Tidyverse workshop

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Overview

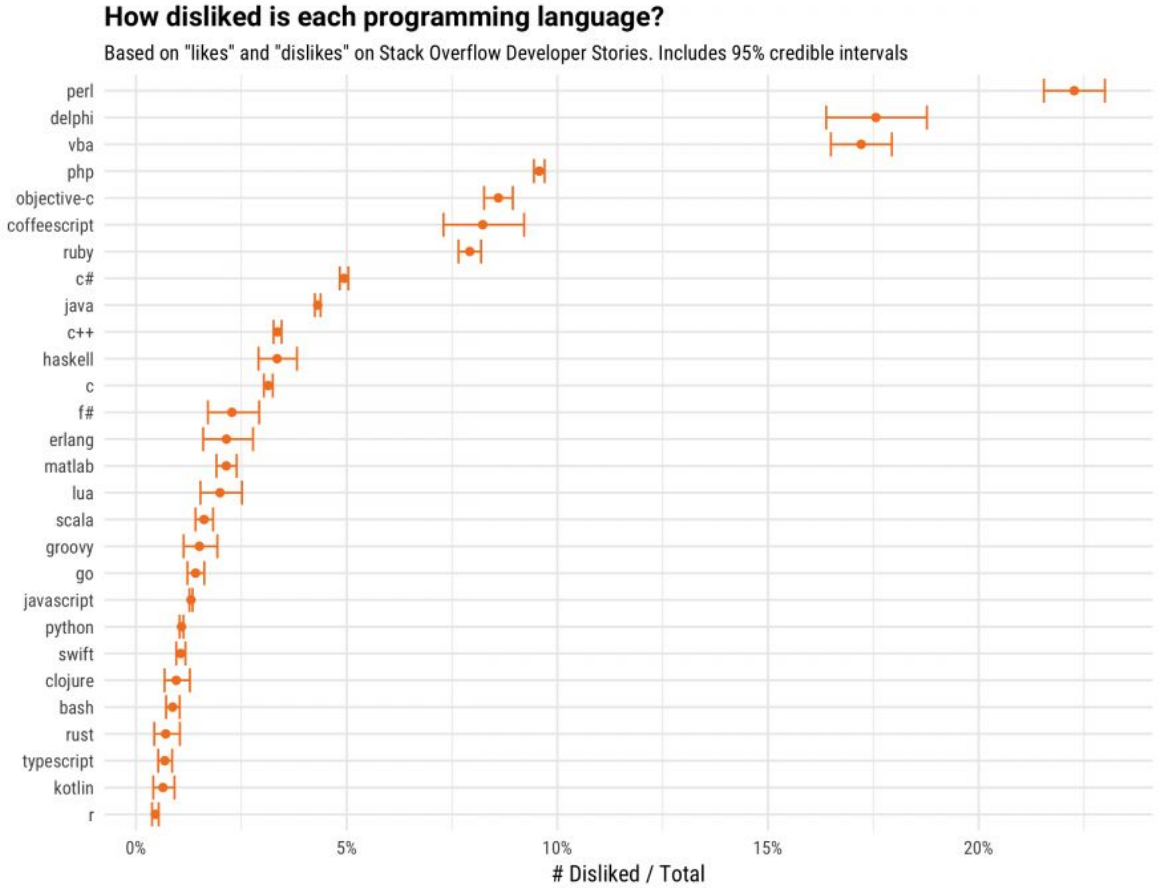
1. Introduction
2. Introduction to visualisation with ggplot2
3. Introduction to data manipulation with dplyr
4. Introduction to tidy data with tidyr

1. Introduction

R

- Open source programming language
- Very approachable and friendly community
- Mostly known as software environment for statistical computing
- Capability is expandable by importing *packages*
    - 14,000+ packages available through CRAN, Bioconductor, Github, …
- Rising popularity in data sciences

Is it a good time to learn R?

