

# Help topics

## Geoms

Geoms, short for geometric objects, describe the type of plot you will produce.

- `geom_abline`  
Line specified by slope and intercept.
- `geom_area`  
Area plot.
- `geom_bar`  
Bars, rectangles with bases on x-axis
- `geom_bin2d`  
Add heatmap of 2d bin counts.
- `geom_blank`  
Blank, draws nothing.
- `geom_boxplot`  
Box and whiskers plot.
- `geom_contour`  
Display contours of a 3d surface in 2d.
- `geom_crossbar`  
Hollow bar with middle indicated by horizontal line.
- `geom_density`  
Display a smooth density estimate.
- `geom_density2d`  
Contours from a 2d density estimate.
- `geom_dotplot`  
Dot plot
- `geom_errorbar`  
Error bars.
- `geom_errorbarh`  
Horizontal error bars
- `geom_freqpoly`  
Frequency polygon.
- `geom_hex`  
Hexagon binning.
- `geom_histogram`  
Histogram
- `geom_hline`  
Horizontal line.
- `geom_jitter`  
Points, jittered to reduce overplotting.
- `geom_line`  
Connect observations, ordered by x value.
- `geom_linerange`  
An interval represented by a vertical line.
- `geom_map`  
Polygons from a reference map.
- `geom_path`  
Connect observations in original order
- `geom_point`  
Points, as for a scatterplot
- `geom_pointrange`  
An interval represented by a vertical line, with a point in the middle.
- `geom_polygon`  
Polygon, a filled path.
- `geom_quantile`  
Add quantile lines from a quantile regression.
- `geom_raster`  
High-performance rectangular tiling.
- `geom_rect`  
2d rectangles.



# Dependencies

- Depends:** stats, methods
- Imports:** plyr, digest, grid, gtable, reshape2, scales, proto, MASS
- Suggests:** quantreg, Hmisc, mapproj, maps, hexbin, maptools, multcomp, nlr testthat
- Extends:**

- `geom_ribbon`  
Ribbons, y range with continuous x values.
- `geom_rug`  
Marginal rug plots.
- `geom_segment`  
Single line segments.
- `geom_smooth`  
Add a smoothed conditional mean.
- `geom_step`  
Connect observations by stairs.
- `geom_text`  
Textual annotations.
- `geom_tile`  
Tile plane with rectangles.
- `geom_violin`  
Violin plot.
- `geom_vline`  
Line, vertical.



## Statistics

It's often useful to transform your data before plotting, and that's what statistical transformations do.

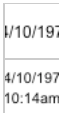
- `stat_bin`  
Bin data.
- `stat_bin2d`  
Count number of observation in rectangular bins.
- `stat_bindot`  
Bin data for dot plot.
- `stat_binhex`  
Bin 2d plane into hexagons.
- `stat_boxplot`  
Calculate components of box and whisker plot.
- `stat_contour`  
Calculate contours of 3d data.
- `stat_density`  
1d kernel density estimate.
- `stat_density2d`  
2d density estimation.
- `stat_ecdf`  
Empirical Cumulative Density Function
- `stat_function`  
Superimpose a function.
- `stat_identity`  
Identity statistic.
- `stat_qq`  
Calculation for quantile-quantile plot.
- `stat_quantile`  
Continuous quantiles.
- `stat_smooth`  
Add a smoother.
- `stat_spoke`  
Convert angle and radius to xend and yend.
- `stat_sum`  
Sum unique values. Useful for overplotting on scatterplots.
- `stat_summary`  
Summarise y values at every unique x.
- `stat_summary_hex`  
Apply function for 2D hexagonal bins.
- `stat_summary2d`  
Apply function for 2D rectangular bins.
- `stat_unique`  
Remove duplicates.
- `stat_ydensity`  
1d kernel density estimate along y axis, for violin plot.



Scales

Scales control the mapping between data and aesthetics.

