

SESSION 2 MARCH 17TH 2017

FEEDBACK

RECAP SESSION 1

CORE CONCEPTS

1. Understand your environment

- a. The 3 windows
- b. Working directories

2. Objects and data classes

- a. Object assignment
- b. Numeric, Character, Logical, Factor

3. Data structures

- a. Vectors
- b. Matrices
- c. Lists
- d. Data Frames

4. Functions

- a. Handy functions
- b. Understand by doing

5. **Help!**

- a. Ask R
- b. Listen to R
- c. If all else fails, ask Google

CODING PRACTICE (CP)

CP1: # EVERYTHING, BECAUSE #YOLO

In R, the # symbol will 'comment out' everything that follows it on that line.

This allows you to make comments about your work and is SUPER IMPORTANT!

CP2: LEAVE YOURSELF SPACE!

Code is hard to read at the best of times.

Make life easy for yourself and put spaces between code elements.

CP3: SENSIBLE NAMES

Object names require the following:

- They MUST begin with a letter
- They MUST NOT contain spaces
- They ARE case sensitive
- They can ONLY contain letters, numbers, _ and .

Be consistent in your naming convention, some example conventions are:

- this_is_snake_case
- ThisIsCamelCase
- this.uses.full.stops

QUESTIONS?

SESSION 2

WHAT WILL BE COVERED

- 1. Installing and using packages
- 2. Importing, navigating and tidying data
- 3. Basic descriptive stats

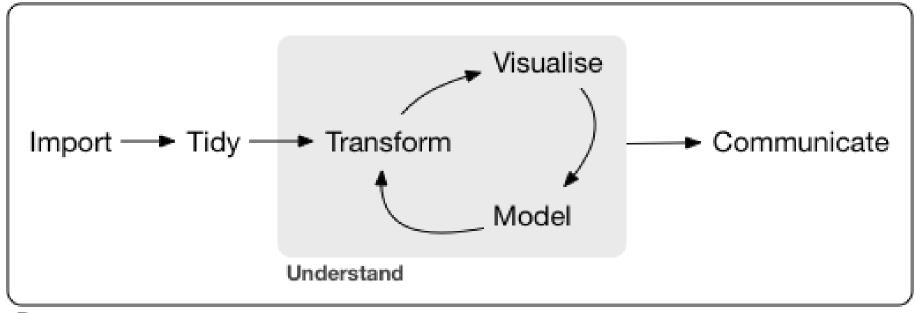
WHAT WILL NOT BE COVERED

- 1. Plotting data (next week)
- 2. Producing data reports (next week)
- 3. Inferential stats (e.g. regressions, mixed effects models etc.)

R FOR DATA SCIENCE

http://r4ds.had.co.nz/index.html

R FOR DATA SCIENCE



Program

Image drawn from: http://r4ds.had.co.nz/introduction.html

CAT'S SKINS AND FIXING THINGS

R is crazy versatile, this means:

- 1. You can perform almost any analysis.
- 2. 'There's more than one way to skin a cat' There are many ways to do the same thing.

Everything that I present is just one way to approach the problem. There may very well be a more efficient way to do it.

For the time being - 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it'.

There is a package for almost everything.

There are currently 10,265 available packages (as of 10:25AM on 15th March 2017).

A full list of all available packages can be found at:

https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/available_packages_by_date.html

To install a package, we use the install.packages()
command.

For instance, if we want to install the psych package, we would use the following code:

install.packages('psych')

This process only needs to be completed once, just like installing a program.

Note that the package name is encased in quotes. This is because the CRAN server requires character information in order to match the package request against available packages.

PACKAGES: ADMIN PRIVILEGES

Installing packages can raise issues with administrator privileges.

The installation instructions have suggestions to circumvent this but if you are having issues please ask Vijay or Robert for help.

USING PACKAGES

Before we can use a package, we have to call it into our R workspace. This is accomplished with the <code>library()</code> function, e.g.:

library(psych)

Notice that here, there are no quotations. This is because the package is now an object in you local R build.

