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#CODE Workshop Introduction to R
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#If you have made it this far in R and RStudio, you are ready to
#code!
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#To start, in R Scripts (like this file), any text will have a #
#in front of the line. This is read by R as text only (no function).
#However, without a # in front of the line, R reads that as code.
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#Day 1
#R as a calculator
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#In its most basic form, R can be used as a calculator
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#Type 2 + 2 into the console and hit Enter/Return
#Type 15 / 4 into the console and hit Enter/Return
#Notice how outputs are presented in the console
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#Objects, assignment arrow and Global Environment
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#We can also save these outputs as objects
#In the console, type in weight_kg <- 55 OR
#Execute the command by placing your cursor on line 22,
#and hit Ctr+Enter (or for Macs, Cmd + Return)
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weight_kg <- 55
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#Notice that we have now assigned (using <-, or the assignment arrow)
#the number 55 as an object called weight_kg. This object is now
visible
#in your Global Environment panel
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#Objects can be given almost any name such as x, current_temperature,
#or subject_id. Here are some further guidelines on naming objects:
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- #1. You want your object names to be explicit and not too long.
- #2. They cannot start with a number (2x is not valid, but x2 is).
- #3. R is case sensitive, so for example, weight_kg is different from Weight_kg.
- #4. There are some names that cannot be used because they are the names of fundamental functions in R (e.g., if, else, for, see here for a complete list).

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# In general, even if it's allowed, it's best to not use other
function names
# (e.g., c, T, mean, data, df, weights). If in doubt, check the help
to see if
# the name is already in use.
#5. It's best to avoid dots (.) within names. Many function names in R
itself have
# them and dots also have a special meaning (methods) in R and other
programming
# languages. To avoid confusion, don't include dots in names.
#6. It is recommended to use nouns for object names and verbs for
function names.
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#You'll notice that there is no output in the console when you
assigned
#55 to your weight_kg object. This is because the number 55 is now
stored
#within your object weight_kg.
#Type your object name (weight_kg) into the console and hit Enter or
Return
#As you are typing your object name in the console, notice that R is
smart
#and remembers the object you created. Let R be smart to avoid
mistakes
#typing object names and functions. As you start to type the object
name,
#use the arrows keys on your keyboard to chose the correct object
you want
#to call and hit Tab to select, OR use your mouse to point and click
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#You can also perform calculations with your objects
#Convert weight_kg to lbs
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weight_kg * 2.2
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#How might you save this value for weight in lbs?
#Use your object to create another object
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weight_lbs <- weight_kg * 2.2
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#Functions in R
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#R also has tons of basic functions
sqrt(10)
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round(3.14159)
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#Arguments within functions in R

#Many of these functions also have arguments you can change within them
#Type round(3.14159, into the console and hit the Tab key
#You'll notice a little note pop up that provides the organization of
#arguments available within the function.
#When we first used the round() function, we provided what 'x' is (the
number)

#Using help files in R

#Let's check out what the 'digits' argument is for using the help file
#for the round() function
?round()

#Notice a help file for the function pops up in the Help tab of the
bottom
#right panel in RStudio
#Using the information in the help file, what is the digits argument
used for?

#Rewrite this code to round pi to 2 decimal places on your own

#Vectors and Data Types
#Vector creation

#Objects in R can store multiple values.
#A vector is the most common data type in R, and it contains a series
of values
#To create a vector, we use the c() function, which stands for
'combine'
#Let's make a vector with multiple weights in grams
weight_g<- c(50, 60, 65, 82)
weight_g
#Notice now, the output has multiple values stored in the object

#You can also create a vector with characters
#characters will always be represented between quotations in R
animals<- c("mouse", "rat", "dog")
animals

