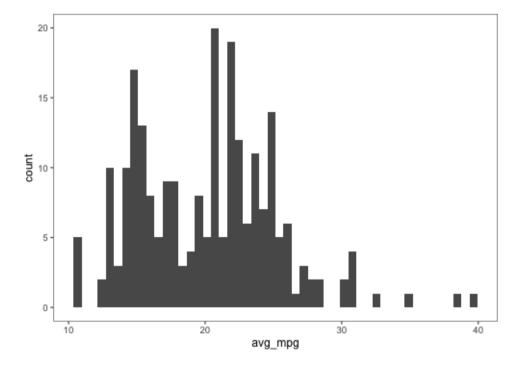
The rowwise function creates groups, one per row, and allows operations to occur along rows and across columns.

What would the result be if you omitted the rowwise function in the pipe?

### **Rowwise operations**

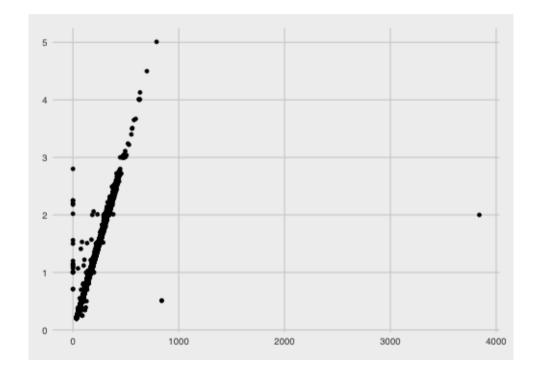
If you want to continue the pipe to incorporate the more traditional column-wise operations, you need to use ungroup before proceeding

```
mpg %>%
  select(manufacturer, year, cty, hwy) %>%
  rowwise() %>%
  mutate(avg_mpg = mean(c(hwy, cty))) %>%
  ungroup() %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = avg_mpg)) +
    geom_histogram(bins = 50)+
    ggthemes::theme_few()
```



### **Rowwise operations**

There are some nice shortcuts, in line with the select function, even with rowwise operations



Much more details about the possibilities of the rowwise function are available here

# Prepping data for modeling

The idea of the recipes package is to define a recipe or blueprint that can be used to sequentially define the encodings and preprocessing of the data (i.e. "feature engineering")

This is done in the context of supervised modeling, e.g. regression, decision trees

The idea is to define the dependent and independent variables, and then creating a pipeline to modify the independent variables through various statistical procedures.

We'll start with the credit data in the **modeldata** package

```
library(recipes)
library(modeldata)
data("credit_data")
glimpse(credit_data)
```

```
Rows: 4,454
Columns: 14
$ Status
           <fct> good, good, bad, good, good, good, good, good, bad, g...
$ Seniority <int> 9, 17, 10, 0, 0, 1, 29, 9, 0, 0, 6, 7, 8, 19, 0, 0, 15, 33,...
$ Home
           <fct> rent, rent, owner, rent, owner, owner, parents, owner...
$ Time
           <int> 60, 60, 36, 60, 36, 60, 60, 12, 60, 48, 48, 36, 60, 36, 18,...
$ Age
           <int> 30, 58, 46, 24, 26, 36, 44, 27, 32, 41, 34, 29, 30, 37, 21,...
$ Marital
           <fct> married, widow, married, single, single, married, married, ...
$ Records
           $ Job
           <fct> freelance, fixed, freelance, fixed, fixed, fixed, fixed, fi...
$ Expenses <int> 73, 48, 90, 63, 46, 75, 75, 35, 90, 90, 60, 60, 75, 75, 35,...
$ Income
           <int> 129, 131, 200, 182, 107, 214, 125, 80, 107, 80, 125, 121, 1...
$ Assets
           <int> 0, 0, 3000, 2500, 0, 3500, 10000, 0, 15000, 0, 4000, 3000, ...
$ Debt
           <int> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2500, 260, 0, 0, 200...
$ Amount
           <int> 800, 1000, 2000, 900, 310, 650, 1600, 200, 1200, 1200, 1150...
$ Price
           <int> 846, 1658, 2985, 1325, 910, 1645, 1800, 1093, 1957, 1468, 1...
```

Create an initial recipe based on the model that will be fit

```
rec <- recipe(Status ~ Seniority + Time + Age + Records, data = credit_data)
```

```
Data Recipe
Inputs:

role #variables
outcome 1
predictor 4
```

```
summary(rec, original=TRUE)
```

```
# A tibble: 5 x 4
 variable type
                   role
                             source
  <chr>
           <chr>
                   <chr>
                             <chr>
 Seniority numeric predictor original
2 Time
           numeric predictor original
3 Age
           numeric predictor original
4 Records
           nominal predictor original
5 Status
           nominal outcome
                             original
```

