ANT 6973: DATA VISUALIZATION AND EXPLORATION

IMPORTING DATA FROM TEXT AND SPREADSHEETS

TODAY'S TOPICS

- Reading from plain text files (readr)
- Reading from spreadsheets (readxl)

REMINDER: PIPES



Shortcut to type %>%

DATA IMPORT



PACKAGES FOR DATA IMPORT



readr

Core part of



library("tidyverse")



readxl

Not part of core

library("readxl")

PACKAGES FOR DATA IMPORT



haven

Import SAS, SPSS and STATA data files



googlesheets4

Import Google Sheet

PACKAGES FOR DATA IMPORT

OTHER TYPES OF DATA

Try one of the following packages to import other types of files

- DBI databases
- jsonlite json
- xml2 XML
- httr Web APIs
- rvest HTML (Web Scraping)

And many more...

PREVIOUSLY...



Import from a .csv file using read_csv()

```
my_data <- read_csv("path/to/data.csv")</pre>
```

New R object where data will be stored

readr function

Path of data file relative to project home

WRITE FILES



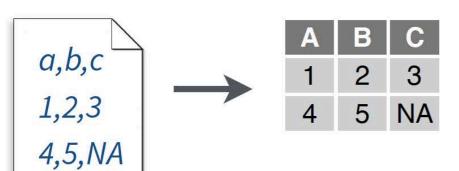
• Use the function write_csv() to write a data frame to disk.



Function	Reads	
read_csv()	Comma separated values	
read_csv2()	Semi-colon separated values	
read_delim()	General delimited files (e.g., " ")	
read_fwf()	Fixed width files	
read_tsv()	Tab delimited values	
read_table()	Space separated	
read_table2()	Any number of whitespace characters	



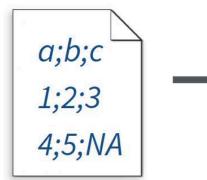
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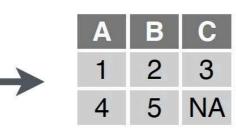


Comma Delimited Files read_csv("file.csv")



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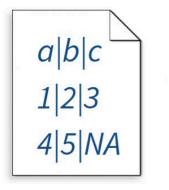


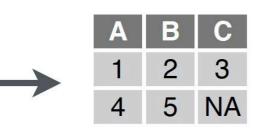


Semi-colon Delimited Files read_csv2("file2.csv")



Function	Reads	
read_csv()	Comma separated values	
read_csv2()	Semi-colon separated values	
read_delim()	General delimited files (e.g., " ")	
read_fwf()	Fixed width files	
read_tsv()	Tab delimited values	
read_table()	Space separated	

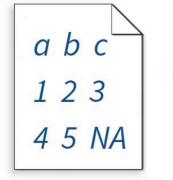


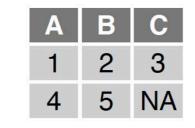


Files with Any Delimiter read_delim("file.txt", delim = "|")



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read_table()	Space separated	



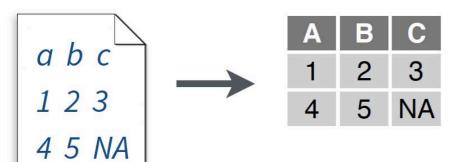


Fixed Width Files

read_fwf("file.fwf", col_positions = c(1, 3, 5))



Function	Reads	
read_csv()	Comma separated values	
read_csv2()	Semi-colon separated values	
read_delim()	General delimited files (e.g., " ")	
read_fwf()	Fixed width files	
read_tsv()	Tab delimited values	
read_table()	Space separated	



Tab Delimited Files read_tsv("file.tsv") Also read_table().

READ_X(): USEFUL OPTIONS

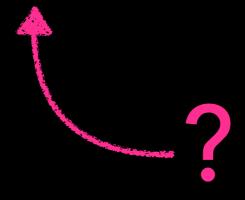


OPTION	col_names = FALSE	DESCRIPTION
skip	for files with no header	How many lines of the start of the file should you skip?
col_names <	Entered to the second s	What would you like to use as the column names?
col_types		What would you like to use as the column types?
n_max		How many rows do you want to read in?
na		How are missing values coded?
guess_max		How many rows should be used for guessing column types?

WHY USE NOT USE BASE R?



