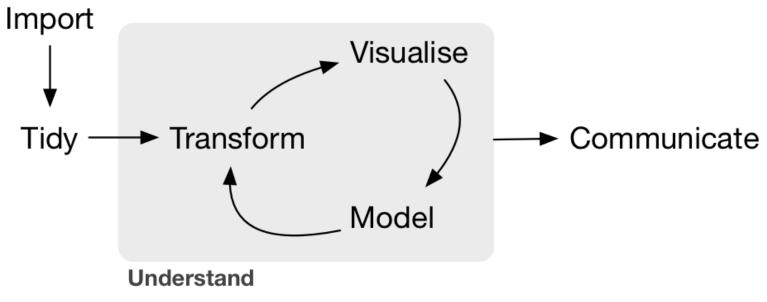


#### DATA MANIPULATION

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## Data manipulation

Manipulate (aka transform, manage, clean) is the third step in wrangling



R for Data Science

## Major steps

- There are a few things you're going to do a lot of when you manipulate data:
  - Select relevant variables
  - Filter out unnecessary observations
  - Create new variables, or change existing ones
  - Arrange in an easy-to-digest format

# dplyr

- The dplyr package has specific functions that map to each of these major steps
  - select relevant variables
  - filter out unnecessary observations
  - mutate (sorry) new variables, or change existing ones
  - arrange in an easy-to-digest format



# dplyr

- The modularity is intentional
  - Each function is designed to do one thing, and do it well
  - This is true of other functions as well (and there are several others)
- These functions share a structure: the first argument is always a data frame,
   and the returned objects is always a data frame
  - "tibble comes in, tibble goes out, you can't explain that"

### **Pipes**

- Piping allows you to tie together a sequence actions
  - "New" to R (2014)
  - Comes from the magrittr package; loaded by everything in the tidyverse





### **Pipes**

- Sequence of actions to start my days
  - Wake up
  - Brush teeth
  - Do data science
- In "R", I can nest these actions:
   happy\_jeff = do\_ds(brush\_teeth(wake\_up(asleep\_jeff)))
- Alternatively, I could name a bunch of intermediate objects
   awake\_jeff = wake\_up(asleep\_jeff)
   clean\_teeth\_jeff = brush\_teeth(awake\_jeff)
   happy\_jeff = do\_ds(clean\_teeth\_jeff)

### **Pipes**

Using pipes is easier to read and understand, and avoids clutter

```
happy_jeff =
wake_up(asleep_jeff) %>%
brush_teeth() %>%
do_ds()
```

- Read "%>%" as "and then"
- The result of one function gets passed as the first argument to the next one by default, although you can be more specific
- Works very well with "tibble goes in, tibble comes out" philosophy
- You will probably never fully appreciate how great piping is
  - You should be glad that that's true