

Easy Data Transform v1.26.0 for Mac

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Getting started

Easy Data Transform data wrangling software for Windows and Mac.

1 Getting started

1.1 Introduction

Easy Data Transform allows you to quickly transform table and list data into new and more useful forms, without programming. The step-by-step visual transformation is quicker, more interactive, more repeatable and less error prone than other approaches.

Please take a couple of minutes to read the [Quick Start Guide](#).

1.2 System requirements

The suggested requirements for running this software are:

- Operating system: macOS 12.x to 10.13.
- Screen resolution: 1280x720 pixels or better.

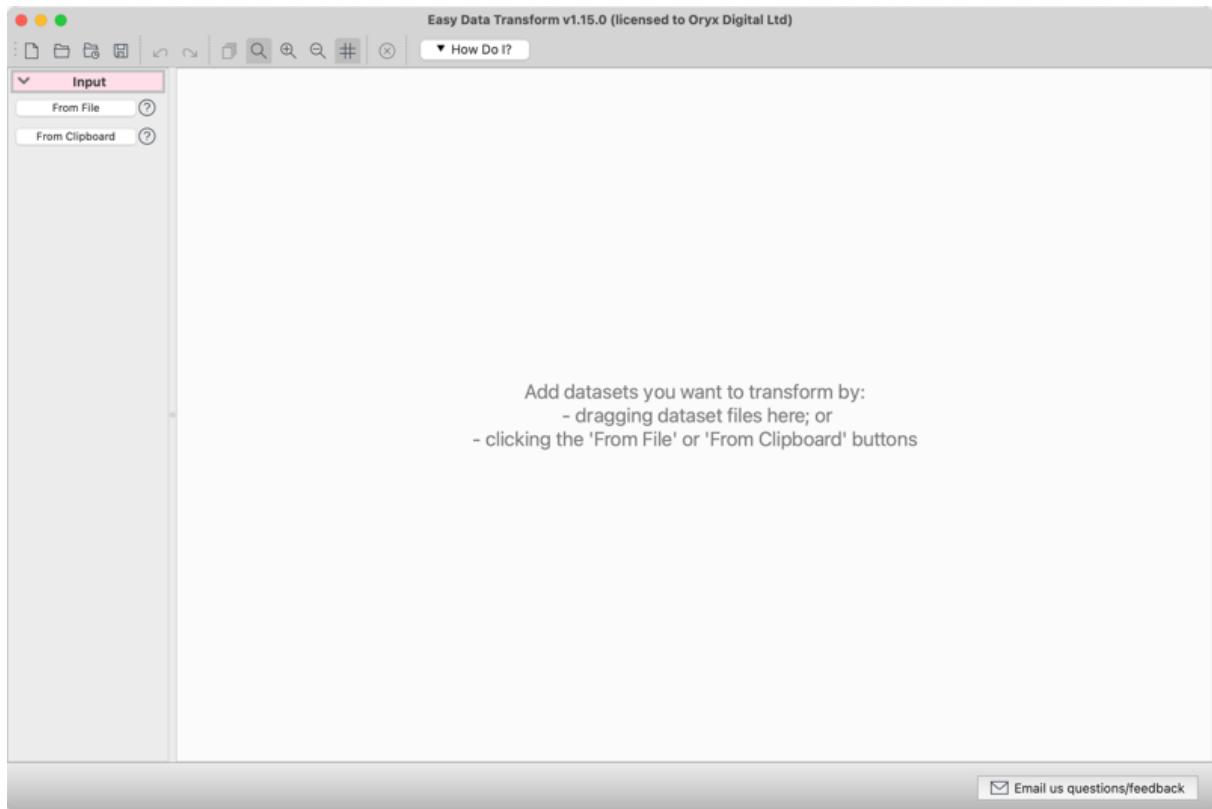
If your operating system is more recent than the above, check our website to find a compatible version of Easy Data Transform.

You may be able to run the software satisfactorily on lower specification systems or more operating systems, but we can't guarantee it. If in doubt, try running an unlicensed trial version before you buy a license.

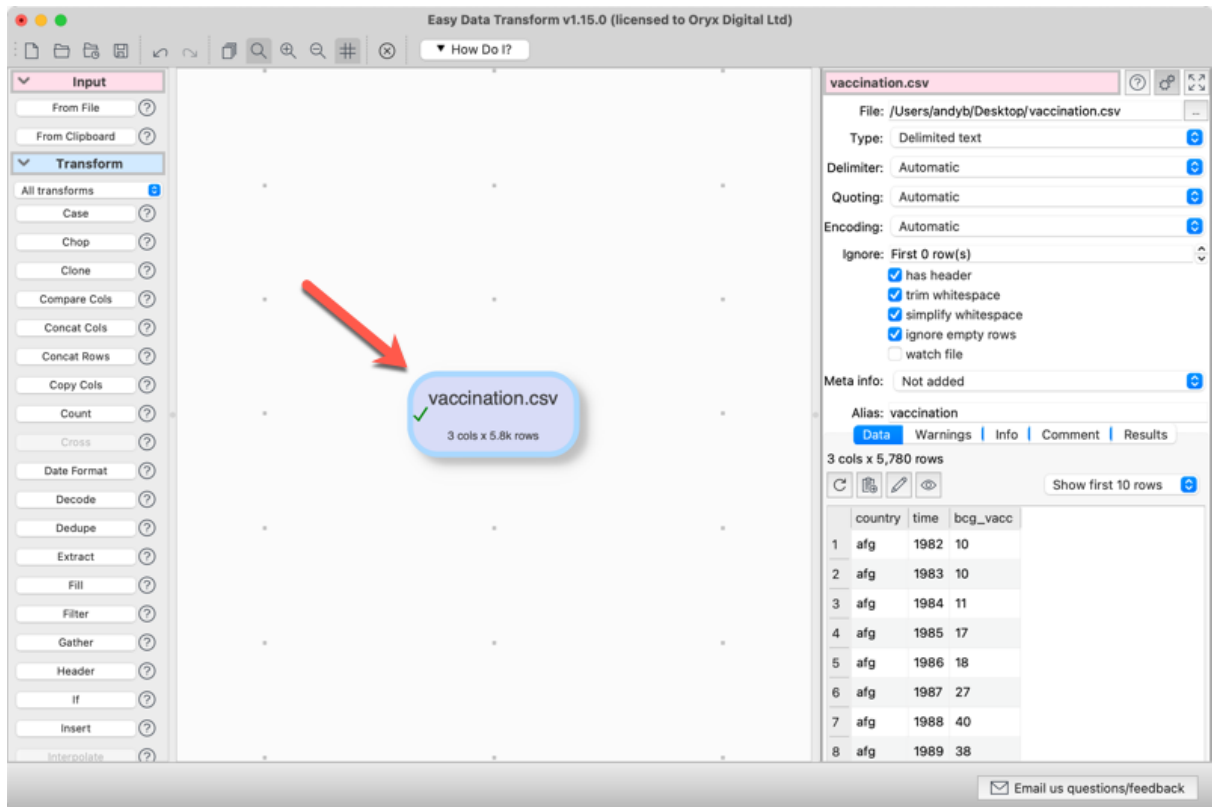
1.3 Quick start guide

This is a quick tour of some of Easy Data Transform's features. It should only take a few minutes to complete.

Start Easy Data Transform. If the **Free Trial** window appears, click **Continue free trial**. If the Getting Started window appears, click **I got this!** (or you will just end up back on this page). You should now see the main window.

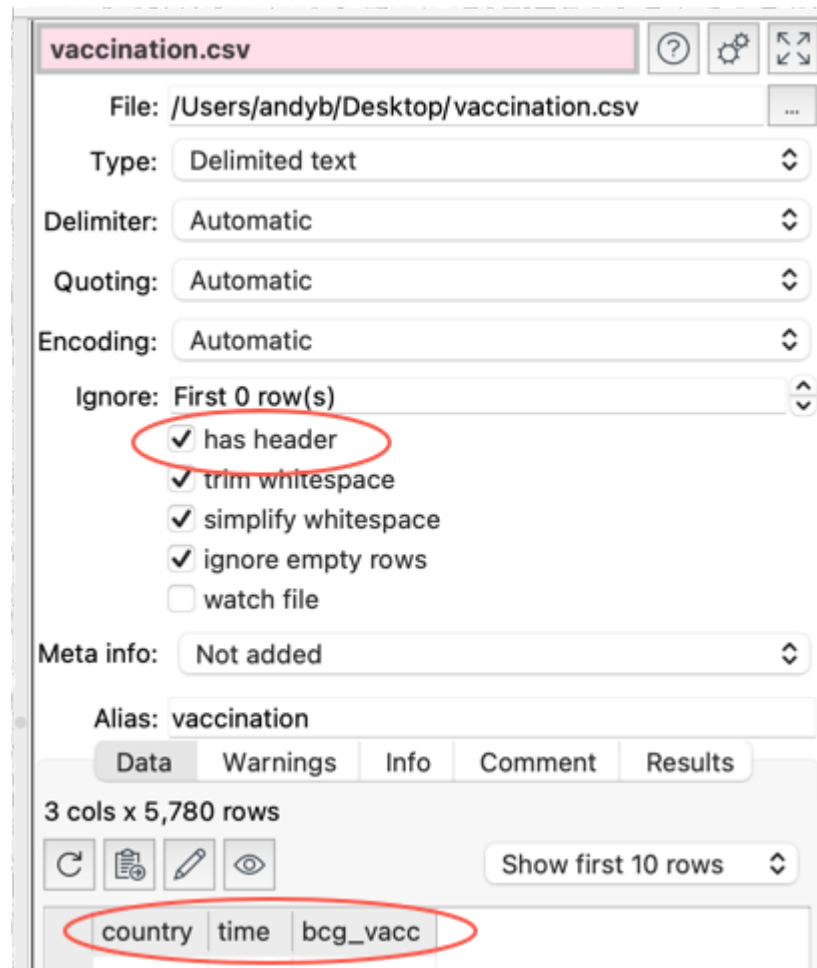


Drag a data file you want to transform onto Easy Data Transform. For example a CSV file or an Excel .xlsx/.xls file. XML, JSON, fixed width, plain text and vCard formats are also supported.



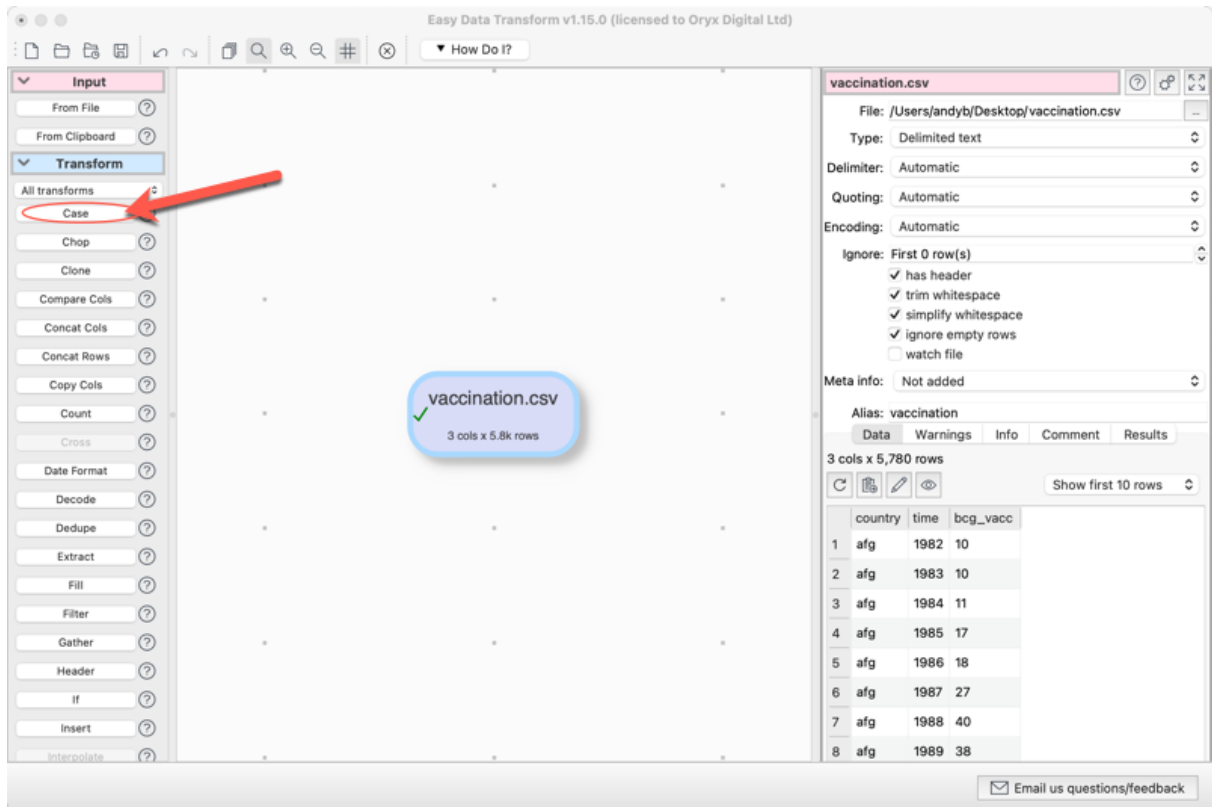
Notice that the available transforms are shown in the **Left** pane and the selected dataset is shown in the **Right** pane.

In the **Right** pane, you can check **has header**, depending on whether you want to treat the first row of the dataset as a header.



All the transforms available for a single dataset are now enabled in the **Left** pane. Hover over the transforms to see tooltips explaining what they do. Click on the **?** next to a transform button for more details.

Ensure the input item is selected and click on the **Case** transform button to change the case of your data.

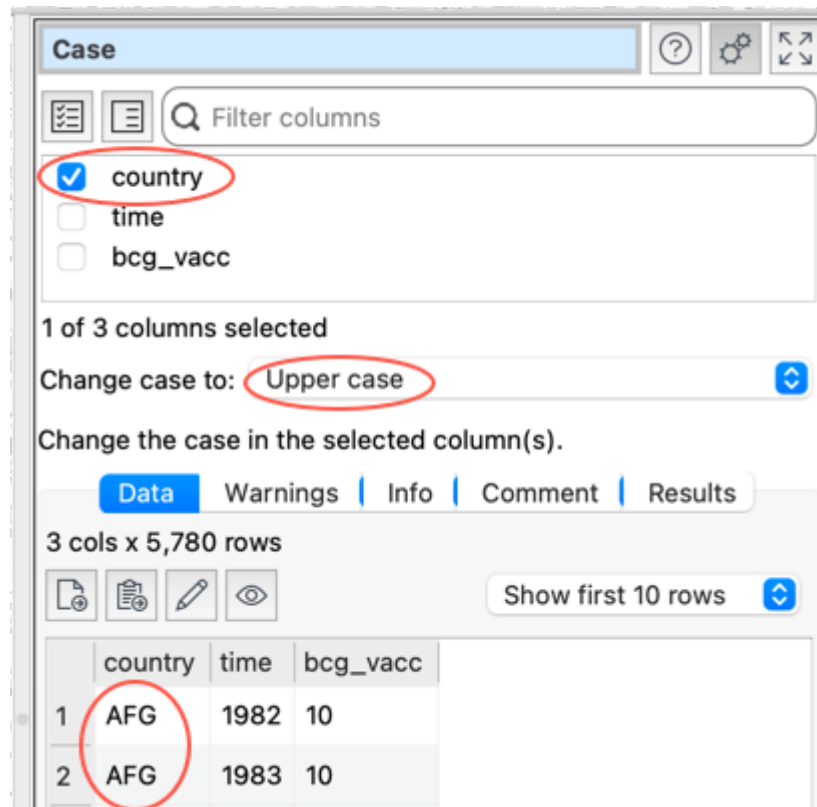


A **Case** transform item will now be added.

The screenshot shows the Easy Data Transform v1.15.0 interface. On the left, the 'Transform' pane lists various operations. In the center workspace, a workflow is shown: a pink box labeled 'vaccination.csv' (3 cols x 5.8k rows) with a green checkmark, connected by an arrow to a blue box labeled 'Case' (3 cols x 5.8k rows), also with a green checkmark. A red arrow points to the 'Case' box. On the right, the 'Case' transform settings pane is open. It shows a search bar 'Filter columns', three checkboxes for 'country', 'time', and 'bcg_vacc', all of which are checked. Below this, it says '0 of 3 columns selected'. The 'Change case to:' dropdown is set to 'Lower case'. Below that, it says 'Change the case in the selected column(s)'. There are tabs for 'Data', 'Warnings', 'Info', 'Comment', and 'Results'. The 'Data' tab is active, showing a table with 10 rows of data. At the bottom of the pane, it says 'Last 5,770 rows not shown'. At the very bottom of the application window, there is a button that says 'Email us questions/feedback'.

	country	time	bcg_vacc
1	afg	1982	10
2	afg	1983	10
3	afg	1984	11
4	afg	1985	17
5	afg	1986	18
6	afg	1987	27
7	afg	1988	40
8	afg	1989	38
9	afg	1990	30
10	afg	1991	21

In the **Right** pane, check one of the columns and set **Change case to** to **Upper case**. All the text in that column will now be converted to upper case. You don't have to click a 'run' button.



You can create a sequence of transforms to perform complex manipulations.



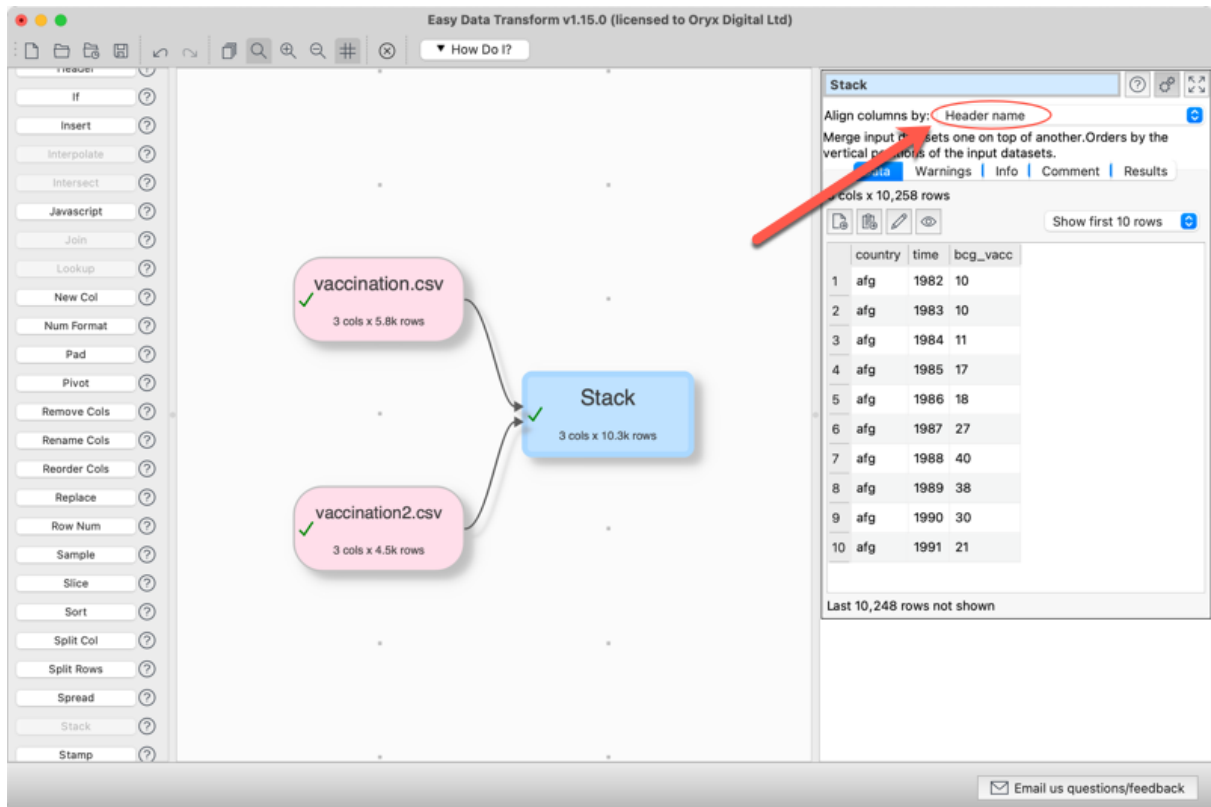
Some transforms require more than one input dataset. For example, to stack two datasets, one on top of the other:

- Select **File>New** to start again. Don't save the changes.
- Drag two data files onto the **Center** pane.
- Select both input items (by dragging a box around them or using `Cmd+click`).
- Click the **Stack** transform button (you may need to scroll the **Left** pane to see the button).

The screenshot shows the Easy Data Transform v1.15.0 interface. On the left, a list of transformation tools includes 'Stack', which is highlighted with a red circle and a red arrow. In the center workspace, two dataset items are shown: 'vaccination.csv' (3 cols x 5.8k rows) and 'vaccination2.csv' (3 cols x 4.5k rows). On the right, the configuration panel for 'vaccination.csv' is visible, showing file path, type, delimiter, quoting, encoding, and ignore options. Below the configuration, a preview table shows the first 10 rows of data.

	country	time	bcg_vacc
1	afg	1982	10
2	afg	1983	10
3	afg	1984	11
4	afg	1985	17
5	afg	1986	18
6	afg	1987	27
7	afg	1988	40
8	afg	1989	38

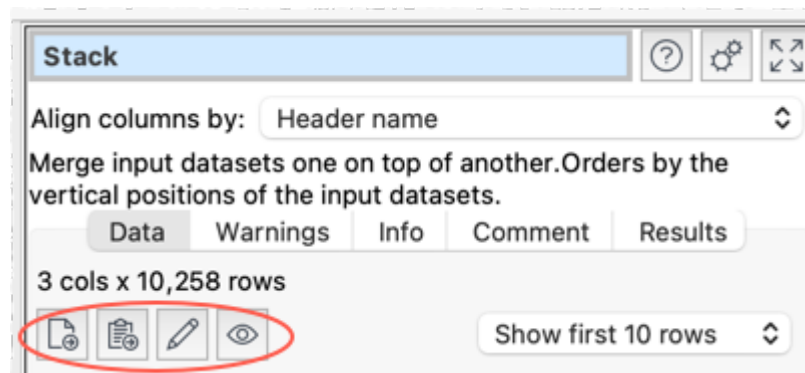
The tables are now stacked one on top of the other in a new dataset item. You can choose to match the columns by **Header name** or **Column number**.



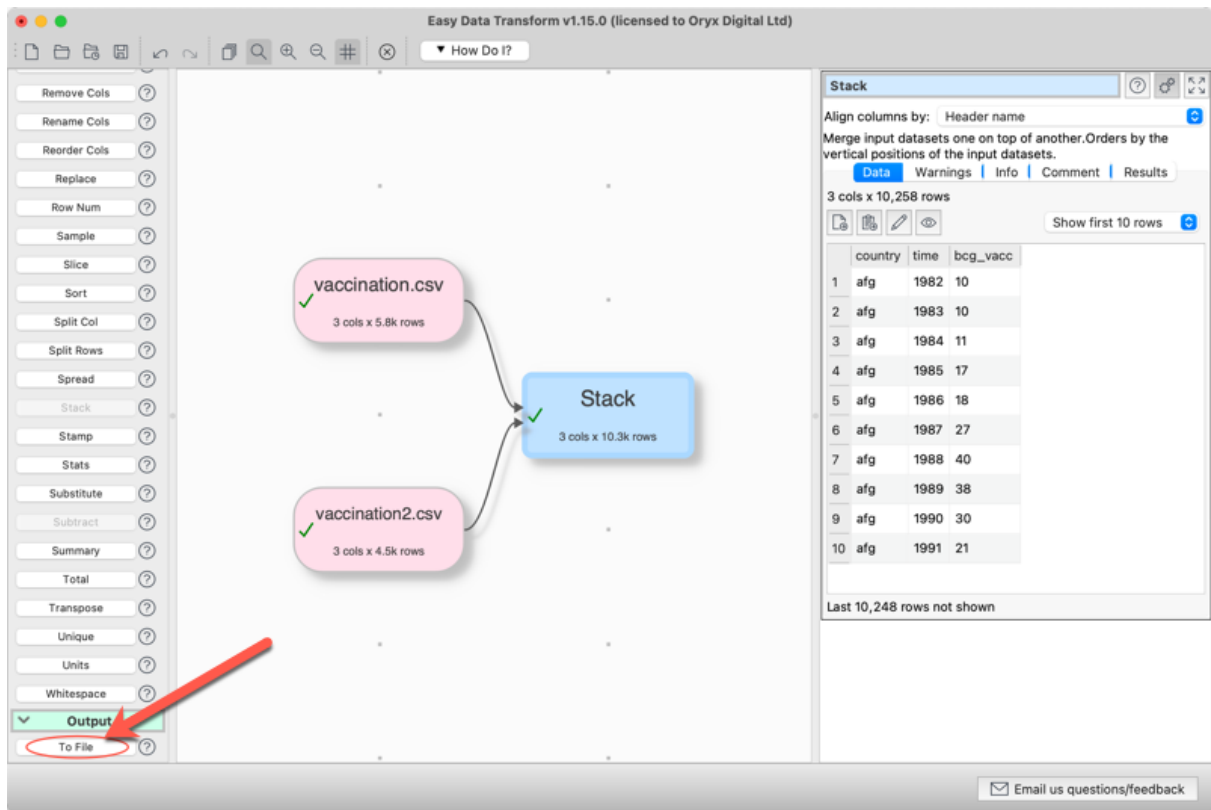
Note that the vertical (Y) position of the inputs affects the order the datasets are stacked. Try swapping the two inputs around and re-select **Stack** to see the affect.

Any changes to input files will be automatically read in. Any changes to input datasets or transform options will be automatically propagated 'downstream'.

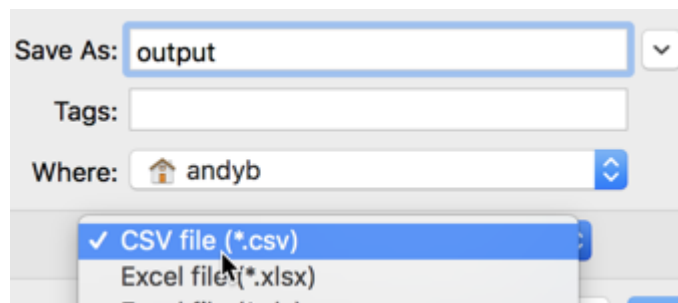
To export your transformed dataset to a file or the clipboard, view it in a local editor or see it with whitespace displayed, click on the appropriate button in the **Right** pane.



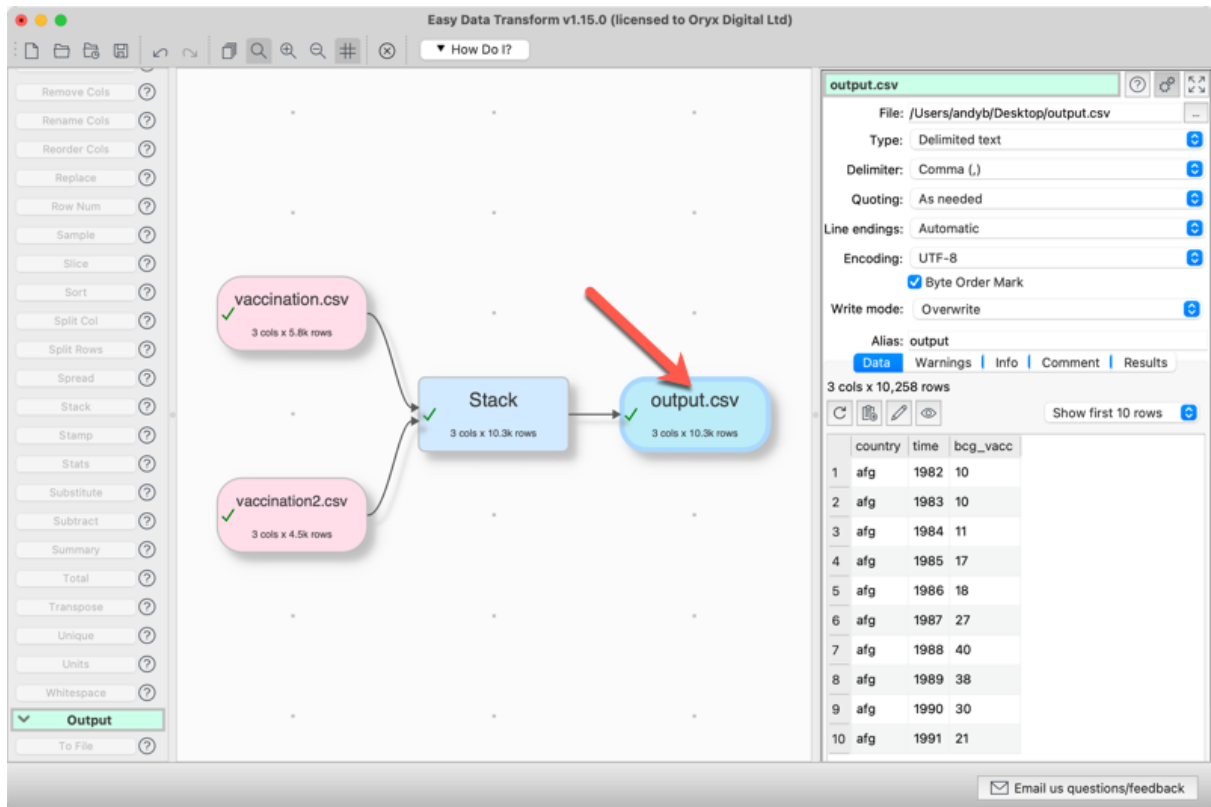
You can also add an output item to automatically write a dataset to file whenever it changes.



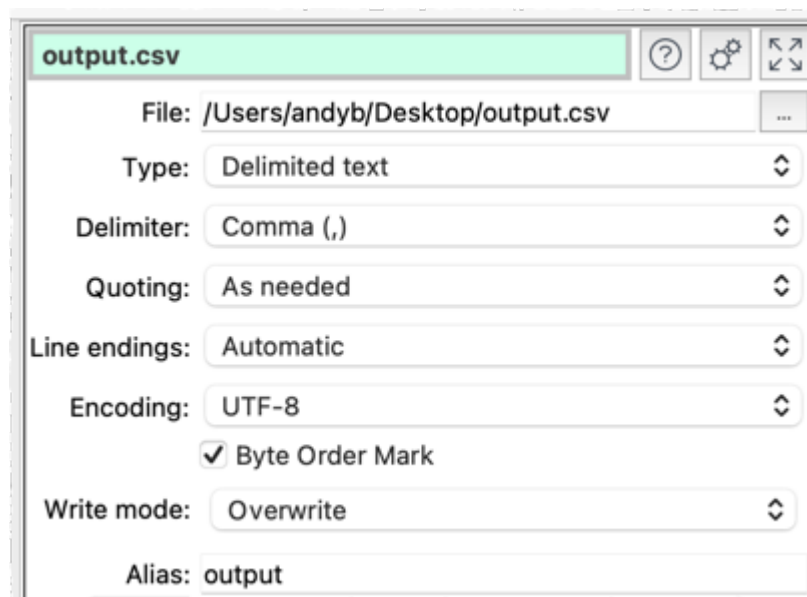
You will be asked for a file to write to. You can choose amongst CSV, Excel, HTML, JSON, Markdown, Plain text, TSV, vCard, XML and YAML file formats. Select **CSV file**.



Your dataset will then be written to this file every time it changes.



You can also specify the **Delimiter**, **Quoting**, **Encoding**, **Line endings** etc for your CSV files in the **Right** pane.



You can save your transforms to a `.transform` document to use again with **File>Save**.

Have a play!

Tips:

- Check the **show advanced** check box in the **Right** pane to see all the available transforms.
- You can also paste in data from the clipboard (for example, a table from a web page or Word document).
- The **Compare Cols**, **Filter**, **If** and **Sort** transforms take account of dates, numbers and text. You can define what date formats to recognize in the [Preferences window](#).
- New columns are always added to the right of a dataset.
- Comparisons of text are always sensitive to case, unless stated otherwise. E.g. "CASE", "case" and "Case" are treated differently.
- Comparisons of text are always sensitive to whitespace (e.g. spaces and tabs), unless stated otherwise. You can use the **Whitespace** transform to remove leading and trailing whitespace.
- The contents of input and output data files are not saved in Easy Data Transform, only their locations.
- As well as stacking two datasets, you can also [Join](#) them, side-by-side, if they have a common ('key') column.
- You can insert a new transform between existing items by selecting the connection between the items and then adding the transform.
- To be more productive with Easy Data Transform see [expert tips](#).

We are interested in your feedback, so please contact us to [ask a question](#), [report a bug](#) or [request an enhancement](#).

Reference

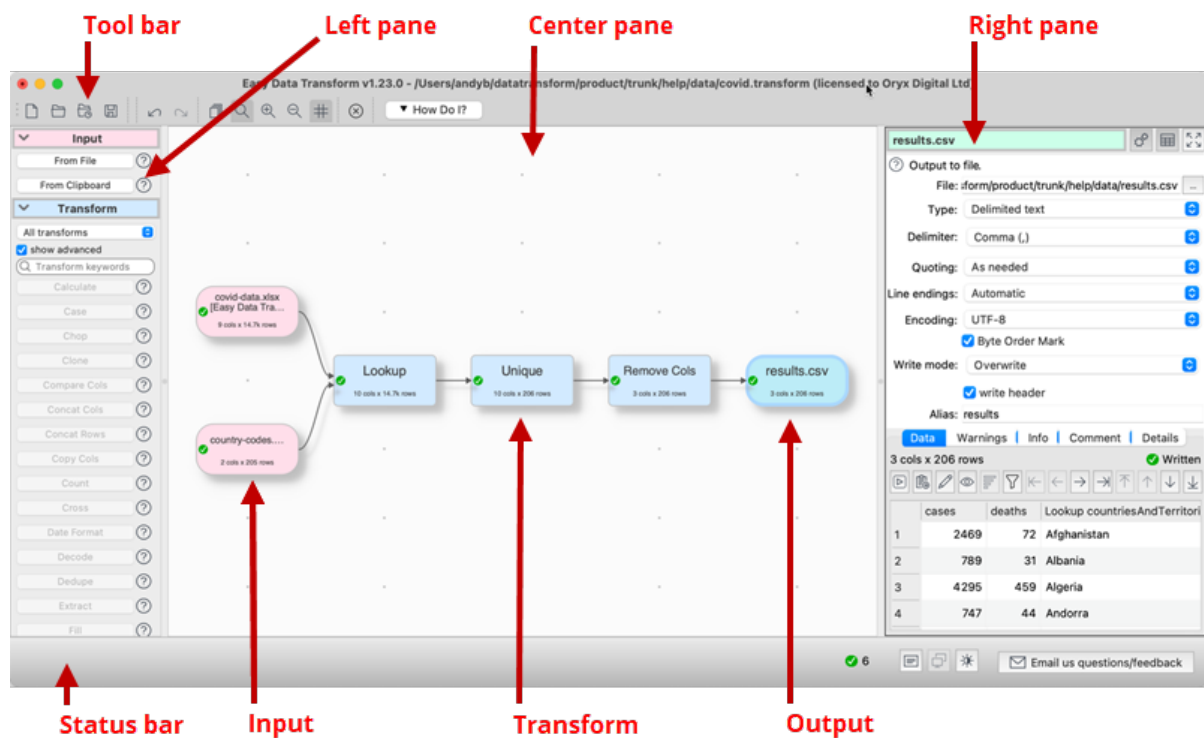
2 Reference

2.1 User Interface

2.1.1 Main window

The Main window comprises:

- **Main** menu
- **Tool** bar
- [Left](#) pane
- [Center](#) pane
- [Right](#) pane
- [Log](#) pane
- **Status** bar



You can split the Right pane onto a separate monitor (if available) by selecting **View>Two Screen Mode**.

2.1.2 Left pane

The **Left** pane shows all the available actions you can perform. Which actions are visible will depend on what is shown in the [Center](#) pane. Which actions are enabled depends on what is selected in the **Center** pane.

2.1.3 Center pane




The **Center** pane show the inputs, transforms and outputs you are using to transform your data.

2.1.4 Right pane

The **Right** pane shows details of an input, transform or output item you have selected in the [Center pane](#).

2.1.5 Log pane

The **Log** pane shows a text representation of processing on the current .transform file. It shows a maximum of 5000 rows.

- Click the  button to clear all text in the pane.
- Click the  button to select all text in the pane.
- Click the  button to copy selected text in the pane to the clipboard.
- Select **View>Log** (or the corresponding status bar button) to hide/show the pane.

2.1.6 Preferences window

General tab

Check **give option to disable outputs when opening a .transform file** if you want the option to disable any outputs with write mode overwrite or append when you open a file, preventing accidentally writing over existing files. Note that this check is never made when using the [-cli command line argument](#).

Check **use native file windows** to use the native Mac file open/save windows. There is a known issue with macOS 10.15 that may cause crashes using native windows.

Check **make a sound when processing completed** if you want to make a system sound every time processing is completed.

Set **At start-up** depending on what you want to happen when Easy Data Transform starts.

Set **User interface theme** to **Automatic** follow the theme of the operating system or override it by setting **Light** or **Dark**. This is only available if your operating system supports a dark theme. Changing **User interface theme** does not update the [Center pane colors](#). You can also toggle between themes using a [keyboard shortcut](#).

Set **Tool bar icon size** to the size of the icons you wish to display in the tool bar.

Set **Maximum memory usage** to the maximum amount of memory that you want Easy Data Transform to be allowed to use. If this limit is exceeded the program will try to exit cleanly.

Set **Right pane processing delay** depending on how long you want to wait after changes in the **Right** pane before starting processing. Setting the value to 0 is generally not recommended, as this means that every single click in the **Right** pane will cause processing.

Set **Zoom wheel behavior** according to how you want the mouse wheel to work in the **Center** pane. Hold down the `Option` key while moving the mouse wheel to switch between zoom and scroll. If **Scroll direction: Natural** is checked in your Mac **Settings>Mouse** then the directions will be reversed.

User interface font shows the font used for the application user interface, apart from data tables (see below). Click **Choose...** to choose a new font. Click **Default** to set it back to the operating system default.

Data table font shows the font used in the data tables in the **Right** pane. Click **Choose...** to choose a new font. You might prefer a monospaced (fixed width) font such as Monaco or Courier New. Click **Default** to set it back to the operating system default.

The **Locale** language and country setting affects how some numbers and dates are displayed. Consequently it may have an effect on some transforms. It does not change the language of the user interface, which is English only.

Set **Supported date formats** to [the date formats you wish to recognize](#). List the date formats in order of preference, with the most likely to be used first.

Input Extensions tab

Set the default file types corresponding to input file extensions.

Click in the **Extension** column and type to change an input file extension. The text will be trimmed of whitespace, converted to lower case and any '.' characters removed.

Click in the **Default type** column and change the drop-down list to change the file type to associate with an input file extension.

Click **Add** to add a new input file extension.

Click **Remove** to remove the selected input file extension(s).

Click **Default** to set the input file extensions back to the default setting.

The order in which input file extensions are shown is not significant.

Output Extensions tab

Set the default file types corresponding to output file extensions.

Click in the **Extension** column and type to change an output extension. The text will be trimmed of whitespace, converted to lower case and any '.' characters removed.

Click in the **Default type** column and change the drop-down list to change the file type to associate with an output file extension.

Click **Add** to add a new output file extension.

Click **Remove** to remove the selected output file extension(s).

Click **Default** to set the output file extensions back to the default setting.

The order in which output file extensions are shown is not significant.

Colors tab

Select a **Color scheme** for the **Center** pane. A **Preview** is shown below. Choose **Custom** to choose your own color scheme.

2.2 Input

2.2.1 Input data

You need to input data before you can transform it. Data can be input by:

- dragging a file onto the [Center pane](#); or
- clicking the **From File** or **From Clipboard** button in the [Left pane](#)

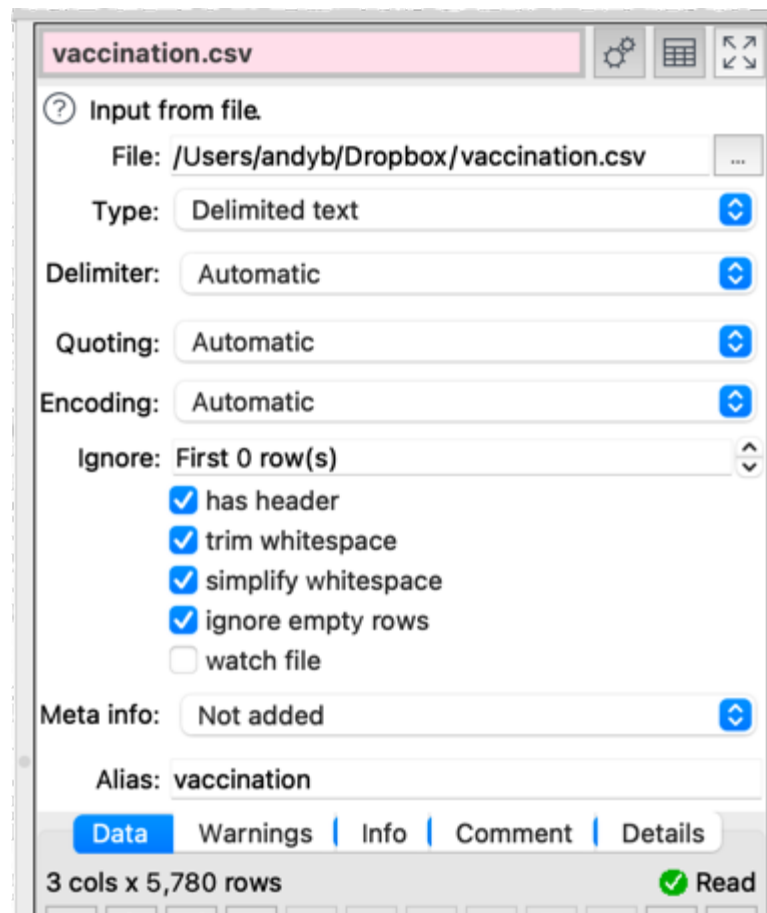
Enter the file location in **File** or click the browse button. For Excel spreadsheets you also need to add a sheet name, e.g. 'MySpreadsheet.xlsx[Sheet1]'.

Easy Data Transform can input data from files in the following formats:

- delimited text file (e.g. [CSV](#) or [TSV](#)) with various delimiters
- [Excel .xlsx or .xls](#)

- [fixed width](#)
- [Plain text](#)
- [JSON](#)
- [vCard](#)
- [XML](#)

You can select the input item in the **Center** pane and change any related options in the [Right](#) pane.



Set **Type** to the file type. The default type will be set according to the file extension and the settings in the **Input Extensions** tab of the [Preferences window](#).

For text files Easy Data Transform will treat CRLF, LF or CR control characters as line endings.

Easy Data Transform will make an intelligent guess at the:

- column delimiter and quoting for delimited text files (e.g. comma)
- column widths for fixed width text files
- text encoding for text files (e.g. UTF-8)

- presence of a [header](#) row in the data

But you can also do this manually by selecting the input item and changing the **Delimiter**, **Columns**, **Encoding** and **has header** fields in the [Right pane](#).

Set **Ignore** to the number of rows you want to skip before you start inputting. Note that this takes place before any empty rows are removed by **Ignore empty rows**.

For delimited text you can:

- Set **Delimiter** to the delimiter character.
- Check **ignore repeated delimiters** if you want to treat 2 or more consecutive delimiters as a single delimiter.
- Set **Quoting** according to whether " quoting is used so that the delimiter can appear within values.

See [delimited text](#) for more details.

For fixed width set **Columns** to **Manual** to set column widths. See [fixed width](#) for more details.

For JSON or XML set **Format** to **Long (more rows)** or **Wide (more columns)** depending on how you want to treat arrays/repeat values. See [JSON](#) or [XML](#) for more details.

Check **trim whitespace** to trim any whitespace (e.g. tabs or spaces) off the start or end of data values.

Check **simplify whitespace** to:

- Replace any tabs or line feeds within data values with spaces.
- Replace non-standard spaces (such as non-breaking space, thin space etc) within data values with spaces.
- Remove carriage returns within data values.

Check **ignore empty rows** to remove any rows that have only empty values (whitespace is not considered empty).

Check **ignore empty columns** to remove any columns that have only empty values (whitespace is not considered empty). Header values are ignored when deciding if a column is empty.

Check **watch file** if you want the file to be automatically reloaded every time that Easy Data Transform detects that it has been changed (which will then update everything 'downstream').

Use **Meta info** if you wish to add some [meta information](#) about the input dataset, e.g. the name of an input file or the date it was created.

Use **Alias** to identify the file for [batch processing](#).

Use **Comment** to record any notes that might be useful to a colleague or your future self.

To change the file being used by an input, select the input item and change the file location in the **Right** pane (e.g. by clicking the '...' browse file button), rather than disconnecting the input and connecting a new one. Otherwise column-related parameters downstream will be reset.

2.3 Transforms

2.3.1 Transform data

Transforms operate on datasets from [input data](#) or other transforms. Some transforms only have a single input (e.g. [Case](#)), some transforms have two inputs (e.g. [Join](#)) and some transforms have two or more inputs (e.g. [Stack](#)).

To create a transform, select one or more input and/or transform items in the [Center pane](#) and then click the appropriate button in the [Left pane](#).

Select from the drop-down list in the **Left** pane to choose which types of transform are displayed, e.g. select **Merge Transforms** to show only transforms related to blending data.

Check the **show advanced** checkbox in the **Left** pane to see all available transforms.

You can select the transform item in the **Center** pane and change any options related to the transform (e.g. which columns it acts on) in the [Right pane](#).

The transform will be updated automatically if any input or transform 'upstream' of it changes.

Use **Comment** to record any notes that might be useful to a colleague or your future self.

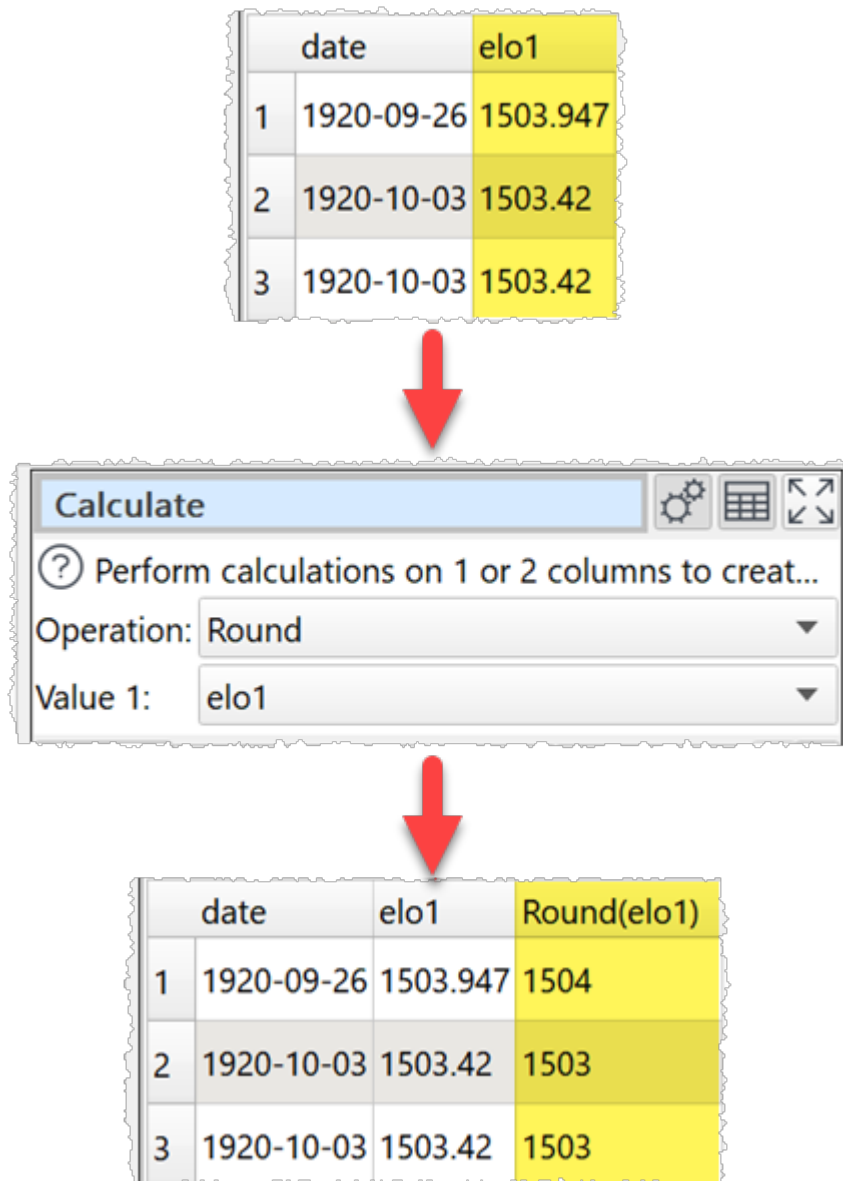
2.3.2 Calculate

Description

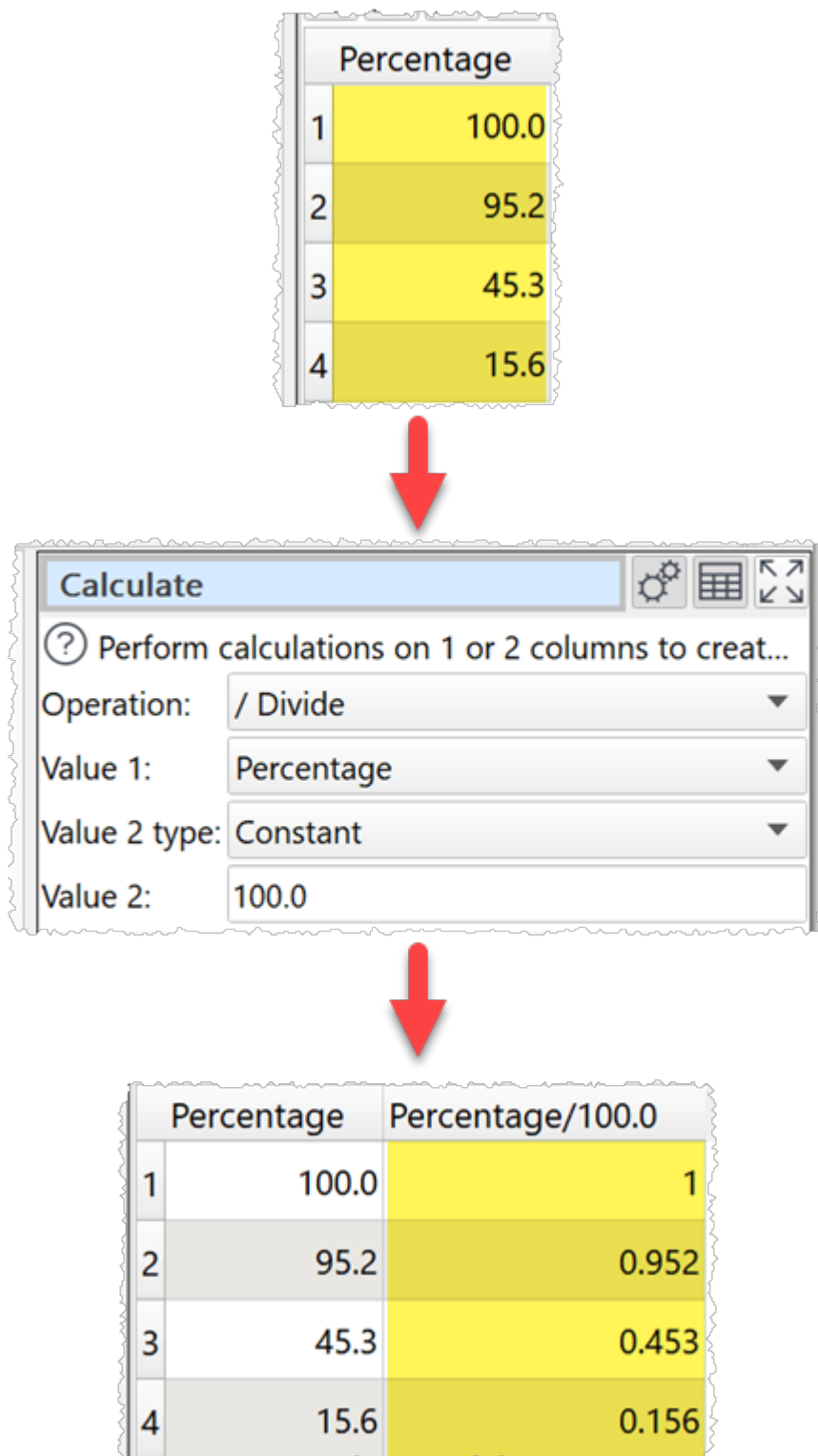
Performs a calculation on 1 or 2 columns and creates a new column.

Examples

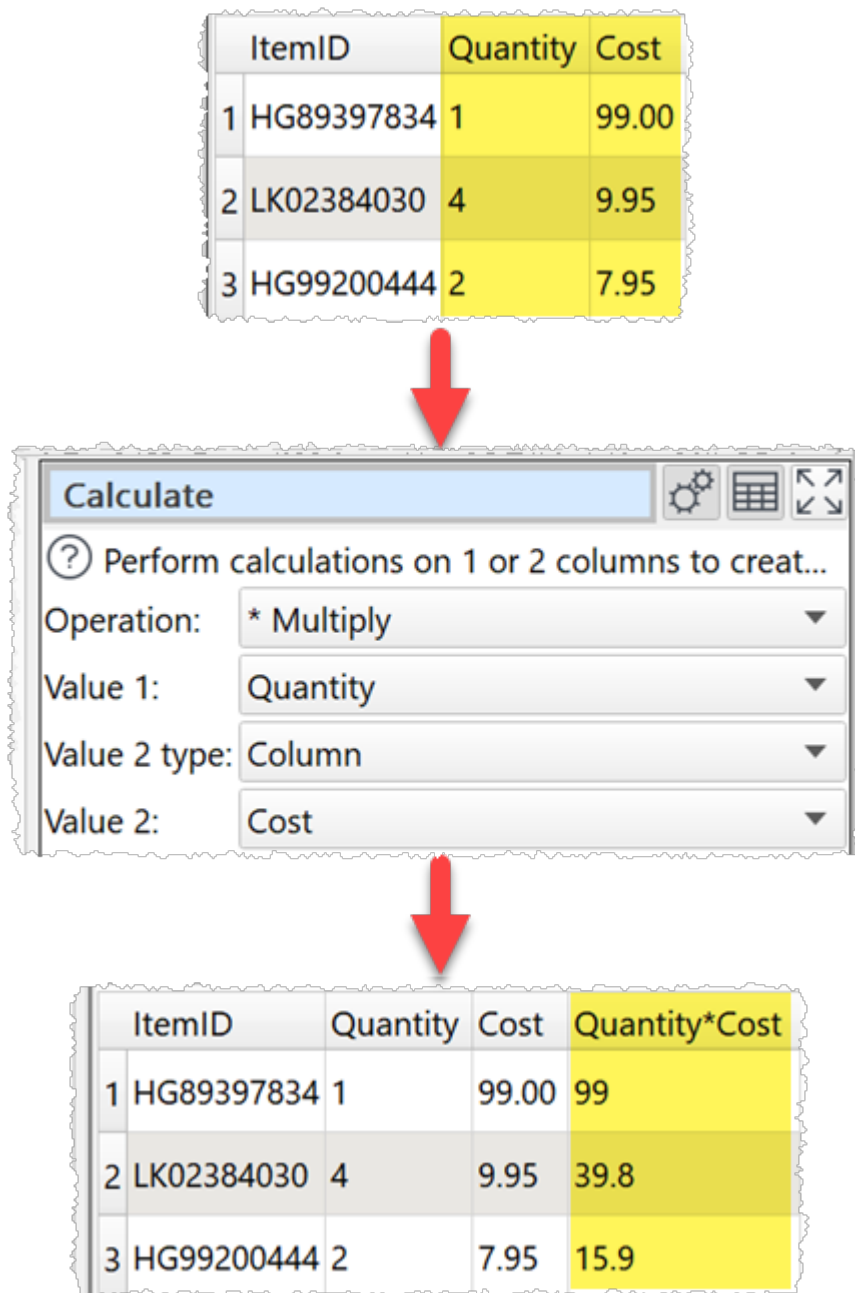
Round a column of numbers to the nearest integer:



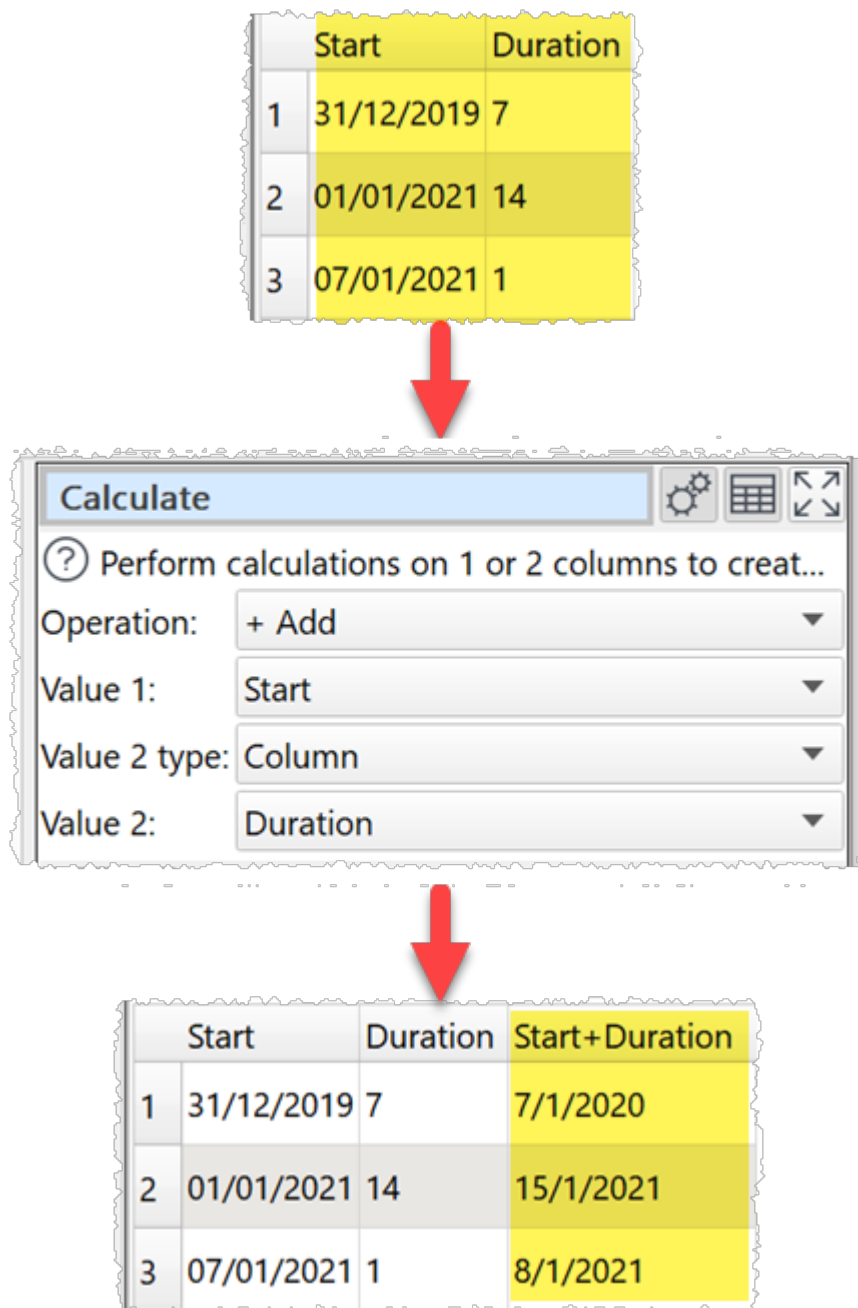
Divide a column of numbers by 100:



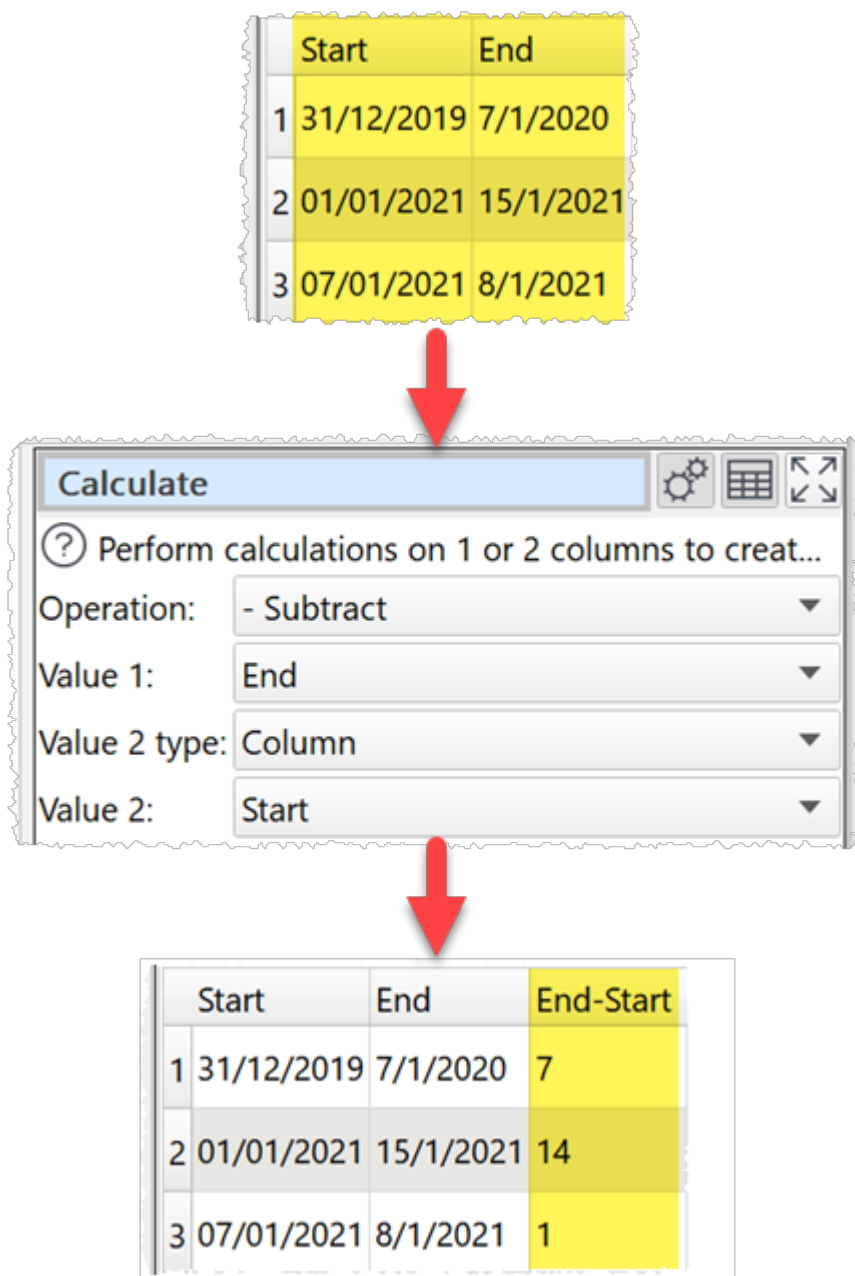
Multiply 2 columns of numeric values:



Add a days column to a date column:



Calculate the difference in days between 2 date columns:



Inputs

One.