#You can also add values to your vectors using the vector you just

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created
weight_g<- c(30, weight_g, 90)
weight_g
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#Make your own additions to the 'animals' vector
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#Exploring properties of data in R
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#Lets explore the properties of our vectors we created
#How long are our vectors? Use the function length()
length(weight_g)
length(animals)
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#What kind of object are our vectors? Use the function class()
class(weight_g)
class(animals)
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#What is the structure of our vectors? Use the function str()
str(weight_g)
str(animals)
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#The structure of your data can also be found in your Global
Environment
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#What kind of objects will the following vectors be? Does this
surprise you?
#Hint-- use the function class() to determine the data type of the
objects
num_char <- c(1, 2, 3, "a")
num_logical <- c(1, 2, 3, TRUE)
char_logical <- c("a", "b", "c", TRUE)
tricky <- c(1, 2, 3, "4")
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#Take a break
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#Subsetting vectors
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#What if we want to know the 2nd value in one of our vectors?
#For that we use subsetting.
#There are multiple different ways to subset in R, but the most basic
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#uses brackets
#Check out your full 'animals' vector output
animals
#Now call for only the 2nd animal listed in the vector
animals[2]

#Can you call for different values in other vectors by subsetting with
brackets?

#You can also create another vector by calling for specific values one
of your
#vectors you already made
more_animals <- animals[c(1, 2, 3, 2, 1, 4)]
more_animals

#Conditional subsetting

#You can also determine values within a vector based on conditions
#start with the following vector
weight_g <- c(21, 34, 39, 54, 55)
#How might you ask R to tell you which values greater than 50 in your
'weight_g' vector?

#Is this output different than what you expect?
#How would you interpret this output?

#In order to get the actual values within the vector that are greater
than 50,
#we have to create a conditional subsetting argument that indicates
we want
#the values and not the logicals
weight_g[weight_g > 50]

#You can also use boolean symbols to make conditional subsets
#Use & for AND, | for OR
weight_g[weight_g > 30 & weight_g < 50]

weight_g[weight_g <= 30 | weight_g == 55]
#Note that here, > for "greater than", < stands for "less than",
#<= for "less than or equal to", and == for "equal to".
#The double equal sign == is a test for numerical equality between the
left and
#right hand sides, and should not be confused with the single = sign
#(which performs variable assignment similar to <-).

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#What if we want to search for multiple terms in a vector that doesn't
get as messy
#and isn't as repetative as using & and |?
#The function %in% allows you to test if any of the elements of a
search vector are found:
animals <- c("mouse", "rat", "dog", "cat", "cat")

animals %in% c("rat", "cat", "dog", "duck", "goat", "bird", "fish")
#This code outputs logical responses (T/F) for if the animal values in
'animals' are
#also found in the other animal values you provided
#Can you interpret this output more specifically?
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#Missing data

