



# Introduction to the GGPLOT Package

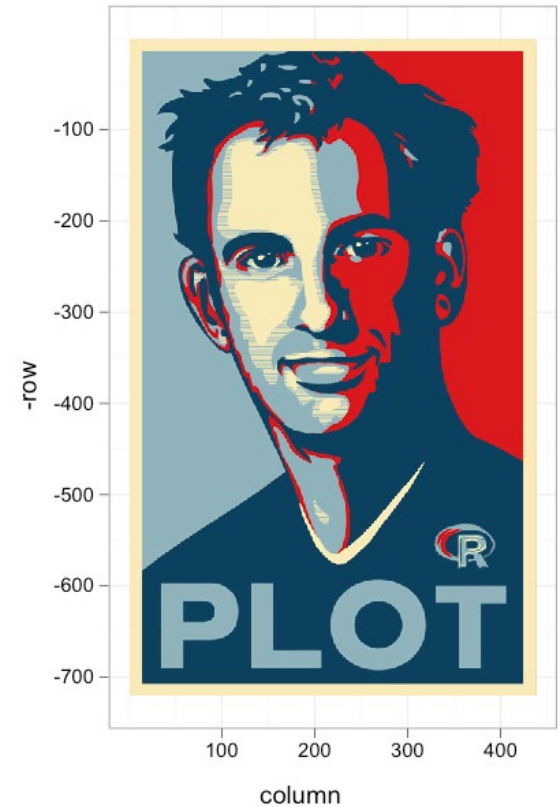
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GG: Grammar of Graphics

GGPLOT2 released in 2007, has more than 2 million downloads, most popular of the packages he wrote



# ggplot2

ggplot2 divides plot into three different fundamental parts:

**Plot = Data + Aesthetics + Geometry**

Every plot can be defined as follows:

- **Data** is a dataframe.
- **Aesthetics** is used to indicate x and y variables. It can also be used to control the color, the size or the shape of points, the height of bars, etc.
- **Geometry** defines the type of display (histogram, box plot, line plot, density plot, dot plot, etc.)

# Work With the Built-In MPG Data

View(mpg)

	manufacturer	model	displ	year	cyl	trans	drv	cty	hwy	fl	class
1	audi	a4	1.8	1999	4	auto(l5)	f	18	29	p	compact
2	audi	a4	1.8	1999	4	manual(m5)	f	21	29	p	compact
3	audi	a4	2.0	2008	4	manual(m6)	f	20	31	p	compact
4	audi	a4	2.0	2008	4	auto(av)	f	21	30	p	compact
5	audi	a4	2.8	1999	6	auto(l5)	f	16	26	p	compact
6	audi	a4	2.8	1999	6	manual(m5)	f	18	26	p	compact
7	audi	a4	3.1	2008	6	auto(av)	f	18	27	p	compact
8	audi	a4 quattro	1.8	1999	4	manual(m5)	4	18	26	p	compact
9	audi	a4 quattro	1.8	1999	4	auto(l5)	4	16	25	p	compact
10	audi	a4 quattro	2.0	2008	4	manual(m6)	4	20	28	p	compact
11	audi	a4 quattro	2.0	2008	4	auto(s6)	4	19	27	p	compact
12	audi	a4 quattro	2.8	1999	6	auto(l5)	4	15	25	p	compact

# Layering ggplot

## Specifications: Univariate Display

#The data

```
myPlot <- ggplot(mpg)
```

#The aesthetic

```
myPlot <- myPlot + aes(x=displ)
```

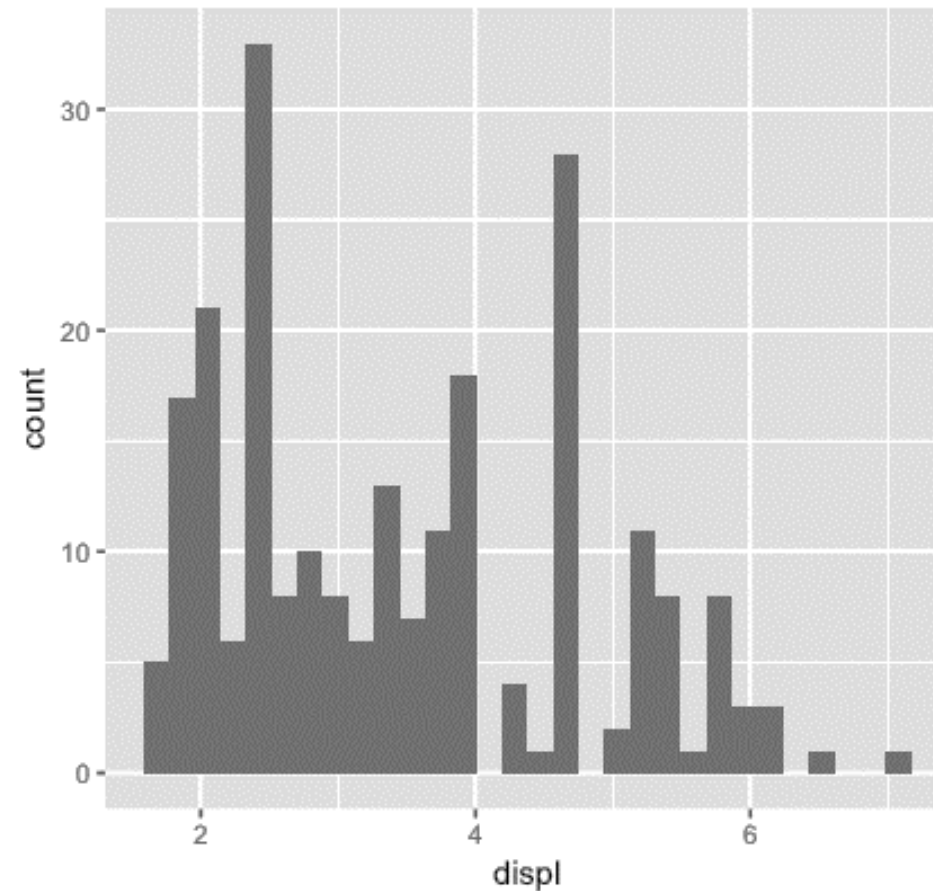
#The geometry

```
myPlot <- myPlot + geom_histogram()
```

#Invoke the plot to draw it

```
myPlot
```

Console Reports: `stat_bin()` Using  
`'bins = 30.'` Pick Better Value With `'binwidth'`



