LoL eSports: Data Wrangling Report

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Before we start explaining the wrangling process, here are the "final" desired data frames for the NALCS 2018 Spring Split that we'll be using for later statistical analyses and models. Actually, the first three datasets will be the "templates" from which all future analyses and datasets will derive, such as the next three datasets on the list. Click on the each link to see its corresponding CSV file:

Entire Split Match-by-Match Team Totals

Entire Split Match-by-Match Player Totals

Entire Split Match-by-Match Champ Bans

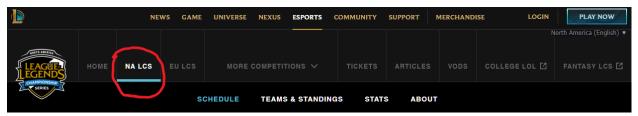
Regular Season Team Cumulative Totals

Regular Season Team Averages

Regular Season Opposing Team Cumulative Totals

Obtaining the Data for Making API Requests

All the match identifier data was obtained from lolesports.com. For eample, in order to access a NALCS 2018 Spring Split match, click on the NA LCS link as shown below:



Then, slightly change the URL to this address: https://www.lolesports.com/en_US/na-lcs/na_2018_spring/schedule/regular_season/1 (presently, change the URL section saying "na_2018_summer" to "na_2018_spring"). Now, on the page, click on a single match. This will lead to that match's page which will look like this:

From here, click on the button near the bottom of the page that says "VIEW PLAYER BUILDS & GAME ANALYSIS". This will open a new Tab/Window on your browser for a page showing an overview of the match's statistics:

The URL of this page contains some important information that will be needed in order to call a Web API for this match. In fact, the Web API call can be found by opening the Web Inspector for this page (typically by pressing Ctrl+Shift+I or Command+Shift+I).

First, click on the Network tab of the inspector. Then, we must refresh the page in order to see the list of web requests. Eventually, we will find the request needed:

The encircled Request URL is, in fact, the Web API call we use in our R script in order to obtain the JSON data for this particular match. Every single match's Web API URI uses the same prefix: https://acs.leagueoflegends.com/v1/stats/game/. Each match also has its own unique identifiers, as shown the browser URL and web inspector screenshots below:

matchhistory.na.leagueoflegends.com/en/#match-details_TRLH1_1002440062_gameHash=a3b08c115923f00d_ctab=overview

Request URL: https://acs.leagueoflegends.com/v1/stats/game/TRLH1_1002440062_gameHash=a3b08c115923f00d

