

Loading and Cleaning Data in R

I know the file exists, why doesn't 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

1. Loading Data

Data types: What kind of data do you have?

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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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- **steffi** is a folder inside of **home**

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

- folders separated by /
- **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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LINUX	/home/steffi/Documents/R Projects/mydata.csv
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../mydata.csv	Go up one directory (../)
./data/mydata.csv	Stay here (./), go into "data" folder (data/)
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  - Data                        # Data Folder
    - 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)
```

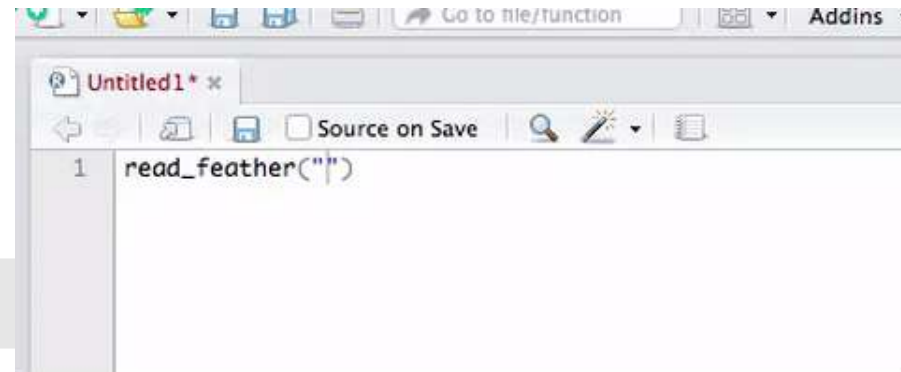
3. Read in the Excel file and assign to object **rivers**

```
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



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

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ID	region	hab	freq	freq.sd	p.notes
MCB02	kam	0.5266879074	3.9806600009	3.9806600009	0.4592592593
MCB03	kam	-0.9707703735	4.1090031783	4.1090031783	0.5
MCB04	kam	-0.9707703735	4.2463067674	4.2463067674	0.5151515152

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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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Peak:

- 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](#))

```
my_data <- read_csv("./data/geolocators.csv")  
my_data
```

```
## # A tibble: 20 x 2
```

```
##   `02/05/11 22:29:59` `64`
```

```
##   <chr>                <dbl>
```

```
## 1 02/05/11 22:31:59      64
```

```
## 2 02/05/11 22:33:59      38
```

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## 3 02/05/11 22:35:59      38
```

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## 4 02/05/11 22:37:59      34
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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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Declare no headings

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my_data <- read_csv("./data/geolocators.csv",  
                    col_names = FALSE)  
my_data
```

```
## # A tibble: 21 x 2
```

```
##       X1                X2
```

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##    <chr>             <dbl>
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Name headings

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                    col_names = c("date", "light"))  
my_data
```

```
## # A tibble: 21 x 2
```

##	date	light
##	<chr>	<dbl>
##	1 02/05/11 22:29:59	64
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2. skip info rows before data

- Grain size data (download [here](#))

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

```
## 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
##	5 3178	CSP01	CSP01-P-1-2	12	10.74	16.9	7.92
##	6 3179	CSP01	CSP01-P-1-3	35	12.11	17.75	6.99
##	7 3180	CSP01	CSP01-P-1-4	53	17.61	18.16	6.29
##	8 3181	CSP01	CSP01-P-1-5	83	21.05	18.38	6.26
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DATA DOWNLOAD: 2015-09-23

SYSTEM 001

LOGGER X

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3178	CSP01	CSP01-P-1-2	12	10.74	16.9	7.92
3179	CSP01	CSP01-P-1-3	35	12.11	17.75	6.99
3180	CSP01	CSP01-P-1-4	53	17.61	18.16	6.29
3181	CSP01	CSP01-P-1-5	83	21.05	18.38	6.26

