

A Two Hour Tour of the Tidyverse



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In This Workshop

- You will learn...
 - What the tidyverse is & why bother using it
 - What tools are available in the tidyverse
 - A brief overview of core functionality

Data for Today

- Funding of Olympic sports
- UK Sport World Class Performance Programme
- Data from Sydney (2000) to Rio de Janeiro (2016)

- Extracted from
<http://www.uk sport.gov.uk/our-work/investing-in-sport/historical-funding-figures>

Where to Get the Data

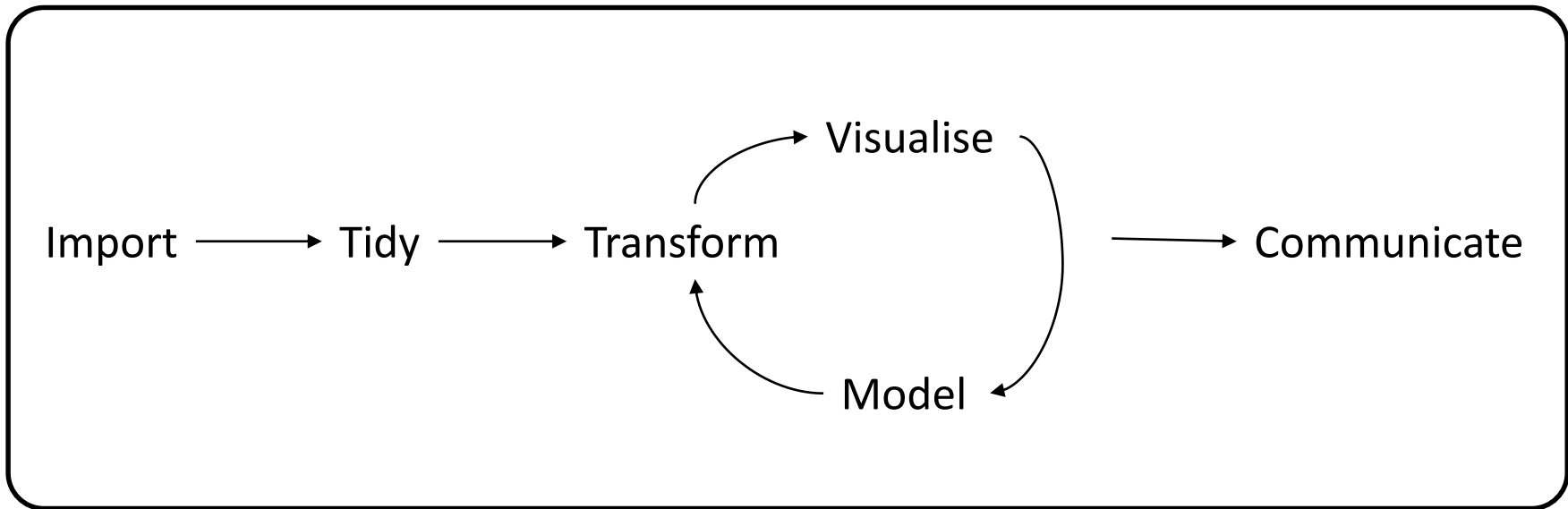
Files in multiple formats available on GitHub:

<https://github.com/MangoTheCat/Olympic-Funding-Data>

WHAT IS THE TIDYVERSE?

Unified Packages

- Set of unified packages covering the data analysis workflow
- Implementing a single philosophy
 - Makes it easy to learn and use!



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Useful Resources

RStudio Cheat Sheets

<https://www.rstudio.com/resources/cheatsheets/>

(My advice – print them all and keep them on your desk!)

Further Reading

R for Data Science (2017), *Hadley Wickham & Garrett Grolemund*, O'Reilly

Available online:

<http://r4ds.had.co.nz/>

WHAT'S IN THE TIDYVERSE?

What are the Packages?

- 18 Core Packages
 - Loads more dependencies
- 6 Packages loaded with Tidyverse
- All others installed and available

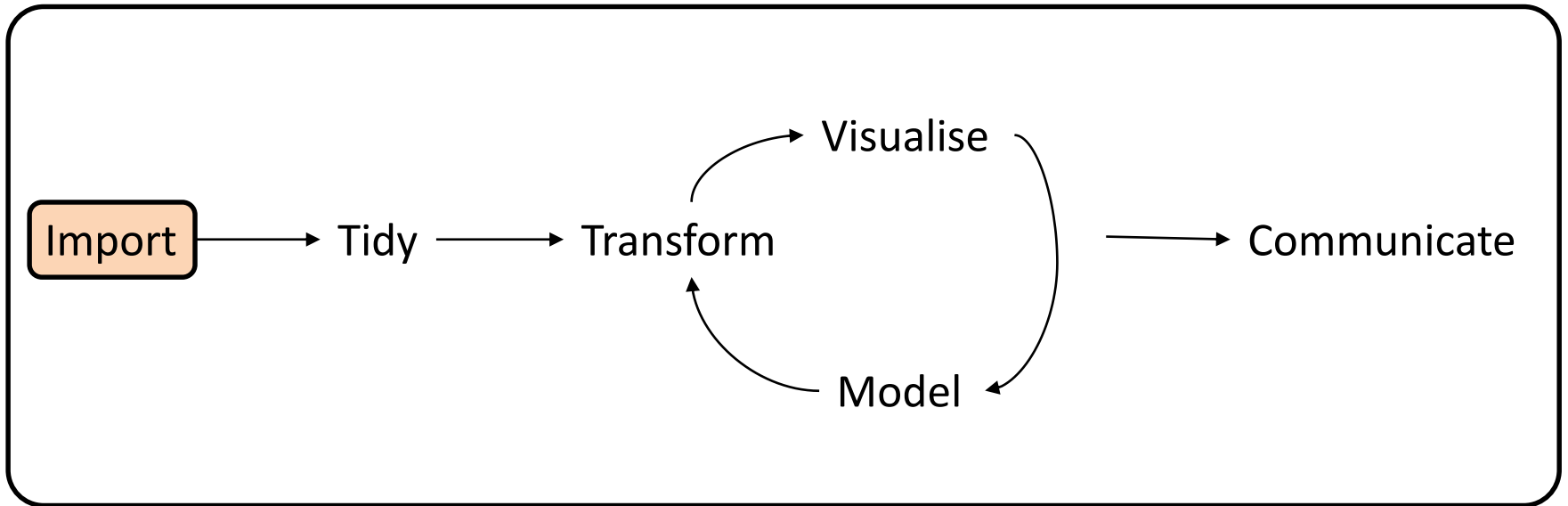
Packages Loaded By Default

- `ggplot2`
- `dplyr`
- `tidyr`
- `readr`
- `purrr`
- `tibble`

Other Installed Packages

- `hms`
- `stringr`
- `lubridate`
- `forcats`
- `haven`
- `httr`
- `jsonlite`
- `readxl`
- `rvest`
- `xml2`
- `modelr`
- `broom`

