

# Package: dataProfilerR (via r-universe)

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**Description** Profiles a data frame with minimal input: column type inference, missing-value analysis, distributional summary statistics (including skewness and kurtosis), normality tests, outlier detection, correlation and categorical-association analysis, date-column profiling, grouped comparisons and an overall data-quality score, alongside a set of 'ggplot2' visualisations. A single entry point, `profile_data()`, returns a structured S3 object holding metadata, statistics, diagnostics and plots, with `print()`, `summary()` and `plot()` methods, and `report()` renders the whole profile to a self-contained HTML file. Statistical methods include the Shapiro-Wilk normality test as implemented by Royston (1995) <[doi:10.2307/2986146](https://doi.org/10.2307/2986146)> and the Anderson-Darling test following Stephens (1974) <[doi:10.1080/01621459.1974.10480196](https://doi.org/10.1080/01621459.1974.10480196)>, with power comparisons of these tests in Yap and Sim (2011) <[doi:10.1080/00949655.2010.520163](https://doi.org/10.1080/00949655.2010.520163)>, and the categorical association measure of Cramer (1946, ISBN:9780691080048).

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analyze_dates	<i>Profile date / datetime columns</i>
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**Description**

For each Date/POSIXct column, reports the count, missingness, range, and the largest gap between consecutive (sorted, unique) timestamps – a quick way to spot coverage holes in a time series.

**Usage**

```
analyze_dates(df, types = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

df	A data frame.
types	Optional named character vector of column types; computed if not supplied.

**Value**

A data frame with one row per date column (column, n, n\_missing, min, max, range\_days, n\_unique, max\_gap\_days), or NULL if there are no date columns.

**Examples**

```
df <- data.frame(d = as.Date("2026-01-01") + c(0, 1, 2, 10))
analyze_dates(df)
```

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analyze_missing	<i>Analyse missing values</i>
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**Description**

Reports missingness per column and overall, including how many rows are fully complete. Only NA is counted as missing (blank strings are not).

**Usage**

```
analyze_missing(df)
```

**Arguments**

df	A data frame.
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**Value**

A list with per\_column (a data frame of column, n\_missing, pct\_missing) and overall (a list with total/missing cell counts, pct\_missing, complete\_rows and pct\_complete\_rows).

## Examples

```
analyze_missing(data.frame(a = c(1, NA, 3), b = c("x", "y", NA)))
```

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categorical\_association

*Categorical association (Cramer's V)*

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## Description

Computes Cramer's V between every pair of categorical/logical columns. V ranges from 0 (no association) to 1 (perfect association) and is the categorical analogue of a correlation matrix. It is derived from the chi-squared statistic:  $V = \sqrt{X^2 / (n * (k - 1))}$ , where k is the smaller of the two factors' level counts.

## Usage

```
categorical_association(df, types = NULL, max_levels = 50)
```

## Arguments

df	A data frame.
types	Optional named character vector of column types (from <code>infer_column_types()</code> ); computed if not supplied.
max_levels	Categorical columns with more than this many levels are skipped (a high-cardinality column makes the chi-squared test unreliable and the table huge). Default 50.

## Value

A symmetric numeric matrix of Cramer's V with a unit diagonal, or NULL if fewer than two eligible categorical columns are present.

## Examples

```
df <- data.frame(a = c("x", "x", "y", "y"), b = c("p", "p", "q", "q"),
                 c = c("m", "n", "m", "n"))
categorical_association(df)
```

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compare_groups	<i>Compare numeric columns across groups</i>
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**Description**

Grouped profiling: split the data by a categorical column and summarise each numeric column within each group (count, mean, sd, median, missingness). This is the quickest way to see whether a metric differs by segment.

**Usage**

```
compare_groups(df, group, max_groups = 50)
```

**Arguments**

df	A data frame.
group	Name of the grouping column. Should be categorical/logical (or a low-cardinality column); a warning is issued if it has many levels.
max_groups	Maximum number of groups before erroring (guards against accidentally grouping on a near-unique column). Default 50.

**Value**

A list with `group_sizes` (a data frame of `group`, `n`) and `numeric_by_group` (a long data frame of `group`, `column`, `n`, `n_missing`, `mean`, `sd`, `median`), or `NULL` if there are no numeric columns to compare.

**Examples**

```
compare_groups(iris, "Species")
```

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correlation_analysis	<i>Correlation analysis</i>
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**Description**

Correlation matrices over the numeric columns, using pairwise-complete observations.

**Usage**

```
correlation_analysis(df, types = NULL, method = c("pearson", "spearman"))
```

**Arguments**

df	A data frame.
types	Optional named character vector of column types.
method	Character vector; any of "pearson", "spearman". Default both.

**Value**

A named list of correlation matrices (one per requested method), or NULL if there are fewer than two numeric columns.

**Examples**

