

Uniformity

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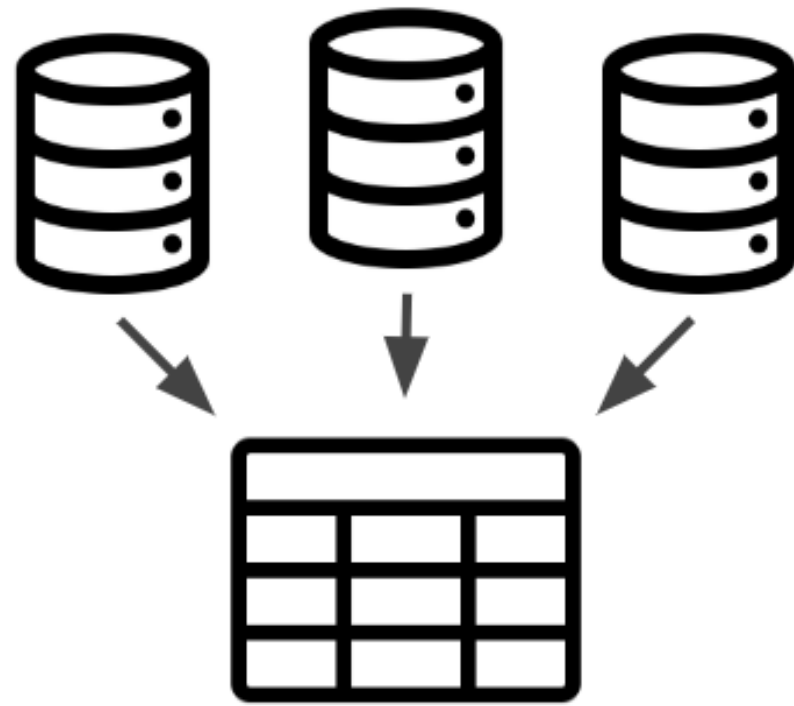
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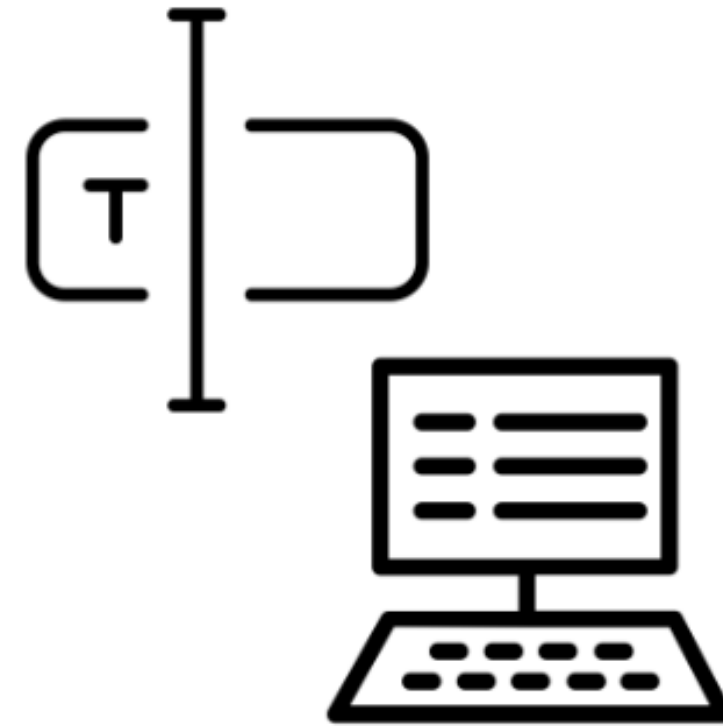
Uniformity

- Different units or formats
 - **Temperature:** °C vs. °F
 - **Weight:** kg vs. g vs. lb
 - **Money:** USD \$ vs. GBP £ vs. JPY ¥
 - **Date:** DD-MM-YYYY vs. MM-DD-YYYY vs. YYYY-MM-DD

Where do uniformity issues come from?