- ~10X faster than base R functions like read.csv()
- Returns a tibble rather than a data.frame



TIBBLE

 A type of data frame used throughout the tidyverse



read.csv() -> data.frame

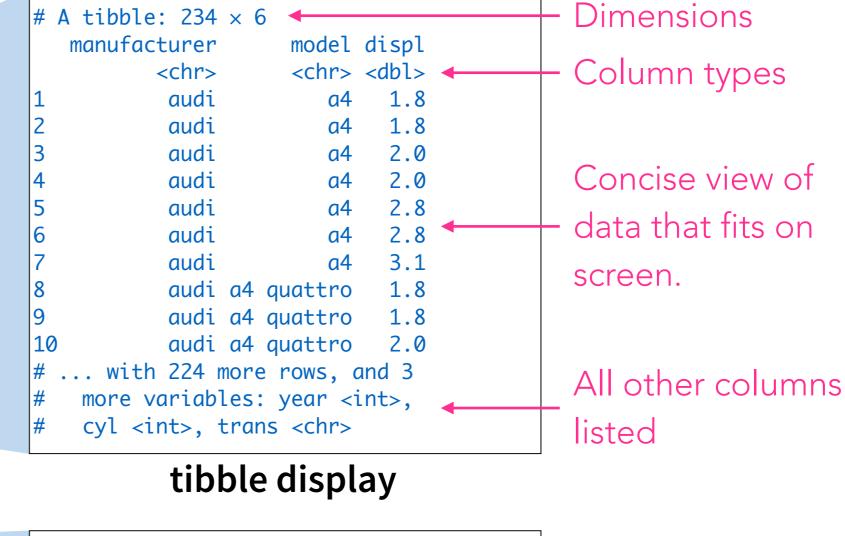
```
Console ~/Dropbox (RStudio)/RStudio/training/U-Master-the-tidyverse/0-course-developm
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     1985-10-01 -140.625
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     1985-10-01 -126.875
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[ reached getOption("max.print") -- omitted 24974 rows ]
```

read.csv() -> data.frame

read_csv() -> tibble

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```

```
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# A tibble: 25,224 x 4
        date longitude latitude ozone
                          <dbl> <chr>
 1 1985-10-01 -179.375
                          -87.5
 2 1985-10-01 -178.125
                          -87.5
 3 1985-10-01 -176.875
                          -87.5
 4 1985-10-01 -175.625
                          -87.5
 5 1985-10-01 -174.375
                          -87.5
 6 1985-10-01 -173.125
                          -87.5
 7 1985-10-01 -171.875
                          -87.5
 8 1985-10-01 -170.625
                          -87.5
 9 1985-10-01 -169.375
                          -87.5
10 1985-10-01 -168.125
                          -87.5
# ... with 25,214 more rows
>
```



Large number of

before giving up.

Many rows and

variables hidden.

rows printed

```
156 1999
               auto(14)
157 1999
               auto(14)
158 2008
               auto(14)
159 2008
               auto(s4)
160 1999
           4 manual(m5)
161 1999
               auto(14)
162 2008
           4 manual(m5)
163 2008
           4 manual(m5)
164 2008
               auto(14)
165 2008
               auto(14)
166 1999
               auto(14)
 [ reached getOption("max.print") --
omitted 68 rows 7
```

data frame display

A large table to display

CREATING A TIBBLE



From scratch

Function to construct a tibble

```
a <- 1:5
my_dat \leftarrow tibble(a = a, b = a * 2, c = 1)
#> # A tibble: 5 x 3
#>
  <int> <dbl> <dbl>
#>
#> 1
#> 2
               4
#> 3
               6
#> 4
#> 5
               10
```

Columns are available in subsequent expressions

> Only values of length 1 are recycled

CREATING A TIBBLE



By coercion

head(mtcars)

```
mpg cyl disp
                                 hp drat wt qsec vs am gear carb
                            160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
Mazda RX4
                  21.0
Mazda RX4 Wag
                 21.0
                            160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02
Datsun 710
                  22.8
                                 93 3.85 2.320 18.61
                            108
                  21.4
Hornet 4 Drive
                            258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44
Hornet Sportabout 18.7
                            360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02
                                                               3
Valiant
                  18.1
                            225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22
```

CREATING A TIBBLE



By coercion

Function to coerce a data frame or matrix to a tibble



as_tibble(mtcars)

Existing data frame or matrix

```
A tibble: 32 x 11
           cyl
                        hp
                            drat
                disp
                                     wt
                                         qsec
                                                                  carb
     mpg
                                                 VS
                                                       am
                                                            gear
   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
                                                          <dbl>
                                                                 <dbl>
                                   2.62
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                160
                       110
                            3.9
                                         16.5
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    21
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                108
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                                         18.6
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                                        19.4
                       110
   18.7
                360
                                  3.44
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                       175
                            3.15
                225
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                360
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                147.
                        62
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                                   3.15
                                         22.9
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    19.2
                168.
                       123
                            3.92
                                   3.44
                                         18.3
   with 22 more rows
```

But we're missing the row names...