A DIVE INTO THE PACKAGES



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Import

- readr
- haven
- httr
- jsonlite
- readxl
- rvest
- xml2

Reading Web Data: rvest

```
read_html("www.myWebPage.co.uk")
```

- Includes lots of functions for extracting specific elements of a web page

Read Olympic Data

```
funding <-  
  read_html("http://www.uk sport.gov.uk/our  
            -work/investing-in-sport/  
            historical-funding-figures")  
  
funding <- html_table(funding, header = TRUE)
```

Reading Tabular Data: readr

```
read_csv("myFile.csv", na = c(" ", "NA"))
```

Other variants include:

- `read_tsv`
- `read_fwf`
- `read_delim`

Reading Summer Olympics Data

```
summer <-  
read_csv("SummerOlympicsFunding.csv",  
         na = c("n/a", "n/a**"),  
         col_types = cols(  
             .default = col_number(),  
             Sport = col_character()  
         )
```

Reading MS Excel Data: readxl

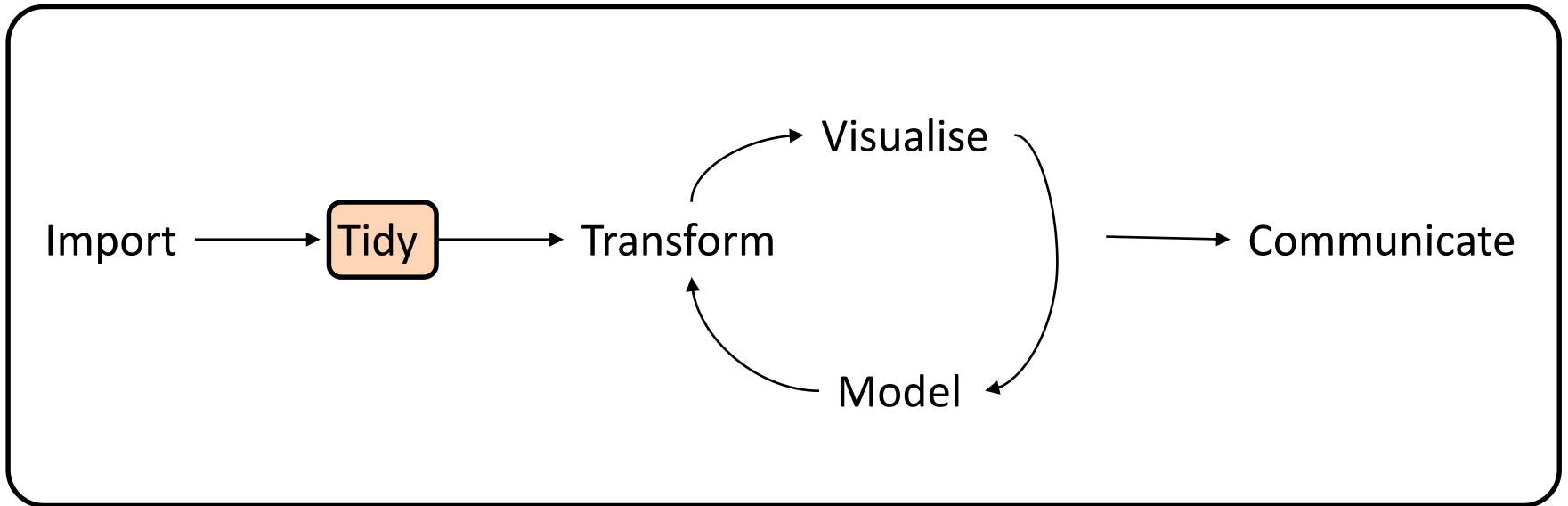
```
read_excel("myExcelFile.xlsx",  
           sheet = "Sheet 1")
```

Reading Proprietary Data: haven

```
read_sas("mySASData.sas7bdat")
```

Other formats include:

- SPSS Data
- Stata Data



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Tidy

- `tibble`
- `tidyr`

What is tibble?

- A tibble is an update to the data frame
- Generally works as a data frame but with extra features
 - Doesn't change column names
 - Doesn't convert strings to factors
 - Doesn't allow partial matching of names
 - Doesn't create row names

How Do You Create a tibble?

- Using the import functions in the tidyverse
- With the tibble or tribble functions

What Does the tibble Package Do?

- Provides utility functions for working with tibble structure
- Generally don't need to directly use the package much

Functions in tibble

- `glimpse` – useful overview of data
- `tibble/tribble` – creation of tibbles
- `add_row/add_column` – helpful functions for adding elements to an existing tibble
- There are also a number of functions for converting rownames if needed

Creating A Reference Tibble

```
years <- tribble(  
  ~Location, ~Year, ~Month, ~Day,  
  "Sydney", 2000, 9, 15,  
  "Athens", 2004, 8, 13,  
  "Beijing", 2008, 8, 8,  
  "London", 2012, 7, 27,  
  "Rio de Janeiro", 2016, 8, 5  
)
```

Tidy Data

- The tidyverse is designed to work with tidy data
- A single structure that is common to all of the packages
 - Makes it easy to move from manipulation to visualisation to modelling without changing the data

What is Tidy Data?