# Univariate Display: Control binwidth

#The data

```
myPlot <- ggplot(mpg)
```

#The aesthetic

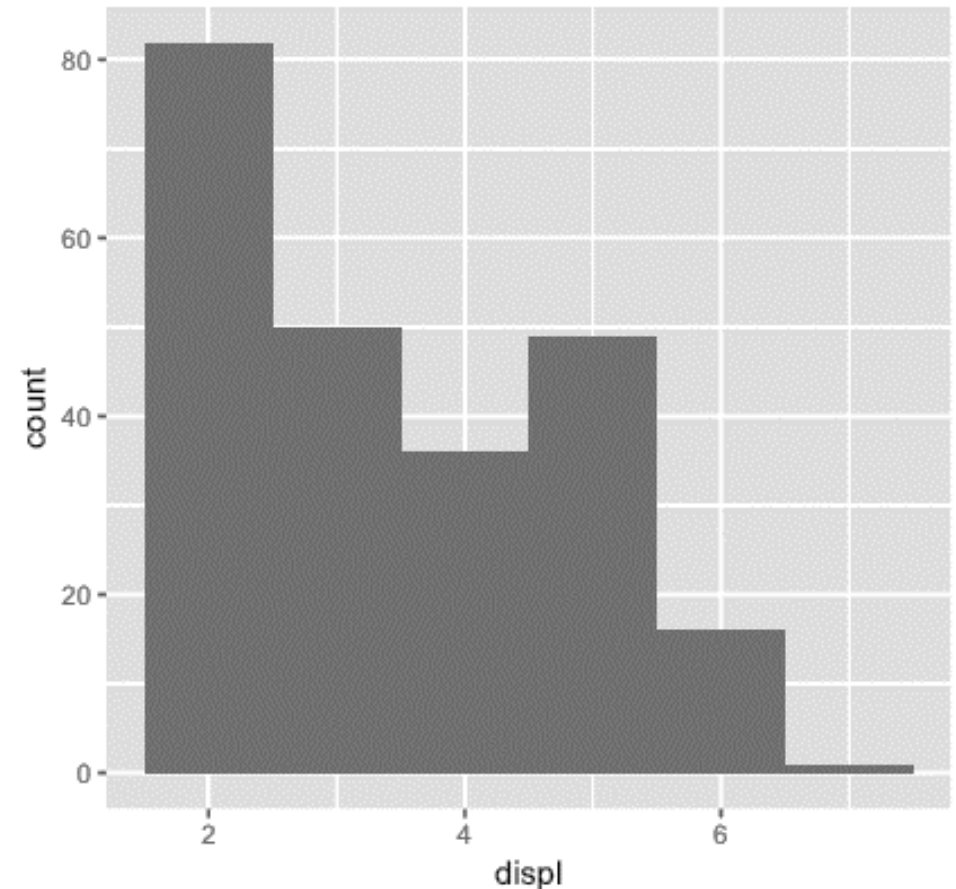
```
myPlot <- myPlot + aes(x=displ)
```

#The geometry

```
myPlot <- myPlot + geom_histogram(binwidth=1)
```

#Invoke the plot to draw it

```
myPlot
```



# Univariate Display: Set Bin Count

#The data

```
myPlot <- ggplot(mpg)
```

#The aesthetic

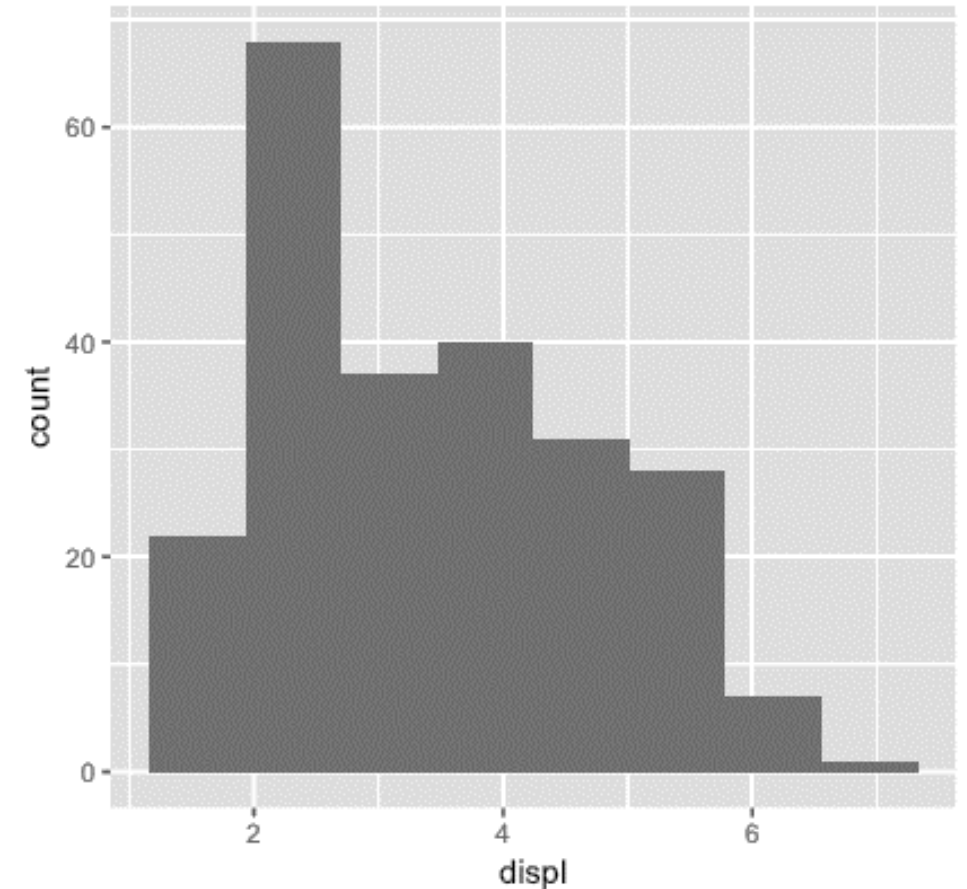
```
myPlot <- myPlot + aes(x=displ)
```

#The geometry

```
myPlot <- myPlot + geom_histogram(bins=8)
```

#Invoke the plot to draw it

```
myPlot
```





# Change Colors

#The data

```
myPlot <- ggplot(mpg)
```

#The aesthetic

