



Loading & Cleaning Data in R

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

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	River	Site	Ele	Amo	Wea
1	Grasse	Up stream	Al	0.6055555555555556	sunny
2	Grasse	Mid stream	Al	0.425	snowy
3	Grase	Down stream	Al	0.1944444444444444	wet
4	Oswegatchie	Up stream	Al	1	cloudy
5	Oswegatchie	Mid stream	Al	0.1611111111111111	cloudy
6	Oswegatchie	Down stream	Al	0.0333333333333333	sunny
7	Raquette	Up stream	Al	0.2916666666666667	sunny
8	Raquette	Mid stream	Al	0.0388888888888889	cloudy
9	Raquette	Down stream	Al	0	sunny
10	St. Regis	Up stream	Al	0.6805555555555556	sunny
11	St. Regis	Mid stream	Al	0.45	snowy
12	St. Regis	Down stream	Al	0.2861111111111111	cloudy
13	Grasse	Up stream	Ba	0.505283381364073	wet
14	Grasse	Mid stream	Ba	0.564841498559078	snowy
15	Grasse	Down stream	Ba	0.523535062439962	cloudy
16	Oswegatchie	Up stream	Ba	0.357348703170029	snowy
17	Oswegatchie	Mid stream	Ba	0.560038424591739	sunny
18	Oswegatchie	Down stream	Ba	1	wet
19	Raquette	Up stream	Ba	0	cloudy
20	Raquette	Mid stream	Ba	0.22478386167147	sunny
21	Raquette	Dow stream	Ba	0.364073006724304	cloudy
22	St. Regis	Up stream	Ba	0.379442843419789	wet
23	St. Regis	Mid stream	Ba	0.296829971181556	snowy
24	St. Regis	Down stream	Ba	0.577329490874159	snowy
25	Grasse	Up stream	Br	0.107142857142857	snowy

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First things first

 Save previous script

 Open New File

(make sure you're in the RStudio Project)

 Write `library(tidyverse)` at the top

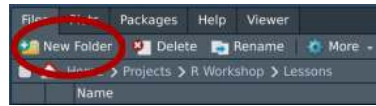
 Save this new script

(consider names like `cleaning.R` or `3_loading_and_cleaning.R`)

Download the data we'll use in this workshop

1. Create a 'data' folder in your RStudio project

- In the “Files” pane click on the folder icon **OR**
- Navigate to your project folder via your computer's file browser



Click on “New Folder”

2. Right-click “Save Link As..” and download these files to your **data** folder

- [water_cleaned.xlsx](#)
- [water_raw.csv](#)
- [master_moch.txt](#)
- [geolocators.csv](#)
- [grain_size.txt](#)
- [grain_size2.csv](#)
- [grain_meta.csv](#)
- [Sta A Data 2006-11-07.dmp](#)

Side Note

R base vs. tidyverse

R base vs. tidyverse

R base

- Basic R
- Packages are installed and loaded by default
- Base pipe `|>*`



tidyverse

- Collection of 'new' packages developed by a team closely affiliated with RStudio
 - e.g., `ggplot2`, `dplyr`, `tidyr`, `readr`
 - Packages designed to work well together
- Use a slightly different syntax
- tidyverse pipe `%>%` or base pipe `|>*`



Useful to know if functions
are
tidyverse or **R base**

Dealing with data

1. Loading data

- Get your data into R

2. Looking for problems

- Typos
- Incorrectly loaded data

3. Fixing problems

- Corrections
- Renaming
- Dealing with NA's

4. Setting formats

- Text,
- Numbers
- Factors
- Dates

5. Saving your data

Loading Data

Data types: What kind of data do you have?



Specific program files

Type	Extension	R Package	R function
Excel	.xls, .xlsx	readxl*	read_excel()
Open Document	.ods	readODS	read_ods()
SPSS	.sav, .zsav, .por	haven	read_spss()
SAS	.sas7bdat	haven	read_sas()
Stata	.dta	haven	read_dta()
Database Files	.dbf	foreign	read.dbf()

Convenient but...

- Can be unreliable
- Can take longer

For files that don't change, better to save as
a *.csv

(Comma-separated-variables file)

Data types: What kind of data do you have?

General text files

Type	R base	readr package *
Comma separated	<code>read.csv()</code>	<code>read_csv()</code> , <code>read_csv2()</code>
Tab separated	<code>read.delim()</code>	<code>read_tsv()</code>
Space separated	<code>read.table()</code>	<code>read_table()</code>
Fixed-width	<code>read.fwf()</code>	<code>read_fwf()</code>

- **readr** package especially useful for big data sets (fast!)
- Error/warnings from **readr** are a bit more helpful



We'll focus on

- **readxl** package → `read_excel()`

Where is my data?

Common error

```
1 my_data <- read_csv("weather.csv")
```

```
Error: 'weather.csv' does not exist in current working directory ('/home/steffi/Projects/Workshops/workshop-dealing-with-data').
```

With no folder (just file name) R expects file to be in **Working directory**

Working directory is:

- Where your RStudio project is
- Your home directory (My Documents, etc.) [If not using RStudio Projects]
- Where you've set it (using `setwd()` or RStudio's Session > Set Working Directory)

Don't use `setwd()`

Do use Projects in RStudio

Where is my data?

A note on file paths (file locations)

```
1 /home
```

- folders separated by /
- `home` is a folder

Where is my data?

A note on file paths (file locations)

```
1 /home/steffi/
```

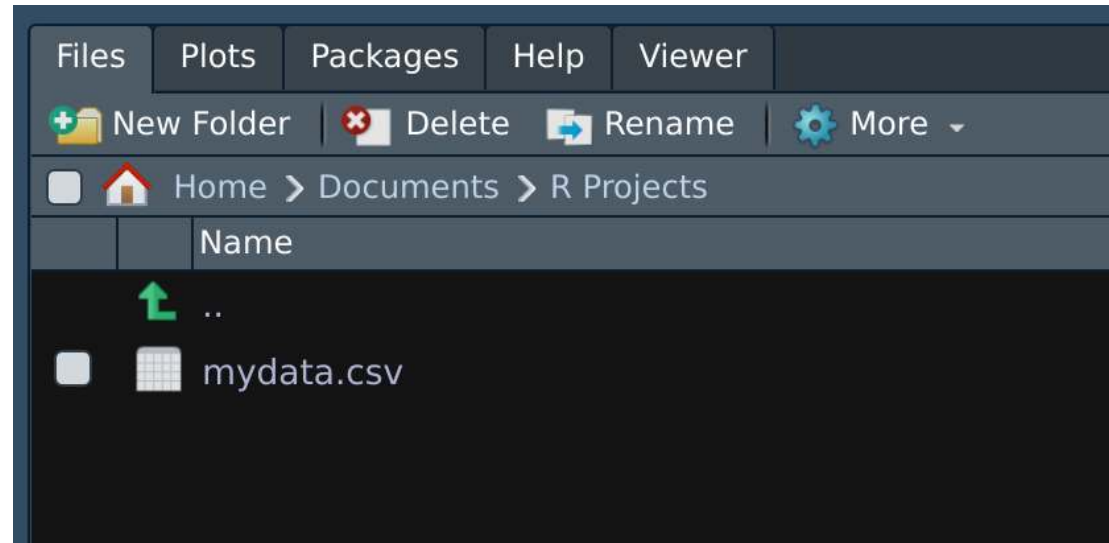
- folders separated by /
- `home` and `steffi` are folders
- `steffi` is a folder inside of `home`

