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1 Summary

In the first session we saw an intro to visualizing data that is tidy. Today we'll see an approach for turning messy data into tidy data: **data wrangling**. The exercises we'll do today are designed to expose you to some diversity in the functions needed to data wrangle. We'll see that complex processing chains (or pipelines) are composed of small and intuitive steps.

2 Data processing verbalized

We know we'll need tidyverse functions today, so let's just get this loaded:

library(tidyverse)

2.1 Introducing the data sources:

First make a /Data/ folder in your project: look in the Files tab of the lower right panel, and click New folder. Let's download files to place there.

2.1.1 WPP 2022:

I downloaded a big spreadsheet of the most recent WPP demographic aggregates from here: https://population.un.org/wpp/Download/Standard/MostUsed/

The exact data file link is this: https://population.un.org/wpp/Download/Files/1_Indicators% $20(Standard)/EXCEL_FILES/1_General/WPP2022_GEN_F01_DEMOGRAPHIC_INDICATORS COMPACT REV1.xlsx$

Download it and stick it in your /Data/ folder.



2.1.2 GPI 2023

I downloaded Global Peace Index data from here: https://www.visionofhumanity.org/public-release-data/

The exact data file link is this: https://www.visionofhumanity.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/GPI-2023-overall-scores-and-domains-2008-2023.xlsx Download it and stick it in your /Data/ folder.

It contains data summarized by them as follows

The Global Peace Index (GPI) ranks 163 independent states and territories according to their level of peacefulness. Produced by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), the GPI is the world's leading measure of global peacefulness.

2.1.3 Worldbank Gender Stats

I downloaded selected gender stats from here: https://databank.worldbank.org/source/gender-statistics#

That's an interactive selection tool with tons of options. I made an interactive selection that resulted in this exact file, which you can download from the module's github site: $https://github.com/timriffe/BSSD2023Module1/raw/master/Data/P_Data_Extract_From_Gender_Statistics.xlsx$

Download it and stick it in your /Data/ folder.

The file contains a few haphazardly selected variables, which may or may not be interesting for us. The five variables included have different sources, including the World Bank itself, UNICEF, and assorted household surveys. That metadata can be found in the second spreadsheet tab.

Also from World Bank, I downloaded this file: https://github.com/timriffe/BSSD2023Module1/raw/master/Data/P_Popular%20Indicators.xlsx Which contains a large set of popular indicators, of which we'll use GDP per capita and CO2 emissions per capita (from Climate Watch Historical GHG Emissions).

2.1.4 ILO data

From this website https://ilostat.ilo.org/data/data-catalogue/ I downloaded this file, which you can save in /Data/: https://www.ilo.org/ilostat-files/WEB_bulk_download/indicator/SDG_0851_SEX_OCU_NB_A.csv.gz This contains information on the relative wages of men and women.

I also got labor force size estimates by gender from this file, so get that too! https://www.ilo.org/ilostat-files/WEB_bulk_download/indicator/EAP_TEAP_SEX_MTS_NB_A.csv.gz

2.2 The objective

We want to harmonize each of these datasets to be able to join them by country and year. For each dataset, we'll need to succeed at:

1. Read in the relevant part of the file



- 2. Harmonize variables as necessary, most notably country codes
- 3. Select variables to keep
- 4. Rename variables to easy standard names

For some datasets we'll want to derive secondary quantities. When we're done with each dataset, we can join them.

2.3 The tidyverse tools

To achieve these things, we will use a bunch of basic data handling functions from a data wrangling package called dplyr, and elsewhere from the tidyverse as well. Here's an overview of the tools we'll use today:

- read_excel() to read in cell ranges from an Excel spreadsheet.
- read_csv() to read in from csv files
- filter() to subset rows
- select() to pick out columns
- rename() to change column names
- pivot_longer() to stack a range of columns into a single column, i.e. make the data longer.
- pivot_wider() to do the opposite
- mutate() to create a new variable
- separate() to split a column into two or more based on a separator character
- full_join() for a lossless merge of all data files (once they're harmonized).

Here's a nice cheat sheet of these tools: https://www.rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/data-wrangling-cheatsheet.pdf

Let's get going!

2.4 Step 1: Harmonize selected WPP variables

The WPP data looks like this if we look at it in a spreadsheet program:

Our objective will be to harmonize it to end up with columns for iso3, year, tfr, eOf, eOm, popf, popm, where eO means life expectancy at birth.

