

Introduction to the data

Timo Grossenbacher Data Journalist

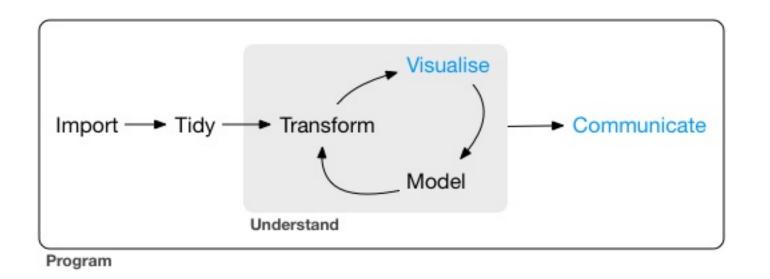
This is me



Find examples of data
 journalism on srfdata.github.io

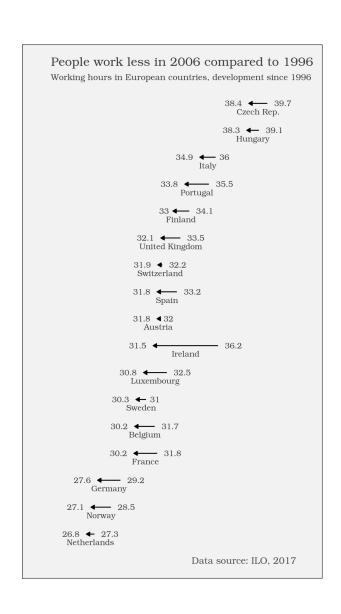


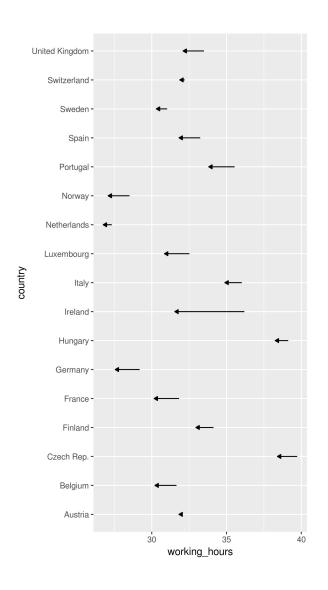
The last step in the Tidyverse process





What you are going to create







The reduction in weekly working hours in Europe



Looking at the development between 1996 and 2006

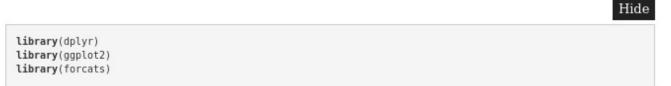
Timo Grossenbacher

- Summary
- Preparations
- Analysis
 - Data
 - Preprocessing
 - Results
 - An interesting correlation

Summary

The International Labour Organization (ILO) has many data sets on working conditions. For example, one can look at how weekly working hours have been decreasing in many countries of the world, while monetary compensation has risen. In this report, the reduction in weekly working hours in European countries is analysed, and a comparison between 1996 and 2006 is made. All analysed countries have seen a decrease in weekly working hours since 1996 – some more than others.

Preparations



Analysis

Data

The herein used data can be found in the statistics database of the ILO. For the purpose of this course, it has been slightly preprocessed.



The data you are going to work with

```
ilo working hours
# A tibble: 737 x 3
       country year working hours
         <chr> <chr>
                              <dbl>
     Australia 1980.0
                           34.57885
        Canada 1980.0
                           34.85000
                           31.89808
       Denmark 1980.0
       Finland 1980.0
                           35.56346
        France 1980.0
                           35.42308
       Iceland 1980.0
                           35.84615
         Italy 1980.0
                           35.74635
         Japan 1980.0
                           40.78846
  Korea, Rep. 1980.0
                           55.30769
10
        Norway 1980.0
                           30.37885
# ... with 727 more rows
```

