R Made Easier for SAS Programmers

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What Does R Mean to You?

Open Source

Type of Tasks

Free Software

Learning Curve

Validation

Pharmaverse

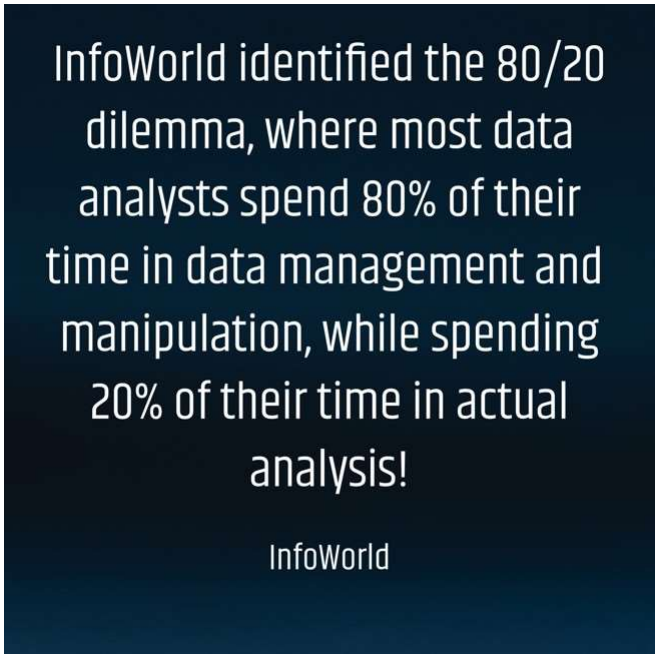
R Shiny Reviews

FDA

Programming

Hundreds of R Packages

Replace SAS or Enhance w/ R?



While Learning R, Avoid these Objects

- ✗ Topic: Data Science Applications
  - Database Programming is more direct and more focused
- ✗ Variable Types: Integers, Lists, Loops, Logical
  - Use Numeric, Character and Date Variable Types
- ✗ Objects: Vectors, Arrays, Matrix, row_names()
  - Use Data Frames and observation numbers
- ✗ Packages: Non-common, similar multiple
  - Best to pick one package/function for each type of task
  - Tidyverse and dply functions instead of base R functions
  - Do not re-invent the wheel, search for packages
  - QC each package before use in production
- ✗ Functions: same name, attach(), loops, user defined R functions
  - Use common R packages, functions and defaults

Upside Down World

- ✓ 'Data' Centric Flexibility
  - Data Cleaning, Data Management, Data Analysis, Data Reporting, Graphs
  - Ideal for Data Science
  - Statistician's Toolbox

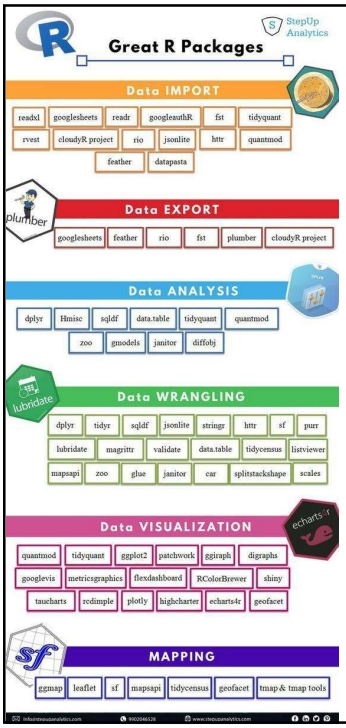
What is R?

Similar to SAS Procedures / Excel Functions

No Variable Lengths in R

(Requires valid parameters, inputs and syntax to get results)

- ✓ Process Interchangeable Objects
  - Abstract, Many Moving Parts
- ✓ 100's of Built-in 'Intuitive'-Based Functions
  - NA represent missing values
- ✓ Symbol-Based Programming Language
  - $ references variables
  - [] is used for subsetting