That is, we want to select and rename some columns, and we want to filter only rows referring to countries with ISO3 codes. ISO3 codes are the easiest way to merge national datasets. Way easier than trying to match country names!

Here's how to successfully read in the dataset:



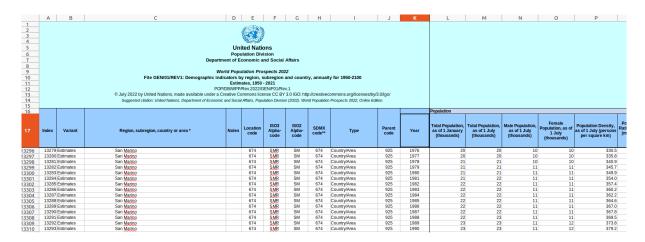


Figure 1: The WPP data, as downloaded

The main argument is the file path, while everything else is telling read_excel() how to do things.

- skip = 16 tells it to skip the first 16 rows before reading. We know this from visual inspection.
- col_types is given an exhaustive vector of the data type we want used for each column. You can skip this argument, in which case read_excel() guesses the column type, but for this dataset it will guess wrong for most columns! Usually it gets types right, but not here. To create the vector I use c() to join two vectors, and rep() to repeat a value a given number of times. We end up with a vector with 65 elements, the first 10 of which are "text", and the last 55 of which are "numeric". I got those values from visual inspection of the spreadsheet.
- na = "..." Different statistical agencies have different ways of specifying missing data; this one uses ..., which I found from visual inspection.

Now we have an object wpp, a tibble with 20596 rows and 65 columns. We'll throw out most columns for this exercise. Let's use the select() function to both select and rename columns, like so:

This action follows the form new name = old name. Finally, we can select down to rows with valid ISO3 codes:



```
wpp = filter(
    .data = wpp,
!is.na(iso3))
```

Only countries have ISO3 codes, whereas the UN gives estimates also for various kinds of geographic aggregates of populations, which we don't need.

Now we have arrived at the objective format:

```
head(wpp)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 7
    iso3
           year tfr
                        e0f
                              eOm popf popm
    <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
##
## 1 BDI
           1950 6.92 41.9 39.2 1174. 1080.
## 2 BDI
           1951 6.91 42.2 39.3 1199. 1105.
## 3 BDI
           1952 6.9
                       42.4 39.6 1223. 1129.
## 4 BDI
           1953 6.92 42.6 39.9 1246. 1153.
                 6.92 43.0 40.1 1270. 1177.
## 5 BDI
           1954
## 6 BDI
           1955 6.93 43.3 40.4 1294. 1201.
```

Note we achieved this in three steps: read_excel(), select(), and filter(). These steps can be joined into a single sequence to be executed like so:

```
wpp <-
 read_excel(
    "Data/WPP2022_GEN_F01_DEMOGRAPHIC_INDICATORS_COMPACT_REV1.xlsx",
    skip = 16,
    col_types = c(rep("text", 10),
                  rep("numeric", 55)),
    na = "...") |>
 select(
   iso3 = `ISO3 Alpha-code`,
   year = Year,
   tfr = `Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)`,
   e0f = Female Life Expectancy at Birth (years),
   e0m = `Male Life Expectancy at Birth (years)`,
   popf = `Female Population, as of 1 July (thousands)`,
   popm = `Male Population, as of 1 July (thousands)`) |>
  filter(!is.na(iso3))
```

Here the funny symbol |> is R's native pipe operator. You can get it by typing Ctrl Alt m (Cmd Option m for mac). You might get this symbol instead: '%>%. That does the same thing, coming from the magrittr package that ships with tidyverse. They are the same for us. If you have a preference, you can change the default pipe operator to the native |> by clicking Tools | Global Options | Code | Use Native Pipe Operator.