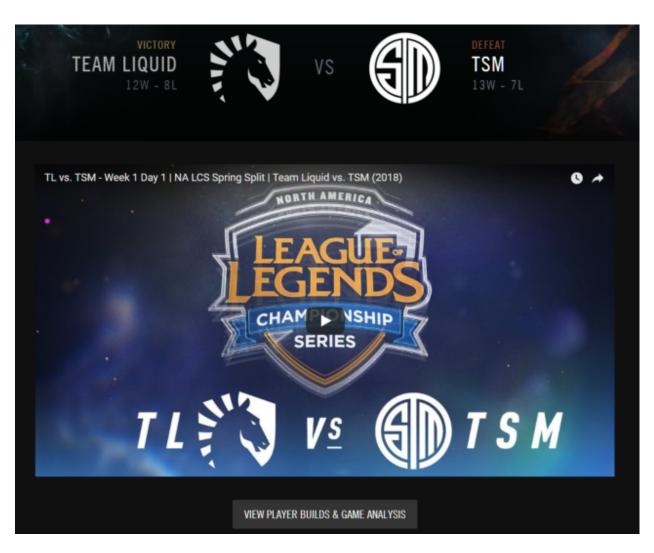


Figure 1: Match Page

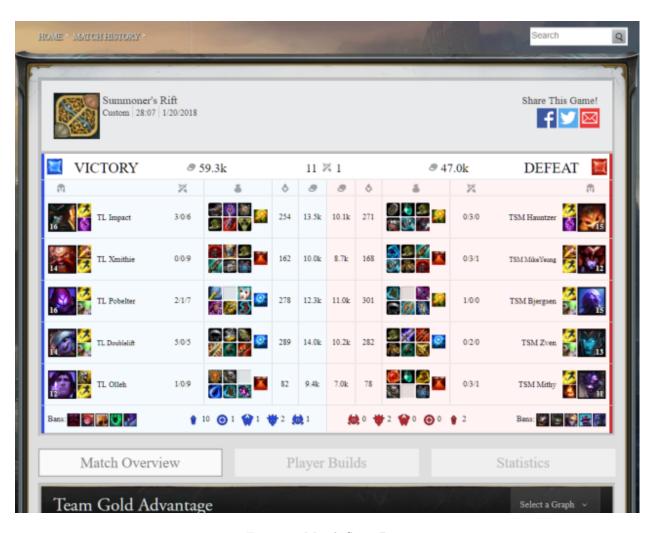
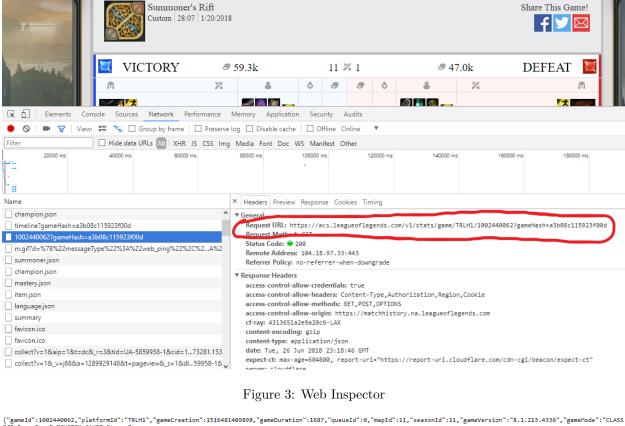


Figure 2: Match Stats Page



{"gameId":1002440062, "platformId": "TRLH1", "gameCreation":1516481409898, "gameDuration":1687, "queueId":0, "mapId":11, "seasonId":11, "gameVersion": 8.1.213.4336", "gameMode": "CLAS IC", "gameType": "CUSTOM_GAME", "teams":
[{"teamId":100, "win": "win", "firstBlood": true, "firstTower":true, "firstInhibitor":true, "firstBaron":fire, "firstDragon":false, "firstRiftHerald":true, "towerKills":10, "inhibitorKills":1, "dragonKills":2, "vilemawKills":0, "riftHeraldKills":1, "dominionVictoryScore":0, "bans":[{"championId":516, "pickTurn":1}, {"championId":142, "pickTurn":2}, {"championId":268, "pickTurn":516, "firstBlood":false, "firstTower":false, "firstBaron":false, "firstBaron":false, "firstDragon":true, "firstBiftHerald":false, "towerKills":0, "habitor "kills":0, "baronKills":0, "baronKills":0, "dragonKills":0, "

Figure 4: Example JSON response

Now that we know how to obtain the identifiers for each match, we can open a spreadsheet program and enter these identifiers, as well as the team names and flags indicating whether the match was a tiebreaker or playoff, into individual rows. We can then save this spreadsheet as a CSV file, which will look like this when we import the file in R:

```
library(knitr)
kable(head(read.csv("../gameid_data/NALCS_Spring2018.csv")))
```

Region.ID	Game.ID	Hash.ID	Blue.Team	Red.Team	Tiebreaker	Playoff
TRLH1	1002440062	a3b08c115923f00d	Team Liquid	Team Solo Mid	FALSE	FALSE
TRLH1	1002440076	c426d3d50426edb3	100 Thieves	OpTic Gaming	FALSE	FALSE
TRLH1	1002440084	f0f86e52b6e472e9	Clutch Gaming	Golden Guardians	FALSE	FALSE
TRLH1	1002440095	fd3b9331ff5312e3	Echo Fox	FlyQuest	FALSE	FALSE
TRLH1	1002440106	d6441d4ec8f87534	Counter Logic Gaming	Cloud9	FALSE	FALSE
TRLH1	1002440127	361 bcc 2e848641d2	OpTic Gaming	Team Liquid	FALSE	FALSE

