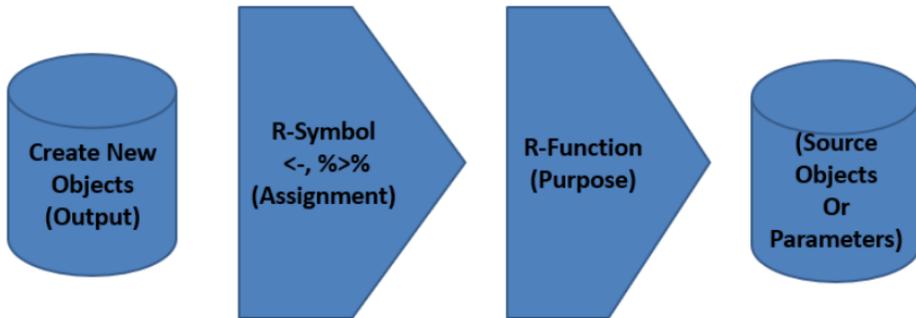
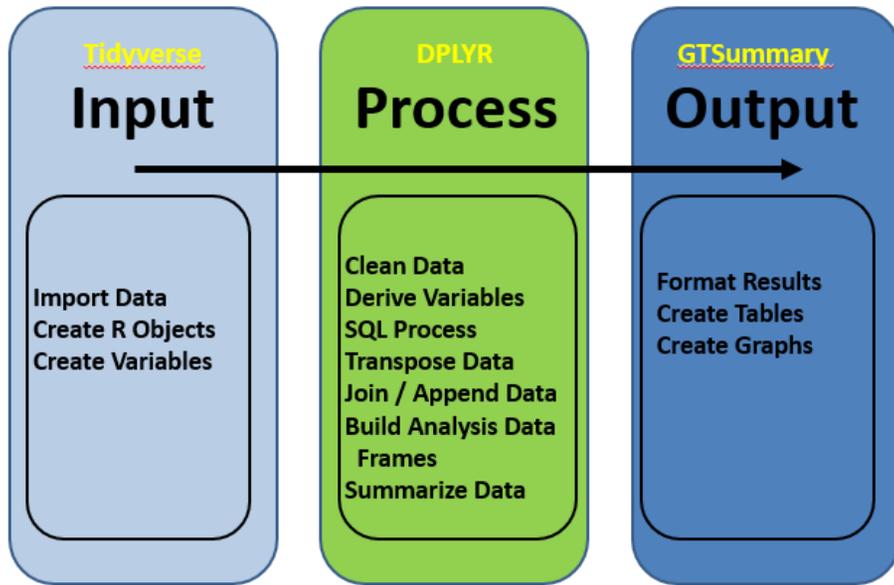


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R Process: Data Input to Statistical Analysis



Requires Valid Object Names, Symbols, Functions, Parameters and Objects

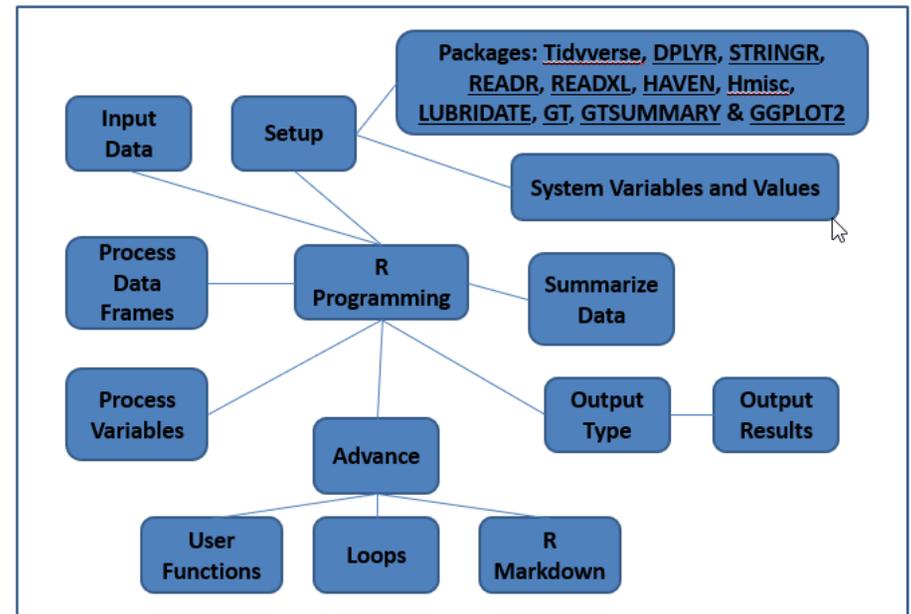
This guide contains common and best practice examples for creating, updating and reporting data frames in the pharma and medical device industries. This guide has sections for workspace setup, compare and contrast common R function and R and SAS and debugging which are ideal for SAS programmers making the transition to R. When possible, base R sample data frames are used in examples.

[Tidyverse](#), [DPLYR](#), [DATA.TYPE](#), [STRINGR](#), [READR](#), [READXL](#), [HAVEN](#), [Hmisc](#), [arsenal](#), [LUBRIDATE](#), [PARSEDATE](#), [GT](#), [GTSUMMARY](#) & [GGPLOT2](#) are common and validated R packages by RStudio and the Pharma Industry.

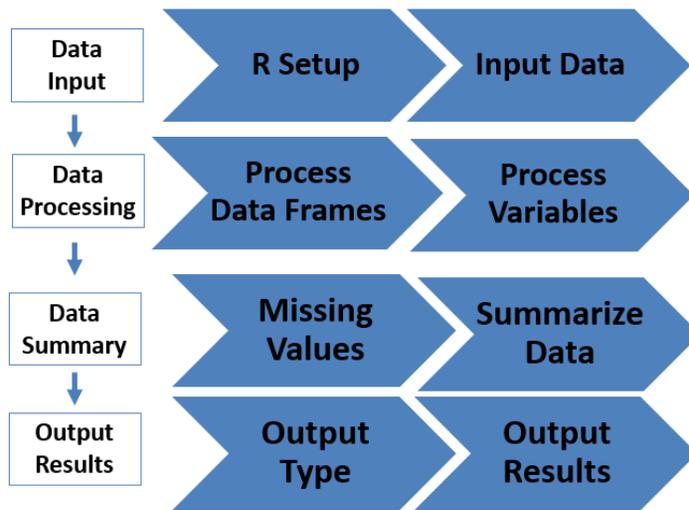
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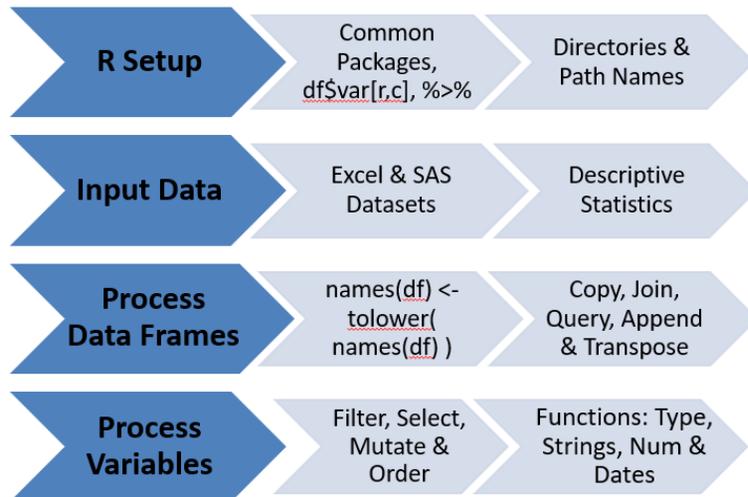
R-Guru Best Practices Mind Map



