

Assignment 2: Coding Basics

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OVERVIEW

This exercise accompanies the lessons in Environmental Data Analytics on coding basics.

Directions

1. Change “Student Name” on line 3 (above) with your name.
2. Work through the steps, **creating code and output** that fulfill each instruction.
3. Be sure to **answer the questions** in this assignment document.
4. When you have completed the assignment, **Knit** the text and code into a single PDF file.
5. After Knitting, submit the completed exercise (PDF file) to the dropbox in Sakai. Add your first and last name into the file name (e.g., “FirstLast_A02_CodingBasics.Rmd”) prior to submission.

Basics Day 1

1. Generate a sequence of numbers from one to 100, increasing by fours. Assign this sequence a name.
2. Compute the mean and median of this sequence.
3. Ask R to determine whether the mean is greater than the median.
4. Insert comments in your code to describe what you are doing.

#1.

```
one_to_100_by_4 <- seq(1,100,4)
```

#2.

```
mean(one_to_100_by_4)>median(one_to_100_by_4)
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

#3.

#I created a sequence from 1 to 100 by 4's for question one. For question 2, I created a statement to s

Basics Day 2

5. Create a series of vectors, each with four components, consisting of (a) names of students, (b) test scores out of a total 100 points, and (c) whether or not they have passed the test (TRUE or FALSE) with a passing grade of 50.
6. Label each vector with a comment on what type of vector it is.
7. Combine each of the vectors into a data frame. Assign the data frame an informative name.
8. Label the columns of your data frame with informative titles.

```
student_names <- c("John", "Mike", "Lisa", "Sara") #character (names of students)
student_scores <- c(85, 43, 56, 20) #numeric (scores on test)
student_pass_fail <- function(x){
```

```

  ifelse(x>50, TRUE, FALSE)
}
pass_or_fail <- student_pass_fail(student_scores) #character (pass/fail of test scores)
df_student_scores <- as.data.frame(cbind("student names" = student_names, "student scores" = student_scores, "pass/fail" = pass_or_fail))
#data frame of student scores, names, and pass/fail

```

9. QUESTION: How is this data frame different from a matrix?

Answer: A matrix consists of rows and columns of the same type of data (numeric). A data frame consists of rows and columns but can have different types of data (character, numeric, integer... etc.).

10. Create a function with an if/else statement. Your function should determine whether a test score is a passing grade of 50 or above (TRUE or FALSE). You will need to choose either the **if** and **else** statements or the **ifelse** statement. Hint: Use **print**, not **return**. The name of your function should be informative.

11. Apply your function to the vector with test scores that you created in number 5.

```

#ifelse function
student_pass_fail <- function(x){
  test_pass_fail<-ifelse(x>50, TRUE, FALSE)
  print(test_pass_fail)
}
student_pass_fail(student_scores)

```

```
## [1] TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE
```

```

#if and else function
student_pass_fail2 <- function(x){
  if(x>50){
    print(TRUE)
  }
  else{
    print(FALSE)
  }
}
student_pass_fail2(student_scores)

```

```
## Warning in if (x > 50) {: the condition has length > 1 and only the first
## element will be used
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

12. QUESTION: Which option of **if** and **else** vs. **ifelse** worked? Why?

Answer: 'ifelse' worked. It seems that the 'if' and 'else' cannot work for a vector.