

# Ggplot introduction (part 1)

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“One of the most important skills you need to have is the ability to make compelling data visualizations, generally in the form of figures. Figures will typically carry the weight of your arguments. They need to be clear, attractive, and convincing.” - Claus O Wilke in ‘Fundamentals of Data Visualisation’

Today’s session (3rd of March 2023):

- ggplot and aesthetics
- facet
- regression model outputs

Next session (17th of March) is a discussion on the ‘Fundamentals of Data Visualisation’ by Claus O Wilke, available at <https://clauswilke.com/dataviz/index.html> . Please read chapter 1, 2, 5 and 16.

The session after (21st of April) continues the discussion of crafting a figure. Please read chapter 4, 19, 21 and 29.

*Resources:*

<https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/index.html>  
[https://posit.co/resources/cheatsheets/?type=posit-cheatsheets&\\_page=2/](https://posit.co/resources/cheatsheets/?type=posit-cheatsheets&_page=2/)  
<https://ggplot2-book.org>  
<http://www.sthda.com/english/wiki/ggplot2-essentials>

## Introduction to GGplot

When you begin to need more functionality than Base R plotting can give you, its time to turn to ggplot. Infinitely more tweak-able and incredibly well documented, with ggplot you can create sleek and paper-quality plots and graphs. GGplot using the ‘grammar of graphics’ which allows you to build graphs by combining different components.

This tutorial is an introduction to ggplot with examples to get you started.

## Setting up

The packages name is `ggplot2` which needs to be installed with `install.packages("ggplot2")` and then loaded with `library(ggplot2)`.

```
# install.packages("ggplot2")  
library(ggplot2)
```

## Plots 101

For data visualisation, we have data and we use the values in the data to become features on the plot. These features of the plot are called aesthetics. In `ggplot`, we need to specify which parts of the data become which features on the plot using the `aes` call which stands for aesthetics. On a graph, we usually have an `x` and `y` aesthetic.

In `ggplot`, the method to build the plot needs to specify 3 components: the data, the aesthetics and the geom (or plot type).

You need to: 1. Start by calling a `ggplot` using `ggplot()`.

2. Specify the data using the “data” argument `ggplot(data = )`.

3. Specify the `x` and `y` variables using the aesthetics argument `ggplot(data = , aes(x= , y = ) )`.

3. Specify what sort of plot you make `ggplot` to make using a second line joining to the `ggplot()` with a `+`.

Lets show some examples using the cars dataset pre-loaded in R

```
# load the data
data(iris)

# Take a look at the data
head(iris)
```

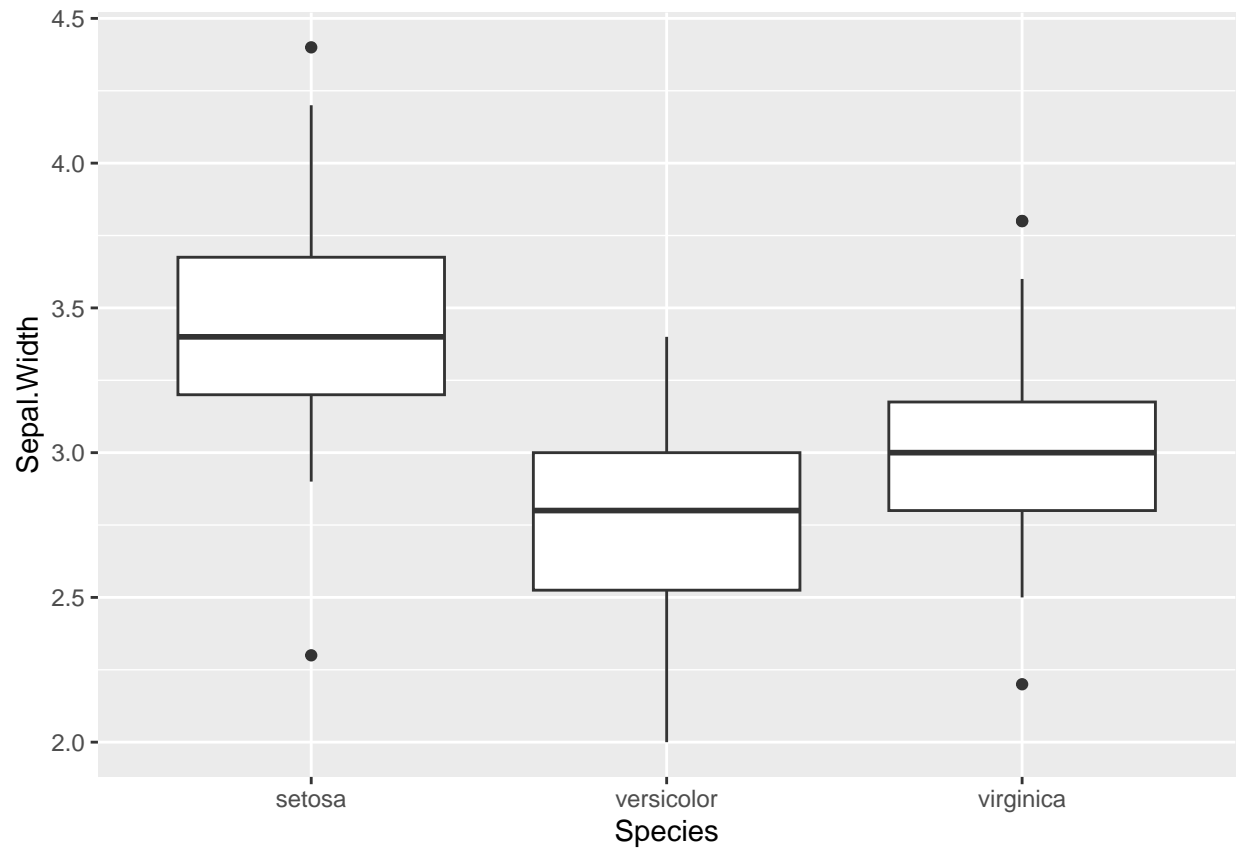
```
##   Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
## 1         5.1         3.5         1.4         0.2   setosa
## 2         4.9         3.0         1.4         0.2   setosa
## 3         4.7         3.2         1.3         0.2   setosa
## 4         4.6         3.1         1.5         0.2   setosa
## 5         5.0         3.6         1.4         0.2   setosa
## 6         5.4         3.9         1.7         0.4   setosa
```

## Basic types of plots

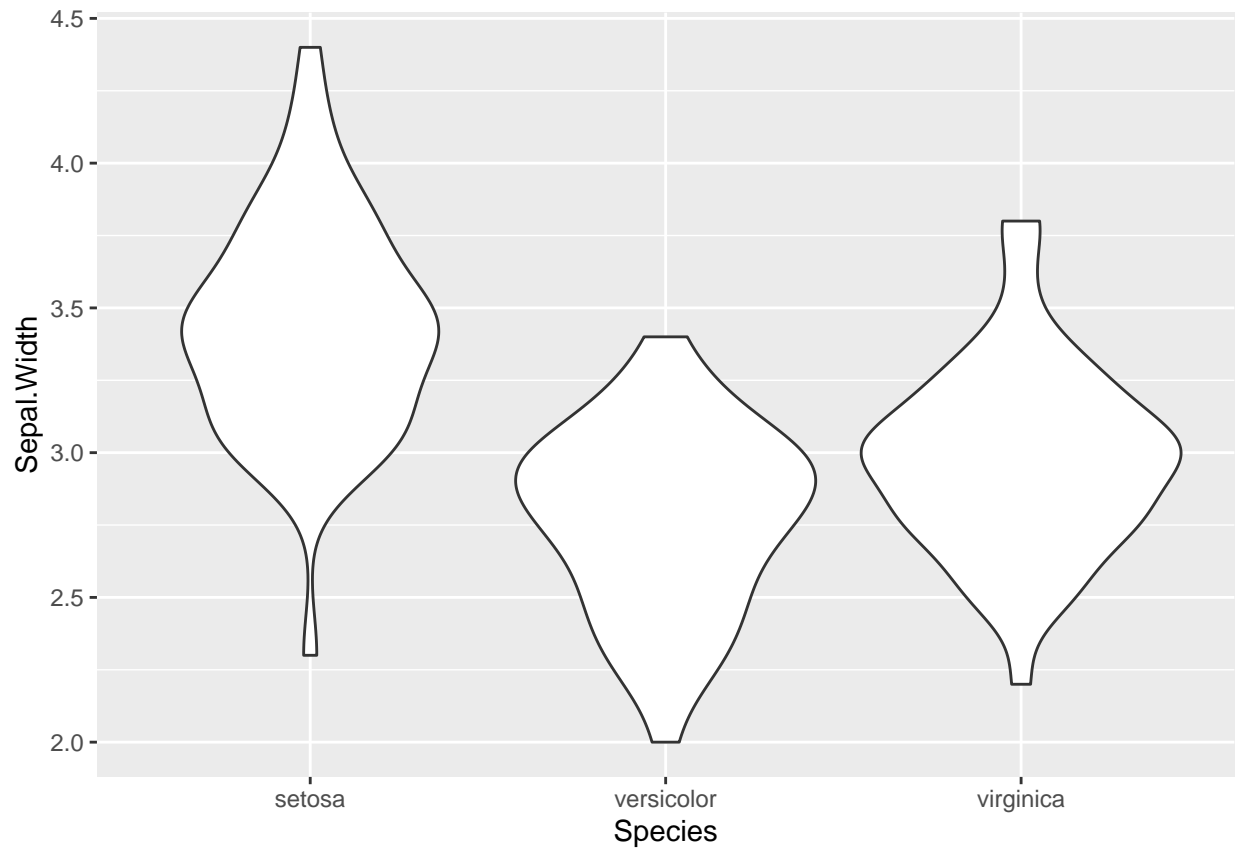
The benefit of `ggplot` is that once you have set your data and aesthetics, the type of plot can easily be changed by modifying the geom function. Here are two different geoms to visualise one categorical variable and one continuous variable. In this case, the variables are iris species (`x` axis) and sepal width (`y` axis). The function `geom_boxplot()` visualises the data and the aesthetics as a box plot, while `geom_violin` visualises them as a violin plot.

There are many forms of visualisation or geom you can use. I recommend getting inspiration from here <https://r-graph-gallery.com/>.

```
# Box Plot
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Species, y = Sepal.Width)) +
  geom_boxplot()
```

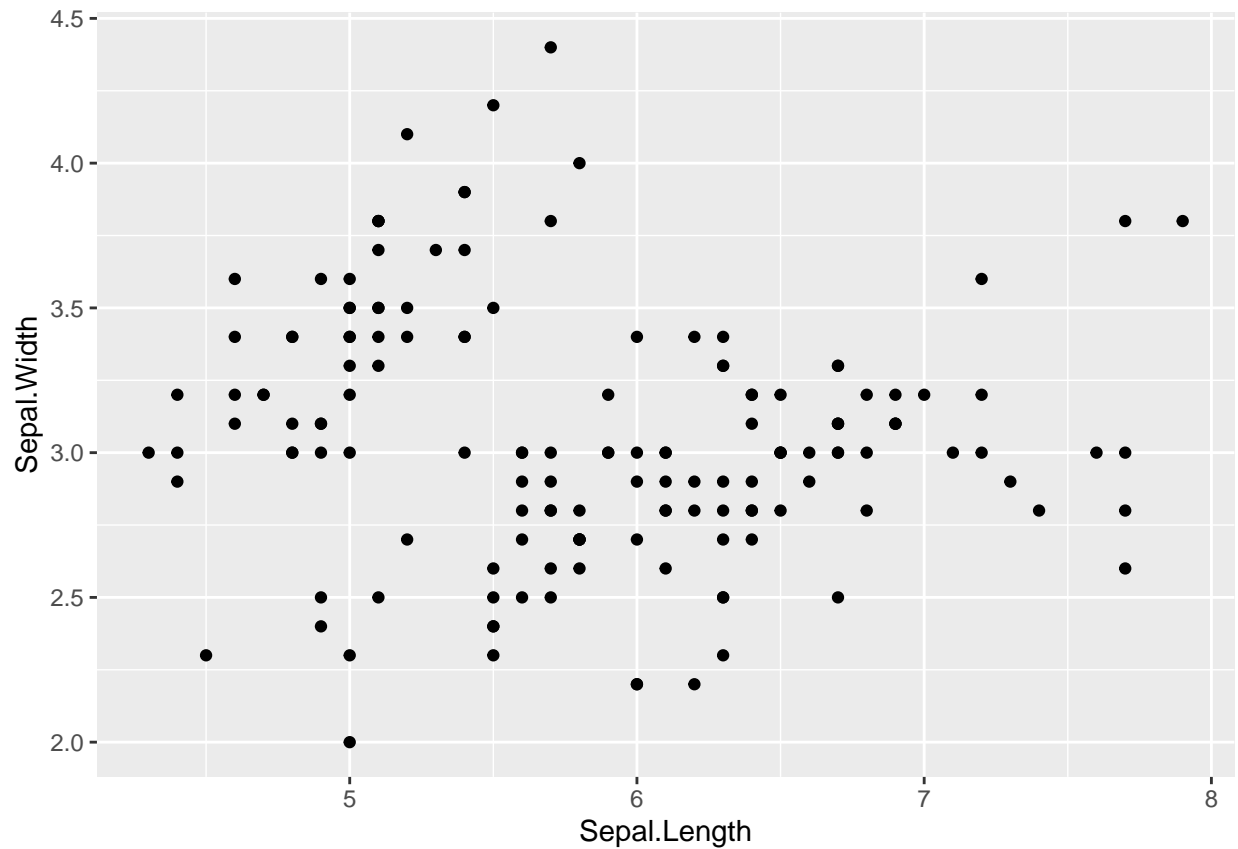


```
# Violin plot  
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Species, y = Sepal.Width)) +  
  geom_violin()
```



Visualisations for continuous data include scatter plots with the `geom_point()` function, line plots with `geom_line()` or `geom_trace()`.