USING PACKAGES

Every package comes with its own selection of functions that perform specific tasks. For example, the psych package has the headTail() function which helps with viewing datasets.

```
      headTail(mtcars)
      # mtcars is a built-in dataset. Use data() to

      #
      mpg cyl disp hp drat
      wt qsec
      vs am gear

      #Mazda RX4
      21
      6
      160
      110
      3.9
      2.62
      16.46
      0
      1
      4

      #Mazda RX4 Wag
      21
      6
      160
      110
      3.9
      2.88
      17.02
      0
      1
      4

      #Datsun 710
      22.8
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      3.85
      2.32
      18.61
      1
      1
      4

      #Hornet 4 Drive 21.4
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USING PACKAGES: DEALING WITH MASKED FUNCTIONS

Be aware that packages sometimes use the same names for their functions and can 'mask' each other, e.g.:

```
library(dplyr)
#Attaching package: 'dplyr'
#
#The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
#
# filter, lag
#
#The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
#
# intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
#
```

USING PACKAGES: DEALING WITH MASKED FUNCTIONS

If you have masked a function that you wish to call, you can tell R which function you wish to use.

To do this, we use the notation, e.g.:

```
#Attaching package: 'dplyr'
#
#The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
#
# filter, lag
#
#The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
#
# intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
#
#
filter(mtcars, cyl == 8) # Using the dplyr filter function
```

A full script for installing, loading and using a package might look something like this:

```
install.packages( 'psych')
library( psych )
headTail( mtcars )
               mpg cyl disp hp drat wt
                                                    am gear
#Mazda RX4
                21 6 160 110 3.9 2.62 16.46
#Mazda RX4 Waq
              22.8 4 108
#Hornet 4 Drive 21.4 6 258 110 3.08 3.21 19.44
#Ford Pantera L 15.8
#Ferrari Dino
              19.7 6 145 175
#Maserati Bora
                   8 301 335 3.54 3.57 14.6
#Volvo 142E
```

SOME HANDY PACKAGES:

	What is it?	Install	Load
psych	A package for personality, psychometric, and psychological research	install.packages('psych	library(psych
dplyr	A fast, consistent tool for working with data frame like objects.	install.packages('dplyr	library(dplyr
tidyr	Tool designed specifically for data tidying	install.packages('tidyr	library(tidyr
Hmisc	Contains many functions useful for data analysis	install.packages('Hmisc	library(Hmisc

IMPORTING DATA

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The first step of any data analysis is to load in the data.

R is very versatile and it is possible for it to handle most data types. However, the easiest (and preferred) data format to import into R is a text file.

In this course, we will be working with comma separated value (.csv) files.

If your data is in another format (e.g. .xlsx, .xls, .sav, etc.) it is often best to convert to .csv from within the associated program that created the file.

If conversion is not possible, some alternative import options are offered here.

IMPORTING DATA: .CSV STRUCTURE

A .csv file is simply a text file with a specific structure.

Every row in a .csv file represents a row of data with commas separating the columns on each row.

We have a mock .csv file about cats (available here). It looks like this:

```
#cat,age,weight,colour,loose.in.cat.room
#Pusheen,4,3.00,chocolate,no
#Millie,7,3.75,black,no
#Pumpkin,13,4.25,grey,no
#Prof. Jiggly,9,3.25,tortoiseshell,yes
```

If this was read into R, we would have a data file that looks like this:

```
# cat age weight colour loose.in.cat.roo
#1 Pusheen 4 3.00 chocolate
#2 Millie 7 3.75 black
#3 Pumpkin 13 4.25 grey
#4 Prof. Jiggly 9 3.25 tortoiseshell y
```

IMPORTING DATA: .CSV STRUCTURE

Although csv stands for comma separated values, the actual character that separates the columns can vary. For instance, tabs are also commonly used, e.g.:

```
#cat age weight colour loose in cat room?
#Pusheen 4 3.00 chocolate no
#Millie 7 3.75 black no
#Pumpkin 13 4.25 grey no
#Prof. Jiggly 9 3.25 tortoiseshell yes
```

This data would be represented in R in the same way as a comma separated file as long as we tell R what the separator is.

IMPORTING DATA

The command that we use to import data into R is

```
read.table(), e.g.:
```

```
read.table('cats.csv', sep = ',')
```

Note that the name of the file and the separator must be encased in quotes.

If the first row of our dataset contains the column headings, we need to let R know.

```
read.table( 'cats.csv' , sep = ',' , header = TRUE)
```

IMPORTING DATA

As with any data type in R, files that are read into R need to be assigned to an object.

