

# ICO Workshop R & RStudio

## Part 4

*Powerful visualisations with `ggplot2`*

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# 1. Simple plots in R

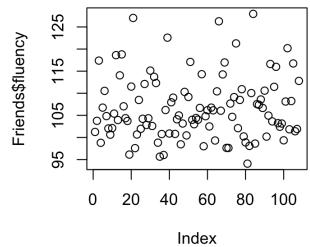
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## Plots in base

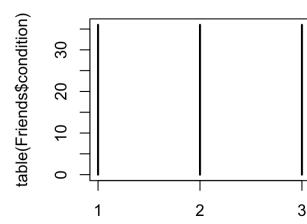
plot()    boxplot()    hist()

The generic function `plot()` "knows" what to do (plot) with the input it receives.

```
# one quantitative variable  
plot(Friends$fluency)
```



```
# one qualitative variables  
plot(table(Friends$condition))
```

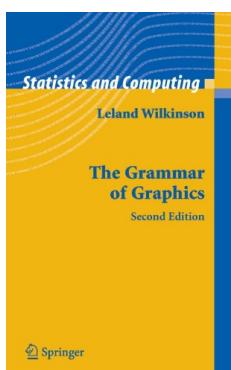


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## 2. Grammar of Graphics

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### A more theoretical approach to visualisation



- Theoretical 'breakdown' of a visualisation into components (called layers)
- One system to create different visualisations
- At the heart of several modern graphical applications:
  - ggplot2
  - Tableau (Polaris)
  - Vega-Lite

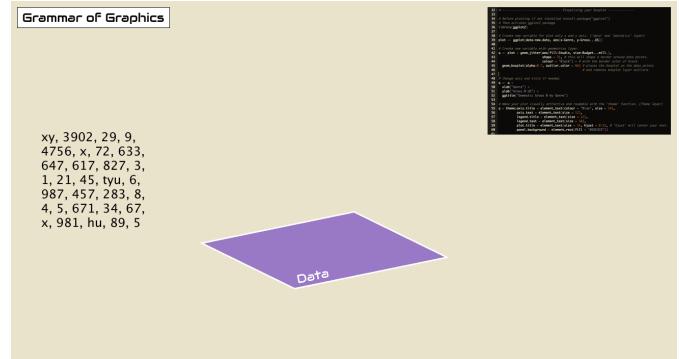
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# Key idea behind the Grammar of Graphics

Layers of a visualisation:

data  
aesthetics  
geometries  
facets  
statistics  
coordinates  
themes



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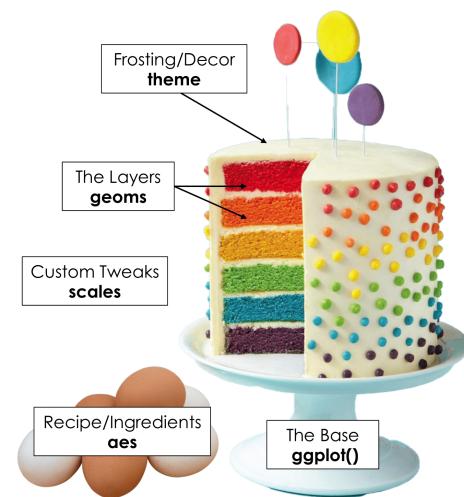
## Grammar of Graphics is a bit like cake

Start by setting up the *foundation* with **ggplot()**

Specify *ingredients* (variables) with **aes()** and a *flavour* with **scales**

Create *layers* to plot with **geoms**

Style the cake with **theme**



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## Grammar of Graphics: data

- Data is not only raw data, but can also be the results from an analysis

group	country	gender	mean_age	SD_age	CI_lower	CI_upper
BE Male	BE	Male	39	11.0	17.44	60.56
BE Female	BE	Female	41	13.2	15.13	66.87
BE Other	BE	Other	36	8.2	19.93	52.07
NL Male	NL	Male	37	12.0	13.48	60.52
NL Female	NL	Female	36	14.0	8.56	63.44
NL Other	NL	Other	31	7.2	16.89	45.11

- Data has to be 'tidy'

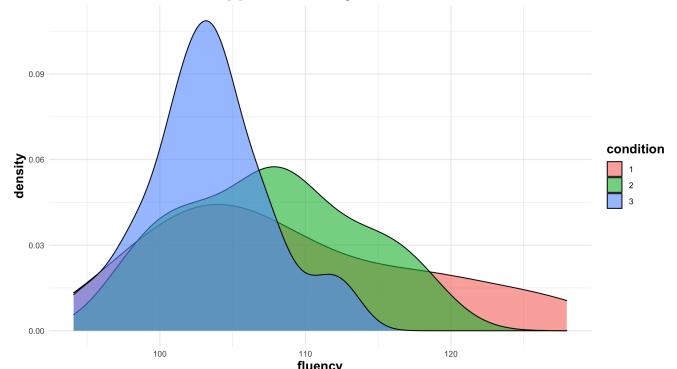
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## Grammar of Graphics: aesthetics