TIBBLES AND ROW NAMES



- Tibbles do not use row names because they violate the principle of "tidy data."
 - Names should be stored as a variable in a normal data column, not as a special attribute

TIBBLES AND ROW NAMES



Create new column (called "model") from existing row names

```
mtcars %>%
```

```
rownames_to_column(var = "model") %>%
as_tibble()
```

```
# A tibble: 32 x 12
                                                                                                                                                                                                  hp drat
             model
                                                                                                                                      cyl
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# ... with 22 more rows
```

TIBBLES AND ROW NAMES



Create new column of sequential row IDs starting at 1

1.4

1.5

0.2 setosa

0.1 setosa

```
iris %>%
   rowid_to_column()
   as_tibble()
# A tibble: 150 x 6
   rowid Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
   <int>
                                                      <dbl> <fct>
                <dbl>
                            <dbl>
                                          <dbl>
                  5.1
                              3.5
                                            1.4
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                  4.9
                              3
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                                                        0.2 setosa
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                              3.2
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                                            1.5
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```

2.9

3.1

... with 140 more rows

10

4.4

4.9

9

10

ACTIVITY: OZONE

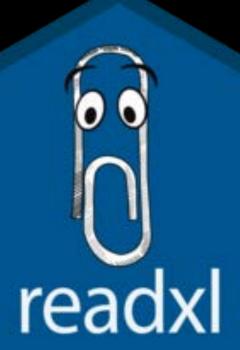


- Go to this week's assignments on the course website.
- Download ozone.Rmd and follow the instructions to complete the assignment.

IMPORTING SPREADSHEETS

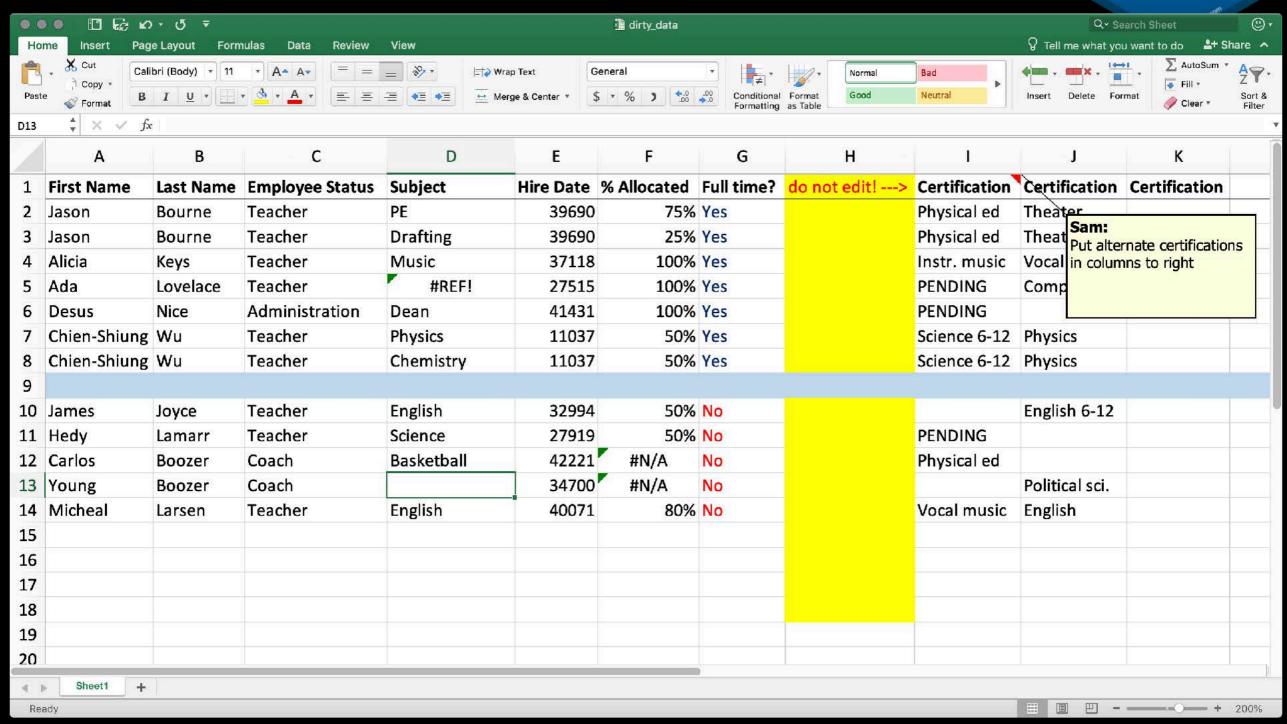
readxl





UGH...







data organization organizing data in spreadsheets

My collaborators sometimes ask me, "In what form would you like the data?" My response is always, "In its current form!" If the data need to be reformatted, it's much better for me to write a script than for them to do a bunch of cut-and-paste. I'm a strong proponent of data analysts being able to handle any data files they might receive.

But in many cases, I have to spend a **lot** of time writing scripts to rearrange the layout of the data. And how would you like your data analysts to spend their time? Reorganizing data, or really analyzing data?

Most of my collaborators enter and store their data in spreadsheets, and mostly Microsoft Excel. Before starting to enter data into a spreadsheet, it's good to spend some time thinking about the layout. The way that you organize the data in spreadsheets can have a big impact on your data analyst's quality of life.