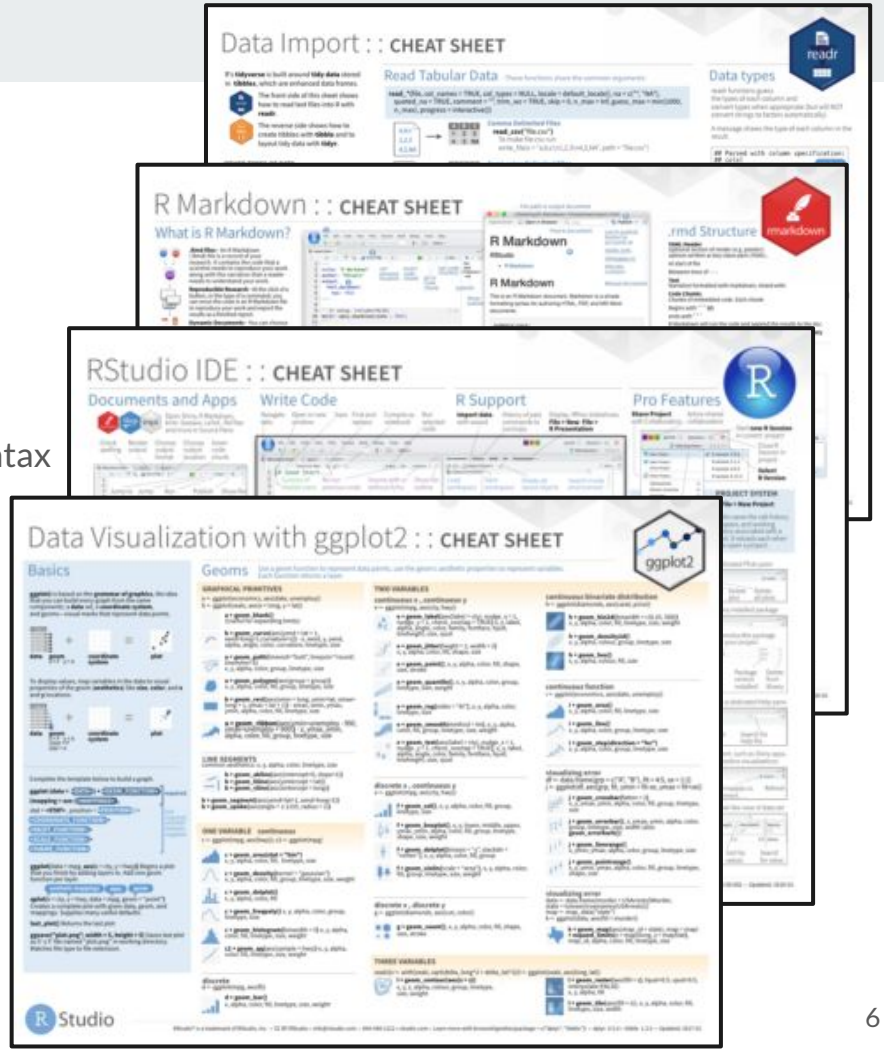


https://stackoverflow.blog/2017/10/31/disliked-programming-languages/
by David Robinson Data scientist at stackoverflow

RStudio cheat sheets

Very good reference if you can't remember the right syntax

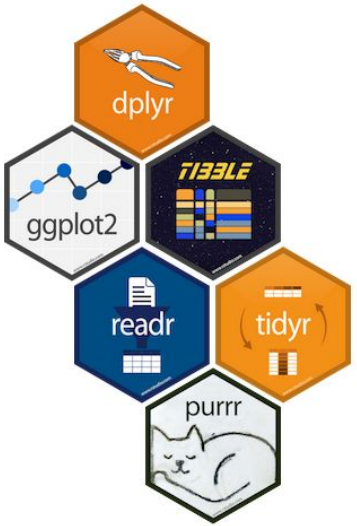
https://www.rstudio.com/resources/cheatsheets/



The tidyverse

R packages for data science

- Set of tools to transform and visualise data
- All packages share an underlying philosophy
- Most of them are created by Hadley Wickham
- *packages*:
  - ggplot2
  - dplyr
  - tidyr
  - readr
  - ...



https://www.tidyverse.org/
http://r4ds.had.co.nz/

Datasets

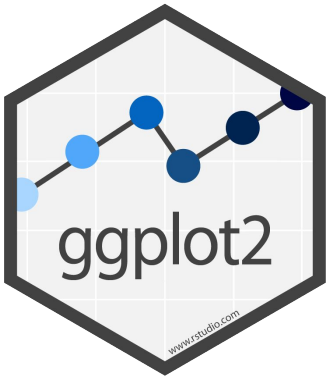
- The plants and animals datasets were gathered from NCBI's Eukaryote genome data
- Other exercises datasets come from the enterotype dataset (Arumugam, M. *et al. Nature, 2011)* obtained from the R package *Phyloseq*

Our workshop project

Download the slides and the project including the datasets from:
https://github.com/orchid00/tidyverse_intro

2. Introduction to ggplot2

Grammar of Graphics



"An abstraction which makes thinking, reasoning and communicating graphics easier"

- First described by Leland Wilkinson (**G**rammar of **G**raphics, 1999)
- Implemented into **gg**plot2 (Hadley Wickham, 2005)
- Divide your graphics in different layers based on the grammar of graphics
  - Add building blocks to customise your visualisation

A graphing template

```
ggplot(data = <DATA>) +
 <GEOM_FUNCTION>(mapping = aes(<MAPPINGS>))
```