Options

- Set **Operation** to the operation you wish to perform.
- Set **Value 1** to the first column of values you wish to operate on.
- Set **Value 2 type** depending on whether you wish to use a single value or a column of values for the second value (binary operations only).

- Set **Value 2** to the second column of values or constant value you wish to operate on (binary operations only).

Notes

- The following operations are supported.

Operation	Value 1	Value 2	Notes	Examples
+ Add	Number	Number	Numerical addition.	$1.2 + 3 = 4.2$
	Date	Integer number	Adds days to the date.	$31/01/2021 + 7 = 07/02$
- Subtract	Number	Number	Numerical subtraction.	$1.2 - 3 = -1.8$
	Date	Integer number	Subtracts days from the date.	$31/01/2021 - 7 = 24/01$
	Date	Date	Days the date in Value 1 is after the date in Value 2 (negative if before).	$31/01/2021 - 24/01/2021 = 7$ $24/01/2021 - 31/01/2021 = -7$
* Multiply	Number	Number	Numerical multiplication.	$1.2 * 3 = 3.6$
/ Divide	Number	Number	Numerical division.	$1.2 / 3 = 0.4$ $1 / 0 = \text{Error}$
^ Power	Number	Number	Column 1 to the power Column 2 (col1 ^{col2}).	$1.2 ^ 3 = 1.728$ $2 ^ -3 = 0.125$
% Modulus	Integer number	Integer number	Remainder after Value 1 is divided by Value 2 .	$7 \% 2 = 1$ $7 \% 0 = \text{Error}$
Abs	Number	N/A	The absolute value.	$\text{Abs}(1.2) = 1.2$ $\text{Abs}(-1.2) = 1.2$
And	Boolean	Boolean	Logical AND.	$\text{And}(\text{true}, \text{false}) = \text{false}$ $\text{And}(1, 1) = \text{true}$ $\text{And}(0, \text{FALSE}) = \text{false}$
Ceiling	Number	N/A	The smallest integer that is not less than the value.	$\text{Ceiling}(1) = 1$ $\text{Ceiling}(1.2) = 2$ $\text{Ceiling}(-1.2) = -1$
DayOfWeek	Date	N/A	Day of the week, from 1 = Monday to 7 = Sunday.	$\text{DayOfWeek}(31/01/2021) = 1$ $\text{DayOfWeek}(01/02/2021) = 2$
DayOfMonth	Date	N/A	Day of the month, from 1 to 31.	$\text{DayOfMonth}(31/01/2021) = 31$ $\text{DayOfMonth}(01/02/2021) = 1$
DayOfYear	Date	N/A	Day of the year, from 1 to 366.	$\text{DayOfYear}(01/02/2021) = 32$ $\text{DayOfYear}(31/12/2021) = 365$
Decrement	Number	N/A	Subtract 1.	$\text{Decrement}(1) = 0$ $\text{Decrement}(-1) = -2$ $\text{Decrement}(1.2) = 0.2$
	Date	N/A	Subtract 1 day.	$\text{Decrement}(31/01/2021) = 30/01/2021$
Floor	Number	N/A	The largest integer that is not greater than the value.	$\text{Floor}(1) = 1$ $\text{Floor}(1.2) = 1$ $\text{Floor}(-1.2) = -2$

- Each row is calculated separately.
- Whether values are interpreted as number, dates or text depends on **Supported date formats** and **Locale** in the [Preferences window](#).
- To concatenate text in different columns use the [Concat Cols](#) transform.
- To compare 2 columns use the [Compare Cols](#) transform.
- For logical operations use the [If](#) transform.
- For operations on whole rows or columns use the [Stats](#) transform.
- For more complex number/date calculations use the [JavaScript](#) transform.
- To modify the numerical precision of the results use the [Num Format](#) transform.
- To add a new column of values use the [New Col](#) transform.

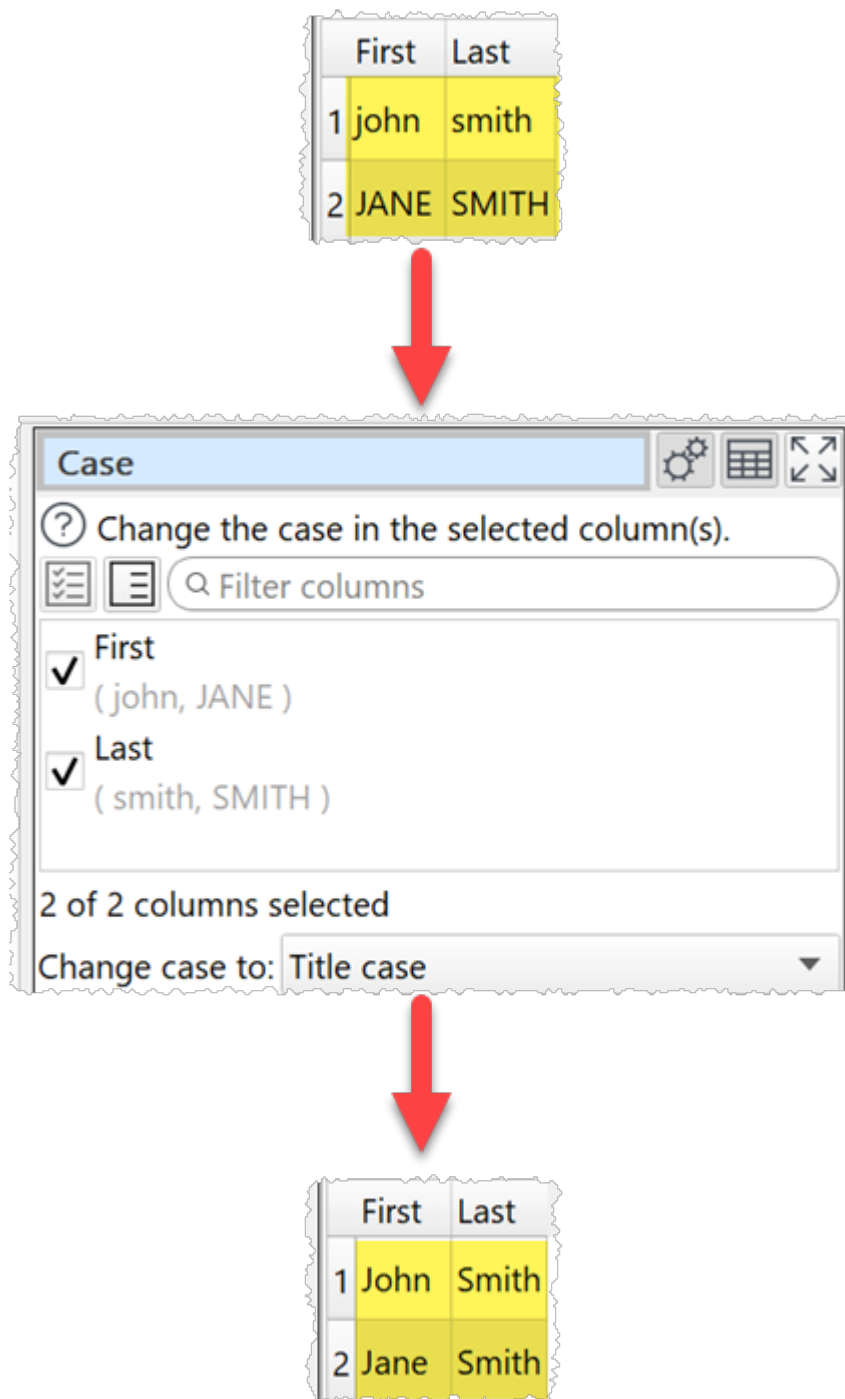
2.3.3 Case

Description

Changes the case of text in one or more columns.

Example

Set names to title case:



Inputs

One.

Options

- Check the column(s) you wish to transform.

- Set **Change case to** to **Lower case** (e.g. "text"), **Upper case** (e.g. "TEXT") or **Title case** (e.g. "Text").

See also

- [Whitespace](#)

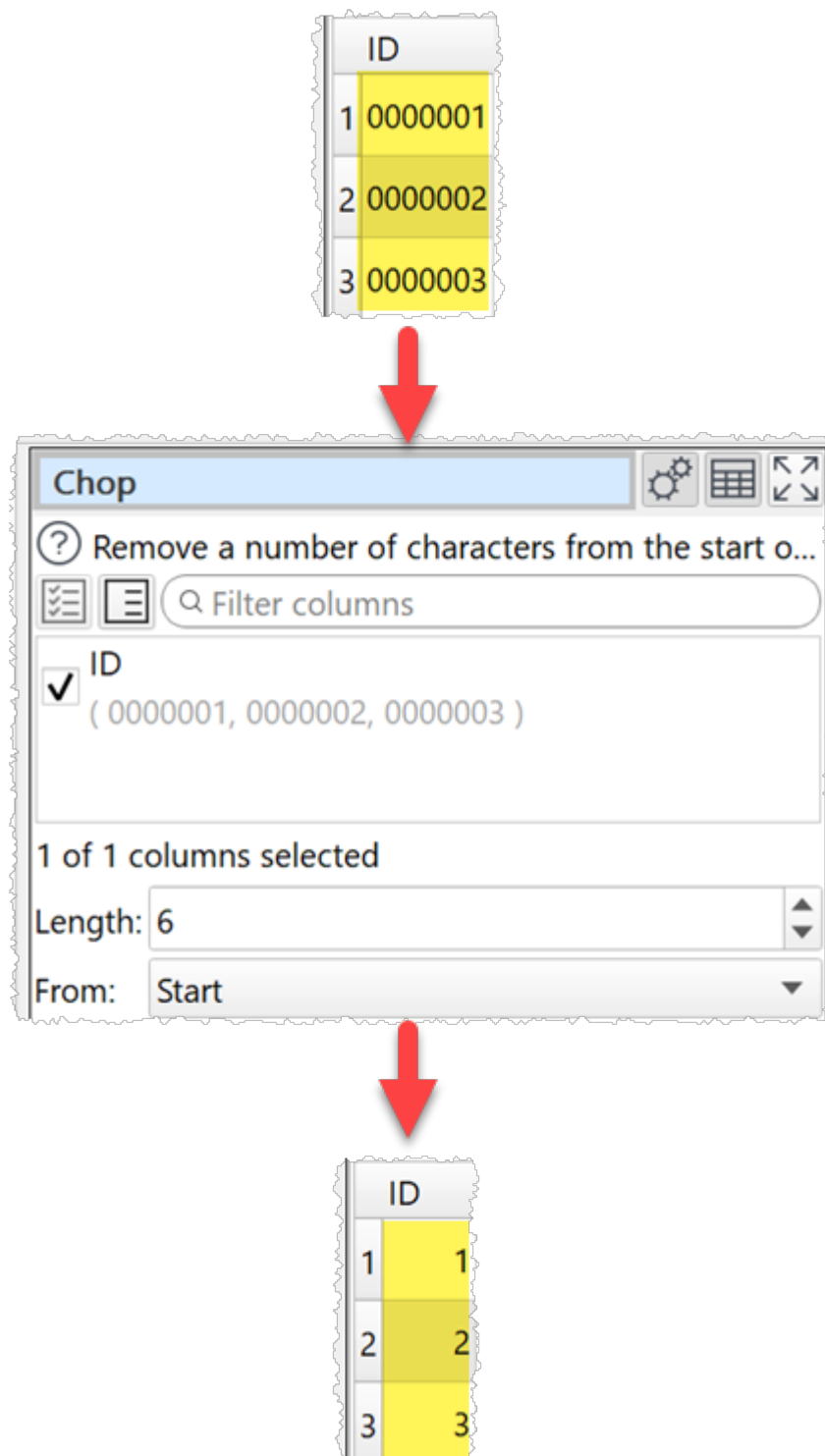
2.3.4 Chop

Description

Remove characters from the start or end in one or more columns.

Example

Remove leading zeros:



Inputs

One.

Options

- Check the column(s) you wish to transform.
- Set **Length** to the number of characters you want to remove.
- Set **From** to **Start** or **End** depending on whether you want to remove characters from the start or end.

Notes

- Whitespace is counted when calculating length. You can use [Whitespace](#) to remove whitespace before chopping.
- If you want to set a column to a fixed length use [Pad](#) and Chop together.

See also

- [Extract](#)

2.3.5 Clone

Description

Makes an exact copy of the input dataset.

Inputs

One.

Options

- None.

Notes

- Clone can be useful to simplify complicated layouts.

2.3.6 Compare Cols

Description




Creates a new column with a comparison of two other columns.

Examples

Compare 2 numerical columns:

	Value1	Value2
1	183.34	926.7
2	7	7
3	-34.5	-893.4



Compare Cols   

? Compare the values of two columns.

Column 1:

Comparison:

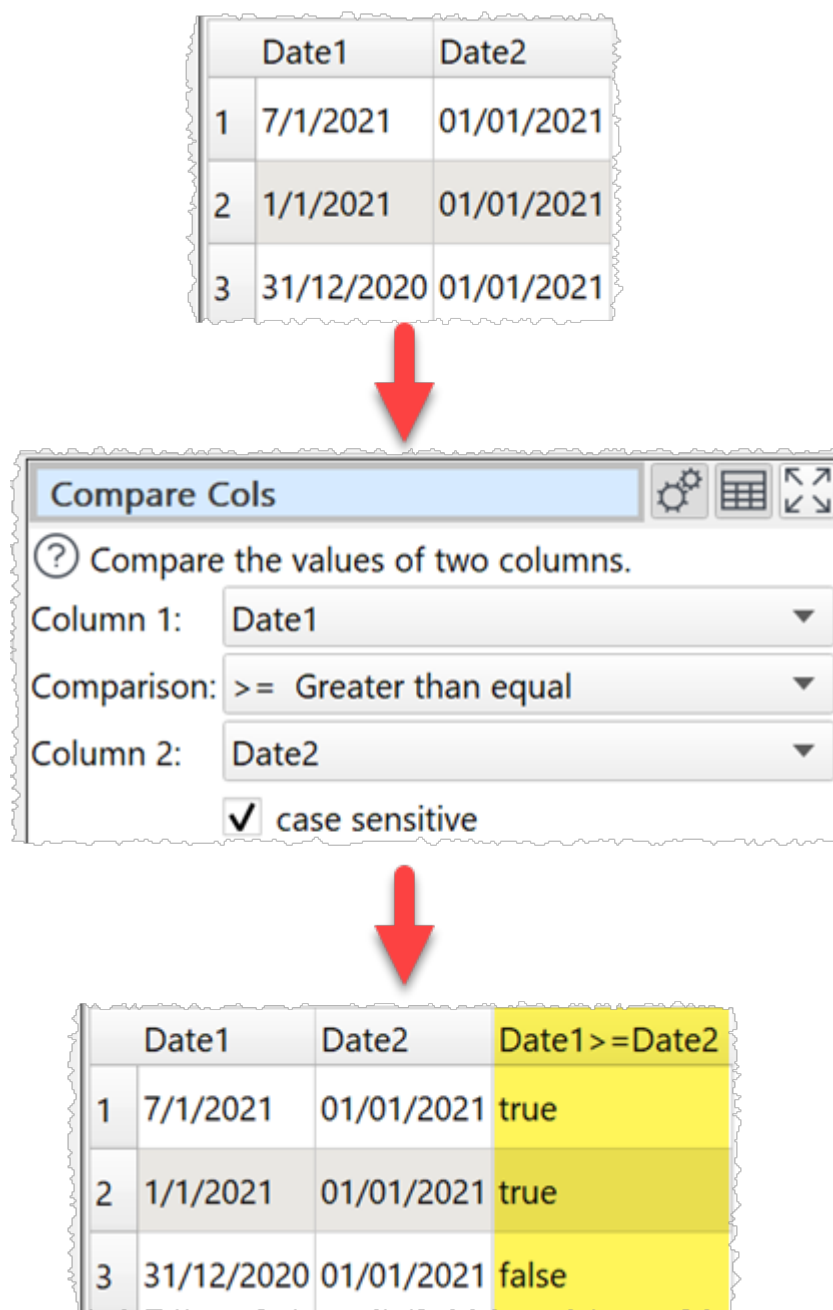
Column 2:

☒ case sensitive



	Value1	Value2	Value1>Value2
1	183.34	926.7	false
2	7	7	false
3	-34.5	-893.4	true

Compare 2 date columns:



Inputs

One.

Options

- Select the two columns you wish to compare as **Column 1** and **Column 2** and the **Comparison** operator.
- Check **case sensitive** to use case sensitive matching for text.

Notes

- [Number](#), [date](#) and [text](#) values are treated differently. Any values that can be converted to a number will be treated as a number. Any values that match the supported date formats in [Preferences](#) will be treated as a date. All other values are treated as text.
- Comparisons of text are whitespace sensitive. You can use [Whitespace](#) to remove whitespace before filtering and [Replace](#) to get rid of other unwanted characters (e.g. whitespace inside the text).
- The new column is added at the right end. You can change the column order with [Reorder Cols](#) and the column name with [Rename Cols](#).
- See here for more details on [Regular expressions](#) (regex).

See also

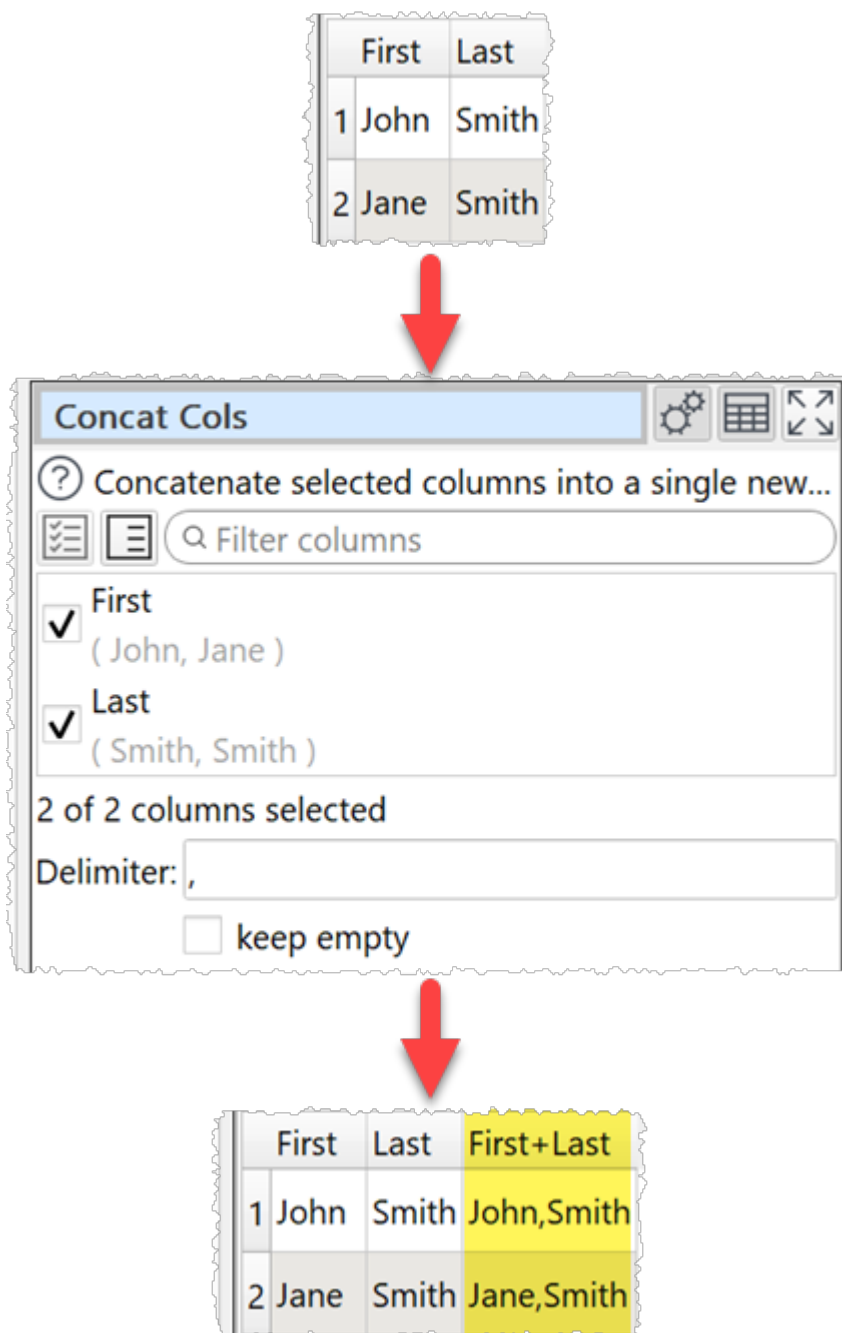
- [Split Cols](#)

2.3.7 Concat Cols**Description**

Creates a new column by concatenating text from existing columns.

Example

Concatenate 'First' and 'Last' columns with a comma between:



Inputs

One.

Options

- Check the columns you wish to concatenate.
- Supply the **Delimiter** you wish to place between concatenated text (optional). For example ",",.

- Check **keep empty** if you wish to keep the delimiter for empty columns.

Notes

- If there is a header, the header of the new column is formed from the header of the concatenated columns. You can use [Rename Cols](#) to change the new column name.
- Concatenating a single column makes a copy of the column.
- The values in the column are in the order of the original columns. You can change the column order before concatenation with [Reorder Cols](#).
- The new column is added at the right end. You can change the column order with [Reorder Cols](#) and the column name with [Rename Cols](#).
- The opposite of **Concat Cols** is [Split Col](#).

See also

- [Concat Rows](#)
- [Substitute](#)

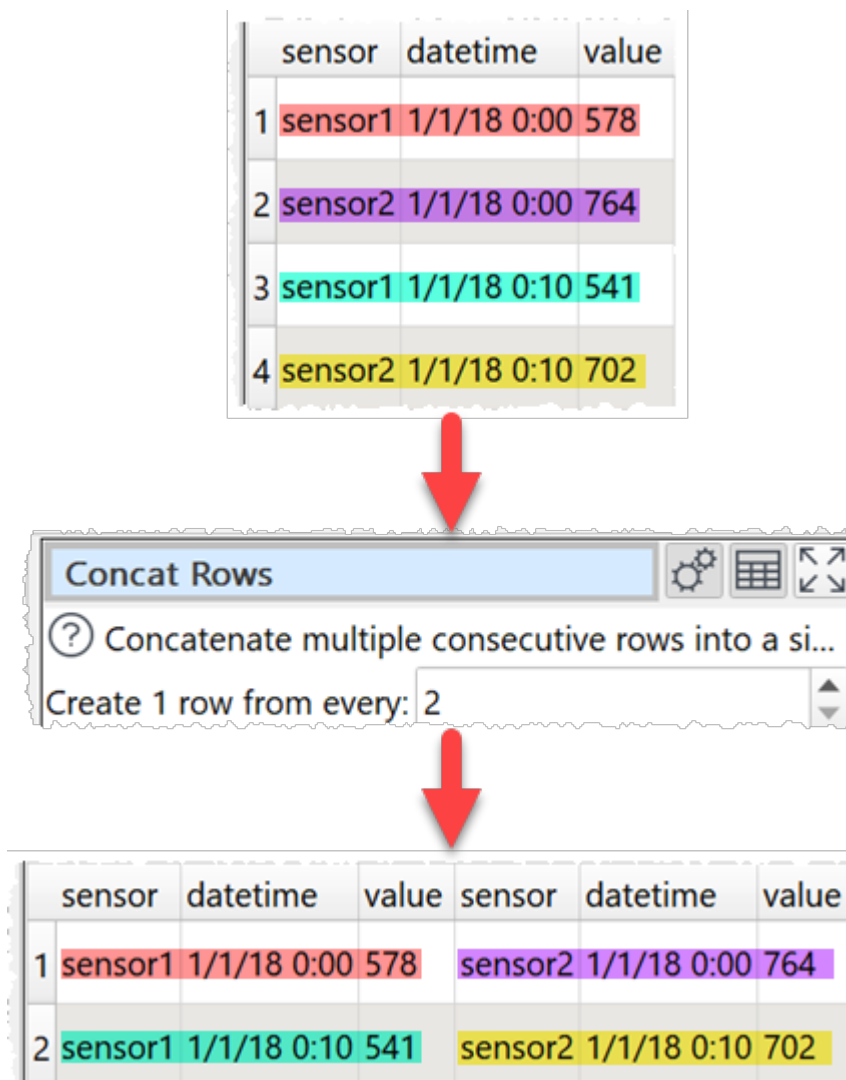
2.3.8 Concat Rows

Description

Concatenate multiple consecutive rows into a single row.

Example

Concatenate every 2 rows to 1:



Inputs

One.

Options

- Set **Create 1 row from every** to N to concatenate every N rows into 1 row.

Notes

- Use [New Col](#) if you need to add additional columns before concatenating rows.
- Use [Filter](#) if you need to remove rows before concatenating row.
- Use [Rename Cols](#) if you need to change column names after concatenating rows.
- The opposite of **Concat Rows** is [Split Rows](#).

See also

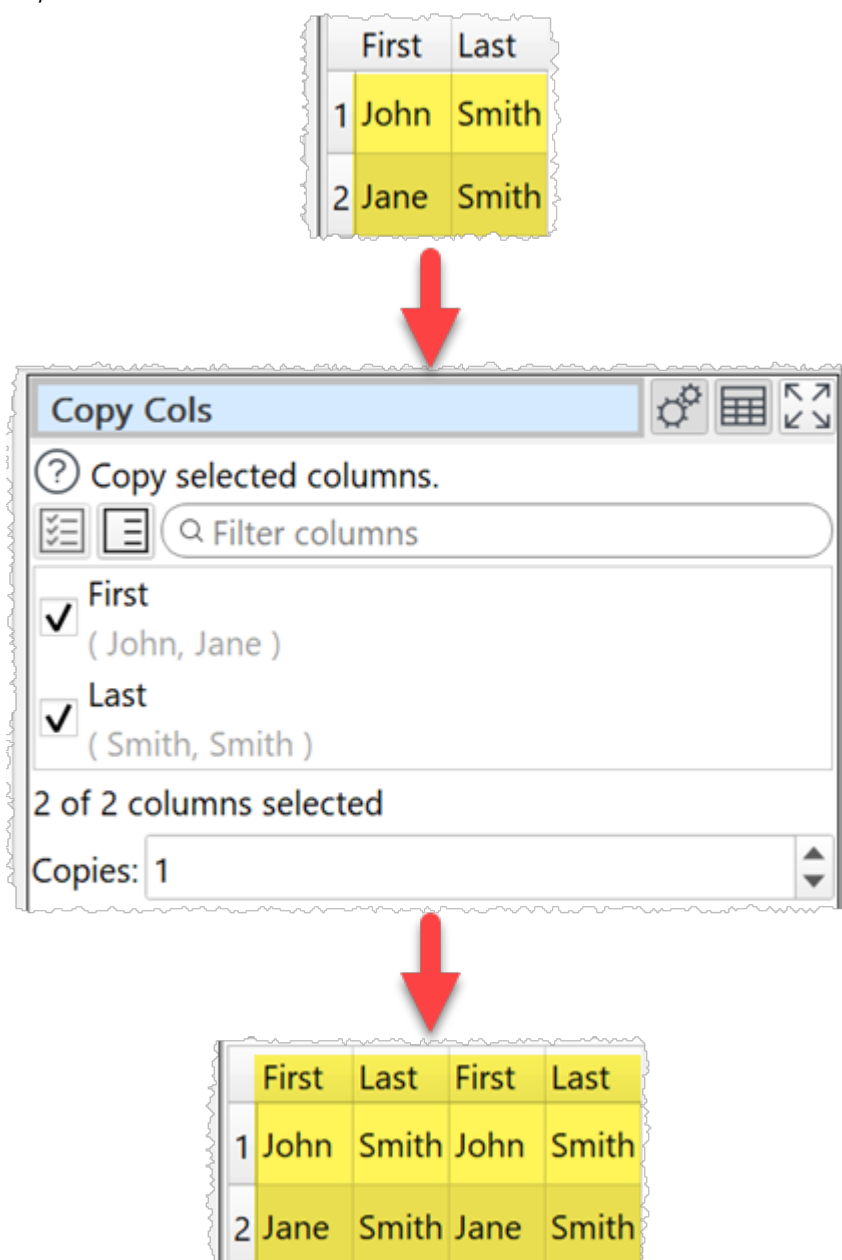
- [Spread](#)
- [Concat Cols](#)

2.3.9 Copy Cols**Description**

Creates one or more copies of the selected column(s).

Example

Copy 2 columns, once each:



Inputs

One.

Options

- Check the columns you wish to copy.
- Set **Copies** to the number of copies you want to make of each checked column.

Notes

- If there is a header, the header of each new column is the original column name. You can rename columns with [Rename Cols](#).
- The new columns are added at the right end. You can change the column order with [Reorder Cols](#).

See also

- [New Col](#)

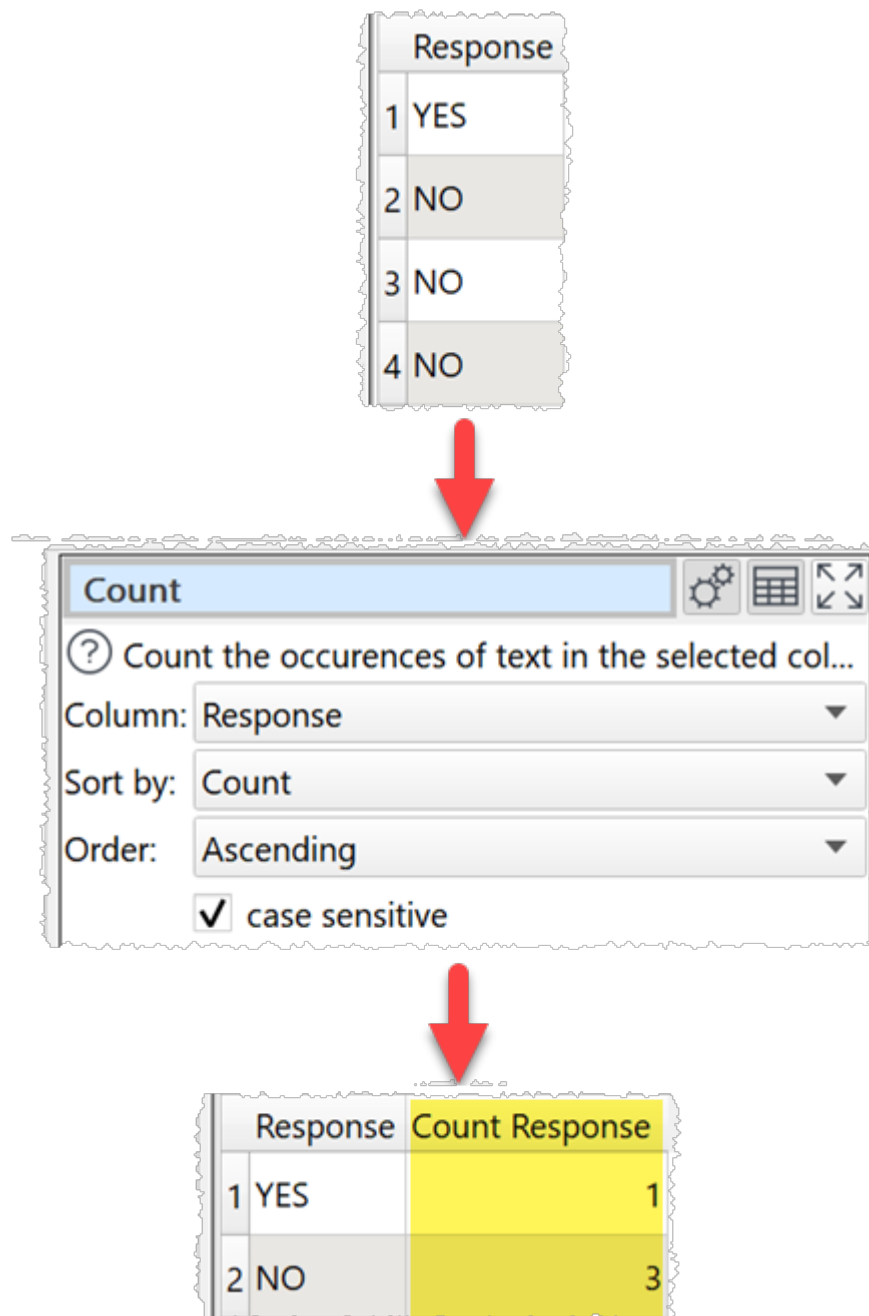
2.3.10 Count

Description

Counts the number of occurrences of each item of text in the selected column.

Example

Count unique values in the 'Response' column.



Inputs

One.

Options

- Select the **Column** whose values you wish to count.
- Set **Sort by** depending on whether you wish to sort alphabetically by the **Text** in the left column or numerically by the **Count** in the right column.
- Set **Order** depending on whether you wish to sort **Ascending** or **Descending**.

- Uncheck **case sensitive** to convert everything to lower case before counting.

Notes

- Date and number values are treated as text.
- Use [Rename Cols](#) to change the new column name.
- Use [Scale](#) to convert the results to percentages.

See also

- [Ngram](#)
- [Unique](#)
- [Total](#)
- [Pivot](#)
- [Stats](#)
- [Summary](#)

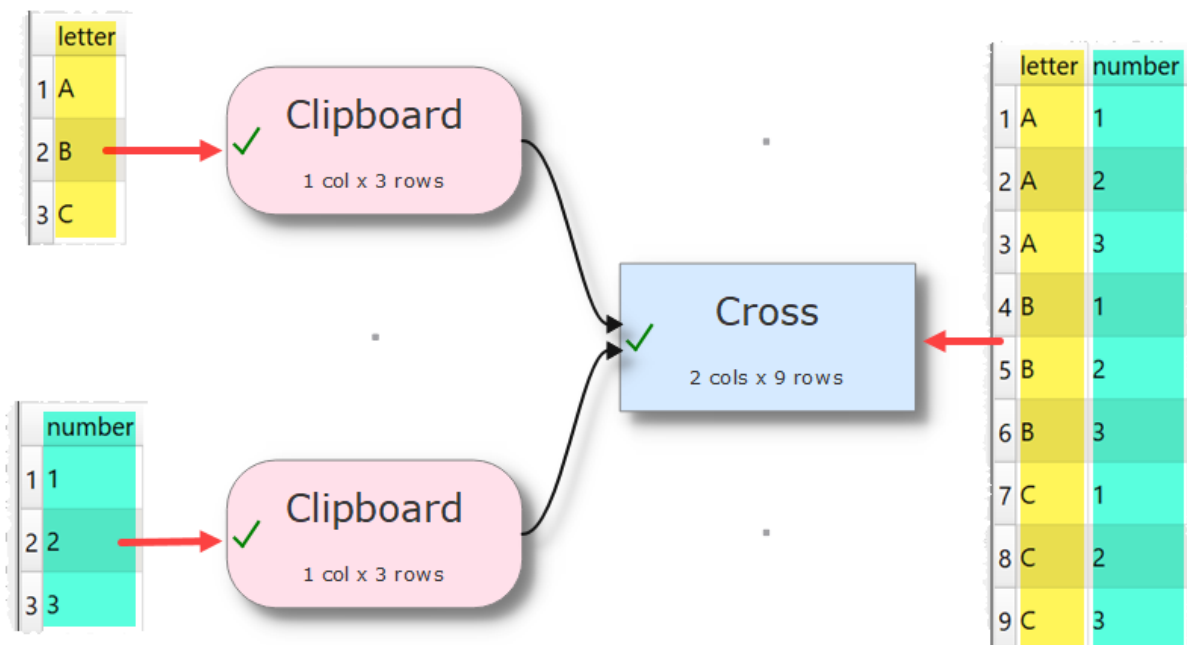
2.3.11 Cross

Description

Creates an output from combining every possible row combination of each input. E.g. if the first input has N1 rows and the second input has N2 rows, then the result will have N1 X N2 rows. Also known as a 'Cartesian product' or 'cross join'.

Example

Cross 2 small datasets:



Inputs

Two or more.

Options

- The output depends on the vertical (Y-axis) position of the inputs.

Notes

- It can create a very large number of rows!

See also

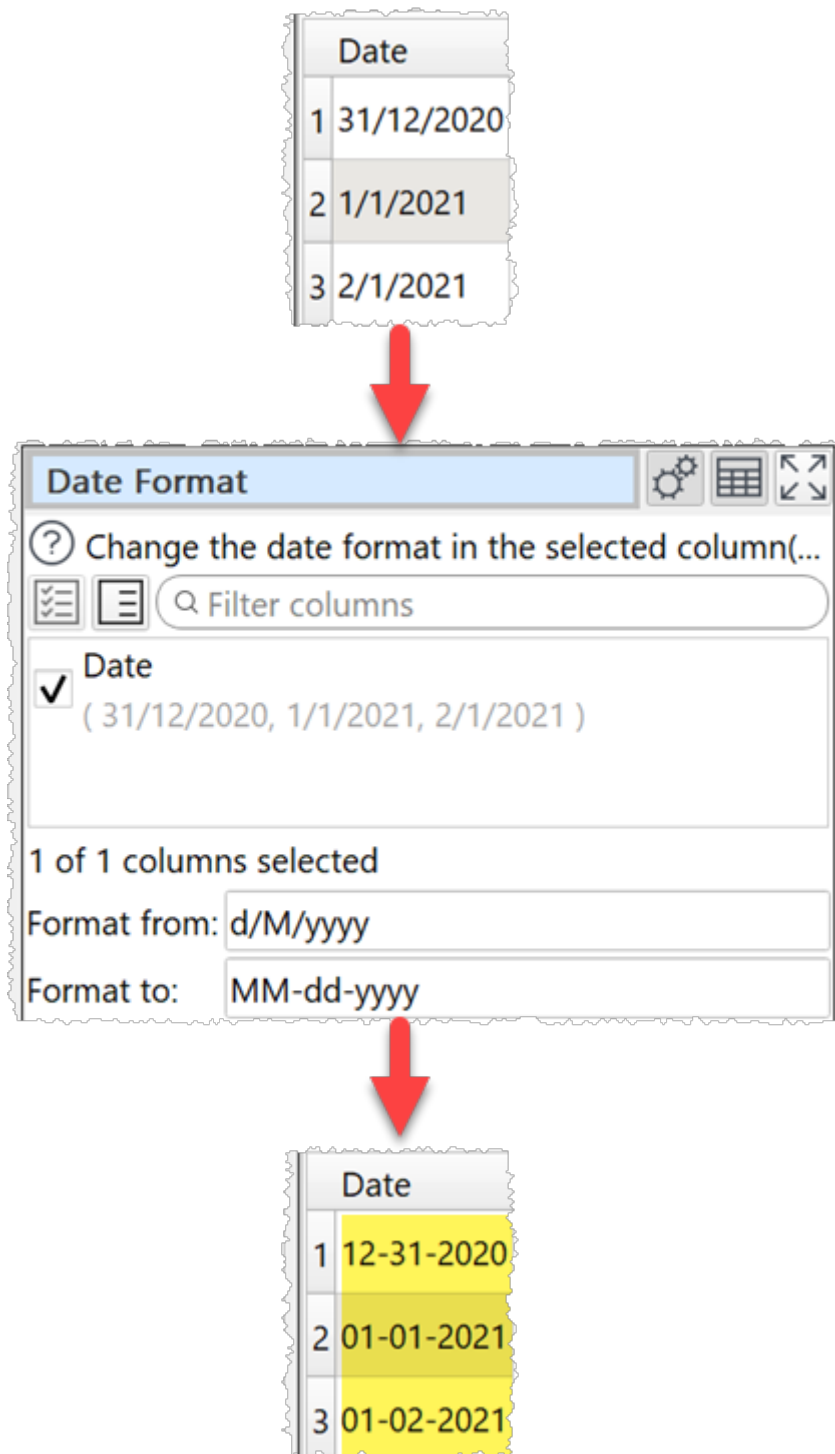
- [Join](#)
- [Stack](#)

2.3.12 Date Format**Description**

Changes the date format in one or more columns.

Example

Change day/month/year to month-day-year:



Inputs

One.

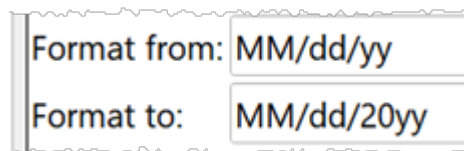
Options

- Check the columns you wish to transform.
- Supply the existing date format in **Format from** (see below).
- Supply the new date format in **Format to** (see below).
- The following date formats are supported for input and output:

Format	Meaning
d	The day as number without a leading zero (1 to 31)
dd	The day as number with a leading zero (01 to 31)
ddd	The abbreviated localized day name (e.g. 'Mon' to 'Sun'). Uses the locale to localize the name.
dddd	The long localized day name (e.g. 'Monday' to 'Sunday'). Uses the locale to localize the name.
M	The month as number without a leading zero (1 to 12).
MM	The month as number with a leading zero (01 to 12)
MMM	The abbreviated localized month name (e.g. 'Jan' to 'Dec'). Uses the locale to localize the name.
MMMM	The long localized month name (e.g. 'January' to 'December'). Uses the locale to localize the name.
YY	The year as a two digit number (00 to 99).
YYYY	The year as a four digit number. If the year is negative, a minus sign is prepended in addition.

Notes

- An exact match is expected for the input date. E.g. **Format from** is yyyy-MM-dd then 2020-12-17 will be converted, but 2020-12-17T14:58 won't. You can extract just the date part here using [Split Col](#) with T as the delimiter.
- Use the correct case for the format (e.g. yyyy-MM-dd, not YYYY-mm-DD).
- The **Locale** set in the **Preferences** window is used to decide how the date is represented (e.g. names of months and days).
- You can also use [Split Col](#) to split a date into its component parts. For example to split "31/1/2019" into day, month and year components using the "/" delimiter.
- If the date to be converted has only two year digits, it is treated as a date between 1900 and 1999. E.g. "31/1/19" is interpreted in d-M-yy format as 31st January 1919. You can avoid that issue by explicitly setting the century, e.g.:



Format from: MM/dd/yy

Format to: MM/dd/20yy

Or you can use [Replace](#). For example to replace 01/15/18 with 01/15/2018:

Match Type	Replace	With
1 Regex	(\d\d)/(\d\d)/(\d\d)	\1\2/20\3

- Warnings are shown in the **Warnings** tab for values that don't match **Format from**.
- You can also do date format conversion using the [Javascript](#) transform.

See also

- [Num Format](#)

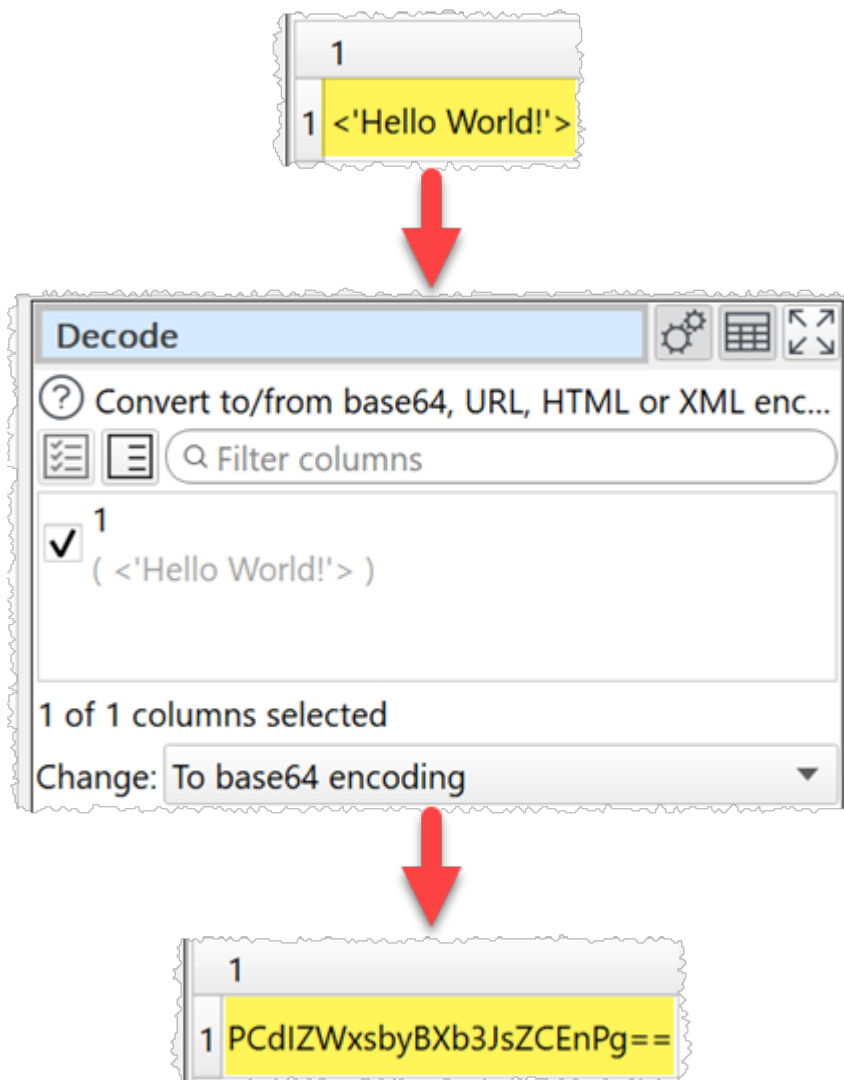
2.3.13 Decode

Description

Convert to/from Base64 encoding, URL encoding, escaped HTML or escaped XML.

Example

Convert <'Hello World! '> to base64 encoding:



Type	Plaintext	Encoded
Based64 encoding	<code><'Hello World! '></code>	<code>PCdIZWxsbyBXb3JsZCEnPg==</code>
URL encoding	<code><'Hello World! '></code>	<code>%3C%27Hello%20World%21%27%3E</code>
HTML escaping	<code><'Hello World! '></code>	<code>&lt;'Hello World! '&gt;</code>
XML escaping	<code><'Hello World! '></code>	<code>&lt; &apos;Hello World! &apos; &gt;</code>

Inputs

One.

Options

- Check the column(s) you wish to transform.
- Set **Change** according to how you want to decode/encode the selected columns.

Notes

- This is distinct from text encoding (e.g. UTF-8 vs UTF-16) which is handled on [input](#) and [output](#).
- Use [Copy Cols](#) to copy columns before you transform them.
- Data input from [XML](#) files and output to [HTML](#) and [XML](#) files is unescaped/escaped automatically.

2.3.14 Dedupe

Description




Remove duplicate rows.

Example



Keep the first record for each unique 'Customer Id':

	Name	Customer Id	Product Id	Cost	Date
1	Alice Anderson	C018930	13574	29.95	01/10/2020
2	Bob Brown	C018917	89456	10.55	01/10/2020
3	Charlie Jones	C017783	96352	19.95	02/10/2020
4	Robert Brown	C018917	98526	10.00	02/10/2020
5	Charles Jones	C017783	38746	25.00	03/10/2020



Dedupe   

? Remove duplicate rows by matching values in al...
[Explore Duplicates...](#)

☐ Name
(Alice Anderson, Bob Brown, Charlie Jones, ...)

☒ Customer Id
(C018930, C018917, C017783, ...)

☐ Product Id
(13574, 89456, 96352, ...)

1 of 5 columns selected

Matching: Exact ▼

☒ case sensitive

Mode: Remove duplicates ▼



	Name	Customer Id	Product Id	Cost	Date
1	Alice Anderson	C018930	13574	29.95	01/10/2020
2	Bob Brown	C018917	89456	10.55	01/10/2020

Inputs

One.

Options

- Click **Explore Duplicates...** to explore which rows are duplicates.
- Check the column(s) you wish to look for duplicate values in.
- Set **Matching** to **Exact** to use exact matching to find duplicates and **Fuzzy** to match with some differences. Fuzzy matching is much slower.
- Set **Closeness** to how close a [fuzzy match](#) has to be to be considered a match. E.g. set it to 80% to make 2 values that are 80% the same a match.
- Check **case sensitive** to use case sensitive matching.
- Check **ignore whitespace** to ignore whitespace characters when matching.
- Check **ignore punctuation** to ignore punctuation characters when matching.
- Set **Mode** according to what you want to do with duplicates.
 - **Remove duplicates** removes all duplicate rows.
 - **Keep only duplicates** keeps only the duplicate rows (the inverse of **Remove duplicates**).
 - **Add duplicate information** adds extra columns with information about duplicate rows at the end. Reorders rows, but does not remove them. The additional columns are:
 - **Group**: Each row and its duplicates are given a unique group number, starting at 1.
 - **Row**: The number of the row in the input dataset.
 - **Closeness**: How close a match the duplicate is as a percentage. 100% = exact match.
 - **Duplicate**: Set to `true` if the row is a duplicate and `false` if not.
 - **Duplicates**: Set to the number of duplicates a non-duplicate has.

Notes

- Rows are considered duplicates if they match in all the checked columns.
- Comparisons are whitespace sensitive. You can use [Whitespace](#) to remove whitespace before deduping and [Replace](#) to get rid of other unwanted characters (e.g. whitespace inside the text).
- When several rows are duplicates, only the top one is retained. So you may want to [Sort](#) your dataset first.
- The [Unique](#) transform is a more powerful (but more complex and slower) alternative to Dedupe.

See also

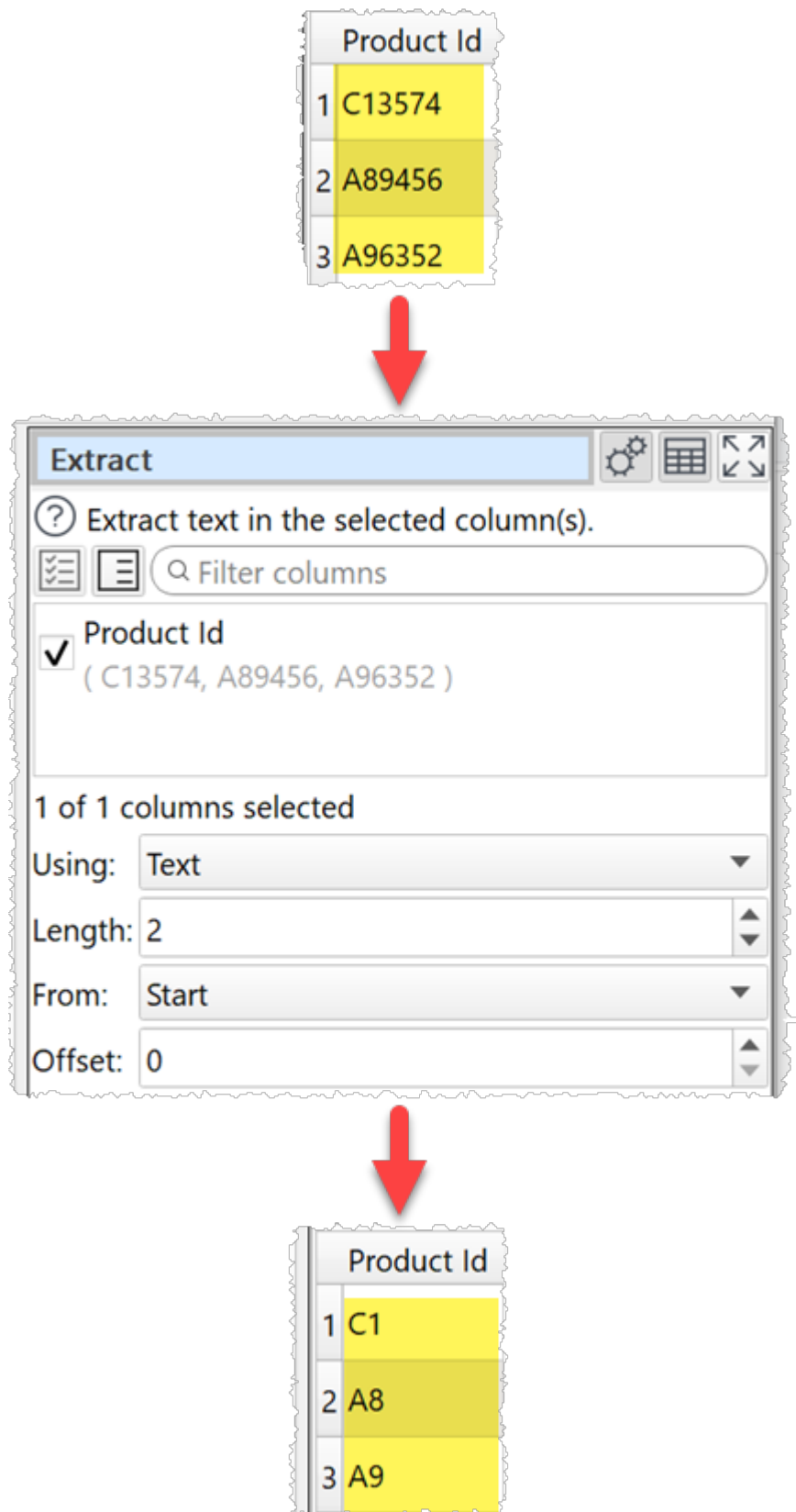
- [Dedupe a dataset](#)

2.3.15 Extract**Description**


Extract text in one or more columns.

Examples


Extract the first 2 digits from the 'Product Id' column:







Extract the last group of digits from an IP address:





	IP
1	82.69.52.10
2	66.249.66.92
3	86.28.107.100



Extract   

 Extract text in the selected column(s).

☒ IP
(82.69.52.10, 66.249.66.92, 86.28.107.100, ...)

1 of 1 columns selected

Using: Regex

Matching:

☒ case sensitive



	IP
1	10
2	92
3	100

Inputs

One.

Options

- Check the column(s) you wish to transform.
- Set **Using** depending on whether you want to extract a fixed length of text or with a [regular expression](#).
- Set **Length** to the length you want values in selected columns shortened to. **Text** match only.
- Set **From** to **Start** or **End** depending on whether you want to take from the start or end. **Text** match only.
- If **From** is **Start** then **Offset** is the offset of the first character from the start (0 to start with the first character). If **From** is **End** then **Offset** is the offset of the last character from the end (0 to start with the last character). **Text** match only.
- Set **Matching** to a regular expression. **Regex** match only. If the expression contains capture parentheses the first capture will be extracted. Otherwise it will try to capture the whole regular expression. For example:

Value	Regular expression	Extracted
12.34.567.89	(\d*)\.\d*\.\d*\.\d*	12
12.34.567.89	\d*\.\d*\.\d*\.(\\d*)	89
12.34.567.89	\d*\.\d*	12.34
ip 12.34.567.89	\d*\.\d*\.\d*\.\d*	12.34.567.89
ip 12.34.567.89	^\d*\.\d*\.\d*\.\d*\$	

- Check **case sensitive** to use case sensitive matching. **Regex** match only.

Notes

- Whitespace is counted when calculating length. You can use [Whitespace](#) to remove whitespace before extracting.
- If you want to set a column to a fixed length use [Pad](#) and Extract together.
- Use [Replace](#) if you want to extract multiple captures from a value using a regular expression.

See also

- [Chop](#)

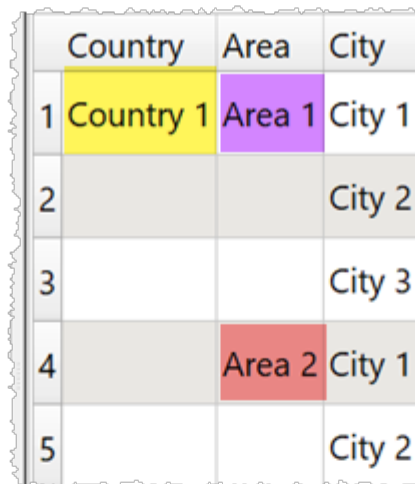
2.3.16 Fill

Description

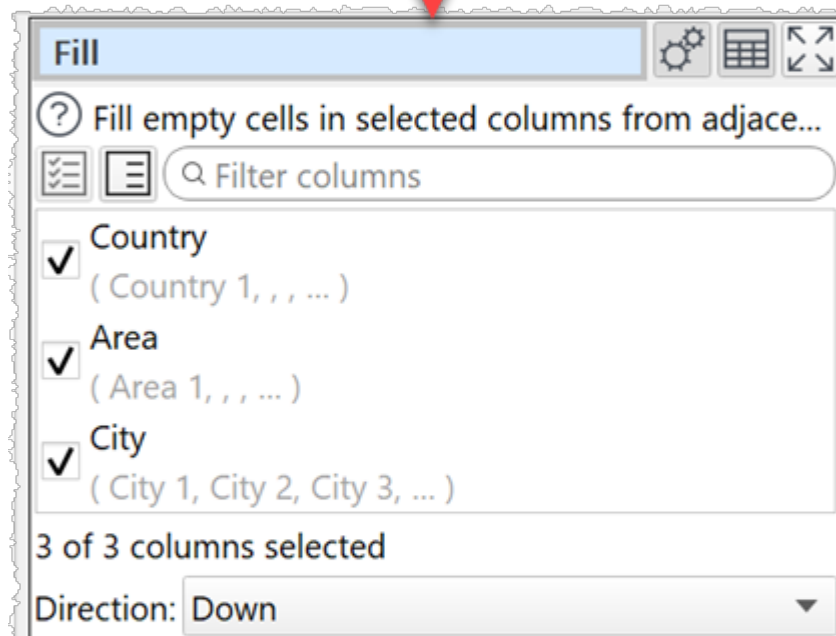
Fill empty cells in selected columns with the next adjacent non-empty cells. The direction is the direction to fill to (not from).

Example

Fill down:



	Country	Area	City
1	Country 1	Area 1	City 1
2			City 2
3			City 3
4		Area 2	City 1
5			City 2



Fill

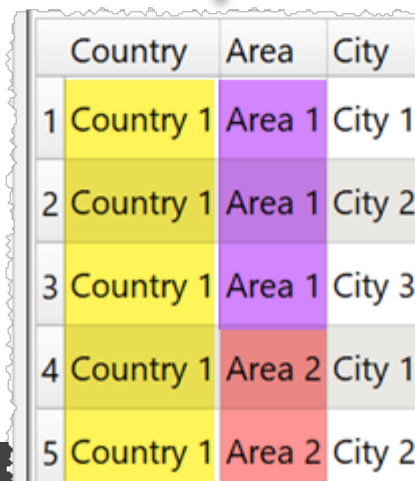
? Fill empty cells in selected columns from adja...

Filter columns

- ☒ Country
(Country 1, , , ...)
- ☒ Area
(Area 1, , , ...)
- ☒ City
(City 1, City 2, City 3, ...)

3 of 3 columns selected

Direction: Down



	Country	Area	City
1	Country 1	Area 1	City 1
2	Country 1	Area 1	City 2
3	Country 1	Area 1	City 3
4	Country 1	Area 2	City 1
5	Country 1	Area 2	City 2

Inputs

One.

Options

- Check the column(s) you wish to fill.
- Select **Direction** depending on the direction you wish to fill to.

See also

- [Unfill](#)

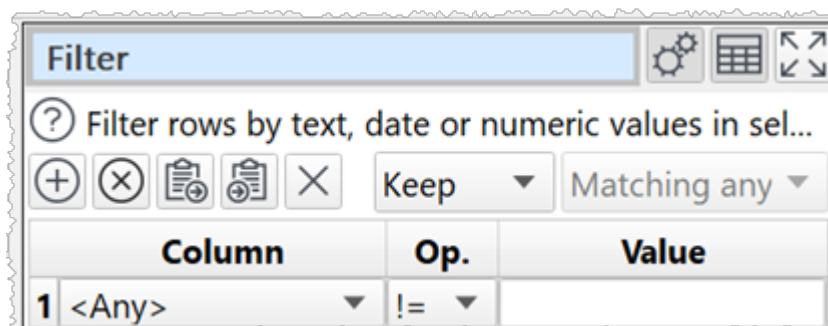
2.3.17 Filter

Description

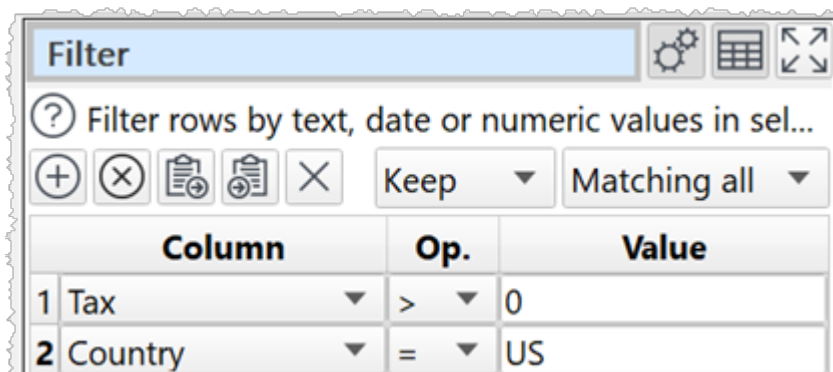
Removes rows based on number, date and text values in selected columns.

