

## Lecture 2: Investigating objects

Managing and Manipulating Data Using R

# What we will do today

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# Libraries we will use today

“Load” the package we will use today (output omitted)

```
library(tidyverse)
#> Warning: package 'ggplot2' was built under R version 3.4.4
#> Warning: package 'dplyr' was built under R version 3.4.2
```

If package not yet installed, then must install before you load. Install in “console” rather than .Rmd file

- Generic syntax: `install.packages("package_name")`
- Install “tidyverse”: `install.packages("tidyverse")`

Note: when we load package, name of package is not in quotes; but when we install package, name of package is in quotes:

- `install.packages("tidyverse")`
- `library(tidyverse)`

# 1 R Markdown

# What is R Markdown

- R Markdown documents embed R code, output associated with R code, and text into one document
- An R Markdown document is a “‘Living’ document that updates every time you compile [“knit”] it”
- R Markdown documents have the extension .Rmd
  - ▷ can think of them as text files with the extension .Rmd rather than .txt
- At top of .Rmd file you specify the “output” style, which dictates what kind of formatted document will be created
  - ▷ e.g., `html_document` or `pdf_document`
- When you compile [“knit”] a .Rmd file, the resulting formatted document can be an HTML document, a PDF document, an MS Word document, or many other types

*This slide borrows from Darin Christensen*

# How people use R Markdown

RMarkdown creates many types of static and dynamic/interactive documents

- Example of static policy report
- Example of dynamic/interactive presentation

How I use R Markdown

- journal manuscripts; reports; presentations; for taking notes when I am learning new methods or reading an empirical paper

How we will be using R Markdown files in this class:

- homework you submit will be .Rmd files, with “output” style will be `html_document` or `pdf_document`
- lectures we write are .Rmd files, where the output style will be `beamer_presentation` or `html_document`
  - ▷ `beamer_presentation` is essentially a PDF document, where each page is a slide

# Creating RMarkdown documents

## Do this with a partner

Approach for creating a RMarkdown document.

### 1. Point-and-click from within RStudio

- ▶ Click on *File >> New File >> R Markdown >> Document >>* choose *HTML* >> click *OK*
  - optional: add title (this is not the file name, just what appears at top of document)
  - optional: add author name
- ▶ save the .Rmd file; *File >> Save As*
  - any file name
  - recommend you save it in same folder you saved this lecture
- ▶ “Knit” the entire .Rmd file
  - point-and-click OR shortcut: **Cmd/Ctrl + Shift + k**

# Components of a .Rmd file

An RMarkdown (.Rmd) file consists of several parts

## 1. **YAML header**

- ▷ YAML stands for “yet another markup language”
- ▷ controls settings that apply to the whole document (e.g., “output” should be `html_document` or `pdf_document`, whether to include table of contents, etc.)
- ▷ YAML header goes at very top of document
- ▷ starts with a line of three horizontal dashes `---`; ends with a line of three horizontal dashes `---`

## 2. **Text** in body of .Rmd file

- ▷ e.g., headings; description of results, etc.

## 3. **R code chunks** in body of .Rmd file

```
a <- c(2,4,6)
a
a-1
```

## 4. **R output** associated with code chunks

```
#> [1] 2 4 6
#> [1] 1 3 5
```



## Comment: Running R code chunks vs. “knit” entire .Rmd file

Two ways to execute R commands in .Rmd file:

1. “Knit” entire .Rmd file

- ▶ shortcut: **Cmd/Ctrl + Shift + k**

2. “Run” code chunk or selected lines within code chunk

- ▶ Run selected line(s): **Cmd/Ctrl + Enter**

- ▶ Run current chunk: **Cmd/Ctrl + Shift + Enter**

Comment on default settings for RStudio:

- When you knit entire .Rmd file, “objects” created within .Rmd file will not be available after file completes
- When you run code chunk (or selected lines in chunk), objects created by lines you run will be in your “environment” until you remove them or quit R session

# Output types of .Rmd file

Common/important output types:

- **html\_document**: R Markdown originally designed to create HTML documents
  - ▷ Most features/code in .Rmd files were written for `html_document`
  - ▷ many of these features are available in other output types
  - ▷ When learning R Markdown, best to start by learning `html_document`
- **pdf\_document**: Requires installation of `tinytex` R package or LaTeX (MiKTeX/MacTeX)
  - ▷ How it works:
    - You write .Rmd code;
    - When you compile, this .Rmd code is transformed into LaTeX code
    - LaTeX “engine” creates the formatted .pdf file
  - ▷ Can include some of the same features available for *html\_document*
  - ▷ Can insert LaTeX commands in .Rmd file with *pdf\_document* output
- **beamer\_presentation**: Requires installation of LaTeX
  - ▷ “beamer” is the name for presentations written in LaTeX
  - ▷ essentially creates PDF of presentation slides
  - ▷ Lectures for this class created with *beamer\_presentation* output
  - ▷ note: YAML header includes `beamer_header.tex` file, which creates some formatting rules and additional commands

# Learning more about R Markdown

## Resources

- Cheat sheets and quick reference:
  - ▷ Cheat Sheet
  - ▷ Quick Reference [I prefer the quick reference]
- Chapters/books
  - ▷ Chapter 27 of “R for Data Science” book
  - ▷ R Markdown: The Definitive Guide book [I prefer this book]

## How you will learn R Markdown

- Lectures written as .Rmd file
  - ▷ During class run “code chunks” and try to “knit” entire .Rmd file
- I'll assign **small** amount of reading on R Markdown
  - ▷ prior to next week:
    - spend 15 minutes familiarizing yourself with Quick Reference
    - Read section 3.1 of R Markdown: The Definitive Guide, about creating html\_document
- Homework must be written in .Rmd file
  - ▷ you submit .Rmd file AND output of compiled file
  - ▷ for next week, you will submit homework as html\_document output

## Directory structure for this class

In order to be able to “knit” entire lectures [rather than just run specific code chunks] make sure that you have the following directory structure:

- o rclass
  - lectures
    - lecture1
    - ...
    - lecture10
    - beamer\_header.tex

What is beamer\_header.tex?