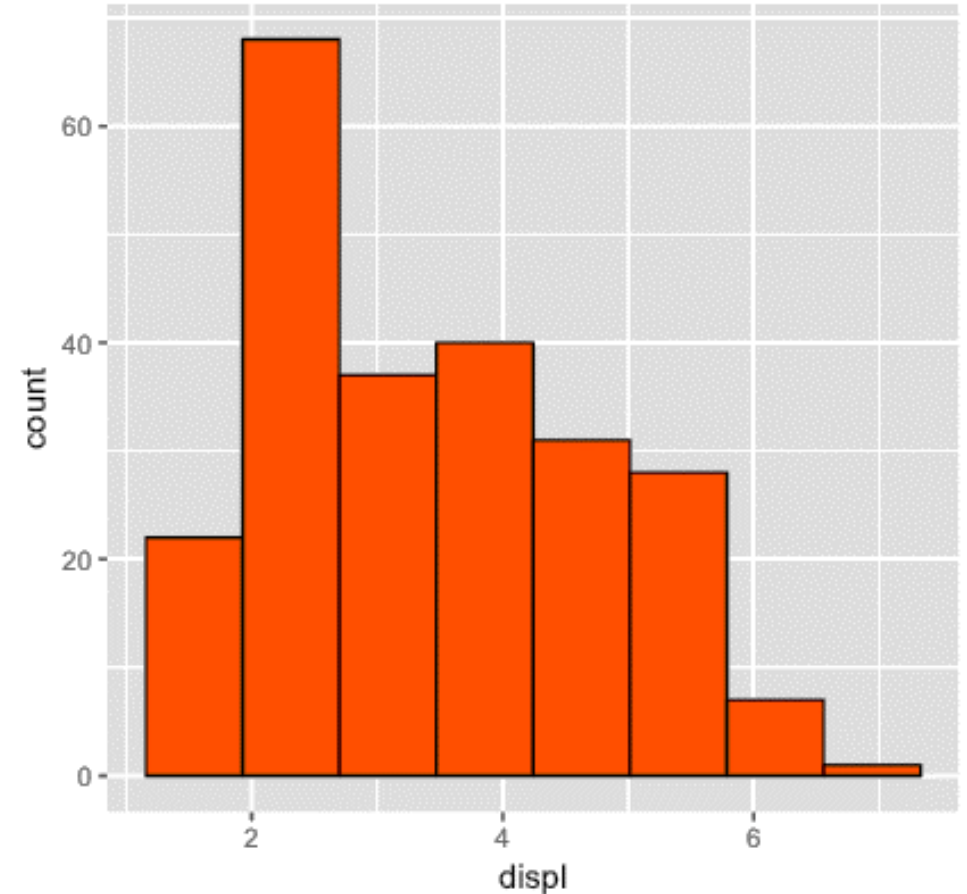
```
myPlot <- myPlot + aes(x=displ)
```

#The geometry

```
myPlot <- myPlot +  
  geom_histogram(bins=8,  
    fill="red",col="black")
```

#Invoke the plot to draw it

```
myPlot
```



## Note ggplot Code Can Fit on One Line

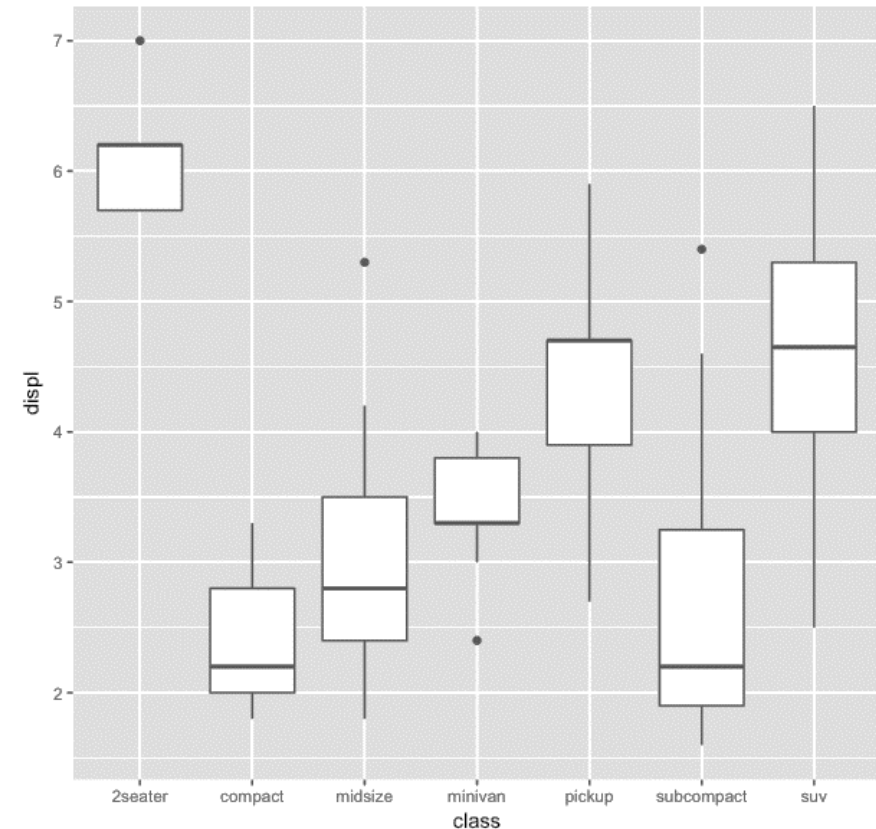
#Rather than storing the plot specs and building up piece by piece, you can combine everything into one command line.

```
ggplot(mpg)+aes(x=displ) + geom_histogram(bins=8, fill="red", col="black")
```

# Box Plot

Make a boxplot of:  
#displ (y-variable)  
#cars class (x-variable)

```
ggplot(mpg) +  
  aes(x=class,y=displ) +  
  geom_boxplot()
```



