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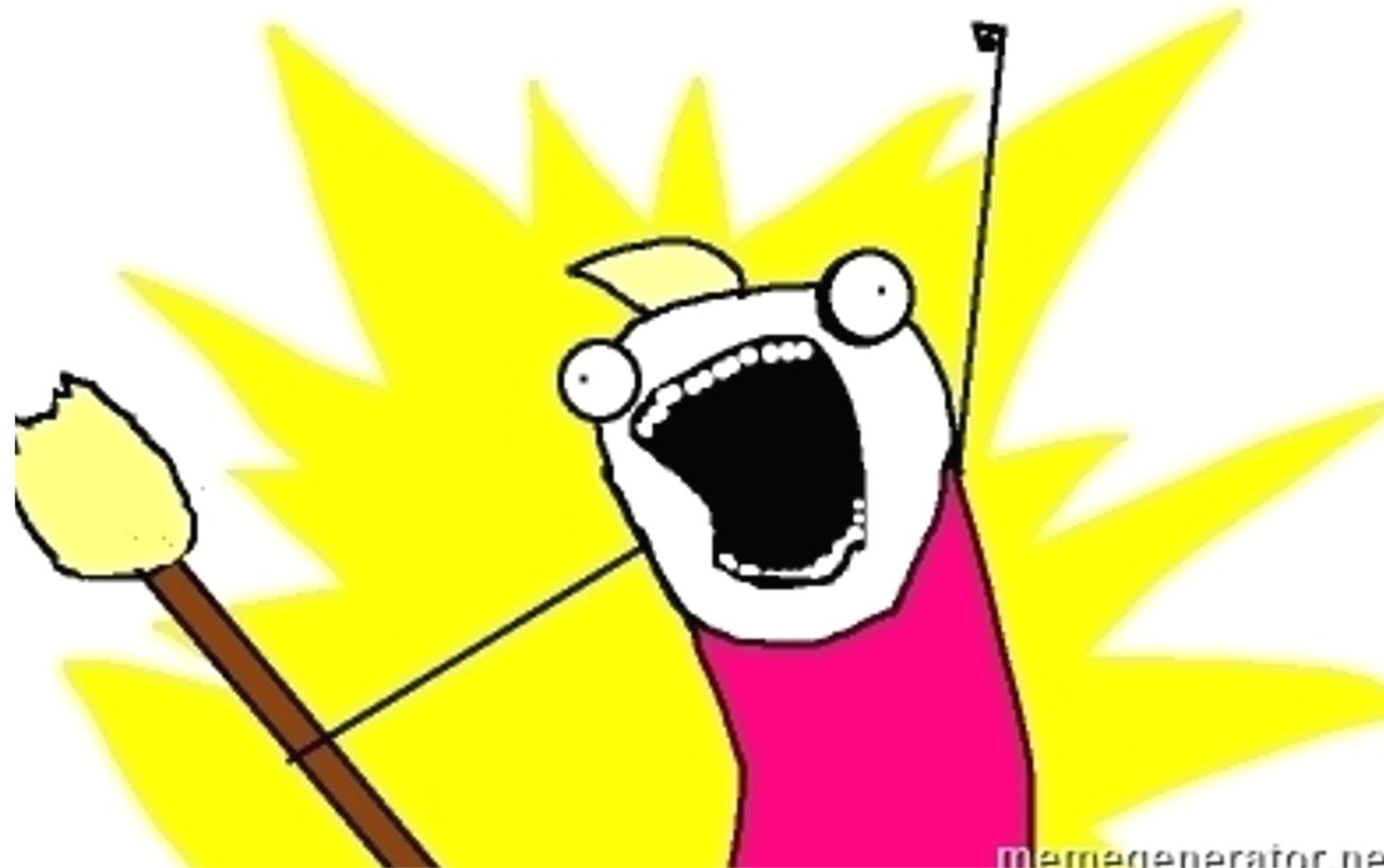
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**Unit 7:  
Let's get plotting!**

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# GGPLOT ALL THE THINGS



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# ggplot2: What is it?

ggplot2 is a package from the *tidyverse* and is one of the most-used plotting packages in R

ggplot2 plotting system →

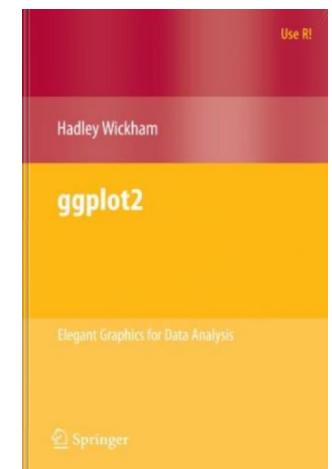
<https://bookdown.org/rdpeng/exdata/the-ggplot2-plotting-system-part-1.html#ggplot2-hello-world>

ggplot2: Elegant Graphics for Data Analysis →

<https://1lib.at/book/704124/daea5e>

ggplot2 cheatsheet →

<https://www.rstudio.com/resources/cheatsheets/>



# **ggplot2: Why?**

- Set of independent components that can be composed in different ways
- Not limited to pre-specified graphics
- Plots can be built iteratively
- i.e. plots are built using a layering principle
- beautiful facetting or multipanel plots
- can easily change or update plots

# ggplot2: Terminology

- **Aesthetic mappings (aes())** → describe how variables in the data are mapped to aesthetic attributes
- **Geometric objects (geom)** → represents what we actually see on the plot
- **Statistical transformations (stats)** → summarise data in many useful ways
- **Scales** → map values in the data space to values in an aesthetic space
- **Faceting** → break up the data into subsets

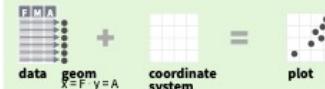
# ggplot2: cheat sheet

## Data visualization with ggplot2 :: CHEAT SHEET

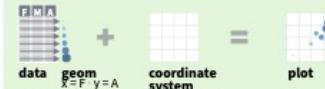


### Basics

ggplot2 is based on the **grammar of graphics**, the idea that you can build every graph from the same components: a **data set**, a **coordinate system**, and **geoms**—visual marks that represent data points.



To display values, map variables in the data to visual properties of the geom (**aesthetics**) like **size**, **color**, and **x** and **y** locations.



Complete the template below to build a graph.

```
ggplot(data = <DATA>) +
  <GEOM_FUNCTION>(mapping = aes(<MAPPINGS>),
  stat = <STAT>, position = <POSITION>) +
  <COORDINATE_FUNCTION> +
  <FACET_FUNCTION> +
  <SCALE_FUNCTION> +
  <THEME_FUNCTION>
```

`ggplot(data = mpg, aes(x = cyl, y = hwy))` Begins a plot that you finish by adding layers to. Add one geom function per layer.

`last_plot()` Returns the last plot.

`ggsave("plot.png", width = 5, height = 5)` Saves last plot as 5" x 5" file named "plot.png" in working directory. Matches file type to file extension.

### Aes Common aesthetic values.

**color** and **fill** - string ("red", "#RRGGBB")  
**linetype** - integer or string (0 = "blank", 1 = "solid", 2 = "dashed", 3 = "dotted", 4 = "dotdash", 5 = "longdash", 6 = "twodash")  
**lineend** - string ("round", "butt", or "square")  
**linejoin** - string ("round", "mitre", or "bevel")  
**size** - integer (line width in mm)  
**shape** - integer/shape name or a single character ("a")



### Geoms

Use a geom function to represent data points, use the geom's aesthetic properties to represent variables. Each function returns a layer.

#### GRAPHICAL PRIMITIVES

```
a <- ggplot(economics, aes(date, unemployed))
b <- ggplot(seals, aes(x = long, y = lat))

a + geom_blank() and a + expand_limits()
Ensure limits include values across all plots.

b + geom_curve(aes(yend = lat + 1,
xend = long + 1), curvature = 1) - x, xend, y, yend,
alpha, angle, color, curvature, linetype, size

a + geom_path(linewidth = "butt",
linejoin = "round", linemetre = 1)
x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size

a + geom_polygon(aes(alpha = 50) - x, y, alpha,
color, fill, group, subgroup, linetype, size

b + geom_rect(aes(xmin = long, ymin = lat,
xmax = long + 1, ymax = lat + 1)) - xmax, xmin,
ymin, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

a + geom_ribbon(aes(ymax = unemployed - 900,
ymin = unemployed + 900) - x, ymax, ymin,
alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size
```

#### LINE SEGMENTS

common aesthetics: x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size

```
b + geom_abline(aes(intercept = 0, slope = 1))
b + geom_hline(aes(yintercept = lat))
b + geom_vline(aes(xintercept = long))

b + geom_segment(aes(yend = lat + 1, xend = long + 1))
b + geom_spline(aes(angle = 1:1155, radius = 1)
```