- o A text file that contains  $\text{\LaTeX}$ code
- o This code creates formatting rules that are applied to all lecture slides
- o If you go YAML header you will see:

```
includes:  
  in_header: ../beamer_header.tex
```

- o This runs beamer\_header.tex; assumes that beamer\_header.tex is located one level up from your current directory
- o If you don't have beamer\_header.tex saved to appropriate place, you can download it here [LINK](#)

## 2 Using functions

# What are functions

**Functions** are pre-written bits of code that accomplish some task.

Functions generally follow three sequential steps:

1. take in an **input** object(s)
2. **process** the input.
3. **return** (A) a new object or (B) a visualization (e.g., plot)

For example, `sum()` function calculates sum of elements in a vector

1. **input.** takes in a vector of elements (numeric or logical)
2. **processing.** Calculates the sum of elements
3. **return.** Returns numeric vector of length=1; value is sum of input vector

```
sum(c(1,2,3))  
#> [1] 6  
typeof(sum(c(1,2,3))) # type of object created by sum()  
#> [1] "double"  
length(sum(c(1,2,3))) # length of object created by sum()  
#> [1] 1  
  
#sum(c(TRUE,TRUE,FALSE))  
#typeof(sum(c(TRUE,TRUE,FALSE))); length(sum(c(TRUE,TRUE,FALSE)))
```

# Function syntax

## Components of a function

- function name (e.g., `sum()` , `length()` , `seq()` )
- function arguments
  - Inputs that the function takes, which determine what function does
    - can be vectors, data frames, logical statements, etc.
  - In “function call” you specify values to assign to these function arguments
    - e.g., `sum(c(1,2,3))`
  - Separate arguments with a comma ,
    - e.g., `seq(10,15)` Example: the sequence function, `seq()`

```
seq(10,15)
```

```
#> [1] 10 11 12 13 14 15
```

## Function syntax: More on function arguments

Usually, function arguments have names

- e.g., the `seq()` function includes the arguments `from`, `to`, `by`
- when you call the function, you need to assign values to these arguments; but you usually don't have to specify the name of the argument

```
seq(from=10, to=20, by=2)
#> [1] 10 12 14 16 18 20
seq(10,20,2)
#> [1] 10 12 14 16 18 20
```

Many function arguments have “default values”, set by whoever wrote function

- if you don't specify a value for that argument, the default value is inserted
- e.g., partial list of default values for `seq()`: `seq(from=1, to=1, by=1)`

```
seq()
#> [1] 1
seq(to=10)
#> [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
seq(10) # R assigned value of 10 to "to" rather than "from" or "by"
#> [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```



## Function arguments, the `na.rm` argument

When R performs calculation and an input has value `NA`, output value is `NA`

```
5+4+NA  
#> [1] NA
```

R functions that perform calculations often have argument named `na.rm`

- `na.rm` argument asks whether to remove `NA` values prior to calculation
- For most functions, default value is `na.rm = FALSE`
  - ▷ This means “do not remove `NA`s” prior to calculation
  - ▷ e.g., default values for `sum()` function: `sum(..., na.rm = FALSE)`

```
sum(c(1,2,3,NA), na.rm = FALSE) # default value  
#> [1] NA  
sum(c(1,2,3,NA))  
#> [1] NA
```

- if you specify, `na.rm = TRUE`, `NA` values removed prior to calculation

```
sum(c(1,2,3,NA), na.rm = TRUE)  
#> [1] 6
```

# Help files for functions

To see help file on a function, type `?function_name` without parentheses

```
?sum
```

```
?seq
```

## Contents of help files

- **Description.** What the function does
- **Usage.** Syntax, including default values for arguments
- **Arguments.** Description of function arguments
- **Details.** Details and idiosyncracies of about how the function works.
- **Value.** What (object) the function “returns”
  - ▷ e.g., `sum()` returns vector of length 1 whose value is sum of input vector
- **References.** Additional reading
- **See Also.** Related functions
- **Examples.** Examples of function in action
- Bottom of help file identifies the package the function comes from

## Practice!

- when you encounter new function, spend two minutes reading help file
- over time, help files will feel less cryptic and will start to feel helpful

# Function arguments, the dot-dot-dot ( `...` ) argument

On help file for many functions, you will see an argument called `...`, referred to as the “dot-dot-dot” argument

```
?sum
```

```
?seq
```

“Dot-dot-dot” arguments have several uses. What you should know for now:

- `...` refers to arguments that are “un-named”; but user can specify values
  - ▷ e.g., default syntax for `sum()` : `sum(..., na.rm = FALSE)`
    - argument `na.rm` is “named” (name is `na.rm`); argument `...` un-named
- `...` used to allow a function to take an arbitrary number of arguments:

```
#Here, sum function takes 1 un-named argument, specifically c(10,5,NA)  
sum(c(10,5,NA),na.rm=TRUE)  
#> [1] 15
```

```
#Here the sum function takes 3 un-named arguments  
sum(10,5,NA,na.rm=TRUE)  
#> [1] 15
```

```
#Here the sum function takes 5 un-named arguments  
sum(10,5,10,20,NA,na.rm=TRUE)  
#> [1] 45
```

### 3 Investigating objects [base R]

# Load .Rdata data frames we will use today

Data on off-campus recruiting events by public universities

- Data frame object `df_event`
  - ▷ One observation per university, recruiting event
- Data frame object `df_school`
  - ▷ One observation per high school (visited and non-visited)

```
rm(list = ls()) # remove all objects in current environment

getwd()
#> [1] "/Users/cyouh95/Projects/RStudio/rclass/lectures/lecture2"
#load dataset with one obs per recruiting event
load(url("https://github.com/ozanj/rclass/raw/master/data/recruiting/recruit_event_somevars.Rdata"))

#load dataset with one obs per high school
load(url("https://github.com/ozanj/rclass/raw/master/data/recruiting/recruit_school_somevars.Rdata"))
```

# Listing objects

## Files in your working directory

`list.files()` function lists files in your current working directory

- if you run this code from .Rmd file, working directory is location .Rmd file is stored

```
getwd() # what is your current working directory
#> [1] "/Users/cyouh95/Projects/RStudio/rclass/lectures/lecture2"
list.files()
#> [1] "fp1.JPG" "fp2.JPG"
#> [3] "lecture2_test.Rmd" "lecture2_ucla.pdf"
#> [5] "lecture2_ucla.Rmd" "lecture2.1_ucla.pdf"
#> [7] "lecture2.1_ucla.Rmd" "lecture2.1_ucla.tex"
#> [9] "lecture2.pdf" "lecture2.Rmd"
#> [11] "lecture2.tex" "problemset2_solutions.html"
#> [13] "problemset2_solutions.html.zip" "problemset2_solutions.Rmd"
#> [15] "problemset2.html" "problemset2.Rmd"
#> [17] "sample_simple_rmarkdown.txt" "sample.html"
#> [19] "sample.Rmd" "text"
#> [21] "transform-logical.png"
```

# Objects currently open in your R session

## Listing objects currently open in your R session

`ls()` function lists objects currently open in R

```
x <- "hello!"  
ls() # Objects open in R  
#> [1] "df_event" "df_school" "x"
```

## Removing objects currently open in your R session

`rm()` function removes specified objects open in R