1. **DATA**
   Your dataset of interest to use in the graph (tip: data.frame)
2. **GEOM_FUNCTION**
   Each adds a different type of layer to a plot (*e.g.* point, line, bar, …)
3. **MAPPINGS**
   How **variables** in the **data** are mapped to visual properties (**aesthetics**) that can be used to communicate information (*e.g.* x and y axis)

Build your own ggplot graph

```
ggplot(data = my_data) +
     geom_bar(mapping = aes(x = time,
                            y = total_bill),
              stat = "identity")
```

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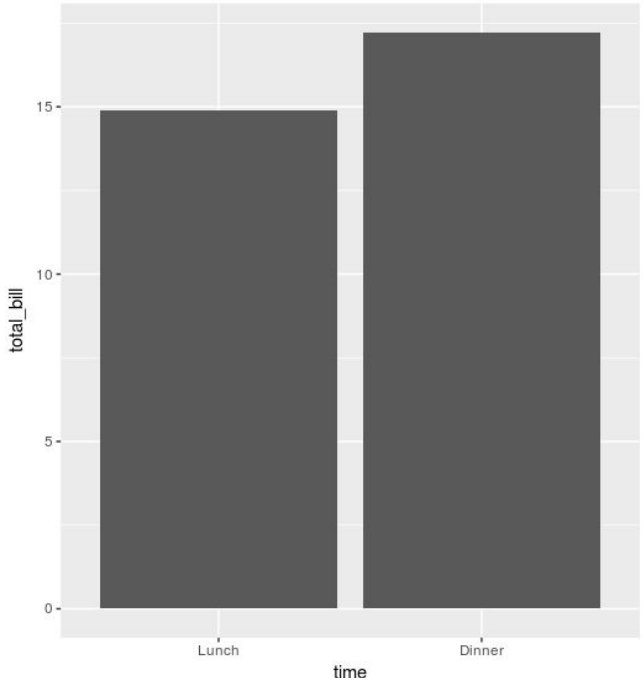
1. **data**
2. **geom_function**
3. **aesthetic mapping**



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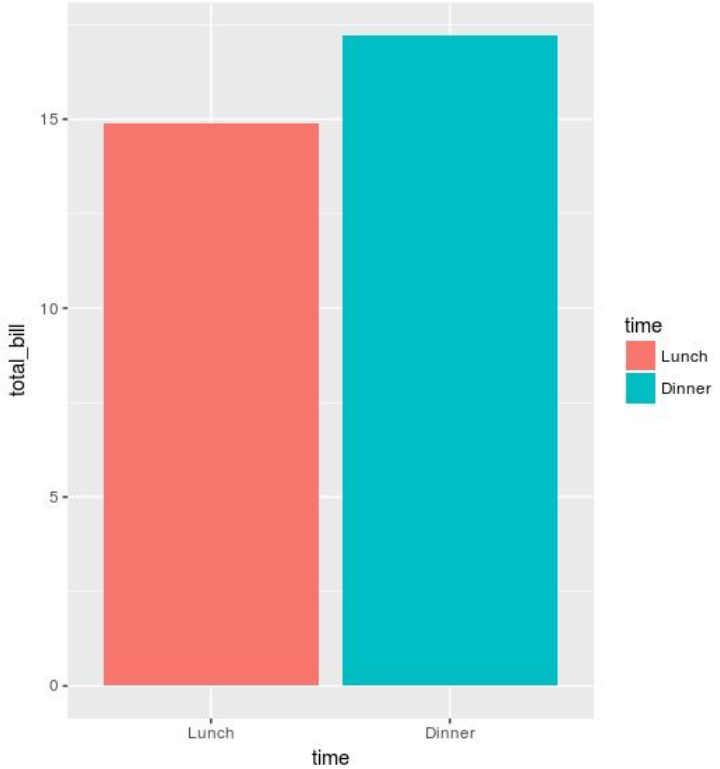


Additional layers

4.	stat	Statistical transformations on the data
5.	Position	Resolves overlapping geoms by adjusting
6.	scale_	Tweaks details like limits, colours, axis labels or legend keys
7.	facet_	Displays different subsets of the dataset
8.	coord_	Changes the coordinates shown for *x* and *y* aesthetic s
9.	theme_	Controls the display of all non-data elements of the plot

1. data

We will read in data using one of these functions from the R package **readr**:

```
read_tsv()

read_csv()

...
```