#### ONE VARIABLE continuous

```
c <- ggplot(mpg, aes(hwy)); c2 <- ggplot(mpg)

c + geom_area(stat = "bin")
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

c + geom_density(kernel = "gaussian")
x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size, weight

c + geom_dotplot()
x, y, alpha, color, fill

c + geom_freqpoly()
x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size

c + geom_histogram(binwidth = 5)
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

c2 + geom_qq(aes(sample = hwy))
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight
```

#### discrete

```
d <- ggplot(mpg, aes(fct))
d + geom_bar()
x, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight
```

#### TWO VARIABLES

both continuous

```
e <- ggplot(mpg, aes(cty, hwy))

e + geom_label(aes(label = cty, nudge_x = 1,
nudge_y = 1) - x, y, label, alpha, angle, color,
family, fontface, hjust, lineheight, size, vjust

e + geom_point()
x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size, stroke

e + geom_quantile()
x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size, weight

e + geom_rug(sides = "bl")
x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size

e + geom_smooth(method = lm)
x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size, weight

e + geom_text(aes(label = cty), nudge_x = 1,
nudge_y = 1) - x, y, label, alpha, angle, color,
family, fontface, hjust, lineheight, size, vjust
```

#### one discrete, one continuous

```
f <- ggplot(mpg, aes(class, hwy))

f + geom_col()
x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size

f + geom_boxplot()
x, y, lower, middle, upper, ymax, ymin, alpha,
color, fill, group, linetype, shape, size, weight

f + geom_dotplot(binaxis = "y", stackdir = "center")
x, y, alpha, color, fill, group

f + geom_violin(scale = "area")
x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size, weight
```

#### both discrete

```
g <- ggplot(diamonds, aes(cut, color))

g + geom_count()
x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size, stroke

e + geom_jitter(height = 2, width = 2)
x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size
```

#### THREE VARIABLES

```
sealsSz <- with(seals, sqrt(delta_long^2 + delta_lat^2)); l <- ggplot(seals, aes(long, lat))

l + geom_contour(aes(z = z))
x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size, weight

l + geom_contour_filled(aes(fill = z))
x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size, subgroup

l + geom_raster(aes(fill = z), hjust = 0.5,
vjust = 0.5, interpolate = FALSE)
x, y, alpha, fill
```

```
l + geom_tile(aes(fill = z))
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, width
```

#### continuous bivariate distribution

```
h <- ggplot(diamonds, aes(carat, price))

h + geom_bin2d(binwidth = c(0.25, 500))
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

h + geom_density_2d()
x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size

h + geom_hex()
x, y, alpha, color, fill, size
```

#### continuous function

```
i <- ggplot(economics, aes(date, unemployed))

i + geom_area()
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

i + geom_line()
x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size

i + geom_step(direction = "hv")
x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size
```

#### visualizing error

```
df <- data.frame(grp = c("A", "B"), fit = 4:5, se = 1:2)
j <- ggplot(df, aes(grp, fit, ymin = fit - se, ymax = fit + se))

j + geom_crossbar(fatten = 2) - x, y, ymax,
ymin, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size

j + geom_errorbar() - x, y, ymin, ymax,
alpha, color, group, linetype, size
Also geom_errorbarh().
```

#### maps

```
data <- data.frame(murder = USArrests$Murder,
state = tolower(rownames(USArrests)))
map <- map_data("state")
k <- ggplot(data, aes(fill = murder))

k + geom_map(aes(map_id = state), map = map) +
expand_limits(x = map$long, y = map$lat)
map_id, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size
```

# ggplot2: Introduction

The workhorse function:

- `ggplot()`



ONE variable:

`data frame %>%`

`ggplot(aes(x = variable_x_axis))`

Takes the arguments:

- `data = data frame`
- `mapping = aes()`

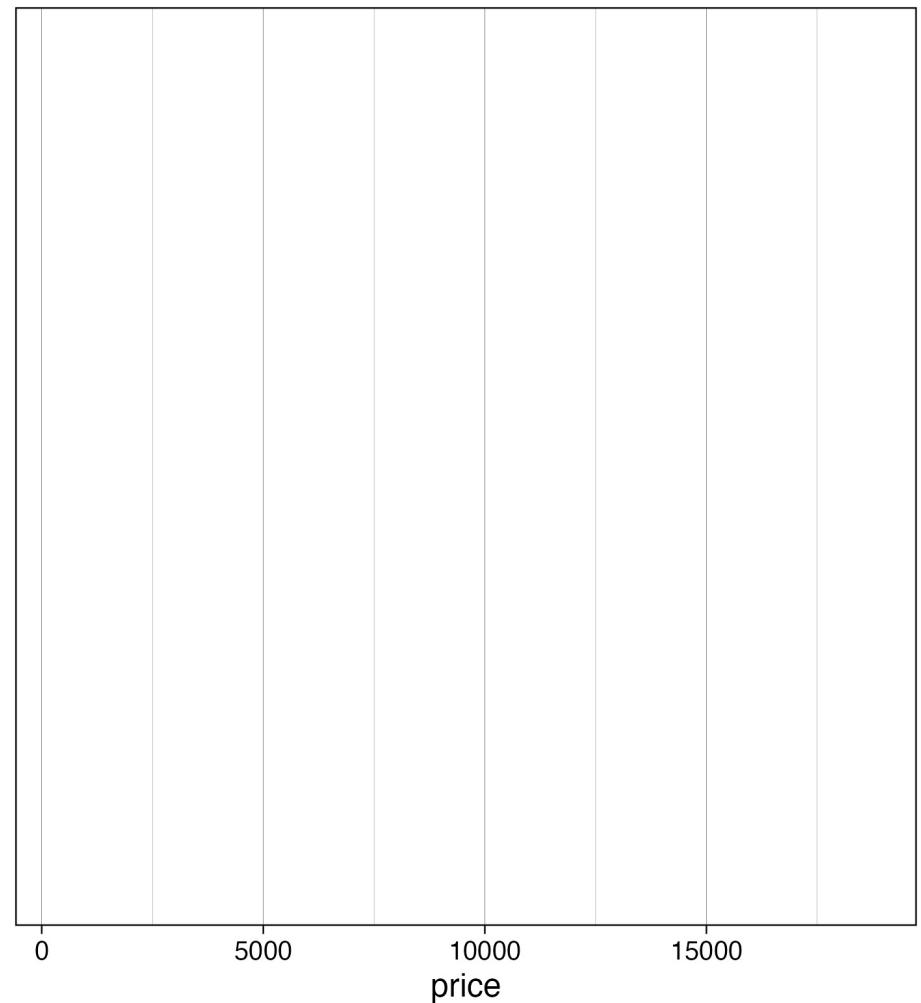
# ggplot2: Introduction

Data frame

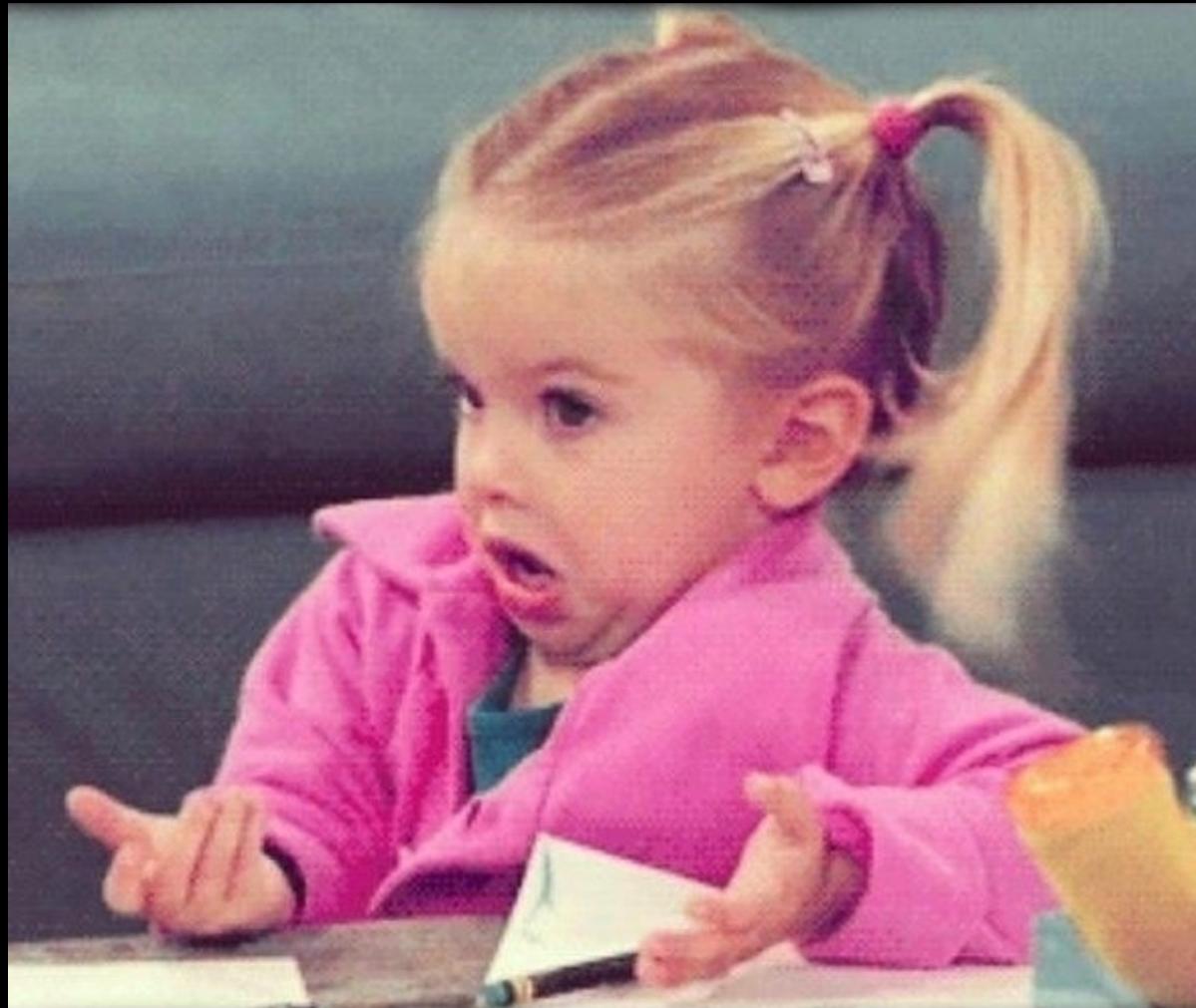
```
diamonds %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = price))
```