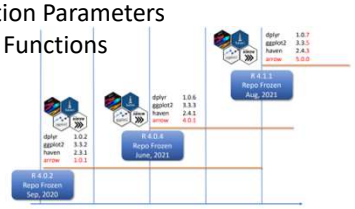
Welcome to the World of R Packages

R Community Journey vs SAS Silos

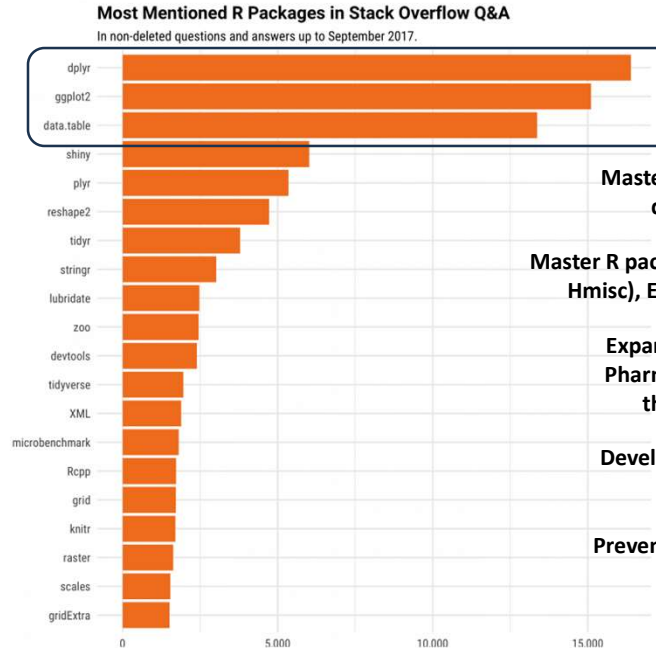
- Common Goals (Destination)
- Common Challenges (Reality)
- R Developer (Driver, Visionary)
- R Programmers (Passengers, Fans)
- Validation (# Downloads, Usage)
- GitHub (Central Version Control)
- Documentation (Vignette Pages)

History and Challenges of R Packages

- End-to-End Data Processing is Possible
- Leverage Common Packages, Functions & Defaults
- Pharmaverse Packages, Metadata & Tools
- R Function Conflicts & Dependencies
- Invalid R Function Parameters
- Can not find R Functions



Popular & Common R Packages



80% of R programmers use 20% of R packages

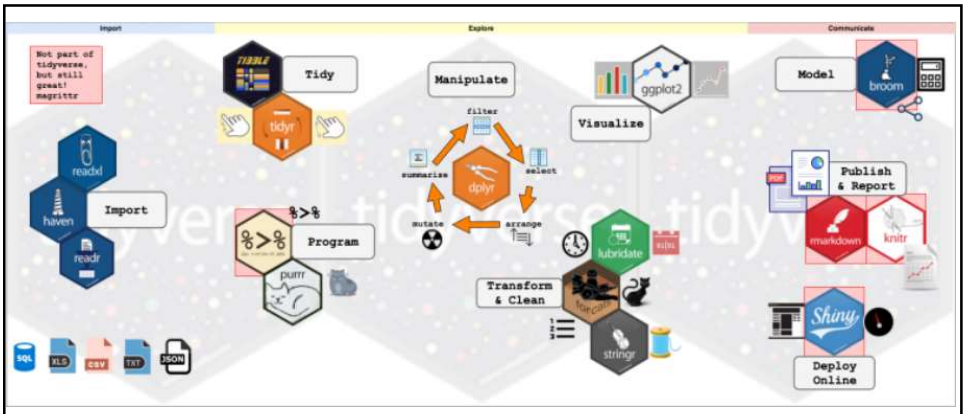
Master Base R, Tidyverse, dplyr & ggplot2

Master R packages for SAS (haven, Hmisc), Excel and CSV Files

Expand to Learn & Leverage Pharmaverse R packages for the pharma industry

Develop in-house R packages or functions

Prevention is the best Defense



Tidyverse: There is an R Package for That!

Community of Developers

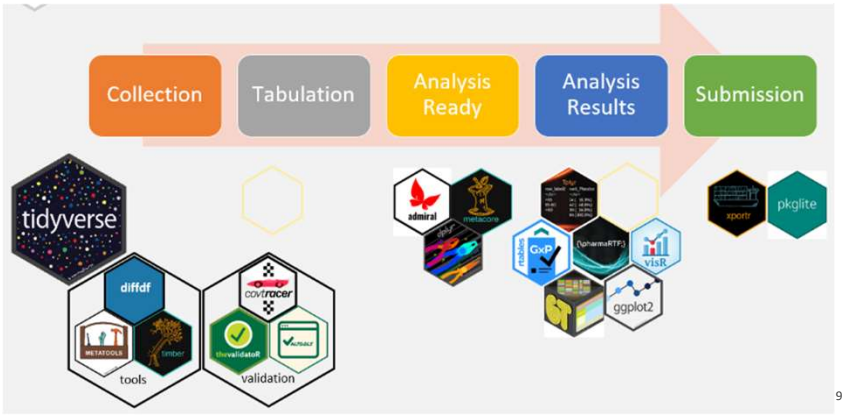
- **Import**
- **Data Clean, Data Manipulation**
- **Program Language**
- **Visualize, Statistical Models**
- **Publish, Web Applications**

Clinical Trial Process Workflow: There is a pharmaverse Package for that!

Organizations can continue to use in-house R packages & functions!

