# Scatter plots

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# 48 geometries

geom_*						
abline	contour	dotplot	jitter	pointrange	ribbon	spoke
area	count	errorbar	label	polygon	rug	step
bar	crossbar	errorbarh	line	qq	segment	text
bin2d	curve	freqpoly	linerange	qq_line	sf	tile
blank	density	hex	map	quantile	sf_label	violin
blank	density density2d	hex histogram	map path	quantile	sf_label sf_text	violin

# Common plot types

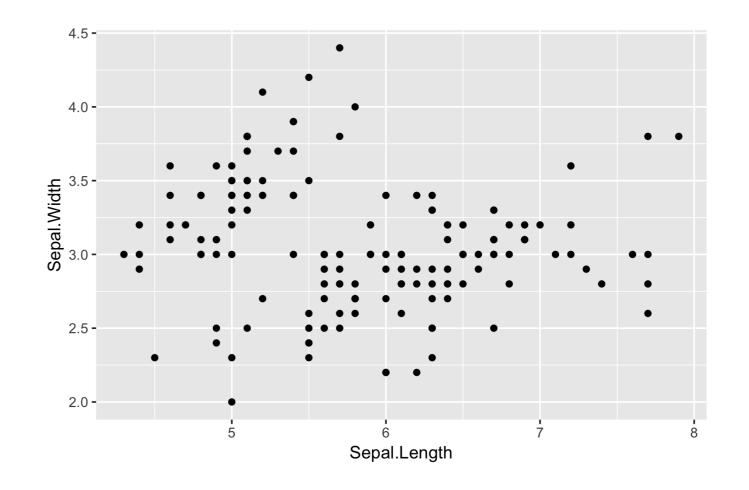
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## Scatter plots

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#### **Essential**

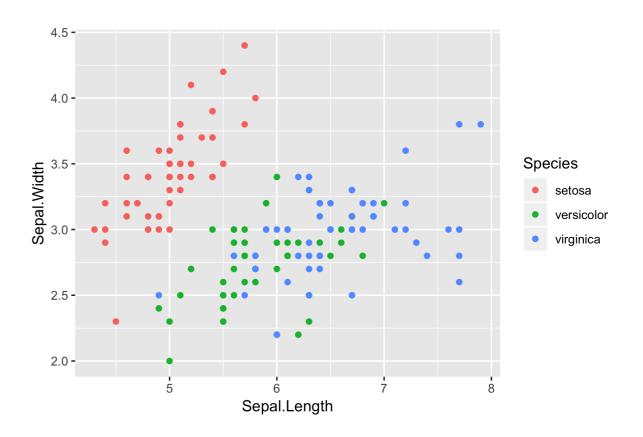
x,y



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Essential	Optional
x,y	alpha, color, fill, shape, size, stroke

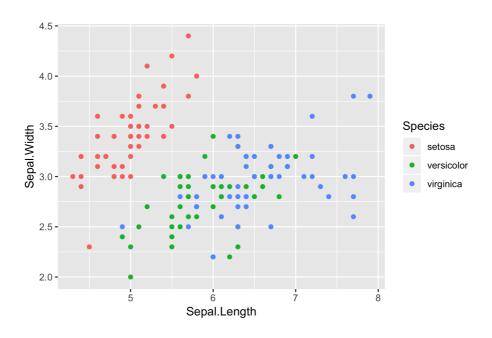


### Geom-specific aesthetic mappings

```
# These result in the same plot!
ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, col = Species)) +
  geom_point()

ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
  geom_point(aes(col = Species))
```

Control aesthetic mappings of each layer independently:



```
head(iris, 3) # Raw data
```

```
      Species Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width

      1 setosa
      5.1
      3.5
      1.4
      0.2

      2 setosa
      4.9
      3.0
      1.4
      0.2

      3 setosa
      4.7
      3.2
      1.3
      0.2
```

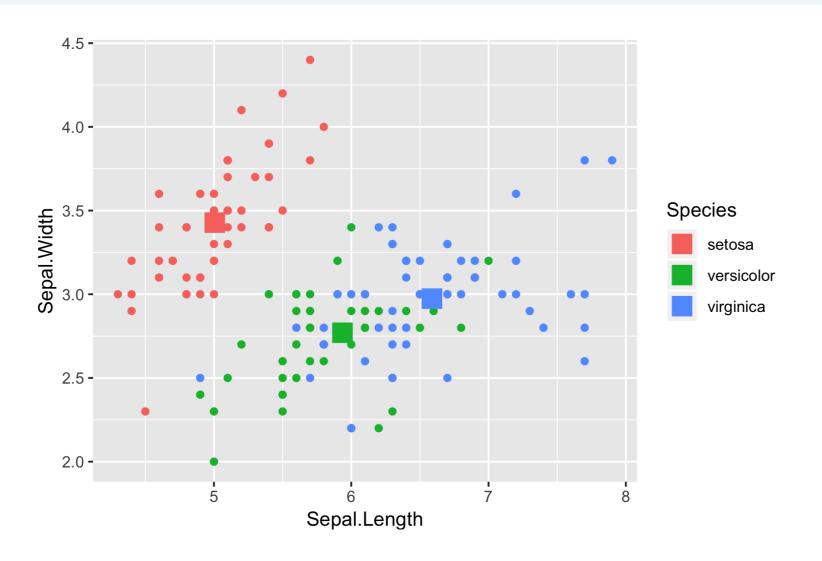
```
iris %>%
  group_by(Species) %>%
  summarise_all(mean) -> iris.summary

iris.summary # Summary statistics
```

```
# A tibble: 3 x 5
         Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width
 Species
               <dbl>
                        <dbl>
 <fct>
                                  <dbl>
                                           <dbl>
         5.01 3.43
                                           0.246
 setosa
                                  1.46
2 versicolor 5.94 2.77
                                   4.26 1.33
3 virginica
               6.59
                         2.97
                                   5.55
                                           2.03
```