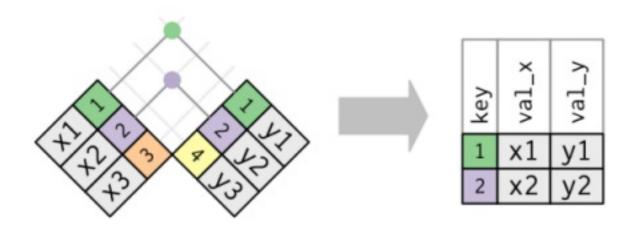


The data you are going to work with

```
ilo hourly compensation
# A tibble: 831 x 3
            country year hourly_compensation
              <chr> <chr>
                                         <dbl>
          Australia 1980.0
                                         8.44
                                        8.87
           Austria 1980.0
            Belgium 1980.0
                                         11.74
                                         8.87
 4
5
6
7
           Canada 1980.0
           Denmark 1980.0
                                         10.83
                                         8.61
           Finland 1980.0
                                         8.90
             France 1980.0
             Greece 1980.0
                                         3.72
   Hong Kong, China 1980.0
                                        1.50
                                          6.44
10
         Ireland 1980.0
# ... with 821 more rows
```



The inner_join() verb / function







Let's do this!



Filtering and plotting the data

Timo Grossenbacher Data Journalist



Filter the data for European countries

```
ilo data %>%
  filter(country == "Switzerland")
# A tibble: 27 x 4
       country year hourly_compensation working hours
        <fctr> <fctr>
                                     <dbl>
                                                    <dbl>
 1 Switzerland
                                                34.70385
                                     10.96
                 1980
                                     10.01
                                                34.33462
 2 Switzerland
                 1981
                 1982
                                     10.31
                                                34.12308
 3 Switzerland
                 1983
                                     10.33
                                                33.84231
 4 Switzerland
                                      9.52
 5 Switzerland
                 1984
                                                33.47885
                                      9.55
 6 Switzerland
                 1985
                                                33.35961
                                     13.62
   Switzerland
                 1986
                                                33.19615
                                     16.90
                                                33.17308
 8 Switzerland
                 1987
 9 Switzerland
                 1988
                                     17.81
                                                33.16269
                                     16.54
                                                 32.87308
10 Switzerland
                 1989
# ... with 17 more rows
```



The %in% operator

```
ilo data %>%
  filter(country %in% c("Sweden", "Switzerland"))
# A tibble: 54 x 4
     country year hourly_compensation working hours
      <fctr> <fctr>
                                 <dbl>
                                              <dbl>
               1980
                                 12.40
                                           29.16923
      Sweden
                                 10.96 34.70385
2 Switzerland 1980
               1981
                                11.70 29.00769
      Sweden
4 Switzerland
               1981
                                 10.01 34.33462
      Sweden
             1982
                                  9.99
                                           29.27885
# ... with 49 more rows
```

...equivalent to:

```
ilo_data %>%
  filter(country == "Sweden" | country == "Switzerland")
```



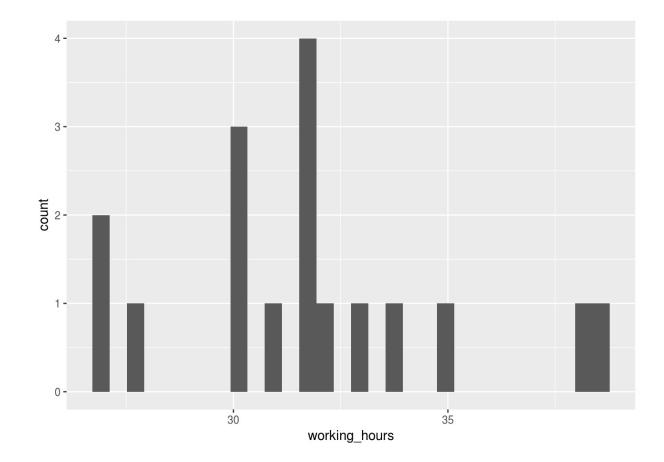
The relationship between both indicators

