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The R language (2 of 2)

Retrieve and use information in precise, efficient ways



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- 1. Subsetting
- 2. R Packages
- 3. Logical tests
- 4. Missing values

#### Question

```
x <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0)
y <- x
y
# 0 0 0 0 1 0 0</pre>
```

How can you save just the fifth element of x to y? How can you change the fifth element of x to a 0?

# Subsetting

#### Your turn

```
vec <- c(6, 1, 3, 6, 10, 5)

df <- data.frame(
  name = c("John", "Paul", "George", "Ringo"),
  birth = c(1940, 1942, 1943, 1940),
  instrument = c("guitar", "bass", "guitar", "drums")
)</pre>
```

With your neighbor, run the code on the following slide **IN YOUR HEADS** 

df vec birth instrument name 6 6 10 5 guitar John 1940 Paul 1942 bass guitar 1943 George

Ringo

1940

drums

# # Predict what the following code will do # DON'T RUN IT!



#### Subset notation

name of object to subset

Vec



#### Subset notation

name of object to subset

brackets
(brackets always mean subset)

VEC[]



#### Subset notation

brackets name of object (brackets always mean to subset subset) vec[?] an index (that tells R which elements to include)



vec[?]

6 1 3 6 10 5



vec[?]

6 1 3 6 10 5



vec[?]
df[?,?]

John
Paul
George
Ringo

guitar bass guitar drums

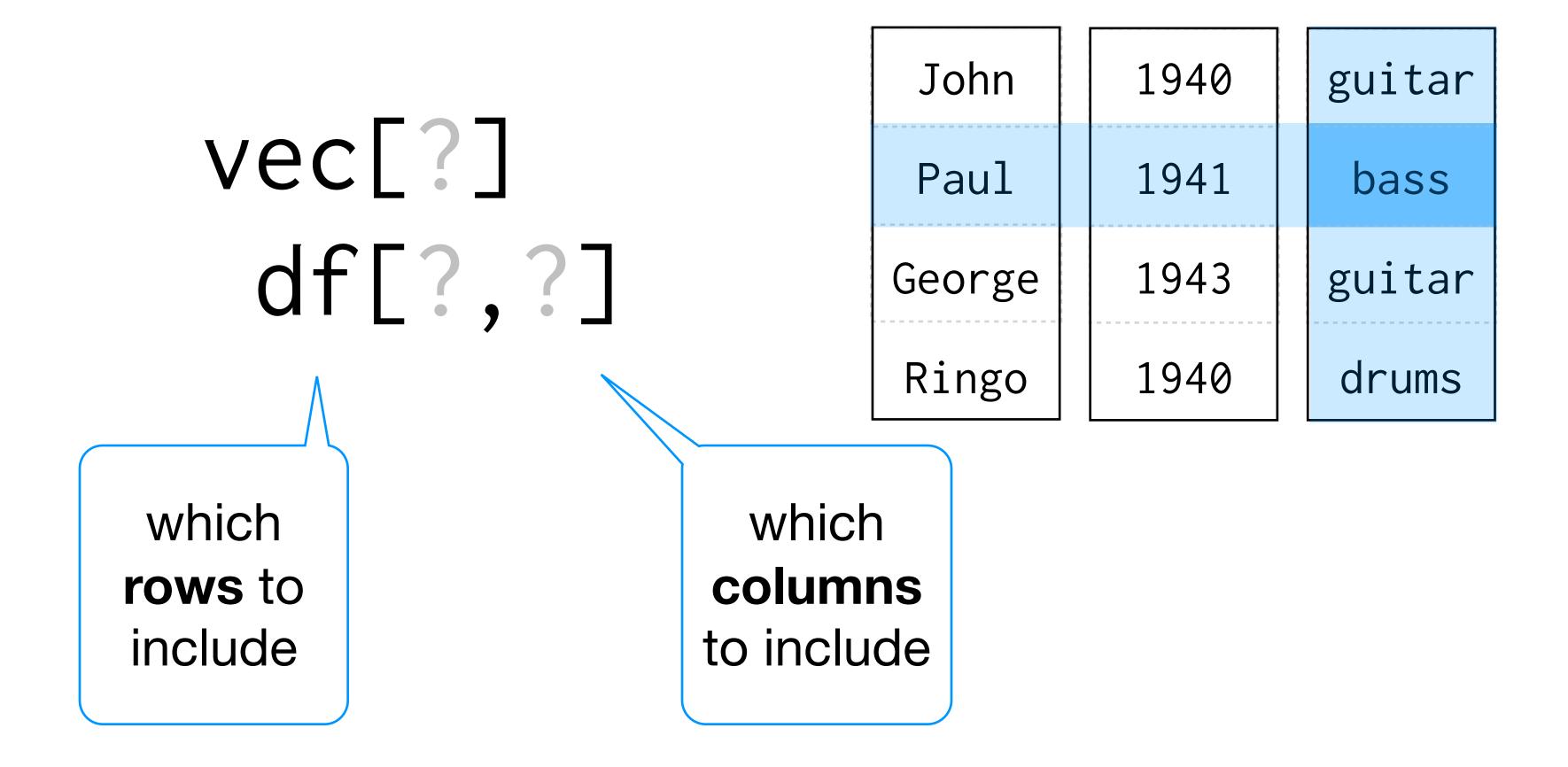


vec[?]
df[?,?]

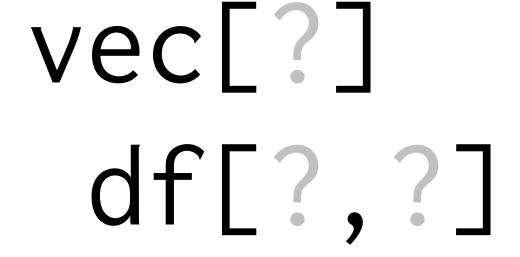
which rows to include

John	1940	guitar
Paul	1941	bass
George	1943	guitar
Ringo	1940	drums









John 1940 guitar
Paul 1941 bass
George 1943 guitar
Ringo 1940 drums

which rows to include

separate dimensions with a comma

which columns to include



vec[?]
df[?,?]

John	1940	guitar
Paul	1941	bass
George	1943	guitar
Ringo	1940	drums

But what should go in the indexes?

### Four ways to subset

- 1. Integers
- 2. Blank spaces
- 3. Names
- 4. Logical vectors (TRUE and FALSE)



Positive integers behave just like *ij* notation in linear algebra

df[?,?]

John	
Paul	
George	
Ringo	

1940

1941

1943

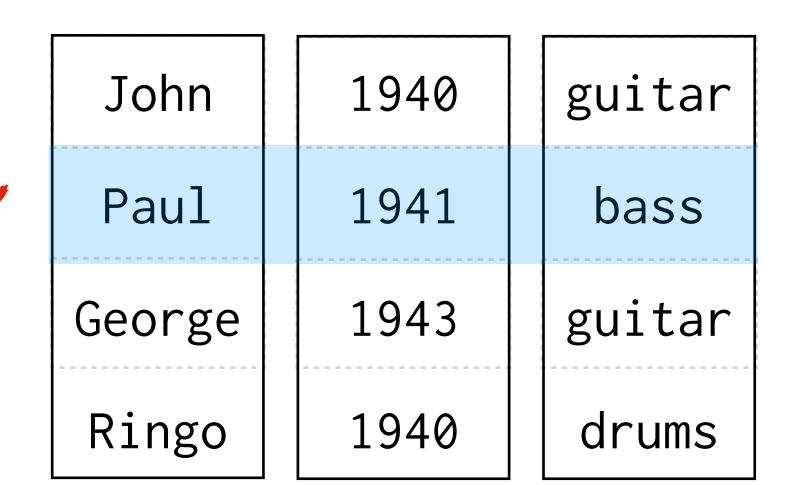
1940

guitar
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guitar
drums



Positive integers behave just like *ij* notation in linear algebra

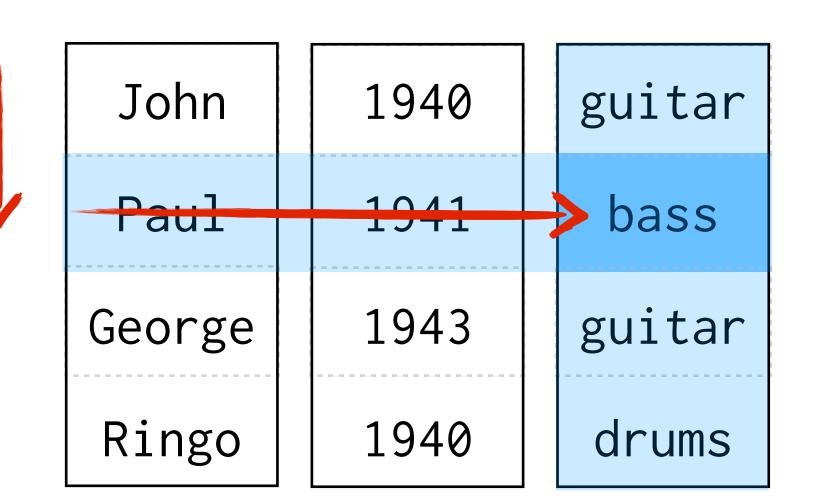
df[2,?]





Positive integers behave just like *ij* notation in linear algebra

df[2,3]





Positive integers behave just like *ij* notation in linear algebra

df[2,3]

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Paul	1941	bass
George	1943	guitar
Ringo	1940	drums



Positive integers behave just like *ij* notation in linear algebra

df[ ? , ? ]

John
Paul
George
Ringo

guitar bass guitar drums

Positive integers behave just like *ij* notation in linear algebra

df[c(2,4),?]

John	1940	guitar
Paul	1941	bass
George	1943	guitar
Ringo	1940	drums

Positive integers behave just like *ij* notation in linear algebra

df[c(2,4),c(2,3)]

John	1940	guitar
Paul	1941	bass
George	1943	guitar
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1. Colons are a useful way to create vectors

```
1:4
# 1 2 3 4
df[1:4, 1:2]
```

2. Repeating input repeats output df[c(1,1,1,2,2), 1:3]

# Integers (zero)

As an index, **zero will return nothing** from a dimension. This creates an empty object.

```
vec[0]
# numeric(0)

df[1:2, 0]
# data frame with 0 columns and 2 rows
```



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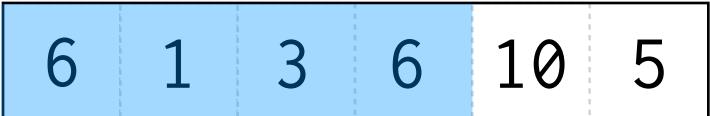
vec[c(5,6)]



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You cannot use both negative and positive integers in the **same** dimension

vec[-c(5,6)]





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df[c(2:4), 2:3]

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Paul	1941	bass
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df[-c(2:4), 2:3]

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Negative integers return everything but the elements at the specified locations.

