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RStudio, and Quarto

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Get code, data, and slides for today's workshop

- https://github.com/libjohn/rfun_flipped

- <https://github.com/libjohn/intro2r-code>

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TOPICS

- How to use R
- How reproducibility is easily accomplished
- How to learn R efficiently
 - Part 1 (today): focus on data wrangling with dplyr
 - Part 2: visualization with ggplot2, briefly: EDA, interactive plots, linear regression models
 - Part 3: iterations & custom functions
 - Part 4: case study in wrangling and visualization by ingesting multiple excel worksheets from multiple excel workbooks

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R, THE TIDYVERSE, AND QUARTO

R is a programming language

1. A data-first programming language → computational thinking
2. The Tidyverse (and Tidymodels) is designed for humans
3. Quarto Notebooks: a publishing system
 - a. Publish high-quality articles, reports, presentations (slide-decks), websites, blogs, and books in HTML, PDF, MS Word, ePub, and more.
 - b. Works with other languages and IDEs

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REPRODUCIBILITY

Reproducibility - Obtaining computational results using the same input data, computational steps, methods, code, and conditions of analysis. ¹

Replicability - Obtaining consistent results across studies aimed at answering the same scientific question, each of which has obtained its own data.

Goals of a tool-based, first-class approach

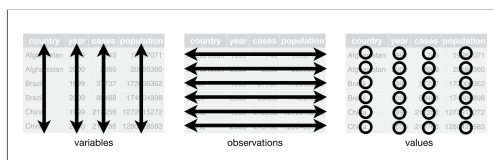
- Do as much as possible with code
- Integrate prose with code; visualize inline
- Generate reports for target audience
- Iterate efficiently; {purrr}

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TIDY DATA

- Each variable is a column
- Each observation is a row
- Each value is a cell; each cell is a single value



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Preprint: <https://vita.had.co.nz/papers/tidy-data.pdf>

See more in [R for Data Science](#) by Wickham and Grolemund

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TIDYVERSE

- A dialect of R
- Easier to learn because of consistency and documentation
- Assumptions
 - Data have semantic meaning that can be documented grammatically
 - Tidy data are wrangled, visualized, and iterated easily via grammar
 - 50-80% of any data project is data wrangling
{dplyr} & {tidyr}

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PIPE | DATA PIPE | DATA SENTENCE

A conjunction (“and then”), read left to right, creating a “data sentence”

`%>%` ({magrittr}) / `%>%` (tidyverse) or `|>` (base R)

```
1 starwars |>
2   select(name, skin_color, homeworld)
```

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ASSIGNMENT

An object name “gets value from” a data pipe

<-

```
1 small_df <- starwars |>
2   filter(gender == "feminine")
```

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PROJECT

- Keep stuff organized in the same directory
e.g. data, analysis, scripts, documentation, and outputs
- In the notebook, refer to subdirectories via relative paths
better than `setwd()`
- Shareability, portability, legibility, and **reproducibility**
Use Restart-R-and-Run instead of `rm(list=ls())`

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NOTEBOOKS

Literate coding

- Intersperse prose and code
- Integrated outputs with analysis
- Render reports from code

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PSHEW

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{dplyr}

`library(dplyr)` or `library(tidyverse)`. Use {dplyr} to wrangle data

`select`
`filter`
`arrange`
`mutate`
`group_by`
`summarize`
subset by column
subset by row
`sort`
generate new variables

column totals (or subtotals with `group_by`)

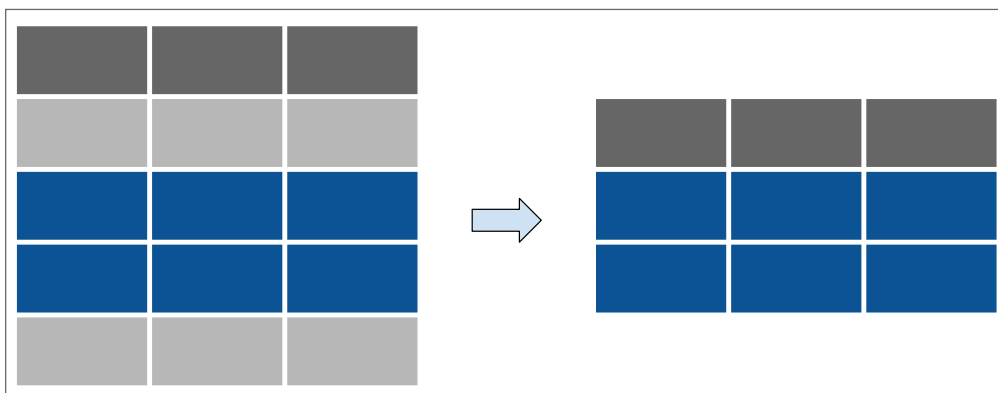
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filter

