

| <b>A</b> Metadata                                      |  | Data   |
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| xxxxx x machin xxxxx y machin xxxxx z machin in machin | ne_name   date     condition   sex     p   ne_001   2016-09-01     B   M     p_1   ne_001   2016-09-03     A   F     p_3   e_002   2016-09-03     A   F     p_3   e_ne_n   date_n     condition_n   sex_n     p_n   date_n   Experiment fields | $\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$  |
| B<br>Metadata  |  | Data   |
| Select   | <pre># to subet the metadata only for males &gt; male_meta &lt;- dt[sex == "M",</pre>  | # to keep only data > 5s  > late_dt <- dt[t > 5]  Note: metadata is updated when selection removes all data from one id.   |
| Alter, create & delete (meta)variables                 | <pre>dt[, X := value, meta = TRUE] # to create a metavariable set to "wt" &gt; dt[, genotype := "wt", meta = TRUE] # delete &gt; dt[, sex := NULL, meta = TRUE]</pre>  | <pre>dt[, Y := value]  # to create t_2 (t - 1) &gt; dt[, t_2 := t - 1]  # to delete t &gt; dt[, t := NULL]  Note: update data in place. No copy of dt in memory.</pre> |
| Expand<br>metavariables<br>as variables                | <pre>dt[xmv(X)]  # to select data with sex &gt; dt &lt;- dt[xmv(sex) == "M"]  # to copy a metavariable as a variable &gt; dt[, s := xmv(sex)]</pre>  |  |
| Aggregate & summary                                    | <pre>dt[, OPERATION, by = id]  # to compute mean activity, per individual &gt; dt &lt;- dt[,.(</pre>   | OPERATION  |
| Join data & metadata                                   | <pre>rejoin(dt)  # to reunite data and metadata &gt; full_table &lt;- rejoin(dt)  Note: used mostly after aggregation or preprocessing</pre>   | REJOIN   |