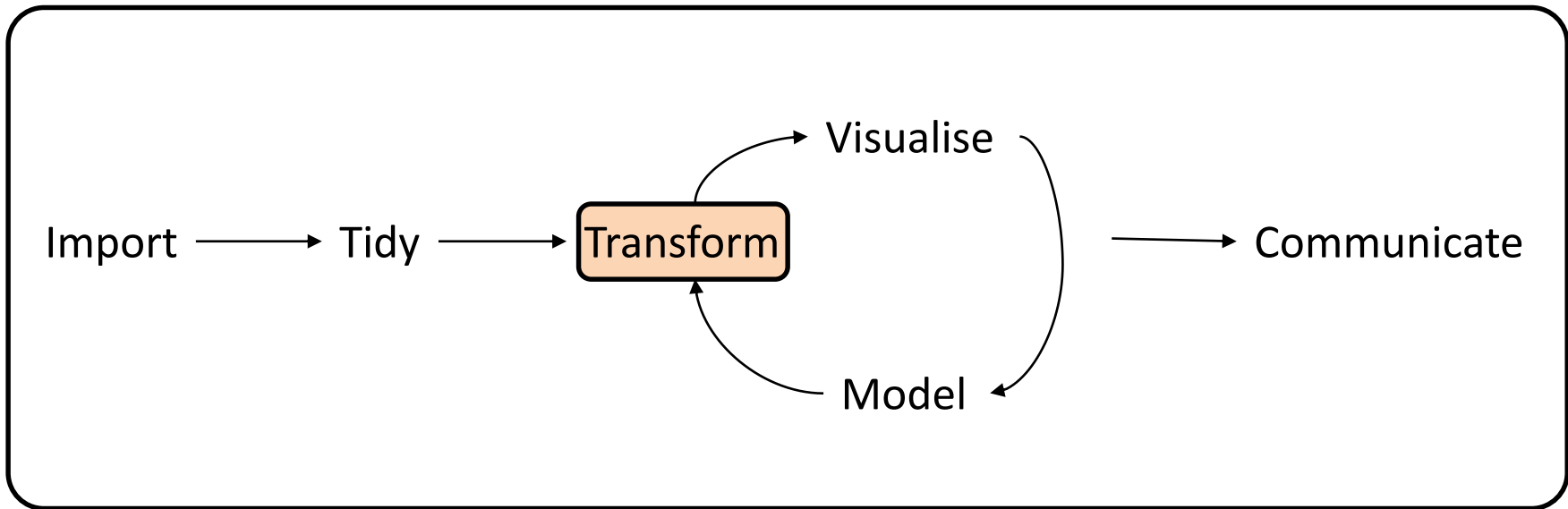
- Each variable has its own column
- Each observation has its own row
- Each value has its own cell

Tidying the Olympic Data

```
summer <- gather(summer,  
                  Location,  
                  Funding,  
                  -Sport)
```


Working with Missing Values

```
summer <- replace_na(summer,  
                      replace = list(Funding = 0))
```



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Transform

- `dplyr`
- `forcats`
- `stringr`
- `hms`
- `lubridate`

Data Manipulation: dplyr

- Standard manipulations
 - Filter
 - Select
 - Arrange
 - Mutate
 - Summarise
- Perform actions by group (`group_by`)

Join Related Data Sets

- Merge/Join two data sets
 - Full
 - Left/Right
 - Inner
 - Anti
 - Semi

Joining Olympic Data

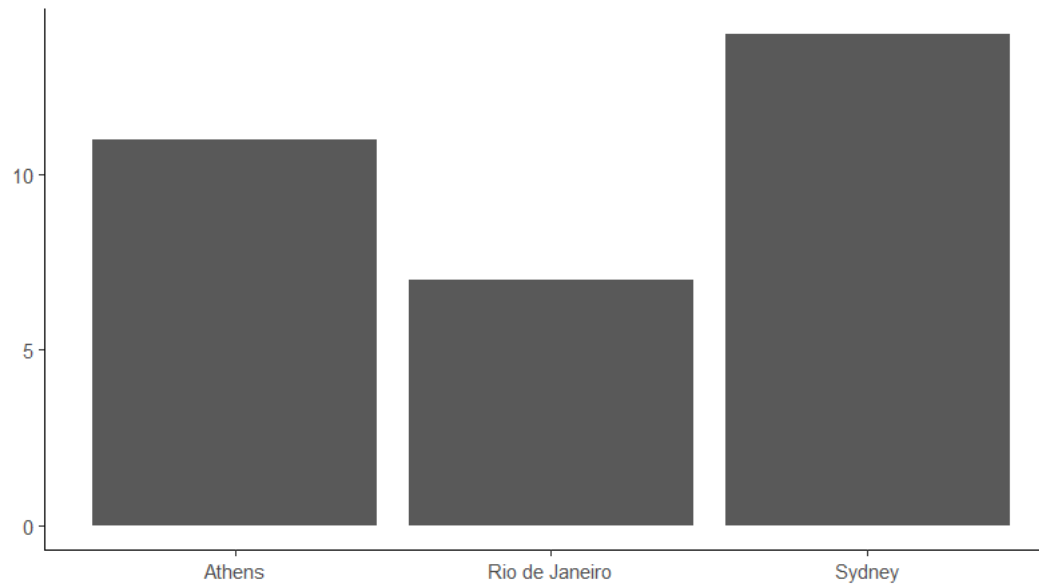
```
summer <- full_join(summer, years) %>%  
  filter(Sport != "Total")
```

Manipulating Factors: forcats

- Factors are a representation of categorical data
- Forcats allows us to easily manipulate factors
 - Change names
 - Group levels
 - Reorder levels

Without Manipulation

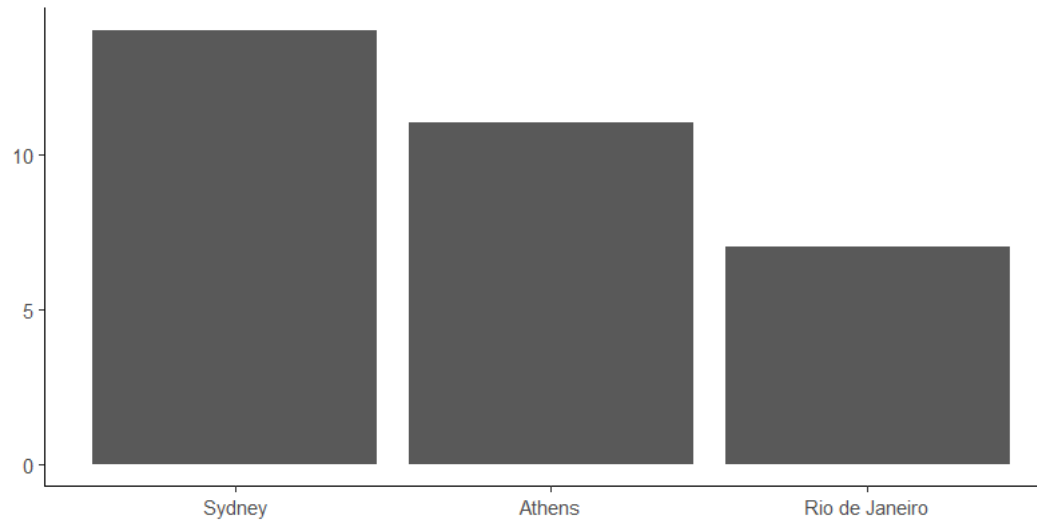
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Data taken from uksport.gov.uk

With Manipulation

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Reordering Olympic Years

```
numberNoFund <- summer %>%  
  filter(Funding == 0)  
  count(Location) %>%  
  left_join(years) %>%  
  mutate(Location =  
           fct_reorder(Location, Year))
```