Examples

Remove rows where all values are empty.








Keep only rows where the 'Tax' value is greater than 0 and the 'Country' value is 'US'.



Inputs

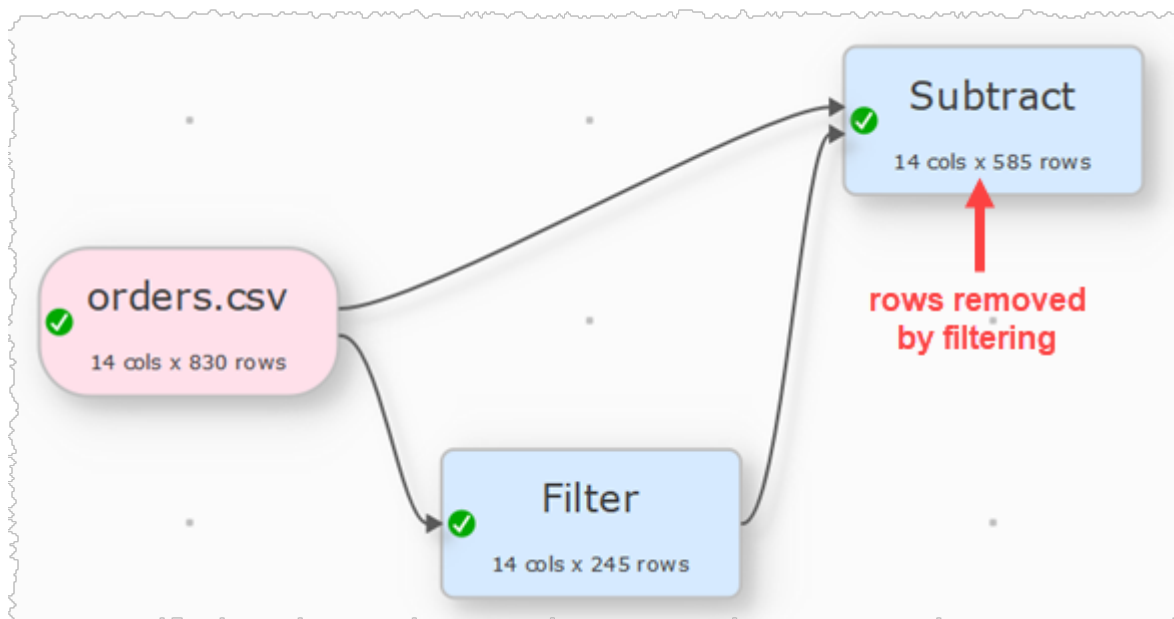
One.

Options

- Click the  button to add a new filter criteria.
- Click the  button to delete the selected filter criteria.
- Click the  button to copy terms to the clipboard.
- Click the  button to paste terms from the clipboard.
- Click the  button to clear all terms.
- Select **Keep** if you want to keep matching rows and **Remove** to remove matching rows.
- Select **Matching all** to match on all criteria (e.g. criteria 1 and criteria 2). Select **Matching any** to require a match on one or more criteria (e.g. criteria 1 or criteria 2).
- Set **Column** to the column you wish to match.
- Set **Op.** to the comparison operator.
- Set **Value** to the value you wish to compare. You can use a [column variable](#).
- Check **case sensitive** to use case sensitive matching for text.
- Check **disable filtering** to turn off filtering. If sampling is disabled, the transform does nothing.

Notes

- A filter row is ignored if the **Value** column is empty , except when **Op.** is **Equal to**, **Not equal to**, **Matches regex** or **Doesn't match regex**.
- Number, date and text values are treated differently for **Equal to**, **Greater than**, **Less than**, **Greater than equal**, **Less than equal** and **Not equal to** operations. Any values that can be converted to a number will be treated as a number. Any values that match the supported date formats in [Preferences](#) will be treated as a date.
- All values are treated as text for **Contains**, **Starts with**, **Ends with**, **Matches regex**, **Is not**, **Doesn't start with**, **Doesn't end with** and **Doesn't match regex** operations.
- Comparisons of text are whitespace sensitive. Cells with whitespace will not match **Is empty**. You can use [Whitespace](#) to remove whitespace before filtering and [Replace](#) to get of other unwanted characters (e.g. whitespace inside the text).
- See here for more details on [Regular expressions](#) (regex).
- You can use [Subtract](#) to see rows removed by filtering if there is unique key column.



- If you are pasting in filter terms, the format expected is comma delimited text with 3 columns.
 - The first column is the 0-based index of the **Column** drop-down list.
 - The second column is the 0-based index of the **Op.** drop-down list.
 - The third column is the **Value**.

For example, pasting in:

0, 0, YES

Will add:

Column	Op.	Value
1 <Any>	c	YES

You can also try copying terms to the clipboard and pasting into a text file to see the format. If you only paste in 1 column of text, it will be assumed to be a list of **Value**. You can, of course, use Easy Data Transform to create the appropriate filter terms and paste them into memory.

See also

- [Compare Cols](#)
- [Slice](#)

2.3.18 Gather**Description**

Gather multiple columns into new key and value columns. Also called unpivot, long pivot or group by.

Example

Gather 'Q1', 'Q2', 'Q3' and 'Q4' columns into 1 column.

	salesman	area	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1	Alice	North	11.3	89.3	44.3	18
2	Bob	East	4.5	7.9	8	3.3



Gather

? Gather selected columns into key and value col...

Filter columns

☐ salesman
(Alice, Bob)

☐ area
(North, East)

☒ Q1
(11.3, 4.5)

☒ Q2
(89.3, 7.9)

☒ Q3
(44.3, 8)

☒ Q4
(18, 3.3)

4 of 6 columns selected

Key column name: Quarter

Value column name: Amount



	salesman	area	Quarter	Amount
1	Alice	North	Q1	11.3
2	Alice	North	Q2	89.3
3	Alice	North	Q3	44.3
4	Alice	North	Q4	18

Inputs

One.

Options

- Select the **Columns** you wish to gather.
- Set **Key column name** to the name of the new key column, which will have values based on the names of the columns selected.
- Set **Value column name** to the name of the new value column, which will have values based on the values in the columns selected.

Notes

- New columns are added at the right end. You can change the column order with [Reorder Cols](#).
- You can merge the value and key columns into a single column with [Concat Cols](#).
- The opposite of Gather is [Spread](#).

See also

- [Video: How to unpivot Excel](#)
- [Split Rows](#)

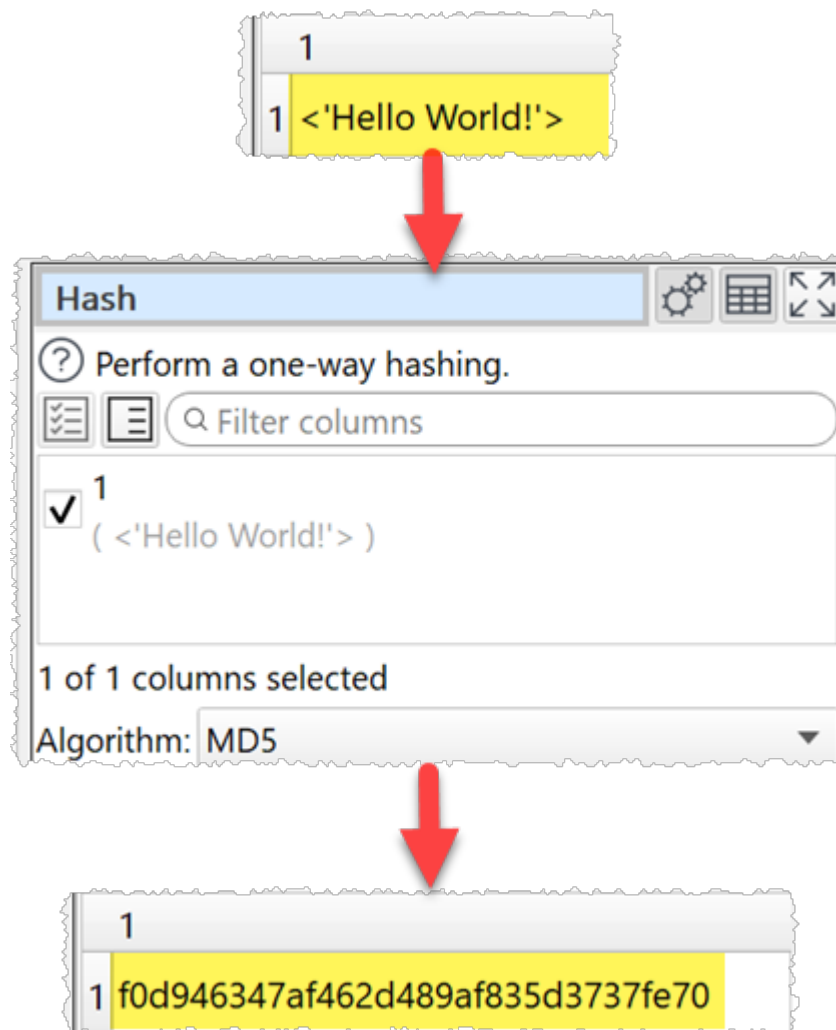
2.3.19 Hash

Description

Perform one-way hashing on selected columns.

Example

Compute the MD5 hash of <'Hello World! '>:



Type	Plaintext	Secret	Hashed
SHA1	<'Hello World! '>		4a700d8555aae497cc
SHA-256	<'Hello World! '>		2c6139a5d874b9626e
SHA-512	<'Hello World! '>		23728b865af0f17bb9
SHA3-256	<'Hello World! '>		0701263723cdbdf11e
SHA3-512	<'Hello World! '>		61cbf6f11e864af592
Keccak-256	<'Hello World! '>		1a45dd8df9de650496
Keccak-512	<'Hello World! '>		2741b7ddfe0d4c4726
MD5	<'Hello World! '>		f0d946347af462d489
HMAC-MD5	<'Hello World! '>	ABC123	5940ca9b5f2b47ae19
HMAC-MD5	<'Hello World! '>	abc123	b185f719143d6380cc

Inputs

One.

Options

- Check the column(s) you wish to transform.
- Set **Algorithm** to the hashing algorithm you wish to use
- Set **Secret** to the secret key you wish to use (HMAC-MD5 only). The default value is randomly generated.

Notes

- There is no known way to reverse these hashes.
- As the chance of 2 different inputs generating the same hash value by chance (a 'collision') is infinitesimally small, hashing can be used to anonymize data or to help find duplicates of long data values.
- The MD5 algorithm is now considered weak as a cryptographic hash. But remains suitable for other non-cryptographic purposes.
- Use [Copy Cols](#) to copy columns before you transform them.

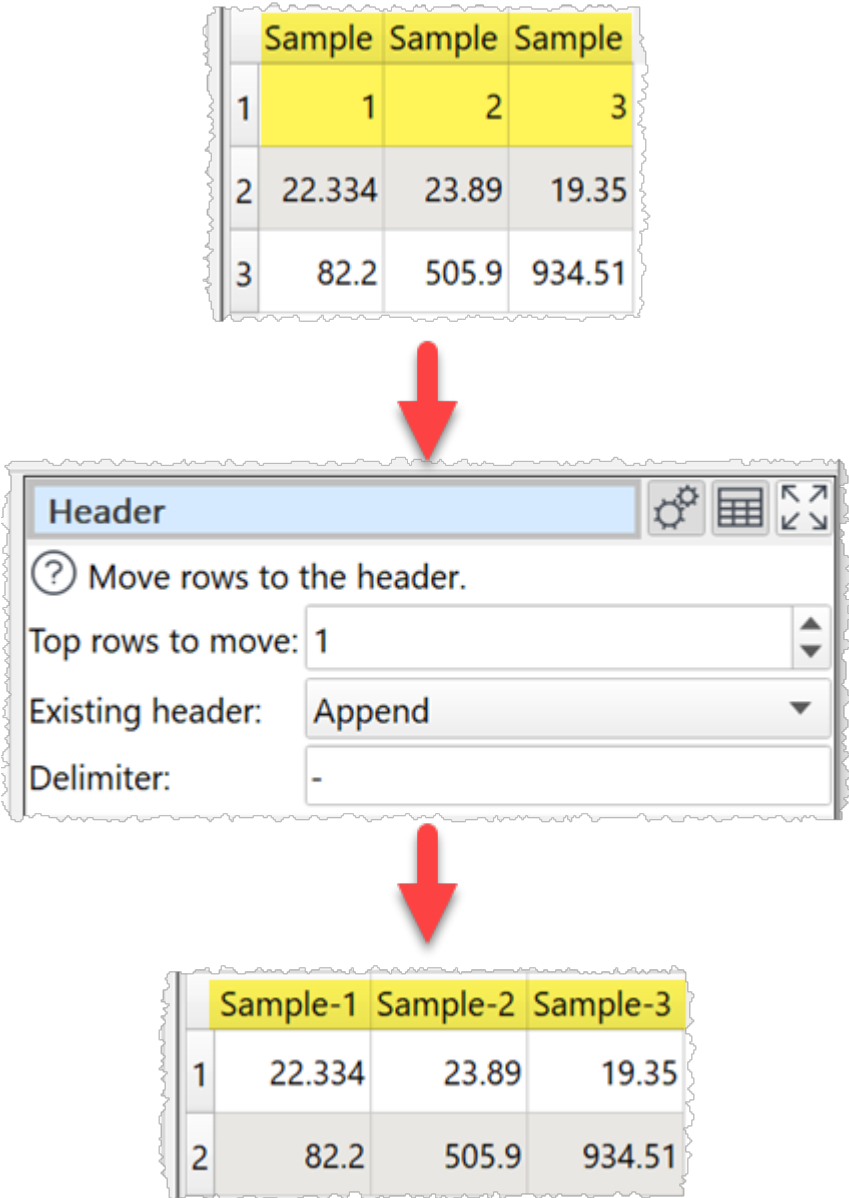
2.3.20 Header

Description




Move rows from the top of the dataset into the header.


Example

Append the first row to the header:



	Sample	Sample	Sample
1	1	2	3
2	22.334	23.89	19.35
3	82.2	505.9	934.51

Header   

 Move rows to the header.

Top rows to move:

Existing header:

Delimiter:

	Sample-1	Sample-2	Sample-3
1	22.334	23.89	19.35
2	82.2	505.9	934.51

Inputs

One.

Options

- Set **Top rows to move** to the number of rows you want to move from the top dataset into the header. Setting it to 0 means the transform does nothing.
- Set **Existing header** to **Overwrite** to ignore the existing header values and **Append** to add to the existing header values.
- Set **Delimiter** to any text you want to put between column elements. It can be left empty. Ignored if **Existing header** set to **Overwrite** and **Top rows to move** set to **1**.

Notes

- Empty cells are ignored.
- You can [Sort](#) and [Filter](#) your dataset to change the top rows.
- You can add the header from one dataset to another dataset using [Stack](#).

See also

- [Headers](#)

2.3.21 If

Description




Sets the value of a new column based conditionally on values in one or more other columns.

Examples

Add a new column based conditionally on 'Payment' and 'Currency' columns:

	Payment	Currency
1	4626.97	USD
2	647.54	USD
3	6353.12	GBP



If   

? Create a new column with values conditional on value...

New column name:

(+) ELSE IF (+) AND ↑ ↓ (X)


	Logic	Column	Op.	Value
1	IF	Currency	=	USD
2	THEN=	No		
3	ELSE IF	Currency	=	GBP
4	AND	Payment	>=	1000
5	THEN=	Yes		
6	ELSE=	No		

☒ case sensitive







	Payment	Currency	Convert
1	4626.97	USD	No
2	647.54	USD	No
3	6353.12	GBP	Yes

If the h1 value is 1 use the value of the h2 column, otherwise use the value of h3 column:








	h1	h2	h3
1	A	A	1
2	B	B	2
3	c	C	3
4	d	D	4



If   


❓ Create a new column with values conditional on oth...

New column name: If

 ELSE IF  AND   

	Logic	Column	Op.	Value
1	IF	h1	=	\$(h2)
2	THEN=	\$(h2)		
3	ELSE=	\$(h3)		

☒ case sensitive



	h1	h2	h3	If
1	A	A	1	A
2	B	B	2	B
3	c	C	3	3
4	d	D	4	4

Inputs

One.

Options

- Click the **⊕ELSE IF** button to add a new IF/ELSE IF..THEN condition.
- Click the **⊕AND** button to add an AND to the selected IF/ELSE IF..THEN.
- Click the **⊗** button to delete the selected IF/ELSE IF..THEN/AND.
- The **Logic** column shows the type of row.
- Set **Column** to the column you wish to match.
- Set **Op.** to the comparison operator.
- Set **Value** to the value you wish to compare.
- Check **case sensitive** to use case sensitive matching for text.

Notes

- The **IF**, **THEN** and **ELSE** values can use [column variables](#), as in the second example above.
- You can simulate OR with multiple IF statements. For example:

```
IF x = 1 OR y = 2
  THEN 3
```

Is equivalent to:

```
IF x = 1
  THEN 3
ELSE IF y = 2
  THEN 3
```

- Number, date and text values are treated differently for **Equal to**, **Greater than**, **Less than**, **Greater than equal**, **Less than equal** and **Not equal to** operations. Any values that can be converted to a number will be treated as a number. Any values that match the supported date formats in [Preferences](#) will be treated as a date.
- All values are treated as text for **Contains**, **Starts with**, **Ends with**, **Matches regex**, **Is not**, **Doesn't start with**, **Doesn't end with** and **Doesn't match regex** operations.
- Comparisons of text are whitespace sensitive. Cells with whitespace will not match **Is empty**. You can use [Whitespace](#) to remove whitespace before filtering and [Replace](#) to get rid of other unwanted characters (e.g. whitespace inside the text).
- See here for more details on [Regular expressions](#) (regex).

See also

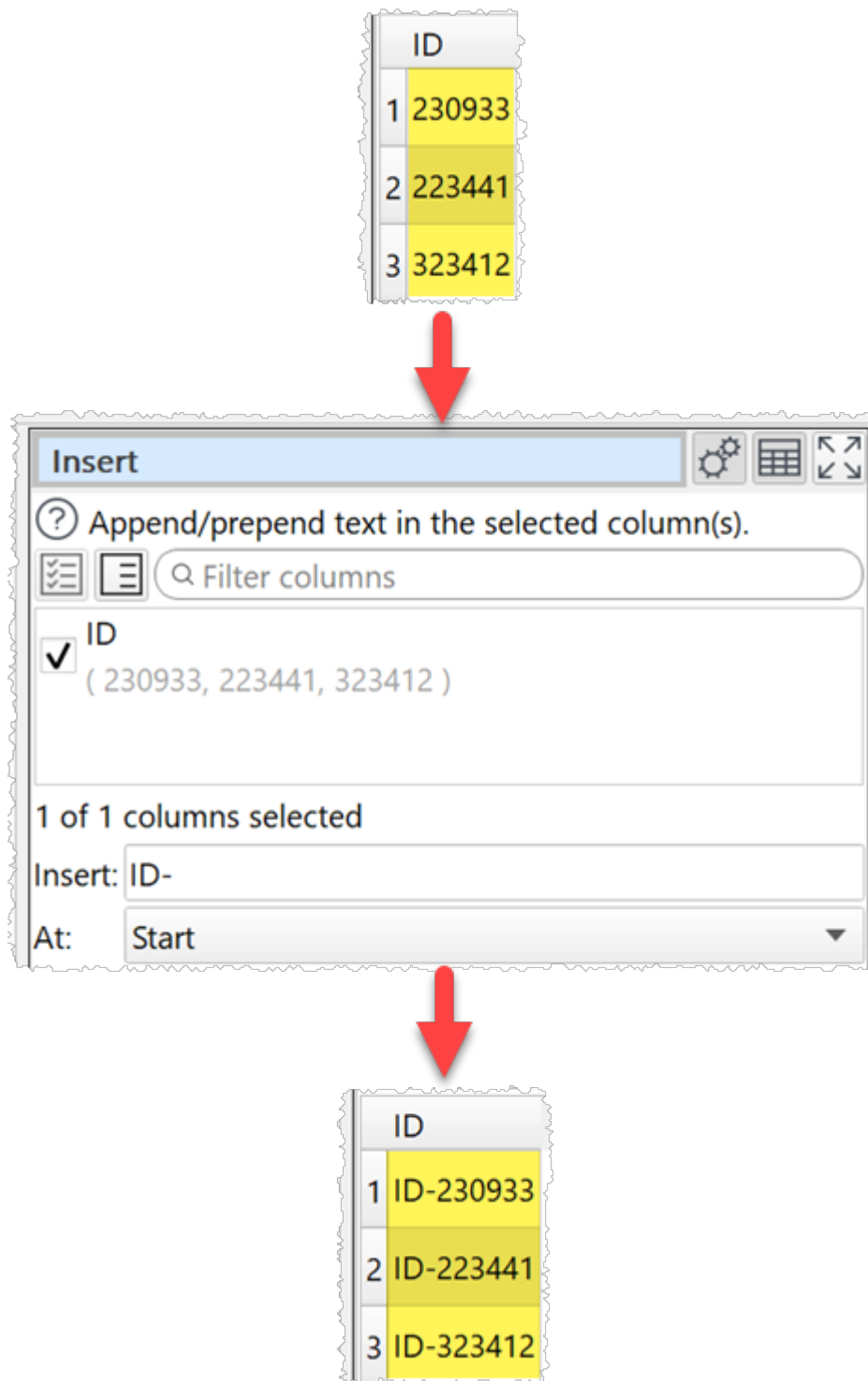
- [Lookup](#)

2.3.22 Insert**Description**

Append/prepend text to one or more columns.

Example

Add 'ID-' to the front of a column of text:



Inputs

One.

Options

- Check the column(s) you wish to transform.
- In **Insert** put the text you want to insert. You can use a [column variable](#).
- In **At** put the position you want the text inserted.

Notes

- You can use [Whitespace](#) to remove whitespace before inserting.

See also

- [Pad](#)
- [Extract](#)

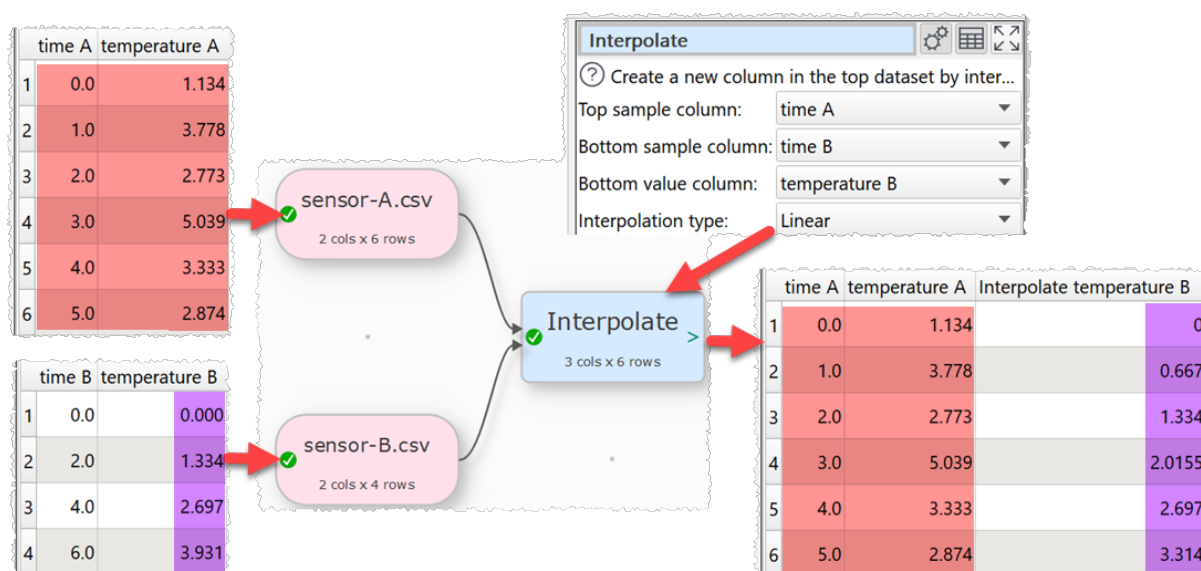
2.3.23 Interpolate

Description

Interpolate values for a dataset based on numerical sample-value pairs in another dataset and puts the result in a new column.

Example

Interpolate time and temperature datasets for sensors A and B with different sampling frequencies:

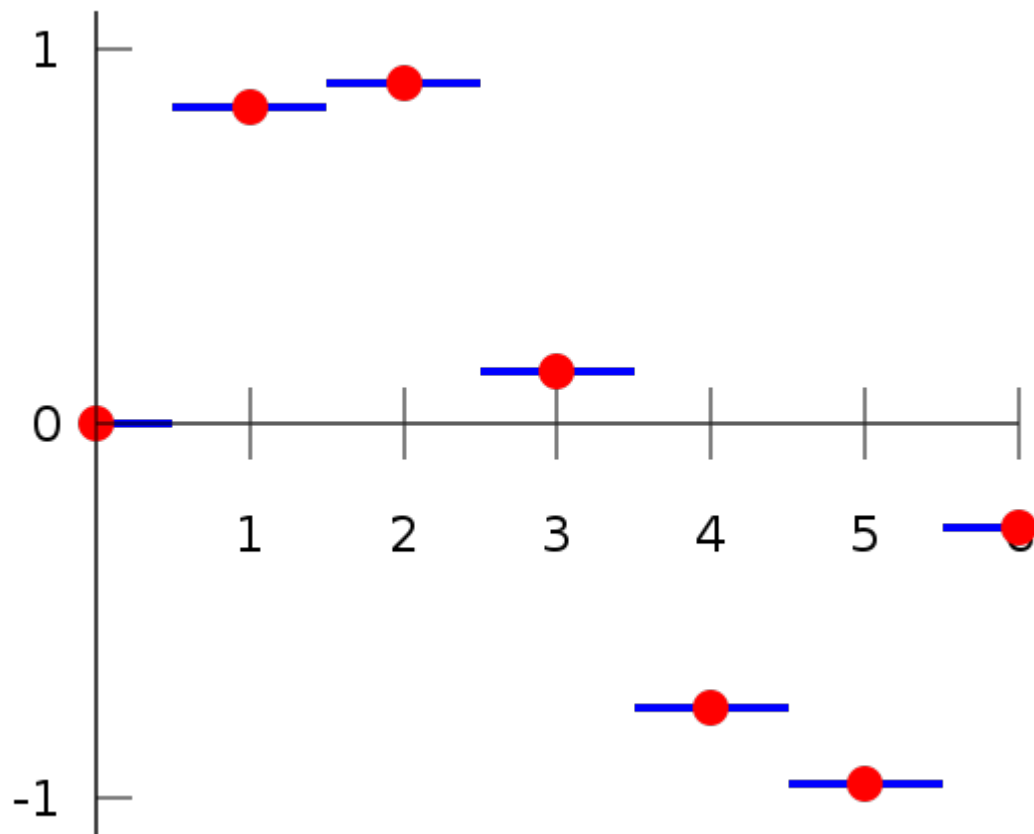


Inputs

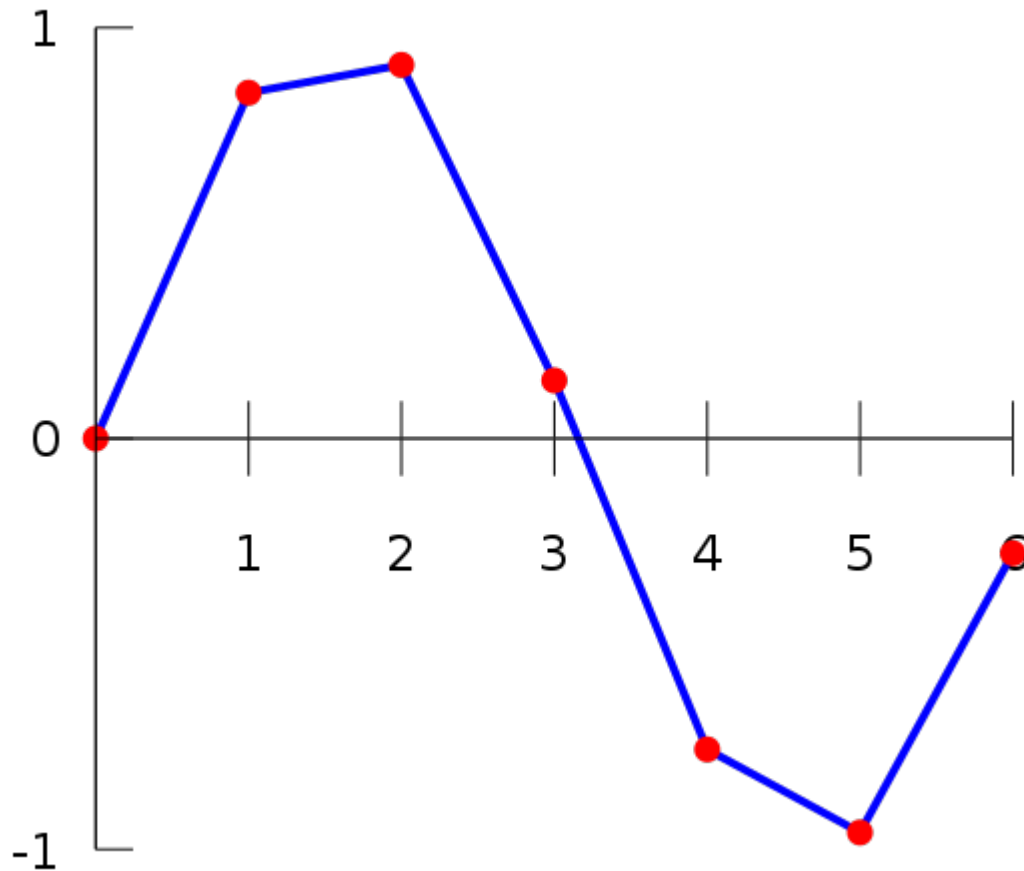
Two.

Options

- Place the dataset you want to modify as the top input and the dataset you want to sample values from as the bottom input.
- Select **Top sample column** for the column whose values you wish to sample.
- Select **Bottom sample column** for the column that matches the top sample column in the bottom dataset.
- Select **Bottom value column** for the column that contains the values.
- Set **Interpolation type** to the type of interpolation you wish to use.



Piecewise interpolation (image from [Wikipedia](#))



Linear interpolation (image from [Wikipedia](#))

Notes

- If your sample is below the first sample in the bottom dataset, the first value will be returned.
- If your sample is above the last sample in the bottom dataset, the last value will be returned.
- Easy Data Transform will try to guess sensible default values for **Top sample column**, **Bottom sample column** and **Bottom value column** based on column contents.
- If the first input has a header, this will be used for the output.
- The new column is added at the right end. You can change the column order with [Reorder Cols](#) and the column name with [Rename Cols](#).
- Use [Num Format](#) to change the precision of the results.
- Messages are shown in the **Warnings** tab for non-numeric values in either dataset.
- Messages are shown in the **Info** tab for **Top sample column** outside the range of values in **Bottom sample column**.

See also

- [Lookup](#)
- [Join](#)

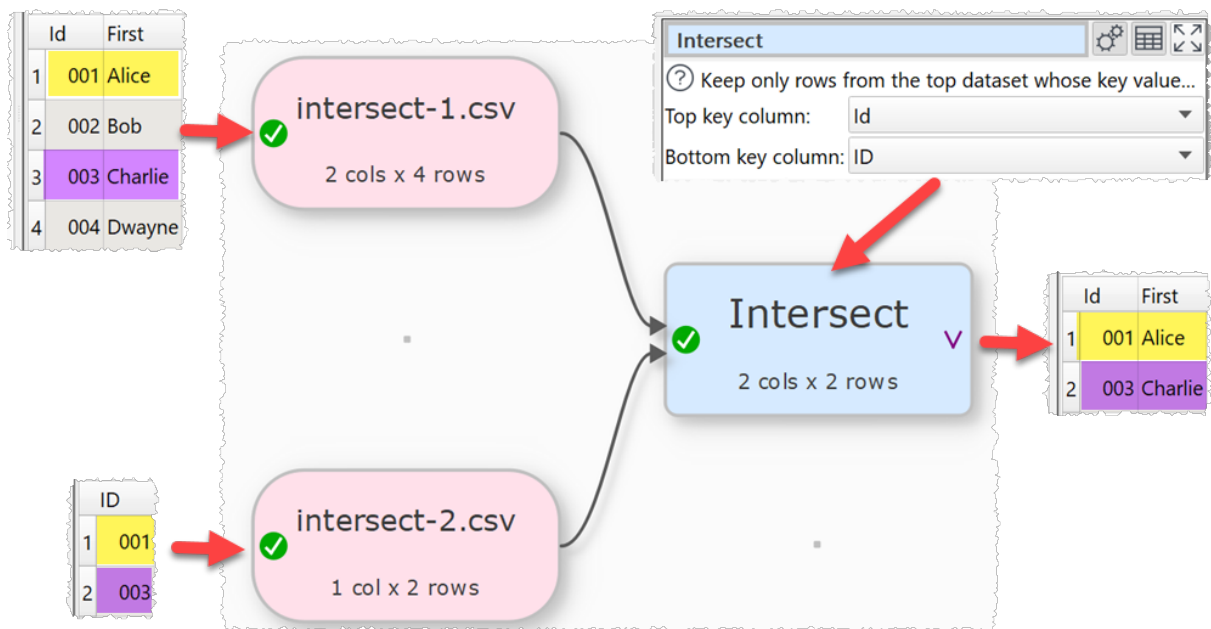
2.3.24 Intersect

Description

Keep only rows from the top dataset with key values that are present in the lower dataset.

Example

Keep rows in the top dataset that also have their ids in the bottom dataset:



Inputs

Two.

Options

- The output depends on the vertical (Y-axis) position of the inputs.
- Click **Explore Keys...** to compare key values in the 2 datasets.
- Select **Top key column** for the column you want to match in the top input dataset.
- Select **Bottom key column** for the column you want to match in the bottom input dataset.
- Check **case sensitive** to use case sensitive matching for keys.

Notes

- If there are 10k rows or less in both datasets, Easy Data Transform will try to guess sensible default values for **Top key column** and **Bottom key column** based on column header names and contents.
- If the first input has a header, this will be used for the output.
- All values are treated as text and comparisons are whitespace sensitive. You can use [Whitespace](#) to remove whitespace before the intersect.
- Does not remove duplicates. You can use [Unique](#) to do this.
- You can use [Concat Cols](#) to join several columns together (e.g. 'first name' and 'last name' columns) to form a key column.
- You can use [Row Num](#) to create a unique key column.

See also

- [Subtract](#)

2.3.25 Javascript

Description

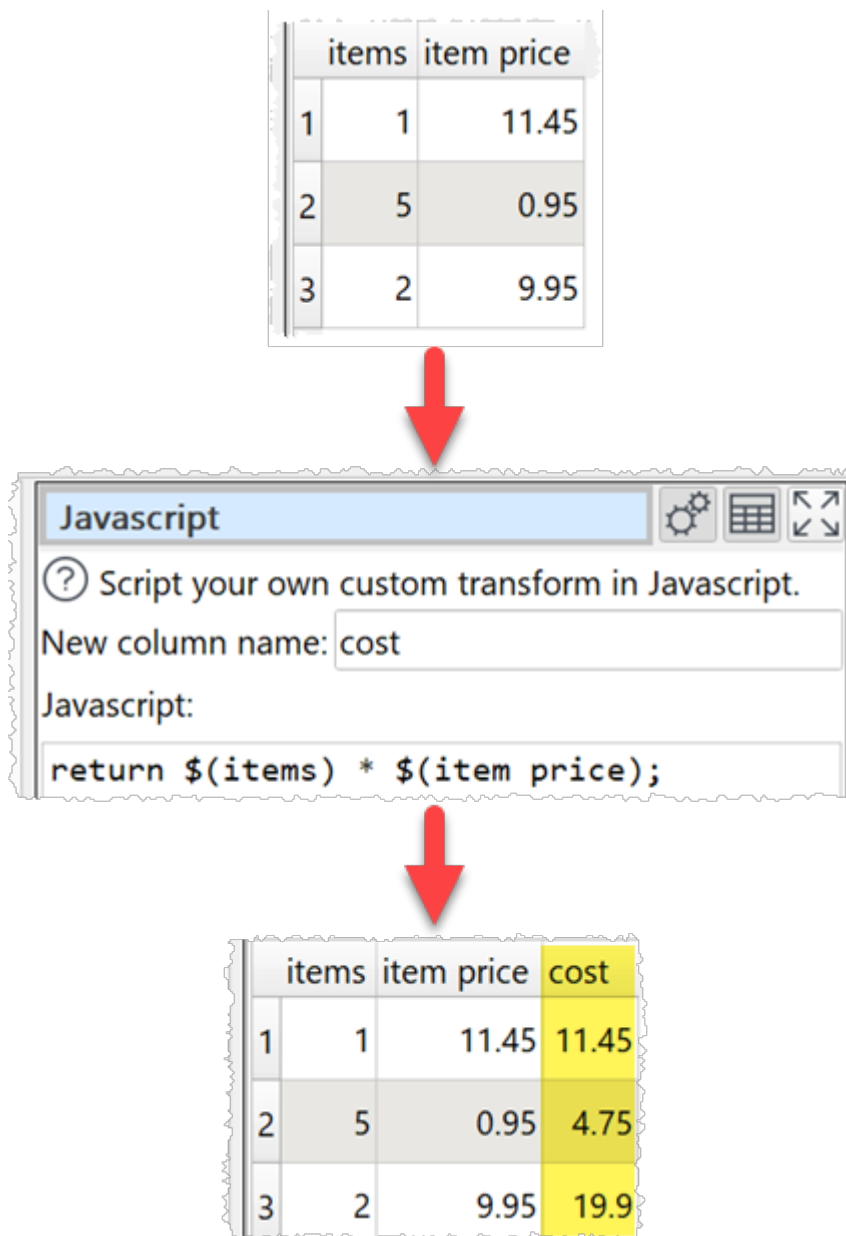
Create a custom transform using JavaScript (ECMAScript).

Easy Data Transform allows you to carry out a wide range of data transformations without programming. But sometimes you might need a specialist transformation that can't be done with the built-in transforms. For that you can use the **JavaScript** transform. It allows you to write the body of a JavaScript function, to calculate a value for each row in a new column. Existing column values can be used as variables.

JavaScript is a fully-fledged programming language and can perform arbitrarily complex transforms. It can handle numbers, dates and text.

Examples

Multiple the value in column 'items' by the value in column 'item price':



To concatenate 'last' and 'first' columns with a comma and a space:

```
return $(last) + ', ' + $(first);
```

To calculate the biggest of columns 'v1' and 'v2':

```
return Math.max( $(v1), $(v2) );
```

To determine whether phone numbers in the 'phone_num' column are valid using a regular expression:

```
const validPhoneNum = /^[\+]?([0-9]{3})?[-\s\.]?[0-9]{3}[-\s\.]?[0-9]{4,6}$/;
```

```
if ( validPhoneNum.test( $(phone_num) ) )
    return "valid";
else
    return "invalid";
```

To replace the last comma in the 'Location' column with a ';' using a regular expression:

```
return $(Location).replace(/(.*) , ([^ ]*)$/, ' $1; $2');
```

To calculate the number of years difference between [JavaScript compatible dates](#) in column 1 and column 2:

```
return new Date( $(1) ).getFullYear() - new Date( $(2) ).getFullYear();
```

To calculate the number of milliseconds between a datetime in the 'datetime' column and 1st Jan 2000:

```
return new Date( $(date) ) - new Date( "2000-01-01T00:00" );
```

To calculate the number of whole days difference between a date in the 'created' column and today (negative for future dates):

```
return Math.floor( ( new Date() - new Date( $(created) ) ) / ( 1000*60*60*24 ) );
```

To use the value of the 'n' column if it is a number and 0 if it isn't:

```
if ( isNaN( $(n) ) )
    return 0;
else
    return $(n);
```

To reverse the text in the 'key' column:

```
var a = $(key);
var newString = "";
for (var i = a.length - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
    newString += a[i];
}
return newString;
```

To convert meters to feet using a function:

```
function metersToFeet( x )
{
    return 3.28084 * x;
}
return metersToFeet( $(meters) );
```

Inputs

One.

Options

- Enter your script into the **JavaScript** field. The script should be the body of a JavaScript function.
- Select a column from **Insert variable** to add that [column variable](#) into the **JavaScript** field at the current cursor position.
- Click the **Evaluate** button to evaluate your JavaScript expression over every row and show any errors.

Notes

- The **JavaScript** transform is calculated every time:
 - The **Evaluate** button is pressed.
 - The **JavaScript** transform item is unselected in the **Center** pane and script changes have been made without the **Evaluate** button being clicked.
 - An item upstream of it changes.
- A numeric value is passed as a JavaScript number variable. `true` and `false` are passed as a JavaScript boolean variable. Everything else is passed as a JavaScript string variable.
- An empty cell is passed as an empty JavaScript string variable (`""`), not `null`. To test if the "v" column has a blank or empty value:

```
if ( $(v).length === 0 )
{
    // empty cell
}
else if ( String( $(v) ).trim().length === 0 )
{
    // blank cell
}
```

- Numeric values should use dot ('.') as the decimal separator and have no group separator. E.g. 1234.5 is valid, but 1,234.5 and 1.234,5 are not, regardless of the locale set in the **Preferences** window. You can use the [Num Format](#) and [Replace](#) transforms to put numeric data in the correct format before processing a **JavaScript** transform.
- The new column is added at the right end. You can change the column order with [Reorder Cols](#) and the column name with [Rename Cols](#).
- The JavaScript `Date()` object evaluates to the number of milliseconds since 1 January 1970 UTC.
- Date values passed to JavaScript `Date()` objects should be in ISO ('yyyy-mm-dd') format, e.g. '2020-01-31' (not '2020-1-31').
- If you want to carry out your transform across more than one dataset, you should merge them first, e.g. using [Join](#).
- The JavaScript transform is very versatile and quite fast. But is not as fast as built-in transforms. So we recommend you use built-in transforms where possible.

- JavaScript running in Easy Data Transform is not 'sandboxed' and has the same privileges as the Easy Data Transform executable. However the JavaScript does not have access to `window()`, `XMLHttpRequest()` or `ActiveXObject()`. So we aren't aware of any way that a bad actor could damage your system from JavaScript sent in a `.transform` file.
- JavaScript is far too big a topic to cover here. However there are many detailed resources online. If you are stuck [contact support](#).
- If you only want to combine text from columns, use the simpler [Substitute](#) transform.
- Warnings are shown in the **Warnings** tab for:
 - JavaScript syntax errors
 - Ambiguous column references
- For simple arithmetic operations on numbers and dates use the [Calculate](#) transform.

See also

- [Find the difference between dates/datetimes](#)

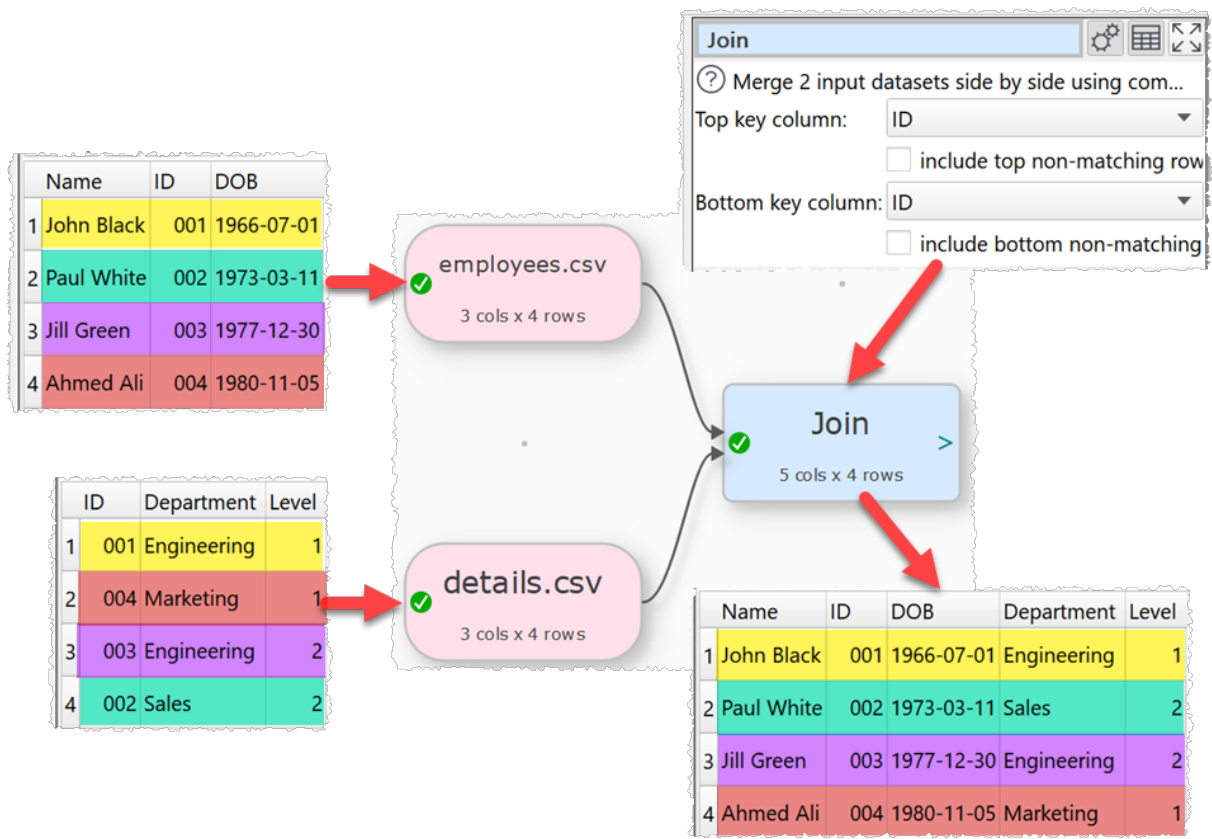
2.3.26 Join

Description

Merge two inputs based on common (key) columns, e.g. on an email address or id column present in both inputs. The bottom dataset (by vertical position) is joined to the right of the top dataset.

Example

Join two datasets side-by-side using the 'ID' columns:



Inputs

Two.

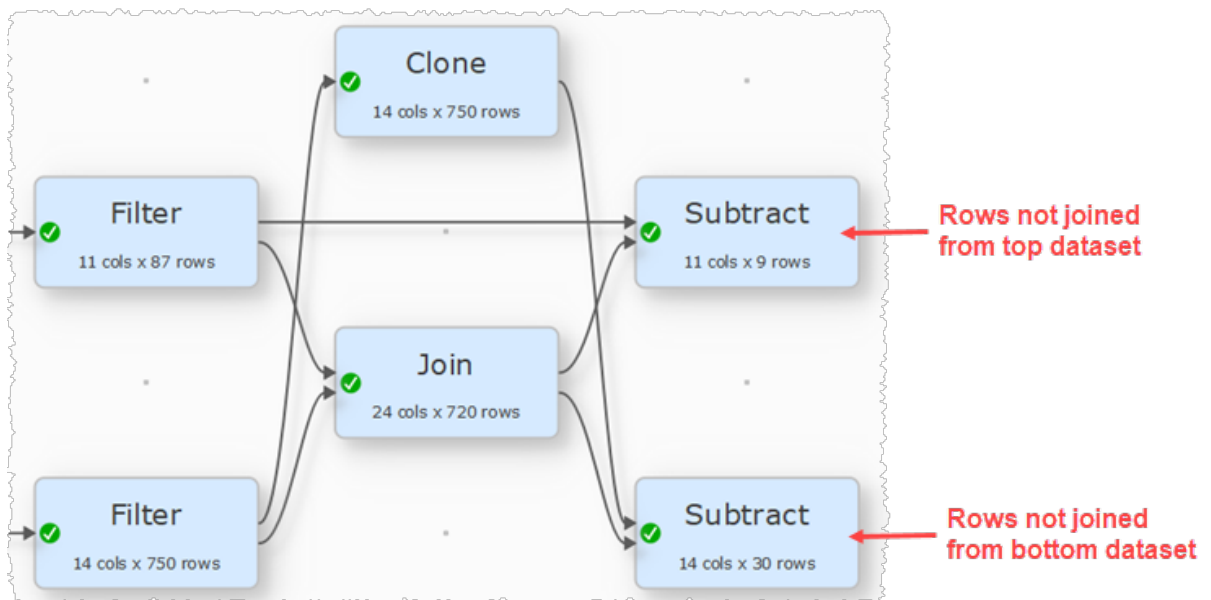
Options

- The output depends on the vertical (Y-axis) position of the inputs.
- Click **Explore Keys...** to compare key values in the 2 datasets.
- Select **Top key column** for the column you want to match in the top input dataset.
- Select **include top non-matching rows** if you want to include in the output any rows in the top input with no matching value in the bottom input.
- Select **Bottom key column** for the column you want to match in the bottom input dataset.
- Select **include bottom non-matching rows** if you want to include in the output any rows in the bottom input with no matching value in the top input.
- Check **case sensitive** to use case sensitive matching for keys.

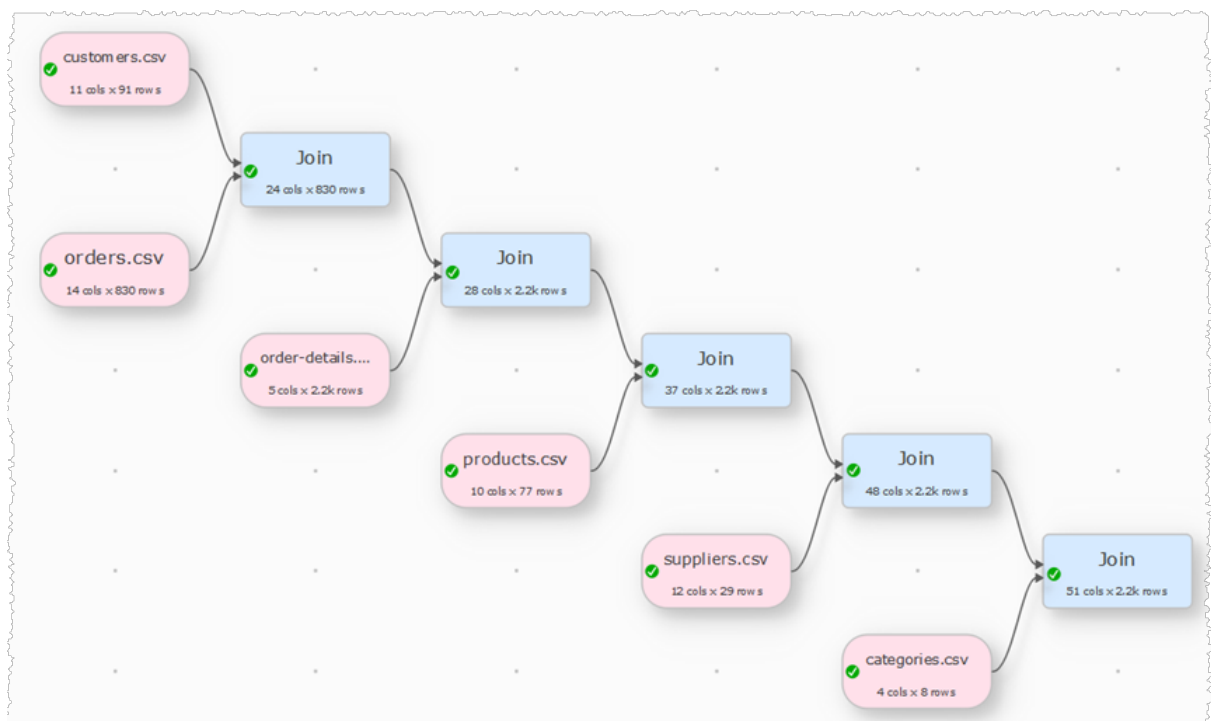
include top non-matching rows checked	include bottom non-matching rows checked	Also known as:
No	No	Inner join
No	Yes	Right outer join
Yes	No	Left outer join
Yes	Yes	Full outer join

Notes

- Join merges two datasets side-by-side (horizontally). To merge datasets one on top of the other (vertically) use [Stack](#).
- If there are 10k rows or less in both datasets, Easy Data Transform will try to guess sensible default values for **Top key column** and **Bottom key column** based on column header names and contents.
- All values are treated as text. You can use [Whitespace](#) to remove whitespace before the join.
- If a key value occurs M times in the first dataset and N times in the second dataset, you will get M x N rows with this key value. You can use [Unique](#) to remove rows with duplicate key values.
- If you need more than one column for the key, use [Concat Cols](#) to create that column.
- Use [Row Num](#) to create a unique key column.
- Use [Sort](#) to sort the results.
- Use the [Cross](#) transform for cross joins.
- Messages are shown in the **Warnings** tab for keys that occur more than once in either dataset (duplicates).
- Messages are shown in the **Info** tab for keys that only occur in 1 of the 2 datasets (misses).
- Use [Subtract](#) to see rows not joined from the top or bottom dataset (the [Clone](#) is necessary to get the correct Y position of the bottom dataset for the **Subtract**).



- Cascade multiple joins to join more than 2 datasets.



See also

- Video: [How to join Excel files](#)
- [Cross](#)
- [Lookup](#)
- [Interpolate](#)
- [Merge datasets](#)

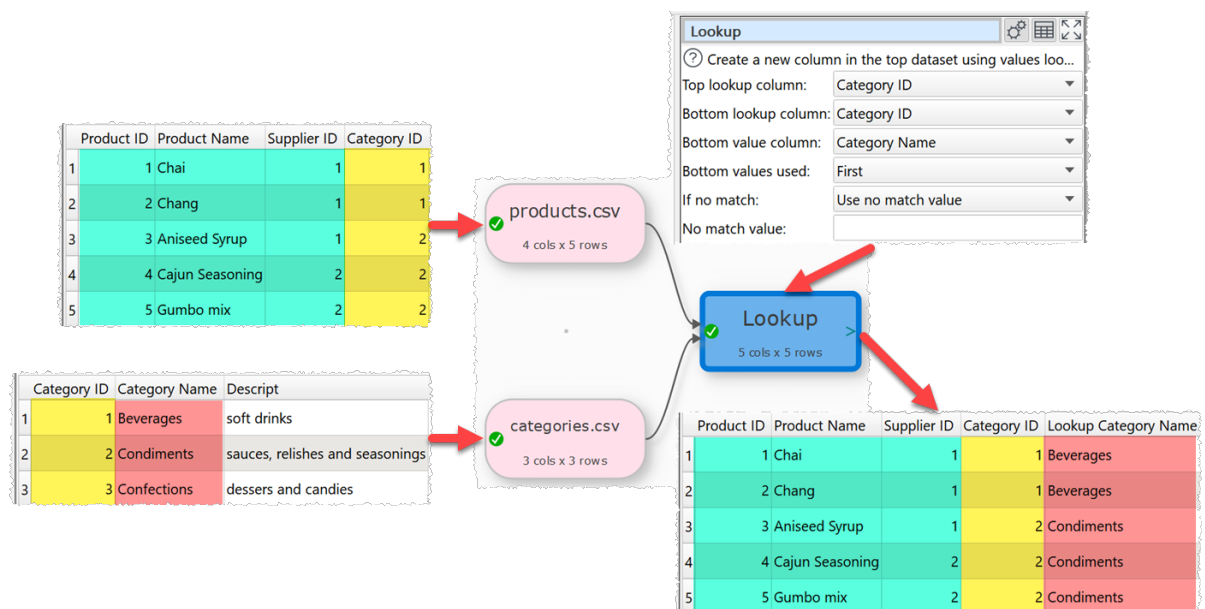
2.3.27 Lookup

Description

Looks up the values of a column in the top input dataset in the bottom input dataset and puts the result in a new column.

Example

Lookup category name in a second dataset using 'Category ID':



Inputs

Two.

Options

- Place the dataset you want to modify as the top input and the dataset you want to lookup values from as the bottom input.
- Click **Explore Keys...** to compare key values in the 2 datasets.
- Select **Top key column** for the column whose values you wish to lookup.
- Select **Bottom key column** for the column that matches the lookup in the bottom dataset.
- Select **Bottom value column** for the column that contains the values.
- Set **Bottom values used** to **First** if you want use the first match in **Bottom lookup column** and **All** if you want to use all unique matches.

- Set **If no match** to **Use not match value** or **Leave unchanged** depending on what you want to do for values in **Top lookup column** that do not exist in **Bottom lookup column**.
- Set **No match value** to the value you want to use for values in **Top lookup column** that do not exist in **Bottom lookup column** when **If no match** is set to **Use no match value**.
- Check **case sensitive** to use case sensitive matching for keys.

Notes

- Easy Data Transform will try to guess sensible default values for **Top lookup column**, **Bottom lookup column** and **Bottom value column**.
- **Bottom values used** is only important if there are duplicate values in the **Bottom lookup column**.
- If the first input has a header, this will be used for the output.
- All values are treated as text and comparisons are whitespace sensitive. You can use [Whitespace](#) to remove whitespace before the lookup.
- If you want to lookup values in multiple columns, use [Concat Cols](#) to join several columns together to form new columns.
- The new column is added at the right end. You can change the column order with [Reorder Cols](#) and the column name with [Rename Cols](#).
- Warnings are shown in the **Warnings** tab for:
 - Values that cannot be found in the bottom dataset (misses).
 - Values that occur more than once in the bottom dataset (duplicates), if **Bottom values used** is **First**.

See also

- [If](#)
- [Interpolate](#)
- [Join](#)

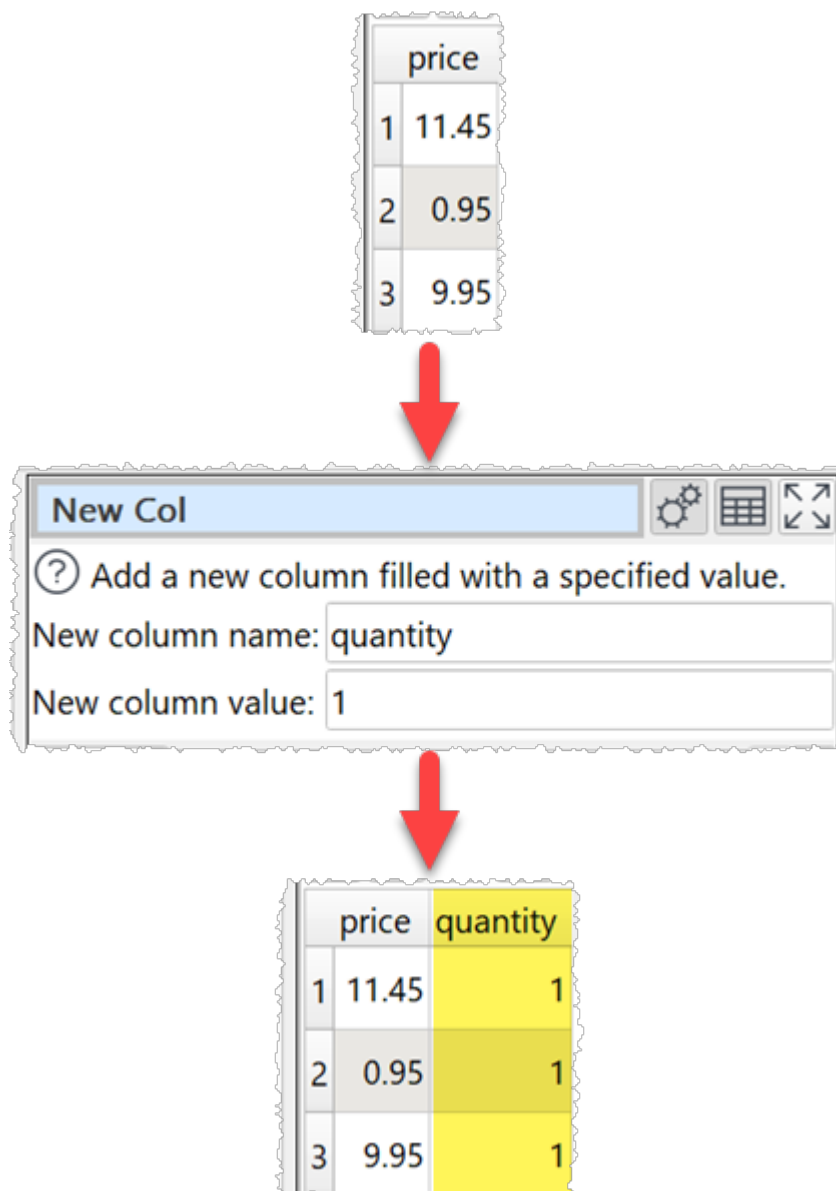
2.3.28 New Col

Description

Adds a new column, filled with a given value.

Example

Add a new column full of '1' values:



Inputs

One.

Options

- Set **New column value** to the value for every cell of the new column. You can leave it blank for an empty column.

Notes

- New columns are always added at the right end. You can change the column order with [Reorder Cols](#) and the column name with [Rename Cols](#).

See also

- [Copy Cols](#)
- [Remove Cols](#)

2.3.29 New Rows**Description**




Add new rows.


Examples

Add a blank row above every row with an invoice number:

	Invoice	Line Item	Value
1	00456	1	150.00
2		2	95.00
3		3	50.0
4	00457	1	845.00
5		2	12.50



New Rows   

 Add new rows.

