



Data Analysis with R: Day 2

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Creating and assigning objects in R



Objects are assigned values using <- , an arrow formed out of < and -. For example, the following command assigns the value 1 to the object a.

```
a <- 1 # ALWAYS use "gets" assignment operator!
# a = 1 # DO NOT USE the equal sign as the assignment operator!
```

After this assignment, the object a contains the value 1. Another assignment to the same object will change the content.

```
a <- 5
```

Examples of assigned objects: Single number



```
a <- 1
b <- 2
c <- a + b # c = 3
c
```

Examples of assigned objects: Vector



```
a <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
b <- 1
c <- a + b
c
## [1] 2 3 4 5 6
```

Examples of assigned objects: Model



Examples of assigned objects: Dataframe



```
bac <- bacteria
str(bac) # $ week: int 0 2 4 11 0 2 6 11 0 2 ...
## 'data frame': 220 obs. of 6 variables:
##
   $ y : Factor w/ 2 levels "n", "y": 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 ...
   $ ap : Factor w/ 2 levels "a", "p": 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
##
##
   $ hilo: Factor w/ 2 levels "hi","lo": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 ...
##
   $ week: int 0 2 4 11 0 2 6 11 0 2 ...
## $ ID : Factor w/ 50 levels "X01","X02","X03",..: 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 3 3 ...
##
   $ trt : Factor w/ 3 levels "placebo", "drug",...: 1 1 1 1 3 3 3 3 2 2 ...
bac sub <- subset(bac, week == 2)
str(bac_sub) # $ week: int 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## 'data.frame': 44 obs. of 6 variables:
   $ y : Factor w/ 2 levels "n", "y": 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 ...
##
   $ ap : Factor w/ 2 levels "a","p": 2 1 1 2 2 1 1 2 2 2 ...
##
   $ hilo: Factor w/ 2 levels "hi","lo": 1 1 2 2 2 2 1 1 2 1 ...
##
   $ week: int 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
##
## $ ID : Factor w/ 50 levels "X01", "X02", "X03", ...: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 11 ...
   $ trt : Factor w/ 3 levels "placebo", "drug",..: 1 3 2 1 1 2 3 1 1 1 ...
```

Structure of a R objects



The str function displays the structure of an R object. One line for each "basic" structure is displayed.

```
## 'data.frame': 44 obs. of 6 variables:
## $ y : Factor w/ 2 levels "n","y": 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 ...
## $ ap : Factor w/ 2 levels "a","p": 2 1 1 2 2 1 1 2 2 2 ...
## $ hilo: Factor w/ 2 levels "hi","lo": 1 1 2 2 2 2 1 1 2 1 ...
## $ week: int 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ ID : Factor w/ 50 levels "X01","X02","X03",..: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 11 ...
## $ trt : Factor w/ 3 levels "placebo","drug",..: 1 3 2 1 1 2 3 1 1 1 ...
```

Exercise 4



Data types in R

numeric



```
data(ToothGrowth)
ToothGrowth$len[1:6]
## [1] 4.2 11.5 7.3 5.8 6.4 10.0
class(ToothGrowth$len[1:6])
## [1] "numeric"
```

integers

```
bacteria$week[1:6]
## [1] 0 2 4 11 0 2
class(bacteria$week[1:6])
## [1] "integer"
```

· (un/ordered) factor

```
chickwts$feed[1:6]
## [1] horsebean horsebean horsebean horsebean horsebean horsebean
## Levels: casein horsebean linseed meatmeal soybean sunflower
levels(chickwts$feed)[1:3]
## [1] "casein" "horsebean" "linseed"
```