R Best Practices Checklist



R Best Practices Checklist for Data Input & Processing



PROCESS	TASK CATEGORY
Data Input	Importing Data, Creating Data Frames
Variable Process	Direct Variable Reference, Piping, Conditional and Group Processing, SQL components (Select, Filter, Mutate, Order), Character, Numeric and Date

	Operations, Variable Type Conversions, Summary Variables, Valid Values
Data Frame Process	Transposing, Joining, Appending
Reporting	Data Frames, Tables, Lists, Graphs

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Compare and Contrast R and SAS

While there are common features between R and SAS, there are also many unique features in R: Quick and Easy Graphs based on templates, Logic and Complex Variables, Piping, %>% for concatenating R functions, Object-based language since the concise code is based on special characters, Number of growing R packages and Shiny apps can be created in Days and enable Rapid Data Exploration and Visualization.

TASK	R	SAS
Language	Interpreter	Compiler and Interpreter
Character Var Length	N/A, no need to specify	length
Date Vars	# of days since 01JAN1970	# of days since 01JAN1960
Rounding 2.5	2 (even number)	3 (up)
Sorting Missing Values	'NA' is last obs unless converted to missing	Missing is first obs
Common Features	R Studio	Display Manager
Data: Input (Excel, CSV), Management, Analysis, & Reporting (RTF, PDF)	Data Frames	Datasets
Var Type Conversion: Character, Numeric and Date Variables	Direct Variable and Record References as.character() , as.numeric()	Dataset Options (Keep, Drop, Where) put(), input()
Other: SQL, Do-Loops	vfmt[df\$vr1] R Shiny App	proc format

Compare and Contrast Common R Functions

In R, there are multiple methods to accomplish tasks. For example, R functions for many common tasks exist in base R and Tidyverse. In general, using Tidyverse functions instead of base R functions offers more consistency in data frame results instead of vector results. For common R functions between two packages, it is best to specify package when using R functions as `filter <- dplyr::filter, filter(mtcars, am & cyl == 8)`.

The following are best practices in R: %>% to streamline R functions, convert missing values to NA to leverage R's NA functions (is.na()) and options, convert to lower case names since case-sensitive (df, var, values), use data frame options for filtering and selecting variables, creating format objects to standardize values, mutate() to derive variables, case_when() to derive variables using multiple options and including otherwise as last option and including ungroup() when applying group() to prevent issues with downstream R functions.

Three common Data Frames: a. data.frame (simple tables, base R), b. data.table (complex and larger tables), c. tidy or tibble (tidyverse, dplyr or ggplot2) [See R syntax comparison cheat sheet.](#)

Just like SAS, R has multiple methods to accomplish similar tasks. The first table shows similar R functions between tidyverse and base R and the second table shows examples of multiple methods. [See blog.](#)

Tidyverse	Base R
select(df, var1, var2)	df[, c(var1, var2)]
filter(df, var1 == "name")	subset(df, var1 == "name")
arrange(df, desc(var1))	df[order(rev(df\$var1))]
left_join(df1, df2, by = "var1")	merge(df1, df2, by = "var1", all.x = TRUE)
mutate(), summarize(), group_by(), gather(), spread()	mean(), by(), reshape()

TASK	df <- METHOD 1	df1 <- METHOD 2
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Pipe or Concatenate R Functions	<pre>adsl <- dm %>% select(studyid, subjid, height, weight, scrfl) %>% mutate(bmi=(weight*703) /height^2) %>% filter(scrfl=='Y') %>% select(-scrfl) %>% arrange(studyid, subjid) # > is an alternative to %>%</pre>	<pre>dm1 <- select(studyid, subjid, height, weight, scrfl) dm2 <- mutate(dm1, bmi=(weight*703)/height ^2) dm3 <- filter(dm2, scrfl=='Y') dm4 <- select(dm3, -scrfl) dm5 <- arrange(dm4, studyid, subjid) adsl <- dm5</pre>
Query, Add Variables	<pre>mutate(df, dose2 = (dose*2)) cbind(df, vr1=1, vr2='Drug A')</pre>	<pre>df1[df1\$vr1 == 'male', c('vr1', 'vr2')] # df options</pre>
Add Variables by Conditions	<pre>mutate(df, vr2=case_when(grep("Yes ", vr1) ~ 'Yes'))</pre>	<pre>mutate(df, vr2=ifelse(data\$vr1 >= 4, 1, 0)) # alternative if_else()</pre>
Add Summary Variables using summarize() [Overall, By Group]	<pre>mtcars_cyl_summary <- mtcars %>% summarize(mean_mpg = mean(mpg, na.rm = TRUE))</pre>	<pre>mtcars_cyl_summary <- mtcars %>% group_by(cyl) %>% summarize(mean_mpg = mean(mpg, na.rm = TRUE)) %>% ungroup()</pre>
Add Summary Variables using mutate() [Overall, By Group]	<pre>df2 <- df1 %>% filter(!is.na(vr1), vr1 > 5) %>% mutate(vr3 = mean(vr2, .1))</pre>	<pre>df2 <- df1 %>% filter(!is.na(vr1), vr1 > 5) %>% group_by(vr1) %>% mutate(vr3 = mean(vr2, .1)) %>% ungroup()</pre>
Variable Type Conversion	<pre>vr2=as.character(vr1) vr2=as.factors(vr1)</pre>	<pre>vr2=as.numeric(vr1)</pre>

		<pre>vr2=as.Date("2021-01- 25")</pre>
Recode Values	<pre>vfmt <- c("M"="Male", "MALE"="Male", "F"="Female", "FEMALE"= "Female") df\$vr2 <- vfmt[df\$vr1]</pre>	<pre>recode(vr1, 'val1'='val1a', 'val2'='val2a') recode(vr1, !!!vfmt\$vr1)</pre>
Select Variables, Subset Records	<pre>subset(df1, select=c(vr1, vr2)) filter(df, vr=='X')</pre>	<pre>select(-scrfl) filter(year %in% c(2010, 2011))</pre>
Sort Records	<pre>df1[order(df1\$vr1, df1\$vr2, -df1\$vr3),]</pre>	<pre>arrange(df, vr1, vr2)</pre>
Substring Vars	<pre>str_sub(vr1 , 3 , 6)</pre>	<pre>substr(vr1 , 3 , 6)</pre>
Concatenate Strings	<pre>str_c(vr1, sep="-", vr2)</pre>	<pre>paste(vr2,"(", format(round(vr3, digits = 2), nsmall = 2),")"))</pre>
Search, Index String	<pre>select(-contains('vr1'))</pre>	<pre>str_detect(vr1 , "Health") starts_with(), ends_with(), word()</pre>
Record Position	<pre>vr2=lag(vr1)</pre>	<pre>vr2=lead(vr1)</pre>
Unique Records	<pre>unique(df) unique(df[, c('vr1', 'vr2')])</pre>	<pre>distinct(vr1) duplicated(vr1)</pre>
Join DFs	<pre>merge(x=df1, y=df2, by = 'vr1') # sort by vr1</pre>	<pre>left_join(df1, df2, by='vr1') right_join(), inner_join(), full_join()</pre>
Append DFs	<pre>bind_rows(df1, df2)</pre>	<pre>rbind(df1, df2) union(df1, df2)</pre>
Transpose DFs		<pre>pivot_wider(names_from = vr1, values_from = vr2)</pre>

	<code>pivot_longer(c("vr1", "vr2"))</code>	<code>spread(., vr1, vr2)</code>
Sample Data	<code>head(df)</code>	<code>tail(df)</code>
Descriptive Stats	<code>summary(df)</code>	<code>table(df\$vr)</code>

Environmental Setup, Workspace and Missing Values

NA_character_, NA_integer_, NA_real_, NA_complex_

'NA' represents missing values for both character and numeric variables. R has two NULL-like values, NULL and NA. NA is a logical constant of length equal to 1 which contains a missing value indicator, and NULL represents the null object. NULL does not yield any response when evaluated in an expression and NA gives a response which is not available and hence unknown. NaN means not a number.