Returns a **tibble** which is an *updated-improved* version of **data.frame**

2. Geoms

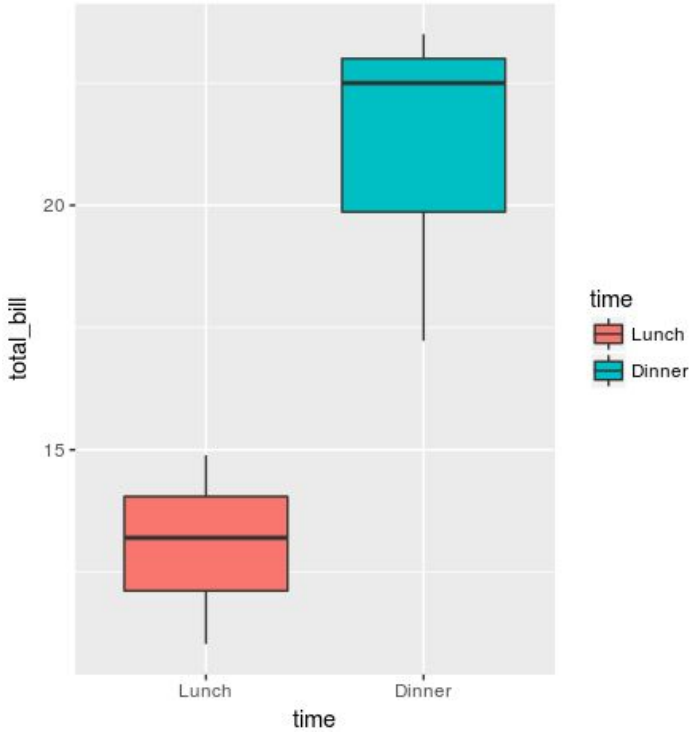
```
geom_point()

geom_bar()

geom_boxplot()

geom_violin()

geom_line()

...
```

3. Aesthetics

You can change the look and feel of your plots using **aes**thetics.

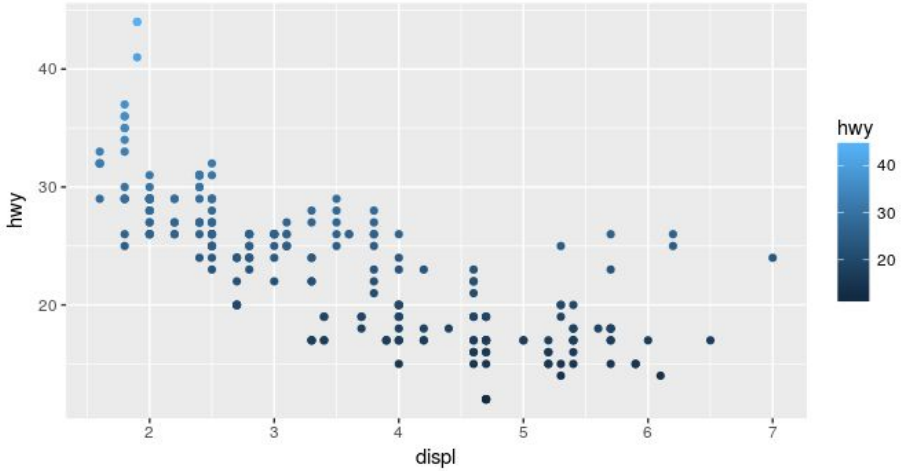
```
ggplot(data = my_data) +
  geom_boxplot(mapping  = aes(x = time,
                              y = total_bill,
                            fill = time))
```

Note: mapping = aes() can be at the top ggplot or for each geom



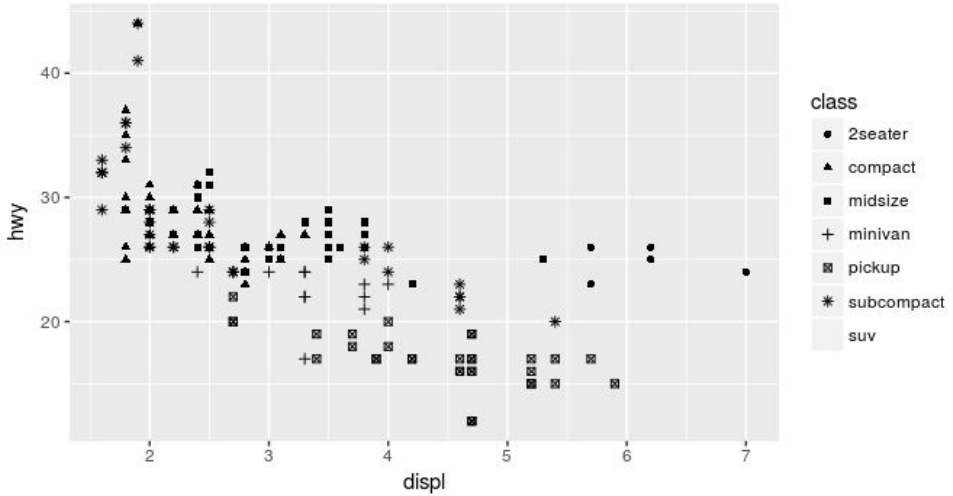
3. Aesthetics

```
ggplot(mpg) +
  geom_point(mapping = aes(x = displ,
                           y = hwy,
                           colour = hwy))
```



