

# Data Analysis Pipelines



Data Analysis

**Pipelines are automated  
and reproducible**



Pipelines are helpful when  
there is a **single question**  
**you will have to answer**  
**more than once**



# Appropriate Checks

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- Input file in expected format?
- Necessary variables included in data?
- Observations coded as expected?
- etc...

# **Avoid hard-coding whenever possible**

let your code fill the values in for you!



# Good pipelines are **scalable** pipelines

Your pipeline should work in the  
future...when the dataset is likely larger



# Pipelines should be versioned

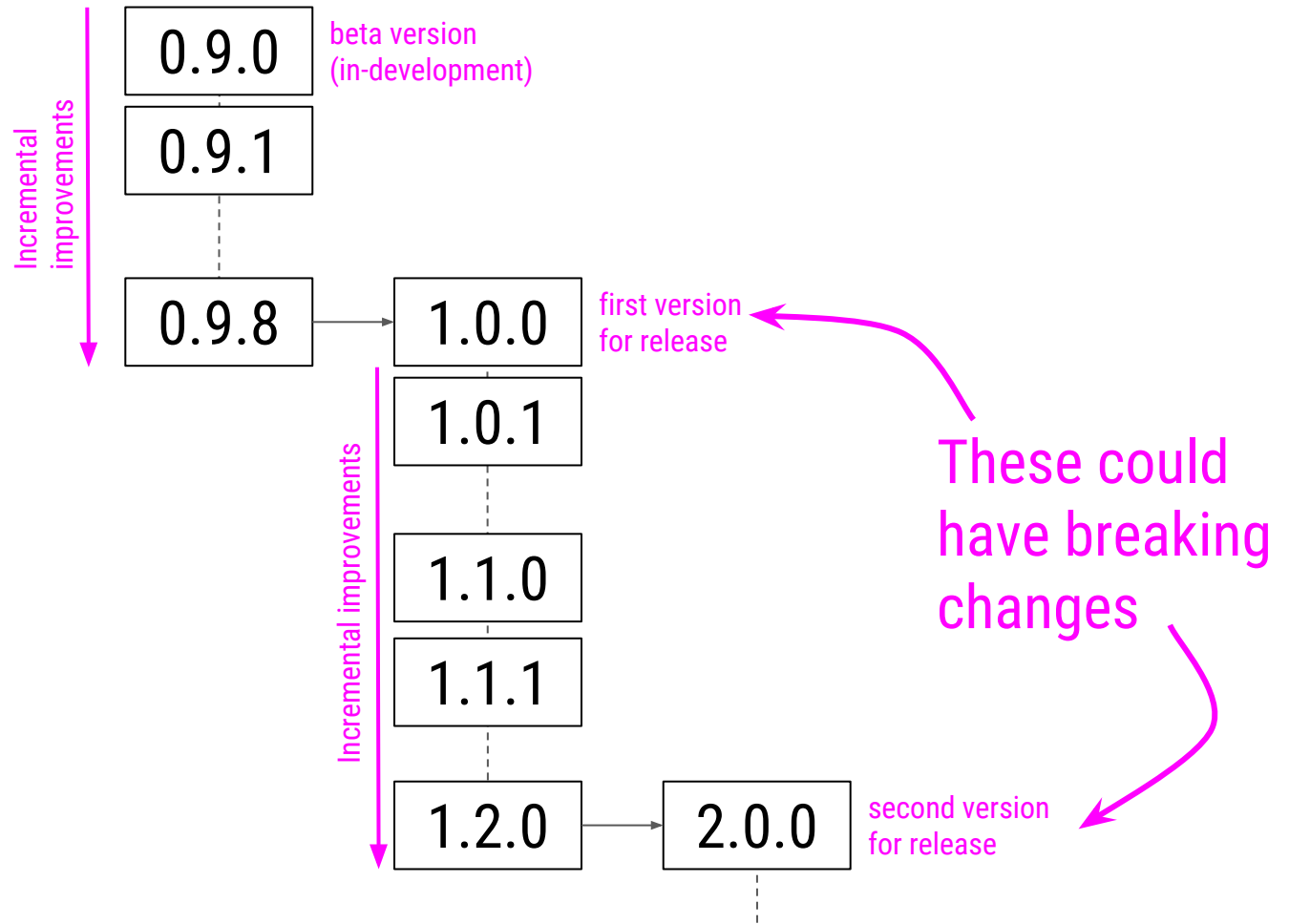
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large release with  
breaking changes