Tidyverse → Pharmaverse

Smarter organizations can select packages to fill gaps!



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Validation of R Packages/Functions/SAS

Risk Assessment: Identify & Minimize

IQ/OC QC Test Plan
- One Data Input
- One Specification
- Run R1, R2 and SAS
- Compare the Accuracy of Expected Results
- No Errors, Warnings

Factors
- Task: Input, Management, etc.
- Stable R Package Version
- R Package Dependency
- # of Downloads
- R Package/Function Usage
- Examples and User Documentation

Accuracy – *How close do R and SAS numbers match?*

Traceability – *Can you document and audit the process to match the specifications?*

Reproducibility – *Is their control in R packages, versions, functions and parameters?*

Ready to Leverage *R Advantages* over *SAS*?

- **Direct Replacement of SAS**
  - Leadership commitment to R
  - data input (excel, csv, etc.), management, analysis, reporting (pdf, excel, csv, rtf, etc.) and graphing (Tidyverse, DPLYR, magrittr (%>% Piping), Haven, Hmisc, readxl, writexl, GT & ggplot2)

- **Remove Pain Points in SAS**
  - Graphs vs SAS's Graphical Template Language (GTL)

- **Enhance Work Flow Process**
  - Data Frame options, Derivations based on Direct Variable and Row reference
  - Pharmaverse R Packages vs SAS in-house silos
  - R Shiny Apps vs SAS's Dashboards
  - Latest Statistical Modeling R packages
  - Easily create dummy data

R and SAS have similar Work Flow Process

GOAL

To Create Adverse Event (AE) table of clinical trial using R.

Steps to create AE Table in R

Step 1: - Setup
Step 2 - Selection of records/variables
Step 3: Select Highest Toxicity Grade AEs
Step 4: Get Freq and Calculate % - ANY AE / SOC/ SOC-PT
Step 5: Data Arrangement
Step 6: Transpose Data
Step 7: Reporting Prep
Step 8: Reporting

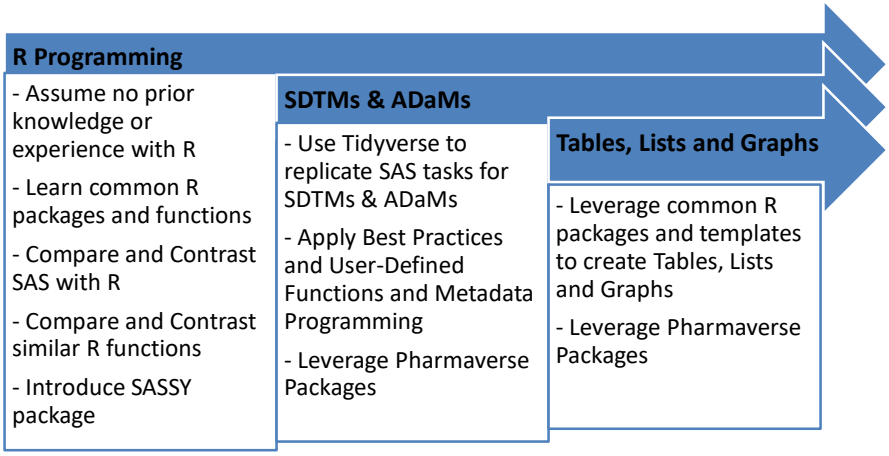
COMPARISON OF R WITH SAS

In R	In SAS
1.read.csv > read ext file	1.PROC IMPORT
2.subset > subset obs and variables in data	2.Keep/Drop AND WHERE conditions
3.order > Sorting data	3.PROC SORT
4.%>% (pipe) – for multiple action & one's ourput pass next	4.Similar (not exactly) –multiple statements in one Data Step
5.group_by > grouping of records	5.By statement > for grouping
6.arrange > order obs	6.PROC SORT
7.slice_head>take 1st ob.	7.Like FIRST. and LAST.
8.summarise > get stats	8.Like PROC FREQ
9.mutate > creation of var and manipulations	9.Like DATA Step
10.rbind > stacking datasets	10.SET statement> stacking
11.spread > transpose	11.PROC TRANSPOSE
12.kbl > reporting	12.Proc REPORT

Fully Understand Key Differences between R and SAS

Parameters	SAS	R
Availability / Cost	SAS is commercial software, so it needs a financial investment.	R is open source software, So, anyone can use it.
Ease of Learning	SAS is the easiest tool to learn. So, people with limited knowledge of SQL can learn it easily.	R programmers need to write tedious and lengthy codes.
Statistical Abilities	SAS offers a powerful package which offers all types of statistical analysis and techniques.	R is an open source tool which allows users to submit their own packages/libraries. The latest technologies are often released in R first.
File Sharing	You can't share SAS generated files with another user who does not use SAS.	Since anyone uses r, it is much easier to share files with another user.
Updates	SAS relatively less frequently updated.	R is an open source tool, so it is continuously updated.