Add a step to convert nominal variables into dummies

```
(dummied <- rec %>% step_dummy(Records))
```

```
Data Recipe
Inputs:

role #variables
outcome 1
predictor 4

Operations:

Dummy variables from Records
```

#### Then apply it to your data

```
dummied <- prep(dummied, training = credit_data)
with_dummy <- bake(dummied, new_data = credit_data)
head(with_dummy)</pre>
```

```
# A tibble: 6 x 5
 Seniority Time
                  Age Status Records_yes
     <int> <int> <fct>
                                   <dbl>
              60
                   30 good
                   58 good
        10
             36
                   46 bad
             60
                   24 good
              36
                   26 good
                   36 good
```

The **recipes** package provides a rich variety of data steps that can be used to prepare a data set.

```
iris_recipe <- iris %>%
  recipe(Species ~ .) %>%
  step_corr(all_predictors()) %>%
  step_center(all_predictors(), -all_outcomes()) %>%
  step_scale(all_predictors(), -all_outcomes()) %>%
  prep()
iris_recipe
```

```
Data Recipe

Inputs:

role #variables
outcome 1
predictor 4

Training data contained 150 data points and no missing data.

Operations:

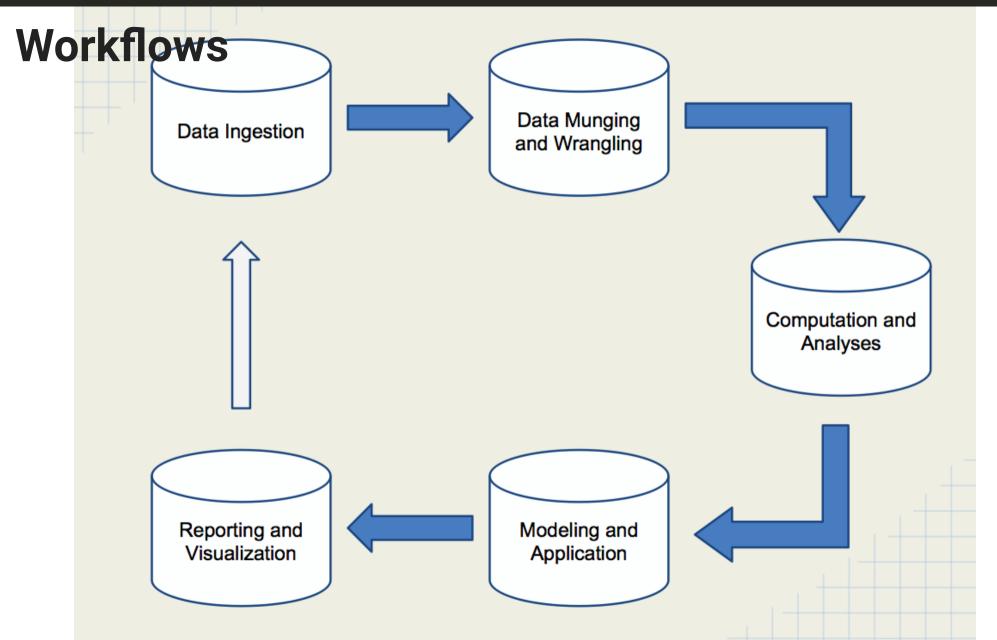
Correlation filter removed Petal.Length [trained]
Centering for Sepal.Length, Sepal.Width, Petal.Width [trained]
Scaling for Sepal.Length, Sepal.Width, Petal.Width [trained]
```

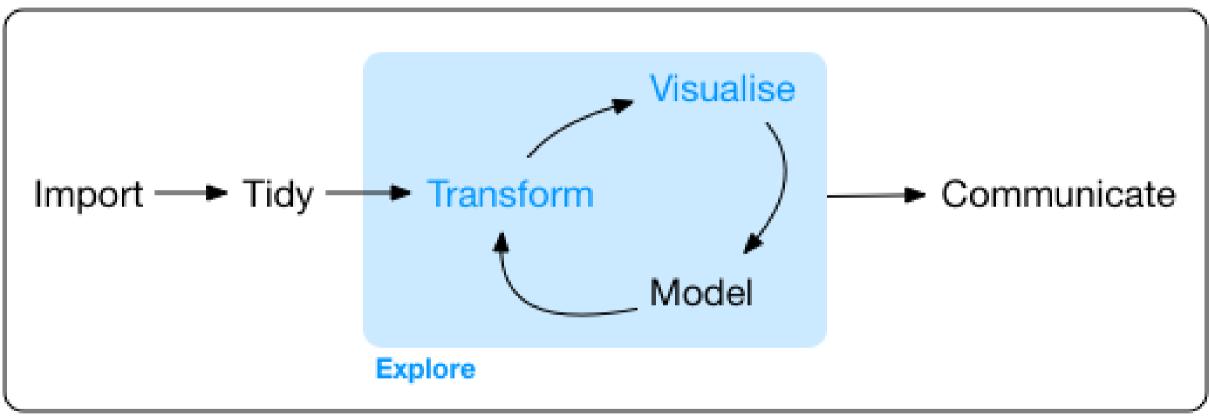
This recipe can then be applied to the same or a different dataset

```
iris1 <- bake(iris_recipe, iris)
glimpse(iris1)</pre>
```

