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ggplot2

# MODERN DATA VISUALIZATION WITH R

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# Who am I?

Not a clue, but here goes...

- Professor, Quantitative Analysis Center, Wesleyan University
- 35 years experience as data scientist (20 in industry)
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# What is R

- A language and environment for statistical computing and graphics
- Based on the "S" Language developed at Bell Labs (1976)
- R was first created by **R**oss Ihaka and **R**obert Gentleman at the Univ. of Auckland in 1993



## Why R?

- Free
- Open source
- State-of-the-art graphics and data analysis
- Platform for programming new methods
- Runs on Windows, Linux, Mac OS X
- Enormous user base

# Packages

- Collections of R functions, data, and compiled code in well-defined format
- Massively extend the functionality of R
- Thousands of user written packages on CRAN  
<http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages>

21,276 as of last night



# Gaphics

## Static

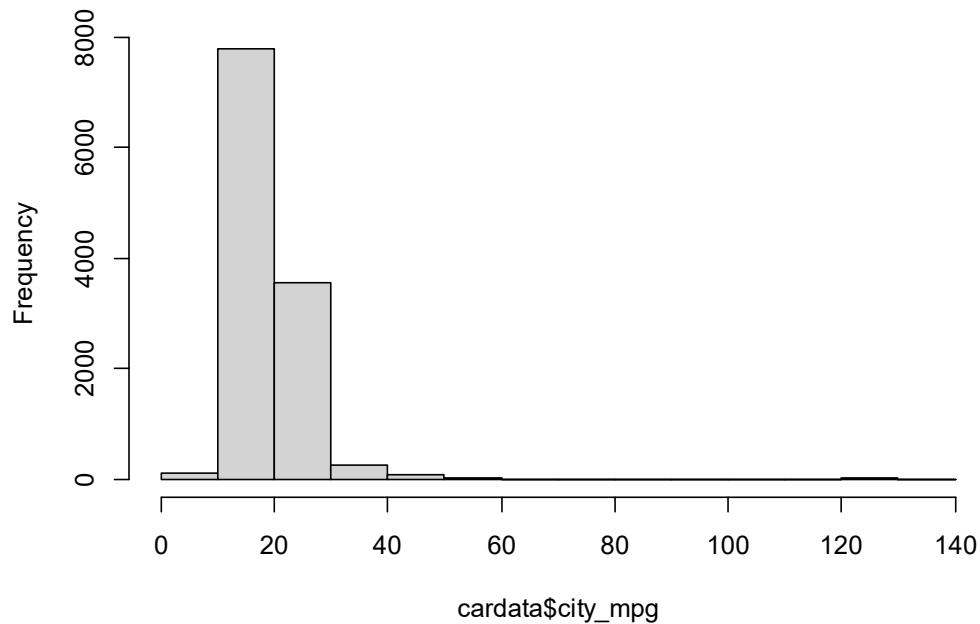
- base
- grid
- lattice
- D3 (via r2d3)
- **ggplot2**

## Interactive

- **leaflet**
- **plotly**
- rbokeh
- rCharts
- highcharter
- base (very limited)
- Shiny (as platform)

# Examples

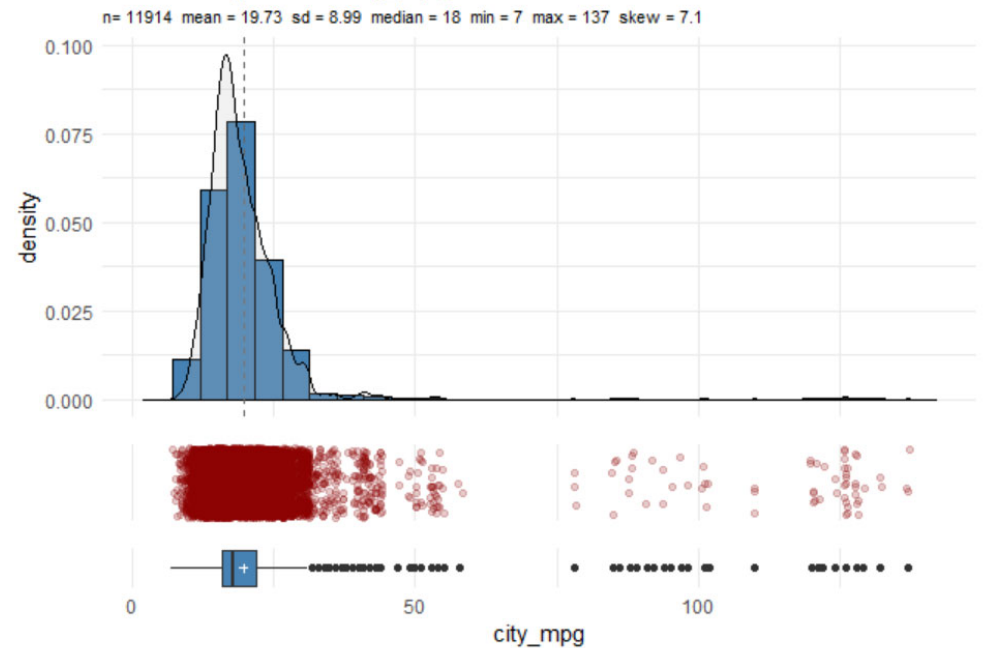
Histogram of cardata\$city\_mpg



```
hist(cardata$city_mpg)
```

**base graphics**

Univariate plots for city\_mpg



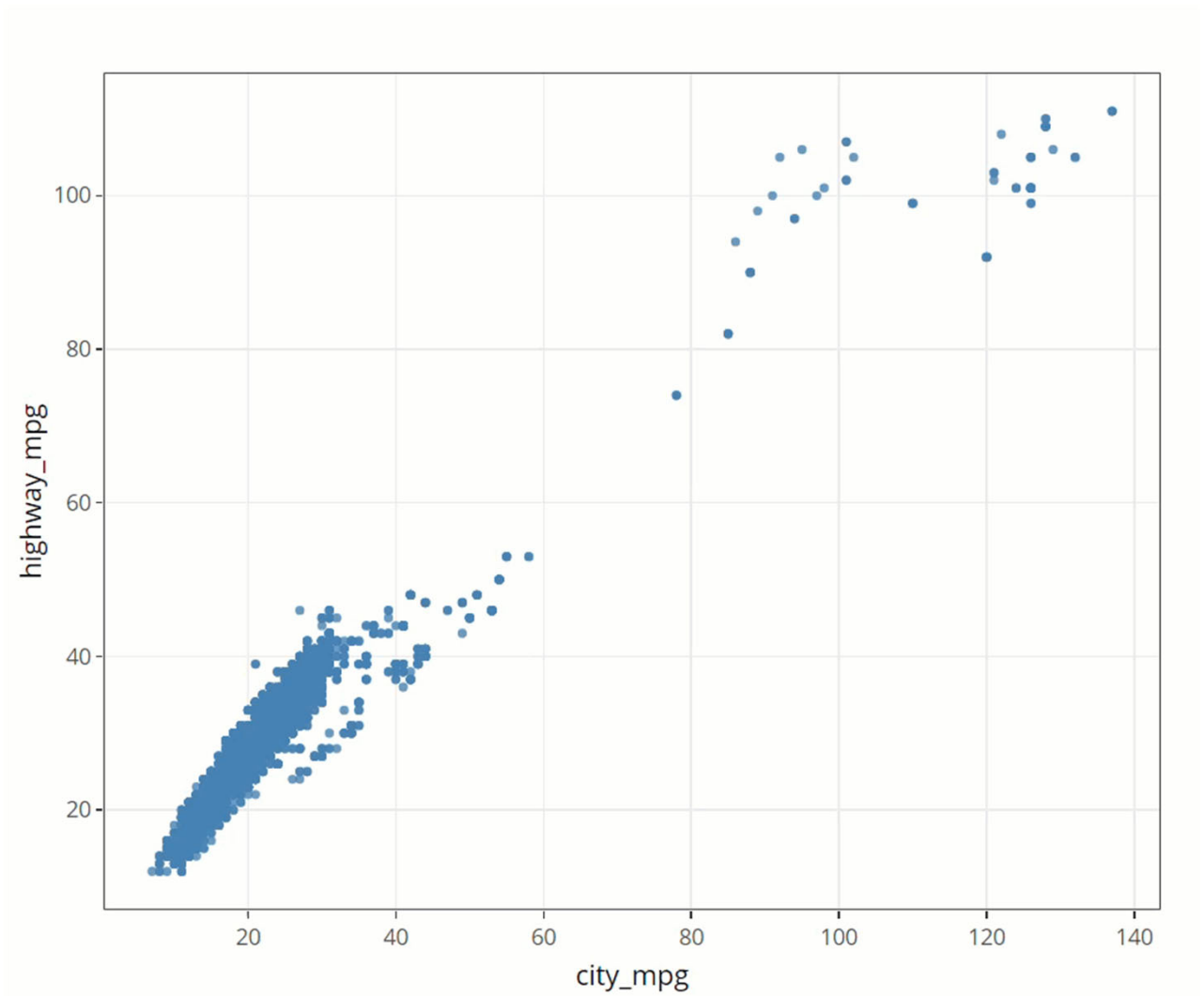
```
univariate_plot(cardata, city_mpg)
```

**ggplot2 graphics**

# Examples

**Interactive**

**ggplot + plotly**





# Datasets

```
data(Salaries, package="carData")
```

Salaries from the **carData** package  
(2008-2009 9 month academic salaries n=397)

```
url <- "https://bit.ly/3bsMwsS"  
Salaries <- read.csv(url)
```

1. rank (AssocProf, AsstProf, Prof)
2. salary in dollars
3. discipline (A=theoretical, B=applied)
4. sex (Female, Male)
5. yrs.since.phd.
6. yrs.service

```
> head(Salaries)  
  rank discipline yrs.since.phd yrs.service  sex salary  
1   Prof         B           19          18 Male 139750  
2   Prof         B           20          16 Male 173200  
3 AsstProf         B            4           3 Male  79750  
4   Prof         B           45          39 Male 115000  
5   Prof         B           40          41 Male 141500
```

# Grammar of Graphics

- **data:** an R data frame
- **coordinate system:** 2-D space data projected onto (e.g. Cartesian coordinates, polar coordinates, map projections)
- **geoms:** type of geometric objects that represent data (e.g. points, lines, bars)
- **aesthetics:** visual characteristics that represent data (e.g. position, size, color, shape, transparency, fill)
- **scales:** for each aesthetic, how visual characteristic is converted to display values
- **stats:** statistical transformations that summarize data (e.g., counts, means, trend lines)
- **facets:** how data is split into subsets and displayed as small multiples

# Simple bar plot

```
ggplot(data=Salaries,  
       aes(x=rank)) +  
geom_bar()
```

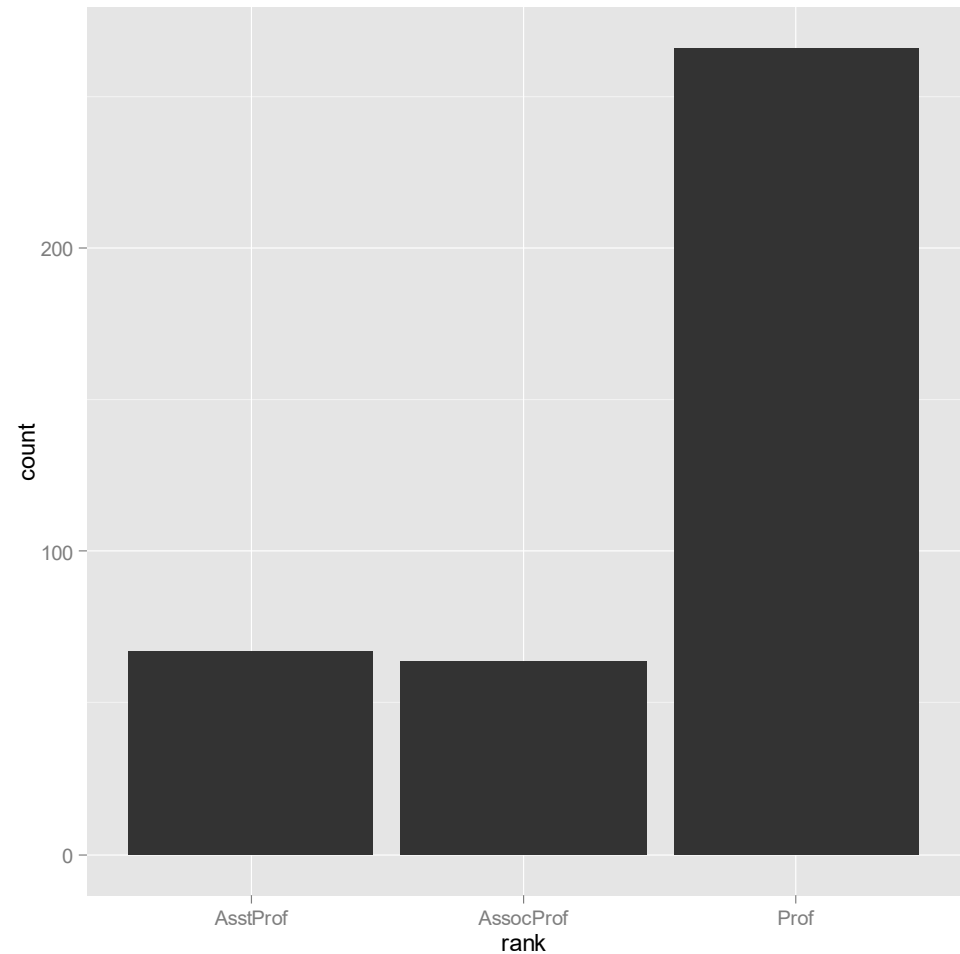
common geom\_bar options:

width

fill

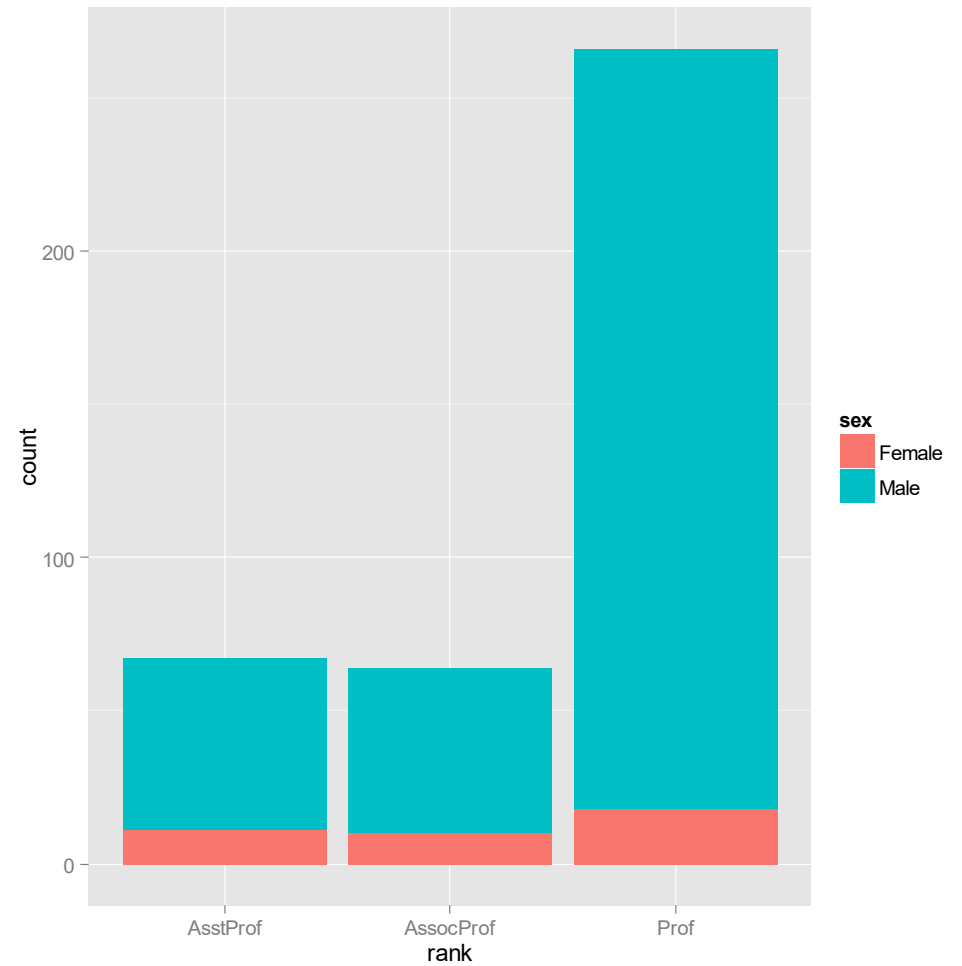
color (border)

