**Workshop: Dealing with Data in R** 

# Loading and Cleaning Data in F

I know the file exists, why doesn't R?

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•	River <sup>‡</sup>	Site <sup>‡</sup>	Ele ‡	Amo ÷	Wea
1	Grasse	Up stream	Al	0.6055555555556	sunny
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# First things first

Save previous script
Open New File

(make sure you're in the RStudio Project)

Add library(tidyverse) to the top

Save this new script

consider names like cleaning.R or 3\_loading\_and\_cleaning.R

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Can be helpful to understand whether functions are **tidyverse** or R base functions

# **Dealing with data**

## 1. Loading data

• Get your data into R

## 2. Looking for problems

- Typos
- Incorrectly loaded data

## 3. Fixing problems

- Corrections
- Renaming

## 4. Setting formats

- Dates
- Numbers
- Factors

## 5. Saving your data

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#### **Convenient but...**

- Can be unreliable
- Can take longer

For files that don't change, better to save as a \*.csv (Comma-separated-variables file)

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#### We'll focus on:

- readxl package read\_excel()
- readr package read\_csv(), read\_tsv()

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Using Projects in RStudio is a great idea, try to avoid setwd()

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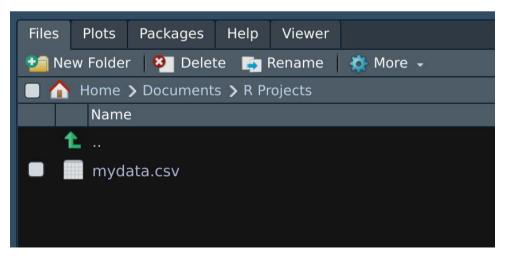
```
/home/steffi/
```

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/home/steffi/Documents/R Projects/mydata.csv

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- home, steffi, Documents, R Projects are folders
- **steffi** is inside of **home**, **Documents** is inside of **steffi**, etc.
- mydata.csv is a data file inside R Projects folder



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• Use **relative** paths to refer to this folder

```
d <- read_csv("data/prospect_data_2017-01-01.csv")
```

# **Let's Load Some Data!**

## Your turn: Load some data

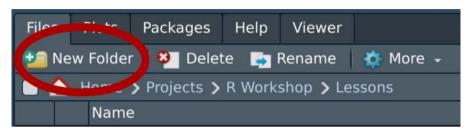
- 1. Create a 'data' folder in your RStudio project
- 2. Put <u>rivers\_correct.xlsx</u> file in the "data" folder
- 3. Load the package

```
library(readxl)
```

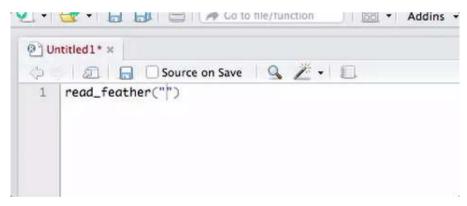
4. Read in the Excel file and assign to object rivers

```
rivers <- read_excel("data/rivers_correct.xlsx")
```

- 5. Use **head()** and **tail()** functions to look at the data e.g., **head(rivers)** and **tail(rivers)**
- 6. Click on the **rivers** object in your "Environment" pane to look at the whole data set



Click on "New Folder"



Use the **'tab'** key in RStudio when typing in the file name for auto-complete

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But not always obvious...

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- Put this file in your data folder
- In lower right-hand pane, click on **Files** 
  - Click on **data** folder
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  - Click "View File" (if asked)

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                                                    4.1090031783
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## How do I know what to use?

#### Peak:

- Pick a read function with your best guess (read\_csv() is a good start)
- Use **n\_max** to read only first few rows

```
read_csv("data/master_moch.txt", n_max = 3)
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 × 1
## `ID\tregion\thab\tfreq\tfreq.sd\tp.notes`
## <chr>
## 1 "MCB02\tkam\t0.5266879074\t3.9806600009\t3.9806600009\t0.4592592593"
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\t means tab, so this is tab-separated data

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• Try again with read\_tsv()

#### **Excellent!**

# **Specifics of loading functions**

# 1. col\_names

#### • Geolocator data

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     `02/05/11 22:29:59` `64`
##
      <chr>
                          <dbl>
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                             64
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- read\_csv, read\_tsv, etc. assume that the first row contains the column names
- This file doesn't have headers

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#### • Grain size data