The pipe merely send the result of the left-side operation to the right-side operation, forming an execution sequence. Doing this makes you code more compact, more regular, and easier to



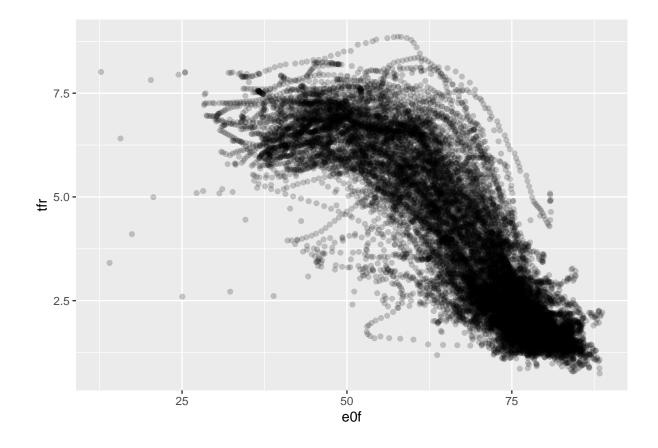
visually inspect and *verbalize*. In this case, the verbalization is *read then select and rename* columns then filter rows. The pipe is like the then.

Whenever we read in data like this, we should get a sense of it. Here are some quick, plots of diagnostic value:

1. TFR by female life expectancy (you can intuit trajectories), sort of a logistic trajectory overall.

```
wpp |>
  ggplot(aes(x = e0f, y = tfr)) +
  geom_point(alpha = .2)
```

Warning: Removed 72 rows containing missing values ('geom_point()').

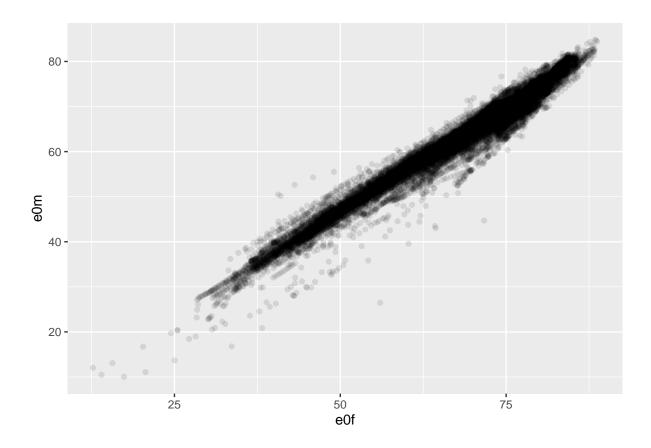


2. Male by female life expectancy, pretty linear.

```
wpp |>
  ggplot(aes(x = e0f, y = e0m)) +
  geom_point(alpha = .1)
```

Warning: Removed 72 rows containing missing values ('geom_point()').





2.5 Step 2: Harmonize GPI data

The GPI spreadsheet is in wide format, with years spread over columns. This is a super common way for data to be delivered. We'll use pivot_longer() to stack the columns.

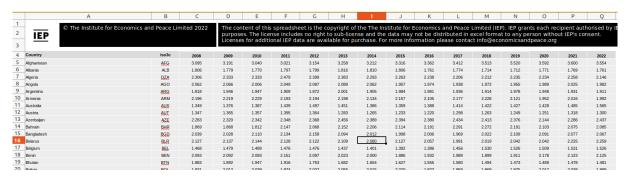


Figure 2: The GPI data, as downloaded

The objective format will to have columns iso3, year, and gpi, and that's it. Here's the final pipeline:



```
values_to = "gpi") |>
select(iso3 = iso3c, year, gpi) |>
mutate(year = as.integer(year))
head(gpi)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 3
             year
##
     iso3
                    gpi
     <chr> <int> <dbl>
             2008
##
  1 AFG
                   3.10
## 2 AFG
             2009
                   3.19
## 3 AFG
             2010
                   3.04
## 4 AFG
             2011
                   3.02
## 5 AFG
             2012
                   3.15
## 6 AFG
             2013
                   3.26
```

Let's dissect this:

- pivot_longer() is the hero here. We can give it a positive specification of columns to act on, or in this case tell it which columns to exclude from the action (-c(1,2) means skip the first and second columns. names_to will be a new variable collecting the column names, and values_to will be the new value column. What we before a value over rows and columns is now just a single column of values, gpi. I use lowercase for faster typing.
- select() picks out the three columns we want (discarding Country) and renames iso3c to iso3.
- mutate() coerces the year column from character to integer values.