Manipulating Characters: stringr

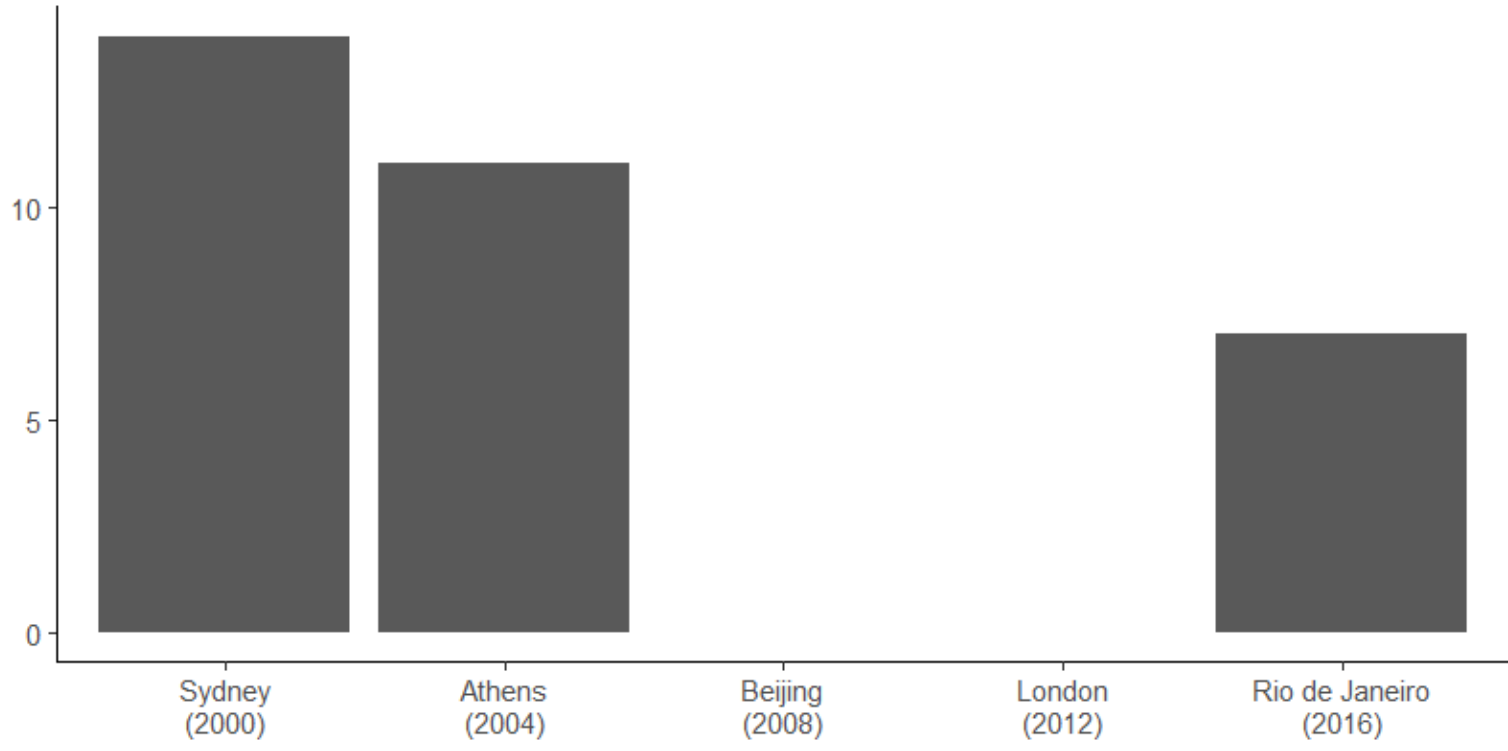
- The stringr package provides consistent functions for manipulating character strings
- Manipulations include:
 - Concatenation
 - Pattern search and replace
 - Subset with strings

Combining Location and Year

```
str_c(  
  magrittr::use_series(years, Location),  
  "\n",  
  magrittr::use_series(years, Year),  
  ") "  
)
```

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Exercise

- Import the winter Olympics data csv
- By performing the appropriate manipulations (using tidyr, dplyr and forcats)
 - Which sport has the most funding by Sochi?
 - Extract the data for just this sport
 - What is the difference between the maximum and minimum funding levels for this sport?
 - Can you create a simple graphic of this data?
 - Why is there some missing data for this sport?

