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 - It's the standard software for quantitative political science (and other social science) research.

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Understanding RStudio

The screenshot displays the RStudio IDE interface. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, Code, View, Plots, Session, Build, Debug, Profile, Tools, Window, and Help. The main editor window shows R code for loading the 'tidyverse' library and creating a 'starwars' data frame from the 'starwars' package. The Environment pane on the right shows the 'starwars' data frame with 87 observations and 14 variables. The Plots/Helper pane on the right shows the 'summarize()' function documentation, which states: 'Summarise each group to fewer rows'. The Console pane at the bottom shows the output of the R code, including the creation of the 'starwars' data frame and the execution of the 'summarize()' function.

R Code

```
1 library(tidyverse)
2
3
4 Starwars <- starwars
5 head(Starwars)
6 help("summarize")
7
```

Environment

starwarsAnalysis

Global Environment

Data

Starwars 87 obs. of 14 variables

Plots/Helper

summarize(dplyr) R Documentation

Summarise each group to fewer rows

Description

will have a single row summarizing all observations in the input. It will contain one column for each grouping variable and one column for each of the summary statistics that you have specified.

summarize() and summarise() are synonyms.

Usage

```
summarize(data, ..., .groups = NULL)
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```

Arguments

data A data frame, data frame extension (e.g. a tibble), or a lazy data frame (e.g. from dplyr or dplyr). See Methods, below, for more details.

R Console

```
1 [Documents\starwarsAnalysis]
2 # Source: lazy frame [?? x 14]
3 # Database: MySQL
4 #   name      height  mass hair_color skin_color eye_color birth_year sex    gender homeworld species films vehicles starwars
5 #   <chr>    <dbl> <dbl> <chr>      <chr>      <chr>    <dbl> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
6 1 Owen Lars 178    120 brown, grey light    blue     52    male masculine Tatooine Human <chr> [3] <chr> [0] <chr> [0]
7 2 Eruu Whitesun lars 165    75 brown light    blue     47    female feminine Tatooine Human <chr> [3] <chr> [0] <chr> [0]
8 3 RS-44 87    32 NA white, red red      NA     none masculine Tatooine Droid <chr> [1] <chr> [0] <chr> [0]
9 4 Rigg Darklighter 183    84 black light    brown    24    male masculine Tatooine Human <chr> [1] <chr> [0] <chr> [1]
10 5 Qi-Ran Koro 182    77 Auburn, white fair    blue-grey 57    male masculine Swojan Human <chr> [0] <chr> [1] <chr> [3]
11 # ... with 77 more rows
12
13 # Starwars <- starwars
14 # head(Starwars)
15 # A tibble: 6 x 14
16   name      height  mass hair_color skin_color eye_color birth_year sex    gender homeworld species films vehicles starwars
17   <chr>    <dbl> <dbl> <chr>      <chr>      <chr>    <dbl> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
18 1 Luke Skywalker 172    77 blond fair    blue     19    male masculine Tatooine Human <chr> [3] <chr> [2] <chr> [1]
19 2 C-3PO 167    75 NA gold yellow 112    none masculine Tatooine Droid <chr> [0] <chr> [0] <chr> [0]
20 3 R2-D2 96    32 NA white, blue red 33    none masculine Naboo Droid <chr> [7] <chr> [0] <chr> [0]
21 4 Berth Vader 202    136 none white yellow 41.5  male masculine Tatooine Human <chr> [4] <chr> [0] <chr> [1]
22 5 Leia Organa 150    49 brown light    brown 19    female feminine Alderaan Human <chr> [3] <chr> [1] <chr> [0]
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Figure: 1: RStudio

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③ Practice Makes Perfect!

Glossary

- Object: Named “box” / “container” that we store values/data etc. in R
- Assignment: The process of creating/modifying objects
- Command/Function: We use a command/function to perform some tasks on an object/objects
- Argument: The definitions, directions, or objects that are passed to a command/function
- Package: A collection of functions, data, and documentations which is publicly shared to enhance the functionality of R.

Example

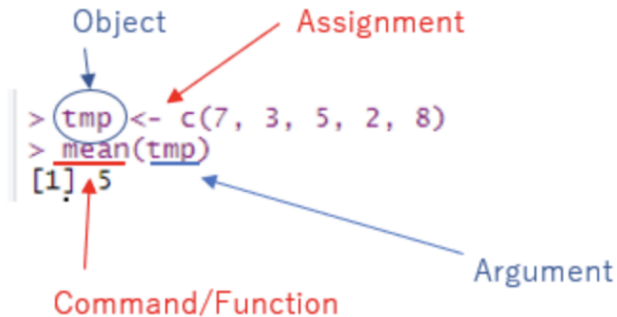


Figure: 2: Example

Today's Exercise

- Using R as a calculator.
- Object Classes/Types

Using R as a Calculator

```
5 + 3 # summation
```

```
## [1] 8
```

```
4 - 7 # subtraction
```

```
## [1] -3
```

```
5 * 6 # product
```

```
## [1] 30
```

```
7 / 3 # division
```

```
## [1] 2.333333
```

Using R as a Calculator Continued

```
7 %% 3 # modular (residual)
```

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

```
2 ^ 6 # power
```

```
## [1] 64
```

```
(2 + 5) * 4 + 2 ^ 3 # note the order of calculation
```

```
## [1] 36
```


Objects

- In R, we store information as an object. Once we create an object, we can refer to it by its name.
- We assign values to an object using the assignment operator `<-`
 - Some R packages (tidyverse) also use the `=` symbol as an assignment operator, do not do this for now.
- Object class/type
 - what kind of information is stored in the object and how it is stored
 - `typeof()` or `class()` command to see the object type

- Data Types:
 - **Character**: character strings
 - **Numeric**: numbers
 - **Logical**: Boolean data (TRUE/FALSE)
 - *Factor*

Object Class/Type Continued

- Data Structures:
 - **Vector**: a single-dimension sequence of data of the same type
 - **Matrix**: a two-dimension sequence of data of the same type
 - **Data Frame**: a two-dimension structure of data of varying data types
 - *List*
- In R, **Data Frames** and **Matrices** are composed of **Vectors** denoted by a \$ in front of their names, thus for the data frame `starwars`, a dataset on star wars characters, the species is denoted by `starwars$species`.

Objects Example

```
# Numeric vector
num.1 <- c(4, -2, -7, 6, 8, 5, -3, 6, -4)
num.2 <- c(4, 6, 5, 2, 3)
# Character vector
program.lang <- c("R", "Python", "C", "Java")
# Logical vector
comparison <- (num.1 >= 5)
comparison
```

```
## [1] FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE
```

Objects Example Continued

```
# Object class/type
```

```
class(num.1)
```

```
## [1] "numeric"
```

```
class(num.2)
```

```
## [1] "numeric"
```

```
class(program.lang)
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```
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class(comparison)
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```
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Logical Operators

Operator	Meaning
>	greater than
<	less than
>=	greater than or equal to
<=	less than or equal to
==	equal to
!=	not equal to
	or
&	and
is.na()	TRUE if missing
!is.na()	FALSE if missing

Logical Operators Example

```
7 < 5
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

```
(6 > 4) | (8 < 5)
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
(7 > 3) & (9 <= 11)
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

Exercises!

- Perform the following calculations:
 - $0.0098 * 0.005$
 - $9 * (\log(3) - \sqrt{2}) + 7$
 - Create a vector of Star Wars characters with missing homeworlds in the star wars dataset.
 - Assign a new vector to the `starwars` data frame 'density' composed of character `height` divided by character `mass`.