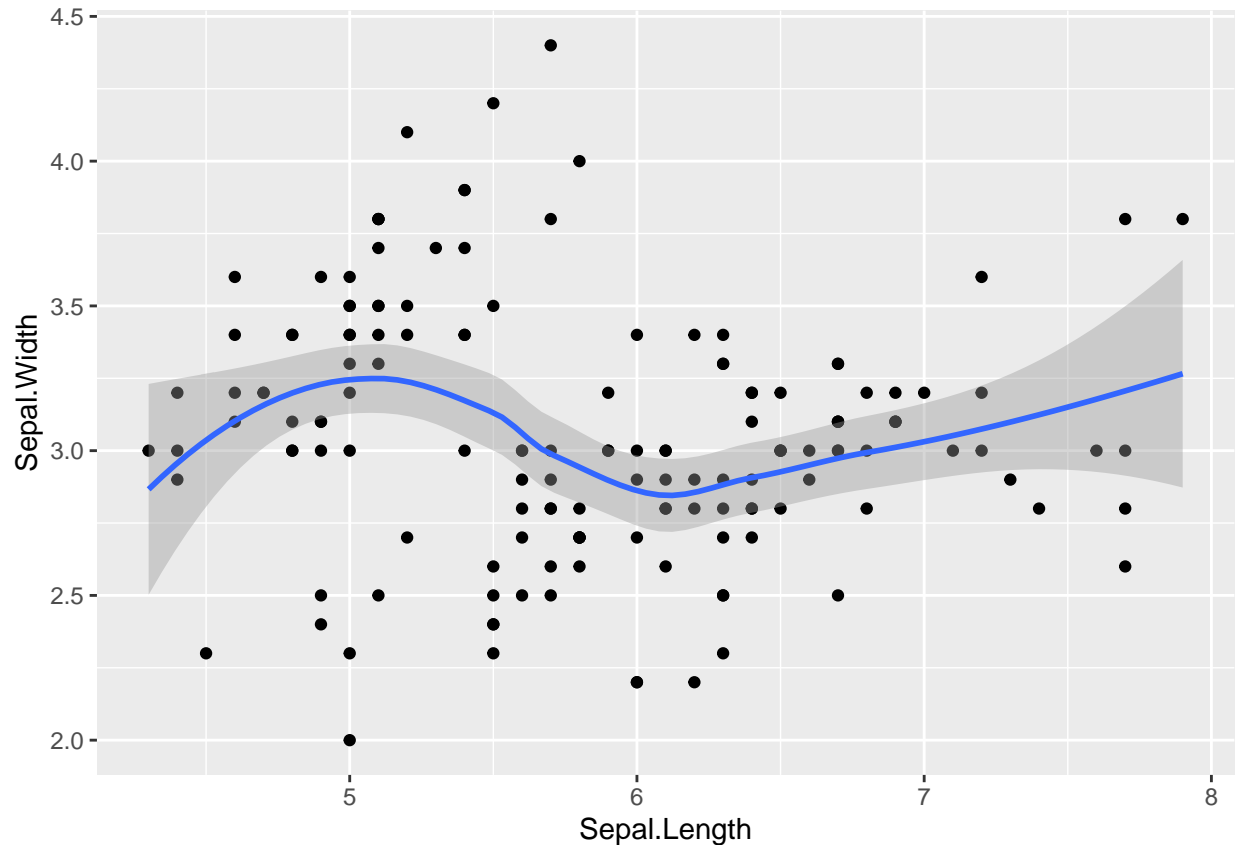
```
## scatter plot
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
  geom_point()
```



You can also display the same data multiple times on one graph by layering different geoms on top of each other. The example below shows both points using `geom_point` and a simple regression line using `geom_smooth`.

```
## basic regression line
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth()
```

```
## 'geom_smooth()' using method = 'loess' and formula = 'y ~ x'
```



### Splitting by a categorical variable

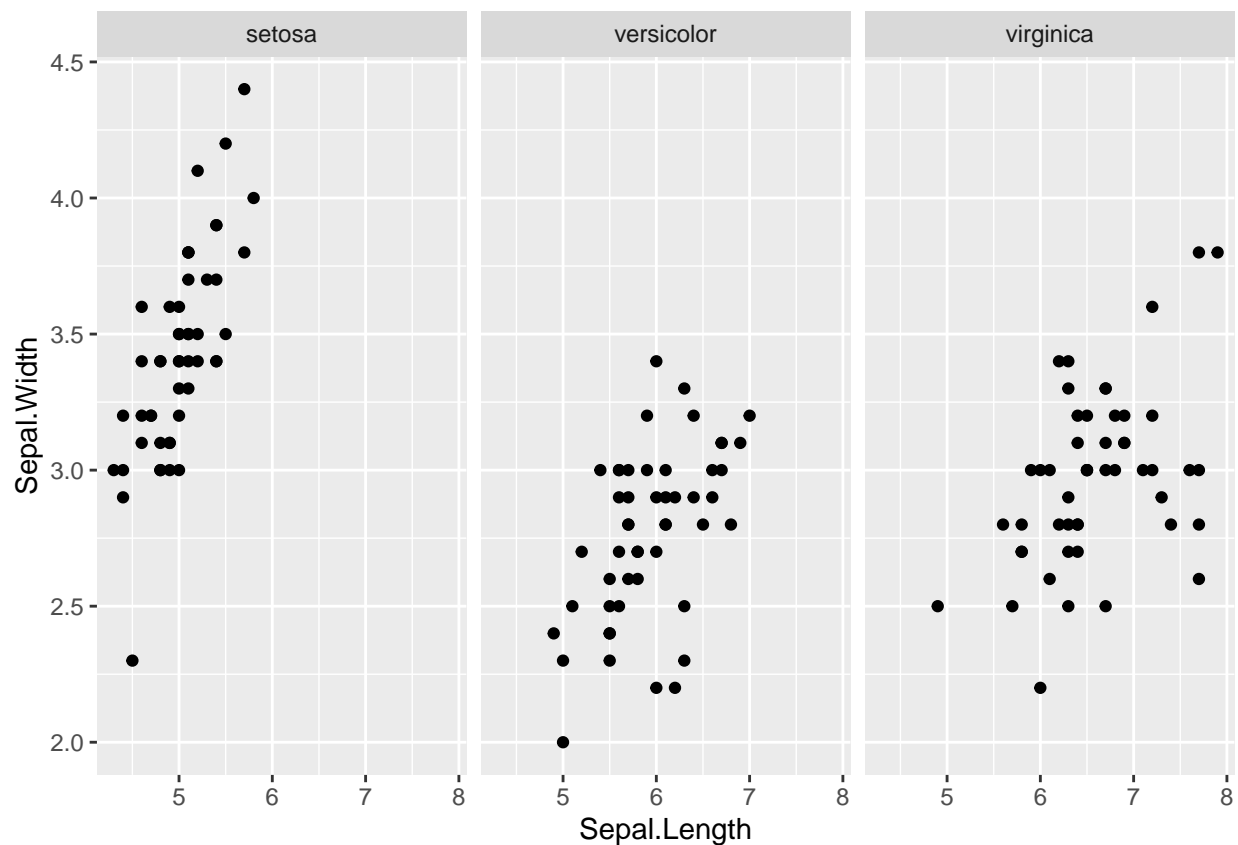
Looking at the plot above, we can see there is not a clear relationship between sepal width and sepal length. We hypothesize that this relationship may actually be different depending on the species of iris. To investigate this hypothesis, we want to plot the relationship between sepal width and length, but distinguish between the species.

There are two options to do this:

1. Facet - Create multiple panes
2. Group by another attribute in the graph - e.g. colour

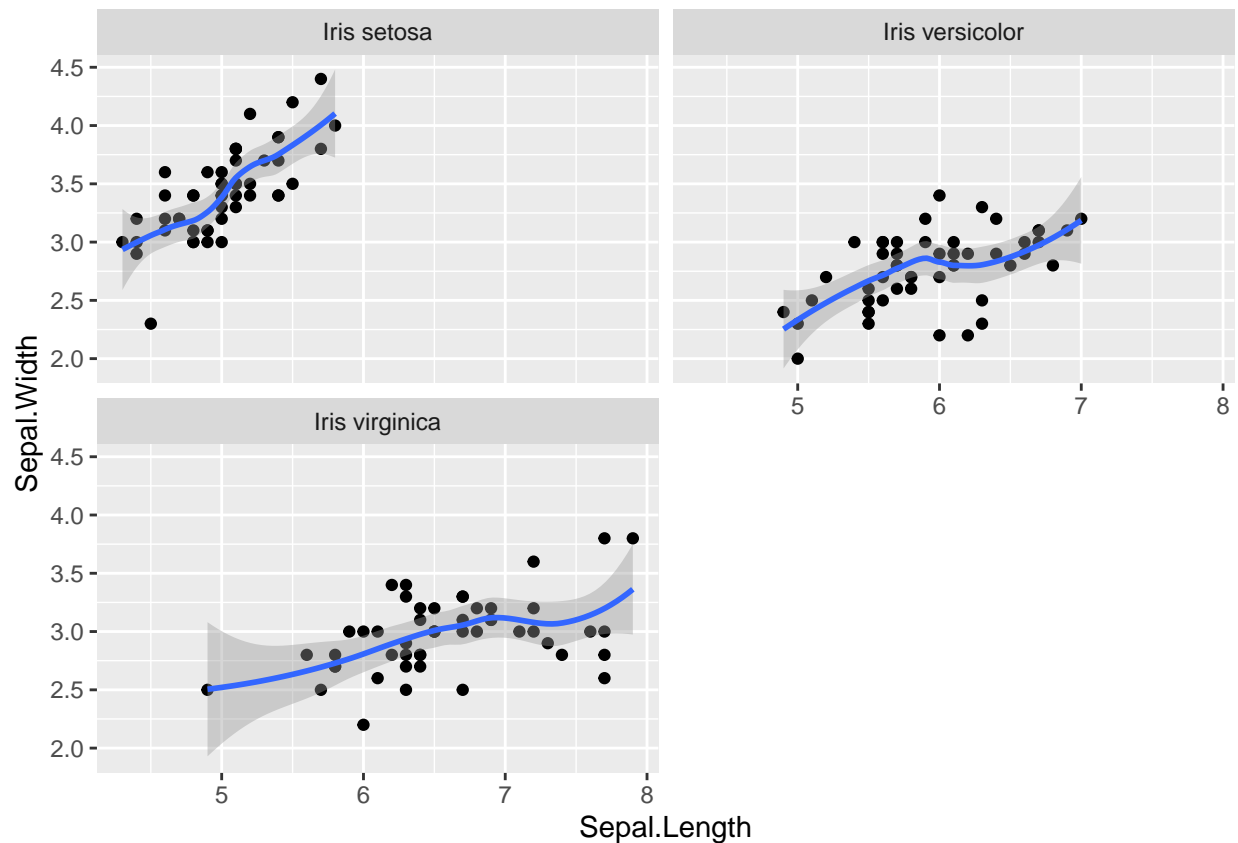
Facetting using the function `facet_wrap` breaks your plot into multiple panes based on a variable which is specified inside the facet function. You can specify the number of rows or columns that you want using `nrow` and `ncol` functions respectively inside the `facet_wrap` function. You can also give the title above each facet a specific name using `labeller`.

```
# Separate the plot into 3 panes, one for each of the 3 species
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
  geom_point() +
  facet_wrap(~Species)
```



```
# Separate the plot into 3 panes, one for each of the 3 species. Force the panes to be in 2 columns and
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth() +
  facet_wrap(~Species, ncol = 2,
    labeller = labeller(Species = c("setosa" = "Iris setosa",
                                     "versicolor" = "Iris versicolor",
                                     "virginica" = "Iris virginica"))))
```

```
## 'geom_smooth()' using method = 'loess' and formula = 'y ~ x'
```

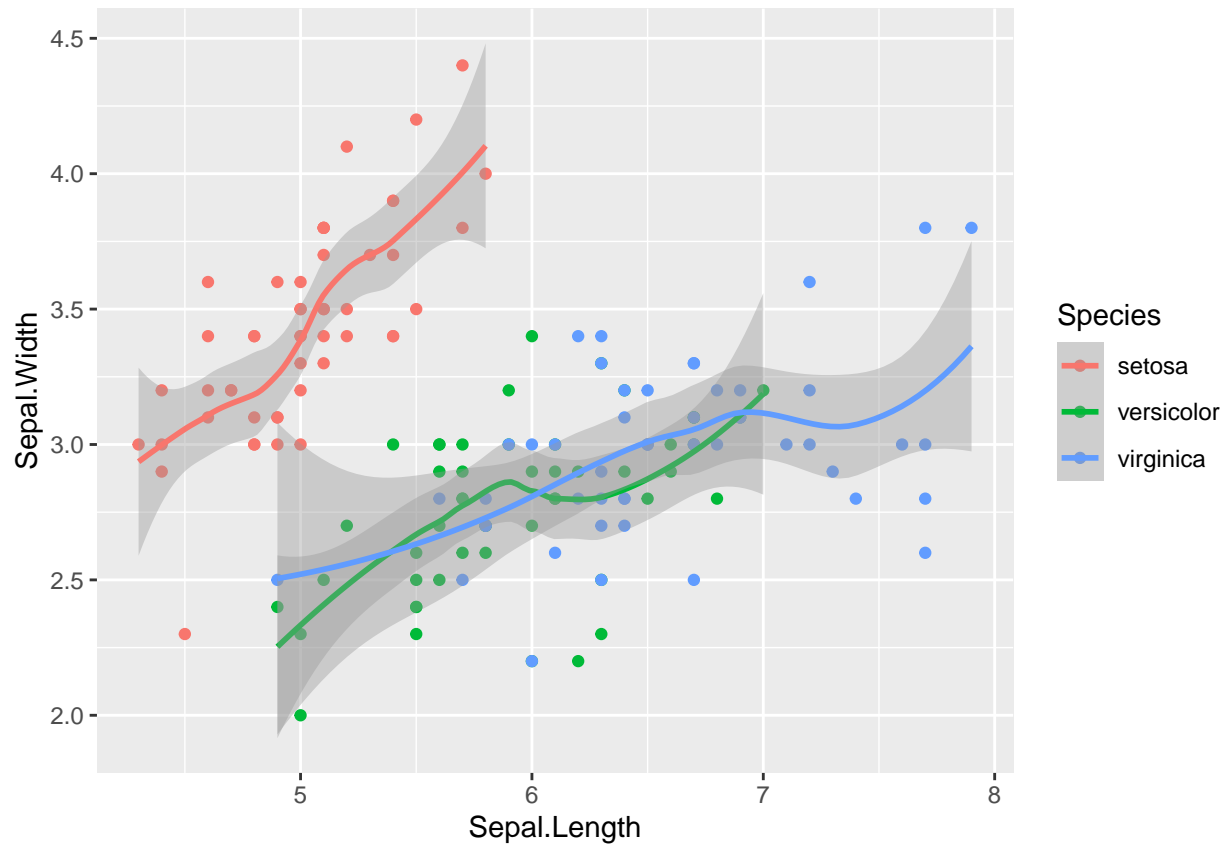


The other option to highlight the difference between groups is to change an aesthetic of the graph by the group variable, so that each unique option in the variable has its own values. The aesthetics that can be changed include the colour (using `colour =` or `fill =`), the size (`size =`), the shape (`pch =`), the line type (`linetype =`) and the transparency (`alpha =`).

```
## Coloured by species
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, colour = Species)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth()
```