Multiple data sources



Data entry errors

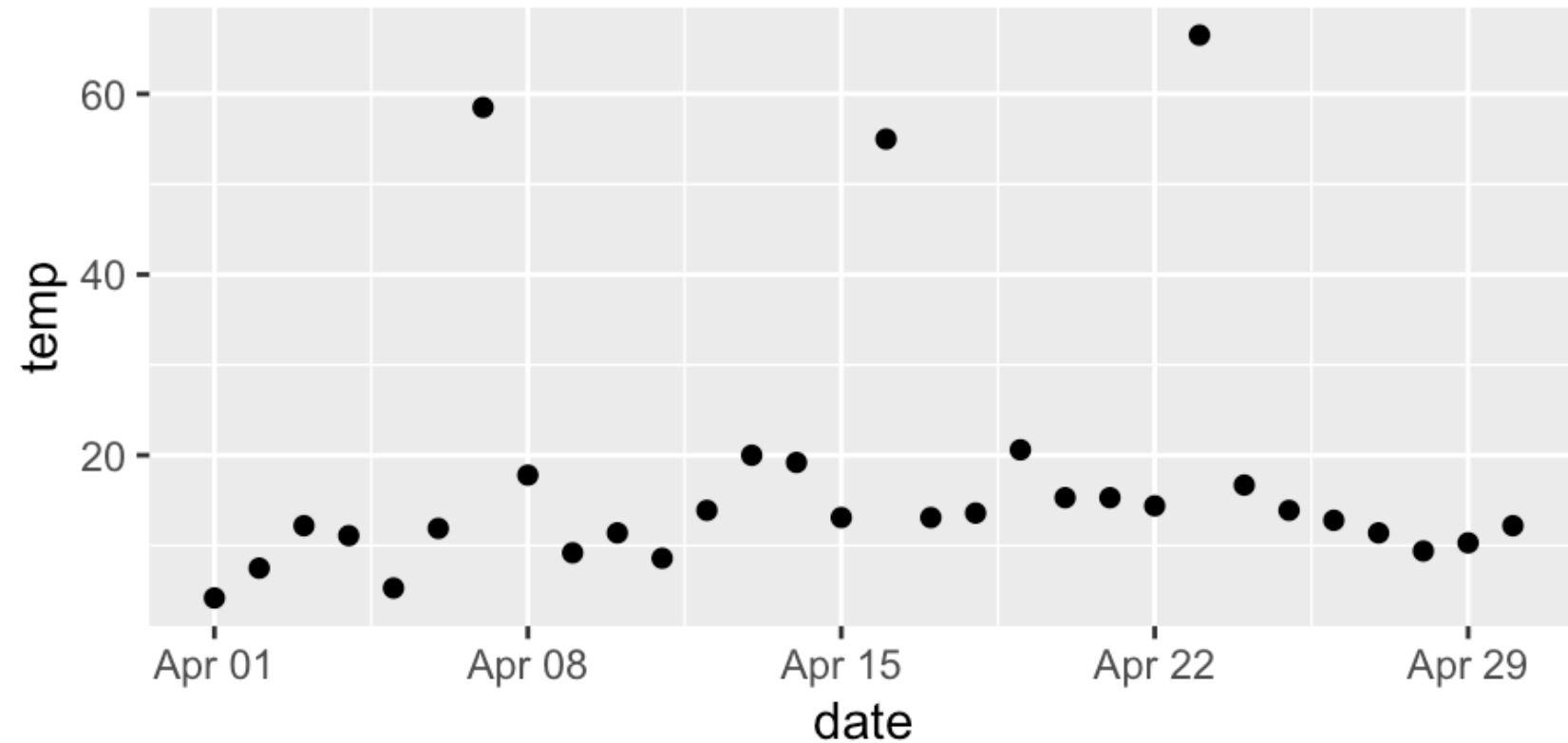
Finding uniformity issues

```
head(nyc_temps)
```

```
      date temp
1 2019-04-01  4.2
2 2019-04-02  7.5
3 2019-04-03 12.2
4 2019-04-04 11.1
5 2019-04-05 41.5
6 2019-04-06 11.9
```