As stated previously, the beginning string for the URL of the Web API for obtaining the match data JSON response is:

https://acs.leagueoflegends.com/v1/stats/game/

If we were to use the example match, the full string for this Web API is:

```
▼ object {13}
         gameId: 1002440062
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         platformId : TRLH1
П
         gameCreation: 1516481409898
         gameDuration: 1687
         queueId: 0
П
         mapId: 11
П
          seasonId: 11
         gameVersion: 8.1.213.4336
gameMode : CLASSIC
          gameType : CUSTOM GAME
         teams [2]
participants [10]
         participantIdentities [10]
```

Figure 5: Pretty JSON response

In the block above, if we use the example match again, acs_prefix_domain is https://acs.leagueoflegends.com, chr_platform_id is TRLH1, num_match_id is 1002440062, and chr_game_hash is a3b08c115923f00d.

With the uri constructed, we use this string to make the API request within a custom function, process_uri():

```
process_uri <- function(str_uri) {
  response <- httr::GET(str_uri)
  while (response$status_code == 429) {
    Sys.sleep(2)
    response <- httr::GET(str_uri)
  }
  json <- jsonlite::fromJSON(content(response, as = "text"))
  return(json)
}</pre>
```

Note the statement while (response\$status_code == 429). The server to which we are making this request restricts the user to making a certain limited number of requests within a certain timeframe (unknown to this author). If we go beyond this restriction during a request, the response will return a status code of 429, and we wouldn't get the data from that match. Therefore, we are watching for this response status code, and if we get a 429, then we sleep the R runtime for two seconds before making the same request again. Theoretically, we should get the desired 200 response code and the match data the second time around.

Obtaining Match Data for Multiple Matches

First, we import the CSV file that we created, which contains all the match identifiers:

```
# NA LCS 2018 Spring Split -- Regular Season, Tiebreakers, and Playoffs
nalcs_matchid_df <- read.csv("gameid_data/NALCS_Spring2018.csv")
```

Next, we, call the custom function that makes a request for each of the 117 NALCS 2018 Spring Split matches

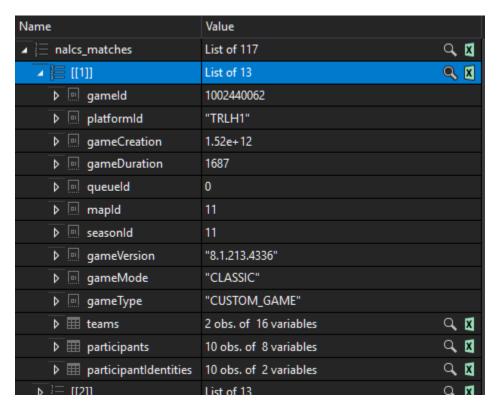


Figure 6: Single Match Data Object

and then returns a List object containing the 117 match datas:

```
nalcs_matches <- get_league_match_data_list(nalcs_matchid_df)</pre>
```

Here is the custom function, get_league_match_data_list():

```
get_league_match_data_list <- function(league_matchid_df) {
  matchlist <- list()
  for (i in 1:nrow(league_matchid_df)) {
    matchlist[[i]] <- get_acs_match_by_matchid(league_matchid_df$Region.ID[[i]],
        league_matchid_df$Game.ID[[i]],
        chr_game_hash = league_matchid_df$Hash.ID[[i]])
   }
  return(matchlist)
}</pre>
```

Looking Deeper into Match Data

Now that we have match data for all 117 matches in the NALCS 2018 Spring Split, let's look at Figure 6, which represents a single match.

Here, we can see the gameId and platformId strings that we used in the Web API call. We also see the gameDuration numeric, which we will need for our "final" datasets. However, the meat of our datasets are coming from the three data frames at the bottom: teams, participants, and participantIdentities. Let's look at teams first in Figure 7.

