

# R6: Import data files

## Data import from files with `tidyverse`

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## 1 Import data from text files

Import data from text files.

## 1.1 Required packages

```
library(tidyverse) ## includes packages: readr, magrittr, dplyr, stringr, tidyr, tibble
```

## 1.2 Delimited data files

The structure of the text file and data can be inspected with (ordinary) text editors.

Delimited text (data) files use a column separator. Use `read_delim()` and specify the column separator in the `delim=` option. Wrappers exist for frequently used delimiters:

- `read_delim()` sets the separator in `delim=`
- `read_csv()` for comma
- `read_csv2()` for semi-colons
- `read_tsv()` for tabulator
- `read_table()` for white space as separators

## 1.3 Inspect the text file

- Visually inspection `data/text1.txt` with a text editor
- Can also read-in the first few lines in the file `data/text1.txt`

```
read_lines("data/text1.txt", n_max = 5)
```

```
## [1] "Sepal.Length,Sepal.Width,Petal.Length,Petal.Width,Species"
## [2] "5.1,3.5,1.4,0.2,setosa"
## [3] "4.9,3,1.4,0.2,setosa"
## [4] "4.7,3.2,1.3,0.2,setosa"
## [5] "4.6,3.1,1.5,0.2,setosa"
```

This reveals as separator a ",", as decimal point a "." and the presence of column headings (in the first row).

## 1.4 Load data file

```
x = read_delim("data/text1.txt", delim = ",")
#x = read_csv("data/text1.txt")
x
```

```
## # A tibble: 150 x 5
##   Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##   <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl> <chr>
## 1         5.1         3.5         1.4         0.2 setosa
## 2         4.9         3         1.4         0.2 setosa
## 3         4.7         3.2         1.3         0.2 setosa
## 4         4.6         3.1         1.5         0.2 setosa
## 5         5         3.6         1.4         0.2 setosa
## 6         5.4         3.9         1.7         0.4 setosa
```

```
## 7      4.6      3.4      1.4      0.3 setosa
## 8      5      3.4      1.5      0.2 setosa
## 9      4.4      2.9      1.4      0.2 setosa
## 10     4.9      3.1      1.5      0.1 setosa
## # ... with 140 more rows
```

## 1.5 Diagnose problems

Use `problems(x)` to diagnose issues:

```
problems(read_delim("data/text1.txt", delim = ",")) # NOTE Empty --> no problems
```

```
## # A tibble: 0 x 5
## # ... with 5 variables: row <int>, col <int>, expected <chr>, actual <chr>,
## #   file <chr>
```

## 1.6 Column type specification

The functions attempt to guess the data types automatically. If this does not work, they can be specified manually. With “-” columns can be excluded.

```
x = read_csv("data/text1.txt", col_types = "cdi-l")
x |> head()
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 4
##   Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Species
##   <chr>          <dbl>      <int> <lgl>
## 1 5.1            3.5         NA NA
## 2 4.9            3          NA NA
## 3 4.7            3.2         NA NA
## 4 4.6            3.1         NA NA
## 5 5              3.6         NA NA
## 6 5.4            3.9         NA NA
```

Use `problems(x)` to diagnose issues:

```
problems(x) |> head() # NOTE not empty when problems
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 5
##   row col expected      actual file
##   <int> <int> <chr>      <chr> <chr>
## 1     2     3 an integer    1.4 C:/Users/reschrei/Documents/Teaching/_D~
## 2     2     3 an integer    1.3 C:/Users/reschrei/Documents/Teaching/_D~
## 3     2     3 an integer    1.5 C:/Users/reschrei/Documents/Teaching/_D~
## 4     2     3 an integer    1.7 C:/Users/reschrei/Documents/Teaching/_D~
## 5     2     5 1/0/T/F/TRUE/FALSE setosa C:/Users/reschrei/Documents/Teaching/_D~
## 6     3     3 an integer    1.4 C:/Users/reschrei/Documents/Teaching/_D~
```

```
x = read_csv("data/text1.txt", col_types = "ccddc")
x |> problems()
```

```
## # A tibble: 0 x 5
## # ... with 5 variables: row <int>, col <int>, expected <chr>, actual <chr>,
## #   file <chr>
```