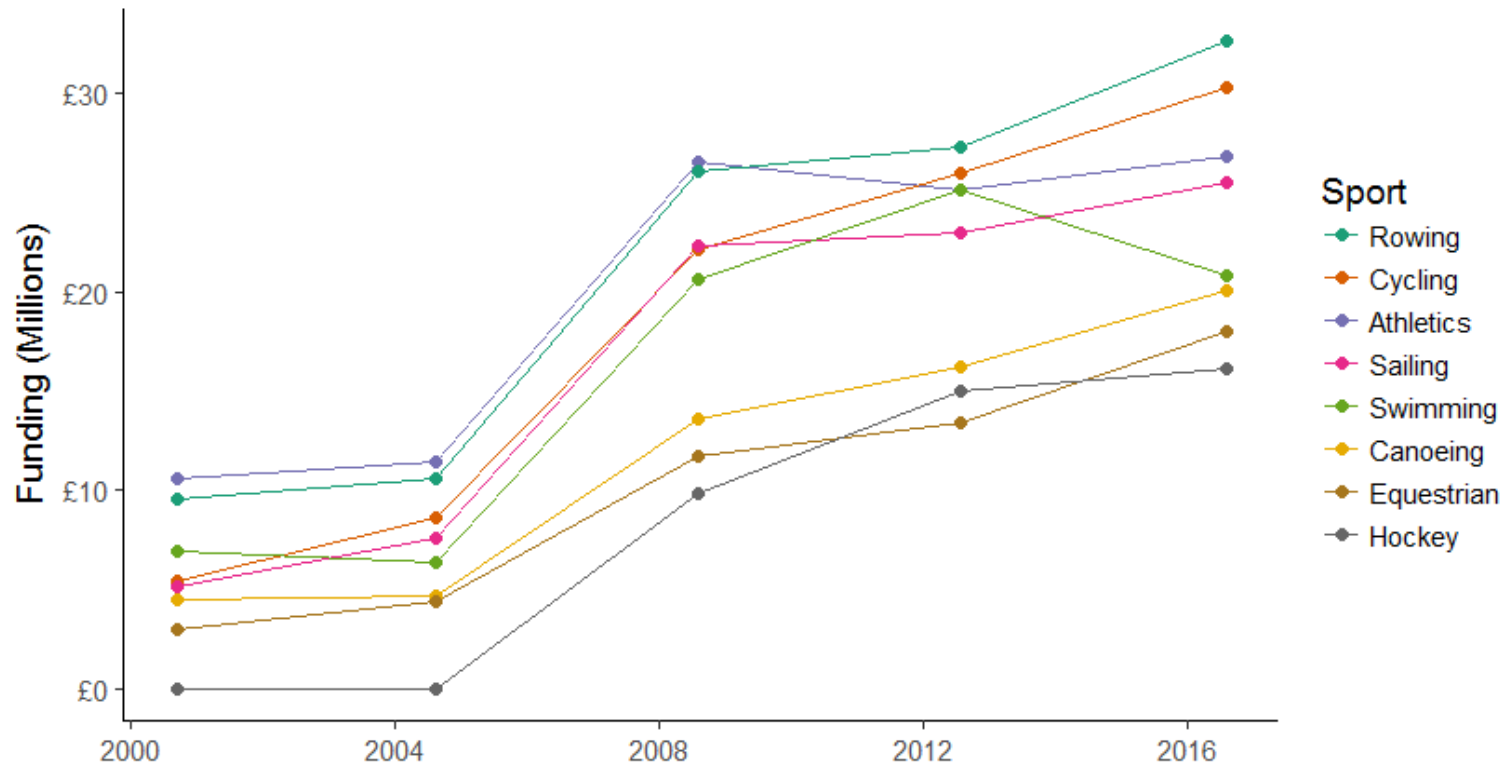
Manipulating Dates: lubridate

- Easy to use functions to convert characters to date format
 - ymd
 - mdy
 - dmy
- Manipulation functions to extract elements of dates
- Functions for accounting for addition of time periods to dates e.g. accounting for 30/31 day months

Creating Olympic Start Dates

```
summer <- mutate(summer,  
  Date = str_c(Year, Month, Day, sep = "-"),  
  Date = ymd(Date)  
)
```

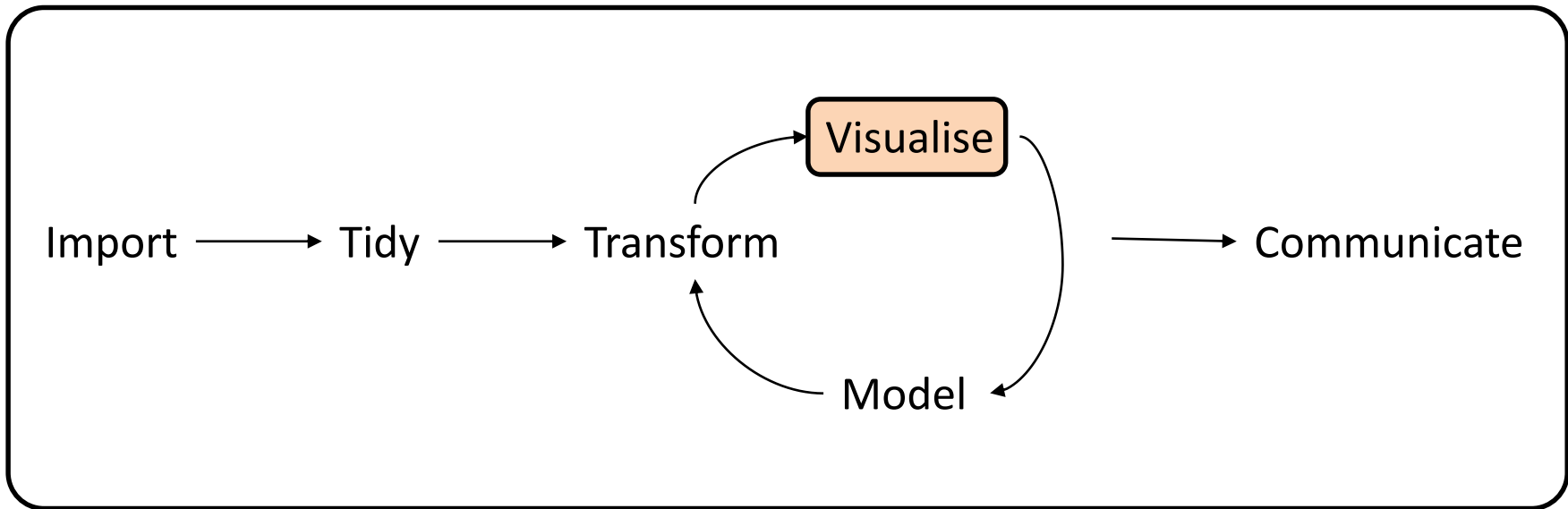

Overall Increasing Funding of Top Sports



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Manipulating Times: HMS

- Allows working with just times
- Convert to just a time
 - hms



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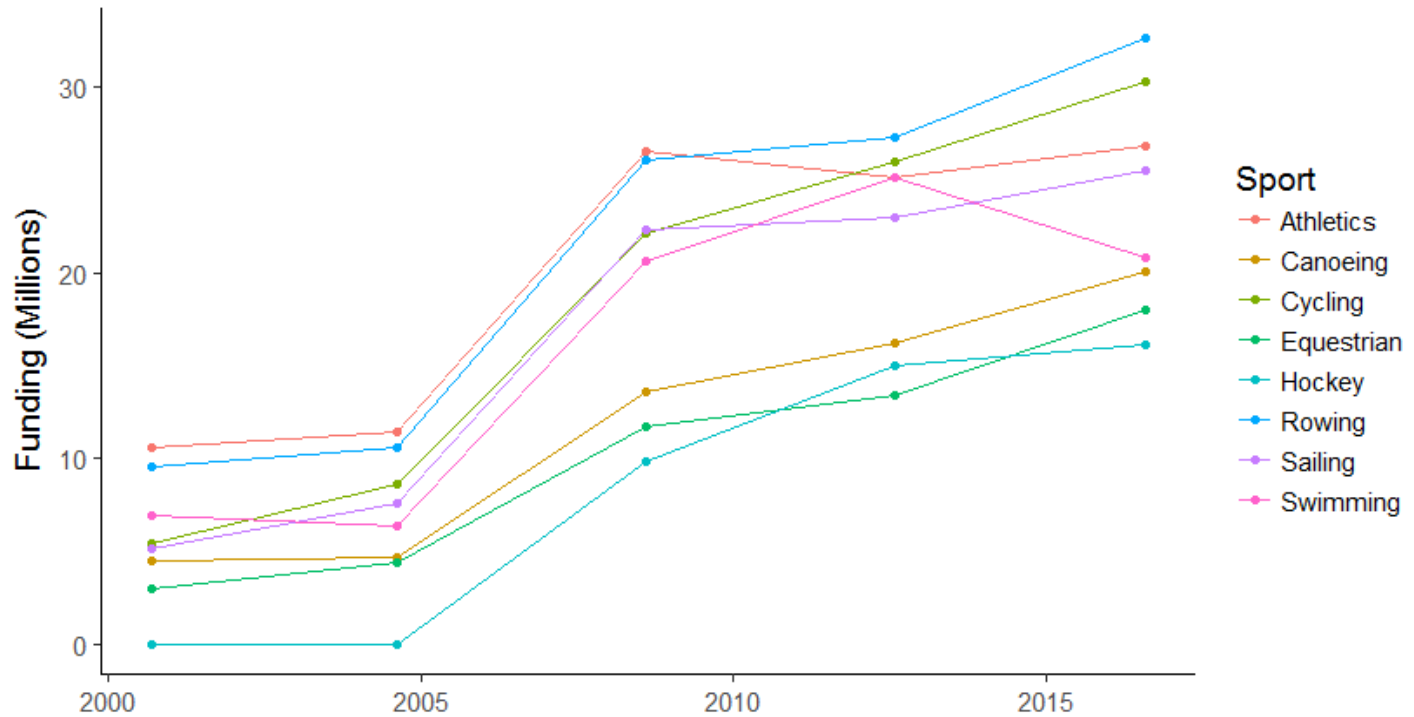
Visualise