Where is my data?

A note on file paths (file locations)

```
1 /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



RStudio Files Pane

Where is my data?

Absolute Paths

OS	Path
LINUX	/home/steffi/Documents/R Projects/mydata.csv
WINDOWS	C:/Users/steffi/My Documents/R Projects/mydata.csv
MAC	/users/steffi/Documents/R Projects/mydata.csv

Full location, folders and filename

Relative Paths

Path	Where to look
mydata.csv	Here (current directory)
../mydata.csv	Go up one directory (../)
data/mydata.csv	Stay here, go into “data” folder (data/)
../data/mydata.csv	Go up one directory (../), then into “data” folder (data/)

Only *relative* info
Use relative symbols (e.g.,
../)

Keep yourself organized

For simple projects

- Create an 'RStudio Project' for each Project
- Create a specific "data" folder within each project (one per project)

```
1 - Prospect Lake Quality          # Project Folder
2   - prospect_analysis.R
3   - data                        # Data Folder
4       - prospect_data_2017-01-01.csv
5       - prospect_data_2017-02-01.csv
```

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

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

Let's Load Some Data!

Your turn: Load some data

Working with `water_cleaned.xlsx`

1. Load the package

```
1 library(readxl)
```

2. Read in the Excel file and assign to object `water`

```
1 water <- read_excel("data/water_cleaned.xlsx")
```

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

e.g., `head(water)` and `tail(water)`

4. Click on the `water` 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

How do I know which function to use?

Program-specific files

- Files which only normally open in a particular program (e.g., Excel)
- Load with function from specific package (e.g. `read_excel` from readxl package)

Text files

- Files which open in notepad
- Files which open in RStudio when you click on them in the Files Pane
- Load with function from readr package (e.g. `read_csv()`, `read_tsv()`, etc.)

Look at the file extension:

- `water_cleaned.xlsx` → Excel file → `read_excel()`
- `water_raw.csv` → Comma-separated-variables → `read_csv()`

But sometimes not clear...

How do I know which function to use?

Working with: `master_moch.txt`

- In lower right-hand pane, click on **Files**
- Click on **data** folder
- Click on **master_moch.txt**
- Click “View File” (if asked)

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

This **does not** read the file into R, but only shows you the contents as text.

How do I know which function 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

```
1 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"
2 "MCB03\tkam\t-0.9707703735\t4.1090031783\t4.1090031783\t0.5"
3 "MCB04\tkam\t-0.9707703735\t4.2463067674\t4.2463067674\t0.5151515152"
```

`\t` means tab, so this is tab-separated data

How do I know what to use?

Peak:

- Try again with `read_tsv()`

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

A tibble: 3 × 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

col_names

Working with Geolocator data

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

```
# A tibble: 20 × 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
3 02/05/11 22:35:59    38
4 02/05/11 22:37:59    34
5 02/05/11 22:39:59    30
6 02/05/11 22:41:59    34
7 02/05/11 22:43:59    40
8 02/05/11 22:45:59    46
9 02/05/11 22:47:59    48
10 02/05/11 22:49:59    46
# i 10 more rows
```

- `read_csv`, `read_tsv`, etc. assume that the first row contains the column names
- This file doesn't have headers

Oops?

col_names

Working with Geolocator data

Declare no headings

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

```
# A tibble: 21 × 2
  X1                X2
  <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
7 02/05/11 22:41:59    34
8 02/05/11 22:43:59    40
9 02/05/11 22:45:59    46
10 02/05/11 22:47:59    48
# i 11 more rows
```

Name headings

```
1 my_data <- read_csv("data/geolocators.csv",
2                       col_names = c("date", "light"))
3 my_data
```

```
# A tibble: 21 × 2
  date                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
7 02/05/11 22:41:59    34
8 02/05/11 22:43:59    40
9 02/05/11 22:45:59    46
10 02/05/11 22:47:59    48
# i 11 more rows
```


skip info rows before data

Working with Grain size data

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

A tibble: 36 × 7

	`DATA DOWNLOAD: 2015-09-23`	...2	...3	...4	...5	...6	...7
	<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
9	3182	CSP01	CSP01-P-1-6	105	19.02	18.43	6.28
10	3183	CSP08	CSP08-P-1-1	10	11.6	17.14	8.18

i 26 more rows

skip info rows before data

Working with Grain size data

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

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 CSP sample_num depth_lb csa msa fsa
3177 CSP01 CSP01-P-1-1 4 13.04 17.37 8.19
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

skip info rows before data

Working with Grain size data

- Add `skip = 3` to skip the first three rows

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

A tibble: 33 × 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

i 23 more rows

Much better!

Your turn: Load this data set

Load Data: `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?

It should look like this:

```
# 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 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
# i 12 more rows
```

Too Easy?

Load some of your own tricky data

OR

Try to load the second sheet of `water_cleaned.xlsx` and rename

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

```
1 library(palmerpenguins)
2 penguins

# A tibble: 344 × 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
# i 334 more rows
```

Look at the data

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

```
1 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         50.8              19            210          4100 male   2009
6 Chinstrap Dream         50.2             18.7            198          3775 female 2009
```

skim() the data

skim() is from skimr

- Are the formats correct?
 - numbers (`numeric`),
 - text (`character`)
 - date (`date`, `POSIXct`, `datetime`)
 - categories (`factor`)
- Are values appropriate?
 - Should there be `NAs`?
- Are there any typos?
- Number of rows expected?