Character columns can be transformed with `mutate()`:

```
x %>% head # NOTE with magrittr pipe can use head instead of head()
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 5
##   Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##   <chr>         <chr>         <dbl>         <dbl> <chr>
## 1 5.1          3.5          1.4          0.2 setosa
## 2 4.9          3          1.4          0.2 setosa
## 3 4.7          3.2          1.3          0.2 setosa
## 4 4.6          3.1          1.5          0.2 setosa
## 5 5            3.6          1.4          0.2 setosa
## 6 5.4          3.9          1.7          0.4 setosa
```

```
x |> mutate(Sepal.Length = parse_double(Sepal.Length),
            Sepal.Width = parse_double(Sepal.Width)) %>%
  head(2)
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 5
##   Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##   <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl> <chr>
## 1      5.1          3.5          1.4          0.2 setosa
## 2      4.9          3          1.4          0.2 setosa
```

## 1.7 Fixed-width data

Visual inspection of `data/text2.txt` (with a text editor) shows three text columns with fixed widths with spaces in the text and a varying number of spaces to separate the text columns.

Using the space separator `delim = " "` yields problems, because the text contains spaces the column are not quoted properly):

```
x = read_delim("data/text2.txt", delim = " ", col_names = F)
x %>% problems
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 5
##   row col expected actual file
##   <int> <int> <chr>    <chr>    <chr>
## 1     2    13 18 columns 13 columns C:/Users/reschrei/Documents/Teaching/_DE_MD~
```

```
x
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 18
##   X1      X2      X3      X4      X5      X6      X7      X8      X9 X10      X11      X12      X13
##   <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <dbl> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 David Meyer <NA> Höch~ 6,      1200 Wien <NA>      NA <NA>      NA      NA      NA
## 2 Hugo H.      Wolf An      den lang~ Lüss~ 47;      1190 Wien      43 4545 454545
## # ... with 5 more variables: X14 <lgl>, X15 <chr>, X16 <dbl>, X17 <lgl>,
## #   X18 <lgl>
```

```
x = read_table("data/text2.txt", col_names = F)
x %>% problems
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 5
##   row col expected actual file
##   <int> <chr> <chr>      <chr>      <chr>
## 1     2 <NA> 9 columns 13 columns 'data/text2.txt'
```

```
x
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 9
##   X1      X2      X3      X4      X5      X6      X7      X8      X9
##   <chr> <chr> <chr>      <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <dbl>
## 1 David Meyer Höchstädtplatz 6,      1200 Wien      0699 12345674      NA
## 2 Hugo H.      Wolf An      den langen Lüssen 47;      1190
```

Use `read.fwf()` for data with a fixed-width for each column.

```
data <- read_fwf("data/text2.txt", fwf_cols(Name = 12, Address = 37, Tel = 15))
data <- read_fwf("data/text2.txt", fwf_cols(Name = 13, Address = 35, Tel = 15))
data
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 3
##   Name      Address      Tel
##   <chr>      <chr>      <chr>
## 1 David Meyer Höchstädtplatz 6, 1200 Wien      0699 12345674
## 2 Hugo H.      Wolf An      den langen Lüssen 47; 1190 Wien +43 4545 45454
```

The file `data/text2.txt` contains in the rows from character 1-12 the name and in character 13 a single space character. The length of the first column has to be at least 12 characters and at most 13 characters. The address in character 14-47 has a length of 34 characters is followed by a single space character and the telephone number from character 48-62.

## 2 Separating and joining columns

Separate with `separate()` text in one column into different columns:

```
data2 <- data %>%
  mutate(Address = str_replace(Address, ",", ";")) %>%
  separate(Address, c("Street", "ZIPCity"), sep = "; ") %>%
  separate(ZIPCity, c("ZIP", "City"), sep = " ")
data2
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 5
##   Name      Street      ZIP City Tel
##   <chr>      <chr>      <chr> <chr> <chr>
## 1 David Meyer Höchstädtplatz 6      1200 Wien 0699 12345674
## 2 Hugo H. Wolf An den langen Lüssen 47 1190 Wien +43 4545 45454
```

Join with `unite()` text in different columns into one column:

```
data2 %>%
  unite(ZIPCity, ZIP, City, sep = " ") %>%
  unite(Address, ZIPCity, Street, sep = ", ")
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 3
##   Name      Address      Tel
##   <chr>      <chr>      <chr>
## 1 David Meyer 1200 Wien, Höchstädtplatz 6      0699 12345674
## 2 Hugo H. Wolf 1190 Wien, An den langen Lüssen 47 +43 4545 45454
```

### 3 Missing data

Explicitly missing data is present in the data file with a special entry for a missing data point. Implicitly missing data is not present in the data file (absent data points).