- `ggplot2`

Creating Graphics: ggplot2

- A whole workshop on its own!
- Create quick plots with qplot
- Specify the type of plot using the geoms
- Add titles and labels with labs

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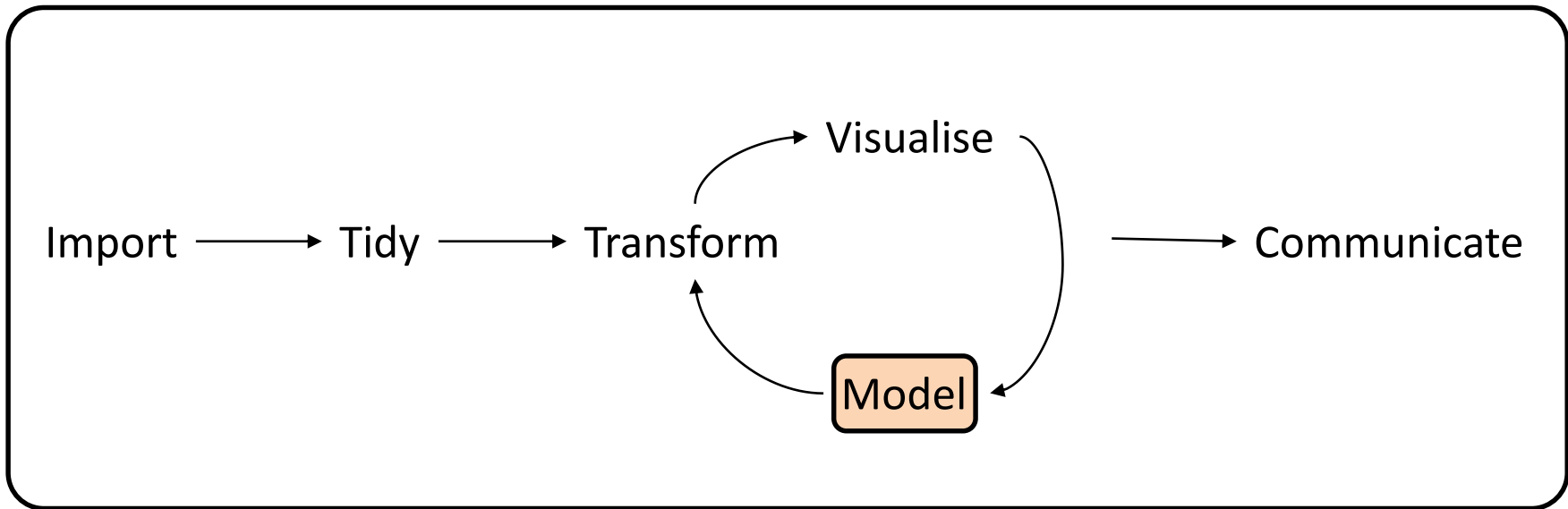
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Graphic of Olympic Funding

```
qplot(data = fundingTime,  
      x = Date, y = Funding/1e6,  
      colour = Sport,  
      geom = c("line", "point")) +  
labs(title = "Increasing Funding ",  
      x = "", y = "Funding (Millions)",  
      colour = "Sport",  
      caption = "Data taken from ...")
```

Exercise

- Using the winter Olympics data create a graphic showing the change in funding over time for all of the winter Olympic sports



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Model

- `modelr`
- `broom`

Fitting Models: modelr

- Functionality for bootstrapping/cross validation
- Model metrics – rsquare, rmse
- Extracting predictions and residuals