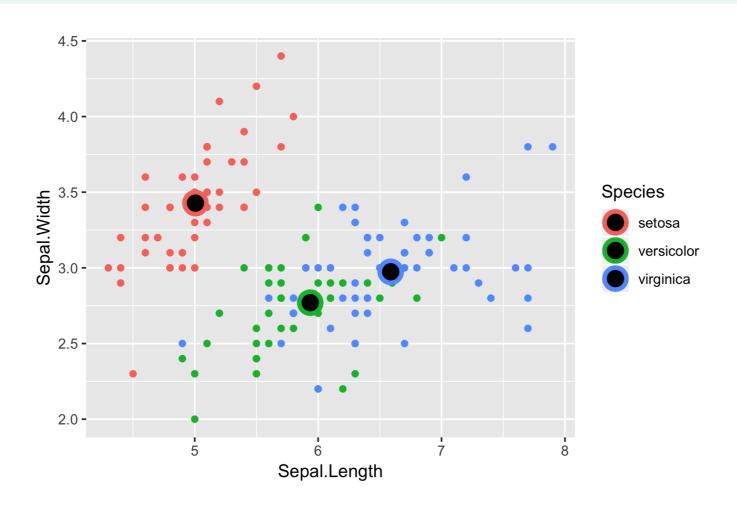


```
ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, col = Species)) +
    # Inherits both data and aes from ggplot()
    geom_point() +
    # Different data, but inherited aes
    geom_point(data = iris.summary, shape = 15, size = 5)
```



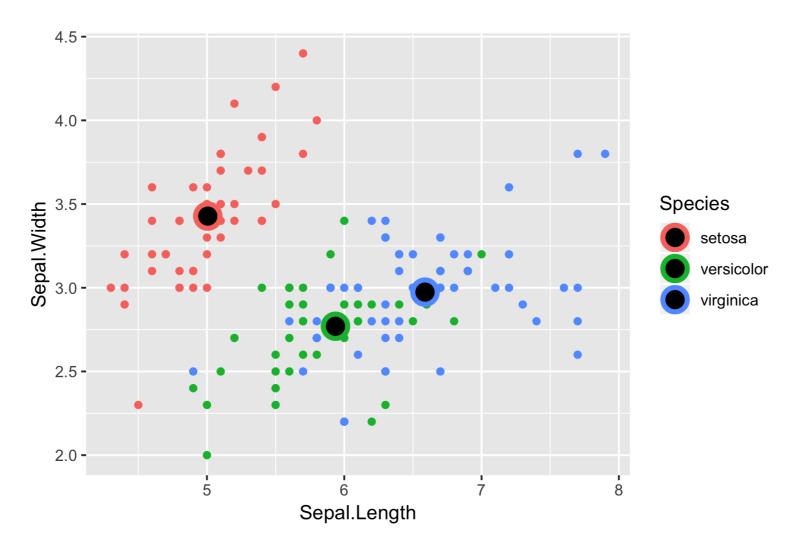
## Shape attribute values

# Example



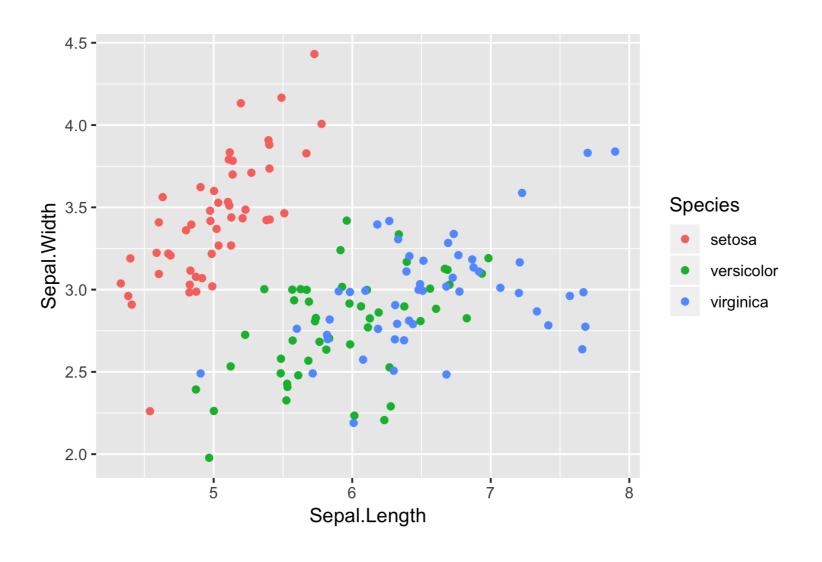
# On-the-fly stats by ggplot2

- See the second course for the stats layer.
- Note: Avoid plotting only the mean without a measure of spread, e.g. the standard deviation.



