

Base R

Cheat Sheet

Getting Help

Accessing the help files

?mean

Get help of a particular function.

help.search('weighted mean')

Search the help files for a word or phrase.

help(package = 'dplyr')

Find help for a package.

More about an object

str(iris)

Get a summary of an object's structure.

class(iris)

Find the class an object belongs to.

Using Packages

install.packages('dplyr')

Download and install a package from CRAN.

library(dplyr)

Load the package into the session, making all its functions available to use.

dplyr::select

Use a particular function from a package.

data(iris)

Load a built-in dataset into the environment.

Working Directory

getwd()

Find the current working directory (where inputs are found and outputs are sent).

setwd('C://file/path')

Change the current working directory.

Use projects in RStudio to set the working directory to the folder you are working in.

Vectors

Creating Vectors

c(2, 4, 6)	2 4 6	Join elements into a vector
2:6	2 3 4 5 6	An integer sequence
seq(2, 3, by=0.5)	2.0 2.5 3.0	A complex sequence
rep(1:2, times=3)	1 2 1 2 1 2	Repeat a vector
rep(1:2, each=3)	1 1 1 2 2 2	Repeat elements of a vector

Vector Functions

sort(x)

Return x sorted.

table(x)

See counts of values.

rev(x)

Return x reversed.

unique(x)

See unique values.

Selecting Vector Elements

By Position

x[4]	The fourth element.
x[-4]	All but the fourth.
x[2:4]	Elements two to four.
x[-(2:4)]	All elements except two to four.
x[c(1, 5)]	Elements one and five.

By Value

x[x == 10]	Elements which are equal to 10.
x[x < 0]	All elements less than zero.
x[x %in% c(1, 2, 5)]	Elements in the set 1, 2, 5.

Named Vectors

x['apple']	Element with name 'apple'.
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Programming

For Loop

```
for (variable in sequence){
  Do something
}
```

Example

```
for (i in 1:4){
  j <- i + 10
  print(j)
}
```

While Loop

```
while (condition){
  Do something
}
```

Example

```
while (i < 5){
  print(i)
  i <- i + 1
}
```

If Statements

```
if (condition){
  Do something
} else {
  Do something different
}
```

Example

```
if (i > 3){
  print('Yes')
} else {
  print('No')
}
```

Functions

```
function_name <- function(var){
  Do something
  return(new_variable)
}
```

Example

```
square <- function(x){
  squared <- x*x
  return(squared)
}
```

Reading and Writing Data

Also see the **readr** package.

Input	Output	Description
df <- read.table('file.txt')	write.table(df, 'file.txt')	Read and write a delimited text file.
df <- read.csv('file.csv')	write.csv(df, 'file.csv')	Read and write a comma separated value file. This is a special case of read.table/write.table.
load('file.RData')	save(df, file = 'file.RData')	Read and write an R data file, a file type special for R.

Conditions

a == b	Are equal	a > b	Greater than	a >= b	Greater than or equal to	is.na(a)	Is missing
a != b	Not equal	a < b	Less than	a <= b	Less than or equal to	is.null(a)	Is null

Types

Converting between common data types in R. Can always go from a higher value in the table to a lower value.

<code>as.logical</code>	TRUE, FALSE, TRUE	Boolean values (TRUE or FALSE).
<code>as.numeric</code>	1, 0, 1	Integers or floating point numbers.
<code>as.character</code>	'1', '0', '1'	Character strings. Generally preferred to factors.
<code>as.factor</code>	'1', '0', '1', levels: '1', '0'	Character strings with preset levels. Needed for some statistical models.

Maths Functions

<code>log(x)</code>	Natural log.	<code>sum(x)</code>	Sum.
<code>exp(x)</code>	Exponential.	<code>mean(x)</code>	Mean.
<code>max(x)</code>	Largest element.	<code>median(x)</code>	Median.
<code>min(x)</code>	Smallest element.	<code>quantile(x)</code>	Percentage quantiles.
<code>round(x, n)</code>	Round to n decimal places.	<code>rank(x)</code>	Rank of elements.
<code>signif(x, n)</code>	Round to n significant figures.	<code>var(x)</code>	The variance.
<code>cor(x, y)</code>	Correlation.	<code>sd(x)</code>	The standard deviation.