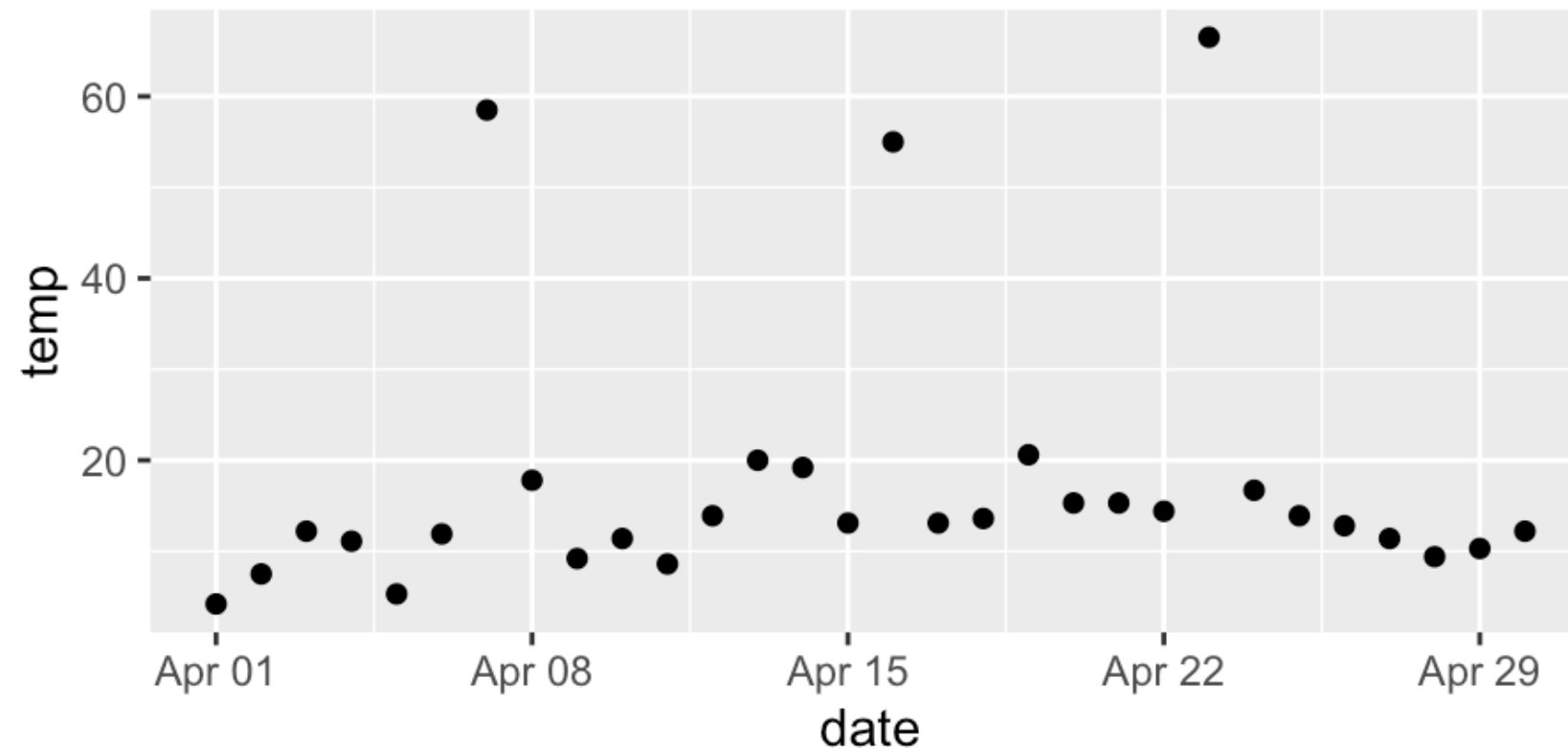
Finding uniformity issues

```
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(nyc_temps, aes(x = date, y = temp)) +
  geom_point()
```



What to do?

- There's no one best option. *It depends on your dataset!*
- Do your research to understand where your data comes from



- Data from Apr 7, 16, and 23 is from an external source that measured temps in °F