# position = "jitter"

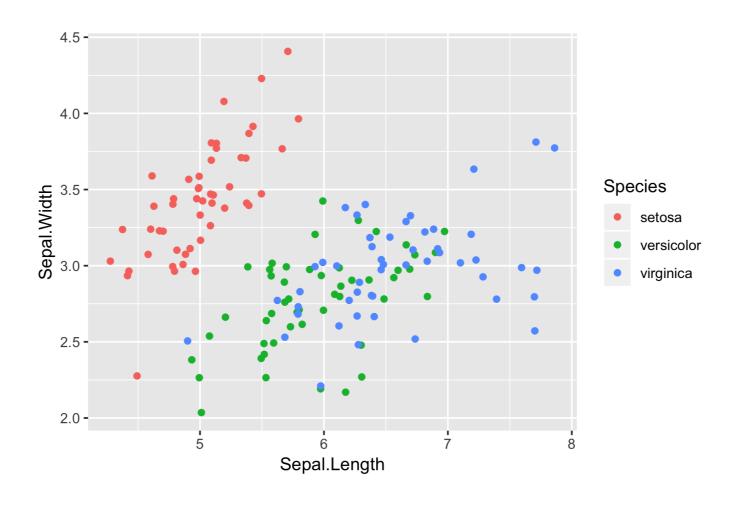
```
ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, col = Species)) +
  geom_point(position = "jitter")
```



# geom\_jitter()

A short-cut to geom\_point(position = "jitter")

```
ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, col = Species)) +
  geom_jitter()
```

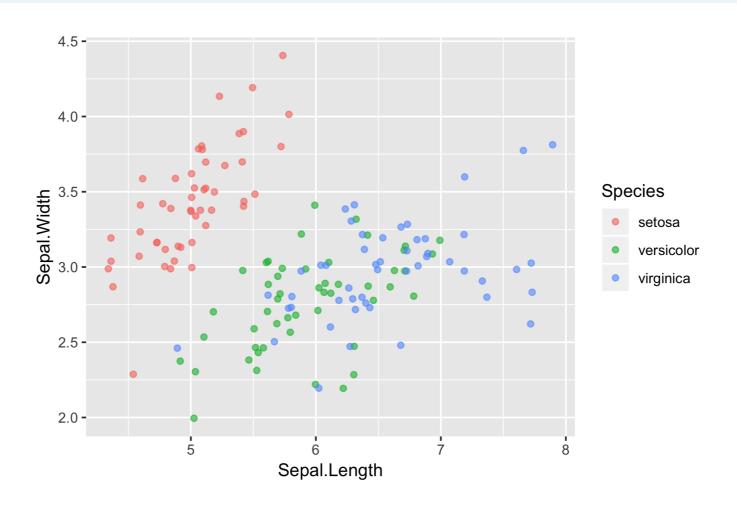




## Don't forget to adjust alpha

Combine jittering with alpha-blending if necessary

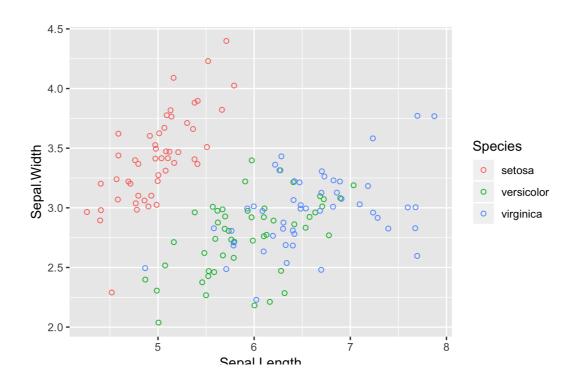
```
ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, col = Species)) + <math>geom_jitter(alpha = 0.6)
```



### Hollow circles also help

- shape = 1 is a. hollow circle.
- Not necessary to also use alpha-blending.

```
ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, col = Species)) + <math>geom\_jitter(shape = 1)
```