```
my_data <- read_tsv("data/grain_size.txt")</pre>
my_data
## # A tibble: 36 × 7
    `DATA DOWNLOAD: 2015-09-23` ...2 ...3
##
                                                 ...4 ...5 ...6 ...7
     <chr>
                                <chr> <chr>
                                                         <chr> <chr> <chr>
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   1 SYSTEM 001
                                <NA> <NA>
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   2 LOGGER X
                                <NA> <NA>
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                                                                    <NA>
   3 lab_num
                                CSP
                                     sample_num depth_lb csa
                                                               msa
                                                                    fsa
   4 3177
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   5 3178
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   8 3181
                                                         21.05 18.38 6.26
   9 3182
                                CSP01 CSP01-P-1-6 105
                                                         19.02 18.43 6.28
                                CSP08 CSP08-P-1-1 10
## 10 3183
                                                         11.6 17.14 8.18
## # ... with 26 more rows
```

• Grain size data

```
my_data <- read_tsv("data/grain_size.txt")</pre>
```

#### Look at the file:

- Click on **Files** tab
- Click on **data** folder
- Click on grain\_size.txt
- Click "View file" (if asked)

• Grain size data

```
my_data <- read_tsv("data/grain_size.txt")</pre>
```

#### Look at the file:

- Click on **Files** tab
- Click on **data** folder
- Click on **grain\_size.txt**
- Click "View file" (if asked)

```
DATA DOWNLOAD: 2015-09-23
SYSTEM 001
LOGGER X
lab num
                  sample num
                                 depth lb
                                                            fsa
           CSP
                                             csa
                                                     msa
3177
        CSP01
                 CSP01-P-1-1
                                      13.04
                                               17.37
                                                         8.19
3178
        CSP01
                 CSP01-P-1-2
                                       10.74
                                                16.9
                                                         7.92
                                 12
3179
        CSP01
                 CSP01-P-1-3
                                 35
                                       12.11
                                                17.75
                                                          6.99
                                                          6.29
3180
        CSP01
                 CSP01-P-1-4
                                 53
                                       17.61
                                                18.16
3181
        CSP01
                 CSP01-P-1-5
                                       21.05
                                                18.38
                                                          6.26
                                 83
```

#### Ah ha!

Metadata was stored at the top of the file

- Grain size data
- Add **skip** = **3** to skip the first three rows

```
my_data <- read_tsv("data/grain_size.txt", skip = 3)
my_data</pre>
```

```
## # A tibble: 33 × 7
##
     lab num CSP sample num depth lb
                                                 fsa
                                      csa
                                            msa
##
       <dbl> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <</pre>
##
       3177 CSP01 CSP01-P-1-1
                                  4 13.0 17.4
                                              8.19
##
       3178 CSP01 CSP01-P-1-2
                                  12 10.7 16.9 7.92
##
       3179 CSP01 CSP01-P-1-3
                                  35 12.1 17.8
                                              6.99
       3180 CSP01 CSP01-P-1-4
##
                                  53 17.6
                                                6.29
                                         18.2
       3181 CSP01 CSP01-P-1-5
##
                                 83 21.0 18.4
                                                6.26
##
       3182 CSP01 CSP01-P-1-6
                                 105 19.0 18.4
                                                6.28
       3183 CSP08 CSP08-P-1-1
                                                8.18
##
                                 10 11.6 17.1
       3184 CSP08 CSP08-P-1-2
                                  27 15.4 16.2
                                                6.76
##
##
       3185 CSP08 CSP08-P-1-3
                                               7.12
                                  90 14.9 15.8
##
  10
       3186 CSP02 CSP02-P-1-1
                             5 8.75 8.64 3.41
## # ... with 23 more rows
```

### Your turn: Load this data set

Try loading the telemetry data set: **Sta A Data 2006–11–07.dmp** 

- 1. Look at the file
- 2. Decide which R function to use based on delimiter (comma, space, or tab?)
- 3. Any other options need to be specified?

# Extra Challenge Load some of your own tricky data

#### It should look like this:

```
## # A tibble: 19 × 7
                       Frequency `Rate/Temp`
##
     StartDate Time
                                             Pwr Ant
                                                             SD
                            <fdb>>
##
        <dbl> <time>
                                        <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1
        39022 17:15:36
                             150.
                                         34.8
                                                175 MO
                                                              0
        39022 17:19:14
                             148.
                                         19.2 72 MO
     39022 17:19:25
                             148.
                                         19.7 194 M1
## 4
     39022 17:20:04
                             149.
                                         33.8
                                                104 M0
## 5
        39022 17:20:17
                             149.
                                         33.7
                                                152 M1
## 6
        39022 17:20:57
                             150.
                                         34.2
                                                188 M0
## 7
                                          9.8
        39022 17:22:50
                             148.
                                                188 M0
## # ... with 12 more rows
```

### Your turn: Load this data set

#### Try loading the telemetry data set: **Sta A Data 2006-11-07.dmp**