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
## 3    3179 CSP01 CSP01-P-1-3        35 12.1  17.8  6.99
## 4    3180 CSP01 CSP01-P-1-4        53 17.6  18.2  6.29
## 5    3181 CSP01 CSP01-P-1-5        83 21.0  18.4  6.26
## 6    3182 CSP01 CSP01-P-1-6       105 19.0  18.4  6.28
## 7    3183 CSP08 CSP08-P-1-1        10 11.6  17.1  8.18
## 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
```

Your turn: Load this data set

Try loading the data set: **Sta A Data 2006-11-07.dmp** (download it [here](#))

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

```
## # 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 wet
## 2 Grasse       Mid stream Al    0.425          snowy
## 3 Grase        Down stream Al    0.194444444444444 wet
## 4 Oswegatchie Up stream  Al    1              snowy
## 5 Oswegatchie Mid stream Al    0.161111111111111 sunny
## 6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al    0.033333333333333 sunny
## 7 Raquette     Up stream  Al    0.291666666666667 cloudy
## 8 Raquette     Mid stream Al    0.038888888888889 cloudy
## 9 Raquette     Down stream Al    0              wet
## 10 St. Regis   Up stream  Al    0.680555555555556 snowy
## # ... 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 wet
## 2 Grasse    Mid stream Al    0.425      snowy
## 3 Grasse    Down stream Al    0.194444444444444 wet
## 4 Oswegatchie Up stream  Al    1          snowy
## 5 Oswegatchie Mid stream Al    0.161111111111111 sunny
## 6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al    0.0333333333333333 sunny
## 7 Raquette   Up stream  Al    0.291666666666667 cloudy
## 8 Raquette   Mid stream Al    0.0388888888888889 cloudy
## 9 Raquette   Down stream Al    0          wet
## 10 St. Regis  Up stream  Al    0.680555555555556 snowy
## # ... 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 wet
## 2 Grasse     Mid stream Al      0.425      snowy
## 3 Grasse     Down stream Al      0.194444444444444 wet
## 4 Oswegatchie Up stream  Al      1          snowy
## 5 Oswegatchie Mid stream Al      0.161111111111111 sunny
## 6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al      0.033333333333333 sunny
## 7 Raquette   Up stream  Al      0.291666666666667 cloudy
## 8 Raquette   Mid stream Al      0.038888888888889 cloudy
## 9 Raquette   Down stream Al      0          wet
## 10 St. Regis  Up stream  Al      0.680555555555556 snowy
## # ... 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, unselect() 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       0.6055555555555556  
## 2 Grasse    Mid stream Al       0.425  
## 3 Grasse    Down stream Al       0.1944444444444444  
## 4 Oswegatchie Up stream  Al       1  
## 5 Oswegatchie Mid stream Al       0.1611111111111111  
## 6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al       0.03333333333333333  
## 7 Raquette   Up stream  Al       0.2916666666666667  
## 8 Raquette   Mid stream Al       0.03888888888888889
```


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       0.6055555555555556
## 2 Grasse     Mid stream Al       0.425
## 3 Grasse     Down stream Al       0.1944444444444444
## 4 Oswegatchie Up stream  Al       1
## 5 Oswegatchie Mid stream Al       0.1611111111111111
## 6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al       0.0333333333333333
## 7 Raquette   Up stream  Al       0.2916666666666667
## 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
```

