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Loading and Cleaning Data in R

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

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Filter

	River	Site	Ele	Amo	Wea
1	Grasse	Up stream	Al	0.605555555555556	sunny
2	Grasse	Mid stream	Al	0.425	snowy
3	Grase	Down stream	Al	0.194444444444444	wet
4	Oswegatchie	Up stream	Al	1	cloudy
5	Oswegatchie	Mid stream	Al	0.161111111111111	cloudy
6	Oswegatchie	Down stream	Al	0.0333333333333333	sunny
7	Raquette	Up stream	Al	0.291666666666667	sunny
8	Raquette	Mid stream	Al	0.0388888888888889	cloudy
9	Raquette	Down stream	Al	0	sunny
10	St. Regis	Up stream	Al	0.680555555555556	sunny
11	St. Regis	Mid stream	Al	0.45	snowy
12	St. Regis	Down stream	Al	0.286111111111111	cloudy
13	Grasse	Up stream	Ba	0.505283381364073	wet
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20	Raquette	Mid stream	Ba	0.22478386167147	sunny
21	Raquette	Dow stream	Ba	0.364073006724304	cloudy
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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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SAS	.sas7bdat	`haven`	`read_sas()`
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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/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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OS	Path
LINUX	/home/steffi/Documents/R Projects/mydata.csv
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        - prospect_data_2017-01-01.csv
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- Use **relative** paths to refer to this folder ("./")

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

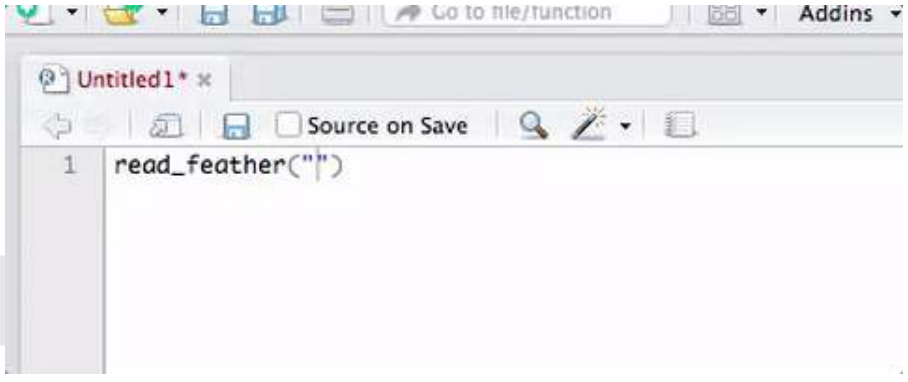
Let's Load Some Data!

Your turn: Load some data

1. Save/move the **`rivers_correct.xlsx`** file to a "Data" folder in your project (download here)

2. Load the package

```
library(readxl)
```



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

3. Read in the Excel file and assign to object **`rivers`**

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

4. Use **`head()`** and **`tail()`** functions to look at the data

```
head(rivers)
tail(rivers)
```

5. Click on the data object in your "Environment" pane to look at the whole data set

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> But not always obvious...

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Hmm, not comma-separated, maybe tab-separated?

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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 x 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()`**

```
read_tsv("./data/master_moch.txt", n_max = 3)  # note change in function!
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 x 6
##   ID    region    hab  freq freq.sd p.notes
##   <chr> <chr>   <dbl> <dbl>   <dbl>   <dbl>
## 1 MCB02 kam     0.527  3.98    3.98   0.459
## 2 MCB03 kam    -0.971  4.11    4.11   0.5
## 3 MCB04 kam    -0.971  4.25    4.25   0.515
```

> Excellent!