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df[-c(2:4),-(2:3)]

John	1940	guitar
Paul	1941	bass
George	1943	guitar
Ringo	1940	drums

# Your Turn

1. Fix these poorly written subset commands

```
vec(1:4)
vec[-1:4]
```

vec[3, 4, 5]

() for functions, [] for subsetting

```
vec[1:4]
# 6 1 3 6
```

Don't mix positive and negative integers; distribute the negative sign (e.g., -1:4 = -101234).

```
vec[-(1:4)]
# 10 5
```

Pass multiple values for the same dimension as a vector vec[c(3, 4, 5)]

## Your Turn

What is wrong with these subsetting commands? What will they do?

```
mat[2]
df[1]
```

 1
 4
 7

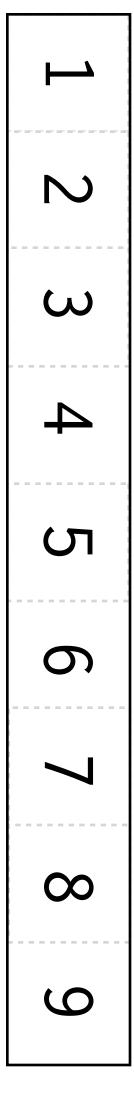
 2
 5
 8

 3
 6
 9

mat[2]

vec 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

vec



vec

vec

wec matrix

1	4	7
2	5	8
3	6	9

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

 1
 4
 7

 2
 5
 8

 3
 6
 9

mat[2]

John	1940	guitar
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Ringo	1940	drums

df[2]

#### How R makes a data frame

List c("a","b","c","d") c(1, 2, 3, 4) c(T, F, T, F)

#### List

c( "a", "b", "c", "d")

c( 1, 2, 3, 4) c( T, F, T,

#### List

List

data frame

c( "a", "b", "c",

c( 1, 2, 3, 4) c( T, F, T,

c("John", "Paul", c(1940, 1942, "George", "Ringo") 1943, 1940)

c("guitar", "bass", "guitar", "drums")

John	1940	guitar
Paul	1942	bass
George	1943	guitar
Ringo	1940	drums

df[2]

### Blank spaces

Blank spaces return **everything** (i.e., no subsetting occurs on that dimension)

vec[]

6 1 3 6 10 5

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df[1, ]

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df[,2]

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If your object has names, you can ask for elements or columns back by name.

vec[ ] 6 1 3 6 10 5

If your object has names, you can ask for elements or columns back by name.

 a
 b
 c
 d
 e
 f

 vec[
 3
 6
 10
 5

If your object has names, you can ask for elements or columns back by name.

vec[c("a", "b", "d")]

a	b	С	d	е	f
6	1	3	6	10	5

If your object has names, you can ask for elements or columns back by name.

names(vec) <- c("a", "b", "c", "d", "e", "f")

vec[c("a","c","f")]

a	b	C	d	е	f
6	1	3	6	10	5

If your object has names, you can ask for elements or columns back by name.

df[, "birth"]

name	birth	instrument
John	1940	guitar
Paul	1941	bass
George	1943	guitar
Ringo	1940	drums

If your object has names, you can ask for elements or columns back by name.

birth instrument name guitar John 1940 Paul bass 1941 df[ ,c("name","birth")] George 1943 guitar Ringo drums 1940

You can subset with a logical vector of the same length as the dimension you are subsetting. Each element that corresponds to a TRUE will be returned.

vec[c(FALSE, TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE)]

6 1 3 6 10 5

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df[c(FALSE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE), ]

John	1940	guitar
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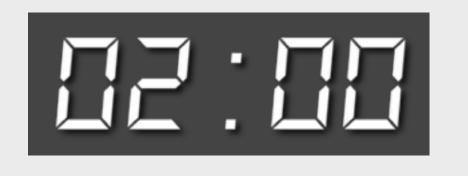
#### Subset notation

	effect
	positive: returns specified elements
integers	0: returns nothing
	negative: returns everything but the specified elements
blank spaces	returns everything
names	returns elements or columns with the specified names
logicals	returns elements that correspond to TRUE

### Your Turn

Write down as many ways to extract the name "John" from df as you can. Make sure each works. You have two minutes.

name	birth	instrument
John	1940	guitar
Paul	1941	bass
George	1943	guitar
Ringo	1940	drums



#### # Answers

```
df[1, 1]
df[1, "name"]
df[1, -(2:3)]
df[1, c(TRUE, FALSE, FALSE)]
df[-(2:4), 1]
df[-(2:4), "name"]
df[-(2:4), -(2:3)]
df[-(2:4), c(TRUE, FALSE, FALSE)]
df[c(TRUE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE), 1]
df[c(TRUE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE), "name"]
df[c(TRUE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE), -(2:3)]
df[c(T, F, F, F), c(T, F, F)]
```

# Your Turn

Ist c(1, 2) TRUE c("a", "b", "c")

Can you extract the vector c(1,2) from 1st and run sum on it? Note that sum calculates the sum of a vector:



### Subsetting lists

```
Ist c(1, 2) TRUE c("a", "b", "c")
    sum(lst[1]) # Error!
    # What is the difference?
    lst[c(1,2)]
    lst[1]
    lst[[1]]
```

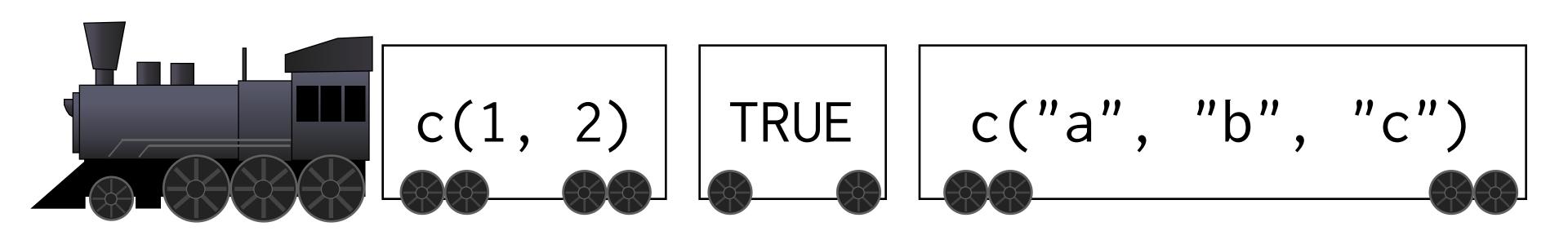


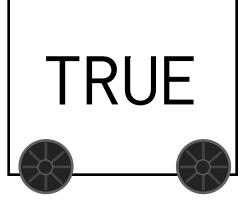
If list x is a train carrying objects, then x[[5]] is the object in car 5; x[4:6] is a train of cars 4-6.

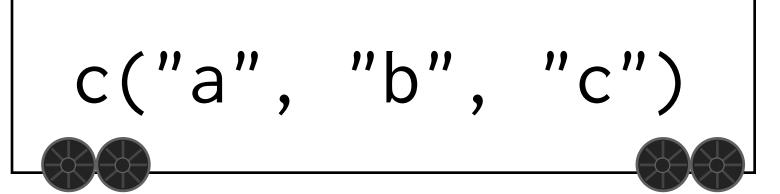


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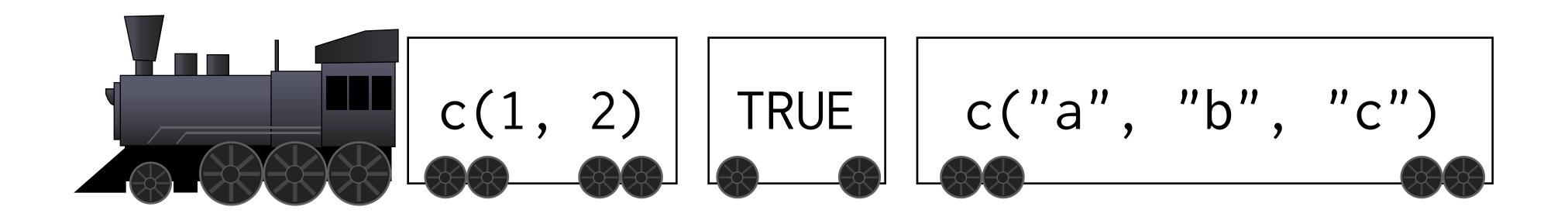




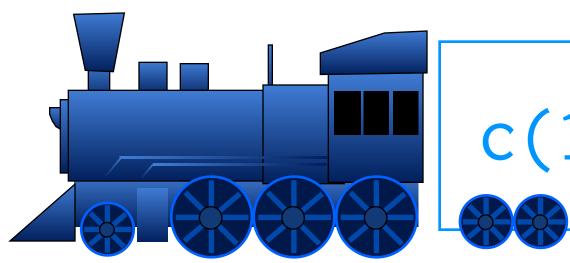




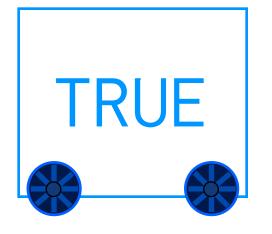




lst[c(1,2)]

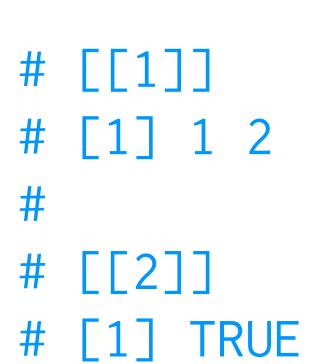


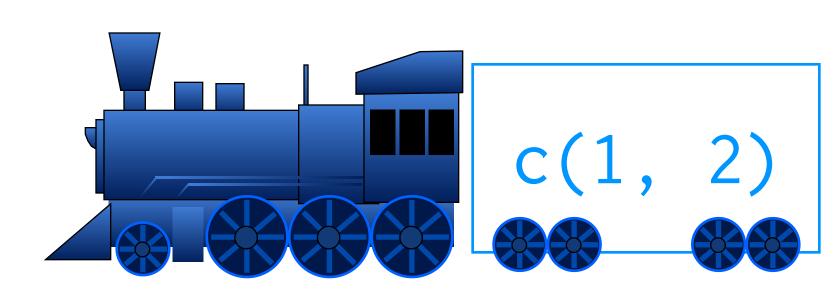
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c(1, 2)
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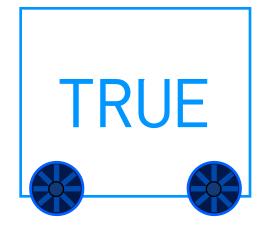


```
c("a", "b", "c")
```