" and NA in char vectors are read as " and NA in data frame but then converted to " in SAS data sets and reread data frames
 # NA in num vector is read as NA in data frame and in SAS
 # In CSV files, missing char and num variables are saved as NA in data frames
 # In SAS data sets, missing values in num and char variables may be read and saved as . and " instead of NA but it is important to double check

one option to standardize missing values in all variables is to assign NA to leverage R's NA syntax and then convert NA back to . and " before exporting

```
df$vr1[df$vr1==""] <- NA
df$vr2[df$vr2=="."] <- NA
df$vr3[df$vr3=="9"] <- NA
df$vr4[df$vr4=="-1"] = NA
```

note that in R char variables internally store NA which impacts paste()

```
df[is.na(df)] <- " # recode all char vars with NA to "
df["vr1"][is.na(df["vr1"])] <- 0 # vr1 recode NA to 0
df %>% replace_na(list(vr1=0)) # vr1 recode NA to 0
```

Missing(== "", == '.') and non-missing (!="", !=".", na.rm=TRUE) conditions

```
ls() # list all objects in workspace
remove(list=ls()) # remove all objects, rm(df) to remove df

df$vr1[df$vr1 %in% c("", '.')] <- NA # vr1 recode " and . to missing NA

df[is.na(vr1)] <- mean(vr1, na.rm = TRUE) # impute missing vr1 with mean
```

Metadata Functions for List Processing, Describing and Viewing

Metadata functions empower programmers to confirm data frame and variable attributes and scope of values. In addition, metadata functions support standardizing lower case variable names, types and missing values.

```
View(df) # View data frames
str(df) # Display object type and sample records: data frame, variable, etc.
class(vr) # Display variable type – character, numeric, integer, complex
ls(df) # display df variable names
```

```
head(df) # display first sample records
tail(df) # display last sample records
```

```
mutate(df, counter = row_number() ) # create sequence # based on sort order
```

```
summary(df) # display descriptive stats of all continuous variables
table(vr) # display freq of categorical variables
```

```
dim(df) # display total number of rows and columns in df
nrow(df) # display the total number of rows in df
ncol(df) # display total number of columns in df
```

```
print( df[ c(1,3), ] ) # display index record number 1 and 3 in df, print(df) for all
print(contents(df), maxlevels=10, levelType='table') # requires hmisc package
```

```
names(adsl)= tolower(names(adsl)) # lower case all var names, toupper()
```

```
df <- df %>% rename(vr_new = vr_old) # rename variables
```

```
label(df$vr1) <- 'My Label'           # assign variable labels

df2 <- df1 %>% select(-contains('vr1')) # drop variables names that contain vr1

df <- select (vr1, vr10:vr15, starts_with("L")) # select vr1, vr10 to vr15
variables by order and variables that start with L, ends_with()

mutate(df, across(where(is.character), replace_na(., ""))) # replace all
character variables with NA to blanks

df(all_miss[all_miss > 0])           # display vars with all missing values
```

Lists: R Function Processing a list of Objects

```
thislist <- list("apple", "banana", "cherry") # Create a lists of values
for (x in thislist) {                         # loop through values in list
  print(x)                                    # apply R function to all values in the list
}

# lists are often processed by the family of apply() functions
apply(mtcars, 2, mean)                       # overall summary of each column for all records

df_list <- list(df1, df2, df3)               # unite three data frames into a list of dfs

summarise_at( vars(mpg, wt), list(m=mean, sd=sd), na.rm=TRUE)
```

Factors: Data Validation and Non-Alpha Character Sort Order

In general, factors are character or integer variables with limited unique values. Factors are useful to validate values, create categories and in statistical modeling. In addition, factors are required to control row sort order.

```
vr1 <- c("Dec", "Apr", "Jan", "Mar") # months in vr1 character type

month_levels <- c("Jan", "Feb", "Mar", "Apr", "May", "Jun",
  "Jul", "Aug", "Sep", "Oct", "Nov", "Dec") # list and order of all valid months

f1 <- factor(vr1, levels = month_levels) # create f1 using month_levels factor
```

```
sort(f1) # Jan Mar Apr Dec # sort f1 by month order instead of alpha order

vr2 <- c("Dec", "Apr", "Jan", "Mar") # Jam typo
f2 <- factor(vr2, levels = month_levels) # assign NA to invalid data, Jam
f2 # Dec Apr <NA> Mar
```

Import Data: Data frames, CSV, Excel and SAS Datasets



```
install.packages('tidyverse') # install packages from CRAN, repeat for each
package best to apply version control

installed.packages()           # confirm packages and versions installed

tidyverse_conflicts()        # Conflicts between tidyverse and other packages

packageVersion("ggplot2")    # confirm installed package version
packageDate("ggplot2")       # confirm installed package date
packageDescription("ggplot2") # display package description

library(readxl)               # read excel files
library(haven)                # read SAS datasets
library(tidyverse)            # load popular data management package

file.edit("~/Desktop/foo/.Rprofile") # In text file, add packages to autoload
library(ggplot2) library(scales) library(plyr) library(reshape2) # list packages
```

```
install.packages("librarian") # alternative method to autoloading packages
```

```
librarian::shelf(ggplot2, DesiQuintans / desiderata, pander) # / options  
# apply to specify package for common functions <package>::<function>
```

```
df <- readRDS("df.RDS") # read R df data frame  
load('df.RData') # load df into R workspace  
attach(df) # set df as default df
```

```
df <- read_csv("C:/mydata/my_csv.csv") # read csv, forward '/' paths
```

```
df <- read_excel("C:/mydata/my_excel.xlsx") # read excel, all missing as 'NA'  
# confirm date values and format
```

```
sdtm <- "c:/my_sdtm" # create full path reference name  
df <- read_sas(file.path(sdtm, "adsl.sas7bdat")) # read dataset, missing ., " or NA  
mydata <- sasxport.get("c:/mydata.xpt") # read xpt, requires Hmisc package
```

Create Output Files: Data Frames, Text, Excel and SAS Datasets

```
setwd("C:/mydataframes") # change default working folder  
getwd() # confirm working folder
```

```
sink(file='r-program.txt') # start writing results to text file  
str(df) # data frame metadata  
summary(df) # run one or more R function  
sink(file=NULL) # stop writing results to text file
```

```
saveRDS(df, file = "df.RDS") # save as permanent data frame
```

```
write.table(df, "C:/myoutput/mydm.txt", sep="\t") # save df as text file
```

```
write.csv(df, "C:/myoutput/mydm.csv", row.names = FALSE) # save csv file
```

```
write_sas(df, "df.sas7bdat") # save as SAS dataset, haven package
```

```
write_xpt(df, "C:/myfile/adeft.xpt") # save as xpt file, haven package  
# best practices to save as xpt instead of SAS dataset
```