Variable Assignment

```
> a <- 'apple'
> a
[1] 'apple'
```




The Environment

<code>ls()</code>	List all variables in the environment.
<code>rm(x)</code>	Remove x from the environment.
<code>rm(list = ls())</code>	Remove all variables from the environment.

You can use the environment panel in RStudio to browse variables in your environment.

Matrices

```
m <- matrix(x, nrow = 3, ncol = 3)
Create a matrix from x.
```

 <code>m[2,]</code> - Select a row	<code>t(m)</code> Transpose
 <code>m[, 1]</code> - Select a column	<code>m %*% n</code> Matrix Multiplication
 <code>m[2, 3]</code> - Select an element	<code>solve(m, n)</code> Find x in: $m * x = n$

Lists

```
l <- list(x = 1:5, y = c('a', 'b'))
A list is a collection of elements which can be of different types.
```

<code>l[[2]]</code> Second element of l.	<code>l[1]</code> New list with only the first element.	<code>l\$x</code> Element named x.	<code>l['y']</code> New list with only element named y.
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Also see the **dplyr** package.

Data Frames

```
df <- data.frame(x = 1:3, y = c('a', 'b', 'c'))
A special case of a list where all elements are the same length.
```

x	y
1	a
2	b
3	c

Matrix subsetting

<code>df[, 2]</code>	
<code>df[2,]</code>	
<code>df[2, 2]</code>	

List subsetting

<code>df\$x</code>		<code>df[[2]]</code>	
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Understanding a data frame

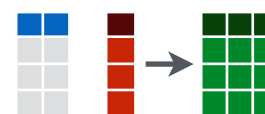
<code>View(df)</code>	See the full data frame.
<code>head(df)</code>	See the first 6 rows.

`nrow(df)`
Number of rows.

`ncol(df)`
Number of columns.

`dim(df)`
Number of columns and rows.

`cbind` - Bind columns.



`rbind` - Bind rows.



Strings

Also see the **stringr** package.

<code>paste(x, y, sep = ' ')</code>	Join multiple vectors together.
<code>paste(x, collapse = ' ')</code>	Join elements of a vector together.
<code>grep(pattern, x)</code>	Find regular expression matches in x.
<code>gsub(pattern, replace, x)</code>	Replace matches in x with a string.
<code>toupper(x)</code>	Convert to uppercase.
<code>tolower(x)</code>	Convert to lowercase.
<code>nchar(x)</code>	Number of characters in a string.

Factors

<code>factor(x)</code>	Turn a vector into a factor. Can set the levels of the factor and the order.	<code>cut(x, breaks = 4)</code>	Turn a numeric vector into a factor by 'cutting' into sections.
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Statistics

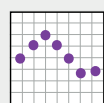
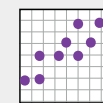
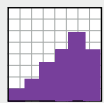
<code>lm(y ~ x, data=df)</code> Linear model.	<code>t.test(x, y)</code> Perform a t-test for difference between means.	<code>prop.test</code> Test for a difference between proportions.
<code>glm(y ~ x, data=df)</code> Generalised linear model.	<code>pairwise.t.test</code> Perform a t-test for paired data.	<code>aov</code> Analysis of variance.
<code>summary</code> Get more detailed information out a model.		

Distributions

	Random Variates	Density Function	Cumulative Distribution	Quantile
Normal	<code>rnorm</code>	<code>dnorm</code>	<code>pnorm</code>	<code>qnorm</code>
Poisson	<code>rpois</code>	<code>dpois</code>	<code>ppois</code>	<code>qpois</code>
Binomial	<code>rbinom</code>	<code>dbinom</code>	<code>pbinom</code>	<code>qbinom</code>
Uniform	<code>runif</code>	<code>dunif</code>	<code>punif</code>	<code>qunif</code>

Plotting

Also see the **ggplot2** package.

 <code>plot(x)</code> Values of x in order.	 <code>plot(x, y)</code> Values of x against y.	 <code>hist(x)</code> Histogram of x.
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Dates

See the **lubridate** package.