Also, let's look at the it in preview mode in Figure 8.

Before concatenating this into a cumulative data frame, this will get cleaned up in order to be useful. The

Name	Value		
⊿ Ⅲ teams	2 obs. of 16 variables	Q,	X
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▶	chr [1:16] "teamld" "win" "firstBlood" "firstTc	Q,	X
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▶ }≡ win	chr [1:2] "Win" "Fail"	Q,	X
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Figure 7: Single Match Teams Data Object

	teamld	win	firstBlood	firstTower	firstInhibitor	firstBaron	firstDragon	firstRiftHerald	towerKills	inhibitorKills	baronKills	dragonKills	vilemawKills	riftHeraldKills	dominionVictoryScore	bans
1	100	Win	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE	TRUE							a	516, 142, 268, 412, 121, 1, 3, 5, 2, 4
ı	200	Fail	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE	FALSE							O	96, 223, 81, 201, 98, 2, 4, 6, 1, 3

Figure 8: Single Match Teams Data Frame

explanations are written into the code for the custom function get_accum_matches_teams:

```
library(dplyr)
nalcs_matches_teams_accum <- get_accum_matches_teams(nalcs_matches, nalcs_matchid_df)</pre>
get_accum_matches_teams <- function(league_matchlist, league_matchid_df) {</pre>
  league matches teams accum <- data.frame(NULL)</pre>
  for (i in 1:length(league_matchlist)) {
    # Convert win column (Win/Fail) to logical (TRUE/FALSE)
    league_matchlist[[i]]$teams["win"] <- as.logical(</pre>
      eval(league_matchlist[[i]]$teams["win"]) == "Win")
    # Add team names column
    league matchlist[[i]]$teams["teamName"] <- unname(unlist(c(</pre>
      league_matchid_df[i, c("Blue.Team", "Red.Team")])))
    # Add game number column
    league_matchlist[[i]]$teams["gameNumber"] <- c(i, i)</pre>
    # Add tiebreaker and playoff column
    league_matchlist[[i]]$teams["isTiebreaker"] <- unname(unlist(c(</pre>
      league_matchid_df[i, c("Tiebreaker", "Tiebreaker")])))
    league_matchlist[[i]]$teams["isPlayoff"] <- unname(unlist(c(</pre>
      league_matchid_df[i, c("Playoff", "Playoff")])))
    # Add game duration
    league_matchlist[[i]]$teams["duration"] <- rep(</pre>
      league_matchlist[[i]]$gameDuration, 2)
    # Concatenate rows from current match onto the accumulation DF
    league_matches_teams_accum <- league_matches_teams_accum %>%
      bind_rows(league_matchlist[[i]]$teams %>% select(-bans))
  }
  # Change all teamId = 100/200 to Blue/Red
  # and remove some irrelevant columns
  league_matches_teams_accum <- league_matches_teams_accum %>%
    mutate(teamId = replace(teamId, grepl('100', teamId), 'Blue')) %>%
    mutate(teamId = replace(teamId, grepl('200', teamId), 'Red')) %>%
    select(-vilemawKills, -dominionVictoryScore)
  return(league_matches_teams_accum)
```

Now, let's look at the participants and participantIdentities data frames:

There are a lot of nested data frames within the data frame, but fortunately, each observation in each data frame corresponds with each player in the match, as shown by that each nested data frame (stats, timeline, and xxxPerMinDeltas) plus the participantIdentities DF has a participantId column. Thus, we can join them together. However, the timeline data frame itself has a lot of nested DFs, and each those DFs have the same column names (`10-20`, `0-10`, etc.). We will use the jsonlite::flatten() function on the timeline DF and then join all the previously mentioned nested DFs together:

```
ret_df <- match_participants_df %>%
    # Remove the nested stats and timeline DFs
select(-stats, - timeline) %>%
    # Bind with the participantIdentites$player DF
bind_cols(match_participantids_df$player) %>%
    # Join with the separate champions DF (by championId column)
inner_join(champions_df_simple) %>%
# Join with the stats DF (by participantId column)
inner_join(match_participants_df$stats) %>%
```