2.6 Step 3: Harmonize World Bank data

The first file of World Bank data looks like this:



Figure 3: The World Bank data, as downloaded

Note that each row gives a time series of a single variable, and I have selected five variables! This will have some more steps. Here's the final pipeline:



```
gender <-
  read_excel("Data/P_Data_Extract_From_Gender_Statistics.xlsx",
             na="..") |>
  pivot_longer(-c(1:4),names_to = "year",values_to = "value") |>
  select(variable = `Series Code`,
         iso3 = `Country Code`,
         year, value) |>
  pivot_wider(names_from = "variable",
              values_from = "value") |>
  separate(year, into = c("year",NA),sep=" ",convert=TRUE) |>
  rename(sign_contract = SG.CNT.SIGN.EQ,
         remarry = SG.REM.RIGT.EQ,
         ind_work = SG.IND.WORK.EQ,
         births_attend = SH.STA.BRTC.ZS,
         births_completeness = SP.REG.BRTH.ZS) |>
  filter(year >= 1970)
head(gender)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 7
    iso3 year sign_contract remarry ind_work births_attend births_completeness
##
##
     <chr> <int>
                         <dbl>
                                 <dbl>
                                           <dbl>
                                                         <dbl>
                                                                              <dbl>
## 1 AFG
           1970
                             0
                                     0
                                               0
                                                            NA
                                                                                 NA
## 2 AFG
           1971
                             0
                                     0
                                               0
                                                            NA
                                                                                 NA
## 3 AFG
                             0
                                     0
            1972
                                               0
                                                                                 NA
                                                            NA
## 4 AFG
                             0
                                     0
            1973
                                               0
                                                            NA
                                                                                 NA
## 5 AFG
           1974
                             0
                                     0
                                               0
                                                            NA
                                                                                 NA
## 6 AFG
            1975
                             0
                                     0
                                               0
                                                            NΑ
                                                                                 NA
```

We end up with five potentially interesting variables:

- 1. sign_contract: A woman can sign a contract in the same way as a man (1=yes; 0=no)
- 2. remarry: A woman has the same rights to remarry as a man (1=yes; 0=no)
- 3. ind_work: A woman can work in an industrial job in the same way as a man (1=yes; 0=no)
- 4. births_attend: Births attended by skilled health staff (% of total)
- 5. births_completeness: Completeness of birth registration (%)

The pipeline dissection:

- read_excel() in this case guess column types correctly, we just need to tell it the *no data* signifier .. using na = "..".
- pivot_longer() stacks the years, which were intitially spread over columns. This means we here end up with a single value column containing different variables in it.



- select() is used for variable renaming and selecting in this case, for simplified typing.
- pivot_wider() unstacks the different variable series, creating a unique column for each variable (part of the tidy definition). Note that we use names_from and values_from rather than names_to and values_to!
- rename() gives the original codes some more memorable names
- filter() picks out more recent years that have more valid observations. We still have lots of NAs afterwards, but no big deal.

Note, this source has many many more gender-related variables, as do other providers, which you may find interesting. I have no theoretical motivation for the selection made here.

2.6.1 Harmonize the second World Bank extract

The dataset P_Popular Indicators has many many interesting macro variables, of which we select only GDP per capita and CO2 emissions per capita. It is formatted as before, with time over columns and series in rows.

```
gdp <- read excel("Data/P Popular Indicators.xlsx",</pre>
                  na = "..") |>
# Emissions data are sourced from Climate Watch Historical GHG Emissions (1990-2020). 2023.
  filter(`Series Code` %in% c("NY.GDP.PCAP.CD", "EN.ATM.CO2E.PC")) |>
  pivot_longer(-c(1:4),
               names_to = "year",
               values_to = "value") |>
  select(-`Series Code`) |>
  pivot_wider(names_from = `Series Name`,
              values_from = value) |>
  separate(year,
           into = c("year", NA),
           sep = " ",
           convert = TRUE) |>
  rename(iso3 = `Country Code`,
         co2pc = `CO2 emissions (metric tons per capita)`,
         gdppc = `GDP per capita (current US$)`)
```

The dissection gives some new lessons, however:

- filter() uses an operator %in% that is great for checking set membership. This operator is super useful.
- pivot_longer() collects the years as before
- select() shows us a negative selection. If we don't throw out this column before the next step then we'll do the wrong thing. Try it!
- pivot_wider() puts each variable in a new column, unstacking value



- separate() is used to convert "1960 [YR1960]" into 1960. There are other ways one might do this. For example, selecting out the first four characters and then parsing to integer... In this case, we split the column into two columns, using the space as the separator. The new column is still called year, whereas the second column is discarded by giving NA as the name. The convert option tells the function to guess the intended data type, since in this case we're always text parsing, and often the extracted characters give a numeric value.
- rename() is used to simplify column names to something less verbose.