Inspect the file:

```
read_lines("data/text3.txt")
```

```
## [1] "Class Sex Age Died Survived"
## [2] "1st Male Child 0 5"
## [3] " Adult 118 57"
## [4] " Female Child 0 1"
## [5] " Adult 4 140"
## [6] "2nd Male Child 0 11"
## [7] " Adult 154 14"
## [8] " Female Child 0 13"
## [9] " Adult 13 80"
## [10] "3rd Male Child 35 13"
## [11] " Adult 387 75"
## [12] " Female Child 17 14"
## [13] " Adult 89 76"
## [14] "Crew Male Child 0 ??"
## [15] " Adult 670 192"
## [16] " Female Child 0 ??"
## [17] " Adult 3 20"
```

The file `text3.txt` contains explicitly missing data via `??` entries:

```
data1 <- read_table("data/text3.txt", col_names = TRUE, na = "??")
data <- read_fwf(file="data/text3.txt",
  na = "??",
  skip = 1,
```

```

col_positions = fwf_empty(file="data/text3.txt",
                           col_names = names(data1))
)
data

```

```

## # A tibble: 16 x 5
##   Class Sex      Age   Died Survived
##   <chr> <chr>   <chr> <dbl>   <dbl>
## 1 "1st"  "Male"  Child     0         5
## 2 ""     ""      Adult    118        57
## 3 ""     "Female" Child     0         1
## 4 ""     ""      Adult     4       140
## 5 "2nd"  "Male"  Child     0         11
## 6 ""     ""      Adult    154         14
## 7 ""     "Female" Child     0         13
## 8 ""     ""      Adult    13         80
## 9 "3rd"  "Male"  Child    35         13
## 10 ""    ""      Adult   387         75
## 11 ""    "Female" Child    17         14
## 12 ""    ""      Adult    89         76
## 13 "Crew" "Male"  Child     0         NA
## 14 ""    ""      Adult   670        192
## 15 ""    "Female" Child     0         NA
## 16 ""    ""      Adult     3         20

```

### 3.1 Find missing data (rows)

```

data %>% filter(!complete.cases()) # find all rows with missings

```

```

## # A tibble: 2 x 5
##   Class Sex      Age   Died Survived
##   <chr> <chr>   <chr> <dbl>   <dbl>
## 1 "Crew" Male    Child     0         NA
## 2 ""    Female Child     0         NA

```

### 3.2 Drop missing data (rows)

```

data %>% drop_na() ## either drop them ...

```

```

## # A tibble: 14 x 5
##   Class Sex      Age   Died Survived
##   <chr> <chr>   <chr> <dbl>   <dbl>
## 1 "1st"  "Male"  Child     0         5
## 2 ""     ""      Adult    118        57
## 3 ""     "Female" Child     0         1
## 4 ""     ""      Adult     4       140
## 5 "2nd"  "Male"  Child     0         11
## 6 ""     ""      Adult    154         14

```

```
## 7 ""      "Female" Child    0      13
## 8 ""      ""      Adult    13      80
## 9 "3rd"   "Male"   Child    35      13
## 10 ""     ""      Adult   387      75
## 11 ""     "Female" Child    17      14
## 12 ""     ""      Adult    89      76
## 13 ""     ""      Adult   670     192
## 14 ""     ""      Adult     3      20
```

### 3.3 Replace missing data points

```
data %>% mutate(Survived = replace_na(Survived, 0)) ## ... or replace them
```

```
## # A tibble: 16 x 5
##   Class Sex      Age   Died Survived
##   <chr> <chr>   <chr> <dbl>   <dbl>
## 1 "1st"  "Male"  Child     0         5
## 2 ""     ""      Adult   118        57
## 3 ""     "Female" Child     0         1
## 4 ""     ""      Adult     4       140
## 5 "2nd"  "Male"  Child     0         11
## 6 ""     ""      Adult   154         14
## 7 ""     "Female" Child     0         13
## 8 ""     ""      Adult    13         80
## 9 "3rd"  "Male"  Child    35         13
## 10 ""    ""      Adult   387         75
## 11 ""    "Female" Child    17         14
## 12 ""    ""      Adult    89         76
## 13 "Crew" "Male"  Child     0          0
## 14 ""    ""      Adult   670       192
## 15 ""    "Female" Child     0          0
## 16 ""    ""      Adult     3         20
```