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	10 obs. of 2 variables
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▶ ﷺ lane	chr [1:10] "TOP" "JUNGLE" "MIDDLE" "BOTTOM" "BOTT (
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▷ Ⅲ player	10 obs. of 2 variables

Figure 9: Single Match Teams Data Frame ${}^9_{}$

```
# Join with timeline DF (by participantId column)
inner_join(match_participants_df$timeline %>% flatten())
```

Next, like with the teams DF, we add gameNumber, isTiebreaker, isPlayoff, duration, and Blue and Red team columns to the newly-joined participants DF.

Addionally, we want to add the a teamRole column to the participants DF. Luckily, through personal observation and knowledge of the game and the eSport, we know that the players on each team are placed, in the DF, in the same order by their role: Top, Jungle, Mid, Bottom Carry, and Support. Therefore, we can write such a script accordingly:

```
flattened df['teamRole'] <- NULL</pre>
# Get team roles
for (j in 1:nrow(flattened df)) {
  if
            (flattened_df[j, 'participantId'] == 1 ||
             flattened_df[j, 'participantId'] == 6) {
   flattened_df[j, 'teamRole'] = "TOP"
  } else if (flattened_df[j, 'participantId'] == 2 ||
             flattened_df[j, 'participantId'] == 7) {
    flattened_df[j, 'teamRole'] = "JUNGLE"
  } else if (flattened_df[j, 'participantId'] == 3 ||
             flattened_df[j, 'participantId'] == 8) {
    flattened_df[j, 'teamRole'] = "MID"
  } else if (flattened_df[j, 'participantId'] == 4 ||
             flattened_df[j, 'participantId'] == 9) {
   flattened_df[j, 'teamRole'] = "BOTCARRY"
  } else {
    flattened_df[j, 'teamRole'] = "SUPPORT"
  }
}
```

Concatenating the multiple participants DFs together is very similar to when we put together the teams DFs, so we won't include a code sample here; we basically ran a for loop through all the matches data, wrangled each participants sub-DF, then used bind_rows() to add it to an accumulative DF of all the other participants DFs. With that, we have our match-by-match player totals data set, as shown here and at the top of the report:

Entire Split Match-by-Match Player Totals

Creating Match-by-Match Team Totals Dataset

Now that we have the player totals data set, we can use that set to add up the totals of each player of each team of each match to create team totals for each match. With the custom function get_match_combined_participant_stats_df(), we add up the stats of the five players of one team in one match, as shown below:

```
get_match_combined_participant_stats_df <- function(match_team_df) {

# Replace all the NAs in the "Deltas" columns with zeroes
match_team_df <- match_team_df %>%
    mutate_at(vars(contains("Deltas")), funs(replace(., is.na(.), 0)))

# Groups observations by game number and team name
# (the other group-by variables are used just so they can be included in the output DF)
# Sums up a bunch of columns together
match_team_df <- match_team_df %>%
```

```
group_by(teamName, teamId, win, gameNumber, duration, isTiebreaker, isPlayoff) %>%
    summarize_at(vars(kills:assists, totalDamageDealt:trueDamageDealt,
        totalDamageDealtToChampions:goldSpent, totalMinionsKilled:wardsKilled,
        'creepsPerMinDeltas.10-20', 'creepsPerMinDeltas.0-10', 'xpPerMinDeltas.10-20',
        'xpPerMinDeltas.0-10', 'goldPerMinDeltas.10-20', 'goldPerMinDeltas.0-10',
        'damageTakenPerMinDeltas.10-20', 'damageTakenPerMinDeltas.0-10'), sum)
   return(match_team_df)
}
```

As indicated in the code sample above, we encountered some NAs in the participants data set. While there are a few outliers, most of the NAs occur, because some matches do not last longer than 30 minutes, so any of the XxxPerMinDelta.30-end columns do not apply to those matches.