# Exploring More Than One Attribute With Scatter Plots

#The data

```
myPlot <- ggplot(mpg)
```

#The aesthetic

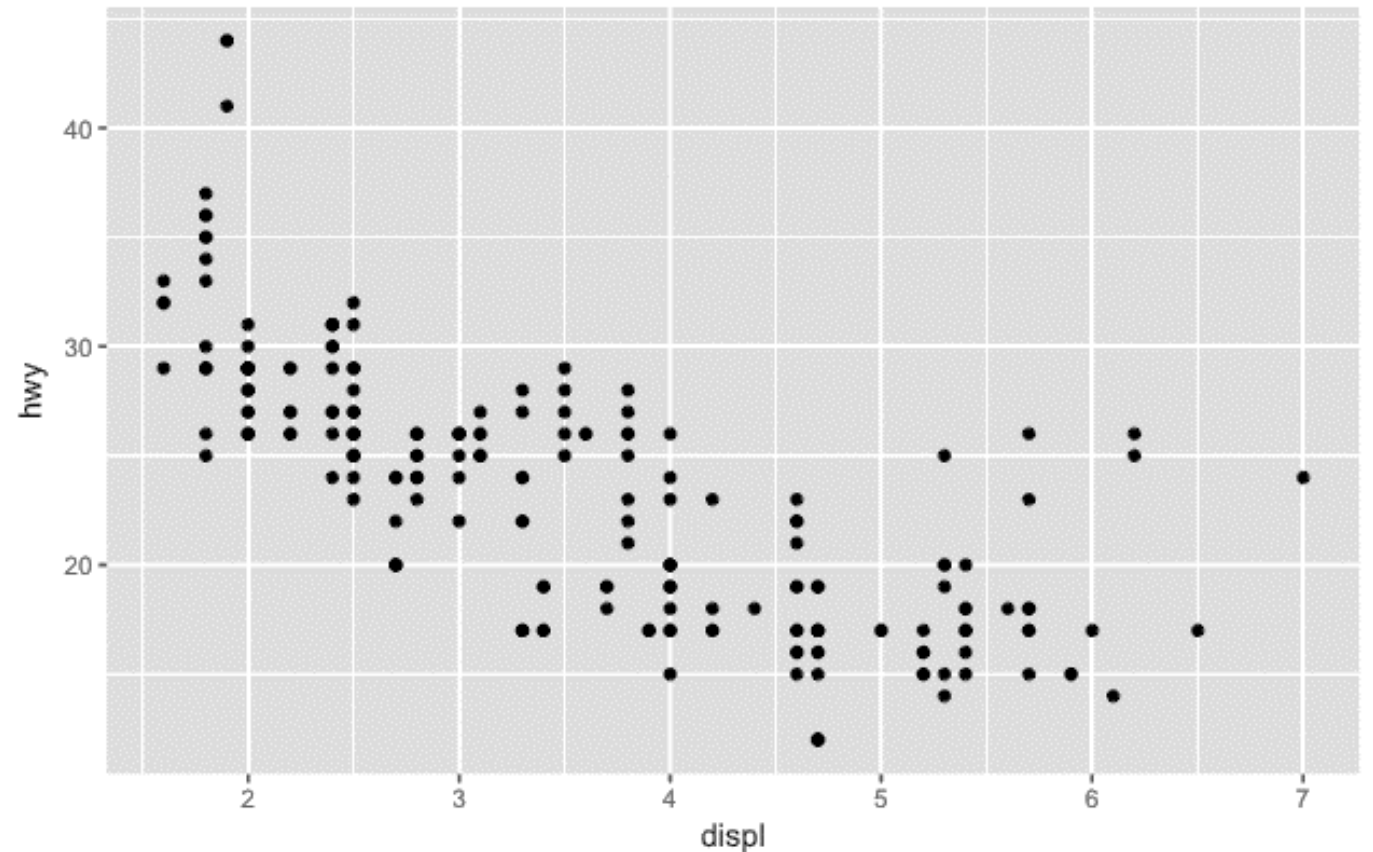
```
myPlot <- myPlot + aes(x=displ,y=hwy)
```

#The geometry

```
myPlot <- myPlot + geom_point()
```

#Invoke the plot to draw it

```
myPlot
```



# Using Tidyverse Style

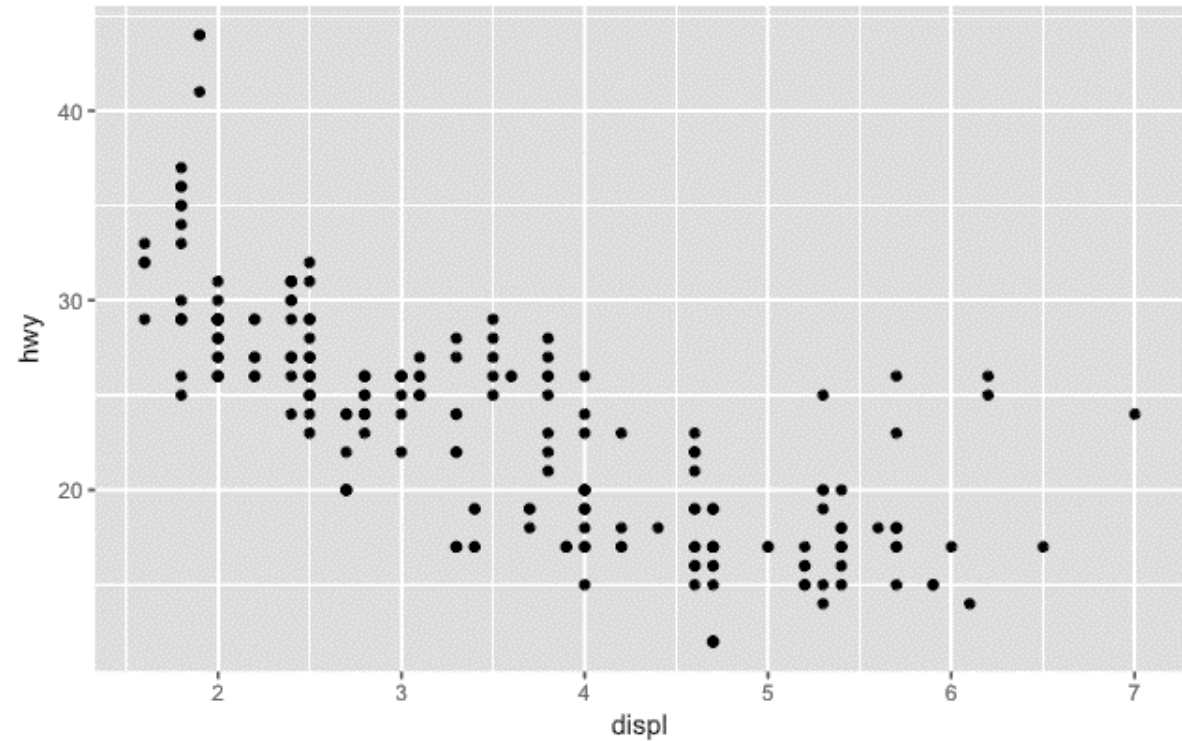
#Using Pipes and the '+' to  
generate a scatter plot

```
mpg %>%
```

```
  ggplot() +
```

```
    aes(x=displ,y=hwy) +
```

```
    geom_point()
```