```
1 library(skimr)
2 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
-----------------	------

— 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() categories



count() is from dplyr*

- Check for sample sizes and potential typos in categorical columns
- Assess missing values

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

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

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

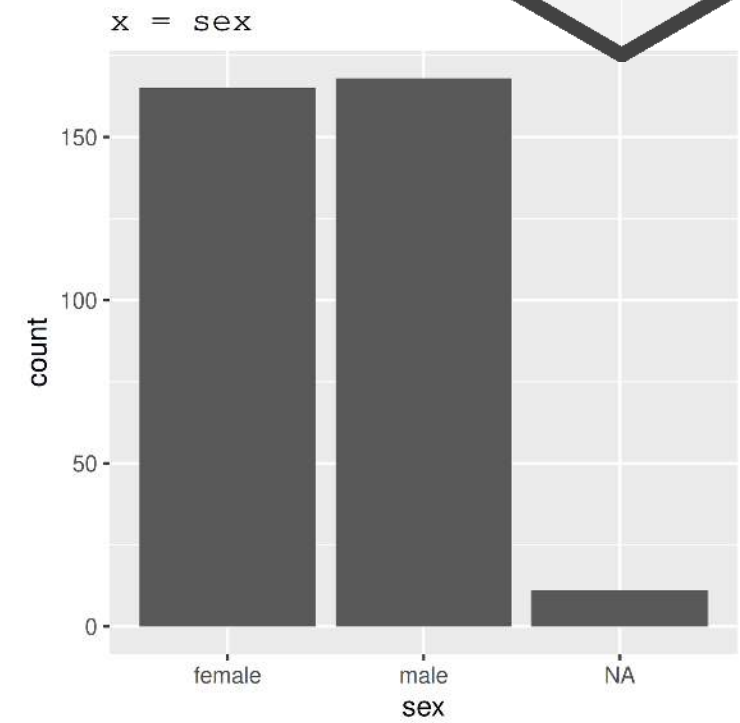
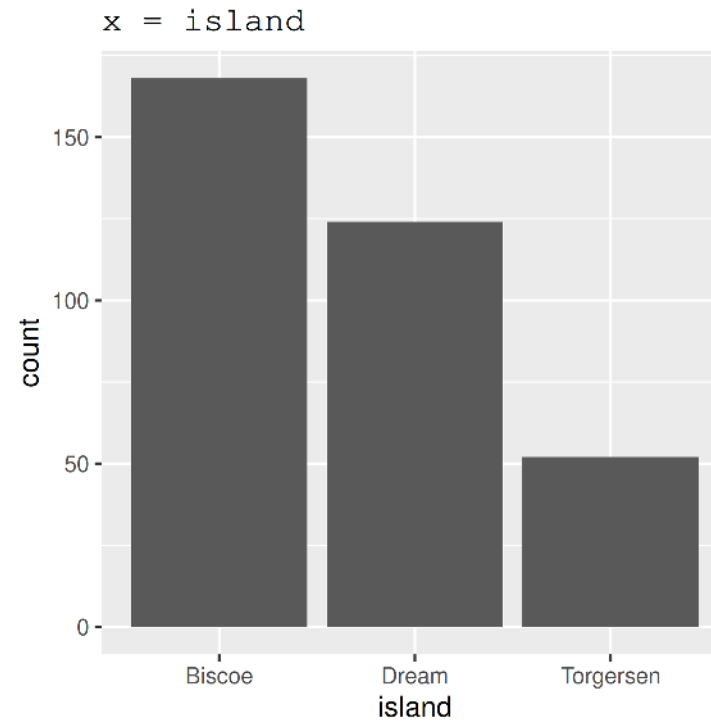
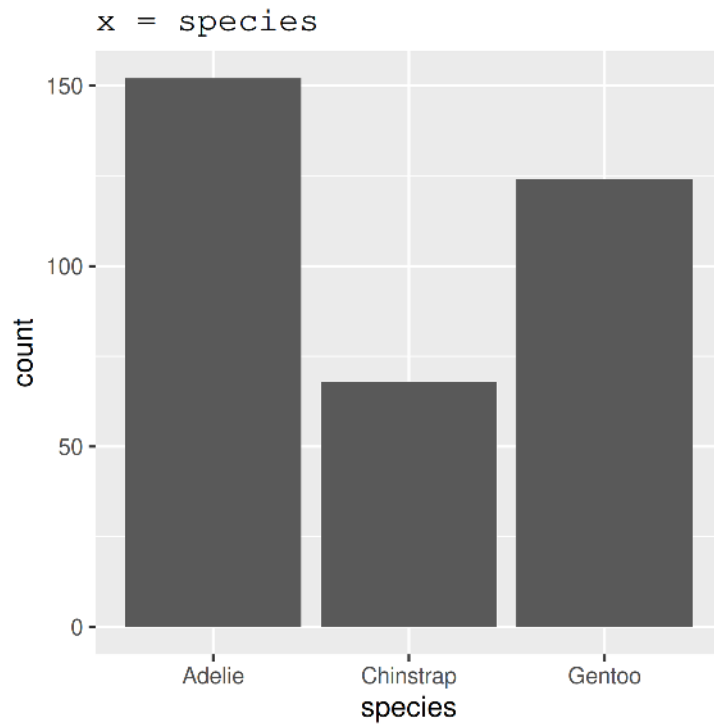
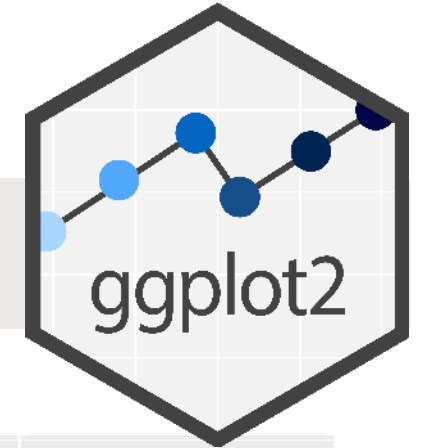
```
# A tibble: 3 × 2  
  island      n  
  <fct>    <int>  
1 Biscoe   168  
2 Dream    124  
3 Torgersen 52
```

```
1 count(penguins, sex)
```

```
# A tibble: 3 × 2  
  sex      n  
  <fct> <int>  
1 female  165  
2 male    168  
3 <NA>     11
```