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#A unique design in R is that it includes missing data in analyses
#Missing data in R is represented as NA, and most the time will be
filled in automatically
#if there are missing values when reading in objects (which we will
see in Day 2)
#To code a missing value, simply use NA
#When typing NA, let R be smart because NA is different type of value
than typing 'NA'
heights<- c(2, 4, 4, NA, 6)
heights
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#Use the functions mean() and max() to determine the average height
across the values in
#the vector and the greatest height in the vector
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#What happens when you try to perform functions with this vector?
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#To get the functions to work, we need to ReMove the NAs from the
vector for the calculation
#We can use a common argument to do so that ReMoves NAs (na.rm = T)
#The typical default for R is to keep all the data you provide when
completing a function.
#Therefore, the typical default argument is na.rm = F, or not to
remove NAs
#But we can change that arguement within our mean() and max()
functions by changing our
#logicals to T or TRUE
mean(heights, na.rm = TRUE)
max(heights, na.rm = TRUE)
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#Can you think of other ways remove NAs from the vector?
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#Using google, try to find R code online that lets you chose values in  
a vector that are not NA  
#Then, adapt that code to your heights vector and find the mean and  
max heights
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#Day 2
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#Loading Data in R
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#R can handle multiple different formats. The simplest formats  
are .csv and .txt files  
#Csv files are comma delimited files, which means each value is  
separated by a comma  
#Txt file are just text files, and each value is delimited by a tab
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#Lets get started to day by loading data into R  
#Using the 'Simonis_combined_df.csv' file in your, we will code to  
read the csv file into R  
read.csv('Simonis_R_Surveys_df.csv', header = T, sep = ",")
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#Notice I have added arguments to indicate that the first row in our  
data have names (header = T)  
#and just in case, I've indicated that our values are separated by a  
comma (sep = ",")
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#You'll see in the console, we got an output of the data that maxed  
out after ~75 rows.  
#In order to use the data, we need to make it an object
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#How would you assign the data you read in as an object called  
surveys?  
#Code it directly on line 286 of this R Script
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#Inspecting data
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#Great! Now that the data is loaded into R as a dataframe, inspect the  
data using  
#the str() function (to determine the structure of your data)
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#and the head() function (to see the first few rows of the data)
#Directly code them here in this script in the lines below
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#What types of data are each of your variables (e.g. are they numeric,
characters, etc?)
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#Variables can take on many different classes of data.
#Yesterday we discussed a couple different classes of our vectors, but
here are a list of other common data types/classes
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#1-D data classes
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#numeric:      any real number(s)
#character:    strings or individual characters, quoted
#integer:      any integer(s)/whole numbers
#factor:       categorical/qualitative variables
#logical:      variables composed of TRUE or FALSE
#Date/POSIXct: represents calendar dates and times
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#2-D data classes:
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#dataframe or tibble:  rows = observation, columns = variable
#list:               holds multiple objects of multiple classes
#matrix:             array composed of rows and columns
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#Back to the data
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#Here are some data definitions for your variables:
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#	Column	Description
#	record_id	Unique id for the observation
#	month	month of observation
#	day	day of observation
#	year	year of observation
#	plot_id	ID of a particular experimental plot of land
#	species_id	2-letter code
#	sex	sex of animal ("M", "F")
#	hindfoot_length	length of the hindfoot in mm
#	weight	weight of the animal in grams
#	genus	genus of animal
#	species	species of animal
#	taxon	e.g. Rodent, Reptile, Bird, Rabbit
#	plot_type	type of plot

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#You can also directly view your table by clicking on it in your
Global Environment
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#or by using the following code:
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View(surveys)
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#There are many other ways to inspect your data
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#Use Google to determine other ways to inspect your data in R. What
codes did you find?
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#Write those codes below

#Subsetting data

#We learned how to subset vectors in Day 1. We can use that same concept to subset dataframes

#This time, since dataframes are 2-D, we will use a comma to separate the rows and columns we want to call

#The format for subsetting with brackets is df[row, column]

#here calls the 1st row of the 1st column

surveys[1, 1]

#see what other row/column combos you can call. Code them in the lines below

#We can also subset for multiple rows and columns at a time.

#If I wanted to call rows 1-3 of columns 5-6, I would use the code:

surveys[1:3, 5:6]

#where the : is means 'through'

#The \$ operator can help us to get values from an entire column within our dataframe

#In your console, let R be smart by begining to type 'surveys', and select your 'surveys' dataframe object

#Then type the \$ operator and hit tab

#chose a column name from the dataframe you'd like to call and hit enter

surveys\$species_id

#Factors in our data

#Factors are a special type of character class that indicate a variable is categorical and qualitative

#In our 'surveys' data, we have multiple variables that should be factors but are currently held in the