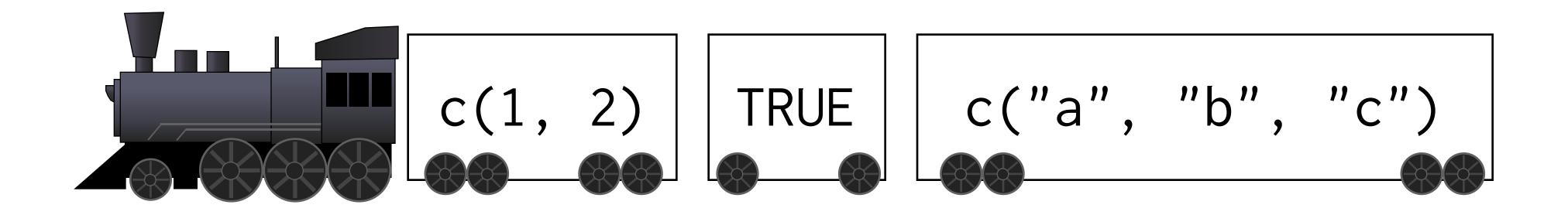
```
lst[c(1,2)]
```

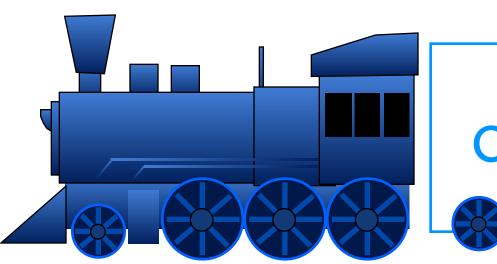


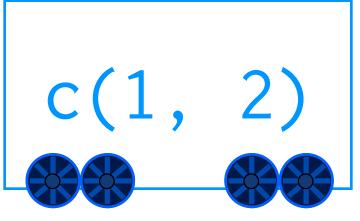


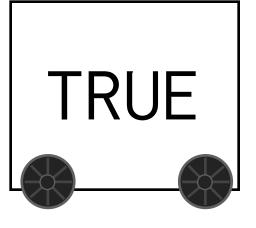


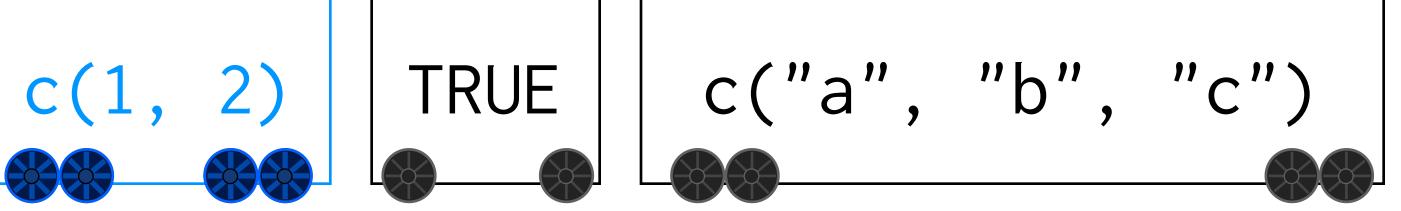




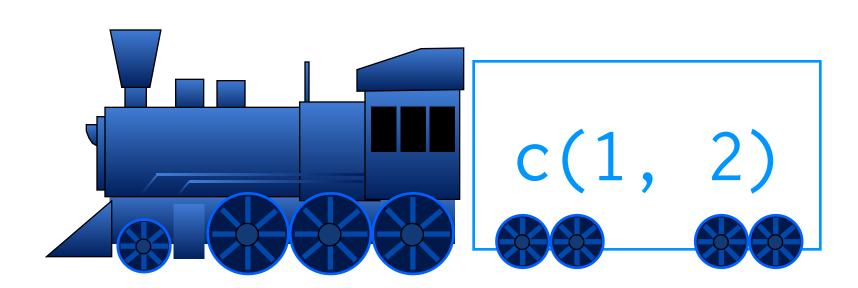




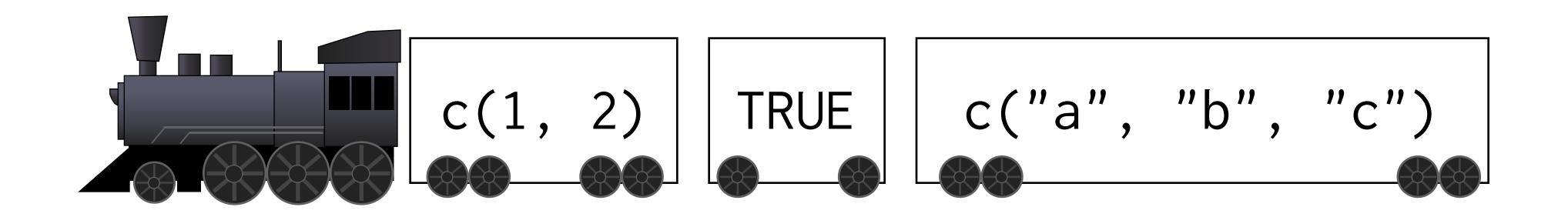




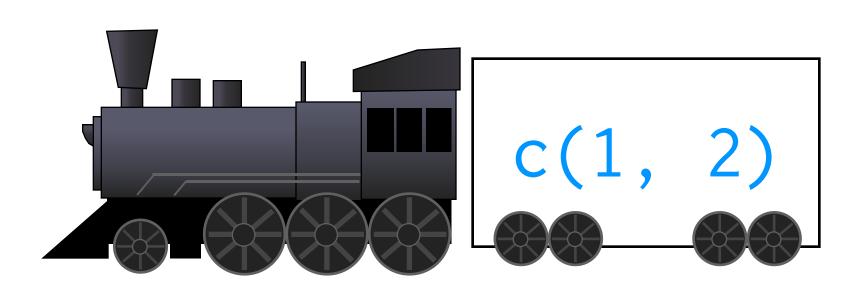
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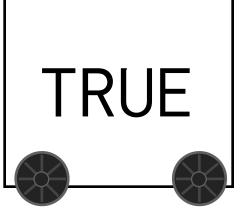




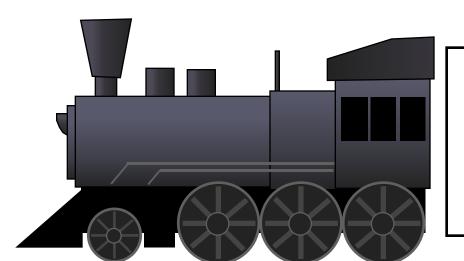


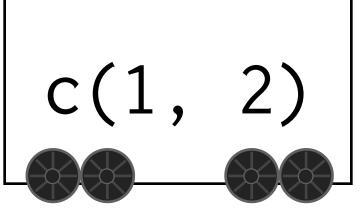


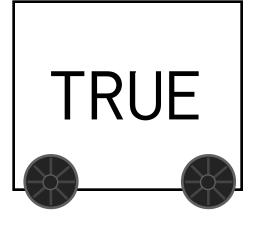








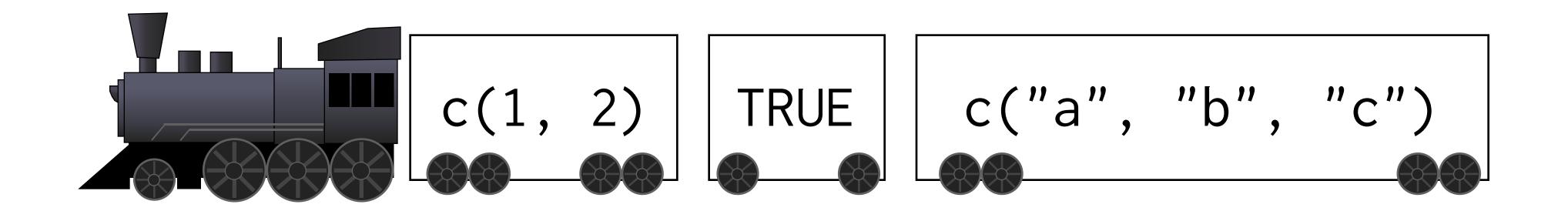




lst[[1]][2]

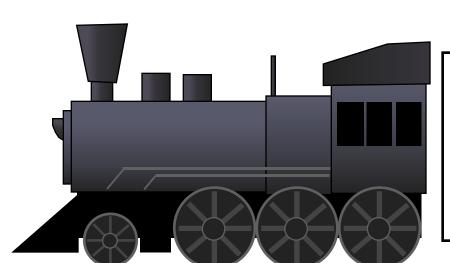
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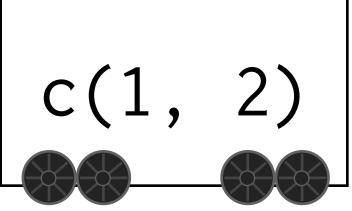


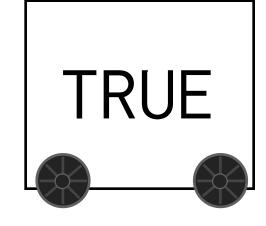


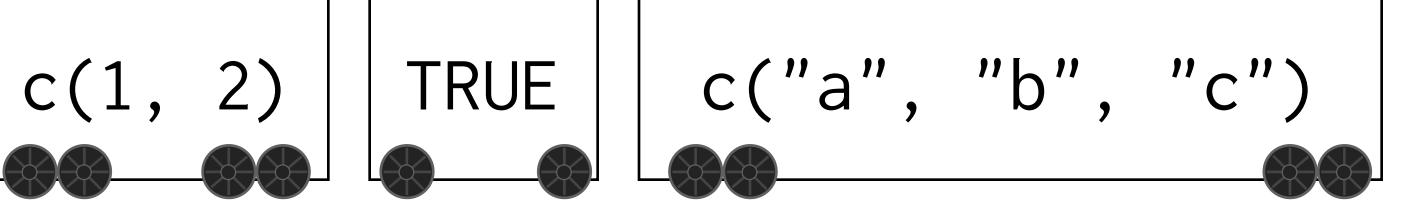
lst[[1]][2]



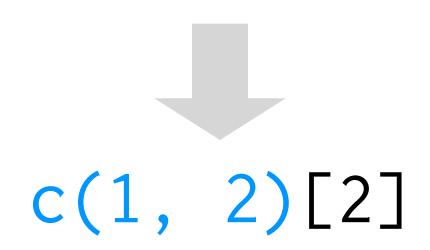




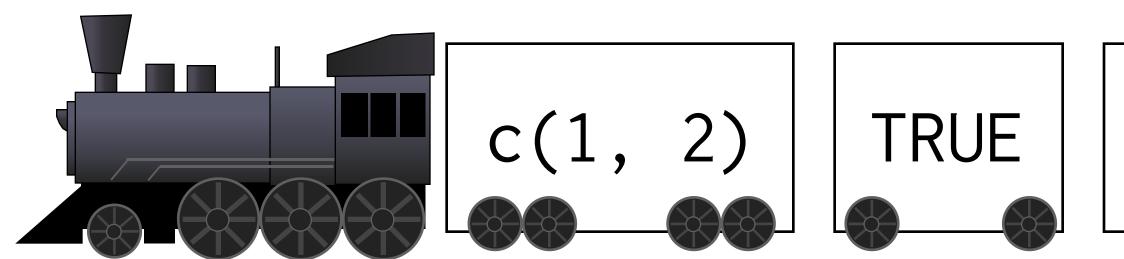


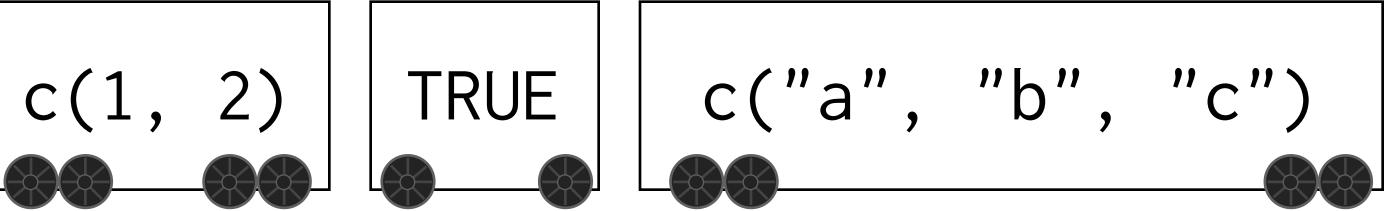


lst[[1]][2]