```
cats_demo <- read.table( 'cats.csv' , sep = ',' , header = TRU
```

If the data being imported is not assigned to an object, the whole dataset will be printed to the command window. This is really annoying!

IMPORTING DATA: SPECIAL CASE COMMA IMPORTS

The .csv format is so common in data analysis that R has a dedicated function for its import read.csv().

This function can be used without specifying the separator, provided that the data is comma separated.

cats_demo <- read.csv('cats.csv' , header = TRUE)</pre>

NAVIGATING DATA

NAVIGATING DATA

After importing data using read.table() or read.csv() the data are stored as a data.frame

```
demo_cats <- read.csv( 'cats.csv' , header = TRUE )
class(demo_cats)
#[1] "data.frame"</pre>
```

Recall from session 1 that a data.frame has 2 dimensions.

NAVIGATING DATA: 1D

R uses square brackets to select elements of data objects.

For example, if we want to access the third element of a vector we would write the following:

```
my_vector <- c( 2 , 4 , 6 , 8 , 10)
my_vector[3]
#[1] 6</pre>
```

However, vectors only have 1 dimension and the data the we have imported has 2 dimensions.

NAVIGATING DATA: 2D

Fortunately, the code for navigating 2-dimensional data is the same as that for 1-dimensional data.

For 2D data we simply add a comma to our command, e.g.: [1,3]

R uses the first number as an index for the row and the second number as an index for the column. So, in this example we would be asking for the data element that is in row 1, column 3 of the dataset.

NAVIGATING DATA: 2D

If we now return to our cat dataset, we can try selecting data in a 2D object. Our data look like this:

```
# cat age weight colour loose.in.cat.roo
#1 Pusheen 4 3.00 chocolate
#2 Millie 7 3.75 black
#3 Pumpkin 13 4.25 grey
#4 Prof. Jiggly 9 3.25 tortoiseshell
```

If we wanted to know if Prof. Jiggly is loose in the cat room, we would need the information contained in row 3, column 5. This is coded as so:

```
demo_cats[4,5]
#[1] yes
#Levels: no yes
```

NAVIGATING DATA: SELECTING ENTIRE ROWS/COLUMNS

The same code used to access elements of a data.frame can also be used to select whole rows or columns. This is acheived by omitting the row or column number.

For example, if we want to know the weights of all our cats we would need column 3 and we would write the following:

```
cats_demo[,3]
#[1] 3.00 3.75 4.25 3.25
```

NAVIGATING DATA: SELECTING ENTIRE ROWS/COLUMNS

If we wanted to get all the information about Prof. Jiggly we would need row 4 and we would write the following:

```
cats_demo[4,]
# cat age weight colour loose.in.cat.roc
#4 Prof. Jiggly 9 3.25 tortoiseshell y
```

NAVIGATING DATA: \$\$ BILL Y'ALL

data.frame s have a feature which allows us to access a column by using its name.

To do this, we use the poperator.

For instance, to get the weight of our cats we could use the method offered 2 slides ago (i.e. cats_demo[,3]) or we could use the following:

```
cats_demo$weight
#[1] 3.00 3.75 4.25 3.25
```

Both methods return the same data but by using the poperator we can be more targeted in our selections.

TIDYING DATA

There exists such a thing as tidy data and it takes the following form:

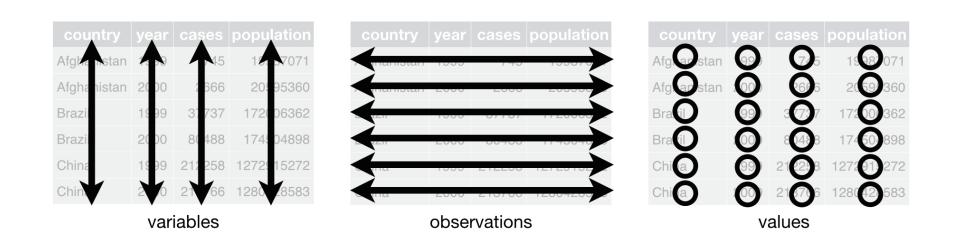


Image drawn from: http://r4ds.had.co.nz/tidy-data.html

This will not be the optimal structure for all data sets but it is certainly a good place to start.

Datasets come in a dizzying array of different formats and not all of them will be tidy.

Let's return to our cats to exemplify this. Here we have food consumption data for our cats over a 3-month period, with all values in grams. You can find this data here

Does this data adhere to the tidy data format?

First, let's group the months.

Hadley Wickham has a particularly handy package called tidyr that is useful here. To do this, we will be using the gather () function from this package.