Exercise: can you imagine some diagnostic plots for this dataset and create them?

2.7 Step 4: Harmonize the ILO data

The ILO data look like this:

1	ref area	indicator	source	sex	classif1	time	obs_value obs_status	note_classif	note_indicator	note_source
2	AFG	SDG_0851_SEX_QCU	NP BA:15715	SEX_T	QCU_SKILL_TOTAL	2020	90.8B		T30:110_I11:264	R1:3513
3	AFG	SDG_0851_SEX_QCU	NP BA:15715	SEX_T	QCU_SKILL_L3-4	2020	151.94B		T30:110_I11:264	R1:3513
4	AFG	SDG_0851_SEX_QCU	NP BA:15715	SEX_T	QCU_SKILL_L2	2020	61.73B		T30:110_I11:264	R1:3513
5	AFG	SDG_0851_SEX_QCU	NP BA:15715	SEX_T	QCU_SKILL_L1	2020	43.53B		T30:110_I11:264	R1:3513
6	AFG	SDG_0851_SEX_QCU	NP BA:15715	SEX_T	QCU_SKILL_X	2020	63.66 B		T30:110_I11:264	R1:3513
7	AFG	SDG_0851_SEX_QCU	NP BA:15715	SEX_M	QCU_SKILL_TOTAL	2020	81.53B		T30:110_I11:264	R1:3513
8	AFG	SDG_0851_SEX_QCU	NP BA:15715	SEX_M	QCU_SKILL_L3-4	2020	135.32 B		T30:110_I11:264	R1:3513
9	AFG	SDG_0851_SEX_QCU	NP BA:15715	SEX_M	QCU_SKILL_L2	2020	60.31 B		T30:110_I11:264	R1:3513
10	AFG	SDG_0851_SEX_QCU	NP BA:15715	SEX_M	QCU_SKILL_L1	2020	42.67 B		T30:110_l11:264	R1:3513
11	AFG	SDG_0851_SEX_QCU	NP BA:15715	SEX_M	QCU_SKILL_X	2020	62.85 B		T30:110_I11:264	R1:3513
12	AFG	SDG_0851_SEX_QCU				2020	183.93B		T30:110_I11:264	R1:3513
13	AFG	SDG_0851_SEX_QCU	NP BA:15715	SEX_F	QCU_SKILL_L3-4	2020	216.61 B		T30:110_l11:264	R1:3513
14	AFG	SDG_0851_SEX_QCU	NP BA:15715	SEX_F	QCU_SKILL_L2	2020	95.67 B		T30:110_I11:264	R1:3513
15	AFG	SDG_0851_SEX_QCU	NP BA:15715	SEX_F	QCU_SKILL_L1	2020	52.04B		T30:110_I11:264	R1:3513
16	AFG	SDG_0851_SEX_QCU				2020			T30:110_I11:264	R1:3513
17	AFG	SDG_0851_SEX_QCU	NP BA:15715	SEX_T	QCU_ISCO08_TOTAL	2020	90.8B		T30:110_I11:264	R1:3513

Figure 4: The ILO data, as downloaded

In this case, we have indicators still stacked, but at least years are also already stacked. You can see from the start that there are data gaps for certain years / places as well. That's something we might want to remedy using interpolation of some kind, but that doesn't fit in today's lesson.

In this data, the interesting thing for us are male and female wages, and we're content to end up with a simple national aggregate wage ratio at the end of the pipeline.



```
## # A tibble: 6 x 3
##
     iso3
             year wage_ratio
     <chr> <dbl>
##
                        <dbl>
             2014
## 1 AFG
                        0.927
## 2 AFG
             2020
                        2.26
## 3 AGO
             2019
                        0.737
## 4 AGO
             2021
                        0.873
## 5 ALB
             2002
                        0.765
## 6 ALB
             2012
                        0.832
```

The dissection of this pipeline shows us some new tricks as well:

- read_csv() is used even though the csv file is g-zipped :-). We make it less verbose by telling it not to spit the colum metadata to the console show_col_types = FALSE.
- filter() picks out just the national totals. We could also drill down to grouped occupation codes, apparently, but let's discard those for now.
- select() just gives us something more parsimonious and manageable
- pivot_wider() puts mens and women's wages side by side.
- mutate() is used to make us a new column for the wage ratio (women / men)
- arrange() sorts the result first by country, then year within country.