- Describe how variables in data are *mapped* to visual properties. For example:
  - variables mapped on x- and y-axis
  - variable that defines color or size of points
  - ...
- Change appearances of aesthetics using scales

Three aesthetics mapped: x-axis, y-axis and fill

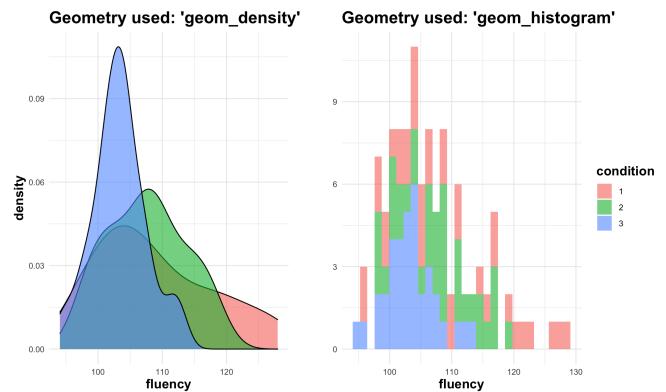


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# Grammar of Graphics: geometries

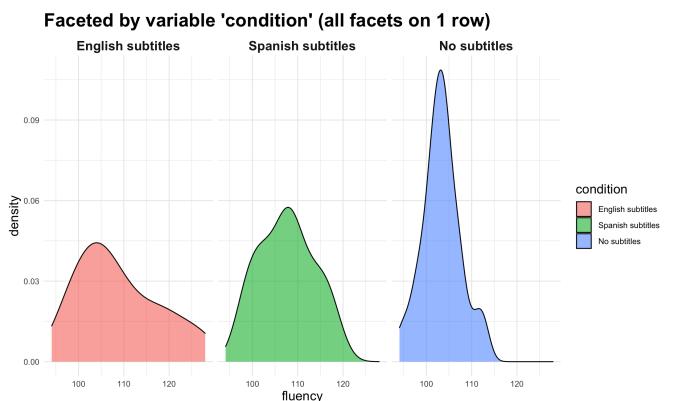
- Geometrical shapes at the heart of visualisation. For example:
  - boxplot
  - line
  - ...



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# Grammar of Graphics: facets

- Also called 'small multiples'
- Define how much panels are shown and how they are arranged



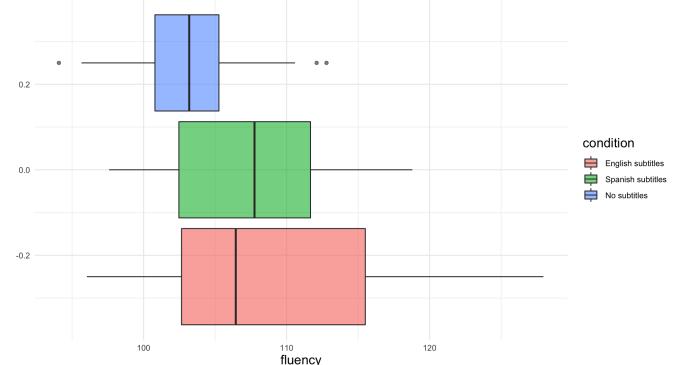
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## Grammar of Graphics: statistics

- Data might be `tidy`, but still in need of some statistical calculations. For example:
  - Calculate descriptive statistics to create a boxplot
  - Estimate a linear (or other) model to draw a regression line in a scatter plot
- Often implicit done by `ggplot2`

`'geom_boxplot()'` computes the necessary statistics in the background



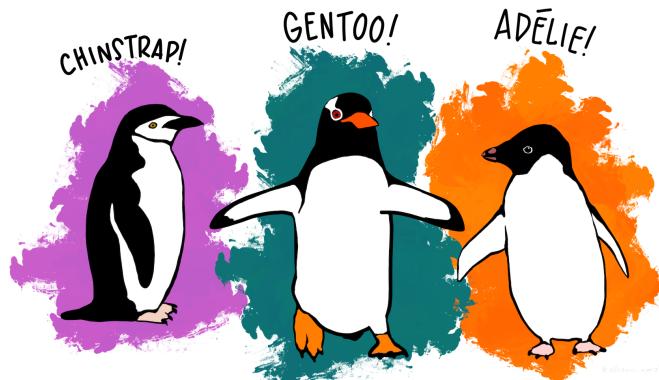
## 3. How `ggplot2` works (in a nutshell)



# Time to get the penguins in...

Nice data set that can be used within R (source: <https://allisonhorst.github.io/palmerpenguins/articles/intro.html>)

```
install.packages("palmerpenguins")
library(palmerpenguins)
data("penguins")
```



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# Time to get the penguins in...

