# Packages in R





# Learning objectives

Introduce packages in R studio

Installing packages

➢Using packages in R studio





# Packages in R

## >What are packages in R?

Packages are bundles of reusable R code, functions, data, tests, and documentation.
 They are designed to be shared and used by others, promoting collaboration and efficiency.

□Packages add new capabilities to R, allowing you to perform specific tasks or analyses that aren't part of the base R language.

They cover a vast range of domains, from statistics and data manipulation to graphics, machine learning, and more.



A package can contain multiple packages (eg., tidyverse package containing dplyr, ggplot2, lubridate, readr, purrr, tibble, tidyr etc.).

 Packages can also make coding more efficient and help organize your work (eg., dplyr package)

 You can find information about packages in the description file (shown on next slide)

The description file describes what the package does, name of authors, etc.
 A standard set of packages are automatically available when you download and install R.





Suppose we heard about a cool package called "stats"

If we type the command: "packageDescription" and place the package name "stats" in quotations and then run the code, we will obtain more information about the package in the console package.

\*note you cannot obtain information about packages that are not already installed

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By typing help(package="stats"), the R documentation will pop up on your lower right window where you will be able to access more information about the package.



# Where can you find packages?

Packages are stored under a directory called a "library" located in the R environment

➢By default, R will install a number of packages during the initial installation.

However, as your programming needs increase so will your repertoire of packages <sup>(C)</sup>
 We will show you how to install new packages not already installed by default



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# Repositories

## >What if you want to install a new package?

There are three main "repositories" where you can obtain packages.

- A repository is a location where you can find packages and install them. The most common repositories are the following:
  - « CRAN: <u>https://cran.r-project.org/</u> this is the official repository and is <u>maintained by the R</u> <u>community worldwide</u>
  - \* Bioconductor: <u>https://www.bioconductor.org/</u> open source software for bioinformatics
  - Github: <u>https://github.com/</u> not R specific but most popular repository for open source projects





## How to check if package is already installed?

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Packages are constantly being developed.

Perhaps you may have already downloaded a package and forgot if you have it or not.

You've heard of two cool packages called "tidyverse" and "foreign" but aren't sure if you already have them or not.

>Let's check and see.

Type "library" and then the name of the package

Notice you do not receive an error message when you type foreign but when you search for tidy verse, you receive an error message

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# How to install a new package?

>We will show you how to install a package in R by downloading a commonly used package known as "tidyverse"

Dease note that tidyverse is a collection of R packages

Tidyverse is a powerful collection of R packages for data management





# Installing a package in R

You can install a package with a single line of code.

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install.packages("nameofpackage")

Note: you only need to install a package once!

If you are having problems installing a package, be sure that you are connected to the internet and that https://cloud.r-project.org/ isn't blocked by your firewall or proxy.

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The downloaded binary packages are in

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# Using a package in R

You will not be able to use the package until you load it with the library() function.

Each time you want to use the package in your Rscript, you have to use the library() function.

This is telling you that the tidyverse package has also attached these packages (eg., ggplot2)

The warning messages will not affect the use of the package.

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What is the primary purpose of an R package?
Download additional software to RStudio.
Add new functions and data to R for specific tasks.
Change the appearance of the RStudio interface.
Store personal R scripts and settings.





Which of the following statements is false about R packages?
 Packages can be installed from online repositories like CRAN.
 Base R functions and package functions can coexist in the same R session.
 All packages are created and maintained by the R core team.
 You can use the library() function to load a package into your R session.





>Which package is the most widely used for data manipulation and analysis in R?

- a) ggplot2
- **o**dplyr
- c) readr
- d) stats





- What are the advantages of using nested packages compared to individual packages?
- a) Reduced total number of package installs.
- Simplified organization and sharing of related functions.
- c) Increased compatibility with older versions of R.
- d) Easier access to functions from multiple independent packages.



# Load the previous pat\_info dataset

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# Load the previous df\_example dataset



# Using dplyr package under tidyverse

**Dplyr package** 





# **Dplyr: overview**

➤The dplyr package helps with data manipulation by providing a set of verbs that help with the most common data manipulation tasks:

- In filter(): picks observations based on certain values
- arrange(): arranges the ordering of the rows
- select(): picks variables
- nutate(): adds new variables
- usual summarise(): reduces values to a single summary

Before teaching you how to use these functions, we have to discuss "piping" in R.





# "Piping"

The dyplr package offers the "piping operator" which looks like this: %>%
 You can think of the piping operator to mean "and then". For instance, the result from one step is then "piped" into the next step.

For example filter(dataset, values=males) %>% group\_by(clinic) %>% summarise (newvar=mean(continuous\_variable))

In plain English, this would translate to, please look at my dataset called "dataset", filter by male values AND THEN group by clinic AND THEN summarize a new variable I will create based on the mean of a continuous variable. It may not make intuitive sense initially but we will practice with some examples.



## filter() function

#### Let's start simple. Let's filter observations to patients above the age of 60.

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# filter() function using the dplyr package under the tidyverse package

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Suppose you are interested in identifying patients under the following conditions:

□ Age>60

 Indicator for hypertension medication

Race=3 (Hispanic)

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#### Filter variables

>The filter() function chooses rows that meet a specific criteria.