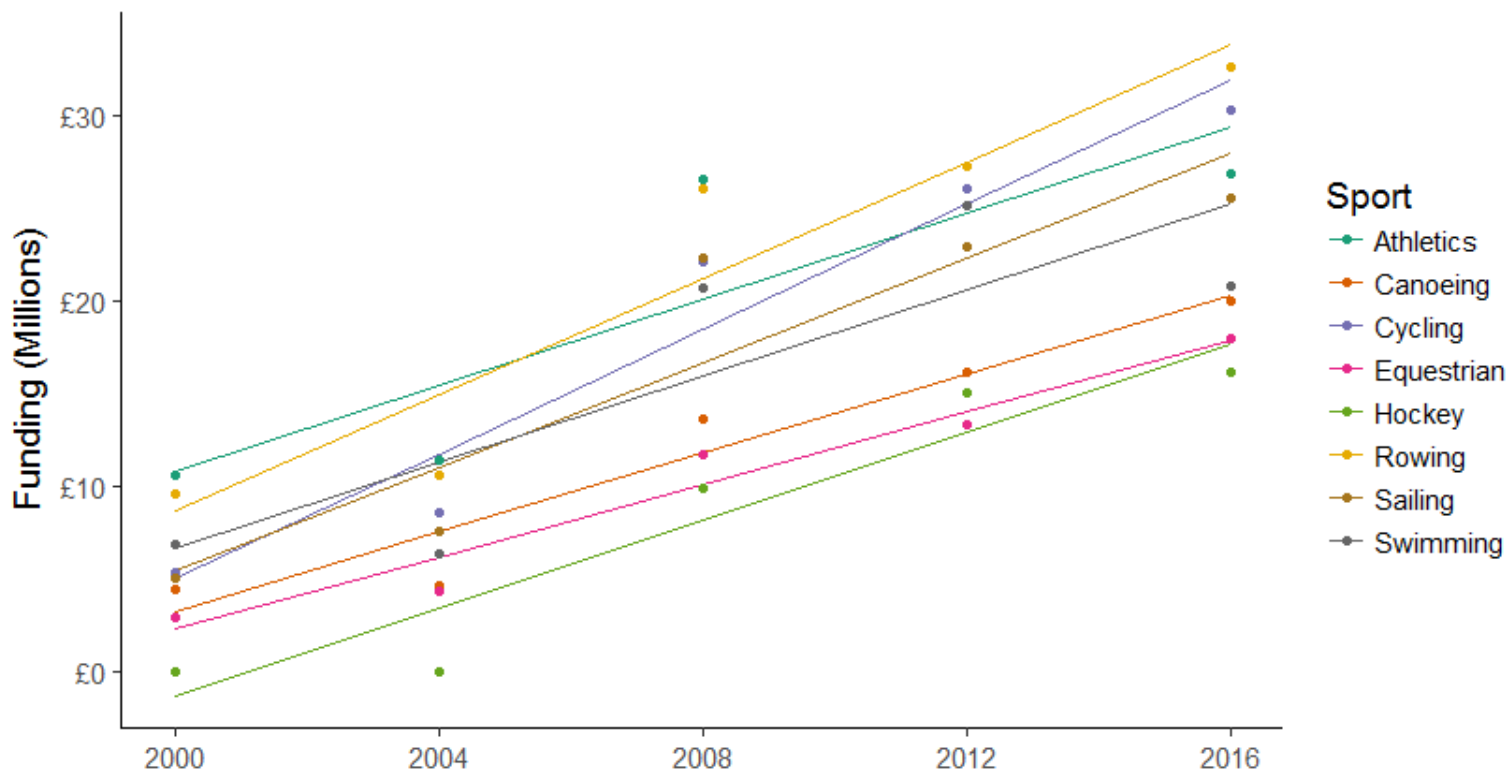
Predicting Olympic Funding

```
fundingModel <- lm(Funding ~ Sport*Year,  
                  data = fundingTime)
```

```
modelGrid <- data_grid(fundingTime,  
                      Year, Sport)
```

```
modelGrid <- modelGrid %>%  
  add_predictions(fundingModel)
```

Fitted Model for Top Funded Sports



Data taken from uksport.gov.uk

Investigating Model Residuals

```
fundingResid <- fundingTime %>%  
  add_residuals(fundingModel)
```

Residual Values Suggests Further Fitting Required



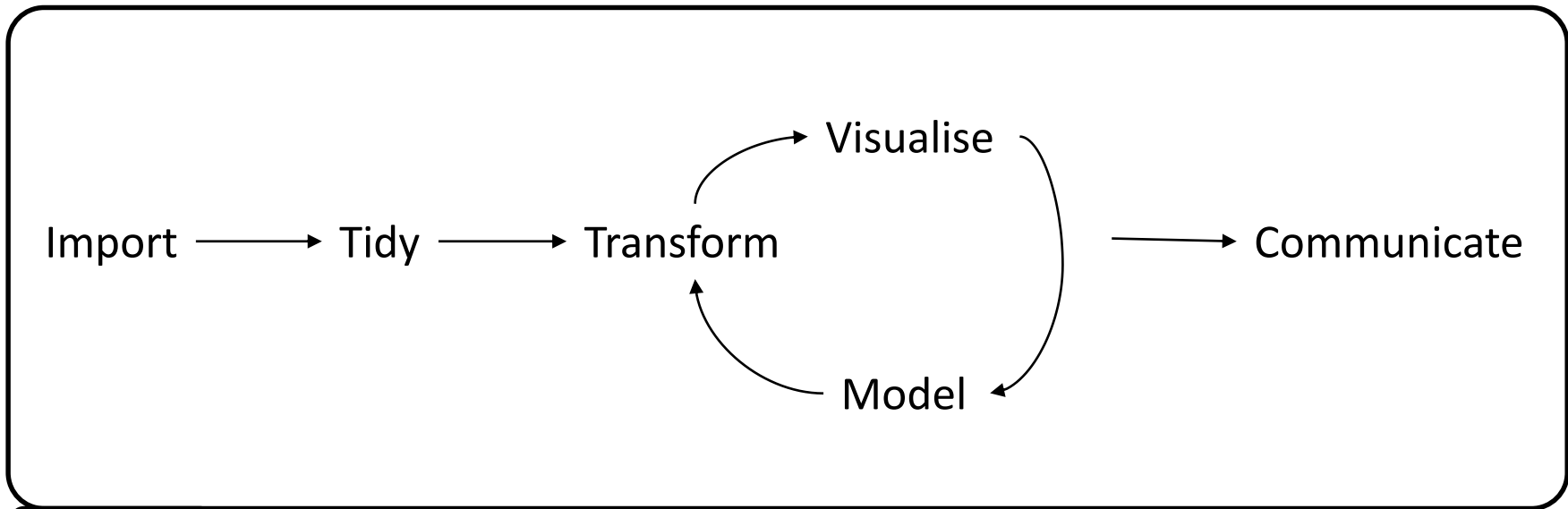
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Assessing Model Quality: broom

- Provides functions for extracting details on the model fit
 - Model coefficients – tidy
 - Model diagnostics – glance
- Useful for working with multiple models to compare fit

Fit of Olympics Models

```
tidy(fundingModel)  
glance(fundingModel)
```



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- purrr

Iterating: purrr

- Iterate (over a vector of values) or apply to multiple set/subsets of data
- Output can be one of many types based on the function used:
 - map
 - map_df
 - map_dbl
 - ...