Data types in R: Ordered Factors



Ordinal variables are represented as ordered factors:

```
bac_growth <- c("none", "+", "++", "+", "+++", "+", "none") # vector
bac growth <- factor(bac growth, levels = c("none", "+", "++", "+++"),
              order = TRUE)
bac_growth
## [1] none + ++ + +++ +
                                   none
## Levels: none < + < ++ < +++
mood <- c("OK", "Well", "Super", "Super", "Don't ask", "OK") # vector</pre>
mood <- factor(mood, levels = c("Don't ask", "Well", "OK", "Super"),</pre>
              order = TRUE)
mood
## [1] OK Well Super Super Don't ask OK
## Levels: Don't ask < Well < OK < Super
```

Exercise 5



Exercise 6



Rules for importing data into R (from Excel)



- First row of excel sheet contains variable names:
 y, ap, hilo, week, ID, trt.
- Columns of excel sheet represent variables.
- Rows of excel sheet represent observations per individual (except for the first row).

	Α	В	С	D	E	F
1	у	ар	hilo	week	ID	trt
2	у	р	hi	0	X01	placebo
3	у	р	hi	2	X01	placebo
4	у	р	hi	4	X01	placebo
5	у	р	hi	11	X01	placebo
6	у	а	hi	0	X02	drug+
7	у	а	hi	2	X02	drug+
8	n	а	hi	6	X02	drug+
9	у	а	hi	11	X02	drug+
10	у	а	lo	0	X03	drug

Rules for naming variables

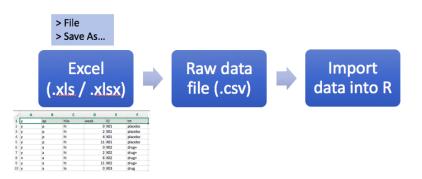


Variable names should ...

- start with a letter (not a number): y, ap, hilo, week, ID, trt
- longer variables names should be separated with dots: time.in.weeks
- do not use special characters, such as /, #, @, &, ⋆, ...

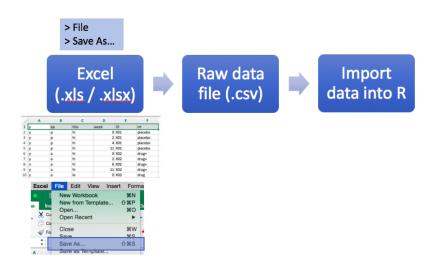
Three major steps: Excel file preparation





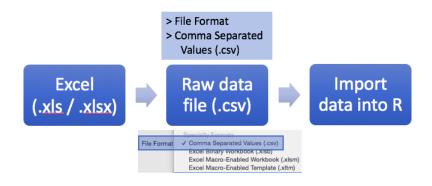






Three major steps: Save raw data file as .csv



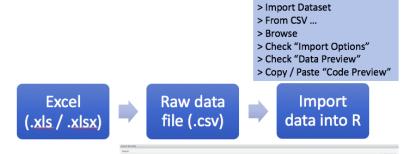


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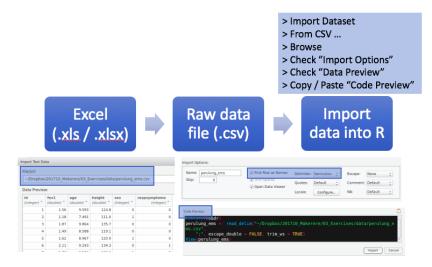




Import Concel

How to import Excel files into R? Three major steps: Import data into R







```
# Import .csv file with the help of the read.csv function
# Be sure to add sep = ";" so that we separate the columns.
lung <- read.csv("C:\\Users\\Exercises\\data\\perulung_ems.csv", sep = ";")
head(lung)
str(lung)</pre>
```

Exercise 7: perulung



Data from a study of lung function among children living in a deprived suburb of Lima, Peru. Data taken from Kirkwood and Sterne, 2nd edition.

Variables:

- fev1: in liter, "forced expiratory volume in 1 second" measured by a spirometer. This is the maximum volume of air which the children could breath out in 1 second
- age: in years
- height: in cm
- sex: 0 = girl, 1 = boy
- respsymp: respiratory symptoms experienced by the child over the previous 12 months