Workshop: Dealing with Data in R

## **Loading & 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	0.6055555555556	sunny			
2	Grasse	Mid stream	Al	0.425	snowy			
3	Grase	Down stream	Al	0.19444444444444	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	0.038888888888889	cloudy			
9	Raquette	Down stream	Al	0	sunny			
10	St. Regis	Up stream	Al	0.6805555555556	sunny			
11	St. Regis	Mid stream	Al	0.45	snowy			
12	St. Regis	Down stream	Al	0.286111111111111	cloudy			
13	Grasse	Up stream	Ва	0.505283381364073	wet			
14	Grasse	Mid stream	Ва	0.564841498559078	snowy			
15	Grasse	Down stream	Ва	0.523535062439962	cloudy			
16	Oswegatchie	Up stream	Ва	0.357348703170029	snowy			
17	Oswegatchie	Mid stream	Ва	0.560038424591739	sunny			
18	Oswegatchie	Down stream	Ва	1	wet			
19	Raquette	Up stream	Ba	0	cloudy			
20	Raquette	Mid stream	Ва	0.22478386167147	sunny			
21	Raquette	Dow stream	Ва	0.364073006724304	cloudy			
22	St. Regis	Up stream	Ва	0.379442843419789	wet			
23	St. Regis	Mid stream	Ва	0.296829971181556	snowy			
24	St. Regis	Down stream	Ва	0.577329490874159 Compiled: 2023-	snowy 3-04-18			
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)

## **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

### 4. Setting formats

- Dates
- Numbers
- Factors

### 5. Saving your data

# **Loading Data**

## Data types: What kind of data do you have?

### Specific program files

Туре	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 (tidyverse)
Comma separated	read.csv()	read_csv(),read_csv2()
Tab separated	read.delim()	read_tsv()
Space separated	read.table()	read_table()
Fixed-width	read.fwf()	read_fwf()

readr package especially useful for big data sets (fast!)

#### We'll focus on

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

#### **Common error**

```
1 my_data <- read_csv("weather.csv")
Error: 'weather.csv' does not exist in current working directory ('/home/steffi/Projects/Workshops/Two-day R
Workshop/qmd').</pre>
```

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)

Do use Projects in RStudio
Don't use setwd()

### A note on file paths (file locations)

1 /home

- folders separated by /
- home is a folder

### A note on file paths (file locations)

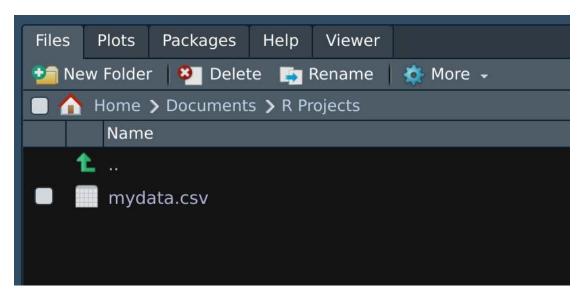
```
1 /home/steffi/
```

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

### 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** 

### **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/)	II	Only <i>relative</i> info		
/data/mydata.csv	Go up one directory (/), then into "data" folder (d	Use re	elative symbols (e.g., /)		

## Keep yourself organized

### For simple projects

- Create an 'RStudio Project' for each Project (Chapter, Thesis, etc.)
- Create a specific "Data" folder within each project (one per project)

```
- Prospect Lake Quality # Project Folder
- prospect_analysis.R
- data # Data Folder
- prospect_data_2017-01-01.csv
- 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

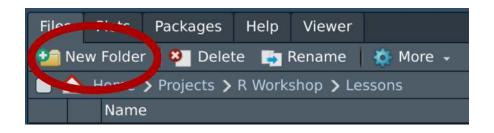
- 1. Create a 'data' folder in your RStudio project
- 2. Put rivers\_correct.xlsx file in the "data" folder
- 3. Load the package