#character class

#Lets make sure our data is formatted correctly

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#to make change a variable from character to factor classes, use the
function factor()
#and reassign that variable you want to change
surveys$sex<- factor(surveys$sex)
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#recheck the structure of that variable now
str(surveys$sex)
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#by default, R will always sort factors (and charaters) in
alphabetical order
levels(surveys$sex)
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#To change that, you can use the factor() function with a 'levels = '
argument
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surveys$sex<- factor(surveys$sex, levels = c('M', 'F', ''))
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#This is important when you want a value or 'level' of your
qualitative data to represent
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#a baseline for comparison. For example, check out the unique values
in your plot_type variable
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unique(surveys$plot_type)
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#What would we want our baseline plot type be for any comparative
analyses in the future?
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#In the lines below, change your plot_type variable to a factor with
the baseline plot_type
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#as the first level
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#In the lines below, change all other character variables to factors
in 'surveys'
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#There is no need to change levels in the rest of these variables
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#Lets now take a quick look at how male and female animals are
distributed across our data
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plot(surveys$sex)
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#You should see a simple bar plot pop up in the Plots tab of your
bottom right panel in R studio
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#What do you notice?
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#There are multiple individuals captured within the dataset where sex
was undetermined upon capture
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#Lets make that level more descriptive in our dataframe
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#Remember when we re-leveled our factor so the levels were as follows:
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1) 'M', 2) 'F' and 3) ''?
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#We will use subsetting of those levels in order to rename our blank
values to 'undertermined'
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levels(surveys$sex)[3]<- 'undertermined'
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#recheck your levels
levels(surveys$sex)
#replot your quick bar plot on your own
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#We have worked with data that we imported ourselves, investigated it
and updated formatting where needed.
#But you can also make a dataframe without importing from a file
#On your own, create 3 vectors of the same length and make them into a
dataframe.
#Feel free to use Google to find code to adapt, or
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#Take a break
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#Using tidyverse for data manipulation
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#Subsetting and transforming data using tidyverse
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#Select and filter functions
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#To start, we will need to install a package
#Packages in R have different functions that meet a particular topic.
There are thousands of packages
#you can use in R and they are relatively simple to install
#We will download the 'tidyr' and 'dplyr' packages
install.packages('tidyr')
install.packages('dplyr')
#Now, turn the package on
library(tidyr)
library(dplyr)
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#Using these packages, we can subset and filter our data in different
ways that can sometimes be more intuitive
#Use the select function to choose specific variables you want to view
in your 'surveys' dataframe
select(surveys, plot_id, species_id, weight)
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#You can also use select to choose not to show certain variables
select(surveys, -species_id, -record_id)
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#Using the function filter() can give you entries in your dataframe
that match a specific condition
filter(surveys, year == 1995)
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#Practice using the select and filter functions on your own to explore their application

#Pipes

#What if you want to select and filter at the same time? So, from THESE variables I only want values that meet THESE OTHER conditions.

#We can use pipes to solve this problem, which allow you to nest functions

#Pipes are coded as %>%, and you can use the shortcut Ctr + Shift + M (Windows) or Cmd + Shift + M (Mac)

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surveys %>%  
  filter(year == 1995) %>%  
  select(species_id, weight)
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#try on your own using pipes to subset the survey data to output weights less than 5 and out for all variables except plot_id

#Type your code in the following lines

#Transforming data

#We can transform our data where needed by using the function mutate()

#Remember when we transformed values in our vector from kg to lbs in Day 1? We can use that same concept in this function

#Lets transform the weight variable in our 'surveys' dataframe from g to kg

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surveys %>%  
  mutate(weight_kg = weight / 1000)
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#You can take this a step further by placing additional transformations within the function to be performed in a proceeding order

#by using a comma to separate those arguments

#Starting with the previous function, can you take our transformation a step further by converting kg to lbs?

#Type your code in the lines below

#Thinking back to how we eliminated NAs in the past from our vectors,
how might you chose to eliminate NAs when subsetting?
#Hint--add in a filter() function
#Type your code in the lines below

#Now, what if you only want to visualize the first few rows of that
output? How might you add another pipe to get that outcome?
#Type your code in the lines below

#Sometimes it is important to summarize your data. For example, say
you want to provide a quick update to your colleague
#on the average weights for each known sex of animal you have
captured.
#To get them that answer, we can use the group_by() and summarize()
functions in-line with our pipes
surveys %>%
 group_by(sex) %>% #perform functions by the levels in the sex
 variable
 summarize(mean_weight = mean(weight, na.rm = T)) #create a new
vector for average weight for each sex without unknown values