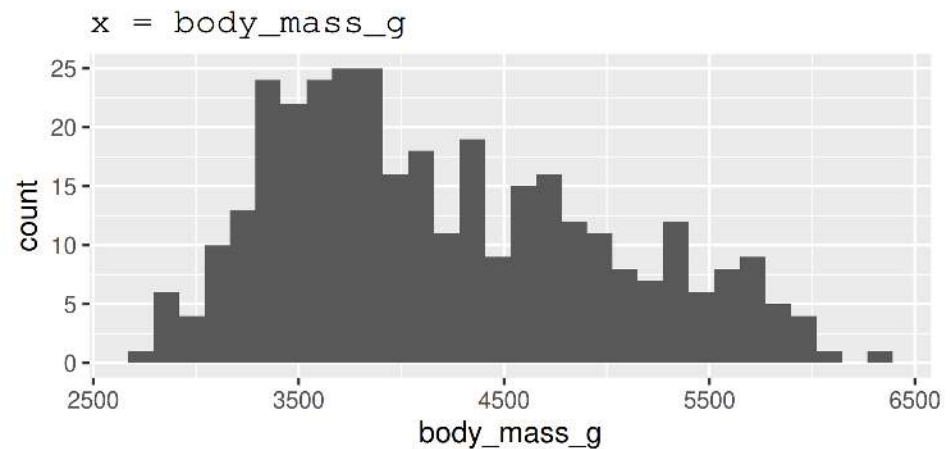
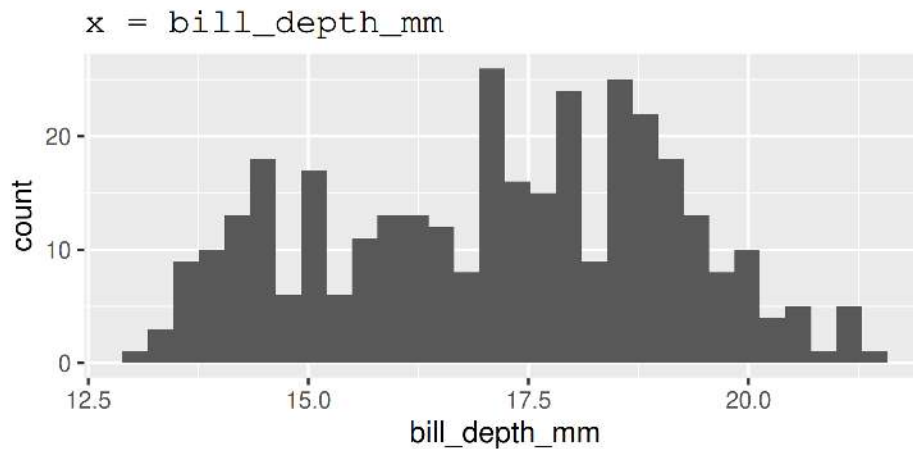
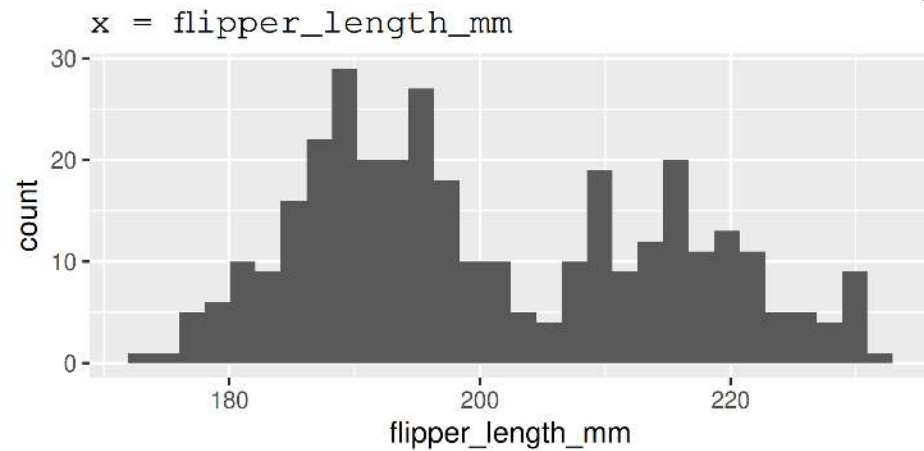
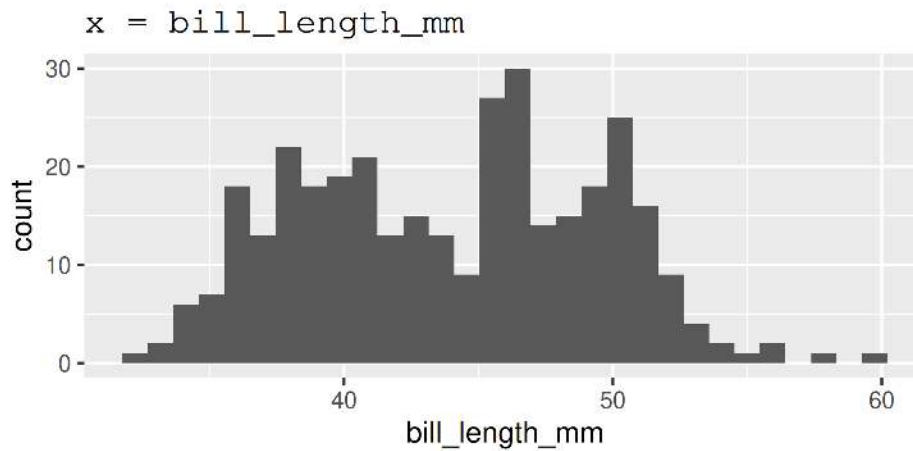
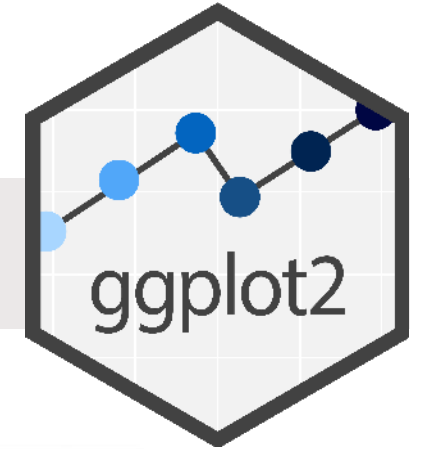
Plot categories

```
1 # Replace COLUMN with the column name to explore
2 ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = COLUMN)) +
3   geom_bar()
```



Plot numbers

```
1 # Replace COLUMN with the column name to explore
2 ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = COLUMN)) +
3   geom_histogram()
```



