R package ggplot2
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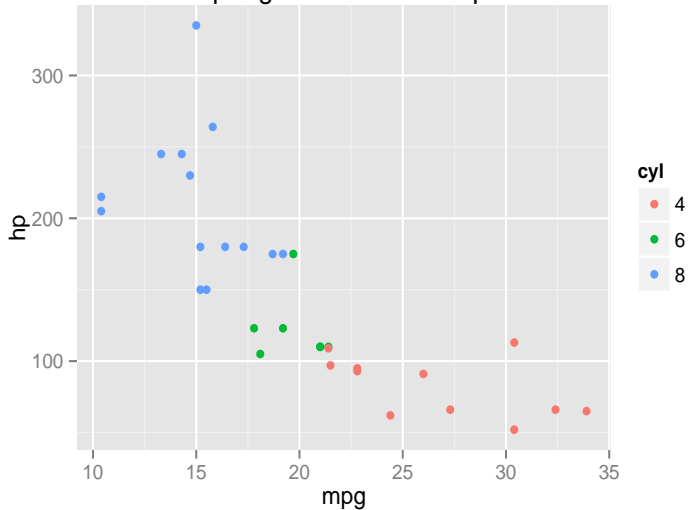
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Resources for "ggplot2"

- Documentation: http://docs.ggplot2.org/
- Book: **ggplot2: Elegant Graphics for Data Analysis** (by Hadley Wickham)
- Book: **R Graphics Cookbook** (by Winston Chang)

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

About "ggplot2"

- ▶ "ggplot2" (by Hadley Wickham) is an R package for producing statistical graphics
- ▶ It provides a framework based on Leland Wilkinson's **Grammar of Graphics**
- ▶ "ggplot2" provides beautiful plots while taking care of fiddly details like legends, axes, colors, etc.
- ▶ "ggplot2" is built on the R graphics package "grid"
- ▶ Underlying philosophy is to describe a wide range of graphics with a compact syntax and independent components
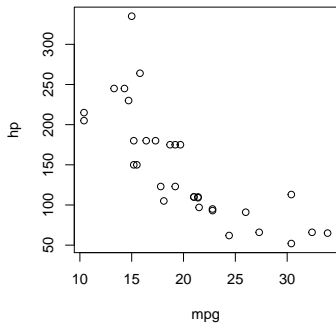
Miles per gallon –vs– Horsepower
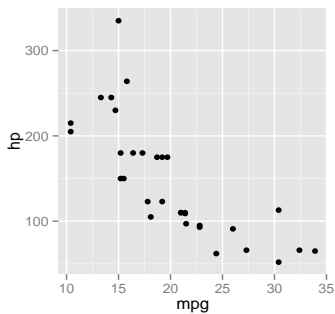
R package "ggplot2"

About "ggplot2"

- ▶ Default appearance of plots carefully chosen
- ▶ Designed with visual perception in mind
- ▶ Inclusion of some components, like legends, are automated
- ▶ Great flexibility for annotating, editing, and embedding output

Base graphics -vs- "ggplot2"

base graphics

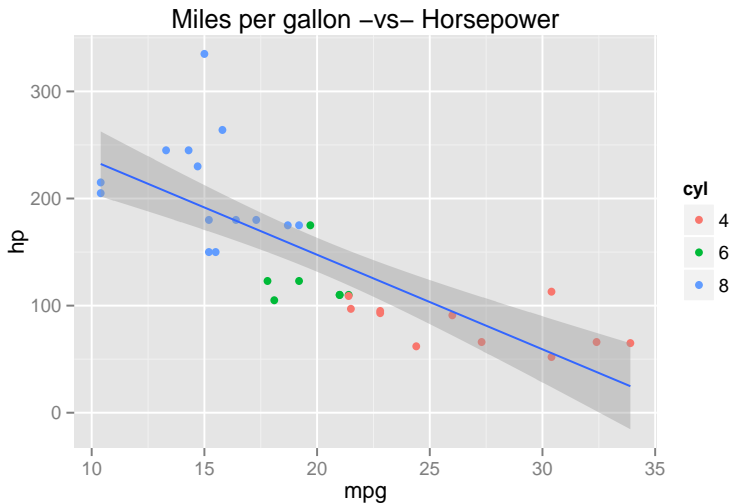ggplot2

Preliminary Concepts

Grammar of Graphics

About "ggplot2"

- ▶ The gg in "ggplot2" stands for *Grammar of Graphics*
- ▶ "ggplot2" has a deep underlying grammar
- ▶ inspired in the **Grammar of Graphics** by Lee Wilkinson
- ▶ Grammar of Graphics describes the features that underlie all statistical graphics

What is a statistical graphic?