Specifics of loading functions

1. col_names

- Geolocator data (download here)

```
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```

```
## # A tibble: 20 x 2
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##    <chr>               <dbl>
##  1 02/05/11 22:31:59      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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                    col_names = FALSE)
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##    X1                  X2
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2. `skip` info rows before data

- Grain size data (download here)

```
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```

```
## Warning: Missing column names filled in: 'X2' [2], 'X3' [3], 'X4' [4], 'X5' [5], 'X6' [6], 'X7' [7]
```

```
my_data
```

```
## # A tibble: 36 x 7
##    `DATA DOWNLOAD: 2015-09-23` X2    X3          X4       X5    X6    X7
##    <chr>                       <chr> <chr>       <chr>    <chr> <chr> <chr>
##  1 SYSTEM 001                  <NA>  <NA>        <NA>     <NA>  <NA>  <NA>
##  2 LOGGER X                    <NA>  <NA>        <NA>     <NA>  <NA>  <NA>
##  3 lab_num                     CSP   sample_num  depth_lb csa   msa   fsa
##  4 3177                        CSP01 CSP01-P-1-1 4        13.04 17.37 8.19
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```

Ah ha!
Metadata was stored at the top of the file

2. `skip` info rows before data

- Grain size data (download here)
- Add `skip = 3` to skip the first three rows

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

```
## # A tibble: 33 x 7
##    lab_num CSP   sample_num  depth_lb   csa   msa   fsa
##      <dbl> <chr> <chr>          <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
##  1    3177 CSP01 CSP01-P-1-1        4 13.0  17.4   8.19
##  2    3178 CSP01 CSP01-P-1-2       12 10.7  16.9   7.92
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##  8    3184 CSP08 CSP08-P-1-2       27 15.4  16.2   6.76
##  9    3185 CSP08 CSP08-P-1-3       90 14.9  15.8   7.12
## 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`** (download it here)

1. Look at the file (click on the file in your File window in RStudio)
2. Decide function based on the 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 x 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 M0        0
## 2     39022 17:19:14      148.        19.2    72 M0        0
## 3     39022 17:19:25      148.        19.7   194 M1        0
## 4     39022 17:20:04      149.        33.8   104 M0        0
## 5     39022 17:20:17      149.        33.7   152 M1        0
## 6     39022 17:20:57      150.        34.2   188 M0        0
## 7     39022 17:22:50      148.         9.8   188 M0        0
## # … 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 x 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 Adelie  Torgersen           39.1          18.7               181        3750 male    2007
##  2 Adelie  Torgersen           39.5          17.4               186        3800 female  2007
##  3 Adelie  Torgersen           40.3          18                 195        3250 female  2007
##  4 Adelie  Torgersen           NA            NA                  NA          NA <NA>    2007
##  5 Adelie  Torgersen           36.7          19.3               193        3450 female  2007
##  6 Adelie  Torgersen           39.3          20.6               190        3650 male    2007
##  7 Adelie  Torgersen           38.9          17.8               181        3625 female  2007
##  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           42            20.2               190        4250 <NA>    2007
## # … 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 x 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            50.8          19                 210        4100 male    2009
## 6 Chinstrap Dream            50.2          18.7               198        3775 female  2009
```

skim()

- Are the columns appropriate?
- Are numeric values appropriate? Should there be NAs?
- Are there any typos in the factors?
- Are the columns in the appropriate format (i.e., numeric, character, factor, date)
- Are there as many observations 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
## ________________________
## Group variables            None
```

skim()

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

count()

- Check for typos in categorical columns

```
count(penguins, species)
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 x 2
##   species       n
##   <fct>     <int>
## 1 Adelie      152
## 2 Chinstrap    68
## 3 Gentoo      124
```

```
count(penguins, island)
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 x 2
##   island        n
##   <fct>     <int>
## 1 Biscoe      168
## 2 Dream       124
## 3 Torgersen    52
```

Example of problematic data

```
rivers <- read_csv("./data/rivers_correct.csv")
rivers
```

```
## # A tibble: 300 x 5
##    `River Name` Site        Ele   Amo                Wea
##    <chr>        <chr>       <chr> <chr>              <chr>
##  1 Grasse       Up stream   Al    0.605555555555556  sunny
##  2 Grasse       Mid stream  Al    0.425              wet
##  3 Grase        Down stream Al    0.194444444444444  wet
##  4 Oswegatchie  Up stream   Al    1                  cloudy
##  5 Oswegatchie  Mid stream  Al    0.161111111111111  sunny
##  6 Oswegatchie  Down stream Al    0.0333333333333333 sunny
##  7 Raquette     Up stream   Al    0.291666666666667  sunny
##  8 Raquette     Mid stream  Al    0.0388888888888889 sunny
##  9 Raquette     Down stream Al    0                  snowy
## 10 St. Regis    Up stream   Al    0.680555555555556  cloudy
## # … with 290 more rows
```

- Column names are not all clean (**`River Name`** 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            0             1     5    11     0        8          0
## 2 Site                  0             1     8    11     0        5          0
## 3 Ele                   0             1     1     2     0       25          0
## 4 Amo                  12          0.96     1    19     0      198          0
## 5 Wea                   0             1     3     6     0        4          0
```