Example of problematic data

Look at the data

Working with: `water_raw.csv`

```
1 water <- read_csv("data/water_raw.csv")
2 water

# A tibble: 300 × 7
  `River Name` Site      Ele      Amo `Temperature C°` Year Wea
  <chr>         <chr>    <chr>    <dbl>      <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
1 Grasse       Up stream Al      0.606      10.9    2019 snowy
2 Grasse       Mid stream Al      0.425       8.68    2020 cloudy
3 Grase        Down stream Al      0.194       8.75    2021 cloudy
4 Oswegatchie Up stream Al      1          0.791    2022 sunny
5 Oswegatchie Mid stream Al      0.161       9.32    2023 snowy
6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al      0.0333     10.6    2019 wet
7 Raquette     Up stream Al      0.292       4.01    2020 snowy
8 Raquette     Mid stream Al      0.0389       5.96    2021 sunny
9 Raquette     Down stream Al      NA          6.21    2022 cloudy
10 St. Regis   Up stream Al      0.681       8.02    2023 wet
# i 290 more rows
```

- Column names are not R-friendly (`River Name` and `Temperature C°`) or obvious (what is `Ele`?)
- At least one typo in River (`Grase` should be `Grasse`)

Looking for problems

Your Turn!

```
1 water <- read_csv("data/water_raw.csv")
2 water

# A tibble: 300 × 7
  `River Name` Site      Ele      Amo `Temperature C°` Year Wea
  <chr>         <chr>    <chr>    <dbl>      <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
1 Grasse       Up stream Al      0.606      10.9   2019 snowy
2 Grasse       Mid stream Al      0.425       8.68  2020 cloudy
3 Grasse       Down stream Al      0.194       8.75  2021 cloudy
4 Oswegatchie Up stream Al      1          0.791  2022 sunny
5 Oswegatchie Mid stream Al      0.161       9.32  2023 snowy
6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al      0.0333     10.6   2019 wet
7 Raquette     Up stream Al      0.292       4.01  2020 snowy
8 Raquette     Mid stream Al      0.0389       5.96  2021 sunny
9 Raquette     Down stream Al      NA         6.21  2022 cloudy
10 St. Regis   Up stream Al      0.681       8.02  2023 wet
# i 290 more rows
```

- `skim()` the data
- `count()` some columns
- Perhaps make some `ggplot()`s

Find any problems?

Fixing problems

Cleaning column names



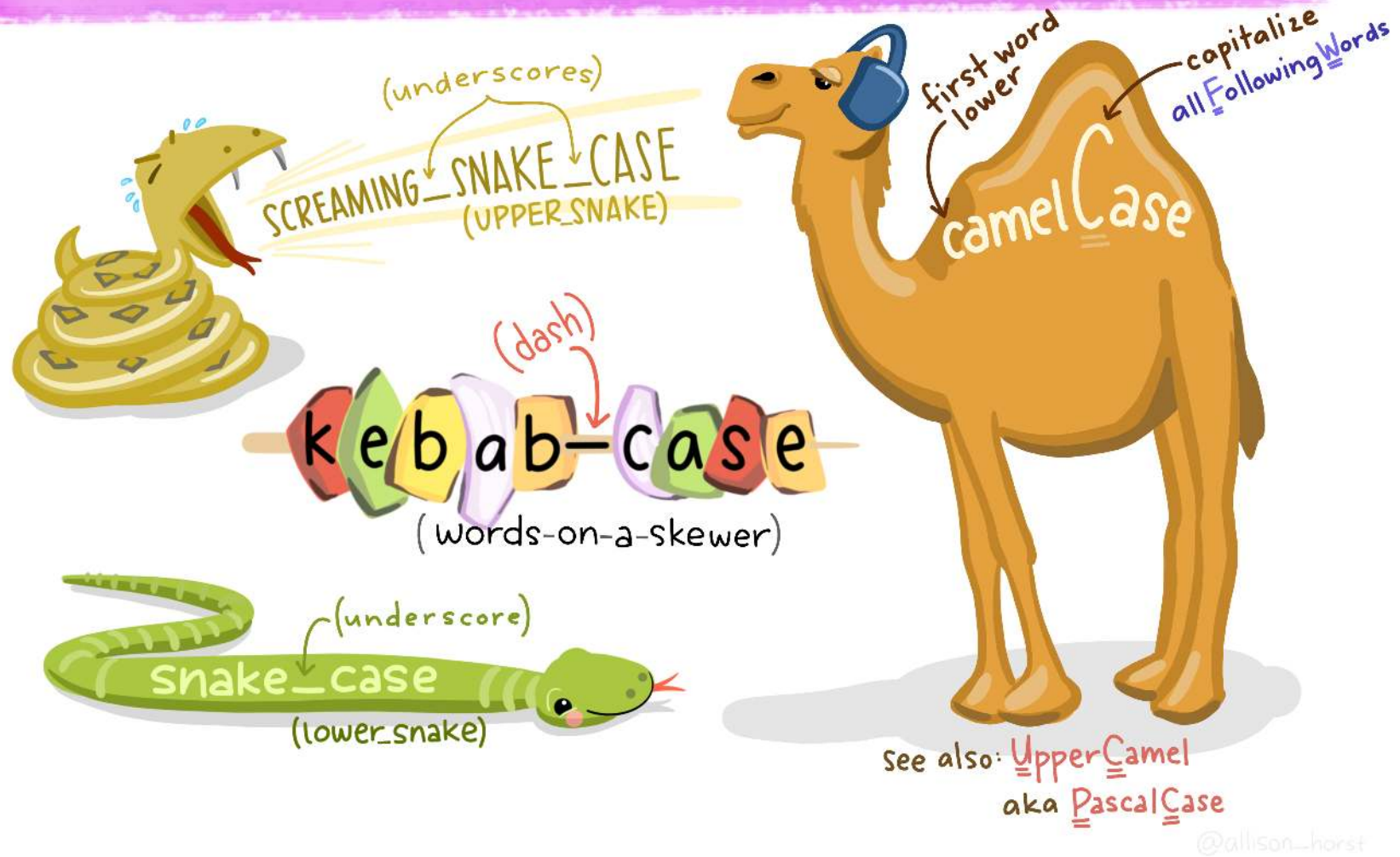
`clean_names()` is from `janitor`*

```
1 library(janitor)
2 water <- clean_names(water)
3 water

1 # A tibble: 300 × 7
2   river_name site     ele     amo temperature_c year wea
3   <chr>      <chr>   <chr>   <dbl>         <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
4 1 Grasse    Up stream Al     0.606         10.9   2019 snowy
5 2 Grasse    Mid stream Al     0.425          8.68   2020 cloudy
6 3 Grasse    Down stream Al     0.194          8.75   2021 cloudy
7 4 Oswegatchie Up stream Al     1           0.791   2022 sunny
8 5 Oswegatchie Mid stream Al     0.161          9.32   2023 snowy
9 6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al     0.0333        10.6   2019 wet
10 7 Raquette  Up stream Al     0.292          4.01   2020 snowy
11 8 Raquette  Mid stream Al     0.0389          5.96   2021 sunny
12 9 Raquette  Down stream Al     NA           6.21   2022 cloudy
13 10 St. Regis Up stream Al     0.681          8.02   2023 wet
14 # i 290 more rows
```