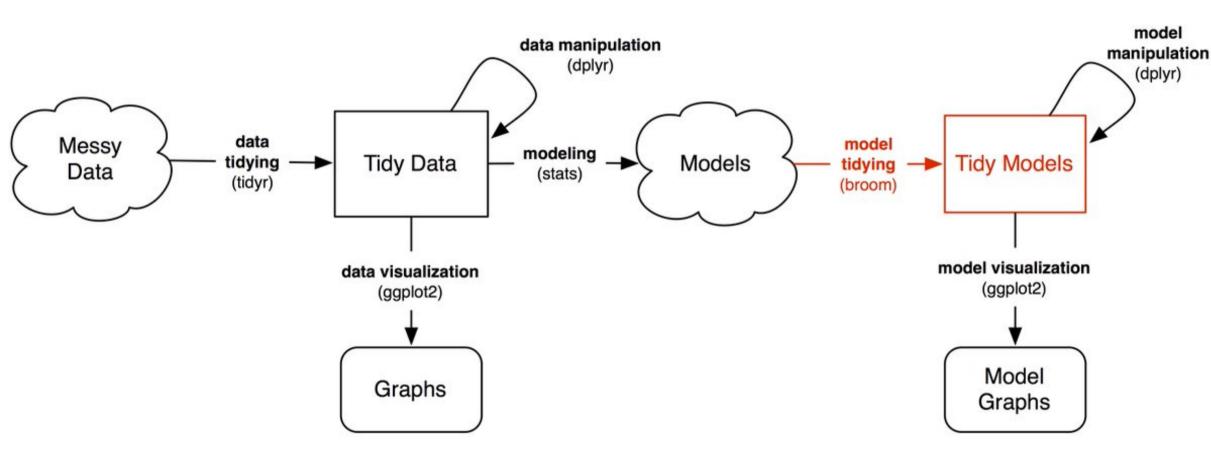
```
Rows: 150
Columns: 4
$ Sepal.Length <dbl> -0.89767388, -1.13920048, -1.38072709, -1.50149039, -1.0...
$ Sepal.Width <dbl> 1.01560199, -0.13153881, 0.32731751, 0.09788935, 1.24503...
$ Petal.Width <dbl> -1.3110521, -1.3110521, -1.3110521, -1.3110521, -1.31105...
$ Species <fct> setosa, setosa, setosa, setosa, setosa, setosa, setosa, ...
```

You can go into more details at tidymodels.org, with a nice introduction here





Program



- Create one script file for each node in your workflow
- Save intermediate data or objects using saveRDS so that
  - they can be imported quickly by the next step
  - Each link in the chain can be checked and verified
- You can summarize your entire workflow within one script:

```
source('01-ingest.R')
source('02-munge.R')
source('03-exploreviz.R')
source('04-eda.R')
source('05-models.R')
source('06-results.R')
```

#### A personal story

I wrote a paper using R Markdown with a reasonable pipeline for data analyses, modeling and visualization

Output to Word for submission to a journal

Three months later, reviews came in asking for using updated data

Changed the data at the beginning of my workflow, ran the workflow, and had revised manuscript in 10 minutes.

## **Quickest turnaround ever!!**

#### Some ideas (Efficient Programming by Gillespie and Lovelace)

- 1. Start without writing code but with a clear mind and perhaps a pen and paper. This will ensure you keep your objectives at the forefront of your mind, without getting lost in the technology.
- 2. Make a plan. The size and nature will depend on the project but timelines, resources and 'chunking' the work will make you more effective when you start.
- 3. Select the packages you will use for implementing the plan early. Minutes spent researching and selecting from the available options could save hours in the future.
- 4. Document your work at every stage; work can only be effective if it's communicated clearly and code can only be efficiently understood if it's commented.
- 5. Make your entire workflow as reproducible as possible. knitr can help with this in the phase of documentation.