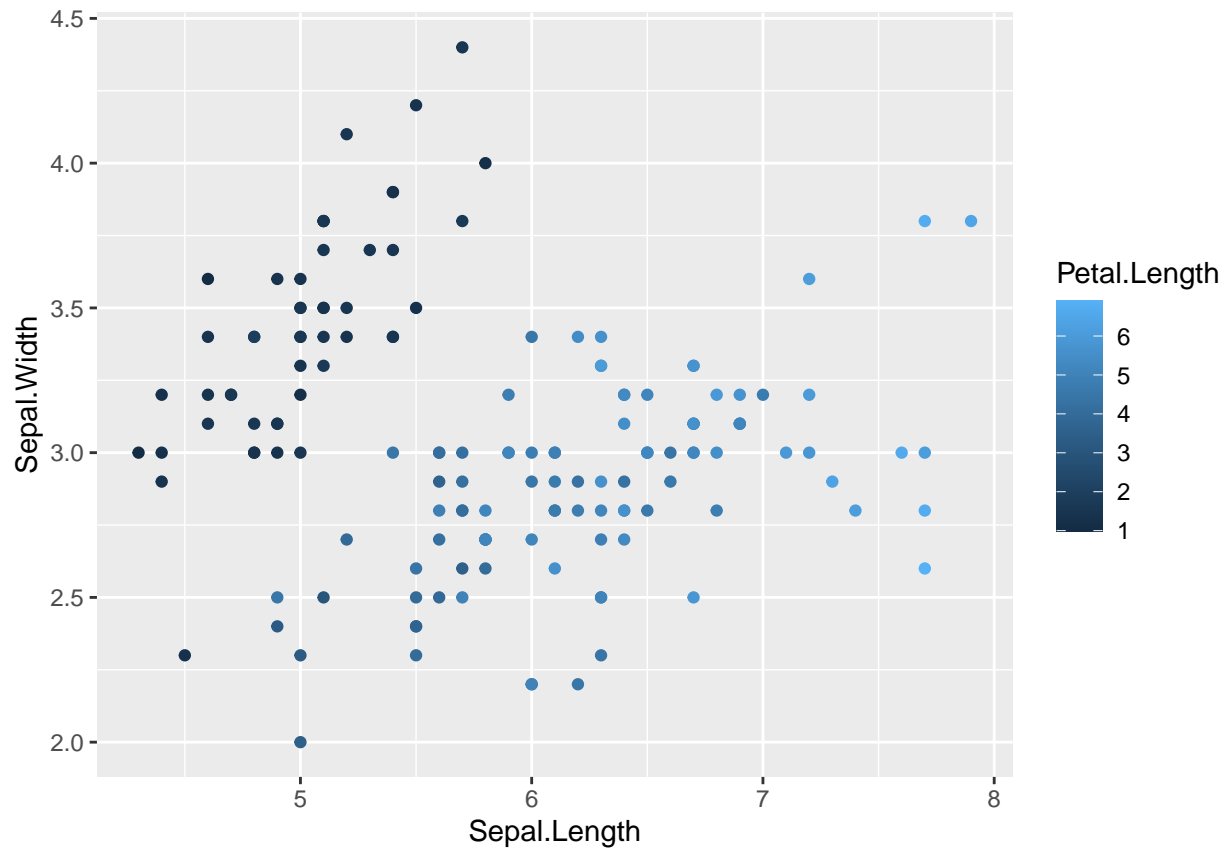
```
## 'geom_smooth()' using method = 'loess' and formula = 'y ~ x'
```





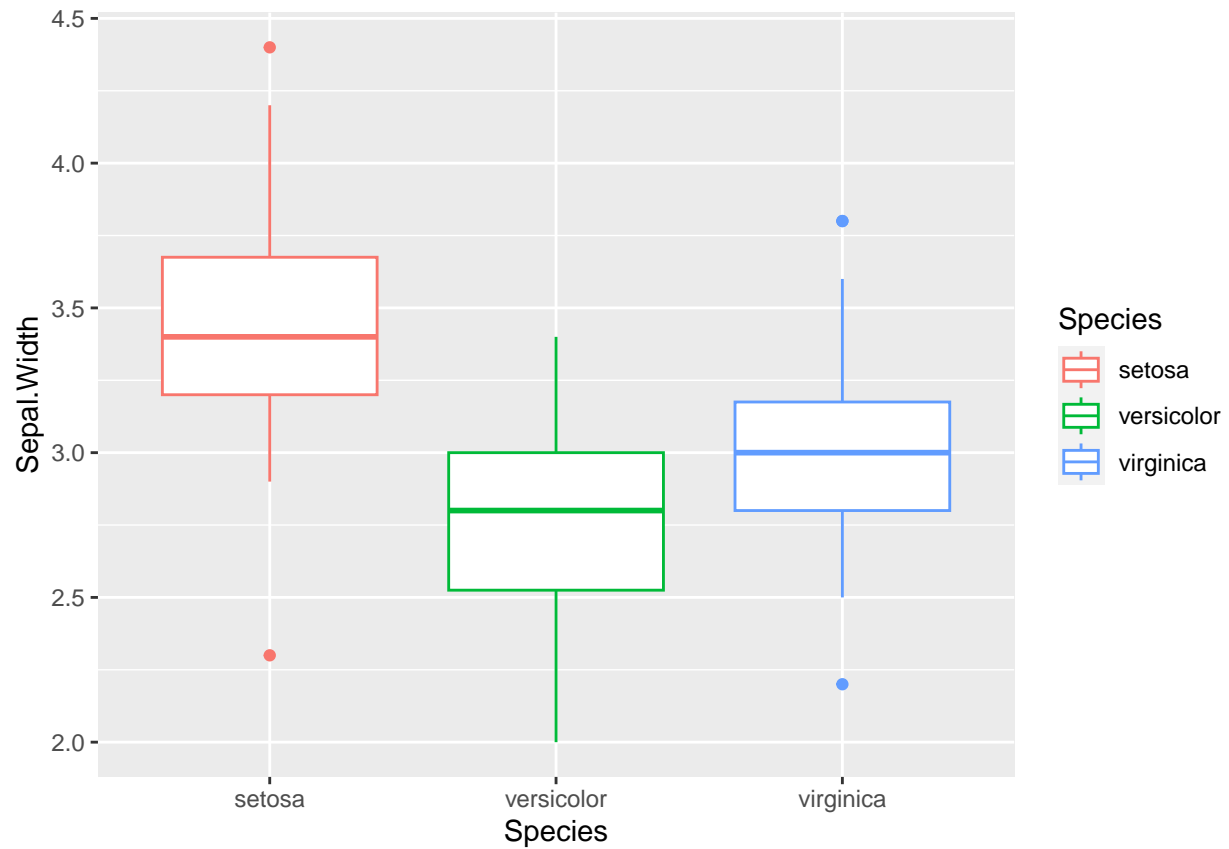
To investigate another continuous variable on the graph at the same time, it can also be added as an aesthetic. Here the point colour is given by the petal length. The shape and line type aesthetics only suits a categorical variable. All other aesthetic options can be used for either categorical or continuous variables.

```
## Colour by petal length
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, colour = Petal.Length)) +
  geom_point()
```

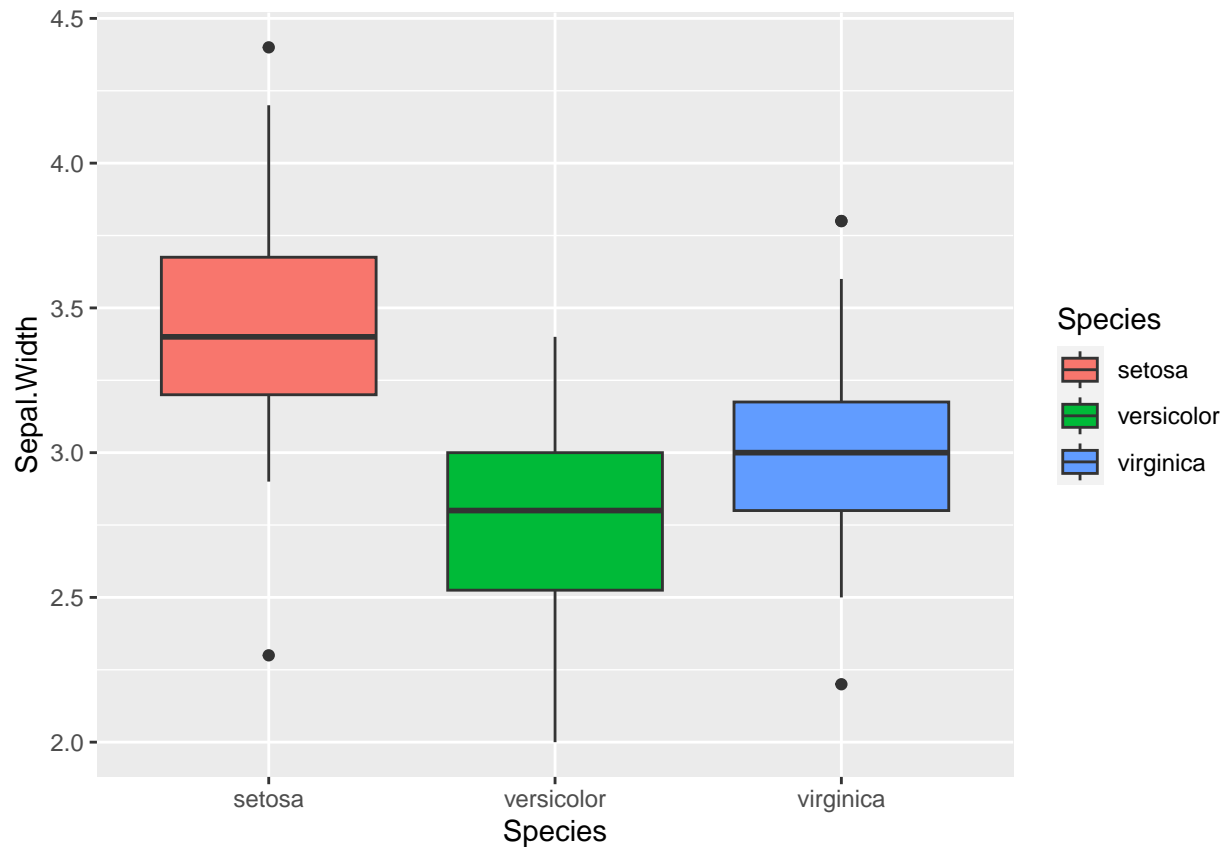


It is important to keep in mind that the aesthetics `colour` and `fill` vary in their effect depending on the geom used.

```
# Box Plot with colour  
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Species, y = Sepal.Width, colour = Species)) +  
  geom_boxplot()
```

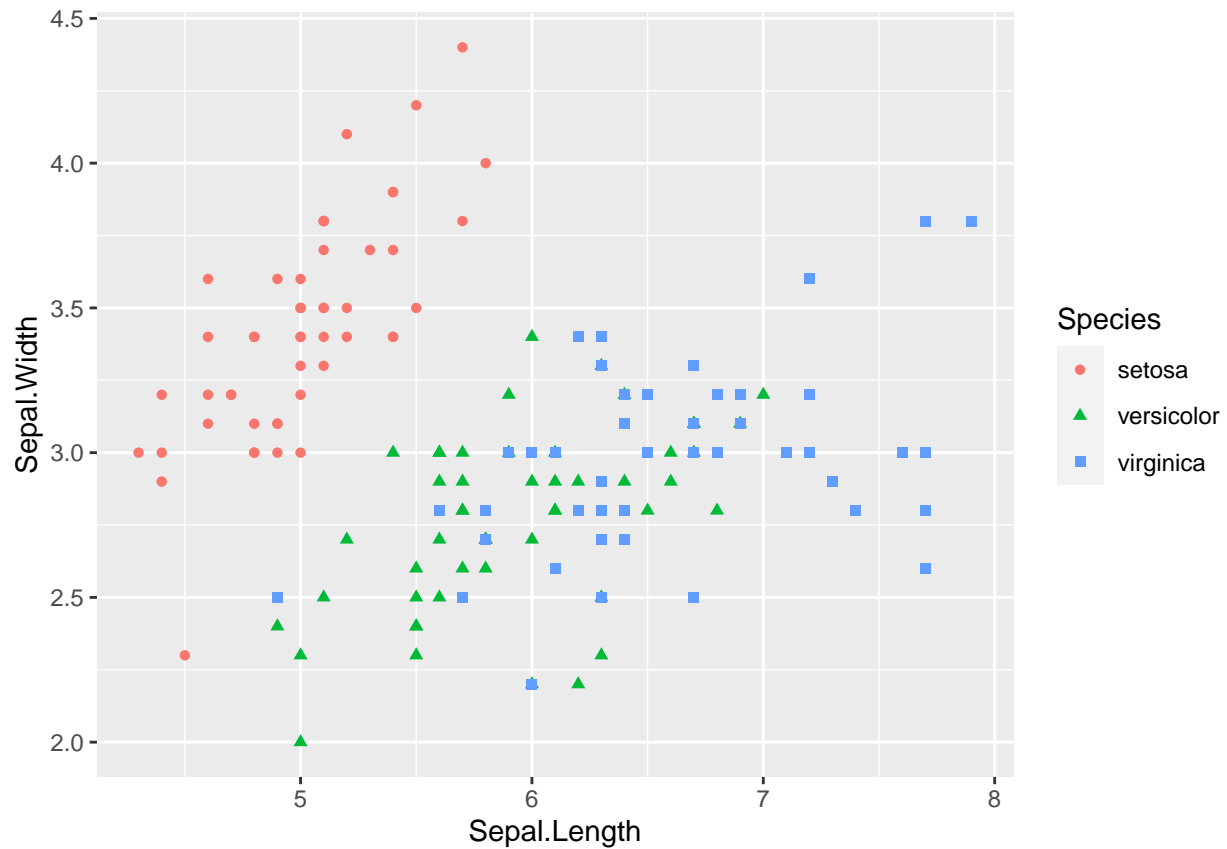


```
# Box Plot with fill  
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Species, y = Sepal.Width, fill = Species)) +  
  geom_boxplot()
```



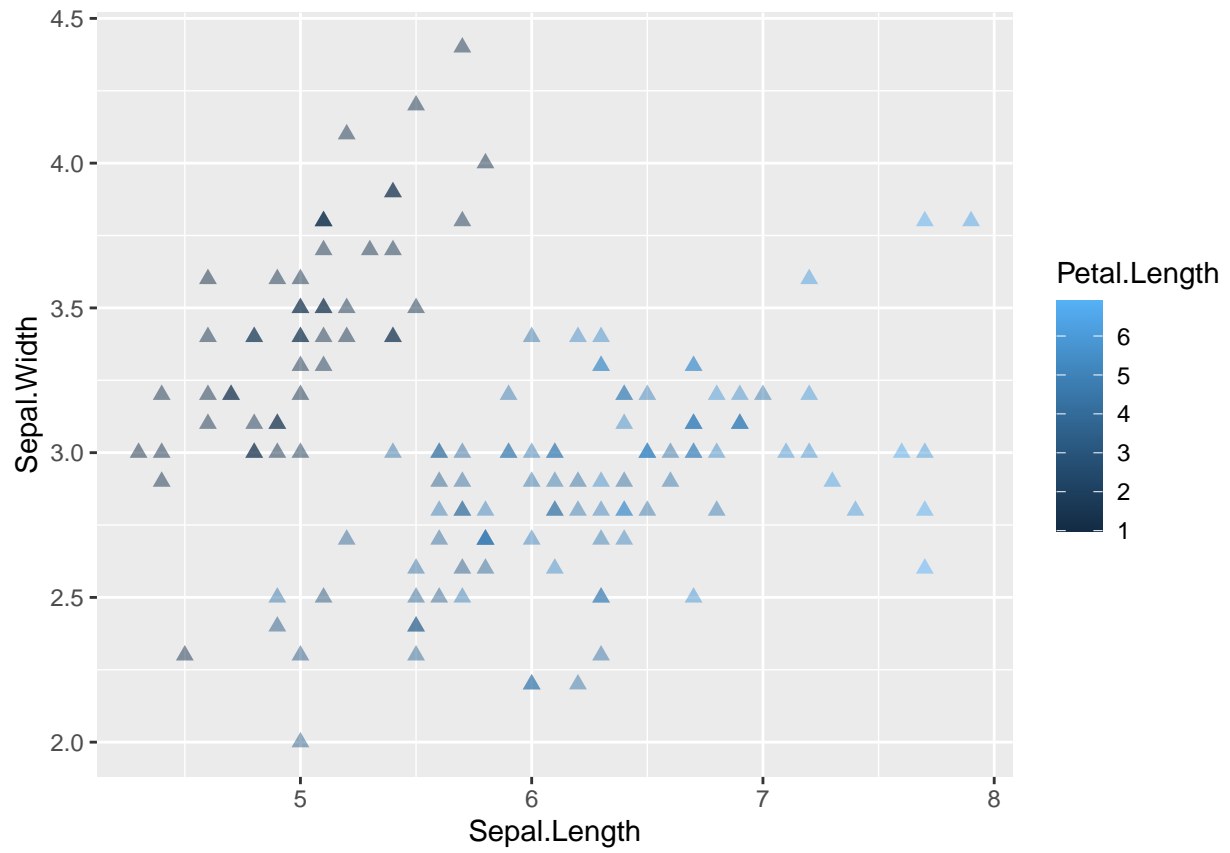
You can also modify multiple aesthetics by either the same or different variables. However, be sure that adding more is actually enhancing the point you are making with the graph, and not making it more difficult to understand.

```
# Colour and shape is by species  
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, color = Species, shape = Species)) +  
  geom_point()
```



