

Naming objects



Let's revisit our dplyr session:

The mean number of beds available by date:

```
beds_data %>%  
  group_by(date) %>%  
  summarise(  
    mean_beds = mean(beds_av, na.rm = T))
```



Output = Object = New data frame!

Next step: Visualise

Piecing it together

```
beds_data %>%  
  group_by(date) %>%  
  summarise(  
    mean_beds = mean(beds_av, na.rm = T))
```



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```
ggplot(data = )
```



Now, we could do this:

```
ggplot(data = beds_data %>%  
  group_by(date) %>%  
  summarise(  
    mean_beds = mean(beds_av, na.rm = T))  
  )+  
geom_...
```

But, it's often better to:

Keep wrangling separate

And it's always better to:

Keep your code readable



as



as possible

Solution:

```
beds_data %>%  
  group_by(date) %>%  
  summarise(  
    mean_beds = mean(beds_av, na.rm = T))
```



name

Replace this:

```
beds_data %>%  
  group_by(date) %>%  
  summarise(  
    mean_beds = mean(beds_av, na.rm = T))
```

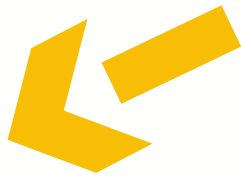
With this:



name

Naming

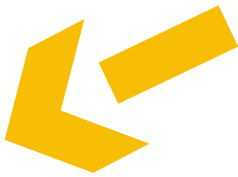
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naming is hard

Naming

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```



Murray

Naming

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```



Murray

Good (object) names are:

1. Descriptive
2. Short(ish)
3. Consistent with other names

Naming?

```
beds_data %>%  
  group_by(date) %>%  
  summarise(  
    mean_beds = mean(beds_av, na.rm = T))
```




beds_ts

Assignment

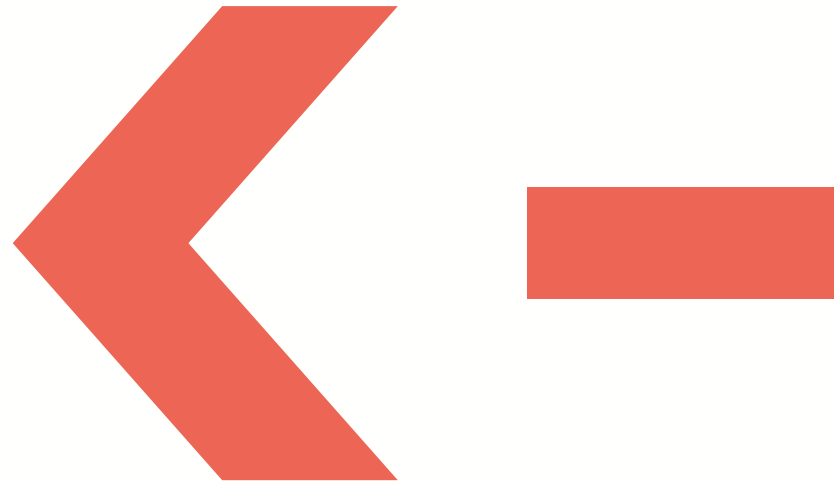
Name objects with the assignment operator:

assignment operator



```
beds_ts <- beds_data %>%  
  group_by(date) %>%  
  summarise(  
    mean_beds = mean(beds_av, na.rm = T))
```


Assignment operator



Shortcut: Alt -

Assignment

Assigns this name...



```
beds_ts <- beds_data %>%  
  group_by(date) %>%  
  summarise(  
    mean_beds = mean(beds_av, na.rm = T))
```

Assignment

Assigns this name...



To the object produced by this code



```
beds_ts <- beds_data %>%  
  group_by(date) %>%  
  summarise(  
    mean_beds = mean(beds_av, na.rm = T))
```

Assignment

```
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  group_by(date) %>%  
  summarise(  
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```

beds_ts  *running beds_ts recalls data frame above*

Objects

The screenshot displays the RStudio interface. In the **Source** pane on the left, the following R code is written in a file named `Untitled1*`:

```
1 life_exp_afr <- gapminder %>%  
2   filter(continent == "Africa") %>%  
3   group_by(year) %>%  
4   summarise(mean_life = mean(lifeExp))  
5  
6
```

A red arrow points from the variable `life_exp_afr` in the code to the **Environment** pane on the right. The **Environment** pane shows the **Global Environment** with a search bar and a **Data** section. Under **Data**, the object `life_exp_afr` is listed with the description "12 obs. of 2 variables". This entry is circled in red. Another red arrow points from the handwritten text below to this circled entry.

Below the **Environment** pane, the **Console** pane shows the execution of the code:

```
x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()  
x dplyr::lag() masks stats::lag()  
> life_exp_afr <- gapminder %>%  
+   filter(continent == "Africa") %>%  
+   group_by(year) %>%  
+   summarise(mean_life = mean(lifeExp))  
>
```

*Objects you have created
can be seen in the
Environment pane*

Returning to the plot:

```
ggplot(data = beds_data %>%  
  group_by(date) %>%  
  summarise(  
    mean_beds = mean(beds_av, na.rm = T)))+  
geom_...(aes(x = ..., y = ...))
```

Becomes:

```
ggplot(data = beds_ts)+  
  geom_...(aes(x = ..., y = ...))
```

Or:

```
ggplot(beds_ts)+  
  geom_... (aes(..., ...))
```


Your turn (1)

If you haven't already, follow the steps we've just covered to create the object **beds_ts**.

Your turn (2)

Plot the trend in mean available beds. You may require `ggplot(...)` plus `+` the following layers:

```
geom_line(aes(... , ...))+
```

```
geom_point(...(... , ...))+
```

```
ylim(... , ...) → To get help with this  
                    (or any) function type  
                    ?ylim
```

Your turn (3)

Give your plot object a name.

To summarise

Give an object (data frame, plot, value) a name when you may need that object later in your analysis.

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