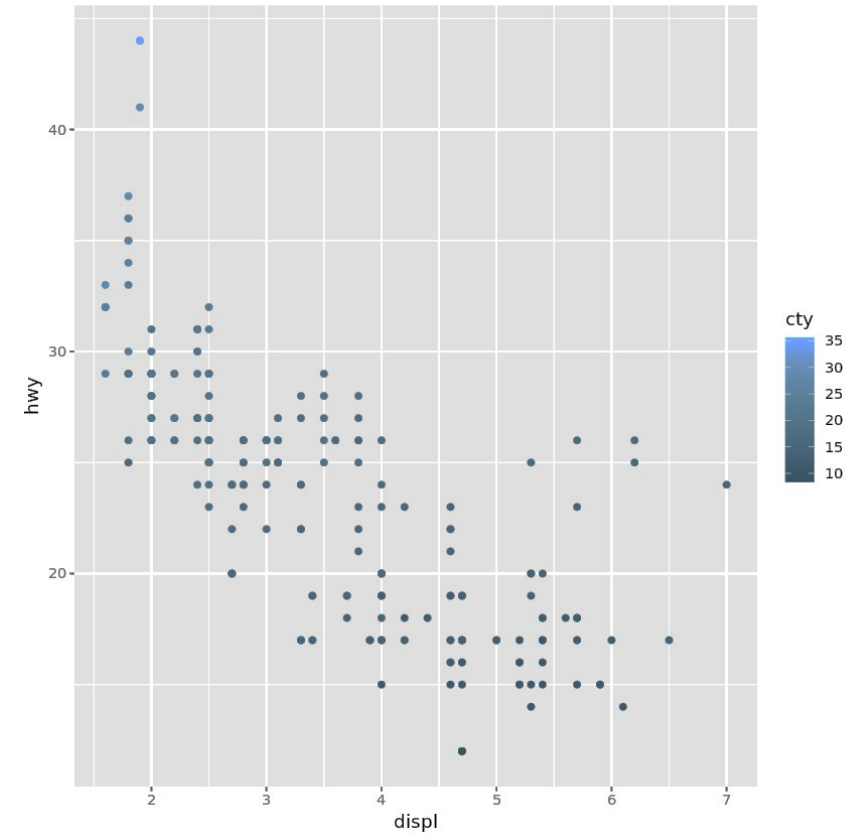
# Adding Color

#Fill the points

```
mpg %>%
```

```
  ggplot() + aes(x=displ,y=hwy) +
```

```
  geom_point(aes(color = cty))
```



# Adding More Attributes

#Why the need to mutate?

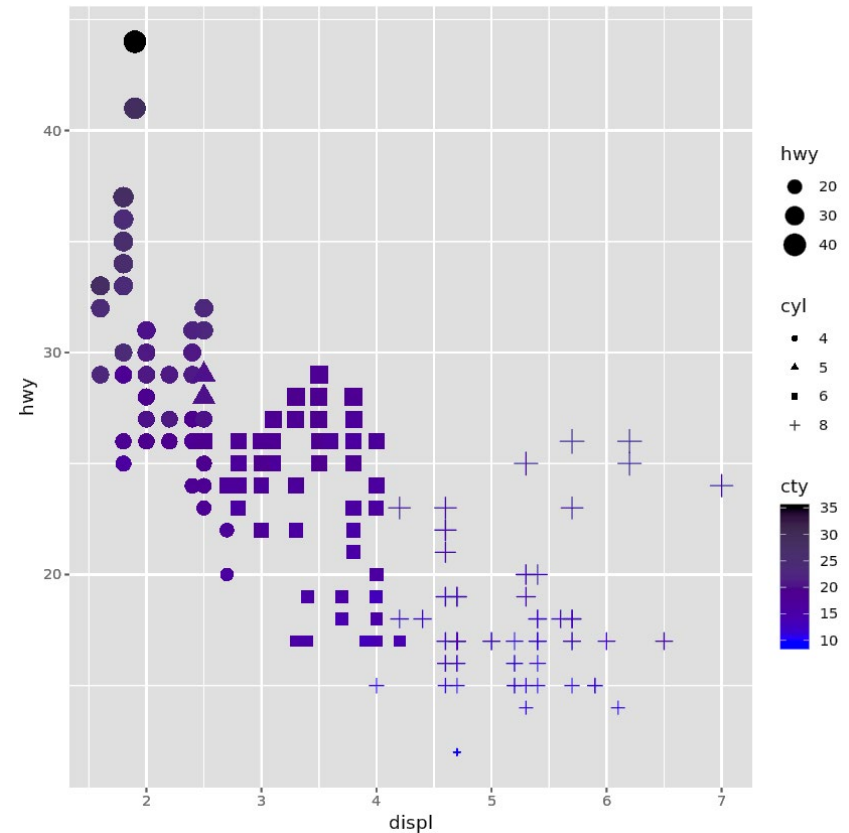
```
mpg %>%
```

```
  mutate(cyl=as.factor(cyl)) %>%
```

```
  ggplot() + aes(x=displ,y=hwy) +
```

```
  geom_point(aes(color = cty,  
                 shape=cyl, size=hwy)) +
```

```
  scale_color_gradient(low = "blue",  
                      high = "black")
```