```
rm(x)  
ls()  
#> [1] "df_event" "df_school"
```

Command to remove all objects open in R (I don't run it)

```
rm(list = ls())
```

# Describing objects, focus on **data frames**

## **type** and **length** of a data frame object

- Recall that a data frame is an object where **type** is a list
- Length** of an object is the number of elements
  - ▶ When object is a data frame, number of elements = number of variables

```
typeof(df_event)
#> [1] "list"
length(df_event) # = num elements = num columns
#> [1] 33
```

## Number of **columns** and **rows** of data frame object

- number of columns = number of elements = number of variables
- number of rows = number of observations

```
ncol(df_event) # num columns = num variables
#> [1] 33
nrow(df_event) # num rows = num observations
#> [1] 18680
dim(df_event) # shows number rows by columns
#> [1] 18680    33
```

`str()` provides compact information on structure any object (output omitted)

`str(df_event)`



## 3.1 Variables names

# Variable names

`names()` function lists names of elements in an object

```
?names
```

Recall that a data frame is an object where **type** is a **list** and each **element** is **named**

When object is a data frame:

- each element is a variable
- each element name is a variable name

```
names(df_event)
```

```
#> [1] "instnm"          "univ_id"          "instst"
#> [4] "pid"             "event_date"       "event_type"
#> [7] "zip"             "school_id"        "ipeds_id"
#> [10] "event_state"     "event_inst"       "med_inc"
#> [13] "pop_total"       "pct_white_zip"    "pct_black_zip"
#> [16] "pct_asian_zip"   "pct_hispanic_zip" "pct_amerindian_zip"
#> [19] "pct_nativehawaii_zip" "pct_tworaces_zip" "pct_otherrace_zip"
#> [22] "fr_lunch"        "titlei_status_pub" "total_12"
#> [25] "school_type_pri" "school_type_pub"  "g12offered"
#> [28] "g12"             "total_students_pub" "total_students_pri"
#> [31] "event_name"      "event_location_name" "event_datetime_start"
```

# Variable names

Refer to specific named elements of an object using this syntax:

- `object_name$element_name`

When object is data frame, refer to specific variables using this syntax:

- `data_frame_name$varname`
- **This approach to isolating variables very useful for investigating data**

```
typeof(df_event$instnm)
#> [1] "character"
typeof(df_event$med_inc)
#> [1] "double"
```

# Variable names

Data frames are lists with following criteria:

- each element of list is a vector; each element of list is a variable
- length of data frame = number of variables

```
length(df_event)
#> [1] 33
nrow(df_event)
#> [1] 18680
#str(df_event)
```

- each element of the list (i.e., variable) has the same length
  - ▷ Length of each variable is equal to number of observations in data frame

```
typeof(df_event$event_state)
#> [1] "character"
length(df_event$event_state)
#> [1] 18680
str(df_event$event_state)
#> chr [1:18680] "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" ...

typeof(df_event$med_inc)
#> [1] "double"
length(df_event$med_inc)
#> [1] 18680
```

## Variable names

The object `df_school` has one obs per high school

- variable `visits_by_100751` shows number of visits by University of Alabama to each high school
- like all variables in a data frame, the var `visits_by_100751` is just a vector

```
typeof(df_school$visits_by_100751)
#> [1] "integer"
length(df_school$visits_by_100751) # num elements in vector = num obs
#> [1] 21301
str(df_school$visits_by_100751)
#> int [1:21301] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
sum(df_school$visits_by_100751) # sum of values of var across all obs
#> [1] 3338
```

We perform calculations on a variable like we would on any vector of same type

```
v <- c(2,4,6)
typeof(v)
#> [1] "double"
length(v)
#> [1] 3
sum(v)
#> [1] 12
```

## 3.2 View and print data

# Viewing and printing data frames

Three ways to view/print a data frame object

1. Simply type the object name (output omitted)

- ▶ number of observations and rows printed depend on YAML header settings and on attributes (discussed next week) of the object

```
df_event
```

2. Use the `View()` function to view data in a browser

```
View(df_event)
```

3. `head()` to show the first  $n$  rows

```
##?head  
head(df_event, n=5)
```

## Viewing and printing data frames

`obj_name[<rows>,<cols>]` to print specific rows and columns of data frame

- particularly powerful when combined with sequences (e.g., `1:10` )

Examples:

- Print first five rows, all vars

```
df_event[1:5, ]
```

- Print first five rows and first three columns

```
df_event[1:5, 1:3]
```

- Print first three columns of the 100th observation

```
df_event[100, 1:3]
```

- Print the 50th observation, all variables

```
df_event[50,]
```



## Viewing and printing data

type `obj_name$var_name` to print specific elements (i.e., vars) in data frame

```
df_event$zip
```

- recall that these elements are vectors, with length = number of obs

```
typeof(df_event$zip)
#> [1] "character"
length(df_event$zip)
#> [1] 18680
```

- `obj_name$var_name` syntax can be combined with sequences
  - ▷ vectors don't have "rows" or "columns"; they just have elements
  - ▷ so use sequence to identify which elements you want to print

```
df_event$event_state[1:10]
#> [1] "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA"
df_event$event_type[6:10]
#> [1] "private hs" "private hs" "public hs" "private hs" "public hs"
```

Can also print multiple variables using `combine()` function

```
c(df_event$event_state[1:5], df_event$event_type[1:5])
#> [1] "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA"
#> [6] "public hs" "public hs" "public hs" "public hs" "public hs"
```

# Exercise

Create a printing exercise using the `df_school` data frame

1. Use `obj_name[<rows>,<cols>]` to print the first 5 rows and 3 columns of data frame
2. Use `head()` to print first 4 observations
3. Use `obj_name$var_name[1:10]` to print the first 10 observations of a variable
4. Use `combine()` to print the first 3 observations of variables "school\_type" & "name"

## Solution

1. Use `obj_name[<rows>,<cols>]` to print the first 5 rows and 3 columns of data frame

```
df_school[1:5,1:3]
#> # A tibble: 5 x 3
#>   state_code school_type    ncessch
#>   <chr>      <chr>      <chr>
#> 1      AK      public 020000100208
#> 2      AK      public 020000100211
#> 3      AK      public 020000100212
#> 4      AK      public 020000100213
#> 5      AK      public 020000300216
```

# Solution

## 2. Use head() to print first 4 observations