3. Aesthetic extras

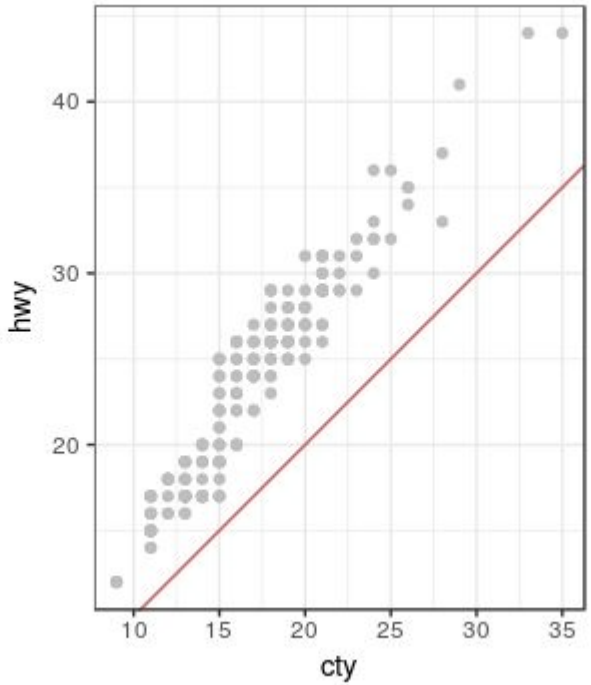
- x- and y-axis
- colour or fill
- alpha (transparency)
- size
- shape



Combining layers

```
ggplot(data = mpg, mapping = aes(x = cty, y = hwy)) +
        geom_point(colour = "grey") +
        geom_abline(colour = "indianred") +
        coord_fixed() +
        theme_bw()
```

If you want to add multiple geoms you can share the aesthetics for the axis.



Demonstration

We will use the dataset plants

Exercises ggplot2

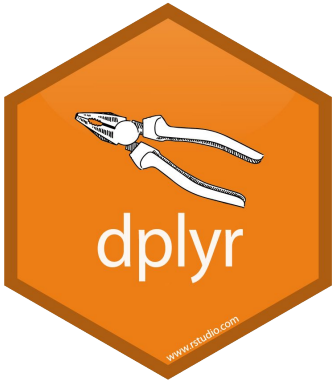
1. Read in sampledata.tsv
2. Explore the dataset

Save each of plot in the plots folder

3. Plot the amount of males and females in this study using a bar plot
4. Do the same but show the nationality and flip the axes
5. Create a boxplot showing the age distribution of each nationality. Use the fill or colour aesthetic to make it a little bit more colourful
6. Add an extra layer to 5. with plotting points over the boxplot. Remove that layer again and explore the difference with geom_jitter()
7. Make a density plot of the age distribution coloured by gender, faceted by nationality. Extra: try one plot per row, and use a transparency of 0.5, you can also add geom_rug()

3. Introduction to data manipulation

Data manipulation



6 essential verbs:

- `select()` to select columns
- `mutate()` to create new columns
- `filter()` to filter rows
- `arrange()` to order rows
- `summarise or summarize()` for aggregate functions
- `group_by()` to create subgroups

complex tasks can be expressed as sequences of simple verbs

tibble: Simple data.frames

data structure: “**tibble**” alias “**data_frame**”

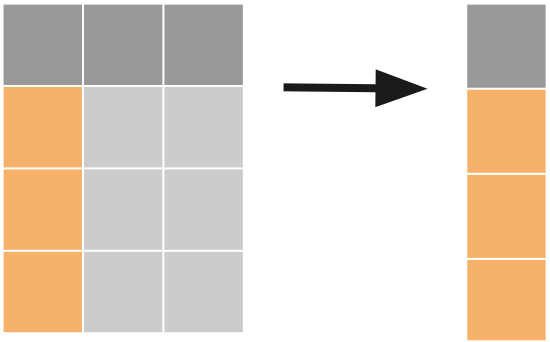
- Efficient and trimmed version of a data.frame
- Gives you glimpse() to explore a tible