```
telemetry <- read_csv("data/Sta A Data 2006-11-07.dmp", skip = 2)
telemetry</pre>
```

```
## # A tibble: 19 × 7
##
    StartDate Time
                   Frequency `Rate/Temp` Pwr Ant
                                                      SD
       <dbl> <time>
                        <dbl>
                                   <dbl> <dbl> <chr> <dbl>
##
## 1
    39022 17:15:36
                         150.
                                   34.8
                                          175 MO
## 2
    39022 17:19:14
                         148.
                                    19.2 72 MO
## 3
    39022 17:19:25
                         148.
                                    19.7 194 M1
## 4
    39022 17:20:04
                         149.
                                    33.8 104 M0
## 5
    39022 17:20:17
                         149.
                                    33.7 152 M1
## 6
    39022 17:20:57
                         150.
                                    34.2 188 M0
## 7
     39022 17:22:50
                                     9.8
                                          188 M0
                         148.
## # ... with 12 more rows
```

# 2. Looking for problems

### Look at the data

- Make sure columns as expected (correctly assigned file format)
- Make sure no extra lines above the data (should we have used a skip?)
- Make sure column names look appropriate

```
library(palmerpenguins)
penguins
```

```
## # A tibble: 344 × 8
                         bill_length_mm bill_depth_mm flipper_length_mm body_mass_g sex
##
      species island
                                                                                               year
      <fct>
              <fct>
                                  <dbl>
                                                 <dbl>
                                                                   <int>
                                                                                <int> <fct>
                                                                                              <int>
    1 Adelie
             Torgersen
                                   39.1
                                                 18.7
                                                                                 3750 male
                                                                                               2007
                                                                     181
                                   39.5
                                                                                 3800 female
    2 Adelie
             Torgersen
                                                 17.4
                                                                     186
                                                                                              2007
    3 Adelie
             Torgersen
                                                                                 3250 female
                                   40.3
                                                                                              2007
                                                  18
                                                                      195
   4 Adelie
                                                                                   NA <NA>
             Torgersen
                                   NA
                                                 NA
                                                                      NA
                                                                                               2007
                                                 19.3
                                                                                 3450 female
    5 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                   36.7
                                                                     193
                                                                                               2007
    6 Adelie
             Torgersen
                                   39.3
                                                  20.6
                                                                                 3650 male
                                                                                               2007
                                                                     190
    7 Adelie
             Torgersen
                                   38.9
                                                 17.8
                                                                                 3625 female
                                                                                              2007
                                                                      181
    8 Adelie
             Torgersen
                                   39.2
                                                 19.6
                                                                     195
                                                                                 4675 male
                                                                                               2007
    9 Adelie
             Torgersen
                                   34.1
                                                 18.1
                                                                     193
                                                                                 3475 <NA>
                                                                                               2007
  10 Adelie Torgersen
                                                  20.2
                                                                                               2007
                                   42
                                                                     190
                                                                                 4250 <NA>
    ... with 334 more rows
```

### Look at the data

- Did the whole data set load?
- Are there extra blank lines at the end of the data?

```
tail(penguins)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 × 8
     species
             island bill_length_mm bill_depth_mm flipper_length_mm body_mass_g sex
##
                                                                                           year
     <fct>
               <fct>
                               <dbl>
##
                                              <dbl>
                                                                <int>
                                                                             <int> <fct>
                                                                                          <int>
  1 Chinstrap Dream
                                45.7
                                               17
                                                                  195
                                                                              3650 female
                                                                                           2009
  2 Chinstrap Dream
                                55.8
                                               19.8
                                                                  207
                                                                              4000 male
                                                                                           2009
  3 Chinstrap Dream
                                43.5
                                               18.1
                                                                  202
                                                                              3400 female 2009
  4 Chinstrap Dream
                                49.6
                                               18.2
                                                                  193
                                                                              3775 male
                                                                                           2009
  5 Chinstrap Dream
                                                                              4100 male
                                                                                           2009
                                50.8
                                               19
                                                                  210
## 6 Chinstrap Dream
                                50.2
                                               18.7
                                                                  198
                                                                              3775 female 2009
```

### skim()

- Are the column formats correct?
  - i.e., numbers (numeric), text (character), date (date, POSIXct, datetime), categories (factor)
- Are numeric values appropriate?
  - Should there be NAs?
- Are there any typos in categorical columns?
- Are there as many rows as you expected?