position



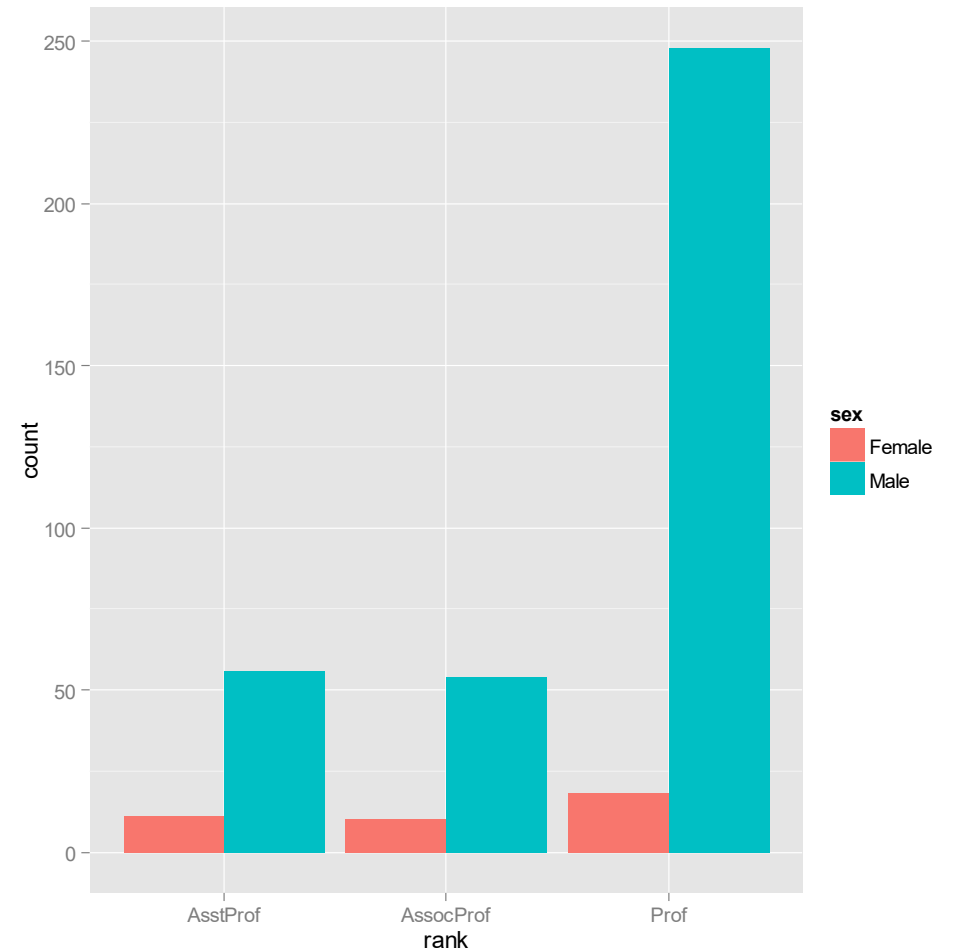
# Stacked bar plot

```
ggplot(data=Salaries,  
       aes(x=rank, fill=sex)) +  
geom_bar()
```



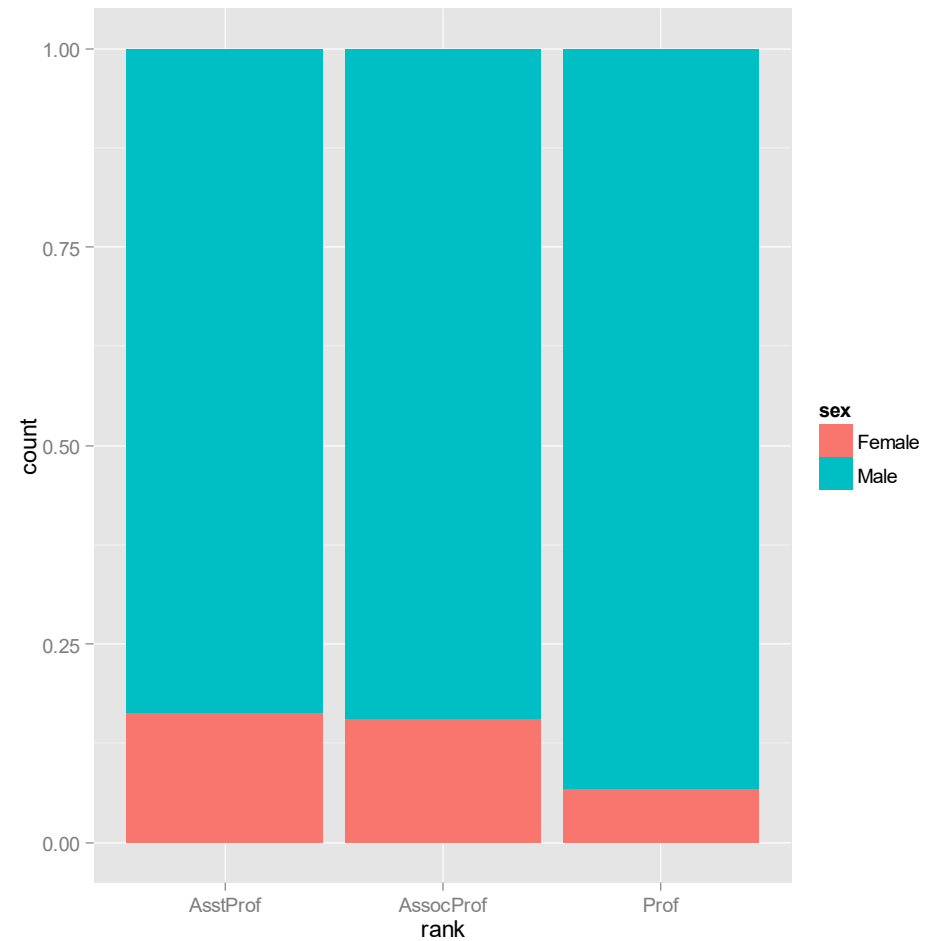
# Grouped bar plot

```
ggplot(data=Salaries,  
       aes(x=rank, fill=sex)) +  
geom_bar(position="dodge")
```



# Spinogram

```
ggplot(data=Salaries,  
       aes(x=rank, fill=sex)) +  
geom_bar(position="fill")
```

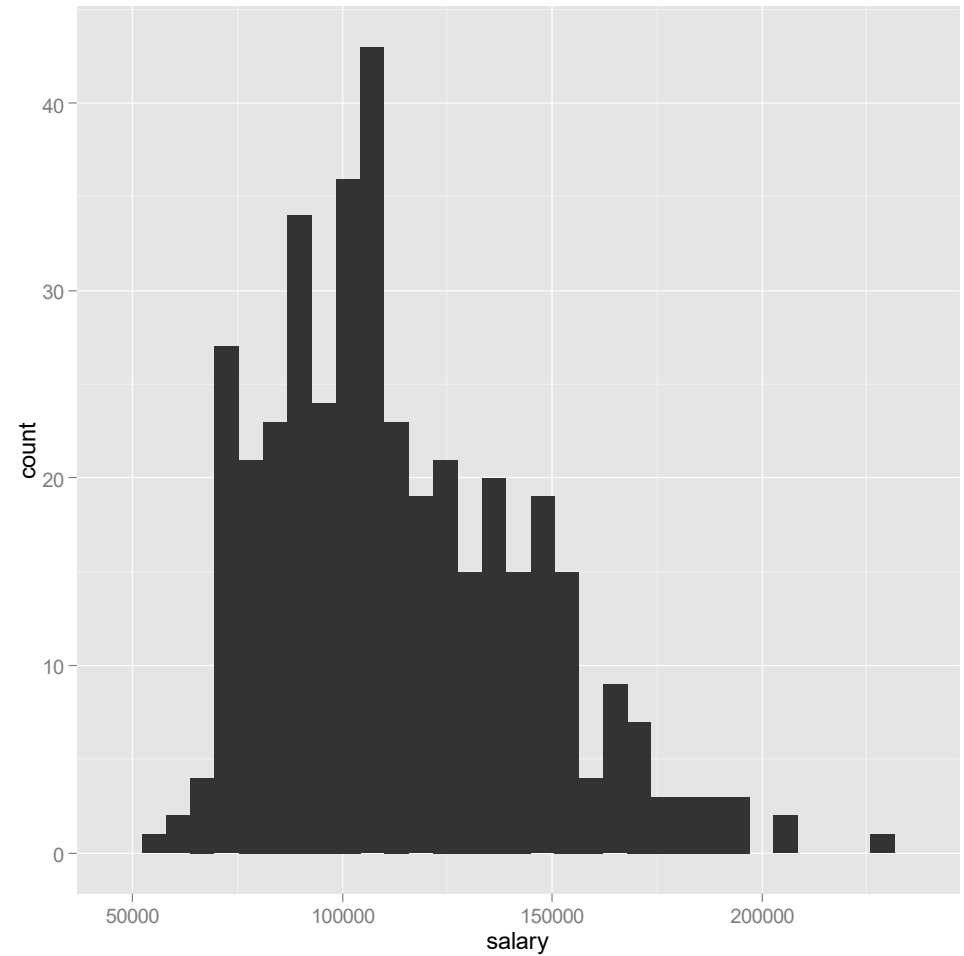


# Histogram

```
ggplot(data=Salaries,  
       aes(x=salary)) +  
geom_histogram()
```

common geom\_histogram options:

- binwidth
- bins
- color (border)
- fill



# Frequency polygons

```
ggplot(data=Salaries,  
       (x=salary)) +  
geom_freqpoly()
```

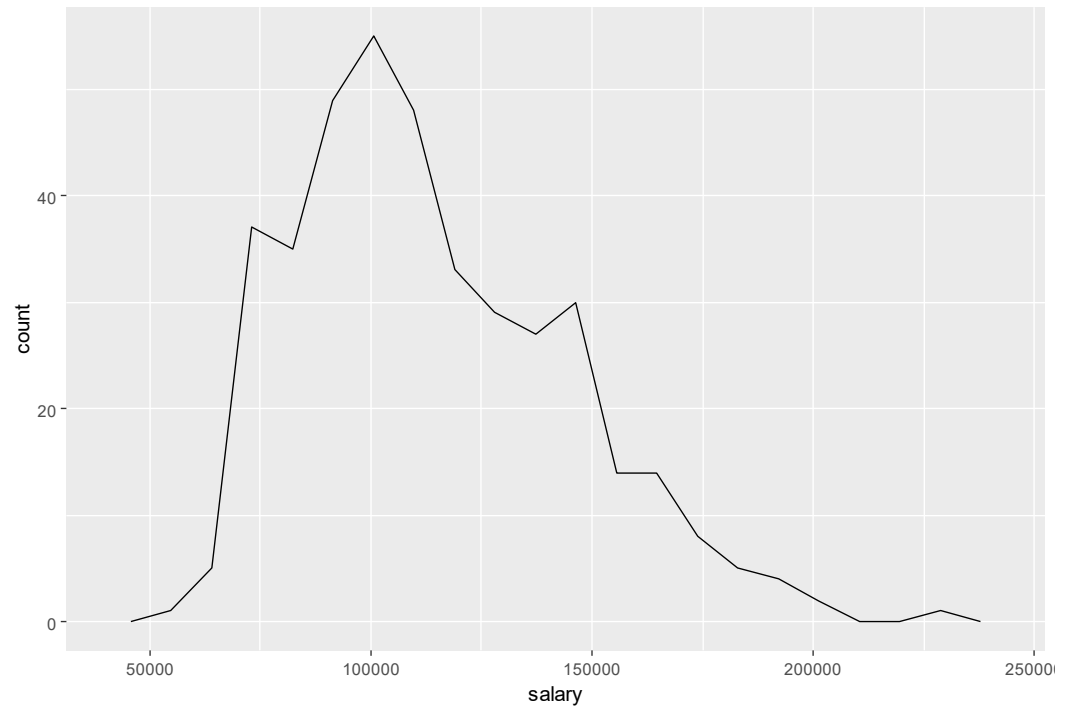
common geom\_freqpoly options:

binwidth

bins

color

size (thickness of line)





# Frequency polygons

```
ggplot(data=Salaries,  
       aes(x=salary, color=rank)) +  
geom_freqpoly(size=2)
```

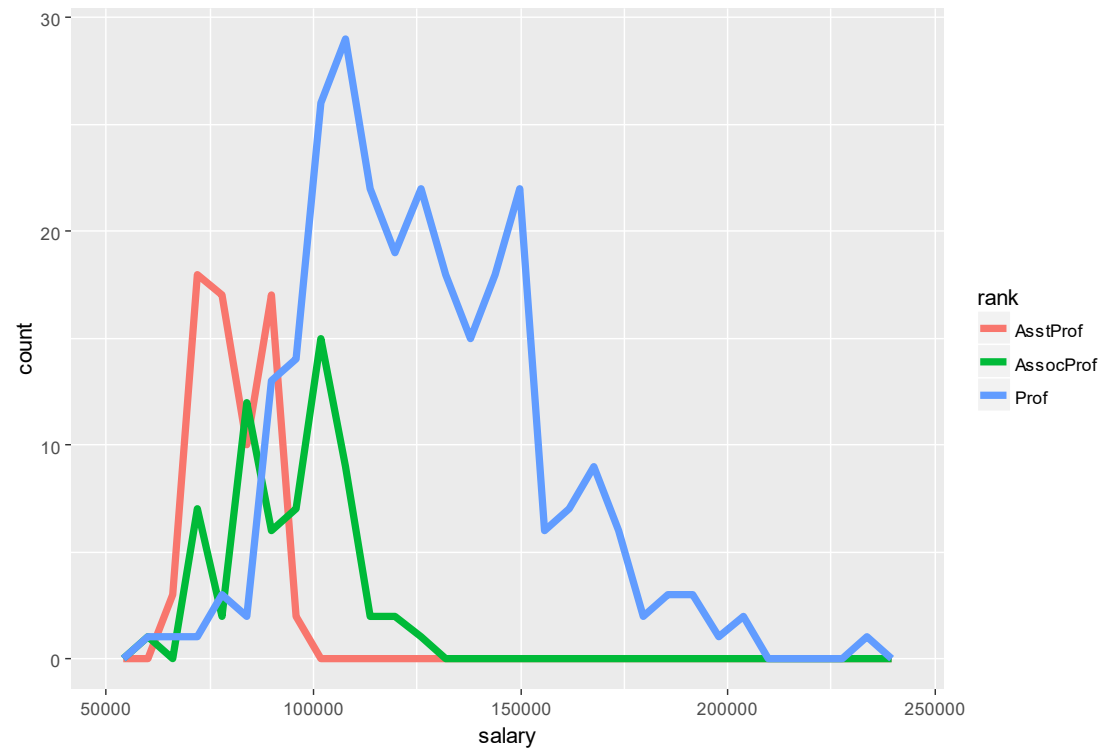
common geom\_freqpoly options:

binwidth

bins

color

size (thickness of line)