Create Data Frames by Combining Variables

Variable Types: Numeric, Integer, Character, Factors, Logic, Dates, Complex

df <- data.frame(vr1 = c()) # collect items

```
# Create id, visit and aval variables using rep() options  
id <- rep(c("1", "2", "3"), each = 2) # each = 2 option creates id = '1', '2', '3', '4',  
'5', '6'
```

```
visit <- rep(c("baseline", "visit 1", "visit 2"), times = 2) # times = 2 creates visit  
= 'baseline', 'visit 1', 'visit 2', 'baseline', 'visit 1', 'visit 2'
```

```
aval <- c(10, 15, 20, 8, 12, 18) # create aval with 6 records
```

```
df <- data.frame(vr1=c(50, 60), vr2=c('male', 'female'), vr3=c(TRUE, FALSE),  
vr4=c("2021-01-25", "2022-02-10")) # date entry of vr1 (numeric var), vr2  
(character var), vr3 (logic var), vr4 (date var) of 2 obs  
# yyyy-mm-dd
```

```
df <- data.frame(vr1=c(50, NA), vr2=c('male', NA), vr3=c(TRUE, NA),  
vr4=c("2021-01-25", NA)) # create data frame with missing values
```

```
df <- data.frame(vr1, vr2, vr3, stringsAsFactors=FALSE) # vars are in order, do  
not create factors for string vars (default)
```

```
df <- tibble( vr1=c(50, 60), vr2=c('male', 'female')) # create tibbles
```

```
# factors are limited unique character, numeric or dates that control order  
# as.factor() function is used to convert to factors
```

```
x = 3L # Create an integer variable, whole numbers  
y = TRUE # Create a logic variable  
z = 1 + 2i # Create a complex number or expression
```

Add Derived Numeric and Character Constants to Data Frame

```
df2 <- cbind(df1, vr1=1, vr2='Drug A') # to df1, add vr1 and vr2
```

Base R Data Frame Options: Direct Row & Column Reference to Select, Filter, Order and Recode, Single [] and Double [[] Brackets

```
df2 <- df1[ row conditions / #, column conditions / # ]
```

```
df2$vr2 <- R( df1$vr1 condition ) # vr2 assignment  
df2$vr2[ df1$vr1 condition ] <- constant # vr2 assignment
```

```
df[ [ column conditions / # ] ] # returns a vector
```

in general, the use of quotes are required for base R functions and non-quotes around variables for Tidyverse R functions

data frame options are best practices for selecting, filter and ordering

```
df[['vr']] # double brackets display all values for vr variable
```

```
df[[1]] # apply with caution, alternative to use index 1, first variable in df
```

```
print (data_frame[2]) # display as df index 2 variable, col2
```

```
print (data_frame[[2]]) # display as variable index 2 variable, col2
```

```
df2 <- df1[c('vr1', 'vr2')] # select vr1 and vr2 by var name
```

```
df2 <- df1[c(vr1, vr2)] # alternative method, in general, most R  
functions accept both methods, 'vr1' and vr1 but some may not
```

```
print( df[ c(1,3), ] ) # display index record number 1 and 3 in df
```

```
df2 <- df1[df1$vr1 == 'male', ] # df [ row ref., column ref.] df options  
# rows: filter (==, <, >), order()  
# columns: keep all is default, c() to select vars
```

```
print(df1[df1$vr1 == 'male', c('vr1', 'vr2')]) # print vr1 & vr2 for males
```

```
data$vr2 <- ifelse(data$vr1 >= 4, 1, 0) # derive vr2 by condition, True, False
```

```
class[class$Age>=mean(class$Age),] # filter age >= mean age, all class vars
```

```
data$agecat[num_range(40 – data$age – 60)] # derive agecat as 40 - 60
```

```
df2 <- df1[order(df1$vr1, df1$vr2, -df1$vr3),] # order by vr1, vr2 and -vr3
```

```
variable_format <- c('source' = 'target')  
df$vr2 <- variable_format[df$vr1]
```

```
vfmt <- c("M"="Male", "MALE"="Male", "F"="Female", "FEMALE"="Female")  
# best practices to create variable format object as 'source' = 'target'
```

```
df$sex_full <- vfmt[df$sex] # apply variable format object as an R function to  
recode sex to sex_full to get only Male and Female values
```

recode using df row and column references

```
# df["Column Name"][df["Column Name"] == "Old Value"] <- "New Value"  
df["vr1"][df["vr1"] == value1] <- value2 # in vr1 recode value1 to value2
```

assign agecat var in dm data frame

```
dm$agecat[data$age < 20] = 1 # assign 1 for age < 20  
dm$agecat[data$age >= 20 & data$age < 40] = 2 # assign 2 for 20<= age < 40  
dm$agecat[data$age >= 40 & data$age < 60] = 3 # assign 2 for 40<= age < 60
```

SQL (DPLYR) to Select, Filter, Mutate & Order

Piping: Output of 1st function is input of 2nd function

filter(), select(), mutate(), arrange(), summarise()

Dplyr Verb	What it Does
filter()	Retrieve rows (based on values)
select()	Retrieve columns (based on names)
mutate()	Add new variables
arrange()	Change the order of the rows
summarise()	Compute a summary statistic

Order

```
6 adsl <- dm %>% # separate lines per R command help for reading
1 select(studvid, subjid, age, sex, height, weight, race, scrfl) %>%
2 mutate(bmi = (weight*703)/height^2 ) %>%
3 filter(scrfl == "Y") %>%
4 select(-scrfl) %>%
5 arrange(studvid, subjid)
```

With %>%, several R commands execute together which is similar to SAS Procedures.

Order Alternative without %>% are One Line R commands

```
1 dm1 <- select(dm, studvid, subjid, age, sex, height, weight, race, scrfl)
2 dm2 <- mutate(dm1, bmi = (weight*703)/height^2 )
3 dm3 <- filter(dm2, scrfl == "Y")
4 dm4 <- select(dm3, -scrfl)
5 dm5 <- arrange(dm4, studvid, subjid)
6 adsl <- dm5
  objects() # displays all objects created
```

Without %>% requires creating 5 intermediate objects that each contain updated results. Get to confirm each R function.

mutate() is best practice for deriving new variables
piping is best practice for concatenating R functions

```
myquery <- ToothGrowth %>% # 1st is to access source data frame
  select(len, supp, dose) %>% # 2nd is to select variables, - vr1 to drop
  filter(tolower(supp) == 'vc') %>% # 3rd is to filter records, &(and), |(or), !(not)
  mutate(dose2 = (dose*2)) %>% # 4th is to derive vars w/ simple expressions
  arrange(supp, dose) # 5th is order records, desc() for descending
```

```
# filter(year %in% c(2010, 2011)) %in% is used to filter multiple values
# filter(sex == 'm', age > 21) # and operator
```

```
df2 <- subset(df1, vr1 == 'A' & vr2 < 20) # select with two conditions w/ and
df2 <- subset(df1, vr1 == 'A' | vr2 < 20) # select with two conditions w/ or
```

```
df2 <- subset(df1, select=c(vr1, vr2) ) # select variables vr1 and vr2
df2 <- subset(df1, select=-vr1 ) # drop vr1 variable
df2 <- subset(df1, select=-c(vr1, vr2) ) # drop variables vr1 and vr2
```