```
1 library(readxl)
```

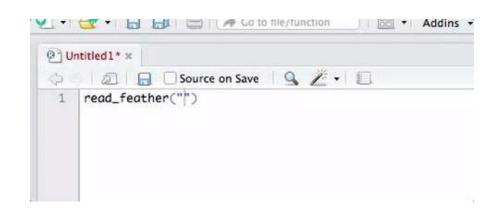
4. Read in the Excel file and assign to object rivers

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

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



Click on "New Folder"



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

### How do I know which function to use?

### Look at the file extension:

- rivers\_correct.csv
- .csv → Comma-separated-variables → read\_csv()

But not always obvious...

### How do I know which function to use?

### Look at the file: master\_moch.txt

- Put this file in your **data** folder
- 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
                            3.9806600009
MCB02
        kam 0.5266879074
                                            3.9806600009
                                                             0.4592592593
        kam - 0.9707703735
                          4.1090031783
                                            4.1090031783
                                                             0.5
MCB03
        kam - 0.9707703735
                          4.2463067674
                                                            0.5151515152
MCB04
                                            4.2463067674
```

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

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

### How do I know what to use?

#### Peak:

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

```
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\t0.515151515152"
```

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

### How do I know what to use?

### Peak:

Try again with read\_tsv()

Excellent!

# **Specifics of loading functions**

## col\_names

• Geolocator data

```
1 my data <- read csv("data/geolocators.csv")</pre>
 2 my data
# A tibble: 20 \times 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
                           38
 3 02/05/11 22:35:59
 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

Geolocator data

### Declare no headings

```
1 my data <- read csv("data/geolocators.csv",</pre>
                          col names = FALSE)
  3 my data
# A tibble: 21 \times 2
   X1
                         X2
   <chr>
                      <dbl>
 1 02/05/11 22:29:59
 2 02/05/11 22:31:59
 3 02/05/11 22:33:59
 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
 9 02/05/11 22:45:59
                         46
10 02/05/11 22:47:59
                         48
# i 11 more rows
```

### Name headings

```
my data <- read csv("data/geolocators.csv",</pre>
                          col names = c("date", "light"))
  3 my_data
# A tibble: 21 \times 2
                      light
   date
   <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
 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

Grain size data

```
1 my data <- read tsv("data/grain size.txt")</pre>
       2 my data
 # A tibble: 36 \times 7
           `DATA DOWNLOAD: 2015-09-23` ...2 ...3 ...4 ...5 ...6 ...7 <chr> <chr > <chr> <chr > <chr 
                                                                                                                              <NA> <NA> <NA> <NA> <NA> <NA>
    1 SYSTEM 001
                                                                                                                                                                             <NA> <NA> <NA> <NA>
     2 LOGGER X
                                                                                                                              <NA> <NA>
     3 lab num
                                                                                                                                                       sample num depth lb csa msa
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              fsa
     4 3177
                                                                                                                              CSP01 CSP01-P-1-1 4
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            13.04 17.37 8.19
                                                                                                                                                                                                                     10.74 16.9 7.92
     5 3178
                                                                                                                              CSP01 CSP01-P-1-2 12
                                                                                                                              CSP01 CSP01-P-1-3 35 12.11 17.75 6.99 CSP01 CSP01-P-1-4 53 17.61 18.16 6.29
     6 3179
     7 3180
                                                                                                                              CSP01 CSP01-P-1-5 83 21.05 18.38 6.26
     8 3181
                                                                                                                              CSP01 CSP01-P-1-6 105 19.02 18.43 6.28
     9 3182
                                                                                                                                                                                                                     11.6 17.14 8.18
10 3183
                                                                                                                               CSP08 CSP08-P-1-1 10
 # i 26 more rows
```