You can also modify the components of the graph as arguments within the geom function so the components are static and not based on characteristics of the data. For example, the plot below still has the colour varying with the petal length which is an aesthetic set within the `aes()` call. However the transparency (`alpha`), size and shape (`pch`) are static and set in the geom function.

```
# Static aesthetics
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, color = Petal.Length)) +
  geom_point(alpha = 0.5, size = 2, pch = 17)
```



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Using the Iris data and the ggplot package in R, create a scatter plot of the sepal length by the sepal width, and coloured by the species.



```
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library(ggplot2)
data(iris)

ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, color = Species))
  geom_point() +
  labs(x = "Sepal Length", y = "Sepal Width", title = "Scatter Plot of Sepal
```

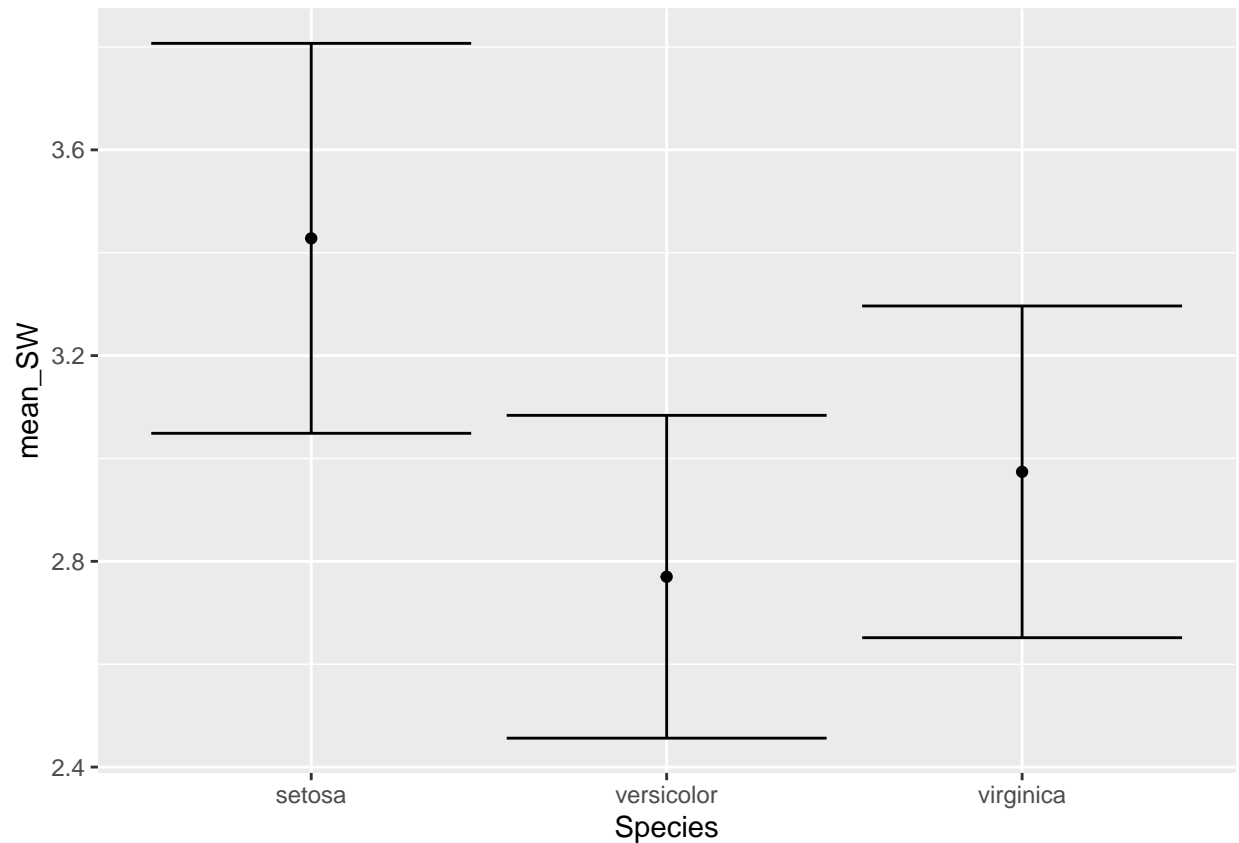
The resulting scatter plot shows the relationship between the sepal length and sepal width for each of the three species of iris: setosa, versicolor, and virginica. The data points are colored according to the species. We can see that the setosa species tends to have smaller sepal length and width, while the versicolor and virginica species have larger sepal length and width. There is some overlap between the versicolor and virginica species, but they can generally be distinguished by their sepal length and width.

## Data manipulation

It can be useful to undertake some data manipulation prior to plotting. In the example below, the mean and standard deviation of the sepal width is calculated prior to plotting. The mean is then plotted using ggplot as a point, with the standard deviation plotted as error bars around the mean using the function `geom_errorbar`.

```
library(dplyr)
data_mod <- iris %>%
  group_by(Species) %>% # try changing this to Sepal.Length
  summarise(mean_SW = mean(Sepal.Width), # calculate the mean for each species
            sd_SW = sd(Sepal.Width)) %>% # calculate the standard deviation for each species
  mutate(sd_SW = ifelse(is.na(sd_SW), 0, sd_SW)) # if the standard deviation is NA (e.g. there's only 1

ggplot(data = data_mod, aes(x = Species, y = mean_SW)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_errorbar(aes(ymin = mean_SW - sd_SW, # minimum
                   ymax = mean_SW + sd_SW)) # maximum
```

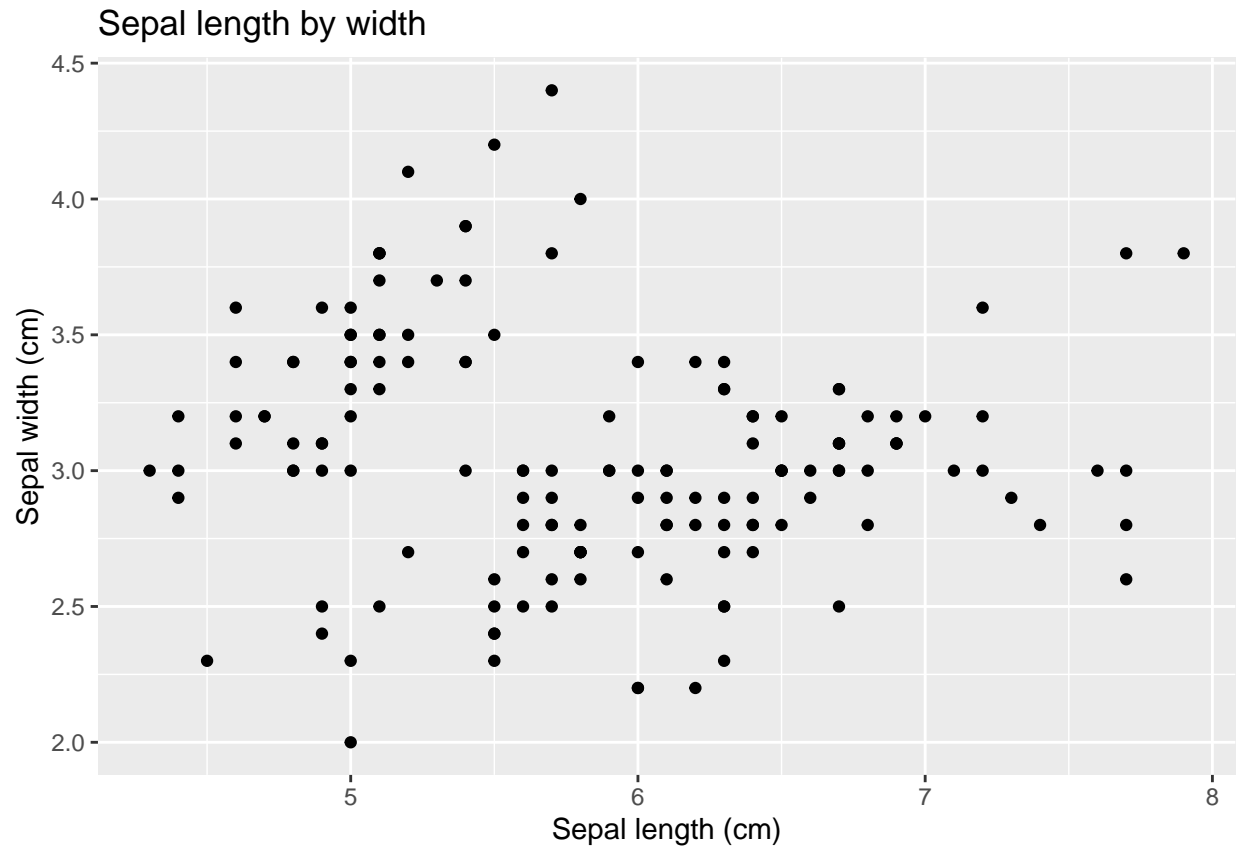


## Basic modifications

Once you're happy with the structure of the graph, then it is time to touch up the style and make modifications. You can add labels such as the title, subtitle, x and y axis labels as well as the legend titles using the `labs()` function.

```
## Labels
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
  geom_point() +
  labs(title = "Sepal length by width", x = "Sepal length (cm)", y = "Sepal width (cm)")
```



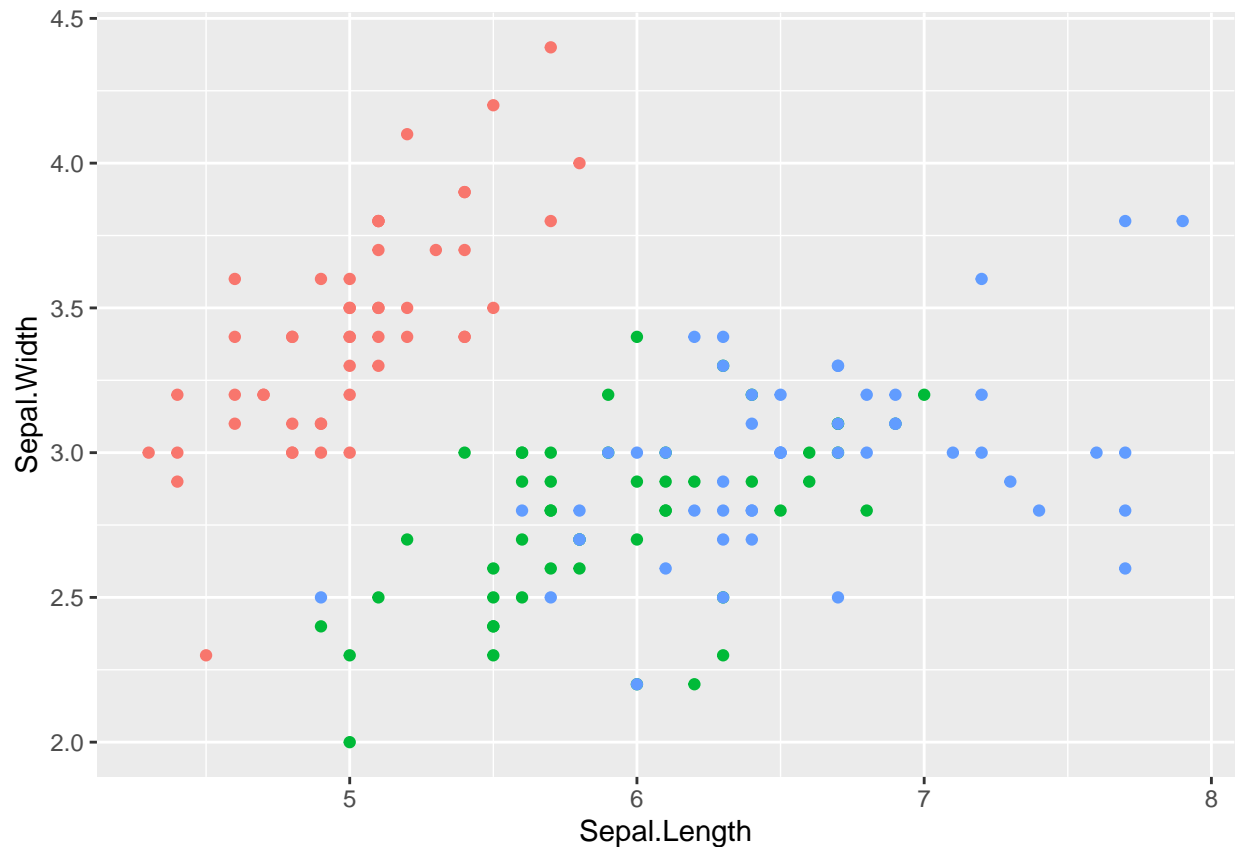


The legend position can be modified within the theme settings which we will go into more next session. Hiding the legend is done within the geom function.

```
## Move legend
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, color = Species)) +
  geom_point() +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") # try "top"
```



```
## Hide legend
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, color = Species)) +
  geom_point(show.legend = FALSE)
```





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using ggplot in R, how do I move the legend to the bottom of my plot?