Add aesthetics

We defined our x-axis,  
but we have not PLOTTED  
anything!



# **So how do we plot?**



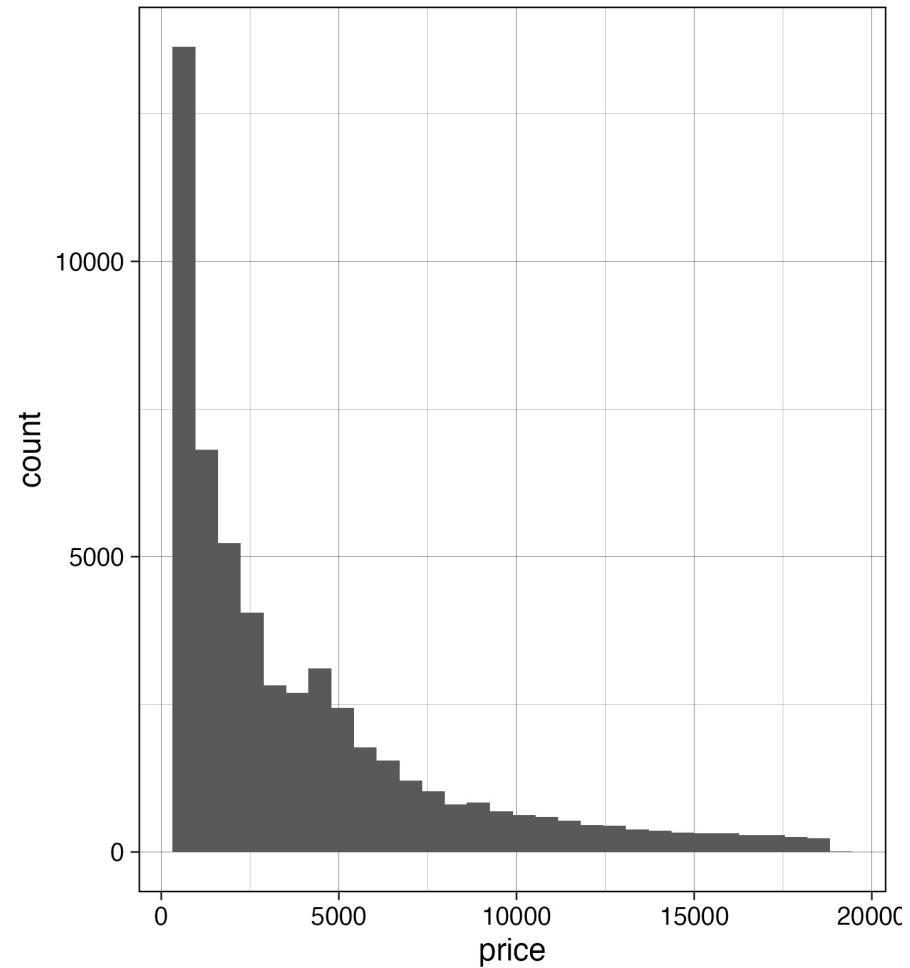
# **ggplot2: Plots of one variable**

**One CONTINUOUS variable:**

- **Histogram:** *geom\_histogram()*
- **Density plot:** *geom\_density()*

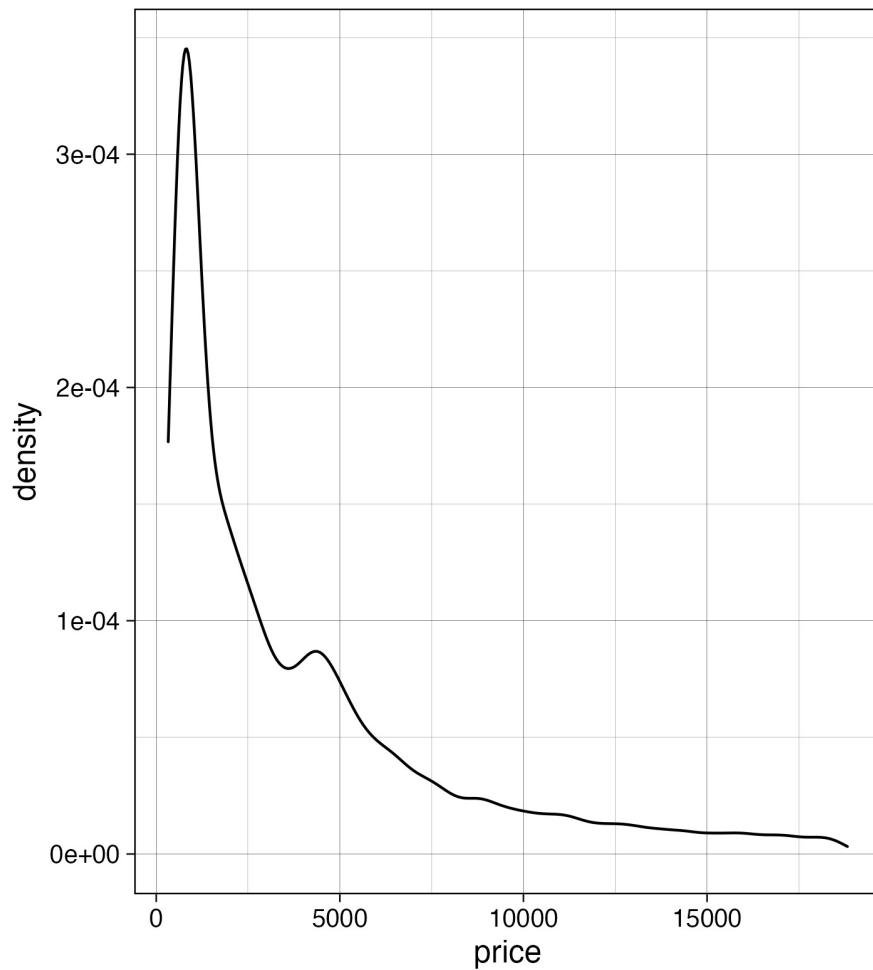
# ggplot2: geom\_histogram()

```
iamonds %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = price)) +  
    geom_histogram()
```



# ggplot2: geom\_density()

```
iamonds %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = price)) +  
    geom_density()
```



