Data Import : : CHEAT SHEET

R's **tidyverse** is built around **tidy data** stored in **tibbles**, which are enhanced data frames.

The front side of this sheet shows how to read text files into R with **readr**.

The reverse side shows how to create tibbles with **tibble** and to layout tidy data with **tidyr**.

OTHER TYPES OF DATA

Try one of the following packages to import other types of files

- **haven** - SPSS, Stata, and SAS files
- **readxl** - excel files (.xls and .xlsx)
- **DBI** - databases
- **jsonlite** - json
- **xml2** - XML
- **httr** - Web APIs
- **rvest** - HTML (Web Scraping)

Save Data

Save **x**, an R object, to **path**, a file path, as:

Comma delimited file
write_csv(x, path, na = "NA", append = FALSE, col_names = !append**)**

File with arbitrary delimiter
write_delim(x, path, delim = " ", na = "NA", append = FALSE, col_names = !append**)**

CSV for excel
write_excel_csv(x, path, na = "NA", append = FALSE, col_names = !append**)**

String to file
write_file(x, path, append = FALSE**)**

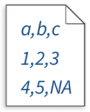
String vector to file, one element per line
write_lines(x,path, na = "NA", append = FALSE**)**

Object to RDS file
write_rds(x, path, compress = c("none", "gz", "bz2", "xz"), ...**)**

Tab delimited files
write_tsv(x, path, na = "NA", append = FALSE, col_names = !append**)**

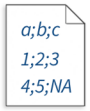
Read Tabular Data - These functions share the common arguments:

read_*(file, col_names = TRUE, col_types = NULL, locale = default_locale(), na = c("", "NA"), quoted_na = TRUE, comment = "", trim_ws = TRUE, skip = 0, n_max = Inf, guess_max = min(1000, n_max), progress = interactive()**)**



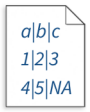
A	B	C
1	2	3
4	5	NA

Comma Delimited Files
read_csv("file.csv"**)**
To make file.csv run:
write_file(x = "a,b,c\n1,2,3\n4,5,NA", path = "file.csv")



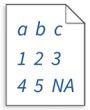
A	B	C
1	2	3
4	5	NA

Semi-colon Delimited Files
read_csv2("file2.csv"**)**
write_file(x = "a;b;c\n1;2;3\n4;5;NA", path = "file2.csv")



A	B	C
1	2	3
4	5	NA

Files with Any Delimiter
read_delim("file.txt", delim = "|"**)**
write_file(x = "a|b|c\n1|2|3\n4|5|NA", path = "file.txt")

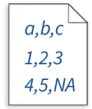


A	B	C
1	2	3
4	5	NA

Fixed Width Files
read_fwf("file.fwf", col_positions = c(1, 3, 5)**)**
write_file(x = "a b c\n1 2 3\n4 5 NA", path = "file.fwf")

Tab Delimited Files
read_tsv("file.tsv"**)** Also **read_table().**
write_file(x = "a\tb\tc\n1\t2\t3\n4\t5\tNA", path = "file.tsv")

USEFUL ARGUMENTS



Example file
write_file("a,b,c\n1,2,3\n4,5,NA","file.csv")
f <- "file.csv"

A	B	C
1	2	3
4	5	NA

No header
read_csv(f, **col_names = FALSE**)

x	y	z
A	B	C
1	2	3
4	5	NA

Provide header
read_csv(f, **col_names = c("x", "y", "z")**)

1	2	3
4	5	NA

Skip lines
read_csv(f, **skip = 1**)

A	B	C
1	2	3

Read in a subset
read_csv(f, **n_max = 1**)

A	B	C
NA	2	3
4	5	NA

Missing Values
read_csv(f, **na = c("1", ".")**)

Read Non-Tabular Data

Read a file into a single string
read_file(file, locale = default_locale()**)**

Read each line into its own string
read_lines(file, skip = 0, n_max = -1L, na = character(), locale = default_locale(), progress = interactive()**)**

Read Apache style log files
read_log(file, col_names = FALSE, col_types = NULL, skip = 0, n_max = -1, progress = interactive()**)**

Read a file into a raw vector
read_file_raw(file**)**

Read each line into a raw vector
read_lines_raw(file, skip = 0, n_max = -1L, progress = interactive()**)**

Data types

readr functions guess the types of each column and convert types when appropriate (but will NOT convert strings to factors automatically).

A message shows the type of each column in the result.

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## Parsed with column specification:
## cols(
##   age = col_integer(),
##   sex = col_character(),
##   earn = col_double()
## )
```

age is an integer
sex is a character
earn is a double (numeric)

1. Use **problems()** to diagnose problems.
x <- read_csv("file.csv"); problems(x)

2. Use a col_ function to guide parsing.
- **col_guess()** - the default
- **col_character()**
- **col_double()**, **col_euro_double()**
- **col_datetime(**format = ""**)** Also **col_date(**format = ""**)**, **col_time(**format = ""**)**
- **col_factor(**levels, ordered = FALSE**)**
- **col_integer()**
- **col_logical()**
- **col_number()**, **col_numeric()**
- **col_skip()**

x <- read_csv("file.csv", col_types = cols(
A = col_double(),
B = col_logical(),
C = col_factor()))

3. Else, read in as character vectors then parse with a parse_ function.
- **parse_guess()**
- **parse_character()**
- **parse_datetime()** Also **parse_date()** and **parse_time()**
- **parse_double()**
- **parse_factor()**
- **parse_integer()**
- **parse_logical()**
- **parse_number()**

x$A <- parse_number(x$A)