To move the legend to the bottom of your plot using ggplot in R, you can use the ``theme`` function to modify the legend position. Here's an example code:  

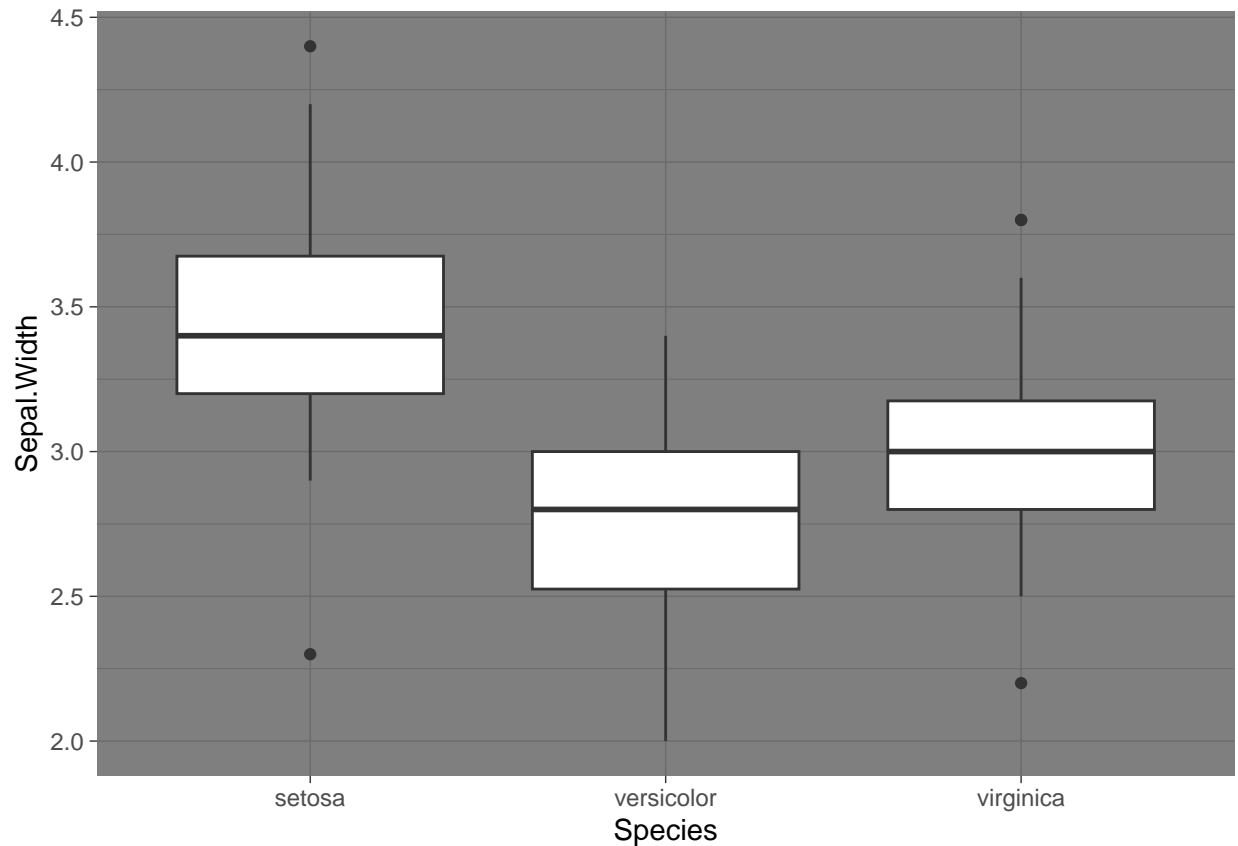
```
{r}
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, color = Species))
  geom_point() +
  labs(x = "Sepal Length", y = "Sepal Width", title = "Scatter Plot of Sepal
  theme(legend.position = "bottom")
```

The ``theme(legend.position = "bottom")`` code sets the legend to be positioned at the bottom of the plot. You can also use ``top``, ``left``, or ``right`` to position the legend in different places.

There are also methods to change how the plot looks. We will dive into themes next week, however for now

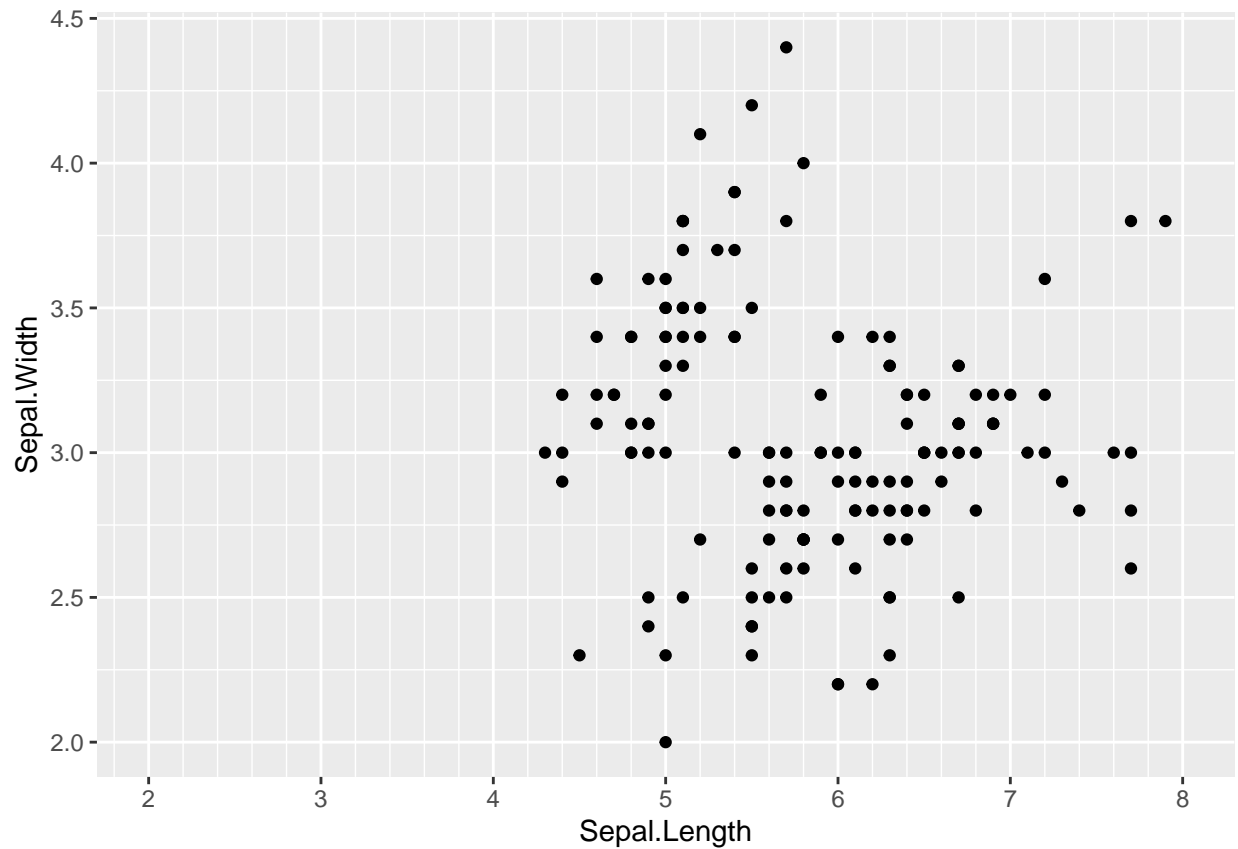
there are premade themes which can be found here <https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/ggtheme.html> and added a function to the end of your plotting code.

```
## Add premade theme
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Species, y = Sepal.Width)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  theme_dark() # try theme_light, theme_dark, theme_classic,
```



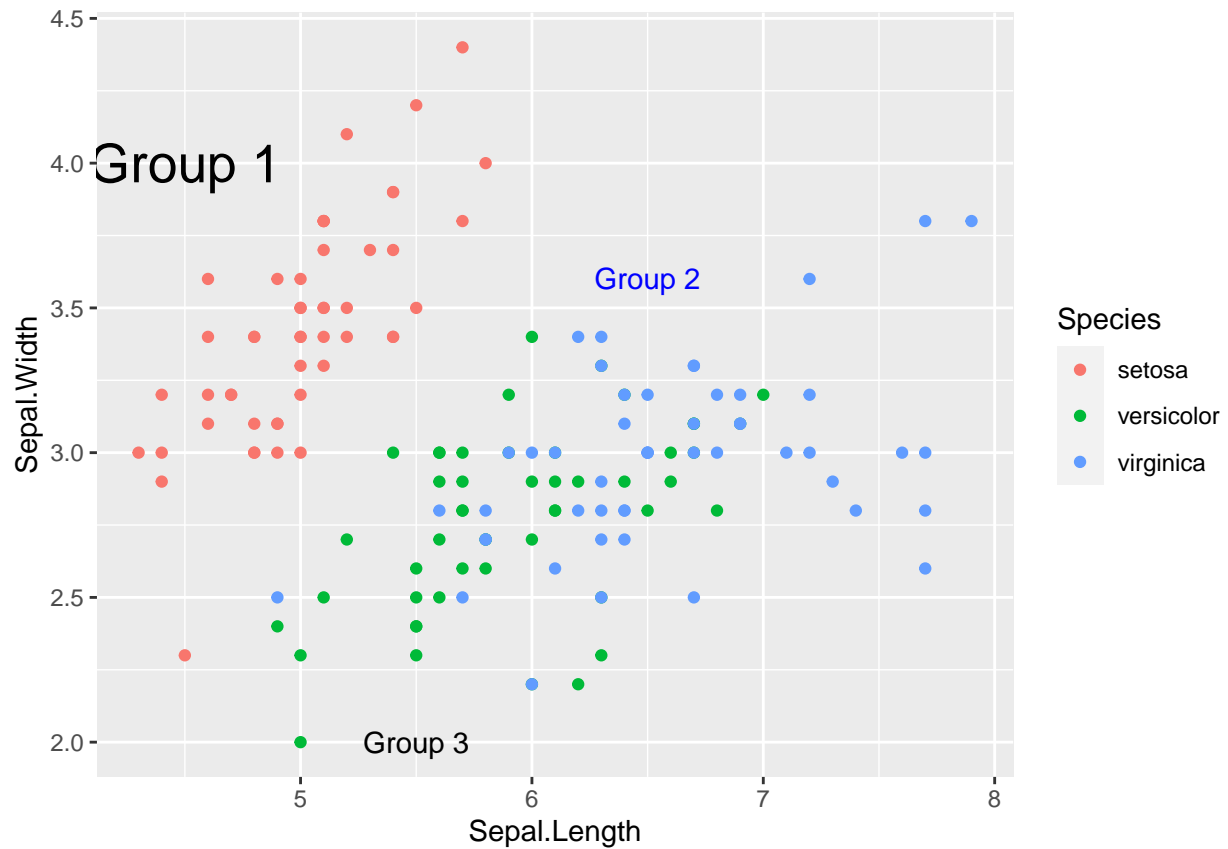
The length, tick marks and names of the x and y axis can be modified using scale functions, for example continuous scales are documented here [https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/scale\\_continuous.html](https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/scale_continuous.html).

```
## Alter the axis scale
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
  geom_point() +
  scale_x_continuous(limits = c(2, 8),
                     breaks = seq(2, 8, 1), # sequence from 0 to 8 by 1. Equivalent to 2:8
                     minor_breaks = seq(1, 8, 0.2)
  )
```

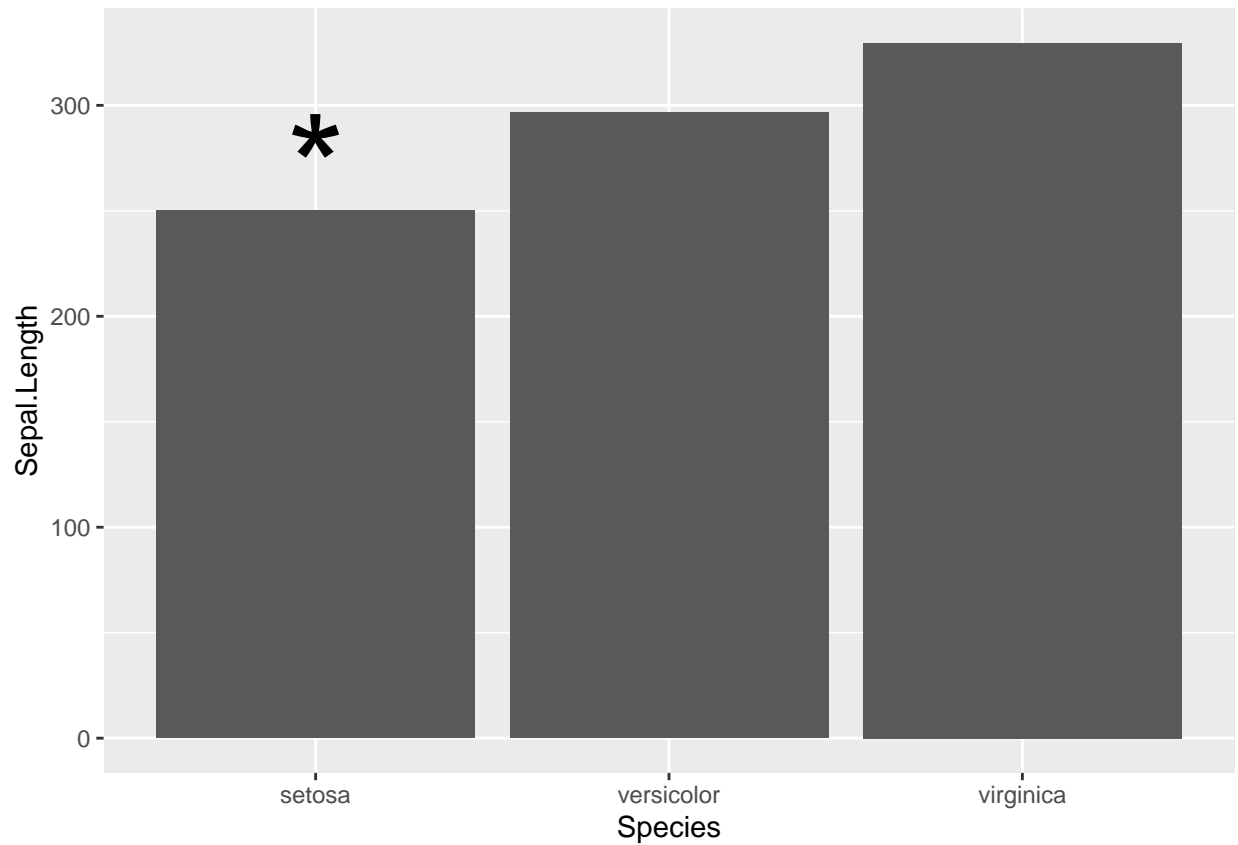


Annotations can be useful to show significance, highlight outliers, add titles to graphs or name groups. The `annotate` function is used for both text or segments.