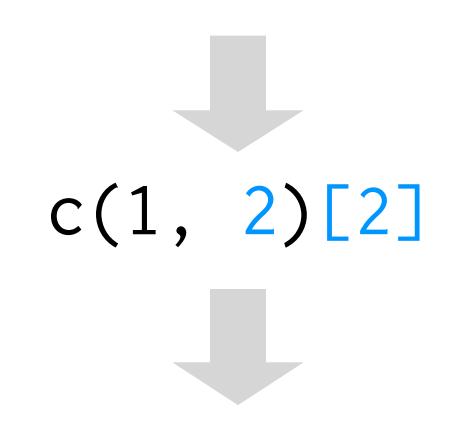










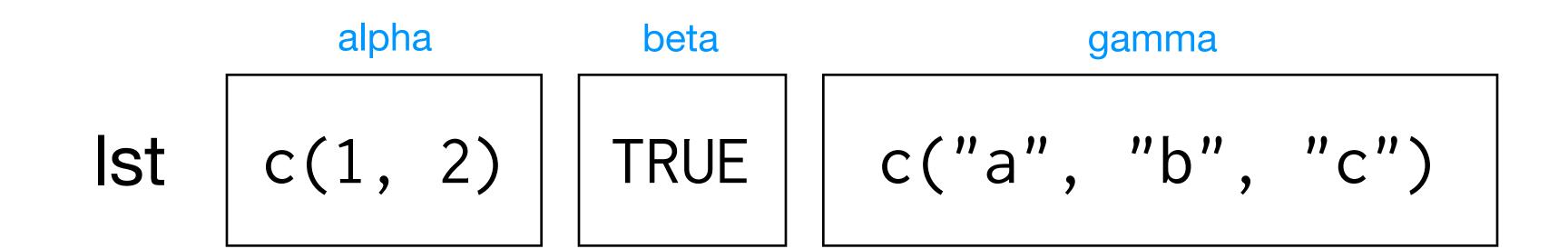


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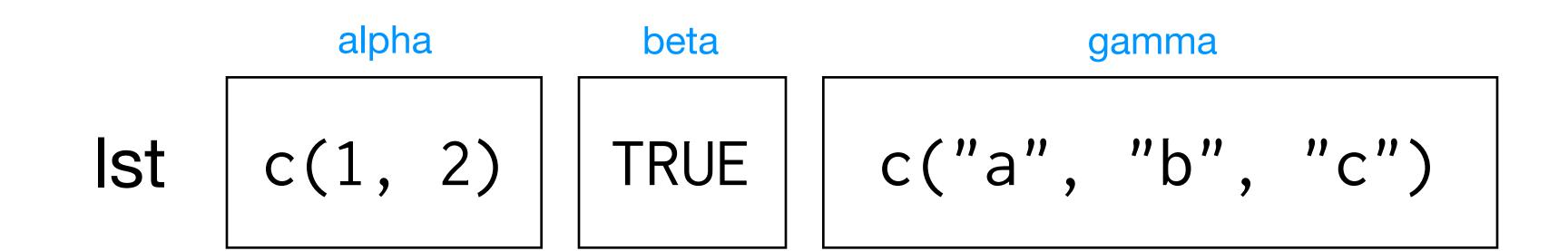
The most common syntax for subsetting lists and data frames

names(lst) <- c("alpha", "beta", "gamma")</pre>



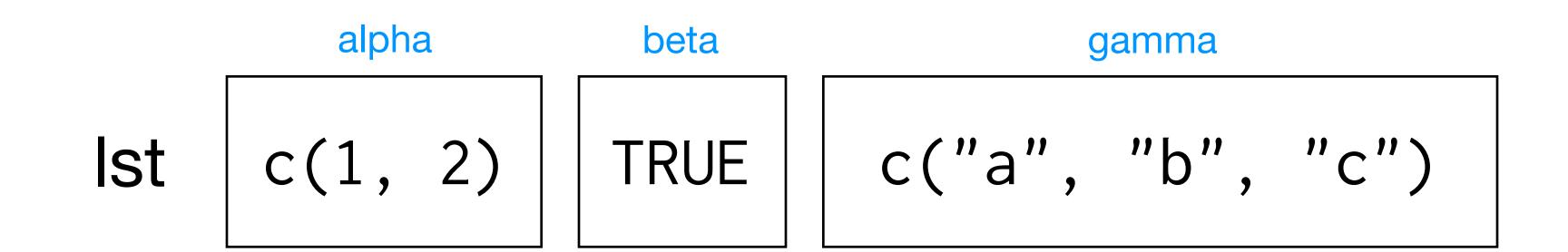






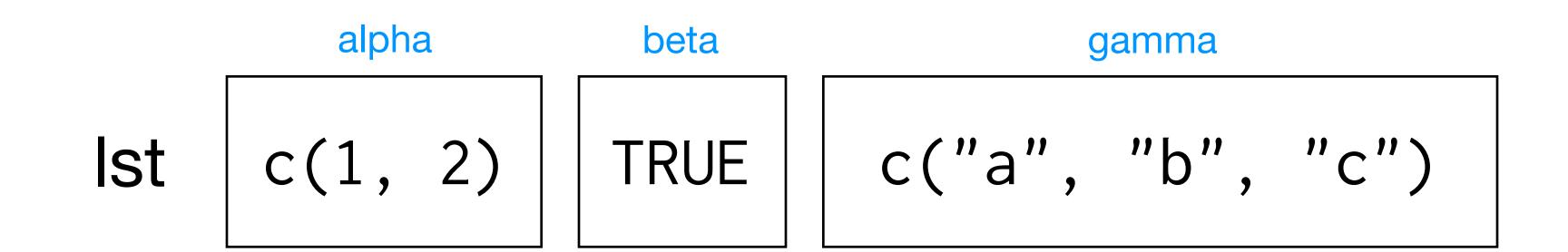
name of list







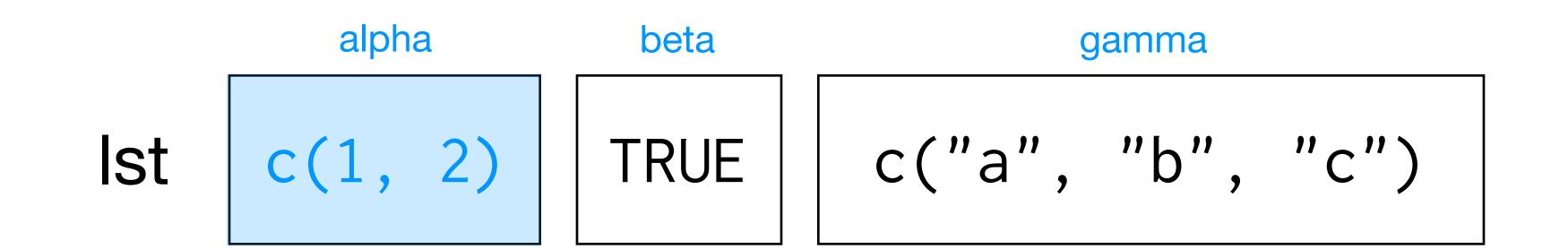




name of list

\$ name of element (no quotes)





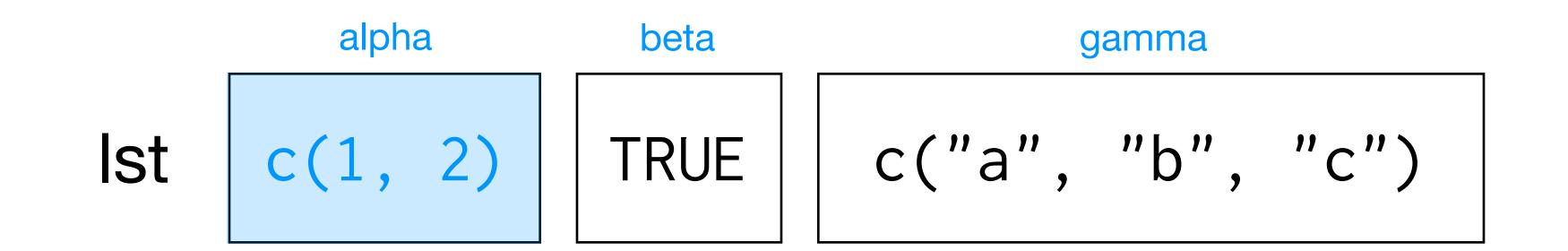
c(1, 2)

### lst\$alpha

name of list

\$ name of element (no quotes)





c(1, 2)

lst\$alpha

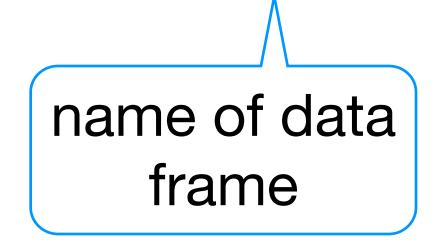
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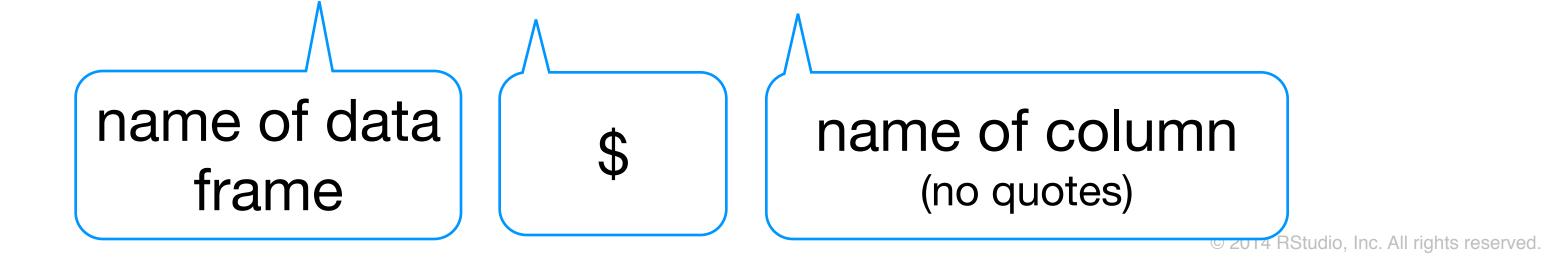


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George	1943	guitar
Ringo	1940	drums





name	birth	instrument
John	1940	guitar
Paul	1941	bass
George	1943	guitar
Ringo	1940	drums

c(1940, 1941, 1943, 1940)

### df\$birth

name of data frame

\$ name of column (no quotes)