Miles per gallon –vs– Horsepower

What is a statistical graphic?

```
##                      mpg  hp cyl
## Mazda RX4           21.0 110   6
## Mazda RX4 Wag       21.0 110   6
## Datsun 710          22.8  93   4
## Hornet 4 Drive      21.4 110   6
## Hornet Sportabout   18.7 175   8
## Valiant             18.1 105   6
## Duster 360          14.3 245   8
## Merc 240D           24.4  62   4
## Merc 230            22.8  95   4
## Merc 280            19.2 123   6
```

What is a statistical graphic?

Simply put, a statistical graphic is:

- ▶ A mapping from data to aesthetic attributes (color, shape, size) of geometric objects (points, lines, bars)
- ▶ A plot may also contain statistical transformations of the data
- ▶ A plot is drawn on a specific coordinate system
- ▶ Sometimes faceting can be used to get the same plot for different subsets of the dataset

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- ▶ ggplot(data, ...)
- ▶ aes()
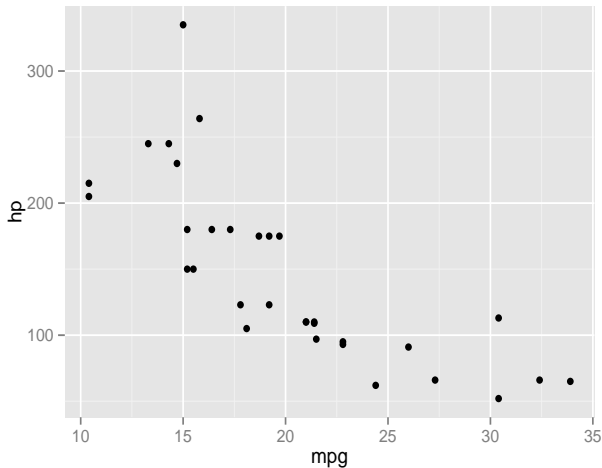- ▶ geom_objects()

Starting with "ggplot2"

mtcars dataset

```
head(mtcars, n = 10)

##                    mpg cyl  disp  hp drat    wt  qsec vs am gear carb
## Mazda RX4         21.0   6 160.0 110 3.90 2.620 16.46  0  1    4    4
## Mazda RX4 Wag     21.0   6 160.0 110 3.90 2.875 17.02  0  1    4    4
## Datsun 710        22.8   4 108.0  93 3.85 2.320 18.61  1  1    4    1
## Hornet 4 Drive    21.4   6 258.0 110 3.08 3.215 19.44  1  0    3    1
## Hornet Sportabout 18.7   8 360.0 175 3.15 3.440 17.02  0  0    3    2
## Valiant           18.1   6 225.0 105 2.76 3.460 20.22  1  0    3    1
## Duster 360        14.3   8 360.0 245 3.21 3.570 15.84  0  0    3    4
## Merc 240D         24.4   4 146.7  62 3.69 3.190 20.00  1  0    4    2
## Merc 230          22.8   4 140.8  95 3.92 3.150 22.90  1  0    4    2
## Merc 280          19.2   6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.30  1  0    4    4
```

Scatter plot (Option 1)

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = hp)) +
  geom_point()
```

How does it work?

We specify the data and variables inside the function ggplot().
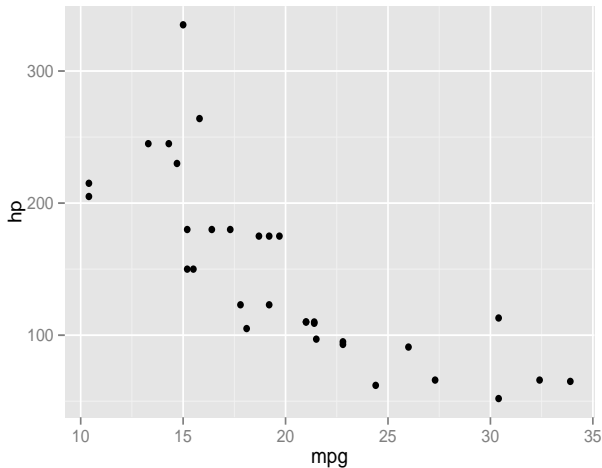Note the use of the internal function aes() to *map* x to mpg,
and y to hp.

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = hp))
```

Then we add a layer of geometric objects: points in this case.
Note the use of "+" to **add** the layer to the plot

```
+ geom_point()
```