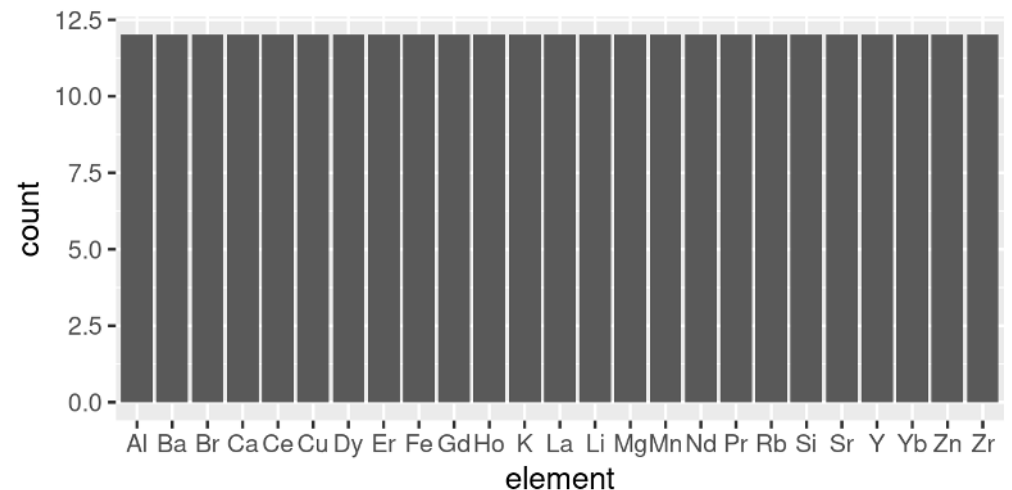
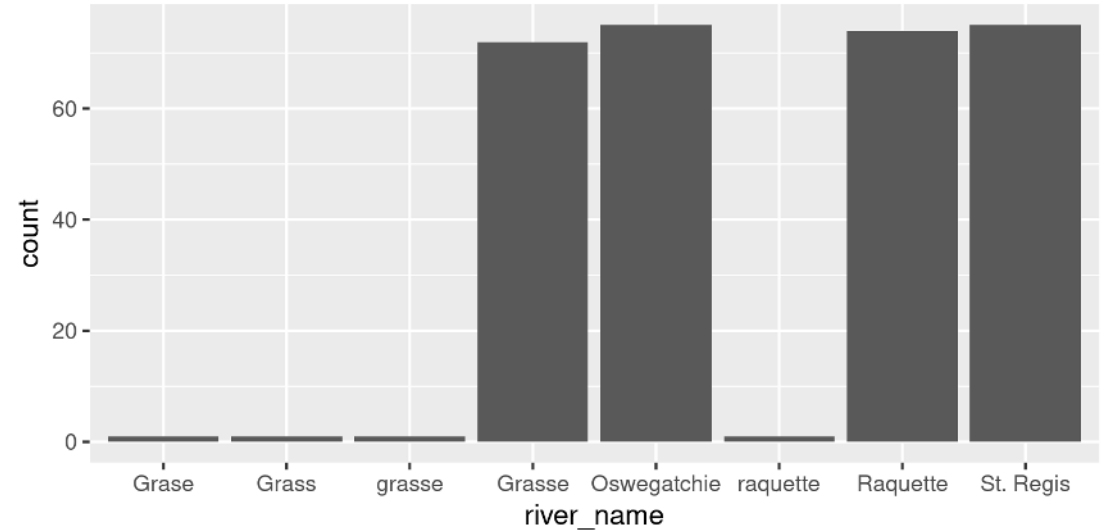
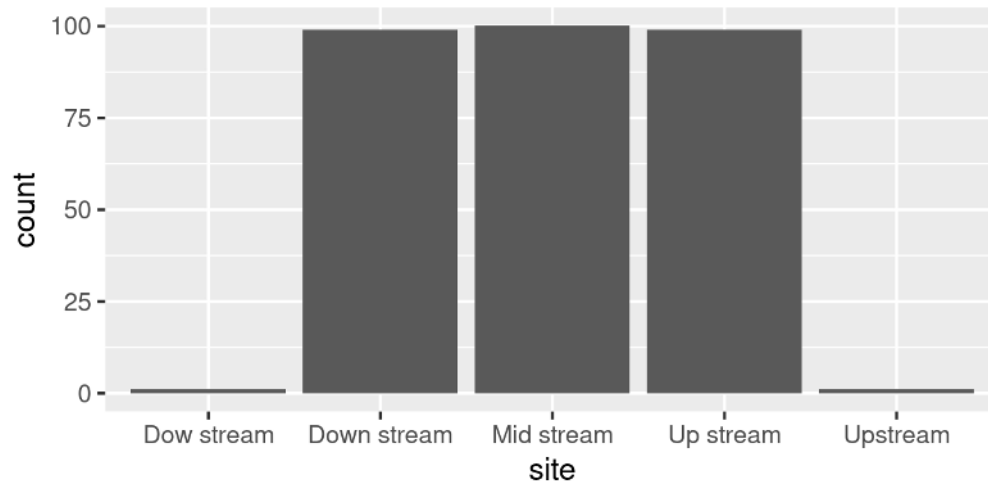
Note repeated data frame
rivers

```
## # A tibble: 300 x 4
##   river_name site      element amount
##   <chr>      <chr>      <chr>    <chr>
## 1 Grasse    Up stream  Al      0.6055555555555556
## 2 Grasse    Mid stream Al      0.425
## 3 Grasse    Down stream Al      0.1944444444444444
## 4 Oswegatchie Up stream  Al      1
## 5 Oswegatchie Mid stream Al      0.1611111111111111
## 6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al      0.03333333333333333
## 7 Raquette   Up stream  Al      0.2916666666666667
## 8 Raquette   Mid stream Al      0.03888888888888889
## 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
## 2 Grass         1
## 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      0.19444444444444444
```