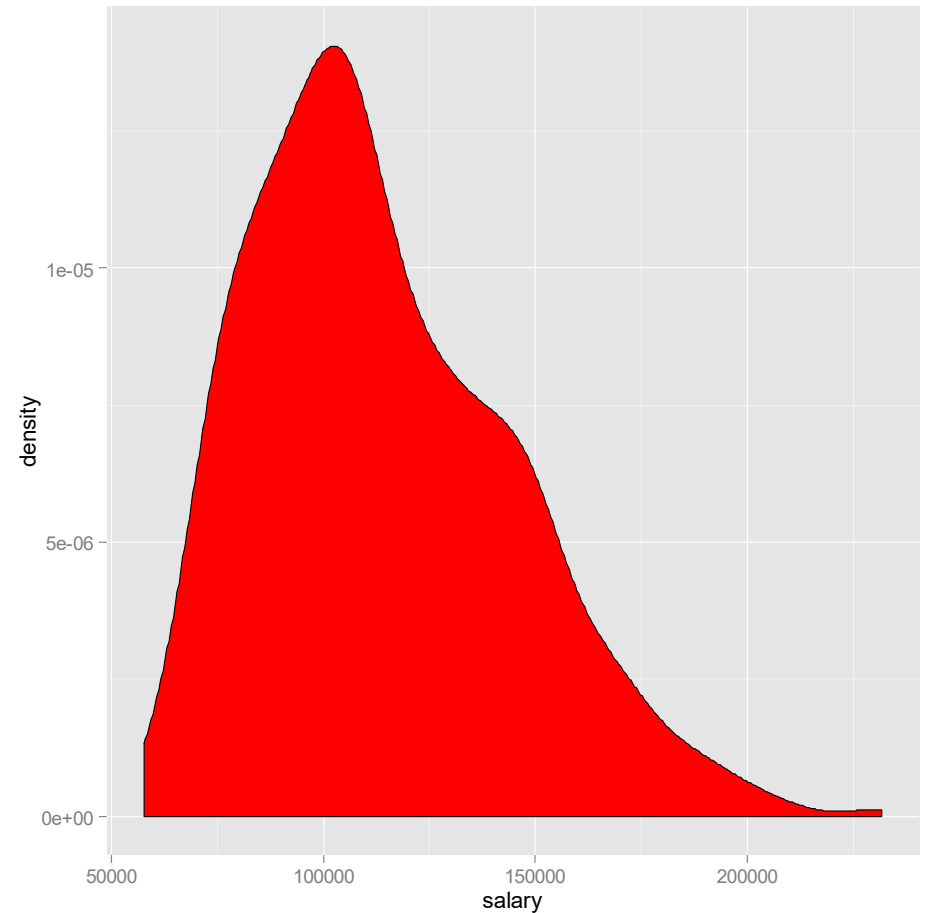


# Kernel density plot

```
ggplot(data=Salaries,  
       aes(x=salary)) +  
geom_density(fill="red")
```

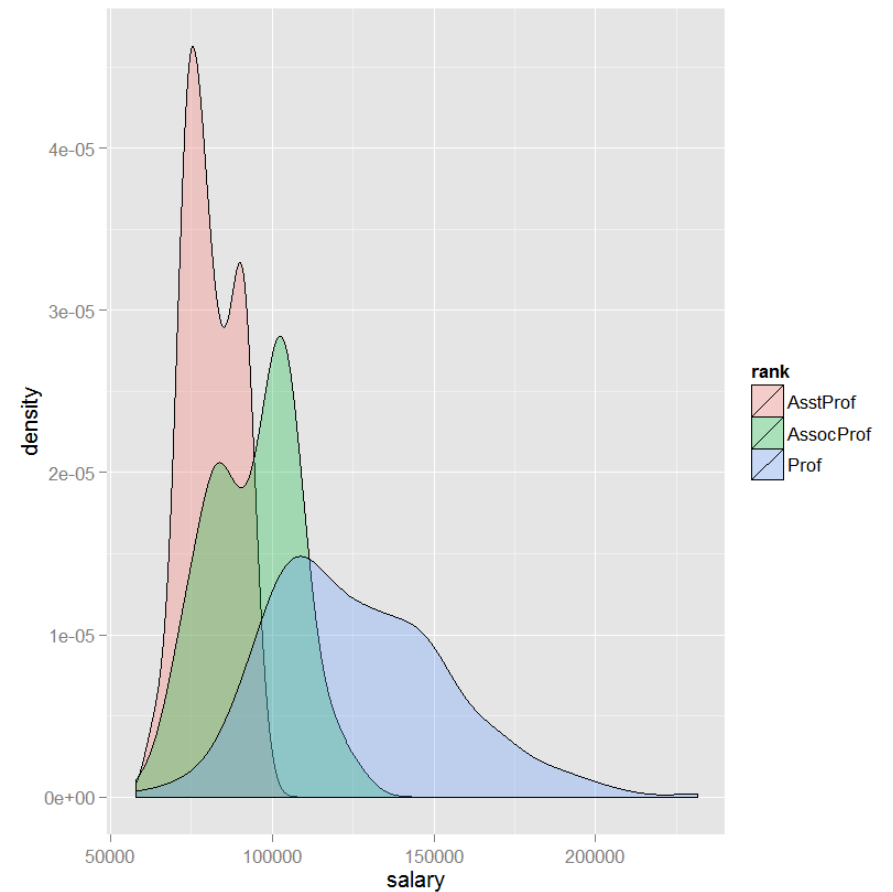
common geom\_density options:

- fill
- color
- alpha



# Kernel density plot - multiple groups

```
ggplot(data=Salaries,  
       aes(x=salary, fill=rank)) +  
geom_density(alpha=.3)
```



# Box plot

```
ggplot(data=Salaries,  
       aes(x=rank, y=salary)) +  
geom_boxplot()
```

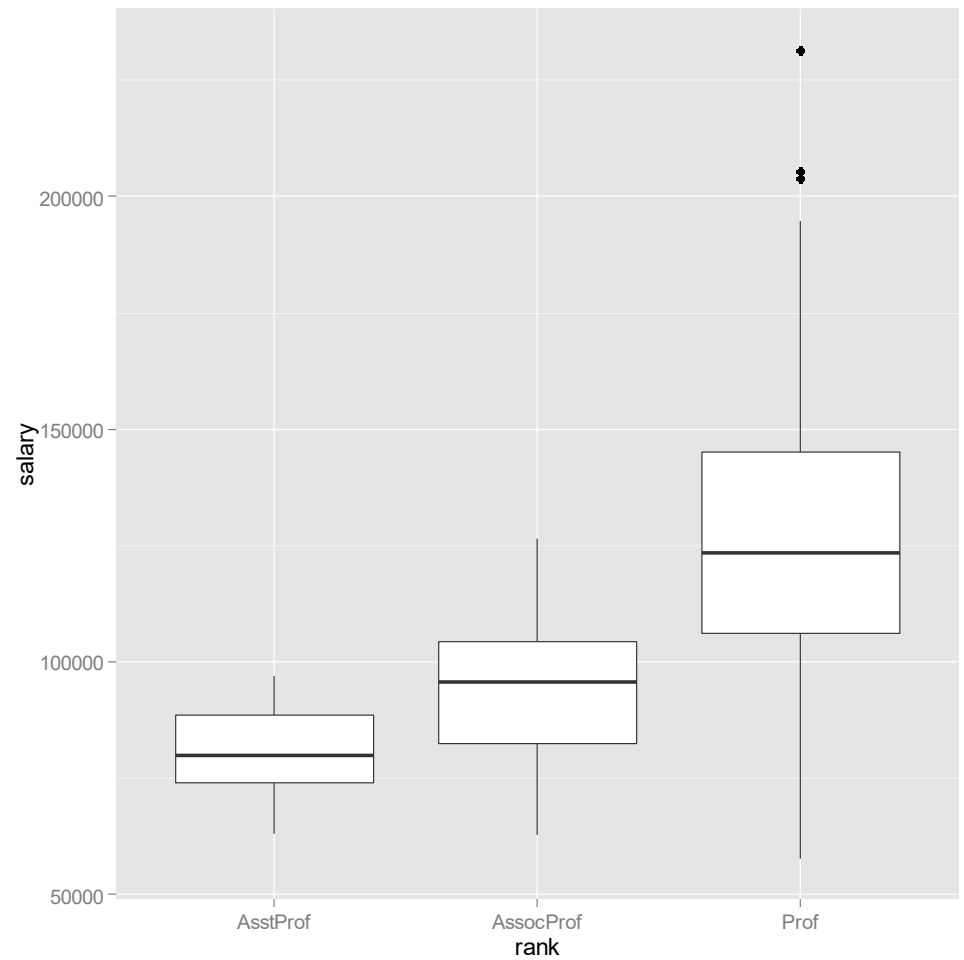
common geom\_boxplot options:

fill

color

notch (=TRUE or FALSE)

outlier. -color shape size

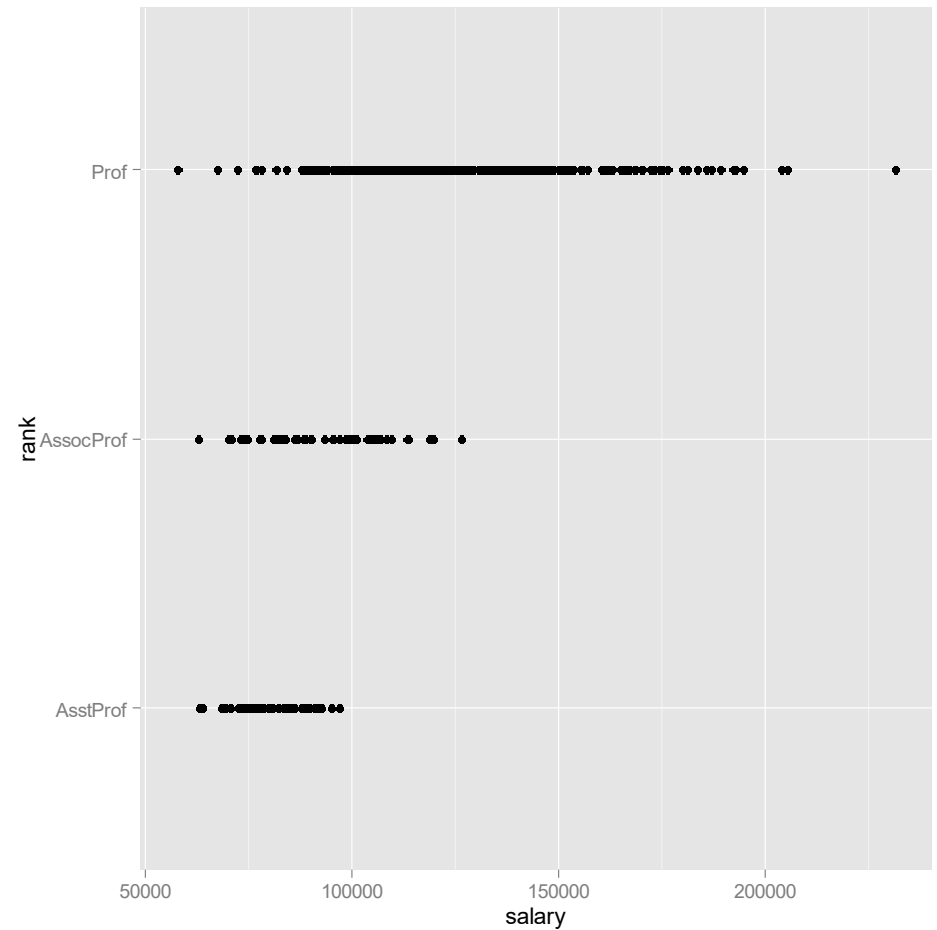


# Strip plot

```
ggplot(data=Salaries,  
       aes(x=salary, y=rank)) +  
geom_point()
```

common geom\_point options:

- color
- alpha
- shape
- size

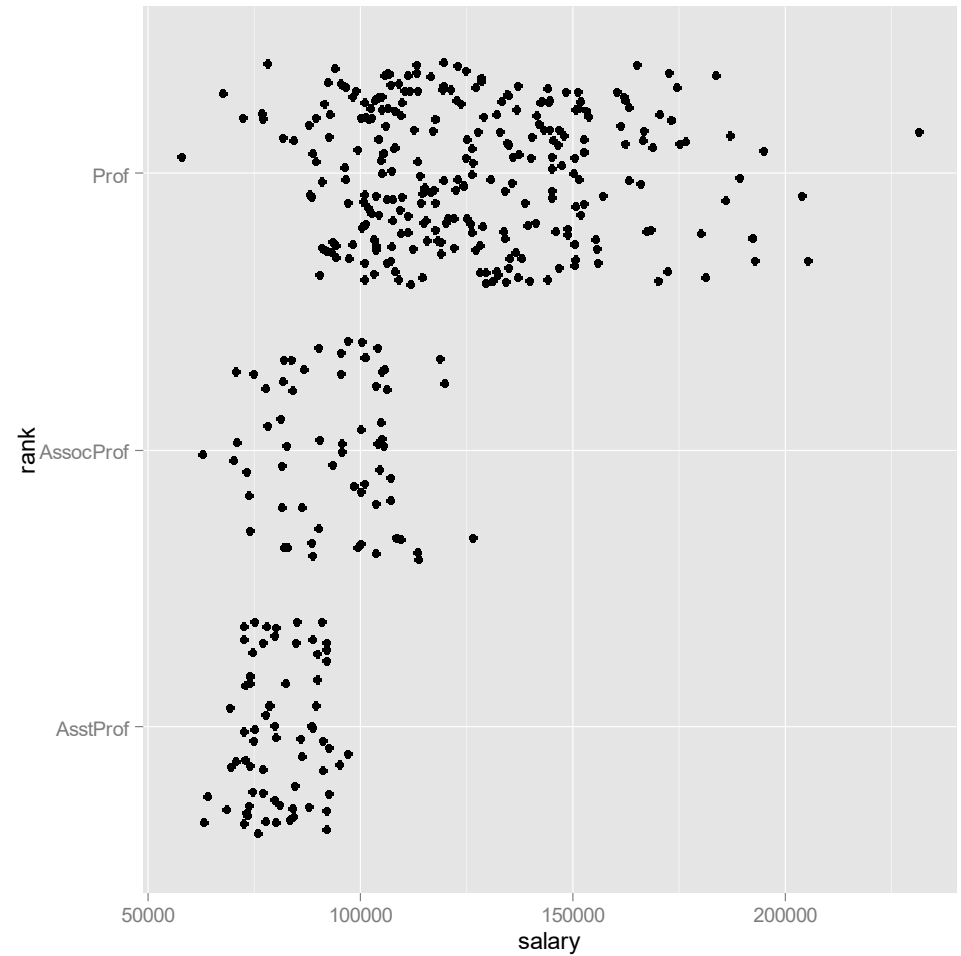


# Jittered Strip plot

```
ggplot(data=Salaries,
       aes(x=salary, y=rank)) +
geom_jitter()
```

common geom\_jitter options:

- color
- alpha
- shape
- size

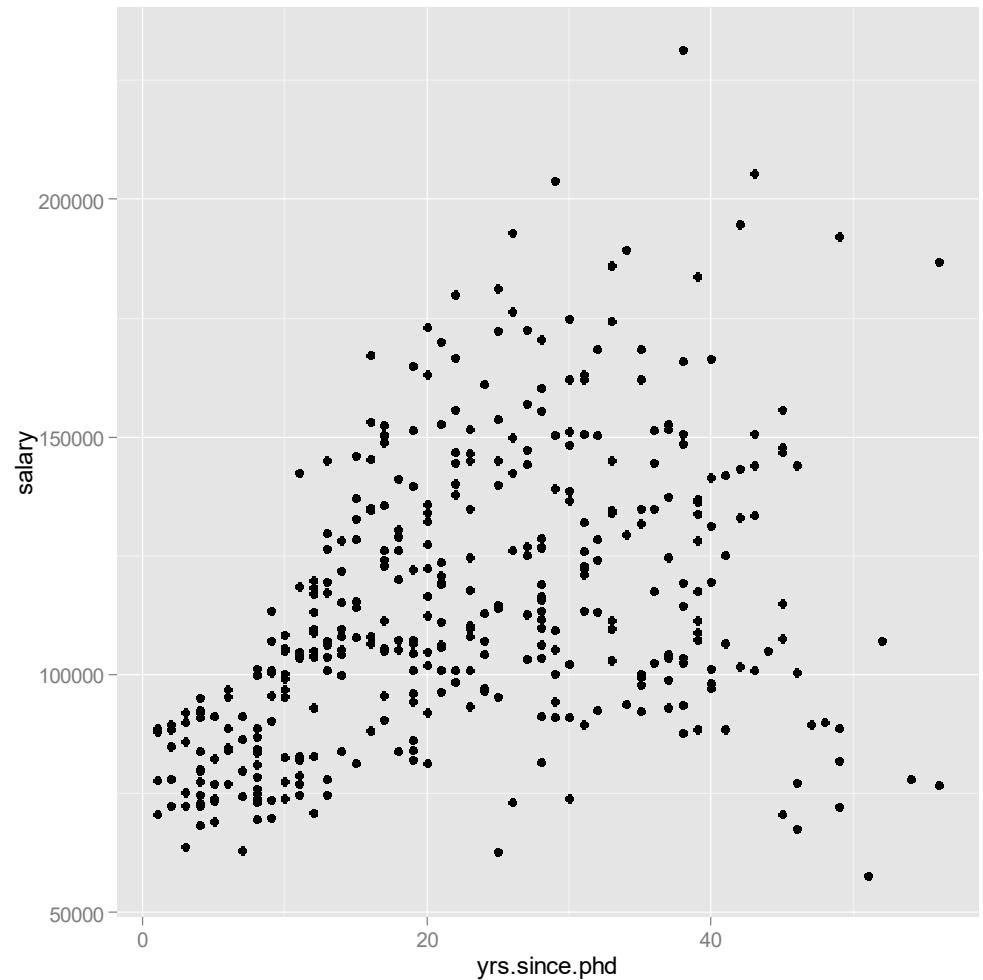


# Scatter plot

```
ggplot(data=Salaries,  
       aes(x=yrs.since.phd,  
           y=salary)) +  
geom_point()
```

common geom\_point options:

- color
- alpha
- shape
- size



# Changing point shapes

```
+ geom_point(shape = 15)
```

0	1	2	3	4	
□	○	△	+	×	
5	6	7	8	9	
◇	▽	⊠	✱	⬠	
10	11	12	13	14	
⊕	⊗	⊞	⊗	⊞	
15	16	17	18	19	
■	●	▲	◆	●	
20	21	22	23	24	25
●	●	■	◆	▲	▼