Number added: Same for every row ▼

Number value: 1 ▲▼

As: Blank row(s) ▼

Location: Above each row ▼

For: Rows where ▼

Column: Invoice ▼

Matches: != Not equal to ▼

Value:

☒ case sensitive







	Invoice	Line Item	Value
1			
2	00456	1	150.00
3		2	95.00
4		3	50.0
5			

Copy each row the number of times in the 'Items' column:

	OrderId	Items
1	12345	0
2	12346	1
3	12347	2



New Rows   

 Add new rows.

Number added:

Number column:

As:

For:



	OrderId	Items
1	12345	0
2	12346	1
3	12346	1
4	12347	2
5	12347	2
6	12347	2

Inputs

One.

Options

- Set **Number added** according how many rows to add for each existing row.
 - Set **Number value** to the number of new rows to create for each existing row (available when **Number added** is **Same for every row**).
 - Set **Number column** to get the number of new rows to create for each existing row from a column (available when **Number added** is **Set from a column**).
- Set **As** to add either blank rows, copies of existing rows or user defined rows.
- Set **With value** to set the value used for each column of the new row (available when **As** is **User defined row(s)**).
- Set **Location** depending on whether you want new rows added above or below existing rows (available when **As** is **Blank row(s)** or **User defined row(s)**).
- Set **For** depending on whether you wish to add rows to all rows or only rows that meet certain conditions.

Notes

- You can use [Calculate](#) or [JavaScript](#) transforms to calculate the number for the **Number column**. E.g. to subtract 1 from the final number of copies wanted to give the number of new rows.

See also

- [Offset](#)

2.3.30 Ngram

Description




Counts the number of times each sequence of consecutive words appear in the selected column.

Examples

Find ngrams of 2 to 3 word length (bigrams and trigrams) in the 'Keywords' column:

	Keywords	Impressions
1	EDT	47
2	easy data transform	1598
3	Easy Data Transform	964
4	easy data transformer	345
5	data transformer	19343
6	EASY,DATA,TRANSFORM	23



Ngram   

Count sequences of N consecutive words in the sel...

Column: Keywords

Minimum N: 2

Maximum N: 3

Sum: Rows

☐ case sensitive






	Keywords Ngrams	Words	Rows
1	easy data transform	3	3
2	easy data transformer	3	1
3	easy data	2	4
4	data transform	2	3
5	data transformer	2	2

Sum the impressions associated with each 2 to 3 word ngram:

	Keywords	Impressions
1	EDT	47
2	easy data transform	1598
3	Easy Data Transform	964
4	easy data transformer	345
5	data transformer	19343
6	EASY,DATA,TRANSFORM	23



Ngram   

Count sequences of N consecutive words in the sel...

Column: **Keywords**

Minimum N: **2**

Maximum N: **3**

Sum: **Impressions**

☐ case sensitive



	Keywords Ngrams	Words	Impressions
1	easy data transform	3	2585
2	easy data transformer	3	345
3	data transformer	2	19688
4	easy data	2	2930
5	data transform	2	2585

Inputs

One.

Options

- Select the **Column** you wish to analyze for ngrams.
- Set **Minimum N** to the minimum number of words in an ngram.
- Set **Maximum N** to the maximum number of words in an ngram.
- Set **Sum** to:
 - **Rows** to count the number of rows containing the ngram.
 - A column to sum numeric values in that column for all rows containing the ngram.
- Uncheck **case sensitive** to convert everything to lower case before counting ngrams.

Notes

- Words are made up of letters, digits and apostrophes ('). All other characters are treated as word separators.
- All letters are converted to lower case.
- If you have set **Sum** to a column then only numeric values in that column will be summed.
- The output sorted by number of words in the ngram, then the count and then the ngram. Use a [Sort](#) transform to sort it in a different order.
- Use a [Replace](#) transform before the **Ngram** transform to remove/replace any words or letters you don't wish to analyze.

See also

- [Count](#)
- [Unique](#)
- [Total](#)
- [Pivot](#)
- [Stats](#)
- [Summary](#)

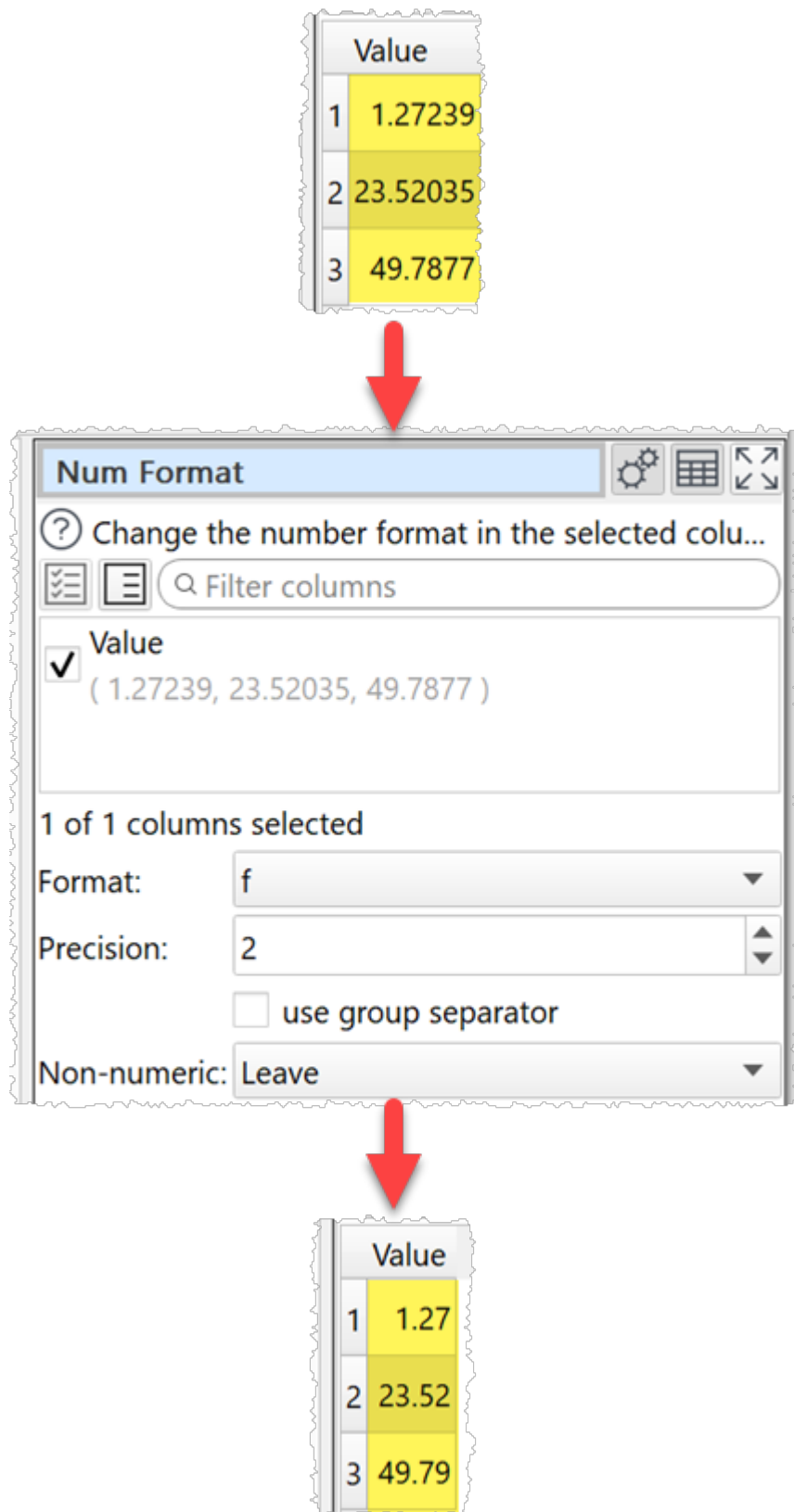
2.3.31 Num Format

Description

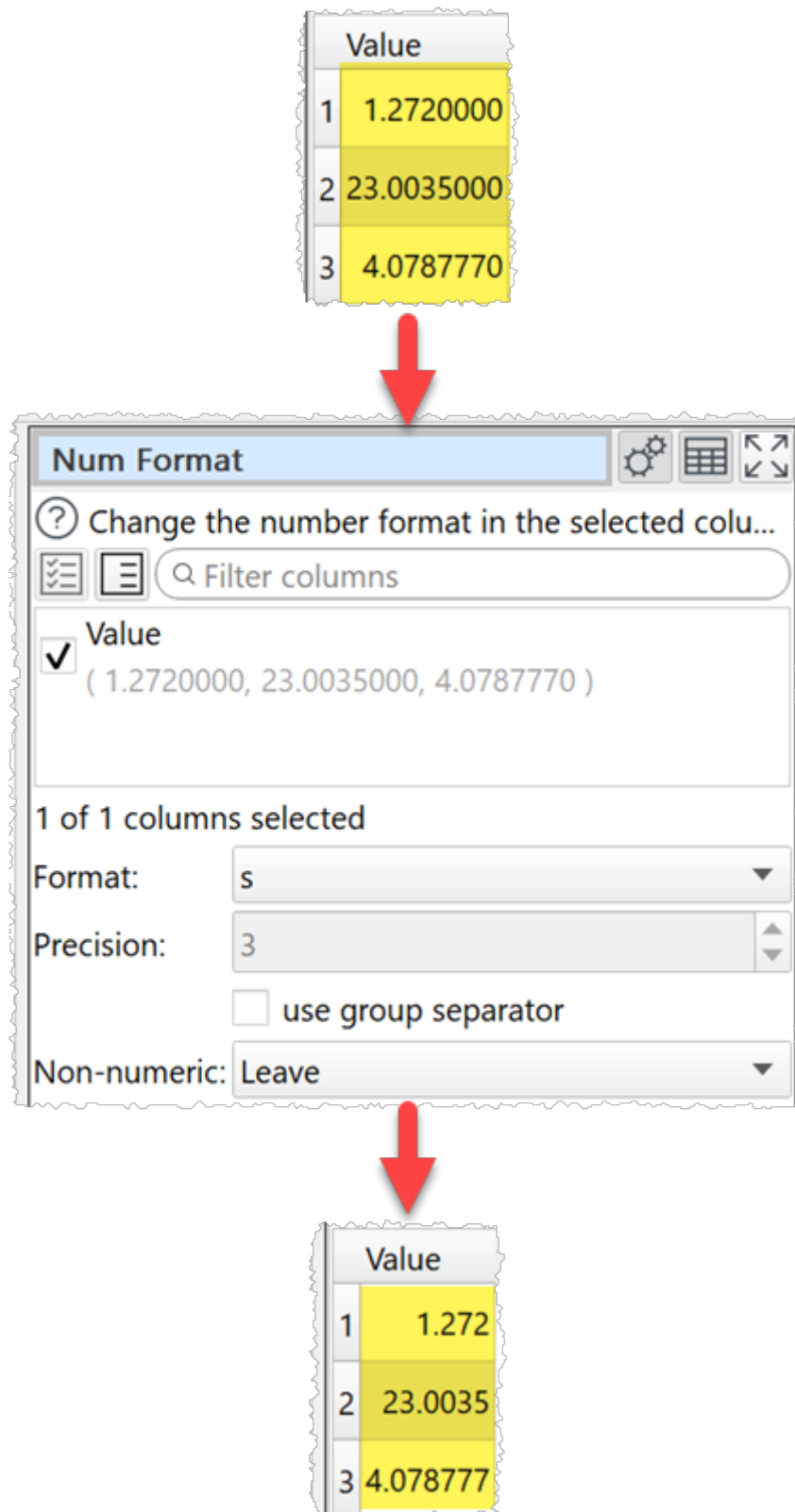
Change the number format in one or more columns.

Examples

Set numeric values to 2 decimal places:



Set numeric to shortest accurate number:



Inputs

One.

Options

- Check the column(s) you wish to transform.
- Set **Format** to the new number format (see below).
- For the **e**, **E**, and **f** formats, **Precision** represents the number of digits after the decimal point. For the **g** and **G** formats, **Precision** represents the maximum number of significant digits (trailing zeros are omitted). For the **s** format **Precision** is ignored. The following number formats are supported:

Format	Meaning
e	Format as [-]9.9e[+ -]999. E.g. 1234567.89 is shown as 1.235e+06.
E	Format as [-]9.9E[+ -]999. E.g. 1234567.89 is shown as 1.235E+06.
f	Format as [-]9.9. E.g. 1234567.89 is shown as 1234567.89.
g	Use e or f format, whichever is the most concise.
G	Use E or f format, whichever is the most concise.
s	The shortest accurate representation for the given number without exponents. E.g. 1234567.00 is shown as 1234567.

- Check **use group separators** to include the group separators for your locale. E.g. to turn 1234567 to 1,234,567 for a UK or US locale.
- Set **Non-numeric** according to what you want to do with non-numeric values in transformed columns. NaN means Not a Number.

Notes

- The **Locale** set in the **Preferences** window is used to decide how the number is represented (e.g. group and decimal separators).
- Non-numerical values are ignored.
- You can also use [Extract](#) and [Pad](#) to change the number of characters.
- Warnings are shown in the **Warnings** tab for non-numeric values.

See also

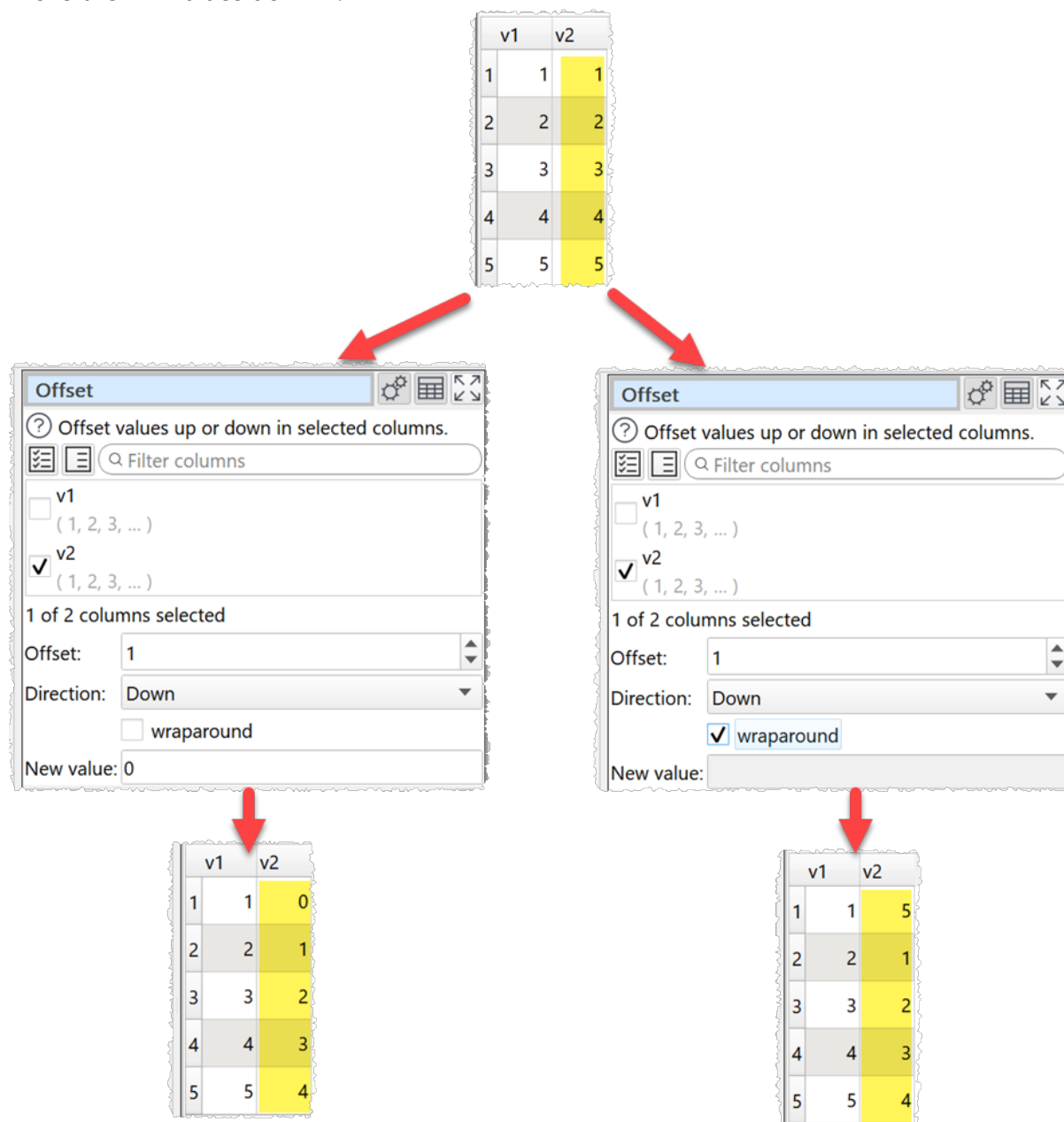
- [Date Format](#)

2.3.32 Offset**Description**

Moves values in selected columns up or down.

Example

Move the 'v2' values down 1:



Inputs

One.

Options

- Check the column(s) you wish to transform.
- Set **Offset** to the number of rows you wish to offset values by.
- Set **Direction** to the direction you want to offset in.
- Check **wraparound** if you want values pushed off the bottom of the table to be added to the top or values pushed off the top to be added to the bottom.
- Set **New value** to the value you wish to set for any cells newly created by the offset.

Notes

- You can use [Copy Cols](#) to create copies of columns before you offset them.

See also

- [New Rows](#)

2.3.33 Pad

Description

Pad text to a minimum length in one or more columns.

Example

Pad the 'Id' column to 10 digits using zeros:

Id	Name
1	Alice
2	Bob
3	Charlie
4	Dwayne



Pad

? Pad the selected column(s) to a fixed length.

☒ Id
(1, 2, 3, ...)

☐ Name
(Alice, Bob, Charlie, ...)

1 of 2 columns selected

Minimum length: 10

Pad: Left

Pad with: Zeros



Id	Name
1 0000000001	Alice
2 0000000002	Bob
3 0000000003	Charlie
4 0000000004	Dwayne

Inputs

One.

Options

- Check the column(s) you wish to transform.
- Set **Minimum length** to the length you want values in selected columns padded to. Values this length or longer are unaffected.
- Set **Pad** to **Left** or **Right** depending on where you want any padding characters added.
- Set **Pad with** to the character you want to pad with.

Notes

- Whitespace is counted when calculating length. You can use [Whitespace](#) to remove whitespace before padding.

2.3.34 Pivot

Description

Creates a pivot table to summarize values for one or two columns.

Example

Pivot to sum 'Amount' by 'Area' and 'Currency':

	Area	Currency	Amount
1	Europe	EUR	13937.00
2	North America	USD	22894.90
3	Africa	ZAR	12745.55
4	North America	USD	48356.95
5	Europe	GBP	1100.00
6	Europe	EUR	5905.80



Pivot

? Create a pivot table to summarize the selected ...

Columns: Currency

Rows: Area

Values: Amount

Summarize by: Sum

Set non-calculated: Zero

☒ add totals

Total by: Rows and columns



	Area	EUR	GBP	USD	ZAR	Grand Sum
1	Africa	0	0	0	12745.55	12745.55
2	Europe	19842.8	1100	0	0	20942.8
3	North America	0	0	71251.85	0	71251.85
4	Grand Sum	19842.8	1100	71251.85	12745.55	104940.2

Inputs

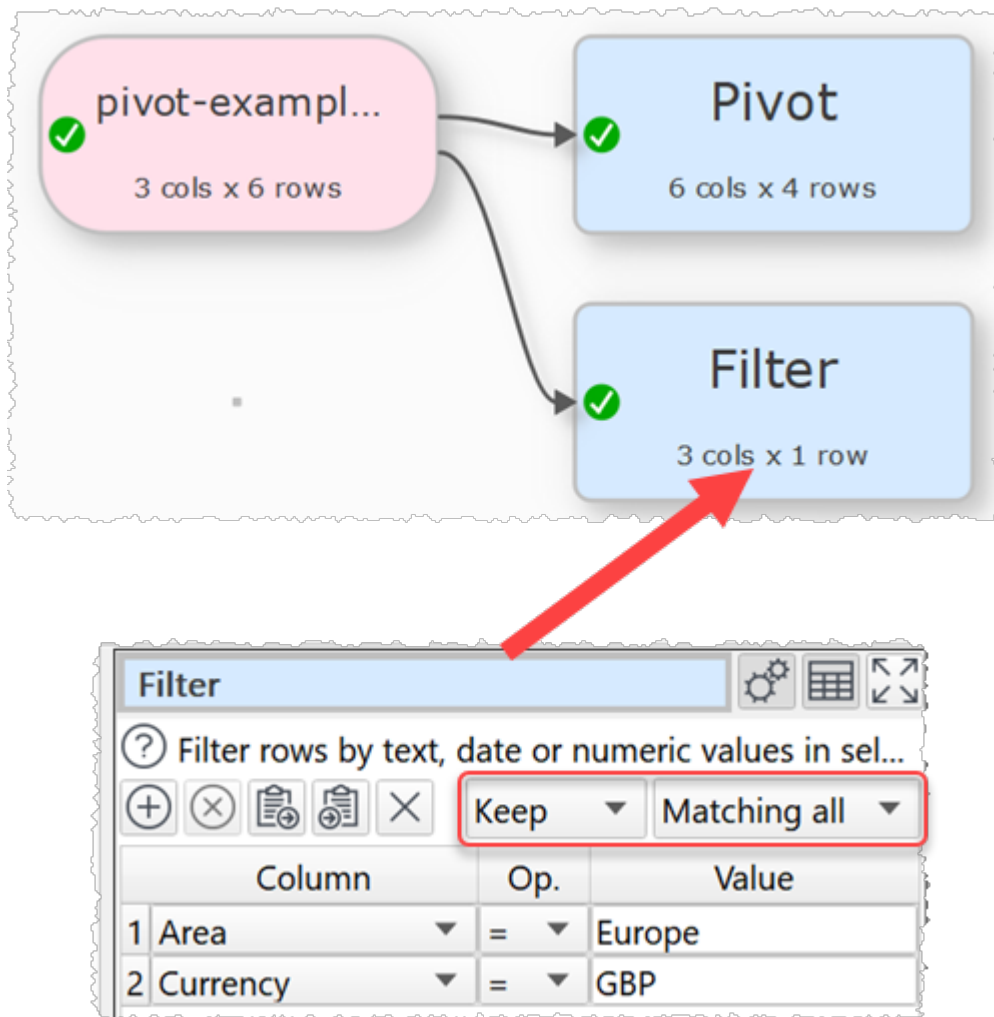
One.

Options

- Set **Columns** to the column values you want to use as columns in your pivot table.
- Set **Rows** to the column values you want to use as rows in your pivot table.
- Set **Values** to the column you wish to summarize.
- Set **Summarize by** to how you wish to summarize the values:
 - **Sum** show the sum of the values. Non-numeric and empty values are ignored.
 - **Minimum** shows the smallest value. Non-numeric and empty values are ignored.
 - **Maximum** shows the largest value. Non-numeric and empty values are ignored.
 - **Average** shows the arithmetic mean of the values. Non-numeric and empty values are ignored.
 - **Median** shows the median of numeric values in the column. Non-numeric and empty values are ignored.
 - **Mode** shows the mode of numeric values in the column. Non-numeric and empty values are ignored.
 - **Standard deviation** is the sample standard deviation (equivalent to Excel function `stddev.s`). Non-numeric and empty values are ignored.
 - **Count** shows the number of values. Empty values are ignore (a value that contains whitespace is not considered empty).
- Set **Set non-calculated** depending on how you want to set cells not calculated by the pivot.
- Check **add totals** to add row and/or column totals.
- Set **Total by** depending on whether you want to total by **Rows and columns**, **Rows** or **Columns**. This is only available if **add totals** is checked and **Columns** and **Rows** are selected.

Notes

- Column and row values are ordered alphabetically. You can change the order using [Reorder Cols](#) (for columns) and [Sort](#) (for rows).
- **Mode** may not work as expected with non-integer values, due to precision issues. You can fix this by using a [Num Format](#) transform first.
- Use [Num Format](#) to change the precision of the results.
- Use [Scale](#) to convert the results to percentages.
- If you want to 'drill down' to find which rows contributed to a result you can do it using a Filter transform on the input to the Pivot transform.



See also

- [Count](#)
- [Stats](#)
- [Summary](#)

2.3.35 Remove Cols

Description




Removes columns.

Example



Remove the 'Area' column:

	Area	Currency	Amount
1	Europe	EUR	13937.00
2	North America	USD	22894.90
3	Africa	ZAR	12745.55



Remove Cols   

? Uncheck columns you wish to remove.

☐

Area
(Europe, North America, Africa, ...)

☒

Currency
(EUR, USD, ZAR, ...)

☒

Amount
(13937.00, 22894.90, 12745.55, ...)



	Currency	Amount
1	EUR	13937.00
2	USD	22894.90
3	ZAR	12745.55

Inputs

One.

Options

- Uncheck the column(s) you wish to remove.

Notes

- The column will be removed from any dataset 'downstream'.

See also

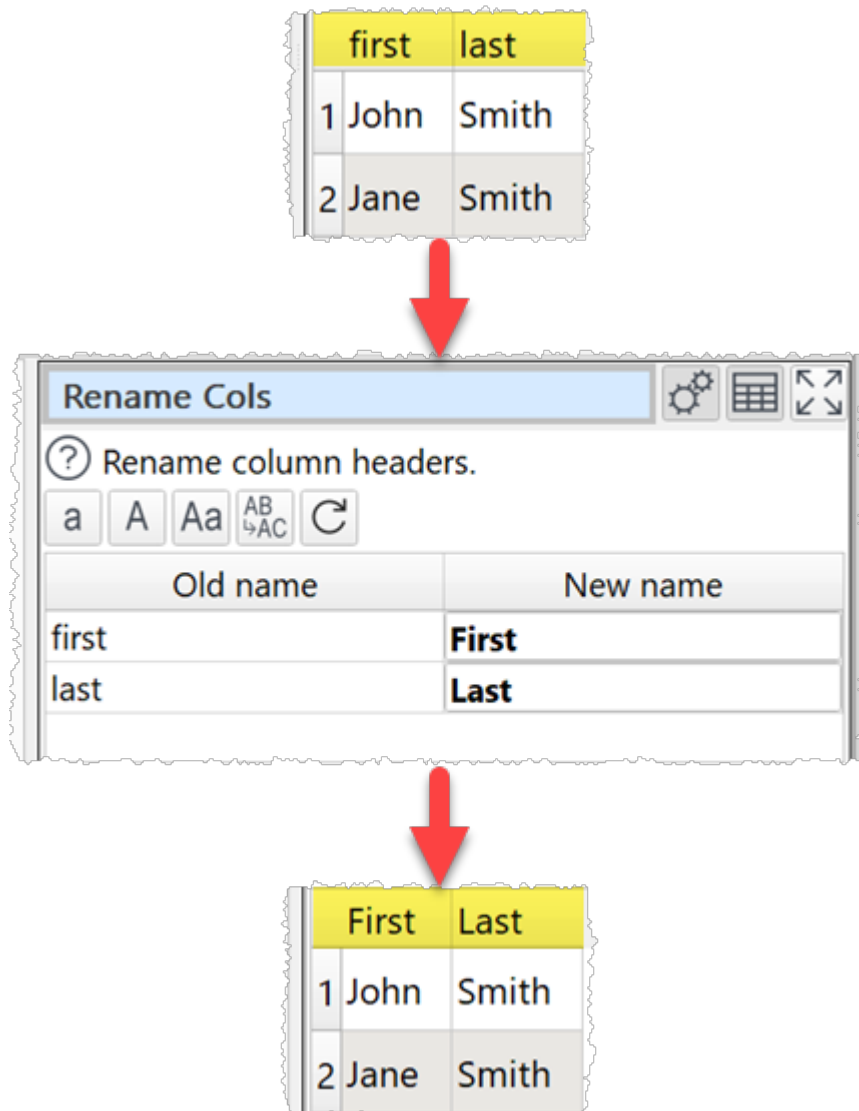
- [New Col](#)

2.3.36 Rename Cols**Description**

Rename column headers.

Example

Rename columns 'first' to 'First' and 'Last' to 'last':



Inputs

One.

Options

- Change the column headers using the **New name** column.
- Click **Lower** to change all the names in the **New name** column to lower case.
- Click **Upper** to change all the names in the **New name** column to upper case.
- Click **Title** to change all the names in the **New name** column to title case.
- Click **Replace** to replace text in the **New name** column using text, exact text or [Regular expression](#) matching.
- Click **Reset** to change all the names in the **New name** column back to their original name.

Notes

- The names of column headers do not have to be unique.
- Warnings are shown in the **Info** tab for duplicate column names (case sensitive).

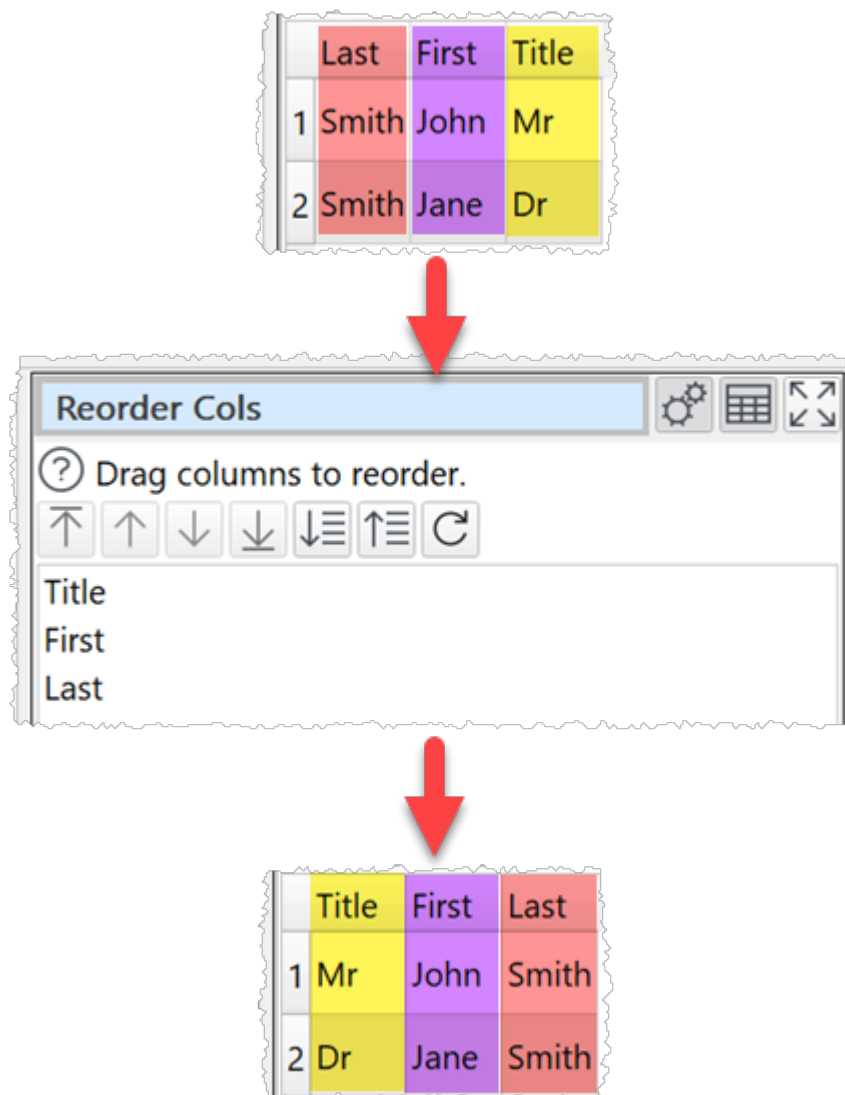
2.3.37 Reorder Cols

Description

Reorder columns.

Example

Reorder 'Last', 'First' and 'Title' columns:



Inputs

One.

Options

Drag the columns into the desired order (left-most at the top).

Click the **Move first** button to move the selected columns to be first.

Click the **Move up** button to move the selected columns up one place.

Click the **Move down** button to move the selected columns down one place.

Click the **Move last** button to move the selected columns to be last.

Click the **Sort ascending** button to sort the columns in ascending order.

Click the **Sort descending** button to sort the columns in descending order.

Click the **Reset** button to restore the original column order.

Notes

- You can also rename columns with [Rename Cols](#) and remove unwanted columns with [Remove Cols](#).
- Number, date and text values are treated differently for sorting purposes.

2.3.38 Replace**Description**

Replace text in one or more columns.

Examples

Replace US state initials in the 'Address' column:

	First	Last	Address
1	Jane	Smith	100 W St, Tucson, AZ
2	Ahmed	Ali	17 N St, Anchorage, AK
3	Josh	Jones	123 S St, Fort Smith, AR



Replace

? Replace multiple text in the selected column(s). ...

Filter columns

☐ Last
(Smith, Ali, Jones)

☒ Address
(100 W St, Tucson, AZ, 17 N St, Anchorage,..., 1

1 of 3 columns selected

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	Match Type	Replace	With
1	Text ▼	AK	Alaska
2	Text ▼	AR	Arkansas
3	Text ▼	AZ	Arizona

☒ case sensitive



	First	Last	Address
1	Jane	Smith	100 W St, Tucson, Arizona
2	Ahmed	Ali	17 N St, Anchorage, Alaska
3	Josh	Jones	123 S St, Fort Smith, Arkansas

Reformat phone numbers using a regular expression:

Replace

? Replace multiple text in the selected column(s). Can use powerf...

Filter columns

☒ Home
(0123456789, 0139384892, 0153498348)

☒ Business
(0123489404, 0129347236, 0150923404)

2 of 2 columns selected

Match Type Replace With


1 Regex 0(\d\d\d\d)(\d\d\d\d\d\d) (+44) \1 \2

☒ case sensitive

	Home	Business
1	0123456789	0123489404
2	0139384892	0129347236
3	0153498348	0150923404

	Home	Business
1	(+44) 1234 56789	(+44) 1234 89404
2	(+44) 1393 84892	(+44) 1293 47236
3	(+44) 1534 98348	(+44) 1509 23404

Replace empty values:



	n1	n2	n3
1	123.8	9876.1	
2	98123.4		23.3
3	28.8		

Replace

? Replace multiple text in the selected column(s). Can use powerf...

☐ Filter columns

☒ n1
(123.8, 98123.4, 28.8)


☒ n2
(9876.1, ,)

☒ n3
(, 23.3,)

3 of 3 columns selected


	Match Type	Replace	With
1	Empty ▾		0.0

☒ case sensitive




	n1	n2	n3
1	123.8	9876.1	0.0
2	98123.4	0.0	23.3
3	28.8	0.0	0.0

Remove symbols:



	Amount
1	\$100.0
2	\$95.2
3	\$45.3
4	\$15.6



Replace

? Replace multiple text in the selected column(s).

☒ Amount
(\$100.0, \$95.2, \$45.3, ...)

1 of 1 columns selected

Match Type: 1 Symbols

Replace:








With:

	Amount
1	100.0
2	95.2
3	45.3
4	15.6

Inputs

One.

Options

- Check the column(s) you wish to transform.
- Click the  button to add a new filter criteria.
- Click the  button to move the selected terms up.
- Click the  button to move the selected terms down.
- Click the  button to delete the selected filter terms.
- Click the  button to copy all terms to the clipboard.
- Click the  button to paste terms from the clipboard.
- Click the  button to clear all terms.
- Add the terms you wish to replace and how you wish to replace them.
 - Choose the **Match type** as:
 - **Text** to replace matches contained in the text.
 - **Exact text** to replace the text only if it matches exactly (whitespace sensitive).
 - **Regex** to match using a [Regular expression](#).
 - **Empty** to match empty cells (cells with whitespace are not empty). The **Replace** value is ignored.
 - **Letters** to match letters, e.g. 'a'. The **Replace** value is ignored.
 - **Digits** to match numeric digits, e.g. '1'. The **Replace** value is ignored.
 - **Punctuation** to match punctuation characters e.g. ','. The **Replace** value is ignored.
 - **Symbols** to match symbol characters e.g. '\$'. The **Replace** value is ignored.
 - **Space** to match white space characters. The **Replace** value is ignored.
 - In **Replace** put the text you want to replace for **Text**, **Exact text** or **Regex** matching. You can use a [column variable](#).
 - In **With** put the text you want to replace it with. You can use a [column variable](#).
- Check **case sensitive** to use case sensitive matching for **Text**, **Exact text** or **Regex** matching.

Notes

- Comparisons are whitespace sensitive. You can use [Whitespace](#) to remove whitespace before replacing.
- If you are pasting in replacement terms, the format expected is comma delimited text with 3 columns.
 - The first column is the 0-based index of the **Match Type** drop-down list.
 - The second column is the text **Replace**.
 - The third column is the text **With**.

For example, pasting in:

0, YES, 1
2, ^Y\$, 1

Will add:

	Match Type	Replace	With
1	Text ▼	YES	1
2	Regex ▼	^Y\$	1

You can also try copying terms to the clipboard and pasting into a text file to see the format. If you only paste in 1 column of text, it will be assumed to be a list of **Replace**. You can, of course, use Easy Data Transform to create the appropriate filter terms and paste them into memory.

See also

- [Insert](#)
- [Substitute](#)

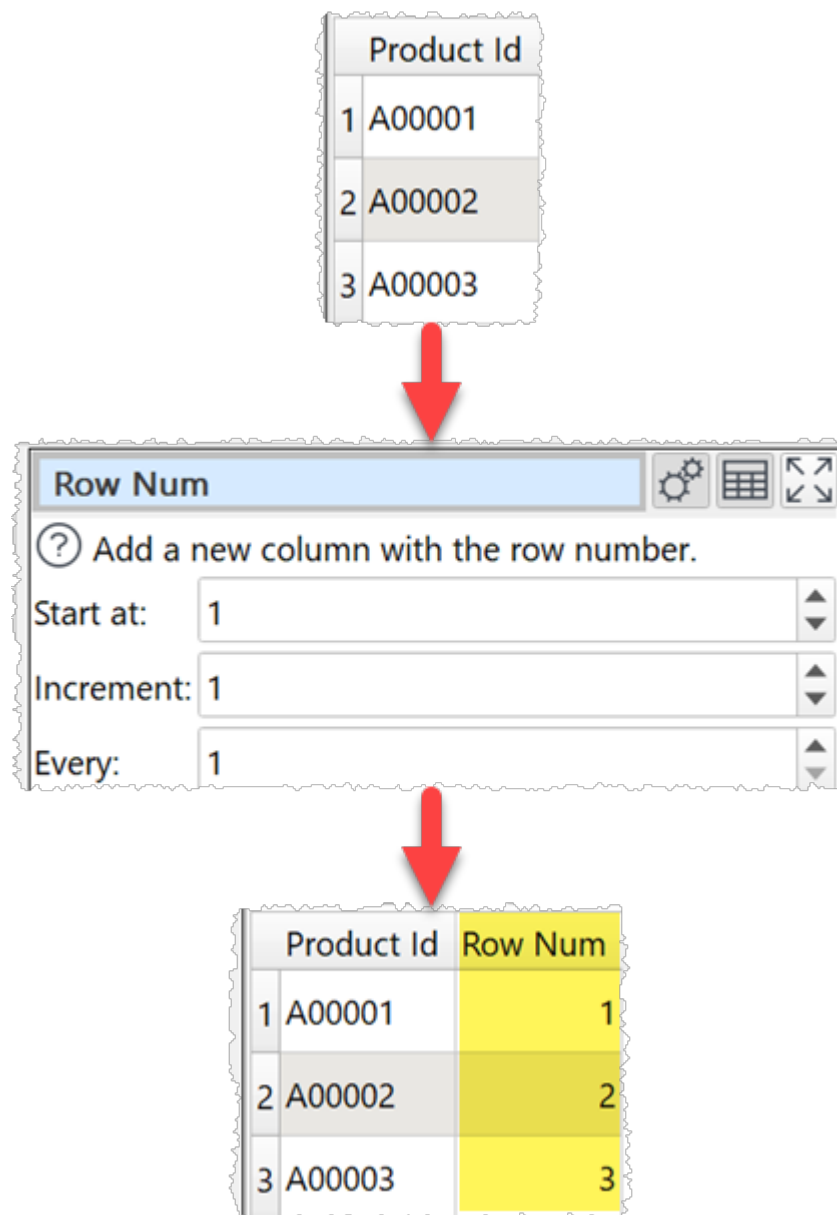
2.3.39 Row Num

Description

Add a new column that contains the row number.

Example

Add a row number starting at 1:



Inputs

One.

Options

- Set **Start at** to the number you want to use for the first row.
- Set **Increment** to the amount you wish to increment by.
- set **Every** to how often to apply the increment (e.g. set to 5 to increment once every 5 rows).

Notes

- The new column is added at the right end. You can change the column order with [Reorder Cols](#) and the column name with [Rename Cols](#).
- You can [Pad](#) the row number with zeros to turn it into a column of unique Ids with a fixed length.

2.3.40 Sample**Description**




Selects a subset of rows from the input.

Example

Sample 3 rows from 5:

	Timestamp	Temperature (F)	Humidity (RH)
1	2020-10-19T20:40	143.5	108
2	2020-10-23T19:45	119.6	127
3	2020-10-27T02:30	101.8	152
4	2020-10-30T16:40	138.5	87
5	2020-11-05T07:15	130.8	132



Sample   

? Sample from all rows. Useful for testing changes to d...

Rows:

Select:

Random seed:

☐ disable sampling



	Timestamp	Temperature (F)	Humidity (RH)
1	2020-10-23T19:45	119.6	127
2	2020-10-27T02:30	101.8	152
3	2020-10-30T16:40	138.5	87

Inputs

One.

Options

- Set **Rows** to the number of rows you want to output. If it is the same or greater than the number of rows in the input, then the input will be unaffected.
- Set **Select** depending on how you want the rows sampled.
- Check **disable sampling** to turn off sampling. If sampling is disabled, the transform does nothing.

Notes

- If you set **Select** to **Randomly (for quality)** or **Randomly (for speed)**, rows will be selected using a pseudo-random number generator, initialized with **Random seed**. Changing the seed will change the rows sampled.
- With the same **Random seed** and the same **Select** value you should get the same random sampling, even across Windows and Mac versions of Easy Data Transform.
- **Random (for speed)** is significantly faster than **Randomly (for quality)**, but the results may be less random.
- If you are transforming a large dataset, then you can use **Sample** to test a small subset.
- If you need to do something more complex than **Sample** can handle (e.g. keep only rows 500 to 1000) then use [Slice](#) or [Row Num](#) followed by a [Filter](#). For the most complex cases use **Row Num**, followed by [JavaScript](#), followed by a **Filter**. E.g. this **JavaScript** function returns 1 for every 10th row between 1000 and 2000 and 0 otherwise:

```
return $(Row Num) >= 1000 & $(Row Num) <= 2000 & $(Row Num) % 10 == 0;
```

2.3.41 Scale

Description




Scale (normalize) numeric values, e.g. to a percentage or 0 to 1.

Examples



Scale a single column to a percentage:

	Item	Disputed
1	Billing Accuracy	\$4,128,367.37
2	Terms & Conditions	\$1,722,366.90
3	Unknown	\$1,141,031.66
4	Delivery & Installation	\$1,091,424.82
5	Service Delivery	\$238,914.81
6	Technical Issues	\$53,816.33



Scale   


? Scale numeric values, e.g. to a percentage or 0 t...


 


☐ Item
(Billing Accuracy, Terms & Conditions, Unknown, ...)

☒ Disputed
(\$4,128,367.37, \$1,722,366.90, \$1,141,031.66, ...)

1 of 2 columns selected

Scale to : 100 

Using: Sum 

Of: All values 



	Item	Disputed
1	Billing Accuracy	49.2885132433
2	Terms & Conditions	20.5633113897
3	Unknown	13.6227590823
4	Delivery & Installation	13.0305037981

Scale a table with row, column and grand totals to a percentage (scale to 400 as each value is also added to the row total, column total and grand total):

	Sum Amount	EUR	GBP	USD	ZAR	Total
1	Africa	0.00	0.00	0.00	12745.55	12745.55
2	Europe	19842.80	1100.00	0.00	0.00	20942.80
3	North America	0.00	0.00	71251.85	0.00	71251.85
4	Total	19842.80	1100.00	71251.85	12745.55	104940.20



Scale

? Scale numeric values, e.g. to a percentage or 0 t...

Filter columns

☐ Sum Amount
(Africa, Europe, North America, ...)

☒ EUR
(0.00, 19842.80, 0.00, ...)

☒ GBP
(0.00, 1100.00, 0.00, ...)

☒ USD
(0.00, 0.00, 71251.85, ...)

☒ ZAR
(12745.55, 0.00, 0.00, ...)

☒ Total
(12745.55, 20942.80, 71251.85, ...)

5 of 6 columns selected

Scale to : 400

Using: Sum

Of: All values






	Sum Amount	EUR	GBP	USD	ZAR	Total
1	Africa	0	0	0	12.1455362197	12.1455362197
2	Europe	18.9086737018	1.0482160316	0	0	19.9568897334
3	North America	0	0	67.8975740469	0	67.8975740469
4	Total	18.9086737018	1.0482160316	67.8975740469	12.1455362197	100



Scale heights and weights so that the largest in each column is 1 and the smallest is 0.

	Name	Height (m)	Weight (Kg)
1	Alice	1.65	65.0
2	Bob	1.99	98.0
3	Charlie	1.93	76.0
4	Doug	2.02	89.5
5	Erin	1.89	76.3



Scale   

? Scale numeric values, e.g. to a percentage or 0 t...



 


☐ Name
(Alice, Bob, Charlie, ...)


☒ Height (m)
(1.65, 1.99, 1.93, ...)

☒ Weight (Kg)
(65.0, 98.0, 76.0, ...)

2 of 3 columns selected

Scale to : 1  

Using: Maximum 

Of: Each column 






	Name	Height (m)	Weight (Kg)
1	Alice	0.8168316832	0.6632653061
2	Bob	0.9851485149	1
3	Charlie	0.9554455446	0.7755102041



Scale heights and weights so that the largest in each column is 1 and the smallest is 0.

	Name	Height (m)	Weight (Kg)
1	Alice	1.65	65.0
2	Bob	1.99	98.0
3	Charlie	1.93	76.0
4	Doug	2.02	89.5
5	Erin	1.89	76.3



Scale   

? Scale numeric values, e.g. to a percentage or 0 t...

☐ Name
(Alice, Bob, Charlie, ...)

☒ Height (m)
(1.65, 1.99, 1.93, ...)

☒ Weight (Kg)
(65.0, 98.0, 76.0, ...)

2 of 3 columns selected

Scale from : 0

Scale to : 1

Using: Minimum & Maximum

Of: Each column



	Name	Height (m)	Weight (Kg)
1	Alice	0	0
2	Bob	0.9189189189	1
3	Charlie	0.7567567568	0.3333333333

Inputs

One.

Options

- Set **Columns** to the columns whose values you want to scale.
- set **Scale from** to the value you want to scale the minimum value to. E.g. 0 if you want the minimum value scaled to 0. This is only available when **Using** is set to **Minimum and Maximum**.
- Set **Scale to** to the value you want to scale the maximum or sum value to. E.g. 100 for a percentage.
- Set **Using** depending on whether you want to use the **Sum**, **Maximum** or **Minimum and Maximum** values for scaling.
- Set **Of** depending on whether you want to scale for **Each column**, **Each row** or for **All values**.

Notes

- Whether values are interpreted as numbers depends on **Locale** in the [Preferences window](#).
- Non-numeric values (including empty values) are ignored.
- To replace empty values with zeros use the [Replace](#) transform.
- To modify the numerical precision of the results use the [Num Format](#) transform.
- To add a '%' at the end of values use the [Insert](#) transform.
- To copy columns before using **Scale** use [Copy Cols](#) .
- Warnings are shown in the **Warnings** tab for non-numeric values.

See also:

- Video: [How to normalize data](#)

2.3.42 Slice

Description




Keep or remove a continuous section of rows.

Example

Keep only the records between the 'YEAR' rows:

	1	2	3	4
1	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
2	1980	256.9	238.5	275.4
3	1981	248.9	224.9	259.1
4	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
5	1982	258.6	230.0	280.4
6	1983	275.9	234.9	251.9



Slice   

? Keep or remove a continuous section of rows.

Mode: **Keep** ▼

From: **First row where** ▼

Column: **1** ▼

Matches: **= Equal to** ▼

Value: **YEAR**

☐ include 'From' row

To: **Last row where** ▼

Column: **1** ▼

Matches: **= Equal to** ▼

Value: **YEAR**

☐ include 'To' row

☒ case sensitive



	1	2	3	4
1	1980	256.9	238.5	275.4

Inputs

One.

Options

- Set **Mode** depending on whether you want to keep or remove the slice.
- Set **From** according to how you want to choose the first row of the slice.
- Set **Column**, **Matches** and **Value** to match the first row. You can use a [column variable](#) for either **Value**.
- Uncheck **Include 'From' row** if you don't want to include the first row in the slice.
- Set **To** according to how you want to choose the last row of the slice.
- Set **Column**, **Matches** and **Value** to match the last row.
- Uncheck **Include 'To' row** if you don't want to include the last row in the slice.
- Check **case sensitive** to use case sensitive matching for text.

Notes

- Number, date and text values are treated differently for **Equal to**, **Greater than**, **Less than**, **Greater than equal**, **Less than equal** and **Not equal to** operations. Any values that can be converted to a number will be treated as a number. Any values that match the supported date formats in [Preferences](#) will be treated as a date.
- All values are treated as text for **Contains**, **Starts with**, **Ends with**, **Matches regex**, **Is not**, **Doesn't start with**, **Doesn't end with** and **Doesn't match regex** operations.
- Comparisons of text are whitespace sensitive. Cells with whitespace will not match **Is empty**. You can use [Whitespace](#) to remove whitespace before filtering and [Replace](#) to get rid of other unwanted characters (e.g. whitespace inside the text).
- See here for more details on [Regular expressions](#) (regex).
- If you want to keep or remove a selection of rows by row number, use a [Row Num](#) transform followed by a [Filter](#) transform.

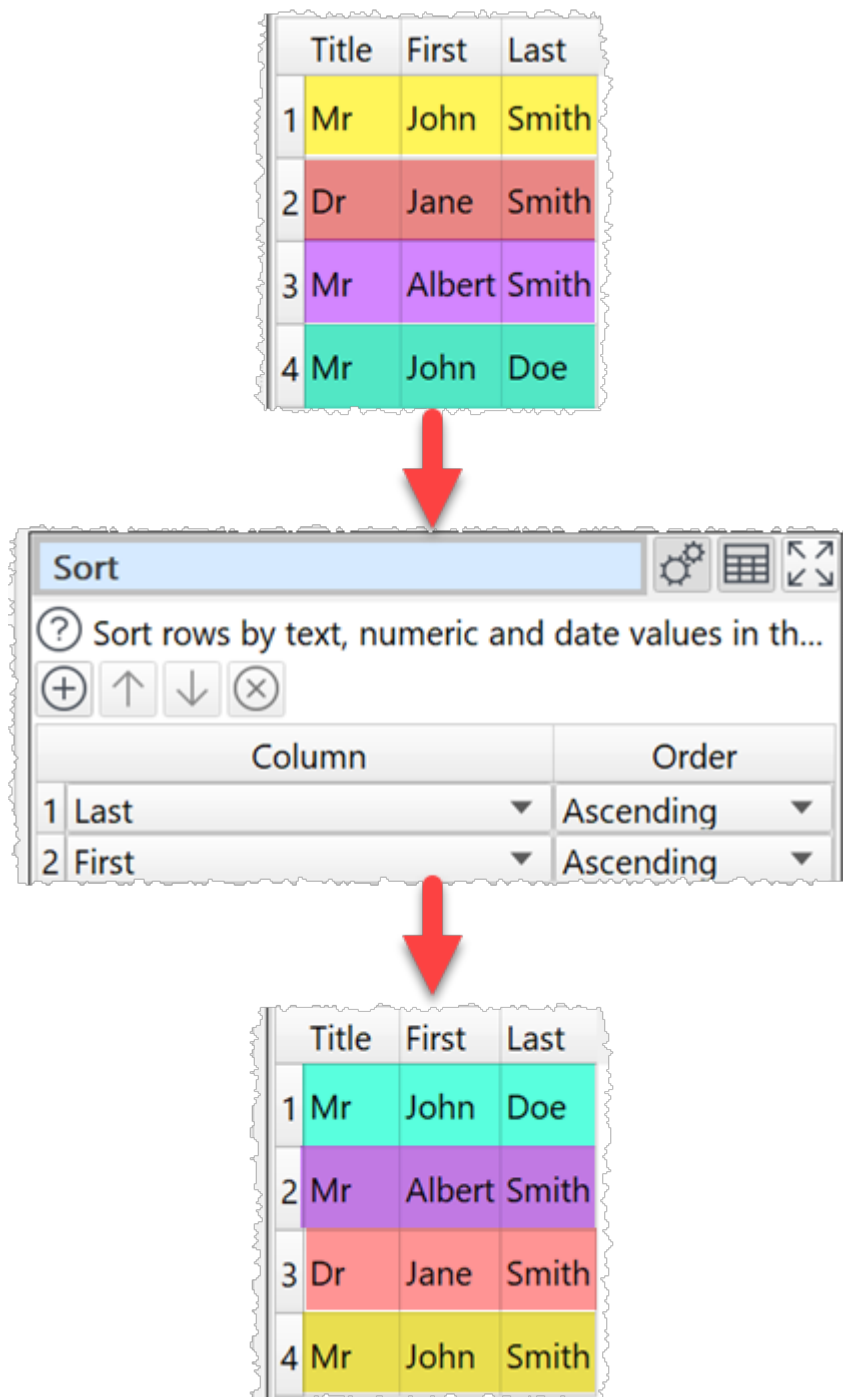
2.3.43 Sort

Description

Sorts rows by one or more columns.

Example

Sort by 'First' and then 'Last' columns:



Inputs

One.

Options

- Click the \oplus button to add a new sort level.
- Click the \uparrow button to move the selected sort levels up.

- Click the ↓ button to move the selected sort levels down.
- Click the ⊗ button to delete the selected sort level(s).
- Click the ✕ button to clear all sort levels.
- Set **Column** to the column you want to sort by.
- Set **Order** depending on whether you want to sort this column **Ascending** or **Descending**.

Notes

- If you add multiple levels, it will sort by level 1 then level 1 values that are the same will be sorted by level 2 etc.
- Number, date and text values are treated differently for sorting purposes.
- Any values that can be converted to numbers will be treated as numbers.
- Any values that match the supported date formats in [Preferences](#) will be treated as dates.
- Comparisons of text are case and whitespace sensitive. You can use [Case](#) to change the case and [Whitespace](#) to remove whitespace before sorting.

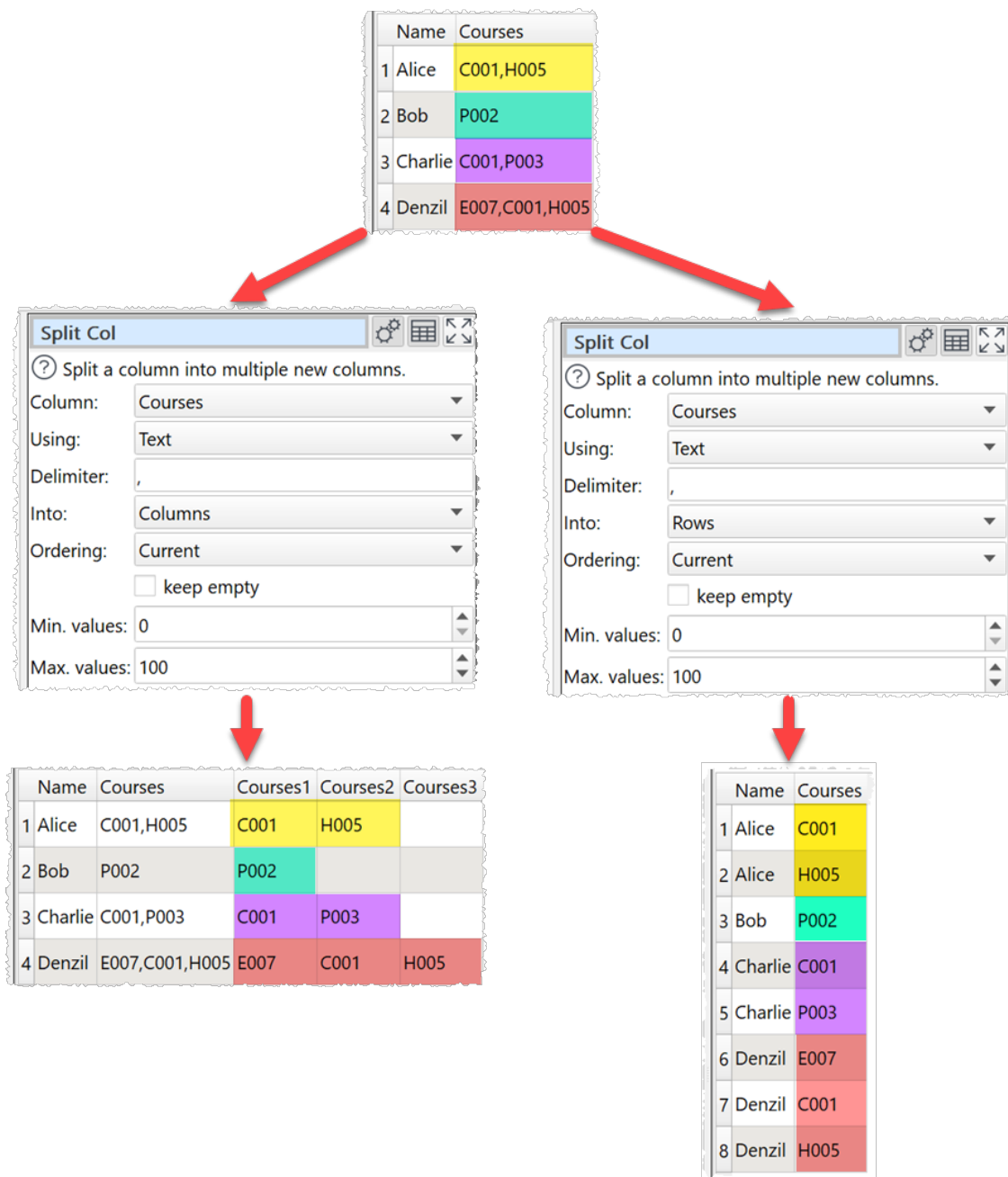
2.3.44 Split Col

Description

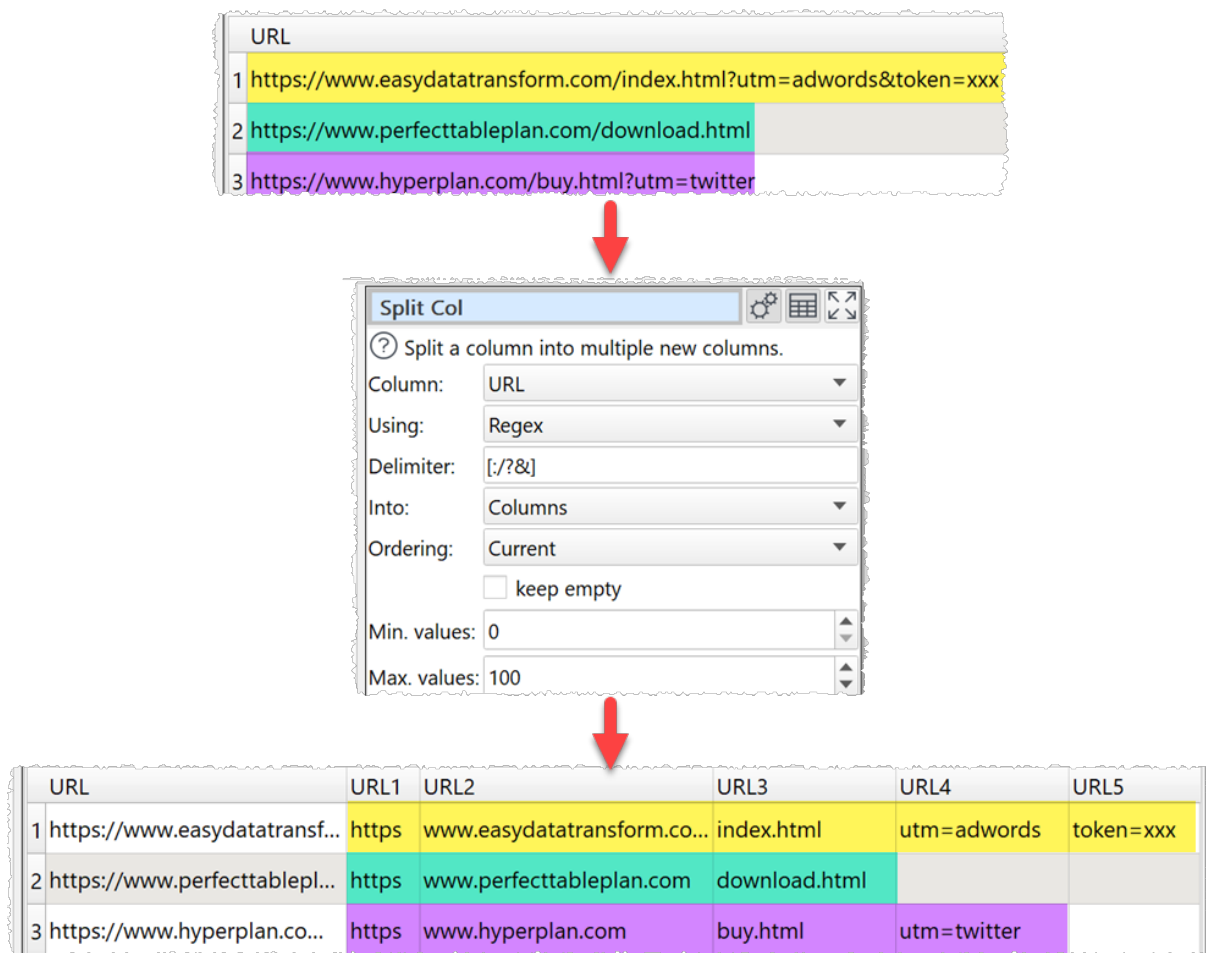
Split text at delimiters in a selected column to create multiple columns or rows.