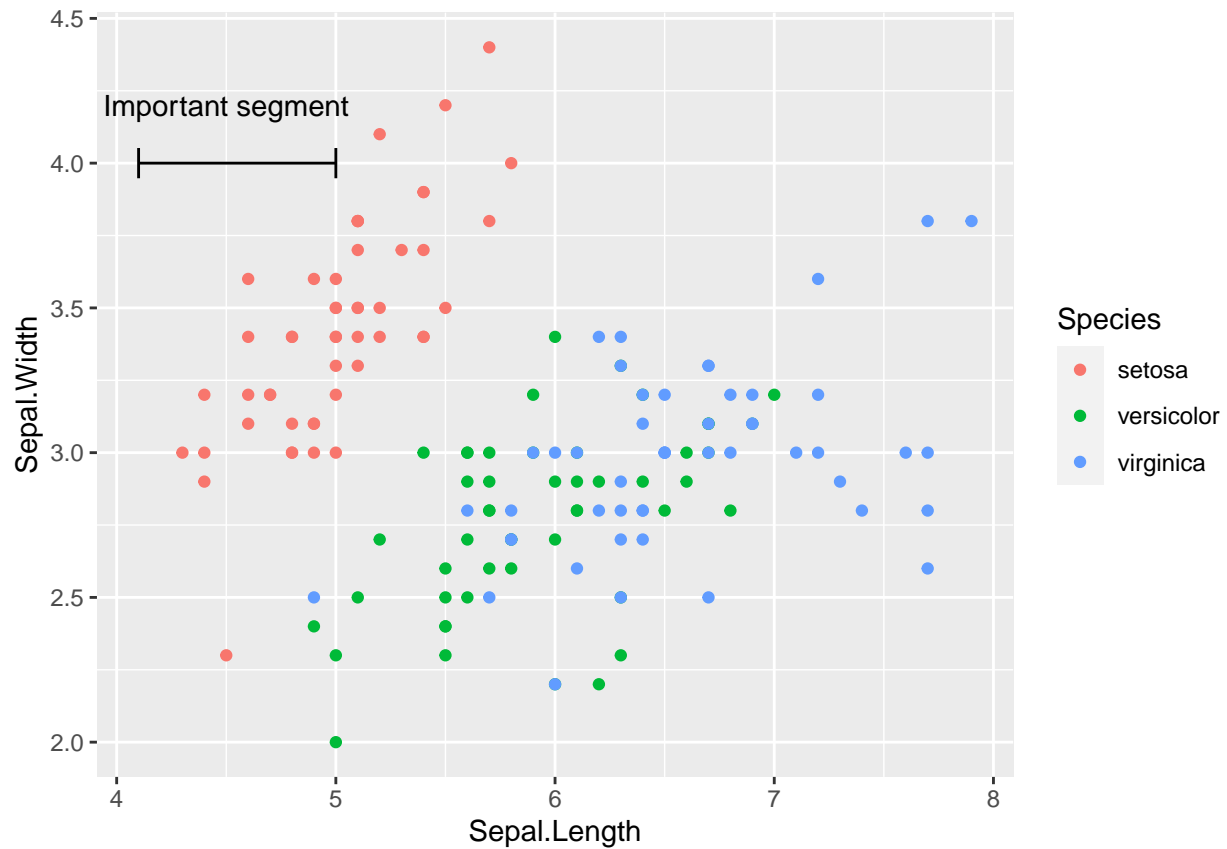
```
## Annotate with text
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, color = Species)) +
  geom_point() +
  annotate("text", x = 4.5, y = 4, label = "Group 1", size = 7) +
  annotate("text", x = 6.5, y = 3.6, label = "Group 2", color = "blue") +
  annotate("text", x = 5.5, y = 2, label = "Group 3")
```



```
## Annotate bar plot with * for significance
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Species, y = Sepal.Length)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
  annotate("text", x = 1, y = 270, label = "*", size = 20)
```



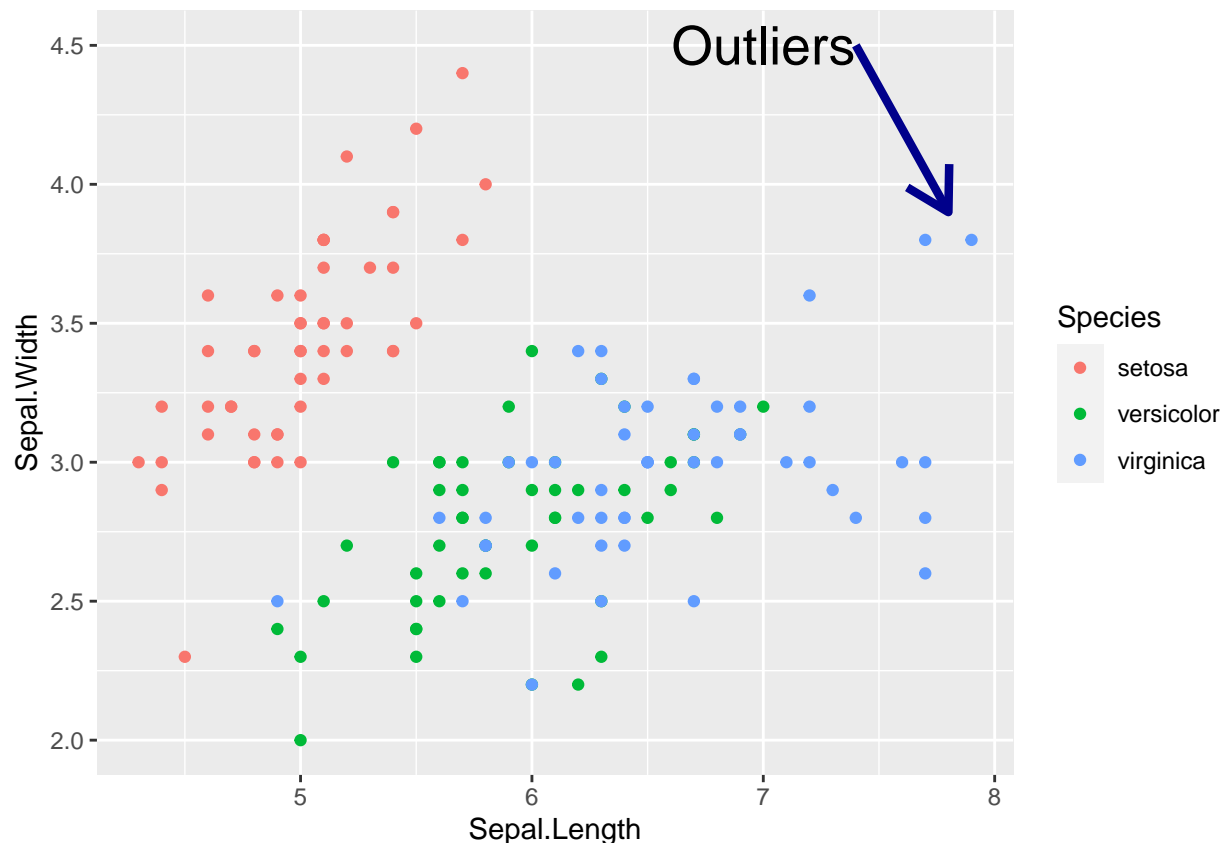
```
## Annotate with text and a line
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, color = Species)) +
  geom_point() +
  annotate("text", x = 4.5, y = 4.2, label = "Important segment") +
  annotate("segment", x = 4.1, xend = 5, y = 4, yend = 4,
    arrow = arrow(ends = "both", angle = 90, length = unit(.2, "cm")))
```



```
## Annotate with an arrow
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, color = Species)) +
  geom_point() +
  annotate("text", x = 7, y = 4.5, label = "Outliers", size = 7) + # try size = 3
  annotate("segment", x = 7.4, xend = 7.8, y = 4.5, yend = 3.9, # try chaning these values
    size = 1.5, # try 0.5 or 2
    color = "darkblue", # try "green" or "purple"
    arrow = arrow())
```

```
## Warning: Using 'size' aesthetic for lines was deprecated in ggplot2 3.4.0.
## i Please use 'linewidth' instead.
```





## Save your plot

Use the function `ggsave` .

```
## Save the most recent plot by using ggsave directly afterwards
# ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
#   geom_point()
#
# ggsave("your/folder/directory/here/plot.png")

## Save a specific plot by assigning it a name
## Save the most recent plot by using ggsave directly afterwards
# p <- ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
#   geom_point()
#
# ggsave(p, "your/folder/directory/here/plot.png")
```

## Visualising regression model

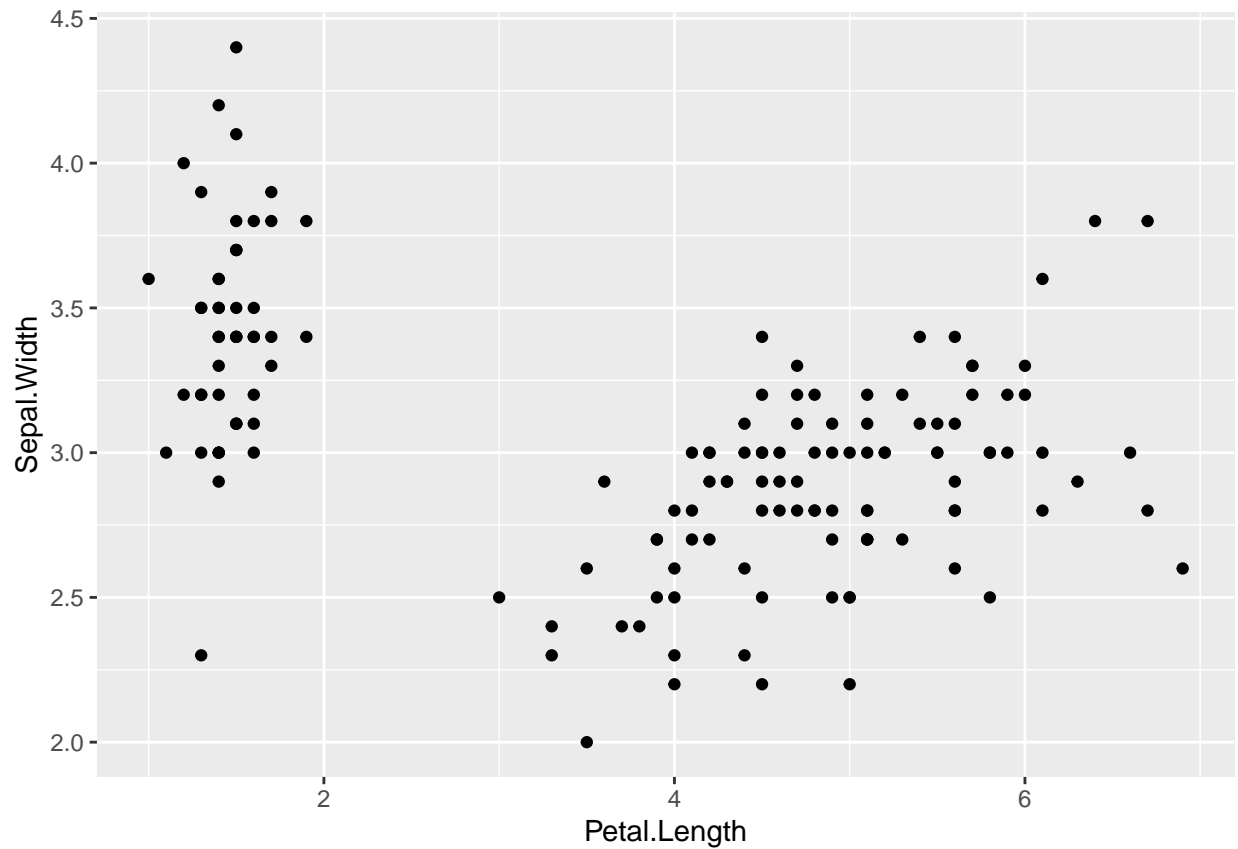
This much of our work, we are developing models to either investigate relationships or predict. GGplot can be used with model evaluation metrics and outputs for publication ready graphs to highlight model results. These examples are based on a linear model, however the methods are appropriate for generalised linear models (glms or glmms - remember to back transform your estimates!), generalised additive models (gams) ect.

Lets start by creating a simple linear model. We think that sepal width can be explained by the petal length. The model predictions can be extracted from the model using the `fitted` function. Remember these values are not the same as your data due to errors/residuals. Here we have made a new dataframe called `m_prediction` which has the true values of the variables, in this case the petal length, joined with the prediction for the response variable. The predictions can then be plotted using the `geom_line` function.

```
# model predicting sepal width by the petal width
m1 <- lm(Sepal.Width ~ Petal.Length, data = iris)
summary(m1)
```

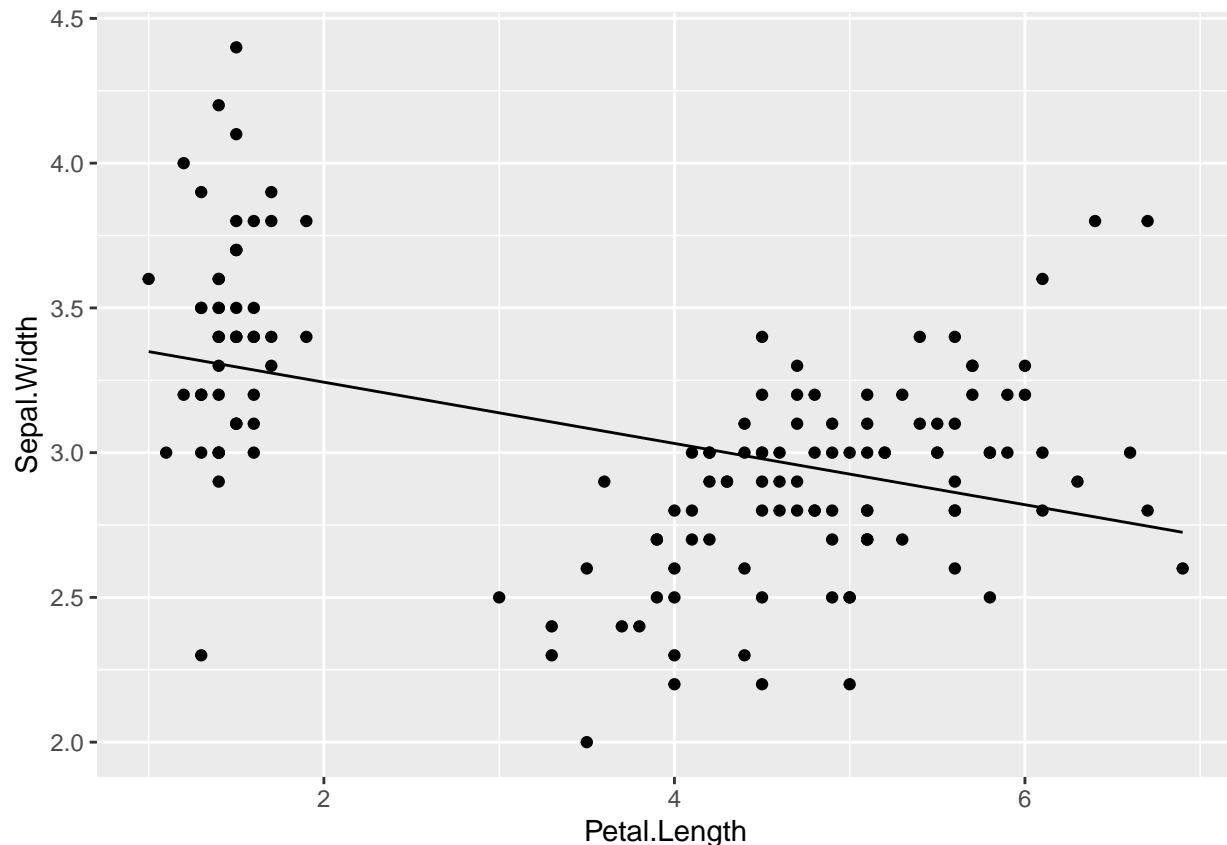
```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Sepal.Width ~ Petal.Length, data = iris)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -1.08463 -0.21537  0.02116  0.21587  1.10380
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   3.45487    0.07610  45.402  < 2e-16 ***
## Petal.Length -0.10579    0.01834  -5.768 4.51e-08 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.3952 on 148 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.1836, Adjusted R-squared:  0.178
## F-statistic: 33.28 on 1 and 148 DF, p-value: 4.513e-08

## Visualise what this might look like using a scatter plot
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Petal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
  geom_point()
```



```
## Save the predictions from the model together with the petal length
m_prediction <- data.frame( Petal.Length = iris$Petal.Length,
                           Sepal.Width_pred = fitted(m1))

## Add the regression line to the plot
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Petal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_line(data = m_prediction, aes(x = Petal.Length, y = Sepal.Width_pred ))
```



We can also make new variables for the model by normal data manipulation beforehand. In this case we have created a variable for the shape of the petal which is a ratio of the petal length by the petal width. We then make a larger linear model with sepal width still as the response variable and 5 predictor variables. We then extract the `coefficients` and standard deviation from the `summary()` table. Doing this process manually took me 5 lines of code. An alternative is the `broom` packages with the function `tidy` function.

```
data_model <- iris %>%
  mutate(petal_shape = Petal.Length / Petal.Width)

m2 <- lm(Sepal.Width ~ Sepal.Length + Petal.Length + Petal.Width + Species + petal_shape, data = data_model)
summary(m2)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Sepal.Width ~ Sepal.Length + Petal.Length + Petal.Width +
##     Species + petal_shape, data = data_model)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -0.9752 -0.1517  0.0065  0.1873  0.6448
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)    1.56680    0.28420   5.513 1.60e-07 ***
## Sepal.Length    0.38360    0.06615   5.799 4.10e-08 ***
## Petal.Length   -0.20423    0.08663  -2.357  0.0198 *
```

```
## Petal.Width      0.66895    0.13681    4.890 2.68e-06 ***
## Speciesversicolor -1.12604    0.19911   -5.656 8.17e-08 ***
## Speciesvirginica -1.37154    0.27995   -4.899 2.57e-06 ***
## petal_shape      0.01084    0.01472    0.737  0.4626
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.2682 on 143 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.6365, Adjusted R-squared:  0.6213
## F-statistic: 41.74 on 6 and 143 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