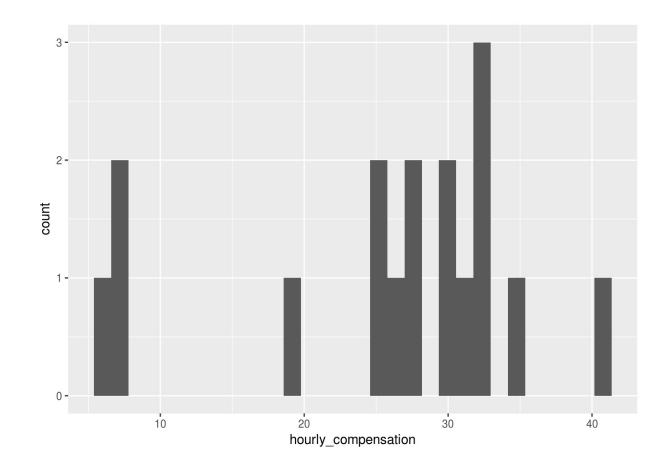
```
plot_data <-
   ilo_data %>%
   filter(year == 2006)

ggplot(plot_data) +
   geom_histogram(
   aes(x = working_hours))
```

```
plot_data <-
   ilo_data %>%
    filter(year == 2006)

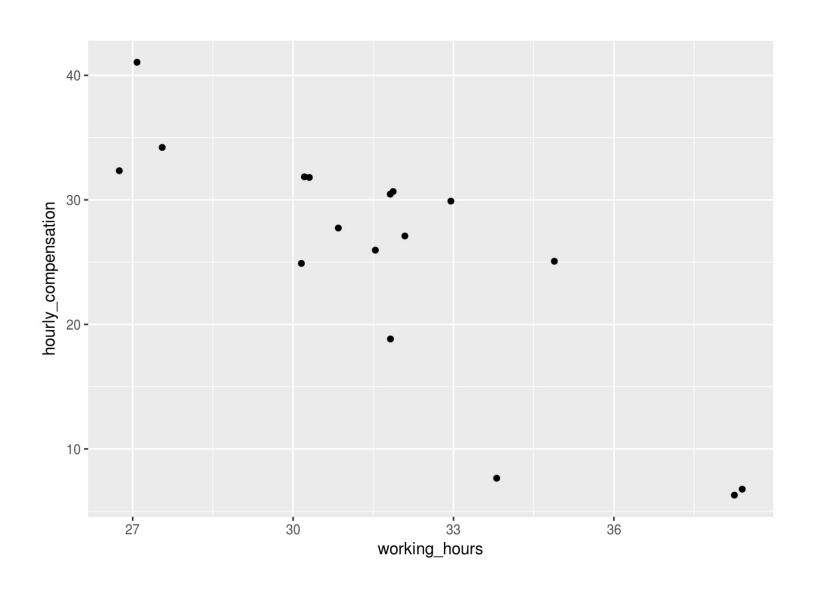
ggplot(plot_data) +
   geom_histogram(
   aes(x = hourly_compensation))
```