```
head(df_school, n=4)
#> # A tibble: 4 x 26
#>   state_code school_type      ncessch      name
#>   <chr>      <chr>      <chr>      <chr>
#> 1      AK      public 020000100208 Bethel Regional High School
#> 2      AK      public 020000100211   Ayagina'ar Elitnaurvik
#> 3      AK      public 020000100212   Kwigillingok School
#> 4      AK      public 020000100213 Nelson Island Area School
#> # ... with 22 more variables: address <chr>, city <chr>, zip_code <chr>,
#> #   pct_white <dbl>, pct_black <dbl>, pct_hispanic <dbl>, pct_asian <dbl>,
#> #   pct_amerindian <dbl>, pct_other <dbl>, num_fr_lunch <dbl>,
#> #   total_students <dbl>, num_took_math <dbl>, num_prof_math <dbl>,
#> #   num_took_rla <dbl>, num_prof_rla <dbl>, avgmedian_inc_2564 <dbl>,
#> #   visits_by_110635 <int>, visits_by_126614 <int>,
#> #   visits_by_100751 <int>, inst_110635 <chr>, inst_126614 <chr>,
#> #   inst_100751 <chr>
```

## Solution

3. Use `obj_name$var_name[1:10]` to print the first 10 observations of a variable

```
df_school$name[1:10]
#> [1] "Bethel Regional High School" "Ayagina'ar Elitnaurvik"
#> [3] "Kwigillingok School"       "Nelson Island Area School"
#> [5] "Alakanuk School"          "Emmonak School"
#> [7] "Hooper Bay School"        "Ignatius Beans School"
#> [9] "Pilot Station School"     "Kotlik School"
```

## Solution

4. Use `combine()` to print the first 3 observations of variables "school\_type" & "name"

```
c(df_school$school_type[1:3],df_school$name[1:3])  
#> [1] "public" "public"  
#> [3] "public" "Bethel Regional High School"  
#> [5] "Ayagina'ar Elitnaurvik" "Kwigillingok School"
```

## 3.3 Missing values

## Missing values

Missing values have the value `NA`

- `NA` is a special keyword, not the same as the character string `"NA"`

use `is.na()` function to determine if a value is missing

- `is.na()` returns a logical vector

```
is.na(5)
#> [1] FALSE
is.na(NA)
#> [1] TRUE
is.na("NA")
#> [1] FALSE
typeof(is.na("NA")) # example of a logical vector
#> [1] "logical"
```

```
nvector <- c(10,5,NA)
is.na(nvector)
#> [1] FALSE FALSE TRUE
typeof(is.na(nvector)) # example of a logical vector
#> [1] "logical"
```

```
svector <- c("e","f",NA,"NA")
is.na(svector)
#> [1] FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE
```



# Missing values are “contagious”

What does “contagious” mean?

- operations involving a missing value will yield a missing value

```
7>5
#> [1] TRUE
7>NA
#> [1] NA
0==NA
#> [1] NA
2*c(0,1,2,NA)
#> [1] 0 2 4 NA
NA*c(0,1,2,NA)
#> [1] NA NA NA NA
```

## Functions and missing values example, `table()`

`table()` function is useful for investigating categorical variables

```
str(df_event$event_type)
#> chr [1:18680] "public hs" "public hs" "public hs" "public hs" ...
table(df_event$event_type)
#>
#> 2yr college 4yr college      other private hs public hs
#>          951          531        2001        3774       11423
```

## Functions and missing values example, `table()`

By default `table()` ignores `NA` values

```
#?table
str(df_event$school_type_pri)
#>   int [1:18680] NA NA NA NA NA 1 1 NA 1 NA ...
table(df_event$school_type_pri)
#>
#>      1      2      5
#> 3765      8      1
```

`useNA` argument controls if table includes counts of `NA` s. Allowed values:

- never ("no") [DEFAULT VALUE]
- only if count is positive ("ifany");
- even for zero counts ("always")

```
nrow(df_event)
#> [1] 18680
table(df_event$school_type_pri, useNA="always")
#>
#>      1      2      5 <NA>
#> 3765      8      1 14906
```

Broader point: Most functions that create descriptive statistics have options about how to treat missing values'

## 4 Find homework groups

# What we'll do to choose homework groups

- Meet new people (10 minutes of speed-dating!)
  - ▷ find someone in class you don't know and talk to them for two minutes about anything
    - e.g., where you from, what program, what are research interests, what you like doing outside of school, work
- Enrolled students choose homework groups (10 minutes)
  - ▷ one side of room for students who want to work collaboratively on problem sets
  - ▷ one side of room for students who want to work mostly on their own (e.g., due to full work/family schedule);
  - ▷ must be groups of 3
  - ▷ cannot have more than 2 people from same academic program (e.g., HEOC, HDP)
- Auditors not part of “official” homework groups of 3, but they are welcome to join any homework group or form their own homework group

Recommendation: **Use Zoom for group meetings!**

- <https://ucla.zoom.us/>

## 5 Investigating data patterns [tidyverse]

# Introduction to the `dplyr` library

`dplyr`, a package within the `tidyverse` suite of packages, provide tools for manipulating data frames

- Wickham describes functions within `dplyr` as a set of “verbs” that fall in the broader categories of **subsetting**, **sorting**, and **transforming**

Today	Upcoming weeks
<b>Subsetting data</b>	<b>Transforming data</b>
- <code>select()</code> variables	- <code>mutate()</code> creates new variables
- <code>filter()</code> observations	- <code>summarize()</code> calculates across rows
<b>Sorting data</b>	- <code>group_by()</code> to calculate across rows within groups
- <code>arrange()</code>	

All `dplyr` verbs (i.e., functions) work as follows

- first argument is a data frame
- subsequent arguments describe what to do with variables and observations in data frame
  - ▶ refer to variable names without quotes
- result of the function is a new data frame

## 5.1 Select variables



## Select variables using `select()` function

Printing observations is key to investigating data, but datasets often have hundreds, thousands of variables

`select()` function selects **columns** of data (i.e., variables) you specify

- first argument is the name of data frame object
- remaining arguments are variable names, which are separated by commas and without quotes

Without **assignment** (`<-`), `select()` by itself simply prints selected vars

```
#?select
select(df_event, instnm, event_date, event_type, event_state, med_inc)
#> # A tibble: 18,680 x 5
#>       instnm event_date event_type event_state med_inc
#>   <chr>      <date>      <chr>      <chr>      <dbl>
#> 1  UM Amherst 2017-10-12 public hs      MA 71713.5
#> 2  UM Amherst 2017-10-04 public hs      MA 89121.5
#> 3  UM Amherst 2017-10-25 public hs      MA 70136.5
#> 4  UM Amherst 2017-10-26 public hs      MA 70136.5
#> 5 Stony Brook 2017-10-02 public hs      MA 71023.5
#> 6          USCC 2017-09-18 private hs     MA 71023.5
#> 7  UM Amherst 2017-09-18 private hs     MA 71023.5
#> 8  UM Amherst 2017-09-26 public hs      MA 97225.0
#> 9  UM Amherst 2017-09-26 private hs     MA 97225.0
#> 10 UM Amherst 2017-10-12 public hs      MA 77799.5
#> # ... with 18,670 more rows
```

## Select variables using `select()` function

Recall that all `dplyr` functions (e.g., `select()`) return a new data frame object

- **type** equals "list"
- **length** equals number of vars you select