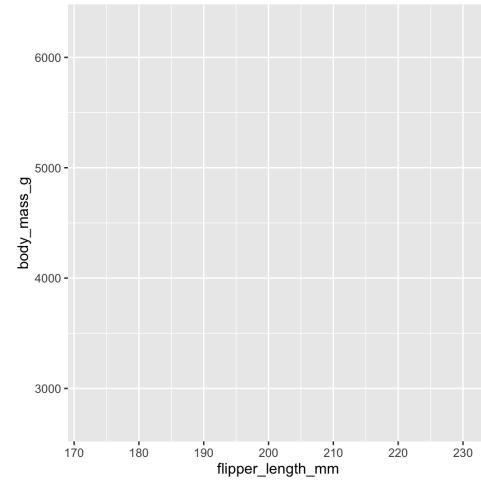


Table 1. Random sample of 10 observations from the Palmer Pinguins dataset

species	island	bill_length_mm	bill_depth_mm	flipper_length_mm	body_mass_g	sex	year
Adelie	Dream	36.0	18.5	186	3100	female	2007
Adelie	Torgersen	41.4	18.5	202	3875	male	2009
Gentoo	Biscoe	42.6	13.7	213	4950	female	2008
Adelie	Torgersen	38.7	19.0	195	3450	female	2007
Gentoo	Biscoe	48.8	16.2	222	6000	male	2009
Adelie	Torgersen	37.8	17.1	186	3300	NA	2007
Adelie	Dream	36.6	18.4	184	3475	female	2009
Chinstrap	Dream	51.3	18.2	197	3750	male	2007
Gentoo	Biscoe	50.5	15.9	225	5400	male	2008
Adelie	Biscoe	36.5	16.6	181	2850	female	2008

## The basics of `ggplot2`: *data & aesthetics*

```
Plot <- ggplot(  
  ## Step 1: data  
  data = penguins,  
  
  ## Step 2: specify aesthetics (mapping)  
  aes(  
    x = flipper_length_mm,  
    y = body_mass_g  
)  
  
Plot
```

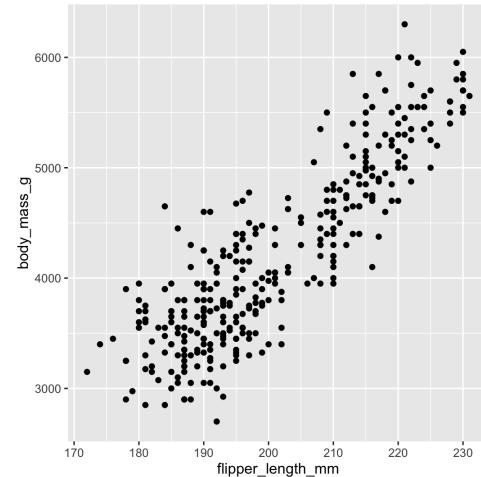


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## The basics of `ggplot2`: *geometry*

```
Plot <- ggplot(  
  ## Step 1: data  
  data = penguins,  
  
  ## Step 2: specify aesthetics (mapping)  
  aes(  
    x = flipper_length_mm,  
    y = body_mass_g  
) +  
  ## Step 3: add geometry  
  geom_point()
```

Plot

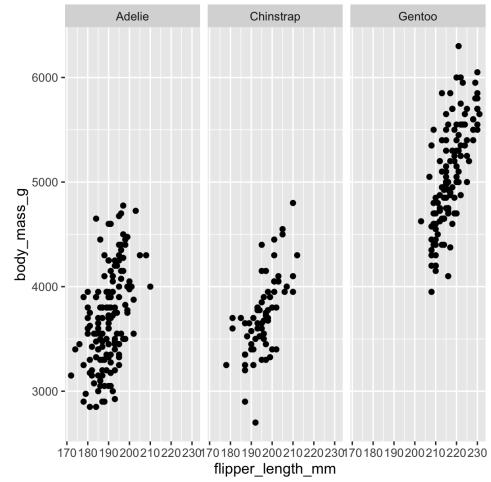


Not every component of the *Grammar of Graphics* needs to be defined. The other components have *default* values that are automatically applied.

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## The basics of `ggplot2`: *facets*

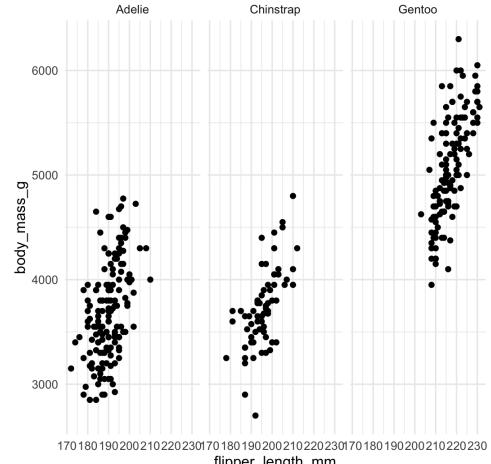
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  ## Step 1: data  
  data = penguins,  
  