```
m_out <- summary(m2)
m_eval <- m_out$coefficients
class(m_eval)
```

```
## [1] "matrix" "array"
```

```
m_eval_df <- as.data.frame(m_eval)
m_eval_df$vars <- rownames(m_eval_df)
m_eval_df <- rename(m_eval_df, st_error = `Std. Error`)
m_eval_df
```

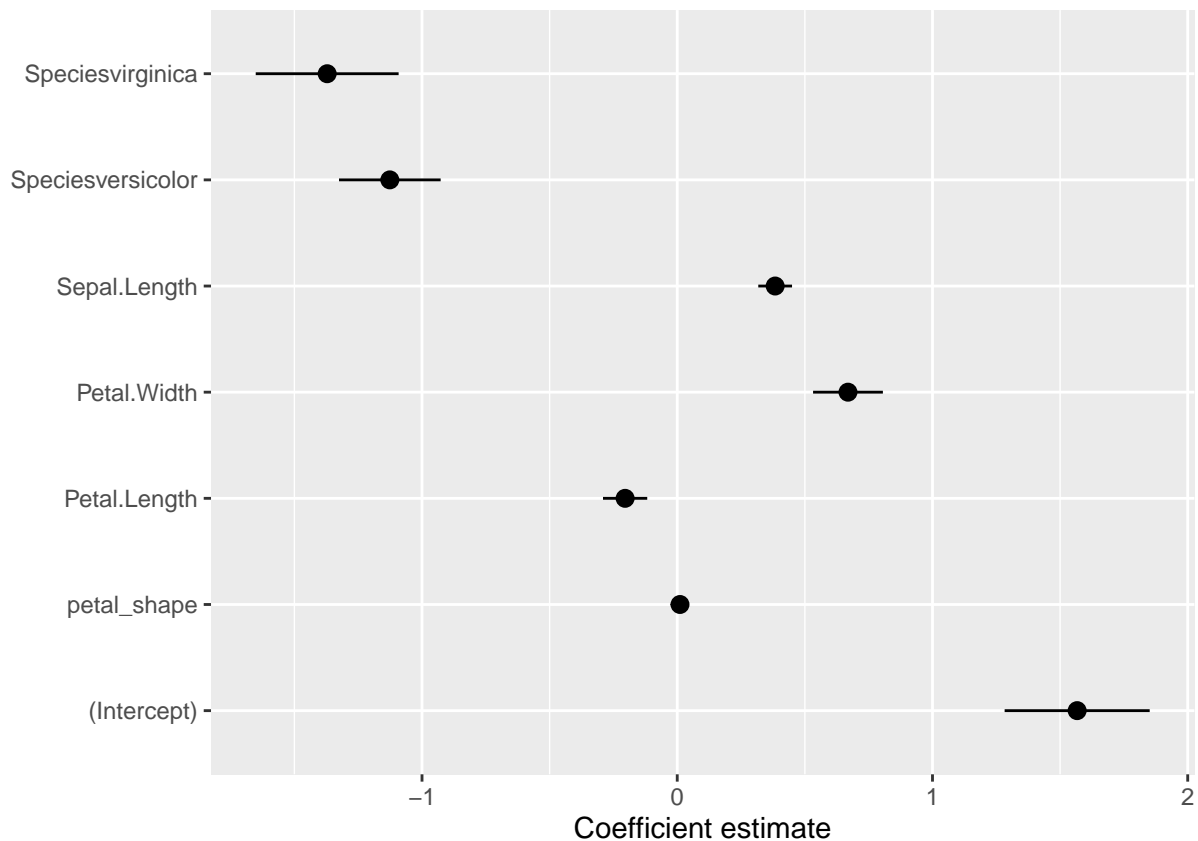
```
##              Estimate  st_error    t value    Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)    1.56679890 0.28419563  5.5130999 1.599799e-07
## Sepal.Length    0.38360494 0.06614883  5.7991192 4.104048e-08
## Petal.Length   -0.20423018 0.08663171 -2.3574530 1.975588e-02
## Petal.Width     0.66894935 0.13680652  4.8897476 2.680366e-06
## Speciesversicolor -1.12604349 0.19910507 -5.6555239 8.166142e-08
## Speciesvirginica -1.37154208 0.27994632 -4.8993039 2.571152e-06
## petal_shape     0.01084218 0.01471931  0.7365955 4.625751e-01
##              vars
## (Intercept)    (Intercept)
## Sepal.Length    Sepal.Length
## Petal.Length    Petal.Length
## Petal.Width     Petal.Width
## Speciesversicolor Speciesversicolor
## Speciesvirginica Speciesvirginica
## petal_shape     petal_shape
```

```
library(broom)
tidy(m2)
```

```
## # A tibble: 7 x 5
##   term          estimate std.error statistic    p.value
##   <chr>          <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>
## 1 (Intercept)    1.57      0.284     5.51 0.000000160
## 2 Sepal.Length    0.384     0.0661    5.80 0.0000000410
## 3 Petal.Length   -0.204     0.0866   -2.36 0.0198
## 4 Petal.Width     0.669     0.137     4.89 0.00000268
## 5 Speciesversicolor -1.13     0.199    -5.66 0.0000000817
## 6 Speciesvirginica -1.37     0.280    -4.90 0.00000257
## 7 petal_shape     0.0108    0.0147     0.737 0.463
```

We can plot the model coefficients and the deviation as a point with a line around the estimate. If the variables are significant, the error lines around the mean won't cross 0. When we do this, the order of the variables in the y axis is in alphabetical order. Instead we may prefer to order them by the estimate. We then need to alter the order of the variables. The variable should be a **factor** and we set the order by the levels.

```
## Plot coefficient estimates
ggplot(data = m_eval_df, aes(y = vars, x = Estimate)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_pointrange(aes(xmin = Estimate - st_error, xmax = Estimate + st_error)) +
  labs(y = "", x = "Coefficient estimate")
```



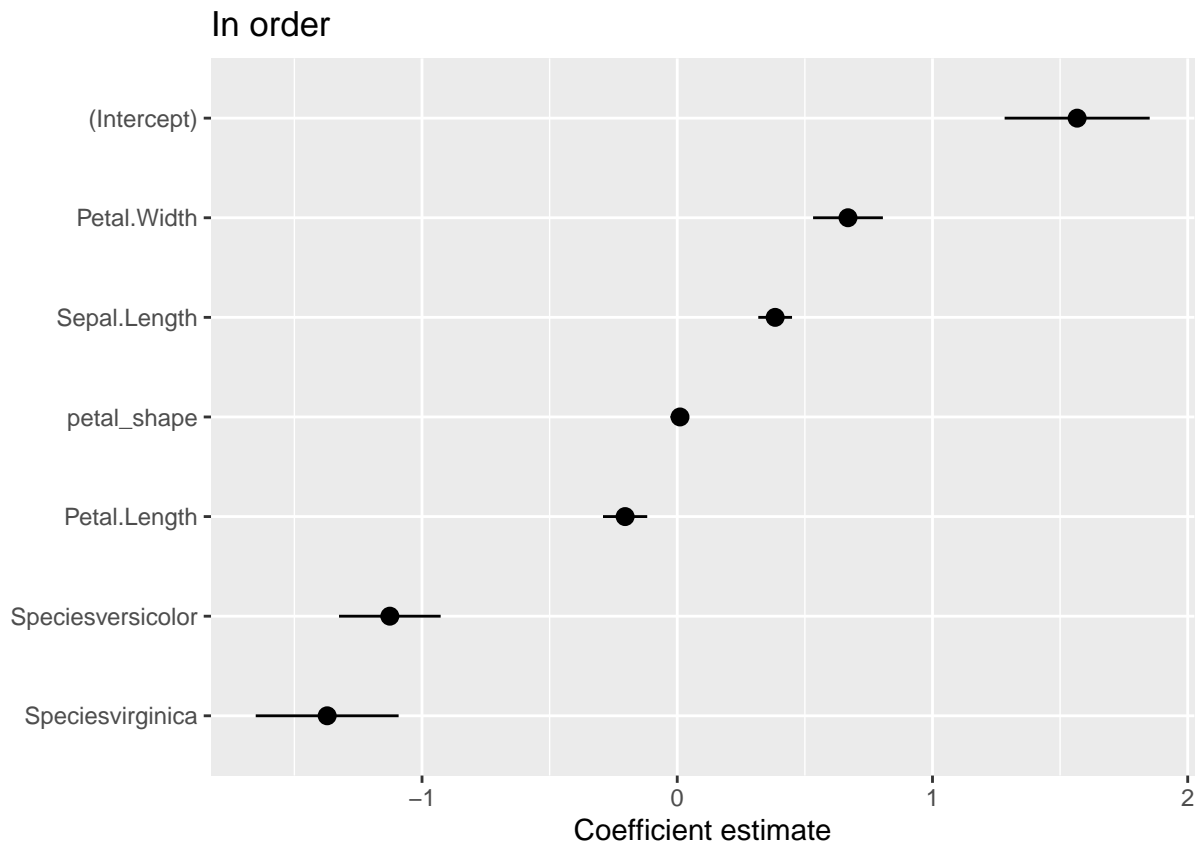
```
# make vars a factor with the levels in the order you want
# Option 1 using base R
order <- m_eval_df[order(m_eval_df$Estimate), 'vars']

# Option 2 using dplyr and pipes
order <- m_eval_df %>% arrange(Estimate) %>% select(vars) %>% pull

# Set the levels in the correct order
m_eval_df$vars <- factor(m_eval_df$vars, levels = order)

## Plot with the new order of variables
ggplot(data = m_eval_df, aes(y = vars, x = Estimate)) +
  geom_point() +
```

```
geom_pointrange(aes(xmin = Estimate - st_error, xmax = Estimate + st_error)) +
labs(y = "", x = "Coefficient estimate", title = "In order")
```



Try using chatGPT to help find the code you want.

With general language:

With specific R terminology:

The **effects** package can also be useful to plot the impact of the variable on the response variable. To view the effect of all the variables, you can **plot** all of the effects of a model using **plot(allEffects(m))**. To plot one variable, you can use the **effect** function instead and specify the variable by the name. Here we have specified to only see the petal width.

```
library(effects)
plot(allEffects(m2))
```



I have a plot in R which has one categorical variable and one numeric variable. The categorical variable is being put in alphabetical order. How do I change the order that the categorical variable is plotted in based on the value of the numeric variable?



To change the order that the categorical variable is plotted in based on the value of the numeric variable, you can use the `reorder()` function in ggplot2. Here's an example:



```
{r} Copy code  
  
library(ggplot2)  
  
# Create example data  
df <- data.frame(category = c("B", "C", "A", "D"), value = c(10, 20, 5, 15))  
  
# Plot with categories in alphabetical order  
ggplot(df, aes(x = category, y = value)) +  
  geom_bar(stat = "identity")  
  
# Plot with categories ordered by value  
ggplot(df, aes(x = reorder(category, value), y = value)) +  
  geom_bar(stat = "identity")
```

In this example, we create example data with a categorical variable `category` and a numeric variable `value`. By default, the `ggplot2` bar plot will order the categories alphabetically. To change the order based on the `value` variable, we use the `reorder()` function to reorder the `category` variable by `value`. The reordered variable is then used as the x-axis in the `ggplot()` function. The resulting plot will show the categories in the order determined by their respective `value` variables.

Figure 1: Ask chatGPT how to change the order of the variables in the plot using plan language.)





How do I change the order of the levels in a factor variable in R?



To change the order of levels in a factor variable in R, you can use the `factor()` function with the `levels` argument. Here's an example:

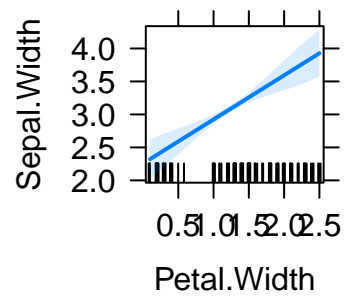
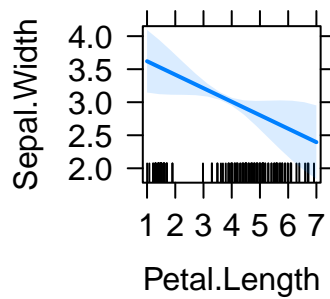
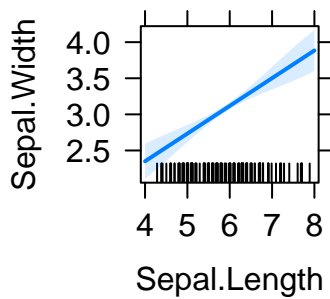