# R Packages



### R Packages

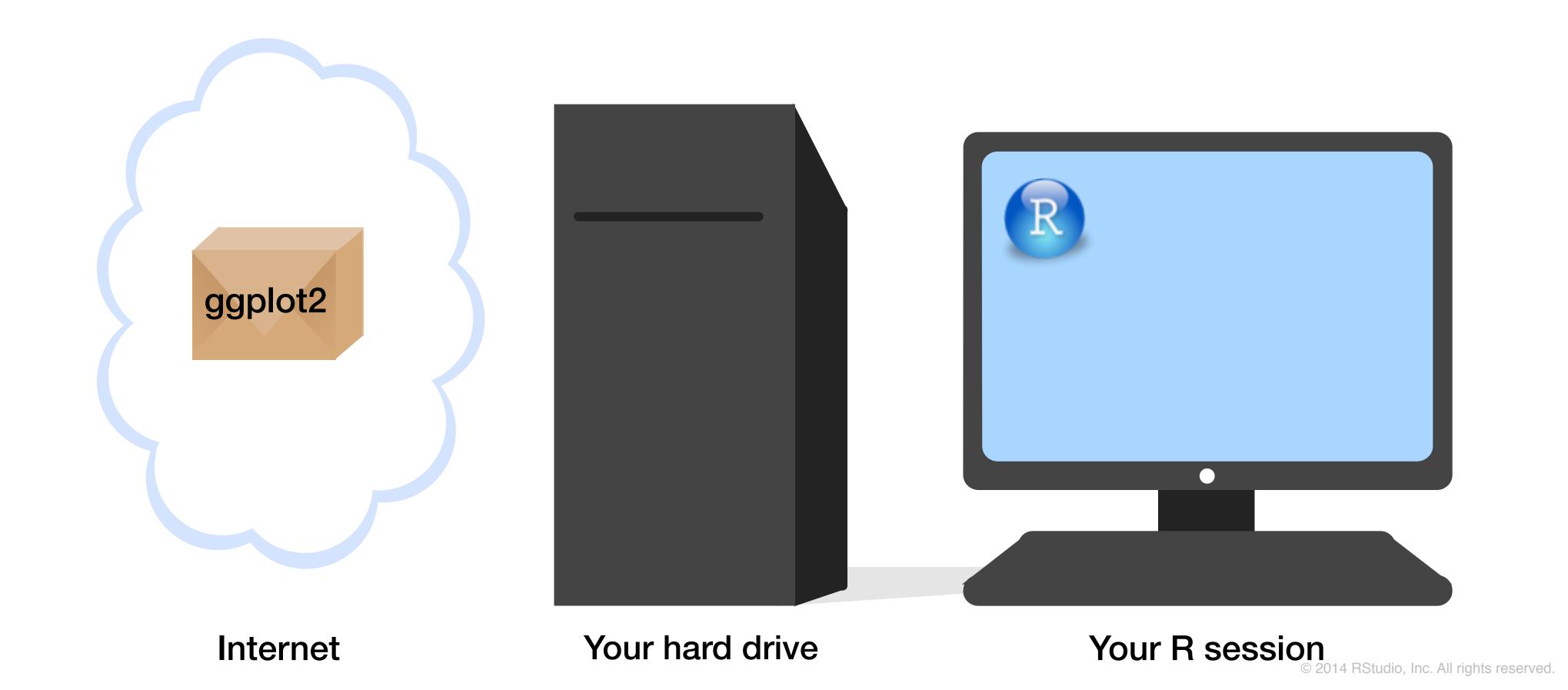
A collection of code and functions written for the R language.

Usually focuses on a specific task or problem.

Most of the useful R applications appear in packages.

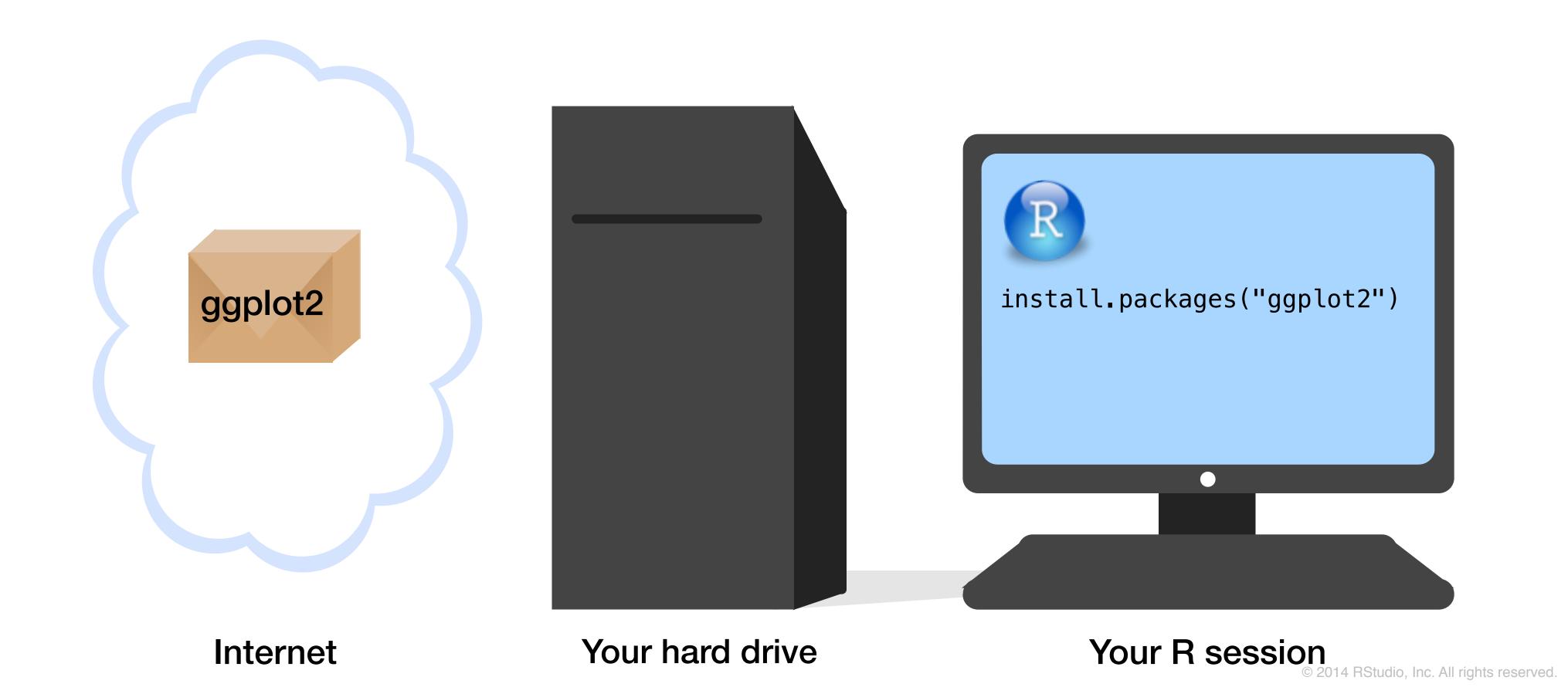


#### Start RStudio



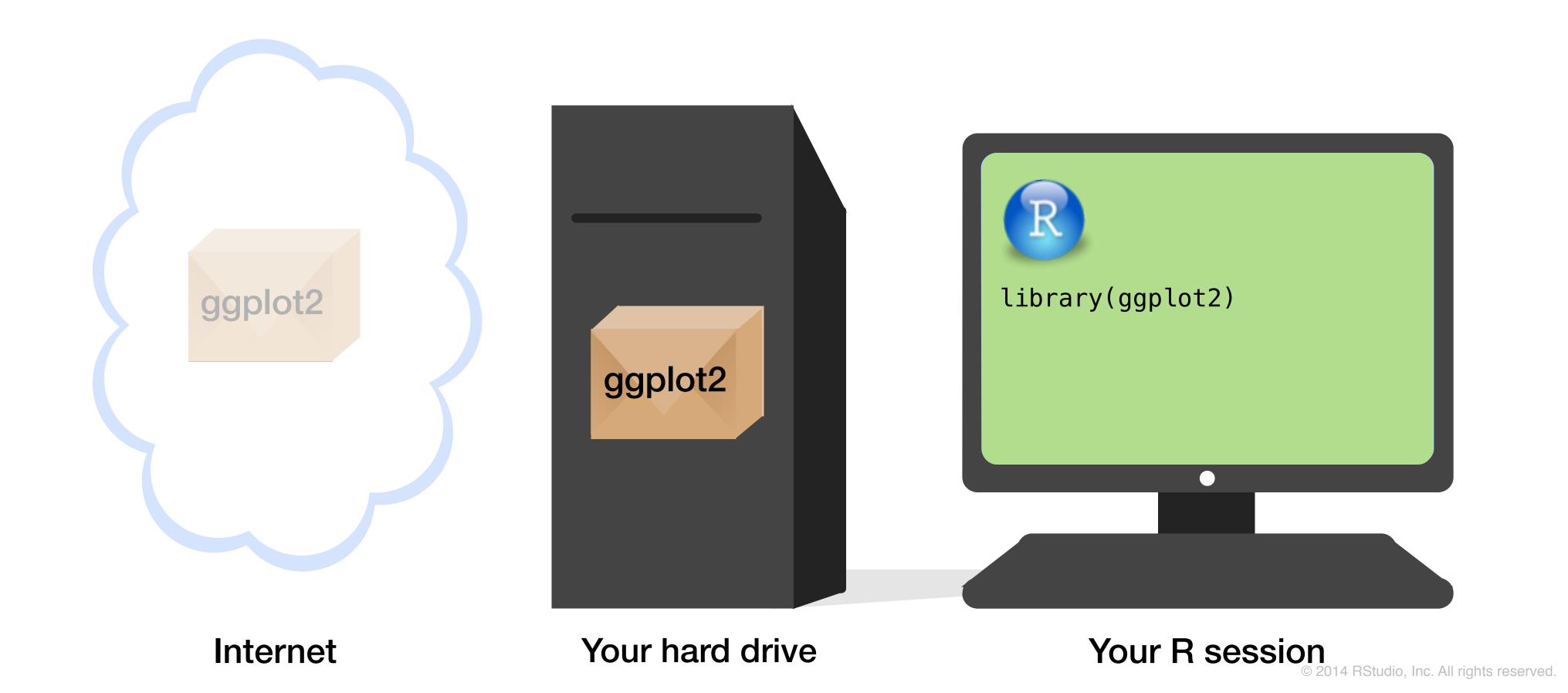
Install your package with
install.packages("ggplot2")