# Histograms

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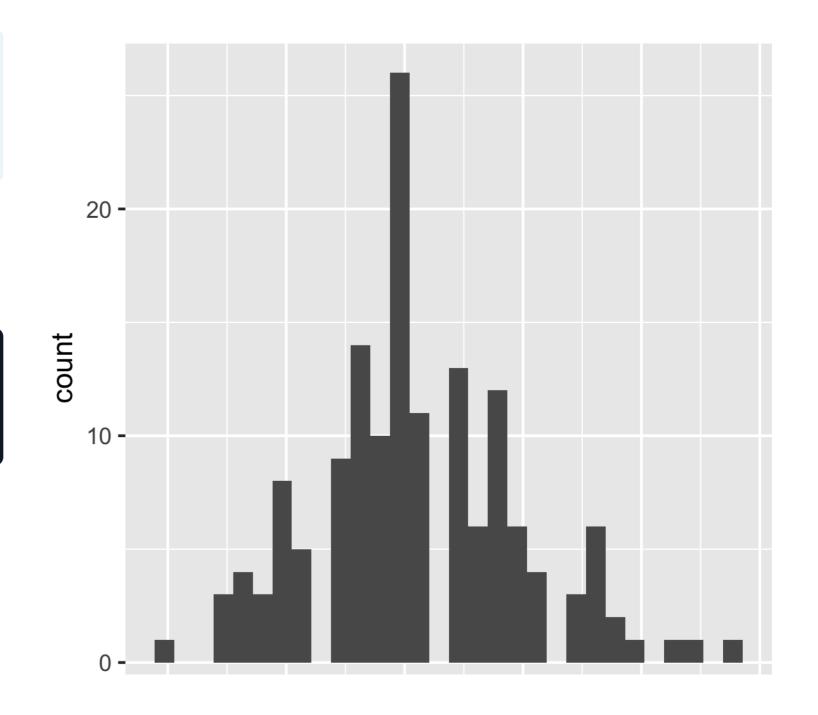
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### Histograms

```
ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Width)) +
  geom_histogram()
```

- A plot of binned values
  - i.e. a statistical function

```
`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`.
Pick better value with `binwidth`.
```



