Master Tutorial

TITLE

Effective Data Wrangling and Visualization with R

SHORTENED TITLE

Data Wrangling with R

ABSTRACT

The majority of an analyst’s time is spent on cleaning, formatting, and manipulating raw data. This tutorial session will take you through the steps needed to get messy data into R, clean it, and produce useful insights with code that is easy to read and write. Bring your laptop for this interactive session (download session materials here: https://bit.ly/2ObCoGI).

PRESS PARAGRAPH

Researchers and analysts often spend much of their time simply trying to get raw data into a usable, making data manipulation especially important for those who wish to harness the power, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of writing one’s own scripts in R. In this hands-on tutorial, we will show how to efficiently transform seemingly unusable data from different sources (including SQL databases) into something easily described, summarized, and visualized, all without leaving the R console.

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**Efficient Data Wrangling and Visualization with R**

R (R Core Team, 2018) is an open-source programming language that is designed for statistical computing (Hornik, 2017). R can perform anything from standard data analysis (e.g. Multiple Regression, Hierarchical Linear Modeling, or Structural Equation Modeling) to highly specialized computations that may be unique to a scientific field. R is a programming *language* and not just a statistical analysis package. Many data scientists and practitioners can contribute to R by writing new and unique software, called “packages” in R. At the time of this writing, the Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN) contains 12,959 available packages, including packages to read data in varying formats (e.g., readr, open.xlsx, haven, rjson, officer), access databases (e.g., DBI, odbc, RSQLite), clean data (e.g., dplyr, tidyr, stringr, reshape2), perform data analyses and machine learning (e.g., caret, xgboost, randomForest, caret, survival), visualize results (e.g., shiny, ggplot2), and interface with other programming languages (e.g., Rcpp, reticulate, RJava). These packages, just like R itself, are free of charge. Due to its flexibility, power, and freedom from costly and intrusive licenses, R usage has surpassed the most popular packages like SPSS and SAS in the academic realm (Muenchen, 2018). R has recently been ranked as fifth among the top ten programming languages (Smith, 2016), and recent polls (Piatetsky, 2015) indicated that R is the most popular analysis software among data scientists. Furthermore, universities are increasingly turning to R as the tool of choice in their advanced statistics and research methods courses, arguably making proficiency with R a requirement for quantitative researchers in general. Given the increasing importance of R for data analysis, the need for people who are able to independently perform their data wrangling in R is higher than ever.

This Master Tutorial will teach attendees how to leverage R and several R packages to efficiently extract, combine, and clean data from various sources (including SQL databases) for applying standard analytical techniques and visualization packages, in particular ggplot2 (Wickham, 2016). Users should have a basic understanding of R syntax, types (e.g. numeric and character), and data structures (in particular data frames). Given a basic understanding of R, we will teach users how to efficiently manipulate, join, rearrange, and clean data. we will then show users how to quickly and effectively extract meaning from data with functional-style coding.

*Proposed Session*

The proposed tutorial is an attempt to make R more accessible to the I/O community, encourage good coding standards, and lower the entry barrier for scientists and practitioners. The tutorial will be interactive. Audience members are strongly encouraged to bring laptops and to have downloaded the materials ahead of time. For those who wish to follow along, we will make available all materials and R scripts at <https://bit.ly/2ObCoGI>.

**Topic #1: Reading In and Cleaning Data (30 minutes)**

After an initial setup, we will demonstrate how to import data into R from flat files, Excel spreadsheets, and remote SQL (Structured Query Language) databases. Once data have been read into R, we will outline common issues with data entry and formatting as well as the simple (and sometimes esoteric) ways to adjust for importing limitations, such as missing quotations, columns with mixed data types (e.g., numeric and character), etc. From there we will introduce piping, a useful functional coding practice that cleanly links code together by passing output from one function to the next, to quickly and expressively apply the extremely popular dplyr (Wickham, 2018) package to filtering rows of the data, selecting columns, renaming variables, and creating variables from preexisting variables (such as standardization or Sten scoring).

**Topic #2: Data Manipulation (20 minutes)**

Once foundational skills have been established, we will move onto the more advanced topics of reshaping data frames and joining different datasets by common variables. In particular we will focus on the differences between long and wide data as well as the key differences between the most common join operations (i.e. combining separate datasets via common attributes). By the end of this section, participants will have been exposed to the core skills required for data wrangling.

**Topic #3: Getting insights (20 minutes)**

Finally, we will show participants how to quickly and effectively gain insights from their data by grouping cleaned data on categorical variables, like SES or country, and summarizing measured variables, such as test scores or simple tabulations, within each of the groups. By grouping on required variables, summarizing within groups, and reshaping data into various formats, one can easily construct complex, fine grained summary tables. Additionally, we will show participants how to use their summarized data in ggplot2, a visualization package that while having a reputation for being difficult, becomes significantly easier when data are formatted a specific way.