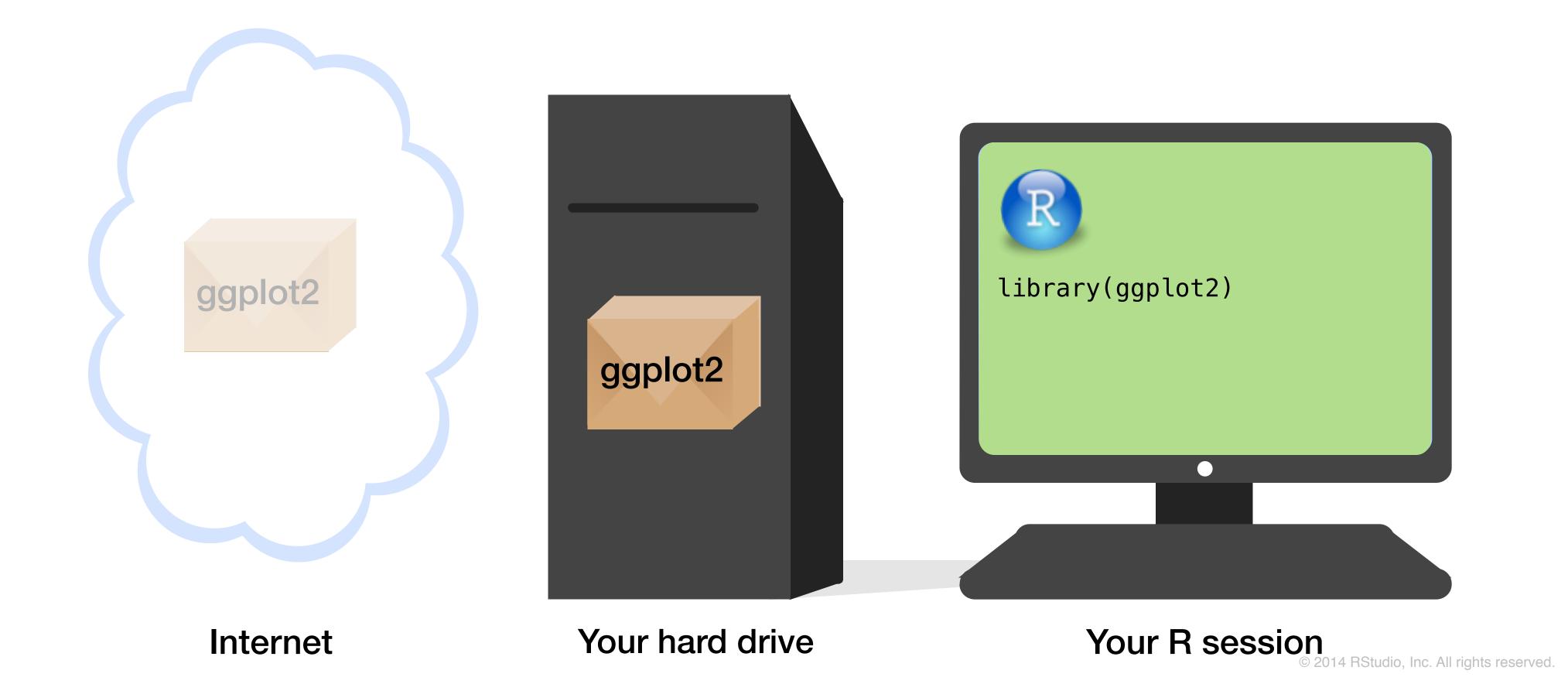




### Load your package with library(ggplot2)





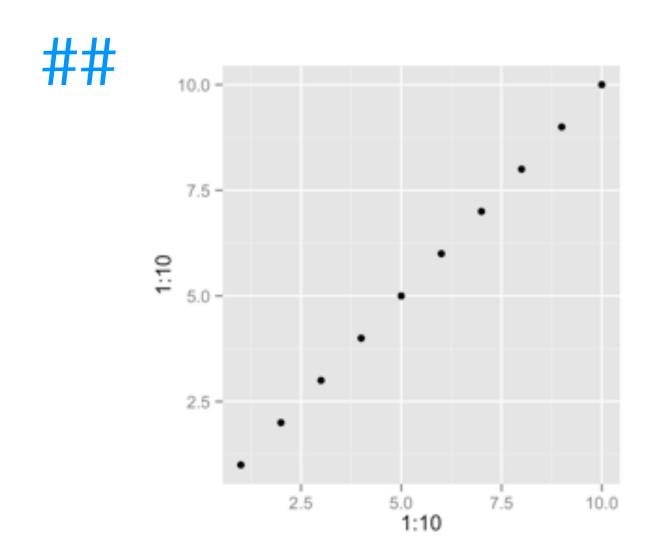


```
qplot(1:10, 1:10)
```

## Error: could not find function "qplot"

library(ggplot2)

qplot(1:10, 1:10)



You cannot use a function in a package until you load the package



### Package summary

- 1 Download the package with install.packages("name")
  - You only have to do this once
  - You should be connected to the internet
- 2. Load the package with library("name")
- You have to do this each time you start an R session.

### Your Turn

We're going to use the ggplot2, maps, RColorBrewer, and scales packages today.

Load them with

```
library("ggplot2")
library("maps")
library("RColorBrewer")
```

Note: If you have not yet installed them, you'll need to run install.packages(c("ggplot2", "maps", "RColorBrewer")) first.

## Diamonds

### Diamonds data

 ~54,000 round diamonds from http://www.diamondse.info/

comes in the ggplot2 package

• Carat, colour, clarity, cut

 Total depth, table, depth, width, height

Price



### Your turn

diamonds is huge!

Use subsetting to look at just the first six rows of diamonds

Challenge: use subsetting to look at just the **last** six rows

```
diamonds[1:6, ]
nrow(diamonds)
# 53940
diamonds[53935:53940, ]

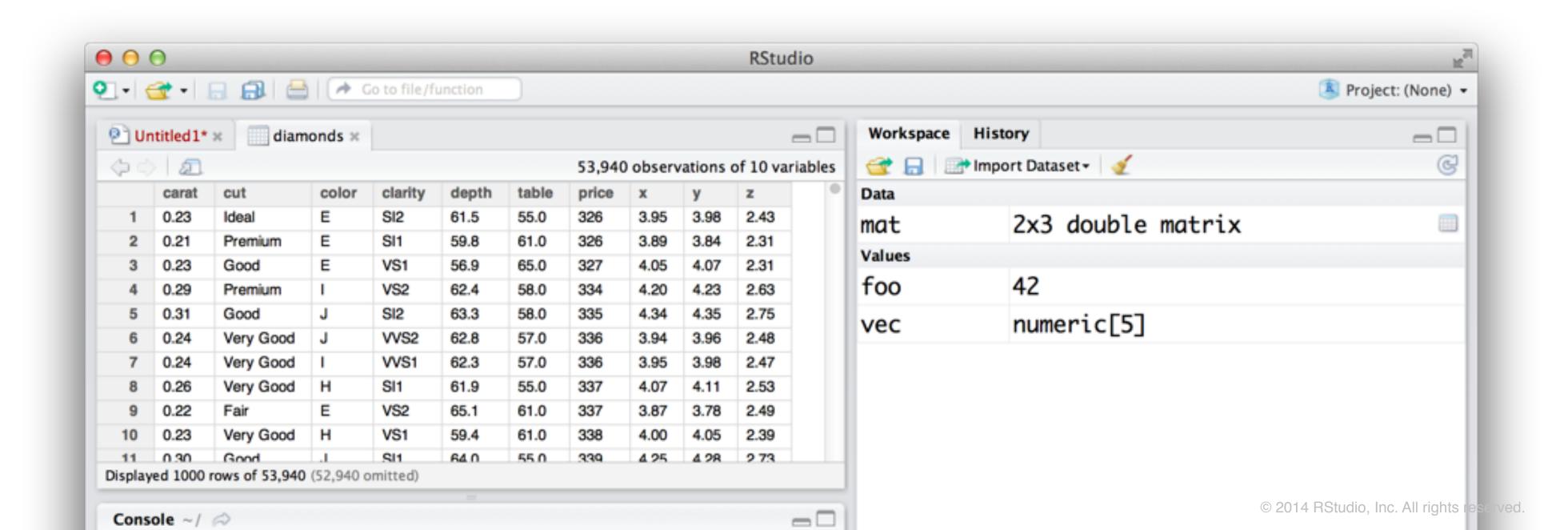
# Same as
head(diamonds)
tail(diamonds)
```



#### View

The View function can also help you examine a data set, it opens a spreadsheet like data viewer.

View(diamonds) # notice: Capital V

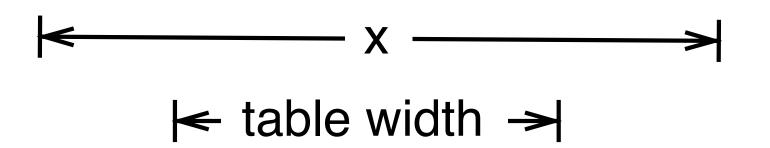


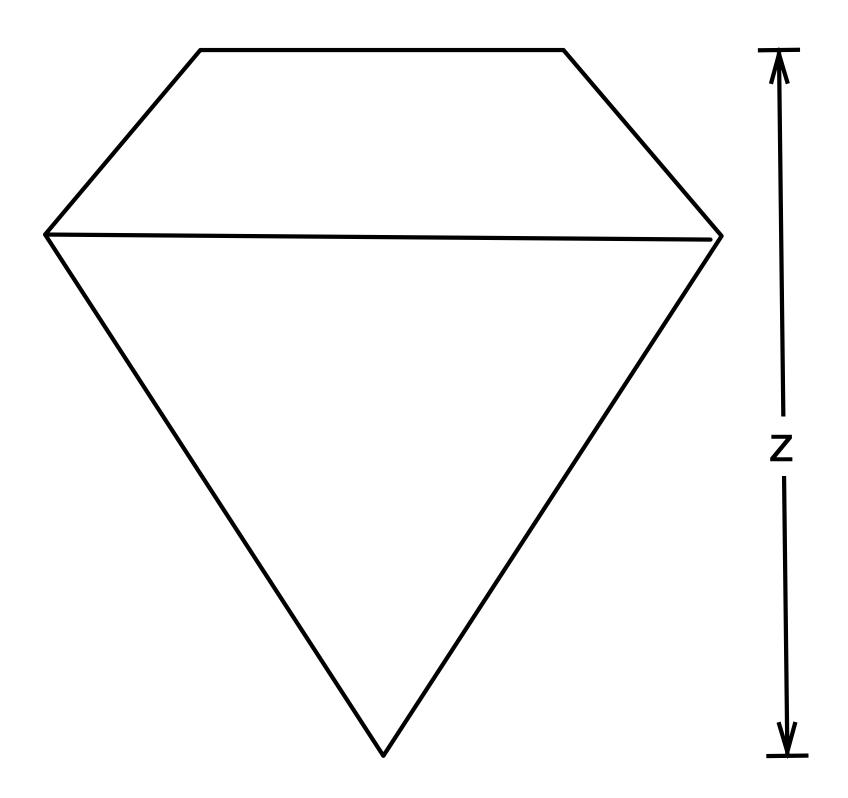


## Help pages

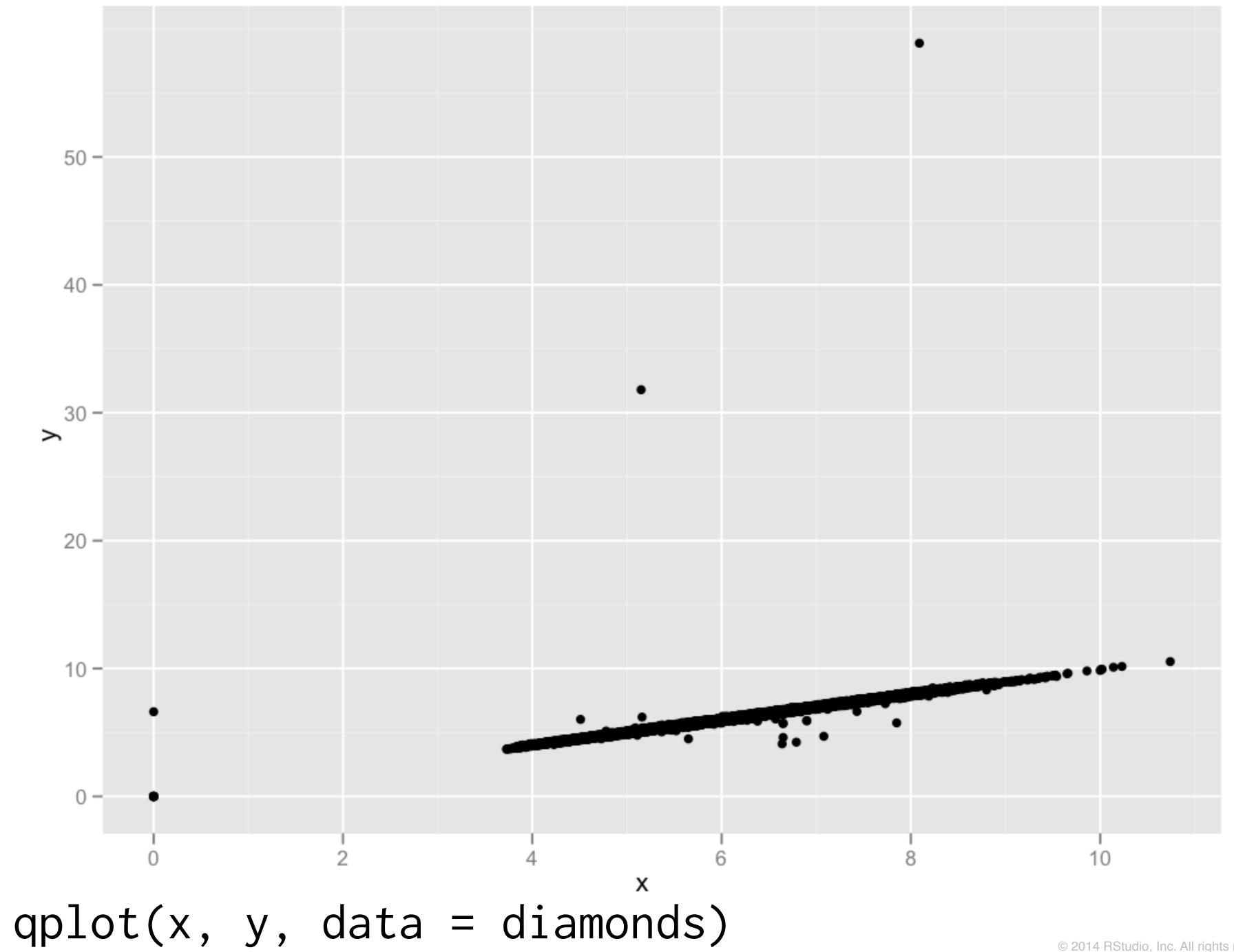
You can open the help page for any R object (including functions) by typing ? followed by the object's name