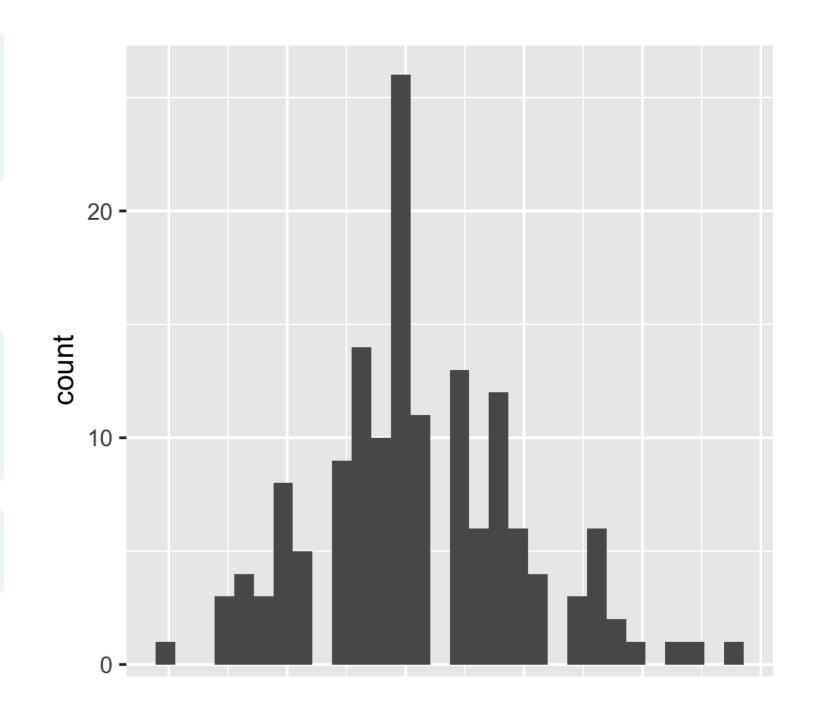
### Default of 30 even bins

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```
# Default bin width:
diff(range(iris$Sepal.Width))/30
```

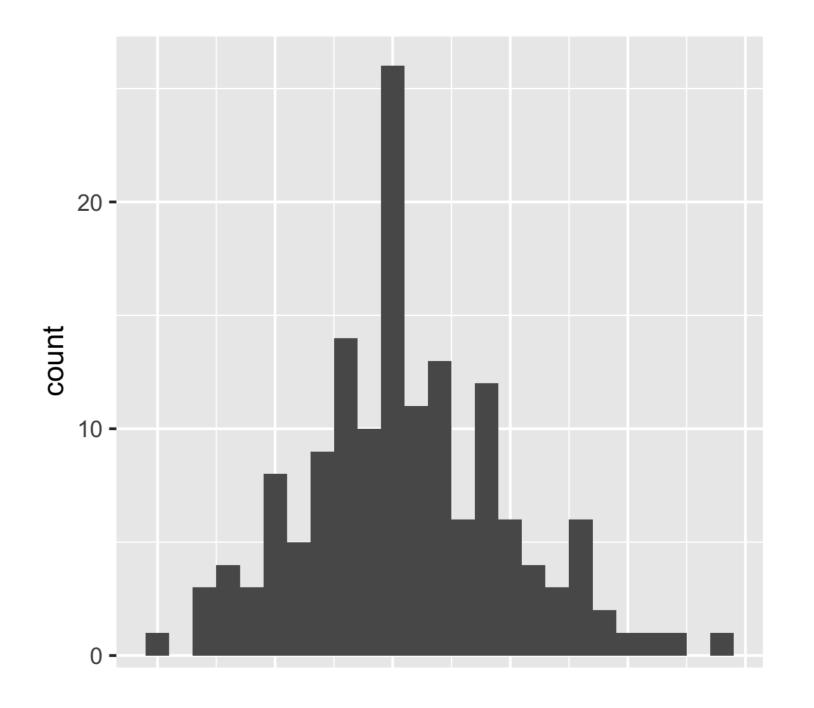
[1] 0.08



## Intuitive and meaningful bin widths

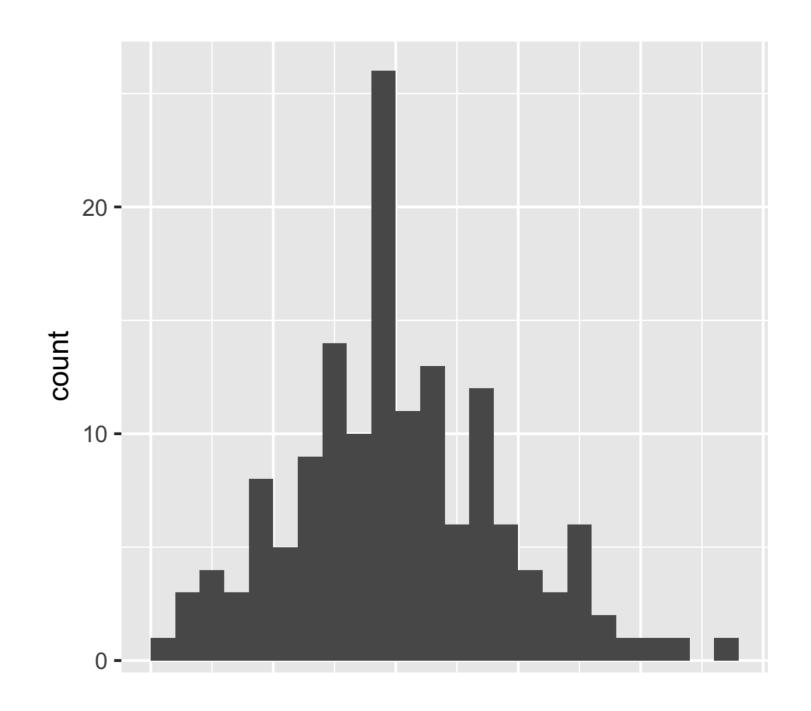
```
ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Width)) + geom_histogram(binwidth = 0.1)
```

- Always set a meaningful bin widths for your data.
- No spaces between bars.

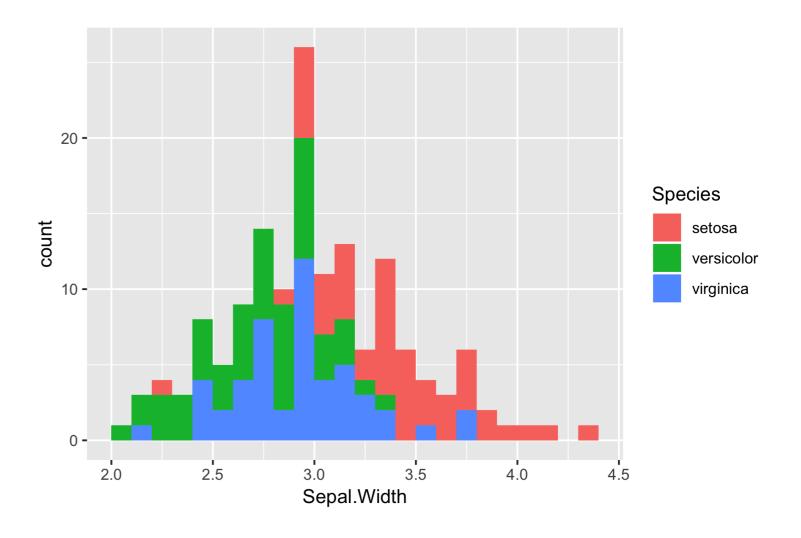


### Re-position tick marks

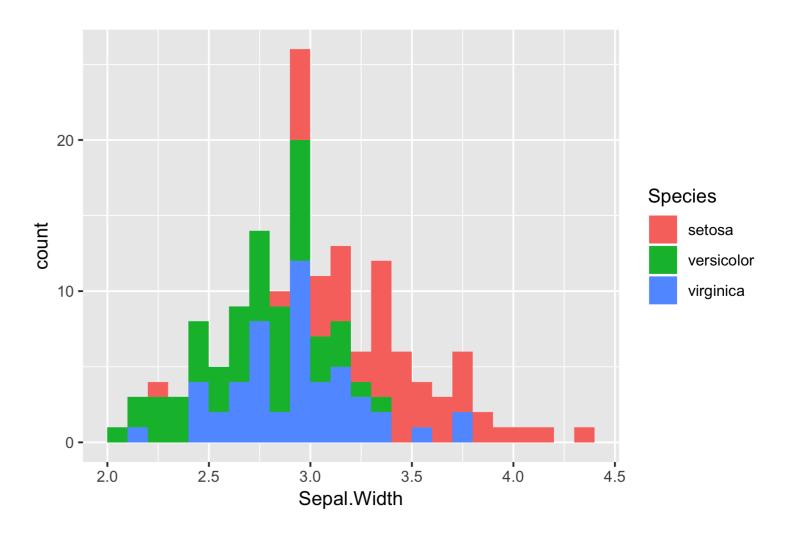
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- No spaces between bars.
- X axis labels are between bars.



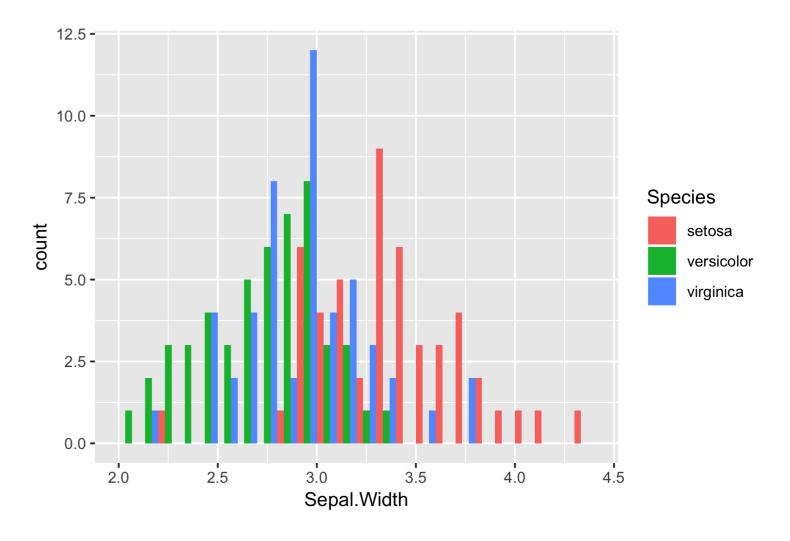
## **Different Species**



## Default position is "stack"

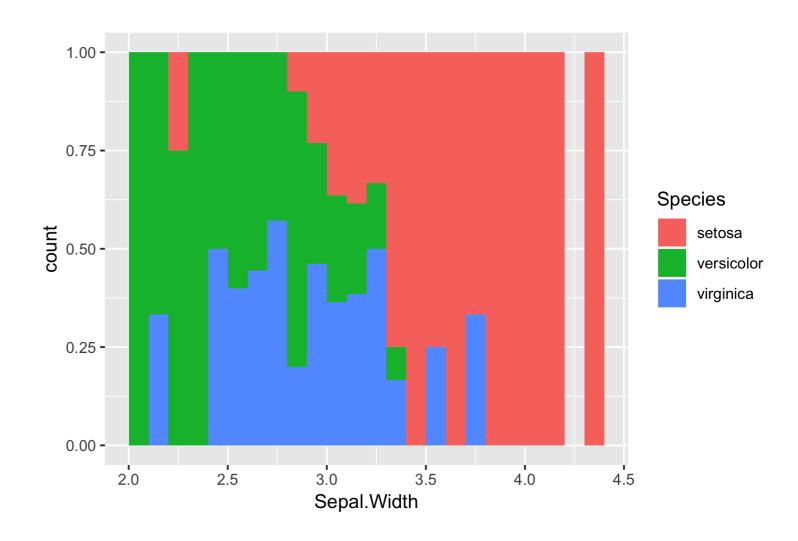


# position = "dodge"



# position = "fill"

