

# How to Create Table and Include NA Values in R

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To create a table and include NA values in R, you can use the data frame function to create a data frame containing the data you wish to include. To add NA values, you can use the `is.na` function to identify which values to replace with NA. Once the data is in the data frame and the NA values are identified, you can use the `na.omit` function to remove all rows that contain NA values. Finally, you can use the `View` command to check your table for accuracy.

By default, the `table()` function in R creates a table of frequency values but does not include the frequency of NA values.

However, you can use the following methods to create a table and include NA values:

### Method 1: Create Table and Always Display Number of NA Values

```
table(df$my_column, useNA = "always")
```

### Method 2: Create Table and Only Display Number of NA Values if there are Some

```
table(df$my_column, useNA = "ifany")
```

The following examples show how to use each method in practice.

## Example 1: Create Table and Always Display Number of NA Values

Suppose we have the following data frame in R that contains information about various basketball players:

```
#create data frame
df <- data.frame(team=c('A', 'A', 'A', 'A', 'B', 'B', 'B', 'B'),
points=c(20, 25, 14, 18, 19, 12, 12, 15))
```

```
#view data frame
df
```

```
team points
```

```
1 A 20
```

```
2 A 25
```

```
3 A 14
```

```
4 A 18
```

```
5 B 19
```

```
6 B 12
```

7 B 12

8 B 15

We can use the following syntax to create a table for the frequency of values in the **team** column and display the number of NA values whether or not any exist:

```
#create frequency table of values in team column, including NA values  
table(df$team, useNA = "always")
```

```
A B <NA>
```

```
4 4 0
```

Notice that the resulting table shows that there are **0** NA values in the team column of the data frame.

Since we used the argument **useNA = "always"**, the table still displayed the number of NA values even though there weren't any.

## Example 2: Create Table and Only Display Number of NA Values if there are Some

Once again suppose we have the following data frame in R that contains information about various basketball players:

```
#create data frame  
df <- data.frame(team=c('A', 'A', 'A', 'A', 'B', 'B', 'B', 'B'),  
points=c(20, 25, 14, 18, 19, 12, 12, 15))
```

```
#view data frame
```

```
df
```

```
team points
```

```
1 A 20
```

```
2 A 25
```

```
3 A 14
```

```
4 A 18
```

```
5 B 19
```

```
6 B 12
```

```
7 B 12
```

```
8 B 15
```

```
#create frequency table of values in team column, including NA values if any exist  
table(df$team, useNA = "ifany")
```

```
A B
```

```
4 4
```

Notice that the resulting table shows the frequency for the values "A" and "B" in the **team** column, but does not show the frequency of NA values since there aren't any.

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