  ## Step 2: specify aesthetics (mapping)  
  aes(  
    x = flipper_length_mm,  
    y = body_mass_g)  
  ) +  
  ## Step 3: add geometry  
  geom_point() +  
  
  ## Step 4: define facets  
  facet_wrap(~species)  
  
Plot
```



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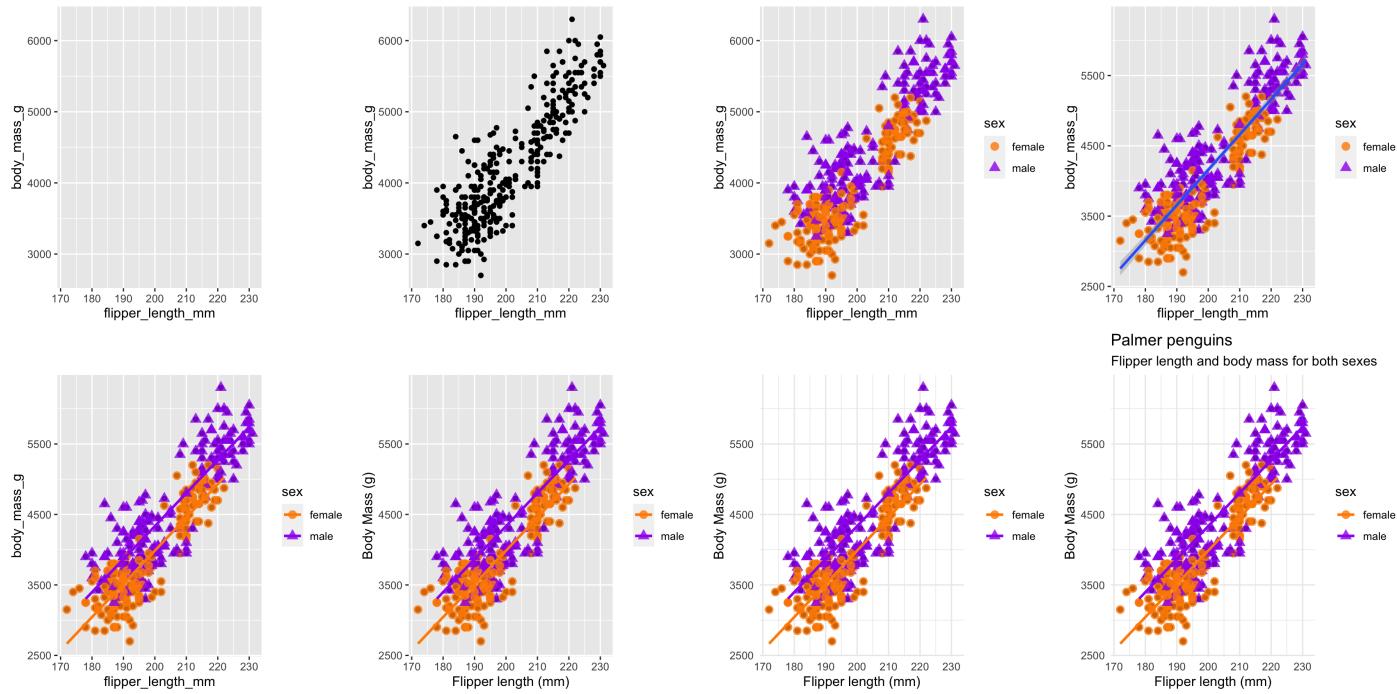
## The basics of `ggplot2`: *theme*

```
Plot <- ggplot(  
  ## Step 1: data  
  data = penguins,  
  
  ## Step 2: specify aesthetics (mapping)  
  aes(  
    x = flipper_length_mm,  
    y = body_mass_g)  
  ) +  
  ## Step 3: add geometry  
  geom_point() +  
  