```
ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Width, fill = S geom_histogram(binwidth = .1, center = 0
```



# **Bar plots**

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## Bar Plots, with a categorical X-axis

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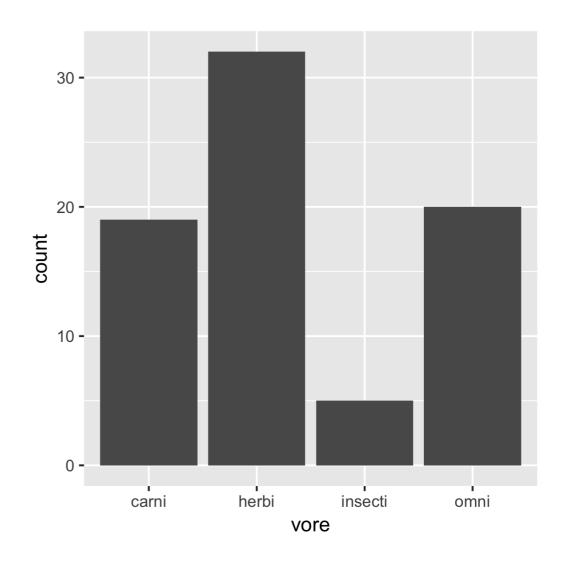
#### Habits of mammals