**Topic #4: Wrap-up (10 minutes)**

The presenters will try to leave a 10 minute buffer at the end of the session. This 10 minute buffer will be used to answer audience questions and help with technical problems. The presenters will point participants to sections in the syntax script that could serve as good starting points for further self-study. By the end of this section, users should be more confident when importing data, exploring data, and constructing descriptive results. Skills learned should reduce the time spent beginning R projects, result in more efficient and cleaner code, and into time savings and lesson R-induced stress.

**Learning Objectives**

By the end of this workshop, you should be able to:

1. Access data from different sources including sending SQL queries to a remote database.
2. Use pipes and efficient coding to fix common data entry problems and neatly connect your data preparation process.
3. Select, filter, and reshape data into a usable format.
4. Understand and use left, right, and inner joins to combine different datasets on common variables.
5. Perform complex, aggregated summaries of key variables within groups.

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Jeff Jones is the Director of Talent Analytics and Data Systems at Korn Ferry where he oversees the organization’s production scoring services, designs scoring algorithms, and is a subject matter expert for psychometrics and statistical methodology. He has published many R routines in theoretical and methodological journals such as *Psychometrika* and *Psychological Methods*, and is a coauthor on several CRAN and internal R packages. Jeff received his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota in Psychometrics and Quantitative Psychology where he focused on creating new statistical methodology, asymptotic statistics, and higher-order geometry of statistical methodology.

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Manager of Research and Analytics, Korn Ferry, 2013 – 2015.

Adjunct Professor, Hamline University, Fall 2013.

Graduate Instructor/Section Leader, University of Minnesota, 2006 – 2013.

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Eva O. Miller Fellowship, 2012.

Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, 2009.

Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship, 2007.

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**Presentations and Workshops:**

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Thompson, I. B., Song, Q. C., Goebl, A. P., Hall, S., Meade, A. W., Newman, D. A.,

Wee, S., & Jones, J. A. (2018, April). *Machine learning techniques for multiple*

*criteria optimization.* Alternative Session at the annual meeting of the Society of

Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Chicago, IL.

Wendt, H., Goff, M., Jones, J. A., & Hezlett, S. A. (2017, May). *Examining relationships*

*between the Korn Ferry personality inventory and job engagement across*

*countries.* In S. Dilchert and D. Ones (Chairs), *An IRT based approach to*

*personality measurement: Some cross cultural examinations.* Paper presented at

the annual meeting of the European Association of Work and Organizational

Psychology, Dublin, Ireland.

Hezlett, S. A., Jones, J. A., Lewis, J., Goff, M., & Stirling, E. (2017, April). *What*

*motivates may alienate: Linking motivational factors to derailment risks.* In S.

Hezlett (Chair), *Maladaptation: Building the nomological net of derailing traits and behaviors.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Orlando, FL.

Jones, J. A., Goebl, A. P., & Semmel, S. G. (2017, April). *Modern methods for I-O*

*psychologists: An interactive tutorial in R.* Master Tutorial at the annual meeting of the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Orlando, FL.

Schwall, A., Beatty, A., & Jones, J. A. (2017, April). *Data visualization with R.* Master

Tutorial at the annual meeting of the Society of Industrial and Organizational

Psychology, Orlando, FL.

Semmel, S. G., Jones, J. A., & Goebl, A. P. (2017, April). *What is machine learning?*

*Foundations and introductions to useful methods.* Master Tutorial at the annual meeting of the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Orlando, FL.

Jones, J. A., Goebl, A. P., & Semmel, S. G. (2016, April). *Handling big(gish) data in R:*

*An introductory and interactive tutorial.* Master Tutorial at the annual meeting of the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Anaheim, CA.

Goebl, A. P. & Jones, J. A. (2016, April). *An R package for I-O psychology simulation*

*building: iopsych.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society of

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Goebl, A. P. & Jones, J. A. (2016, April). *Creative performance is a viable criterion for*

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Blazek, S. & Jones, J. A. (2016, April). *A year on the job: Simulations-based*

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Blazek, S. & Jones, J. A. (2016, February). Streamlining your voice of the customer

program: Automating survey follow-ups, panel updates, and reports. Presentation given at Qualtrics Insight Summit, Salt Lake City, UT.

Jones, J. A. & Beatty, A. (2015, December). *R Workshop*. Workshop given at the

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Schwall, A., Beatty, A., & Jones, J. A. (2015, May). *Getting started with R: An*

*Interactive and Hands on Tutorial.* Master Tutorial at the annual meeting of the

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D’Mello, S. & Jones J. A. (2015, May). *Demographic Differences in the Motivational*

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Goebl, A., Jones J. A., & Sharpe, E. (2015, May). *Relative Criteria Importance Depends*

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Wiseman, B. H. (2011). The curious case of Megadromus guerinii: phylogeographic oddities on Bank’s Peninsula. Presented to the Canterbury branch of the New Zealand Entomological Society.

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