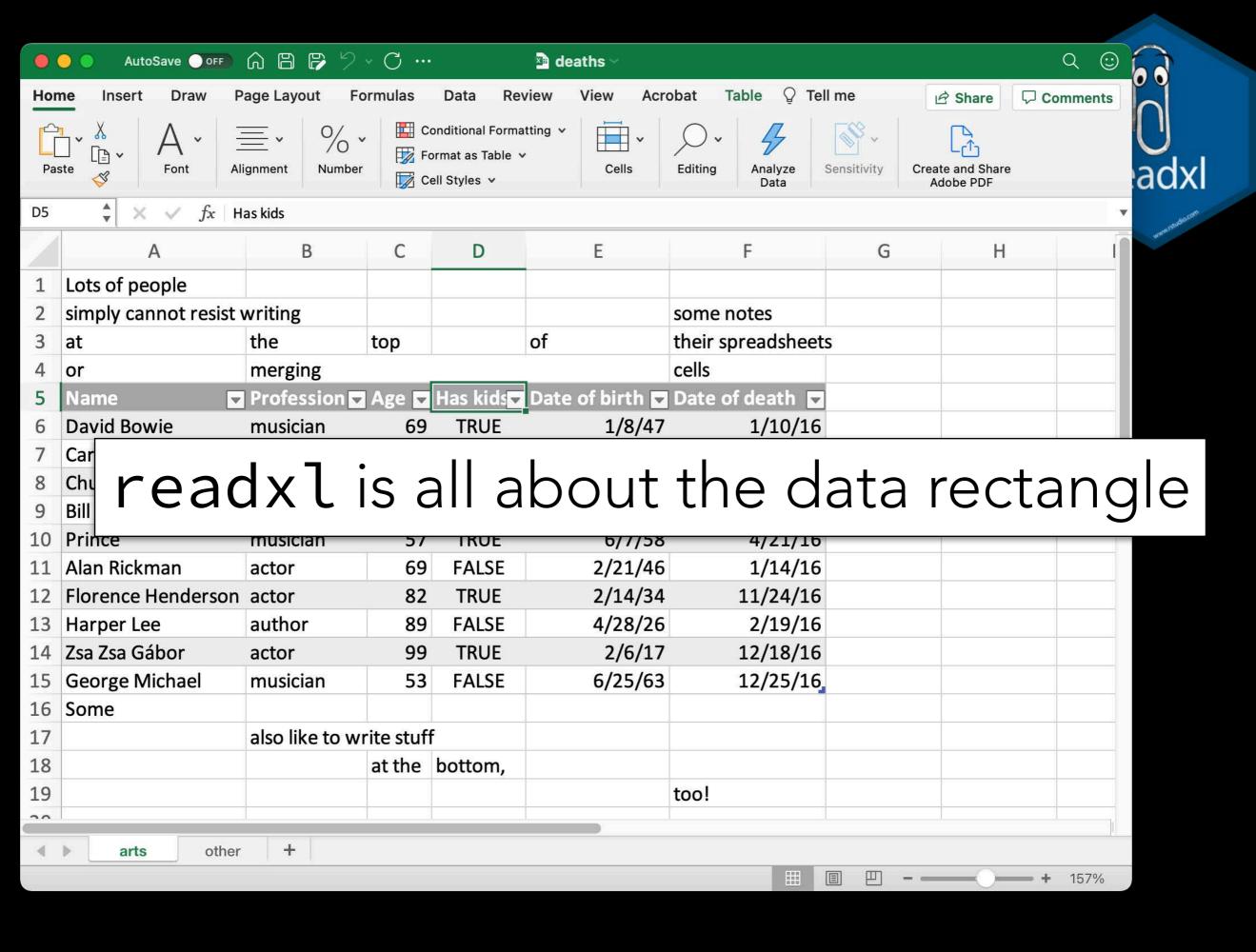
This is a tutorial on that topic: how to organize data in spreadsheets. For complex, high-dimensional data, it may be better to use a formal database. But for many projects, spreadsheets are perfectly fine. But data in spreadsheets can be pretty and easy to work with, or they can be a sloppy mess requiring serious downstream reorganization efforts. We want to avoid the latter.

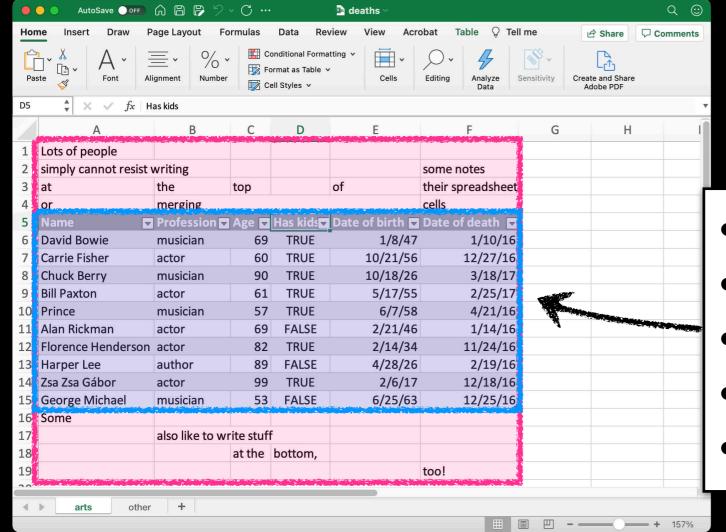
I don't think these ideas comes naturally to anyone. So if you're not happy with the structure of your current data files, don't despair! And also don't apply tedious and potentially error-prone hand-editing to revise the arrangement. Rather, apply these principles when designing the layout for your next dataset, to help make analyses easier.

- · Be consistent.
- · Write dates as YYYY-MM-DD.
- Fill in all of the cells.
- · Put just one thing in a cell.
- Make it a rectangle.
- Create a data dictionary.
- No calculations in the raw data files.
- Don't use font color or highlighting as data.
- Choose good names for things.
- Make backups.
- Use data validation to avoid data entry mistakes.
- Save the data in plain text files.
- Other things to avoid.
- Other resources

READXL: A PRIMER



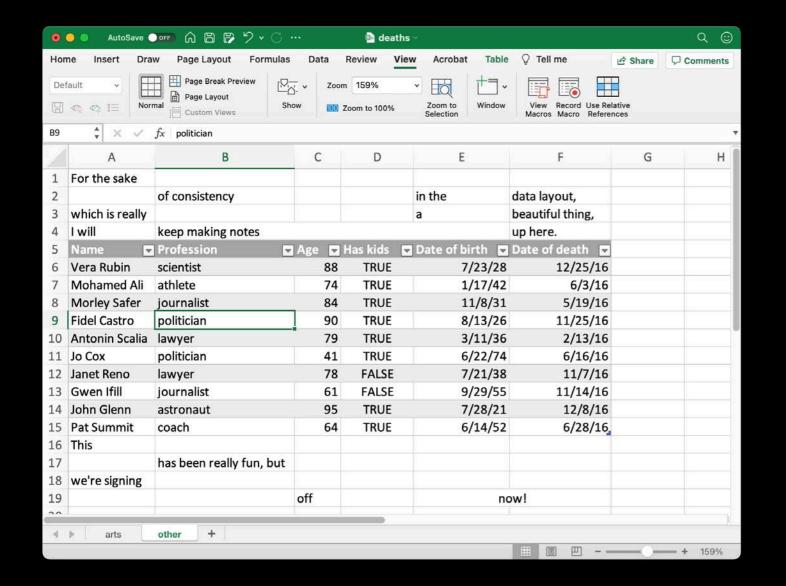






- 4 lines of non-data at top
- 1 row of column names
- 10 rows of data
- 4 rows of non-data at bottom
- Rectangle: 11 rows x 6 cols