```
typeof(select(df_event, instnm, event_date, event_type, event_state, med_inc))  
#> [1] "list"  
length(select(df_event, instnm, event_date, event_type, event_state, med_inc))  
#> [1] 5
```

`glimpse()` : tidyverse function for viewing data frames

- a cross between `str()` and simply printing data

```
?glimpse  
glimpse(df_event)
```

`glimpse()` a `select()` set of variables

```
glimpse(select(df_event, instnm, event_date, event_type, event_state, med_inc))  
#> Observations: 18,680  
#> Variables: 5  
#> $ instnm      <chr> "UM Amherst", "UM Amherst", "UM Amherst", "UM Amhe...  
#> $ event_date  <date> 2017-10-12, 2017-10-04, 2017-10-25, 2017-10-26, 2...  
#> $ event_type  <chr> "public hs", "public hs", "public hs", "public hs"...  
#> $ event_state <chr> "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "M
```

## Select variables using `select()` function

With **assignment** (`<-`), `select()` creates a new object containing only the variables you specify

```
event_small <- select(df_event, instnm, event_date, event_type, event_state, med_inc)

glimpse(event_small)
#> Observations: 18,680
#> Variables: 5
#> $ instnm      <chr> "UM Amherst", "UM Amherst", "UM Amherst", "UM Amhe...
#> $ event_date  <date> 2017-10-12, 2017-10-04, 2017-10-25, 2017-10-26, 2...
#> $ event_type  <chr> "public hs", "public hs", "public hs", "public hs"...
#> $ event_state <chr> "MA", "MA", "MA", "MA", "MA", "MA", "MA", "MA", "MA", "M...
#> $ med_inc     <dbl> 71713.5, 89121.5, 70136.5, 70136.5, 71023.5, 71023.5...
```

## Select

`select()` can use “helper functions” `starts_with()`, `contains()`, and `ends_with()` to choose columns

```
?select()
```

Example:

```
#names(df_event)
```

```
select(df_event, instnm, starts_with("event"))
```

```
#> # A tibble: 18,680 x 8
```

```
#>       instnm event_date event_type event_state event_inst
#>       <chr>    <date>    <chr>      <chr>      <chr>
#> 1  UM Amherst 2017-10-12 public hs      MA    In-State
#> 2  UM Amherst 2017-10-04 public hs      MA    In-State
#> 3  UM Amherst 2017-10-25 public hs      MA    In-State
#> 4  UM Amherst 2017-10-26 public hs      MA    In-State
#> 5 Stony Brook 2017-10-02 public hs      MA    Out-State
#> 6          USCC 2017-09-18 private hs      MA    Out-State
#> 7  UM Amherst 2017-09-18 private hs      MA    In-State
#> 8  UM Amherst 2017-09-26 public hs      MA    In-State
#> 9  UM Amherst 2017-09-26 private hs      MA    In-State
#> 10 UM Amherst 2017-10-12 public hs      MA    In-State
#> # ... with 18,670 more rows, and 3 more variables: event_name <chr>,
#> #   event_location_name <chr>, event_datetime_start <dtm>
```

# Rename variables

`rename()` function renames variables within a data frame object

Syntax:

- `rename(obj_name, new_name = old_name,...)`

```
rename(df_event, g12_offered = g12offered,  
       titlei = titlei_status_pub)  
names(df_event)
```

Variable names do not change permanently unless we combine rename with assignment

```
rename_event <- rename(df_event, g12_offered = g12offered, titlei = titlei_status_pub)  
names(rename_event)  
rm(rename_event)
```

## 5.2 Filter rows

## The `filter()` function

`filter()` allows you to **select observations** based on values of variables

- Arguments

- ▷ first argument is name of data frame
- ▷ subsequent arguments are *logical expressions* to filter the data frame
- ▷ Multiple expressions separated by commas work as **AND** operators (e.g., condition 1 `TRUE` AND condition 2 `TRUE` )

- What is the result of a `filter()` command?

- ▷ `filter()` returns a data frame consisting of rows where the condition is `TRUE`

```
?filter
```

Example from data frame object `df_school` , each obs is a high school

- Show all obs where the high school received 1 visit from UC Berkeley (110635) [output omitted]

```
filter(df_school,visits_by_110635 == 1)
```

Note that resulting object is list, consisting of obs where condition `TRUE`

```
nrow(df_school)
#> [1] 21301
nrow(filter(df_school,visits_by_110635 == 1))
#> [1] 500
```

## Filter, character variables

Use single quotes `' '` or double quotes `" "` to refer to values of character variables

```
glimpse(select(df_school, school_type, state_code))
#> Observations: 21,301
#> Variables: 2
#> $ school_type <chr> "public", "public", "public", "public", "public", ...
#> $ state_code <chr> "AK", "AK", "AK", "AK", "AK", "AK", "AK", "AK", "A..."
```

Identify all private high schools in CA that got 1 visit by particular universities

- UC-Berkeley (ID=110635)

```
filter(df_school, visits_by_110635 == 1, school_type == "private",
       state_code == "CA")
```

- University of Alabama (ID=100751)

```
filter(df_school, visits_by_100751 == 1, school_type == "private",
       state_code == "CA")
```

- Visited once by Berkeley and University of Alabama

```
filter(df_school, visits_by_100751 == 1, visits_by_110635 == 1,
       school_type == "private", state_code == "CA")
```



## Logical operators for comparisons

Symbol	Meaning
<code>==</code>	Equal to
<code>!=</code>	Not equal to
<code>&gt;</code>	greater than
<code>&gt;=</code>	greater than or equal to
<code>&lt;</code>	less than
<code>&lt;=</code>	less than or equal to
<code>&amp;</code>	AND
<code> </code>	OR
<code>%in</code>	includes

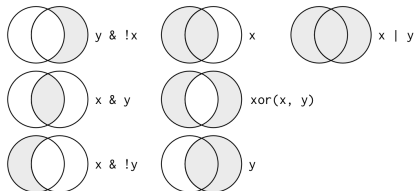


Figure 1: “Boolean” operations, x=left circle, y=right circle, from Wichkam (2018)

## Filters and comparisons, Demonstration

Schools visited by Bama (100751) and/or Berkeley (110635)