## skip info rows before data

Grain size data

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

#### Look at the file:

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

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

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

```
1 my data <- read tsv("data/grain size.txt", skip = 3)</pre>
 2 my data
# A tibble: 33 \times 7
  lab num CSP
              sample num depth lb
                                    csa
    <dbl> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <</pre>
                            4 13.0 17.4
    3177 CSP01 CSP01-P-1-1
                                                 8.19
                            12 10.7 16.9 7.92
    3178 CSP01 CSP01-P-1-2
                            35 12.1 17.8 6.99
53 17.6 18.2 6.29
83 21.0 18.4 6.26
     3179 CSP01 CSP01-P-1-3
     3180 CSP01 CSP01-P-1-4
     3181 CSP01 CSP01-P-1-5
                            105 19.0
     3182 CSP01 CSP01-P-1-6
                                                     Much better!
                            10 11.6
     3183 CSP08 CSP08-P-1-1
                            27 15.4
    3184 CSP08 CSP08-P-1-2
                            90 14.9 15.8
    3185 CSP08 CSP08-P-1-3
     3186 CSP02 CSP02-P-1-1
                            5 8.75 8.64 3.41
# i 23 more rows
```

### Your turn: Load this data set

Load the telemetry data set: Sta A Data 2006-11-07.dmp

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

### It should look like this:

```
\# A tibble: 19 \times 7
  StartDate Time
                     Frequency `Rate/Temp`
                                               Pwr Ant
                                                            SD
      <dbl> <time>
                          <dbl>
                                      <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
                                       34.8
      39022 17:15:36
                          150.
                                              175 MO
                                                             ()
      39022 17:19:14
                          148.
                                       19.2
                                              72 MO
                          148.
                                       19.7
                                              194 M1
      39022 17:19:25
                          149.
                                       33.8
      39022 17:20:04
                                              104 MO
                          149.
                                       33.7
                                              152 M1
     39022 17:20:17
      39022 17:20:57
                          150.
                                       34.2
                                              188 MO
      39022 17:22:50
                          148.
                                        9.8
                                              188 MO
# i 12 more rows
```

**Too Easy?** 

# **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 \times 8
   species island
                     bill length mm bill depth mm flipper length mm body mass g sex
                                                                                         year
   <fct> <fct>
                              <dbl>
                                                                           <int> <fct> <int>
                                             <dbl>
                                                               <int>
 1 Adelie Torgersen
                                             18.7
                                                                                         2007
                               39.1
                                                                            3750 male
                                                                 181
 2 Adelie Torgersen
                               39.5
                                             17.4
                                                                            3800 female
                                                                                         2007
                                                                 186
 3 Adelie Torgersen
                                             18
                               40.3
                                                                 195
                                                                            3250 female
                                                                                         2007
 4 Adelie Torgersen
                                                                              NA <NA>
                                                                                         2007
                               NA
                                             NA
                                                                  NA
 5 Adelie Torgersen
                               36.7
                                             19.3
                                                                 193
                                                                            3450 female
                                                                                         2007
                                             20.6
 6 Adelie Torgersen
                               39.3
                                                                 190
                                                                            3650 male
                                                                                         2007
                               38.9
                                             17.8
                                                                 181
                                                                            3625 female
                                                                                         2007
 7 Adelie Torgersen
                               39.2
                                             19.6
                                                                                         2007
 8 Adelie Torgersen
                                                                 195
                                                                            4675 male
 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 ta	ail(per	nguins)						
# A ti spec			_length_mm bill	l_depth_mm flipp	per_length_mm body	_mass_g	sex	year
<fct< td=""><td>:&gt;</td><td><fct></fct></td><td><dbl></dbl></td><td><dbl></dbl></td><td><int></int></td><td><int></int></td><td><fct></fct></td><td><int></int></td></fct<>	:>	<fct></fct>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<int></int>	<int></int>	<fct></fct>	<int></int>
1 Chin	strap	Dream	45.7	17	195	3650	female	2009
2 Chin	strap	Dream	55.8	19.8	207	4000	male	2009
3 Chin	strap	Dream	43.5	18.1	202	3400	female	2009
4 Chin	strap	Dream	49.6	18.2	193	3775	male	2009
5 Chin	strap	Dream	50.8	19	210	4100	male	2009
6 Chin	strap	Dream	50.2	18.7	198	3775	female	2009

## skim()

- Are the formats correct?
  - numbers (numeric),

1 library(skimr)
2 skim(penguins)