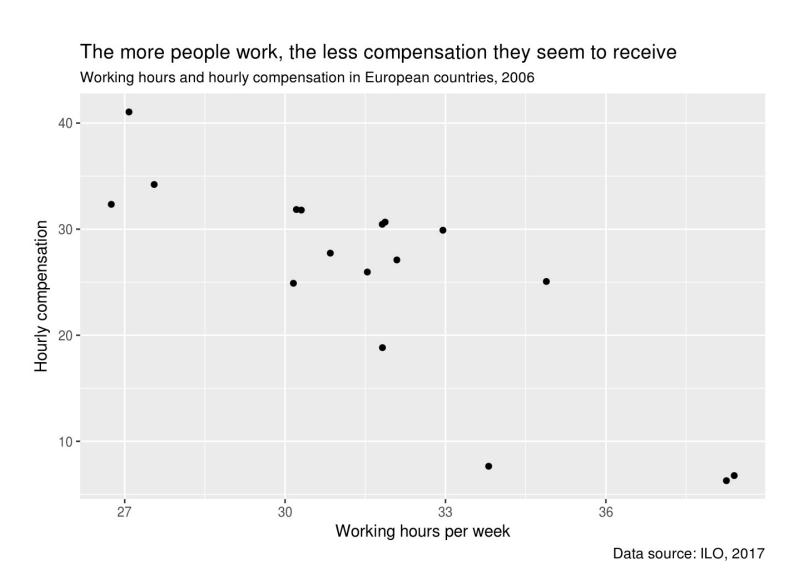


The relationship between both indicators





Adding labels to the plot





Some dplyr function repetition

```
ilo data %>%
  group_by(country) %>%
  summarize(median working_hours = median(working_hours))
# A tibble: 17 x 2
    country median_working_hours
     <fctr>
                        <dbl>
           31.69904
    Austria
    Belgium
           32.03846
3 Czech Rep.
           39.10000
           34.04808
    Finland
                     32.34615
     France
# ... with 12 more rows
```





Let's practice!