Scatter plot (Option 2)

```
ggplot(data = mtcars) +
  geom_point(aes(x = mpg, y = hp))
```

"ggplot2" basics

- The data must be in a data.frame

- Variables are mapped to aesthetic attributes

- Aesthetic attributes belong to geometric objects **geoms** (points, lines, polygons)

Basic Terminology

- **ggplot()** - The main function where you specify the dataset and variables to plot
- **geoms** - geometric objetcs
  - geom_point(), geom_bar(), geom_line(), geom_density()
- **aes** - aesthetics
  - shape, color, fill, linetype

Warning

"ggplot2" comes with the function `qplot()` (i.e. *quick plot*).
Avoid using it!

As Karthik Ram says: "you'll end up unlearning and relearning a good bit"

Another geom

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = hp)) +
  geom_line()
```
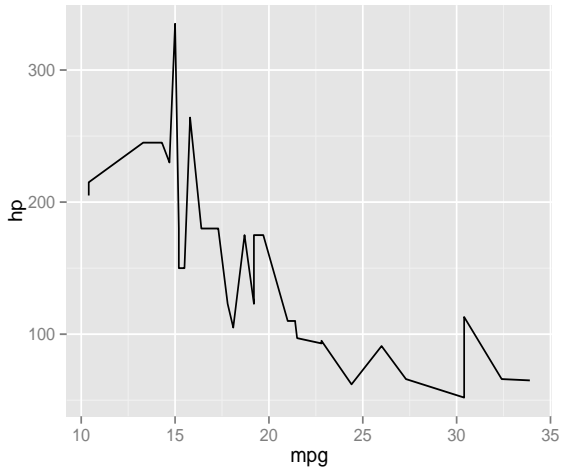
Increase size of points

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = hp)) +
  geom_point(size = 3)
```
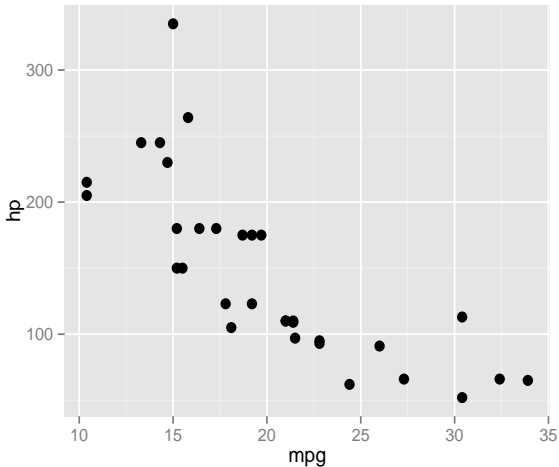
How does it work?

To increase the size of points, we **set** the aesthetic `size` to a constant value of 3 (inside the *geoms* function):

```
+ geom_point(size = 3)
```

Adding color

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = hp)) +
  geom_point(size = 3, color = "tomato")
```
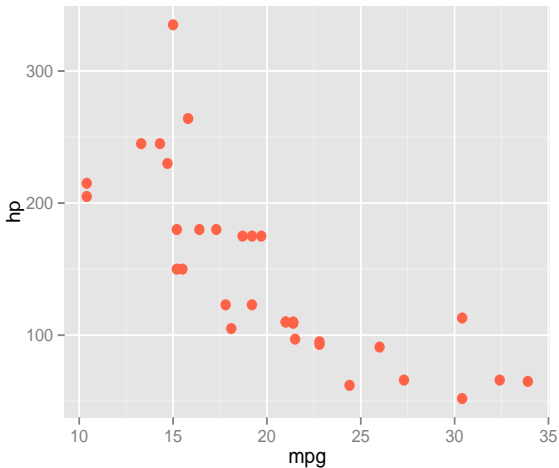
Changing points shape

```r
# 'shape' accepts 'pch' values
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = hp)) +
  geom_point(size = 3, color = "tomato", shape = 15)
```
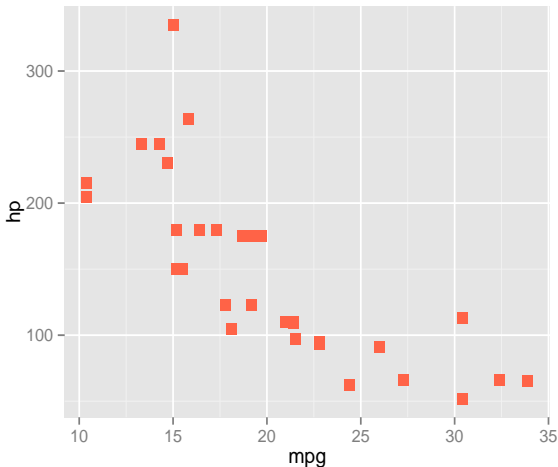
Setting and Mapping

Aesthetic attributes can be either **mapped** —via aes()— or **set**