```
%read_excel("deaths.xlsx", skip = 4)
%read_excel("deaths.xlsx", n_max = 14)
%read_excel("deaths.xlsx", skip = 4, n_max = 10)
%read_excel("deaths.xlsx", range = "A5:F15")
%read_excel("deaths.xlsx", range = cell_rows(5:15))
%read_excel("deaths.xlsx", range = cell_cols("A:F"))
%read_excel("deaths.xlsx", range = anchored("A5", dim = c(11, 6)))
```

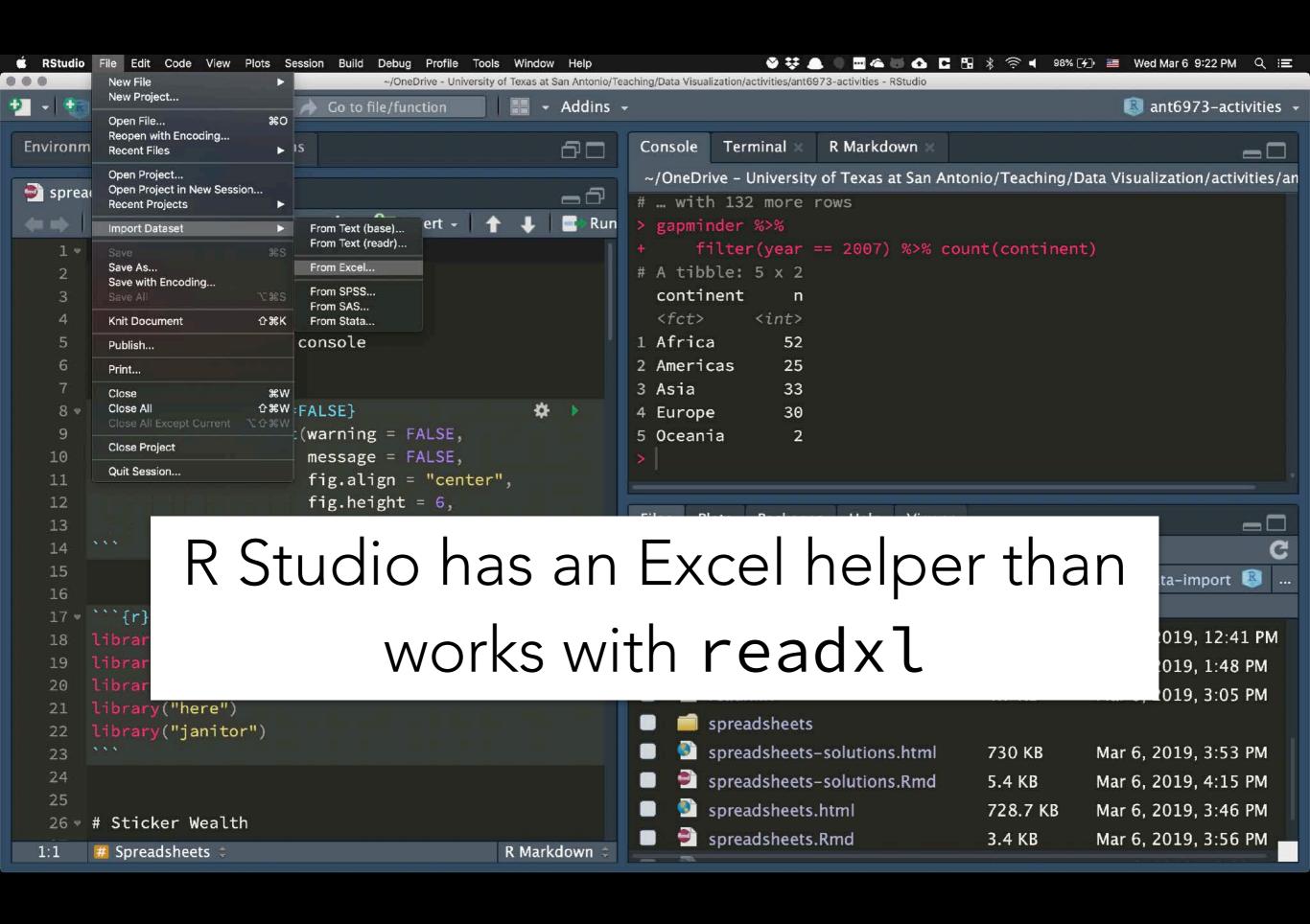


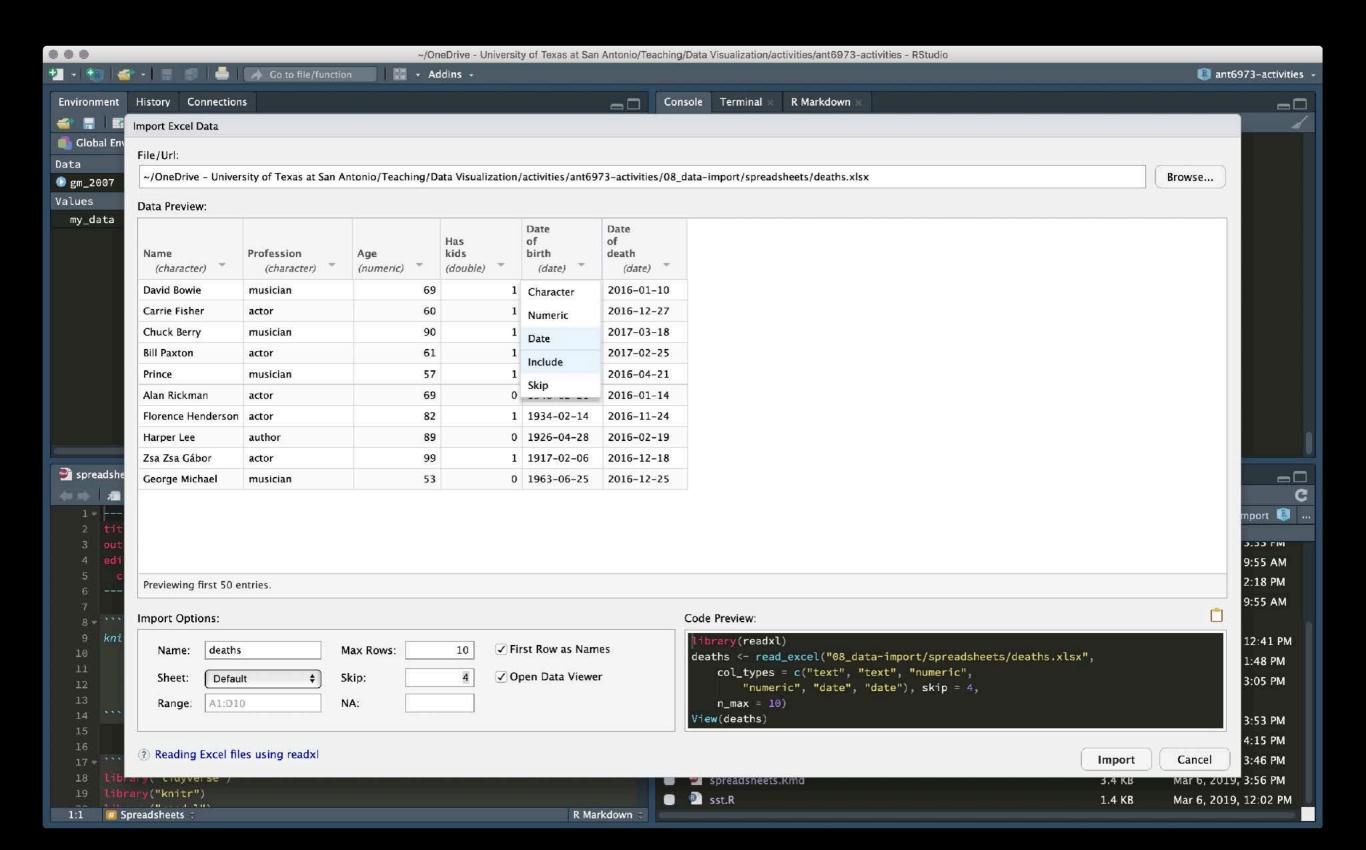


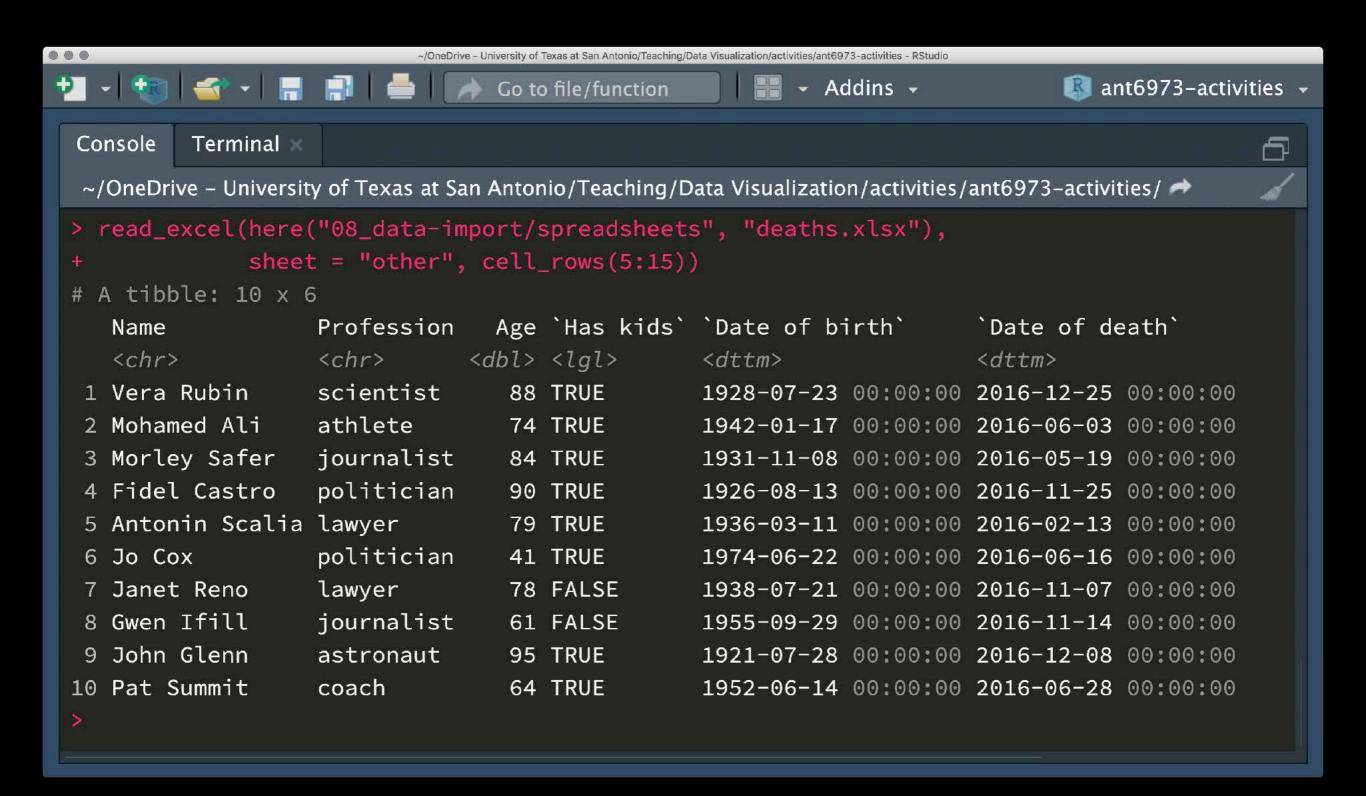
We can prepend the worksheet name to read from other sheets