```
{r} Copy code  
  
# Create a sample factor variable  
f <- factor(c("Low", "High", "Medium", "Low", "High", "Medium"))  
  
# Check the levels of the factor variable  
levels(f)  
#> [1] "High" "Low" "Medium"  
  
# Change the order of levels  
f <- factor(f, levels = c("Low", "Medium", "High"))  
  
# Check the levels again  
levels(f)  
#> [1] "Low" "Medium" "High"
```

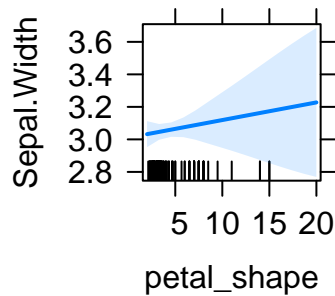
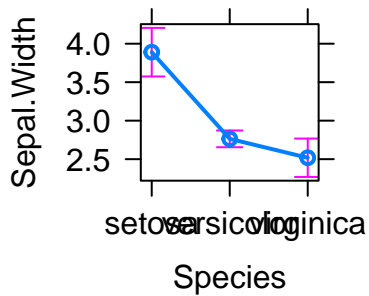
In this example, we create a sample factor variable `f` with three levels: "Low", "Medium", and "High". We then use the `factor()` function to change the order of levels by setting the `levels` argument to a vector of the desired order. Finally, we check the levels of the factor variable to confirm that they have been changed.

Figure 2: Ask chatGPT how to change the order of the variables in the plot using specific terminology.)

## Sepal.Length effect plot Petal.Length effect plot Petal.Width effect plot



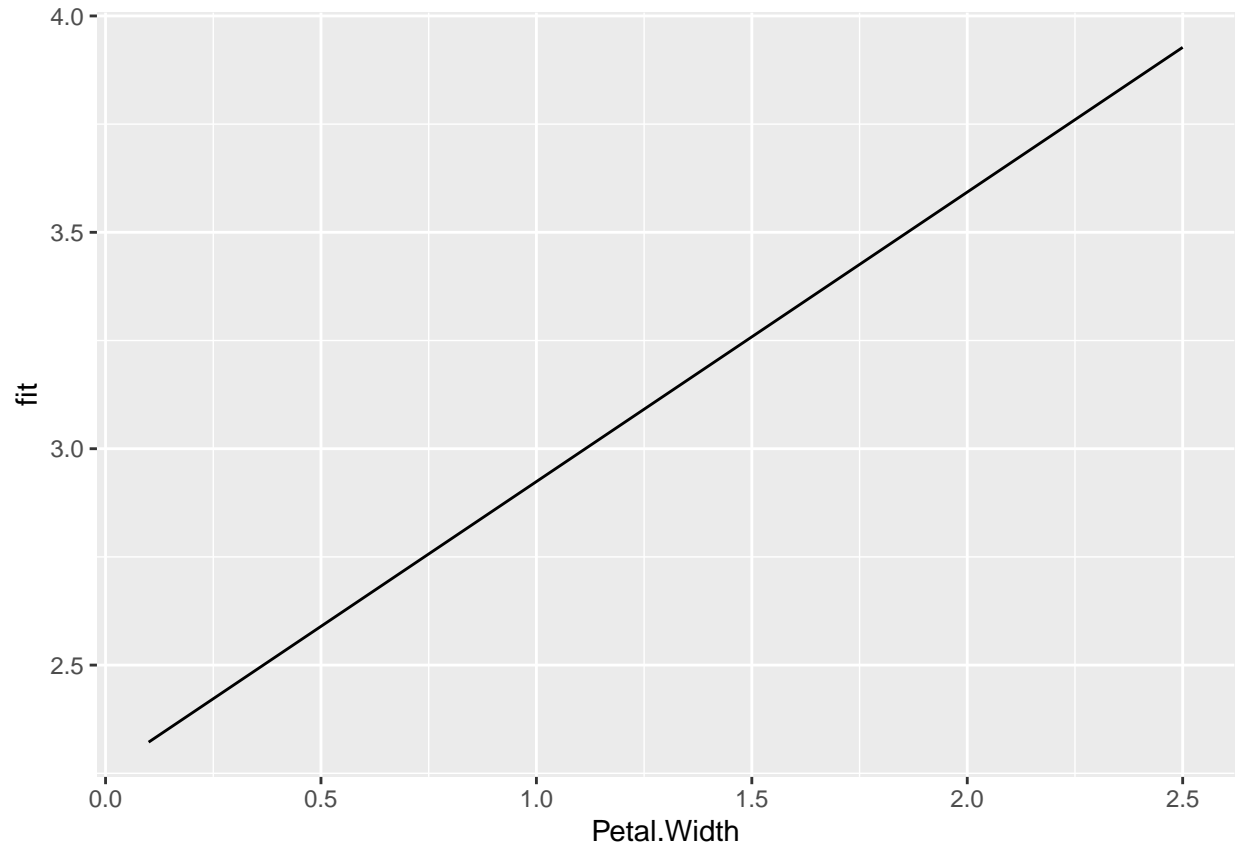
## Species effect plot petal\_shape effect plot



```
## Extract the effect
eff_PW <- effect("Petal.Width", m2)
eff_PW_df <- as.data.frame(eff_PW)
eff_PW_df
```

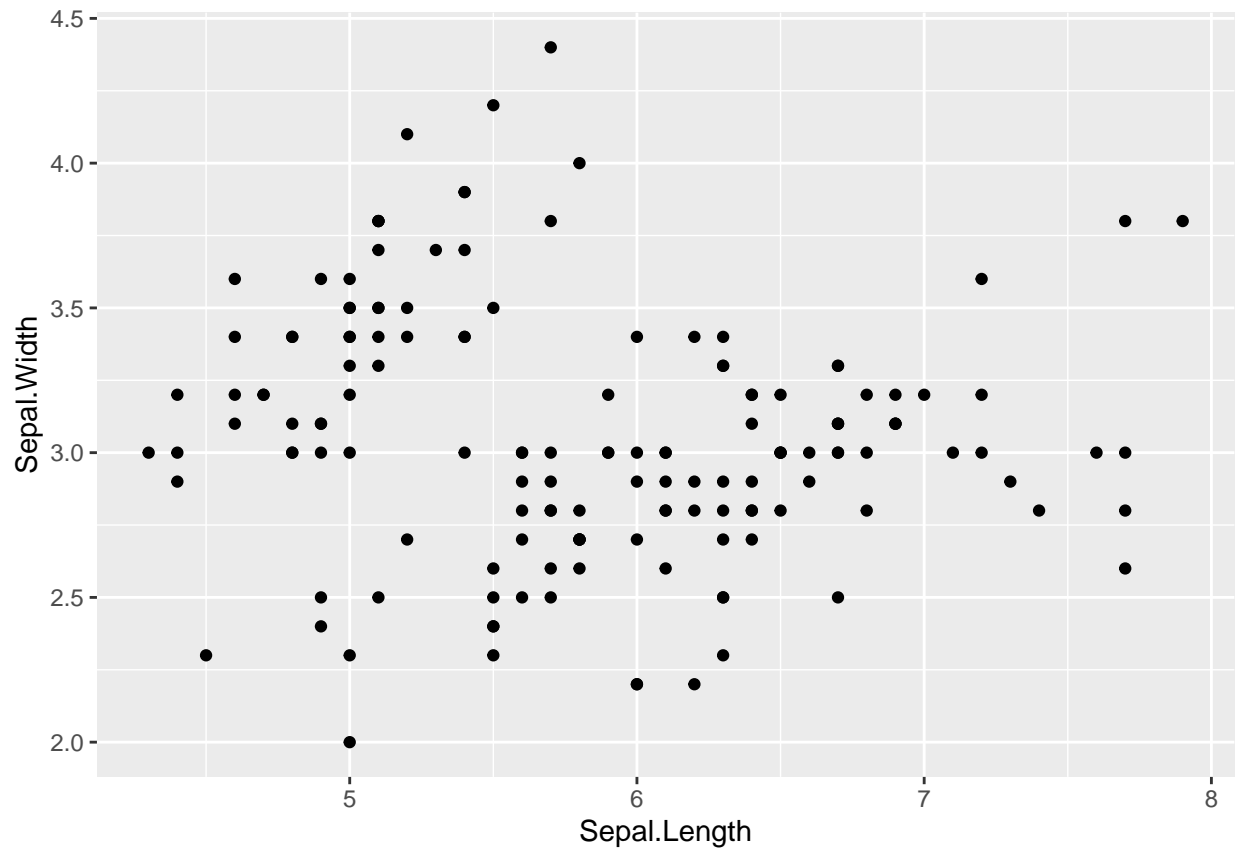
```
##   Petal.Width    fit      se   lower   upper
## 1         0.1 2.321935 0.15198222 2.021513 2.622357
## 2         0.7 2.723305 0.07173691 2.581503 2.865106
## 3         1.3 3.124674 0.02587105 3.073535 3.175813
## 4         1.9 3.526044 0.09832587 3.331684 3.720404
## 5         2.5 3.927413 0.17928240 3.573027 4.281800
```

```
## Plot the effect with ggplot
ggplot(data = eff_PW_df, aes(x = Petal.Width, y = fit)) +
  geom_line()
```

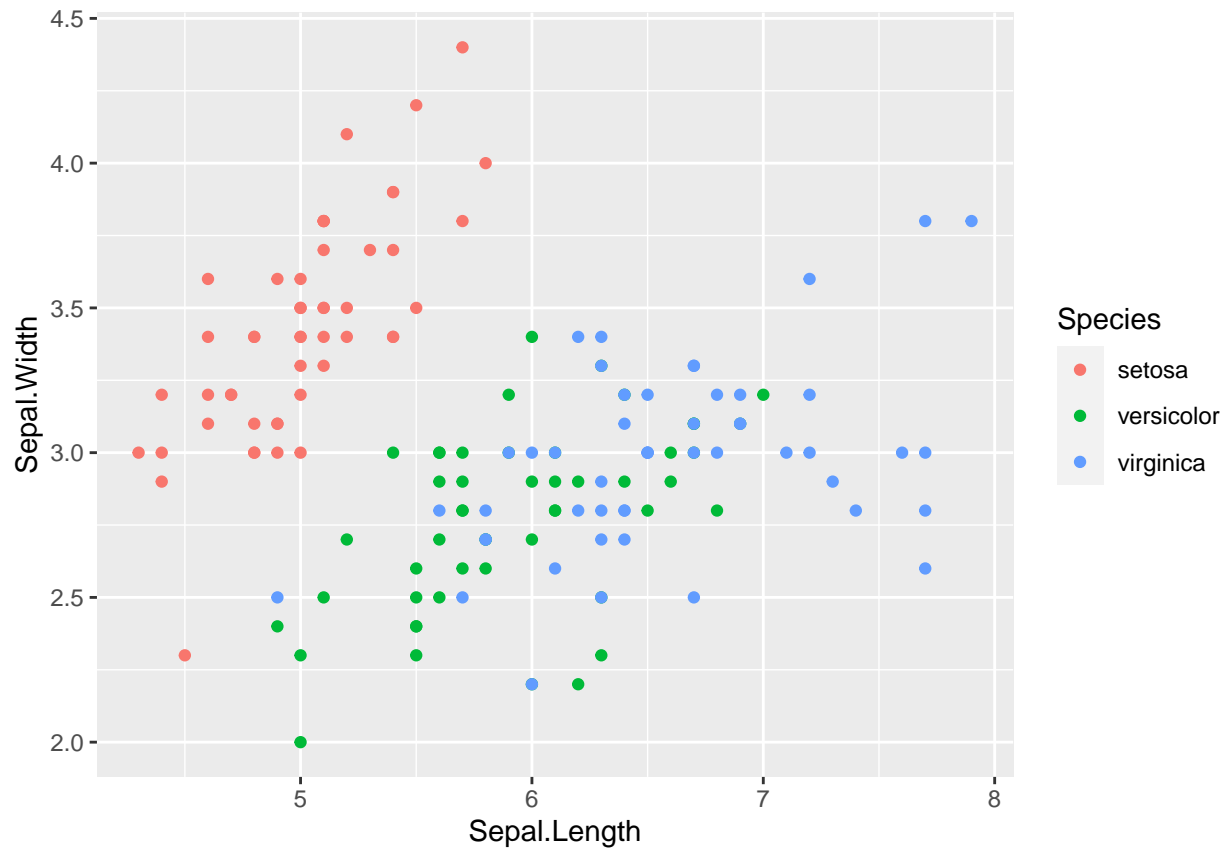


Looking at the impact of sepal length on width, we may think that the impact is different depending on the species. To visualise the difference, we can either colour or facet by the species as discussed earlier. In the model, we may add an interaction term between sepal length and species using `Sepal.Length*Species` as a variable in the linear model function `lm`. This interaction can also be visualised using the `effect` function.

```
## A basic plot doesnt show much relationship
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
  geom_point()
```

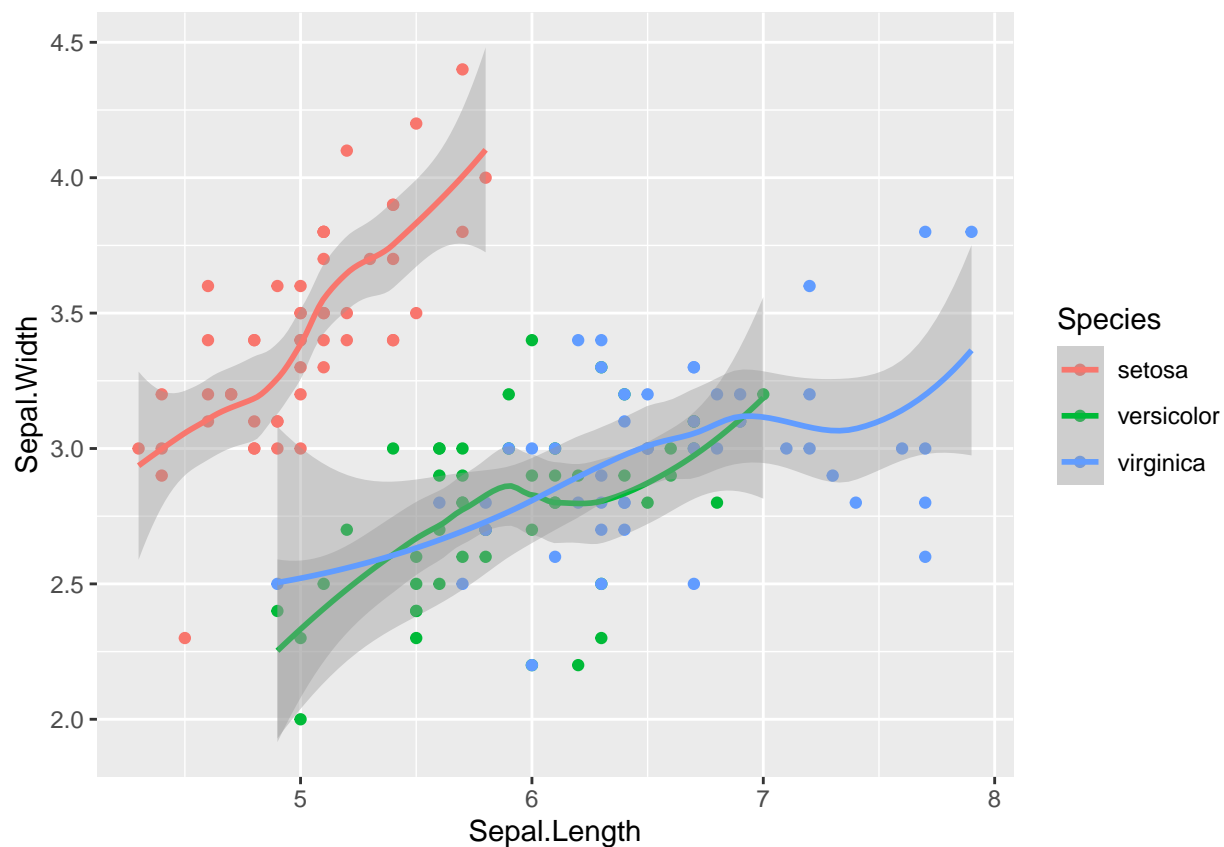


```
## Colour by the species to see if the trend is different between species  
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, colour = Species)) +  
  geom_point()
```



```
## Add a simple regression line
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, colour = Species)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth()
```

```
## 'geom_smooth()' using method = 'loess' and formula = 'y ~ x'
```



```
## Model with the interaction of sepal length and species
m3 <- lm(Sepal.Width ~ Sepal.Length*Species, data = data_model)
summary(m3) # interaction is significant
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Sepal.Width ~ Sepal.Length * Species, data = data_model)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -0.72394 -0.16327 -0.00289  0.16457  0.60954
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   -0.5694    0.5539  -1.028  0.305622
## Sepal.Length    0.7985    0.1104   7.235 2.55e-11 ***
## Speciesversicolor  1.4416    0.7130   2.022 0.045056 *
## Speciesvirginica  2.0157    0.6861   2.938 0.003848 **
## Sepal.Length:Speciesversicolor -0.4788    0.1337  -3.582 0.000465 ***
## Sepal.Length:Speciesvirginica -0.5666    0.1262  -4.490 1.45e-05 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.2723 on 144 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.6227, Adjusted R-squared:  0.6096
## F-statistic: 47.53 on 5 and 144 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

```
## Extract the effect of the interaction
eff_int <- effect("Sepal.Length*Species", m3)
eff_int_df <- as.data.frame(eff_int)

## Plot the interaction
ggplot(data = eff_int_df, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = fit, colour = Species)) +
  geom_line()
```