```
#berkeley and bama
filter(df_school,visits_by_100751 >= 1, visits_by_110635 >= 1)
filter(df_school,visits_by_100751 >= 1 & visits_by_110635 >= 1) # same same
#berkeley or bama
filter(df_school,visits_by_100751 >= 1 | visits_by_110635 >= 1)
```

Apply `count()` function on top of `filter()` function to count the number of observations that satisfy criteria

- Avoids printing individual observations

```
#Number of schools that git visit by Berkeley AND Bama
count(filter(df_school,visits_by_100751 >= 1 & visits_by_110635 >= 1))
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
#>       n
#>   <int>
#> 1   247
#Number of schools that git visit by Berkeley OR Bama
count(filter(df_school,visits_by_100751 >= 1 | visits_by_110635 >= 1))
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
#>       n
#>   <int>
#> 1  2763
```

## Filters and comparisons, >=

Number of public high schools that are at least 50% Black in Alabama compared to number of schools that received visit by Bama

```
#at least 50% black
count(filter(df_school, school_type == "public", pct_black >= 50,
             state_code == "AL"))
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
#>       n
#>   <int>
#> 1     86
count(filter(df_school, school_type == "public", pct_black >= 50,
             state_code == "AL", visits_by_100751 >= 1))
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
#>       n
#>   <int>
#> 1     21
#at least 50% white
count(filter(df_school, school_type == "public", pct_white >= 50,
             state_code == "AL"))
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
#>       n
#>   <int>
#> 1    238
count(filter(df_school, school_type == "public", pct_white >= 50,
             state_code == "AL", visits_by_100751 >= 1))
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
#>       n
```

## Filters and comparisons, not equals ( != )

Count the number of high schools visited by University of Colorado (126614) that are not located in CO

```
#number of high schools visited by U Colorado  
count(filter(df_school, visits_by_126614 >= 1))
```

```
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
```

```
#>       n
```

```
#>   <int>
```

```
#> 1  1056
```

```
#number of high schools visited by U Colorado not located in CO  
count(filter(df_school, visits_by_126614 >= 1, state_code != "CO"))
```

```
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
```

```
#>       n
```

```
#>   <int>
```

```
#> 1    873
```

```
#number of high schools visited by U Colorado located in CO  
#count(filter(df_school, visits_by_126614 >= 1, state_code == "CO"))
```

## Filters and comparisons, %in% operator

What if you wanted to count the number of schools visited by Bama (100751) in a group of states?

```
count(filter(df_school,visits_by_100751 >= 1, state_code == "MA" |  
          state_code == "VT" | state_code == "ME"))  
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1  
#>       n  
#>   <int>  
#> 1    108
```

Easier way to do this is with `%in%` operator

```
count(filter(df_school,visits_by_100751 >= 1, state_code %in% c("MA","ME","VT")))  
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1  
#>       n  
#>   <int>  
#> 1    108
```

Select the private high schools that got either 2 or 3 visits from Bama

```
count(filter(df_school, visits_by_100751 %in% 2:3, school_type == "private"))  
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1  
#>       n  
#>   <int>  
#> 1    183
```

## Identifying data type and possible values helpful for filtering

- `class()` and `str()` shows data type of a variable
- `table()` to show potential values of categorical variables

```
class(df_event$event_type)
#> [1] "character"
str(df_event$event_type)
#> chr [1:18680] "public hs" "public hs" "public hs" "public hs" ...
table(df_event$event_type, useNA="always")
#>
#> 2yr college 4yr college      other private hs   public hs      <NA>
#>      951      531      2001      3774      11423      0
class(df_event$event_state)
#> [1] "character"
str(df_event$event_state) # double quotes indicate character
#> chr [1:18680] "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA" ...
class(df_event$med_inc)
#> [1] "numeric"
str(df_event$med_inc)
#> num [1:18680] 71714 89122 70136 70136 71024 ...
```

Now that we know `event_type` is a character, we can filter values

```
count(filter(df_event, event_type == "public hs", event_state == "CA"))
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
#>       n
#>   <int>
```

# Filtering and missing values

Wickham (2018) states:

- `filter()` only includes rows where condition is TRUE; it excludes both FALSE and NA values. To preserve missing values, ask for them explicitly:

Investigate var `df_event$fr_lunch`, number of free/reduced lunch students

- only available for visits to public high schools

*#visits to public HS with less than 50 students on free/reduced lunch*

```
count(filter(df_event,event_type == "public hs", fr_lunch<50))
```

```
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
```

```
#>       n
```

```
#>   <int>
```

```
#> 1     910
```

*#visits to public HS, where free/reduced lunch missing*

```
count(filter(df_event,event_type == "public hs", is.na(fr_lunch)))
```

```
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
```

```
#>       n
```

```
#>   <int>
```

```
#> 1      26
```

*#visits to public HS, where free/reduced is less than 50 OR is missing*

```
count(filter(df_event,event_type == "public hs", fr_lunch<50 | is.na(fr_lunch)))
```

```
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
```

```
#>       n
```

```
#>   <int>
```

# Exercise

## Task

- Create a filter to identify all the high schools that recieved 1 visit from UC Berkeley (110635) AND 1 visit from CU Boulder (126614)[output omitted]



## Solution

```
filter(df_school,visits_by_110635 == 1, visits_by_126614==1)

nrow(filter(df_school,visits_by_110635 == 1, visits_by_126614==1))
count(filter(df_school,visits_by_110635 == 1, visits_by_126614==1))
```

- Must **assign** to create new object based on filter

```
berk_boulder <- filter(df_school,visits_by_110635 == 1, visits_by_126614==1)
count(berk_boulder)
```

## Exercises

Use the data from `df_event`, which has one observation for each off-campus recruiting event a university attends

1. Count the number of events attended by the University of Pittsburgh (Pitt)  
`univ_id == 215293`
2. Count the number of recruiting events by Pitt at public or private high schools
3. Count the number of recruiting events by Pitt at public or private high schools located in the state of PA
4. Count the number of recruiting events by Pitt at public high schools not located in PA where median income is less than 100,000
5. Count the number of recruiting events by Pitt at public high schools not located in PA where median income is greater than or equal to 100,000
6. Count the number of out-of-state recruiting events by Pitt at private high schools or public high schools with median income of at least 100,000

## Solution

1. Count the number of events attended by the University of Pittsburgh (Pitt)

```
univ_id == 215293
```

```
count(filter(df_event, univ_id == 215293))  
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1  
#>       n  
#>   <int>  
#> 1  1225
```

2. Count the number of recruiting events by Pitt at public or private high schools