```
correlation_analysis(iris)
```

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data_quality_score	<i>Data quality score</i>
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**Description**

Rolls several signals into a single 0-100 score and a letter grade. The components are completeness (share of non-missing cells), row uniqueness (penalises duplicate rows), and column variability (penalises constant, single-value columns). If an outlier\_rate is supplied it adds a cleanliness component. Components are averaged with the supplied weights.

**Usage**

```
data_quality_score(
  df,
  missing = NULL,
  outlier_rate = NULL,
  weights = c(completeness = 0.4, uniqueness = 0.2, variability = 0.2, cleanliness = 0.2)
)
```

**Arguments**

df	A data frame.
missing	Optional result of <a href="#">analyze_missing()</a> ; computed if NULL.
outlier_rate	Optional fraction (0-1) of numeric cells flagged as outliers; if supplied, a cleanliness component is included.
weights	Optional named numeric vector of component weights. Missing components are dropped and the rest renormalised.

**Value**

A list with score (0-100), grade (a letter), and components (a named numeric vector of the component scores).

## Examples

```
data_quality_score(iris)
```

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detect_outliers	<i>Detect outliers in a numeric vector</i>
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## Description

Three standard rules:

- "iqr": outside  $Q1 - k \cdot IQR / Q3 + k \cdot IQR$  (Tukey's rule,  $k = 1.5$ ).
- "zscore": absolute z-score above threshold (default 3).
- "robust": absolute modified z-score using the median and MAD above threshold (default 3.5); resistant to the outliers it is detecting.

## Usage

```
detect_outliers(x, method = c("iqr", "zscore", "robust"), threshold = NULL)
```

## Arguments

x	A numeric vector.
method	One of "iqr", "zscore", "robust".
threshold	Cutoff for "zscore"/"robust"; the IQR multiplier for "iqr". Defaults: 1.5 (iqr), 3 (zscore), 3.5 (robust).

## Value

A list: method, n (non-missing count), n\_outliers, pct, is\_outlier (a logical vector aligned to x, FALSE for NA), and bounds (lower/upper, where applicable).

## Examples

```
detect_outliers(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 100), method = "iqr")
```

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`infer_column_types`      *Infer a semantic type for each column*

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### Description

Maps each column to one of "numeric", "integer", "date", "logical", "categorical", "text" or "other". Character columns are split into "categorical" and "text" heuristically: long strings, or high-cardinality columns where most values are unique, are treated as free text; everything else is categorical.

### Usage

```
infer_column_types(df, text_min_avg_chars = 50, text_unique_ratio = 0.8)
```

### Arguments

`df`                      A data frame.

`text_min_avg_chars`      Average character length above which a character column is considered free text. Default 50.

`text_unique_ratio`      Fraction of unique values above which a character column (with enough rows) is considered free text. Default 0.8.

### Value

A named character vector of inferred types, one per column.

### Examples

```
infer_column_types(data.frame(a = 1:3, b = c("x", "y", "z"),
                             d = Sys.Date() + 0:2))
```

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`is_data_profile`      *Is an object a data\_profile?*

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### Description

Is an object a data\_profile?

### Usage

```
is_data_profile(x)
```

### Arguments

`x`                      Any object.

**Value**

TRUE if x has class data\_profile.

**Examples**

```
is_data_profile(profile_data(iris))
```

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kurtosis	<i>Sample excess kurtosis</i>
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**Description**

Moment-based kurtosis minus 3, so a normal distribution scores near 0.

**Usage**

```
kurtosis(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A numeric vector.

**Value**

A single numeric value, or NA\_real\_ if there are fewer than four non-missing values or the variance is zero.

**Examples**

```
kurtosis(rnorm(100))
```

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normality_tests	<i>Normality tests for numeric columns</i>
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**Description**

Runs the Shapiro-Wilk test on each numeric/integer column, and the Anderson-Darling test as well if the suggested **nortest** package is installed. Shapiro-Wilk requires 3 to 5000 observations; larger columns are reduced to an evenly-spaced subsample of 5000. The subsample is deterministic and does not touch the session's random-number state.

**Usage**

```
normality_tests(df, types = NULL, alpha = 0.05)
```

**Arguments**

df	A data frame.
types	Optional named character vector of column types.
alpha	Significance level for the normal verdict. Default 0.05.

**Value**

A data frame with one row per numeric column: column, n\_used, shapiro\_W, shapiro\_p, ad\_A and ad\_p (the Anderson-Darling columns are NA if **nortest** is absent), and a logical normal. Returns NULL if there are no numeric columns.

**Examples**

```
normality_tests(iris)
```

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outlier_summary	<i>Outlier summary across numeric columns</i>
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**Description**

Applies [detect\\_outliers\(\)](#) to every numeric column and tabulates the result.