Exercise: read in the file Data/EAP_TEAP_SEX_MTS_NB_A.csv.gz and create an object lf containing labor for size by gender. The resulting columns should be like this:

	iso3	year	lfm	lff	
	< <i>chr></i>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	
1	AFG	<u>2</u> 021	<u>6</u> 217.	<u>1</u> 938.	
2	AFG	<u>2</u> 020	<u>5</u> 514.	<u>1</u> 371.	
3	AFG	<u>2</u> 017	<u>5</u> 599.	<u>1</u> 603.	
4	AFG	<u>2</u> 014	<u>5</u> 731.	<u>1</u> 874.	
5	AFG	<u>2</u> 012	<u>5</u> 432.	<u>1</u> 098.	The code should be quite similar to the other
TT (. 1	1	1	C1	. 11

ILO dataset code. lff and lfm come from the variable classif1 == "MTS_AGGREGATE_TOTAL", and then putting men and women side by side.

And finally a note, ILO also delivers age-sex stratified data, which may be interesting to some of you :-)

2.8 Step 5 Join the data

Now, if you succeeded in creating the lf dataset we should have several data objects: wpp, gpi, gender, gdp, wage, and lf. There are different ways to join data. Here let's do a lossless-join,



meaning match whatever we can, but throw nothing away (i.e. pad with NA values where needed). Then later, if needed, we can always filter down to just the interesting subsets, depending on what's interesting.

This sort of join is called a full_join(), we just need to tell the function what two datasets to join, and which variables to treat as the key for matching. We need to do this two pieces at a time, like so:

```
wpp |>
  full_join(gpi, by = c("iso3","year")) |>
  full join(gender, by = c("iso3", "year"))
## # A tibble: 19,893 x 13
##
      iso3
              year
                     tfr
                            e0f
                                  e0m
                                       popf
                                              popm
                                                      gpi sign_contract remarry
      <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
##
                                                                   <dbl>
                                                                           <dbl>
##
    1 BDI
              1950
                    6.92
                          41.9
                                 39.2 1174. 1080.
                                                       NA
                                                                      NA
                                                                               NA
    2 BDI
                    6.91
                          42.2
                                 39.3 1199. 1105.
                                                                      NA
##
              1951
                                                       NA
                                                                               NA
    3 BDI
                           42.4
                                 39.6 1223. 1129.
##
              1952
                    6.9
                                                       NA
                                                                      NA
                                                                               NA
##
    4 BDI
              1953
                    6.92
                           42.6
                                 39.9 1246. 1153.
                                                       NA
                                                                      NA
                                                                               NA
    5 BDI
                    6.92
                          43.0
                                 40.1 1270. 1177.
##
              1954
                                                       NA
                                                                      NA
                                                                               NA
    6 BDI
              1955
                    6.93
                          43.3
                                 40.4 1294. 1201.
##
                                                       NA
                                                                      NA
                                                                               NA
##
    7 BDI
              1956
                    6.93
                           43.5
                                 40.6 1319. 1226.
                                                       NA
                                                                      NA
                                                                               NA
    8 BDI
              1957
                    6.93
                           43.7
                                 40.9 1343. 1251.
                                                       NA
                                                                      NA
##
                                                                               NA
##
    9 BDI
              1958
                    6.95
                           44.0
                                 41.0 1368. 1275.
                                                       NA
                                                                      NA
                                                                               NA
## 10 BDI
                           44.2 41.3 1393. 1301.
              1959
                    6.98
                                                       NA
                                                                      NA
                                                                               NA
## # i 19,883 more rows
## # i 3 more variables: ind_work <dbl>, births_attend <dbl>,
       births_completeness <dbl>
```

Exercise: join all six datasets in a single pipeline, assigning the result to a new data object called gapreminder. But don't save the result just yet, there's still some cleanup to do!

```
write_csv(gapreminder, file = "Data/gapreminder.csv")
```