```
str(sleep)
```

```
'data.frame': 76 obs. of 3 variables:
$ vore : Factor w/ 4 levels "carni","herbi",..: 1 4 2 4 2 2 1 1 2 2 ...
$ total: num 12.1 17 14.4 14.9 4 14.4 8.7 10.1 3 5.3 ...
$ rem : num NA 1.8 2.4 2.3 0.7 2.2 1.4 2.9 NA 0.6 ...
```

# Bar plot

```
ggplot(sleep, aes(vore)) +
  geom_bar()
```

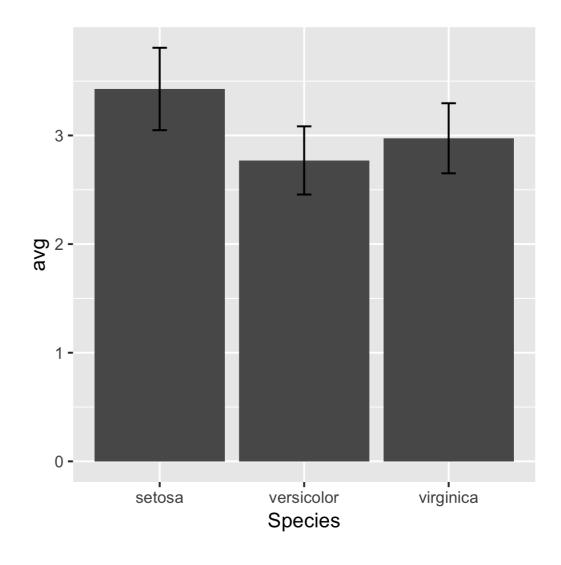


### Plotting distributions instead of absolute counts

iris\_summ\_long

Species	avg	stdev
setosa	3.43	0.38
versicolor	2.77	0.31
virginica	2.97	0.32

### Plotting distributions



# Line plots

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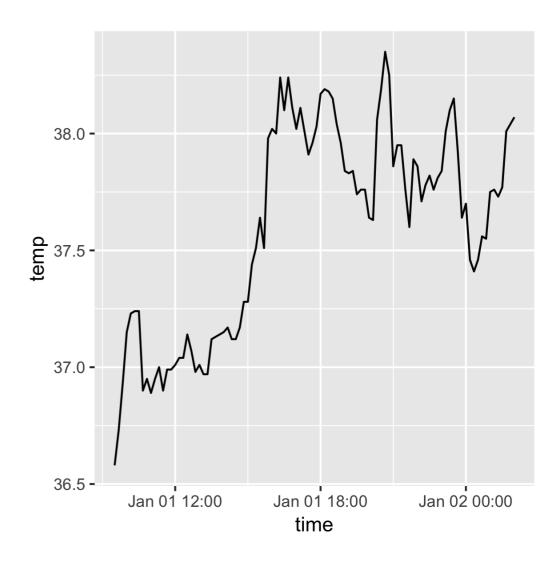
#### Beaver

str(beaver)

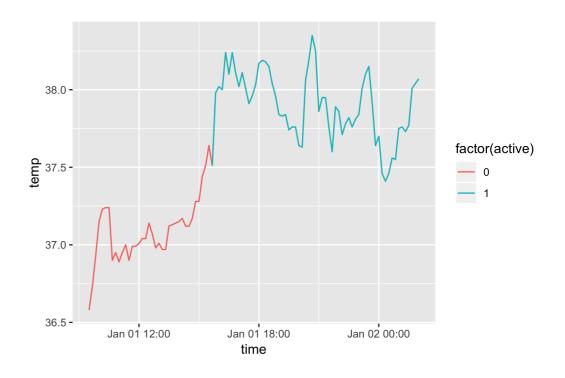
```
'data.frame': 101 obs. of 3 variables:
$ time : POSIXct, format: "2000-01-01 09:30:00" "2000-01-01 09:40:00" "2000-01-01 09:5
$ temp : num 36.6 36.7 36.9 37.1 37.2 ...
$ active: Factor w/ 2 levels "0","1": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
```

### Beaver