R-Guru Learning Process for SAS Programmers in the Pharma and Medical Device Industries
R (Tidyverse, DPLYR) > SDTMs & ADaMs > TLGs

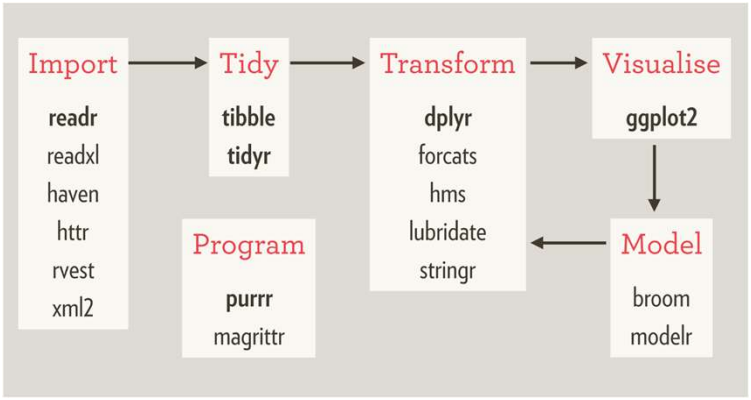


Tidyverse has Most all Relevant R Libraries!

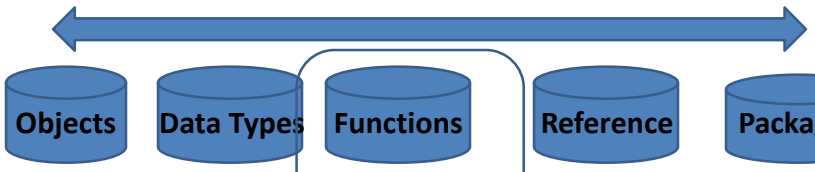
One R Package has it All!

Working Folder: setwd("C:/study/analysis/output") # create working folder in advance
getwd() # confirm new working folder, default C:/Users/Sunil/Documents
important for using saveRDS and readRDS functions for storing & reading files

Write Function: write.csv(dm, "C:/study/analysis/output/mydm.csv", row.names = FALSE)
Save Function: saveRDS(asl2, file = "asl2.RDS") # save asl2 as permanent data frame
Read Function: myasl <- readRDS("asl2.RDS") # read permanent asl2 data frame



R Structure, Rules and Scope

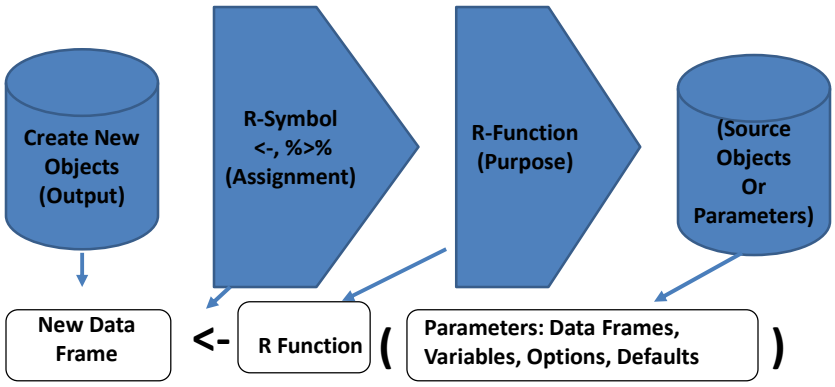


Objects	Data Types	Functions	Reference	Packages
Vectors	Number	Create/Display New Object	Variable Name	Base
Data Frames	Integer	Derive Variables	Variable Position	CRANE +
Data Table	Character	Combine Values		TIDYVERSE +
Factors	Date	Convert Objects		Clinical Trials
Lists	Logical	Create/Display User Defined		Plots (ggplot)
Matrix	Expression	Data Reporting		Shiny (Web Dashboard)
Arrays	Raw	Create/Display Data Frame		Data.Table
		Create/Display Metadata		
		RandomNames		
		Create/Display Templates		
		SASSy (SAS Programs)		
		Transform Data		
		Sample Data		
		PLOTLY		
		Function Variables		
		Format Variables		
		Data Integrity Checks		
		Importing/Exporting Data		

R is a 'Syntax and Function' based Language

R Data Object Process Flow: Validated R Packages

Assure open and closed brackets: [], (), ''. Close bracket defines end of R-command. %>% saves time from creating intermediate objects.