Example

Split the 'Courses' column into multiple columns or rows:



Split the 'URL' column into multiple columns using a regular expression for colon or slash or question mark or ampersand:



Inputs

One.

Options

- Select the **Column** you wish to split.
- Set **Using** depending on whether you wish to split use a text delimiter (usually a single character) or a [regular expression](#).
- Supply the text or regular expression **Delimiter** for splitting the column. E.g. , (comma).
- Set **Into** to:
 - **Columns** to create a new column for each split value.
 - **Rows** to create a new row for each split value (the original row is removed).
- Set **Ordering** depending on how you want to order values after splitting.
- Check **keep empty** if you wish to keep empty values (e.g. honor delimiters with nothing in between).
- set **Min. values** to the minimum number of columns/rows you wish to split each value into.

- set **Max. values** to the maximum number of columns/rows you wish to split each value into (ignored if less than minimum).

Notes

- If no **Delimiter** is supplied then no new columns are created.
- If **Into** is **Columns**, new columns are added at the right end. You can change the column order with [Reorder Cols](#).
- If there is a header, the header of the new column is based on the original header. You can change the column name with [Rename Cols](#).
- The opposite of **Split Col** with **Into** as **Columns** is [Concat Cols](#).
- The opposite of **Split Col** with **Into** as **Rows** is [Unique](#).

See also

- [Split Rows](#)

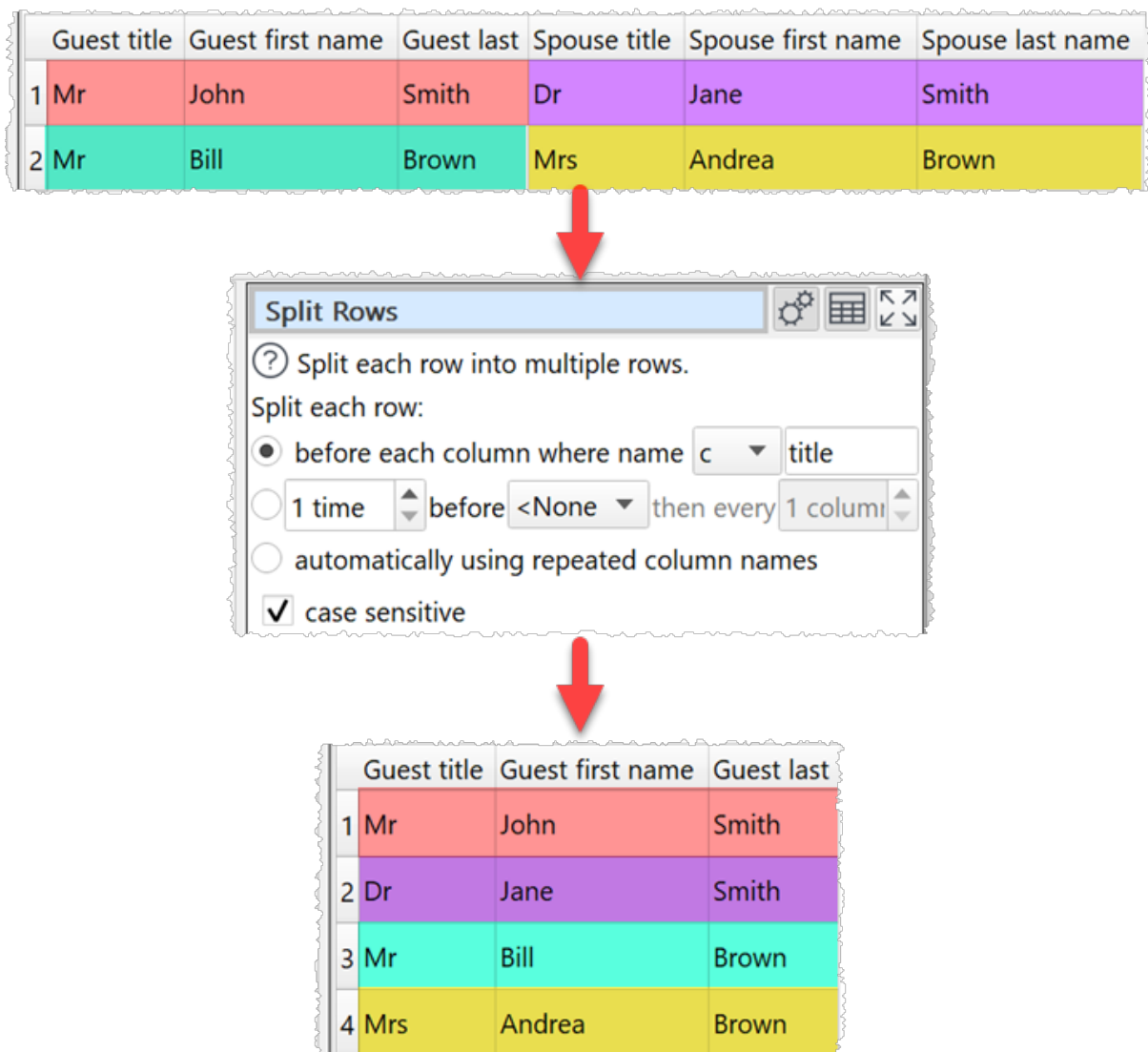
2.3.45 Split Rows

Description

Split each row into multiple rows.

Example

Split rows before each column containing 'title':



Inputs

One.

Options

- Split by column name:
 - Each row will be split before each column that matches the criteria.
- Split a fixed number of times:
 - Define the number of **times** you want to split each row, **starting before** which column and **then every** N columns.
 - The split is added before the designated columns.
 - Splits after the last column are ignored. So you can set **times** to a large number if you don't know how many columns there will be.
- Split automatically:

- Find the first column name that appears more than once and split each row before each column with that name.
- Check **case sensitive** to use case sensitive matching for column names.

Notes

- Comparisons of column names are whitespace sensitive.
- Splits added before the first column are ignored, as there is already a split there.
- Use [New Col](#) or [Rename Cols](#) if you need to add additional columns or rename columns before splitting rows.
- The opposite of **Split Rows** is [Concat Rows](#).

See also

- [Gather](#)
- [Split Col](#)

2.3.46 Spread

Description




Spread a column into multiple new columns. Also called wide pivot or crosstab.

Example

Spread 'Quarter' and 'Amount' columns to multiple columns:

	salesman	area	Quarter	Value
1	Alice	North	Q1	11.3
2	Alice	North	Q2	89.3
3	Alice	North	Q3	44.3
4	Alice	North	Q4	18
5	Bob	East	Q1	4.5
6	Bob	East	Q2	7.9
7	Bob	East	Q3	8
8	Bob	East	Q4	3.3



Spread   

? Spread the selected key and value columns into m...

Key column:

Value column:

Missing value:

Min. new cols:

Max. new cols:



	salesman	area	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1	Alice	North	11.3	89.3	44.3	18
2	Bob	East	4.5	7.9	8	3.3

Inputs

One.

Options

- Select the **Key column** and **Value column** you wish to spread.
- **Missing values** is used for values missing from the input dataset.
- set **Min. new cols** to the minimum number of new columns you wish to add.
- set **Max. new cols** to the maximum number of new columns you wish to add (ignored if less than minimum).

Notes

- If there are rows that are duplicates, apart from the value column, this will cause errors.
- New columns are added at the right end. You can change the column order with [Reorder Cols](#).
- You can merge the new columns into a single column with [Concat Cols](#).
- The opposite of Spread is [Gather](#).

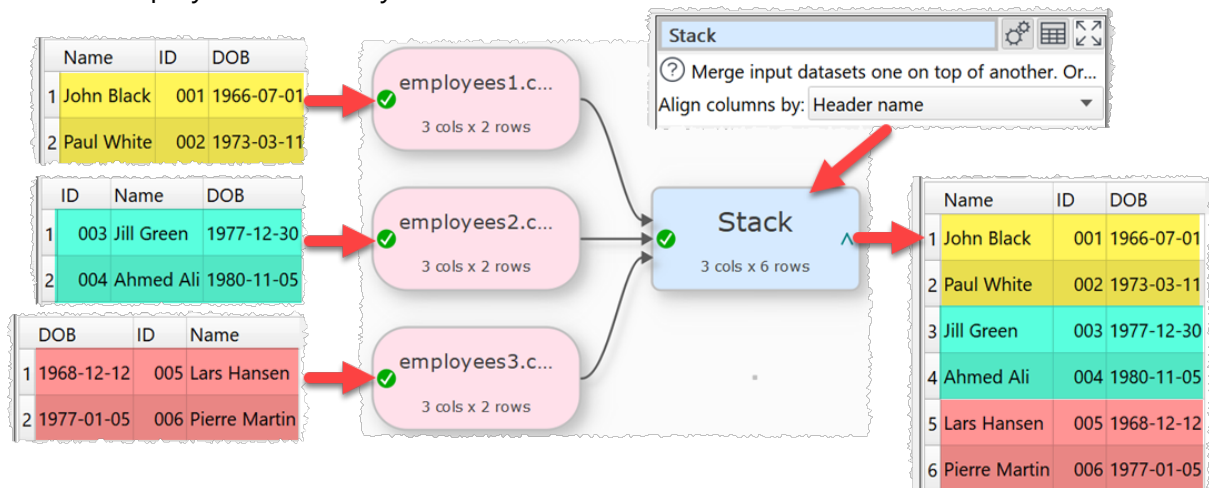
2.3.47 Stack

Description

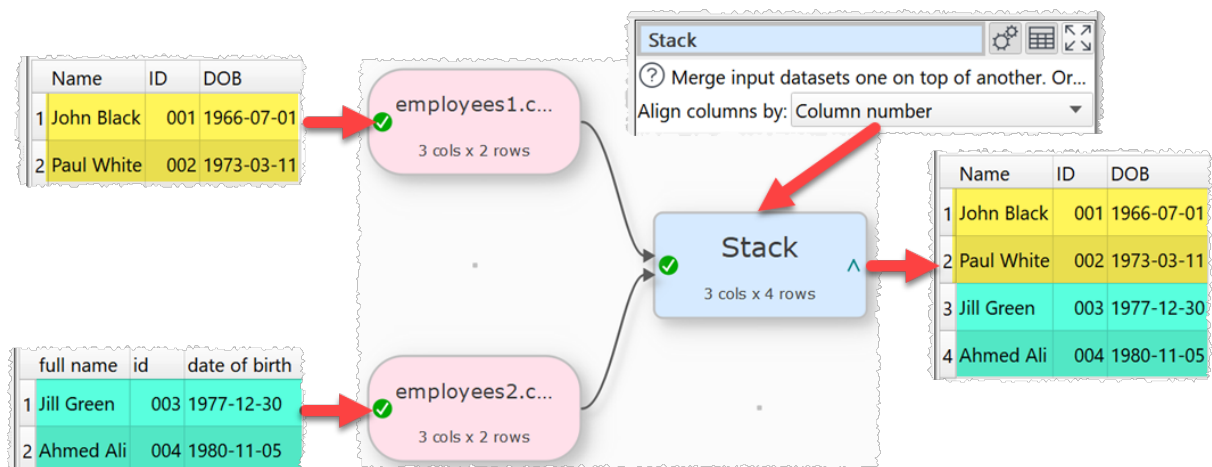
Merge rows from inputs, one on top of the other.

Examples

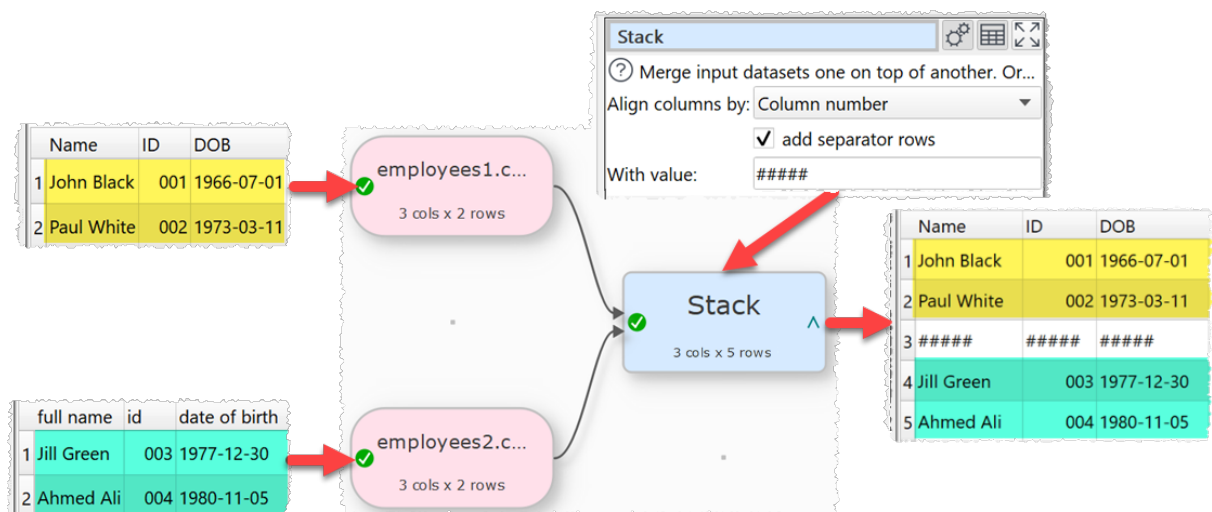
Stack 3 employee datasets by header name:



Stack 2 employee datasets by column number:



Stack 2 employee datasets with a separator row:



Inputs

One or more.

Options

- Select **Align columns by** to **Header name** if you want line up column values by header name (e.g. the 'id' column in input 1 with the 'id' column in input 2) and **Column number** to align by the column number (e.g. the first column of input 1 with the first column of input 2). The headers will be matched in order:
 - case and whitespace sensitive (e.g. 'ID' to 'ID'); then
 - case insensitive and whitespace sensitive (e.g. 'Id' to 'ID'); then
 - case sensitive and whitespace insensitive (e.g. 'ID' to ' ID '); then
 - case and whitespace insensitive (e.g. 'Id' to ' ID ')

- Check **add separator rows** to extra rows to separate the inputs. The value entered for **With value** is used for each column of the separator rows.

Notes

- The stacking order depends on the vertical (Y-axis) position of the inputs.
- Stack merges datasets one on top of the other (vertically). To merge datasets side-by-side (horizontally) use [Join](#).
- If you align by **Column number** the header of the first input is used.
- Messages are shown in the **Warnings** tab for:
 - duplicated column names within an input dataset when **Align columns by** is set to **Header name**
 - columns stacked under columns with different names when **Align columns by** is set to **Column number**
 - differing numbers of columns between input datasets
- It is sometimes useful to **Stack** a single dataset, so you can add more inputs later.

See also

- [Cross](#)
- [Join](#)
- [Merge datasets](#)

2.3.48 Stamp

Description




Adds a stamp with time, date and other information as a new row or a new column.

Examples

Add the current date to the end of each row:

	Generation [kW]	Grid [kW]	Solar [kW]
1	1.904804444	0.372133333	1.904804444
2	2.072017778	0.470303333	2.072017778
3	1.980881111	0.426542222	1.980881111



Stamp   

? Add a processing date/time stamp.

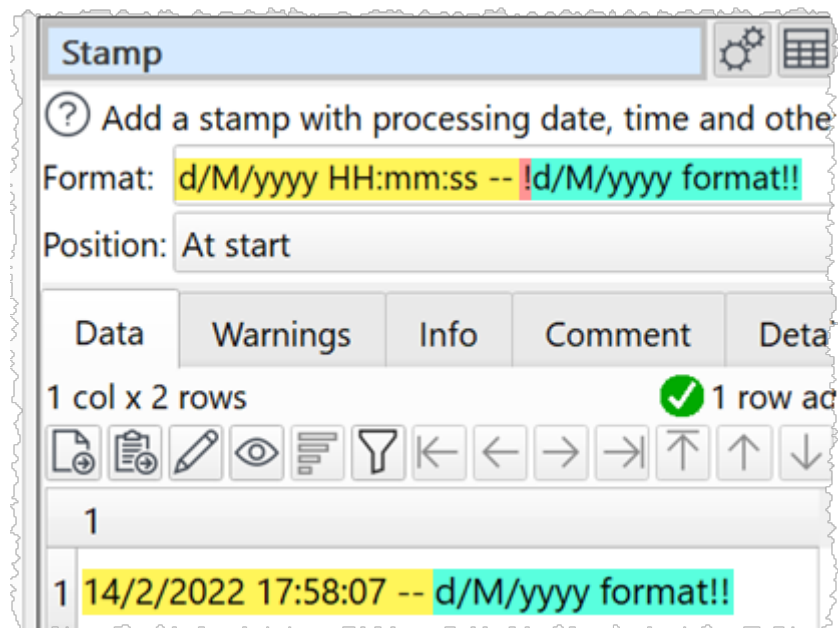
Format:

Position:



	Generation [kW]	Grid [kW]	Solar [kW]	Stamp
1	1.904804444	0.372133333	1.904804444	-- 07/06/2021 --
2	2.072017778	0.470303333	2.072017778	-- 07/06/2021 --
3	1.980881111	0.426542222	1.980881111	-- 07/06/2021 --

Add the current date and time to the top of a dataset with a comment:



Inputs

One.

Options

- Supply the stamp format in **Format** (see below).

Format	Meaning
d	The day as number without a leading zero (1 to 31)
dd	The day as number with a leading zero (01 to 31)
ddd	The abbreviated localized day name (e.g. 'Mon' to 'Sun'). Uses the system locale to localize the name.
dddd	The long localized day name (e.g. 'Monday' to 'Sunday'). Uses the system locale to localize the name.
M	The month as number without a leading zero (1 to 12).

Format	Meaning
MM	The month as number with a leading zero (01 to 12)
MMM	The abbreviated localized month name (e.g. 'Jan' to 'Dec'). Uses the system locale to localize the name.
MMMM	The long localized month name (e.g. 'January' to 'December'). Uses the system locale to localize the name.
YY	The year as two digit number (00 to 99).
YYYY	The year as four digit number. If the year is negative, a minus sign is prepended in addition.
h	The hour without a leading zero (0 to 23 or 1 to 12 if AM/PM display).
hh	The hour with a leading zero (00 to 23 or 01 to 12 if AM/PM display).
H	The hour without a leading zero (0 to 23, even with AM/PM display).
HH	The hour with a leading zero (00 to 23, even with AM/PM display).
m	The minute without a leading zero (0 to 59).
mm	The minute with a leading zero (00 to 59).
s	The whole second without a leading zero (0 to 59).
ss	The whole second with a leading zero where applicable (00 to 59).
z	The fractional part of the second, to go after a decimal point, without trailing zeroes (0 to 999). Thus "s.z" reports the

Format	Meaning
	seconds to full available (millisecond) precision without trailing zeroes.
AP or A	The fractional part of the second, to millisecond precision, including trailing.
ap or a	Use am/pm display. a/ap will be replaced by either "am" or "pm".
t	The timezone (for example "CEST").
\$ (c)	The computer name.
\$ (f)	The path of the .transform file, e.g. /Users/andy/Desktop/mytransform.transform.
\$ (u)	The name of the user (from the USER or USERNAME environment variable).
!	Anything after the first ! (exclamation) character won't be substituted.

- Select from **Position** whether you want the stamp row added to the start or end of the dataset or to every row in a new column.

Notes

- If you add the stamp to **Every Row** you can move the column using [Reorder Cols](#).
- The **Format** text is case-sensitive.

See also

- [Meta information](#)
- [Stack](#)

2.3.49 Stats

Description




Calculates statistics by column and/or row in one or more selected columns.


Example



Calculate column and row averages:

	Grid [kW]	Solar [kW]
1	0.372133333	1.904804444
2	0.470303333	2.072017778
3	0.426542222	1.980881111



Stats   

 Calculate sum, min, max, average, median or st...

☒ Grid [kW]
(0.372133333, 0.470303333, 0.426542222)

☒ Solar [kW]
(1.904804444, 2.072017778, 1.980881111)

2 of 2 columns selected

Calculation: Average ▼

On: Columns and rows ▼



	Grid [kW]	Solar [kW]	Average
1	0.372133333	1.904804444	1.138468885
2	0.470303333	2.072017778	1.271160555
3	0.426542222	1.980881111	1.203711666
4	0.4229929627	1.985901111	1.2044470368

Inputs

One.

Options

- Check the column(s) you wish to calculate stats for.
- Set **Calculation** to the statistic you want to calculate:
 - **Sum** show the sum of the values.
 - **Minimum** shows the smallest value.
 - **Maximum** shows the largest value.
 - **Average** shows the arithmetic mean of the values.
 - **Median** shows the median of numeric values in the column.
 - **Mode** shows the mode of numeric values in the column.
 - **Standard deviation** is the sample standard deviation (equivalent to Excel function `stddev.s`).
 - **Variance** is the square of the sample standard deviation.
 - **Q1** is the first quartile (calculated using Method 1 [here](#)).
 - **Q3** is the third quartile (calculated using Method 1 [here](#)).
 - **IQR** is the Inter Quartile Range.
 - **Skew** is the alternative Pearson Mode Skewness $(3 * (\text{Mean} - \text{Median}) / \text{Standard Deviation})$.
- Set **On** depending on whether you wish to calculate the statistics for columns, rows or both.
 - If **On** is set to **Columns** an extra row with the results is added to the bottom.
 - If **On** is set to **Rows** an extra column with the results is added to the right.
 - If **On** is set to **Columns and rows** an extra row with the results is added to the bottom and extra column with the results is added to the right. The bottom right cell contains the calculation across all values.

Notes

- Non-numerical and empty values are ignored.
- **Mode** may not work as expected with non-integer values, due to precision issues. You can fix this by using a [Num Format](#) transform first.
- Use [Num Format](#) to change the precision of the results.
- Use [Scale](#) to convert the results to percentages.

See also

- [Count](#)
- [Pivot](#)
- [Summary](#)

2.3.50 Substitute

Description

Substitute column values into text.

Example

Create an SQL statement to insert 'date', 'cases', 'deaths' and 'country' values into 'mytable':

	date	cases	deaths	country
1	2020-05-03	134	4	Afghanistan
2	2020-05-03	7	0	Albania
3	2020-05-03	141	6	Algeria



Substitute

?

Substitute column values into text.

New column name:

SQL

Substitution script:

INSERT INTO mytable (country,date,deaths,cases) VALUES (\$(country),\$(date),\$(deaths),\$(cases));



	date	cases	deaths	country	SQL
1	2020-05-03	134	4	Afghanistan	INSERT INTO mytable (country,date,deaths,cases) VALUES (Afghanistan,2020-05-03,4,134);
2	2020-05-03	7	0	Albania	INSERT INTO mytable (country,date,deaths,cases) VALUES (Albania,2020-05-03,0,7);
3	2020-05-03	141	6	Algeria	INSERT INTO mytable (country,date,deaths,cases) VALUES (Algeria,2020-05-03,6,141);

Inputs

One.

Options

- Enter your substitution script into the **Substitution script** field.
- Select a column from **Insert variable** to add that [column variable](#) into the **Substitution script** field at the current cursor position.
- Click the **Evaluate** button to evaluate your script over every row.

Notes

- The transform is calculated every time:
 - The **Evaluate** button is pressed.
 - The **Substitute** transform item is unselected in the **Center** pane and script changes have been made without the **Evaluate** button being clicked.
 - The item upstream of it changes.
- The new column is added at the right end. You can change the column order with [Reorder Cols](#) and the column name with [Rename Cols](#).

- If you want to carry out your transform across more than one dataset, you should [Join](#) them first.
- If you need to do something more complex than this transform allows, try the [JavaScript](#) transform.
- Warnings are shown in the **Warnings** tab for ambiguous column references.

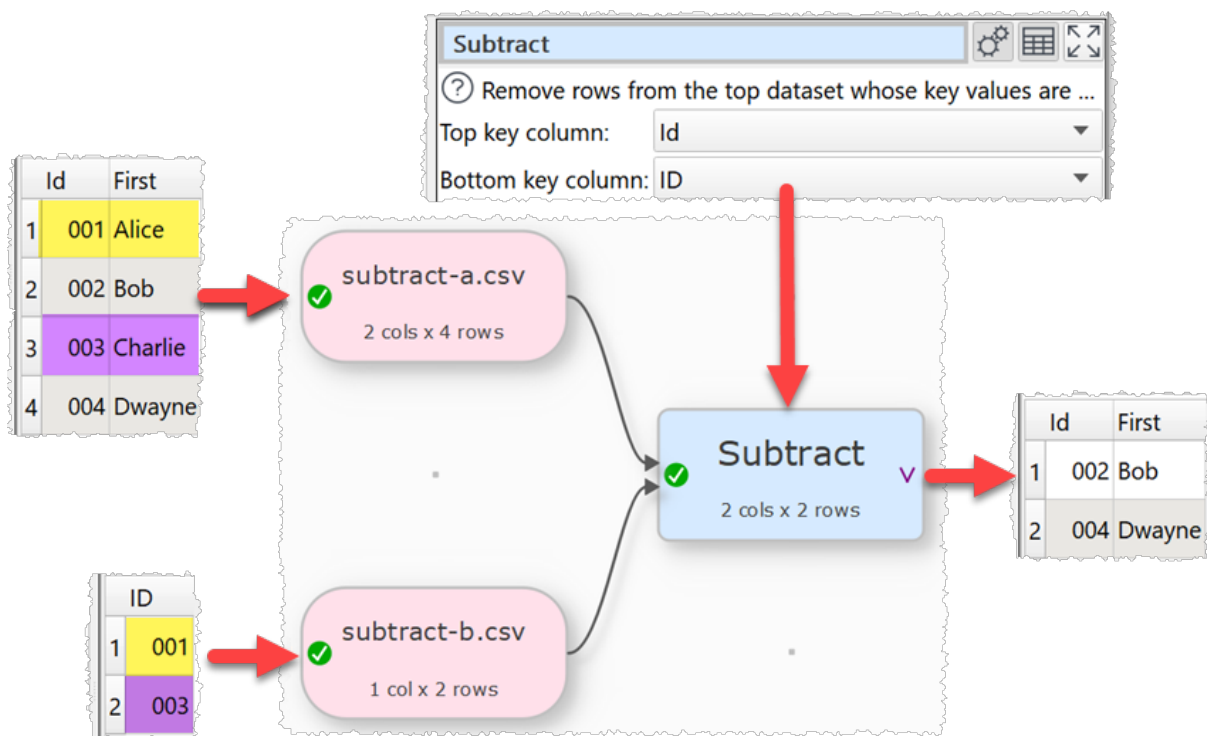
2.3.51 Subtract

Description

Remove rows from the top dataset with key values that are present in the lower dataset.

Example

Subtract from the top dataset all the records with ids in the bottom dataset:



Inputs

Two.

Options

- The output depends on the vertical (Y-axis) position of the inputs.
- Click **Explore Keys...** to compare key values in the 2 datasets.
- Select **Top key column** for the column you want to match in the top input dataset.
- Select **Bottom key column** for the column you want to match in the bottom input dataset.

- Check **case sensitive** to use case sensitive matching for keys.

Notes

- If there are 10k rows or less in both datasets, Easy Data Transform will try to guess sensible default values for **Top key column** and **Bottom key column** based on column header names and contents.
- If the first input has a header, this will be used for the output.
- All values are treated as text and comparisons are whitespace sensitive. You can use [Whitespace](#) to remove whitespace before the subtract.
- All rows in the top dataset with a given key value are removed if that key value occurs 1 or more times in the bottom dataset.
- You can use [Concat Cols](#) to join several columns together (e.g. 'first name' and 'last name' columns) to form a key column.
- You can use [Row Num](#) to create a unique key column.

See also

- [Intersect](#)

2.3.52 Summary

Description

Summarize the values in the selected columns.

Example

Create a summary, including dates and statistics:

	date	cases	deaths	country
1	2020-05-03	134	4	Afghanistan
2	2020-05-03	7	0	Albania
3	2020-05-03	141	6	Algeria



Summary
⚙️
📊
🔄

? Summarise the values of the selected columns.

📋
📋

☒ date
(2020-05-03, 2020-05-03, 2020-05-03)
 ☒ cases
(134, 7, 141)
 ☒ deaths
(4, 0, 6)

4 of 4 columns selected

☒ include dates
 ☒ include statistics



	Metric	date	cases	deaths	country
1	Empty values	0	0	0	0
2	Non-empty values	3	3	3	3
3	Numeric values	0	3	3	0
4	Integer values	0	3	3	0
5	Date values	3	0	0	0
6	Text values	0	0	0	3
7	Distinct values	1	3	3	3
8	Unique values	0	3	3	3
9	Duplicated values	1	0	0	0
10	Min length	10	1	1	7

Inputs

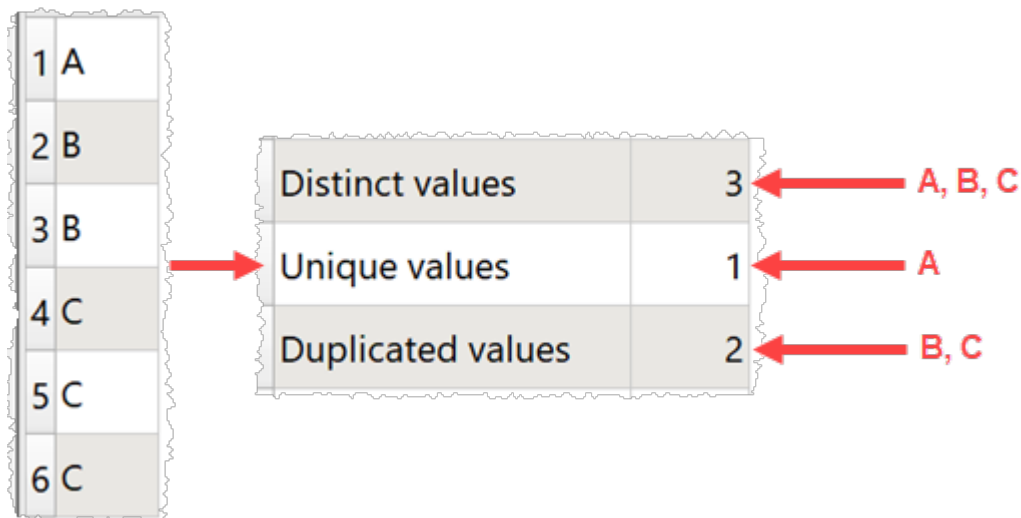
One.

Options

- Select the **Columns** you wish to summarize.
- Check **include dates** if you wish to check for date values using [supported date formats](#). This can be slow for large datasets.
- Check **include statistics** if you wish to add the sum, average, median and standard deviation for numeric values.

Notes

- Whether values are interpreted as number or dates depends on **Supported date formats** and **Locale** in the [Preferences window](#).
- **Empty values** is the number of values in the column that are completely empty. Values with whitespace do not count as empty.
- **Non-empty values** is the number of values in the column that are not completely empty. Values with whitespace do not count as empty.
- **Numeric values** is the number of numeric of values in the column that can be interpreted as a number.
- **Integer values** is the number of numeric of values in the column that can be interpreted as integers (whole numbers). "1.0" (depending on your **Locale**), "0", "-1" and "1e3" are considered integers.
- **Date values** is the number of values in the column that can be interpreted as a date. Only shown if **check for dates** is checked.
- **Text values** is the number of values in the column that cannot be interpreted as empty, numeric or date.
- **Distinct values** is the number of different values in the column. Date and numeric values are treated as text (e.g. '7' is treated as different to '7.0' and '1/1/2020' is treated as different to '01/01/2020'). Comparison between values is sensitive to case and whitespace. Empty values are not counted.
- **Unique values** is the number of values that only occur once in the column. Date and numeric values are treated as text. Comparison between values is sensitive to case and whitespace. Empty values are not counted.
- **Duplicated values** is the number of values that occur more than once in the column. Date and numeric values are treated as text. Comparison between values is sensitive to case and whitespace. Empty values are not counted.



- **Min length** is the minimum number of characters of a value in the column. Whitespace is counted. Date and numeric values are treated as text.
- **Max length** is the maximum number of characters of a value in the column. Whitespace is counted. Date and numeric values are treated as text.
- **Min numeric** is the minimum numeric value in the column. Non-numeric and empty values are ignored.
- **Max numeric** is the maximum numeric value in the column. Non-numeric and empty values are ignored.
- **Range numeric** is **Max numeric - Min numeric**.
- **Sum numeric** is the sum of numeric values in the column. Non-numeric and empty values are ignored. Only shown if **include statistics** is checked.
- **Average numeric** is the arithmetic mean of numeric values in the column. Non-numeric and empty values are ignored. Only shown if **include statistics** is checked.
- **Median numeric** is the median of numeric values in the column. Non-numeric and empty values are ignored. Only shown if **include statistics** is checked.
- **Mode numeric** is the mode of numeric values in the column. Non-numeric and empty values are ignored. Only shown if **include statistics** is checked.
- **Stddev numeric** is the sample standard deviation (equivalent to Excel function stddev.s) of numeric values in the column. Non-numeric and empty values are ignored. Only shown if **include statistics** is checked.
- **Variance numeric** is the square of the sample standard deviation. Only shown if **include statistics** is checked.
- **Q1 numeric** is the first quartile (calculated using Method 1 [here](#)). Only shown if **include statistics** is checked.
- **Q3 numeric** is the third quartile (calculated using Method 1 [here](#)). Only shown if **include statistics** is checked.
- **IQR numeric** is the Inter Quartile Range. Only shown if **include statistics** is checked.

- **Skew numeric** is the alternative Pearson Mode Skewness ($3 * (\text{Mean} - \text{Median}) / \text{Standard Deviation}$). Only shown if **include statistics** is checked.
- **Min date** is the minimum date value in the column. Only shown if **include dates** is checked.
- **Max date** is the maximum date value in the column. Only shown if **include dates** is checked.
- **Most frequent** lists the most common text in the column. Empty values are not counted. Date and numeric values are treated as text. Comparison between values is sensitive to case and whitespace.

Notes

- **Mode** may not work as expected with non-integer values, due to precision issues. You can fix this by using a [Num Format](#) transform first.
- Use [Num Format](#) to change the precision of numerical results.
- You can use [Whitespace](#) to remove any whitespace at the start or end of values before **Summary**.
- If you wish to have a row displayed per column you can [Transpose](#) the table first.

See also

- [Count](#)
- [Ngram](#)
- [Pivot](#)
- [Stats](#)

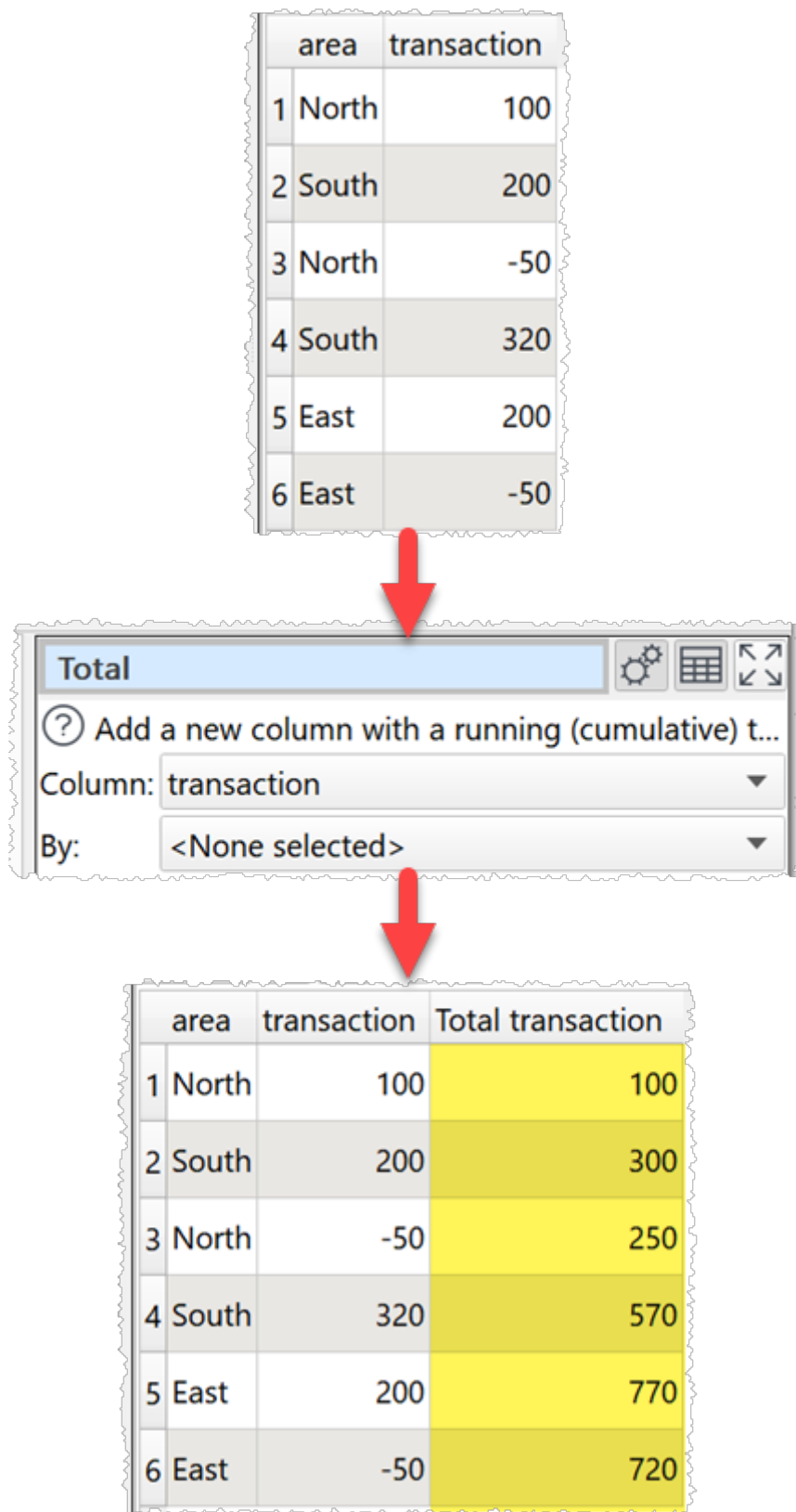
2.3.53 Total

Description

Add a new column with a running (cumulative) total of the selected column.

Examples




Total the 'transaction' column:




Total the 'transaction' column separately for each 'area' value:

	area	transaction
1	North	100
2	South	200
3	North	-50
4	South	320
5	East	200
6	East	-50



Total   

 Add a new column with a running (cumulative) t...

Column:

By:



	area	transaction	Total transaction
1	North	100	100
2	South	200	200
3	North	-50	50
4	South	320	520
5	East	200	200
6	East	-50	150

Inputs

One.

Options

- Set **Column** to the column you want to total.
- Set **By** to a column if you want a separate running total per value in that column. Leave as **<None selected>** if you only want a single running total.

Notes

- Non-numerical values are ignored.
- The **By** column takes account of case and whitespace in values.
- The new column is added at the right end. You can change the column order with [Reorder Cols](#) and the column name with [Rename Cols](#).

See also

- [Count](#)
- [Pivot](#)
- [Stats](#)

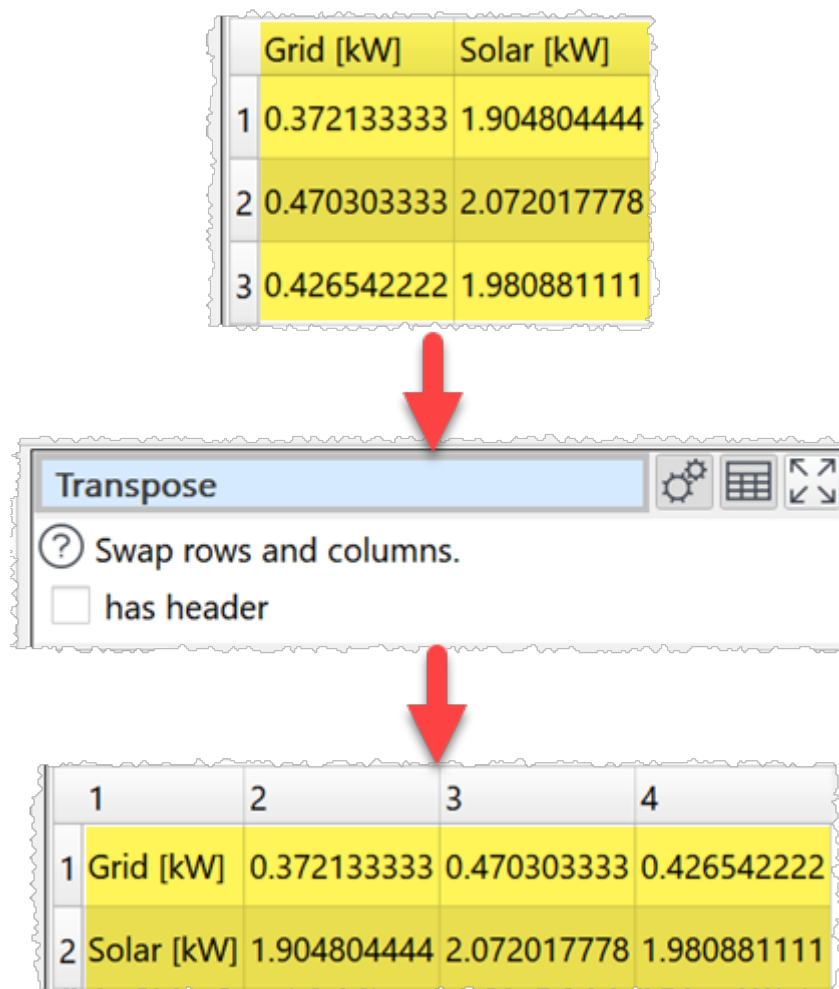
2.3.54 Transpose

Description

Swap (rotate) rows and columns, so that each row becomes a column and each column becomes a row.

Example

Swap rows and columns:



Inputs

One.

Options

- Check **has header** to make the new first row into a [header](#) (requires > 1 row).

Notes

- If the input dataset has a header, it will become the new first column. Use [Remove Cols](#) to remove it.
- Datasets with very large numbers of columns can be slow to display.

2.3.55 Unfill**Description**




Set adjacent cells with identical values to empty in selected columns.

Example



Unfill down:

	Country	Area	City
1	Country 1	Area 1	City 1
2	Country 1	Area 1	City 2
3	Country 1	Area 1	City 3
4	Country 1	Area 2	City 1
5	Country 1	Area 2	City 2



Unfill   

? Set adjacent cells with identical values to empty...

☒ **Country**
(Country 1, Country 1, Country 1, ...)

☒ **Area**
(Area 1, Area 1, Area 1, ...)

☒ **City**
(City 1, City 2, City 3, ...)

3 of 3 columns selected

Direction: Down ▼



	Country	Area	City
1	Country 1	Area 1	City 1
2			City 2
3			City 3
4		Area 2	City 1
5			City 2

Inputs

One.

Options

- Check the column(s) you wish to unfill.
- Select **Direction** depending on the direction you wish to unfill to.

See also

- [Fill](#)

2.3.56 Unique**Description**

Remove duplicate rows based on keeping only unique values in selected columns




Example

If you have a dataset of orders and you want to:

- keep one row per unique Customer Id
- keep the first listed Name for each Customer Id
- concatenate Product Ids for each Customer Id, delimited by a comma
- sum the Costs for each Customer Id
- keep the latest Date for each Customer Id
- add a Count column showing how many rows in the input correspond to each row in the output

	Name	Customer Id	Product Id	Cost	Date
1	Alice Anderson	C018930	13574	29.95	01/10/2020
2	Bob Brown	C018917	89456	10.55	01/10/2020
3	Charlie Jones	C017783	96352	19.95	02/10/2020
4	Robert Brown	C018917	98526	10.00	02/10/2020
5	Charles Jones	C017783	38746	25.00	03/10/2020



Unique   

? Remove duplicate rows, keeping only rows with unique values in se...

Column	Option
Name	Keep first ▼
Customer Id	Keep unique ▼
Product Id	Concat ▼
Cost	Sum ▼
Date	Maximum ▼

Set All ▼ to Keep unique ▼

'Keep unique' for 1 of 5 columns

Concat delimiter: ,

☒ add count column



	Name	Customer Id	Product Id	Cost	Date	Count
1	Alice Anderson	C018930	13574	29.95	01/10/2020	1
2	Bob Brown	C018917	89456,98526	20.55	02/10/2020	2
3	Charlie Jones	C017783	96352,38746	44.95	03/10/2020	2

Inputs

One.

Options

- Set an **Option** for each column:
 - Only 1 row is kept where all the **Keep unique** columns have the same value.
 - **Keep first** keeps first value in the current sort order.
 - **Keep last** keeps the last value in the current sort order.
 - **Sum** sums any numerical values. Blank values are ignored.
 - **Maximum** keeps the maximum numerical or date value.
 - **Minimum** keeps the minimum numerical or date value.
 - **Average** takes the average (mean) of any numerical values. Blank values are ignored.
 - **Concat** to concatenate values. Duplicate values are kept. All values are treated as text.
 - **Concat unique** to concatenate values. Duplicate values are ignored. All values are treated as text.
- Use the **Set** button to quickly set the option value for multiple columns.
- Set **Concat delimiter** if you want to add a delimiter between **Concat** or **Concat unique** values
- Check **add count column** to add a column showing how many rows in the input dataset created each unique row.

Notes

- Rows are considered duplicates if they have exactly the same value in all the columns set to **Keep unique**. Comparisons are case and whitespace sensitive. You can use [Case](#) and [Whitespace](#) to change case and whitespace before deduping.
- If no columns are set to **Keep unique** the transform won't do anything.
- If you are using **Keep first** or **Keep last** the sort order is important. You can use [Sort](#) to change the sort order before deduping.
- The [Dedupe](#) transform is a less powerful (but simpler and faster) alternative to Unique.
- You can use [Split Col Into](#) rows to perform the opposite function to Unique.
- The opposite Unique is [Split Col](#) with **Into** as **Rows**

See also

- [Dedupe a dataset](#)

2.3.57 Units

Description




Change units of time, length, temperature etc.

Example



Convert the 'Temperature' column from Celsius to Fahrenheit:

Temperature	
1	-20
2	0
3	20
4	40
5	60
6	80
7	100



Units   

? Change units of time, length, temperature etc.

☒ Temperature
(-20, 0, 20, ...)

1 of 1 columns selected

Dimension: Celsius/Centigrade ▼

From: Celsius/Centigrade ▼

To: Fahrenheit ▼



Temperature	
1	-4
2	32
3	68
4	104

Inputs

One.

Options

- Check the column(s) you wish to transform.
- Set **Dimension** to the dimensions of the units you wish to convert.
- Set **From** to the units you wish to convert from.
- Set **To** to the units you wish to convert to.

Notes

- The **Locale** set in the **Preferences** window is used to decide how the number is represented (e.g. decimal separators).
- Unit disambiguation:
 - **Years** are 365.25 days.
 - **Calories** are thermal/small/gram (not nutritional) Calories.
 - **Miles** are International/Statute Miles.
 - **Nautical miles** are International Nautical Miles.
 - **Gallons (US)** are liquid gallons.
 - **Pints (US)** are liquid pints.
- Warnings are shown in the **Warnings** tab for non-numeric values.
- Non-numerical and empty values are not changed.
- Use [Copy Cols](#) to copy columns before you transform them.
- Use [Num Format](#) to change the number format of the results.
- Use [Extract](#) or [Split Col](#) to remove any unit symbols from the value before conversion, e.g. to change "0.0 Kg" to "0.0".
- If you want to convert units not covered here you can do it using the [JavaScript](#) transform.

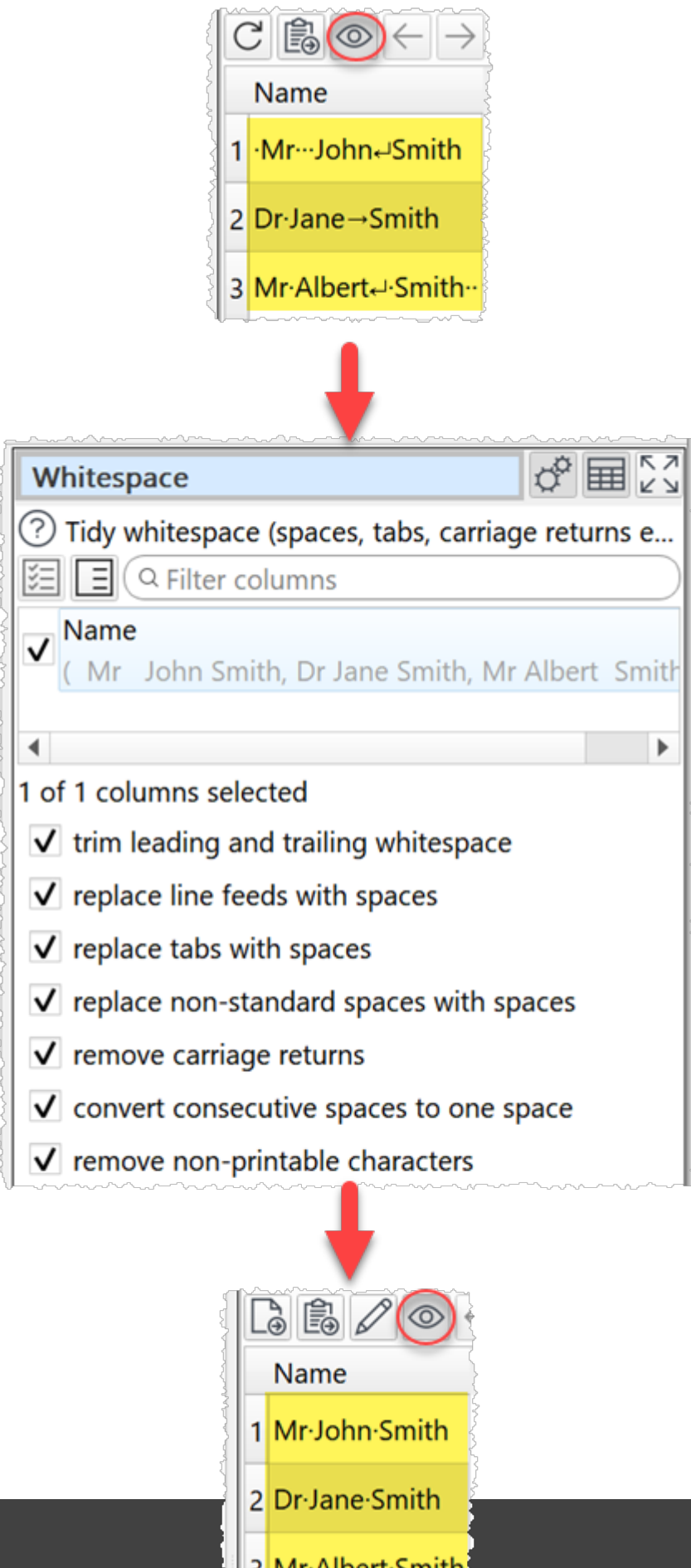
2.3.58 Whitespace

Description

Tidy whitespace (spaces, tabs, carriage returns etc) in the selected column(s).

Example

Tidy tabs, carriage returns and repeated spaces:



	Name
1	·Mr··John↵Smith
2	Dr·Jane→Smith
3	Mr·Albert↵·Smith·

Whitespace

? Tidy whitespace (spaces, tabs, carriage returns e...

Filter columns

☒ Name
(Mr John Smith, Dr Jane Smith, Mr Albert Smith

1 of 1 columns selected

- ☒ trim leading and trailing whitespace
- ☒ replace line feeds with spaces
- ☒ replace tabs with spaces
- ☒ replace non-standard spaces with spaces
- ☒ remove carriage returns
- ☒ convert consecutive spaces to one space
- ☒ remove non-printable characters

	Name
1	Mr·John·Smith
2	Dr·Jane·Smith
3	Mr·Albert·Smith

Inputs

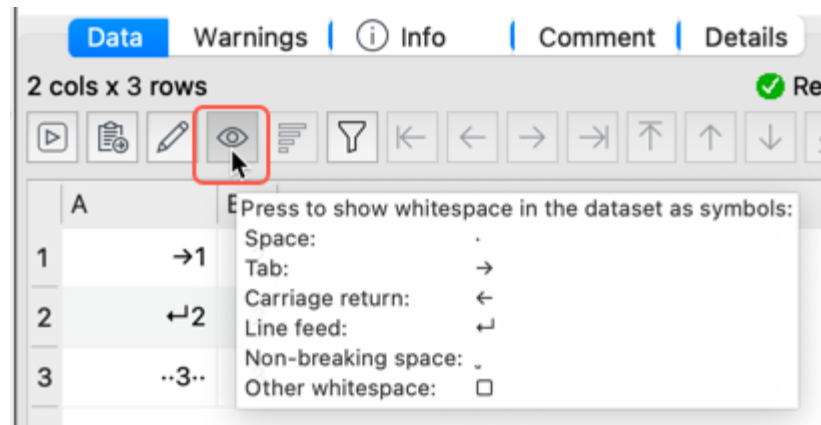
One.

Options

- Check the column(s) you wish to transform.
- Check **trim leading and trailing whitespace** to remove whitespace characters, such as space and tab.
- Check **replace line feeds with spaces** to replace LF (\n) characters with spaces.
- Check **replace tabs with spaces** to replace tab (\t) characters with spaces.
- Check **replace non-standard spaces with spaces** to replace non-standard spaces (such as non-breaking space, thin space etc) with spaces.
- Check **remove carriage returns** to remove CR (\r) characters.
- Check **convert consecutive spaces to one space** to replace 2 or more consecutive spaces with a single space.
- Check **remove non-printable characters** to remove characters of Unicode type Other_*. This include ASCII codes 0 to 31, such as tab, line feed, carriage return, bell and backspace. It does not remove spaces.

Notes

- The operations are carried out in top to bottom order, e.g. **Replace line feeds with spaces** is carried out before **Convert consecutive spaces to one space**.
- Click the eye icon in the **Right** pane to show whitespace in the data.



See also

- [Case](#)

2.4 Output

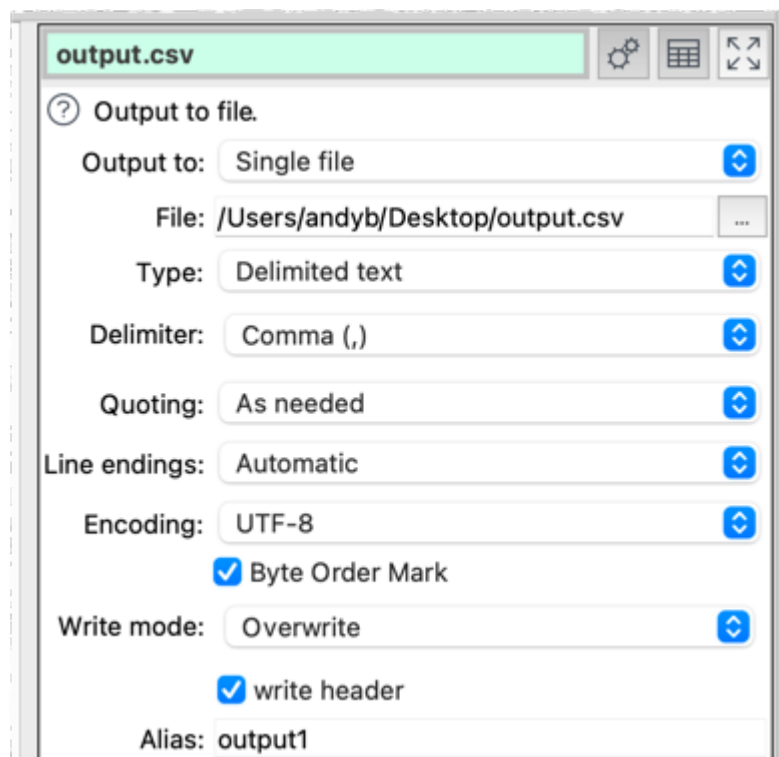
2.4.1 Output data

Once you have finished transforming your data you can output it in the following formats:

- [CSV](#)
- [Excel](#)
- [JSON](#)
- [HTML](#)
- [Markdown](#)
- [Plain text](#)
- [TSV](#)
- [vCard](#)
- [XML](#)
- [YAML](#)

To create an output, select 1 input and/or transform item in the [Center pane](#) and then click the **To File** button at the bottom of the [Left pane](#). You can choose the file type in the file type drop-down list of the **Output** window.

You can select the output item in the **Center** pane and change any options related to the output in the [Right pane](#).



The screenshot shows the 'Output to file' configuration window. At the top, the title bar says 'output.csv'. Below the title bar, there is a question mark icon and the text 'Output to file.'. The configuration options are as follows:

- Output to:** Single file (dropdown menu)
- File:** /Users/andyb/Desktop/output.csv (text field with a browse button '...')
- Type:** Delimited text (dropdown menu)
- Delimiter:** Comma (,) (dropdown menu)
- Quoting:** As needed (dropdown menu)
- Line endings:** Automatic (dropdown menu)
- Encoding:** UTF-8 (dropdown menu)
- ☒ **Byte Order Mark** (checkbox)
- Write mode:** Overwrite (dropdown menu)
- ☒ **write header** (checkbox)
- Alias:** output1 (text field)

Set **Output to** depending on whether you want to output the dataset to a single file or [multiple files](#).

Set **File** to the location of the file you want to output (only available when **Output to** set to **Single file**).

Set **Files column** to the column containing the location of the files you want to output to (only available when **Output to** set to **Multiple files**).

- This column is not output.
- The location can be an absolute location (e.g. `/Users/andy/output.csv`) or a location relative to the `.transform` file location (e.g. `results/output.csv`).
- Folders output to must already exist.
- Empty or invalid locations (e.g. file names with illegal characters) are ignored.
- Check **Confirm files** if you want to manually confirm before writing to output files (ignored for [command line processing](#)).

If you are writing to an Excel file the output will be written to a sheet called 'Easy Data Transform' by default. You can change this by adding the sheet name inside `[]`, e.g. `myfile.xlsx[mysheet]`.

Set **Type** to the file type. The default type will be set according to the file extension and the settings in the **Output Extensions** tab of the [Preferences window](#).

Set **Value types** depending on how you want to set JSON types (only available for JSON files).

- **Automatic** to let Easy Data Transform decide the JSON type depending on the contents of each column.
- **String** to set the JSON type for all columns to String
- **Manual** to choose the JSON type of each column as:
 - Automatic (based on column contents).
 - Boolean.
 - Number.
 - String.

If you output a column as Boolean or Number any values not of that type will be output as null.

Set **Delimiter** to the delimiter you wish to use (only available for delimited text files, such as [CSV](#) and [TSV](#)).

Set **Quoting** depending how you want to use quoting in the output (only available for delimited text files, such as [CSV](#) and [TSV](#)).

- **As needed** to add quotes (") around values that contain the delimiter character, quote characters or carriage returns.
- **Always** to add " quotes around every value.
- **Never** to never add " quotes around values (delimiters and carriage returns with values are replaced with spaces).

Set **Line endings** to the control characters you wish to use to denote line endings (only available for text files).

- **Automatic** to choose the standard line ending for the current operating system.
- **Windows (CRLF)** to choose the standard Windows line ending, carriage return+line feed (`\r\n`).
- **Mac\Unix (LF)** to choose the standard macOS/Unix line ending, line feed (`\n`).
- **Old Mac (CR)** to choose the standard classic (pre mac OS X) Mac line ending, carriage return (`\n`).

Set **Encoding** to the text encoding you wish to use (only available for text files).

Set **Formatting** depending on how you want to set the Excel cell formatting (only available for Excel files).

- **Automatic** to let Easy Data Transform decide cell formatting depending on the contents of each column.
- **General** to set the cell format for all columns to 'General'.
- **Manual** to choose the cell format of each column as:
 - Automatic (based on column contents).
 - Boolean (expects `true` or `false`, not case-sensitive)
 - Date (expects a date format in [Preferences](#)).
 - General.
 - Number (expects a real or integer number, e.g. 123 or 123.456)
 - Text.
 - Formula (expects starting with =).
 - Time (expects `hh:mm:ss` or `hh:mm`, e.g. 13:59:01 or 13:59).
 - Hyperlink (expects a hyperlink, e.g. `https://www.easydatatransform.com`).

Set **Byte Order Mark** checked to write a Unicode Byte Order Mark to the file (only available for UTF encodings and ignored when appending to an existing file).

Set **Escape special characters** checked to escape HTML special characters (for example < and >) so they are rendered correctly in the HTML (only available for HTML files). Uncheck it to write 'raw' HTML. Note that you can also set **Change to To escaped HTML** to escape selected columns in the [Decode](#) transform.

Check **remove empty** to recursively remove any nodes that have an empty value and no children (only available for JSON and XML files). For example:

	A	A.B	A.B.C
1			
2		1	
3			1

Is output to XML with **remove empty** checked as:

```
<root>
  <record>
    <A>
      <B>1</B>
    </A>
  </record>
  <record>
    <A>
      <B>
        <C>1</C>
      </B>
    </A>
  </record>
</root>
```

Is output to XML with **remove empty** unchecked as:

```
<root>
  <record>
    <A>
      <B>
        <C></C>
      </B>
    </A>
  </record>
  <record>
    <A>
      <B value="1">
        <C></C>
      </B>
    </A>
  </record>
  <record>
    <A>
      <B>
        <C>1</C>
      </B>
    </A>
  </record>
</root>
```


Set **Root name** and **Row name** depending on the name you want to use for the root and row XML records (only available for XML files).