- Not much additional info here

Example of problematic data

```
count(rivers, `River Name`)
```

```
## # A tibble: 8 x 2
##   `River Name`     n
##   <chr>        <int>
## 1 Grase            1
## 2 Grass            1
## 3 grasse           1
## 4 Grasse          72
## 5 Oswegatchie     75
## 6 raquette         1
## 7 Raquette        74
## 8 St. Regis       75
```

```
count(rivers, Site)
```

```
## # A tibble: 5 x 2
##   Site            n
##   <chr>       <int>
## 1 Dow stream      1
## 2 Down stream    99
## 3 Mid stream    100
## 4 Up stream      99
## 5 Upstream        1
```

Typos in both categorical columns

3. Fixing problems

Cleaning column names

`clean_names()`

```
library(janitor)
rivers <- clean_names(rivers)
rivers
```

```
## # A tibble: 300 x 5
##    river_name  site        ele   amo                wea
##    <chr>       <chr>       <chr> <chr>              <chr>
##  1 Grasse      Up stream   Al    0.605555555555556  sunny
##  2 Grasse      Mid stream  Al    0.425              wet
##  3 Grase       Down stream Al    0.194444444444444  wet
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##  9 Raquette    Down stream Al    0                  snowy
## 10 St. Regis   Up stream   Al    0.680555555555556  cloudy
## # … with 290 more rows
```

Cleaning column names

`rename()` columns

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

```
## # A tibble: 300 x 5
##    river_name  site        element amount             wea
##    <chr>       <chr>       <chr>   <chr>              <chr>
##  1 Grasse      Up stream   Al      0.605555555555556  sunny
##  2 Grasse      Mid stream  Al      0.425              wet
##  3 Grase       Down stream Al      0.194444444444444  wet
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##  9 Raquette    Down stream Al      0                  snowy
## 10 St. Regis   Up stream   Al      0.680555555555556  cloudy
## # … with 290 more rows
```

Subsetting columns

`select()` columns you do want

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

Subsetting columns

`select()` columns you do want

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

OR, un`select()` columns you don't want

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

```
## # A tibble: 300 x 4
##    river_name  site        element amount
##    <chr>       <chr>       <chr>   <chr>
##  1 Grasse      Up stream   Al      0.605555555555556
##  2 Grasse      Mid stream  Al      0.425
##  3 Grase       Down stream Al      0.194444444444444
##  4 Oswegatchie Up stream   Al      1
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##  7 Raquette    Up stream   Al      0.291666666666667
##  8 Raquette    Mid stream  Al      0.0388888888888889
```

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
```

```
## # A tibble: 300 x 4
##    river_name  site        element amount
##    <chr>       <chr>       <chr>   <chr>
##  1 Grasse      Up stream   Al      0.605555555555556
##  2 Grasse      Mid stream  Al      0.425
##  3 Grase       Down stream Al      0.194444444444444
##  4 Oswegatchie Up stream   Al      1
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##  6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al      0.0333333333333333
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##  8 Raquette    Mid stream  Al      0.0388888888888889
##  9 Raquette    Down stream Al      0
```

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
```

