

# Big Data: Data Wrangling Boot Camp

## Assumed File Structure

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# What are we going to cover?

Most of the R scripts used in this boot camp assume a certain directory structure, and specific locations for scripts, data files, and images. To wit:

- 1 Scripts directory – where R scripts “live”
- 2 Data directory – where data usually comes from and goes to

If images are created, they are considered a type of data.

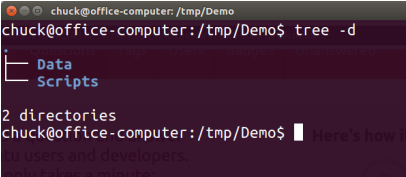


## Relationship of directories.

There are two directories, relative to one another, and anywhere in the file system.

- Data – where data files are usually read from or written to
- Scripts – where R scripts are executed and “sourced” from

The file and directory names are Unix case sensitive and should be safe in a Windows environment.

A terminal window titled 'chuck@office-computer: /tmp/Demo' showing the command 'tree -d' and its output. The output shows a tree structure with two subdirectories: 'Data' and 'Scripts'. Below the tree, it says '2 directories' and the prompt 'chuck@office-computer: /tmp/Demo\$' is followed by a cursor. There is also some faint text below the prompt that says 'Here's how it' and 'for users and developers' and 'in a Windows environment'.

```
chuck@office-computer: /tmp/Demo
chuck@office-computer: /tmp/Demo$ tree -d
.
├── Data
└── Scripts

2 directories
chuck@office-computer: /tmp/Demo$ █ Here's how it
for users and developers
in a Windows environment
```

# Where programs execute.

- “Base” R scripts may source() other script files. All files are assumed to live in the scripts directory.
- Access to data files within the R scripts is via the file.path() function.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing the URL `www.cs.odu.edu/~ccartled/Teaching/2018-Spring/DataAnalysis/Scripts/`. The page title is "Index of /~ccartled/Teaching/2018-Spring/DataAnalysis/Scripts". Below the title is a table listing directory contents with columns for Name, Last modified, Size, and Description.

[ICO]	Name	Last modified	Size	Description
[PARENTDIR]	<a href="#">Parent Directory</a>	-	-	-
[ ]	<a href="#">airTraffic.R</a>	2017-12-15 15:28	5.5K	
[ ]	<a href="#">anscombe.R</a>	2017-12-15 15:28	666	
[ ]	<a href="#">cancerData.R</a>	2017-12-15 15:28	1.2K	
[ ]	<a href="#">chapter-03-anleubing.R</a>	2017-12-15 15:28	6.5K	
[ ]	<a href="#">chapter-03-anleubing.R.R</a>	2017-12-15 15:28	5.0K	
[ ]	<a href="#">chapter-04-crime-cluster.R</a>	2017-12-15 15:28	1.1K	
[ ]	<a href="#">chapter-04-crime-cluster.R</a>	2017-12-15 15:28	3.3K	
[ ]	<a href="#">chapter-04-life-expectancy.R</a>	2017-12-15 15:28	1.0K	
[ ]	<a href="#">chapter-04.R</a>	2017-12-15 15:28	1.6K	
[ ]	<a href="#">chapter-05-life-expectancy.R</a>	2017-12-15 15:28	1.4K	
[ ]	<a href="#">chapter-05-mvins-voting.R</a>	2017-12-15 15:28	2.6K	
[ ]	<a href="#">chapter-05-mvins-help.R</a>	2017-12-15 15:28	339	
[ ]	<a href="#">chapter-05-mvins.R</a>	2017-12-15 15:28	1.3K	
[ ]	<a href="#">chapter-06-mysql.R.R</a>	2017-12-15 15:28	6.5K	

Apache Server at www.cs.odu.edu Port 80

All file accesses should be Operating System agnostic.

# Sometimes, things need to be persistent.

- Data files live, and die in the data directory.
- The Data directory is one “up” from the Scripts directory.
- All accesses to the data directory are via the `file.path()` function.

[ICO]	Name	Last modified	Size	Description
[PARENTDIR]	<a href="#">Parent Directory</a>	-	-	-
[ ]	<a href="#">133241921_T_T108D_MARKET_US_CARRIER_ONLY.zip</a>	2017-12-15 15:31	475K	
[ ]	<a href="#">247805599_T_T108D_MARKET_US_CARRIER_ONLY.zip</a>	2017-12-15 15:31	1.6M	
[ ]	<a href="#">9781782169352_code.zip</a>	2017-12-15 15:31	772K	
[ ]	<a href="#">9781786466457_Code.zip</a>	2017-12-15 15:32	78M	
[TXT]	<a href="#">DizemZ.txt</a>	2017-12-15 15:32	335	
[TXT]	<a href="#">StrandsPackt.csv</a>	2017-12-15 15:32	17M	
[ ]	<a href="#">corpus.dat</a>	2017-12-15 15:32	3.1M	
[IMG]	<a href="#">heart-outline.png</a>	2017-12-15 15:32	18K	
[ ]	<a href="#">msl-est2016-01</a>	2017-12-15 15:32	17K	
[ ]	<a href="#">msl-est2016-01.xlsx</a>	2017-12-15 15:32	17K	
[ ]	<a href="#">shdls_1.0.8.zip</a>	2017-12-15 15:32	67K	
[ ]	<a href="#">nomos-hof-judict_base64</a>	2017-12-15 15:32	202K	
[ ]	<a href="#">swiss_votes.dat</a>	2017-12-15 15:32	1.7K	

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## Where temporary things live.

- There are times when data does not need to be persistent.
- Generally these data are stored wherever `tempfile()` or `tempdir()` put them.
- Be aware that data stored, either directly or indirectly using these functions may be removed when the R session completes.

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