Suppose that we want to filter the data table to only show the entries for which ANC\_HF is "Yes"

≻To do this we use the filter()

The filter function take the data frame as the first argument and the conditional statement as the next.





## If you don't know what a function does...

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#### Arrange function

>Arrange () orders the rows of a data frame by the values of selected columns.

The arrange() function takes two arguments:

The data frame to be reordered.
A column names, in the order that the rows should be reordered by

The arrange() function will sort the rows of the data frame in ascending order by default, but you can specify descending order by using the desc() function.



## arrange() function

#### Suppose you want to arrange your data in ascending and then descending order by age.

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Classwork; Use the df\_example dataset

Arrange the variable Age in ascending order

Arrange the variable Age in descending order





#### Select variables

The select() function in R is used to select specific columns from a data frame

that we want to work with.

The select() function takes two main arguments:

select() takes a data frame as its first argument.

The subsequent arguments specify the columns to keep:
You can use column names directly.
You can use numerical indices to refer to column positions (e.g. 4, 5, 6).

•The result is stored in a new data frame (selected\_df) containin(

### select() function

## You may work with large datasets with 100+ variables. However, you may be interested in only 20 variables. You can use the select function to "select" the variables/columns you want.

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#### > #select

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> subdata <- select(pat_info, ID, Sex, Race)
> view(subdata)
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Here, we are creating a smaller dataset called "subdata" and selecting only the following variables: ID, Sex, and Race

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### select() function

## What if you want all of the variables EXCEPT for a select few? We can include the "!" that translate to "NOT" in R.

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> subdata2 <- select(pat\_info, !Race)</pre>

> view(subdata2)

Here, we are instructing R to create a dataset called "subdata2" and include all variables except for Race. Notice the ! in front of the variable Race.

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#### Select variables

Here's a question leading to the answer on using select() in R:

You have a data frame named df\_example containing several variables.

However, you're only interested in working with four specific variables: "4", "5", "6", and "Parity".

How can you efficiently select these four columns from df\_example and create a new data frame containing only these variables for further analysis? •select() takes the data frame (df\_example) as its first argument.

•The subsequent arguments specify the columns to keep:

•You can use column names directly (Parity).

•You can use numerical indices to refer to column positions (4, 5, 6).

•The result is stored in a new data frame (selected\_df) containing only the chosen columns.







➢You have a data frame named df\_example containing several variables.

➢However, you're only interested in working with four specific variables: "4", "5", "6", "Parity", Age\_cat, and ANC\_HF.

➢ How can you efficiently select these four columns from df\_example and create a new data frame containing only these variables for Participants that respond YES to the variable ANC\_HF (attended ANC at the health facility)





#### Mutate function

Imagine you're decorating a room:

•mutate() is like adding new furniture or accessories to enhance the space.

•It lets you create new columns (furnishings) in a data frame (room), based on existing data (the room's foundation).



#### How it works:

**1.Specify the data frame:** Tell mutate() which data frame you want to modify, like choosing the room for decorating.

**2.Define new columns**: Name the new columns you want to add, like picking out specific furniture pieces.

**3.Provide values**: Describe how to calculate or create the values for these new columns, using existing data from other columns in the data frame. This is like arranging the furniture and accessories in the room



### mutate() function

## Select () is used to select specific columns from the **df** dataset.



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Mutate() is used to create a new column called "Age\_norm" by dividing the "Age" column by the mean of the "Age" column (excluding missing values).

#### Group\_by function

A common operation in data exploration is to first split data into groups and then compute the summaries for each group.

> the group\_by() function (from the dplyr package) help us do this.

The group\_by() function takes a data frame and organize it using a specified primary variable



#### Code syntax

group\_by (data, variables)
Where
data: is the data frame to be grouped

➤variables: are the variables to group by



We can then summarise the data after grouping,

Summarise () applies a summarization to each group of observations separately



#### Summarise function

The summarise() function in R is used to summarize a data frame into a new data frame with fewer rows and columns. (It is part of the tidyverse package)

summarise() takes two arguments:

data: The data frame that you want to summarize.
expr: A list of expressions that you want to use to summarize the data. Each expression should return a single value.



#### summarise() function

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#### The summarise function collapse data depending on what you request

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Here we are instructing R to provide a new row calculating the mean of Age which we are calling "meanage")

Results are presented below. The average age of the sample is 53.3



#### summarise() function

#### The summarise function collapse data depending on what you request

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Here we are instructing R to group by the variable Race AND THEN give us the mean age of each group.



Scenario: suppose we want to compare the statistics for those who had Emergency CS versus those did not.

This can be done in R using the **group\_by** function, which works together with functions like summarize to re-organise a data frame by one of the given variables

➤Functions such as Sum and Mean can be used in combination with group\_by in R to calculate data as organized by variable.

➤Class work; show the Emergency CS and mean statistics of Age, from the df\_example dataset using group\_by and summarise function



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