Select columns: `select()`

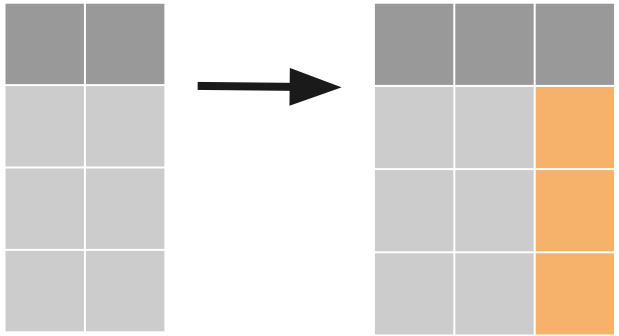
```
tibble <- select(tibble, var_1, var_2, …)
```

helper verbs for variable selection:

- `contains()`
- `starts_with()`
- `ends_with()`
- `` `-` ``
- `` `:` for a range ``



Make columns: `mutate()`



```
tibble <- mutate(tibble,
  new_var_1 = expression_1,
  new_var_2 = expression_2, …
)
```

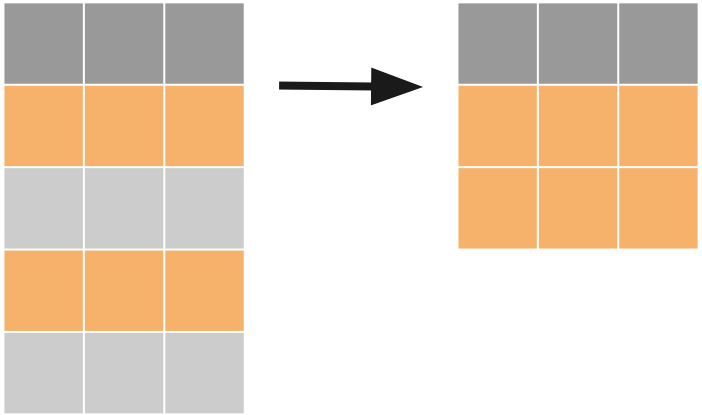
Inside the parenthesis use "=", not "<–"
The key property is that the expression returns a vector

expressions (too many to list):

- Arithmetic operations: *e.g.* +, –, *, /, ^
- `mean()`, `log()`, `n()` for counting...

Filter rows: `filter()`

```
tibble <- filter(tibble, <expression>)
```



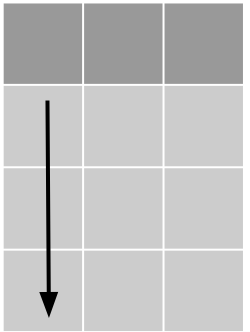
To subset observations based on their value

- Comparison operators:
  - `>, >=, <, <=, != (not equal), and == (equal)`
  - `is.na() or !is.na()`
- Logical operators:
  - `& is “and”, | is “or”, and ! is “not”`

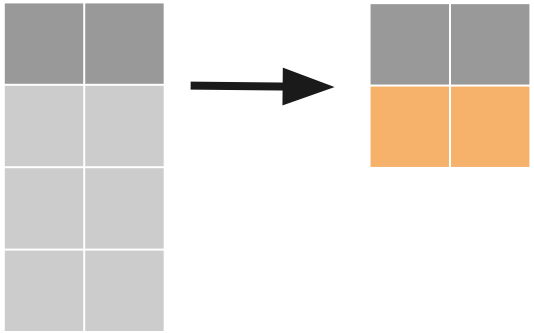
Order rows: `arrange()`

```
tibble <- arrange(tibble, var_1, desc(var_2))
```

Use **desc()** to re-order by a column in descending order



Summarise rows: `summarise()`



```
tibble <- summarise(tibble,
            aggregated_var = expression)
```

Use `summarise()` or `summarize()`

expressions will collapses data to a single row, *e.g.*:

- `mean()`
- `median()`
- `sd()`
- `sum()`
- `n()`

Grouped summaries

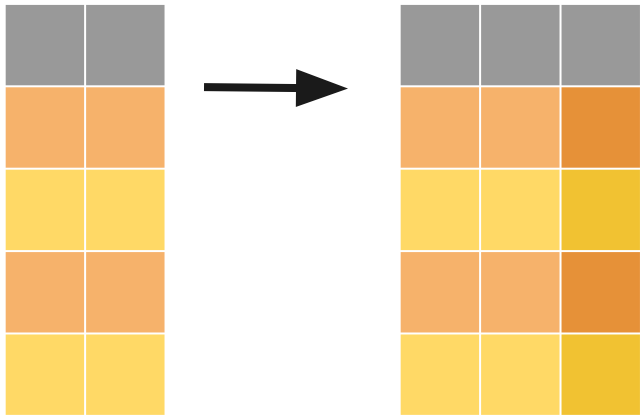
From the complete dataset to individual groups

- computations within other verbs (e.g. `mutate()`, `summarise()`) will happen per group
- verbs:
  - `group_by()` : add grouping
  - `ungroup()` : remove grouping
- you can group by multiple variables simultaneously
  - groups will be combinations of variable values