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

```
- Data Summary -
                           Values
Name
                            penguins
Number of rows
                           344
Number of columns
Column type frequency:
                           3
  factor
  numeric
Group variables
                           None
- Variable type: factor
  skim variable n missing complete rate ordered n unique top counts
1 species
                                         FALSE
                                                        3 Ade: 152, Gen: 124, Chi: 68
2 island
                                         FALSE
                                                        3 Bis: 168, Dre: 124, Tor: 52
3 sex
                                  0.968 FALSE
                                                        2 mal: 168, fem: 165
- Variable type: numeric
                    n missing complete rate
                                                                р0
                                                                      p25
                                                                             p50
                                                                                    p75
                                                                                          p100 hist
  skim variable
                                                         sd
                                               mean
1 bill length mm
                                       0.994
                                               43.9
                                                      5.46
                                                                     39.2
                                                              32.1
                                                                            44.4
                                                                                   48.5
                                                                                           59.6
2 bill depth mm
                                              17.2
                                                     1.97
                                                              13.1
                                                                     15.6
                                                                                   18.7
                                                                                           21.5
                                                                           17.3
3 flipper length mm
                                                                           197
                                                                                  213
                                                                                          231
                                              201.
                                                     14.1
                                                             172
                                                                    190
                                      0.994
4 body mass g
                                      0.994 4202.
                                                   802.
                                                            2700
                                                                   3550
                                                                          4050
                                                                                 4750
                                                                                         6300
                                                                                        2009
                                                      0.818 2007
                                                                                 2009
5 year
                                             2008.
                                                                   2007
                                                                          2008
```

## count()

• Check for sample sizes and potential typos in categorical columns

```
1 count(penguins, species)
\# A tibble: 3 \times 2
 species n
 <fct>
          <int>
1 Adelie 152
2 Chinstrap 68
3 Gentoo
           124
 1 count(penguins, island)
# A tibble: 3 \times 2
 island n
 <fct> <int>
1 Biscoe 168
2 Dream
          124
3 Torgersen 52
```

## **Example of problematic data**

```
1 rivers <- read csv("data/rivers correct.csv")</pre>
 2 rivers
# A tibble: 300 \times 5
  `River Name` Site
                Ele Amo
                               Wea
 <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
                               <chr>
cloudy
4 Oswegatchie Up stream Al 1
                               cloudy
5 Oswegatchie Mid stream Al 0.1611111111111 snowy
7 Raquette
        8 Raquette Mid stream Al 0.03888888888888 sunny
9 Raquette Down stream Al 0
                               snowy
10 St. Regis Up stream Al
                   0.68055555555556 wet
# i 290 more rows
```

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

## **Example of problematic data**

• Not much additional info here

## **Example of problematic data**

Typosin River Name

# Fixing problems

## Cleaning column names

#### clean\_names() from the janitor package

```
1 library(janitor)
 2 rivers <- clean names(rivers)</pre>
 3 rivers
\# A tibble: 300 \times 5
  river name site ele amo
                                             wea
  <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
                                             <chr>
 1 Grasse Up stream Al
                            0.60555555555556 sunny
 2 Grasse Mid stream Al 0.425
                                             cloudy
                           0.1944444444444 sunny
 3 Grase Down stream Al
 4 Oswegatchie Up stream Al
                                             cloudy
 5 Oswegatchie Mid stream Al 0.1611111111111 snowy
 6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al
                           0.033333333333333 cloudy
 7 Raquette Up stream Al 0.29166666666667 cloudy
                           0.038888888888888 sunny
 8 Raquette Mid stream Al
 9 Raquette Down stream Al
                                             snowy
10 St. Regis Up stream Al
                             0.68055555555556 wet
# i 290 more rows
```

## Cleaning column names

#### rename()\* columns

```
1 rivers <- rename(rivers, element = ele, amount = amo)</pre>
 2 rivers
\# A tibble: 300 \times 5
  river name site element amount
                                        wea
  <chr>
           <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
1 Grasse Up stream Al 0.605555555555 sunny
 2 Grasse Mid stream Al 0.425
                                           cloudy
                          0.19444444444444 sunny
 3 Grase Down stream Al
 4 Oswegatchie Up stream Al
                                           cloudy
 5 Oswegatchie Mid stream Al
                          0.16111111111111 snowy
 6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al
                           7 Raquette Up stream Al
                            0.038888888888889 sunny
 8 Raquette Mid stream Al
 9 Raquette Down stream Al
                                           snowy
10 St. Regis Up stream Al
                            0.68055555555556 wet
# i 290 more rows
```