Requires Valid Object Names, Symbols, Functions, Parameters and Objects

One 'Function' Away

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my_data <- cbind(usubjid, age, date, in_study)
New_R_Object <- R_Function(R_Objects)

R_Function(Parameter 1, Parameter 2, etc.)
R Keyword(Existing R_Objects)
```

R Functions: Compare and Contrast Key Differences

mutate()
DPLYR: Derive variables & summary variables, keep all records

summarize()
DPLYR: Derive summary variables, consolidate group records

if_else()
DPLYR: Derive variables based on two options

ifelse()
Base R: Derive variables based on two options

data.frame()
Build data frames from variables

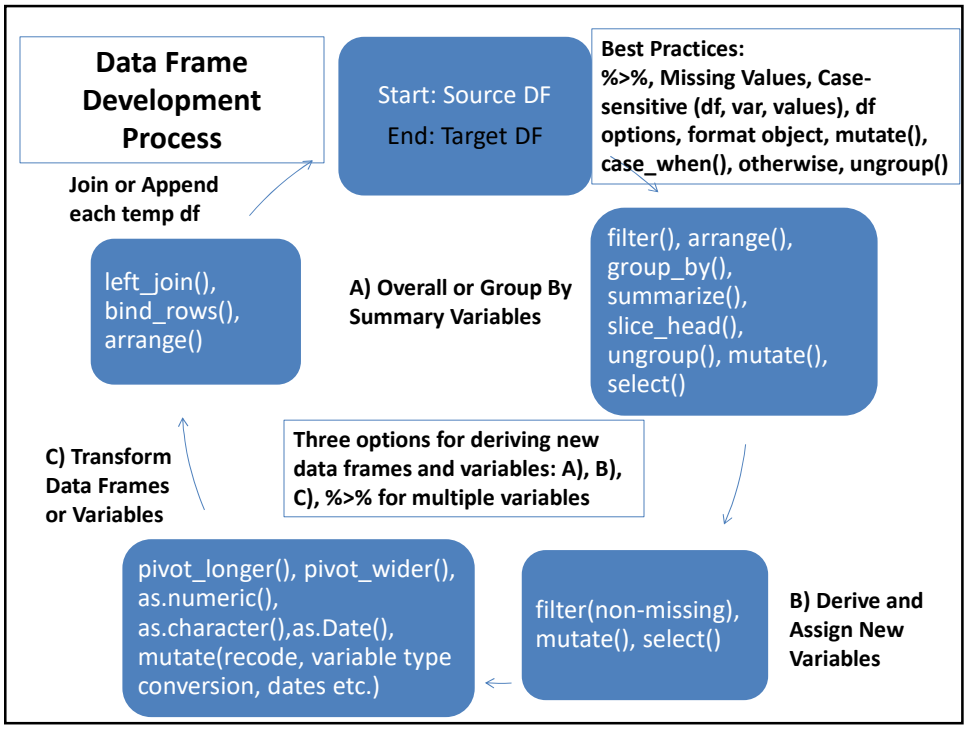
cbind()
Build matrix from variables and data frame from data frames

merge()
Base R: Must merge with the same by group variable names

left_join()
DPLYR: Can join with different by group variable names

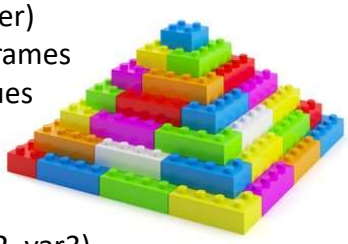
bind_rows()
Append data frames same or different variables

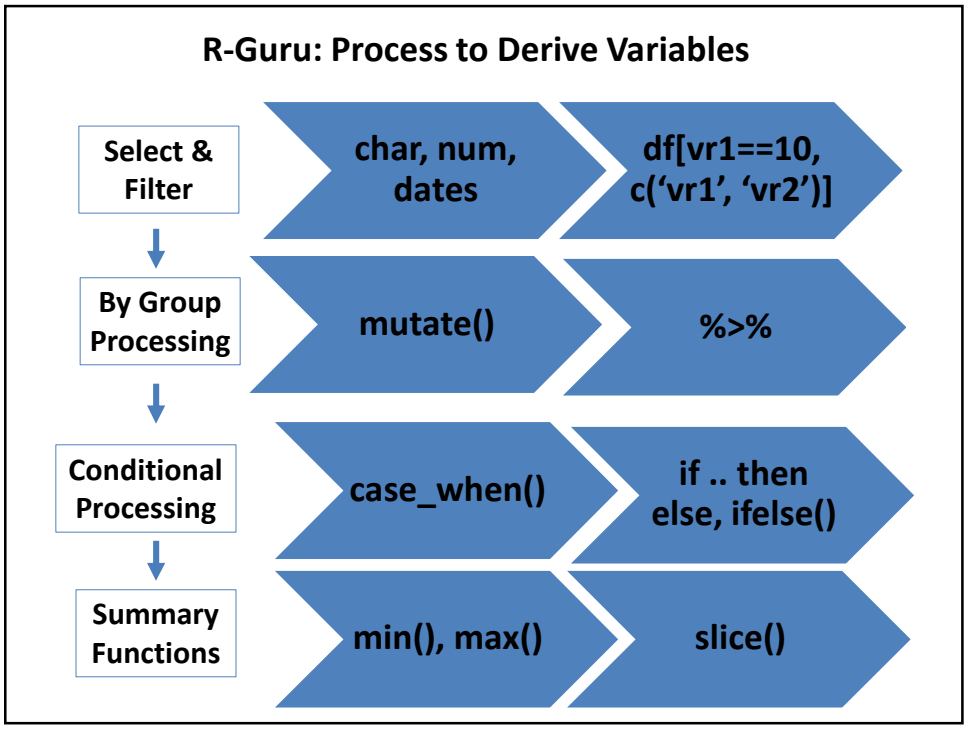
rbind()
Append data frames only with same variables

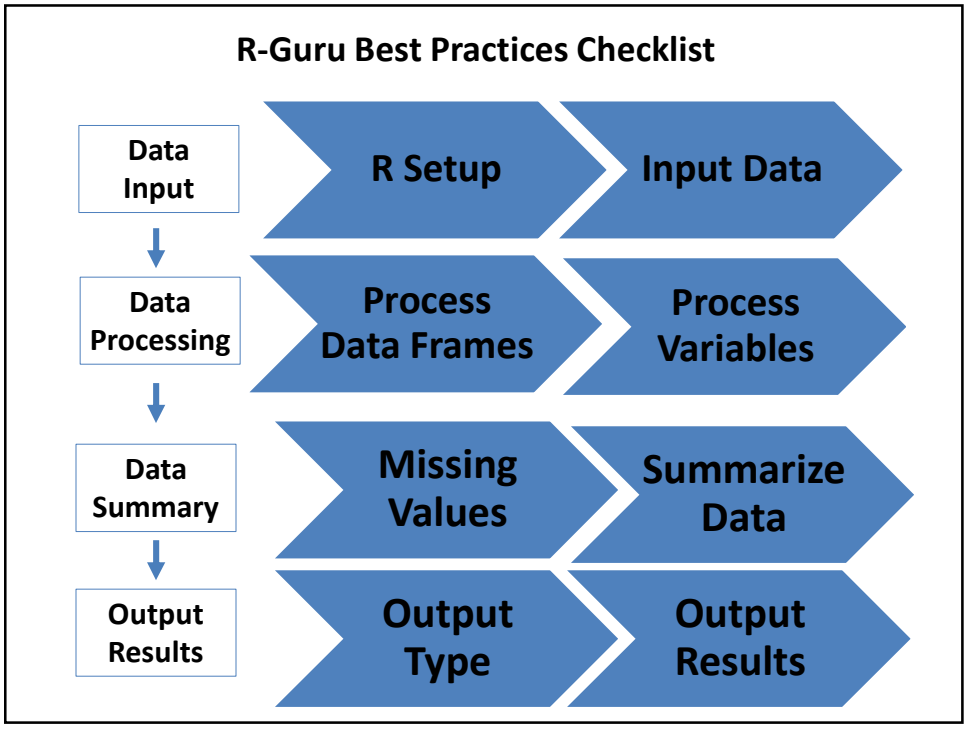


Build Objects to Create R Deliverables Checklist

- ❑ Stream Functions with %>%