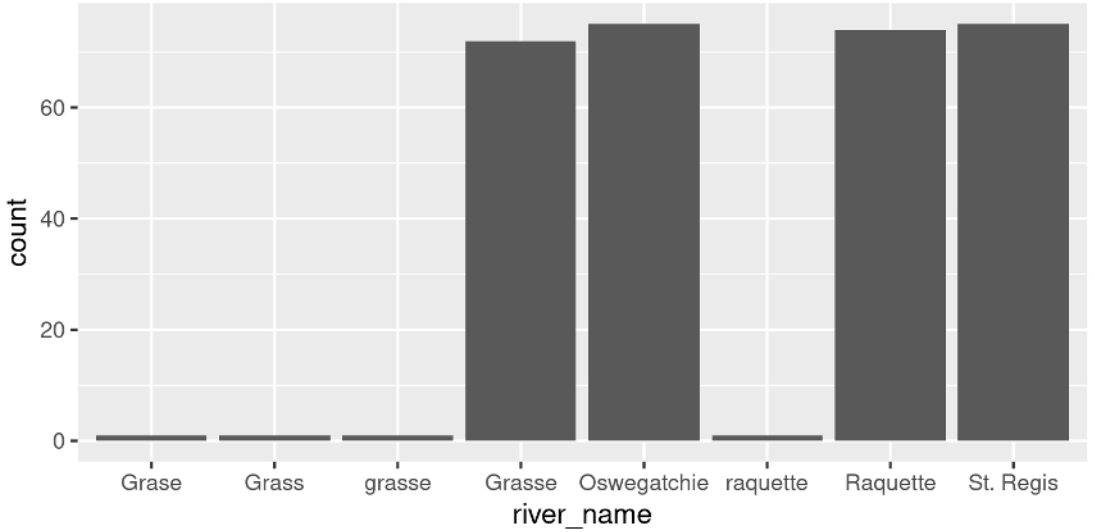
Note repeated data frame **rivers**

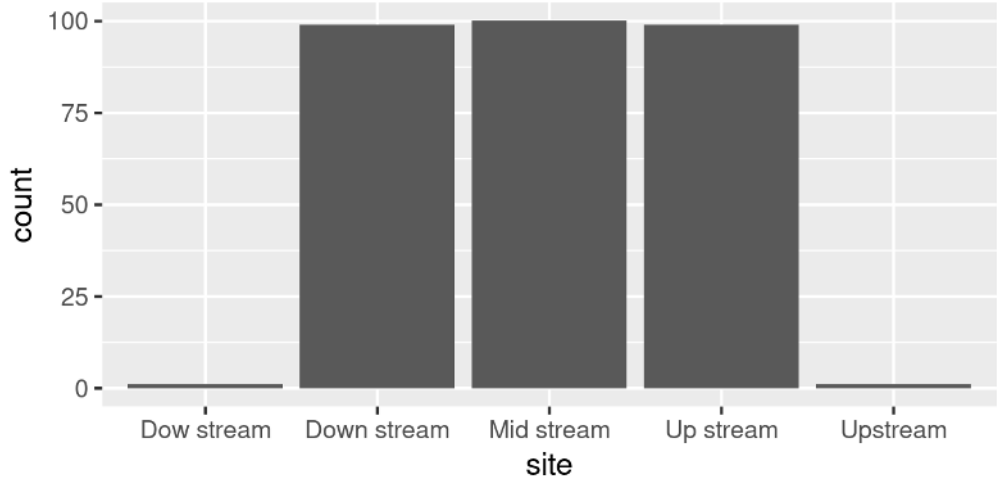
```
## # A tibble: 300 x 4
##    river_name  site        element amount
##    <chr>       <chr>       <chr>   <chr>
##  1 Grasse      Up stream   Al      0.605555555555556
##  2 Grasse      Mid stream  Al      0.425
##  3 Grase       Down stream Al      0.194444444444444
##  4 Oswegatchie Up stream   Al      1
##  5 Oswegatchie Mid stream  Al      0.161111111111111
##  6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al      0.0333333333333333
##  7 Raquette    Up stream   Al      0.291666666666667
##  8 Raquette    Mid stream  Al      0.0388888888888889
##  9 Raquette    Down stream Al      0
```