?diamonds

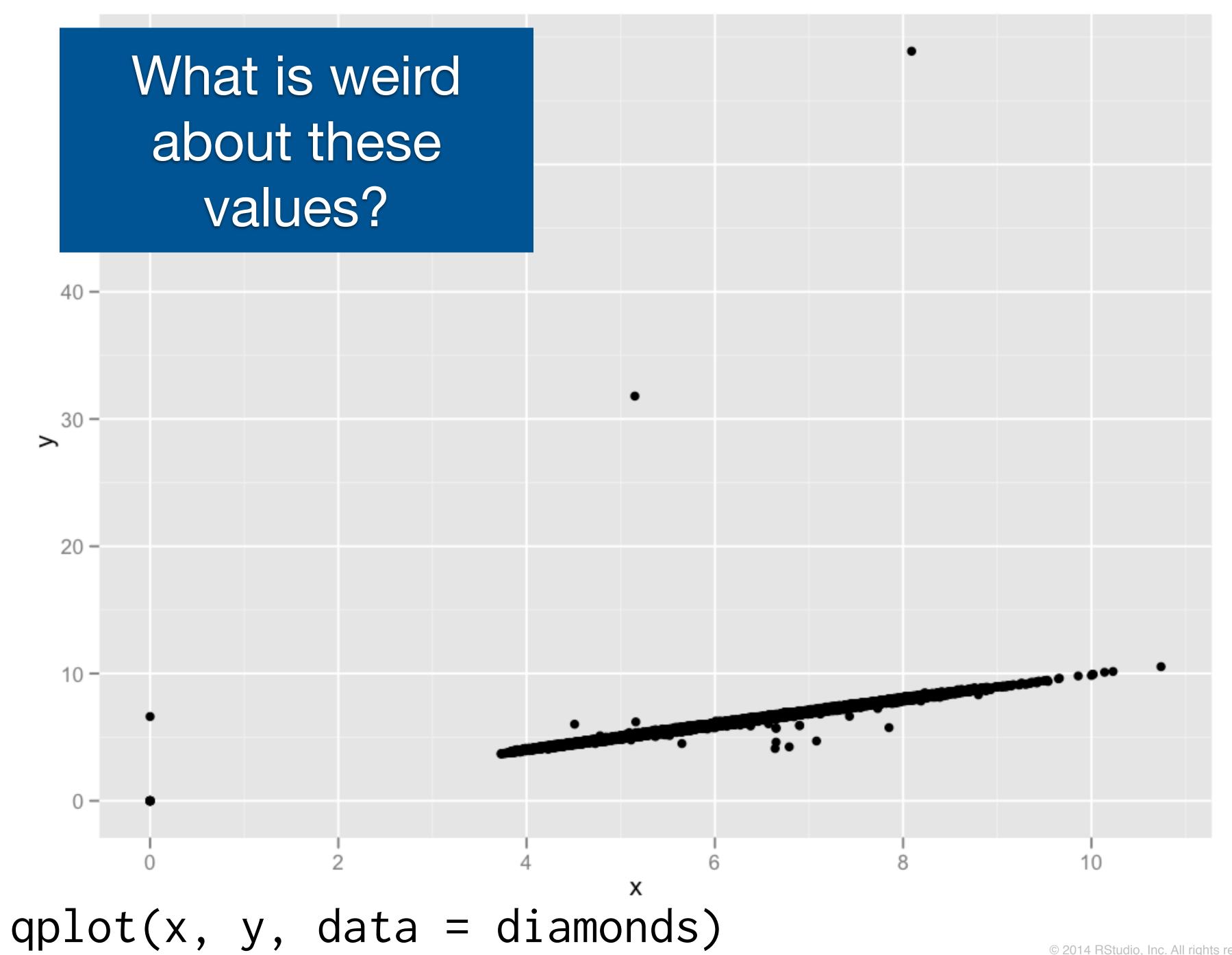


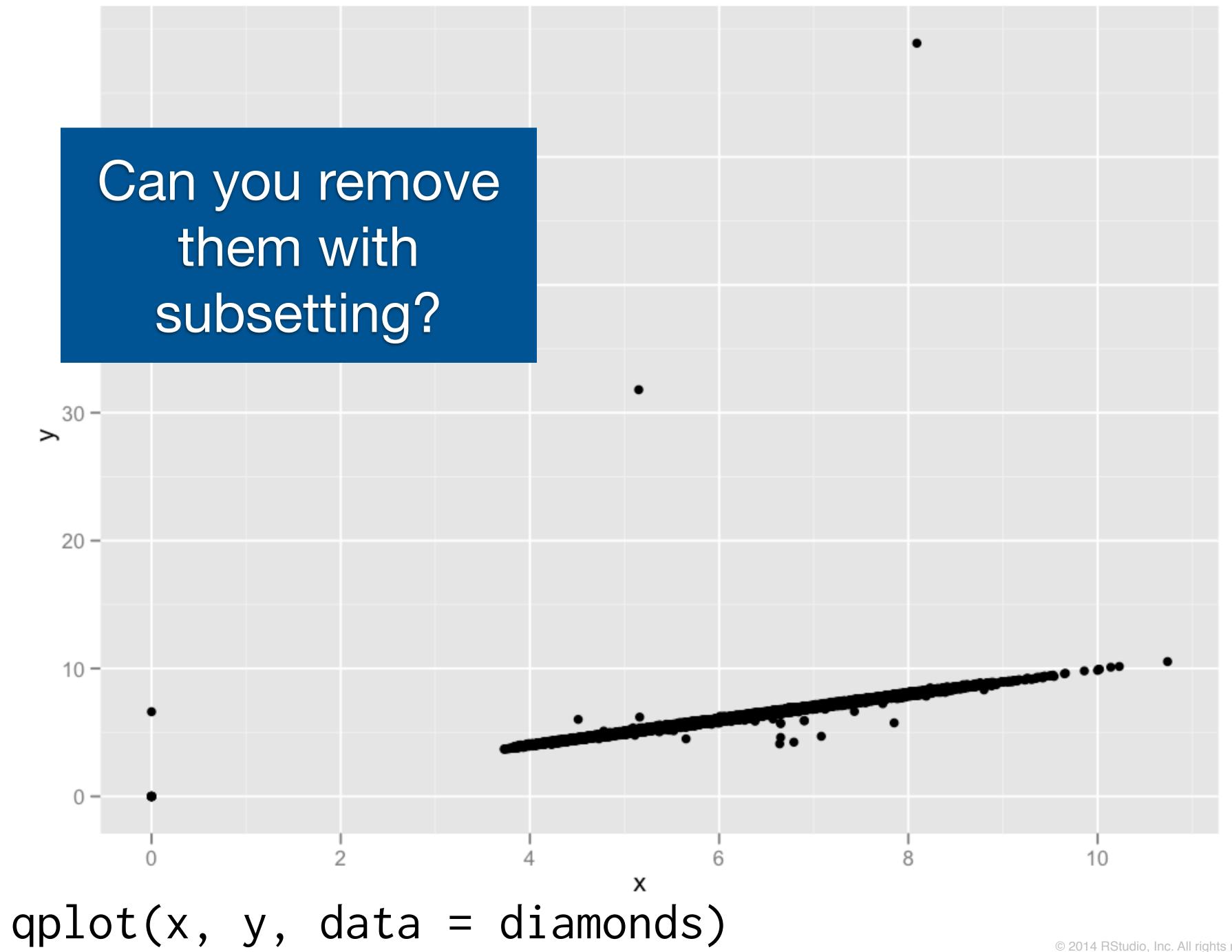


depth = z / diameter table = table width / x \* 100 x, y, z in mm



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# Logical tests

## Logical comparisons

What will these return?

```
1 < 3
1 > 3
c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) > 3
```

Operator	Result	Comparison
x > 3	c(F, F, F, T, T)	greater than
x >= 3		
x < 3		
x <= 3		
x == 3		
x != 3		
x = 3		

Operator	Result	Comparison
x > 3	c(F, F, F, T, T)	greater than
x >= 3	c(F, F, T, T)	greater than or equal to
x < 3		
x <= 3		
x == 3		
x != 3		
x = 3		

Operator	Result	Comparison
x > 3	c(F, F, F, T, T)	greater than
x >= 3	c(F, F, T, T)	greater than or equal to
x < 3	c( <b>T, T,</b> F, F, F)	less than
x <= 3		
x == 3		
x != 3		
x = 3		

Operator	Result	Comparison
x > 3	c(F, F, F, T, T)	greater than
x >= 3	c(F, F, T, T)	greater than or equal to
x < 3	c( <b>T, T,</b> F, F, F)	less than
x <= 3	c( <b>T, T, T,</b> F, F)	less than or equal to
x == 3		
x != 3		
x = 3		

Operator	Result	Comparison
x > 3	c(F, F, F, T, T)	greater than
x >= 3	c(F, F, T, T, T)	greater than or equal to
x < 3	c( <b>T, T,</b> F, F,	less than
x <= 3	c( <b>T, T, T,</b> F, F)	less than or equal to
x == 3	c(F, F, T, F, F)	equal to
x != 3		
x = 3		

Operator	Result	Comparison
x > 3	c(F, F, F, T, T)	greater than
x >= 3	c(F, F, T, T, T)	greater than or equal to
x < 3	c( <b>T, T,</b> F, F,	less than
x <= 3	c( <b>T, T, T,</b> F, F)	less than or equal to
x == 3	c(F, F, T, F, F)	equal to
x != 3	c( <b>T, T, F, T, T</b> )	not equal to
x = 3		

Operator	Result	Comparison
x > 3	c(F, F, F, T, T)	greater than
x >= 3	c(F, F, T, T)	greater than or equal to
x < 3	c( <b>T, T,</b> F, F, F)	less than
x <= 3	c( <b>T, T, T,</b> F, F)	less than or equal to
x == 3	c(F, F, T, F, F)	equal to
x != 3	c(T, T, F, T, T)	not equal to
x = 3		same as <-