Multiple Conditional Processing to Derive Variables

Function	Meaning	Example
For numerical comparisons		
<	less than	age < 21
>	greater than	age > 65
==	matches exactly	age == 39
%in%	is one of	age %in% c(18, 19, 20)
For character strings		
<	alphabetically before	name < "ad"
>	alphabetically after	name > "ac"
==	matches exactly	name == "Jon"
%in%	is one of	name %in% c("Abby", "Abe")

Another important operation, `ifelse()` allows you to translate each value in a variable to one of two values, depending on the result of a comparison. For instance

```
ifelse(age >= 18, "voter", "non-voter")
```

```
# recode 'val1' to 'val1a' and 'val2' to 'val2a'
df2 <- df1 %>% mutate(vr2=recode(vr1, 'val1'='val1a', 'val2'='val2a'))
```

```
df2 <- df1 %>% # copy df1 data frame to df2
  mutate(vr2 = case_when( # derive vr2 by mutually exclusive condition
    . < vr1 <= 25 ~ "25 or Below", # if vr1 between 0 and 25 then label
    25 < vr1 < 50 ~ "26 - 50", # else if vr1 between 26 and 49 then label
    TRUE ~ ">= 50" ), # for best practices, otherwise >= 50
    vr4 = vr3 == "Y", # derive vr4 logical var (TRUE, FALSE) from vr3
    base = aval[visitnum==1], # derive base from aval where visitnum = 1
    abfl = ifelse(visitnum == 1, "Y", NA), # derive abfl flag variable
    chg = ifelse(!is.na(aval) & !is.na(base), aval-base, NA), # derive chg variable
    pchg = ifelse(!is.na(aval) & !is.na(base), ((aval- base)/base)*100, NA) )
```

Character String Operations to Combine, Remove, Filter and Substring

```
vr3 <- paste(vr1, 'text', vr2, 'text', sep="")
```

```
df2 <- df1 %>% mutate(vr1 = paste(vr2, "(", # derive vr1 by combining
  format(round(vr3, digits = 2), nsmall = 2), ")") # vr2, round vr3 and format
) ) # end paste() and mutate() functions
```

paste() can combine multiple variables and text with or without sep=
delimiter default is space

```
vr3 <- str_c(vr1, sep="", 'N=', vr2, ') # concatenate two vars as vr1 (N=vr2)  
vr3 <- str_c(vr1, sep="-", vr2) # concatenate two vars as vr1-vr2
```

```
vr2 <- str_replace_all(vr1, "Street", "St") # replace all 'Street' with 'St'
```

```
vr2 <- str_remove_all(vr1, "NA") # remove all NA in vr1
```

```
vr2 <- str_trim(vr1, side='both') # remove blanks from 'left' and 'right' sides
```

```
vr2 <- str_extract(vr1, "\\d+") # char vr1, extract only digits  
# same as "\\d+"
```

```
vr2 <- str_extract(vr1, "[a-z]+") # char vr1, extract only chars  
# see reference to extract special characters
```

```
filter(str_detect(vr1, "Health")) # filter records by searching text
```

```
mutate(df, vr2 = word(vr1, 1)) # scan and extract first word into vr2  
mutate(df, vr2 = case_when(grep("Yes", vr1) ~ 'Yes'),  
# best practice to use case_when to create vr2='Yes' when vr1='Yes'  
TRUE ~ "") # best practice to include otherwise TRUE option
```

```
vr2 <- str_sub(vr1, 3, 6) # substring vr1 text from 3rd to 6th position  
vr2 <- substr(vr1, 3, 6) # alternative method to substring vr1 text
```

Variable Type Conversion Between Numeric & Character Variables

Test	Convert
is.numeric()	as.numeric()
is.character()	as.character()
is.vector()	as.vector()
is.matrix()	as.matrix()
is.data.frame()	as.data.frame()
is.factor()	as.factor()
is.logical()	as.logical()

```
vr2 <- as.character(vr1) # number vr1 num var to vr2 char variable, 8 length  
vr2 <- as.numeric(vr1) # number in vr1 char var to vr2 num variable  
vr2 <- as.integer(vr1) # number in vr1 num var to vr2 whole num value  
vr2 <- as.factors(vr1) # vr1 num or character var to vr2 factors value
```

Date Management Packages (*lubridate*, *parsedate*, *anytime*)

```
vr1 <- as.Date("2021-01-25")
```

Import > Date (# of days since 1/1/1970) > Format
ymd(), mdy(), myd() year(), month(), yday()

Source / Target Full / Partial / Dates / DateTimes / Times
Split / Combine / Imports / Formats / ISO 8601
Character / Numeric / Date Variables

Short / Full Text / Time Zones / AM / PM / Versions
Units: Years / Months / Weeks / Days / Quarters / Hours / Seconds
Assignments / Calculations / Comparisons / Periods / Durations / Intervals

R stores dates as the number of days since 01JAN1070. Above are many factors that need to be considered when working with dates. Processing dates can be tricky since dates can be imported from character, numeric, date or date time variables. Once character or numeric variables are converted to date variables, then date operations can be performed. In addition, dates can be in most any format with various delimiters. Correctly importing and

formatting dates can be challenging without the appropriate date or datetime function and format.

Symbol	Definition	Example
%d	Day as a number	19
%a	Abbreviated weekday	Sun
%A	Unabbreviated weekday	Sunday
%m	Month as a number	04
%b	Abbreviated month	Feb
%B	Unabbreviated month	February
%y	2-digit year	14
%Y	4-digit year	2014

```
dt1 <- today()           # return today's date, R stores # days since 1970
dt2 <- anydate()        # convert to date from any format
```

```
dt3 <- as.Date("1990-04-25") # convert string to date var
dt4 <- ymd("1990-04-25")    # alternative to convert string to date var
```

```
y <- year(dt3)           # extracts year from dt3, ex. 1990
```

```
m1 <- month(dt3)        # extracts month from dt3, ex. 04
m2 <- month(dt3, label=TRUE) # extracts month from dt3, ex. Apr
```

```
d1 <- wday(dt3, label=TRUE) # extracts work day name from dt3, ex. Mon
d2 <- yday(dt3)           # extracts # of day from the year, ex. 284
```

```
dt5 <- makedate(1990, 04, 25) # create date var from numbers
```

```
filter(dob > as.Date("1990-04-25")) # import char value into date var
```

```
parse_date("04/15/99")      # import date in any format
```

```
dates <- c(30829, 38540) # convert number date value from excel into dates
```

```
betterDates <- as.Date(dates, origin = "1899-12-30") # origin is Dec 30, 1899
```

```
format(betterDates, "%a %b %d") # format dates as Mon Jan 1
```

```
parse_iso_8601("2013-02-08 09:30") # Import ISO8601 dates into dates
```

```
datetime <- ISOdatetime(yr, mon, day, hr, min, sec) # format into ISO dates
```

```
format_iso_8601(parse_iso_8601("2013-02-08 09:34:00")) # to yymmdd10
```