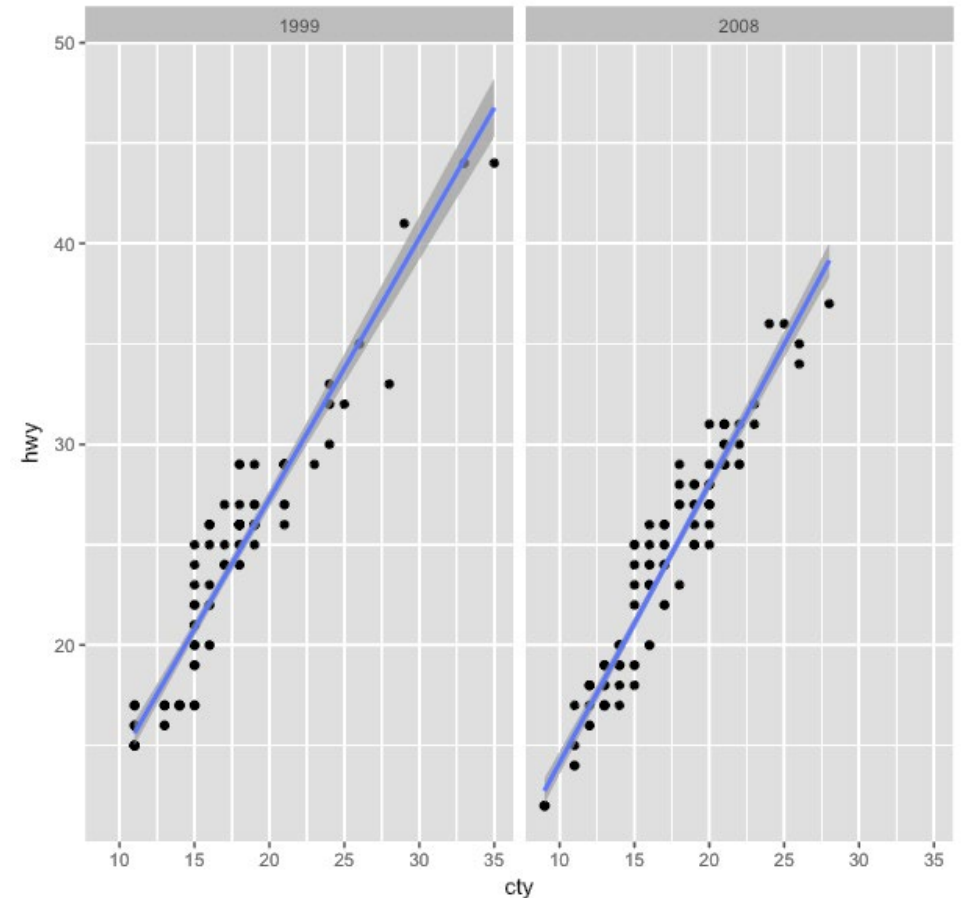


# Dual Scatterplot With Fitted Line

```
myPlot <- ggplot(mpg)
#The aesthetic: city versus highway mpg
myPlot <- myPlot + aes(x=cty,y=hwy)
#The geometry: Points/Scatterplot
myPlot <- myPlot + geom_point()

#Compare two years with "facets" and best line fit
myPlot <- myPlot + facet_wrap(~year)
myPlot <- myPlot + geom_smooth(method="lm")

#Invoke the plot to draw it
myPlot
```





# Your Turn!

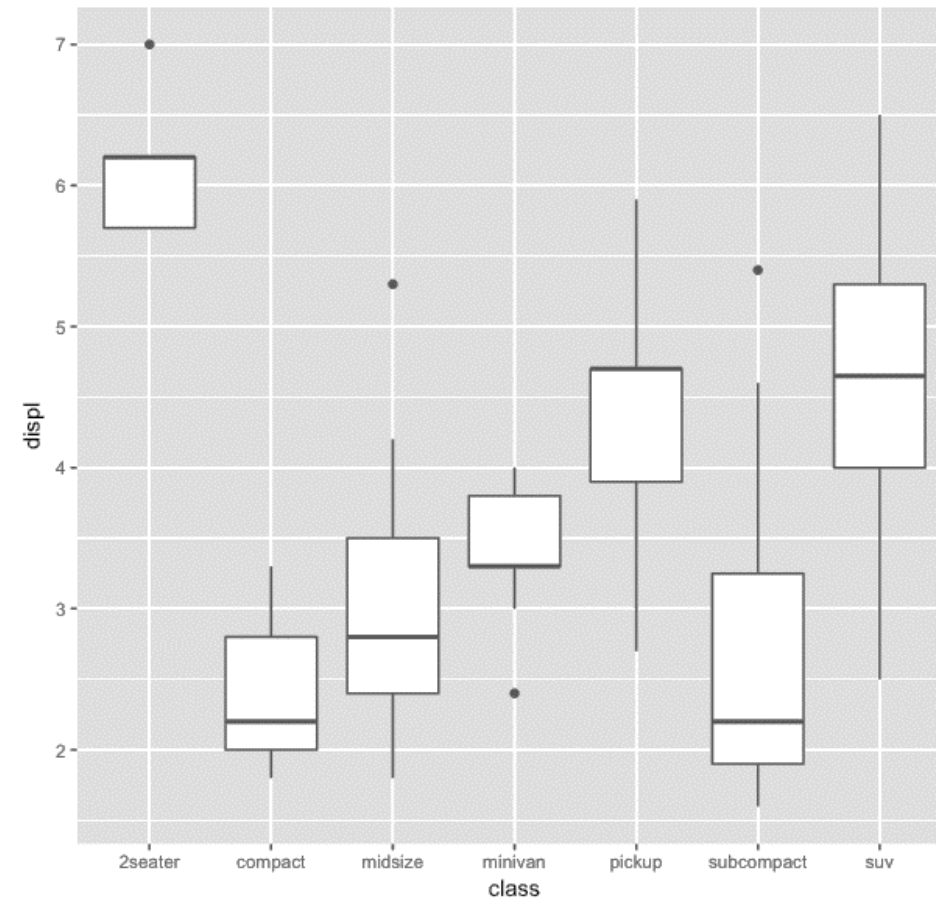
Open laptop, start R-studio, and install library ggplot2.

Make a boxplot of **displ** (y-variable) comparing cars by **class** (x-variable).

Important reminder: `geom_boxplot()` is generally a bivariate plot, with a “factor” (grouping) variable on the x-axis.