- ❑ Apply Data Frame Options (Select & Filter)
- ❑ Query (Select & Filter) and View Data Frames
- ❑ Assign Variable Names and Missing Values
- ❑ Derive Variables Based on Conditions
  - ❑ Based on Constants with mutate()
  - ❑ Based on Variables
    - ❑ Var4 = Ifelse(var1 condition, var2, var3)
    - ❑ Left Variable Assignments with df$vr and nested ifelse()
  - ❑ Summary Variables
    - ❑ Add Variables with mutate()
    - ❑ Consolidate Records with summarize(), slice()
    - ❑ Overall or By Group Variables with summary functions
- ❑ Join Objects with left_join()
- ❑ Append Objects (Even, Uneven)
- ❑ Transpose Variables (Rows, Columns)




R-Guru: Process to Derive Variables
Select & Filter
char, num, dates
df[vr1==10, c('vr1', 'vr2')]
By Group Processing
mutate()
%>%
Conditional Processing
case_when()
if .. then else, ifelse()
Summary Functions
min(), max()
slice()


R-Guru Best Practices Checklist
Data Input
R Setup
Input Data
Data Processing
Process Data Frames
Process Variables
Data Summary
Missing Values
Summarize Data
Output Results
Output Type
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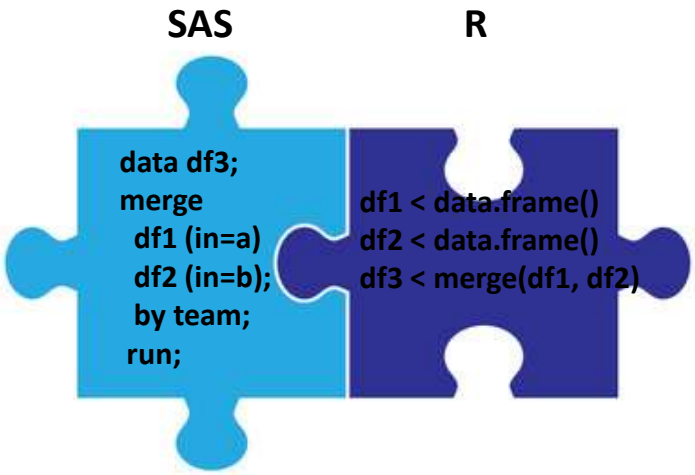
In= SAS Data Set Option in R Merges



R Functions