```
library(skimr)
skim(penguins)
```

```
## — Data Summary
## Values
## Name penguins
## Number of rows 344
## Number of columns 8
## ______
## Column type frequency:
## factor 3
## numeric 5
##
```

### skim()

```
##
## — Variable type: factor
     skim_variable n_missing complete_rate ordered n_unique top_counts
##
## 1 species
                                           FALSE
                                                          3 Ade: 152, Gen: 124, Chi: 68
## 2 island
                                           FALSE
                                                          3 Bis: 168, Dre: 124, Tor: 52
## 3 sex
                                                          2 mal: 168, fem: 165
                                     0.968 FALSE
                          11
##
## — Variable type: numeric
##
    skim_variable
                       n_missing complete_rate
                                                            sd
                                                                   p0
                                                                         p25
                                                                                p50
                                                                                       p75
                                                                                             p100 hist
                                                 mean
## 1 bill_length_mm
                                         0.994
                                                 43.9
                                                         5.46
                                                                 32.1
                                                                        39.2
                                                                               44.4
                                                                                      48.5
                                                                                             59.6
## 2 bill_depth_mm
                                         0.994
                                                 17.2
                                                                13.1
                                                                        15.6
                                                                                      18.7
                                                        1.97
                                                                               17.3
                                                                                             21.5
## 3 flipper length mm
                                         0.994
                                                201.
                                                       14.1
                                                                172
                                                                       190
                                                                              197
                                                                                     213
                                                                                            231
## 4 body_mass_g
                                         0.994 4202.
                                                      802.
                                                              2700
                                                                      3550
                                                                             4050
                                                                                    4750
                                                                                           6300
## 5 year
                                               2008.
                                                        0.818 2007
                               0
                                                                      2007
                                                                             2008
                                                                                    2009
                                                                                           2009
```

### count()

• Check for sample sizes and potential typos in categorical columns

```
count(penguins, species)
## # A tibble: 3 × 2
   species
##
   <fct> <int>
## 1 Adelie 152
## 2 Chinstrap
## 3 Gentoo
            124
count(penguins, island)
## # A tibble: 3 × 2
  island
##
   <fct> <int>
## 1 Biscoe 168
## 2 Dream 124
              52
## 3 Torgersen
```

### Example of problematic data

```
rivers <- read_csv("data/rivers_correct.csv")
rivers
## # A tibble: 300 × 5
    `River Name` Site
                    Ele
                               Amo
                                               Wea
    <chr> <chr>
                     <chr> <chr>
                                     <chr>
   1 Grasse Up stream
                              0.6055555555555 sunny
   2 Grasse Mid stream Al 0.425
                                               sunny
   3 Grase
               Down stream Al
                              0.19444444444444 cloudy
   4 Oswegatchie Up stream
                                               wet
   5 Oswegatchie
               Mid stream Al
                              0.16111111111111 snowy
   6 Oswegatchie
               Down stream Al
                              7 Raquette
               Up stream
                              0.291666666666667 cloudy
   8 Raquette Mid stream Al
                               0.038888888888889 cloudy
   9 Raquette
               Down stream Al
                                               snowy
## 10 St. Regis
               Up stream
                               0.6805555555556 wet
## # ... with 290 more rows
```

- Column names are not great (River Name not R-friendly) or obvious (what is Ele?)
- Amo should be numeric but isn't
- At least one typo in River (Grase should be Grasse)

## **Example of problematic data**

```
skim(rivers)
##
## — Variable type: character
    skim_variable n_missing complete_rate
                                           min
                                                 max empty n_unique whitespace
  1 River Name
## 2 Site
                                                  11
## 3 Ele
                                                                25
                                    0.96
                                                        0 198
## 4 Amo
                                             1 19
## 5 Wea
```

Not much additional info here

### **Example of problematic data**

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## 3 Up stream

Typos in both categorical columns

# 3. Fixing problems

### Cleaning column names

#### clean\_names()

```
library(janitor)
rivers <- clean_names(rivers)</pre>
rivers
## # A tibble: 300 × 5
                           ele
##
     river name site
                                 amo
                                                  wea
     <chr> <chr>
##
                      <chr> <chr>
                                                  <chr>
   1 Grasse Up stream
                                0.6055555555556
                                                  sunny
   2 Grasse
            Mid stream Al
                               0.425
                                                  sunny
                Down stream Al
                               0.19444444444444
                                                  cloudy
   3 Grase
   4 Oswegatchie Up stream
                                                  wet
   5 Oswegatchie Mid stream Al
                               0.16111111111111
                                                  snowy
   6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al
                                7 Raquette
                Up stream
                                0.291666666666667
                                                  cloudy
               Mid stream Al
   8 Raquette
                                0.038888888888889 cloudy
   9 Raquette
              Down stream Al
                                                  snowy
  10 St. Regis Up stream
                           Αl
                                0.68055555555556
                                                  wet
## # ... with 290 more rows
```

### **Cleaning column names**

#### rename() columns