SUBSET ROWS BY VARIABLES

```
starwars %>% filter(eye_color == "orange")
```



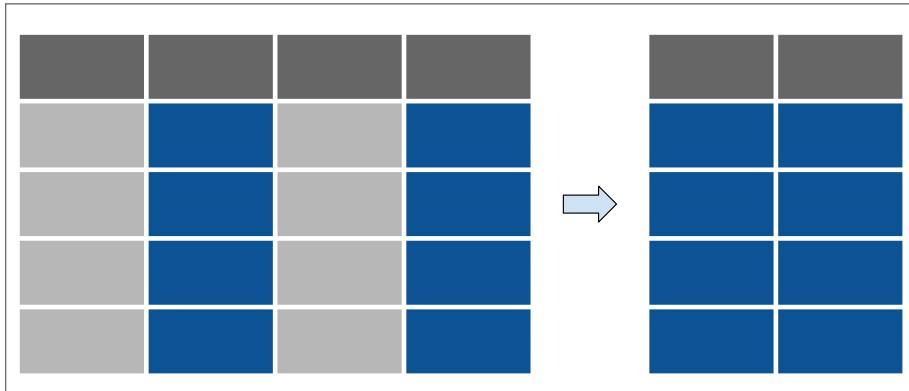
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select

SUBSET BY COLUMNS (VARIABLES)

```
starwars %>% select(hair_color, eye_color)
starwars %>% select(2:4)
starwars %>% select(name:mass, 10, 7, 4:6)
```



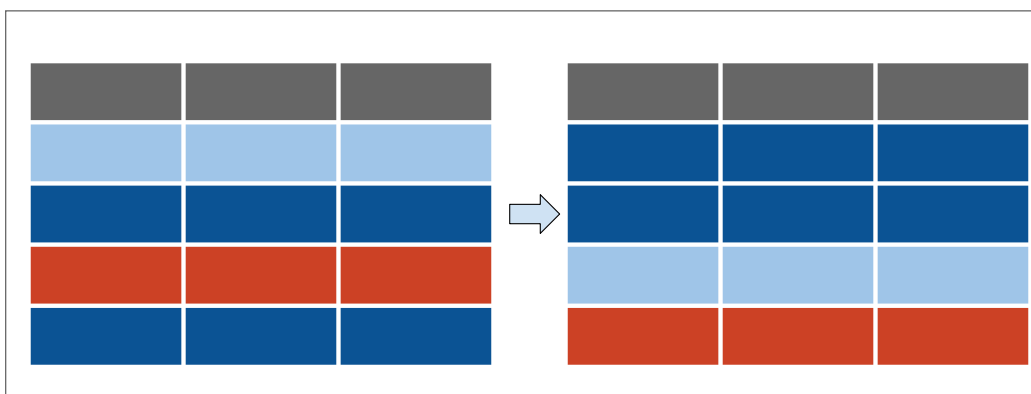
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arrange

SORT ROWS BY VARIABLES

```
starwars %>% arrange(eye_color)
starwars %>% arrange(desc(eye_color))
starwars %>% arrange(desc(eye_color), hair_color)
```



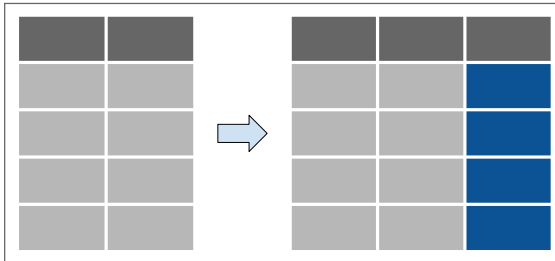
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mutate

CHANGE CELL VALUES

```
starwars %>% mutate(big_mass = mass * 100)
starwars %>% mutate(BMI = (mass / (height/100)^2))
starwars %>% mutate(
  nickname = str_c("Big", str_to_upper(hair_color),
    sep = " ")
```



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count

COUNT OBSERVATIONS BY GROUP

```
1 starwars %>% count(gender)
```

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summarize

REDUCE MULTIPLE VALUES TO A SINGLE VALUE

```
1 starwars %>%
2   drop_na(height) %>%
3   summarise(n(), n_distinct(height), min(height), max(height))
4
5 starwars %>%
6   drop_na(height) %>%
7   group_by(gender) %>%
8   summarise(Total = n(), n_distinct(height), min(height))
```

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DOWNLOAD CODE

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

- Visualization with ggplot2 (and interactive graphics) & Modeling (syntax)
- Iteration and custom functions
- Quarto and Observable interactivity

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RFUN RESOURCES

- Web scraping
- Slide decks
- Text mining, sentiment analysis, etc.
- Dashboards ; interactivity
- DBI: i.e. SQL without knowing SQL (working with databases)
- git/GitHub

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NEXT STEPS

Best way to learn **and/or consultations**

- Take a small subset of a project you know well then recreate it in R
- If you get stuck, schedule me for a free consultation walk-ins welcome
- Documentation: {package-name}.tidyverse.org (<https://dplyr.tidyverse.org>)
- Ask questions at RStudio Community ; R for DS online learning community ; R Ladies RTP
- Formulate questions as **RE**Producible **EX**amples ([REPREX.tidyverse.org](https://reprex.tidyverse.org))

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