#What if your colleague wants average weights by sex and taxa?
#You can add additional variables to group by-- just separate with a
comma
#Type your code in the lines below

#If your colleague wants a range of average weights by sex and taxa
(min and max), how might you update this code to include
#those values in your output?
#Type your code in the lines below

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#If our colleague also wants sample sizes of our groupings, we can find
our n's by using the n() function within our summarize
#function. Add the n() function (no need to put anything into the
parantheses of this function) into your summarize function
#and have it called 'sample_size'
surveys %>%
  group_by(sex, taxa) %>%
  summarise(mean_weight = mean(weight, na.rm = T),
            max_weight = max(weight, na.rm =
T),
            min_weight = min(weight, na.rm =
T),
            sample_size = n())

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#Take a break

#Data Visualization

#Plotting with ggplot2

#Now that we have taken a lot of time to subset, filter, sort and transform our data, lets make some visuals!
 #Data visualization is a really important step in any science or science communication field because it should tell your audience everything they need to know

#First install ggplot2 and turn the package on
 #Type your code in the lines below

#Similar to how we were subsetting using tidyr and dplyr, ggplot2 builds your visualizations and plots in layers

#In the first layer of code, we tell ggplot what data we are using and what our axes are
ggplot(data = surveys, aes(x = weight, y = hindfoot_length)) #aes() stands for aesthetics

#You can see that we have plotted our axes, but we need to add more layers to actually visualize the data

#The layers we use to plot our data on the axes are known as geoms
#To visualize hindfoot_length ~ weight, lets make a scatter plot by using geom_point

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ggplot(data = surveys, aes(x = weight, y = hindfoot_length)) +  
  geom_point()
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#You can also use geom_jitter if you don't want the points to look so uniform in a horizontal line

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ggplot(data = surveys, aes(x = weight, y = hindfoot_length)) +  
  geom_jitter()
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#Those are some wild clusters of data we can see from the scatter plot! I wonder if there is any sort of pattern we can

#pull out from those clusters. Let try to color the points by one of our factor variables within the 'surveys' dataframe.

#To do so, we can add a 'color = ' argument into our aesthetics
ggplot(data = surveys, aes(x = weight, y = hindfoot_length, color = taxa)) +
 geom_point()

#Oh yeah-- remembering back to our summary plots, we only had weights for rodents. What other variable might parse out some

#of these clusters visually?

#Type your code in the lines below, changing the variable you color your points by

#Now, using the ggplot2 cheat sheet and/or Google, find other ways you can change the visualization of these points

#Hint-- look for arguments to place in the point layer (e.g. 'alpha = ', 'size = ', 'shape = ', etc.)

#Type your code in the lines below

#Boxplots are also a great way to visualize data when you have a qualitative (factor) and quantitative variable.
#Boxplots provide visualization of the median of the data, data quartiles and outliers

#First, since we know most of our completed data are for rodents only, lets subset our 'surveys' dataframe for only rodents
#what are our unique taxa values?
surveys_rodents<- surveys %>%
 filter(taxa == 'Rodent')

#Lets also remove rows with NAs so visualization is easier for us today.
surveys_rodents<- na.omit(surveys_rodents)

#Now, lets plot a boxplot of weight ~ species
ggplot(data = surveys_rodents, aes(x = species_id, y = weight)) +
 geom_boxplot()

#What if we want to visualize both the raw data points and the box plots?
#Easy! We just add two geom layers. Here is my preference for how I typically plot both of these layers
ggplot(data = surveys_rodents, aes(x = species_id, y = weight)) +
 geom_jitter(alpha = 0.25, color = 'darkgray')+
 geom_boxplot(alpha = 0.5, linewidth = 1) + #alpha is the transparency of geom object
 theme_bw() + #remove the gray background
 labs(x = 'Species ID', y = 'Weight (g)')

#Explore other geoms and different ways to change visuals using ggplot2
#You can use Google, the ggplot cheat sheet, etc to come up with your own ways to visualize data
#Are there specific plots you want to make in the future?
#Ask questions and share with the group!