minimal,  
non-breaking  
features

**major.minor.patch**

Includes new  
non-breaking features





# The YAML will specify params

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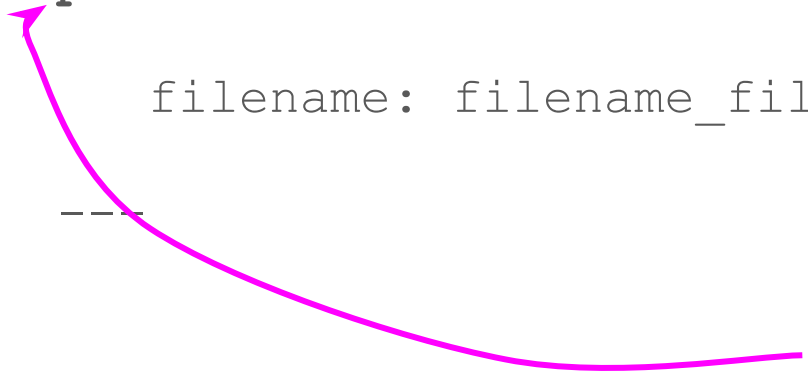
title: My Document

output: html\_document

**params:**

filename: filename\_filedate.csv

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Your YAML will include  
the parameters you'll use  
throughout your report

# `render()` will knit your parameterized report

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```
rmarkdown::render ("MyDocument.Rmd",  
  params = list(  
    filename = "filename_filedate.csv")  
)
```

To generate your document,  
you can use `render()` and  
specify `params` as a list.

In this example, **Sheet1** is the first week's data,  
**Sheet2** includes the first two weeks' data

survey


Sheet1


Sheet2


name	hrs_working	hrs_sleeping	hrs_fun	hrs_eating	hrs_socializing	hrs_other
Damon	9	7	1	1	2	4
Lilly	7	8	2	1	1	5
Will	8	8	2	2	2	4
Aisha	8	6	2	1	4	3
Hassan	6	9	3	2	2	2
Me	10	8	2	2	1	1


We'll start  
with a  
typical R  
Markdown  
document.

New R Markdown

 Document

 Presentation

 Shiny

 From Template

**Title:** Friend Survey

**Author:** Jane Doe

**Default Output Format:**

☒ HTML  
Recommended format for authoring (you can switch to PDF or Word output anytime).

☐ PDF  
PDF output requires TeX (MiKTeX on Windows, MacTeX 2013+ on OS X, TeX Live 2013+ on Linux).

☐ Word  
Previewing Word documents requires an installation of MS Word (or Libre/Open Office on Linux).

OK Cancel

```
friend_survey.Rmd x
[Navigation icons] [Knit] [Insert] [Run]
1 ---
2 title: "Friend Survey"
3 author: "Jane Doe"
4 output: html_document
5 date: '`r format(Sys.Date(), "%B %d, %Y")`'
6 params:
7   file_url: "ask"
8   worksheet: 1
9 ---
10
```

params are specified  
within your YAML

# install and load necessary R packages

```
11 ▾ ```{r setup, include=FALSE}
12  ## install packages (if needed)
13  list.of.packages <- c("ggplot2", "googlesheets", "dplyr", "reshape2")
14  new.packages <- list.of.packages[!(list.of.packages %in% installed.packages()[,"Package"])]
15 ▾ if(length(new.packages)){
16    install.packages(new.packages)}
17
18  ## load packages
19  library(googlesheets)
20  library(ggplot2)
21  library(dplyr)
22  library(reshape2)
23  ```
```



## Read in the Google Sheet

```
```{r data, include=FALSE}  
## read Google Sheet in  
survey <- gs_url(params$file_url)  
  
df <- survey %>%  
  gs_read(ws = params$worksheet)  
```
```



## Write checks for your data and analysis

```
```{r checks, echo=FALSE}
columns <- c("name", "hrs_working", "hrs_sleeping", "hrs_fun", "hrs_eating",
"hrs_socializing", "hrs_other")
if(!sum(colnames(df) %in% columns)==length(columns)){
  stop("The input columns are unexpected - check to make sure the Google Sheet you
specified is the correct URL.")
}
```
```





messages, warnings, and stop

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**message ()** - prints a message, code continues to run

**warning ()** - prints a warning, code continues to run

**stop ()** - stops code from running, prints error message

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  stop("The input columns are unexpected - check to make sure the Google Sheet you
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}
```
```



# Clean your data!