Unit conversion

$$C = (F - 32) \times \frac{5}{9}$$

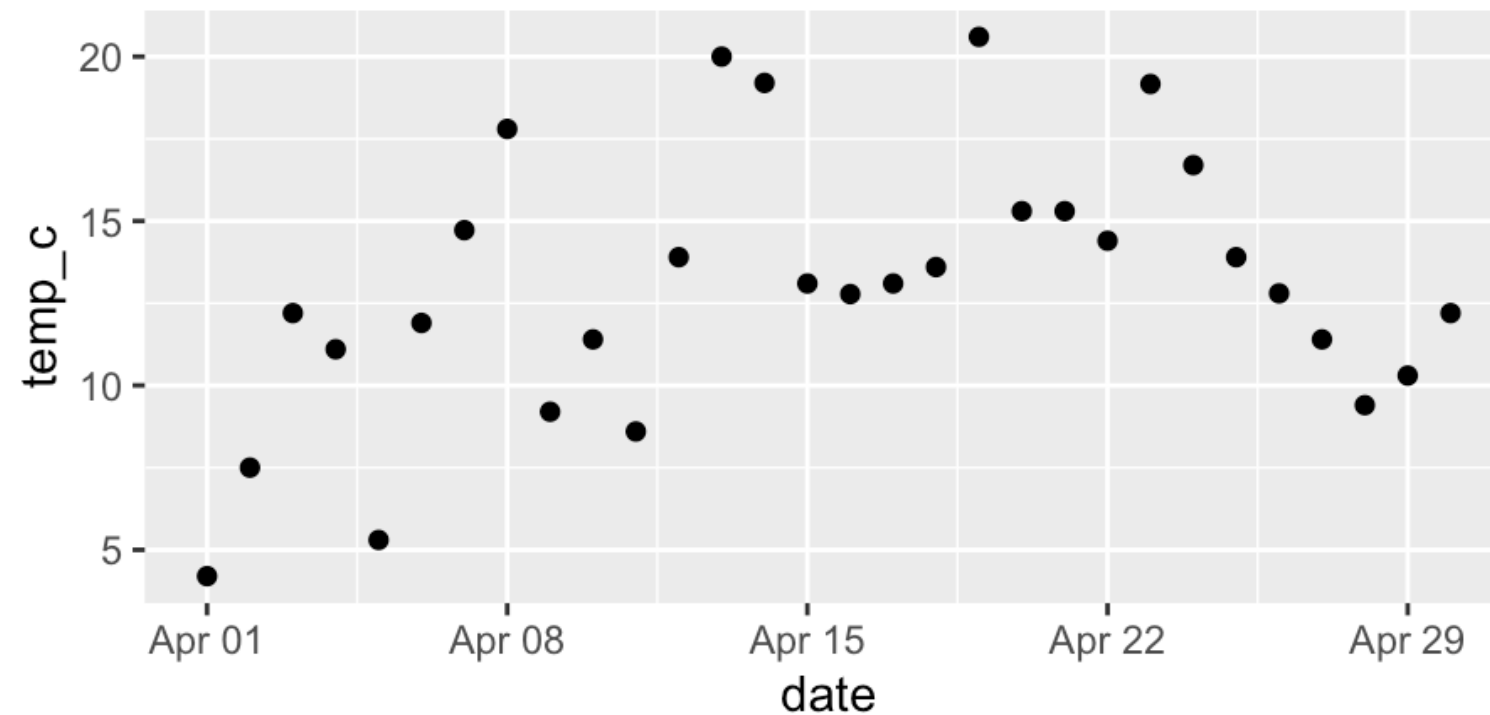
```
ifelse(condition, value_if_true, value_if_false)
```

```
nyc_temps %>%  
  mutate(temp_c = ifelse(temp > 50, (temp - 32) * 5 / 9, temp))
```

```
      date temp  temp_c  
1 2019-04-01  4.2  4.20000  
...  
7 2019-04-07 58.5 14.72222  
...
```

Unit conversion

```
nyc_temps %>%  
  mutate(temp_c = ifelse(temp > 50, (temp - 32) * 5 / 9, temp)) %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = date, y = temp_c)) +  
    geom_point()
```



Date uniformity

nyc_temps

```
      date temp_c
1 2019-11-23   5.12
2  01/15/19  -0.67
3 April 24, 2019 17.46
4  08/30/19  26.46
5 October 3, 2019 14.63
6 2019-03-17   3.47
```

Date string	Date format
"2019-11-23"	"%Y-%m-%d"
"01/15/19"	"%m-%d-%y"
"April 24, 2019"	"%B %d, %Y"

?strptime in R console

Parsing multiple formats

```
library(lubridate)
parse_date_time(nyc_temps$date,
               orders = c("%Y-%m-%d", "%m/%d/%y", "%B %d, %Y"))
```

```
"2019-11-23 UTC" "2019-01-15 UTC" "2019-04-24 UTC" "2019-08-30 UTC"
"2019-10-03 UTC" "2019-03-17 UTC"
```

```
parse_date_time("Monday, January 3",
               orders = c("%Y-%m-%d", "%m/%d/%y", "%B %d, %Y"))
```

```
NA
```

Ambiguous dates

Is 02/04/2019 in February or April?