  ## Step 4: define facets  
  facet_wrap(~species) +  
  
  ## Step 5: set theme  
  theme_minimal()  
  
Plot
```



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# Building a visualisation by adding layers ...



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## Several geom\_\* options...

### Data visualization with ggplot2 :: CHEAT SHEET

This cheat sheet provides a quick reference for ggplot2's geom functions, organized into sections:

- Basics:** Explains how ggplot2 is based on the grammar of graphics and shows examples of mapping variables to aesthetic properties.
- Geoms:** A large section detailing over 20 geom functions, each with a small icon and a brief description of its purpose.
- Graphical Primitives:** Lists basic primitives like points, lines, polygons, and rectangles.
- Two Variables:** Functions for bivariate distributions like density, hexagonal binning, rug plots, quantiles, and smooth methods.
- Line Segments:** Functions for creating lines, segments, and ribbons.
- One Discrete, One Continuous:** Functions for mapping discrete variables to continuous scales.
- One Variable, Continuous:** Functions for creating histograms, density plots, and violin plots.
- Both Discrete:** Functions for mapping discrete variables to discrete scales.
- Three Variables:** Functions for creating contour plots with three variables.
- Maps:** Functions for creating maps and spatial visualizations.

The cheatsheet: <https://github.com/rstudio/cheatsheets/blob/main/data-visualization-2.1.pdf>

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# 4. Visualising a categorical variable

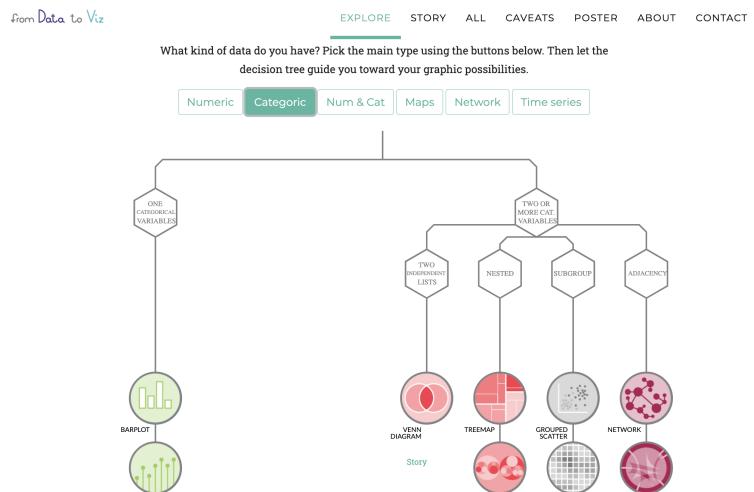
*"The bar is open... Let's have a lollipop?"*

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## Visualising a categorical variable?

There are many ways  
to visualise a  
categorical variable...

Can you think of  
some?

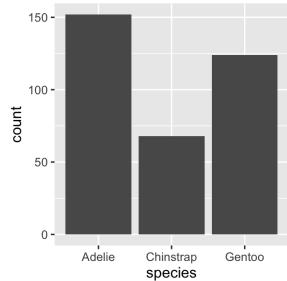


Have a look at [data to viz.com](http://data-to-viz.com)

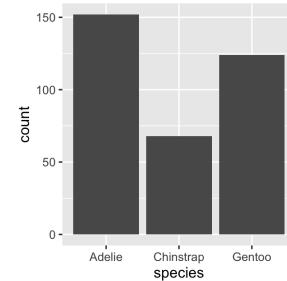
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# Creating a barplot with `geom_bar()` or `geom_col()`

`geom_bar()`



`geom_col()`



```
ggplot(penguins,  
       aes(  
             x = species  
           )) +  
       geom_bar()  
  
# stat_count() does the counting automatically
```

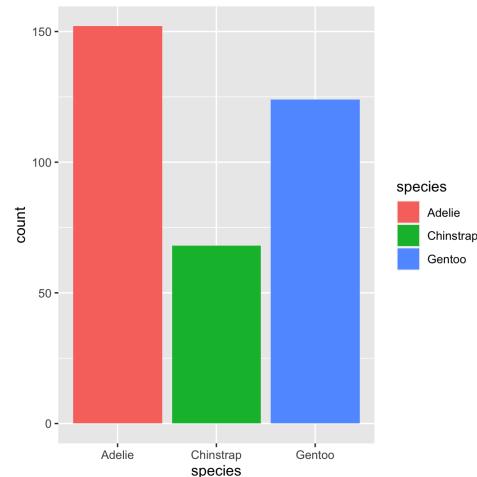
```
count_data <- penguins %>%  
  count(species, name = 'count')  
  
ggplot(count_data,  
       aes(  
             x = species,  
             y = count  
           )) +  
       geom_col()
```

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# Creating a barplot with `geom_bar()`

- Add color to barplot by defining an additional aesthetic: `fill`

```
ggplot(penguins,  
       aes(  
             x = species  
           )) +  
       geom_bar(  
         ## Additional aesthetic: "fill"-scale  
         aes(fill = species)  
       )
```

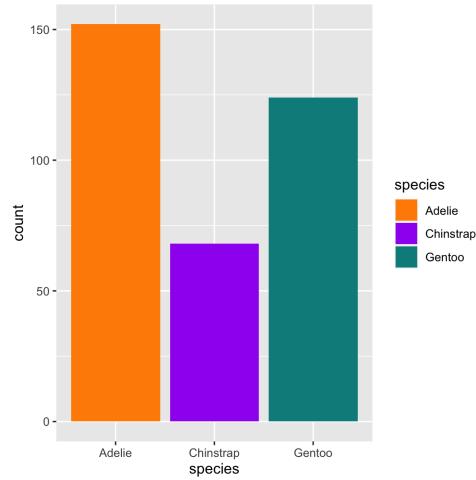


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# Creating a barplot with `geom_bar()`

- Determine "fill"-colors by adding `scale_fill_manual()`