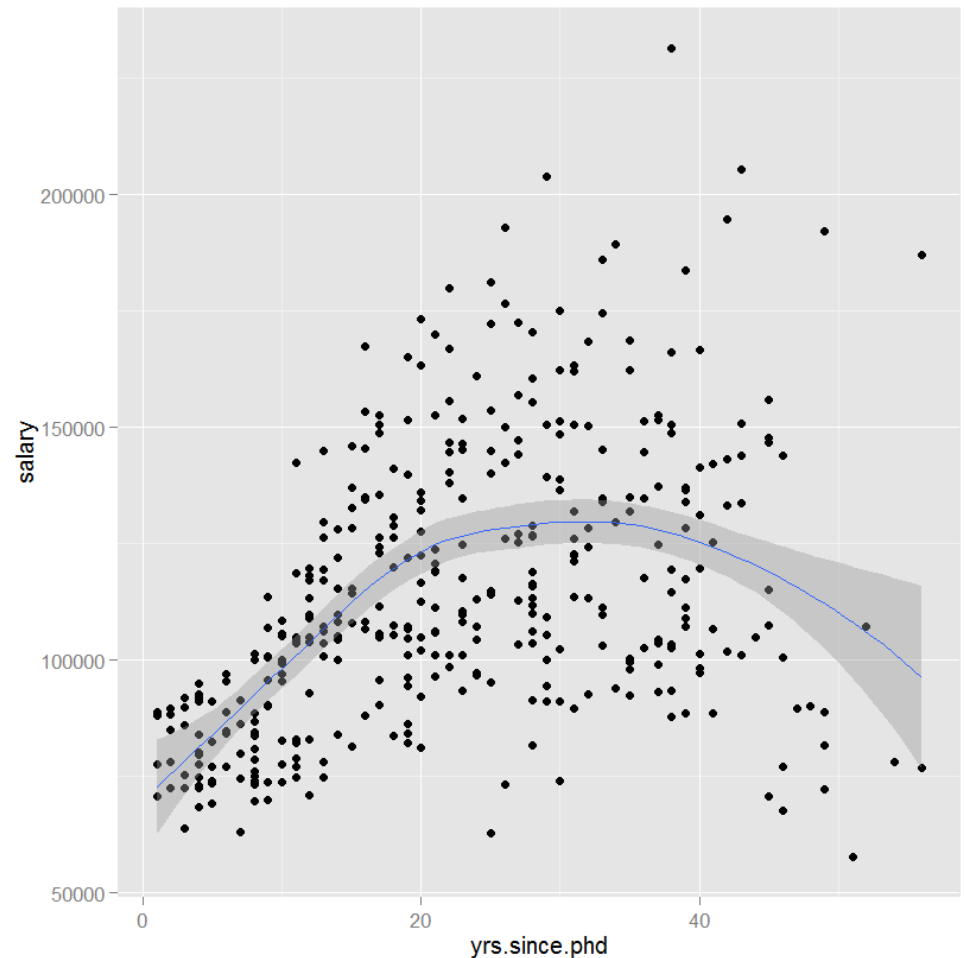
for 21-25 you  
can control both  
the fill and the border



# Scatterplot with fit

```
ggplot(data=Salaries,  
       aes(x=yrs.since.phd,  
           y=salary)) +  
geom_point() +  
geom_smooth()
```

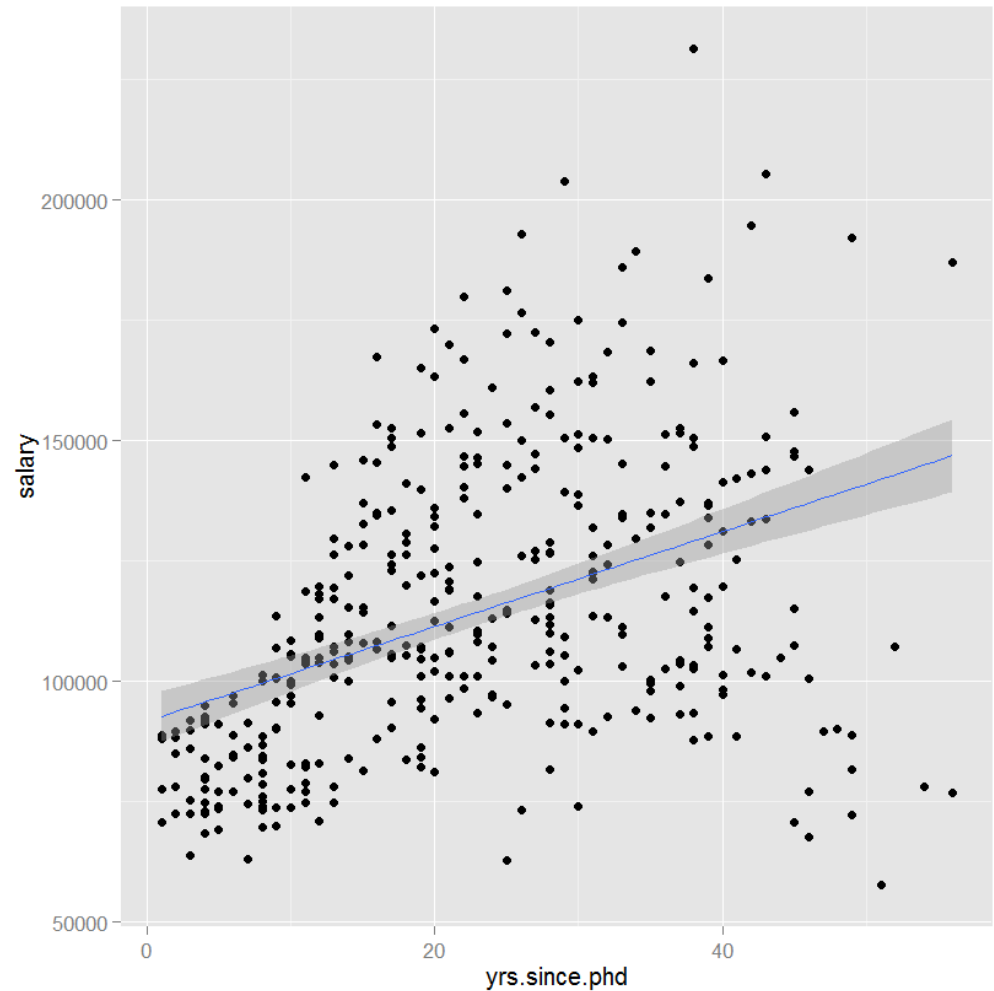
common geom\_smooth options  
method ("lm", "loess", "gam")  
se (TRUE or FALSE)  
formula



# Scatterplot with fit

```
ggplot(data=Salaries,  
  aes(x=yrs.since.phd,  
    y=salary)) +  
geom_point() +  
geom_smooth(method="lm",  
  formula=y~x)
```

try `formula = y~poly(x, 2)`



# Grouping

Add

- *color*,
- *shape*,
- *size*,
- *alpha*

to

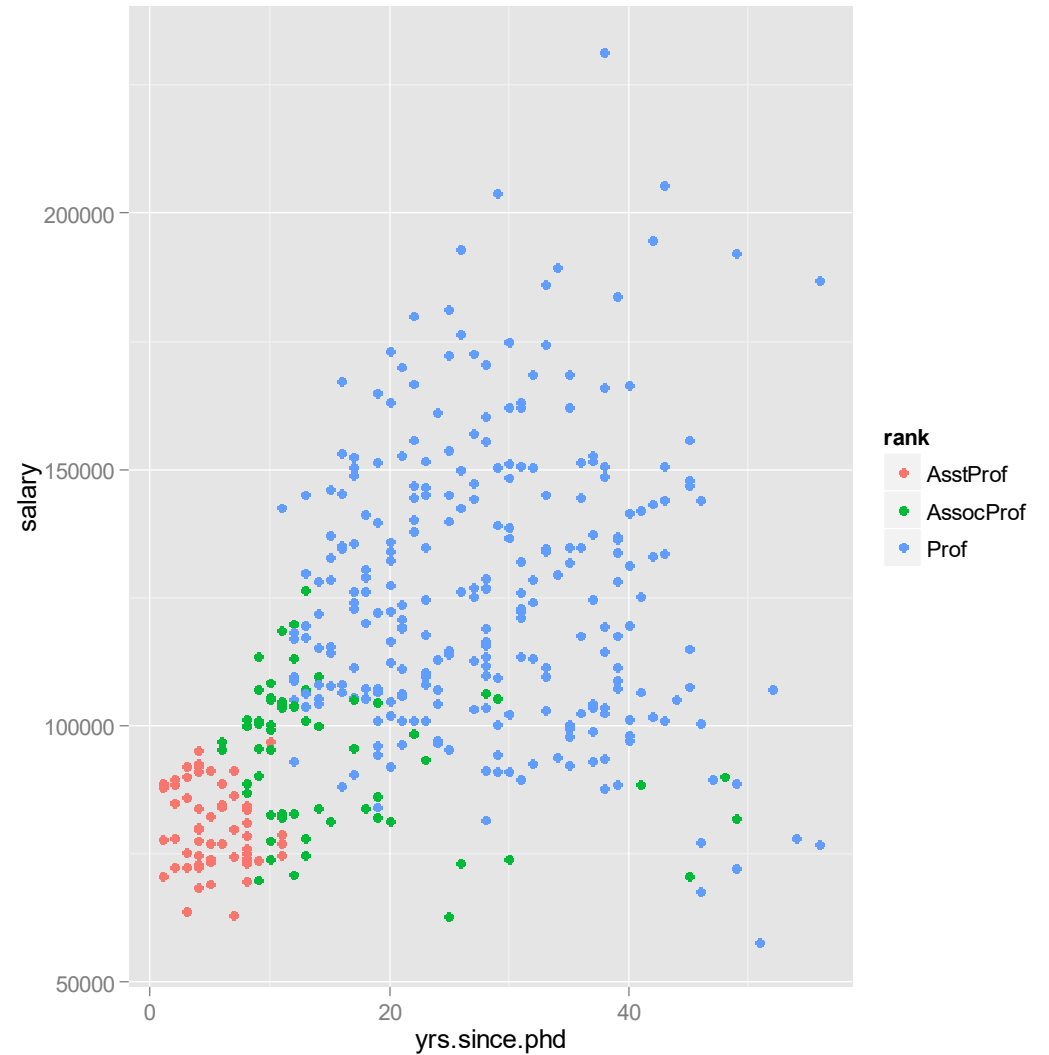
`aes()`  
or the  
`geom_xxx()`

be careful of aesthetics  
`fill=sex`

vs attributes!  
`fill="blue"`

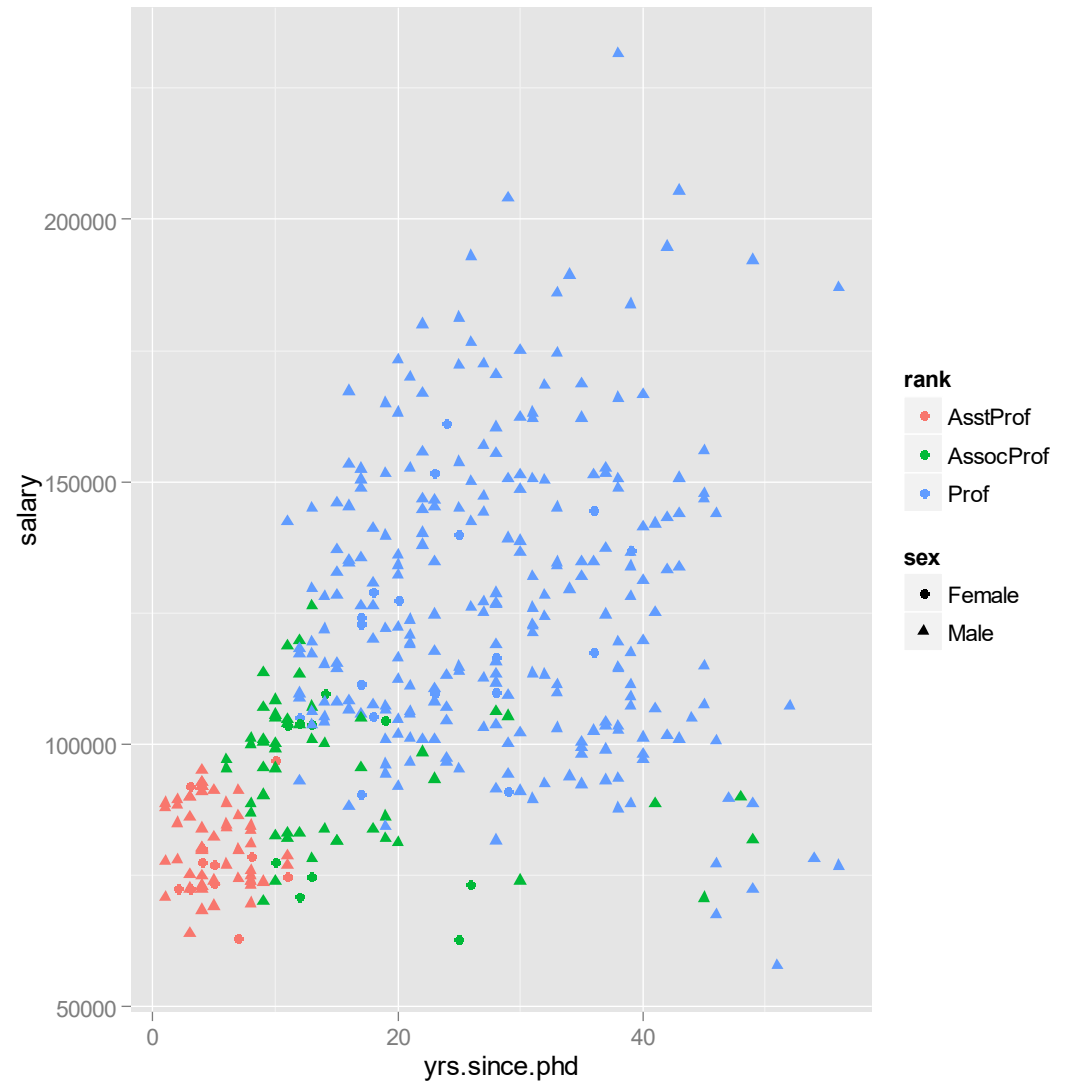
# Grouping

```
ggplot(data=Salaries,  
  aes(x=yrs.since.phd,  
    y=salary,  
    color=rank)) +  
geom_point()
```



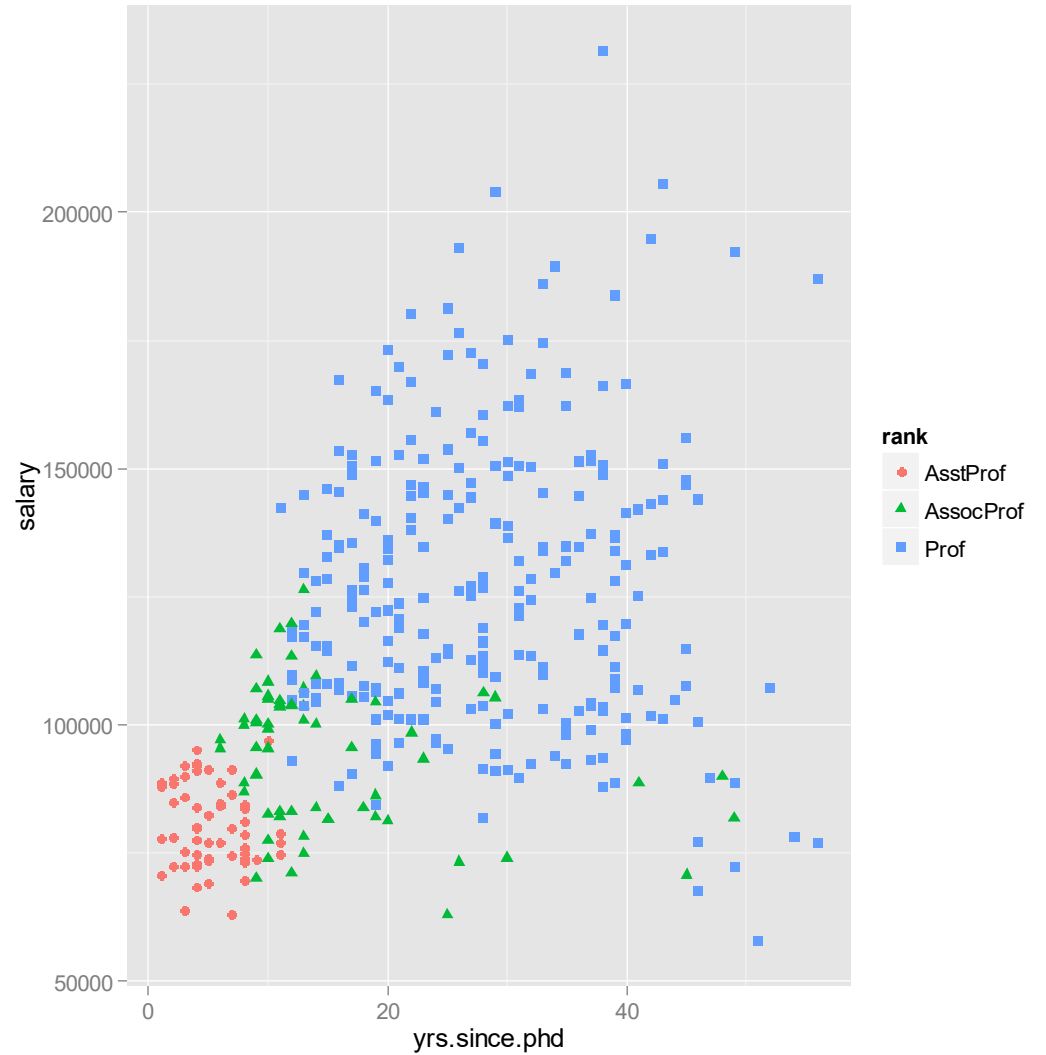
# Grouping

```
ggplot(data=Salaries,  
  aes(x=yrs.since.phd,  
    y=salary,  
    color=rank,  
    shape=sex)) +  
geom_point()
```