- Depends on your data!

Options include:

- Treat as missing
- If your data comes from multiple sources, infer based on source
- Infer based on other data in the dataset

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Cross field validation

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What is cross field validation?

- Cross field validation = a sanity check
- *Does this value make sense based on other values?*



¹ <https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/katienotopoulos/graphs-that-lied-to-us>

Credit card data

```
head(credit_cards)
```

	date_opened	dining_cb	groceries_cb	gas_cb	total_cb	acct_age
1	2018-07-05	26.08	83.43	78.90	188.41	1
2	2016-01-23	1309.33	4.46	1072.25	2386.04	4
3	2016-03-25	205.84	119.20	800.62	1125.66	4
4	2018-06-20	14.00	16.37	18.41	48.78	1
5	2017-02-08	98.50	283.68	281.70	788.33	3
6	2014-11-18	889.28	2626.34	2973.62	6489.24	5

Validating numbers

```
credit_cards %>%  
  select(dining_cb:total_cb)
```

	dining_cb	groceries_cb	gas_cb	total_cb
1	26.08	83.43	78.90	188.41
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Validating numbers

```
credit_cards %>%  
  mutate(theoretical_total = dining_cb + groceries_cb + gas_cb) %>%  
  filter(theoretical_total != total_cb) %>%  
  select(dining_cb:theoretical_total)
```

	dining_cb	groceries_cb	gas_cb	total_cb	theoretical_total
1	98.50	283.68	281.70	788.33	663.88
2	3387.53	363.85	2706.42	4502.94	6457.80

Validating date and age

```
credit_cards %>%  
  select(date_opened, acct_age)
```

	date_opened	acct_age
1	2018-07-05	1
2	2016-01-23	4
3	2016-03-25	4
4	2018-06-20	1
5	2017-02-08	3
6	2014-11-18	5

Calculating age

```
library(lubridate)
date_difference <- as.Date("2015-09-04") %--% today()
date_difference
```

```
2015-09-04 UTC--2020-03-09 UTC
```

```
as.numeric(date_difference, "years")
```

```
4.511978
```

```
floor(as.numeric(date_difference, "years"))
```

```
4
```

Validating age

```
credit_cards %>%  
  mutate(theor_age = floor(as.numeric(date_opened %--% today(), "years"))) %>%  
  filter(theor_age != acct_age)
```

	date_opened	acct_age	dining_cb	groceries_cb	gas_cb	total_cb	theor_age
1	2016-03-25	4	814.34	471.58	3167.41	4453.33	3
2	2018-03-06	3	238.48	186.05	213.84	638.37	2

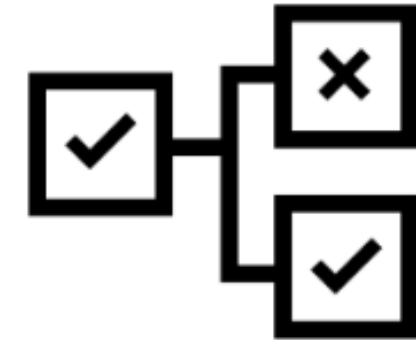
What next?



*Dropping
Data*



*Set to missing
and impute*



*Apply rules from
domain knowledge*

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Completeness

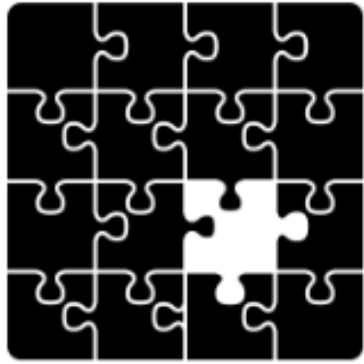
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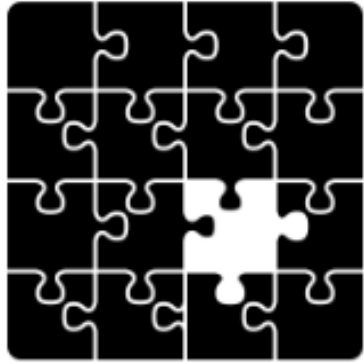
What is missing data?



