Challenges

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Challenge 2.1 Goal : to identify the data manipulation actions needed to perform a task

Look at this data:

country	year	pop	continent	lifeExp	gdpPercap
Afghanistan	1952	8425333	Asia	28.801	779.4453
Afghanistan	1957	9240934	Asia	30.332	820.8530
Afghanistan	1992	16317921	Asia	41.674	649.3414
Afghanistan	1997	22227415	Asia	41.763	635.3414
Afghanistan	2002	25268405	Asia	42.129	726.7341
Afghanistan	2007	31889923	Asia	43.828	974.5803
Albania	1952	1282697	Europe	55.230	1601.0561
Albania	1957	1476505	Europe	59.280	1942.2842
Albania	1962	1728137	Europe	64.820	2312.8890
Albania	1967	1984060	Europe	66.220	2760.1969
Albania	1972	2263554	Europe	67.690	3313.4222
Albania	1977	2509048	Europe	68.930	3533.0039
Argentina	1952	17876956	Americas	62.485	5911.3151
Argentina	1957	19610538	Americas	64.399	6856.8562

All of this data is loaded into a `data.frame` called `gapminder`. Your boss wants you to compute the average life expectancy over all the years of data available for *Albania*. **Think of what other variables you will need to create to store intermediary results and the final result. Also think about the type each variable will have to be (data.frame, vector, scalar, string?)**. There are many correct answers to this problem. (no code is needed)

Challenge 2.2 Goal : write a basic script

Write and run your own script that will

- Set `x` to 25
- Set `y` to 15
- Calculate the sum and store it in a variable `z`
- print `z`

To start a new script, open the File menu -> New File -> R script. Save it as **`myAdder.R`** and run it.

Challenge 2.3 Goal : Wrapped function calls.

As we've seen in our print statements, we can use `paste` or `paste0` to concatenate strings.

1. Write a function called `fence` that takes two parameters called `original` and `wrapper` and returns a new string that has the `wrapper` character at the beginning and end of the `original`:

Example function call and output:

```
fence('name', '---')
---name---
```