

# Objects in R



R

# Basic classes of objects

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- Character
- Integer
- Numeric (real numbers)
- Logical (TRUE/FALSE)
- Factors (categorical information)

# Storing objects

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Storing objects is called **assignment**.

Assignment involves associating an object with a name.

The **assignment operators** in R are `<-` and `=`.

```
min_age <- 21
```

```
min_age = 21
```



Object names

# Character objects

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Character objects can be created by surrounding text in double or single quotes.

```
"This is a character object."
```

```
'This is also a character object.'
```

Example of a character vector of length 1:

```
my_char <- "This is a character object."
```

Example of a character vector of length 2:

```
my_char_vec <- c("char object 1", "char object 2")
```



`c()` is the concatenation function

# Integer objects

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Integer objects are created by specifying `L` after an integer number.

```
num <- 1L
```

Example of an integer vector of length 3:

```
num_vec <- c(1L, 10L, 3L)
```

Creating an integer vector using the colon operator:

```
num_vec2 <- 2:5
```

# Numeric objects

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Numeric objects are created by simply specifying a number.

```
num <- 1.2
```

Example of a numeric vector of length 2:

```
num_vec <- c(1.2, 9.8)
```

# Logical objects

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Logical values in R are TRUE and FALSE.

```
check_condition <- TRUE  
check_condition <- FALSE
```

Example of a logical vector of length 3:

```
check_condition <- c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE)
```

# Factors

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Using the `factor` function:

```
> colors <- c("red", "red", "blue", "red", "blue")
> colors_factor1 <- factor(colors, levels = c("red",
"blue"))
> colors_factor1
[1] red  red  blue red  blue
Levels: red blue
```

← Levels are in the specified order

Using the `as.factor` coercion function:

```
> colors_factor2 <- as.factor(colors)
> colors_factor2
[1] red  red  blue red  blue
Levels: blue red
```

← Levels are in alphabetical order



# Factors

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The `factor` function also allows customization of labels:

```
> ozone_levels <- c(1,2,1,3,1,1)
> ozone_factor <- factor(ozone_levels, levels = 1:3,
labels = c("low", "medium", "high"))
> ozone_factor
```

```
[1] low      medium low      high     low      low
Levels: low medium high
```

Same labeling but  
different ordering  
of levels

```
> ozone_factor2 <- factor(ozone_levels, levels =
c(2,1,3), labels = c("medium", "low", "high"))
> ozone_factor2
```

```
[1] low      medium low      high     low      low
Levels: medium low high
```

# Data frames

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Columns correspond to variables.

model	mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
Mazda RX4	21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.620	16.46	0	1	4	4
Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.875	17.02	0	1	4	4
Datsun 710	22.8	4	108	93	3.85	2.320	18.61	1	1	4	1
Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	258	110	3.08	3.215	19.44	1	0	3	1
Hornet Sportabout	18.7	8	360	175	3.15	3.440	17.02	0	0	3	2
Valiant	18.1	6	225	105	2.76	3.460	20.22	1	0	3	1

Rows correspond to observations.

# Missing values

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```
> char_vec <- c(NA, "two", "four")
> char_vec
[1] NA      "two"    "four"
> num_vec <- c(1L, 10L, NA, 3L)
> num_vec
[1]  1 10 NA  3
> num_vec <- c(1.2, 9.8, NA)
> num_vec
[1] 1.2 9.8 NA
> logi_vec <- c(TRUE, NA, FALSE, FALSE)
> logi_vec
[1] TRUE    NA FALSE FALSE
> factor_vec <- as.factor(c(NA, "apple", "banana"))
> factor_vec
[1] <NA>    apple  banana
Levels: apple banana
> 0/0
[1] NaN
```

Most missing  
values are  
denoted with NA

NaN denotes the result of an undefined  
mathematical operation