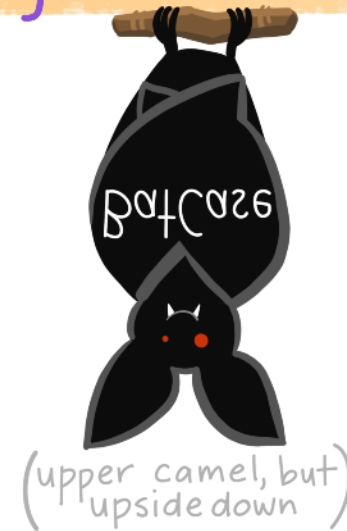
Side Note: Naming conventions

in that case...



Side Note: Naming conventions

failed programming cases



@allison-horst

Cleaning column names

`rename()` is from `dplyr`*

`rename()` columns



```
1 water <- rename(water, element = ele, amount = amo, temperature = temperature_c)
2 water
```

```
# A tibble: 300 × 7
  river_name site      element amount temperature year wea
  <chr>      <chr>      <chr>    <dbl>         <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
1 Grasse    Up stream    Al      0.606          10.9    2019 snowy
2 Grasse    Mid stream  Al      0.425           8.68    2020 cloudy
3 Grasse    Down stream Al      0.194           8.75    2021 cloudy
4 Oswegatchie Up stream  Al      1              0.791    2022 sunny
5 Oswegatchie Mid stream  Al      0.161           9.32    2023 snowy
6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al      0.0333         10.6    2019 wet
7 Raquette  Up stream    Al      0.292           4.01    2020 snowy
8 Raquette  Mid stream  Al      0.0389           5.96    2021 sunny
9 Raquette  Down stream Al      NA              6.21    2022 cloudy
10 St. Regis Up stream    Al      0.681           8.02    2023 wet
# i 290 more rows
```

Subsetting columns



`select()` is from `dplyr`*

`select()` columns you want

```
1 water <- select(water, river_name, site, element, amount)
```

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

```
1 water <- select(water, -wea)
2 water
```

A tibble: 300 × 6

	river_name	site	element	amount	temperature	year
	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	Grasse	Up stream	Al	0.606	10.9	2019
2	Grasse	Mid stream	Al	0.425	8.68	2020
3	Grasse	Down stream	Al	0.194	8.75	2021
4	Oswegatchie	Up stream	Al	1	0.791	2022
5	Oswegatchie	Mid stream	Al	0.161	9.32	2023
6	Oswegatchie	Down stream	Al	0.0333	10.6	2019
7	Raquette	Up stream	Al	0.292	4.01	2020
8	Raquette	Mid stream	Al	0.0389	5.96	2021
9	Raquette	Down stream	Al	NA	6.21	2022
10	St. Regis	Up stream	Al	0.681	8.02	2023

i 290 more rows

Cleaning columns

Put it all together

```
1 water <- read_csv("data/water_raw.csv")
2 water <- clean_names(water)
3 water <- rename(water, element = ele, amount = amo, temperature = temperature_c)
4 water <- select(water, -wea)
5 water
```

```
# A tibble: 300 × 6
  river_name site      element amount temperature year
  <chr>      <chr>      <chr>    <dbl>         <dbl> <dbl>
1 Grasse    Up stream    Al      0.606          10.9  2019
2 Grasse    Mid stream   Al      0.425           8.68  2020
3 Grasse    Down stream  Al      0.194           8.75  2021
4 Oswegatchie Up stream    Al      1              0.791  2022
5 Oswegatchie Mid stream   Al      0.161           9.32  2023
6 Oswegatchie Down stream  Al      0.0333          10.6  2019
7 Raquette  Up stream    Al      0.292           4.01  2020
8 Raquette  Mid stream   Al      0.0389           5.96  2021
9 Raquette  Down stream  Al      NA              6.21  2022
10 St. Regis Up stream    Al      0.681           8.02  2023
# i 290 more rows
```

Fixing typos

Remember the typos...

```
1 count(water, river_name)

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

Fixing typos

Replace typos

Combine the `if_else` function with the `mutate()` function

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

Check that it's gone:

```
1 count(water, river_name)

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


Fixing typos

`if_else()` and **`mutate()`** from **`dplyr`** package*



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

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

`if_else()` tests for a condition, and returns one value if **`FALSE`** and another if **`TRUE`**

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

Iterative process

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



Many corrections?

Try `case_when()` from **dplyr** package*

`case_when()` tests for multiple conditions, and returns different values depending

```
1 case_when(condition1 ~ value_if_true1,  
2           condition2 ~ value_if_true2,  
3           condition3 ~ value_if_true3,  
4           TRUE ~ default_value)
```

Your Turn: Fix another “Grasse” typo

1. Check the data with `count()`
2. Use `mutate()` and `if_else()` to fix the typo

```
1 water <- read_csv("data/water_raw.csv")
2 water <- clean_names(water)
3 water <- rename(water, element = ele, amount = amo, temperature = temperature_c)
4 water <- select(water, -wea)
5 water <- mutate(water, river_name = if_else(river_name == "Grase", "Grasse", river_name))
6
7 water <- mutate(???, ??? = ???)
```

Too Easy?

Examine and fix problems in your own data

OR

Use case `when()` to fix all the river name typos at once...

Tangent: tidyverse functions

tidyverse functions



`rename()`, `select()`, `mutate()`

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

```
1 water <- read_csv("data/water_raw.csv")
2 water <- clean_names(water)
3 water <- rename(water, element = ele, amount = amo, temperature = temperature_c)
4 water <- select(water, -wea)
5 water <- mutate(water, river_name = if_else(river_name %in% c("Grase", "grasse"), "Grasse", river_name))
```

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

Why use tidyverse functions?