```
rivers <- rename(rivers, element = ele, amount = amo)
rivers
```

```
## # A tibble: 300 × 5
##
     river name site
                     element amount
                                                   wea
                      <chr>
##
     <chr> <chr>
                                  <chr>
                                                  <chr>
   1 Grasse Up stream Al
                                 0.6055555555555 sunny
   2 Grasse
           Mid stream Al
                                 0.425
                                                   sunny
##
   3 Grase
                Down stream Al
                                  0.1944444444444 cloudy
   4 Oswegatchie Up stream
                                                   wet
   5 Oswegatchie Mid stream Al
                                  0.161111111111111
                                                  snowy
   6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al
                                  7 Raquette
               Up stream
                                  0.291666666666667
                                                  cloudy
              Mid stream Al
   8 Raquette
                                  0.0388888888888889 cloudy
   9 Raquette
              Down stream Al
                                                   snowy
## 10 St. Regis Up stream
                                  0.68055555555556
                                                  wet
## # ... with 290 more rows
```

# **Subsetting columns**

### select() columns you do want

rivers <- select(rivers, river\_name, site, element, amount)</pre>

### **Subsetting columns**

#### select() columns you do want

```
rivers <- select(rivers, river_name, site, element, amount)
```

#### OR, unselect() columns you don't want

```
rivers <- select(rivers, -wea)
rivers
```

```
## # A tibble: 300 × 4
##
     river name site element amount
     <chr> <chr>
##
                      <chr>
                                  <chr>
   1 Grasse Up stream Al
                                 0.60555555555556
           Mid stream Al 0.425
   2 Grasse
                Down stream Al
                                  0.194444444444444
   3 Grase
   4 Oswegatchie Up stream
   5 Oswegatchie Mid stream Al
                                  0.161111111111111
   6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al
                                  0.0333333333333333
   7 Raquette
               Up stream
                                  0.291666666666667
   8 Raquette
              Mid stream Al
                                  0.038888888888888
   9 Raquette
                Down stream Al
```

### **Cleaning columns**

#### Put it all together

```
rivers <- read_csv("data/rivers_correct.csv")
rivers <- clean_names(rivers)
rivers <- rename(rivers, element = ele, amount = amo)
rivers <- select(rivers, -wea)
rivers</pre>
```

```
## # A tibble: 300 × 4
     river name site element amount
##
##
     <chr>
            <chr>
                       <chr>
                                  <chr>
           Up stream Al
                                   0.6055555555556
   1 Grasse
   2 Grasse
            Mid stream Al
                                  0.425
                Down stream Al
   3 Grase
                                   0.19444444444444
   4 Oswegatchie Up stream
   5 Oswegatchie Mid stream Al
                                   0.161111111111111
   6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al
                                   0.0333333333333333
   7 Raquette
                Up stream
                                   0.291666666666667
   8 Raquette
               Mid stream Al
##
                                   0.038888888888889
   9 Raquette
               Down stream Al
                                   0
## 10 St. Regis
                Up stream
                                   0.6805555555556
```

### **Cleaning columns**

#### Put it all together

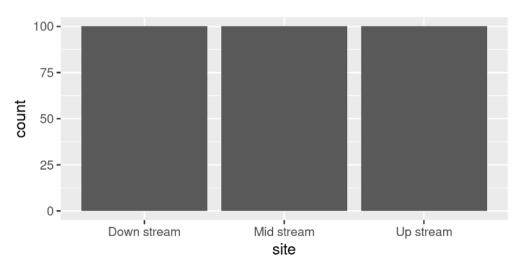
```
rivers <- read_csv("data/rivers_correct.csv")
rivers <- clean_names(rivers)
rivers <- rename(rivers, element = ele, amount = amo)
rivers <- select(rivers, -wea)
rivers</pre>
```

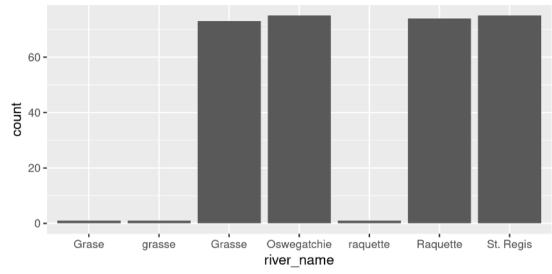
Note repeated data frame rivers

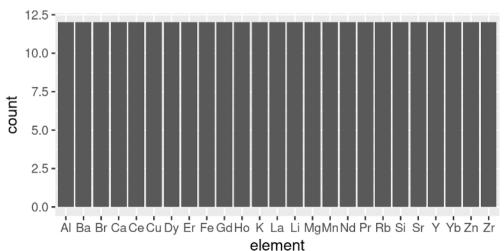
```
## # A tibble: 300 × 4
     river name site element amount
##
##
     <chr>
            <chr>
                       <chr>
                                   <chr>
   1 Grasse
           Up stream Al
                                   0.60555555555556
   2 Grasse
            Mid stream Al
                                  0,425
                Down stream Al
                                   0.19444444444444
   3 Grase
   4 Oswegatchie Up stream
   5 Oswegatchie Mid stream Al
                                   0.161111111111111
   6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al
                                   0.0333333333333333
   7 Raquette
                Up stream
                                   0.291666666666667
   8 Raquette
               Mid stream Al
                                   0.038888888888889
   9 Raquette
               Down stream Al
                                   0
## 10 St. Regis
                Up stream
                                   0.6805555555556
```

### **Look for typos (Visually)**