```
ggplot(beaver, aes(x = time, y = temp)) +
  geom_line()
```



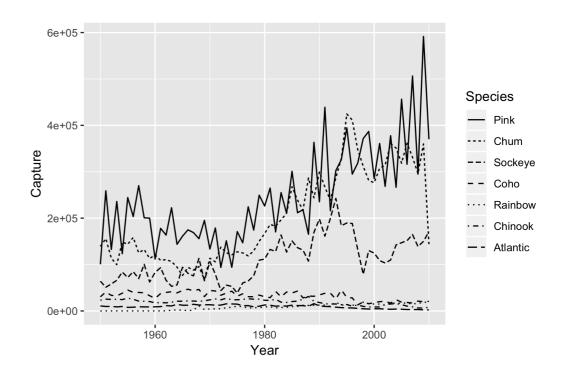
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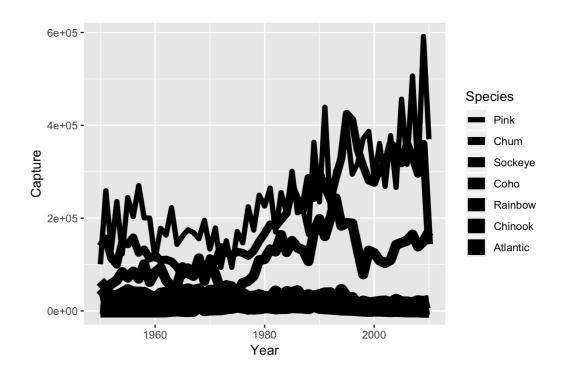
#### The fish catch dataset

str(fish)

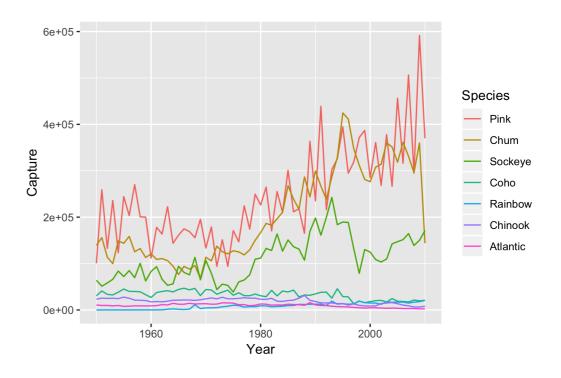
### Linetype aesthetic



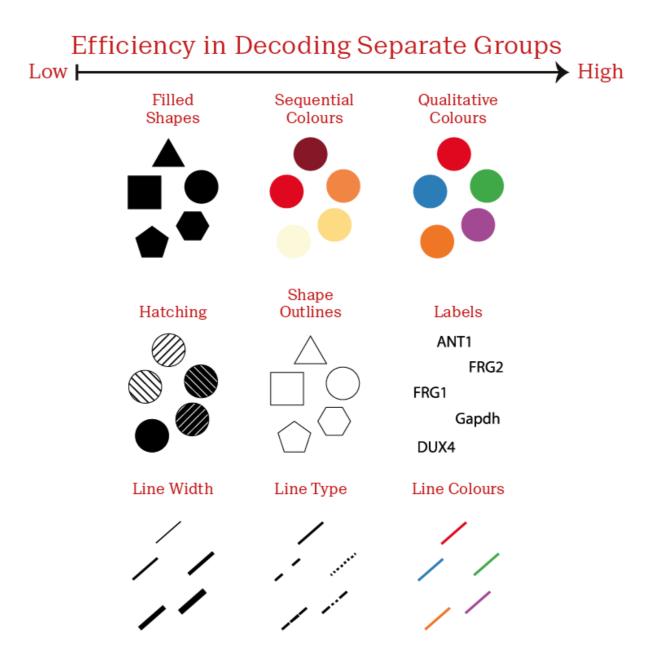
### Size aesthetic



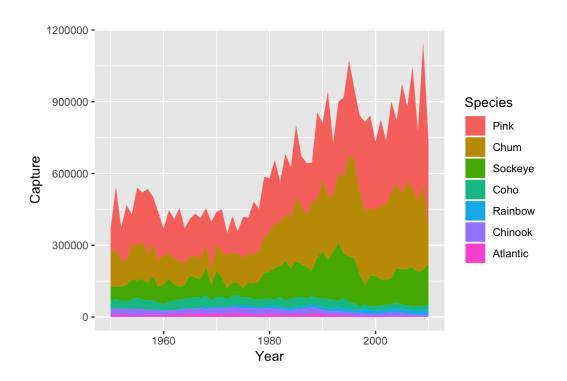
### Color aesthetic



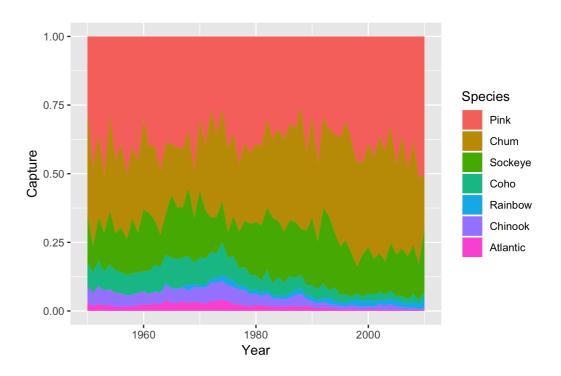
### Aesthetics for categorical variables



## Fill aesthetic with geom\_area()



## Using position = "fill"



# geom\_ribbon()