# Grouping

```
ggplot(data=Salaries,  
  aes(x=yrs.since.phd,  
    y=salary,  
    color=rank,  
    shape=rank)) +  
geom_point()
```



# Facets

`facets_grid( rowvar ~ colvar)`      rows by columns

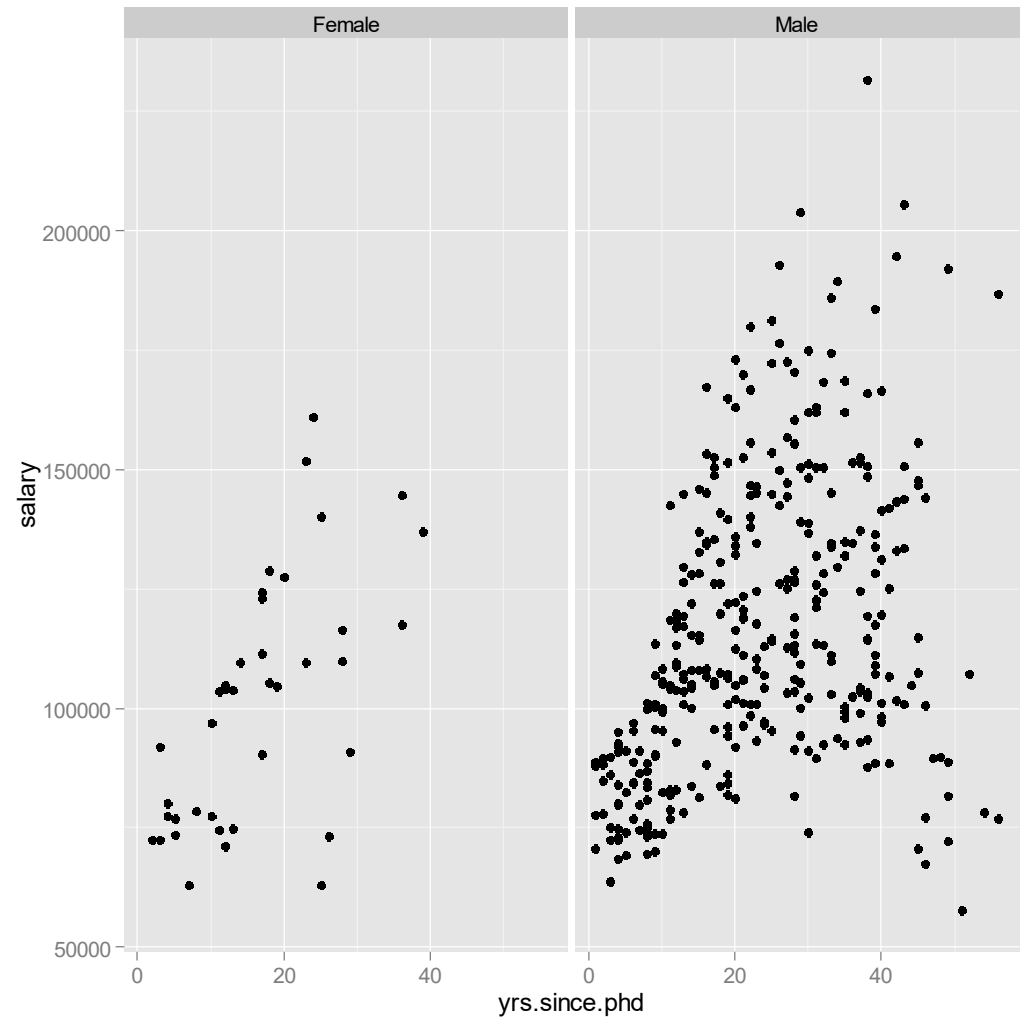
`facets_grid( . ~ colvar)`              just columns

`facets_grid(rowvar ~ .)`              just rows

`facets_wrap(~ var, ncol=#)`              one classification  
variable wrapped to fill page

# Facets

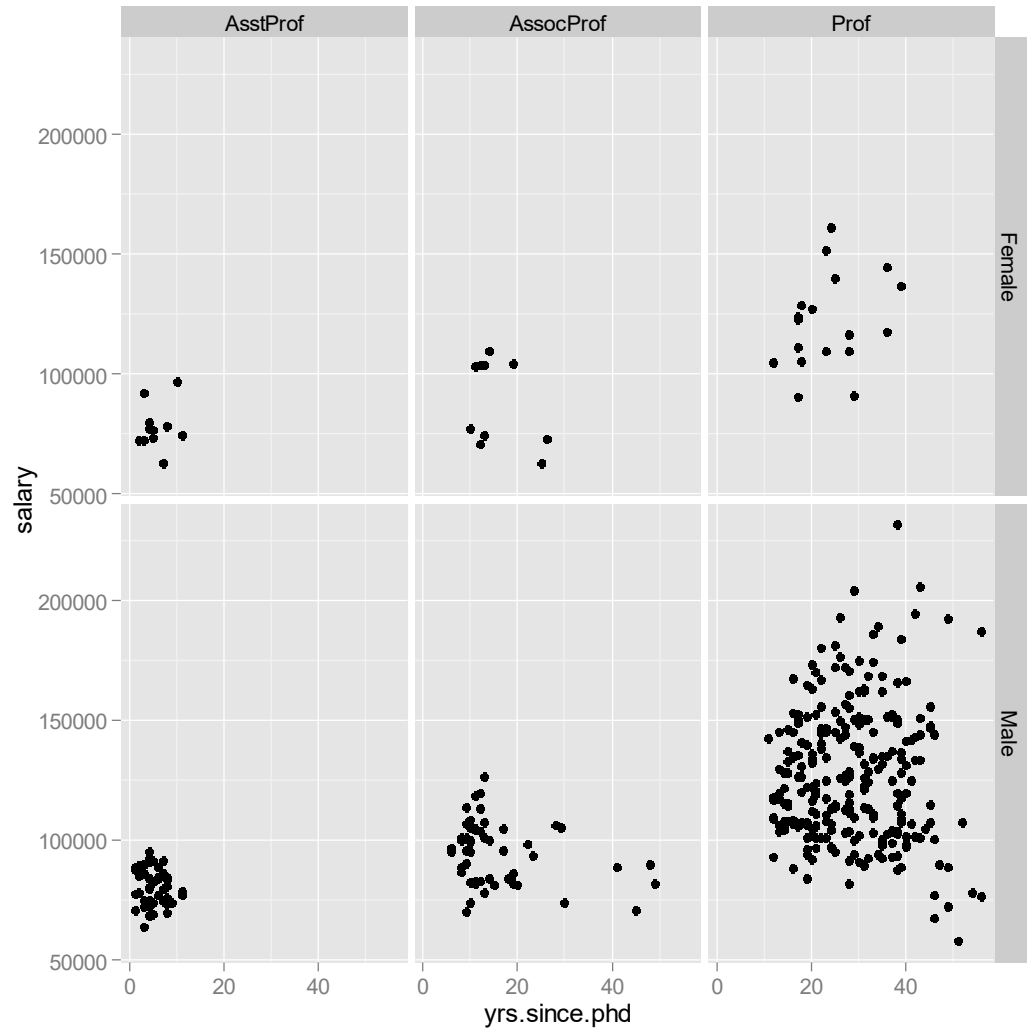
```
ggplot(data=Salaries,  
       aes(x=yrs.since.phd,  
           y=salary)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  facet_grid(. ~ sex)
```





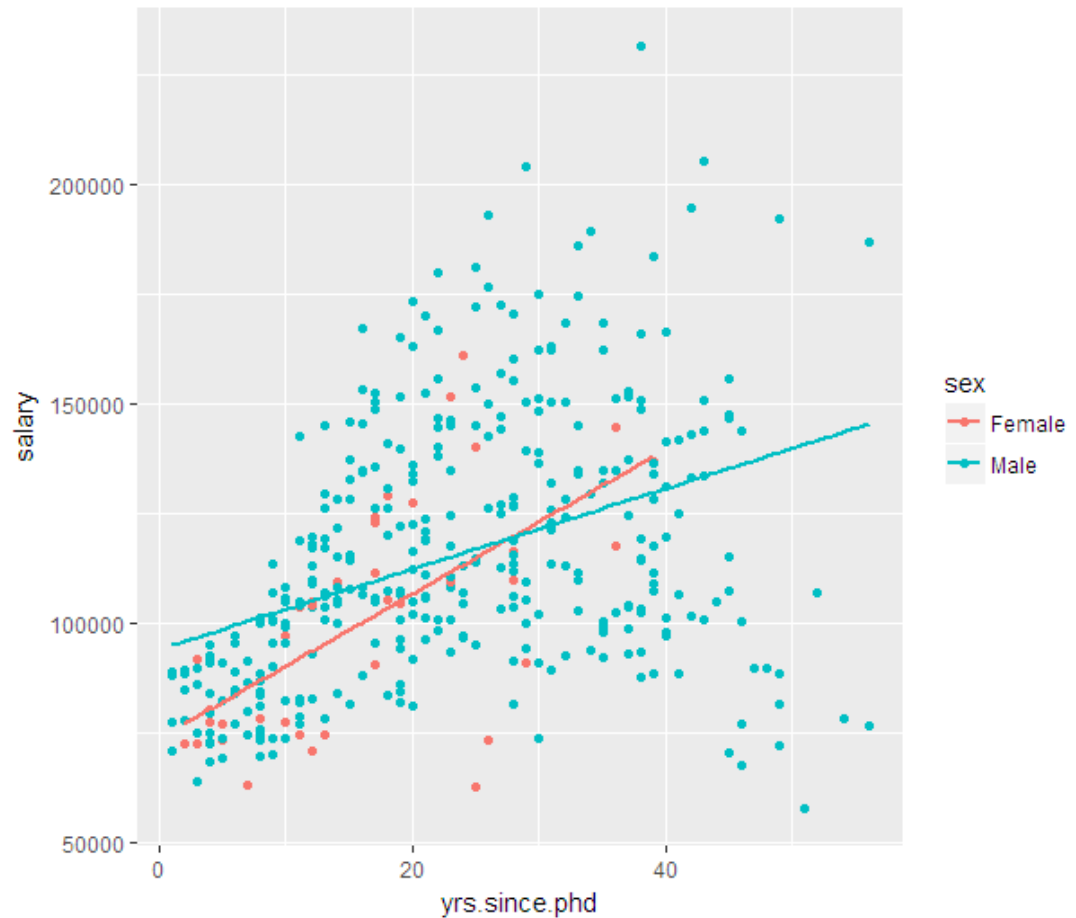
# Facets

```
ggplot(data=Salaries,  
  aes(x=yrs.since.phd,  
    y=salary)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  facet_grid(sex ~ rank)
```



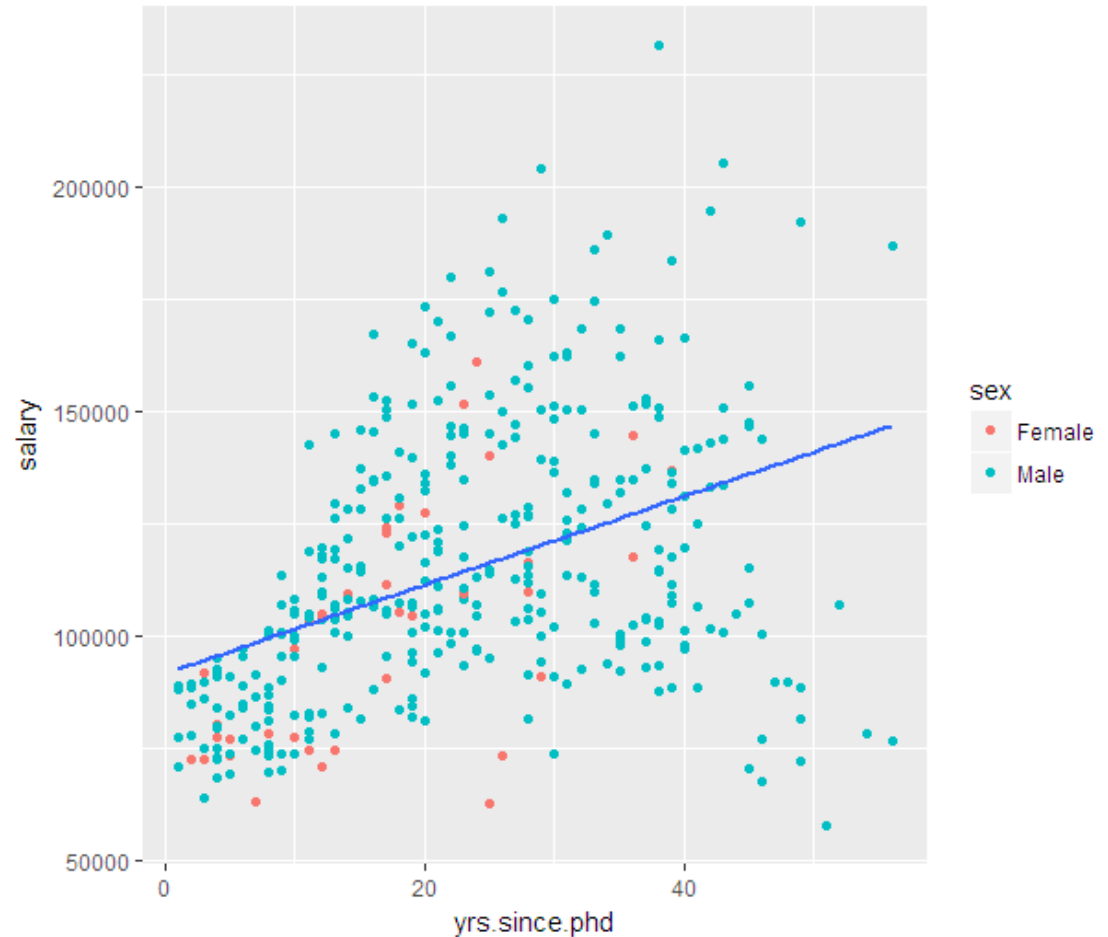
# Aesthetics in ggplot( ) vs geom\_xxx( )

```
ggplot(data=Salaries,  
      aes(x=yrs.since.phd,  
          y=salary,  
          color=sex )) +  
geom_point() +  
geom_smooth(method="lm", se=FALSE)
```



# Aesthetics in ggplot( ) vs geom\_xxx( )

```
ggplot(data=Salaries,  
       aes(x=yrs.since.phd,  
           y=salary )) +  
  geom_point(aes(color=sex)) +  
  geom_smooth(method="lm", se=FALSE)
```