```
ggplot(penguins,
       aes(
         x = species
       )) +
  geom_bar(
    aes(fill = species)
  ) +
## Specify fill-colors
  scale_fill_manual(
    values = c("darkorange", "purple", "cyan4")
  )
```

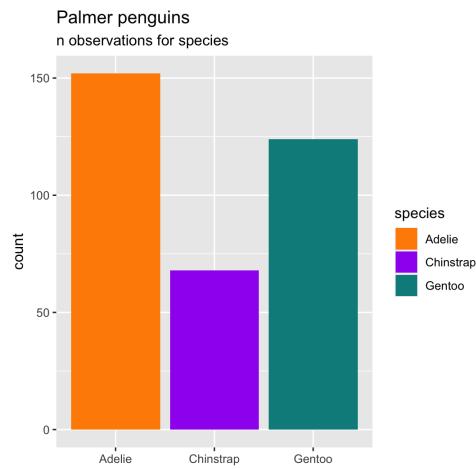


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# Creating a barplot with `geom_bar()`

- Add title, subtitle and change label of x-axis using `labs()`

```
ggplot(penguins,
       aes(
         x = species
       )) +
  geom_bar(
    aes(fill = species)
  ) +
  scale_fill_manual(
    values = c("darkorange", "purple", "cyan4")
  ) +
## Add title, subtitle and label x-axis
  labs(
    title = "Palmer penguins",
    subtitle = "n observations for species",
    x = ""
  )
```

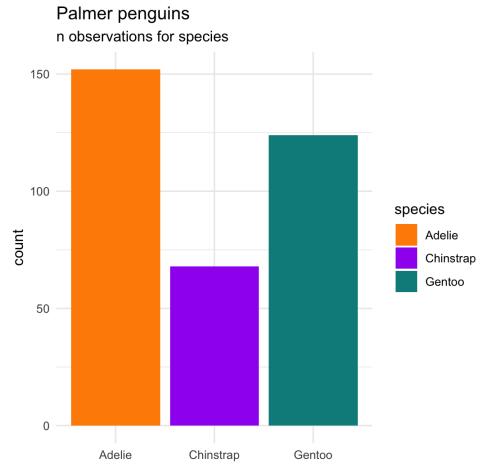


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# Creating a barplot with `geom_bar()`

- Add another *theme* using `theme_minimal()`

```
ggplot(penguins,
       aes(
         x = species
       )) +
  geom_bar(
    aes(fill = species)
  ) +
  scale_fill_manual(
    values = c("darkorange","purple","cyan4")
  ) +
  labs(
    title = "Palmer penguins",
    subtitle = "n observations for species",
    x = ""
  ) +
## Choose theme
theme_minimal()
```

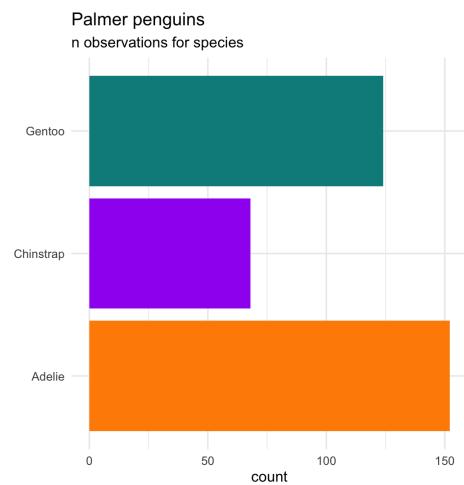


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# Creating a barplot with `geom_bar()`

- Flip x- and y-axis using `coord_flip()`
- Remove legend using `theme(legend.position = "none")`

```
ggplot(penguins,
       aes(
         x = species
       )) +
  geom_bar(
    aes(fill = species)
  ) +
  scale_fill_manual(
    values = c("darkorange","purple","cyan4")
  ) +
  labs(
    title = "Palmer penguins",
    subtitle = "n observations for species",
    x = ""
  ) +
## Flip x- and y-axis
coord_flip() +
theme_minimal() +
## Remove legend
theme(
  legend.position = "none"
)
```



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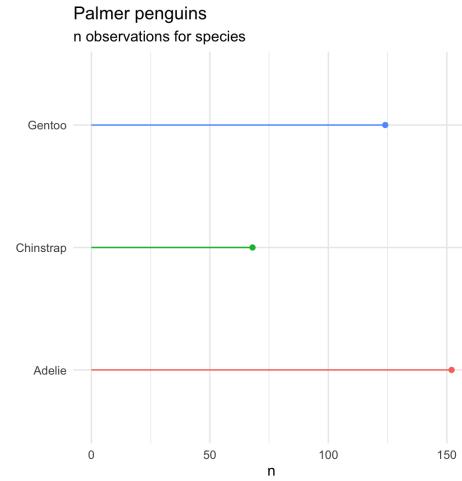
# Creating a lollipop plot

Use two `geoms`: `geom_point()` and `geom_segment()`

```
penguins %>%
  count(species) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = species, y = n)) +
  geom_point(
    aes(col = species)
  ) +
  geom_segment(
    aes(x = species, xend = species,
        y = 0, yend = n, col = species)
  ) +
```

Reuse remainder of the code!