- `expand_limits`  
Expand the plot limits with data.
- `guides`  
Set guides for each scale.
- `guide_legend`  
Legend guide.
- `guide_colourbar` (guide\_colorbar)  
Continuous colour bar guide.
- `scale_alpha` (scale\_alpha\_continuous, scale\_alpha\_discrete)  
Alpha scales.
- `scale_area`  
Scale area instead of radius (for size).
- `scale_colour_brewer` (scale\_color\_brewer, scale\_fill\_brewer)  
Sequential, diverging and qualitative colour scales from colorbrewer.org
- `scale_colour_gradient` (scale\_color\_continuous, scale\_color\_gradient, scale\_colour\_continuous, scale\_fill\_continuous, scale\_fill\_gradient)  
Smooth gradient between two colours
- `scale_colour_gradient2` (scale\_color\_gradient2, scale\_fill\_gradient2)  
Diverging colour gradient
- `scale_colour_gradientn` (scale\_color\_gradientn, scale\_fill\_gradientn)  
Smooth colour gradient between n colours
- `scale_colour_grey` (scale\_color\_grey, scale\_fill\_grey)  
Sequential grey colour scale.
- `scale_colour_hue` (scale\_color\_discrete, scale\_color\_hue, scale\_colour\_discrete, scale\_fill\_discrete, scale\_fill\_hue)  
Qualitative colour scale with evenly spaced hues.
- `scale_identity` (scale\_alpha\_identity, scale\_color\_identity, scale\_colour\_identity, scale\_fill\_identity, scale\_linetype\_identity, scale\_shape\_identity, scale\_size\_identity)  
Use values without scaling.
- `scale_manual` (scale\_alpha\_manual, scale\_color\_manual, scale\_colour\_manual, scale\_fill\_manual, scale\_linetype\_manual, scale\_shape\_manual, scale\_size\_manual)  
Create your own discrete scale.
- `scale_linetype` (scale\_linetype\_continuous, scale\_linetype\_discrete)  
Scale for line patterns.
- `scale_shape` (scale\_shape\_continuous, scale\_shape\_discrete)  
Scale for shapes, aka glyphs.
- `scale_size` (scale\_size\_continuous, scale\_size\_discrete)  
Size scale.
- `scale_x_continuous` (scale\_x\_log10, scale\_x\_reverse, scale\_x\_sqrt, scale\_y\_continuous, scale\_y\_log10, scale\_y\_reverse, scale\_y\_sqrt)  
Continuous position scales (x & y).
- `scale_x_date` (scale\_y\_date)  
Position scale, date
- `scale_x_datetime` (scale\_y\_datetime)  
Position scale, date
- `scale_x_discrete` (scale\_y\_discrete)  
Discrete position.
- `labs` (ggtitle, xlab, ylab)  
Change axis labels and legend titles
- `update_labels`  
Update axis/legend labels
- `xlim` (ylim)  
Convenience functions to set the limits of the x and y axis.



Coordinate systems

Coordinate systems adjust the mapping from coordinates to the 2d plane of the computer screen.

- `coord_cartesian`  
Cartesian coordinates.
- `coord_fixed` (coord\_equal)  
Cartesian coordinates with fixed relationship between x and y scales.
- `coord_flip`  
Flipped cartesian coordinates.
- `coord_map`  
Map projections.



- `coord_polar`  
Polar coordinates.
- `coord_trans`  
Transformed cartesian coordinate system.



## Faceting

Facets display subsets of the dataset in different panels.

- `facet_grid`  
Lay out panels in a grid.
- `facet_null`  
Facet specification: a single panel.
- `facet_wrap`  
Wrap a 1d ribbon of panels into 2d.
- `label_both`  
Label facets with value and variable.
- `label_bquote`  
Label facet with 'bquoted' expressions
- `label_parsed`  
Label facets with parsed label.
- `label_value`  
Label facets with their value.



## Position adjustments

Position adjustments can be used to fine tune positioning of objects to achieve effects like dodging, jittering and stacking.

- `position_dodge`  
Adjust position by dodging overlaps to the side.
- `position_fill`  
Stack overlapping objects on top of one another, and standardise to have
- `position_identity`  
Don't adjust position
- `position_stack`  
Stack overlapping objects on top of one another.
- `position_jitter`  
Jitter points to avoid overplotting.



## Data

Data sets included in ggplot2 and used in examples

- `diamonds`  
Prices of 50,000 round cut diamonds
- `economics`  
US economic time series.
- `midwest`  
Midwest demographics.
- `movies`  
Movie information and user ratings from IMDB.com.
- `mpg`  
Fuel economy data from 1999 and 2008 for 38 popular models of car
- `msleep`  
An updated and expanded version of the mammals sleep dataset.
- `presidential`  
Terms of 10 presidents from Eisenhower to Bush W.
- `seals`  
Vector field of seal movements.

## Anotation

Specialised functions for adding annotations to a plot

- `annotate`  
Create an annotation layer.
- `annotation_custom`  
Annotation: Custom grob.
- `annotation_logticks`  
Annotation: log tick marks
- `annotation_map`  
Annotation: maps.

- `annotation_raster`  
Annotation: High-performance rectangular tiling.
- `borders`  
Create a layer of map borders.

## Fortify

Fortify methods make it possible to use ggplot2 with objects of various types, not just data frames.