# **ggplot2: Plots of one variable**

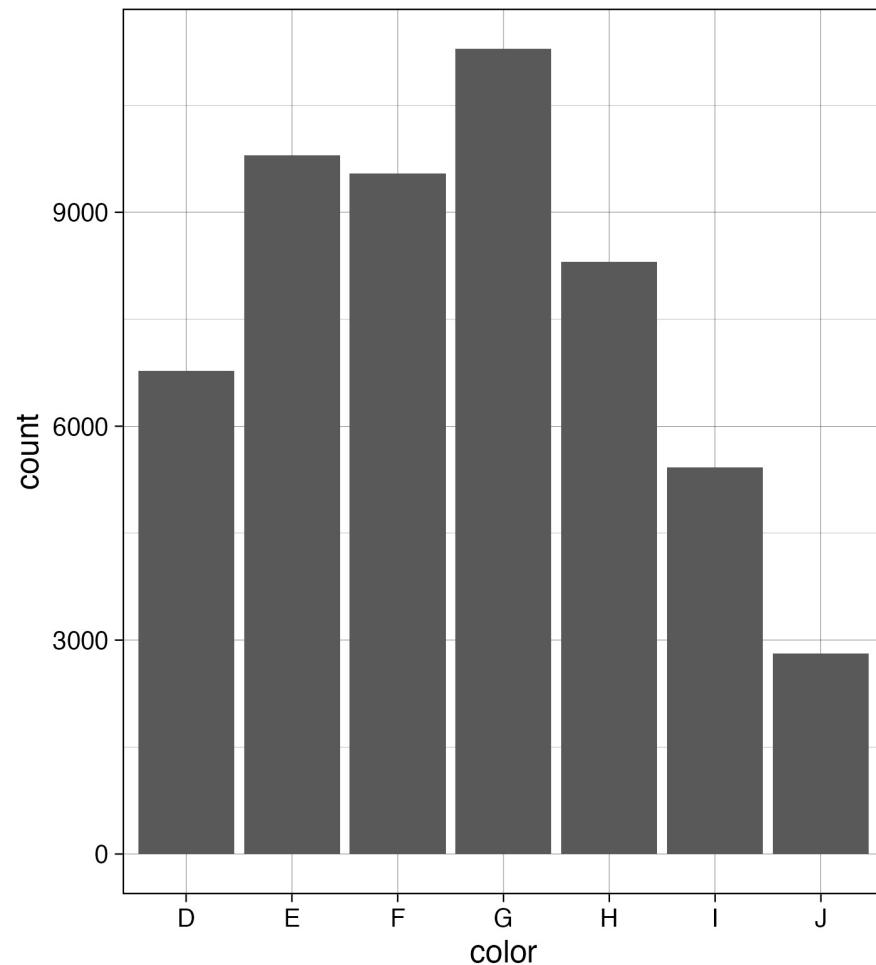
**One CATEGORICAL variable:**

- **Barplot:** *geom\_bar()*

# ggplot2: geom\_bar()

**diamonds %>%**

```
ggplot(aes(x = color)) +  
  geom_bar()
```



# **ggplot2: Plots of two variables**

**Two CONTINUOUS variables:**

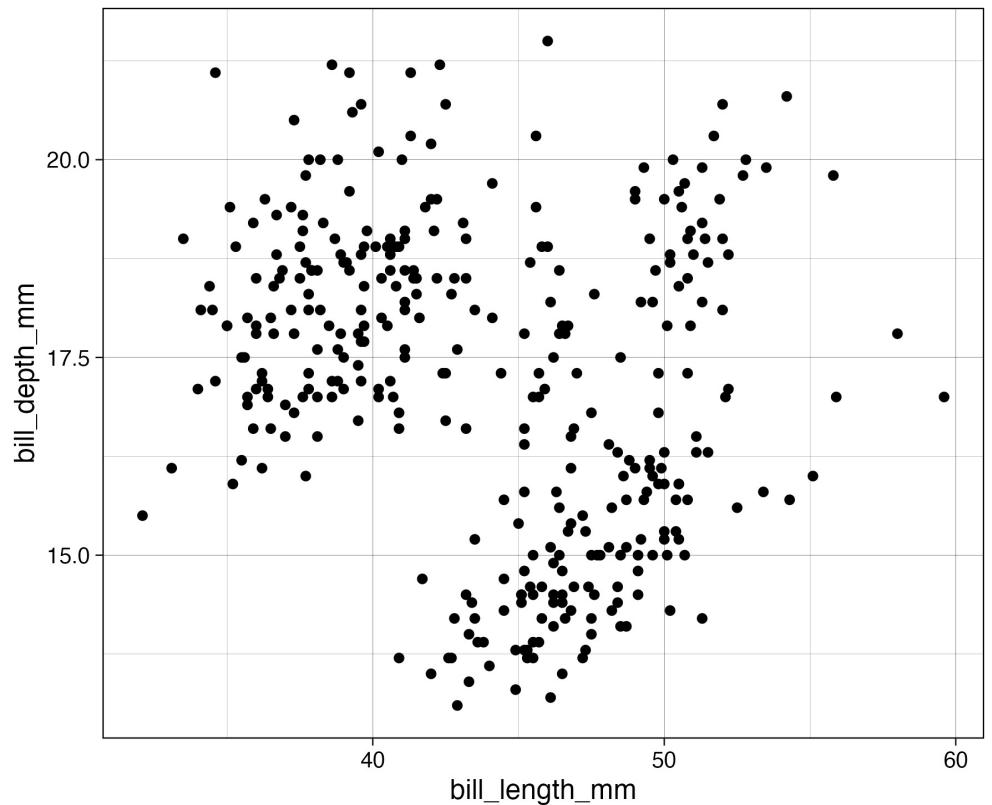
- **Scatter plot:** *geom\_point()*
- **Scatter plot:** *geom\_jitter()* → jittered (scattered) data points
- **Smoother:** *geom\_smooth()* → linear and nonlinear lines

# ggplot2: geom\_point()

```
penguins %>%
```

```
  ggplot(aes(x = bill_length_mm,  
             y = bill_depth_mm)) +
```

```
    geom_point()
```



# ggplot2: geom\_smooth()

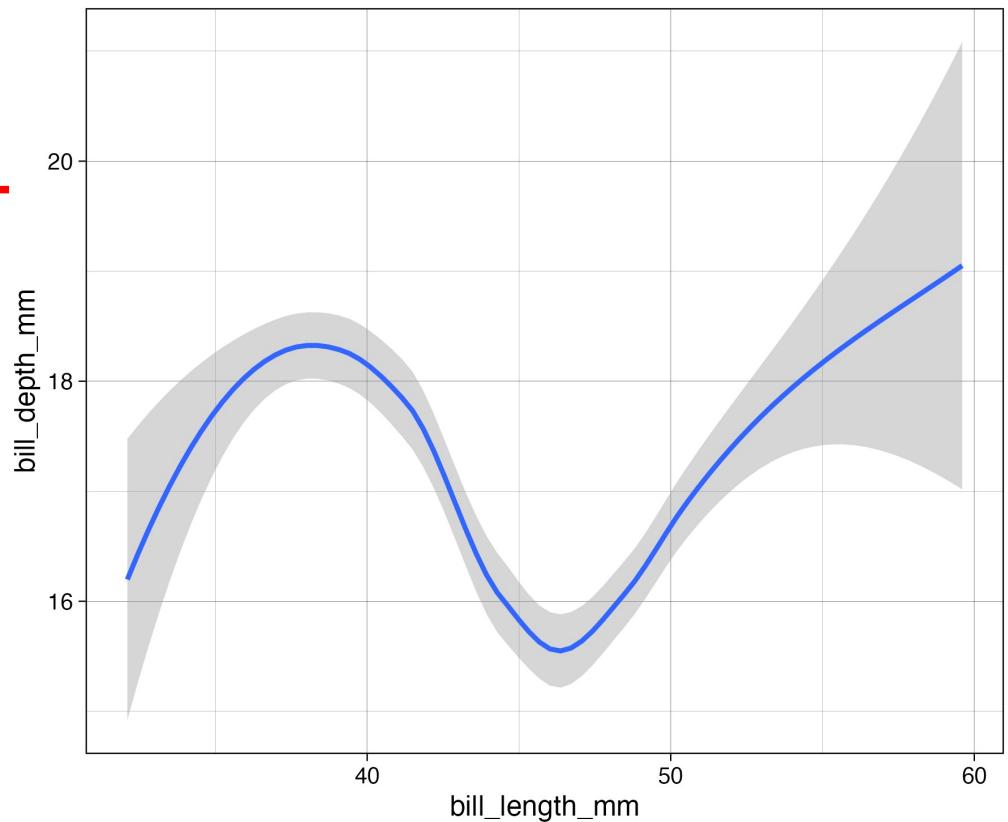
```
penguins %>%
```

```
  ggplot(aes(x = bill_length_mm,  
             y = bill_depth_mm)) +
```

```
    geom_smooth()
```