```
df1 <- data.frame(df1, dsn='df1')
df2 <- data.frame(df2, dsn='df2')
df3 <- merge(df1, df2, by=c('team'), all.x=TRUE, all.y=TRUE)
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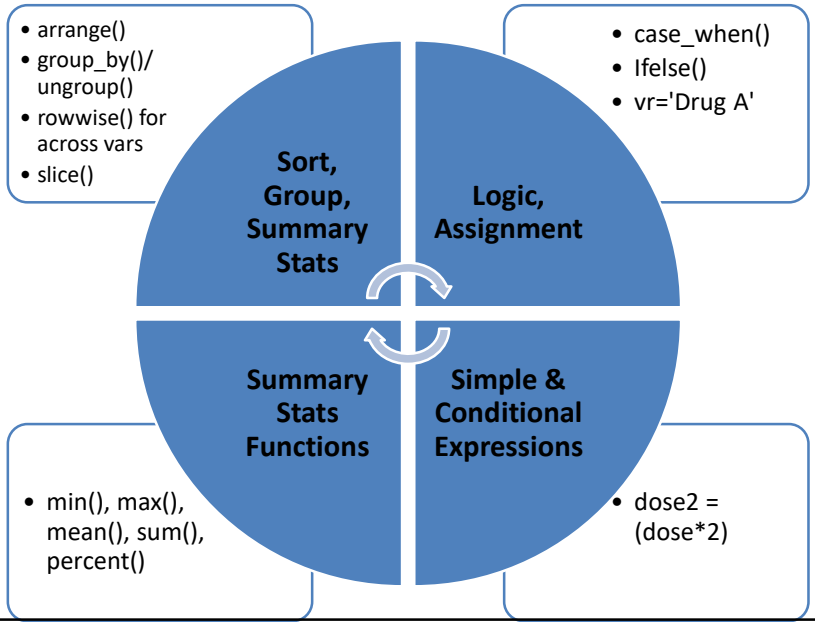
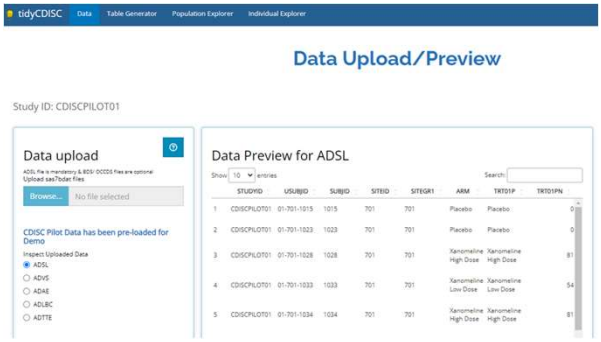
Derive Vars with DPLYR: mutate(vr1=)



What about pharmaverse Shiny Apps? tidyCDISC demo

Metadata > OAK > Admiral > Define.xml > TLGs (rtf/pdf) > Submissions > **Shiny**



Experience tidyCDISC App Now:

