Advanced R

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  - easier to read and look up a patient/animal
  - often easier to make calculations (e.g., BMI)

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Example - pivot_wider()

```
dt_example <-
  tibble(id = rep(paste0("P", 1:3), 2),
         sys = c(120,118,NA, 125,125,110),
         measurement = c(1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2))

dt_example %>%
    pivot_wider(data = ., names_from = measurement, values_from = sys)
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mean(x, trim = 0, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
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```
myFunction(name = "Susi")
```

```
## Hallo, Susi!
```

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```r
CreateSampleDataset <- function(nrow = 100) {
    Condition <- rbinom(n = nrow, size = 1, prob = 0.5)
    IQ <- rnorm(n = nrow, mean = 100, sd = 15)
    Age <- rnorm(n = nrow, mean = 40, sd = 7.5)
    Motivation <- runif(n = nrow, min = 1, max = 10)
    dfSampleData <- tibble(Condition, IQ, Age, Motivation)
    return(dfSampleData)
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- *return()*
  - variable can be any R object
  - a function in R can only ever return one object (use list() for more)

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- Function name should make it clear what the function is good for
- Inputs and outputs should be clear

Links

Links (I)

- Introduction to R
  - R for Data Science (https://r4ds.hadley.nz/)
- Plots using ggplot
  - Overview with further links to course material: https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/
- Display tables using flextable
  - flextable bool https://ardata-fr.github.io/flextable-book/
  - Function references https://davidgohel.github.io/flextable/reference/index.html
- knit_child()
  - link (https://bookdown.org/yihui/rmarkdown-cookbook/child-document.html)

Links (II)

- Download R
  - CRAN (https://cran.r-project.org/)
- Download RStudio
  - RStudio Desktop (https://posit.co/download/rstudio-desktop/)