**Default method:**  
**Generalized additive model**  
**(GAM) with cubic spline**

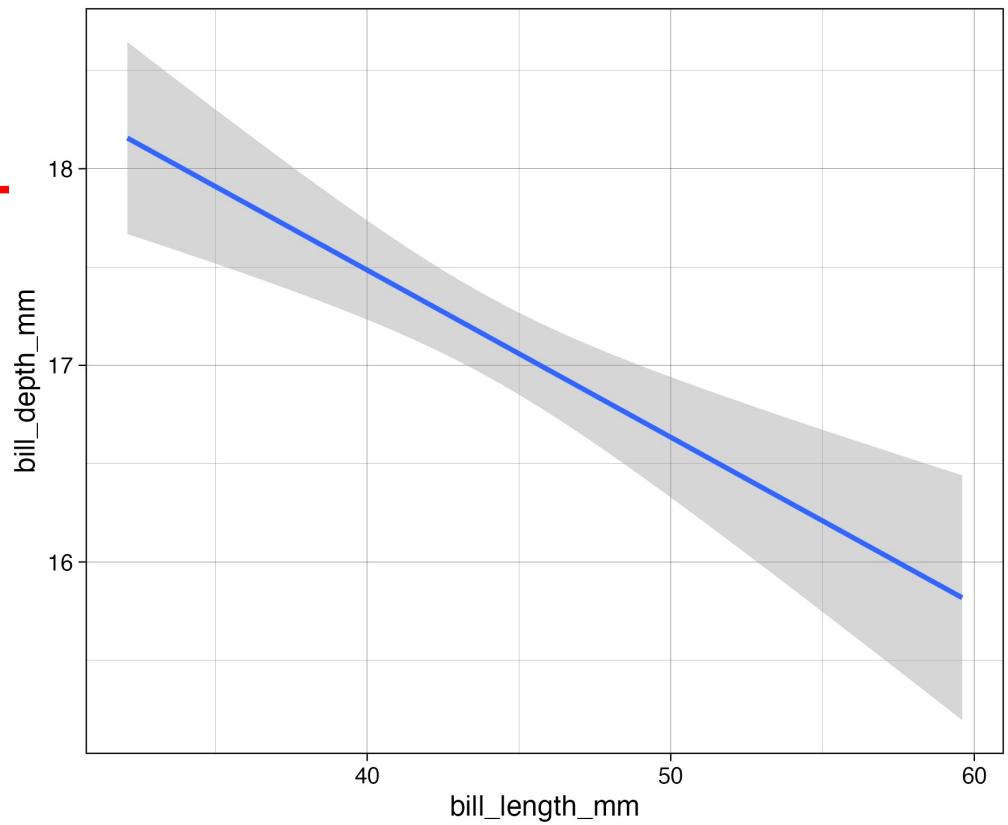
$y \sim s(x, bs = "cs")$



# ggplot2: geom\_smooth()

```
penguins %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = bill_length_mm,  
             y = bill_depth_mm)) +  
  geom_smooth(method = "lm")
```

Change method:  
**method = “lm”**  
→ Linear model



# **ggplot2: Plots of two variables**

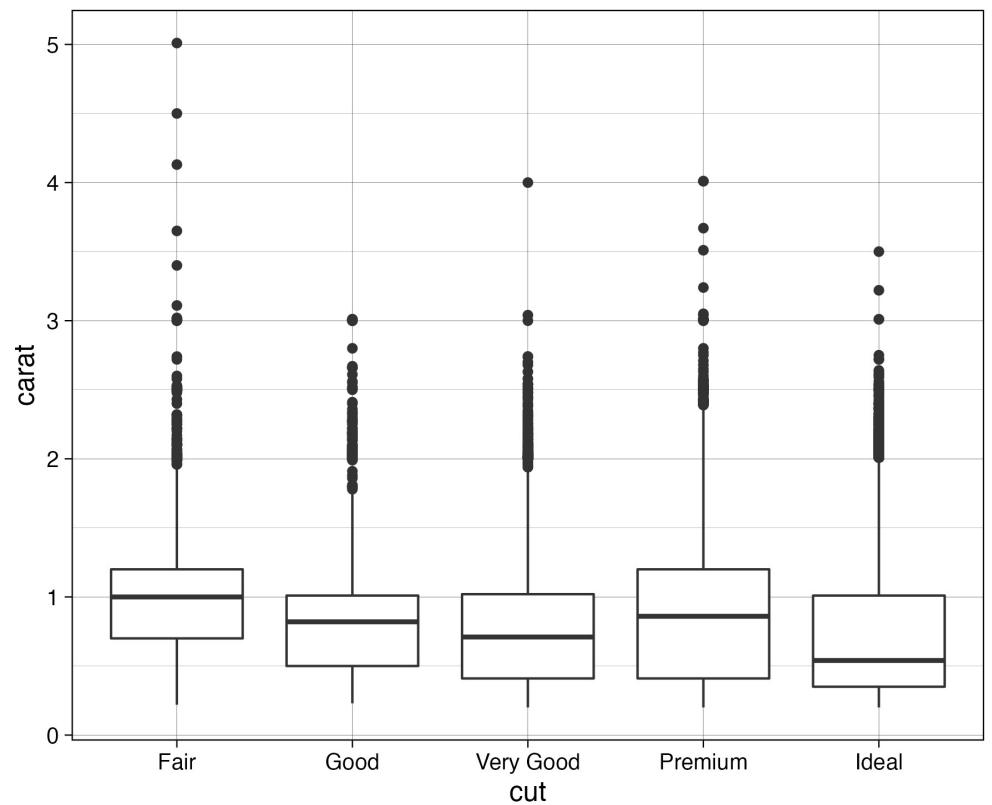
**CATEGORICAL x and CONTINUOUS y:**

- **Boxplot:** *geom\_boxplot()*
- **Barplot:** *geom\_bar(stat = “identity”)*
- **Violin plot:** *geom\_violin()*

# ggplot2: geom\_boxplot()

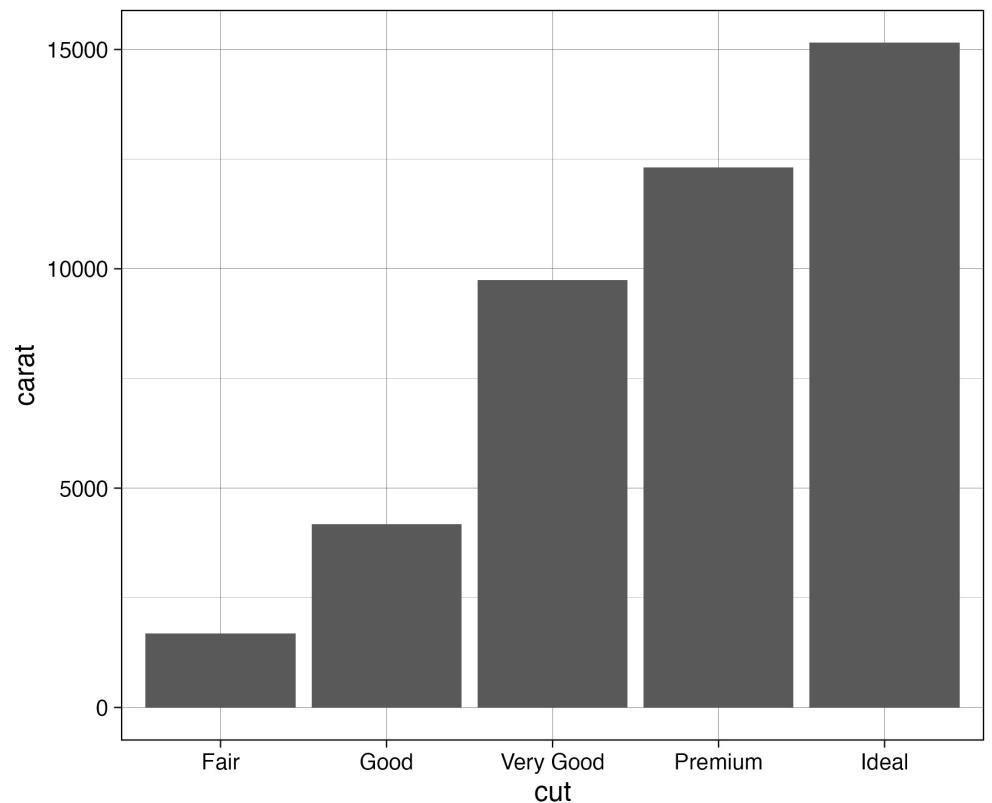
```
iamonds %>%
```

```
  ggplot(aes(x = cut,  
             y = carat)) +  
    geom_boxplot()
```