```
# mapping aesthetic color
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = hp)) +
  geom_point(aes(color = cyl))

# setting aesthetic color
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = hp)) +
  geom_point(color = "blue")
```

Geom text, and mapping labels

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = hp)) +
  geom_text(aes(label = gear))
```
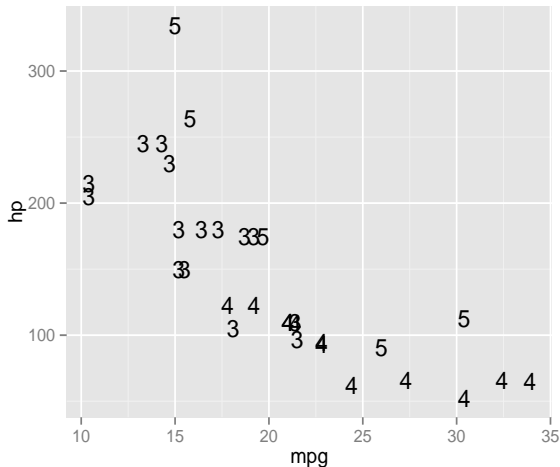
Changing axis labels and title

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = hp)) +
  geom_point(size = 3, color = "tomato") +
  xlab("miles per gallon") +
  ylab("horse power") +
  ggtitle("Scatter plot with ggplot2")
```
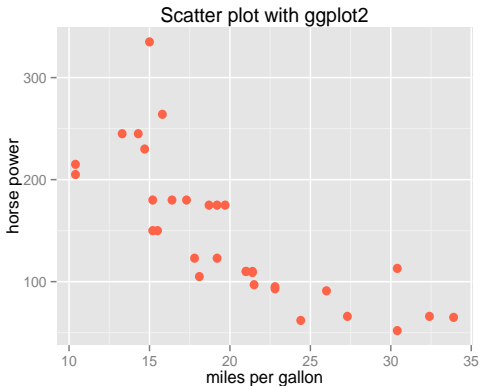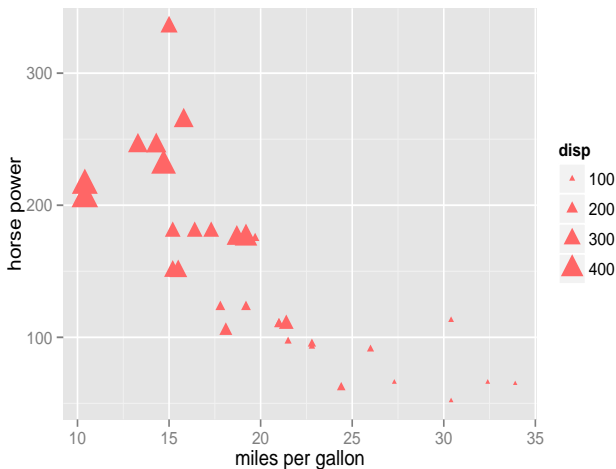
Changing background theme

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = hp)) +
  geom_point(size = 3, color = "tomato") +
  xlab("miles per gallon") +
  ylab("horse power") +
  ggtitle("Scatter plot with ggplot2") +
  theme_bw()
```
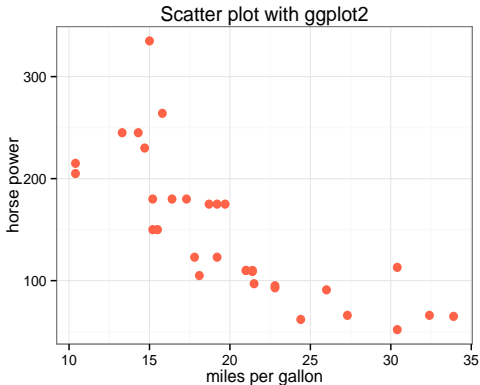
Your turn: Replicate this figure

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- Specify a color in hex notation
- Change the shape of the point symbol
- Map `disp` to attribute size of points
- Add axis labels