Occurs when no data value is stored for a variable in an observation

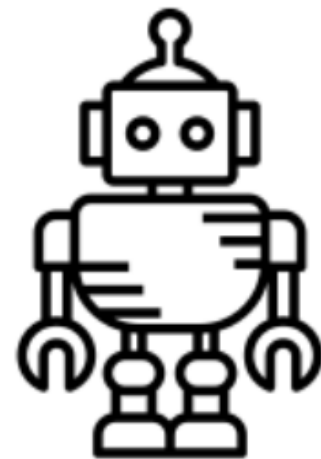
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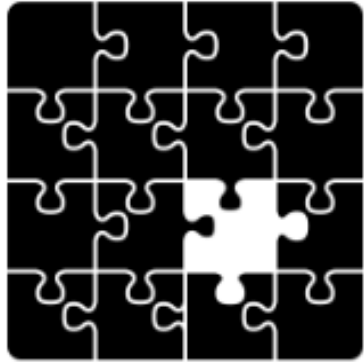
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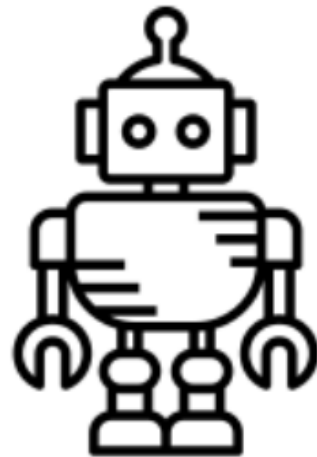
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Technical error



Human error

Air quality

```
head(airquality)
```

	Ozone	Solar.R	Wind	Temp	Month	Day
1	41	190	7.4	67	5	1
2	36	118	8.0	72	5	2
3	12	149	12.6	74	5	3
4	18	313	11.5	62	5	4
5	NA	NA	14.3	56	5	5
6	28	NA	14.9	66	5	6

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```

Finding missing values

```
is.na(airquality)
```

```
      Ozone Solar.R Wind Temp Month Day
[1,] FALSE    FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
[2,] FALSE    FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
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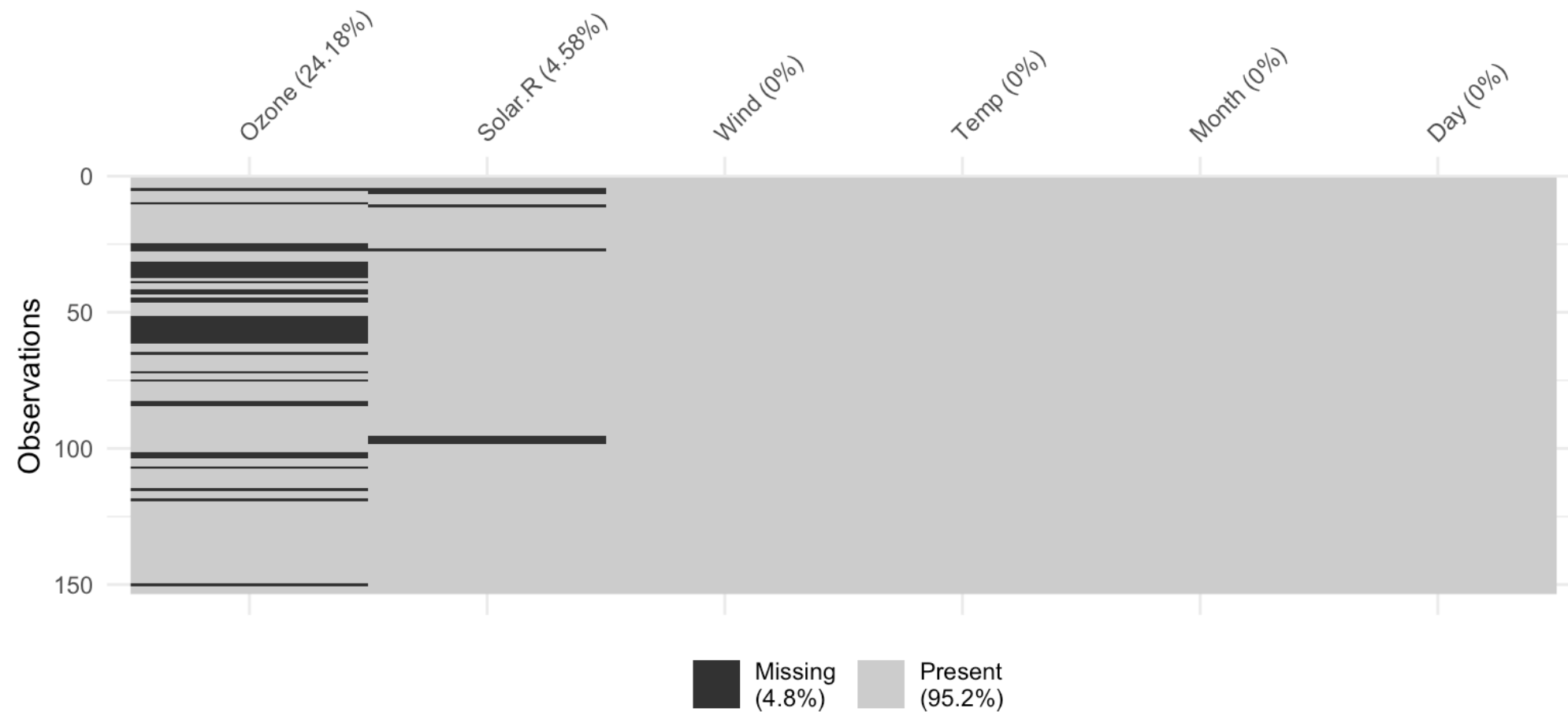
Counting missing values