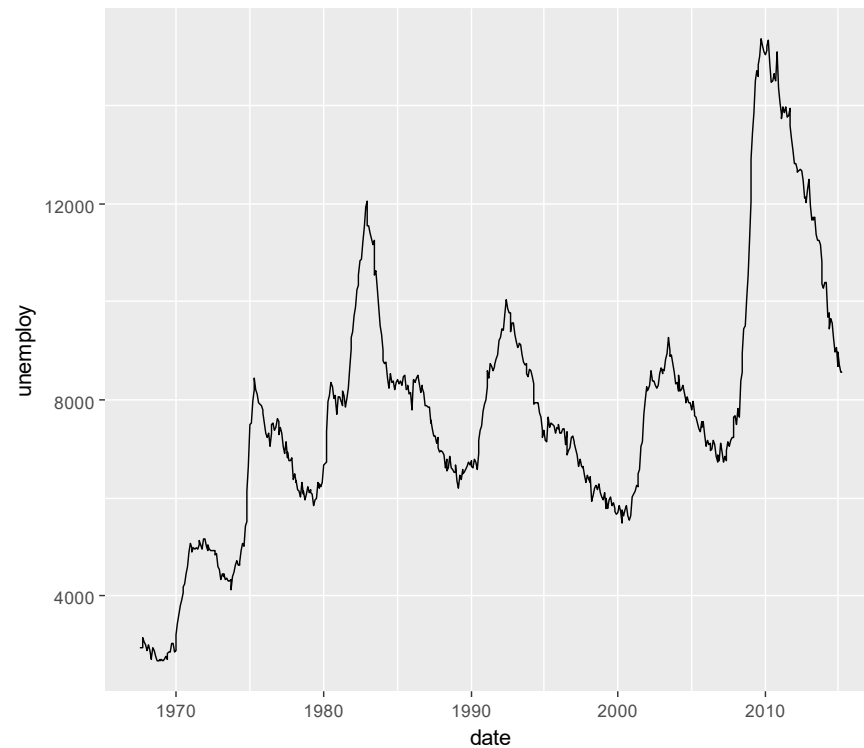


# Geoms

<b>geom_abline</b>	Reference lines: horizontal, vertical, and diagonal	<b>geom_path</b>	Connect observations
<b>geom_bar</b>	Bars charts	<b>geom_point</b>	Points
<b>geom_bin2d</b>	Heatmap of 2d bin counts	<b>geom_polygon</b>	Polygons
<b>geom_blank</b>	Draw nothing	<b>geom_qq</b>	A quantile-quantile plot
<b>geom_boxplot</b>	A box and whiskers plot (in the style of Tukey)	<b>geom_quantile</b>	Quantile regression
<b>geom_contour</b>	2d contours of a 3d surface	<b>geom_ribbon</b>	Ribbons and area plots
<b>geom_count</b>	Count overlapping points	<b>geom_rug</b>	Rug plots in the margins
<b>geom_density</b>	Smoothed density estimates	<b>geom_segment</b>	Line segments and curves
<b>geom_density_2d</b>	Contours of a 2d density estimate	<b>geom_smooth</b>	Smoothed conditional means
<b>geom_dotplot</b>	Dot plot	<b>geom_spoke</b>	Line segments parameterised by location, direction and distance
<b>geom_errorbarh</b>	Horizontal error bars	<b>geom_label</b>	Text
<b>geom_hex</b>	Hexagonal heatmap of 2d bin counts	<b>geom_raster</b>	Rectangles
<b>geom_freqpoly</b>	Histograms and frequency polygons	<b>geom_violin</b>	Violin plot
<b>geom_jitter</b>	Jittered points		
<b>geom_crossbar</b>	Vertical intervals: lines, crossbars & errorbars		
<b>geom_map</b>	Polygons from a reference map		

# Line charts

```
ggplot(economics, aes(date, unemploy)) + geom_line()
```



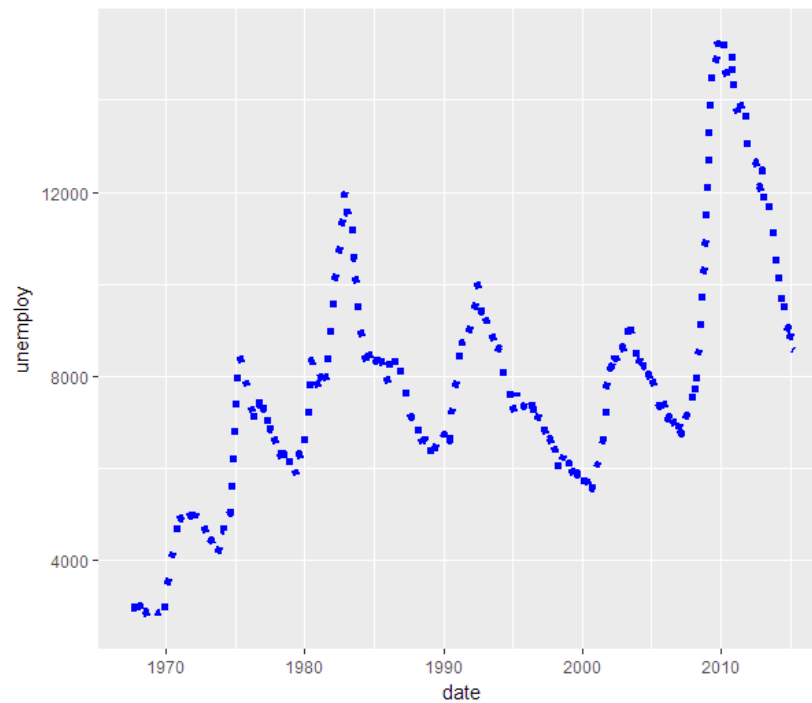
# Line charts

## Changing the linestyle



# Line charts

```
ggplot(economics, aes(date, unemploy)) +  
geom_line(linetype="dotted", color="blue", size=1)
```



# Scales

`scale_x_continuous()`  
`scale_y_continuous()`

`scale_x_discrete()`  
`scale_y_discrete()`

`scale_color_continuous()`  
`scale_color_manual()`  
`scale_color_brewer()`

`scale_fill_continuous()`  
`scale_fill_manual()`

Axes

Colors

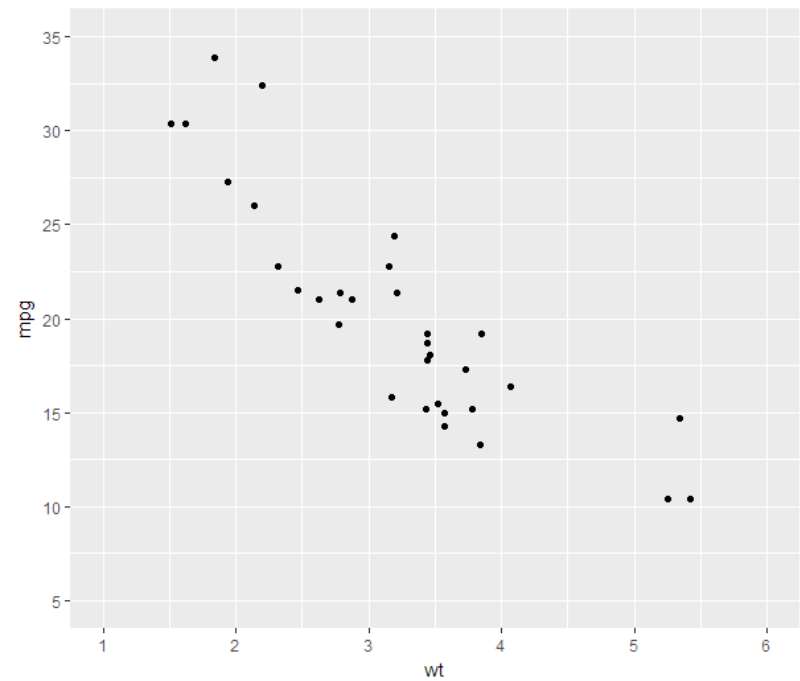
Fill

Also shape,  
and size



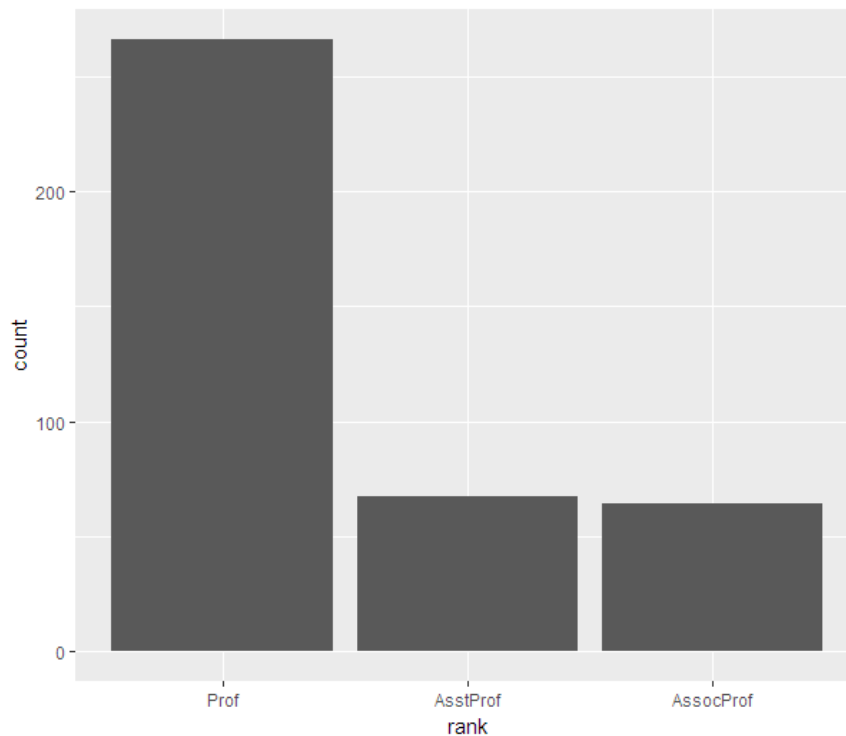
# Scales

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x=wt, y=mpg)) + geom_point() +  
  scale_x_continuous(breaks=seq(1,6,1), limits=c(1, 6)) +  
  scale_y_continuous(breaks=seq(5, 35, 5), limits=c(5,35))
```



# Scales

```
ggplot(Salaries, aes(x=rank)) + geom_bar() +  
  scale_x_discrete(limits = c("Prof", "AsstProf", "AssocProf"))
```



breaks,  
limits,  
labels

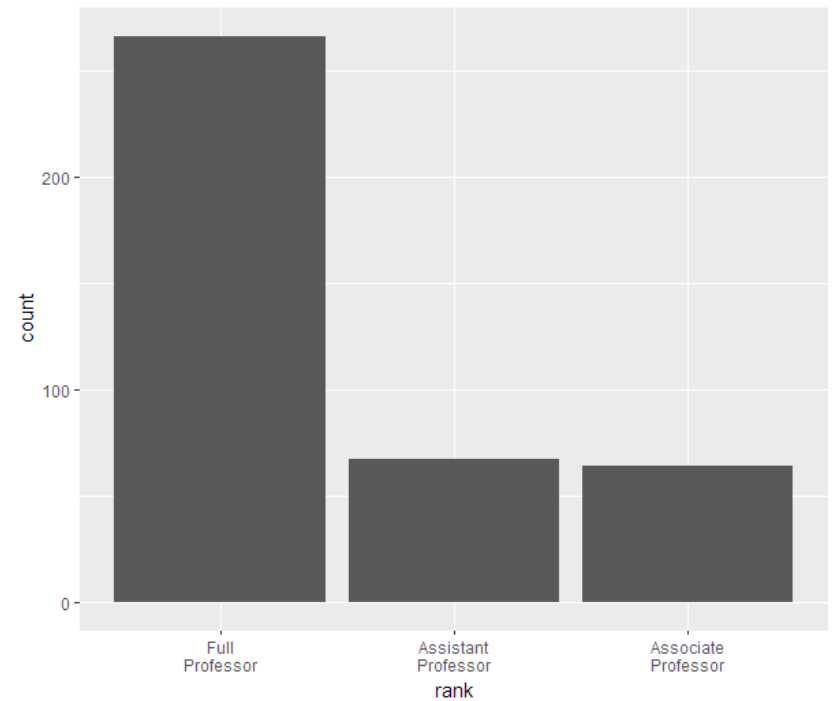
use limits  
to reorder  
levels

# Scales

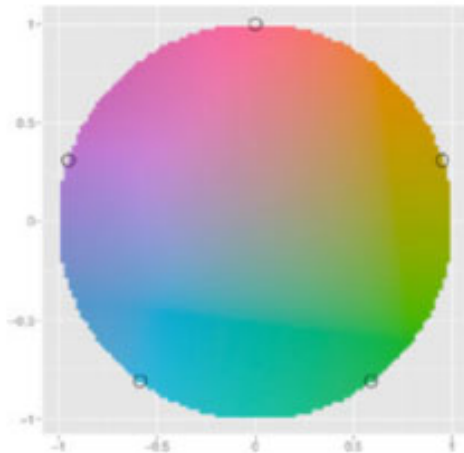
```
ggplot(Salaries, aes(x=rank)) + geom_bar() +  
  scale_x_discrete(limits = c("Prof", "AsstProf", "AssocProf"),  
    labels = c("Full\nProfessor", "Assistant\nProfessor" ,  
      "Associate\nProfessor"))
```

breaks,  
limits,  
labels

use limits  
to reorder  
levels



# Scales – Color and Fill



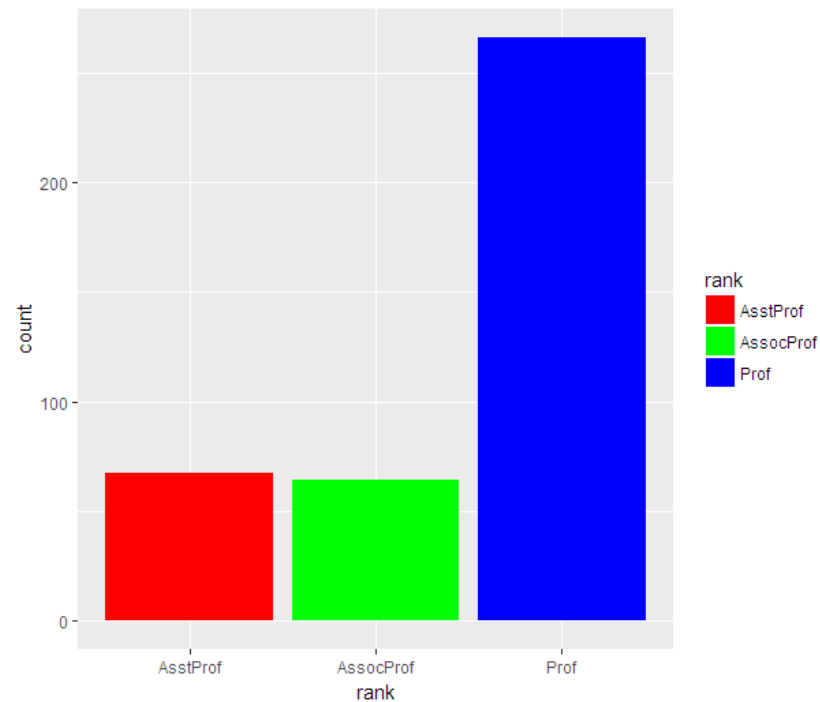
picking colors by name - "red"  
or hex #ff0000

try colors() to list all built in colors

ggplot2 picks colors from around the circle  
for example the 5 points above if there are five levels

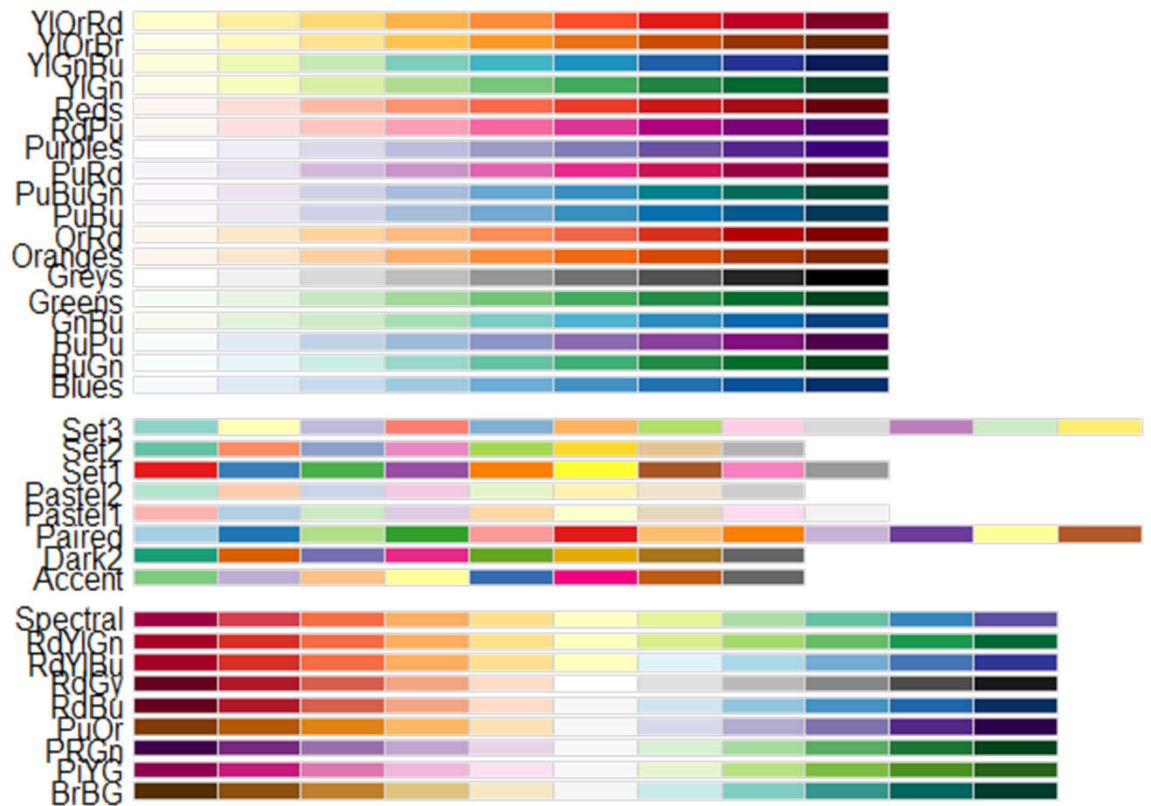
# Scales – Color/Fill