Use **Write mode** to determine how existing files are treated:

Write mode for Excel files	File exists with named sheet	File exists without named sheet	File does not exist
Overwrite / File	Overwrite named sheet, delete all other sheets	Add named sheet, delete all other sheets	Create file with only named sheet
Overwrite / Sheet	Overwrite named sheet*	Add named sheet	Create file with only named sheet
Append	Append to named sheet	Add named sheet	Create file with only named sheet
New	Do nothing	Do nothing	Create file with only named sheet
Disabled	Do nothing	Do nothing	Do nothing

*Overwriting a named sheet can cause the file size to increase each time. If this becomes a problem, you can delete the file and re-output it.

Write mode for non-Excel files	File exists	File does not exist
Overwrite	Overwrite file	Create file
Append	Append to file	Create file
New	Do nothing	Create file
Disabled	Do nothing	Do nothing

Check **write header** to write the header (only available for Excel, Delimited text, HTML and Markdown files). If **Write mode** is **Append** you can check **if empty** to only write the header if the file (sheet for Excel files) is currently empty or does not exist (and not for subsequent appends).

Use **Alias** to identify the file for [batch processing](#).

Use **Comment** to record any notes that might be useful to a colleague or your future self.

2.5 File formats

2.5.1 File formats

Easy Data Transform supports the following data file formats:

Format	Input	Output
Delimited text (including CSV and TSV)	Yes	Yes
Excel XLSX/XLS	Yes	Yes
Fixed width	Yes	No
JSON	Yes	Yes
HTML	No	Yes
Markdown	No	Yes
Plain text	Yes	Yes
vCard	Yes	Yes
XML	Yes	Yes
YAML	No	Yes

You can manage the default file type for different file extensions in the **Input Extensions** and **Output Extensions** tabs of the [Preferences window](#).

2.5.2 CSV format

Easy Data Transform can input from and output to CSV format files. Default file extension ".csv".

CSV (Comma Separated Value) format is commonly used for exchanging tabular data between programs.

CSV is a type of delimited text file format. The column delimiter is usually a comma, but not always. The row delimiter is line feed, carriage return or carriage return+line feed.

Easy Data Transform supports the following column delimiters:

- Comma (,)
- Semi-colon (;)
- Colon (:)
- Pipe (|)
- Caret (^)
- Tab (\t) (used for [TSV format](#))
- Space ()
- Custom (choose your own)

For files padded to fixed column widths with space see [Fixed width format](#). For file with no column delimiters see [Plain text format](#).

To output to a CSV file you should typically set **Delimiter** to **Comma (,)** and **Quoting** to **As needed** in the **Right** pane.

For example:

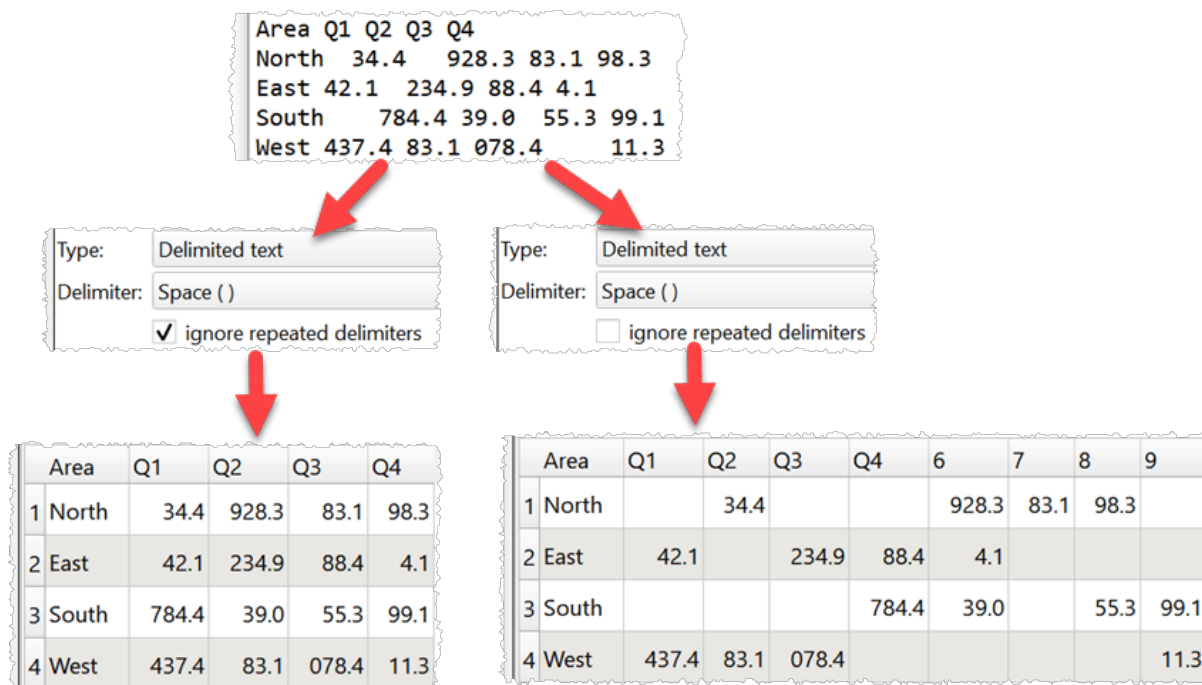
CategoryID	CategoryName	Description	In stock
1	Beverages	Soft drinks, coffees & teas	true
2	Condiments	Sweet and savory sauces	false
3	Confections	Candies and sweet breads	true

Is output with **Delimiter** set to **Comma (,)** and **Quoting** set to **As needed** as:

```
CategoryID,CategoryName,Description,In stock
1,Beverages,"Soft drinks, coffees & teas",true
2,Condiments,Sweet and savory sauces,false
3,Confections,Candies and sweet breads,true
```

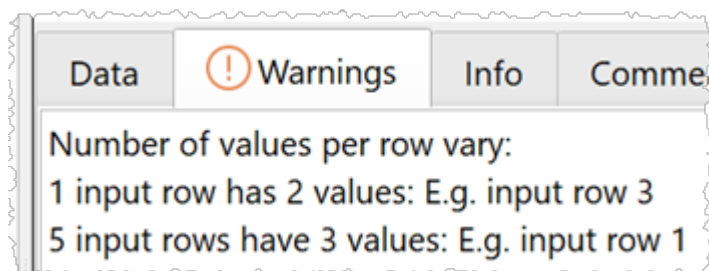
Note that " quotes have been used to enclose values that contain delimiter characters.

Check **ignore repeated delimiters** if you want to treat 2 or more consecutive delimiters as a single delimiter. For example, this might be useful if values are separated by a variable number of spaces:



Set **Quoting** to **Always** if you want to quote every value. Set **Quoting** to **Never** if you don't want to quote values (delimiters and carriage returns within values will be changed to spaces).

You will be warned when inputting a CSV format file that has a different number of values per row. This may be a sign that there are problems with the data (e.g. incorrect quoting).



If you want to input a file with a different delimiter to those listed, then:

1. Input it with a delimiter unlikely to be in the text, e.g. caret (^), to input it as a single column
2. Use the [Split Col](#) transform to transform it into multiple columns using the appropriate delimiter.

Many CSV file are not well formed. For example, they have unescaped quotes. As the CSV format is not well-defined, badly formed CSV files can be interpreted in more than one way. Easy Data Transform will do the best it can in these circumstances.

See also:

- [Video: How to convert CSV to JSON](#)
- [Video: How to convert CSV to Markdown](#)
- [Video: How to convert CSV to tab delimited](#)
- [Video: How to convert CSV to vCard](#)
- [Video: How to convert CSV to XML](#)
- [Video: How to convert Excel to pipe delimited](#)
- [Video: How to convert fixed column width to CSV or Excel](#)
- [Video: How to convert JSON to CSV](#)
- [Video: How to convert tab delimited to CSV](#)
- [Video: How to convert XML to CSV](#)
- [Video: How to split CSV into multiple files](#)
- [TSV format](#)

2.5.3 Excel format

Easy Data Transform can input from and output to Excel ".xlsx" and ".xls" format files, even if you don't have Excel installed.

Excel format is the native format of the Microsoft Excel spreadsheet application. It is commonly used for exchanging tabular data.

You can specify the sheet name when inputting or outputting Excel files using square brackets, for example:

- `MySpreadsheet.xlsx[Sheet1]` means the sheet named `Sheet1` of file `MySpreadsheet.xlsx` (the sheet name is not case sensitive).
- `MySpreadsheet.xlsx[1]` means sheet named `1` of file `MySpreadsheet.xlsx` (if it exists) or else the first sheet.
- `MySpreadsheet.xlsx` means the first sheet of file `MySpreadsheet.xlsx`.

Hyperlinks are read in from Excel in the form `anchor|hyperlink`.

You can specify how to format columns when outputting to Excel using the **Formatting** option.

Please note the following limitations of Excel:

- Excel .xlsx files are limited to 1,048,576 rows and 16,384 columns.
- Excel .xls files are limited to 65,536 rows and 256 columns.
- Date values are input using ISO date format YYYY-MM-DD, regardless of your locale.
- Datetime values are input using ISO date format YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS, regardless of your locale.

- The following characters are not allowed in sheet names: \ / * [] : ?

See also:

- [Video: How to combine columns in Excel](#)
- [Video: How to convert Excel to JSON](#)
- [Video: How to convert Excel to pipe delimited](#)
- [Video: How to convert Excel to XML](#)
- [Video: How to convert Excel to YAML](#)
- [Video: How to convert fixed column width to CSV or Excel](#)
- [Video: How to join Excel files](#)
- [Video: How to convert JSON to Excel](#)
- [Video: How to convert XML to Excel](#)
- [Video: How to remove Excel duplicates](#)
- [Video: How to split a column in Excel](#)

2.5.4 Fixed width format

Easy Data Transform can input from fixed width format files, also known as fixed column width format. Default file extension ".txt".

Fixed width format is used for exchanging tabular data between programs. It is often associated with legacy systems, but is also used for large files where performance is an issue (e.g. bioinformatics).

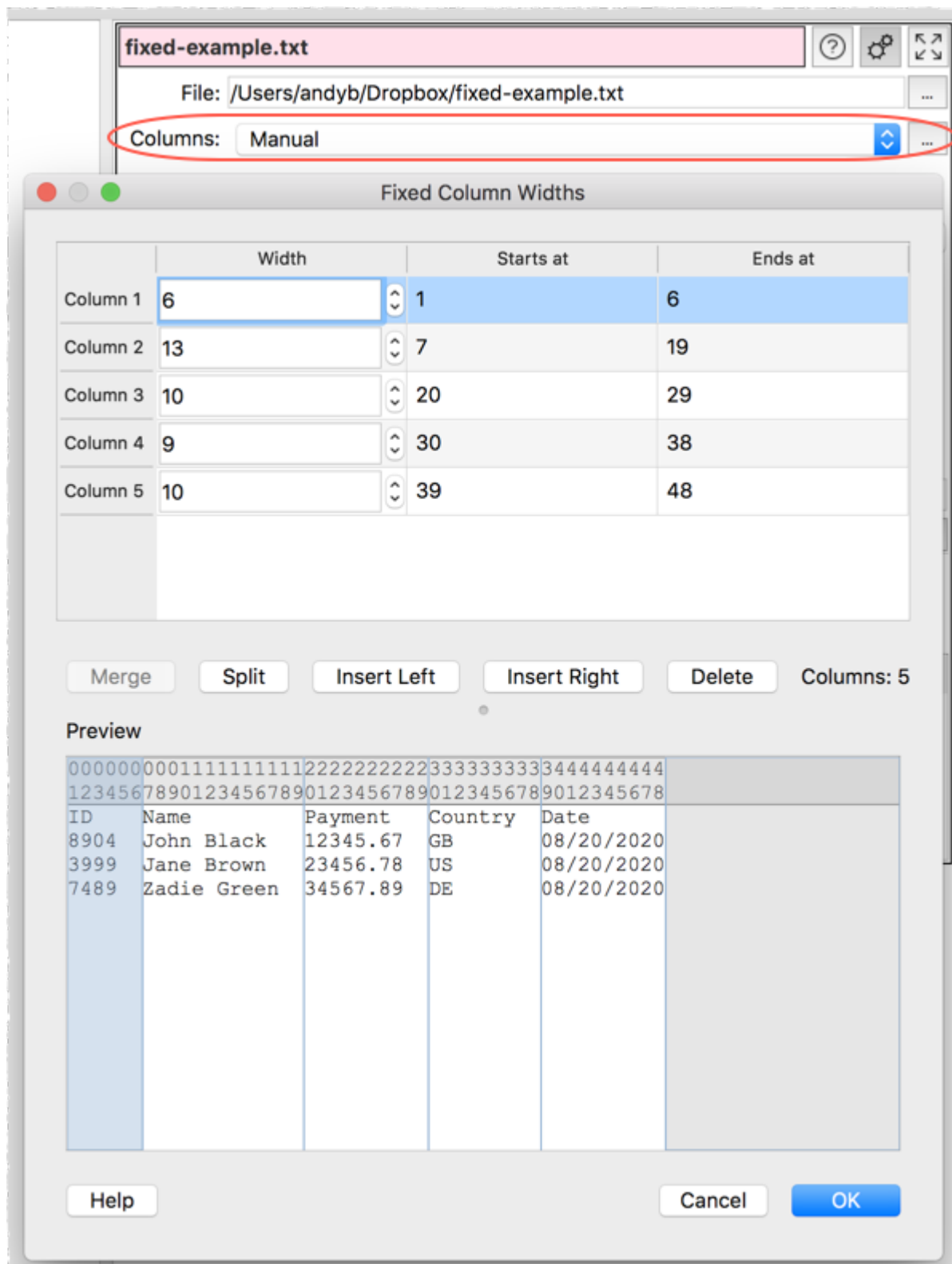
In fixed width format each column has a fixed width in characters. There is no column delimiter. Spaces are typically used as padding to make up the column width. The row delimiter is line feed, carriage return or carriage return+line feed. For example:

ID	Name	Payment	Country	Date
8904	John Black	12345.67	GB	08/20/2020
3999	Jane Brown	23456.78	US	08/20/2020
7489	Zadie Green	34567.89	DE	08/20/2020

Is input as:

	ID	Name	Payment	Country	Date
1	8904	John Black	12345.67	GB	08/20/2020
2	3999	Jane Brown	23456.78	US	08/20/2020
3	7489	Zadie Green	34567.89	DE	08/20/2020

Easy Data Transform will analyze the data and guess the column layout if you set **Columns** in the right pane to **Automatic**. Or you can choose the column widths by setting **Columns** to **Manual**. Click the '...' button to edit the manual column widths.



The current column boundaries are shown on the first few rows in the **Preview**. The horizontal offset of each character is shown in gray at the top. The currently selected

columns are highlighted. Click on a column in the **Preview** to select it in the table, or vice versa.

You can change the column widths using the **Width** column of the table.

Select 2 or more adjacent columns and click **Merge** to merge them into 1 column. Click then Shift+click in either the table or the preview to select multiple adjacent columns.

Select 1 column with a **Width** > 1 and click **Split** to split into 2 columns.

Select 1 or more adjacent columns and click **Insert Left** or **Insert Right** to add a new column with width 1 to the left or right of the selected columns.

Select 1 or more adjacent columns and click **Delete** delete the selected columns.

Click **OK** to save your changes and **Cancel** to discard them.

Unwanted columns and rows in the dataset can be removed after input using the [Remove Cols](#) and [Filter](#) transforms.

See also:

- [Video: How to convert fixed column width to CSV or Excel](#)

2.5.5 JSON format

Easy Data Transform can input from and output to JSON format files. Default file extension ".json".

JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) format is commonly used for exchanging data between programs. JSON data is generally expected to be in UTF8 encoding without a Byte Order Mark (BOM).

For example:

	CategoryID	CategoryName	Description	In stock
1	1	Beverages	Soft drinks, coffees & teas	true
2	2	Condiments	Sweet and savory sauces	false
3	3	Confections	Candies and sweet breads	true

Is equivalent to:

```
[
  {
    "CategoryID": 1,
    "CategoryName": "Beverages",
    "Description": "Soft drinks, coffees & teas",
    "In stock": true
  },
  {
    "CategoryID": 2,
    "CategoryName": "Condiments",
    "Description": "Sweet and savory sauces",
    "In stock": false
  },
  {
    "CategoryID": 3,
    "CategoryName": "Confections",
    "Description": "Candies and sweet breads",
    "In stock": true
  }
]
```

The dot ('.') character is used in the column header to show nesting. For example:

	name	carb	cholesterol	fiber	minerals.ca	minerals.fe	protein	sodium	vitamins.a	vitamins.c
1	Avocado Dip	2	5	0	0	0	1	210	0	0

Is equivalent to:

```
[
  {
    "name": "Avocado Dip",
    "carb": 2,
    "cholesterol": 5,
    "fiber": 0,
    "minerals": {
      "ca": 0,
      "fe": 0
    },
    "protein": 1,
    "sodium": 210,
    "vitamins": {
      "a": 0,
      "c": 0
    }
  }
]
```

Any dots in JSON names are converted to hyphens ('-') on input.

JSON arrays can be input in either long or wide **Format**. For example:

```
[
  {
```

```

    "name": "1",
    "values": [ "a", "b" ]
  },
  {
    "name": "2",
    "values": [ "c", "d" ]
  }
]

```

Input as **Long (more rows)**:

name		values
1	1	a
2	1	b
3	2	c
4	2	d

Input as **Wide (more columns)**:

name		values.0	values.1
1	1	a	b
2	2	c	d

If children of the top level object are named, then they are flattened slightly different to avoid creating thousands or millions of columns. For example:

```

{
  "record 1":{
    "value": 1
  },
  "record 2":{
    "value": 2
  },
  "record 3":{
    "value": 3
  }
}

```

Is flattened into:

ObjectName	value
1 record 1	1
2 record 2	2
3 record 3	3

An input JSON format file is expected to have either:

- a single top-level array or object; or
- a single JSON object on each line (see jsonlines.org).
- a record separator character followed by a single JSON object on each line (see [RFC7464](https://rfc7464.org)).

You can specify the JSON type for each columns when outputting to JSON using the **Value types** option. Any values that do not match the type selected are output as a JSON null value.

See also:

- [Video: How to convert CSV to JSON](#)
- [Video: How to convert Excel to JSON](#)
- [Video: How to convert JSON to CSV](#)
- [Video: How to convert JSON to Excel](#)

2.5.6 HTML format

Easy Data Transform can output to tables in HTML format files. Default file extension ".html".

HTML (HyperText Markup Language) format is commonly used for creating web pages. If you don't need the data to take up a whole page, you can just copy the `<table>` to `</table>` part of the output.

For example:

CategoryID	CategoryName	Description	In stock
1 1	Beverages	Soft drinks, coffees & teas	true
2 2	Condiments	Sweet and savory sauces	false
3 3	Confections	Candies and sweet breads	true

Is output as:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8"/>
    <title>C:\Users\andyb\Desktop\output.html</title>
    <style>table,td,th{border:1px solid black;text-align:left;vertical-align:top;border
  </head>
  <body>
    <table>
      <tbody>
        <tr>
          <th>CategoryID</th>
          <th>CategoryName</th>
          <th>Description</th>
          <th>In stock</th>
        </tr>
        <tr>
          <td>1</td>
          <td>Beverages</td>
          <td>Soft drinks, coffees & teas</td>
          <td>true</td>
        </tr>
        <tr>
          <td>2</td>
          <td>Condiments</td>
          <td>Sweet and savory sauces</td>
          <td>>false</td>
        </tr>
        <tr>
          <td>3</td>
          <td>Confections</td>
          <td>Candies and sweet breads</td>
          <td>true</td>
        </tr>
      </tbody>
    </table>
  </body>
</html>
```

Usually you will want to 'escape' special HTML characters in dataset values when output to HTML format. For example to convert `<` to `<`, so it can be correctly displayed in the HTML. However, if you wish to write 'raw' HTML, then you can uncheck **Escape special characters** in the **Right** pane. Note that you can also set **Change** to **To escaped HTML** to escape selected columns in the [Decode](#) transform.

2.5.7 Markdown format

Easy Data Transform can output to tables in Markdown format files. Default file extension ".md".

Markdown format is commonly used as a human-friendly markup language, which can be automatically translated to HTML.

For example:

	CategoryID	CategoryName	Description	In stock
1	1	Beverages	Soft drinks, coffees & teas	true
2	2	Condiments	Sweet and savory sauces	false
3	3	Confections	Candies and sweet breads	true

Is output as:

CategoryID	CategoryName	Description	In stock
1	Beverages	Soft drinks, coffees & teas	true
2	Condiments	Sweet and savory sauces	false
3	Confections	Candies and sweet breads	true

You can also use Markdown when you need a plain text version of your data, for example in a code comment.

Note that not all Markdown implementations support tables. If your implementation does not support tables, you may need to output to [HTML](#) instead.

See also:

- [Video: How to convert CSV to Markdown](#)

2.5.8 Plain text format

Easy Data Transform can input from and output to plain text format files. Default file extension is ".log" for input and ".log" or ".txt" for output.

Plain text format is used for semi-structured data, such as computer generated log files.

When inputting plain text the dataset is read into a single column. The row delimiter is line feed, carriage return or carriage return+line feed.

For example:

```
03/22 08:51:01 INFO    ...settcpimage: Associate with TCP/IP image name = TCPCS
03/22 08:51:02 INFO    ...reg_process: registering process with the system
03/22 08:51:02 INFO    ...reg_process: attempt OS/390 registration
03/22 08:51:02 INFO    ...reg_process: return from registration rc=0
```

Is input in plain text format as:

1	
1	03/22 08:51:01 INFO :...settcpimage: Associate with TCP/IP image name = TCPCS
2	03/22 08:51:02 INFO :...reg_process: registering process with the system
3	03/22 08:51:02 INFO :...reg_process: attempt OS/390 registration
4	03/22 08:51:02 INFO :...reg_process: return from registration rc=0

When outputting plain text:

- Each row ends with a line feed, carriage return or carriage return+line feed, as selected by the user.
- Typically plain text datasets only have 1 column. But if there is more than one column, the column values will be concatenated without a delimiter. If you want a delimiter use [Concat Cols](#) and [Remove Cols](#) to create a single column that contains the appropriate delimiters, or output as [delimited text](#).
- Values are not escaped.

2.5.9 TSV format

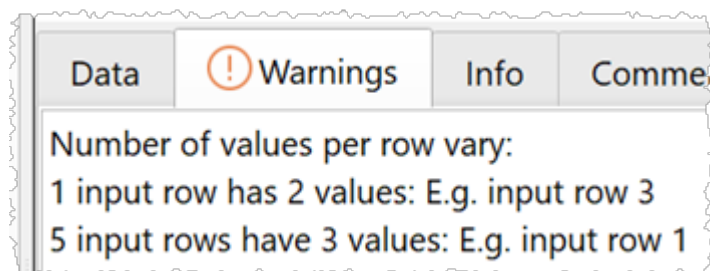
Easy Data Transform can input from and output to TSV format files. Default file extension ".tsv".

TSV (Tab Separated Value) format is commonly used for exchanging tabular data between programs.

TSV is a type of delimited text file format where values are separated by tab characters and rows by line feed, carriage return or carriage return+line feed. Tabs and carriage return are not allowed within data values, so there is no need for quoting or escaping delimiters, as with [CSV files](#). This means that TSV files are generally a bit more compact and faster to read and write than CSV files.

To input a TSV file you should set **Type** to **Delimited text** and **Delimiter** to **Tab (\t)** in the **Right** pane. You will usually also want to uncheck **ignore repeated delimiters** and set **Quoting** to **Automatic** (which is the same as **Unquoted** for tab delimiters).

You will be warned when inputting a TSV format file that has a different number of values per row. This may be a sign that there are problems with the data.



To output a TSV file you should set **Delimiter** to **Tab (\t)**. You will usually also want to set **Quoting** to **Never** in the **Right** pane. If you have a tab character or carriage return within a value, then Easy Data Transform will then convert it to a space on output.

For example:

	CategoryID	CategoryName	Description	In stock
1	1	Beverages	Soft drinks, coffees & teas	true
2	2	Condiments	Sweet and savory sauces	false
3	3	Confections	Candies and sweet breads	true

Is output with **Delimiter** set to **Tab (\t)** and **Quoting** set to **Never** as:

CategoryID	CategoryName	Description	In stock
1	Beverages	Soft drinks, coffees & teas	true
2	Condiments	Sweet and savory sauces	false
3	Confections	Candies and sweet breads	true

See also:

- [Video: How to convert tab delimited to CSV](#)
- [Video: How to convert CSV to tab delimited](#)

2.5.10 vCard format

Easy Data Transform can input from and output to vCard format files. Default file extension ".vcf".

VCard format is commonly used as way of exchanging contact details between programs.

Note that you need to change the column header names to the [values expected by vCard](#) (using the [Rename Cols](#) transform). For example vCard expects the full name column to be named FN.

Choose an appropriate text encoding. You should probably uncheck **Byte Order Mark** if you are encoding in a UTF format, such as **UTF-8**.

For example:

N	FN	ORG	TEL;TYPE=WORK,VOICE	ADR;TYPE=WORK,PREF
1	Gump;Forrest;;Mr.;	Forrest Gump	Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. (111) 555-1212	100 Waters Edge;Baytown;

Is equivalent to:

```
BEGIN:VCARD
VERSION:3.0
N:Gump;Forrest;;Mr.;
FN:Forrest Gump
ORG:Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.
TEL;TYPE=WORK,VOICE:(111) 555-1212
ADR;TYPE=WORK,PREF:100 Waters Edge;Baytown;LA;30314;United States of America
END:VCARD
```

See also:

- [Video: How to convert CSV to vCard](#)

2.5.11 XML format

Easy Data Transform can input from and output to XML format files. Default file extension ".xml".

XML (Extensible Markup Language) format is commonly used for exchanging data between programs.

For example:

CategoryID	CategoryName	Description	In stock
1 1	Beverages	Soft drinks, coffees & teas	true
2 2	Condiments	Sweet and savory sauces	false
3 3	Confections	Candies and sweet breads	true

Is equivalent to:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<root>
  <record>
    <CategoryID>1</CategoryID>
    <CategoryName>Beverages</CategoryName>
```

```

    <Description>Soft drinks, coffees & teas</Description>
    <In-stock>true</In-stock>
  </record>
  <record>
    <CategoryID>2</CategoryID>
    <CategoryName>Condiments</CategoryName>
    <Description>Sweet and savory sauces</Description>
    <In-stock>false</In-stock>
  </record>
  <record>
    <CategoryID>3</CategoryID>
    <CategoryName>Confections</CategoryName>
    <Description>Candies and sweet breads</Description>
    <In-stock>true</In-stock>
  </record>
</root>

```

The dot ('.') character is used in the column header to show nesting. For example:

	name	carb	cholesterol	fiber	minerals.ca	minerals.fe	protein	sodium	vitamins.a	vitamins.c
1	Avocado Dip	2	5	0	0	0	1	210	0	0

Is equivalent to:

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<root>
  <record>
    <name>Avocado Dip</name>
    <carb>2</carb>
    <cholesterol>5</cholesterol>
    <fiber>0</fiber>
    <protein>1</protein>
    <sodium>210</sodium>
    <minerals>
      <ca>0</ca>
      <fe>0</fe>
    </minerals>
    <vitamins>
      <a>0</a>
      <c>0</c>
    </vitamins>
  </record>
</root>

```

Note that the columns may be input in a different order to the nodes in the XML. You can [use Reorder Cols or Stack transforms to change the ordering](#). But note that during XML output nodes with no children are always ordered before nodes with children, regardless of the column order.

Any dots in XML element names are converted to hyphens ('-') on input.

The underscore ('_') character is used at the start of a column header name to identify it as an XML attribute. For example:

	_name	_carb	_cholesterol	_fiber	minerals.ca	minerals.fe	_protein	_sodium	vitamins.a	vitamins.c
1	Avocado Dip	2	5	0	0	0	1	210	0	0

Is equivalent to:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<root>
  <record carb="2" cholesterol="5" fiber="0" name="Avocado Dip" protein="1" sodium="210">
    <minerals>
      <ca>0</ca>
      <fe>0</fe>
    </minerals>
    <vitamins>
      <a>0</a>
      <c>0</c>
    </vitamins>
  </record>
</root>
```

Repeated XML values can be input in either long or wide **Format**. For example:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<ITEMS>
  <ITEM>
    <PARAM name="a" value="1"/>
    <PARAM name="b" value="2"/>
  </ITEM>
</ITEMS>
```

Input as **Long (more rows)**:

	PARAM._name	PARAM._value
1	b	2
2	a	1

Input as **Wide (more columns)**:

	PARAM._value	PARAM._name	PARAM._value.1	PARAM._name.1
1	1	a	2	b

You are responsible for ensuring that the names of XML nodes and attributes are valid (e.g. start with a letter or underscore and do not contain spaces).

See also:

- [Video: How to convert CSV to XML](#)
- [Video: How to convert Excel to XML](#)
- [Video: How to convert XML to CSV](#)
- [Video: How to convert XML to Excel](#)

2.5.12 YAML format

Easy Data Transform can output to YAML format files. Default file extension ".yaml".

YAML (YAML Ain't Markup Language) format is commonly used for exchanging data between programs and for configuration files.

For example:

CategoryID	CategoryName	Description	In stock
1 1	Beverages	Soft drinks, coffees & teas	true
2 2	Condiments	Sweet and savory sauces	false
3 3	Confections	Candies and sweet breads	true

Is output as:

```
---
-
  CategoryID: 1
  CategoryName: Beverages
  Description: Soft drinks, coffees & teas
  In stock: true
-
  CategoryID: 2
  CategoryName: Condiments
  Description: Sweet and savory sauces
  In stock: false
-
  CategoryID: 3
  CategoryName: Confections
  Description: Candies and sweet breads
  In stock: true
```

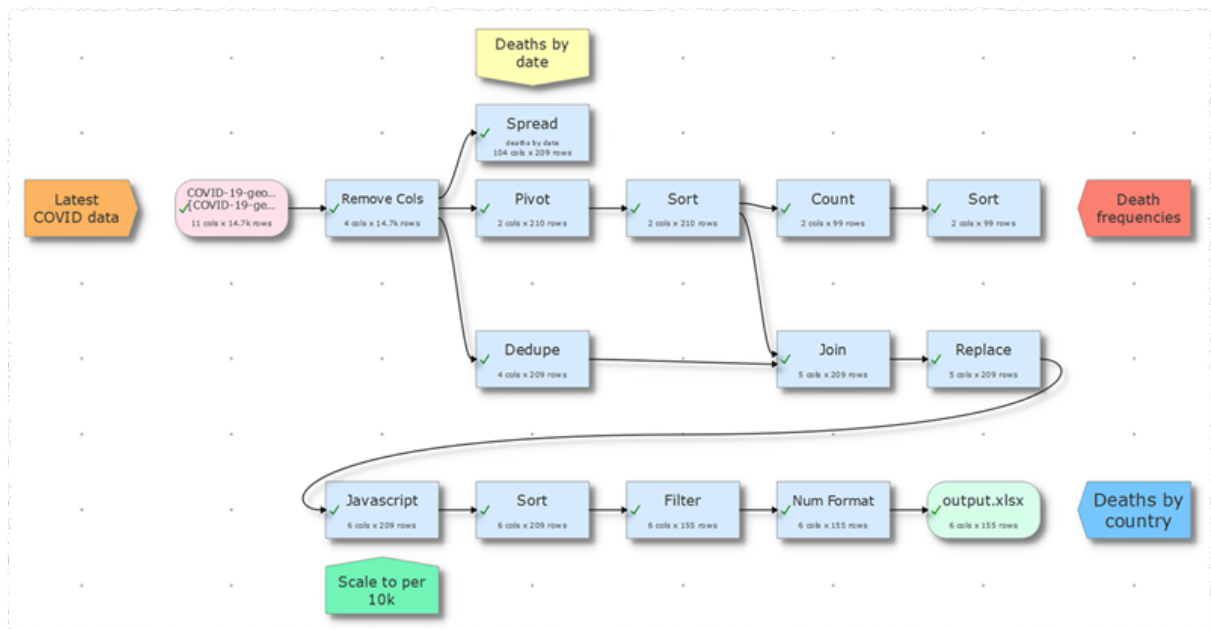
See also:

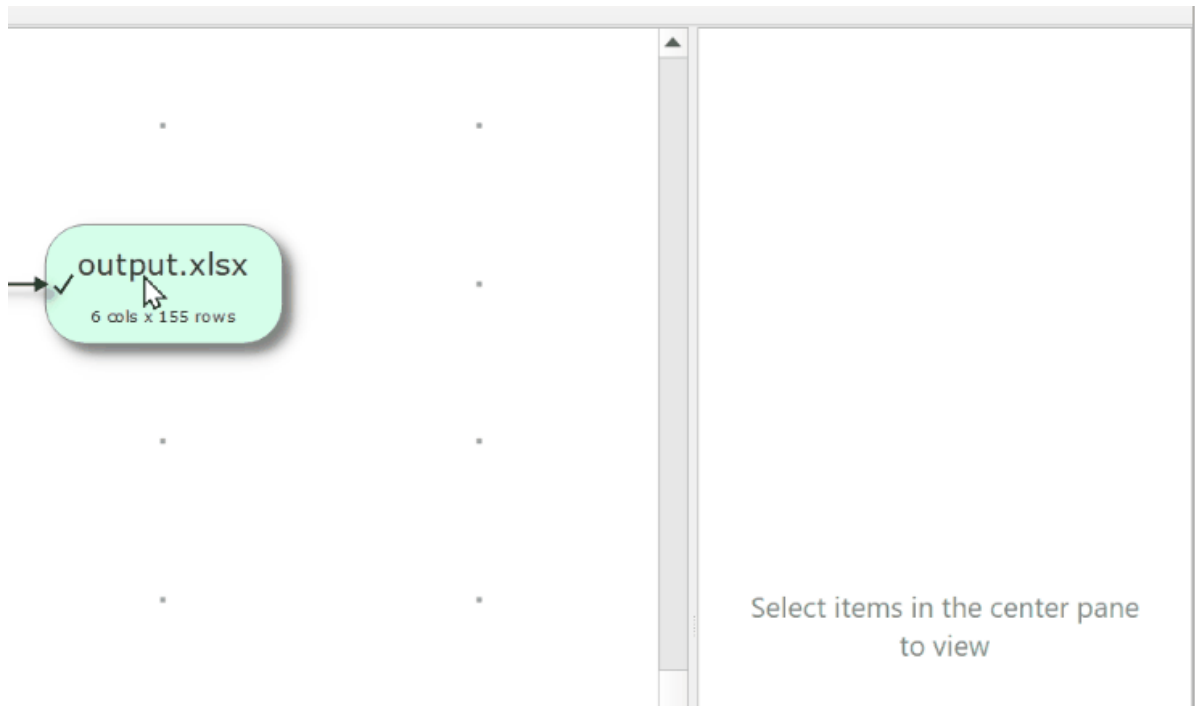
- [Video: How to convert Excel to YAML](#)

2.6 Comments

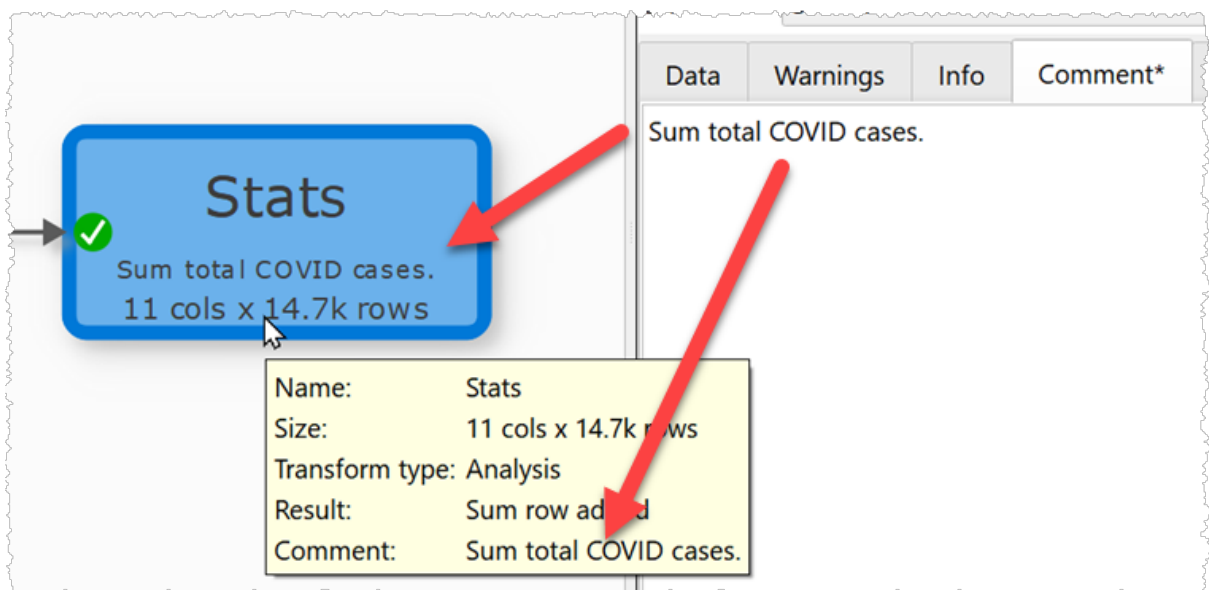
You can manage the complexity of large .transform files adding comment text to:

- The **Comment** field of Note items. These are added to the center pane by right clicking and selecting **Note** from the menu. You can also set an **Arrow** direction and a **Color**. If you right click on an existing item, the Note item will be placed pointing to that item, if there is space. The comment will be shown as a tooltip when you hover over the Note item.





- The **Comment** tab of Input, Transform or Output items. Check **View>Show Comments** to show these comments in the center pane. The comment will be shown as a tooltip when you hover over the item.

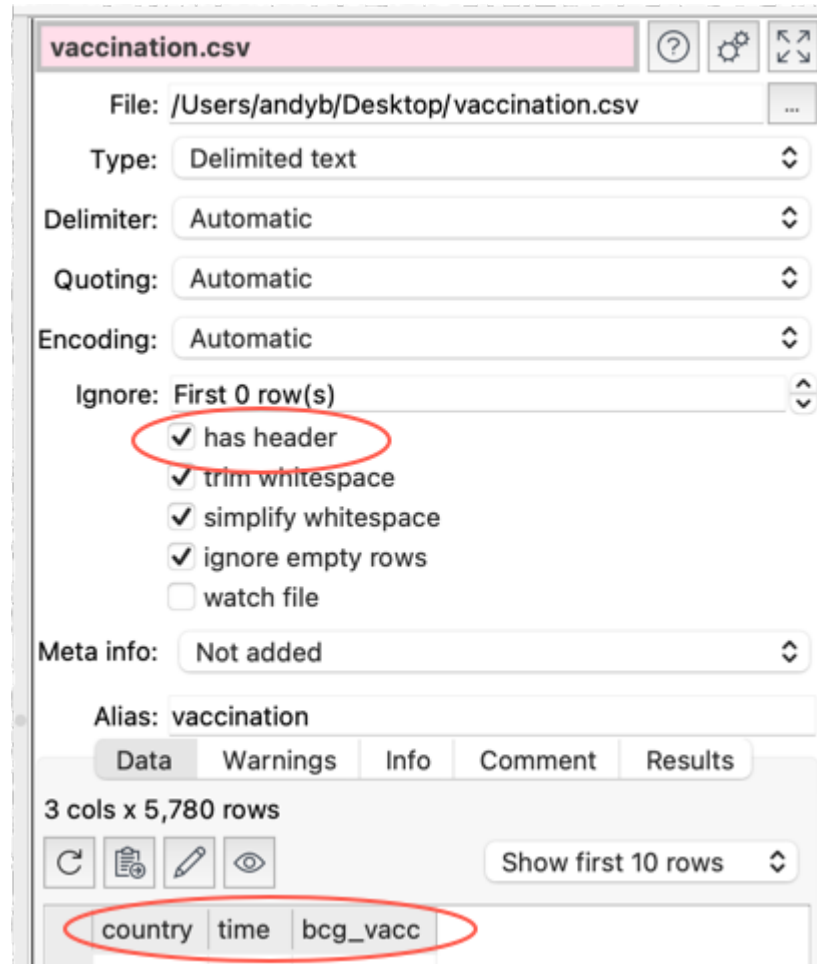


- In the **Notes** window that is displayed when you select **File>Notes...** from the main menu.

You can also group related items in the center pane to show that they are related.

2.7 Headers

If the first row of an input is a header (i.e. one that describes the columns below) check **has header** for that input in the **Right** pane.



When you first read in a dataset Easy Data Transform will make a guess about whether the first row is a header (it will assume it is a header if it contains no [dates](#) or [numbers](#)).

You can move 1 or more dataset rows to the header using the [Header](#) transform.

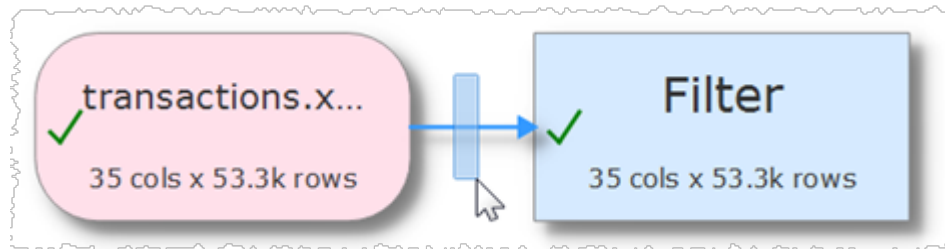
2.8 Connections

When you select an input or transform item and add a transform or output item, connections are added automatically.

To select a connection

To select a connection either:

- Click on the connection; or
- Click and drag a box over any part of the connection. This may be easier than clicking the connection when you are zoomed back.



To delete a connection

To delete a connection:

- Select the connection.
- Select **Edit>Delete** (or click the **Delete** tool bar button).

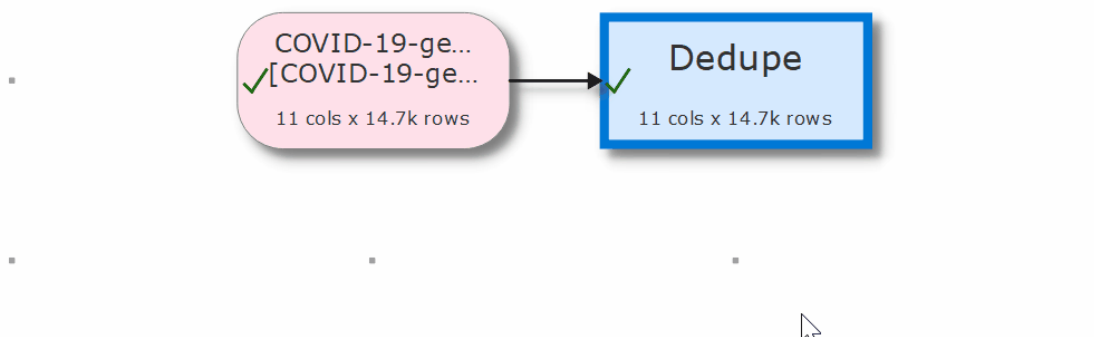
Note that deleting a connection may unset column related parameters downstream, so should generally be avoided where possible.

- If you want to change an input file, do it by selecting the input and clicking on '...' in the **Right** pane, rather than disconnecting the input and connecting a new one.
- If you want to add a new transform between 2 already connected items, you can do it without disconnecting (see below).

To add a transform to a connection

To add a transform between two already connected items:

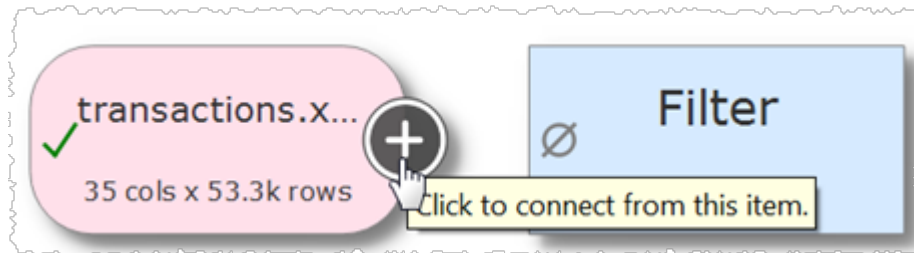
- Select the connection.
- Choose the new transform from the **Left** pane or using the right click menu.



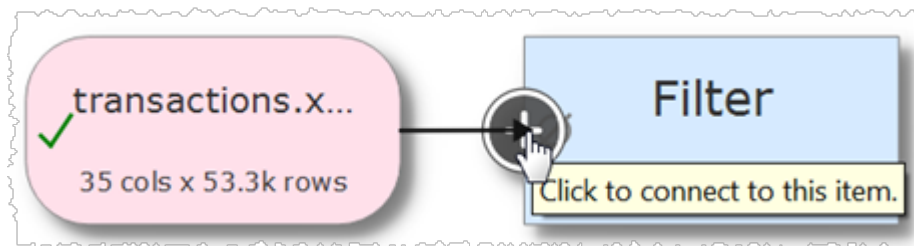
To add a connection

To add a new connection between two existing items:

- Hover over the start item.
- Click the '+' that appears.



- Hover over the end item
- Click the '+' that appears.



Press the 'Esc' key or click away from an item to cancel adding the connection.

Note that the '+' will only appear if an additional connection is allowed. For example you can't:

- Create a loop.
- Connect more than once from a transform.
- Connect more than once to an output.

2.9 Text

Whitespace (such as Space and Tab characters) and case are always significant, unless stated otherwise.

You can remove leading and trailing whitespace by checking **trim whitespace** in the [Input](#) or using the [Whitespace](#) transform.

You can change the case using the [Case](#) transform.

You can concatenate and split columns of text using the [Concat Cols](#) and [Split Col](#) transforms.

2.10 Dates

Set **Supported Date Formats** in the [Preferences window](#) according to how you want to interpret values as dates.

Format	Meaning
d	The day as number without a leading zero (1 to 31)
dd	The day as number with a leading zero (01 to 31)
ddd	The abbreviated localized day name (e.g. 'Mon' to 'Sun'). Uses the system locale to localize the name.
dddd	The long localized day name (e.g. 'Monday' to 'Sunday'). Uses the system locale to localize the name.
M	The month as number without a leading zero (1 to 12).
MM	The month as number with a leading zero (01 to 12)
MMM	The abbreviated localized month name (e.g. 'Jan' to 'Dec'). Uses the system locale to localize the name.
MMMM	The long localized month name (e.g. 'January' to 'December'). Uses the system locale to localize the name.
YY	The year as two digit number (00 to 99).
YYYY	The year as four digit number. If the year is negative, a minus sign is prepended in addition.

For example:

- To support a date such as 31/1/2019 add a supported date format: d/M/yyyy

- To support a date such as 1-31-19 add a supported date format: M-d-yy

List the date formats in order of preference, with the most likely to be used first.

Dates with only two year digits, are treated as a date between 1900 and 1999. E.g. "31/1/19" is interpreted in d-M-yy format as 31st January 1919.

Values that are in a recognized date format will be treated as dates in transforms such as: [Calculate](#), [Compare](#), [Filter](#), [If](#) and [Sort](#). Supporting large numbers of date formats will slow down these transforms.

You can change the format of dates using the [Date Format](#) transform.

You can do date calculations, such as calculating the number of days between 2 dates, using the [Calculate](#) or [JavaScript](#) transform.

You can convert an ISO standard datetime (e.g. 2020-10-16T01:51) into separate date and time columns by using the [Split Cols](#) transform on the "T" delimiter.

2.11 Numbers

Set the **Locale** in the [Preferences window](#) according to how you want to interpret values as numbers. For example, if **Locale** is set to US or UK then "123.45" is a number and "123,45" isn't, and vice versa if **Locale** is Germany or France.

An integer is a whole number. E.g. "1.0" or "1,0" (depending on your **Locale**), "0", "-1" and "1e3" are considered integers.

You can change the format of numbers using the [Num Format](#) transform.

You can do numeric calculations, such as multiplying 2 columns, using the [Calculate](#) or [JavaScript](#) transform.

2.12 Booleans

A boolean value can be `true` or `false`.

Canonical value	Allowed values	Examples
<code>true</code>	<code>true</code> (case insensitive) or a non-zero numeric value	<code>true</code> <code>TRUE</code> <code>True</code> <code>1</code> <code>1.0</code>

Canonical value	Allowed values	Examples
		-1 0.1 999
false	false (case insensitive) or a zero numeric value	false FALSE False 0 0.0

2.13 Meta Information

You can add meta information to input data using the **Meta info** field in the **Right** pane when you select an input item. Set it to **At start**, **At end** or **Every row**, depending on where you want the meta information to appear. Then click on the ... button to edit which information you wish to show. The following placeholders are substituted by their actual values at the time of input.

Meta Information	Description	Example
\$ (ComputerName)	The name of the computer.	MyComputer
\$ (CurrentDate)	The current date, in ISO format.	2020-08-18
\$ (CurrentDateTime)	The current datetime, in ISO format.	2020-08-18T18:00:00
\$ (DataColumns)	The number of columns in the dataset (not including meta data).	10
\$ (DataRows)	The number of row in the dataset (not including meta data).	10,000
\$ (DataValues)	The number of columns x rows in the dataset (not	100,000

Meta Information	Description	Example
	including meta data).	
<code>\$(FileCreatedDate)</code>	The date the file was created, in ISO format. Only available for file input.	2020-08-18
<code>\$(FileCreatedDateTime)</code>	The datetime the file was created, in ISO format. Only available for file input.	2020-08-18T18:00:00
<code>\$(FileName)</code>	The name of the file, including it's extension. Only available for file input.	myfile.csv
<code>\$(FilePath)</code>	The full path (location) of the file. Only available for file input.	/Users/andy/Documents/myfile.csv
<code>\$(FileSheetName)</code>	The name of the sheet. Only available for Excel files.	Sheet1
<code>\$(FileSizeBytes)</code>	The size of the file in bytes. Only available for file input.	1,234,567
<code>\$(FileUpdatedDate)</code>	The date the file was last updated, in ISO format. Only available for file input.	2020-08-18

Meta Information	Description	Example
<code>\$(FileUpdatedDateTime)</code>	The datetime the file was last updated, in ISO format. Only available for file input.	2020-08-18T18:00:00
<code>\$(UserName)</code>	The name of the user (from the USER or USERNAME environment variable).	Andy

See also:

- [Stamp](#)

2.14 Column variables

Some transforms allow you to use the values of columns on the same row using column variables. Column values can be referenced either:

- By column header name, e.g. `$(item cost)` for the 'item cost' column; or
- By column index, e.g. `$(1)` for the first column.

Notes:

- The column name is case sensitive. E.g. column 'A' is referenced by variable `$(A)` and column 'a' is referenced by variable `$(a)`.
- Whitespace at the start or end of the column name is ignored. E.g. column ' A ' is referenced by variable `$(A)`.
- If multiple columns have the same name, the first column from the left with that name will be used.
- Reference by name takes priority over reference by index. For example, if there is a column named "1" then `$(1)` will refer to that rather than the first column.

2.15 Regular expressions

Easy Data Transform allows the use of regular expressions in the [Compare](#), [Extract](#), [Filter](#), [If](#), [Replace](#), [Slice](#), [Split Col](#) and [Split Rows](#) transforms. It is also available as part of the JavaScript language in the [JavaScript](#) transform.

Regular expressions are a powerful way to match patterns in text (including text representation of dates and numbers). For example, you can use a regular expression in the Replace transform to swap first and last names:

Match Type	Replace	With
1 Regex ▼	(\w+)\s*(\w+)	\2, \1

Turns:

Full name
1 John Smith
2 Mary Brown
3 Jill Jones

Into:

Full name
1 Smith, John
2 Brown, Mary
3 Jones, Jill

Regular expressions are far too big a topic to cover here. However there are many detailed resources online, such as www.regular-expressions.info and regexr.com.

2.16 Fuzzy matching

Easy Data Transform supports the use of fuzzy matching in the [Dedupe](#) transform.

Fuzzy matching allows you to match 2 values that are similar, but not identical. For example if you set fuzzy match closeness to 80% then 2 values that are 80% the same or better are considered a match.

For example, doing a fuzzy match to this value:

```
100 avenue street, townsville, ohio
```

Gives:

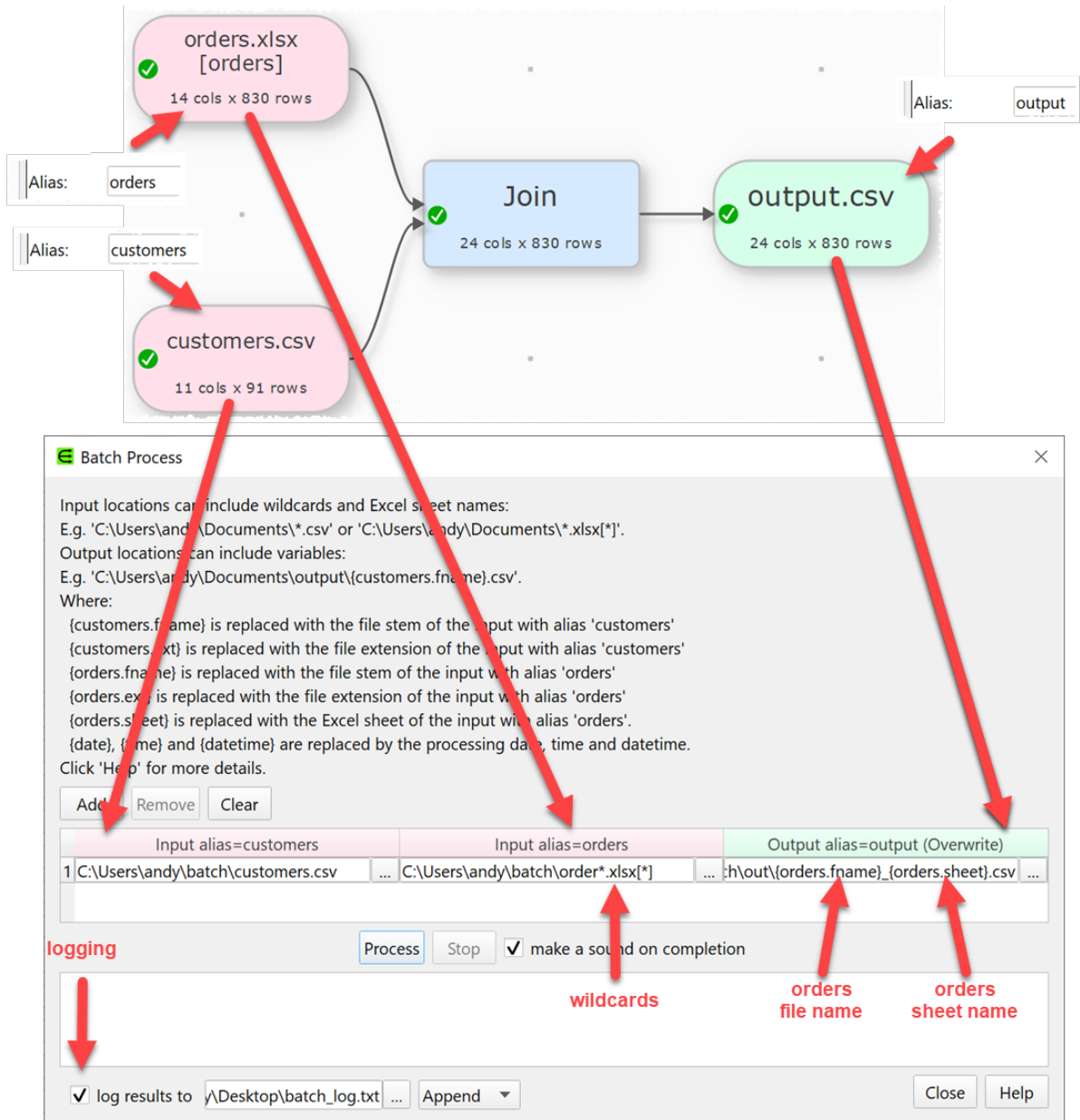
Value	Fuzzy closeness
100 avenue street, townsville, ohio	100%
100 avnue street, townsville, ohio	98%
100 avenue street townsville ohio	95%
100 avenue st., townsville, ohio	89%
100 avenue st, townsville	72%
100 av. st., citysville, texas	52%
townsville, ohio	46%
742 evergreen terrace, springfield, oregon	36%

Fuzzy matching takes account of whitespace and can optionally take account of case.

Fuzzy matching is significantly slower than exact matching. The closeness score is based on [Levenshtein distance](#).

2.17 Batch processing

To apply the current `.transform` file to multiple input files/sheets select **File>Batch Process...** . The **Batch Process** window will appear with a column for each input item and a column for each output item. The **Alias** for each item is displayed in the column header.



Note:

- All input and output items must have an alias.
- An output item can't have the same alias as another output or input item.
- Disconnected input and output items are not shown.
- Output items with **Write mode**=Disabled are not shown.

Click **Add** to add a new processing row.

Click **Remove** to remove the selected processing row(s).

Click **Clear** to remove all processing rows.

Check **clear 'Append' outputs before first append** if you want to clear output files you are appending to before the first append.

Check **log results to** if you want to log the results to a text file. Set the file location and set the write mode to **Overwrite** or **Append**. You can use {datetime}, {date} and {time} in the file location.

In the input column(s) you can use * and ? wildcards for file name stems, file extensions and Excel sheet names. E.g.:

Input	Description
/Users/andy/Documents/*.csv	All files with extension .csv in the Documents folder
/Users/andy/Documents/d?.csv	All the files with name 'd' plus a single character in the Documents folder
/Users/andy/Documents/data.xlsx[*]	All the sheets in data.xlsx in the Documents folder
/Users/andy/Documents/*.xlsx[data*]	All the sheets beginning with 'data' in all the .xlsx files in the Documents folder

Note:

- If there is more than 1 input column on a row that specifies multiple files or sheets, then an output will be created for each possible permutation of input files/sheets in the row. E.g. 3 input files from column 1 x 4 sheets from column 2 = 12 outputs to process.
- Excel sheet names are not case sensitive.
- You cannot use wildcards for folder names.
- Batch processing will ignore files in sub-folders. Add them as extra rows.
- All the files input to an input item or output from an output item should be the same file type as the original.

In the output column(s) you can use the following variables to create your output file name:

Output variables	Meaning	Example
<code>{<input alias>.fname}</code>	The name of the input file being processed in the column with the corresponding alias.	If the input with alias 'orders' is using file
<code>{<input alias>.ext}</code>	The extension of the input file being processed in the column with the corresponding alias. Does not include the '.'.	If the input with alias 'orders' is using file
<code>{<input alias>.sheet}</code>	The sheet of the input file being processed in the column with the corresponding alias (Excel only).	If the input with alias 'orders' is using file
<code>{<input alias>}</code>	The name of the input file (plus an underscore and the sheet name, if an Excel file) being processed in the column with the corresponding alias.	If the input with alias 'orders' is using file
<code>{date}</code>	Date processing was carried out in year_month_day format	2020_04_18
<code>{time}</code>	Time processing was carried out in hours_minutes_seconds_milliseconds format	15_21_56_599

{datetime}	Date/Time	2020_04_18_15_21_
	processing was	56_599
	carried out in	
	year_month_day_ho	
	urs_minutes_second	
	s_milliseconds	
	format	

Note:

- Whether an output file is created, overwritten or appended to depends on the **Write mode** of the output item.
- We recommend you output to a different folder than the one the input files are in.

You can write to multiple sheets of an Excel file, for example:

Input alias=sales	Output alias=output (Overwrite)
1 C:\Users\andy\batch*.xlsx[*]	... C:\Users\andy\batch\output\{sales.fname}.xlsx[{sales.sheet}] ...

But make sure to set the corresponding output **Write mode**=Overwrite/Sheet.

Click **Process** to start processing the rows.

Click **Stop** to stop processing the rows.

Check **make a sound on completion** if you want to play a sound when all processing is finished.

Click **Close** to close the window.

See also:

- [Video: Batch processing](#)
- [Batch processing examples](#)
- [Command line arguments](#)

2.18 Command line arguments

Easy Data Transform accepts the following command line arguments:

Argument	Description
<file name>	The .transform file to open at start-up.

Argument	Description
<code>-cli</code>	Close the application once any processing on the opened file is complete.
<code>-file <alias>=<location></code>	Sets the input or output file with the given alias to the location (path) specified. Input Excel files should include the sheet name, e.g. <code>file.xlsx[sheet]</code> . Output Excel files may optionally include a sheet name. The file type should be the same as the original.
<code>-new_window</code>	Don't load the last opened <code>.transform</code> file, even if open previous file at start-up is checked in Preferences .
<code>-verbose</code>	Output additional information to the terminal. Useful for debugging problems.

This allows you to run Easy Data Transform from the Mac Terminal or a script. For example:

To run `/Users/andy/Documents/myfile 1.transform` with the output with alias `output1` output instead to `/Users/andy/Documents/data1.csv`:

```
/Applications/EasyDataTransform.app/Contents/MacOS/EasyDataTransform '/Users/andy/Docu
```

To run `/Users/andy/Documents/myfile2.transform` with the input with alias `input1` input instead from sheet `sheet1` of `/Users/andy/Documents/data 2.xlsx`:

```
/Applications/EasyDataTransform.app/Contents/MacOS/EasyDataTransform /Users/andy/Docu
```

To use a wildcard to transform multiple files in a folder:

```
for f in in*.csv; do /Applications/EasyDataTransform.app/Contents/MacOS/EasyDataTrans
```

You can use the Mac 'open' command:

```
open /Applications/EasyDataTransform.app --args /Users/andy/Documents/myfile\ 1.trans
open /Applications/EasyDataTransform.app --args /Users/andy/Documents/myfile2.transfo
```

But note that no command line output is shown if you use 'open'.

Put single quotes (') around any arguments with spaces or a backslash (\) in front of each space (as shown in the examples above).

To run from the command line on a schedule, call a script file from a scheduling program, such as `launchd`.

If you are using wildcards then it is usually a good idea to output to a different folder to your are inputting from.

Select **File>Command Line...** to show sample command line text which you can copy and modify. It will also warn you of potential issues.

See also:

- [Batch processing](#)

2.19 .transform files

.transforms file are stored in a simple XML format. So you can edit them with a standard text editor. However we recommend you make a copy first.

The results of transformations are not stored in the .transform file, and are recalculated whenever you **File>Open...** the file.

The contents of Input and Output files are not stored in the .transform file, only their locations. These locations are stored as 'absolute' locations, so you can move the .transform file without changing the locations of the Input and Output files.

If you open a .transform file in a different location from that in which it was saved and it can't find Input and Output files at the expected location it will look for them in the same location relative to the old .transform file. This allows you to easily move .transform files to different locations and computers if you keep the Input and Output files in the same relative location (e.g. in the same folder as the .transform file). This even works between Windows and Mac (and vice versa),

Example:

- `mytransform.transform` is in `C:\Users\andy\Documents\` on Windows and uses Input file `MyData.csv` in sub-folder `MyData` (`C:\Users\andy\Documents\Data\MyData.csv`).
- `mytransform.transform` is moved to `/Users/Bob/Documents/EDT` on a Mac.
- When `mytransform.transform` is opened it will look for `MyData.csv` in `/Users/andy/Documents/Data`.
- If it can't find that it will look for `MyData.csv` in sub-folder `MyData` (`/Users/Bob/Documents/EDT/Data/MyData.csv`).

If you paste in data **From Clipboard** this is stored in the .transform file. We don't recommend you do this for large datasets as XML is not very efficient for storing large amounts of data.

2.20 Keyboard shortcuts

Using keyboard shortcuts can improve your productivity. If you are using Easy Data Transform a lot we suggest you find the time to learn at least some of them. The following keyboard shortcuts are available for the Mac version of Easy Data Transform:

Key	Shortcut	Action
A	Cmd+A	Select all in Center pane.
B	Cmd+B	Show the Batch Process window.
D	Cmd+D	Duplicate the selected branch in the Center pane.
F	Ctrl+Cmd+F	Toggle setting Right pane item to fullscreen. Only works if 1 item in Right pane.
I	Option+I	Input From File.
	Option+Shift+I	Input From Clipboard.
K	Cmd+K	Search transforms by keyword.
L	Cmd+L	Toggle Log pane.
N	Cmd+N	New .transform file.
O	Cmd+O	Open .transform file.
	Cmd+Shift+O	Show the Open Recent window.
	Option+O	Output To File.
S	Cmd+S	Save .transform file.
T	Cmd+T	Toggle two screen mode on/off

Key	Shortcut	Action
U	Cmd+U	Toggle user interface between light and dark themes (if available).
Z	Cmd+Z	Undo
	Cmd+Shift+Z	Redo
Backspace	Backspace	Delete selected item(s) in Center pane.
,	Cmd+,	Show Preferences window.
=	Cmd+=	Zoom Center pane so all items fit.
+	Cmd++	Zoom Center pane in.
-	Cmd+-	Zoom Center pane out.
[Option+[Move keyboard focus to Center pane.
]	Option+]	Move keyboard focus to Right pane.
Left arrow	Cmd+Left arrow	Move Center pane selection from item to highest[1] item that inputs to it.
Right arrow	Cmd+Right arrow	Move Center pane selection from item to highest[1] item that it outputs to.
Up arrow	Cmd+Up arrow	Move Center pane selection from item

Key	Shortcut	Action
		to highest[1] sibling[3].
Down arrow	Cmd+Down arrow	Move Center pane selection from item to lowest[2] sibling[3].
1...9	Cmd+1...Cmd+9	Select input item 1 to 9 (based on height in Center pane).
	Option+1...Option+9	Select output item 1 to 9 (based on height in Center pane).
F1	F1	Show help.

[1] Highest=nearest the top of the **Center** pane.

[2] Lowest=nearest the bottom of the **Center** pane.

[3] Two items are considered siblings if they have inputs from the same item(s) or they both have no inputs.

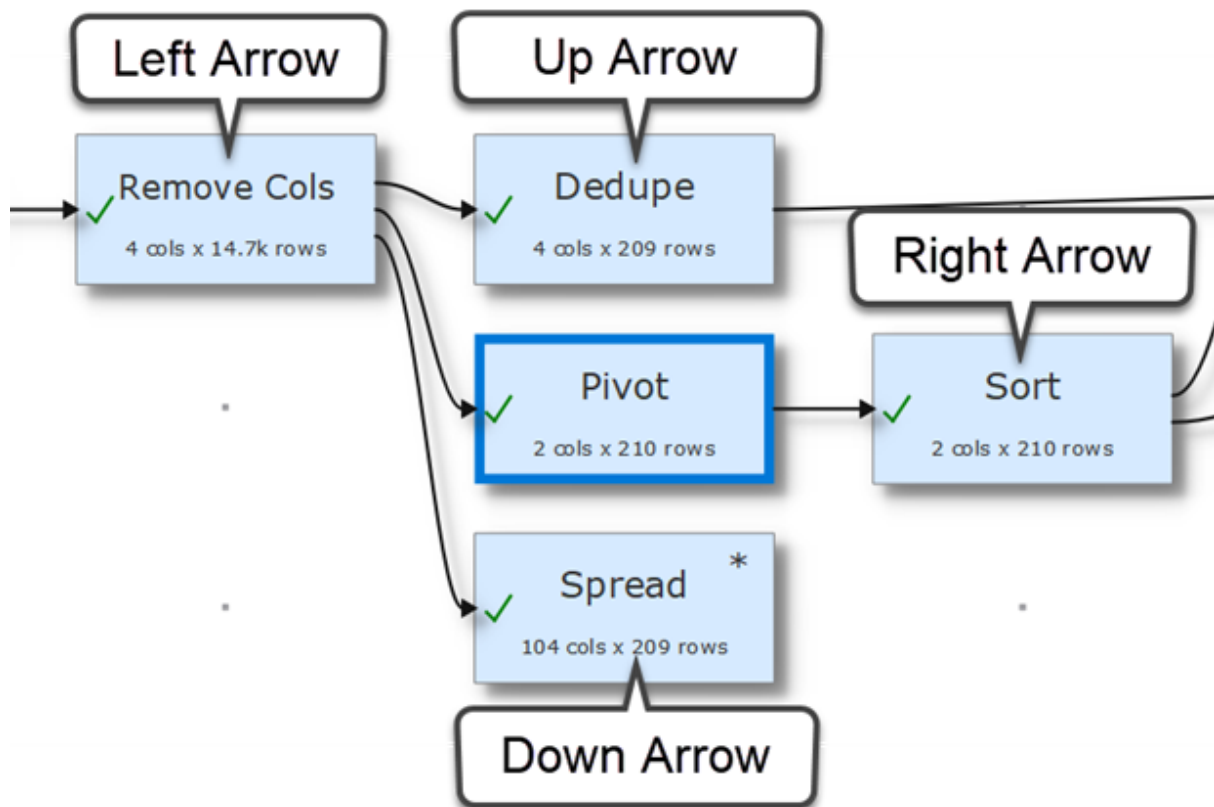
You can also use the keyboard to add transforms in the **Center** pane. Just select the item(s) you want to add the transform to and start typing the name. Only eligible transform that contain the typed letters will be displayed (spaces are ignored).

For example, to add the **Rename Cols** transform an existing Input item:

- select the input items
- type `ren`
- press the `Return` key

If you want to see a list of all the transform names, press the `Space` key before you start typing. You can use the `Del` or `Backspace` key to undo letters typed.

You can quickly change selection in the **Center** pane using arrow keys with the `Cmd` key.



If you are zoomed in you can scroll the Center pane by pressing the `Shift` key and dragging the canvas.

2.21 Dark mode

Select **View>Toggle UI Theme** (or the corresponding status bar button) to swap between light and dark user interface themes. You can also change the **Center** color scheme in the **Colors** tab of the **Preferences** window.

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How Do I?

Input

- From File
- From Clipboard

Transform

- All transforms
- Case
- Chop
- Clone
- Compare Cols
- Concat Cols
- Concat Rows
- Copy Cols
- Count
- Cross
- Date Format
- Drop

vacination.csv
2 cols x 5.0k rows

vacination2.csv
2 cols x 4.0k rows

Stack
3 cols x 10.0k rows

Case
2 cols x 10.0k rows

Dedupe
2 cols x 10.0k rows

output.csv
2 cols x 10.0k rows

Stack

Align columns by: Header name

Merge input datasets one on top of another. Orders by the vertical positions of the input datasets.

Data Warnings Info Comment Results

3 cols x 10,258 rows

Show first 10 rows

	country	time	bcg_vacc
1	afg	1982	10
2	afg	1983	10
3	afg	1984	11
4	afg	1985	17
5	afg	1986	18
6	afg	1987	27
7	afg	1988	40
8	afg	1989	38

Email us questions/feedback

How do I?

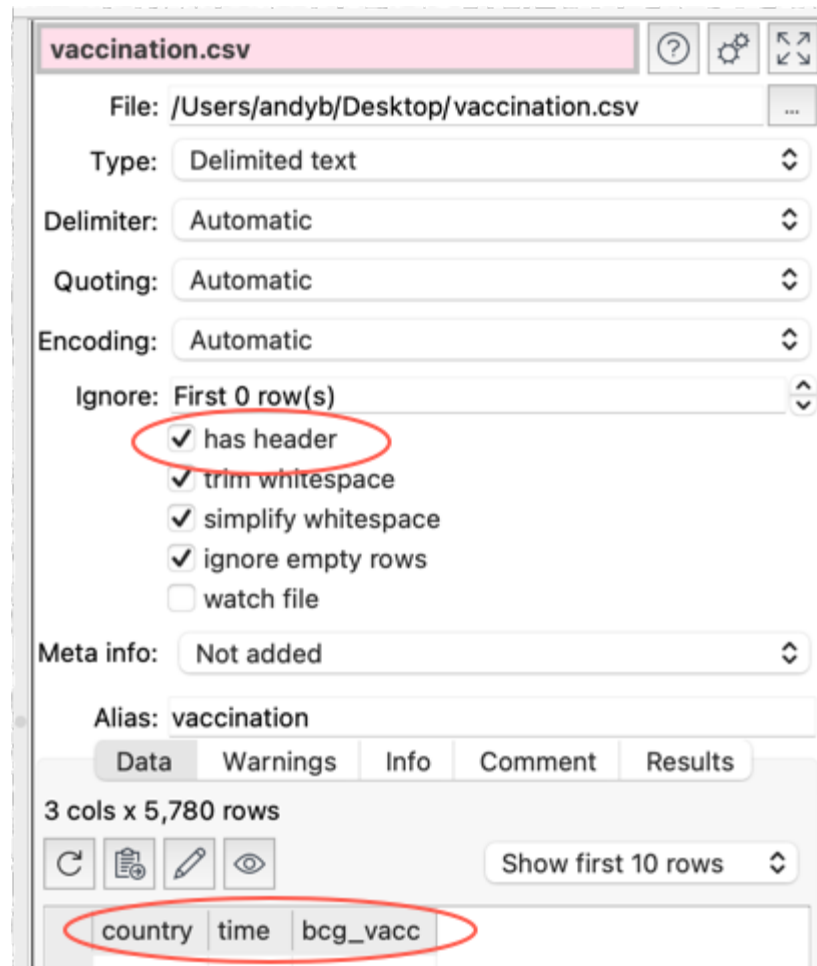
3 How do I?

3.1 Add a transform between existing items

To add a new transform between existing items (e.g. between 2 already connected transforms) see [connections](#).

3.2 Add or remove a header

To add or remove a header just check or uncheck the **has header** checkbox for the appropriate input item.



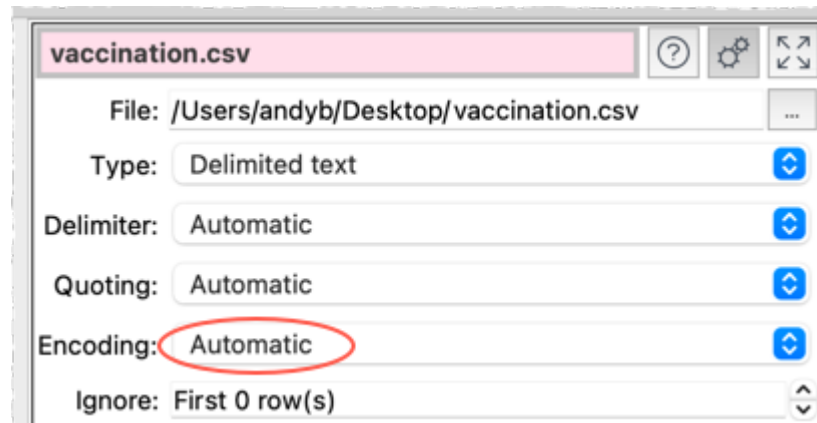
You can also make the first row of your dataset into a header using the [Header](#) transform.

3.3 Change a connection

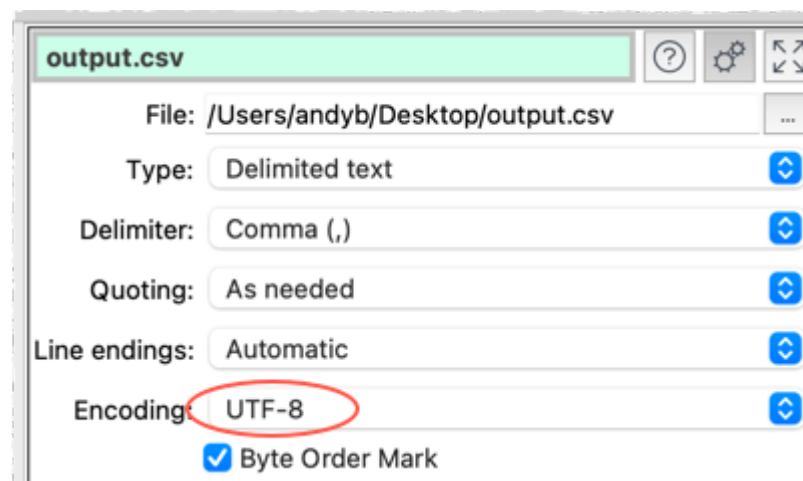
To change a connection see [connections](#).

3.4 Change encoding

When Easy Data Transform inputs a text file (e.g. a CSV file) it will make a guess at the encoding. You can explicitly set the encoding by selecting an [input](#) item and changing **Encoding** from **Automatic** to one of the other encodings in the **Right** pane.





Similarly you can also set the encoding of a text file output by selecting the [output](#) item and changing **Encoding** in the **Right** pane.



3.5 Clean a dataset

Data is often 'dirty' and needs to be cleaned up before further processing. You can quickly find unwanted characters by looking in the **Characters** tab of the **Right** pane to see what types of characters occur in which columns.

Data	Characters	Warnings	 Info	Comment	Details				
Sample: All 29 rows  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> show bars									
	SupplierID	CompanyName	ContactName	ContactTitle	Address	City	Region	PostalCode	
Uppercase		80	60	61	64	33	95	18	
Lowercase		408	293	428	347	185	24		
Digit	49				81			124	
Dot		9		2	12				
Colon									
Apostrophe		6			2				
Dash		2	1		5	2		2	
Forward Slash									
Other		3			1				
Non-ASCII		2							
Space		51	32	32	74	2		7	
Leading Space		1							
Trailing Space			1						
Double Space		1							

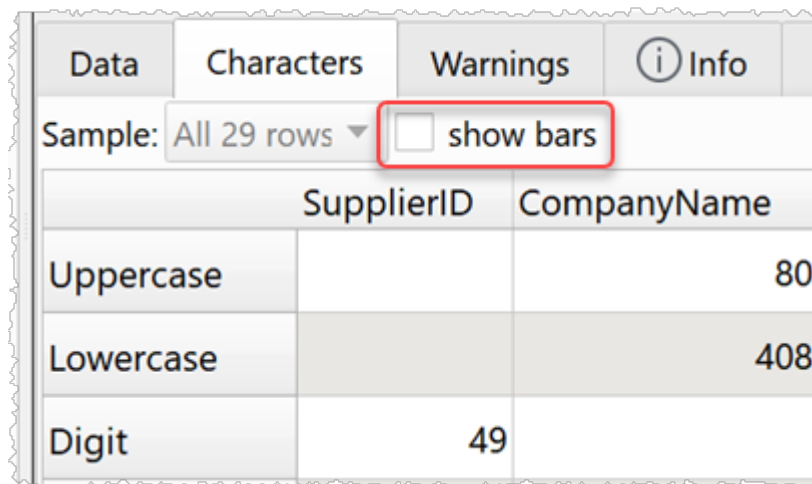
Note that some of these categories are non-exclusive. For example: a space might be counted as a space, whitespace and a leading space, and a symbol might also be a non-ASCII character.

Hover over a cell for more details.

2					
---	--	--	--	--	--

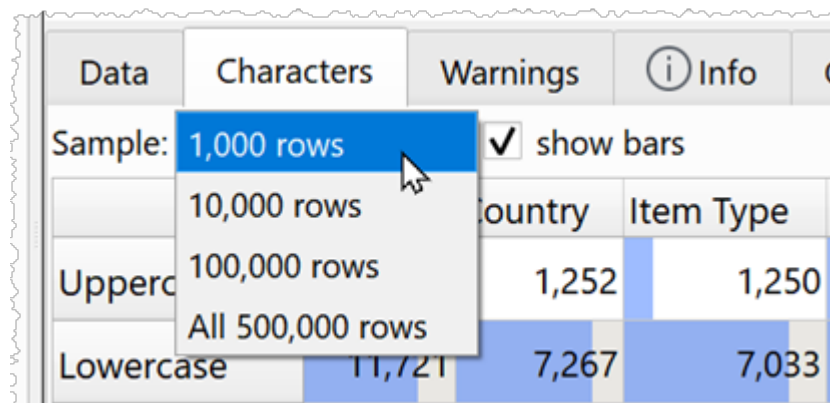
2 Non-ASCII character(s) out of 559 character(s)
sampled from all row(s) in column 'CompanyName' (0.36% of all).
Examples:
Row 19: New England Seafood Cannery 蹦蹦

You can turn the colored bars off.



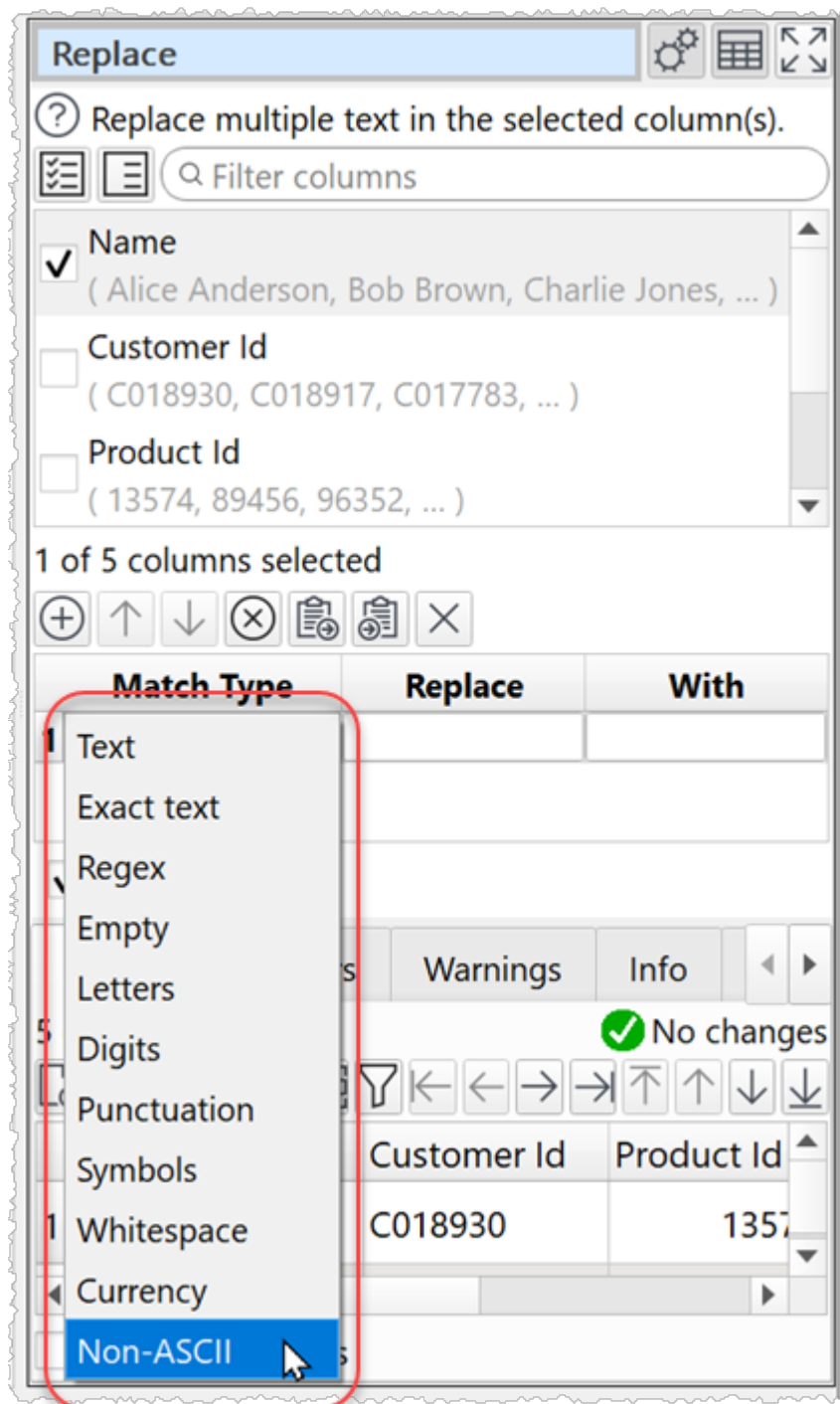
Data	Characters	Warnings	Info
Sample:	All 29 rows	<input type="checkbox"/> show bars	
	SupplierID	CompanyName	
Uppercase			80
Lowercase			408
Digit	49		

And you can restrict it to sampling only a subset of rows for improved speed in large datasets.



Data	Characters	Warnings	Info
Sample:	1,000 rows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> show bars	
	10,000 rows		
	100,000 rows		
	All 500,000 rows		
	Country	Item Type	
Uppercase	1,252		1,250
Lowercase	11,721	7,267	7,033

You can use the **Characters** tab in conjunction with the [Replace](#) and [Whitespace](#) transforms to quickly clean your data. **Replace** can easily remove non-ASCII, symbols etc by replacing them with nothing:






You might also want to [profile a dataset](#) as part of cleaning.

3.6 Convert to percentages



You can convert to percentages using the [Scale](#) transform.

	Item	Disputed
1	Billing Accuracy	\$4,128,367.37
2	Terms & Conditions	\$1,722,366.90
3	Unknown	\$1,141,031.66
4	Delivery & Installation	\$1,091,424.82
5	Service Delivery	\$238,914.81
6	Technical Issues	\$53,816.33



Scale   

? Scale numeric values, e.g. to a percentage or 0 t...

☐ Item
(Billing Accuracy, Terms & Conditions, Unknown, ...)

☒ Disputed
(\$4,128,367.37, \$1,722,366.90, \$1,141,031.66, ...)

1 of 2 columns selected

Scale to : 100

Using: Sum

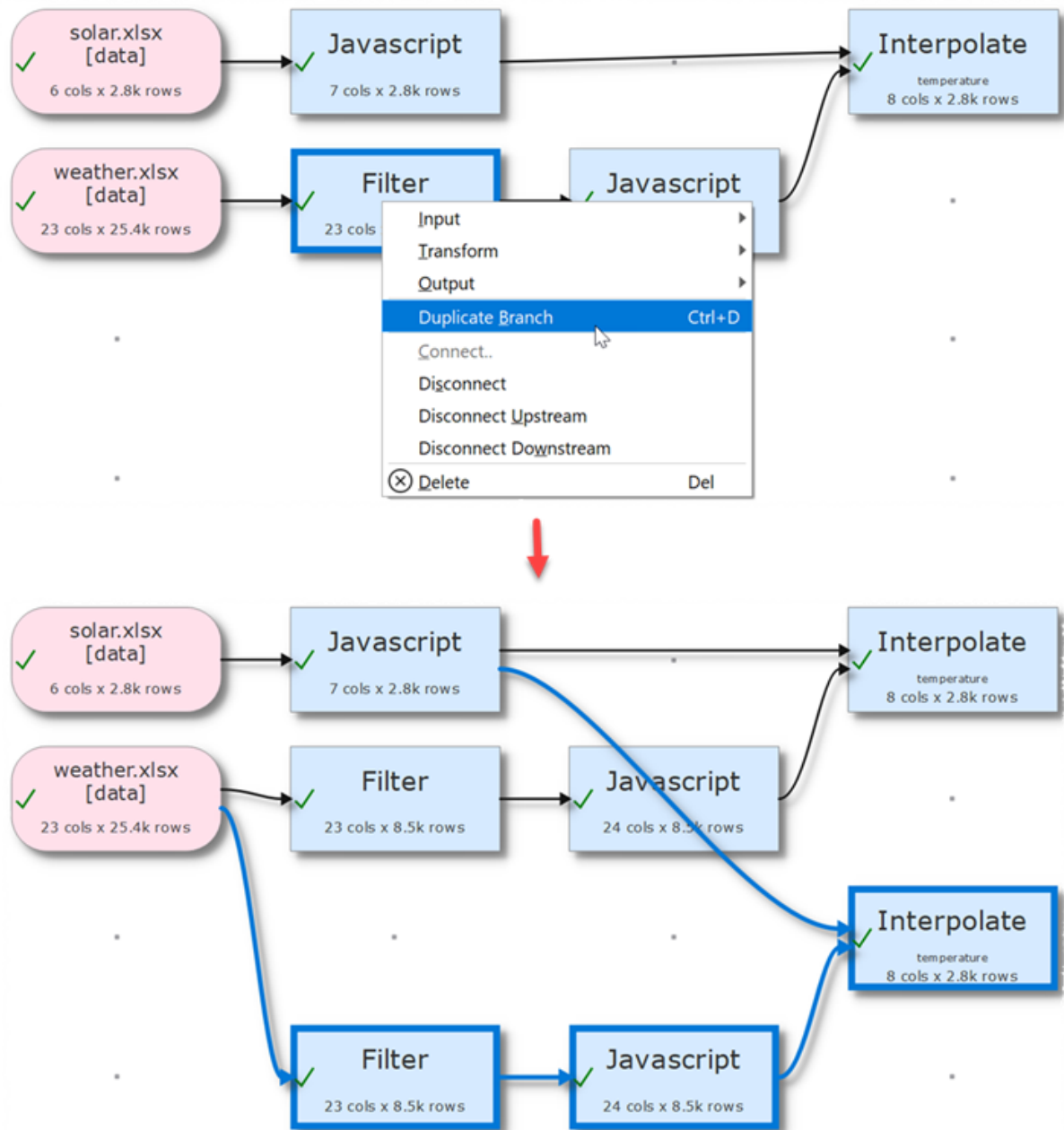
Of: All values



	Item	Disputed
1	Billing Accuracy	49.2885132433
2	Terms & Conditions	20.5633113897
3	Unknown	13.6227590823
4	Delivery & Installation	13.0305037981

3.7 Duplicate a series of transforms

To duplicate multiple items in the center pane (e.g. a sequence of transforms) right click on the first item and select **Duplicate Branch**.



3.8 Dedupe a dataset

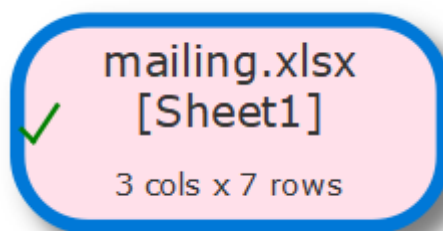
If you want to remove duplicate entries from a dataset, use the [Unique](#) transform. For example, to remove the 2 rows that have the same email from this dataset:

	First	Last	Email
1	J.A.	Black	jablack@gmail.com
2	Paul	White	p.white@hotmail.com
3	Barry	Green	bgreen@aol.com
4	Jane	Brown	Jb3423@gmail.com
5	J.	Taupe	taupe89759@gmail.com
6	John	Black	jablack@gmail.com
7	B.	Green	bgreen@aol.com

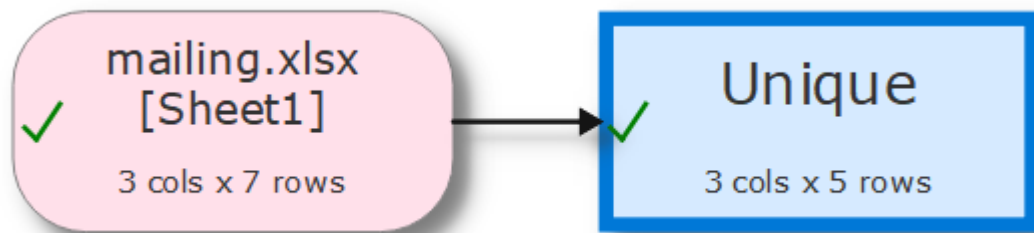
To get this dataset:

	First	Last	Email
1	J.A.	Black	jablack@gmail.com
2	Paul	White	p.white@hotmail.com
3	Barry	Green	bgreen@aol.com
4	Jane	Brown	Jb3423@gmail.com
5	J.	Taupe	taupe89759@gmail.com

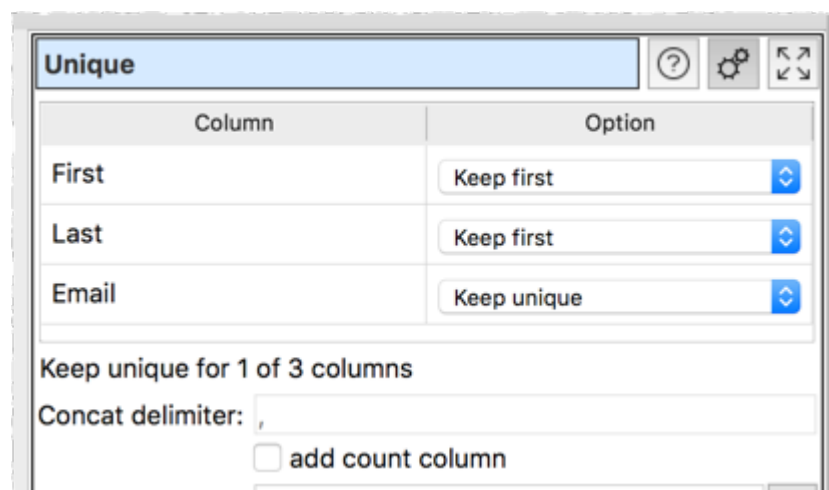
Drag the dataset file onto the **Center** pane of Easy Data Transform.



Select the dataset then click the **Unique** transform in the **Left** pane.



Set the **Email** column to **Keep unique** in the **Right** pane. Set the **First** and **Last** columns to **Keep first**.



Only one row with each email is kept. The first and last names are set to the first occurrence in the sort order. Use [Sort](#) if you want to change the order before removing duplicates.

If you only want to remove rows with the same first name, same last name and same email, set **First**, **Last** and **Email** columns to **Keep unique**.

Note that deduplicating columns using **Unique** takes account of whitespace and case. So you might need to do [Whitespace](#) and [Case](#) transforms before the dedupe.

See the [Unique](#) documentation for a more detailed example.

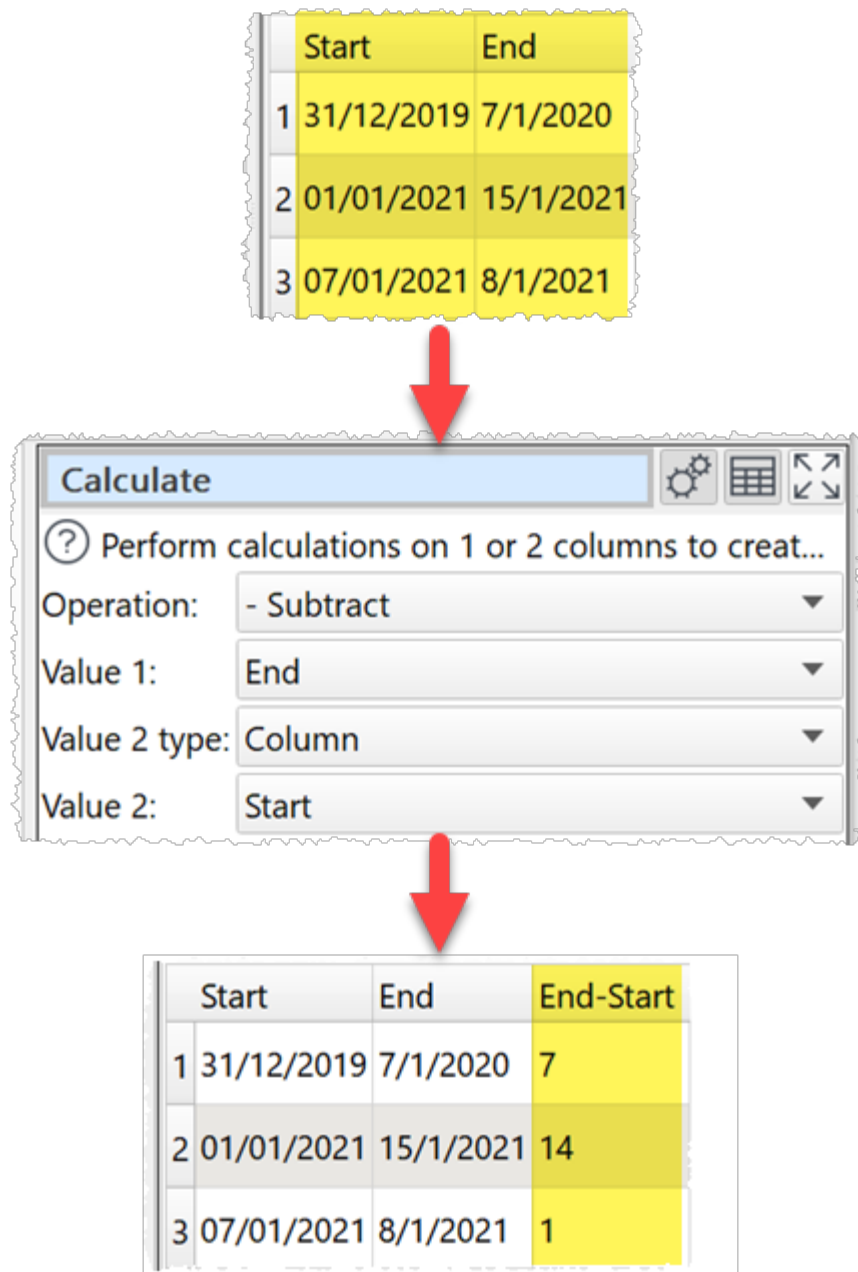
See also [Dedupe](#), which is a simpler (but less flexible) than **Unique** and includes [fuzzy matching](#).

See also:

- [Video: How to remove Excel duplicates](#)

3.9 Find the difference between dates/datetimes

You can calculate the number of days difference between two dates using the [Calculate](#) transform. For example:



You can convert a datetime into a date using a transform such as [Extract](#).

Alternatively, you can calculate the difference between two dates or datetimes using Date objects in the [JavaScript](#) transform.

There are 4 ways to create a JavaScript Date object:

Date format	Description
<code>new Date(year, month, day, hours, minutes, seconds, milliseconds)</code>	Specified date and time specified as numeric parameters (January is month 0!).
<code>new Date(text date)</code>	Date and time specified as text.
<code>new Date(milliseconds)</code>	Milliseconds after 1st January 1970.
<code>new Date()</code>	Current date and time.

Notes:

- A text date should be in `yyyy-mm-dd` format.
- A Date object always includes a time. If no time is set, then the time is assumed to be midnight GMT.
- One and two digit years will be interpreted from 1900.

Examples

To calculate the number of milliseconds between a date in the 'date' column and 31st Dec 2000:

```
return new Date( $(date) ) - new Date( "2000-12-31" );
```

Or:

```
return new Date( $(date) ) - new Date( 2000, 11, 31 );
```

To calculate the difference between datetimes in the 'start' and 'end' columns in hours:

```
return ( new Date( $(end) ) - new Date( $(start) ) ) / ( 60 * 60 * 1000 );
```

To calculate how many days ago 'date' occurred (rounded down):

```
return Math.floor( ( new Date() - new Date( $(date) ) ) / ( 24 * 60 * 60 * 1000 ) );
```

For more information see the [JavaScript documentation](#).

3.10 Handle column name/order changes in inputs

If you have a .transform file that you want to run multiple input files through (perhaps with a different input file each month, or as a [batch process](#)) you need to be aware of differences in column name and column order in the input files.

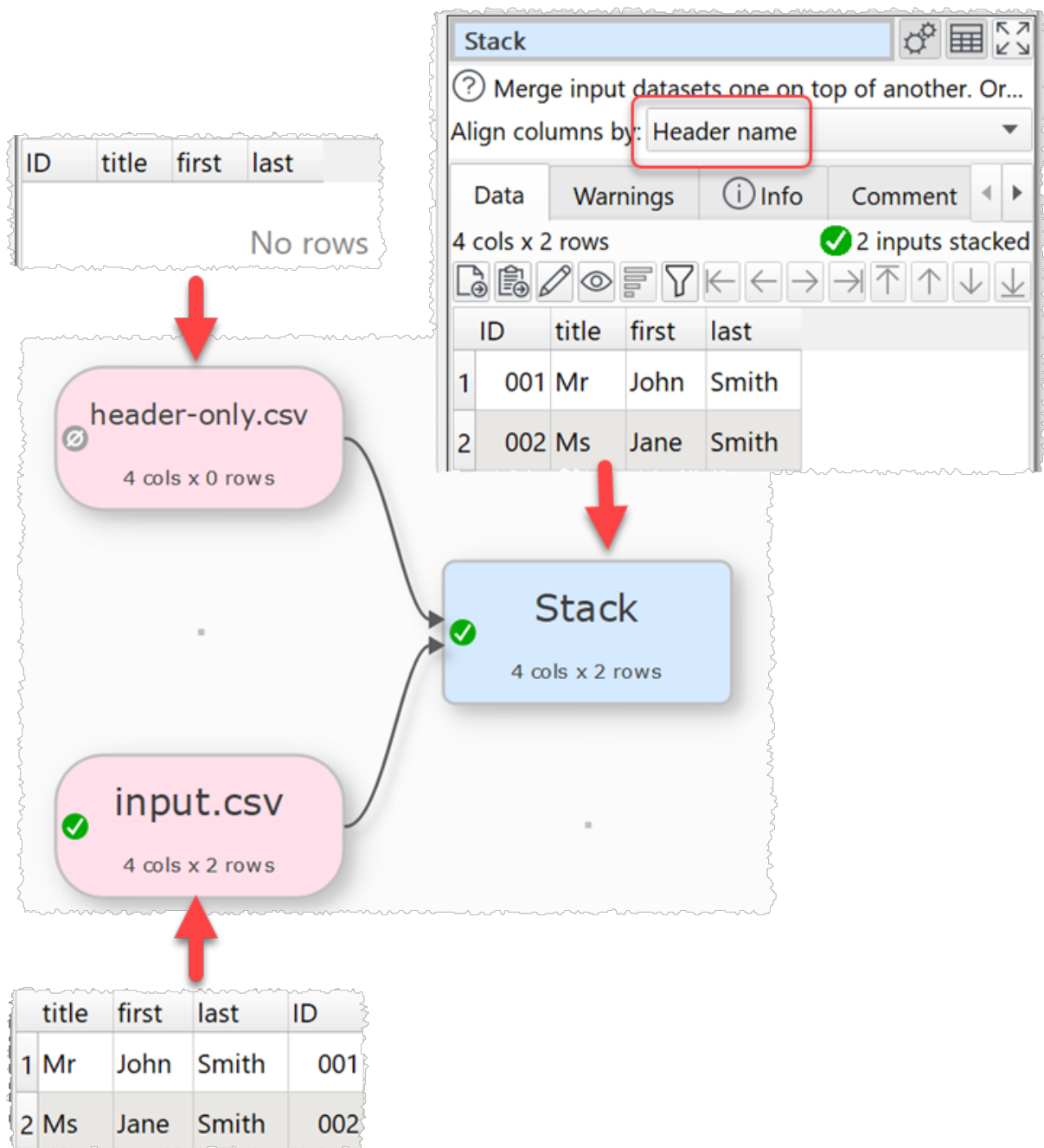
To change the file being used by an input, select the input item and change the file location in the **Right** pane (e.g, by clicking the '...' browse file button), rather than disconnecting the input and connecting a new one. Otherwise column-related parameters downstream will be reset.

Same columns in the same order, but with different names

Easy Data Transform references columns by their position (e.g. 3rd column from the left) not their column name. So differences in column names (e.g. first column is called "id" in input 1 and "UniqueID" in input 2) are not generally an issue. But you need to be careful if you are using the [Stack](#) transform with **Align columns by** set to **Header name**, as this will reorder columns by name. If you want to always output the same column names, regardless of the input column names, you should use a [Rename Cols](#) transform to set the names.

Same columns with the same names, but in a different order

If columns are in different orders in different input files (e.g. the "ID" column in the first column in input 1 and the last column in input 2) you need to sort the input columns into a standard order before applying other transforms. You can do this using the [Stack](#) transform with **Align columns by** set to **Header name**. Stack your input under a dataset with just the columns in the correct order.



Same columns with different names, in a different order

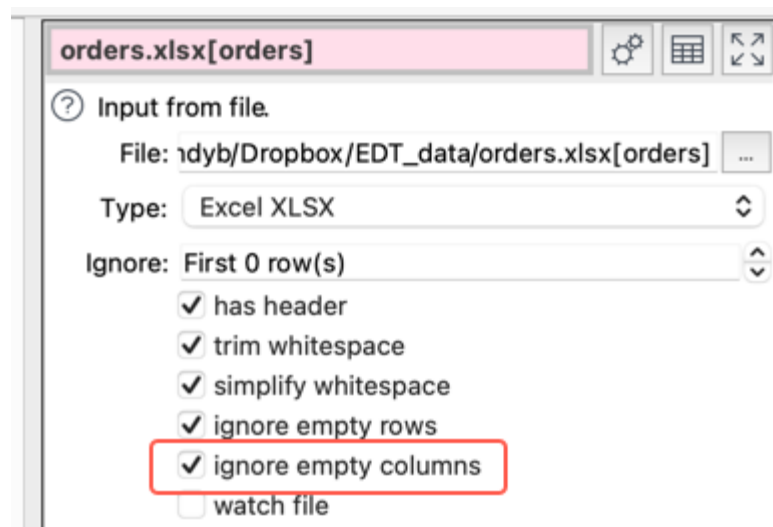
Easy Data Transform can't handle this automatically. But you can create a new .transform and use [Reorder Cols](#) and/or [Rename Cols](#) transforms to output to a new file with the correct column names/ordering. You can then input this to the original .transform.

3.11 Handle datasets with many columns

Easy Data Transform can help you to easily remove or rename columns in datasets with large numbers of columns.

Remove multiple empty columns

If your dataset has a large number of empty columns you can remove them by checking **ignore empty columns** when you input it.

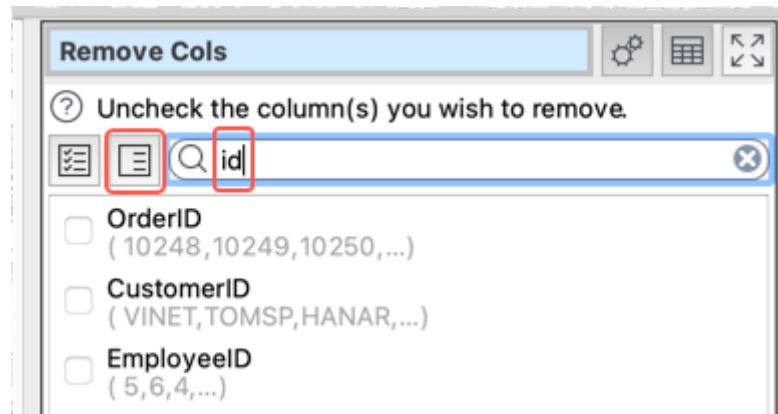


Remove multiple columns

To quickly remove a large number of columns using the [Remove Cols](#) transform, you can do it by filtering column names. For example, to remove the columns with name that contain "id":

- Add a **Remove Cols** transform.
- Type `id` into the filter field. All the columns whose names contain "id" should now be visible (not case sensitive).
- Click the **Unselect all** button.
- Click the **Clear** button.

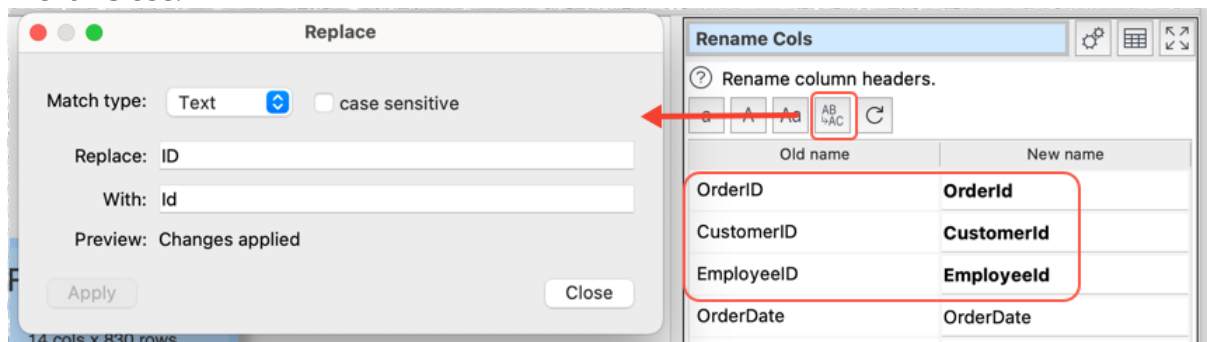
All the columns whose names contain "id" should now be removed by the transform. You can repeat this process as often as needed.



Rename multiple columns

To quickly rename a large number of columns using the [Rename Cols](#) transform, you can do it using **Replace text**:

- Add a **Rename Cols** transform.
- Click the **Replace text** button.
- Enter the text you want to **Replace** and the text you want to replace it **With**. You can match as **Text**, **Exact text** or **Regex**, with **case sensitive** matching optional.
- Click **Apply** to make the change.
- Click **Close**.



See also:

- [Handle large datasets](#)

3.12 Handle large datasets

Large datasets (e.g. a million data points or more) can slow down processing. If slow processing is a problem you can:

- Add a [sample](#) transform straight after the input and set **Rows** to pass through only the first 100 or so rows. Once you have completed all your transforms you can then **Disable sampling** to pass through all rows.
- Set **Right pane processing delay** in the [Preferences window](#) to a longer time (say 5 seconds) to ensure that changes aren't processed until you have finished making the changes.

- Set **Maximum memory usage** to a higher value in the [Preferences window](#), to ensure you don't run out of memory.
- Set **Write mode** to **Disabled** in output files, until you are ready to write them.

See also:

- [Handle datasets with many columns](#)

3.13 Input a fixed width format file

To input data from a fixed width file see [fixed width format](#).

3.14 Merge datasets

Easy Data Transform has two main options for merging two datasets. Stack and Join.

Stack datasets

If you want to merge the two datasets so they are one on top of another, use the [Stack](#) transform. For example, to Stack these two datasets:

	Name	ID	DOB
1	John Black	001	01/07/1966
2	Paul White	002	11/03/1973
3	Barry Green	003	30/12/1977

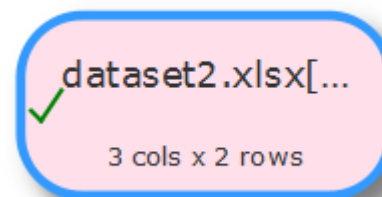
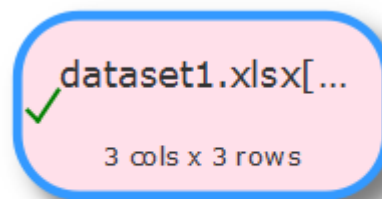
+

	Name	ID	DOB
1	Jane Brown	004	03/11/1980
2	Jill Taupe	005	01/03/1981

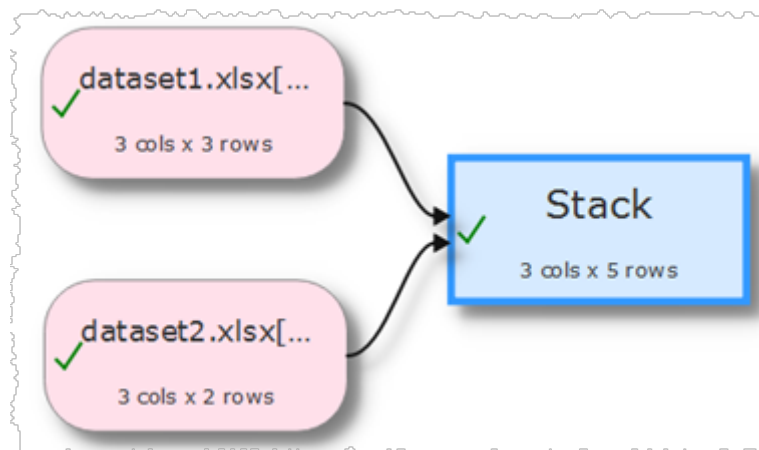
To get this dataset:

	Name	ID	DOB
1	John Black	001	1966-07-01
2	Paul White	002	1973-03-11
3	Barry Green	003	1977-12-30
4	Jane Brown	004	1980-11-03
5	Jill Taupe	005	1981-03-01

Drag the two dataset files onto the **Center** pane of Easy Data Transform.



Select the two datasets using `Cmd+click` then click the **Stack** transform in the **Left** pane.



The datasets are now stacked in the vertical order that the datasets are shown on the screen. The top dataset is shown first. You can swap the vertical positions of the datasets to change the order in which they are stacked.

If you want to stack column n of the first dataset above column n of the second dataset, set **Align columns by** to **Column number**.

If you want to stack columns by common [header names](#) (even if they aren't in the same order), set **Align columns by** to **Header name**.

If you want to stack a large number of files you can do it by using [batch processing](#) to write to an output item with **Write Mode**=Append.

Join datasets

If you want to merge the two datasets side-by-side using a common ('key') column, use the [Join](#) transform. For example, to Join these two datasets:

	Name	ID	DOB
1	John Black	001	1966-07-01
2	Paul White	002	1973-03-11
3	Barry Green	003	1977-12-30
4	Jane Brown	004	1980-11-03
5	Jill Taupe	005	1981-03-01

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	ID	Department	Level
1	001	Engineering	1
2	003	Engineering	2
3	004	Marketing	1
4	002	Sales	2
5	005	Sales	3

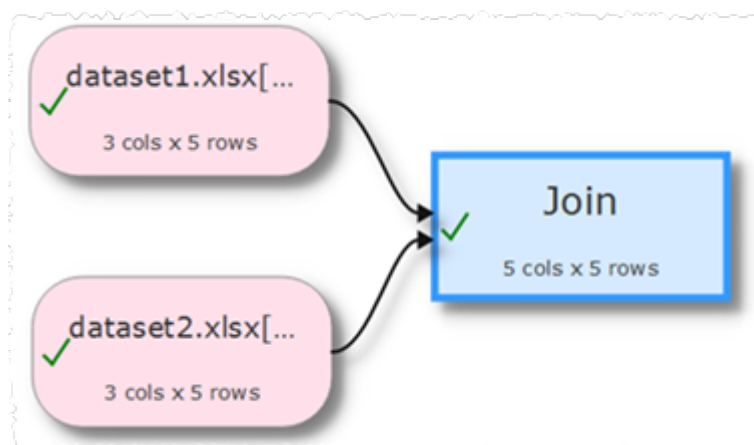
By common ID value to get this dataset:

	Name	ID	DOB	Department	Level
1	John Black	001	1966-07-01	Engineering	1
2	Paul White	002	1973-03-11	Sales	2
3	Barry Green	003	1977-12-30	Engineering	2
4	Jane Brown	004	1980-11-03	Marketing	1
5	Jill Taupe	005	1981-03-01	Sales	3

Drag the two dataset files onto the **Center** pane of Easy Data Transform.



Select the two datasets using `Cmd+click` then click the **Join** transform in the **Left** pane.



Set both **Top key column** and **Bottom key column** to the common ('key') column.

The datasets are now joined side-by-side using the common column. The top dataset is shown on the left. You can swap the vertical positions of the datasets to change the order in which they are joined.

If you just want to join row N of one dataset to row N of another dataset, you can use the [Row Num](#) transform to create a common column in each dataset.

Set **include top non-matching rows** and **include bottom non-matching rows** depending on what you want to do with top and bottom dataset rows for which there are no matches.

Note that matching columns takes account of whitespace. So you might need to do [Whitespace](#) transform before the join.

If you are merging numerical datasets you can also use an [Interpolate](#) transform.

Video: [How to join Excel files](#)

3.15 Move a .transform file

To move a .transform file to a different location on the same computer use **File>Save As...** or **Finder**. You either leave the Input files at the original location or move them to the same location relative to the .transform file (e.g. if they were in the same folder as the .transform file before, move them to the same folder as new .transform file).

To move a .transform file to a different computer, move the Input files to the same location relative to the .transform file (e.g. if they were in the same folder as the .transform file before, move them to the same folder as new .transform file).

See also [.transform files](#).

3.16 Output nested JSON or XML

You can use the dot ('.') character in the column header to show nesting. For example:

	name	carb	cholesterol	fiber	minerals.ca	minerals.fe	protein	sodium	vitamins.a	vitamins.c
1	Avocado Dip	2	5	0	0	0	1	210	0	0

Is output to JSON as:

```
[
  {
    "name": "Avocado Dip",
    "carb": "2",
    "cholesterol": "5",
    "fiber": "0",
    "minerals": {
      "ca": "0",
      "fe": "0"
    },
    "protein": "1",
    "sodium": "210",
    "vitamins": {
      "a": "0",
      "c": "0"
    }
  }
]
```



```
}  
]
```

And to XML as:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>  
<root>  
  <record>  
    <name>Avocado Dip</name>  
    <carb>2</carb>  
    <cholesterol>5</cholesterol>  
    <fiber>0</fiber>  
    <protein>1</protein>  
    <sodium>210</sodium>  
    <minerals>  
      <ca>0</ca>  
      <fe>0</fe>  
    </minerals>  
    <vitamins>  
      <a>0</a>  
      <c>0</c>  
    </vitamins>  
  </record>  
</root>
```

For more details see:

- [JSON format](#)
- [XML format](#)

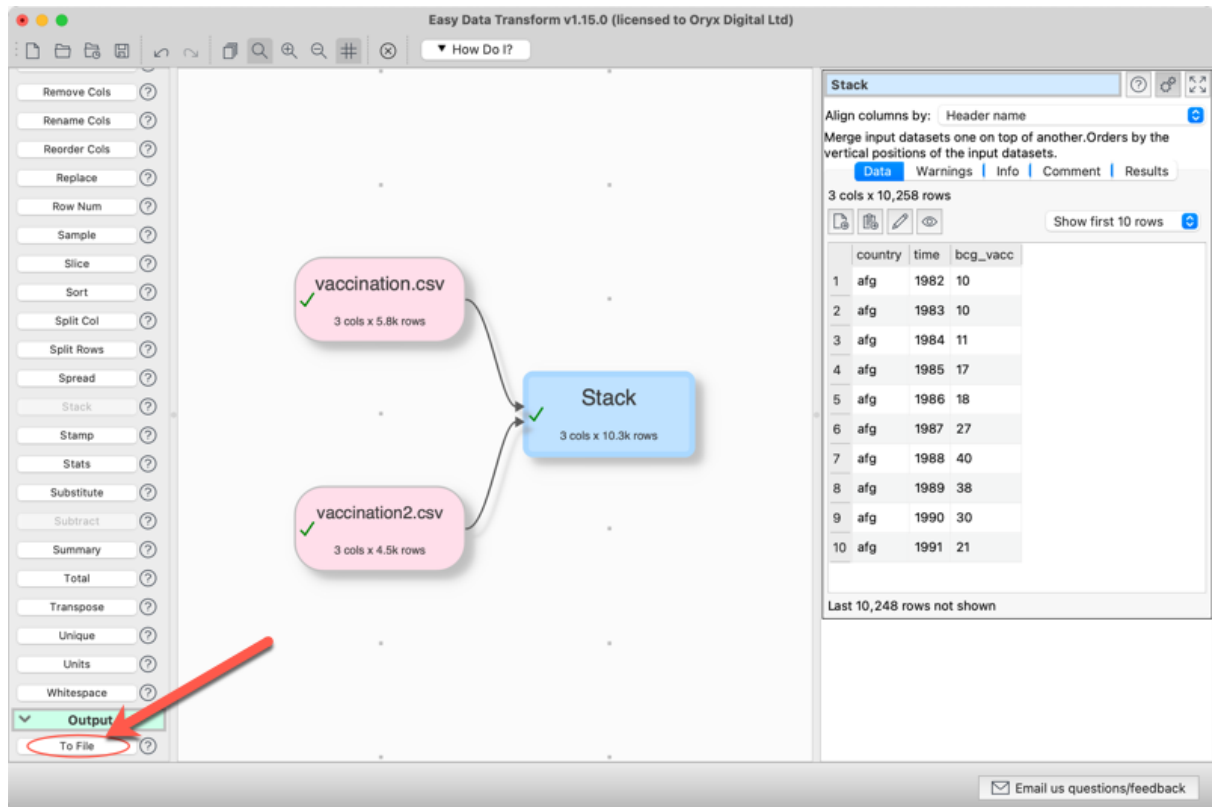
See also:

- [Video: How to convert CSV to XML](#)
- [Video: How to convert CSV to JSON](#)

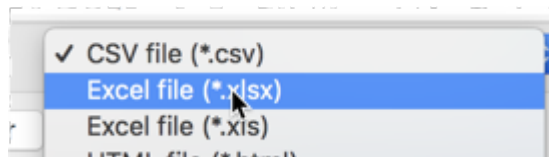
3.17 Output to Excel

To output results from a transform to an Excel .xlsx/.xls file:

- Select the transform item in the **Center** pane.
- Click **To File** at the bottom of the **Left** pane.



- Select ***.xlsx** or ***.xls** from the file type drop-down list that appears.



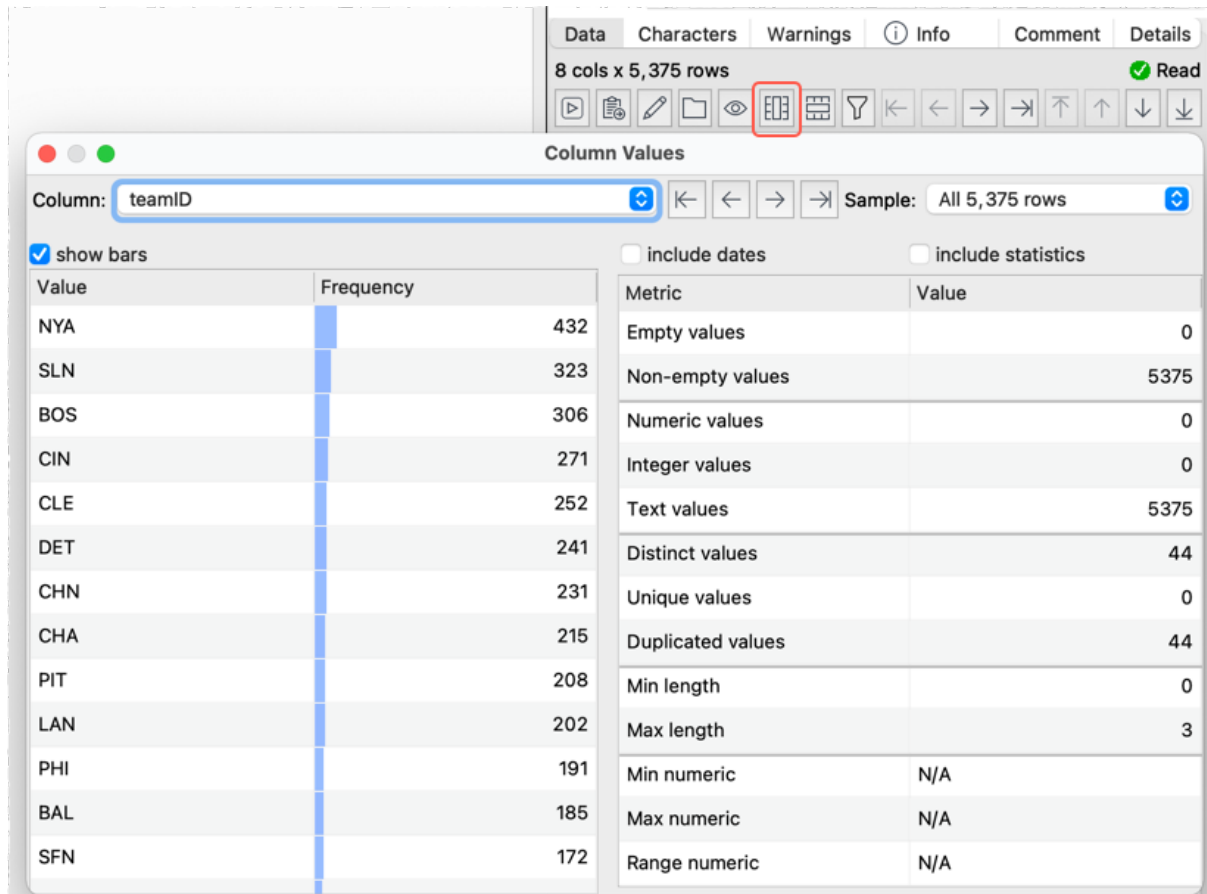
Note that Excel .xlsx files are typically limited to 1,048,576 rows and 16,384 columns.