**Usage**

```
outlier_summary(df, types = NULL, method = "iqr")
```

**Arguments**

df	A data frame.
types	Optional named character vector of column types.
method	Outlier method passed to <a href="#">detect_outliers()</a> .

**Value**

A list with per\_column (a data frame of column, n\_outliers, pct) and overall\_rate (fraction of numeric cells flagged, 0-1), or NULL if there are no numeric columns.

**Examples**

```
outlier_summary(iris)
```

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plot.data\_profile      *Plot a data profile*

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### Description

Returns one of the figures built by `profile_data()`.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'data_profile'
plot(
  x,
  which = c("missing", "correlation", "association", "boxplots", "pairs", "distribution"),
  column = NULL,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	A <code>data_profile</code> object (built with <code>build_plots = TRUE</code> ).
<code>which</code>	Which figure: "missing", "correlation", "association", "boxplots", "pairs", or "distribution".
<code>column</code>	Column name, required when <code>which = "distribution"</code> .
<code>...</code>	Ignored.

### Value

A **ggplot2** object (also drawn when called at the console).

### Examples

```
p <- profile_data(iris)

plot(p, which = "missing")
plot(p, which = "distribution", column = "Sepal.Length")
```

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plot_association	<i>Categorical association heatmap</i>
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**Description**

Heatmap of the Cramer's V matrix from `categorical_association()`.

**Usage**

```
plot_association(df, max_levels = 50)
```

**Arguments**

df	A data frame.
max_levels	Passed to <code>categorical_association()</code> .

**Value**

A **ggplot2** object, or NULL (with a warning) if there are fewer than two eligible categorical columns.

**Examples**

```
plot_association(
  data.frame(a = c("x", "x", "y", "y"), b = c("p", "p", "q", "q"))
)
```

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plot_boxplots	<i>Boxplots for numeric columns</i>
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**Description**

One boxplot per numeric column, faceted with free y-scales so columns on different scales are still readable. Useful as a quick outlier scan.

**Usage**

```
plot_boxplots(df)
```

**Arguments**

df	A data frame.
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**Value**

A **ggplot2** object, or NULL (with a warning) if there are no numeric columns.

**Examples**

```
plot_boxplots(iris)
```

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plot_correlation	<i>Correlation heatmap</i>
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**Description**

A heatmap of the correlation matrix over the numeric columns, annotated with the rounded coefficients.

**Usage**

```
plot_correlation(df, method = c("pearson", "spearman"))
```

**Arguments**

df	A data frame.
method	Correlation method: "pearson" or "spearman".

**Value**

A **ggplot2** object, or NULL (with a warning) if there are fewer than two numeric columns.

**Examples**

```
plot_correlation(iris)
```

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plot_distribution	<i>Distribution plot for a single column</i>
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**Description**

Histogram with a density overlay for numeric columns; a bar chart of the most frequent levels for categorical/text/logical columns.

**Usage**

```
plot_distribution(df, column, bins = 30, max_levels = 20)
```

**Arguments**

df	A data frame.
column	Name of the column to plot.
bins	Histogram bins for numeric columns. Default 30.
max_levels	Maximum categories to show for categorical columns. Default 20.

**Value**

A **ggplot2** object.

**Examples**

```
plot_distribution(iris, "Sepal.Length")
plot_distribution(iris, "Species")
```

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plot_missing	<i>Missing-value heatmap</i>
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**Description**

A tile plot of where NAs fall: columns on the x-axis, rows on the y-axis, shaded by whether each cell is missing. For wide/tall data the rows are subsampled to `max_rows` so the plot stays legible.

**Usage**

```
plot_missing(df, max_rows = 500)
```

**Arguments**

<code>df</code>	A data frame.
<code>max_rows</code>	Maximum rows to display (subsampled if exceeded). Default 500.

**Value**

A **ggplot2** object.

**Examples**

```
df <- data.frame(a = c(1, NA, 3), b = c(NA, "y", "z"))
plot_missing(df)
```

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plot_pairs	<i>Pairwise scatterplot matrix</i>
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**Description**

A scatterplot matrix over selected numeric columns, drawn with facets. Capped at a handful of columns because the number of panels grows quadratically.

**Usage**

```
plot_pairs(df, columns = NULL, max_cols = 5)
```

**Arguments**

df	A data frame.
columns	Optional character vector of numeric columns to include. If NULL, the first max_cols numeric columns are used.
max_cols	Maximum number of columns to include. Default 5.

**Value**

A **ggplot2** object, or NULL (with a warning) if fewer than two numeric columns are available.

**Examples**

```
plot_pairs(iris, c("Sepal.Length", "Sepal.Width", "Petal.Length"))
```

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print.data\_profile     *Print a concise overview of a data profile*

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**Description**

Print a concise overview of a data profile

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'data_profile'  
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A data_profile object.
...	Ignored.

**Value**

x, invisibly.

