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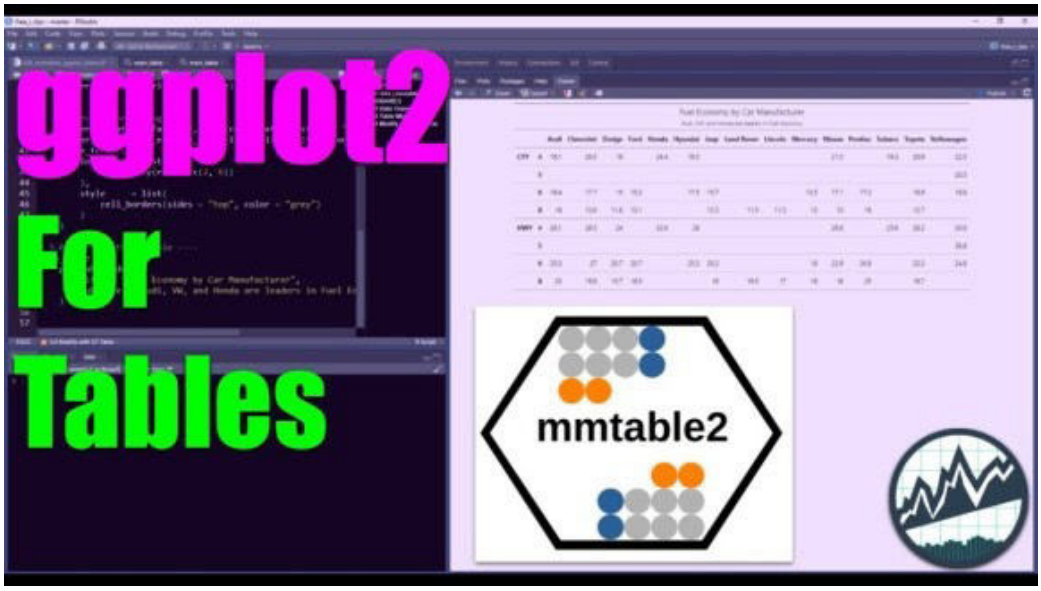
A ggplot2-syntax for making tables



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This R package uses **ggplot2 syntax** to create great tables

I love `ggplot2` for plotting. The grammar of graphics allows us to add elements to plots. Tables seem to be forgotten in terms of an intuitive grammar with tidy data philosophy – Until now. `mmtable2` aims to be the ggplot2 for tables, leveraging the awesome GT table package.

The `mmtable2` package aims to make it easy to create tables by:

1. **Using a ggplot2-style syntax for using a grammar of table operations.**
2. **Extends the amazing GT table package.**

Here's what we're making today:

Fuel Economy by Car Manufacturer

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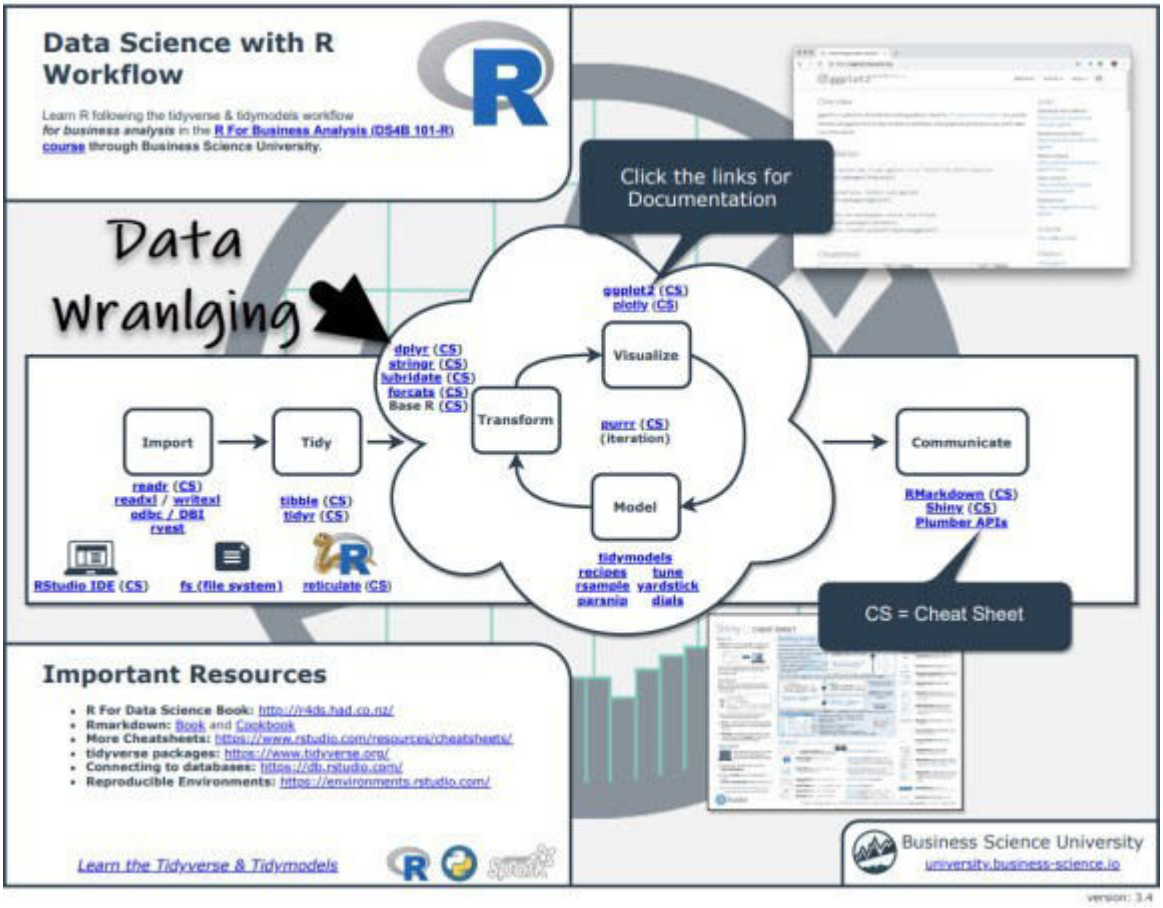
Make professional tables using a ggplot-syntax