- `fortify`  
Fortify a model with data.
- `fortify_multcomp` (`fortify.cld`, `fortify.confint.glm`, `fortify.glm`, `fortify.summary.glm`)  
Fortify methods for objects produced by
- `fortify_lm`  
Supplement the data fitted to a linear model with model fit statistics.
- `fortify.map`  
Fortify method for map objects.
- `fortify.sp` (`fortify.Line`, `fortify.Lines`, `fortify.Polygon`, `fortify.Polygons`, `fortify.SpatialLinesDataFrame`, `fortify.SpatialPolygons`, `fortify.SpatialPolygonsDataFrame`)  
Fortify method for classes from the `sp` package.
- `map_data`  
Create a data frame of map data.

## Themes

Themes control non-data components of the plot

- `add_theme`  
Modify properties of an element in a theme object
- `calc_element`  
Calculate the element properties, by inheriting properties from its parents
- `element_blank`  
Theme element: blank.
- `element_line`  
Theme element: line.
- `element_rect`  
Theme element: rectangle.
- `element_text`  
Theme element: text.
- `is.rel`  
Reports whether x is a rel object
- `is.theme`  
Reports whether x is a theme object
- `opts`  
Build a theme (or partial theme) from theme elements
- `rel`  
Relative sizing for theme elements
- `theme`  
Set theme elements
- `theme_bw`  
A theme with white background and black gridlines.
- `theme_grey` (`theme_gray`)  
A theme with grey background and white gridlines.
- `theme_update` (`theme_get`, `theme_set`)  
Get, set and update themes.
- `update_element`  
Update theme param

## Plot creation

- `ggplot`  
Create a new ggplot plot
- `qplot` (`quickplot`)  
Quick plot
- `+.gg` (`%+%`, `%+replace%`)  
Modify a ggplot or theme object by adding on new components.
- `autoplot`  
Create a complete ggplot appropriate to a particular data type
- `ggplot.data.frame`  
Create a new ggplot plot from a data frame
- `is.ggplot`

Reports whether x is a ggplot object

- `print.ggplot` (plot.ggplot)  
Draw plot on current graphics device.

## Aesthetics

- `aes`  
Generate aesthetic mappings that describe how variables in the data are
- `aes_all`  
Given a character vector, create a set of identity mappings
- `aes_auto`  
Automatic aesthetic mapping
- `aes_string`  
Generate aesthetic mappings from a string
- `aes_colour_fill_alpha` (alpha, color, colour, fill)  
Colour related aesthetics: colour, fill and alpha
- `aes_group_order` (group, order)  
Aesthetics: group, order
- `aes_linetype_size_shape` (linetype, shape, size)  
Differentiation related aesthetics: linetype, size, shape
- `aes_position` (x, xend, xmax, xmin, y, yend, ymax, ymin)  
Position related aesthetics: x, y, xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax, xend, yend

## Other

- `cut_interval`  
Cut numeric vector into intervals of equal length.
- `cut_number`  
Cut numeric vector into intervals containing equal number of points.
- `discrete_scale`  
Discrete scale constructor.
- `gg_dep`  
Give a deprecation error, warning, or message, depending on version number.
- `ggfluctuation`  
Create a fluctuation plot.
- `ggmissing`  
Create a plot to illustrate patterns of missing values.
- `ggorder`  
A plot to investigate the order in which observations were recorded.
- `ggpcp`  
Make a parallel coordinates plot.
- `ggplot2` (ggplot2-package)  
ggplot2.
- `ggsave`  
Save a ggplot with sensible defaults
- `ggscale`  
Components of a scale:
- `ggstructure`  
A plot which aims to reveal gross structural anomalies in the data.
- `hmisc` (mean\_cl\_boot, mean\_cl\_normal, mean\_sdl, median\_hilow)  
Wrap up a selection of summary functions from Hmisc to make it easy to use
- `last_plot`  
Retrieve the last plot to be modified or created.
- `mean_se`  
Calculate mean and standard errors on either side.
- `plotmatrix`  
Code to create a scatterplot matrix (experimental)
- `resolution`  
Compute the "resolution" of a data vector.
- `scale_size_area`  
Scale area instead of radius, for size.
- `theme_blank` (theme\_line, theme\_rect, theme\_segment, theme\_text)  
Deprecated theme\_xx functions
- `theme_classic`  
A classic-looking theme, with x and y axis lines and no gridlines.
- `theme_minimal`  
A minimalistic theme with no background annotations.
- `translate_qplot_base`

Translating between qplot and base graphics

- [translate\\_qplot\\_ggplot](#)

Translating between qplot and ggplot

- [translate\\_qplot\\_gpl](#)

Translating between qplot and Graphics Production Library (GPL)

- [translate\\_qplot\\_lattice](#)

Translating between qplot and lattice

- [update\\_geom\\_defaults](#) ([update\\_stat\\_defaults](#))

Modify geom/stat aesthetic defaults for future plots

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