Your turn

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = hp)) +
  geom_point(aes(size = disp),
             color = "#ff6666", shape = 17) +
  xlab("miles per gallon") +
  ylab("horse power")
```
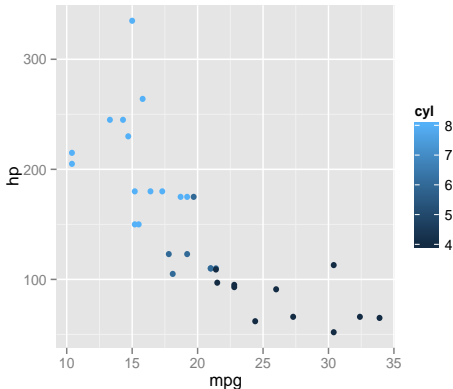
More geoms

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = hp)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(method = "lm")
```
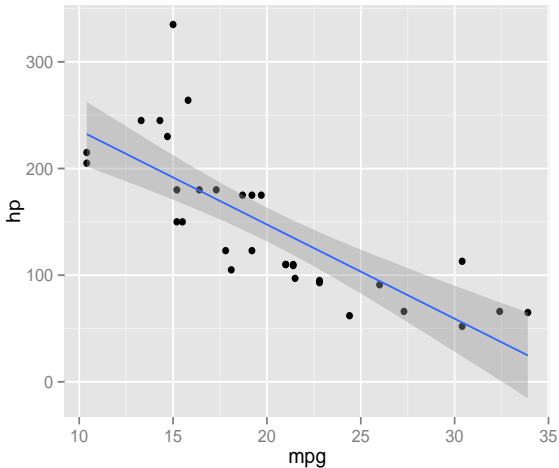
More geoms

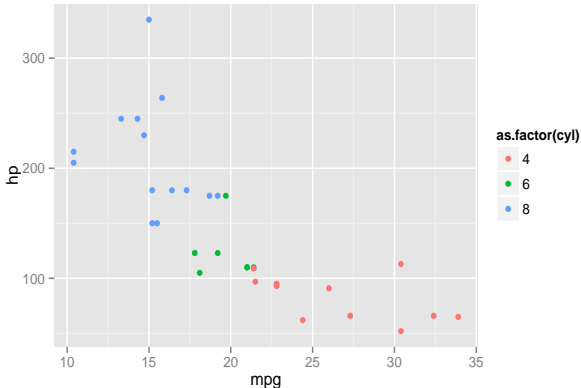We can map variable to a color aesthetic. Here we map color to cyl (cylinders)

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = hp)) +
  geom_point(aes(color = cyl))
```
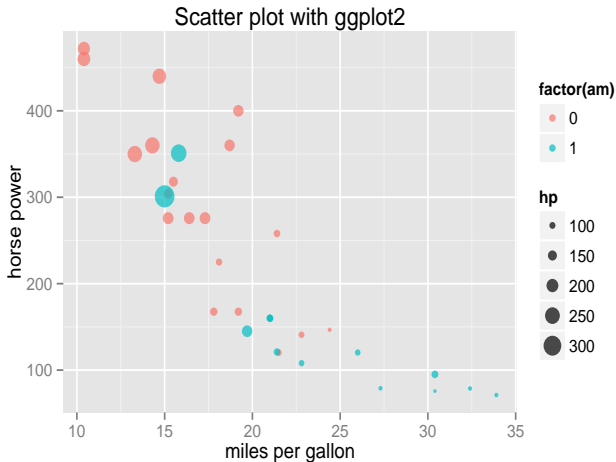
More geoms

If the variable that maps to color is a factor, then the color scale will change

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = hp)) +
  geom_point(aes(color = as.factor(cyl)))
```

Your turn: Replicate this figure

- ► Map hp to attribute size of points
- ► Map am (as factor) to attribute color points
- ► Add an alpha transparency of 0.7
- ► Change the shape of the point symbol
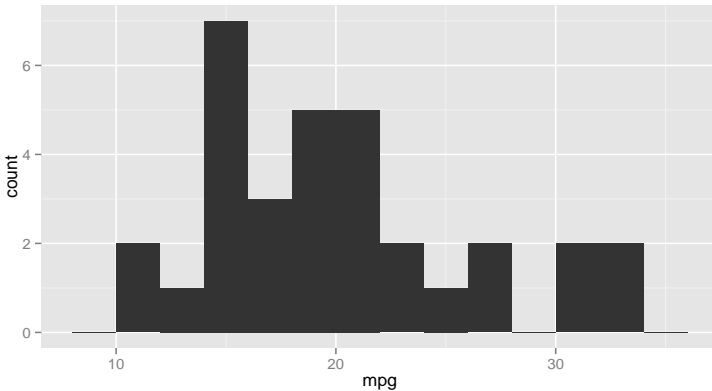- ► Add axis labels
- ► Add a title