```
# Count missing vals in entire dataset  
sum(is.na(airquality))
```

```
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```

Visualizing missing values

```
library(visdat)
vis_miss(airquality)
```



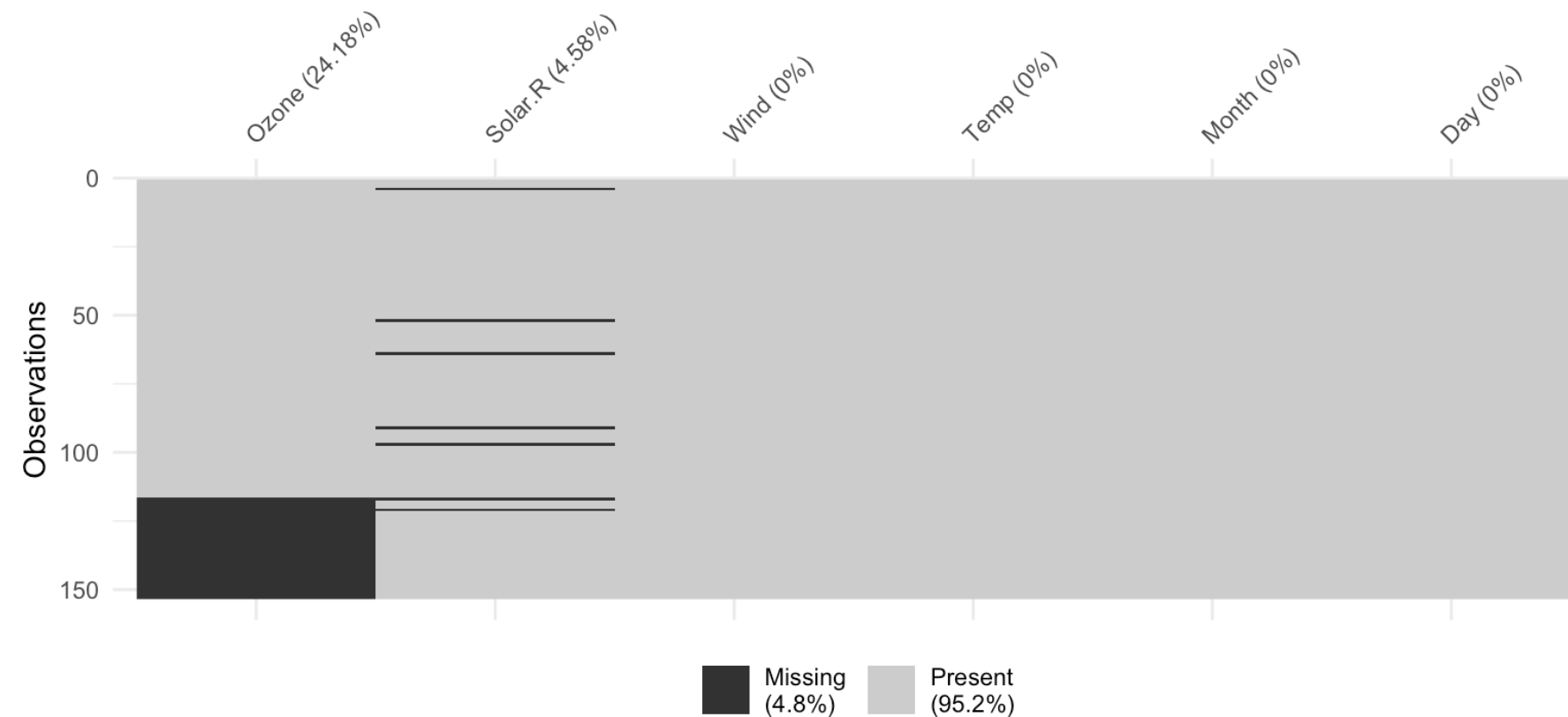
Investigating missingness

```
airquality %>%  
  mutate(miss_ozone = is.na(Ozone)) %>%  
  group_by(miss_ozone) %>%  
  summarize_all(median, na.rm = TRUE)
```