## **Subsetting columns**

#### select()\* columns you do want

```
1 rivers <- select(rivers, river_name, site, element, amount)</pre>
```

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

```
1 rivers <- select(rivers, -wea)</pre>
 2 rivers
# A tibble: 300 \times 4
  river name site element amount
  <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
1 Grasse Up stream Al 0.60555555555556
 2 Grasse Mid stream Al 0.425
 3 Grase Down stream Al
                             0.19444444444444
 4 Oswegatchie Up stream Al
 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
                               0.038888888888889
 9 Raquette Down stream Al
10 St. Regis Up stream Al
                               0.68055555555556
# i 290 more rows
```

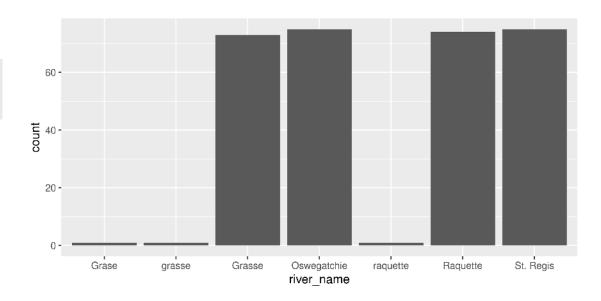
## Cleaning columns

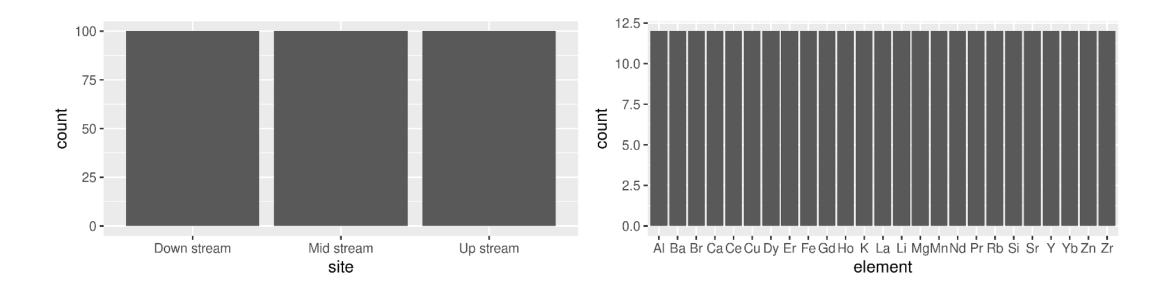
#### Put it all together

```
1 rivers <- read csv("data/rivers correct.csv")</pre>
 2 rivers <- clean names(rivers)</pre>
 3 rivers <- rename(rivers, element = ele, amount = amo)</pre>
 4 rivers <- select(rivers, -wea)</pre>
 5 rivers
# A tibble: 300 \times 4
  river name site element amount
  <chr> <chr> <chr>
1 Grasse Up stream Al 0.60555555555556
 2 Grasse Mid stream Al 0.425
 3 Grase Down stream Al 0.1944444444444444
 4 Oswegatchie Up stream Al
 5 Oswegatchie Mid stream Al
                              0.161111111111111
 6 Oswegatchie Down stream Al
                              0.0333333333333333
                            0.291666666666667
 7 Raquette Up stream Al
 8 Raquette Mid stream Al
                            0.038888888888888
 9 Raquette Down stream Al
10 St. Regis Up stream Al
                                0.68055555555556
# i 290 more rows
```

### Look for typos (Visually)

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





#### Look for typos with count ()\*

### filter()\* the data to highlight them

#### Replace typos

Combine the if\_else() / case\_when() functions with mutate() function mutate() creates or changes columns in a data frame:

```
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)
```

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

```
case_when(condition1 ~ value_if_true1,
condition2 ~ value_if_true2,
condition3 ~ value_if_true3,
TRUE ~ default_value)
```