# ggplot2: geom\_bar()

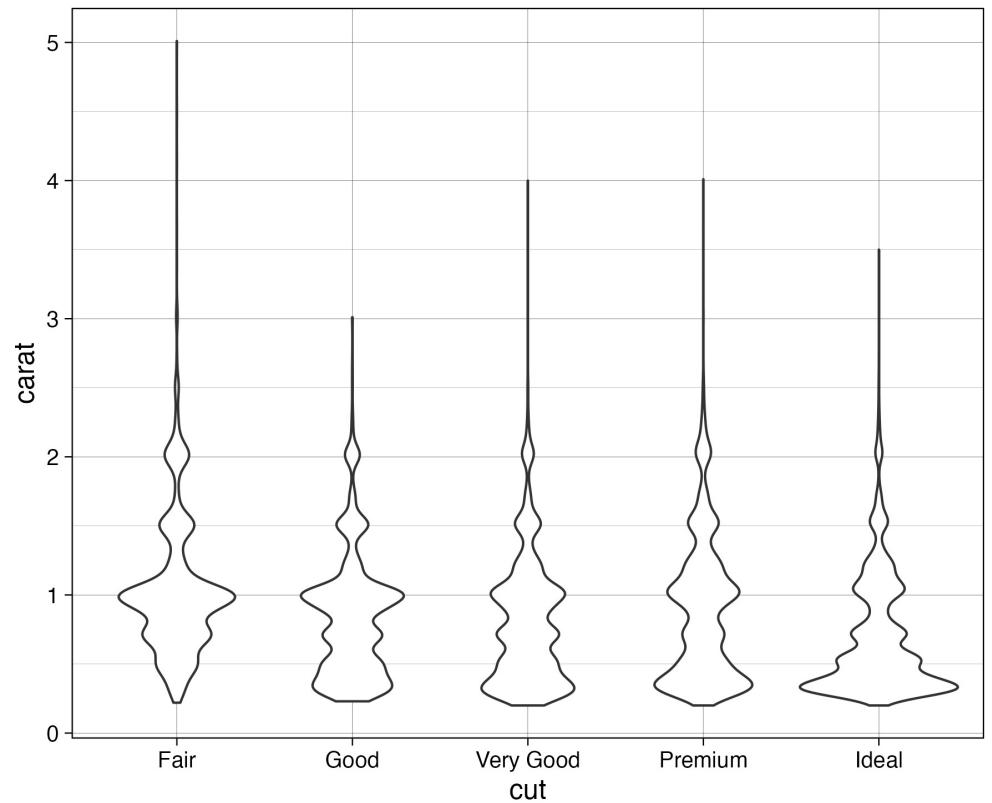
```
iamonds %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = cut,  
             y = carat)) +  
  geom_bar(stat = "identity")
```



# ggplot2: geom\_violin()

```
diamonds %>%
```

```
  ggplot(aes(x = cut,  
             y = carat)) +  
    geom_violin()
```



# AESTHETICS



# ggplot2: Aesthetics

## Aesthetics:

- **Size**

*Change the size of e.g. data points*

- **Shape**

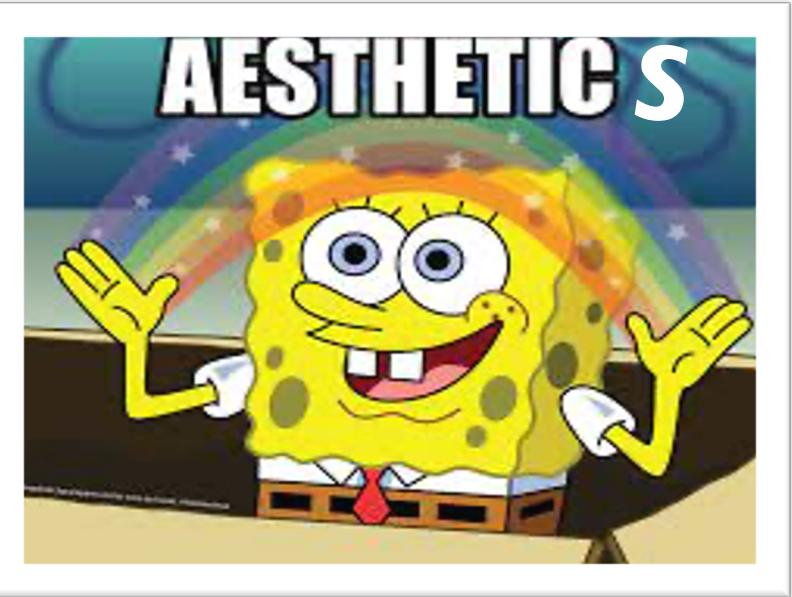
*Change the shape of e.g. data points*

- **Color**

*Change the color of e.g. data points*

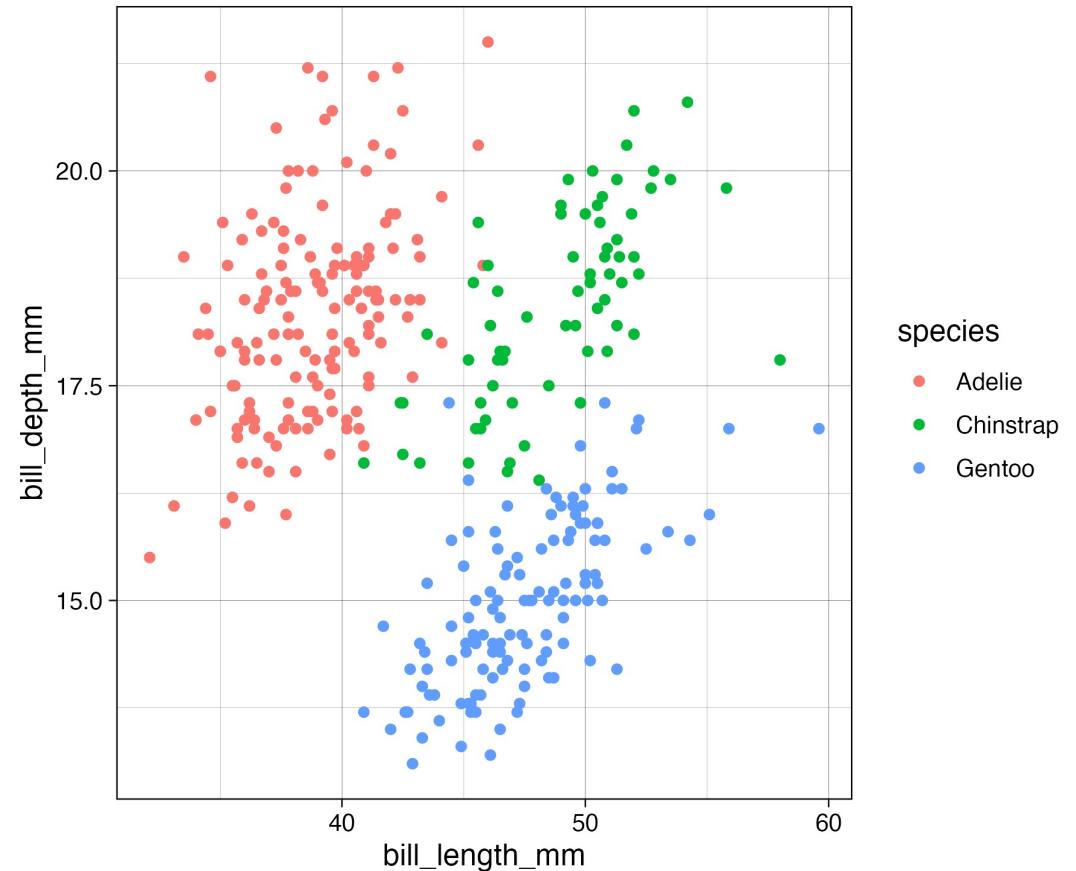
- **Fill**

*Change the fill of geom, e.g. a boxplot*



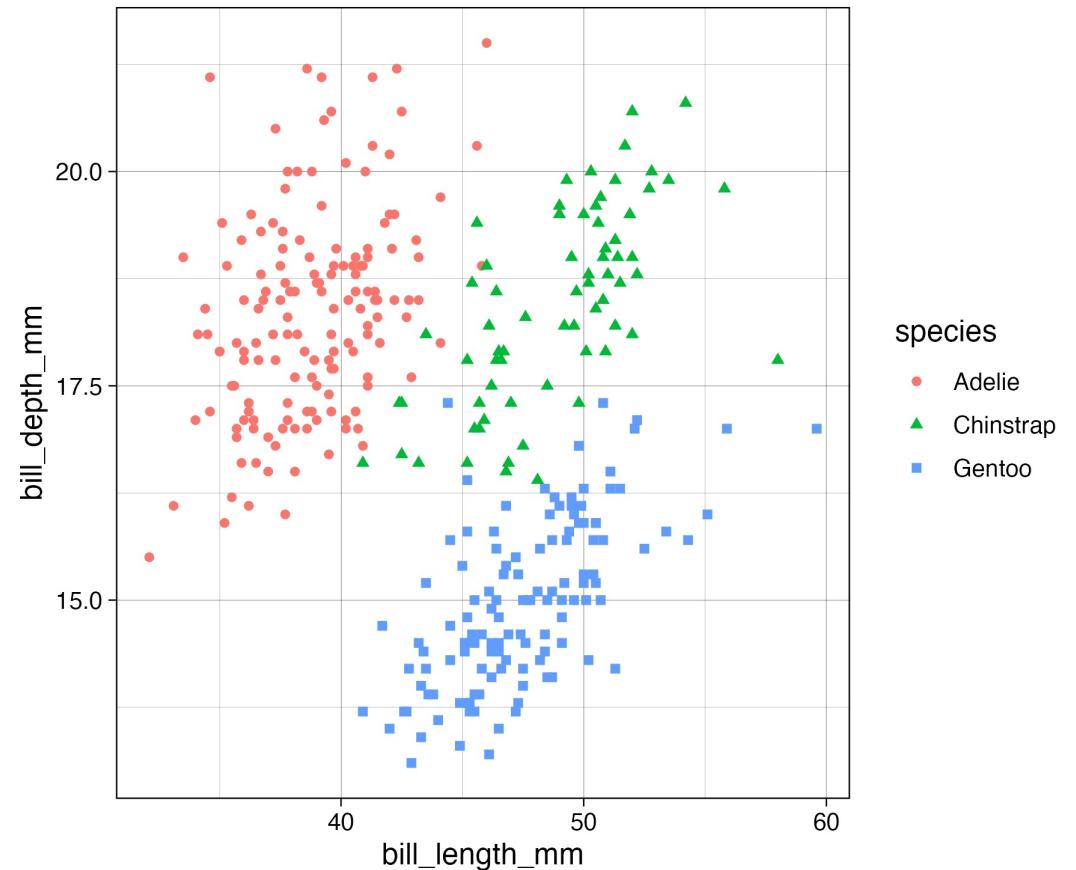
# ggplot2: geom\_point() + color

```
penguins %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = bill_length_mm,  
             y = bill_depth_mm,  
             color = species)) +  
  geom_point()
```