Group-wise analysis

Workflow for group-wise **mutate**:

1. `select()`
2. `group_by()`
3. `mutate()`
4. `ungroup()`

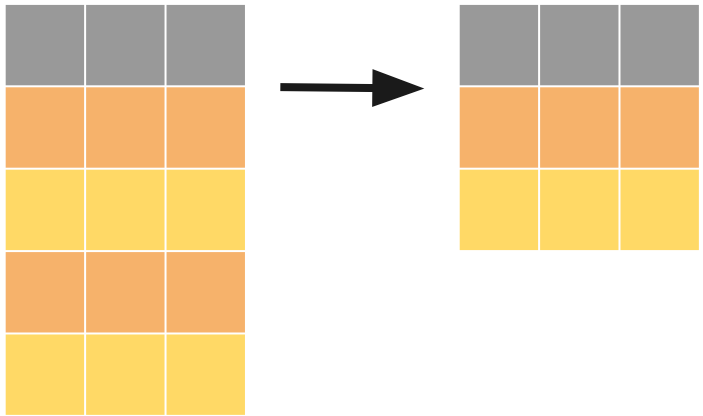


Group-wise analysis

Workflow for group-wise **summarise**:

1. select()
2. group_by()
3. summarise()

No need to ungroup after summarise



The pipe operator (%>%)

Imagine you can combine multiple verbs together! from package **magrittr**

Use the pipe **%>%**
shortcut Ctrl+Shift+m

Advantages:

- less typing
- less redundancy (easier to change object names)
- more readable code

Demonstration

We will use the dataset animals

Exercises dplyr

1. **Import** the file sampledata.tsv as a tibble.
2. **Select nationality and bmi_group and filter** out all rows where the variables nationality or bmi_group are NA. Store the resulting tibble as “mysamples_filtered”. Dimensions: 1057x2
3. Start from “mysamples_filtered”. Make a tibble "mysamples_summary" with a **count of participants per combination of nationality and bmi_group.** Sort the table by nationality and inversely by count within each nationality. Dimensions: 27x3
4. Make a **bar plot** to inspect whether some nationalities have more overweight participants than others. Extra: Invert the axis and use a palette colour called “Set3”, change the default theme. Save the plot in plots

4. Introduction to tidy data

Untidy data

How would you make the following figure using **ggplot2**:

- day on the x-axis
- count on the y-axis (numbers of turnips)

name	day_1	day_2	day_3
eileen	10	11	11
bart	9	10	17
kim	3	15	16

Untidy data

Plotting without transformation is not possible!

Why?

- Turnip counts should be one variable, but it is spread over multiple columns
- Day should be a variable, but this information is now in the column headers

name	day_1	day_2	day_3
eileen	10	11	11
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Tidy data

Getting your data into this format requires some upfront work, but that work pays off in the long term.

1. Each variable forms its own column
2. Each observation forms its own row
3. Each value must have its own cell

name	day	turnips
eileen	day_1	10
bart	day_1	9
kim	day_1	3
eileen	day_2	11
bart	day_2	10
kim	day_2	15
eileen	day_3	11
bart	day_3	17
kim	day_3	16

name	day_1	day_2	day_3
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What changed?

1. The variable “turnips” is a column
2. The variable “day” is a separate column
3. Values in all other columns are duplicated

name	day	turnips
eileen	day_1	10
bart	day_1	9
kim	day_1	3
eileen	day_2	11
bart	day_2	10
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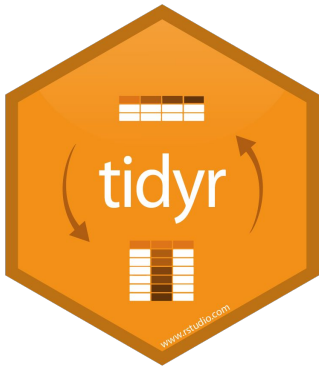
Tidying verbs



Package “**tidyr**”

- `gather()` to make a table tidy (wide to long)
- `spread()` to make a table untidy (long to wide)

Tidy data example

Input:

1. A set of columns that represent values
2. The name for the variable that collects the values (key)
3. The name of the variable whose values are spread over the cells (value)

```
gather(myturnips,
       `day_1`,`day_2`,`day_3`,
        key = "day",
      value = "turnips")
```

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bart	day_2	10
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Why tidy data?