#### **Replace typos**

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

```
1 rivers <- mutate(rivers, river_name = if_else(river_name == "Grase", "Grasse", river_name))</pre>
```

#### Check that it's gone:

```
1 filter(rivers, river_name == "Grase")
# A tibble: 0 × 4
# i 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 "Grasse" typo

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

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

#### Too Easy?

Examine and fix problems in your own data

#### 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", "grasse"), "Grasse", river_name))</pre>
```

== compares one item to one other %in% compares one item to many different ones

# 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'

```
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,
if_else(river_name %in% c("Grase", "grasse"), "Grasse", river_name))</pre>
```

- 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:

```
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,
if_else(river_name %in% c("Grase", "grasse"), "Grasse", river_name))</pre>
```

#### We have:

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

## Play around

Take a moment to play with this code in your console

#### **Convert this:**

```
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", "grasse"), "Grasse", river_name))</pre>
```

#### To this:

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

# Back to the program!

## Your turn: Fix the remaining typo

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

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

#### Remember...

#### **Comparing single items**

```
1 A == "hello"
2 A %in% "hello"
```

#### Comparing multiple items

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

# **Fixing formats**

## Typos that affect classes (formats)

#### Look for problems

```
1 rivers
# A tibble: 300 \times 4
  river name site
                        element amount
  <chr>
             <chr>
                   <chr> <chr>
1 Grasse
            Up stream Al
                               0.60555555555556
2 Grasse Mid stream Al
                               0.425
3 Grasse Down stream Al
                              0.194444444444444
 4 Oswegatchie Up stream Al
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
                               0.038888888888889
9 Raquette
            Down stream Al
10 St. Regis Up stream Al
                               0.68055555555556
# i 290 more rows
```

Why all character (chr)?

# **Changing classes**

Function	Input	Output Text (Characters)	
as.character()	Any vector		
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	

#### For example...

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

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

1 as.numeric(a)

[1] 1 2 10

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

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

1 as.numeric(b)

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

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

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

Make a new column and convert amount to numbers.

```
1 rivers <- mutate(rivers, amount2 = as.numeric(amount))
Warning: There was 1 warning in `mutate()`.
i In argument: `amount2 = as.numeric(amount)`.
Caused by warning:
! NAs introduced by coercion</pre>
```

NAs introduced by coercion

means the function was forced to create NAs.

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

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

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

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

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

### Fix problem

```
1 rivers <- mutate(rivers, amount = if_else(amount == "<0.1", "0", amount))</pre>
```

#### **Correct the class**

```
1 rivers <- mutate(rivers, amount = as.numeric(amount))</pre>
```

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

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

### Put it together...

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

- You have not changed the original data
- You have a **reproducible** record of all corrections
- You can alter these corrections at any time
- You have formatted your data for use in R
- Read these steps line by line to remind yourself what you did

## **Dates and Times**

(Or why does R hate me?)

### **Dates and Times**

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

```
1 geolocators <- read csv("data/geolocators.csv", col names = c("time", "light"))</pre>
  2 geolocators
\# A tibble: 21 \times 2
  time
                    light
                    <dbl>
  <chr>
1 02/05/11 22:29:59
2 02/05/11 22:31:59
                       38
3 02/05/11 22:33:59
4 02/05/11 22:35:59
                       38
5 02/05/11 22:37:59
                       34
6 02/05/11 22:39:59
# i 15 more rows
```

Here time column is considered chr (character/text)



## lubridate package

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

```
1 library(lubridate)
 2 geolocators <- mutate(geolocators, time formatted = dmy hms(time))</pre>
  3 geolocators
# A tibble: 21 \times 3
  time
                  light time formatted
       <dbl> <dttm>
  <chr>
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\_formatted column is considered dttm (Date/Time)

## lubridate package

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

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

# Saving data

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

## 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:

```
1 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

#### 4. Setting formats

- Dates
- Numbers
- Factors

#### 5. Saving your data

## Wrapping up: Common mistakes

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

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

### Wrapping up: Common mistakes

#### Confusing pipes with function arguments

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

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

## 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