Partial Dates, ex. '2014', '2014-12-31'

```
library(tidyverse)
```

```
library(lubridate)
```

```
my_df <- tribble( ~mychardate, # assign vr name
  "2014-12-31", "2014-12", "2014" ) # create three dates
```

```
# break dates into yr, mon and day to assign first day of mon and dec month
```

```
my_df2 <- mutate(rowwise(my_df),
  raw_parts = str_split(mychardate, pattern = "-"), # break into components
  parts = length(raw_parts), # count components
  my_date = case_when( parts == 3 ~ ymd(mychardate), # non-missing
    parts == 2 ~ ceiling_date(ymd(paste0(mychardate, "-01")), unit = "month") -1,
    parts == 1 ~ ymd(paste0(mychardate, "-12-31")) ) ) # yr non-missing
```

Study Day Calculations

```
aedm1 <- aedm %>%
```

```
  filter(!is.na(AESTDTC) & !is.na(RFSTDTC)) %>% # non-missing dates
```

```
  mutate(
```

```
    AESTDY = case_when( AESTDTC >= RFSTDTC ~ (AESTDTC - RFSTDTC) + 1,
```

```
    AESTDTC < RFSTDTC ~ AESTDTC - RFSTDTC,
```

```
    TRUE ~ NA_real_ ) # otherwise assign to '.', best practices
```

```
  View(aedm1)
```

Date Operations: Assignment, Periods, Durations and Intervals

Durations are in seconds, Periods are in days, weeks, months and years, and Intervals are duration or difference between start and end date times

```
df[df$dt >= "2020-12-25" & df$dt <= "2020-12-28", ] # subset between dates
```

```
df1$ndt=as.Date(df$cdt, format="%d%b%Y") # assign date in date9 format
```

```
vrdt = strptime(vrdtm, format = "%B %d, %Y %H:%M:%S") # import date time using format
```

```
vrdtc = format(vrdt, format = "%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%S") # final date time variable using format
```

```
format(date, format="%m/%d/%y") # format as mm/dd/yy
+ ddays(1), + dweeks(1), + dmonths(1), + dyears(1)
# four options to add 1 day, week, month or year
```

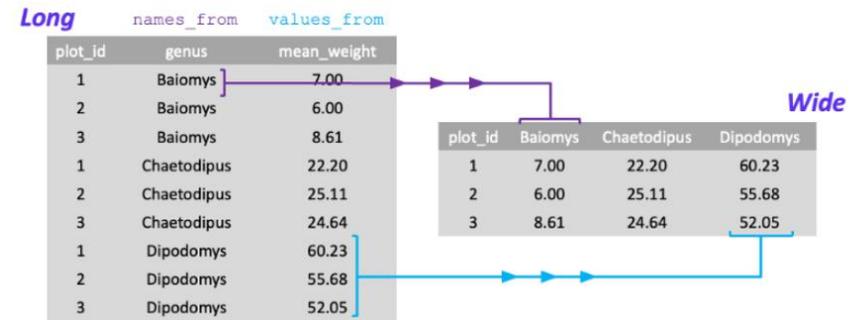
```
difftime("2020-5-16", "2020-1-15", units = "days") # duration between two dates in days
```

```
difftime(dtvr1, dtvr2, units = "weeks") # duration between two dates in weeks
```

```
interval(dtvr1, dtvr2) %/% months(1) # of months between dates
```

Transpose Data Frames Between Long (Records) and Wide (Variables)

Long (Records) to Wide (Variables) Structure



data.frame

Column with new variable names

Column of values for new variables

```
surveys_gw %>% pivot_wider(names_from = genus, values_from = mean_weight)
```

```
df2 <- df1 %>% select(by_var, vr1, vr2) %>%
# vr1 contains new valid char variable name values
pivot_wider(names_from = vr1, values_from = vr2) # vr2 contains values
# use prefix='col:' for numbers in vr1
```

```
spread(., vr1, vr2) # alternative method, vr1 has var names, vr2 has values
```

Wide (Variables) to Long (Records) Structure



data.frame

Variable with wide data column names as values

Variable with values from wide data columns

Columns for reshaping

```
surveys_gw %>% pivot_longer(names_to = "genus", values_to = "mean_weight", cols = -plot_id)
```

```
df2 <- df1 %>% # all other variables in df1 are group by variables
unless vars are selected
pivot_longer(c("vr1", "vr2")) # transpose vr1 to name and vr2 to value,
ideal for limited number of variables to transpose
```

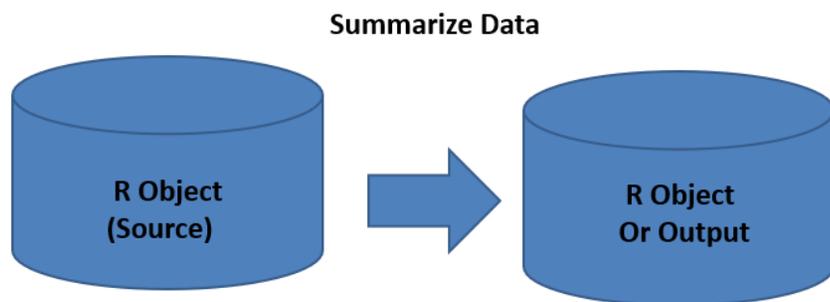
```
df2 <- df1 %>% pivot_longer(cols = c("hrvalue", "prvalue", "rrvalue"),
  # alternative method to transpose three vars
  names_to = "testcd", # new variable with transposed variable names
  values_to = "value") # new variable with transposed variable values

df2 <- df1 %>% # alternative method for selecting wild card vars
  pivot_longer( cols = starts_with("wk"), # select all wk* variables
  names_to = "week", # create new week variable
  names_prefix = "wk", # select wk# variables to transpose
  values_to = "rank", # create rank variable with wk variable values
  values_drop_na = TRUE) # do not create records with NA for byvar obs
```

Group Processing to Derive Summary Variables

- **Identify Unique and Duplicate Records**
- **First and Last Group By Variables**
- **Highest Value, Group by Count Variables**
- **Descriptive Statistics of Numeric Variables**
- **Frequency Counts of Character Variables**

Summary functions are by overall, unless group_by() is specified. Summarize() function summarizes the original data frame while mutate() with summary functions keeps all original data frame variables and adds summary variables.



One record per Patient
 One record per Group
 One summary record
 Remove Duplicate Records
 Transpose Records to Variables
 Transpose Variables to Records

Identify Unique and Duplicate Records

```
distinct(df, vr1, .KEEP_ALL=TRUE) # keep only unique records, all vars

df[unique(df$vr1)] # identify unique vr1 values
unique( df[ , c('vr1','vr2') ] ) # identify unique vr1 and vr2 values
df2 <- unique(df1) # identify unique values across all vars, also distinct(df1)

df[duplicated(df$vr1)] # identify duplicate vr1 values

df1[!duplicated(df1$vr1), ] # remove duplicate vr1 values

df_dups <- df[ c("vr1", "vr2") ] # combine vr1 and vr2 into one object
df[!duplicated(df_dups),] # remove duplicates from vr1 and vr2
```