**Examples**

```
print(profile_data(iris))
```

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 profile\_data

*Profile a data frame*


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### Description

The package's single entry point. It runs type inference, missing-value analysis, summary statistics, normality tests, outlier detection, correlation analysis and a data-quality score, and (optionally) builds a set of **ggplot2** visualisations. The result is a `data_profile` S3 object with `print()`, `summary()` and `plot()` methods.

### Usage

```
profile_data(
  df,
  dataset_name = NULL,
  build_plots = TRUE,
  distributions = TRUE,
  normality = TRUE,
  outlier_method = "iqr",
  cor_method = c("pearson", "spearman"),
  group_by = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

<code>df</code>	A data frame with at least one row and one column and unique, non-empty column names.
<code>dataset_name</code>	Optional label stored in the metadata; defaults to the deparsed name of <code>df</code> .
<code>build_plots</code>	Whether to build the <b>ggplot2</b> objects. Set <code>FALSE</code> to skip plotting on very wide data. Default <code>TRUE</code> .
<code>distributions</code>	Whether to build a per-column distribution plot (the eager, heaviest part of plotting). Set <code>FALSE</code> on wide data and use <code>plot_distribution()</code> on demand. Ignored if <code>build_plots = FALSE</code> . Default <code>TRUE</code> .
<code>normality</code>	Whether to run normality tests. Default <code>TRUE</code> .
<code>outlier_method</code>	Method passed to <code>outlier_summary()</code> : "iqr", "zscore" or "robust". Default "iqr".
<code>cor_method</code>	Correlation methods: any of "pearson", "spearman".
<code>group_by</code>	Optional name of a categorical column. If supplied, a grouped comparison of the numeric columns is added to the diagnostics (see <code>compare_groups()</code> ).
<code>verbose</code>	Print progress messages. Default <code>FALSE</code> .

### Value

An object of class `data_profile`: a list with elements `metadata`, `statistics`, `diagnostics`, `plots` and `call`.

**See Also**

[print.data\\_profile\(\)](#), [summary.data\\_profile\(\)](#), [plot.data\\_profile\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
p <- profile_data(iris)
p
summary(p)

plot(p, which = "correlation")
```

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report

*Render a profile to a self-contained HTML report*


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**Description**

Turns a `data_profile` into a standalone HTML file containing the metadata, quality score, statistical tables and every figure. The report is built with **rmarkdown**, so a working pandoc installation is required (R Markdown's usual dependency); `report()` errors clearly if pandoc is unavailable.

**Usage**

```
report(
  x,
  output_file = "dataProfilerR_report.html",
  title = NULL,
  quiet = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	A <code>data_profile</code> (built with <code>build_plots = TRUE</code> ).
<code>output_file</code>	Path to write. A bare file name lands in the working directory. Default <code>"dataProfilerR_report.html"</code> .
<code>title</code>	Report title. Defaults to the dataset name.
<code>quiet</code>	Passed to <code>rmarkdown::render()</code> . Default <code>TRUE</code> .

**Value**

The path to the written file, invisibly.

**Examples**

```
if (requireNamespace("rmarkdown", quietly = TRUE) &&
    rmarkdown::pandoc_available()) {
  p <- profile_data(iris)
  f <- report(p, file.path(tempdir(), "iris_report.html"))
}
```

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skewness	<i>Sample skewness</i>
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**Description**

Moment-based skewness, computed as  $m_3 / m_2^{3/2}$  on the non-missing values.

**Usage**

```
skewness(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A numeric vector.

**Value**

A single numeric value, or `NA_real_` if there are fewer than three non-missing values or the variance is zero.

**Examples**

```
skewness(c(1, 2, 2, 3, 10))
```

---

summarize_columns	<i>Summary statistics by column type</i>
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**Description**

Produces a numeric summary data frame (count, missingness, mean, sd, variance, quartiles, IQR, skewness, kurtosis) for numeric and integer columns, and a categorical summary (cardinality and most frequent level) for factor, logical, categorical and text columns.

**Usage**

```
summarize_columns(df, types = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

df                    A data frame.  
 types                Optional named character vector of column types (as returned by `infer_column_types()`).  
 Computed if not supplied.

**Value**

A list with `numeric` (a data frame, or `NULL` if no numeric columns) and `categorical` (a named list, possibly empty).

**Examples**

```
summarize_columns(iris)
```

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summary.data\_profile *Detailed summary of a data profile*

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**Description**

Prints the numeric summary, the columns with the most missingness, normality verdicts, outlier counts, and the strongest correlations, and returns the same pieces invisibly as a list.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'data_profile'  
summary(object, max_rows = 10, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	A data_profile object.
max_rows	Maximum rows to print per table. Default 10.
...	Ignored.

**Value**

A list of the printed tables, invisibly.

**Examples**

```
summary(profile_data(iris))
```

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