Pipes! `|>*` Allow you to string commands together

Instead of:

```
1 water <- read_csv("data/water_raw.csv")
2 water <- clean_names(water)
3 water <- rename(water, element = ele, amount = amo, temperature = temperature_c)
4 water <- select(water, -wea)
5 water <- mutate(water,
6                 river_name = case_when(river_name %in% c("Grase", "grasse") ~ "Grasse",
7                                     river_name == "raquette" ~ "Raquette",
8                                     TRUE ~ river_name))
```

We have:

```
1 water <- read_csv("data/water_raw.csv") |>
2   clean_names() |>
3   rename(element = ele, amount = amo, temperature = temperature_c) |>
4   select(-wea) |>
5   mutate(river_name = case_when(river_name %in% c("Grase", "grasse") ~ "Grasse",
6                               river_name == "raquette" ~ "Raquette",
7                               TRUE ~ river_name))
```

Play around

Take a moment to play with this code in your console

Convert this:

```
1 water <- read_csv("data/water_raw.csv")
2 water <- clean_names(water)
3 water <- rename(water, element = ele, amount = amo, temperature = temperature_c)
4 water <- select(water, -wea)
5 water <- mutate(water,
6                 river_name = case_when(river_name %in% c("Grase", "grasse") ~ "Grasse",
7                                     river_name == "raquette" ~ "Raquette",
8                                     TRUE ~ river_name))
```



To this:

```
1 water <- read_csv("data/water_raw.csv") |>
2   clean_names() |>
3   rename(element = ele, amount = amo, temperature = temperature_c) |>
4   select(-wea) |>
5   mutate(river_name = case_when(river_name %in% c("Grase", "grasse") ~ "Grasse",
6                               river_name == "raquette" ~ "Raquette",
7                               TRUE ~ river_name))
```

Dealing with NAs

Data that *is* missing

Data that *should* be missing

Exploring NAs

- We saw missing values in `amount`
- Use `filter()` to take a closer look

```
1 filter(water, is.na(amount))
```

A tibble: 39 × 6

	river_name	site	element	amount	temperature	year
	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	Raquette	Down stream	Al	NA	6.21	2022
2	Raquette	Up stream	Ba	NA	5.23	2022
3	Raquette	Up stream	Br	NA	-99	2019
4	Oswegatchie	Up stream	Ca	NA	4.76	2023
5	Raquette	Down stream	Ce	NA	13.9	2020
6	Grasse	Up stream	Cu	NA	9.13	2019
7	Raquette	Down stream	Dy	NA	4.98	2019
8	Raquette	Down stream	Er	NA	3.07	2021
9	Raquette	Down stream	Fe	NA	7.20	2023
10	Raquette	Down stream	Gd	NA	4.73	2020

i 29 more rows

Omitting NAs

`drop_na()` is from **tidyr***



Omit **NAs** from the **amount** column only (drop those rows)

```
1 water_no_na <- drop_na(water, amount)
```

Omit **all NAs** from **all** columns (drop those rows)

```
1 water_no_na <- drop_na(water)
```

Check...

```
1 filter(water_no_na, is.na(amount))
```

```
# A tibble: 0 × 6
```

```
# i 6 variables: river_name <chr>, site <chr>, element <chr>, amount <dbl>, temperature <dbl>, year <dbl>
```

```
1 nrow(water_no_na)
```

```
[1] 261
```

Side Note: `filter()` also omits NAs 🤯

If we filter by the column with NAs, they are silently dropped

```
1 filter(water, amount < 0.05)

# A tibble: 15 × 6
  river_name site      element amount temperature year
  <chr>      <chr>      <chr>    <dbl>      <dbl> <dbl>
1 Oswegatchie Down stream Al      0.0333      10.6  2019
2 Raquette   Mid stream  Al      0.0389       5.96  2021
3 Grasse     Mid stream  Br      0.0357      12.4  2019
4 St. Regis  Up stream   Br      0.0357       3.52  2022
5 St. Regis  Mid stream  Br      0.0357       0.936  2023
6 Raquette   Mid stream  Ce      0.0116       6.61  2019
7 Raquette   Mid stream  Fe      0.00656     10.8  2022
8 Grasse     Up stream   K       0.0313       3.61  2021
9 Raquette   Mid stream  La      0.0275       2.50  2020
10 Oswegatchie Down stream Mn      0.00672      8.89  2019
# i 5 more rows
```

We need to be explicit if we want to keep them

```
1 filter(water, amount < 0.05 | is.na(amount))

# A tibble: 54 × 6
  river_name site      element amount temperature year
  <chr>      <chr>      <chr>    <dbl>      <dbl> <dbl>
1 Oswegatchie Down stream Al      0.0333      10.6  2019
2 Raquette   Mid stream  Al      0.0389       5.96  2021
3 Raquette   Down stream Al      NA          6.21  2022
4 Raquette   Up stream   Ba      NA          5.23  2022
5 Grasse     Mid stream  Br      0.0357      12.4  2019
6 Raquette   Up stream   Br      NA         -99    2019
7 St. Regis  Up stream   Br      0.0357       3.52  2022
8 St. Regis  Mid stream  Br      0.0357       0.936  2023
9 Oswegatchie Up stream   Ca      NA          4.76  2023
10 Raquette   Mid stream  Ce      0.0116       6.61  2019
# i 44 more rows
```


Replacing NAs

`replace_na()` is from **tidyr***

```
1 water_no_na <- mutate(water, amount = replace_na(amount, 0))
```

Check...

```
1 filter(water_no_na, is.na(amount))  
  
# A tibble: 0 × 6  
# i 6 variables: river_name <chr>, site <chr>, element <chr>, amount <dbl>, temperature <dbl>, year <dbl>  
  
1 nrow(water_no_na)  
  
[1] 300
```

No more NAs!

Same number of rows

(If you want to do a more complex replacement, you'll have to use `if_else()` or `case_when()` like we did for typos.)