Your turn: example 2

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = disp)) +
  geom_point(aes(size = hp, color = factor(am)),
             alpha = 0.7) +
  xlab("miles per gallon") +
  ylab("horse power") +
  ggtitle("Scatter plot with ggplot2")
```
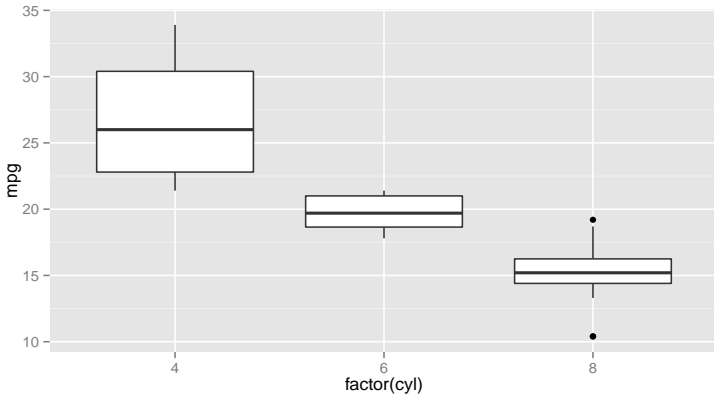
Histogram

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 2)
```
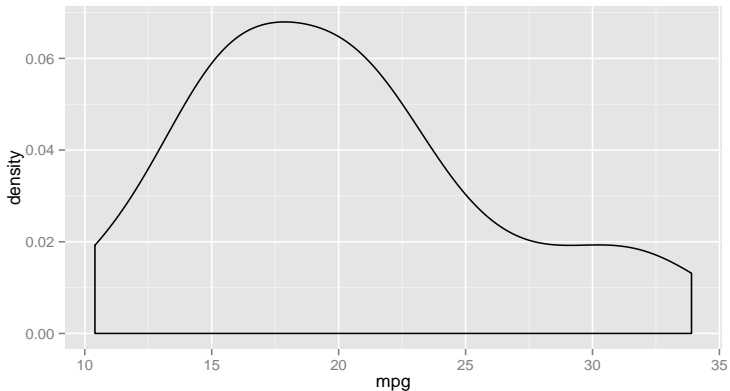
Boxplots

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = factor(cyl), y = mpg)) +
  geom_boxplot()
```
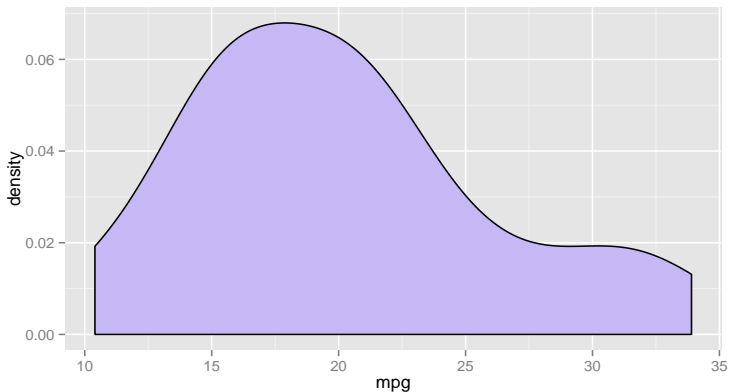
Density Curves

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg)) +
  geom_density()
```
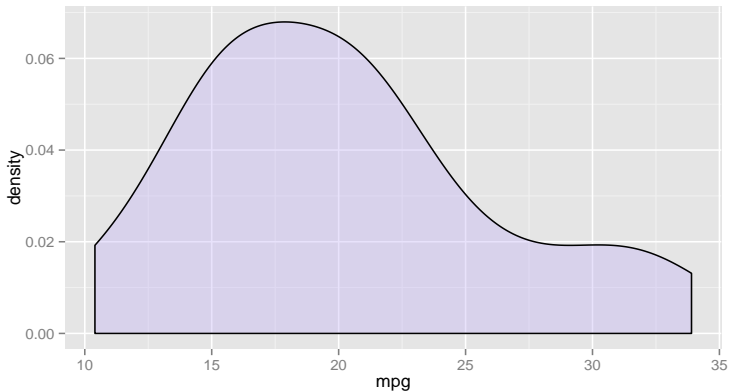
Density Curves