```
ggplot(data = rivers, aes(x = river_name)) + geom_bar()
ggplot(data = rivers, aes(x = site)) + geom_bar()
ggplot(data = rivers, aes(x = element)) + geom_bar()
```







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### Look for typos with count()

```
count(rivers, river_name)
## # A tibble: 7 × 2
    river_name
                    n
    <chr>
                <int>
## 1 Grase
## 2 grasse
## 3 Grasse
                   73
## 4 Oswegatchie
                   75
## 5 raquette
                  1
## 6 Raquette
               74
## 7 St. Regis
                   75
```

### filter() the data to highlight them

#### **Replace typos**

Combine the **if\_else()** / **case\_when()** functions with **mutate()** function

mutate() creates or changes columns in a data frame:

```
mutate(dataframe, column = new_values)
```

if\_else() tests for a condition, and returns one value if FALSE and another if TRUE

```
if_else(condition, value_if_true, value_if_false)
```

case\_when() tests for multiple conditions, and returns different values depending

#### **Replace typos**

Combine the **if\_else** function with the **mutate()** function

```
rivers <- mutate(rivers, river_name = if_else(river_name == "Grase", "Grasse", river_name))
```

#### **Check that it's gone:**

```
filter(rivers, river_name == "Grase")

## # A tibble: 0 × 4

## # ... with 4 variables: river_name <chr>, site <chr>, element <chr>, amount <chr>
```

# **Iterative process**

- Make some corrections
- Check the data
- Make some more corrections (either add to or modify existing code)

### Your Turn: Fix another one of the "Grasse" typos

- 1. Check the data with **count()**
- 2. Use mutate() and if\_else() to fix the typo

# Extra Challenge Examine and fix problems in your own data

```
rivers <- read_csv("data/rivers_correct.csv")
rivers <- clean_names(rivers)
rivers <- rename(rivers, element = ele, amount = amo)
rivers <- select(rivers, -wea)
rivers <- mutate(rivers, river_name = if_else(river_name == "Grase", "Grasse", river_name))
rivers <- mutate(???, ??? = ???)</pre>
```

### Your Turn: Fix another "Grasse" typo

- 1. Check the data with **count()**
- 2. Use mutate() and if\_else() to fix the typo

```
rivers <- read_csv("data/rivers_correct.csv")
rivers <- clean_names(rivers)
rivers <- rename(rivers, element = ele, amount = amo)
rivers <- select(rivers, -wea)
rivers <- mutate(rivers, river_name = if_else(river_name == "Grase", "Grasse", river_name))
rivers <- mutate(rivers, river_name = if_else(river_name == "grasse", "Grasse", river_name))</pre>
```

#### To be more efficient, fix all typos at once

== compares one item to one other

**%in%** compares one item to many different ones

### Tangent: tidyverse functions

### rename(), select(), mutate()

- **tidyverse** functions always start with the **data**, followed by other arguments
- you can reference any column from 'data'

- rename() changes column names
- select() chooses columns to keep or to remove (with -)
- mutate() changes column contents

### Tangent: Why use tidyverse functions?

#### **Pipes! %>% Allow you to string commands together**

Instead of:

### Tangent: Why use tidyverse functions?

#### **Pipes! %>% Allow you to string commands together**

#### Instead of:

#### We have:

```
rivers <- read_csv("data/rivers_correct.csv") %>%
  clean_names() %>%
  rename(element = ele, amount = amo) %>%
  select(-wea) %>%
  mutate(river_name = if_else(river_name %in% c("Grase", "grasse"), "Grasse", river_name))
```

# **Play around**

Take a moment to play with this code in your console

#### **Convert this:**

#### To this:

```
rivers <- read_csv("data/rivers_correct.csv") %>%
  clean_names() %>%
  rename(element = ele, amount = amo) %>%
  select(-wea) %>%
  mutate(river_name = if_else(river_name %in% c("Grase", "grasse"), "Grasse", river_name))
```

### Your turn: Fix the remaining typo

- Remember this is an iterative process (you may find your self reloading the data often)
- Find the typo (expect river\_name: Grasse, Oswegatchie, Raquette, St.Regis)
- Add fix to code:

```
rivers <- read_csv("data/rivers_correct.csv") %>%
    clean_names() %>%
    in your own data

rename(element = ele, amount = amo) %>%
    select(-wea) %>%
    mutate(river_name = if_else(river_name %in% c("Grase", "grasse"), "Grasse", river_name))
```

#### Remember...

#### **Comparing single items**

```
A == "hello"
A %in% "hello"
```

#### **Comparing multiple items**

```
A %in% c("hello", "bye"))
# NOT A == c("hello", "bye")
```

**Extra Challenge** 

### Your turn: Fix the remaining typos

- Remember this is an iterative process (you may find your self reloading the data often)
- Don't worry about numerical problems for now

#### All typos fixed

```
rivers <- read_csv("data/rivers_correct.csv") %>%
  clean_names() %>%
  rename(element = ele, amount = amo) %>%
  select(-wea) %>%
  mutate(river_name = if_else(river_name %in% c("Grase","grasse"), "Grasse", river_name),
       river_name = if_else(river_name == "raquette", "Raquette", river_name))
```

### Your turn: Fix the remaining typos

- Remember this is an iterative process (you may find your self reloading the data often)
- Don't worry about numerical problems for now

#### All typos fixed

```
rivers <- read_csv("data/rivers_correct.csv") %>%
  clean_names() %>%
  rename(element = ele, amount = amo) %>%
  select(-wea) %>%
  mutate(river_name = if_else(river_name %in% c("Grase", "grasse"), "Grasse", river_name),
       river_name = if_else(river_name == "raquette", "Raquette", river_name))
```

Let's combine these with case\_when()...

### Your turn: Fix the remaining typos

- Remember this is an iterative process (you may find your self reloading the data often)
- Don't worry about numerical problems for now

#### All typos fixed

# 4. Fixing formats

### Typos that affect classes (formats)

#### **Look for problems**

```
rivers
## # A tibble: 300 × 4
                           element amount
##
     river_name site
##
     <chr> <chr>
                       <chr>
                                   <chr>
   1 Grasse Up stream
                                   0.60555555555556
   2 Grasse Mid stream Al
                                   0.425
   3 Grasse Down stream Al
                                                                        Why all character (chr)?
                                   0.19444444444444
   4 Oswegatchie Up stream
   5 Oswegatchie Mid stream Al
                                   0.161111111111111
   6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al
                                   0.0333333333333333
   7 Raquette
               Up stream
                                   0.291666666666667
   8 Raquette
             Mid stream Al
                                   0.038888888888888
   9 Raquette
             Down stream Al
  10 St. Regis Up stream Al
                                   0.68055555555556
## # ... with 290 more rows
```

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#### For example...

```
a <- c(1, 2, 10)
as.character(a)

## [1] "1" "2" "10"

as.numeric(a)

## [1] 1 2 10</pre>
```

```
b <- c("hello", "bye", 1)
as.character(b)

## [1] "hello" "bye" "1"

as.numeric(b)

## Warning: NAs introduced by coercion

## [1] NA NA 1</pre>
```

We'll deal with dates and times later...

#### Find the problem (when we don't know what they are)

Make a new column and convert amount to numbers

```
rivers <- mutate(rivers, amount2 = as.numeric(amount))
## Warning in mask$eval_all_mutate(quo): NAs introduced by coercion</pre>
```

NAs introduced by coercion means the function was forced to create NAs. This warning tells us that some values didn't convert to numbers

#### Find the problem (when we don't know what it is)

- Make a new column and convert **amount** to numbers
- Find out where the conversion didn't work

- is.na() is TRUE when the value is missing (NA)
- ! turns a **TRUE** into a **FALSE** (and vice versa)
- This asks, which values are not missing to begin with (!is.na(amount)) but are missing after the conversion (is.na(amount2))

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#### **Correct the class**