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(???, ??? = ???)
```


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

```
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 == "Grass", "Grasse", river_name))
```

Fixing typos

To be more efficient, fix all typos at once

```
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 %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")
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),
  site = if_else(site == "Dow stream", "Down stream", site))
```

Tangent: Why use tidyverse packages?

Pipes! `%>%` Allow you to string commands together

Instead of:

```
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),
  site = if_else(site == "Dow stream", "Down stream", site))
```

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:

```
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 %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") %>%
  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))
```

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

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

Extra Challenge
Examine and fix problems
in your own data

Comparing single items

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

Comparing multiple items

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

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", "Grass", "grasse"),  
                              "Grasse", river_name),  
         river_name = if_else(river_name == "raquette", "Raquette", river_name),  
         site = if_else(site == "Dow stream", "Down stream", site),  
         site = if_else(site == "Upstream", "Up stream", site))
```

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", "Grass", "grasse"),  
                              "Grasse", river_name),  
         river_name = if_else(river_name == "raquette", "Raquette", river_name),  
         site = if_else(site == "Dow stream", "Down stream", site),  
         site = if_else(site == "Upstream", "Up stream", site))
```

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

```
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))
```

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) %>%  
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                                TRUE ~ river_name),  
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                           site == "Upstream" ~ "Up stream",  
                           TRUE ~ site))
```

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      0.6055555555555556
## 2 Grasse     Mid stream Al      0.425
## 3 Grasse     Down stream Al      0.1944444444444444
## 4 Oswegatchie Up stream  Al      1
## 5 Oswegatchie Mid stream Al      0.1611111111111111
## 6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al      0.03333333333333333
## 7 Raquette   Up stream  Al      0.2916666666666667
## 8 Raquette   Mid stream Al      0.03888888888888889
## 9 Raquette   Down stream Al      0
## 10 St. Regis Up stream  Al      0.6805555555555556
## # ... with 290 more rows
```

Why all character (chr)?

Changing classes

Function	Input	Output
<code>as.character()</code>	Any vector	Text (Characters)
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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
```

```
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)**)

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

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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",
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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?)

Dates and Times

- 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)



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
```

```
## # A tibble: 21 x 2
##   time                light
##   <dtm>              <dbl>
## 1 2011-05-02 22:29:59     64
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lubridate package

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

lubridate is smart enough to detect AMs and PMs

5. Saving data

Saving data

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Save your data to file:

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

Dealing with data

1. Loading data

- Get your data into R

2. Looking for problems

- Typos
- 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](#)