See also:

- [Write to multiple sheets of an Excel file](#)
- [Video: How to convert fixed column width to CSV or Excel](#)
- [Video: How to convert JSON to Excel](#)
- [Video: How to convert XML to Excel](#)

3.18 Profile a dataset

In the **Right** pane you can double click on a column header or click the corresponding button to show a profile of the data in each column. You can use this with [Filter](#), [Remove Cols](#) and [Replace](#) transforms to remove unwanted rows, columns or values.



For large datasets you might want to set **Sample** to less than the full dataset for speed. You can also leave **include dates** and **include statistics** unchecked for speed.

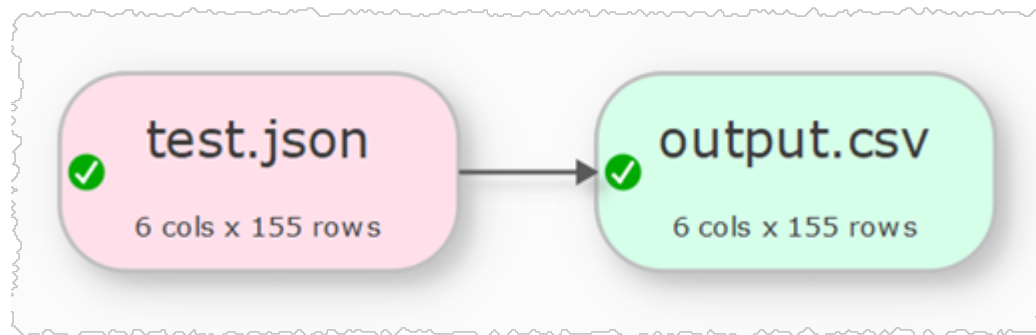
3.19 Perform the same transforms on many files

You can perform the same set of transforms on multiple inputs in one operation using [batch processing](#) or [command line arguments](#).

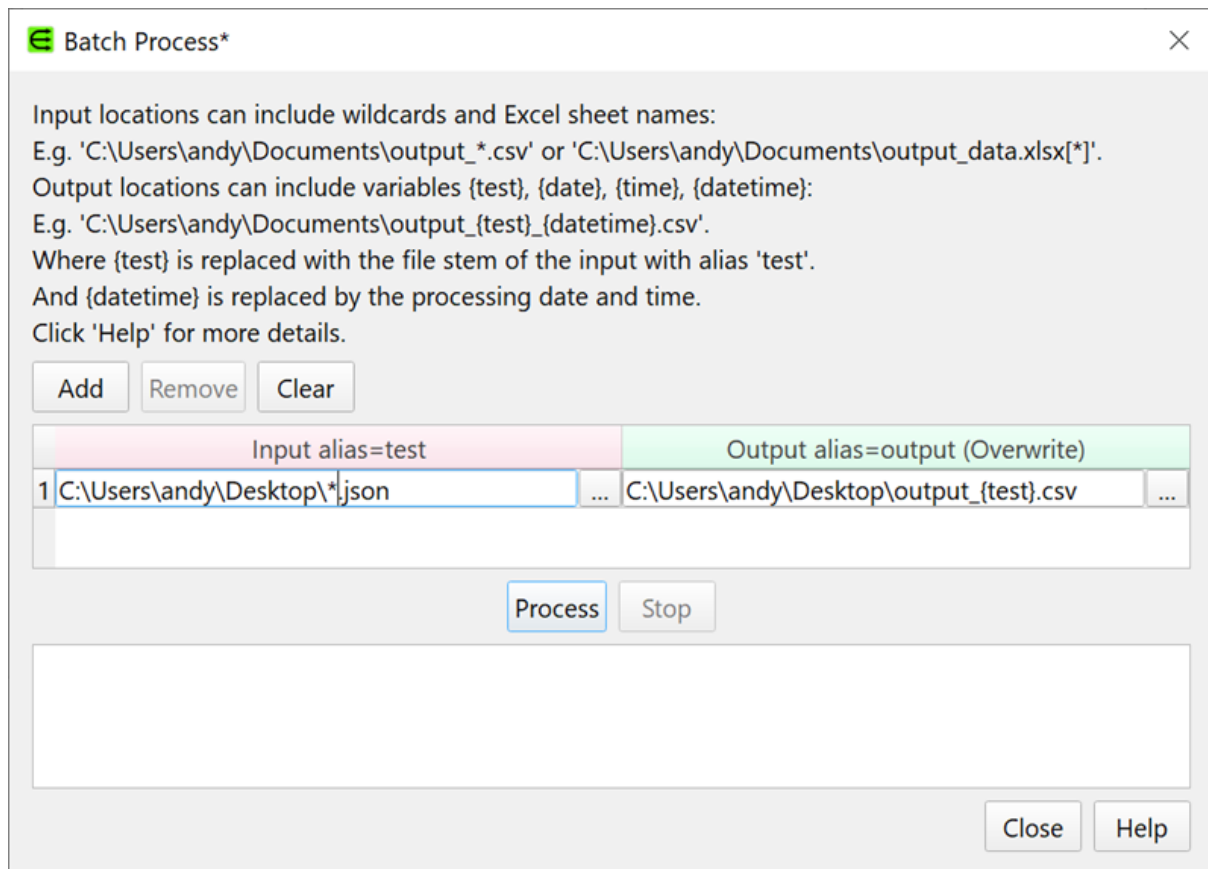
Example 1

To convert a folder full of .json files to .csv files:

1. Select **File>New** to create a new `.transform` file.
2. Drag one of the .json files onto the **Center pane**. Ensure the options (encoding etc) are correct in the **Right** pane.
3. Click on the **To File** button at the bottom of the **Left** pane and set the location of a .json file to create. Ensure the options (encoding etc) are correct in the **Right** pane.



4. Select **File>Batch Process**.
5. In the **Batch Process** window change the `.json` file name to `*.json`, so that all the `.json` files in that folder will be processed.



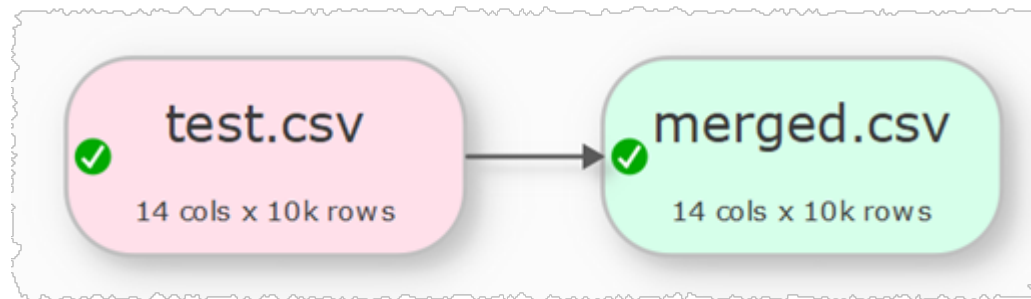
6. Press the **Process** button. A `.csv` file will now be created for each `.json` file in the folder. In the example above {test} will be replaced by the filename of the input file with alias test (if you just output to `output.csv` then you would be continually overwriting the same file).
7. Select **File>Save** to save your `.transform` for future use.

If you want to process input files from another folder then click **Add** to add a new row and change the input folder.

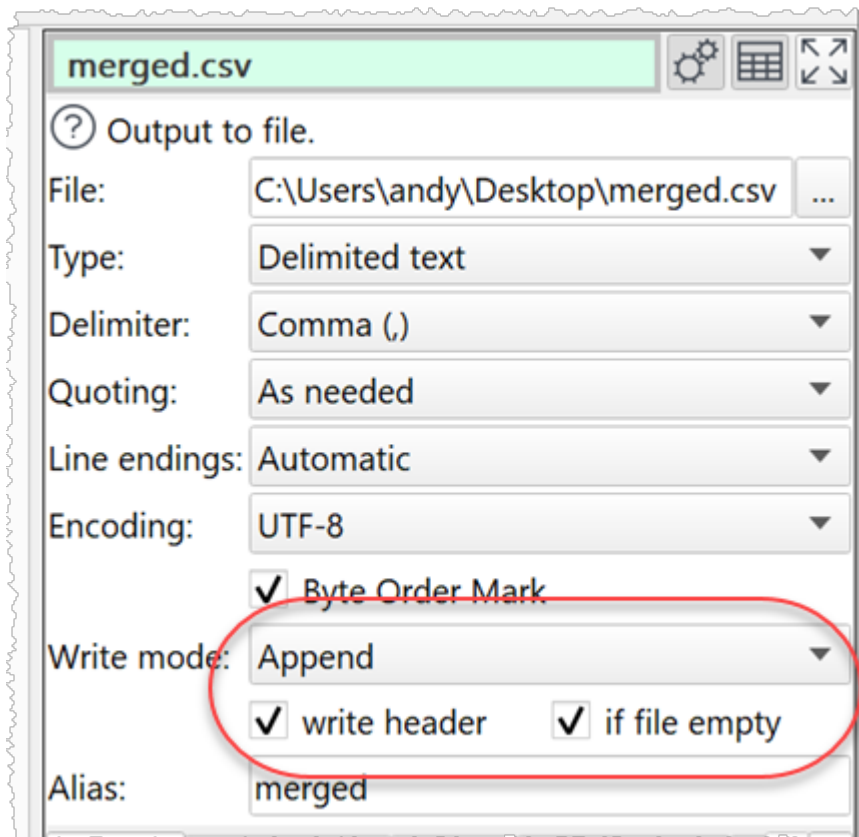
Example 2

To merge multiple .csv files into a single .csv file:

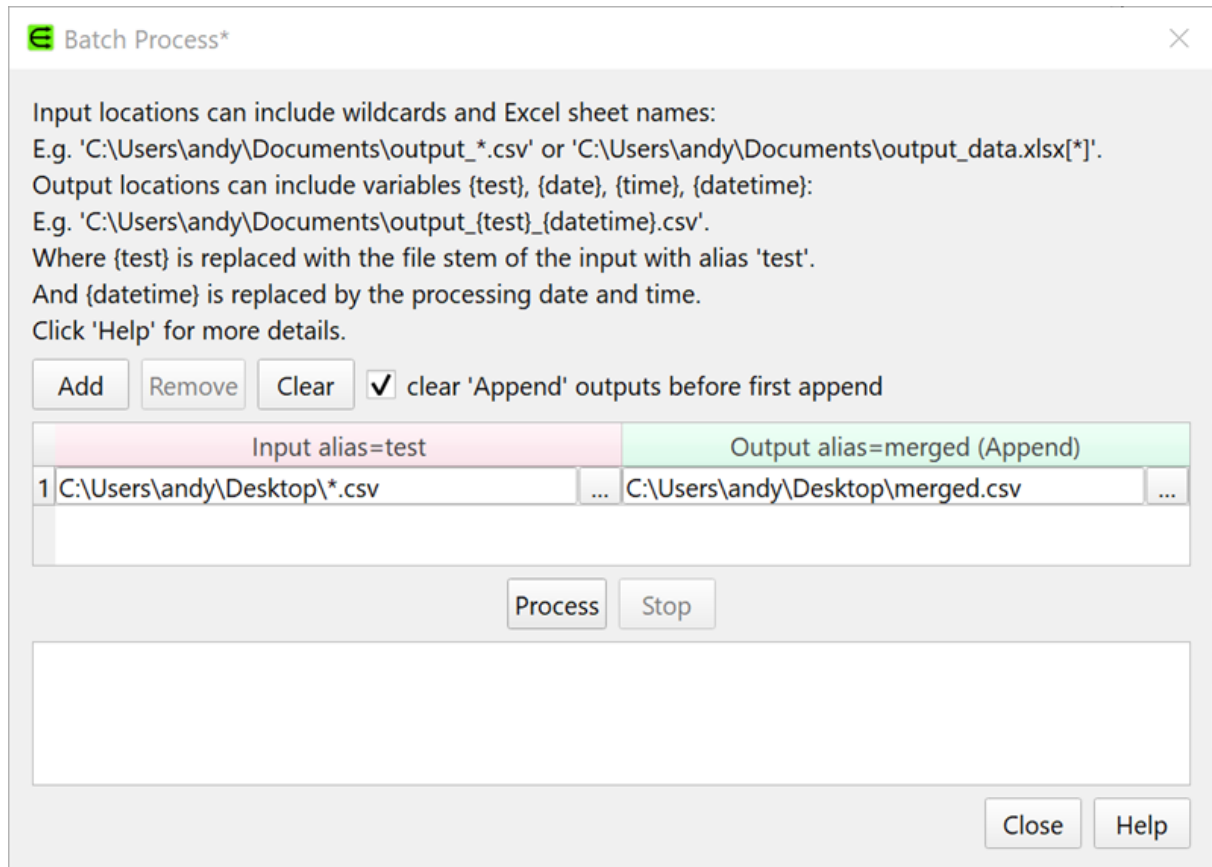
8. Select **File>New** to create a new `.transform` file.
9. Drag one of the .csv files onto the **Center pane**. Ensure the options (encoding etc) are correct in the **Right** pane.
10. Click on the **To File** button at the bottom of the **Left** pane and set the location of a `merged.csv` file to create, in a different folder to the input .csv files. Ensure the options (encoding etc) are correct.



4. In the **Right** pane set **Write Mode** to **Append** and check **write header** and **if empty**. This ensures that only one header will be written, rather than one for every input file.

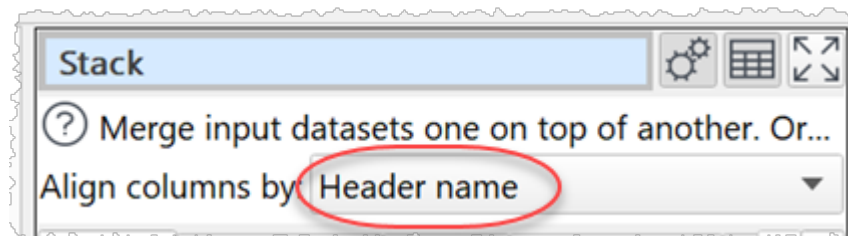
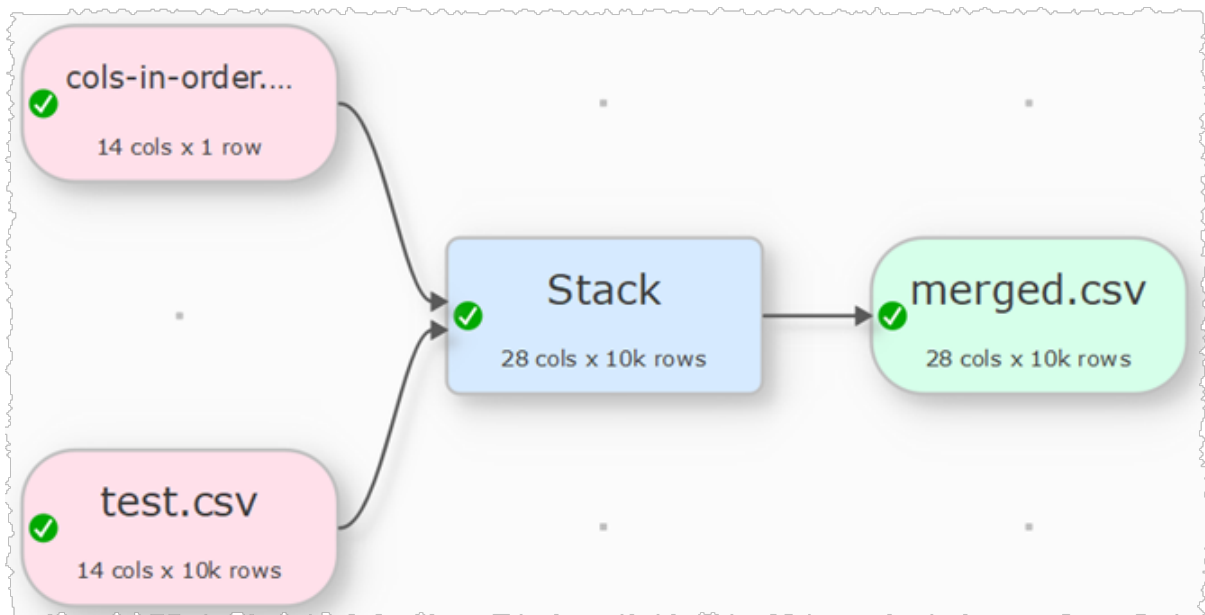


5. Select **File>Batch Process**.
6. In the **Batch Process** window:
 - change the input .csv file name to *.csv, so that all the .csv files in that folder will be processed.
 - Check **clear 'Append' outputs before first append** so that any existing data in the output file is cleared before we start appending to it.



7. Press the **Process** button. A single `merged.csv` file will now be created that contains a concatenation of all the other `.csv` files.
8. Select **File>Save** to save your `.transform` for future use.

If the headers are different orders in different `.csv` files, then you can [Stack](#) by header name in your `.transform` to get a consistent column order before outputting.



See also:




- [Video: Batch processing](#)


3.20 Replace empty values



You can replace empty values using the [Replace](#) transform.

	n1	n2	n3
1	123.8	9876.1	
2	98123.4		23.3
3	28.8		



Replace   

 Replace multiple text in the selected column(s). Can use powerf...








 

☒ n1
(123.8, 98123.4, 28.8)

☒ n2
(9876.1, ,)

☒ n3
(, 23.3,)

3 of 3 columns selected

	Match Type	Replace	With
1	Empty ▾		0.0

☒ case sensitive



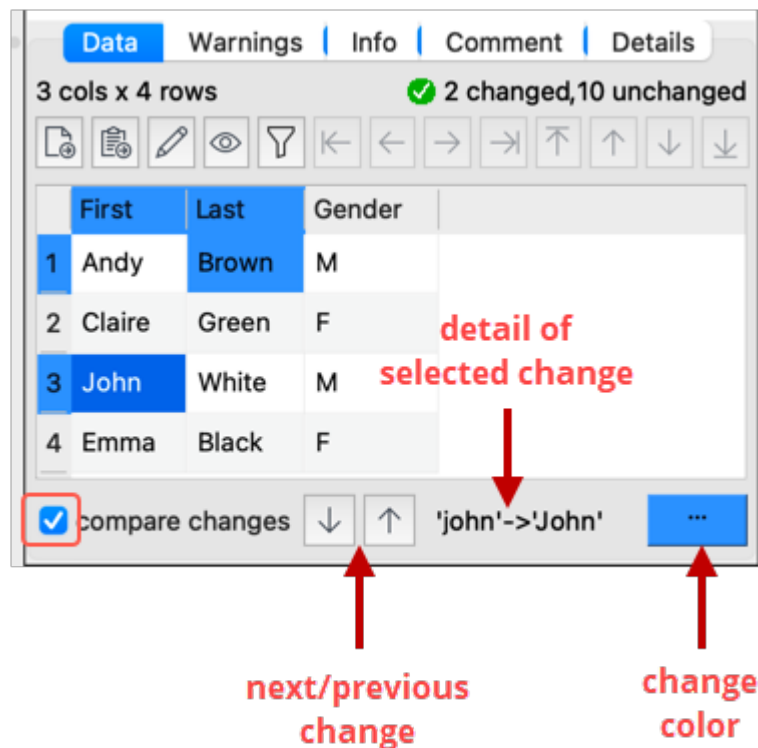
	n1	n2	n3
1	123.8	9876.1	0.0
2	98123.4	0.0	23.3
3	28.8	0.0	0.0

3.21 See changes from a transform

The following transforms allow you to highlight changes made by the transform:

- [Case](#)
- [Chop](#)
- [Date Format](#)
- [Decode](#)
- [Extract](#)
- [Fill](#)
- [Hash](#)
- [Insert](#)
- [Number Format](#)
- [Offset](#)
- [Pad](#)
- [Replace](#)
- [Scale](#)
- [Unfill](#)
- [Units](#)
- [Whitespace](#)

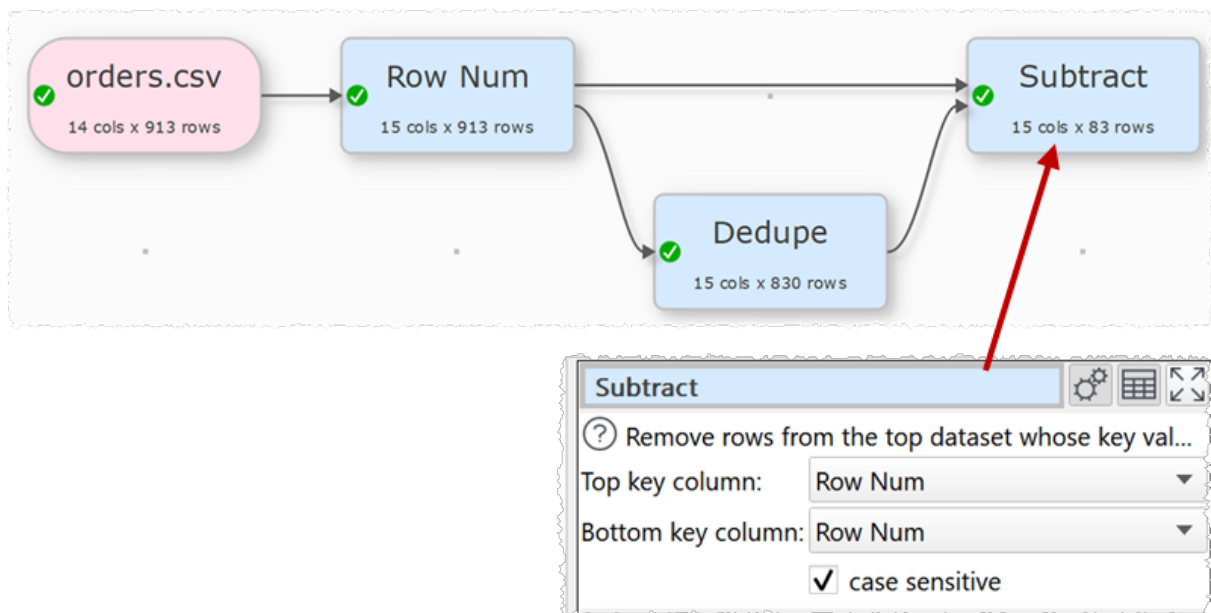
Check the **compare changes** checkbox below the data table to highlight changes made by the transform.



Click on or hover over a cell to see details of each change.

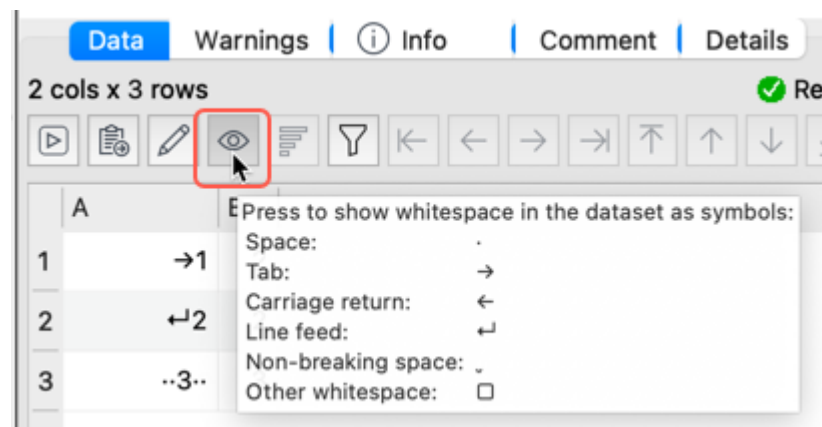
Click on the up and down arrows to move between changes. Changes hidden by dataset filtering are skipped.

If you want to see rows that were removed by a transform such as [Dedupe](#), [Unique](#) or [Filter](#), you can do that using [Subtract](#). The dataset needs to have a column of unique key values to use in the **Subtract**. If it doesn't have one, then add one first using [Row Num](#).



3.22 Show whitespace

Click the eye icon in the **Right** pane to show whitespace in the data.

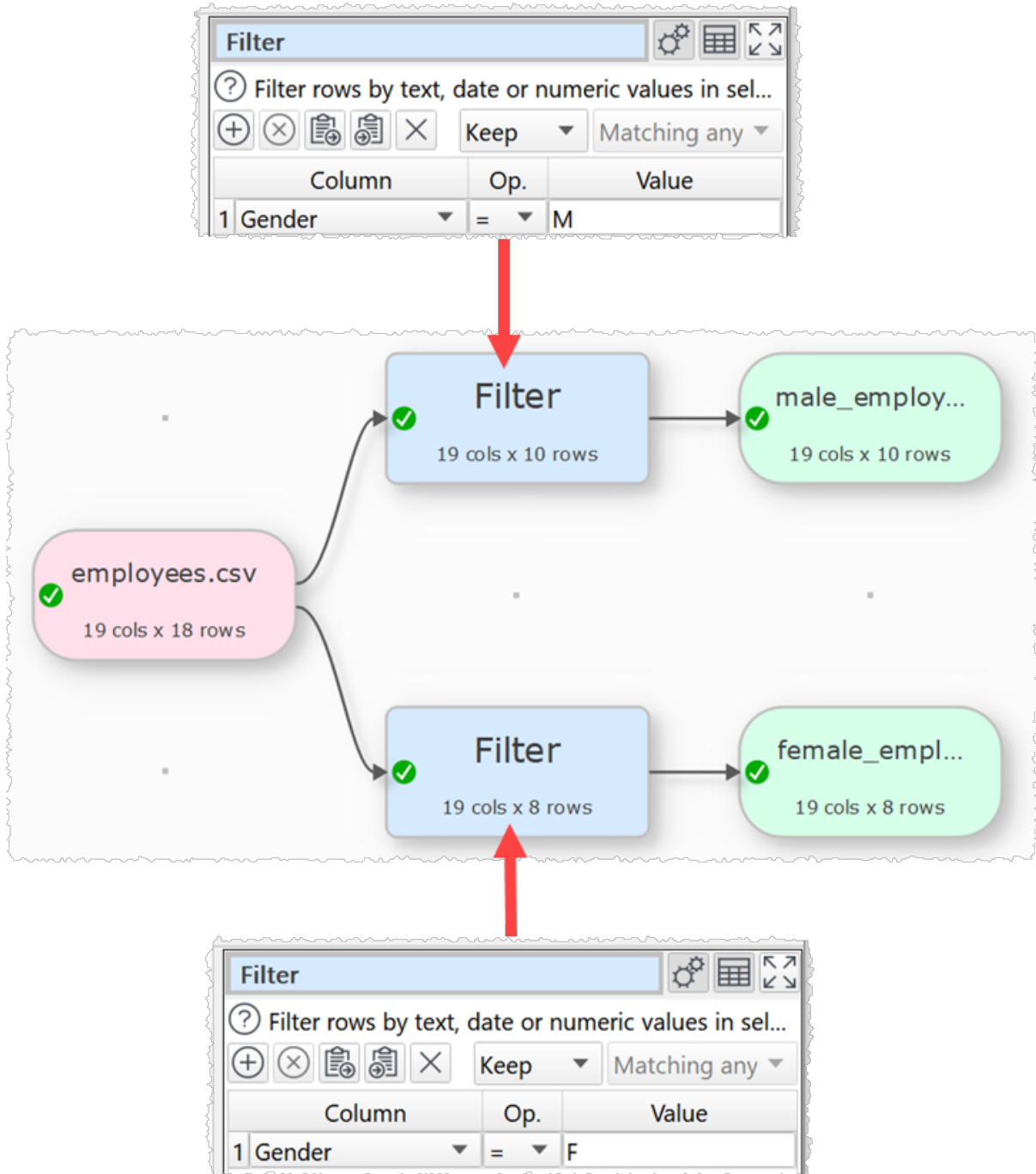


3.23 Split a dataset into multiple files

Easy Data Transform supports splitting datasets into multiple files in 2 different ways.

Example 1: Simple splitting

To split a dataset according to whether the `Gender` column contains `M` or `F`, use a pair of [Filter](#) transforms.



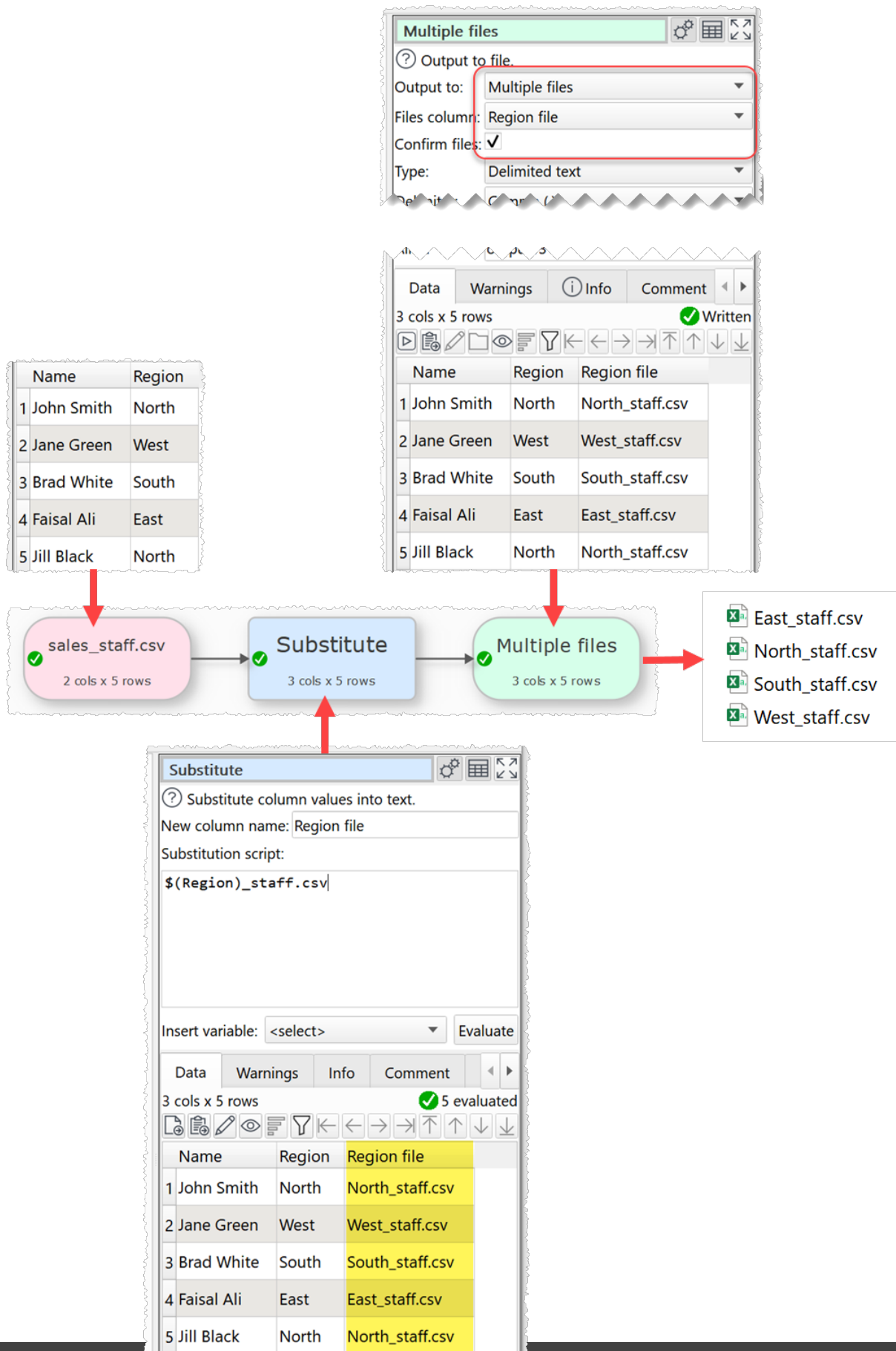
Example 2: Split according to row values

To split a dataset according to `Region` column values:

- Use transforms (such as [Substitute](#)) to create a column with the file location you want to output to, based on the `Region` column. The location can be an absolute path (e.g. `/Users/andy/output.csv`) or a path relative to the `.transform` file location (e.g.

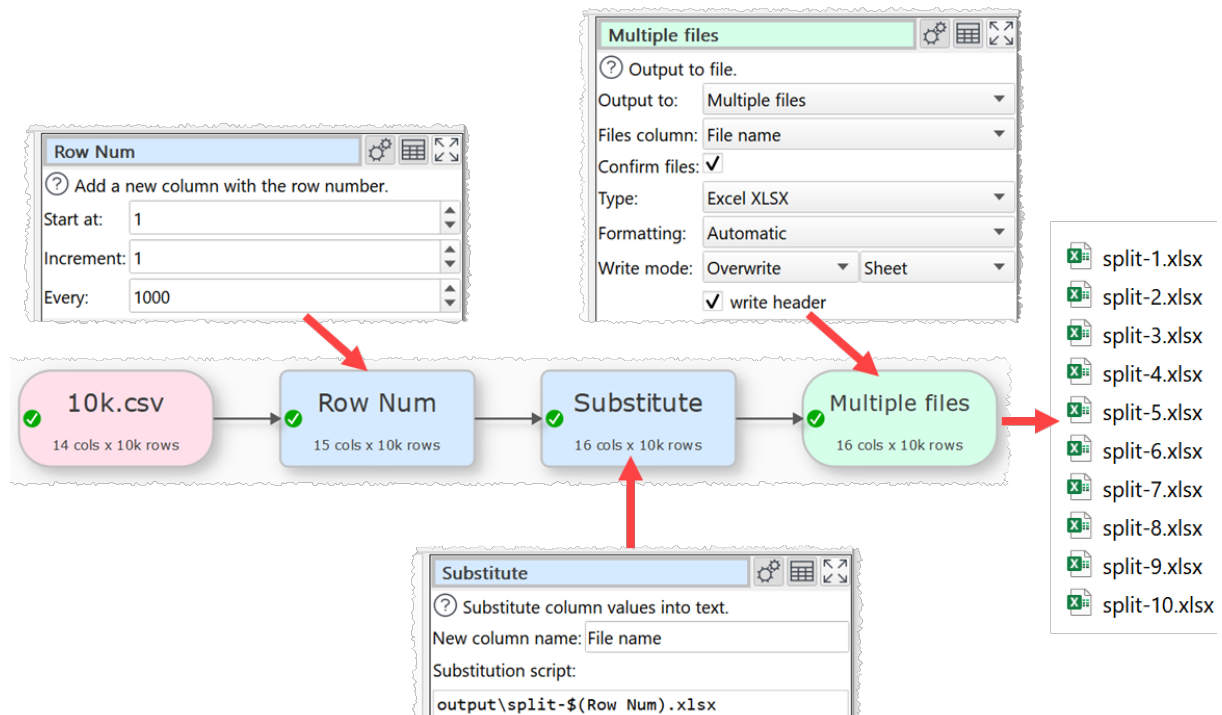
`results/output.csv`). Folders output to must already exist. Empty or invalid values are ignored. This column is not output (use the **Copy Cols** transform if you want it to be).

- Create an output with **Output to** set to **Multiple files** and the **Files column** selected.
- Set **Confirm files** checked to be prompted before writing (recommended).



Example 3: Split by size

To split a dataset into files of 1000 rows each:

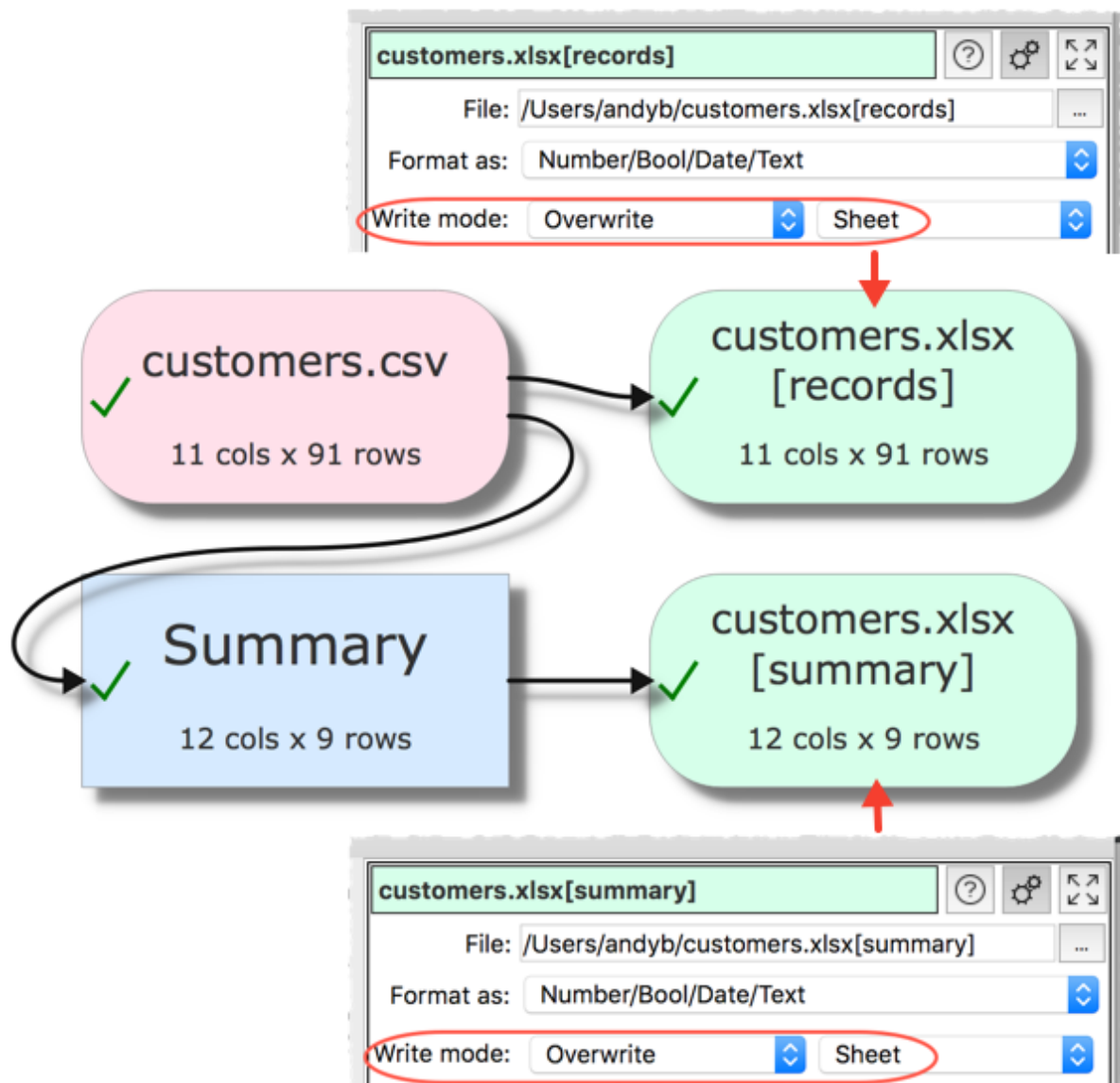


See also:

- [Video: How to split CSV into multiple files](#)

3.24 Write to multiple sheets of an Excel file

To write to multiple sheets (tabs) of the same Excel file you need to set the **Write mode** of each output item to **Overwrite/Sheet** (to clear the sheet first) or **Append** (to add to existing sheet data).



If you set the **Write mode** to **Overwrite/File** for an item then the write will remove existing sheets.

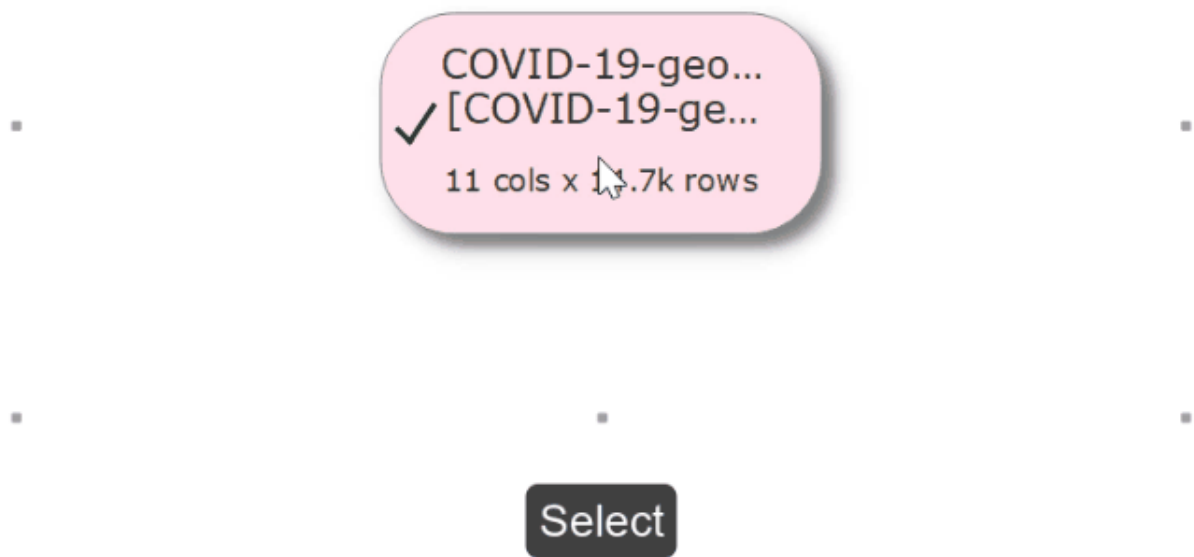
Expert tips

4 Expert tips

4.1 Expert tips

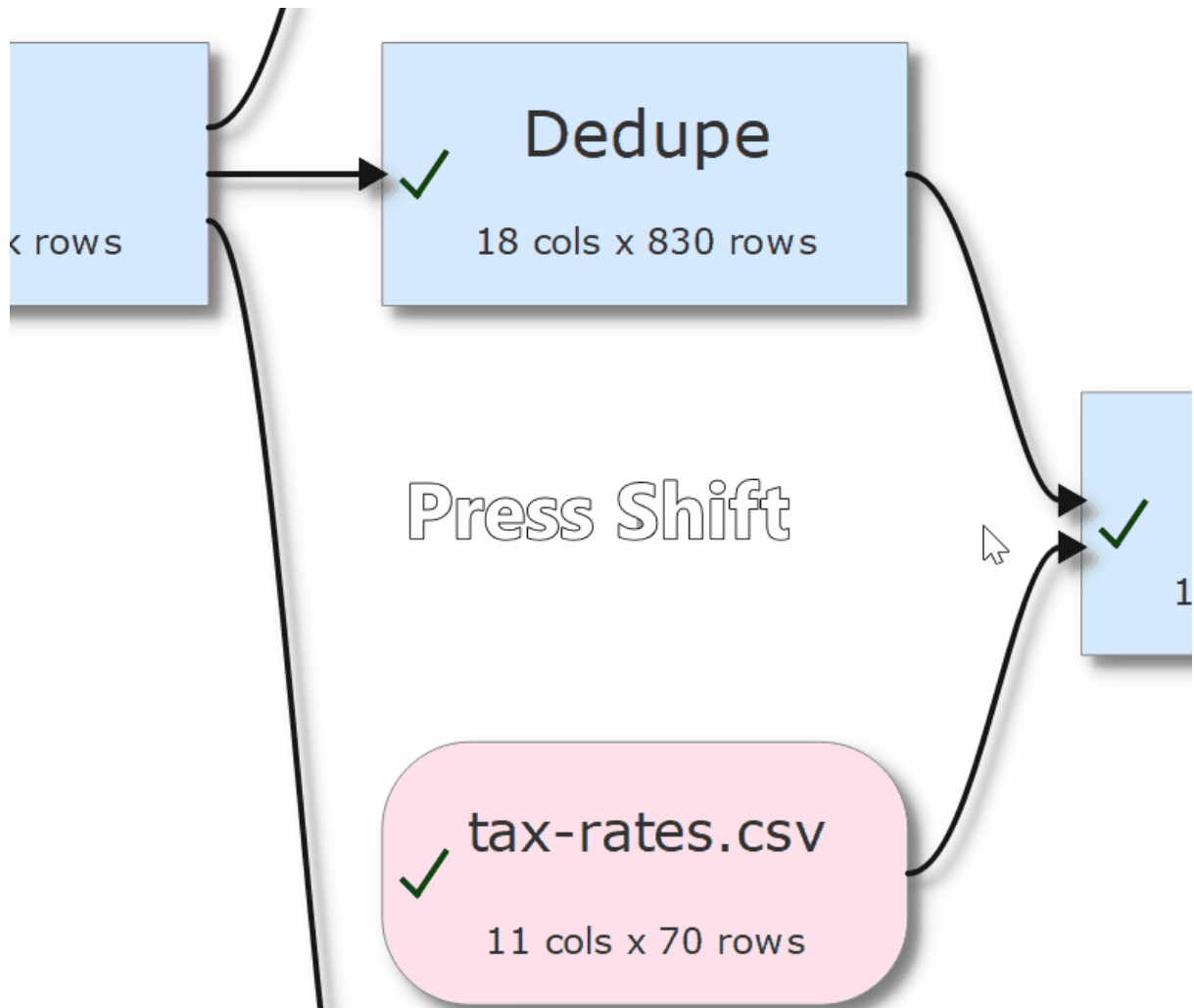
Here are some tips to help you be more productive with Easy Data Transform.

1. To add a transform click an existing Center pane item and type the first few letters of the transform name.

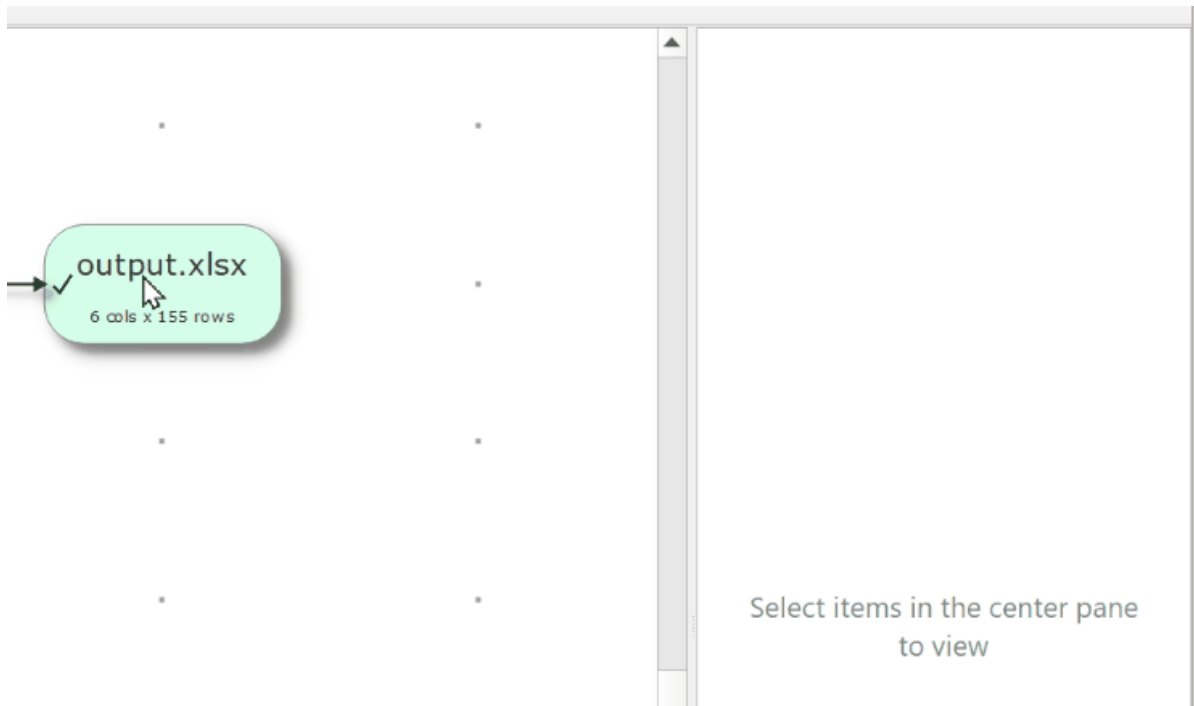


2. Check the **show advanced** checkbox in the **Left** pane to see all available transforms.

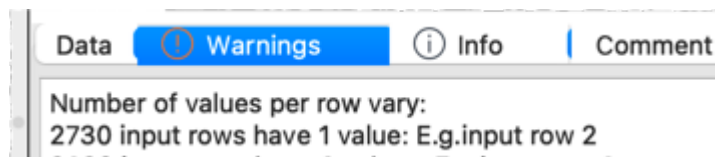
3. Hold down the `shift` key and drag on the **Center** pane to scroll left/right/up/down.



4. Use Note items to remind yourself how a complex `.transform` works.



5. Look in the **Warnings** and **Info** tabs in the **Right** pane to troubleshoot potential issues.

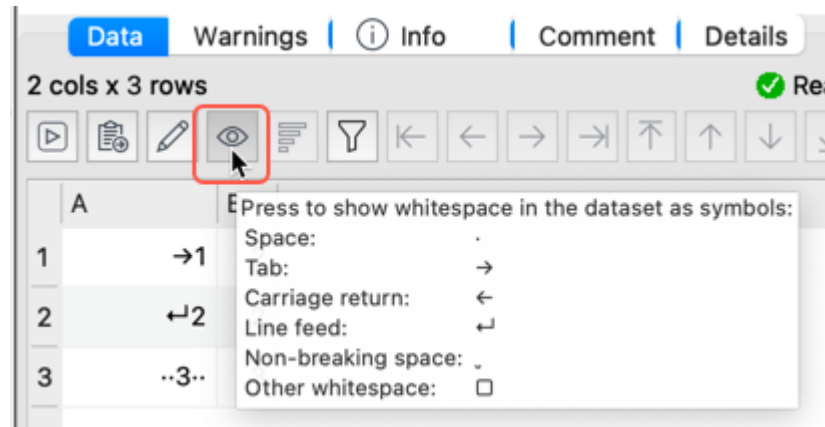


6. To select multiple items in the **Center** pane, left click with the mouse and drag a box over the items you want to select.

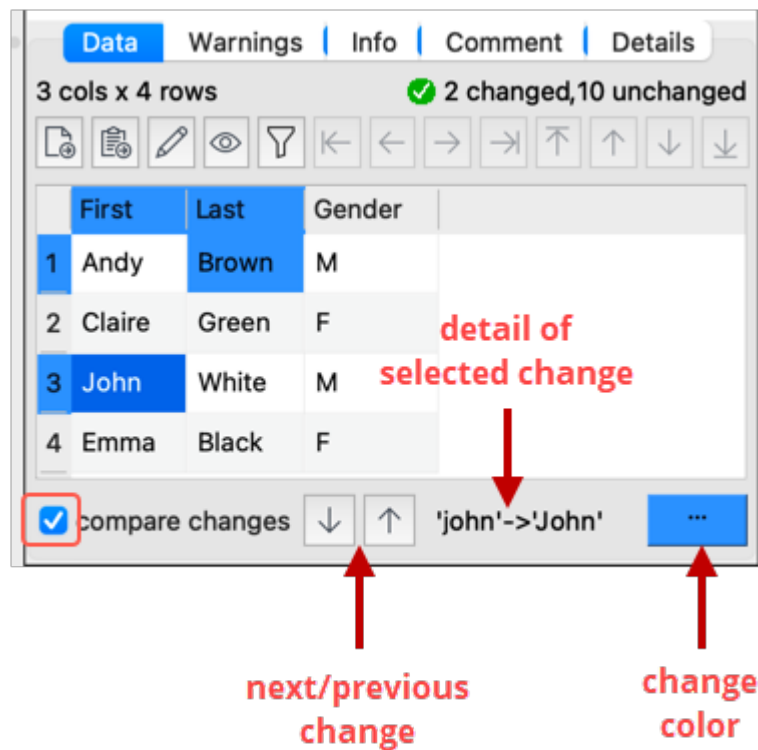
7. Try to avoid disconnecting transforms, as this can reset column related options downstream. [Add a transform to an existing connection](#) instead.

8. Add a [Sample](#) transform straight after the input of a large dataset and set **Rows** to pass through only the first 100 or so rows. Once you have completed all your transforms you can then **Disable sampling** to pass through all rows.

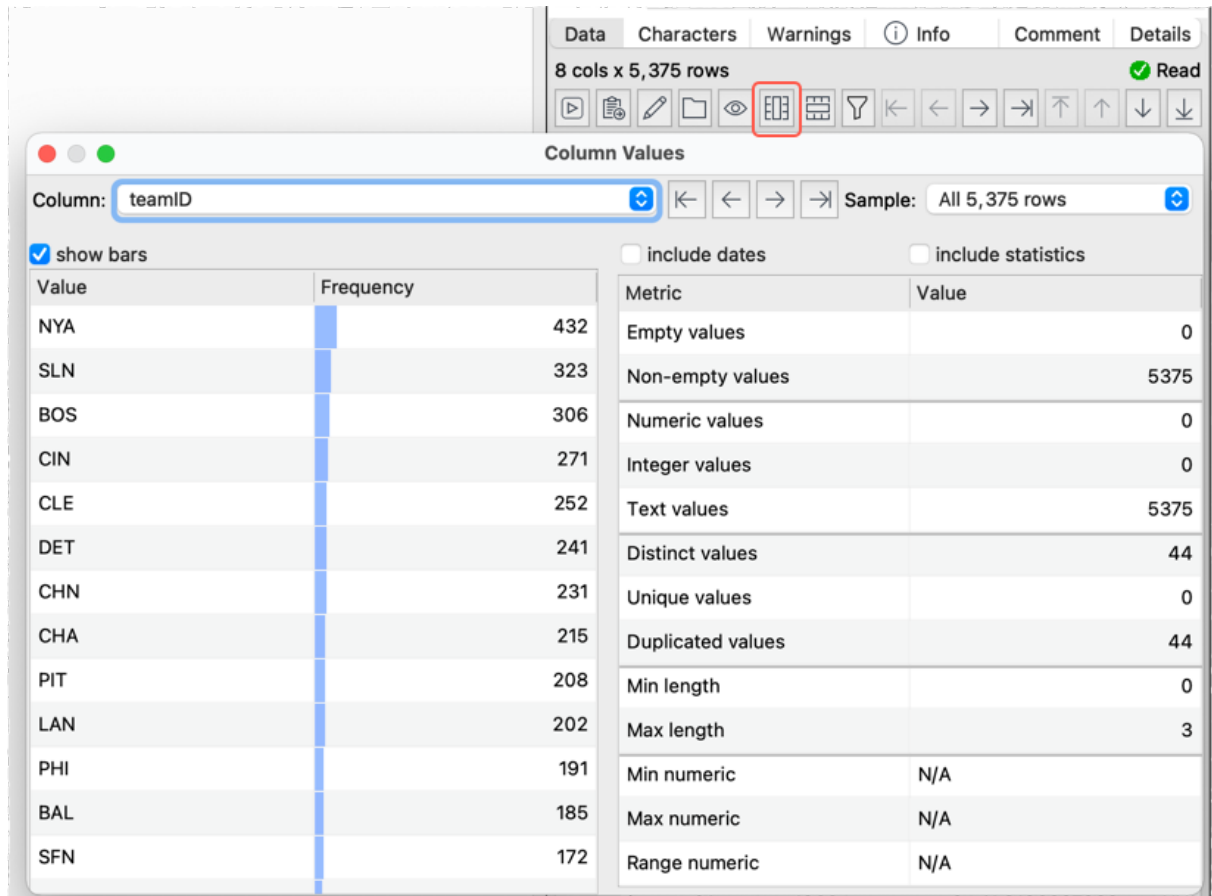
9. Click the eye icon in the **Right** pane to show whitespace in the data.



10. Check **compare changes** in the **Right** pane to [see changes from a transform](#) (selected transforms only).



11. Select a column and click the bars icon in the **Right** pane to show the frequency of values.



12. Filter the data in the **Right** pane.

Data	Warnings	Info	Comment	Details		
11 cols x 14,658 rows					<div><div><div></div></div><div>Reactions</div></div>	
<div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div></div>						
	dateRep	day	month	year	cases	deaths
1	2020-05-03	3	5	2020	134	
2	2020-05-02	2	5	2020	164	
3	2020-05-01	1	5	2020	222	
4	2020-04-30	30	4	2020	122	
5	2020-04-29	29	4	2020	124	

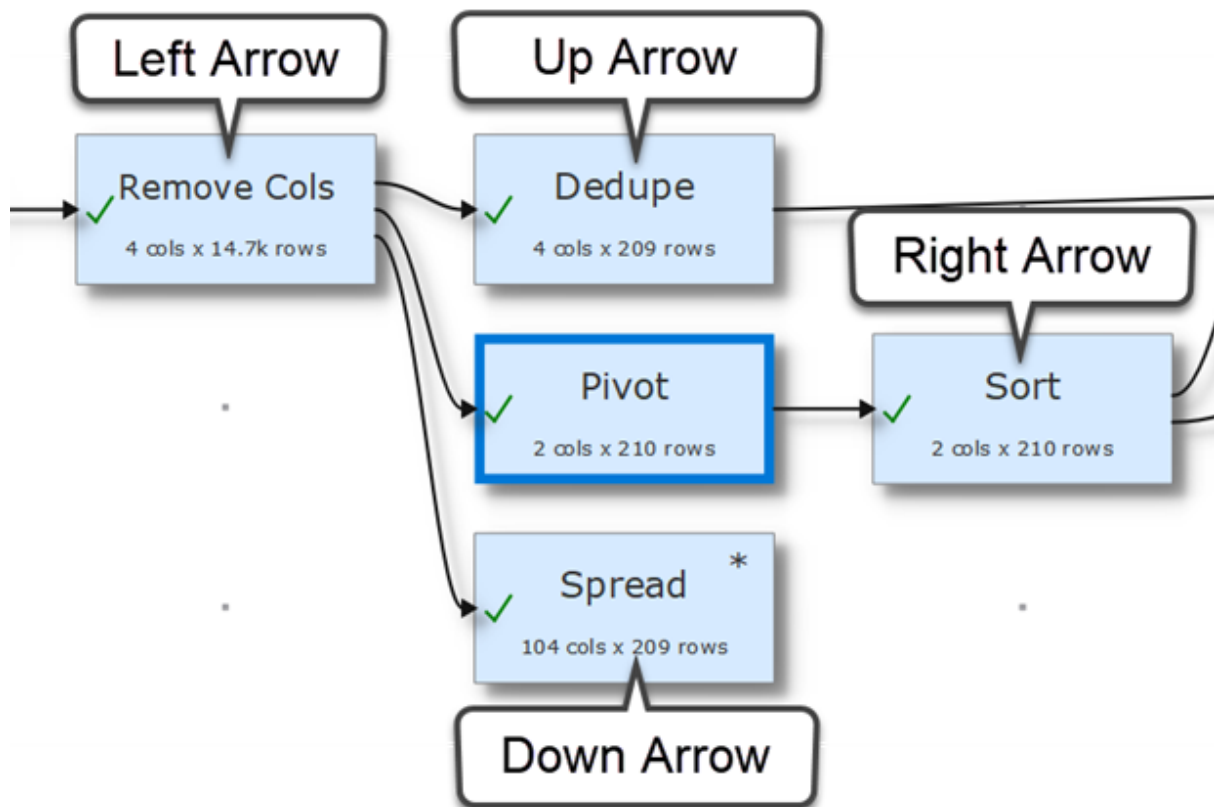
13. If you need several similar branches of transforms you can create one branch and [duplicate](#) it.

14. If you have 2 or more monitors connected to your computer try **View>Two Screen Mode** to show the **Right** pane on your second monitor.

15. Use [batch processing](#) with wildcards (e.g. *.csv) to process a folder full of input files in one operation.

16. Use [command line arguments](#) to run `.transform` files from a batch file.

17. Learn [keyboard shortcuts](#). For example, you can quickly change selection in the **Center** pane using arrow keys with the `Cmd` key.



Change focus between the **Center** and **Right** panes using `Alt+Left` and `Alt+Right`.

18. Change the **Center** pane color scheme in the **Colors** tab of the **Preferences** window.

19. Check the **gray Left pane buttons when not available** checkbox in the **General** tab of the **Preferences** window for **Left** pane buttons to be disabled until the appropriate items in the **Center** pane are selected.

20. Select **View>Toggle UI Theme** to swap between light and dark user interface themes.

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How Do I?

Input

- From File
- From Clipboard

Transform

All transforms

- Case
- Chop
- Clone
- Compare Cols
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- Concat Rows
- Copy Cols
- Count
- Cross
- Date Format
- Duplicate

vacination.csv
2 cols x 5.0k rows

vacination2.csv
2 cols x 4.0k rows

Stack
3 cols x 10.0k rows

Case
2 cols x 10.0k rows

Dedupe
2 cols x 10.0k rows

output.csv
2 cols x 10.0k rows

Stack

Align columns by: Header name

Merge input datasets one on top of another. Orders by the vertical positions of the input datasets.

Data Warnings Info Comment Results

3 cols x 10,258 rows

Show first 10 rows

	country	time	bcg_vacc
1	afg	1982	10
2	afg	1983	10
3	afg	1984	11
4	afg	1985	17
5	afg	1986	18
6	afg	1987	27
7	afg	1988	40
8	afg	1989	38

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Support

5 Support

5.1 Forum

There is a discussion forum online at forum.easydatatransform.com. You can use this to ask questions, share what you are doing and keep up to date with news.

5.2 Contact support

If you have any questions or suggestions, please post a question on forum.easydatatransform.com or email us at support@easydatatransform.com.

5.3 Report a bug

Please report any bugs you find to support@easydatatransform.com Please include:

- your operating system (e.g. Windows 10)
- the version of Easy Data Transform (from **Help>About**)
- a step-by-step description of how we can reproduce the problem
- your .transform file and input data files (where appropriate)
- a screen capture or video can often be helpful

The step-by-step description is particularly important - if we can't reproduce your problem, then we probably won't be able to fix it.

We treat all data sent to us as confidential, unless you tell us otherwise. If your data is particularly sensitive, it might be enough to send us just the first few rows with sensitive values changed. Keep the same column structure though.

5.4 Request an enhancement

We are always very interested to hear your suggestions on how the software can be improved. Please post a feature suggestion on our forum.easydatatransform.com or email us at support@easydatatransform.com.

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