```
read_excel("deaths.xlsx", range = "other!A5:F15")
read_excel("deaths.xlsx", sheet = "other", range = "A5:F15")
```

Or use the sheet argument







readxl is good at guessing column types

JANITOR

 A small package with a few simple and very convenient functions for cleaning messy data





- Makes column names that are unique and use a consistent style with clean_names().
- By default, creates names that use only lowercase letters, numbers and _ character as a separator.
- Handles special characters and spaces.
- Appends numbers to duplicated names.
- Converts "%" to "percent" and "#" to "number".



```
read_excel("deaths.xlsx", range = c("A5:F15"))
```

Inconvenient names

```
# A tibble: 10 \times 6
                                Age `Has kids` `Date of birth`
                                                                   `Date of death`
                   Profession
  Name
                              <dbl> <lgl>
  <chr>
                   <chr>
                                               <dttm>
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 clean_names()

Clean, consistent names

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Good idea to use every time you read in data!

JANITOR: OTHER STUFF



- Remove empty rows and columns with remove_empty()
- Convert excel dates (or things that look like dates in Excel) with convert_to_date()
- Use directionally consistent rounding with round_half_up()

ACTIVITY: SPREADSHEETS



- Go to this week's assignments on the course website.
- Download spreadsheets.Rmd and follow the instructions to complete the assignment.