

# QTM 151

## Lab 05 – lubridate

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# Recap

We learned:

- `qplot`: quick way to make ggplot graphs.
- `ggplotly` and `plot_ly`: create nice plotly graphs.
- `dplyr` `*_join` methods: joining data
- `forcats` methods: working with categorical variables

**Great job!!**

Do you have any questions about any of these contents?

Today we are going to talk about **lubridate** (package for dates and time)

# This class

We have a **quiz** due by the next class.

We have the next batch of DataCamp Assignments due soon.

Our GitHub page is: <https://github.com/umbertomig/qtm151>

# Getting Started

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# Getting Started: loading packages

```
# Loading tidyverse
```

```
library(tidyverse)
```

```
## — Attaching packages ————— tidyverse_2019.11.19
```

```
## ✓ ggplot2 3.3.5      ✓ purrr 0.3.4
```

```
## ✓ tibble 3.1.2       ✓ dplyr 1.0.7
```

```
## ✓ tidyr 1.1.3        ✓ stringr 1.4.0
```

```
## ✓ readr 1.4.0        ✓ forcats 0.5.1
```

```
## — Conflicts ————— tidyverse_2019.11.19
```

```
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
```

```
## x dplyr::lag()     masks stats::lag()
```

```
library(lubridate)
```

```
##
```

```
## Attaching package: 'lubridate'
```

# lubridate

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# lubridate

Provide tools to work with dates. The methods we will use in here are:

- `ymd()`, `ydm()`, `mdy()`, `myd()`, `dmy()`, `dym()`: read text into data, provided in this order.
- `parse_date_time()`: parse other date and time objects.
- `make_date()` and `make_datetime()`: parse dates and times.
- `round_dates()` and others: round dates and times.
- `difftime()`: time/dates differences.
- `now()` and `today()`: current dates and times.
- `seconds()`, `dseconds()` and others: create time spans and durations.
- `%--%` and date intervals: create and check date intervals.

# Dates and Strings

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# Dates and Strings

Without declare an object as a date, it is just a string.

Check that in R (for ISO 8601):

```
dt ← '2021-02-22'  
class(dt)  
str(dt)
```

```
dt ← as.Date(dt)  
class(dt)  
str(dt)
```

# ymd() and related functions

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These functions are great to parse dates:

```
x ← "2010 September 20th"  
ymd(x)
```

```
y ← "02.01.2010"  
dmy(y)
```

```
z ← "Sep, 12th 2010 14:00"  
mdy_hm(z)
```

```
a ← "2016-07-08 12:34:56"  
ymd_hms(a)
```

# ymd() and related functions

**Your turn:** Turn into date:

1. "2010-01-22"
2. "12-02-1234 12:30:25"
3. "May 18, 1933"
4. "1st June 2012"

parse\_date\_time

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# parse\_date\_time

`parse_date_time()` takes two arguments: First, a vector with dates. Second, a vector with orders to parse.

E. g.: `parse_date_time(date = "some_date", order = "some_order")`

Some patterns:

- `dmy`: day, month, year (4-digit)
- `mdY`: month, day, year (2-digit)
- `ymdHMS`: year (4-digit), month, day, hours, minutes, seconds

For more: `help(parse_date_time)`

# parse\_date\_time

Examples:

```
parse_date_time(c("11-01-2016", "2016 Jan 11th"),  
  order = c("dmy", "ymd"))  
parse_date_time("11-01-2016", order = "dmy")
```

**Your turn:** Parse:

1. `x ← c("April 13, 2003", "17 April 2005")`
2. `y ← "January 10, 2020 at 23:30:35"`

`make_date()` and `make_datetime()`

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# make\_date() and make\_datetime()

Both functions work to build date and time from pieces. The syntax for both functions is straightforward:

```
make_date(year = 2012, month = 3, day = 27)
```

```
make_datetime(year = 1234, month = 5, day = 12,  
  hour = 1, min = 23, sec = 45)
```

**Your turn:** make dates from:

- yrs <- c(1234, 1222, 2020)
- mos <- c(4, 2, 12)
- dss <- c(12, 12, 20)

# Extract parts functions

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- `year()`: Year with century
- `month()`: Month
- `day()`: Day of month
- `hour()`: Hour
- `min()`: Minute
- `second()`: Second
- `wday()`: Weekday
- `yday()`: Day of year
- `tz()`: Timezone
- `quarter()`: Quarter
- `semester()`: Semester

# Extract parts functions

**Your turn:** Parse the dates and try these functions with:

1. "2010-01-22"
2. "12-02-1234 12:30:25"

round\_dates() and others

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# round\_dates() and others

To round dates we can use:

- `round_dates()`: round to the nearest precision.
- `ceiling_date()`: round up the nearest precision.
- `floor_dates()`: round down the nearest precision.

Precision units:

- "second" , "minute" , "hour" , "day" , "week" , "month", "bimonth" ,  
"quarter" , "halfyear" , "year", or multiples (e.g. "10 minutes")

# round\_dates() and others

Examples:

```
d ← ymd_hms("1234-04-03 07:13:28 UTC")  
floor_date(d, unit = 'day')
```

```
# Round to nearest 5 minutes  
round_date(d, unit = '5 minutes')
```

```
# Round up to week  
ceiling_date(d, unit = 'week')
```

```
# Fun  
ceiling_date(d, unit = 'hour') - floor_date(d, unit = 'hour')
```

**Your turn:** Round `d` in the three different ways: `d ← ymd_hms("1981-08-18 18:08:28 UTC")`

difftime

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# difftime

We can find difference between two dates using difftime.

```
difftime(today(), mdy("May 20, 2020"), units = 'days')  
difftime(now(), mdy_hms("May 20, 2020 22:12:22"), units = 'secs')
```

**Your turn:** Find how many seconds since your birthday.

# seconds(), dseconds() and other duration functions

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We can use duration to change dates:

```
today() - years(1)
today() + month(1)
days(2)
ddays(2)
now() + seconds(20)
2*days()
```

**Your turn:** Find how many seconds since your birthday.

# Intervals

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We can also compute intervals:

```
x ← dmy("2 January 1998") %--% dmy("30 March 2018")
y ← dmy("2 January 2017") %--% dmy("30 March 2020")
int_start(x)
int_end(x)
int_length(x)
as.period(x)
dmy("5 January 1998") %within% x
dmy("5 January 1998") %within% y
int_overlaps(x, y)
```

**Your turn:** Compute one interval between your birthday and today.  
Check it. Does it contains the date `January 20 2000`?

# Questions?

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See you next class!

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