```
library(tidyr)
cat food <- read.csv( 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/vj-so
tidy cats <- gather ( data = cat food, Jan , Feb , Mar , key =
tidy cats
            Name food type Month food consumed
                       dry
                             Jan
#2
         Pusheen
                       wet
         Millie
                       dry Jan
#5
                           Jan
                       wet
                       drv
                             Jan
#8
                       dry
         Pusheen
                       wet
                             Feb
```

Now, let's separate the food types. To do this, we will be using the spread() function from this package.

Data is carried over from the previous slide.

```
library(tidyr)
tidy cats <- spread ( data = tidy cats, key = food type , value
            Name Month
                       dry wet
         Millie Feb 3000 2000
#2
         Millie Mar 2000 3000
#5
#8
         Pumpkin
                 Mar 3500 3000
         Pusheen
                   Feb 3000 3000
                   Jan 2500 3000
                   Mar 2500 2000
         Pusheen
```

The tidyr package has a number of useful functions for tidying data. Please do explore them for yourselves.

Function	Purpose
separate()	Turns a single character column into multiple columns.
unite()	Turns multiple columns into one.
complete()	Turns implicit missing values into explicit missing values.

CHECKING AND SELECTING DATA

CHECKING DATA: COMPLETE CASES

One should ALWAYS look at their data before analysing it.

However, this can prove difficult with large datasets.

Data can be checked for missing values using the complete.cases() function.

This checks the rows of a dataset for an observation in each column and is very easy to use with tidy data.

CHECKING DATA: COMPLETE CASES

If there was a missing observation in the data, the function would have returned a FALSE value for the incomplete row, e.g.:

CHECKING DATA: MISSING VALUES

R will default to telling you that something is unknown rather than assuming anything.

```
a <- 2
b <- NA
a + b
#[1] NA
```

Note how the output is not an integer, R is conservative and lets you know that you have missing data.

CHECKING DATA: MISSING VALUES

You can find which data is missing by using the is.na() function. This will return a logical vector where a TRUE statement indicates an NA.

To find the position of the NA value(s), combine this with the which () function.

```
test <- 1:1000
test[56] <- NA
test
#[1] NA
which(is.na(test))
#[1] 56</pre>
```

There will often be times where you only want a specific subset of the data that you have.

For instance, in our cat data, we may only want the data that pertains to the month of March.

We can do this by employing some logical operators:

Operator	Description
<	Less then
>	Greater than
<=	Less than or equal to
>=	Greater than or equal to
==	equivalent to
!=	not equivalent to

So, let's go ahead and subset our data into only those observations for March.

What if we wanted the data for all months except March?

Now let's get the data for those cats that eat more than 2000 grams of wet food a month.

```
tidy_cats[ tidy_cats$wet > 2000 , ]
# Name Month dry wet
#2 Millie Jan 1000 4000
#3 Millie Mar 2000 3000
#7 Pumpkin Feb 5500 2500
#9 Pumpkin Mar 3500 3000
#10 Pusheen Feb 3000 3000
#11 Pusheen Jan 2500 3000
```

What about the data for those cats that eat no more than 1000 grams of dry food a month.

```
tidy_cats[ tidy_cats$dry <= 1000 , ]
# Name Month dry wet
#2 Millie Jan 1000 4000</pre>
```

SELECTING DATA: GO FORTH AND SUBSET

There are a whole host of other methods for selecting data and I would encourage you to explore these options but those presented here should suffice for the beginner.

An additional function that you might like to look into is:

R handles character (or 'string') data in a similar way to vectors. However, there are some quirks and the stringr package helps us to dealwith these quirks.

Here we will be dealing with a toy example using the names in out cat data but all examples can be extrapolated to larger datasets.

The most simple task to ask of a character vector is how many characters there are. This can be accomplished by using the nchar() function.

```
nchar(as.character(tidy_cats$Name[4]))
[1] 12
```

But the str_length() function from the stringr package makes this easier:

```
library(stringr)
str_length(tidy_cats$Name[4])
[1] 12
```

The stringr package also allows us to access the individual characters in a character vector.