```
str(df_event$event_type)  
#> chr [1:18680] "public hs" "public hs" "public hs" "public hs" ...  
table(df_event$event_type, useNA = "always")  
#>  
#> 2yr college 4yr college      other private hs   public hs      <NA>  
#>      951       531       2001      3774      11423       0  
count(filter(df_event, univ_id == 215293, event_type == "private hs" |  
           event_type == "public hs"))  
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1  
#>       n  
#>   <int>  
#> 1  1030
```

## Solution

- Count the number of recruiting events by Pitt at public or private high schools located in the state of PA

```
count(filter(df_event, univ_id == 215293, event_type == "private hs" |  
            event_type == "public hs", event_state == "PA"))  
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1  
#>       n  
#>   <int>  
#> 1   262
```

- Count the number of recruiting events by Pitt at public high schools not located in PA where median income is less than 100,000

```
count(filter(df_event, univ_id == 215293, event_type == "public hs",  
            event_state != "PA", med_inc < 100000))  
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1  
#>       n  
#>   <int>  
#> 1   213
```

## Solution

- Count the number of recruiting events by Pitt at public high schools not located in PA where median income is greater than or equal to 100,000

```
count(filter(df_event, univ_id == 215293, event_type == "public hs",
             event_state != "PA", med_inc >= 100000))
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
#>       n
#>   <int>
#> 1   344
```

- Count the number of out-of-state recruiting events by Pitt at private high schools or public high schools with median income of at least 100,000

```
count(filter(df_event, univ_id == 215293, event_state != "PA",
             (event_type == "public hs" & med_inc >= 100000) |
             event_type == "private hs"))
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
#>       n
#>   <int>
#> 1   553
```

## 5.3 Arrange rows

## arrange() function

`arrange()` function “arranges” rows in a data frame; said different, it sorts observations

Syntax: `arrange(x, ...)`

- First argument, `x`, is a data frame
- Subsequent arguments are a “comma separated list of unquoted variable names”

```
arrange(df_event, event_date)
```

Data frame goes back to previous order unless you **assign** the new order

```
df_event  
df_event <- arrange(df_event, event_date)  
df_event
```

## arrange() function

Ascending and descending order

- `arrange()` sorts in **ascending** order by default
- use `desc()` to sort a column by descending order

```
arrange(df_event, desc(event_date))
```

Can sort by multiple variables

```
arrange(df_event, univ_id, desc(event_date), desc(med_inc))
```

```
#sort by university and descending by size of 12th grade class; combine with sel  
select(arrange(df_event, univ_id, desc(g12)),instnm,event_type,event_date,g12)
```



## arrange() , missing values sorted at the end

Missing values automatically sorted at the end, regardless of whether you sort ascending or descending

Below, we sort by university, then by date of event, then by ID of high school

```
#by university, date, ascending school id
select(arrange(df_event, univ_id, desc(event_date), school_id),
        instnm,event_date,event_type,school_id)

#by university, date, descending school id
select(arrange(df_event, univ_id, desc(event_date), desc(school_id)),
        instnm,event_date,event_type,school_id)
```

Can sort by `is.na` to put missing values first

```
select(arrange(df_event, univ_id, desc(event_date), desc(is.na(school_id))),
        instnm,event_date,event_type,school_id)

#> # A tibble: 18,680 x 4
#>   instnm event_date event_type school_id
#>   <chr>    <date>    <chr>    <chr>
#> 1 Bama 2017-12-18 other      <NA>
#> 2 Bama 2017-12-18 private hs A9106483
#> 3 Bama 2017-12-15 other      <NA>
#> 4 Bama 2017-12-15 public hs 484473005095
#> 5 Bama 2017-12-15 public hs 062927004516
#> 6 Bama 2017-12-14 other      <NA>
#> 7 Bama 2017-12-13 other      <NA>
#> 8 Bama 2017-12-13 public hs 130387001439
```

## Exercise, arranging

Use the data from `df_event`, which has one observation for each off-campus recruiting event a university attends

1. Sort ascending by “`univ_id`” and descending by “`event_date`”
2. Select four variables in total and sort ascending by “`univ_id`” and descending by “`event_date`”
3. Now using the same variables from above, sort by `is.na` to put missing values in “`school_id`” first

# Solution

## 1. Sort ascending by “univ\_id” and descending by “event\_date”

```
arrange(df_event, univ_id, desc(event_date))
#> # A tibble: 18,680 x 33
#>   instnm univ_id instst  pid event_date event_type  zip  school_id
#>   <chr>   <int> <chr> <int>   <date>   <chr> <chr>   <chr>
#> 1  Bama  100751  AL  7115 2017-12-18 private hs 77089  A9106483
#> 2  Bama  100751  AL  7121 2017-12-18      other <NA>   <NA>
#> 3  Bama  100751  AL  7114 2017-12-15  public hs 75165 484473005095
#> 4  Bama  100751  AL  7100 2017-12-15  public hs 93012 062927004516
#> 5  Bama  100751  AL  7073 2017-12-15      other 98027   <NA>
#> 6  Bama  100751  AL  7072 2017-12-14      other 98007   <NA>
#> 7  Bama  100751  AL  7118 2017-12-13  public hs 31906 130387001439
#> 8  Bama  100751  AL  7099 2017-12-13 private hs 90293   00071151
#> 9  Bama  100751  AL  7109 2017-12-13  public hs 92630 063386005296
#> 10 Bama  100751  AL  7071 2017-12-13      other 98032   <NA>
#> # ... with 18,670 more rows, and 25 more variables: ipeds_id <int>,
#> #   event_state <chr>, event_inst <chr>, med_inc <dbl>, pop_total <dbl>,
#> #   pct_white_zip <dbl>, pct_black_zip <dbl>, pct_asian_zip <dbl>,
#> #   pct_hispanic_zip <dbl>, pct_amerindian_zip <dbl>,
#> #   pct_nativehawaii_zip <dbl>, pct_tworaces_zip <dbl>,
#> #   pct_otherrace_zip <dbl>, fr_lunch <dbl>, titlei_status_pub <fctr>,
#> #   total_12 <dbl>, school_type_pri <int>, school_type_pub <int>,
#> #   g12offered <dbl>, g12 <dbl>, total_students_pub <dbl>,
#> #   total_students_pri <dbl>, event_name <chr>, event_location_name <chr>,
#> #   event_datetime_start <dtm>
```

## Solution

2. Select four variables in total and sort ascending by “univ\_id” and descending by “event\_date”

```
select(arrange(df_event, univ_id, desc(event_date)), univ_id, event_date,
        instnm, event_type)
#> # A tibble: 18,680 x 4
#>   univ_id event_date instnm event_type
#>   <int>    <date>   <chr>    <chr>
#> 1  100751 2017-12-18   Bama private hs
#> 2  100751 2017-12-18   Bama      other
#> 3  100751 2017-12-15   Bama public hs
#> 4  100751 2017-12-15   Bama public hs
#> 5  100751 2017-12-15   Bama      other
#> 6  100751 2017-12-14   Bama      other
#> 7  100751 2017-12-13   Bama public hs
#> 8  100751 2017-12-13   Bama private hs
#> 9  100751 2017-12-13   Bama public hs
#> 10 100751 2017-12-13   Bama      other
#> # ... with 18,670 more rows
```

## Solution

3. Select the variables “univ\_id”, “event\_date”, and “school\_id” and sort by `is.na` to put missing values in “school\_id” first.

