

data cleaning principles

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Tidy data are all alike,
but every messy dataset
is messy in its own way.

— Hadley Wickham

If I clean up [Medicare] data ...
does any of the knowledge I gain ...
apply to the processing of RNA-seq data?

– Roger Peng

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Data cleaning

- ▶ tedious
- ▶ embarrassing
- ▶ needs context
- ▶ doesn't feel like progress
- ▶ requires creativity
- ▶ requires coding prowess
- ▶ source of most problems

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