Derive First (min) and Last (max) Group By Variables

First. (Dot) or Last. (Dot) Group By Var

```
group_by() %>%
  slice() %>%
```

```
df3 <- df1 %>% mutate(vr1=, v2=) %>%
  left_join(df2, by=)
```

```
first_mpg <- mtcars %>% # mtcars input and first_mpg is final df
  group_by( mpg, cyl ) %>% # group by mpg and cyl
  # apply one of the options below to select by group records: a – d
  slice(1) # a. flag first group by records, similar to first. in SAS
  slice_min(order_by=var1) # b. flag min var1 records group by mpg
  slice_max(order_by=var1) # c. flag max var1 records group by mpg
  slice(n() ) # d. flag last group by records, similar to last. in SAS
  %>% mutate(flag="Y") # create first or last flag variable for that record
  %>% right_join(mtcars, by=c('mpg', 'cyl')) # right join to keep all records
  and vars
```

```
first_mpg <- mtcars %>% # mtcars input and first_mpg is final df
  group_by( mpg ) %>% # group by mpg
  mutate(vr2=lead(vr1), vr3=l原因(vr1) ) # store next or previous record values
  %>% upgroup() # best practice to reset without group
```

```
df2a <- nafill(df1, "locf") # derive last observation carried forward for all df1
                             num vars, requires data.table package
```

```
df2b <- group_by( by_var ) %>% # group by_var
  nafill(df1[, c('n') ], "locf") # derive locf for n var
```

Derive highest value by vr1 and Group By Count Variables

```
df2 <- df %>% group_by(vr1) %>% select(vr2) %>%
  top_n(3) %>% arrange(vr1 , desc(vr2))
  # group_by(vr1, vr2) for multiple group by variables
  # top 3 vr2 values, sort by vr1 and descending vr2
```

```
df1 %>% group_by(vr1, vr2) %>%mutate(count(vr3 ='Total')) # Create
sequence number variable by group variables and count()
```

```
df1 %>% group_by(vr1, vr2) %>%mutate(count= row_number()) #alternative
method to create sequence number based on vr1 and vr2 sort order.
```

Derive Descriptive Statistics Variable, Left Join to Add to Data Frame One of Four Methods

In general summarizing variables is across records using summarize() and mutate(), but can also be done across multiple variables using rowMins() and rowwise(). In addition, best practices to include ungroup() after each group_by() to prevent subsequent group processing, best used with mutate() to keep all variables.

- Across Records using summarize(), mutate(), min(), mean(), percent()

```
df2 <- df1 %>% group_by(vr1) %>%
  summarize( vr3 = summary_function(vr2) ) %>%
  ungroup()
```

```
mtcars_cyl_summary <- mtcars %>% # final and source data frames
  summarize(mean_mpg = mean(mpg, na.rm = TRUE)) # best to ignore NA
```

```
# derive overall mean_mpg variable, min(), max(), n(), count()
```

```
mtcars_cyl_summary <- mtcars %>% # final and source data frames
  group_by(cyl) %>% # group by cyl, without group by is overall
  summarize(mean_mpg = mean(mpg, na.rm = TRUE)) # best to ignore NA
  %>% ungroup() # best practices for ungroup subsequent processing
  # derive mean_mpg variable, min(), max(), n(), count()
```

```
mtcars_cyl_summary <- mtcars %>% # alternative method
  group_by(cyl) %>% # without group by is overall
  summarise_at( vars(mpg, wt), # list vars to create x_m, x_sd vars
  list(m=mean, sd=sd), na.rm=TRUE) # list statistics, mean & sd
  %>% ungroup() # best practices for ungroup subsequent processing
```

```
df2 <- df1 %>% group_by(vr1) %>%
  mutate(vr2 = summary_function(vr1) ) %>%
  ungroup()
```

```
df2 <- df1 %>% # 1. source df
  filter(!is.na(vr1), vr1 > 5) %>% # 2. filter non-missing 'NA' & > 5
  group_by(vr1) %>% # 3. group by vr1, else by overall
  mutate(vr3 = mean(vr2, .1)) %>% # 4. summary function mean vr2, round
  ungroup() # 5. Best practices for ungroup subsequent processing
```

- Across one variable

```
vr1=c(2, 4, 6) # combine 3 values into one variable
vr2 <- min(vr1) # max(), sum(), count(), mean(), percent(), n() - obs
```

- Across Variables using rowMins(), rowMax(), rowMeans()

```
df3$vr1 <- rowMeans(df2, na.rm=TRUE) # derive mean of all df2 vars
```

- Across Variables using rowwise() with min(), max()

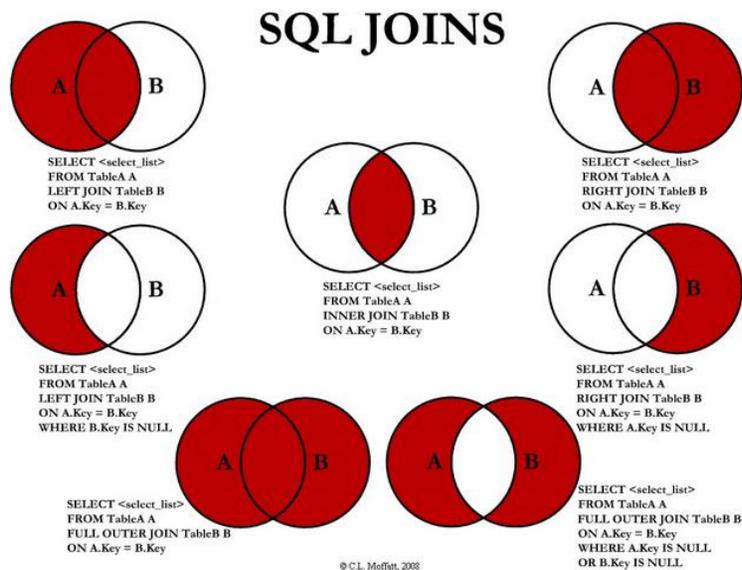
```
df2 <- df1 %>% # derive min, max variables from vr1 and vr2
  rowwise() %>% mutate(vr3= min(vr1, vr2), vr4= max(vr1, vr2)) # multiple vars
```

Frequency Counts of Character Variables

```
table(df$vr) # frequency counts of vr
table(df$vr1, df$vr2) # frequency counts of vr1*vr2
table('Column A'=df$vr1, 'Column B'=df$vr2) # with column labels
```

Join Data Frames to Concatenate Variables

While `join()` from tidyverse and `merge()` functions from base R are similar, there are slight differences. `Join()` preserve the original order of data frame rows while `merge()` sorts the rows alphabetically based on the by column.



```
df3 <- left_join(df1, df2, by='vr1')
```

```
df3 <- df1 %>% left_join(df2, by='vr1') # join by the same by variables
df3 <- left_join(df1, df2, by='vr1') # alternative method
```

```
df3 <- right_join(df1, df2, by= c('vr1', 'vr2')) # join by two by variables
df3 <- inner_join(df1, df2, by= c('vr1' = 'vr2')) # join by different by variables
df3 <- full_join(df1, df2, by= c('vr1' = 'vr2')) # join by different by variables
```

```
df3 <- setdiff(df1, df2) # unique df1 values by variables and rows
df3 <- setdiff(df2, df1) # unique df2 values by variables and rows
```

```
df3 <- semi_join(df1, df2) # returns only df1 records not in df2
df3 <- anti_join(df1, df2, by=c('vr1')) # list all non-matching vr1 by values
df3 <- intersect(df1, df2) # list all values common in df1 and df2
df3 <- union(df1, df2) # appends df2 to the end of df1, similar to bind_rows()
```

```
df3 = merge(x=df1, y=df2, by = 'vr1', all.x=TRUE) # left join by vr1
df3 = merge(x=df1, y=df2, by = 'vr1', all.y=TRUE) # right join by vr1
df3 = merge(x=df1, y=df2, by = 'vr1') # inner join by vr1
df3 = merge(x=df1, y=df2, by = 'vr1', all=TRUE) # full outer join by vr1
```

```
df_list <- list(df1, df2, df3) # unite three data frames into a list of dfs
df4 <- df_list %>% reduce(full_join, by='id') # full join three data frames
```

```
df3 <- bind_cols(df1[,c('vr1')], df2) # record join w option & w/o by variables
df3 <- crossing(df1, df2) # many-to-many join without by variables
```

