Data organization in spreadsheets

Section A02

Be consistent

- Use consistent codes for categorical variables
- Use a consistent fixed code for any missing values
- Use consistent variable names
- Use consistent subject identifiers
- Use a consistent data layout in multiple files
- Use consistent file names
- Use a consistent format for all dates
- Use consistent phrases in your notes
- Be careful about extra spaces within cells

- Male, M, male, m... (Stick to one of them!)
- 。 N/A, NaN, Null ✓ -999, 999 **X**
- grades_wk10, wk10Grades...
- studentA, aStudent, a...
- 0
- "quiz_010123.csv", "010123q.csv"
- o YYYY-MM-DD
- 0 -
- 。 "Male" ≠ " Male"



Choose good names for things

- don't use spaces
 - glucose_6_weeks instead of glucose 6 weeks
- Careful about the spaces
 - Trailing Spaces
 - Leading Spaces
- Avoid special characters (#, \$, &, !)
- Short and meaningful

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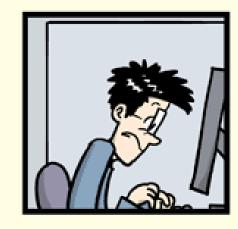




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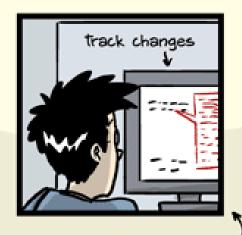






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Dates ISO 8601 standard

- YYYY-MM-DD
- YYYYMMDD

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT:

OUR DIFFERENT WAYS OF WRITING DATES AS NUMBERS CAN LEAD TO ONLINE CONFUSION. THAT'S WHY IN 1988 ISO SET A GLOBAL STANDARD NUMERIC DATE FORMAT.

THIS IS THE CORRECT WAY TO WRITE NUMERIC DATES:

2013-02-27

THE FOLLOWING FORMATS ARE THEREFORE DISCOURAGED:

02/27/2013 02/27/13 27/02/2013 27/02/13 20130227 2013.02.27 27.02.13 27-02-13 27.2.13 2013. II. 27. $\frac{27}{2}$ -13 2013.158904109 MMXIII-II-XXVII MMXIII $\frac{LVII}{CCCLXV}$ 1330300800 ((3+3)×(111+1)-1)×3/3-1/3³ 2023 11/3³ 2023 10/11011/1101 02/27/20/13 $\frac{2}{5}$ $\frac{1}{5}$ $\frac{1}{5}$ $\frac{1}{5}$ $\frac{1}{5}$ $\frac{1}{5}$

Cells

- No empty cells
 - N/A, NaN, Null
 - Blank cells could cause confusion
- Put just one thing in a cell
 - Don't combine multiple variables



Make it a rectangle

- First row should contain variable names
- Don't use more than one row for variable names

	Α	В	С	D	E
1	id	sex	glucose	insulin	triglyc
2	101	Male	134.1	0.60	273.4
3	102	Female	120.0	1.18	243.6
4	103	Male	124.8	1.23	297.6
5	104	Male	83.1	1.16	142.4
6	105	Male	105.2	0.73	215.7

A						
	А	В	С	D	Е	F
1						
2		101	102	103	104	105
3	sex	Male	Female	Male	Male	Male
4						
5		101	102	103	104	105
6	glucose	134.1	120.0	124.8	83.1	105.2
7						
8		101	102	103	104	105

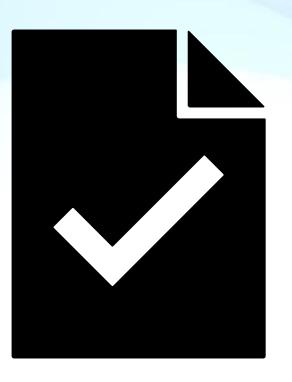
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	А	В	С	D	Е	F	G
1	1MIN						
2			Normal			Mutant	
3	В6	146.6	138.6	155.6	166	179.3	186.9
4	BTBR	245.7	240	243.1	177.8	171.6	188.1
5							
6	5MIN						
7			Normal			Mutant	
8	В6	333.6	353.6	408.8	450.6	474.4	423.8
9	BTBR	514.4	610.6	597.9	412.1	447.4	446.5
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	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G
1							
2	Date	11/3/14					
3 [Days on diet	126					
4	Mouse #	43					
5	sex	f					
6	experiment		values			mean	SD
7	control		0.186	0.191	1.081	0.49	0.52
8 t	treatment A		7.414	1.468	2.254	3.71	3.23
9 t	treatment B		9.811	9.259	11.296	10.12	1.05
10							
11 f	fold change		values			mean	SD
12 t	treatment A		15.26	3.02	4.64	7.64	6.65
13 t	treatment B		20.19	19.05	23.24	20.83	2.17

	А	В	С	D	Е	F
1		GTT date	GTT weight	time	glucose mg/dl	insulin ng/ml
2	321	2/9/15	24.5	0	99.2	lo off curve
3				5	349.3	0.205
4				15	286.1	0.129
5				30	312	0.175
6				60	99.9	0.122
7				120	217.9	lo off curve
8	322	2/9/15	18.9	0	185.8	0.251
9				5	297.4	2.228
10				15	439	2.078
11				30	362.3	0.775
12				60	232.7	0.5
13				120	260.7	0.523
14	323	2/9/15	24.7	0	198.5	0.151
15				5	530.6	off curve lo

Raw data files

- Primary data file should be a pristine store of data.
- Make a copy before making any calculations on data
- Do not write it on the original data files
- Make back-ups on your data in case of corruption/overwrite



Font color/Highlighting

Don't use them!

- Nice visually, but hard for later analysis
- Better encode highlight info in another column

4	А	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н
1		Mercury	Venus	Earth	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus
2	Mass (10 ²⁴ kg)	0.33	4.87	5.97	0.642	1898	568	86.8
3	Diameter (km)	4879	12,104	12,756	6792	142,984	120,536	51,118
4	Density (kg/m³)	5427	5243	5514	3933	1326	687	1271
5	Gravity (m/s²)	3.7	8.9	9.8	3.7∰	23.1	9	8.7
6	Escape Velocity (km/s)	4.3	10.4	11.2	5	59.5	35.5	21.3
7	Rotation Period (hours)	1407.6	-5832.5	23.9	24.6	9.9	10.7	-17.2
8	Length of Day (hours)	4222.6	2802	24	24.7	9.9	10.7	17.2
9	Distance from Sun (10 ⁶ km)	57.9	108.2	149.6	227.9	778.6	1433.5	2872.5
10	Perihelion (10 ⁶ km)	46	107.5	147.1	206.6	740.5	1352.6	2741.3
11	Aphelion (10 ⁶ km)	69.8	108.9	152.1	249.2	816.6	1514.5	3003.6
12	Orbital Period (days)	88	224.7	365.2	687	4331	10,747	30,589
13	Orbital Velocity (km/s)	47.4	35	29.8	24.1	13.1	9.7	6.8
14	Orbital Inclination	7	3.4	0	1.9	1.3	2.5	0.8
15	Orbital Eccentricity	0.205	0.007	0.017	0.094	0.049	0.057	0.046