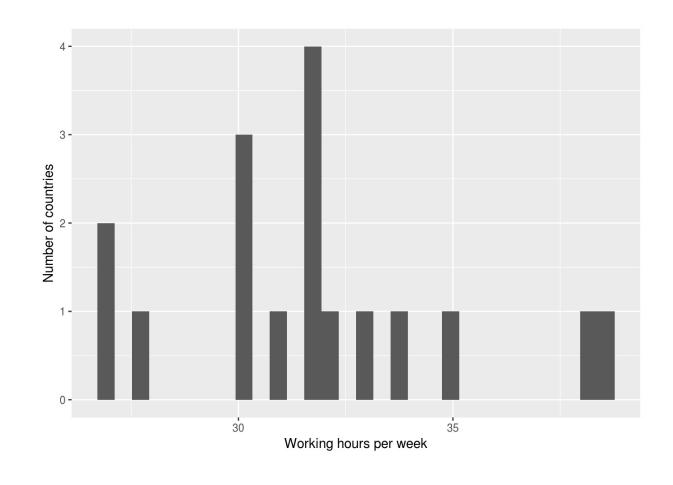


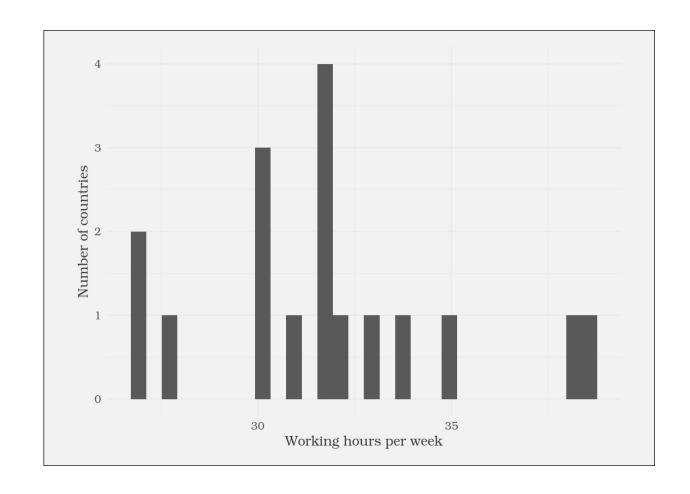
Custom ggplot2 themes

Timo Grossenbacher Data Journalist



The advantages of a custom look



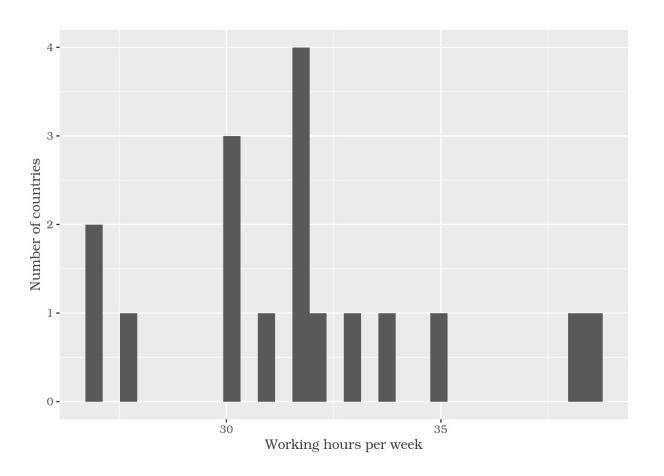




The theme() function

```
ggplot(plot_data) +
    geom_histogram(aes(
        x = working_hours)) +
    labs(x = "Working hours per week",
        y = "Number of countries") +

    theme(
        text = element_text(
            family = "Bookman",
            color = "gray25")
    )
```





Default ggplot2 themes

```
ggplot(plot_data) +
  geom_histogram(aes(
    x = working_hours)) +
  labs(x = "Working hours per week",
    y = "Number of countries") +
  theme_classic()
```



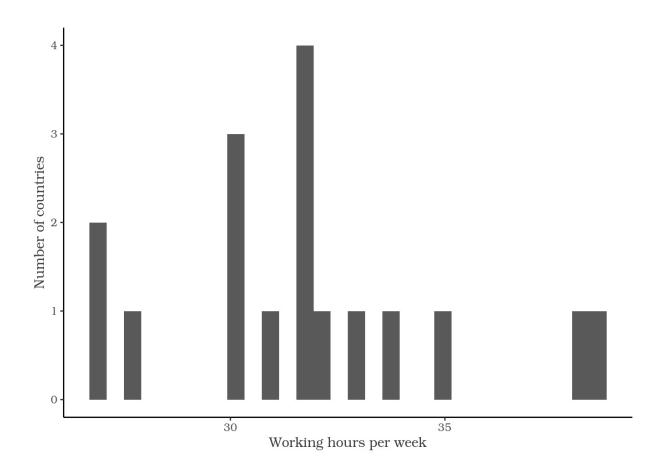


Chaining theme() calls

```
ggplot(plot_data) +
   geom_histogram(aes(
    x = working_hours)) +
   labs(x = "Working hours per week",
        y = "Number of countries") +

theme_classic() +

theme(
   text = element_text(
        family = "Bookman",
        color = "gray25")
)
```





Theme configuration options

?theme

axis.title

label of axes (element_text; inherits from text)

axis.title.x

x axis label (element_text; inherits from axis.title)

axis.title.x.top

x axis label on top axis (element_text; inherits from axis.title.x)

axis.title.x.bottom

x axis label on bottom axis (element_text; inherits from axis.title.x)

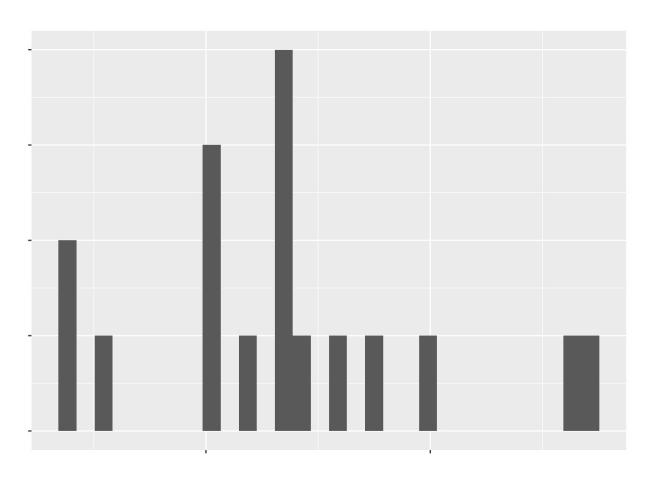


The element_* function family

```
element_text()
element_rect()
element_line()
element_blank()

ggplot(plot_data) +
    geom_histogram(aes(
        x = working_hours)) +
    labs(x = "Working hours per week",
        y = "Number of countries") +

theme(
    text = element_blank()
)
```





Let's try out themes!