	miss_ozone	Ozone	Solar.R	Wind	Temp	Month	Day
	<lgl>	<dbl>	<int>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	FALSE	31.5	207	9.7	65	7	16
2	TRUE	NA	194	9.7	99	6	15

Investigating missingness

```
airquality %>%  
  arrange(Temp) %>%  
  vis_miss()
```



Types of missing data



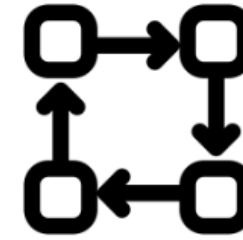
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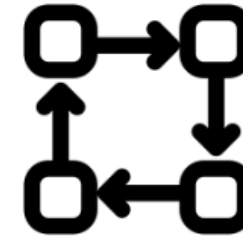
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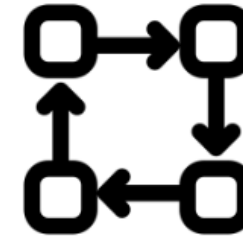


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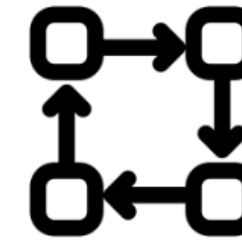


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*Missing temperature values for
high temperatures*

Dealing with missing data

Simple approaches:

1. Drop missing data
2. Impute (fill in) with statistical measures (*mean, median, mode..*) or domain knowledge

More complex approaches:

1. Impute using an algorithmic approach
2. Impute with machine learning models

Learn more in [*Dealing with Missing Data in R*](#)

Dropping missing values

```
airquality %>%  
  filter(!is.na(Ozone), !is.na(Solar.R))
```

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	<int>	<int>	<dbl>	<int>	<int>	<int>
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3	12	149	12.6	74	5	3
4	18	313	11.5	62	5	4
5	23	299	8.6	65	5	7
6	19	99	13.8	59	5	8

Replacing missing values

```
airquality %>%  
  mutate(ozone_filled = ifelse(is.na(Ozone), mean(Ozone, na.rm = TRUE), Ozone))
```

	Ozone	Solar.R	Wind	Temp	Month	Day	ozone_filled
	<int>	<int>	<dbl>	<int>	<int>	<int>	<dbl>
1	41	190	7.4	67	5	1	41
2	36	118	8	72	5	2	36
3	12	149	12.6	74	5	3	12
4	18	313	11.5	62	5	4	18
5	NA	NA	14.3	56	5	5	42.1

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