```
ggplot(Salaries, aes(x=rank, fill=rank)) + geom_bar() +  
  scale_fill_manual(values=c("red", "green", "blue"))
```



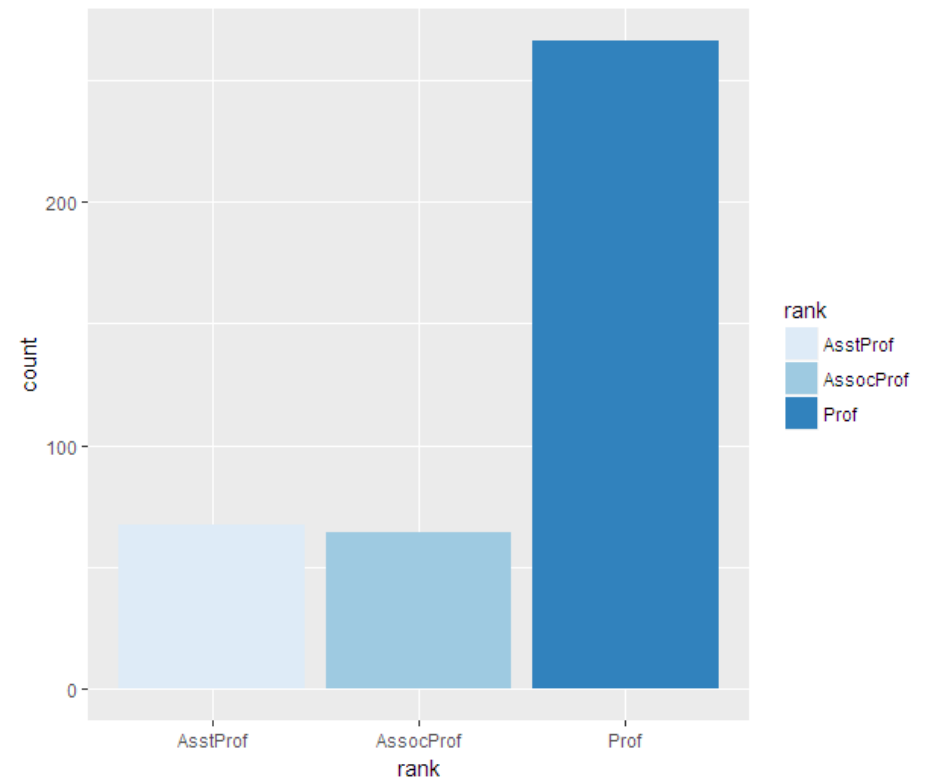
# Scales – Color / Fill

Specify a color palate using  
`scale_fill_brewer()`  
`scale_color_brewer()`  
 using `palette=` option



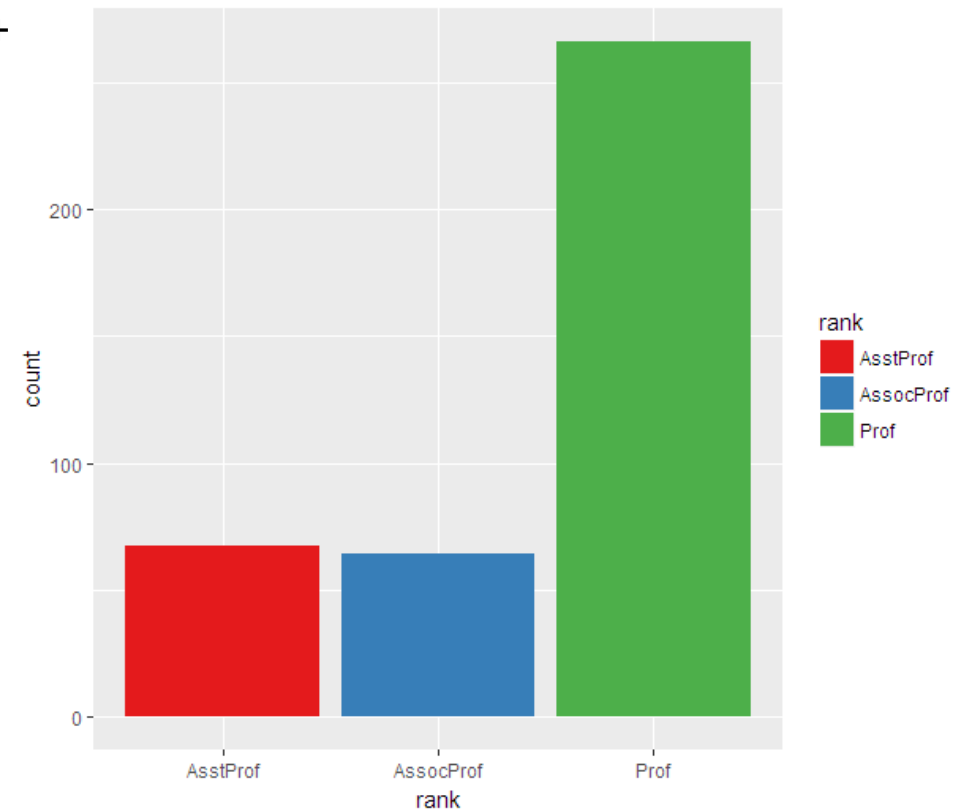
# Scales – Color/Fill

```
ggplot(Salaries, aes(x=rank, fill=rank)) +  
  geom_bar() +  
  scale_fill_brewer()
```



# Scales – Color/Fill

```
ggplot(Salaries, aes(x=rank, fill=rank)) +  
  geom_bar() +  
  scale_fill_brewer(palette = "Set1")
```



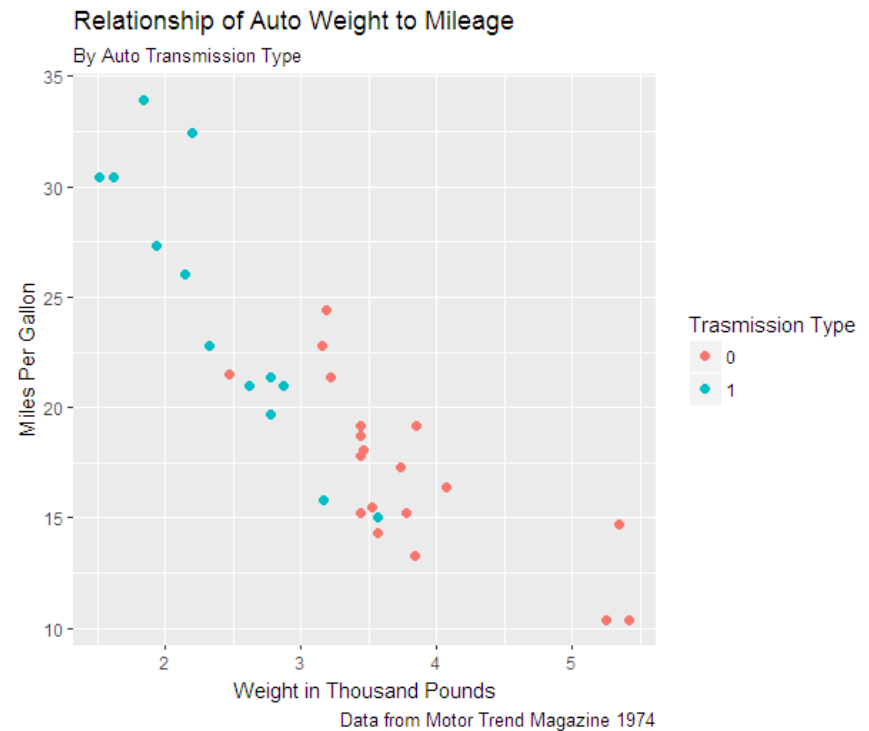


# Annotations - Labels

```
p <- ggplot(data=mtcars, aes(x=wt, y=mpg, color=factor(am))) +  
  geom_point(size=2) +
```

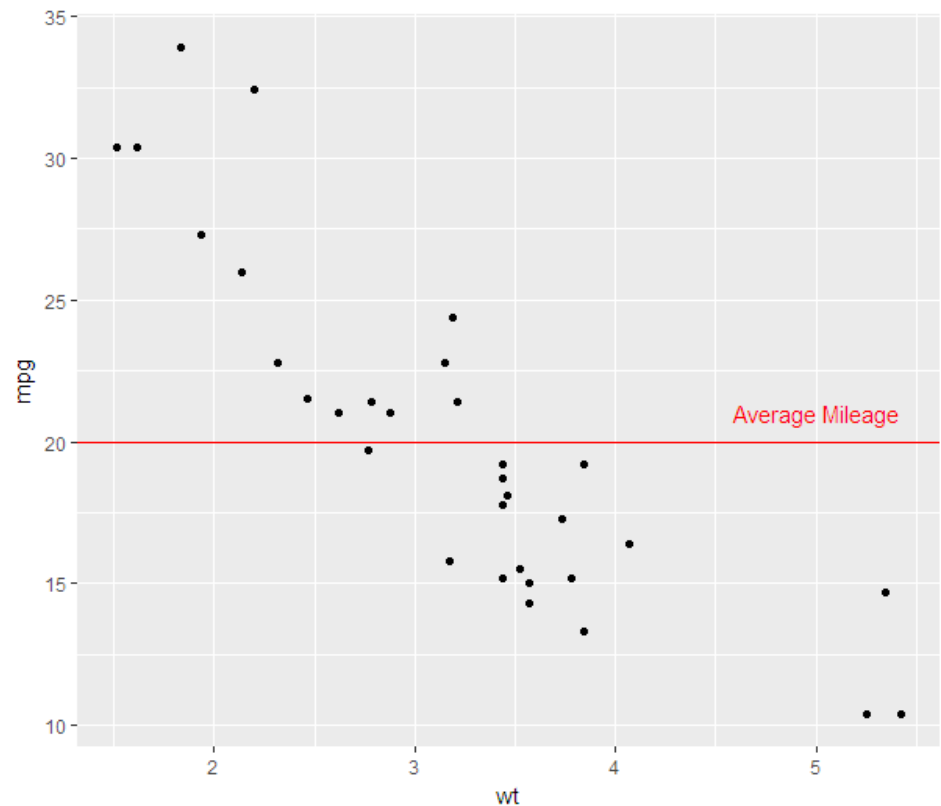
```
  labs(title="Relationship of Auto Weight to Mileage"  
        subtitle="By Auto Transmission Type",  
        caption = "Data from Motor Trend Magazine 1974",  
        x = "Weight in Thousand Pounds",  
        y="Miles Per Gallon",  
        color = "Transmission Type")
```

p



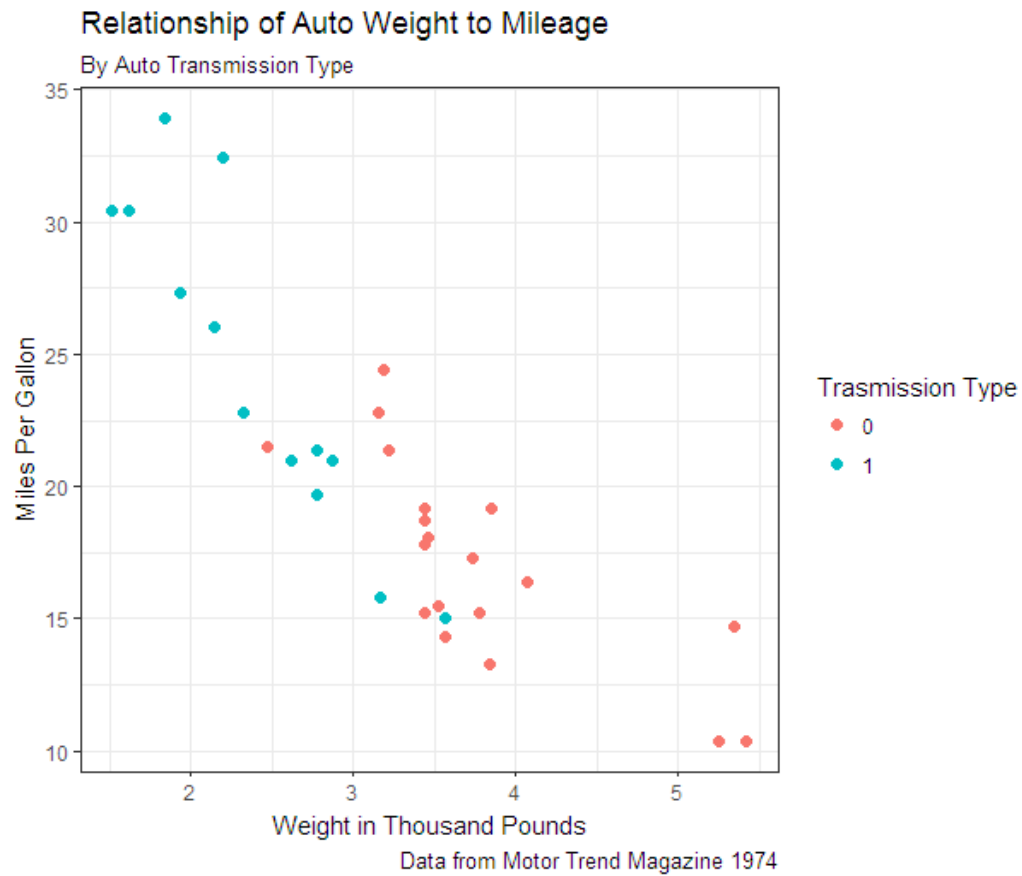
## Annotations – reference lines and labels