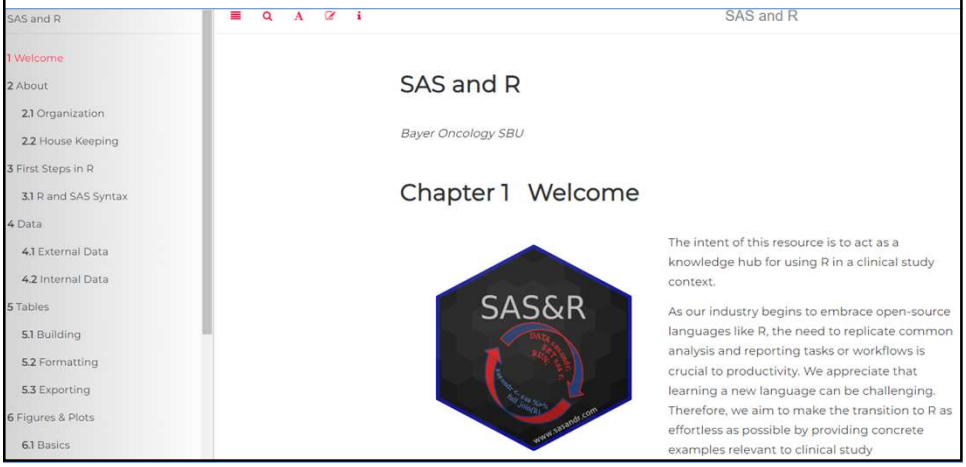
https://rinpharma.shinyapps.io/tidyCDISC

Empower your Team

- Data Review
- Table Generator
- Population Explorer
- Individual Explorer

SAS and R

https://r4csr.org, https://bayer-group.github.io/sas2r



R-Guru: Compare with SAS
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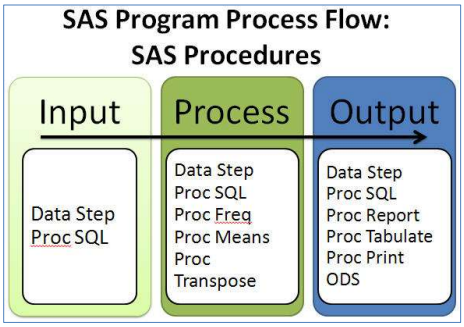

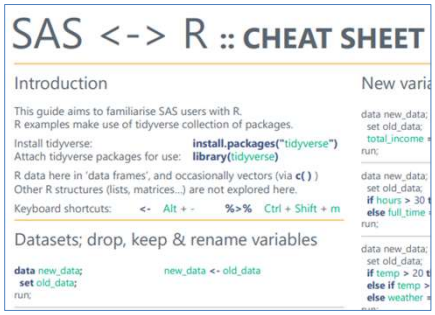

C. Compare with SAS

This section discusses the similarities and differences between SAS and R. While most everything from SAS can be replicated in R, there is a steep learning curve since R concepts and process flow are more object oriented. R has meanings for special characters such as [], {} and () for example. In addition, most of R syntax consists of functions which are similar to SAS functions. So, knowing how to call SAS functions will help to understand, write and execute R functions. Few SAS and similar R terms are listed below.

SAS	R
data set	data frame
variable	vector
data steps, procedures & functions	R packages and functions (tidyverse)
proc sql	dplyr
macro programs	R user defined functions
ODS	R Markdown

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R-Guru Cheat Sheet is for SAS Programmers
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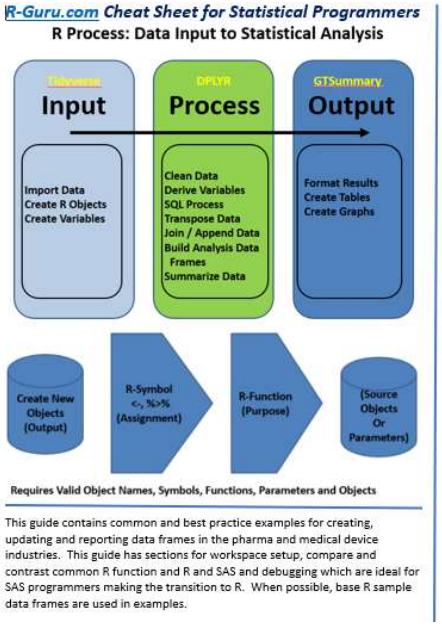

This guide contains common and best practice examples for creating, updating and reporting data frames in the pharma and medical device industries. This guide has sections for workspace setup, compare and contrast common R function and R and SAS and debugging which are ideal for SAS programmers making the transition to R. When possible, base R sample data frames are used in examples.

Tidyverse, DPLYR, DATA.TYPE, STRINGR, READR, READXL, HAVEN, Hmisc, arsenal, LUBRIDATE, PARSEDATE, GT, GTSUMMARY & GGPLOT2 are common and validated R packages by RStudio and the Pharma Industry.

Mutate() function has five key features: case_when(), simple expression, summary functions, rowwise(), and group_by()/ungroup() with summary functions.

df# are data frame names & vr# are variable names. Character or numeric variables depend on the function and values. R functions may be nested for multiple tasks.

R-Guru Best Practices Mind Map