With this new teammates-summed-up-per-match DF created, we can now join this together with the accumulated teams DF to create the *match-by-match team totals* dataset, as shown in this code snippet:

```
# Joins the "teams" DF and the "participants combined" DF together
nalcs_matches_tpc_accum <- nalcs_matches_participants_combined_accum %>%
inner_join(nalcs_matches_teams_accum)
```

And here is the link to the dataset (same as at the top of the report): Entire Split Match-by-Match Team Totals

Creating Regular Season Team Totals Dataset

With the new *match-by-match team totals* dataset, we can add up the stats of each team across an entire regular season.

First, we filter out the regular season matches:

```
# Filter for just regular season games
league_regseason_tpc_df <- league_matches_tpc_accum %>%
filter(isTiebreaker == FALSE & isPlayoff == FALSE)
```

Then, we group the rows of the DF by team and add up the numerical stats:

Then, we continue by tallying most of the TRUE/FALSE columns:

```
# Include tidyr package at top of script file so we can use spread(
library(tidyr)
...
# More parenthesis groups: tallying first-objective columns
inner_join(league_regseason_tpc_df %>%
    group_by(teamName, firstBlood) %>%
    tally() %>% spread(firstBlood, n) %>% select('TRUE') %>%
    rename('firstBloods' = 'TRUE')) %>%
inner_join(league_regseason_tpc_df %>%
    group_by(teamName, firstTower) %>%
```

```
tally() %>% spread(firstTower, n) %>% select('TRUE') %>%
rename('firstTowers' = 'TRUE')) %>%
...
```

Then, we tally the wins and losses:

```
# Last parentheses group: tallying wins and losses by team
inner_join(league_regseason_tpc_df %>%
    group_by(teamName, win) %>%
    tally() %>%
    spread(win, n) %>% # "transposes" the DF so that TRUE (win) and FALSE (loss) are the column names
    rename('losses' = 'FALSE', 'wins' = 'TRUE')) # renames the T/F columns to W/L
```

Finally, we re-order the columns in this big joined DF:

```
# Reordering columns - teamName, wins, losses, <everything else>
league_regseason_team_totals_df <- league_regseason_team_totals_df[, c(1, 56, 55, 2:54)]</pre>
```

We now have the *regular season team totals* dataset: Regular Season Team Cumulative Totals

Creating Regular Season Team Averages Per Match Dataset

With the *match-by-match team totals* dataset, we can compute the mean stats of each team across an entire regular season. This is requires much less code than computing the *regular season team totals* dataset. First, we filter out the regular season matches. Then, we group the DF by team and then summarize the columns we need using the mean function:

```
league_regseason_team_avgs_fg <- league_regseason_tpc_df %>%
group_by(teamName) %>%
summarise_at(vars(win, duration, kills:riftHeraldKills), mean)
```

Here is the resulting dataset: Regular Season Team Averages

Creating Regular Season Opponent Totals Dataset

Here we go back to using the *match-by-match team totals* dataset, and then, for each match, we just swap the team names by using *dplyr*'s lead() and lag() functions:

```
# Get opponent's data (just swapping the team names of each game in the previous DF)
nalcs_matches_tpc_opps_accum <- nalcs_matches_tpc_accum %>%
group_by(gameNumber) %>%
mutate(teamName = ifelse(teamId == "Blue",
    as.character(lead(teamName)),
    as.character(lag(teamName))
))
```

Then, we just use the same procudure we used to create the *regular season team totals* data set.

Finally, we rename most of the columns of this data frame so they have an O_ prefix:

```
# Rename the columns of regular season team opponents totals DF
nalcs_regseason_teamopps_totals_df <- nalcs_regseason_teamopps_totals_df %>%
rename_at(vars(wins:firstDragons), function(x) {
   return (paste("0", x, sep="_"))
})
```

Here's the link to the $regular\ season\ opponent\ totals$ dataset: Regular Season Opposing Team Cumulative Totals