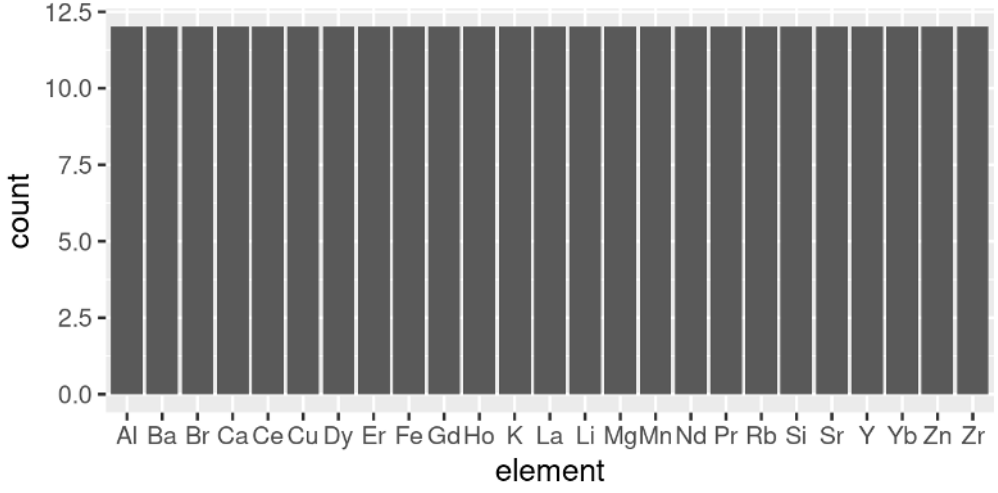
Fixing typos

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()
```







Fixing typos

Look for typos with `count()`

```
count(rivers, river_name)
```

```
## # A tibble: 8 x 2
##   river_name      n
##   <chr>       <int>
## 1 Grase           1
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## 3 grasse          1
## 4 Grasse         72
## 5 Oswegatchie    75
## 6 raquette        1
## 7 Raquette       74
## 8 St. Regis      75
```

`filter()` the data to highlight them

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

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 4
##   river_name site        element amount
##   <chr>      <chr>       <chr>   <chr>
## 1 Grase      Down stream Al      0.194444444444444
```

Fixing typos

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

```
case_when(condition1 ~ value_if_true,
          condition2 ~ value_if_true,
          condition3 ~ value_if_true,
          TRUE ~ default_value)
```

Fixing typos

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 x 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 **`replace()`** 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(???, ??? = ???)
```

Fixing typos

To be more efficient, fix all typos at once

```
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rivers <- select(rivers, -wea)
rivers <- mutate(rivers, river_name = if_else(river_name %in% c("Grase", "Grass", "grasse"),
                                              "Grasse",
                                              river_name))
```

`==` compares one item to one other

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

Tangent: Why use tidyverse packages?

Pipes! %>% Allow you to string commands together

Instead of:

```
rivers <- read_csv("./data/rivers_correct.csv")
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rivers <- rename(rivers, element = ele, amount = amo)
rivers <- select(rivers, -wea)
rivers <- mutate(rivers,
                 river_name = if_else(river_name == "Grase", "Grasse", river_name),
                 site = if_else(site == "Dow stream", "Down stream", site))
```

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```

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 == "Grase", "Grasse", river_name),
         site = if_else(site == "Dow stream", "Down stream", site))
```

Play around

Take a moment to play with this code in your console

Convert this:

```
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                 river_name = if_else(river_name %in% c("Grase", "Grass", "grasse"), "Grasse", river_name),
                 site = if_else(site == "Dow stream", "Down stream", river_name))
```

To this:

```
rivers <- read_csv("./data/rivers_correct.csv") %>%
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  select(-wea) %>%
  mutate(river_name = if_else(river_name %in% c("Grase", "Grass", "grasse"), "Grasse", river_name),
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```

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

Extra Challenge
Examine and fix problems in your own data

Add to this code

```
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", "Grass", "grasse"), "Grasse", river_name),
         site = if_else(site == "Dow stream", "Down stream", site))
```

Expect `river_name`: **Grasse**, **Oswegatchie**, **Raquette**, **St.Regis**
Expect `site`: **Down stream**, **Up stream**

Comparing single items

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

Comparing multiple items

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

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```

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```

4. Fixing formats

Typos that affect classes (formats)

Look for problems