You might notice that we have a Country Name column, which we might as well move towards the front of the dataset:

```
head(gapreminder)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 19
##
                           e0f
     iso3
             year
                    tfr
                                  e0m
                                      popf
                                                      gpi sign_contract remarry ind_work
                                            popm
##
     <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
                                                                   <dbl>
                                                                            <dbl>
                                                                                      <dbl>
## 1 BDI
                   6.92
                          41.9
                                 39.2 1174. 1080.
             1950
                                                       NA
                                                                      NA
                                                                               NA
                                                                                         NA
## 2 BDI
             1951
                   6.91
                          42.2
                                 39.3 1199. 1105.
                                                       NA
                                                                      NA
                                                                               NA
                                                                                         NA
## 3 BDI
             1952
                   6.9
                          42.4
                                39.6 1223. 1129.
                                                                               NA
                                                       NA
                                                                      NA
                                                                                         NA
                                39.9 1246. 1153.
## 4 BDI
             1953
                   6.92
                          42.6
                                                       NA
                                                                      NA
                                                                               NA
                                                                                         NΑ
                          43.0
                                40.1 1270. 1177.
## 5 BDI
             1954
                   6.92
                                                       NA
                                                                      NA
                                                                               NA
                                                                                         NΑ
## 6 BDI
             1955
                   6.93
                         43.3
                                40.4 1294. 1201.
                                                       NA
                                                                      NA
                                                                               NA
                                                                                         NA
```



```
## # i 8 more variables: births_attend <dbl>, births_completeness <dbl>,
## # 'Country Name' <chr>, co2pc <dbl>, gdppc <dbl>, wage_ratio <dbl>,
## # lfm <dbl>, lff <dbl>

gapreminder <-
gapreminder |>
relocate(`Country Name`, 2) |>
rename(country = `Country Name`)
```

And you might then notice that some country names aren't present for particular ISO3 codes! We can fill these in, or even easier, overwrite the country column using a coding service, like the countrycode R package, which exists for this sort of thing. Install it (note in my markdown file I use eval = FALSE:

```
install.packages("countrycode")
```

Here, we use the function <code>countrycode()</code> to create fresh country names from an ISO3 lookup table. Note, many of the values in <code>iso3</code> will fail to reference country names. These come from the World Bank geographic aggregates (e.g. AFE = Eastern Africa). We can discard these. Most major coding systems are covered in this helper package, and as far as I know the package is actively maintained to keep up with the times. For instance, you can see that the code SWZ correctly produced <code>Eswatini</code> in the <code>country</code> column (name changed from Swaziland in 2018), and other name changes are sooner or later incorporated. That may or may not make sense to do, for instance if the population of a universe of a given code changes over time. We won't deal with that problem now.

It should look like so now:

```
gapreminder |> glimpse()
```

```
## Rows: 17,208
## Columns: 19
## $ country
                         <chr> "Burundi", "Burundi", "Burundi", "Burundi", "Burun~
                         <dbl> 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 19~
## $ year
## $ iso3
                         <chr> "BDI", "BDI", "BDI", "BDI", "BDI", "BDI", "BDI", "~
                         <dbl> 6.923, 6.914, 6.900, 6.915, 6.917, 6.930, 6.931, 6~
## $ tfr
## $ eOf
                         <dbl> 41.853, 42.223, 42.382, 42.645, 42.958, 43.264, 43~
## $ eOm
                         <dbl> 39.246, 39.345, 39.568, 39.859, 40.100, 40.388, 40~
## $ popf
                         <dbl> 1174.340, 1198.705, 1222.726, 1246.363, 1270.051, ~
```



```
## $ popm
     <dbl> 1079.773, 1104.543, 1128.810, 1152.736, 1176.707, ~
## $ gpi
     ## $ sign_contract
## $ remarry
     ## $ ind_work
     ## $ births_attend
     ## $ co2pc
     ## $ gdppc
## $ wage_ratio
     ## $ lfm
     ## $ 1ff
```

Let's write the resulting gapreminder file out to a csv:

```
gapreminder |>
write_csv("Data/gapreminder.csv")
```

Note, I've added the resulting file to the github repository, in case you need it, but I encourage you to create it yourself.