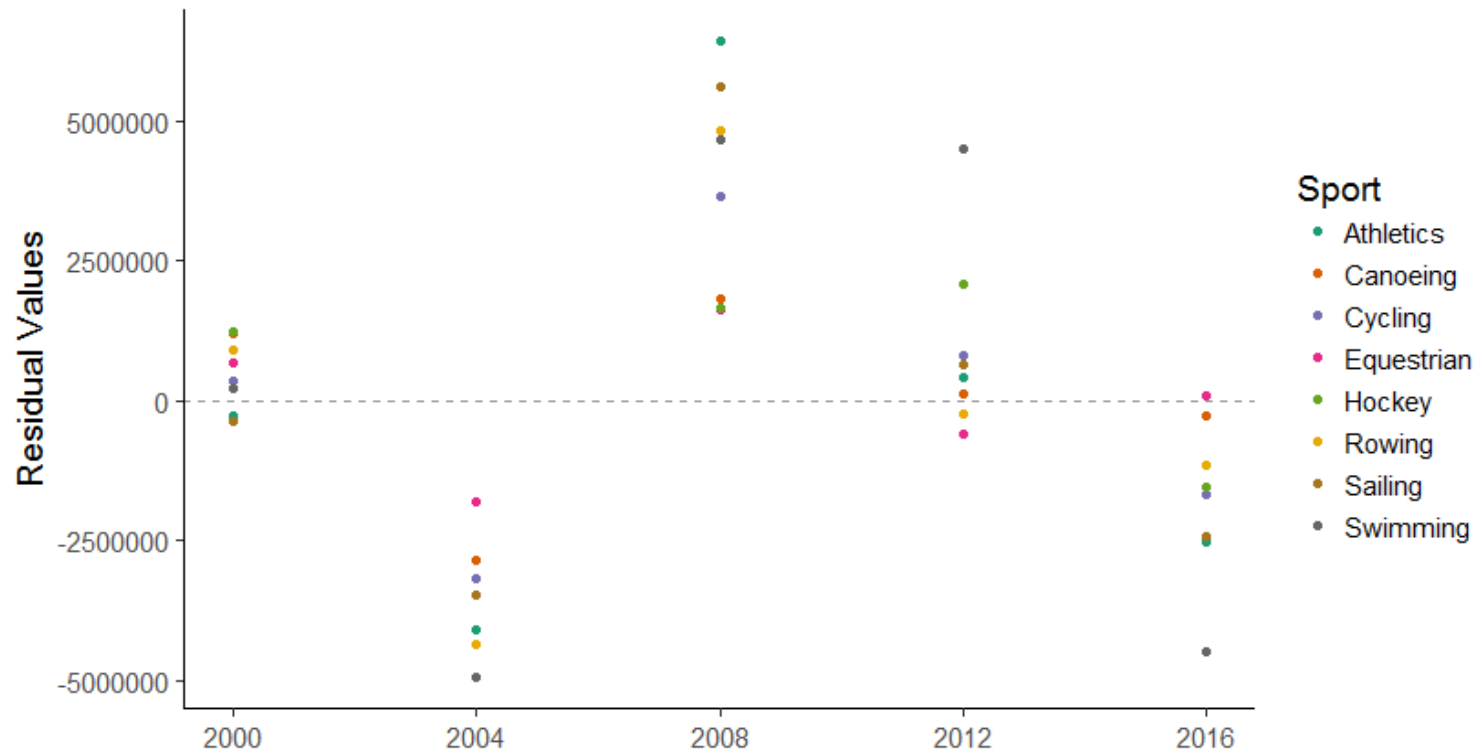
Model For Each Sport

```
sportData <- fundingTime %>%  
  group_by(Sport) %>%  
  nest()
```

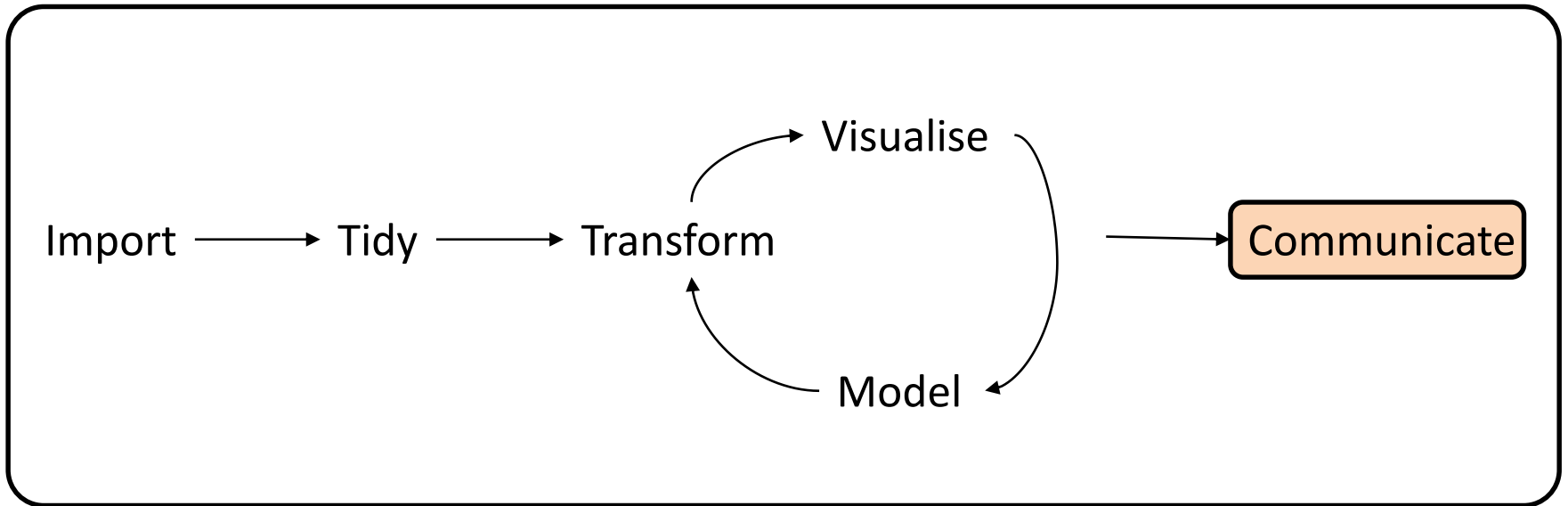
```
sportsModels <- map(sportData$data,  
  ~lm(Funding ~ Year, data = .))
```

```
sportResid <- map2_df(sportData$data,  
  sportsModels,  
  add_residuals, .id = "Sport")
```

Residual Values Suggests Further Fitting Required



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Communicate

- There are no tidyverse packages directly aimed at communicating results (other than creating graphics)
- There are lots of packages that can be used to present results

Options for Communicating Results

- Rmarkdown
- Shiny
- Flexdashboard
- bookdown/blogdown

SUMMARY

Using the Tidyverse

- Single unified approach to manipulating and analysing data
- Provides packages for all stages of the analysis lifecycle

Learning More

- R for Data Science
- RStudio Cheat sheets
- Training

Upcoming Mango Training Courses

- An Introduction to R for Analytics
- Data Manipulation
- Data Visualisation

EARL London Workshops

- Spark and R with sparklyr
- Web Scraping and Text Analysis in R
- Writing R Functions for Fun and Profit
- Working with the MicrosoftML Package
- Working with GitHub
- Introduction to Shiny

Next LondonR Workshop

Matching Your Brand with ggplot2: Working with Scales, Themes and Guides