```
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```

#### Last, but not least, check...

```
rivers
```

```
## # A tibble: 300 × 5
     river name site element amount amount2
##
     <chr> <chr>
                      <chr>
                                 <dbl>
                                         <dbl>
##
   1 Grasse Up stream Al
                                  0.606
                                         0.606
           Mid stream Al
##
   2 Grasse
                                  0.425
                                         0,425
           Down stream Al
   3 Grasse
                                  0.194
                                         0.194
   4 Oswegatchie Up stream
                                         1
   5 Oswegatchie Mid stream Al
                                  0.161
                                         0.161
   6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al
                                  0.0333
                                         0.0333
                                  0.292
                                         0.292
   7 Raquette
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              Mid stream Al
                                  0.0389
                                         0.0389
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                                         0
## 10 St. Regis Up stream
                                  0.681
                                         0.681
## # ... with 290 more rows
```

### Put it together...

#### And you have a clean, corrected data frame ready to use

- You have not changed the original data
- You have a **reproducible** record of all corrections
- You can alter these corrections at any time
- You have formatted your data for use in R

### **Dates and Times**

(Or why does R hate me?)

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• Date/times aren't always recognized as date/times

```
geolocators <- read_csv("data/geolocators.csv", col_names = c("time", "light"))</pre>
geolocators
## # A tibble: 21 × 2
##
   time
                      light
   <chr>
                      <dbl>
## 1 02/05/11 22:29:59
## 2 02/05/11 22:31:59
                      64
## 3 02/05/11 22:33:59
                        38
## 4 02/05/11 22:35:59
                         38
## 5 02/05/11 22:37:59
                         34
## 6 02/05/11 22:39:59
                         30
## # ... with 15 more rows
```

Here **time** column is considered **chr** (character/text)



### lubridate package

- Part of **tidyverse**, but needs to be loaded separately
- Great for converting date/time formats

```
library(lubridate)
geolocators <- mutate(geolocators, time_formatted = dmy_hms(time))
geolocators</pre>
```

```
## # A tibble: 21 × 3
##
    time
                      light time formatted
    <chr>
                     <dbl> <dttm>
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                         64 2011-05-02 22:29:59
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## lubridate package

Generally, only the order of the **y**ear, **m**onth, **d**ay, **h**our, **m**inute, or **s**econd matters.

date/time	function	class
2018-01-01 13:09:11	<pre>ymd_hms()</pre>	dttm (POSIXct/POSIXt)
12/20/2019 10:00 PM	mdy_hm()	dttm (POSIXct/POSIXt)
31/01/2000 10 AM	<pre>dmy_h()</pre>	dttm (POSIXct/POSIXt)
31-01/2000	dmy()	Date

**lubridate** is smart enough to detect AMs and PMs

**Note:** R *generally* requires that times have dates (**datetime/POSIXct**), but dates don't have to have times (**Date**)

# 5. Saving data

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#### Save your data to file:

```
write_csv(rivers, "datasets/rivers_cleaned.csv")
```

<sup>\*</sup> I usually have a data folder and then both raw and datasets folders inside of that

## **Dealing with data**

### 1. Loading data

• Get your data into R

### 2. Looking for problems

- Typos
- Incorrectly loaded data

### 3. Fixing problems

- Corrections
- Renaming

#### 4. Setting formats

- Dates
- Numbers
- Factors

#### 5. Saving your data

## Wrapping up: Common mistakes

#### Assuming your data is in one format when it's not

- Print your data to the console and use **skim()** to explore the format of your data
- Use skim(), count(), filter(), select(), ggplot() to explore the content of your data

# Wrapping up: Common mistakes

#### **Confusing pipes with function arguments**

• Pipes (%>%) pass the *output* from one function as *input* to the next function:

```
my_data <- my_data %>%  # Pass my_data
filter(my_column > 5) %>%  # Pass my_data, filtered
select(my_column, my_second_column)
```

Arguments may be on different lines, but all part of one function

```
my_data <- my_data %>%  # Pass my_data
mutate(my_column1 = replace(...),  # No passing (no pipes!)

my_column2 = replace(...),  # Instead, give 3 arguments to mutate:

my_column3 = replace(...))  # Arguments separated by ",", and surrounded by ()
```

# Wrapping up: Further reading

- R for Data Science
  - Chapter 5: Transforming data
  - Chapter 8: RStudio Projects
  - Chapter 14: Strings
  - Chapter 15: Factors
  - Chapter 18: Pipes