```
str_sub(tidy_cats$Name[4])
#[1] "Prof. Jiggly"

str_sub(tidy_cats$Name[4],1,5)
#[1] "Prof."

str_sub(tidy_cats$Name[4],1,-3)
#[1] "Prof. Jigg"
```

stringr also allows us to handle whitespace:

```
" Professor Jiggly is loose in the cat room! "
#[1] " Professor Jiggly is loose in the cat room! "
str_trim(" Professor Jiggly is loose in the cat room! ", side = '!
#[1] "Professor Jiggly is loose in the cat room!"
```

This function can come in very handy when standardising a data set.

Some stringr functions:

Function	Description
str_length(Gets number of characters in a string
str_sub()	Allows access to individual characters
str_trim()	Removes leading and trailing whitespace
str_subset(returns the elements of a character vector that match a regular expression

DESCRIPTIVES

DESCRIPTIVES

Descriptive statistics do what they say on the tin. They describe your data.

These statistics include things such as the mean, median, mode, range, interquartile range, standard deviation and standard error.

All of which are detailed in the Basic Statstics document for this course

DESCRIPTIVES: MEAN

Let's return to our cat data to calculate a mean.

RQ: What is the mean amount of dry cat food eaten across all cats and all months?

mean(tidy_cats\$dry)
#[1] 3333.333

DESCRIPTIVES: MEDIAN

RQ: What is the median amount of dry cat food eaten across all cats and all months?

median(tidy_cats\$dry)
#[1] 3250

DESCRIPTIVES: MODE

RQ: What is the mode amount of dry cat food eaten across all cats and all months?

DESCRIPTIVES: RANGE

RQ: What is the range in the amount of dry cat food eaten across all cats and all months?

```
max(tidy_cats$dry) - min(tidy_cats$dry)
#[1] 4500
```

DESCRIPTIVES: INTERQUARTILE RANGE

RQ: What is the interquartile range for the amount of dry cat food eaten across all cats and all months?

IQR(tidy_cats\$dry)
#[1] 1500

DESCRIPTIVES: STANDARD DEVIATION

RQ: What is the standard deviation for the amount of dry cat food eaten across all cats and all months?

```
sd( tidy_cats$dry )
#[1] 1267.304
```

DESCRIPTIVES: DO IT IN A ONER

RQ: What are the descriptives for the tidy_cats dataset?

```
summary(tidy cats)
                    Month
                                        dry
                                                       wet
                                   Min. :1000
                                                  Min. :
                                                  1st Qu.:18
            :3 Mode :character Median :3250
                                   3rd Qu.:4000
                                                  3rd Qu.:30
                                   Max. :5500
                                                  Max.
                                                         :4C
library(psych)
describe(tidy cats)
                            sd median trimmed
                                                 mad
                                                      min
                  mean
       vars
#Name*
                                                1.48
```

DESCRIPTIVES: BUT I WANT A GRAPH!

By this point I would be crying out for a visual representation of the data.

I apologise but that is the topic of next week's session.

However, I feel your pain!

EXERCISES

PACKAGES

Vist https://cran.rproject.org/web/packages/available_packages_by_date.h and search for a package that you might find useful. Once you have found a package, do the following:

- 1. Install it
- 2. Load it into your R workspace
- 3. Use the help function to learn more about the package
- 4. Try using one of the package's functions (if you need a test dataset, R has some built in. Use data() to see what is available.)

PACKAGES

- 5. How would you specify that you wanted to specifically use the alpha() function from the psych package?
- 6. Do you need to install a package each time you want to use it?
- 7. Would it be important to include an install.packages () command in a script that you were sharing? Why?

IMPORTING DATA

- 1. What types of data can R handle?
- 2. What is the preferred data format and what is its structure?
- 3. When importing data, what is meant by the term 'separator'?
- 4. Investigate the read.table() command. What additional functionality does it have?

IMPORTING DATA

- 5. Using the read.table() function, read in the dataset at the following location http://raw.githubusercontent.com/vj-sol/R-for-Arts-2/master/resources/cats.csv and assign it to an object.
- 6. Using the read.csv() function, read in the dataset at the following location http://raw.githubusercontent.com/vj-sol/R-for-Arts-2/master/resources/cat-food.csv and assign it to another object.

NAVIGATING DATA

- 1. What type of brackets are used to extract data from a 1 dimensional object in R?
- 2. What type of brackets are used to extract data from a 2 dimensional object in R?
- 3. What is the difference between the code for extracting data from a 1 dimensional dataset and a 2 dimensional data set?
- 4. What type of operator can be used to extract columns from a data.frame?

NAVIGATING DATA

5. For the vector my_vect <- c(23, 49, 567, 32, 90) predict what the result of the following code will be without running it:

```
a. my_vect[4]
```

- d. my_Vect[2]
- e. my_vect[4,]

NAVIGATING DATA

- 6. For the cats data that you imported using read.table(), do the following:
 - a. Extract the weight column and assign it to an object.
 - b. Extract the data value 'grey' and assign it to an object.
 - c. Extract all information about Millie the cat and assign it to an object.
 - d. Extract Millie's age from the newly created object.

TIDYING DATA

- 1. Summarise what the structure of tidy data looks like
- 2. Should all data be stored in the tidy format?
- 3. Find the two functions from the tidyr package that were used in this session and use the help function to find out more about them. What inputs do they take and do they have additional functionality?

TIDYING DATA

4. Given the following dataset (found here), perform the following actions:

```
# whiskers tail.length cat1 cat2 cat3
# 5 12 Toby NA NA
# 9 15 NA Cleo NA
# 7 10 NA NA Sir Snuffles
```

- a. Collect the cat names into one column
- b. Move the newly created name column to the left most data column (do not overwrite any data!)
- c. Make sure that the column names match up correctly (you may need to investigate the columns).

TIDYING DATA

5. Given the following dataset (found here), perform the following actions:

```
# name feature length
# Toby whiskers 5
# Toby tail.length 12
# Cleo whiskers 9
# Cleo tail.length 15
# Sir Snuffles whiskers 7
# Sir Snuffles tail.length 10
```

- a. Arrange the data such that whiskers and tail.length are variables with length as a value.
- b. What class is the name column?
- c. Find a function that shows you the structure of your new data.frame

CHECKING AND SELECTING DATA

For this series of exercises, we'll be using some real data.

This data (found here) is taken from the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System and concerns firearm background check data from Nov. 1998 - Feb. 2017.

The data was collated and put into a database form by BuzzFeed News.

CHECKING AND SELECTING DATA

For the data provided, perform the following actions:

- 1. Check to see if there are any missing cases in the data. Explain your findings.
- 2. Get all data pertaining to the state of Texas and assign it to an object.
- 3. Using your new object, find out how many hand guns were sold in January 2004
- 4. Using your new object, how many permit_rechecks were performed in Texas across the whole period of this dataset?
- 5. Perform steps 2, 3 and 4 for the state of California

DESCRIPTIVES

Here we will continue using the FBI data regarding firearm background checks.

Using that data, find out the following information:

- 1. The mean number of private_sale_long_gun S
- 2. The median number of private_sale_long_gun s in the state of Wyoming
- 3. The number of private_sale_long_gun s in the state of Wyoming in March 2016

DESCRIPTIVES

- 4. Use a single function to produce descriptives for private_sale_handgun s in the state of Alabama
 - a. What is the max value?
 - b. What is the min value?
 - c. What is the mean value?
 - d. What is the median value?
 - e. Work out the interquartile range without calling the IQR() function.
 - f. What is the standard deviation of the data? If you can't tell from your descriptives, might there be another function that could help?
 - g. On this slide, I offered a way to calculate the mode. Can you think of another way to do this? Apply your method to your current dataset to find the mode.

PROJECT 1: PREP THAT DATA!

This project is designed to mimic the process of wrangling with your own data. It uses actual data from the European Union Open Data Portal and concerns the numbers of accidents at work across the EU from 2008 to 2014 by days lost, sex and age.

Naturally, the first step is to acquire the data, it can be found here, save it as a .csv file in a sensible directory.

Reference information for this data can be found here

See the next slide for further details...

PROJECT 1: EU WORK ACCIDENTS

- 1. Import the data into R
- 2. Remove the EU27 and EU28 columns
- 3. Reshape the data so that each country can be considered as an observation
- 4. Now reshape the data so that the units are variables
- 5. Use the describeBy() function from the psych package to summarise the data by age
 - a. What conclusions can be made about the total injuries across the EU for the time period of this data?
 - b. Which age group tends to have the most accidents at work (excluding UNK and TOTAL)? Why might this be?

PROJECT 1: EU WORK ACCIDENTS

- 1. Use the describeBy() to summarise the data by country
 - a. Do you notice anything odd about the country means? Can you explain this?
 - b. Which country appears to have the most accidents at work? Why might comparing this value against some other countries be an issue?
- 2. Extract the data for Poland (PL)
 - a. Subset the data to only represent males
 - b. What is the total number of accidents for Polish males aged 25 54?
 - c. How many fatal accidents have there been for Polish males?

PROJECT 2: LEEDS CAR ACCIDENTS 2015

The data for this project were published by Leeds City Council and can be found here

Have a look at the data and form your own hypotheses.

Before analysing the data, design an anlysis pipeline that will provide you with answers to your hypotheses.