Append Data Frame Records to End of First Data Frame Records

```
df3 <- bind_rows(df1, df2, df3) # append data frames with uneven variables
df4 <- rbind(df1, df2, df3) # append two or more even variables data frames
```

Subquery Condition and Piping in DF1 to Filter DF2 Records

```
df3 <- df2 %>% # Execution Priority Order
  filter(vr1 %in% ( # 5th to create final df3 data frame
    df1 %>% # 4th to filter vr1 values in df2 data frame
    filter(vr2 == 'male') %>% # 1st to lookup df1 data frame
    pull(vr1) %>% unique)) # 2nd to filter vr2=males in df1
  # 3rd to select unique vr1 values for df2 filter
```

Custom Functions – Input: DF, Vr, Last Contact Date

```
last_date <- function(tbl, varname=REF){ # tbl parameter is df, varname is vr
  tbl %>% # input df
  select(USUBJID, {{varname}}) %>% # select usubjid and vr
  filter(!is.na({{varname}})) %>% # not missing vr
  group_by(USUBJID) %>% # group by usubjid
  summarise(max_date = max({{varname}})) # max vr by usubjid as max_date
```

```
}
```

```
eg %>% last_date(EGDTC) -> eg_last # call last_date function
# eg$EGDTC input, eg_last output
```

Compare Data frames – Requires arsenal package

```
summary(comparedf(prod, qc, by = "id")) # compare by id vars
# See also setdiff(), semi_join() and anti_join()
```

Graphs: Scatter Plots, Lines, Box Plots, Bars and Histograms

```
ggplot(df) # data frame name
, aes(x = vr1, y = vr2) # vr1 for x and vr2 for y axis variables
, fill = , color = , col = , size =) # valid options with valid values
# one or more required options below, defaults unless options are specified
+ geom_point() # scatter plot two quantitative variables
+ geom_line # trend lines over time
+ geom_boxplot() # box plot one continuous and one categorical variable
+ geom_bar() # bar of variables, options: stat =
+ geom_histogram() # histogram of x-axis for counts
+ geom_smooth(method = 'lm', formula = y ~ x, se = F) # smooth option
# one or more format options below, defaults unless options are specified
+ theme(), + ggtitle(), + xlab(), + ylab()
```

Listings, Summary Tables and RTF Files

```
library(gt) # use gt() to convert data frames to listing rtf files
gt(df, rowname_col = "df") %>% gtsave(df, "t1.rtf", path = "C:/t1")
```

```
library(gtsummary) # create gtsummary() object table
df <- as1[, c('TRT01A', 'SEX', 'RACE', 'AGE')] %>% # mean/sd and n/%
tbl_summary(
  by = TRT01A, # by variable
  statistic = list( # list method is applied
    all_continuous() ~ "{mean} ({sd})", # all variables keywords
    all_categorical() ~ "{n} / {N} ({p}%)", # alternative method
    digits = all_continuous() ~ 2, # c(SEX, RACE) ~ "{n} / {N} ({p}%)
    label = AGE ~ "My Age", # column label
```

```
missing_text = "(Missing)" # missing row label
```

```
as_gt(df) %>% gtsave("t1.rtf") # convert gtsummary() to gt() object to rtf file
```

Debugging R: Syntax, Logic, Data

Preventive is the best defensive to debugging, apply best practice methods. Common Issues are mis-spelling, typos, function and data capitalization, invalid parameters or nested functions and missing values. Confirm and view intermediate data frames.

R Packages, Functions & Parameters

Data Frame, Variable Name and Value Case-Sensitivity

R symbols: <-, (), [], [[]], ", ==, \$, |, !, NA, %>%
help('R_function_name')

ERROR TYPE	SOLUTIONS
Invalid or Missing Packages, Path names, Libraries not Loaded	Load and confirm packages, path names and libraries
Invalid or Missing Data Frames, Objects or Variables	Confirm correct and existing data frames (instead of matrix), objects and vars, lower case all names since case-sensitive, correct order of tasks (select, filter, etc.) within DPLYR (SQL) functions, apply group_by() before summary functions to prevent overall summaries
Invalid or Missing Functions or Operations	Confirm functions exist and correctly applied, confirm variable and function types are consistent
Invalid or Missing Parameters and Options	Confirm correct function usage, case-sensitive, cut/paste working example
Invalid or Missing Data or Format	Confirm data import is correct, lower case data since case-sensitive, remove extra spaces before and after data values, confirm correct date format, apply factors to assign invalid data as NA, data by descriptive stats, freq counts, min, max, etc.

Invalid Logic	Confirm process logic flow, test and view inputs and outputs of each function
Subscript out of Bounds	Confirm correct starting, ending and incrementing values, apply dim() to check # of rows and columns
NA or Missing Values	Confirm NA and missing values, convert NA to missing values, confirm joins and appends, apply ignore missing values parameter options
Incorrect Variable Types	Apply conversion functions to convert to character, numeric or dates before using in functions, confirm correct date format
Incorrect Symbols	Apply correct symbols: Assignment (<-), Direct Row and Column Reference ([]), Operators (==, &, , !), Piping (output of first function %>% is input to second function)
Unbalanced Quotes, Parentheses	Confirm balanced quotes (') and parentheses [, ()
Invalid Custom Functions	Confirm correct function structure syntax, parameters and collection of R functions, test using simple data frames, variables and values

SDTMs: Metatools and SDTMChecks

Metatools – Required & Compliance Vars, Labels, Order, Sort, CT

```
install.packages("metatools") # install metatools package
library(metatools)           # load metatools library
```

```
qcdm <- dm %>%                # expects SDTM spec
drop_unspec_vars(dm_spec) %>% # keep need vars
set_variable_labels(dm_spec) %>% # set var labels
order_cols(dm_spec) %>%       # order vars per spec
check_variables(dm_spec) %>%   # confirm all compliance vars
check_ct_col(dm_spec, DOMAIN) %>% # check control terminology
check_ct_col(dm_spec, AGEU)     # repeat for each var
```

SDTM Checks

```
install.packages("devtools")
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# note that r-package-namespace-rlang-1.1.0 is required
devtools::install_github("pharmaverse/sdtmchecks", ref="main")
library(sdtmchecks) # load library
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ae = read_sas("path/to/ae.sas7bdat") # load ae dataset
ds = read_sas("path/to/ds.sas7bdat") # load ds dataset
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# save results to myreport data frame
myreport=run_all_checks(metads = sdtmchecksmeta,
                        # parameters with values
                        priority = c("High", "Medium", "Low"),
                        # subset checks based on priority
                        type = c("ALL", "ONC", "COVID", "PRO", "OPHTH"),
                        # subset checks based category
                        verbose = TRUE)
class(myreport)           # results in a list object
names(myreport)           # each check result is saved in a slot of the list
myreport[["check_ae_aedecod"]] # investigate the results of a check
```

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