```
select(arrange(df_event, univ_id, desc(event_date), desc(is.na(school_id))),
       univ_id, event_date, school_id)
#> # A tibble: 18,680 x 3
#>   univ_id event_date school_id
#>   <int>    <date>    <chr>
#> 1  100751 2017-12-18    <NA>
#> 2  100751 2017-12-18  A9106483
#> 3  100751 2017-12-15    <NA>
#> 4  100751 2017-12-15 484473005095
#> 5  100751 2017-12-15 062927004516
#> 6  100751 2017-12-14    <NA>
#> 7  100751 2017-12-13    <NA>
#> 8  100751 2017-12-13 130387001439
#> 9  100751 2017-12-13  00071151
#> 10 100751 2017-12-13 063386005296
#> # ... with 18,670 more rows
```

## 6 Appendix: directories and filepaths [for your reference]

# Working directory

## (Current) Working directory

- the folder/directory in which you are currently working
- this is where R looks for files
- Files located in your current working directory can be accessed without specifying a filepath because R automatically looks in this folder

Function `getwd()` shows current working directory

```
getwd()
#> [1] "/Users/cyouh95/Projects/RStudio/rclass/lectures/lecture2"
```

Command `list.files()` lists all files located in working directory

```
getwd()
#> [1] "/Users/cyouh95/Projects/RStudio/rclass/lectures/lecture2"
list.files()
#> [1] "fp1.JPG" "fp2.JPG"
#> [3] "lecture2_test.Rmd" "lecture2_ucla.pdf"
#> [5] "lecture2_ucla.Rmd" "lecture2.1_ucla.pdf"
#> [7] "lecture2.1_ucla.Rmd" "lecture2.1_ucla.tex"
#> [9] "lecture2.pdf" "lecture2.Rmd"
#> [11] "lecture2.tex" "problemset2_solutions.html"
#> [13] "problemset2_solutions.html.zip" "problemset2_solutions.Rmd"
#> [15] "problemset2.html" "problemset2.Rmd"
#> [17] "sample_simple_rmarkdown.txt" "sample.html"
#> [19] "sample2.Rmd" "sample2.html"
```

## Working directory, “Code chunks” vs. “console” and “R scripts”

When you run **code chunks** in RMarkdown files (.Rmd), the working directory is set to the filepath where the .Rmd file is stored

```
getwd()
#> [1] "/Users/cyouh95/Projects/RStudio/rclass/lectures/lecture2"
list.files()
#> [1] "fp1.JPG" "fp2.JPG"
#> [3] "lecture2_test.Rmd" "lecture2_ucla.pdf"
#> [5] "lecture2_ucla.Rmd" "lecture2.1_ucla.pdf"
#> [7] "lecture2.1_ucla.Rmd" "lecture2.1_ucla.tex"
#> [9] "lecture2.pdf" "lecture2.Rmd"
#> [11] "lecture2.tex" "problemset2_solutions.html"
#> [13] "problemset2_solutions.html.zip" "problemset2_solutions.Rmd"
#> [15] "problemset2.html" "problemset2.Rmd"
#> [17] "sample_simple_rmarkdown.txt" "sample.html"
#> [19] "sample.Rmd" "text"
#> [21] "transform-logical.png"
```

When you run code from the **R Console** or an **R Script**, the working directory is...

Command `getwd()` shows current working directory

```
getwd()
#> [1] "/Users/cyouh95/Projects/RStudio/rclass/lectures/lecture2"
```



# Absolute vs. relative filepath

**Absolute file path:** The absolute file path is the complete list of directories needed to locate a file or folder.

```
setwd("/Users/pm/Desktop/rclass/lectures/lecture2")
```

**Relative file path:** The relative file path is the path relative to your current location/directory. Assuming your current working directory is in the "lecture2" folder and you want to change your directory to the data folder, your relative file path would look something like this:

```
setwd("../../data")
```

File path shortcuts

Key	Description
~	tilde is a shortcut for user's home directory (mine is my name pm)
../	moves up a level
../..	moves up two level

# Exercise

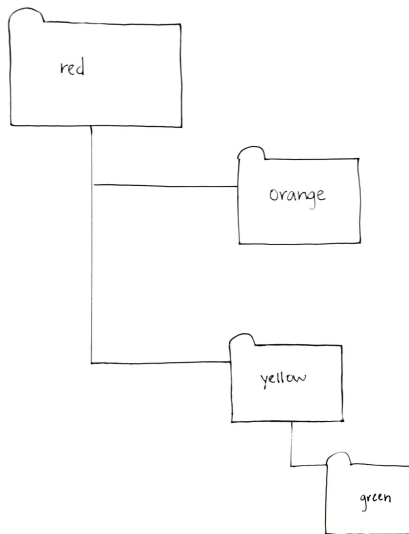
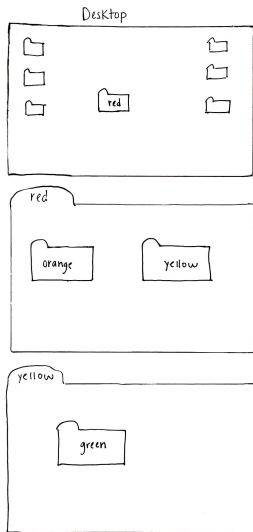
1. Let's create a folder on our desktop and name it red
2. Inside the red folder, create two subfolders named orange and yellow
3. Inside the yellow folder create another subfolder named green

Make sure to name these folders in lowercase.

You should have 1 folder on your desktop called red. Inside the red folder you have two folders called orange and yellow. Inside the yellow folder you have a folder called green.

Here is a visual of how it should look...

# File path visual



## Exercise continued

Let's say we want to get to the green folder using the absolute file path.

1. View your current working directory `getwd()`
2. Set your working directory to the green folder using the absolute file path
3. Now set your working directory to the orange folder using the relative file path (hint: ../)

## Solution

```
getwd()  
setwd("~/Desktop/red/yellow/green")  
getwd()  
setwd("../../orange")  
getwd()
```