- Include both x and y in your `aes()` statement

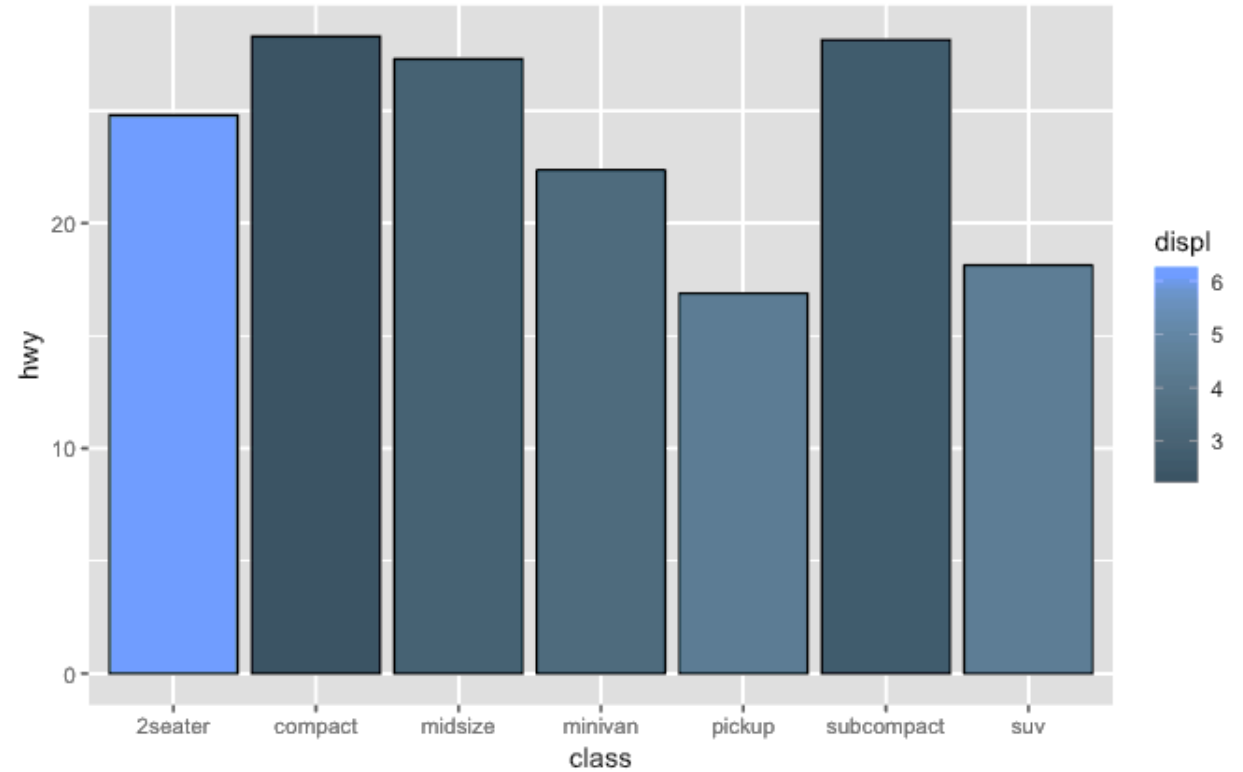
# Boxplot of displ by Class



# Bar Charts

#Use group\_by to create data for bars

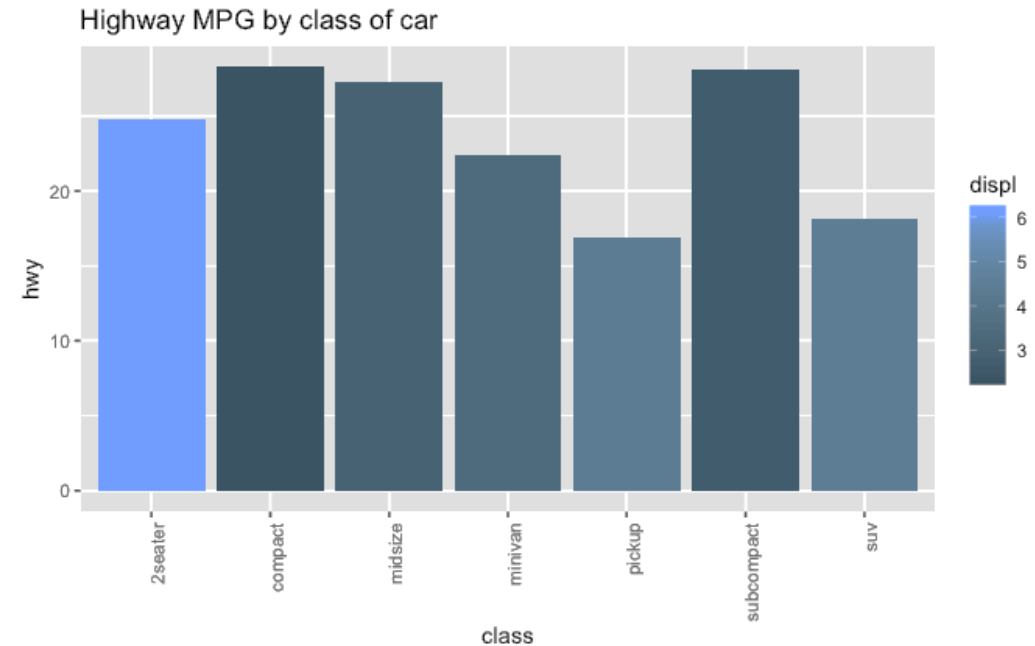
```
mpg %>%  
  group_by(class) %>%  
    summarize(hwy=mean(hwy),  
              displ=mean(displ)) %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = class, y=hwy)) +  
    geom_col(color="black",  
            aes(fill=displ))
```



# Bar Charts: Rotate Text

#Use theme to rotate text; also define title

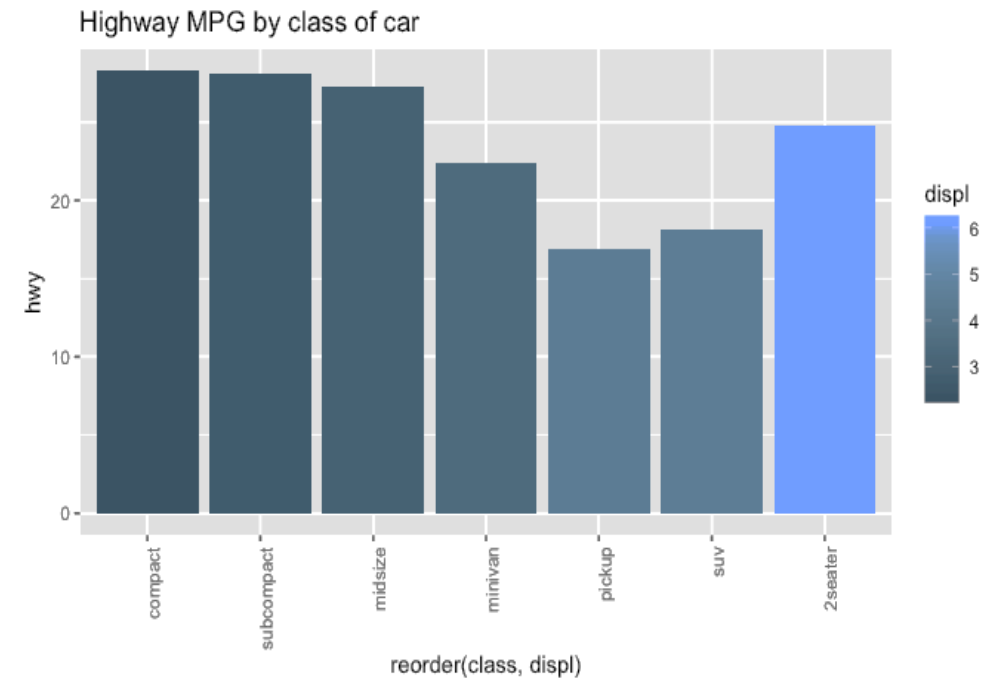
```
mpg %>%  
  group_by(class) %>%  
  summarize(hwy=mean(hwy), displ=mean(displ))  
%>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = class, y=hwy)) +  
    geom_col(aes(fill=displ)) +  
    theme(axis.text.x =  
      element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1)) +  
    ggtitle("Highway MPG by class of car")
```



# Bar Charts: Reorder the Columns

#Use 'reorder'

```
mpg %>%  
  group_by(class) %>%  
  summarize(hwy=mean(hwy), displ=mean(displ))  
%>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = reorder(class, displ), y=hwy)) +  
    geom_col(aes(fill=displ)) +  
    theme(axis.text.x =  
      element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1)) +  
    ggtitle("Highway MPG by class of car")
```