```
rivers
```

```
## # A tibble: 300 x 4
##    river_name  site        element amount
##    <chr>       <chr>       <chr>   <chr>
##  1 Grasse      Up stream   Al      0.605555555555556
##  2 Grasse      Mid stream  Al      0.425
##  3 Grasse      Down stream Al      0.194444444444444
##  4 Oswegatchie Up stream   Al      1
##  5 Oswegatchie Mid stream  Al      0.161111111111111
##  6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al      0.0333333333333333
##  7 Raquette    Up stream   Al      0.291666666666667
##  8 Raquette    Mid stream  Al      0.0388888888888889
##  9 Raquette    Down stream Al      0
## 10 St. Regis   Up stream   Al      0.680555555555556
## # … with 290 more rows
```

Why all character (chr)?

Changing classes

Function	Input	Output
`as.character()`	Any vector	Text (Characters)
`as.numeric()`	Any vector (but returns NAs if not numbers)	Numbers
`as.logical()`	TRUE, FALSE, T, F, 0 (FALSE), any other number (all TRUE)	TRUE or FALSE
`as.factor()`	Any vector	Categories

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`as.factor()`	Any vector	Categories

For example...

```
a <- c(1, 2, 10)

as.character(a)
```

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

```
as.numeric(a)
```

```
## [1]  1  2 10
```

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

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

```
as.numeric(b)
```

```
## Warning: NAs introduced by coercion
```

```
## [1] NA NA  1
```

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

Fixing numerical typos

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: Problem with `mutate()` input `amount2`.
## ℹ NAs introduced by coercion
## ℹ Input `amount2` is `as.numeric(amount)`.
```

```
## Warning in mask$eval_all_mutate(dots[[i]]): NAs introduced by coercion
```

> This warning tells us that some values didn't convert to numbers

Fixing numerical typos

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

```
filter(rivers, !is.na(amount), is.na(amount2))
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 5
##   river_name site        element amount amount2
##   <chr>      <chr>       <chr>   <chr>    <dbl>
## 1 Raquette   Mid stream Ca      <0.1        NA
```

- **`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)`**)

Fixing numerical typos

Find the problem (when we know what it is):

```
filter(rivers, amount == "<0.1")
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 5
##   river_name site       element amount amount2
##   <chr>      <chr>      <chr>   <chr>    <dbl>
## 1 Raquette   Mid stream Ca      <0.1        NA
```

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filter(rivers, amount == "<0.1")
```

```
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##   river_name site       element amount amount2
##   <chr>      <chr>      <chr>   <chr>    <dbl>
## 1 Raquette   Mid stream Ca      <0.1        NA
```

Fix problem

```
rivers <- mutate(rivers, amount = if_else(amount == "<0.1", "0", amount))
```

Fixing numerical typos

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```
filter(rivers, amount == "<0.1")
```

```
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##   river_name site       element amount amount2
##   <chr>      <chr>      <chr>   <chr>    <dbl>
## 1 Raquette   Mid stream Ca      <0.1        NA
```

Fix problem

```
rivers <- mutate(rivers, amount = if_else(amount == "<0.1", "0", amount))
```

Correct the class

```
rivers <- mutate(rivers, amount = as.numeric(amount))
```

Put it together...

```
rivers <- read_csv("./data/rivers_correct.csv") %>%
  clean_names() %>%
  rename(element = ele, amount = amo) %>%
  select(-wea) %>%
  mutate(river_name = case_when(river_name %in% c("Grase", "Grass", "grasse") ~ "Grasse",
                                river_name == "raquette" ~ "Raquette",
                                TRUE ~ river_name),
         site = case_when(site == "Dow stream" ~ "Down stream",
                          site == "Upstream" ~ "Up stream",
                          TRUE ~ site),
         amount = if_else(amount == "<0.1", "0", amount),
         amount = as.numeric(amount))
```

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

- You have not changed the original data
- You have a 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"))
geolocators
```

```
## # A tibble: 21 x 2
##    time                light
##    <chr>               <dbl>
## 1 02/05/11 22:29:59    64
## 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)

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lubridate package

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

```
library(lubridate)
geolocators <- mutate(geolocators, time = dmy_hms(time))
geolocators
```

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`lubridate` package

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

> `lubridate` is smart enough to detect AMs and PMs

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Save your data to file:

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

Dealing with data

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- Get your data into R

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- Incorrectly loaded data

3. Fixing problems

- Corrections
- Renaming

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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