#### %in%

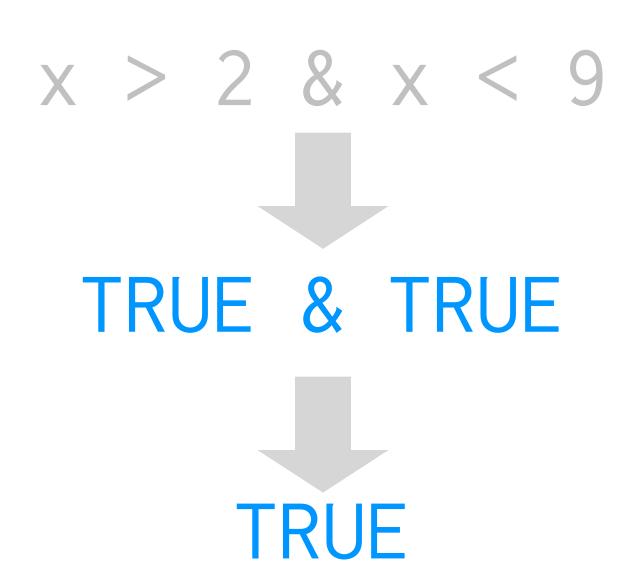
#### # What does this do?

```
1 %in% c(1, 2, 3, 4)
1 %in% c(2, 3, 4)
c(3,4,5,6) %in% c(2, 3, 4)
```

#### %in%

%in% tests whether the object on the left is a member of the group on the right.

```
1 %in% c(1, 2, 3, 4)
# TRUE
1 %in% c(2, 3, 4)
# FALSE
c(3,4,5,6) %in% c(2, 3, 4)
# TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE
```





#### &

#### Are both condition 1 and condition 2 true?

expression	outcome
TRUE & TRUE	TRUE
TRUE & FALSE	FALSE
FALSE & TRUE	FALSE
FALSE & FALSE	FALSE



#### Is either condition 1 or condition 2 true?

expression	outcome
TRUE   TRUE	TRUE
TRUE   FALSE	TRUE
FALSE   TRUE	TRUE
FALSE   FALSE	FALSE

#### XOr

Is either condition 1 or condition 2 true, but not both?

expression	outcome
xor(TRUE, TRUE)	FALSE
xor(TRUE, FALSE)	TRUE
xor( FALSE, TRUE)	TRUE
xor( FALSE, FALSE)	FALSE

#### Negation

expression	outcome
!(TRUE)	FALSE
!(FALSE)	TRUE



### any

#### Is any condition TRUE?

expression	outcome
any(c(TRUE, FALSE, FALSE))	TRUE
any(c(FALSE, FALSE, FALSE))	FALSE

### all

#### Is every condition TRUE?

expression	outcome
all(c(TRUE, TRUE, TRUE))	TRUE
all(c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE))	FALSE



#### Logical operators

operator	tests
x > y	is x greater than y?
x >= y	is x greater than or equal to y?
x < y	is x less than y?
x <= y	is x less than or equal to y?
x == y	is x equal to y?
x != y	is x not equal to y?
x %in% c( y, z)	is x in the set c(y, z)?



operator	tests
a & b	both a and b are TRUE
a b	at least one of a and b is TRUE (or)
xor(a, b)	a is TRUE or b is TRUE, but not both
!(a)	not a (TRUE goes to FALSE, FALSE goes to TRUE)
any(a, b, c)	at least one of a, b , or c is TRUE
all(a, b, c)	each of a, b, and c is TRUE

```
w <- c(-1, 0, 1)
x <- c(5, 15)
y <- "February"
z <- c("Monday", "Tuesday", "Friday")</pre>
```

Turn these sentences into logical tests in R

Is w positive?

Is x greater than 10 and less than 20?

Is object y the word February?

Is every value in z a day of the week?

#### # Answers

```
w > 0
10 < x & x < 20
y == "February"
all(z %in% c("Monday", "Tuesday", "Wednesday",
    "Thursday", "Friday", "Saturday", "Sunday"))</pre>
```

#### # Common mistakes

```
x > 10 & < 20
y = "February"
all(z == "Monday" | "Tuesday" | "Wednesday"...)</pre>
```



x > 10 & < 20

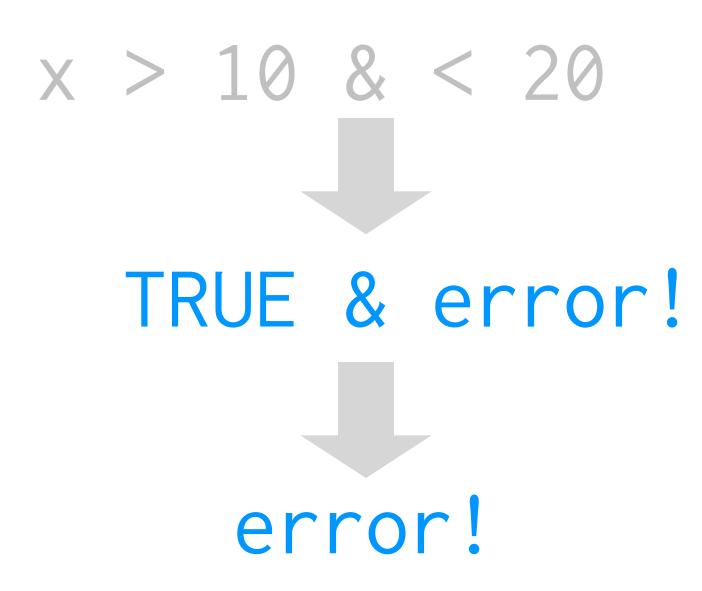












# Logical subsetting

## Logical subsetting

Combining logical tests with subsetting is a very powerful technique!

```
x_zeroes <- diamonds$x == 0
# FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE ...
# What will this return?
diamonds[x_zeroes, ]</pre>
```

### Saving results

```
# Prints to screen
diamonds[diamonds$x > 10, ]
# Saves to new data frame
big <- diamonds[diamonds$x > 10, ]
# Overwrites existing data frame. Dangerous!
diamonds <- diamonds[diamonds$x < 10,]</pre>
```

# Phew!

```
diamonds <- diamonds[1, 1]</pre>
diamonds
# Uh oh!
rm(diamonds)
str(diamonds)
```

## MISSING Values



#### Data errors

Typically removing the entire row because of one error is overkill. Better to selectively replace problem values with missing values.

In R, missing values are indicated by NA

Expression	Guess	Actual
5 + NA		
mean(c(5, NA))		
NA < 3		
NA == 3		
NA == NA		

Expression	Guess	Actual
5 + NA		NA
mean(c(5, NA))		
NA < 3		
NA == 3		
NA == NA		

Expression	Guess	Actual
5 + NA		NA
mean(c(5, NA))		NA
NA < 3		
NA == 3		
NA == NA		

Expression	Guess	Actual
5 + NA		NA
mean(c(5, NA))		NA
NA < 3		NA
NA == 3		
NA == NA		

Expression	Guess	Actual
5 + NA		NA
mean(c(5, NA))		NA
NA < 3		NA
NA == 3		NA
NA == NA		

Expression	Guess	Actual
5 + NA		NA
mean(c(5, NA))		NA
NA < 3		NA
NA == 3		NA
NA == NA		NA

#### NA Behavior

Missing values propagate

Use is.na() to check for missing values

```
a <- c(1, NA)
a == NA
# NA NA
is.na(a)
# FALSE TRUE</pre>
```

Many functions (e.g. sum and mean) have na.rm argument to remove missing values prior to computation.

#### na.rm

Many functions (e.g. sum and mean) have na.rm argument to remove missing values prior to computation.

```
b <- c(1, 2, 3, 4 NA)
sum(b)
# NA
sum(b, na.rm = TRUE)
# 10</pre>
```

## Assignment

You can use subset notation with <- to change individual values within an object

```
summary(diamonds$x)

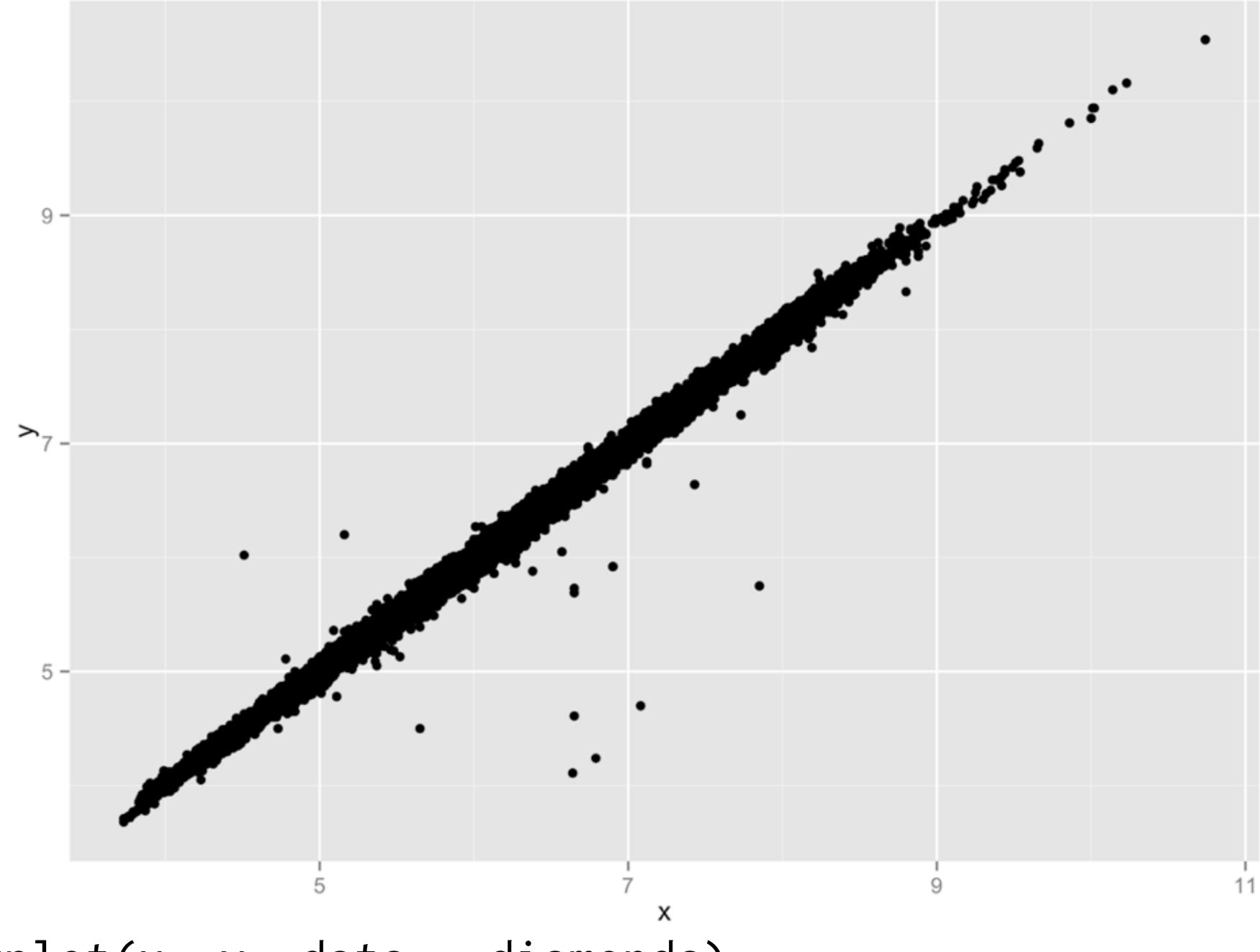
diamonds$x[diamonds$x == 0]
diamonds$x[diamonds$x == 0] <- NA
summary(diamonds$x)</pre>
```

```
summary(diamonds$y)

diamonds$y[diamonds$y == 0] <- NA

y_big <- diamonds$y > 20
diamonds$y[y_big] <- NA

summary(diamonds$y)</pre>
```



qplot(x, y, data = diamonds)