If you have created the dataset in a live session, then you already have it handy to work with. But if you have it saved, then you can just read it directly to R and skip the prior steps. That just looks like this:

```
gapreminder <-
  read_csv("Data/gapreminder.csv")</pre>
```

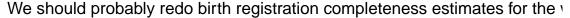
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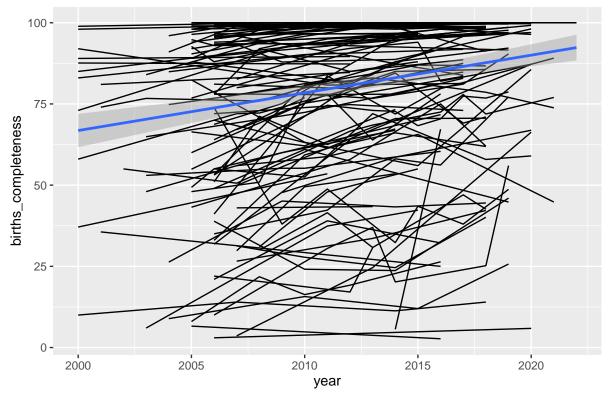
Now the data are fairly tidy, depending on your ends. You can already start making some informative plots.

2.9.1 How has birth registration completeness changed over time?

```
gapreminder |>
  filter(!is.na(births_completeness)) |>
  ggplot(aes(x = year, y = births_completeness)) +
  geom_line(mapping = aes(group = country)) +
  geom_smooth(method = "lm") +
  labs(title = "We should probably redo birth registration completeness estimates for the work.")
```







These estimates mostly come from indirect methods, and it looks like this dataset isn't a comprehensive time series, although it does cover 180 countries.

3 Exercises

3.0.1 1. How do C02 emissions per capita map to life expectancy or TFR?

(level 1 tricky)

```
gapreminder |>
ggplot() # ...
```

For life expectancy, is the relationship similar to the original Preston curve? Which one is a stronger apparent relationship?

3.0.2 2. Best practice life expectancy

(level 2 tricky)

Make a scatterplot of life expectancy, with males and females in different panels, drawn as a background point cloud (light gray and semitransparent or similar). For each panel and each year, highlight the highest observed life expectancy using red points. Add a fitted line to the series of record high life expectancies by sex. Add another fitted line to the overall point cloud of life expectancy. Add a narrative title.



Here's how to get the highest life expectancy per year and sex, in order to get you started:

```
gapreminder |>
  filter(year < 2022) |>
  select(year, e0f, e0m) |>
  pivot_longer(-1, names_to = "sex", values_to = "e0") |>
  mutate(sex = substr(sex,3,3)) |>
  group_by(year, sex) |>
  filter(e0 == max(e0, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  arrange(sex, year)
```

```
## # A tibble: 144 x 3
## # Groups:
               year, sex [144]
##
       year sex
                      e0
##
      <dbl> <chr> <dbl>
##
       1950 f
                    73.6
    1
##
    2
       1951 f
                    74.3
    3
       1952 f
                    74.7
##
##
    4
       1953 f
                    75.1
                    75.5
##
    5
       1954 f
       1955 f
##
    6
                    75.9
##
    7
       1956 f
                    75.5
##
    8
       1957 f
                    75.5
    9
       1958 f
                    75.6
## 10
       1959 f
                    75.8
## # i 134 more rows
```

In order to make the point cloud, you'll want to do something similar to the above, but without the group_by() and filter() steps. I suggest creating the two clean datasets (sssigning them to objects) and then composing the plot.

3.0.3 3. Does the Preston curve look different for men and women?

(level 3 tricky)

Here we have a conundrum: we have life expectancy by sex, but we don't know how to split gdp per capita. We do know the size of the labor force by gender though; and we also know relative wages (conditional on being employed). So maybe if you (very wrongly) assume that the entire GDP is made up of wages (it definitely is not!), then we could have a guess at it. Doing a good job of this (i.e. also splitting capital returns on gender somehow?) would be a difficult task that I think lots of people would like to see. You might try by using NTA data: https://www.ntaccounts.org/web/nta/show/. Let's do a bad job of it for now using brave assumptions and the data we have.

We know the labor force size, and the relative wages conditional on work, so also assuming that wages are have been standardized to the same working hours (also bad assumption), we can calculate the relative share of total wages that belongs to men and women, and then split GDP proportional to that.

Specifically, we have W_f the female to male wage ratio, which we can convert to proportions p_f and p_m like so:



$$p_f = \frac{W_f}{1 + W_f}$$

Where p_m is just the complement of p_f . The interpretation is that for equivalent working time, men get p_m proportion of wages and women get p_f . Then if each worker works the same amount, we can multiply the labor force size LF_f and LF_m to get something proportional to total wages earned for men and women TW_m and TW_f .

$$TW_f = p_f \cdot LF_f$$

Then split total GDP proportional to TW_f and TW_m , convert back to per capita GDP by gender.