```
scale_fill_manual(
  values = c("darkorange", "purple", "cyan4")
) +
labs(
  title = "Palmer penguins",
  subtitle = "n observations for species",
  x = ""
) +
coord_flip() +
theme_minimal() +
theme(
  legend.position = "none"
)
```

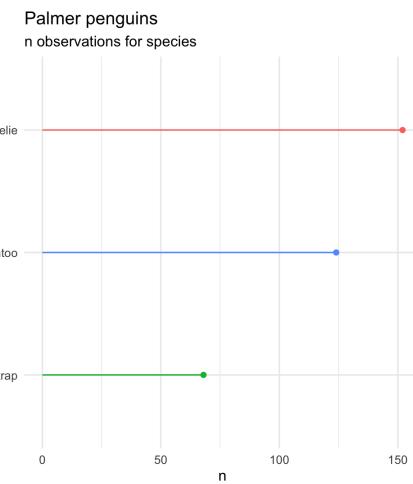


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# Creating a lollipop plot

- Reorder 'bars' by creating a new variable using `reorder()`

```
penguins %>%
  count(species) %>%
  ggplot(
    aes(x = reorder(species, n), y = n) +
  geom_point(
    aes(col = species)
  ) +
  geom_segment(
    aes(x = species, xend = species,
        y = 0, yend = n, col = species)
  ) +
  scale_fill_manual(
    values = c("darkorange", "purple", "cyan4")
  ) +
  labs(
    title = "Palmer penguins",
    subtitle = "n observations for species",
    x = ""
  ) +
  coord_flip() +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(legend.position = "none")
```



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# Chosing colors ...

A colorblind-friendly palette

These are color-blind-friendly palettes, one with gray, and one with black.



To use with ggplot2, it is possible to store the palette in a variable, then use it later.

```
# The palette with grey:  
cbPalette <- c("#999999", "#E69F00", "#56B4E9", "#009E73", "#F0E442", "#0072B2", "#D55E00", "#CC79A7")  
  
# The palette with black:  
ccbPalette <- c("#000000", "#E69F00", "#56B4E9", "#009E73", "#F0E442", "#0072B2", "#D55E00", "#CC79A7")  
  
# To use for fills, add  
scale_fill_manual(values=cbPalette)  
  
# To use for Line and point colors, add  
scale_color_manual(values=ccbPalette)
```

This palette is from <http://jfly.iam.u-tokyo.ac.jp/color/>:



[http://www.cookbook-r.com/Graphs/Colors\\_\(ggplot2\)/](http://www.cookbook-r.com/Graphs/Colors_(ggplot2)/)

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## Exercises [ggplot2] : part 1



- You can find the qmd-file `Exercises_ggplot2.qmd` on the Open Science Framework (Exercises > Exercise3\_ggplot2)
- Download this file to your laptop
- Open the file in RStudio
- The file contains a set of coding assignments with empty code blocks
- Now, we focus on part 1 of the exercises
- Write the code (and test it by running it)
- Stuck? No Worries!
  - We are there
  - Help each other
  - There is a solution key (`Exercises_ggplot2_solutions.qmd`)

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# 5. Visualising a quantitative variable

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## Visualising a quantitative variable?

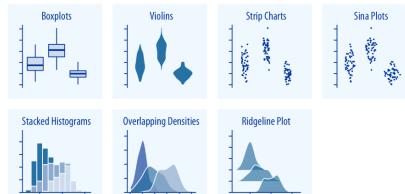
There are many ways to visualise a quantitative variable...

Can you think of some?

### 5.2 Distributions



Histograms and density plots (Chapter 7) provide the most intuitive visualizations of a distribution, but both require arbitrary parameter choices and can be misleading. Cumulative densities and quantile-quantile (q-q) plots (Chapter 8) always represent the data faithfully but can be more difficult to interpret.



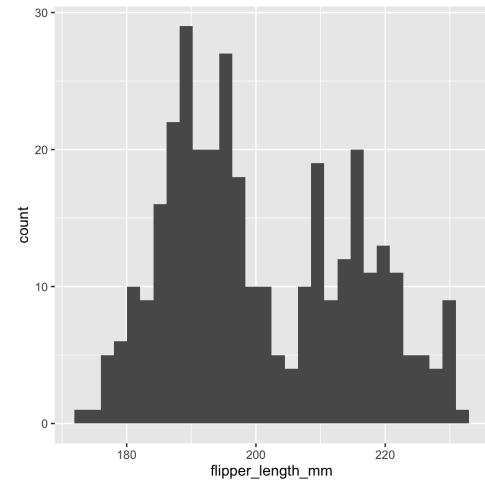
Boxplots, violins, strip charts, and sina plots are useful when we want to visualize many distributions at once and/or if we are primarily interested in overall shifts among the distributions (Chapter 9.1). Stacked histograms and overlapping densities allow a more in-depth comparison of a smaller number of distributions, though stacked histograms can be difficult to interpret and are best avoided (Chapter 7.2). Ridgeline plots can be a useful alternative to violin plots and are often useful when visualizing very large numbers of distributions or changes in distributions over time (Chapter 9.2).

Taken from *Fundamentals of Data Visualization* by Claus Wilke

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## Creating a histogram with `geom_histogram()`