Converting to NA

Remember the problem with `temperature`?



```
1 filter(water, temperature < -10)
```

A tibble: 3 × 6

	river_name	site	element	amount	temperature	year
	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	Raquette	Up stream	Br	NA	-99	2019
2	Oswegatchie	Mid stream	K	0.426	-99	2020
3	St. Regis	Mid stream	La	0.367	-99	2023

`na_if()` is from `dplyr`*

```
1 water <- mutate(water, temperature = na_if(temperature, -99))
```

Check...

```
1 filter(water, is.na(temperature))
```

A tibble: 3 × 6

	river_name	site	element	amount	temperature	year
	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	Raquette	Up stream	Br	NA	NA	2019
2	Oswegatchie	Mid stream	K	0.426	NA	2020
3	St. Regis	Mid stream	La	0.367	NA	2023

Fixing formats

Fixing formats

Basic data types

- Text (Characters or Strings)
- Numbers (Doubles, Integers)
- Logical (TRUE or FALSE)
- Factor (Categories)
- Dates
- Date/Times

Look for problems

```
1 water

# A tibble: 300 × 6
  river_name site      element amount temperature year
  <chr>      <chr>      <chr>    <dbl>      <dbl> <dbl>
1 Grasse    Up stream    Al        0.606        10.9  2019
2 Grasse    Mid stream    Al        0.425         8.68  2020
3 Grasse    Down stream    Al        0.194         8.75  2021
4 Oswegatchie Up stream    Al         1          0.791  2022
5 Oswegatchie Mid stream    Al        0.161         9.32  2023
6 Oswegatchie Down stream    Al        0.0333        10.6  2019
7 Raquette  Up stream    Al        0.292         4.01  2020
8 Raquette  Mid stream    Al        0.0389         5.96  2021
9 Raquette  Down stream    Al        NA          6.21  2022
10 St. Regis Up stream    Al        0.681         8.02  2023
# i 290 more rows
```

Year could be categorical (factor)
Better for plotting!

Convert to categorical

```
1 water <- mutate(water, year = as.factor(year))
2 water
```

```
# A tibble: 300 × 6
  river_name site      element amount temperature year
  <chr>      <chr>      <chr>      <dbl>         <dbl> <fct>
1 Grasse    Up stream    Al         0.606         10.9  2019
2 Grasse    Mid stream  Al         0.425          8.68  2020
3 Grasse    Down stream Al         0.194          8.75  2021
4 Oswegatchie Up stream  Al          1            0.791  2022
5 Oswegatchie Mid stream  Al         0.161          9.32  2023
6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al         0.0333        10.6   2019
7 Raquette  Up stream    Al         0.292          4.01  2020
8 Raquette  Mid stream  Al         0.0389          5.96  2021
9 Raquette  Down stream Al         NA            6.21  2022
10 St. Regis Up stream    Al         0.681          8.02  2023
# i 290 more rows
```

Changing classes

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

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

Put it all together...

```
1 water <- read_csv("data/water_raw.csv") |>
2   clean_names() |>
3   rename(element = ele, amount = amo, temperature = temperature_c) |>
4   select(-wea) |>
5   mutate(river_name = case_when(river_name %in% c("Grase", "grasse") ~ "Grasse",
6                                 river_name == "raquette" ~ "Raquette",
7                                 TRUE ~ river_name),
8         amount = replace_na(amount, 0),
9         temperature = na_if(temperature, -99),
10        year = as.factor(year))
```

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
- Read these steps line by line to remind yourself what you did

Put it all together...

Feel free to annotate within a pipe

```
1 water <- read_csv("data/water_raw.csv") |>
2   # Fix column names
3   clean_names() |>
4   rename(element = ele, amount = amo, temperature = temperature_c) |>
5   select(-wea) |>
6   mutate(
7     # Correct typos
8     river_name = case_when(river_name %in% c("Grase", "grasse") ~ "Grasse",
9                           river_name == "raquette" ~ "Raquette",
10                          TRUE ~ river_name),
11     # Missing amounts should be 0
12     amount = replace_na(amount, 0),
13     # Problems with temperature logger, -99 is a mistake
14     temperature = na_if(temperature, -99),
15     # Convert for plotting
16     year = as.factor(year))
```

Dates and Times

(Or why does R hate me?)

Dates and Times

Working with Geolocator data

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

```
1 geolocators <- read_csv("data/geolocators.csv", col_names = c("time", "light"))
2 geolocators

# A tibble: 21 × 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
# i 15 more rows
```

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

You may know it's a date, but R does not



lubridate package*

- Part of `tidyverse`, but needs to be loaded separately
- Great for converting date/times (i.e. telling R this is a date/time)



```
1 library(lubridate)
2 geolocators <- mutate(geolocators, time_fixed = dmy_hms(time))
3 geolocators

# A tibble: 21 × 3
  time          light time_fixed
<chr>         <dbl> <dtm>
1 02/05/11 22:29:59    64 2011-05-02 22:29:59
2 02/05/11 22:31:59    64 2011-05-02 22:31:59
3 02/05/11 22:33:59    38 2011-05-02 22:33:59
4 02/05/11 22:35:59    38 2011-05-02 22:35:59
5 02/05/11 22:37:59    34 2011-05-02 22:37:59
6 02/05/11 22:39:59    30 2011-05-02 22:39:59
# i 15 more rows
```

Now `time_fixed` column is considered `dtm` (Date/Time)

So **You** know it's a Date/Time and now **R** knows too

lubridate package*

Generally, only the order of the **year**, **month**, **day**, **hour**, **minute**, or **second** matters.

For example

date/time format	function	output 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

Saving data

(For the love of all that is good don't *lose* that data!!!)*

* but if you've been paying attention, you know that you only need the script 😊

Saving data

Keep yourself organized

- Keep your R-created data in a **different** folder from your 'raw' data*
- If you have a lot going on, split your work into several scripts, and number the both the scripts AND the data sets produced:
- `1_cleaned.csv`
- `2_summarized.csv`
- `3_graphing.csv`

Save your data to file:

- First create the *datasets* folder

```
1 write_csv(water, "datasets/water_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
- Dealing with NA's

4. Setting formats

- Text
- Numbers
- Factors
- Dates

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 (`|>` or `%>%`) pass the *output* from one function as *input* to the next function:

```
1 my_data <- my_data |>           # Pass my_data
2   filter(my_column > 5) |>      # Pass my_data, filtered
3   select(my_column, my_second_column)
```

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

```
1 my_data <- my_data |>           # Pass my_data
2   mutate(my_column1 = if_else(...), # No passing (no pipes!)
3         my_column2 = if_else(...),  # Instead, give 3 arguments to mutate:
4         my_column3 = if_else(...))  # Arguments separated by ",", and surrounded by ( )
```

Wrapping up: Further reading

- R for Data Science
 - [Chapter 3: Data transformation](#)
 - [Chapter 6: Workflow: scripts and projects](#)
 - [Chapter 14: Strings](#)
 - [Chapter 16: Factors](#)
 - [Chapter 4.3: Workflow: code style > Pipes](#)