```
```{r clean, include=FALSE}
## check for data entry errors
## remove samples where total hours != 24h
df_filtered <- df %>%
  select(2:ncol(df)) %>%
  filter(rowSums(.)==24)
```
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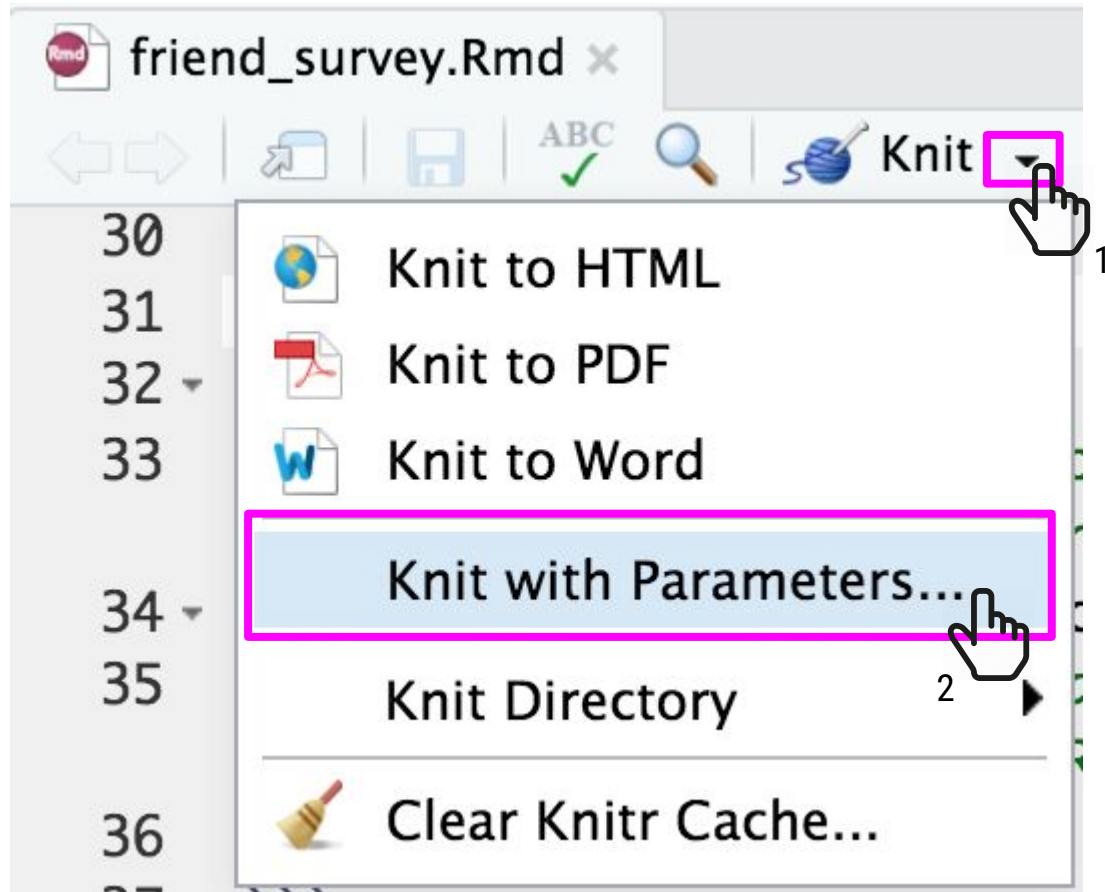
In this analysis, data for ``r nrow(df)`` individuals were read in; however, only ``r nrow(df_filtered)`` were included for analysis. Individuals whose total number of hours was not equal to 24 were removed from analysis (N = ``r nrow(df)-nrow(df_filtered)``).

Avoid hard-coding!



## Generate plot of interest

```
` `{r analyze, echo=FALSE, message=FALSE }  
## generate plot  
df_filtered %>%  
  melt() %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x=variable, y=value)) +  
  geom_boxplot()  
` `
```