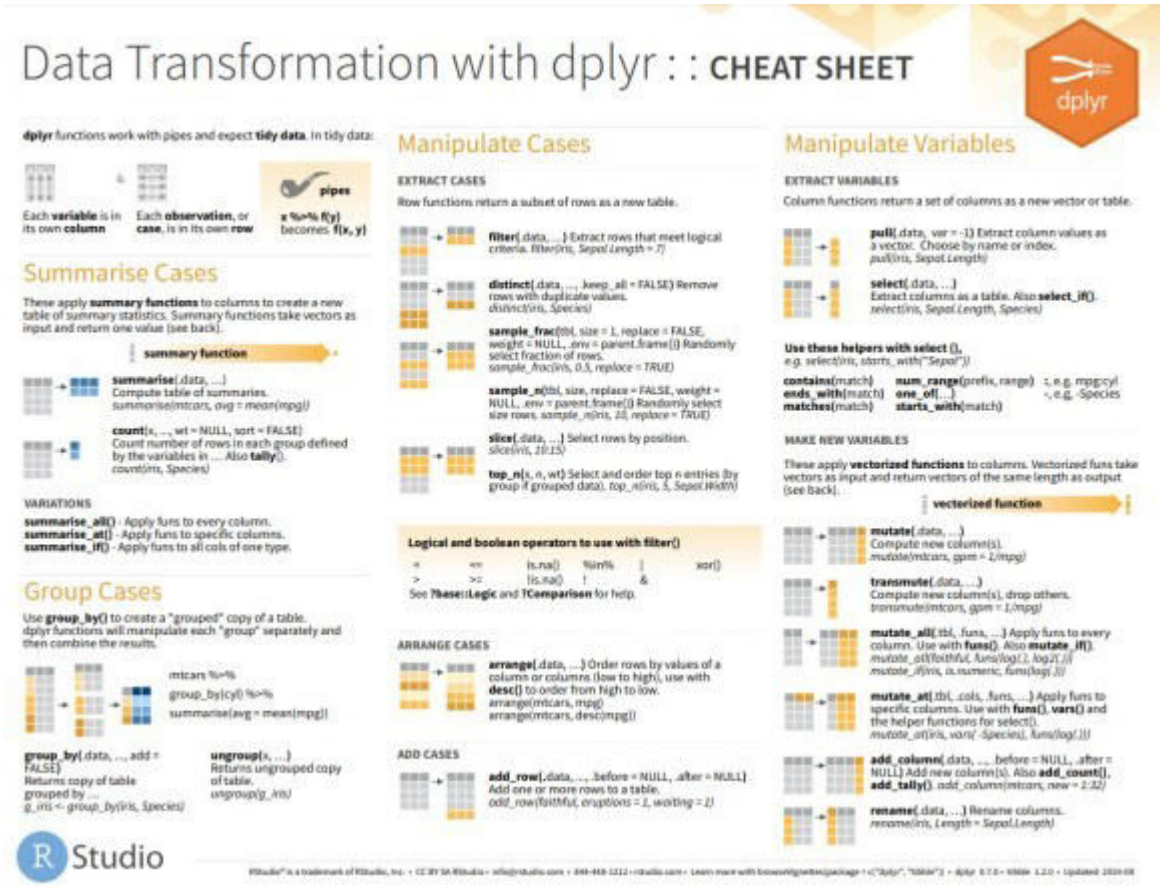
Before we get started, get the Cheat Sheet

`mmtable2` is great for making tables fast. But, you'll still need to learn how to wrangle data. For those topics, I'll use the Ultimate R Cheat Sheet to refer to `dplyr` code in my workflow.

