

R Syntax Comparison :: CHEAT SHEET

Dollar sign syntax

```
goal(data$x, data$y)
```

SUMMARY STATISTICS:

one continuous variable:
`mean(mtcars$mpg)`

one categorical variable:
`table(mtcars$cyl)`

two categorical variables:
`table(mtcars$cyl, mtcars$am)`

one continuous, one categorical:
`mean(mtcars$mpg[mtcars$cyl==4])`
`mean(mtcars$mpg[mtcars$cyl==6])`
`mean(mtcars$mpg[mtcars$cyl==8])`

PLOTTING:

one continuous variable:
`hist(mtcars$disp)`

```
boxplot(mtcars$disp)
```

one categorical variable:
`barplot(table(mtcars$cyl))`

two continuous variables:
`plot(mtcars$disp, mtcars$mpg)`

two categorical variables:
`mosaicplot(table(mtcars$am, mtcars$cyl))`

one continuous, one categorical:
`histogram(mtcars$disp[mtcars$cyl==4])`
`histogram(mtcars$disp[mtcars$cyl==6])`
`histogram(mtcars$disp[mtcars$cyl==8])`

```
boxplot(mtcars$disp[mtcars$cyl==4])  
boxplot(mtcars$disp[mtcars$cyl==6])  
boxplot(mtcars$disp[mtcars$cyl==8])
```

WRANGLING:

subsetting:
`mtcars[mtcars$mpg>30,]`

making a new variable:
`mtcars$efficient[mtcars$mpg>30] <- TRUE`
`mtcars$efficient[mtcars$mpg<30] <- FALSE`

Formula syntax

```
goal(y~x|z, data=data, group=w)
```

SUMMARY STATISTICS:

one continuous variable:
`mosaic::mean(~mpg, data=mtcars)`

one categorical variable:
`mosaic::tally(~cyl, data=mtcars)`

two categorical variables:
`mosaic::tally(cyl~am, data=mtcars)`

one continuous, one categorical:
`mosaic::mean(mpg~cyl, data=mtcars)`

tilde

PLOTTING:

one continuous variable:
`lattice::histogram(~disp, data=mtcars)`

```
lattice::bwplot(~disp, data=mtcars)
```

one categorical variable:
`mosaic::bargraph(~cyl, data=mtcars)`

two continuous variables:
`lattice::xyplot(mpg~disp, data=mtcars)`

two categorical variables:
`mosaic::bargraph(~am, data=mtcars, group=cyl)`

one continuous, one categorical:
`lattice::histogram(~disp|cyl, data=mtcars)`

```
lattice::bwplot(cyl~disp, data=mtcars)
```

The variety of R syntaxes give you many ways to “say” the same thing

This cheatsheet shows how to do the same tasks in three different R syntaxes. If you read **across** the cheatsheet, you can see how each syntax would approach the same problem.

Tidyverse syntax

```
data %>% goal(x)
```

SUMMARY STATISTICS:

one continuous variable:
`mtcars %>% dplyr::summarize(mean(mpg))`

one categorical variable:
`mtcars %>% dplyr::group_by(cyl) %>%
dplyr::summarize(n())`

two categorical variables:
`mtcars %>% dplyr::group_by(cyl, am) %>%
dplyr::summarize(n())`

one continuous, one categorical:
`mtcars %>% dplyr::group_by(cyl) %>%
dplyr::summarize(mean(mpg))`

the pipe

PLOTTING:

one continuous variable:
`ggplot2::qplot(x=mpg, data=mtcars, geom = "histogram")`

```
ggplot2::qplot(y=disp, x=1, data=mtcars, geom="boxplot")
```

one categorical variable:
`ggplot2::qplot(x=cyl, data=mtcars, geom="bar")`

two continuous variables:
`ggplot2::qplot(x=disp, y=mpg, data=mtcars, geom="point")`

two categorical variables:
`ggplot2::qplot(x=factor(cyl), data=mtcars, geom="bar") +
facet_grid(~am)`

one continuous, one categorical:
`ggplot2::qplot(y=disp, x=factor(cyl), data=mtcars,
geom="boxplot")`

```
ggplot2::qplot(x=disp, data=mtcars, geom = "histogram") +  
facet_grid(~cyl)
```

WRANGLING:

subsetting:
`mtcars %>% dplyr::filter(mpg>30)`

making a new variable:
`mtcars <- mtcars %>%
dplyr::mutate(efficient = if_else(mpg>30, TRUE, FALSE))`

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Syntax is the set of rules that govern what code works and doesn't work. Most programming languages offer one standardized syntax, but R allows for many.

The three most prevalent R syntaxes are:

1. The **dollar sign** syntax, expected by most base R functions
2. The **formula syntax**, used by modeling functions like `lm()`, `lattice` graphics, and `mosaic` summary statistics
3. The **tidyverse syntax** used by `dplyr`, `tidyr`, and more.

Educators often try to teach within one unified syntax, but most R programmers use some combination of all the syntaxes.

Even more ways to say the same thing

Even within one syntax, there are often variations that are equally valid. As a case study, let's look at the `ggplot2` syntax. `ggplot2` is the plotting package that lives within the tidyverse. If you read **down** this column, all the code here produces the same graphic.

quickplot

`qplot()` stands for quickplot, and allows you to make quick plots. It doesn't have the full power of `ggplot2`, and it uses a slightly different syntax than the rest of the package.

```
qplot(x=disp, y=mpg, data=mtcars, geom="point")
```

```
qplot(x=disp, y=mpg, data=mtcars) ❗
```

```
qplot(disp, mpg, data=mtcars) ❗ ❗
```

ggplot

To unlock the power of `ggplot2`, you need to use the `ggplot()` function (which sets up a plotting region) and add `geoms` to the plot.

```
ggplot(mtcars)+  
  geom_point(aes(x=disp, y=mpg))
```

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x=disp, y=mpg))+  
  geom_point()
```

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x=disp))+  
  geom_point(aes(y=mpg))
```

```
ggplot()+  
  geom_point(mtcars, aes(x=disp, y=mpg))
```

```
ggplot()+  
  geom_point(mtcars, aes(disp, mpg)) ❗
```



Sometimes particular syntaxes work, but are considered dangerous to use, because they are so easy to get wrong. For example, passing variable names without assigning them to a named argument.