# ggplot2: geom\_point() + color + shape

```
penguins %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = bill_length_mm,  
             y = bill_depth_mm,  
             color = species,  
             shape = species)) +  
  geom_point()
```

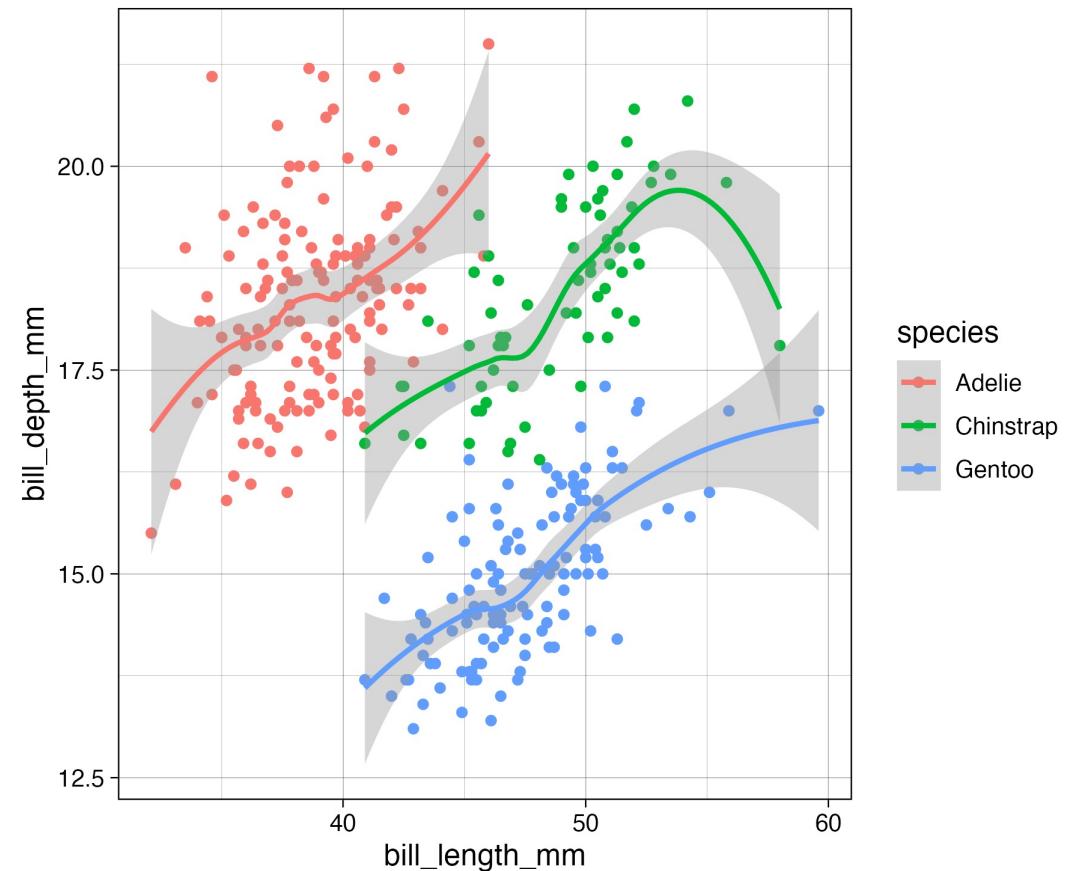


# **ggplot2: geom\_point() + color + geom\_smooth**

**penguins %>%**

```
ggplot(aes(x = bill_length_mm,  
           y = bill_depth_mm,  
           color = species)) +
```

```
geom_point() +  
geom_smooth()
```



# **ggplot2: geom\_point() + color + geom\_smooth + geom\_smooth()**

penguins %>%

```
ggplot(aes(x = bill_length_mm,  
          y = bill_depth_mm,  
          color = species)) +
```

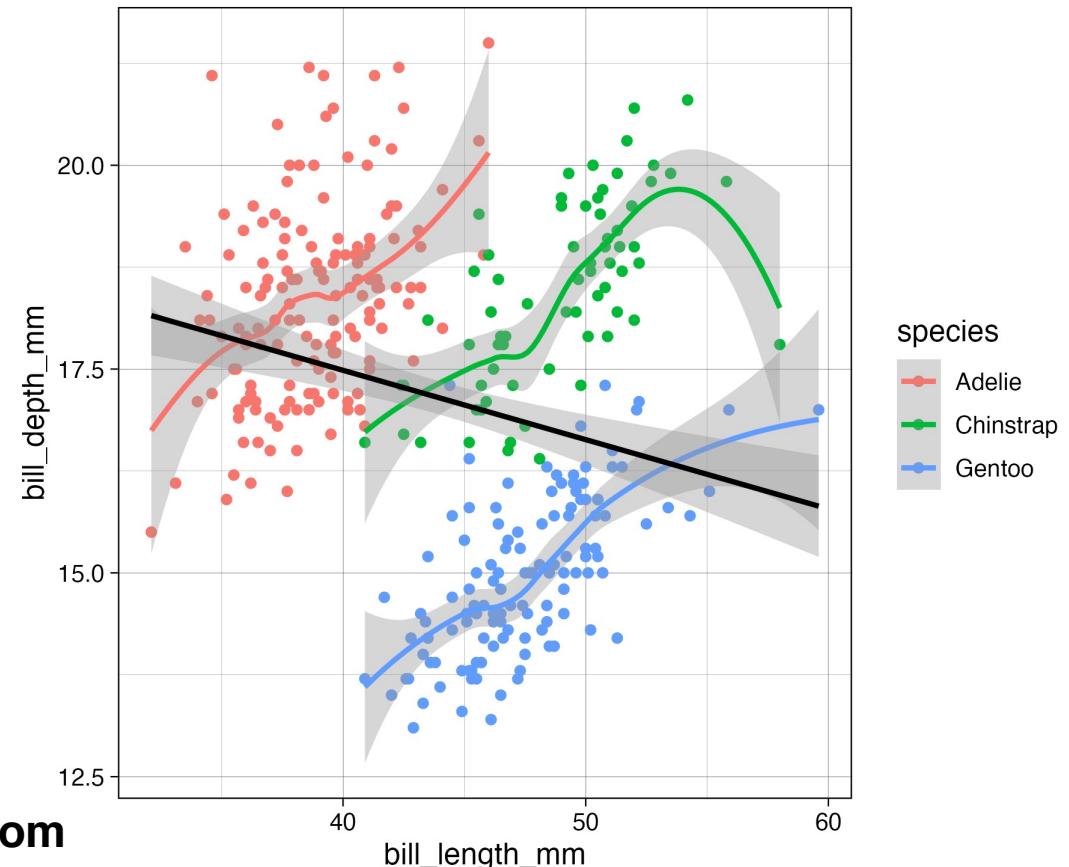
```
geom_point() +
```

```
geom_smooth() +
```

```
geom_smooth(method = "lm",  
            color = "black")
```



Overall between-species trend different from  
individual species group trends;  
i.e. *Simpson's paradox*