Quick example – Clicking the "CS" next to "dplyr" opens the Data Transformation with Dplyr Cheat Sheet.



Now you're ready to quickly reference `dplyr` functions. Ok, onto the tutorial.



Step 1: Load Libraries

The libraries we'll need today are mmtable2, gt, and tidyverse. As of this post, mmtable2 is not on CRAN so you'll need to install with github.

```
# LIBRARIES ----

# remotes::install_github("ianmoran11/mmtable2")

library(mmtable2)
library(gt)
library(tidyverse)

```

Step 2: Wrangle Data into Long Format

Like `ggplot2`, `mmtable2` standardizes on the long-format (tidy-data format). According to the tidyr vignette:

In **tidy data**:

1. Every column is a variable.
2. Every row is an observation.
3. Every cell is a single value.

To achieve the "tidy-data" format we need to leverage dplyr and tidyr (use the Ultimate R Cheatsheet to pull up data wrangling doc's).

A. We start with Raw Data

This is the mpg data set, which contains fuel economy and other attributes on a number of automobile manufacturers and car models.

```
> mpg
# A tibble: 234 x 11
   manufacturer model      displ  year   cyl trans      drv     cty   hwy fl    class
   <chr>        <chr>      <dbl> <int> <int> <chr>      <chr> <int> <int> <chr> <chr>
 1 audi         a4           1.8  1999     4 auto(l5)   f        18    29 p     compact
 2 audi         a4           1.8  1999     4 manual(m5) f        21    29 p     compact
 3 audi         a4           2    2008     4 manual(m6) f        20    31 p     compact
 4 audi         a4           2    2008     4 auto(av)   f        21    30 p     compact
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 8 audi         a4 quattro   1.8  1999     4 manual(m5) 4        18    26 p     compact
 9 audi         a4 quattro   1.8  1999     4 auto(l5)   4        16    25 p     compact
10 audi         a4 quattro   2    2008     4 manual(m6) 4        20    28 p     compact
# ... with 224 more rows
```

B. We tidy with dplyr and tidyr

This is a standard data wrangling operation. I teach data wrangling in-depth in the R for Business Analysis course.

```
17  data_wrangled <- mpg %>%
18      group_by(manufacturer, cyl) %>%
19      summarise(across(.cols = c(cty, hwy), .fns = mean)) %>%
20      ungroup() %>%
21      pivot_longer(
22          cols = c(cty, hwy),
23          names_to = "fuel_economy_type",
24          values_to = "fuel_economy"
25      )
```

C. And we output “tidy data”

The data is now in “tidy” format, ready for making a table. Every column is a variable, every row is an observation, every cell is a single value.

```
> data_wrangled
# A tibble: 64 x 4
   manufacturer   cyl fuel_economy_type fuel_economy
   <chr>        <int> <chr>                    <dbl>
 1 audi             4 cty                       19.1
 2 audi             4 hwy                       28.1
 3 audi             6 cty                       16.4
 4 audi             6 hwy                       25.3
 5 audi             8 cty                       16
 6 audi             8 hwy                       23
 7 chevrolet        4 cty                       20.5
 8 chevrolet        4 hwy                       28.5
 9 chevrolet        6 cty                       17.7
10 chevrolet        6 hwy                       27
# ... with 54 more rows
```

Get the Code

Step 3: Make the table with mmtable2

The data is now wrangled into the tidy format. We can use `mmtable2` to make the plot. To see mmtable2 in action, I have a full-tutorial on YouTube. The important points are:

- **mmtable()** – The main argument (other than the incoming data) is our value column. In our case it's fuel_economy, the measure of average vehicle fuel efficiency.
- **Header Top and Header Top Left** – These add column headers from features.
- **Head Left and Header Left Top** – These add row headers from features.
- **Header Format and Table Format** – These allow you to apply GT formatting functions.

```
# 2.0 Table Main ----
main_table <- data_wrangled %>%
    mutate(fuel_economy = round(fuel_economy, 1)) %>%

    mmtable(table_data = fuel_economy, table_name = "Fuel Economy") +

    # Specify Headers
    header_top(manufacturer) +
    header_left(cyl) +
    header_left_top(fuel_economy_type) +


    # Specify formatting
    header_format(manufacturer, list(cell_text(transform = "capitalize"))) +
    header_format(fuel_economy_type, list(cell_text(transform = "uppercase"))) +
    table_format(
        locations = list(
            cells_body(rows = c(2, 6))
        ),
```

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And here is the professional table that was created, perfect for reports.

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Code available in our Free R-Tips Github Repository

In Summary

You just quickly made a professional table using the ggplot2-style table package, **mmtable2**. This is an amazing accomplishment!!

You should be proud.