**file\_url****worksheet**

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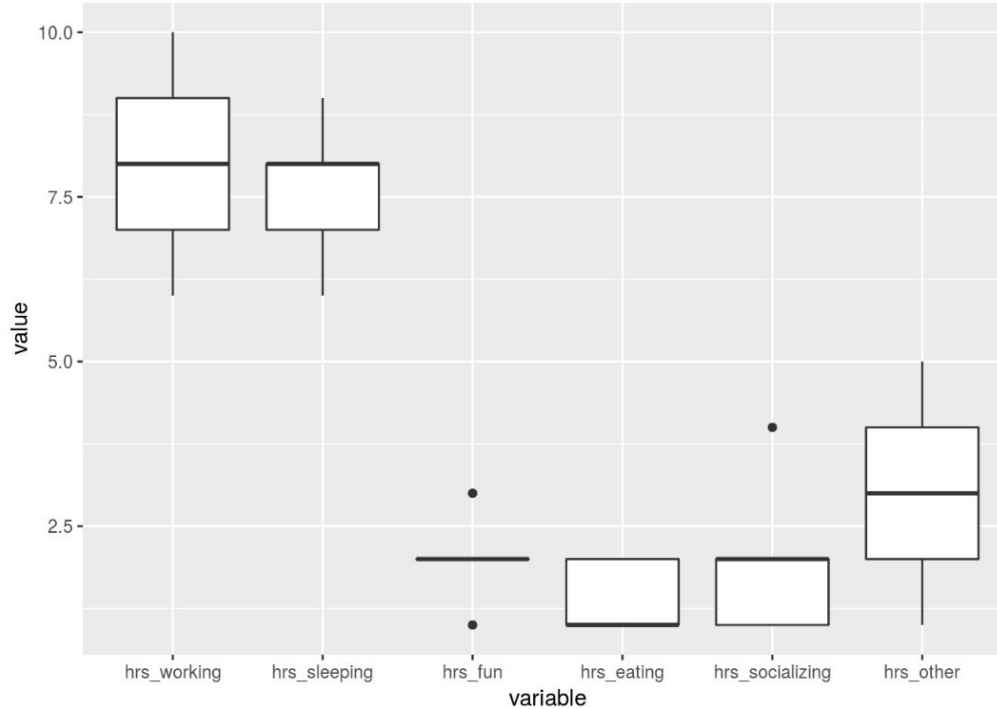
# Friend Survey

Jane Doe

August 06, 2018

In this analysis, data for 6 individuals were read in; however, only 5 were included for analysis. Individuals whose total number of hours was not equal to 24 were removed from analysis (N = 1).

Code in R Markdown document includes appropriate values in final report





**file\_url****worksheet**

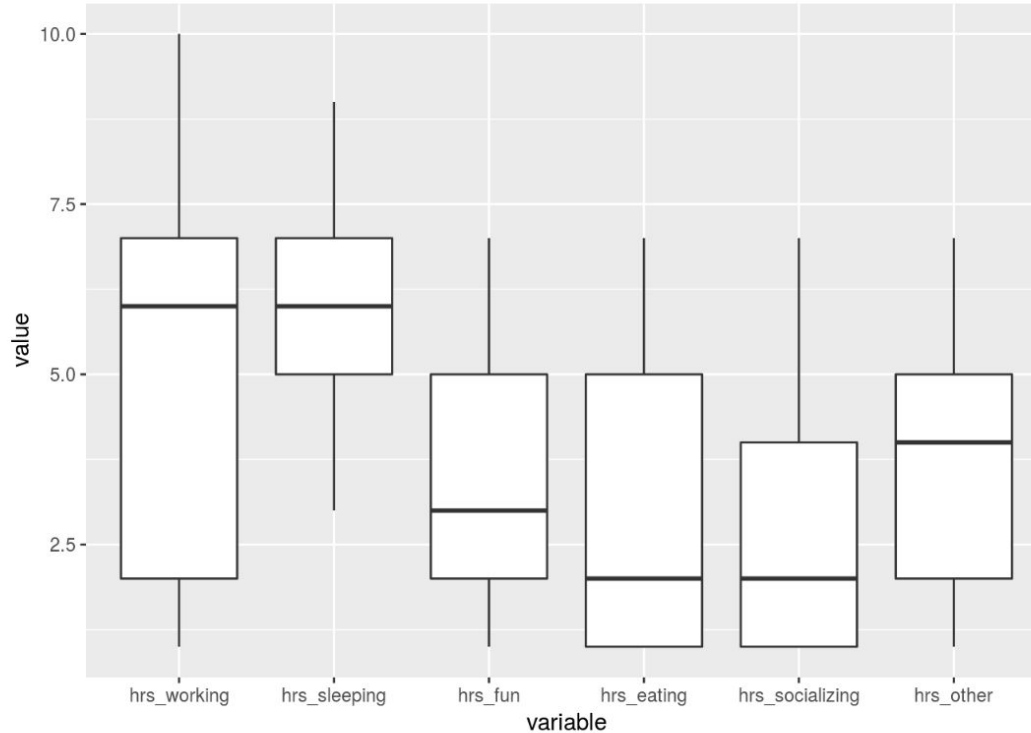
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In this analysis, data for 28 individuals were read in; however, only 25 were included for analysis. Individuals whose total number of hours was not equal to 24 were removed from analysis (N = 3).

Values are updated using the code in the R Markdown document!



The same pipeline with updated data automatically updates the report!