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg)) +
  geom_density(fill = "#c6b7f5")
```
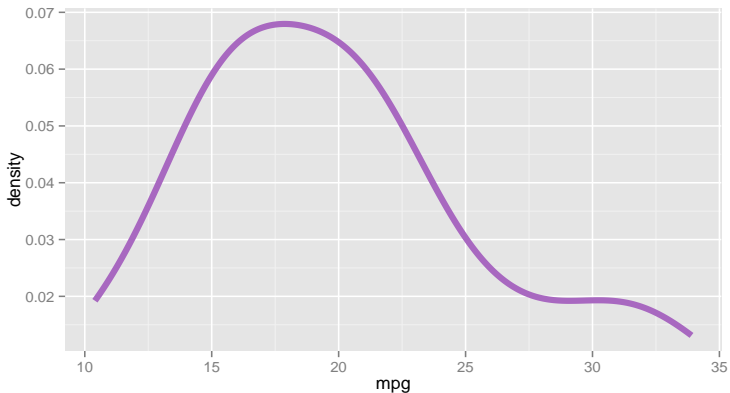
Density Curves

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg)) +
  geom_density(fill = "#c6b7f5", alpha = 0.4)
```
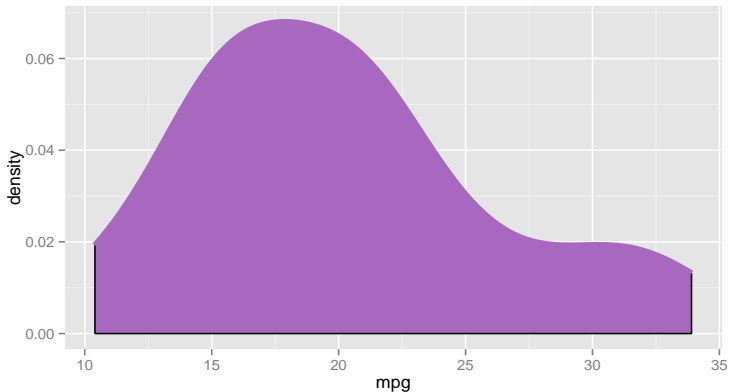
Density Curves

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg)) +
  geom_line(stat = 'density', col = "#a868c0", size = 2)
```

Density Curves

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg)) +
  geom_density(fill = '#a868c0') +
  geom_line(stat = 'density', col = "#a868c0", size = 2)
```

ggplot objects

Plot objects

You can assign a plot to a new object (this won't plot anything):

```
mpg_hp <- ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = hp)) +
  geom_point(size = 3, color = "tomato")
```

To show the actual plot associated to the object mpg_hp use the function print()

```
print(mpg_hp)
```

"ggplot2" objects

working with ggplot objects, we can ...

- ▶ define a basic plot, to which we can add or change layers without typing everything again
- ▶ render it on screen with print()
- ▶ describe its structure with summary()
- ▶ render it to disk with ggsave()
- ▶ save a cached copy to disk with save()

Adding a title and axis labels to a ggplot2 object:

```
mpg_hp + ggtitle("Scatter plot with ggplot2") +
  xlab("miles per gallon") + ylab("horse power")
```
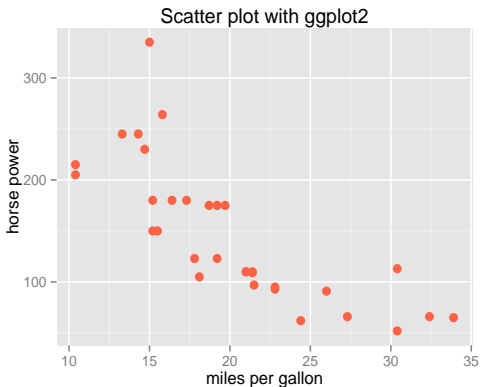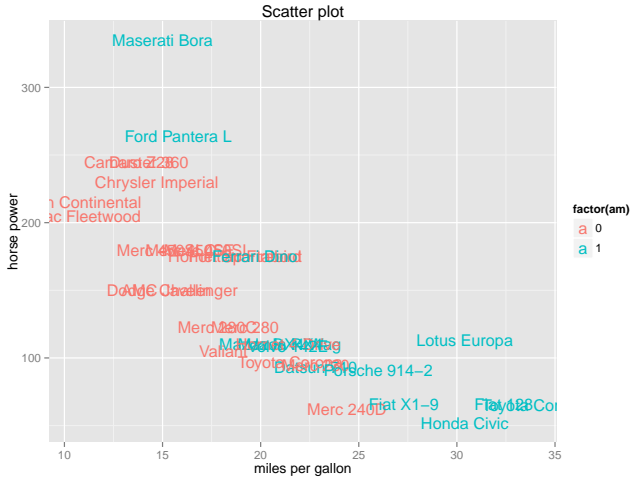
Your turn: example 3