```
ggplot(data=mtcars, aes(x=wt, y=mpg)) + geom_point() +  
  geom_hline(yintercept=20, color="red") +  
  annotate("text", x=5, y=21,  
          label="Average Mileage", color="red")
```



# Themes - prepackaged

`p + theme_bw()`



# Themes - prepackaged

## `library(ggthemes)`

`theme_base`: a theme resembling the default base graphics in R. See also `theme_par`.

`theme_calc`: a theme based on LibreOffice Calc.

`theme_economist`: a theme based on the plots in the The Economist magazine.

`theme_excel`: a theme replicating the classic ugly gray charts in Excel

`theme_few`: theme from Stephen Few's "Practical Rules for Using Color in Charts".

`theme_fivethirtyeight`: a theme based on the plots at [fivethirtyeight.com](http://fivethirtyeight.com).

`theme_gdocs`: a theme based on Google Docs.

`theme_hc`: a theme based on Highcharts JS.

`theme_par`: a theme that uses the current values of the base graphics parameters in `par`.

`theme_pander`: a theme to use with the pander package.

`theme_solarized`: a theme using the solarized color palette.

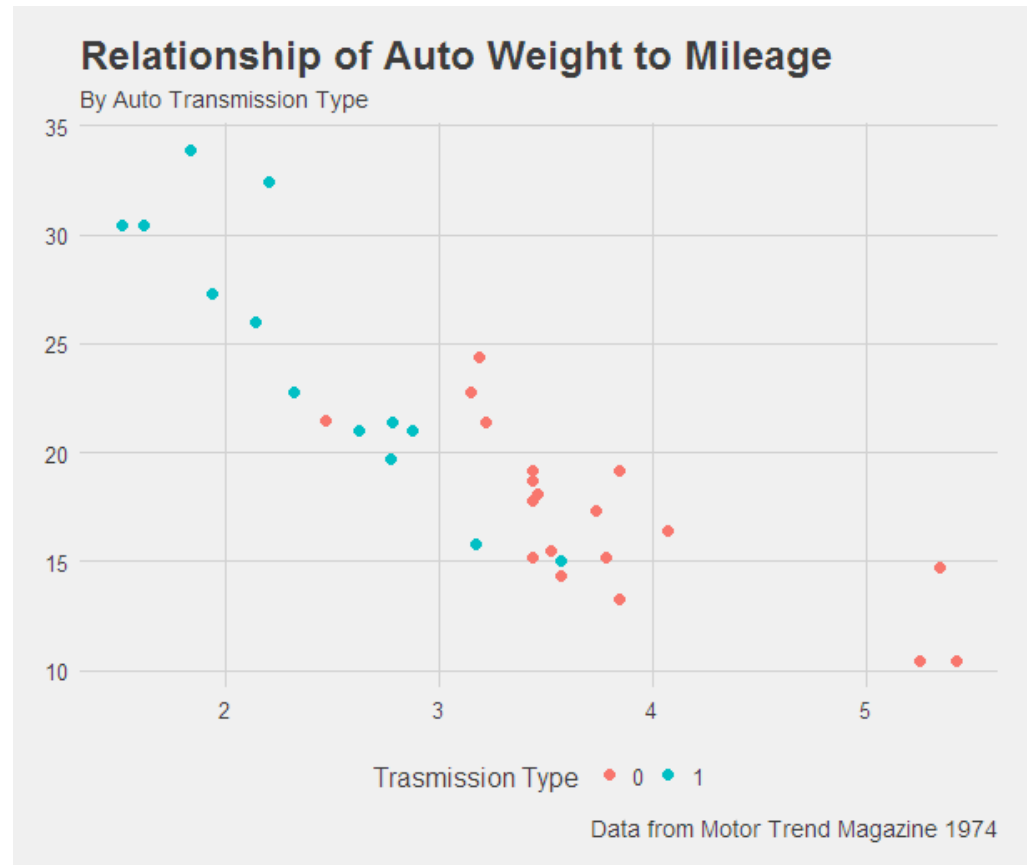
`theme_stata`: themes based on Stata graph schemes.

`theme_tufte`: a minimal ink theme based on Tufte's The Visual Display of Quantitative Information.

`theme_wsj`: a theme based on the plots in the The Wall Street Journal.

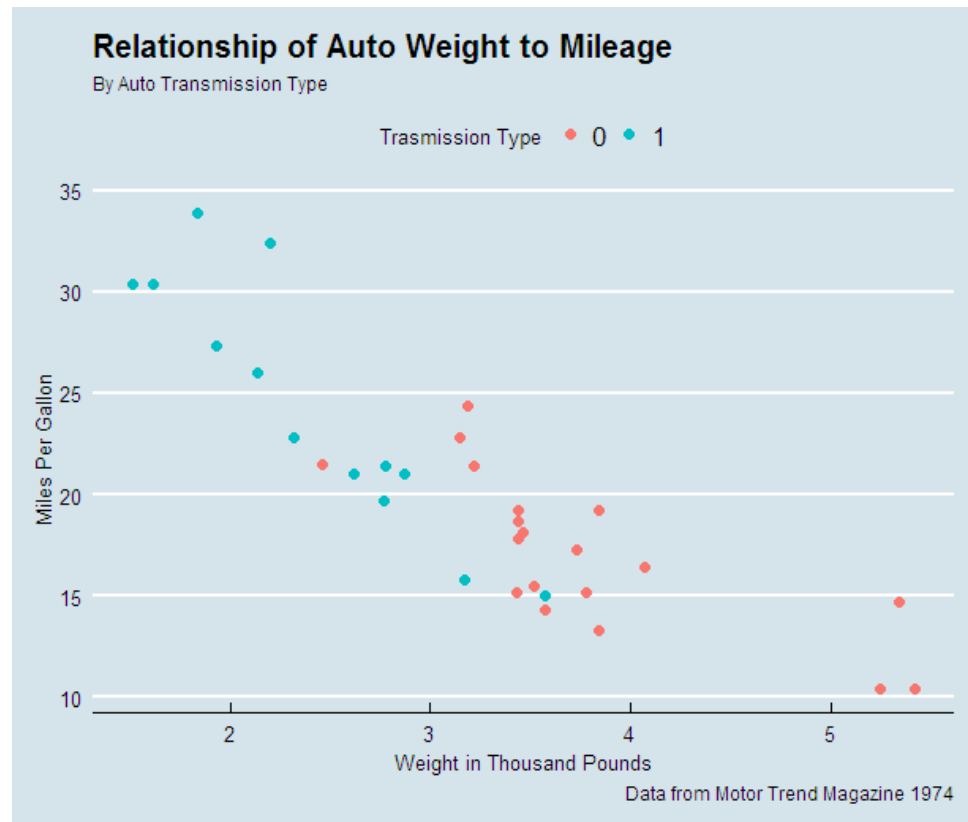
# Themes - prepackaged

```
library(ggthemes)  
p + theme_fivethirtyeight()
```

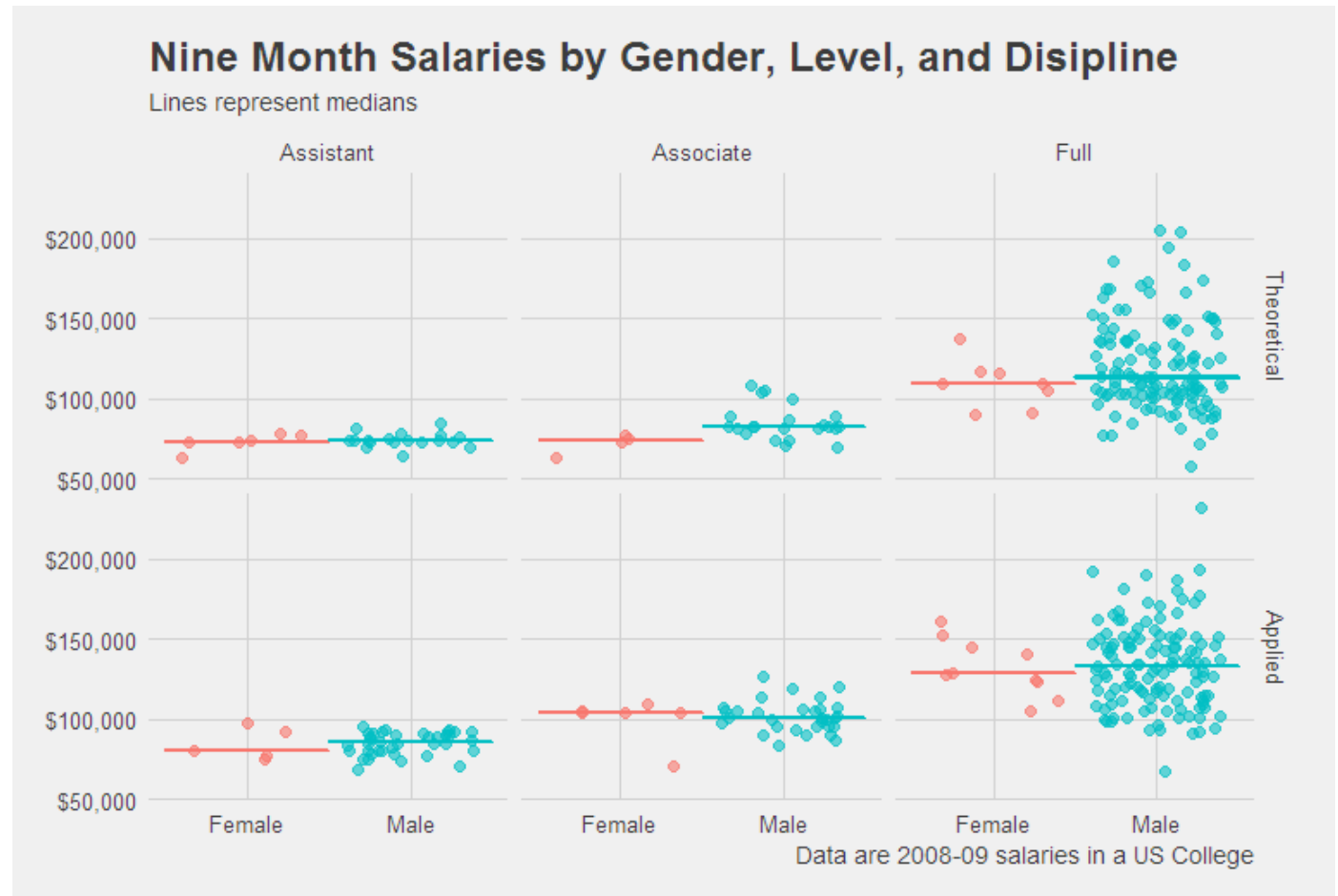


# Themes - prepackaged

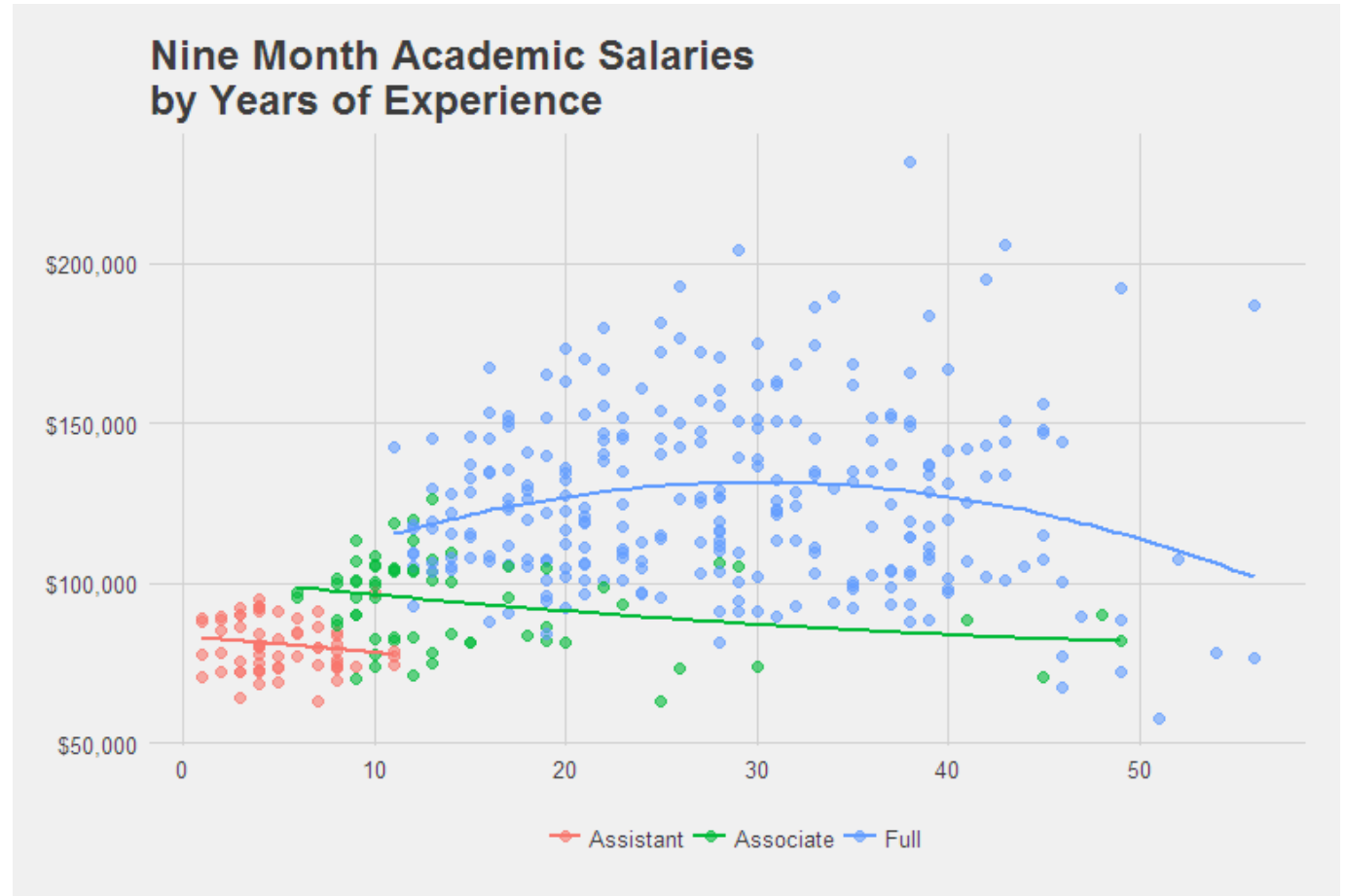
```
library(ggthemes)  
p + theme_economist()
```



# Getting Fancy



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# Combining graphs

```
theme_set(theme_minimal())

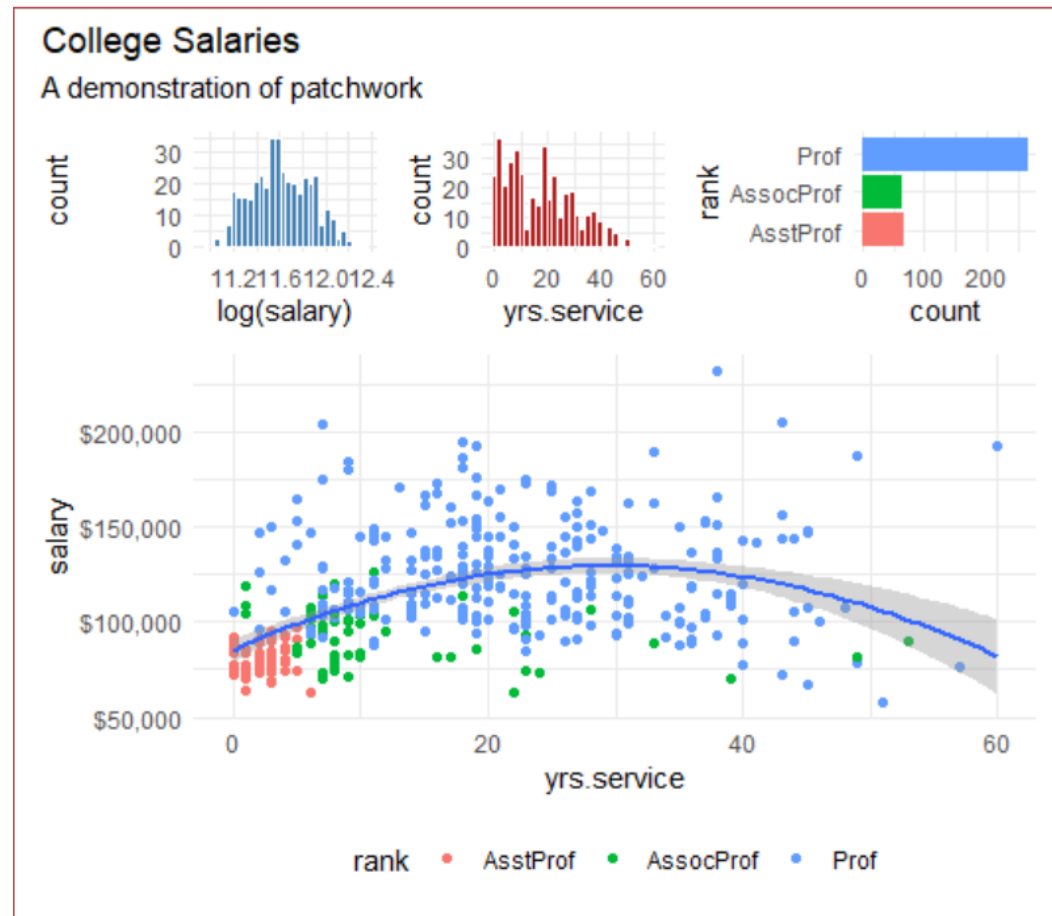
p1 <- ggplot(Salaries, aes(x=log(salary))) +
  geom_histogram(fill="steelblue", color="white")

p2 <- ggplot(Salaries, aes(x=yrs.service)) +
  geom_histogram(fill="firebrick", color="white")

p3 <- ggplot(Salaries, aes(x=rank, fill=rank)) +
  geom_bar() + theme(legend.position="none") +
  labs(x="") + coord_flip()

p4 <- ggplot(Salaries, aes(x=yrs.service, y=salary)) +
  geom_point(aes(color=rank)) +
  geom_smooth(method="lm", formula=y~poly(x, 2)) +
  scale_y_continuous(labels=scales::dollar_format()) +
  theme(legend.position="bottom")

library(patchwork)
(p1 + p2 + p3)/ p4 +
  plot_layout(heights=c(1,3)) +
  plot_annotation(title="College Salaries",
    subtitle="A demonstration of patchwork")
```



# Saving your work

- `ggsave(filename="filename.ext", plot=p)`
  - ext can be  
eps, ps, tex, pdf, jpeg, tiff, png, bmp, svg, wmf
  - plot defaults to last one created
  - wmf on windows platforms only
  - svg can be edited using Inkscape or illustrator
  - be careful of transparencies with Microsoft Office (use bitmap not wmf)

# Creating interactive graphs

```
library(ggplot2)
data(mtcars)
mtcars$auto <- row.names(mtcars)
p <- ggplot(data=mtcars, aes(x=wt, y=mpg, text=auto)) +
  geom_point()

library(plotly)
ggplotly(p, tooltip=c("x", "y", "text"))
```

# Learning more

- R in Action (3<sup>rd</sup> ed)  
<https://www.manning.com/books/r-in-action-third-edition>
- Data Visualization with R -  
<http://rkabacoff.github.io/datavis>
- Hadley Wickham –  
<http://docs.ggplot2.org/>
- Winston Chang- <http://wiki.stdout.org/rcookbook/Graphs/>