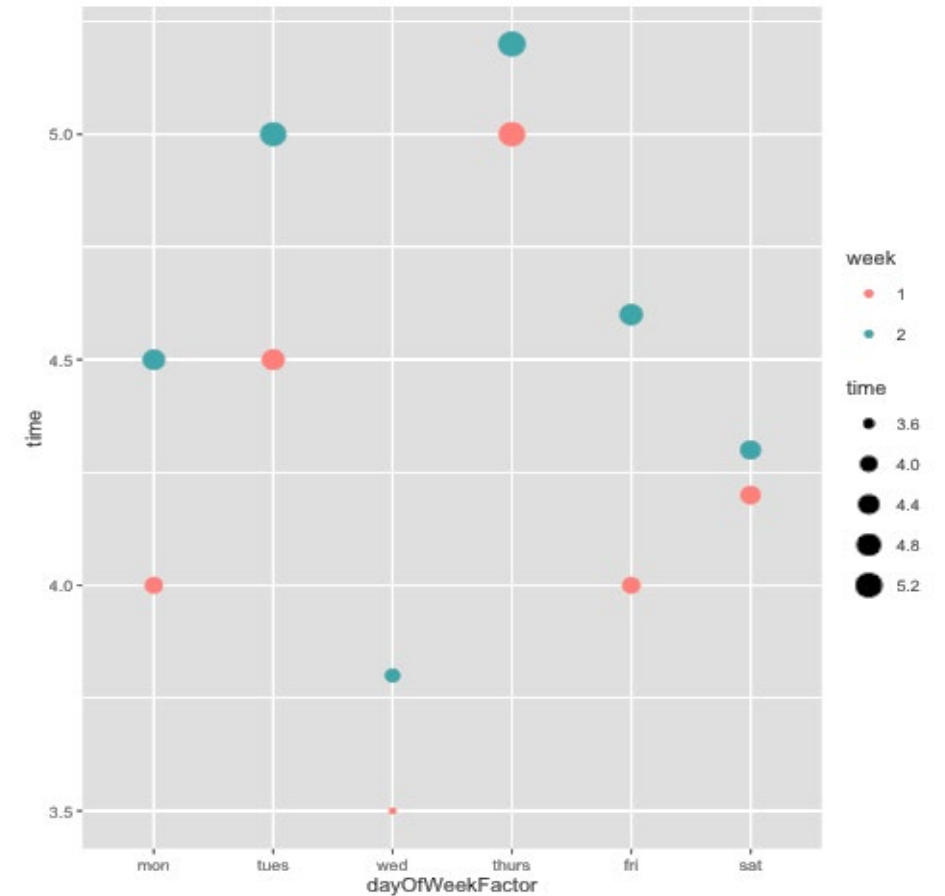
# ggplot2: Timed Task

Define 'travel.df' to be the dataset →

	dayOfWeekFactor	time	week
1	mon	4.0	1
2	tues	4.5	1
3	wed	3.5	1
4	thurs	5.0	1
5	fri	4.0	1
6	sat	4.2	1
7	mon	4.5	2
8	tues	5.0	2
9	wed	3.8	2
10	thurs	5.2	2
11	fri	4.6	2
12	sat	4.3	2

# Show Points via a Scatter Plot

```
travel.df %>%  
  ggplot(  
    aes(x=dayOfWeekFactor, y=time)) +  
    geom_point(aes(size = time, color=week))
```



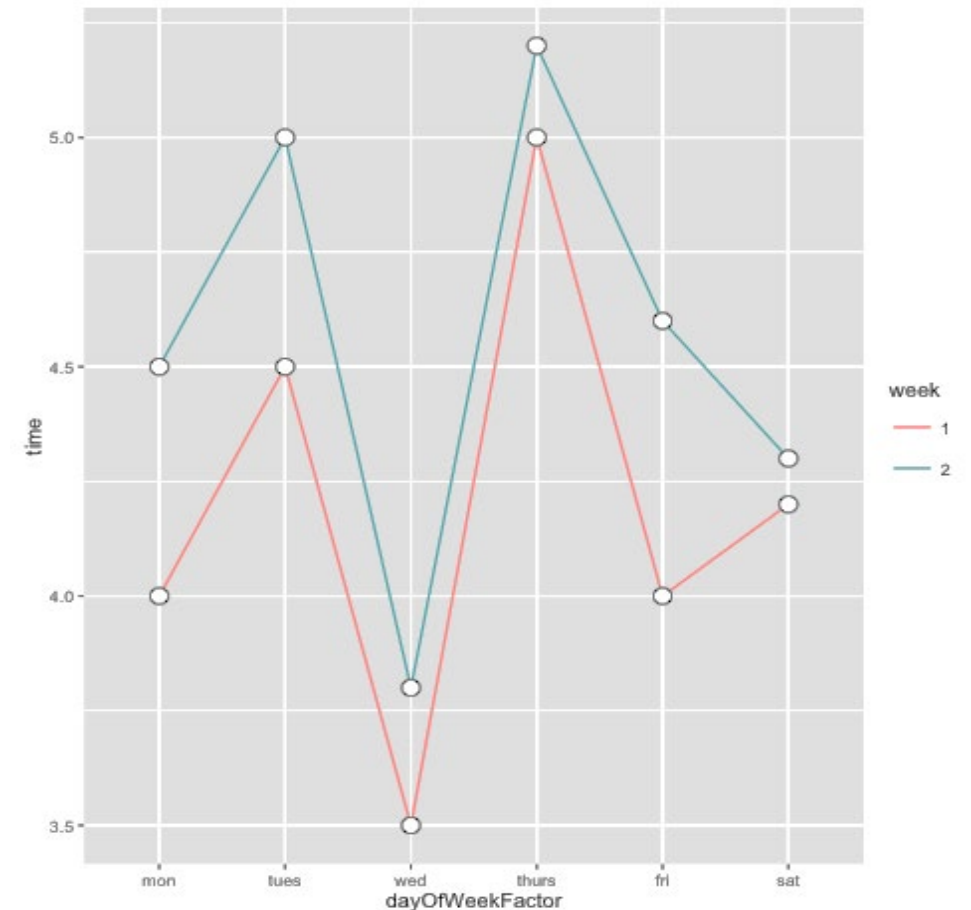
# Show Line Plots

```
g <- ggplot(travel.df, aes(x = dayOfWeekFactor,  
                           group=week, color=week)) +  
  geom_line(aes(y = time))
```

```
g <- g + geom_point(y=time, colour="black",  
                    size=4, shape=21, fill="white")
```

```
g <- g + ylab("time to NYC (in hours)") +  
  ggtitle("compare weekly times")
```

gg





# Unexplored Potential

Using color and marker shapes; time series; labels; titling; grouping; mapping (next week)