# **ggplot2: Where to put the arguments?**

## **OVERALL aesthetics:**

- Place in the `ggplot(aes(...))`

## **SPECIFIC aesthetics (i.e. only apply to ONE geom)**

- Place in respective geom

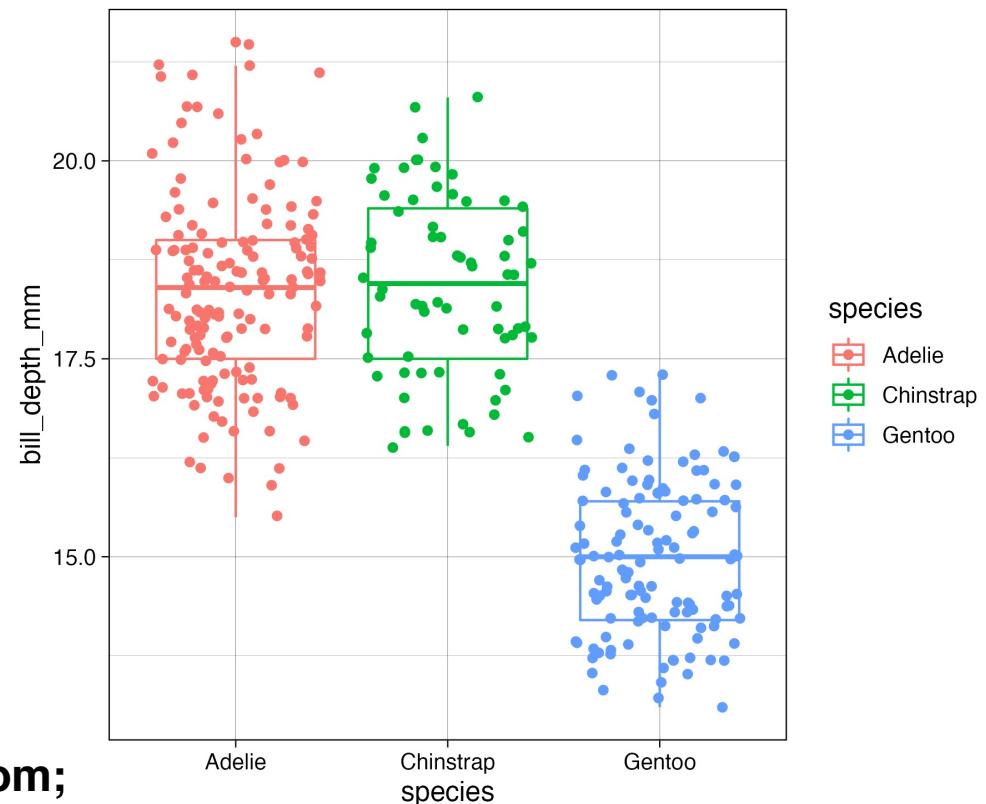
# ggplot2: geom\_boxplot() + geom\_jitter()

penguins %>%

```
  ggplot(aes(x = species,  
             y = bill_depth_mm,  
             color = species)) +
```

```
  geom_boxplot() +
```

```
  geom_jitter()
```

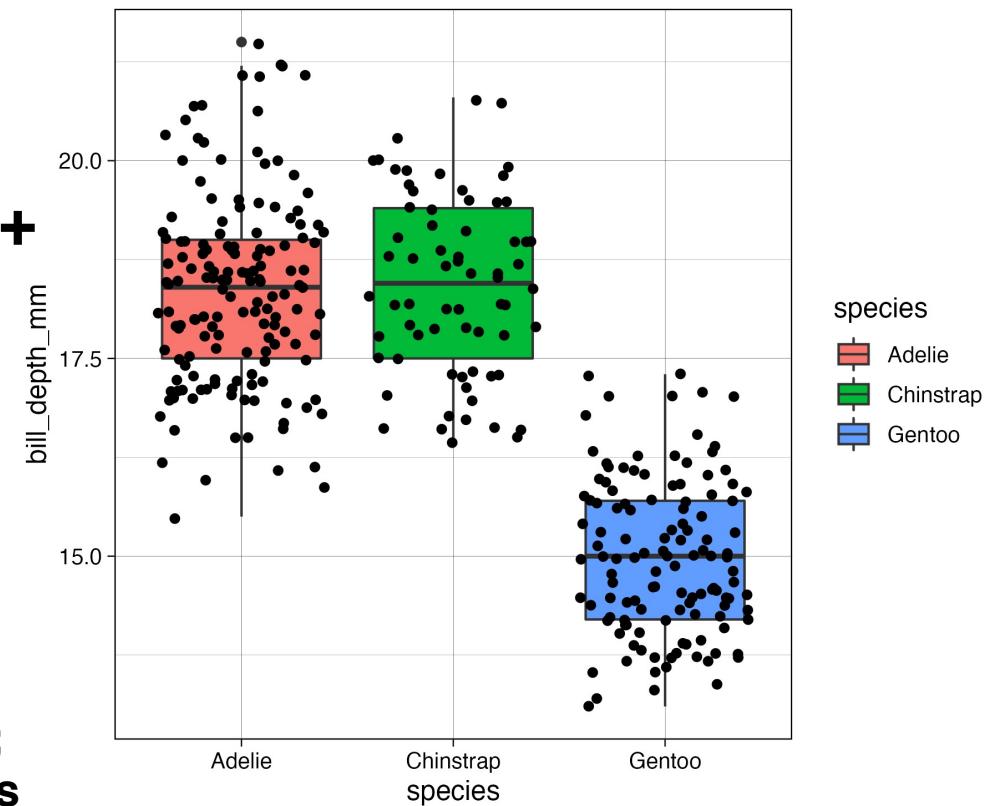


COLOR changes the OUTER color of a geom;  
FILL changes how e.g. boxplot and violinplots  
are filled

# ggplot2: geom\_boxplot() + color + geom\_jitter()

penguins %>%

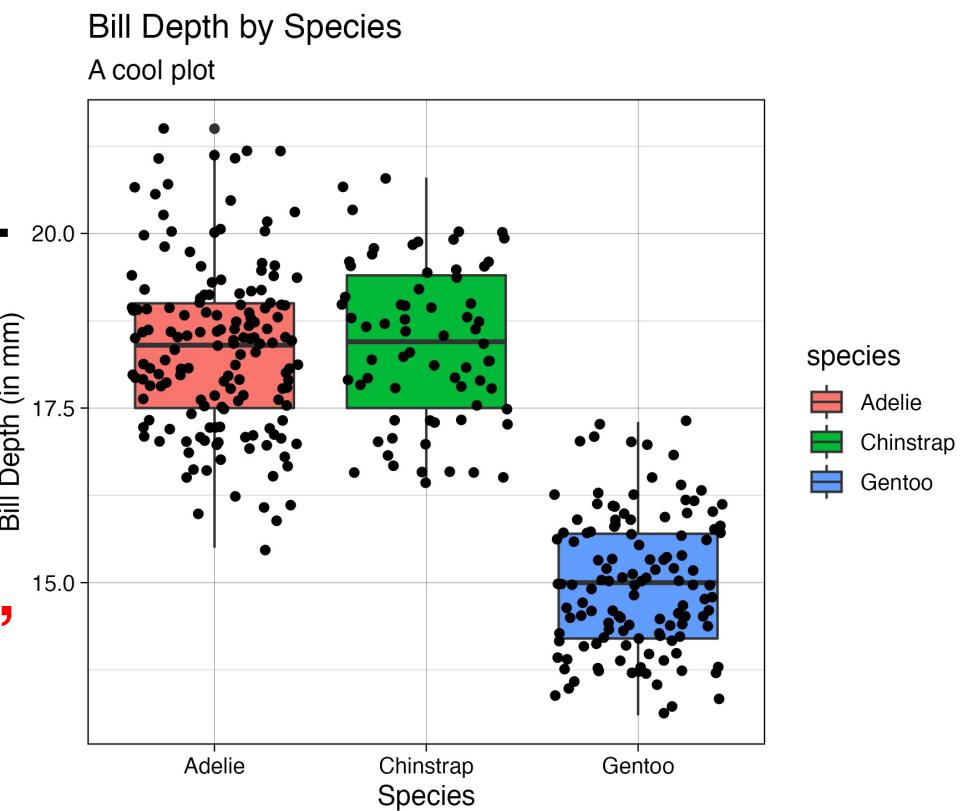
```
ggplot(aes(x = species,  
           y = bill_depth_mm)) +  
  geom_boxplot(aes(fill = species)) +  
  geom_jitter()
```



COLOR changes the OUTER color of a geom;  
FILL changes how e.g. boxplot and violinplots  
are filled

# ggplot2: Add plot labels via labs()

```
penguins %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = species,  
             y = bill_depth_mm)) +  
  geom_boxplot(aes(fill = species)) +  
  geom_jitter() +  
  labs(x = "Species",  
       y = "Bill Depth (in mm)",  
       title = "Bill Depth by Species",  
       subtitle = "A cool plot")
```



**WITH GREAT POWER COMES**

**A LOT OF CUSTOMIZATION**

# ggplot2: Saving ggplots

**SAVE your plot as an object (just like usual, using the = or -> operator)**

e.g.

```
billDepth = penguins %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = species,  
             y = bill_depth_mm)) +  
  geom_boxplot(aes(fill = species)) +  
  geom_jitter() +  
  labs(x = "Species",  
       y = "Bill Depth (in mm)",  
       title = "Bill Depth by Species",  
       subtitle = "A cool plot")
```

**ggsave(plot = ...,**

**filename = “RELATIVE PATH”)**

e.g.

**ggsave(plot = billDepth,**

**filename = “./Figures/billDepth.png”)**



**DON’T FORGET TO SPECIFY  
WHAT TYPE OF FILE YOU ARE  
SAVING THE PLOT AS (.png, .pdf,  
.eps, etc.)**

**LET'S GET OUR HANDS DIRTY**



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