- It provides a standard way of structuring a dataset
- It allows R's vectorised nature to shine
- dplyr, ggplot2, and all the other packages in the tidyverse are designed to work with tidy data

Tidying data: structuring datasets **to facilitate analysis**

A bit of history
http://vita.had.co.nz/papers/tidy-data.html

Demonstration

We will use myturnips

```
myturnips <- tibble(
  name = c("eileen", "bart", "kim"),
  day_1 = c(10, 9, 3),
  day_2 = c(11, 10, 15),
  day_3 = c(11, 17, 16)
)
```

And the animals dataset

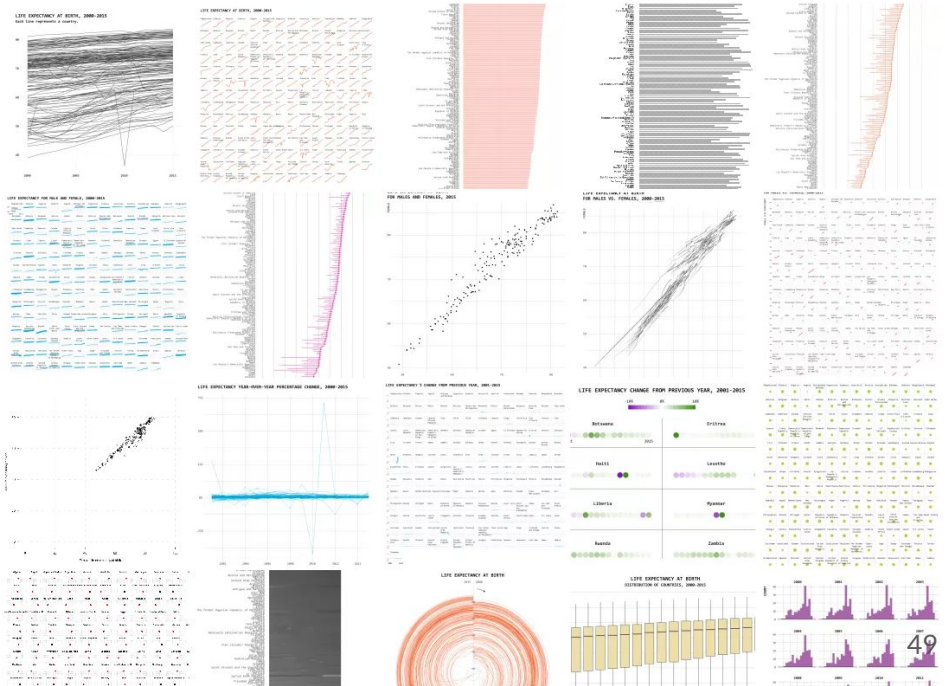
Exercises tidyr

1. **Import** the file otutable.tsv as a tibble.
2. **Tidy the tibble**. Results: tibble with three columns: taxon, sample, abundance. Dimensions:152360x3
3. Visualise the distribution of abundance using a density plot.
4. Add a fourth column with **relative abundances within a sample**. Call it “rel_ab_sample. Hint: abundance divided by the sum of abundances per sample.
5. Filter the tibble so that only **taxa with a mean relative abundance of at least 1% are retained**. Important: this is not the same as filtering out rows with rel_ab_sample < 1%. Hint: first try to make a column “mean_taxon_rel_ab”. Resulting dimensions: 30472x5
6. Visualise the distribution of mean_taxon_rel_ab using a density plot.
7. **Make a tile plot** to visualise mean_taxon_rel_ab. Put the sample on the x-axis and taxon on the y-axis. Extra: Which taxa is the one with higher value of mean_taxon_rel_ab?

Additional ggplot2 tweaking

Explore the design space

- Once you know the grammar you have lots of possibilities!
- Same dataset visualised 25 times



https://flowingdata.com/2017/01/24/one-dataset-visualized-25-ways/

Additional: ggplot2 tweaking

- Transform axes
  `scale_y_log10()`
- Rename titles
  labs() or `xlab("My x-axis"), ylab("My y-axis"), ggtitle("My awesome plot")`
- More beautiful colours: RColorBrewer
  `scale_colour_brewer()`
- Setting themes
  `theme_bw(), theme_linedraw(), theme_minimal(), ...`
- Customizing themes
  `theme( … )`

Additional table processing functions

Other useful verbs

`add_count(tibble, vars)` # to add a column with redundant counts

`count(tibble, vars)` # to summarise and add a column with counts

`str_replace(string, pattern, replacement)` # replace a pattern in a vector

`str_detect(string, pattern)`# to check patterns in a vector

Joining tables

Verbs:

- `left_join()`
- `right_join()`
- `inner_join()`
- `full_join()`

Joins by columns with same name

Splitting and merging columns

```
separate(tible, col, into, sep, remove)

unite(data, col, vars, sep)
```

Other Tidyverse packages

Other tidyverse packages

- forcats — Solve common problems with factors
- *stringr* — Work with strings
- *purr* — Functional programming

https://www.tidyverse.org/packages/

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