### 3.4 Converting entries into missing values

```
data <- data %>%
  mutate_all(na_if, "")
data
```

```
## # A tibble: 16 x 5
##   Class Sex      Age   Died Survived
##   <chr> <chr>   <chr> <dbl>   <dbl>
## 1 1st  Male  Child     0         5
## 2 <NA> <NA>  Adult   118        57
## 3 <NA> Female Child     0         1
## 4 <NA> <NA>  Adult     4       140
## 5 2nd  Male  Child     0         11
## 6 <NA> <NA>  Adult   154         14
## 7 <NA> Female Child     0         13
```



```
## 8 <NA> <NA> Adult 13 80
## 9 3rd Male Child 35 13
## 10 <NA> <NA> Adult 387 75
## 11 <NA> Female Child 17 14
## 12 <NA> <NA> Adult 89 76
## 13 Crew Male Child 0 NA
## 14 <NA> <NA> Adult 670 192
## 15 <NA> Female Child 0 NA
## 16 <NA> <NA> Adult 3 20
```

### 3.5 Fill missing data points

In `text3.txt` for the first two columns the entry in the previous row of the same column applies. The entries in the columns `Class` and `Sex` can be filled with the values from the previous row (`direction = "down"`):

```
data <- data %>%
  fill(Class, Sex, .direction = "down")
data
```

```
## # A tibble: 16 x 5
##   Class Sex   Age   Died Survived
##   <chr> <chr> <chr> <dbl>   <dbl>
## 1 1st   Male  Child    0      5
## 2 1st   Male  Adult  118    57
## 3 1st  Female Child    0      1
## 4 1st  Female Adult    4   140
## 5 2nd   Male  Child    0     11
## 6 2nd   Male  Adult  154    14
## 7 2nd  Female Child    0     13
## 8 2nd  Female Adult   13    80
## 9 3rd   Male  Child   35    13
## 10 3rd   Male  Adult  387    75
## 11 3rd  Female Child   17    14
## 12 3rd  Female Adult   89    76
## 13 Crew Male  Child    0     NA
## 14 Crew Male  Adult  670   192
## 15 Crew Female Child    0     NA
## 16 Crew Female Adult    3    20
```

## 4 Import from Excel

### 4.1 Required packages

```
library(tidyverse)
library(readxl)
```

### 4.2 Get sheet names

First, get the sheet names:

```
path = "data/EU_Stockmarkets.xlsx"
sheets = excel_sheets(path)
sheets
```

```
## [1] "1991" "1992" "1993" "1994" "1995" "1996" "1997" "1998"
```

### 4.3 Import sheets

Try one sheet:

```
read_excel(path, sheet = "1991")
```

```
## # A tibble: 131 x 5
##   ...1    DAX    SMI    CAC  FTSE
##   <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 1      1629. 1678. 1773. 2444.
## 2 2      1614. 1688. 1750. 2460.
## 3 3      1607. 1679. 1718. 2448.
## 4 4      1621. 1684. 1708. 2470.
## 5 5      1618. 1687. 1723. 2485.
## 6 6      1611. 1672. 1714. 2467.
## 7 7      1631. 1683. 1734. 2488.
## 8 8      1640. 1704. 1757. 2508.
## 9 9      1635. 1698. 1754. 2510.
## 10 10     1646. 1716. 1754. 2497.
## # ... with 121 more rows
```

Loop over all sheets:

```
data = lapply(sheets, read_excel, path = path)
names(data) = sheets
```

Combine subtables. Add sheet names as extra column. Fix name of index column.

```
data = bind_rows(data, .id = "Year") %>%
  rename("Period" = "...1") %>%
  mutate(Period = parse_integer(Period),
         Year = parse_integer(Year))
data
```

```
## # A tibble: 1,867 x 6
##   Year Period    DAX    SMI    CAC  FTSE
##   <int> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 1991      1 1629. 1678. 1773. 2444.
## 2 1991      2 1614. 1688. 1750. 2460.
## 3 1991      3 1607. 1679. 1718. 2448.
## 4 1991      4 1621. 1684. 1708. 2470.
## 5 1991      5 1618. 1687. 1723. 2485.
## 6 1991      6 1611. 1672. 1714. 2467.
## 7 1991      7 1631. 1683. 1734. 2488.
## 8 1991      8 1640. 1704. 1757. 2508.
```

```
## 9 1991      9 1635. 1698. 1754 2510.  
## 10 1991     10 1646. 1716. 1754. 2497.  
## # ... with 1,857 more rows
```