Create the following ggplot object:

```
# ggplot object
obj <- ggplot(data = mtcars,
        aes(x = mpg, y = hp, label = rownames(mtcars)))
```

Add more layers to the object "″obj″ in order to replicate the figure in the following slide:
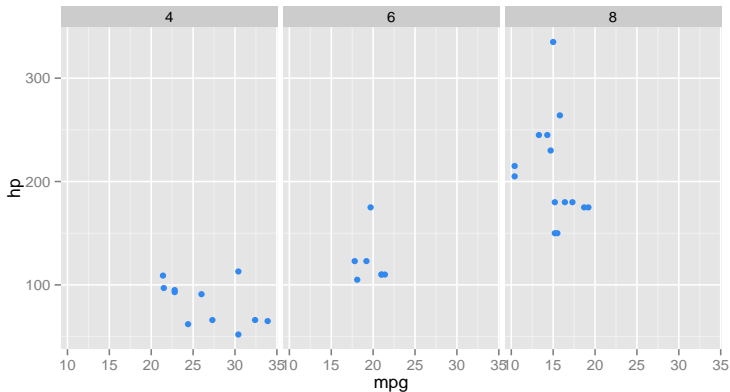
Your turn: example 3

Scatter plot

Your turn: example 3

```
obj +
  geom_text(aes(color = factor(am))) +
  ggtitle("Scatter plot") +
  xlab("miles per gallon") +
  ylab("horse power")
```
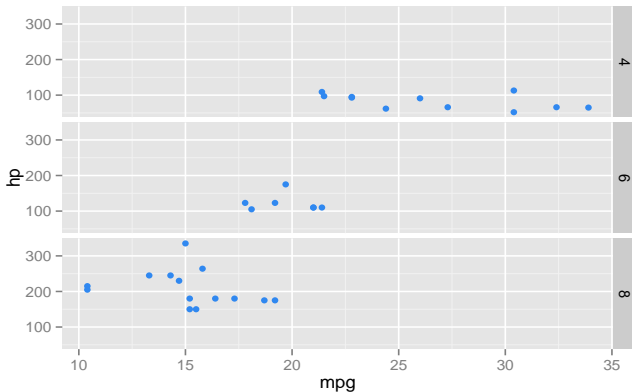
Faceting

Faceting with `facet_wrap()`

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = hp)) +
  geom_point(color = "#3088f0") +
  facet_wrap(~ cyl)
```
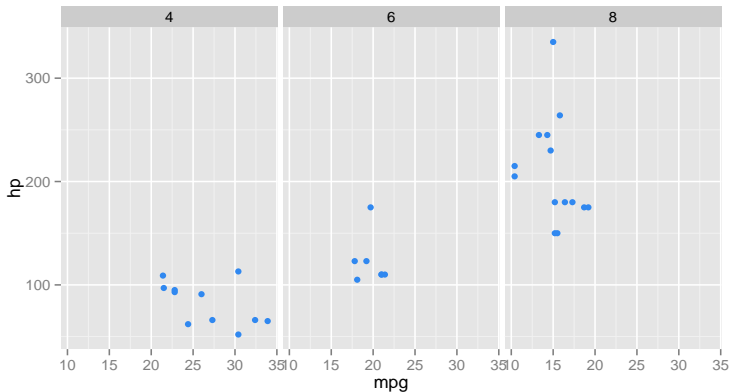
Faceting with `facet_grid()`

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = hp)) +
  geom_point(color = "#3088f0") +
  facet_grid(cyl ~ .)
```

Faceting with `facet_grid()`

```
ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = hp)) +
  geom_point(color = "#3088f0") +
  facet_grid(. ~ cyl)
```

Layered Grammar

About "`ggplot2`"

- Key concept: **layer** (layered grammar of graphics)
- Designed to work in a layered fashion
- Starting with a layer showing the data
- Then adding layers of annotations and statistical transformations
- Core idea: independents components combined togehter

Some Concepts

- the **data** to be visualized
- a set of **aesthetic mappings** describing how varibales are mapped to aesthetic attributes
- geometric objects, **geoms**, representing what you see on the plot (points, lines, etc)
- statistical transformations, **stats**, summarizing data in various ways
- **scales** that map values in the data space to values in an aesthetic space
- a coordinate system, **coord**, describing how data coordinates are mapped to the plane of the graphic
- a **faceting** specification describing how to break up the data into subsets and to displays those subsets