```
ggplot(penguins,  
       aes(  
             x = flipper_length_mm,  
           )) +  
       geom_histogram()
```

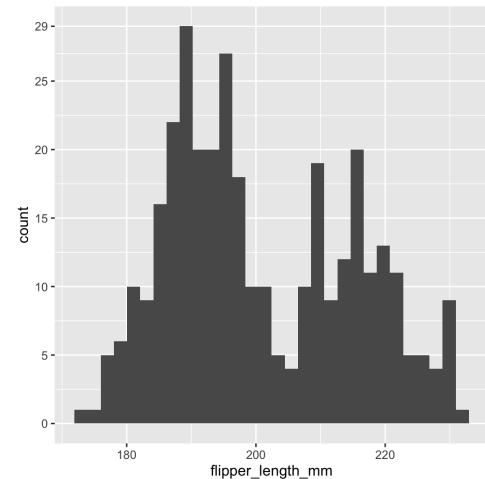


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## Creating a histogram with `geom_histogram()`

- Change breaks on y-axis using `scale_y_continuous()`

```
ggplot(penguins,  
       aes(  
             x = flipper_length_mm,  
           )) +  
       geom_histogram() +  
       ## Specify breaks  
       scale_y_continuous(  
         breaks = c(seq(0, 25, 5), 29)  
       )
```

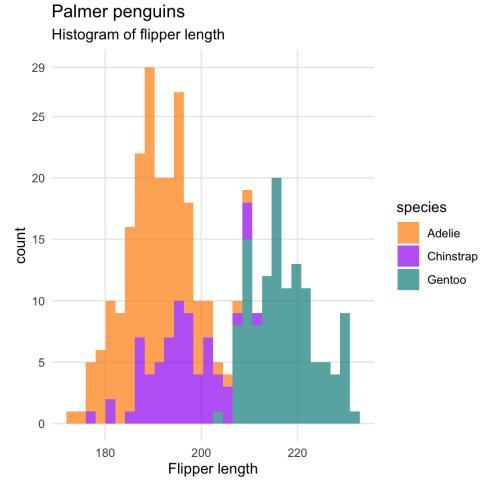


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# Creating a histogram with `geom_histogram()`

- Change transparency using argument `alpha`
- Remove minor grid lines using argument `panel.grid.minor = element_blank()`

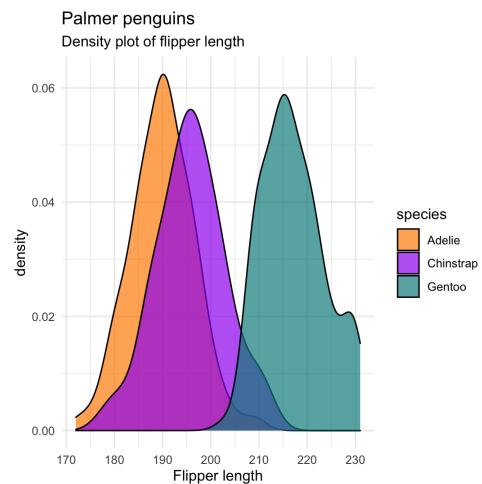
```
ggplot(penguins,
  aes(
    x = flipper_length_mm,
    fill = species
  )) +
  geom_histogram(
    ## Change transparency of points
    alpha = .7
  ) +
  ## Specify breaks
  scale_y_continuous(
    breaks = c(seq(0, 25, 5), 29)
  ) +
  scale_fill_manual(
    values = c("darkorange", "purple", "cyan4")
  ) +
  labs(
    title = "Palmer penguins",
    subtitle = "Histogram of flipper length",
    x = "Flipper length"
  ) +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(
    ## Remove minor grid lines
    panel.grid.minor = element_blank()
  )
```



# Creating a density plot<sup>\*</sup> with `geom_density()`

- Replace `geom_histogram()` with `geom_density()` plot

```
ggplot(penguins,
  aes(
    x = flipper_length_mm,
    fill = species
  )) +
  ## Use geom_density
  geom_density(
    alpha = .7
  ) +
  scale_fill_manual(
    values = c("darkorange", "purple", "cyan4")
  ) +
  labs(
    title = "Palmer penguins",
    subtitle = "Density plot of flipper length",
    x = "Flipper length"
  ) + theme_minimal()
```

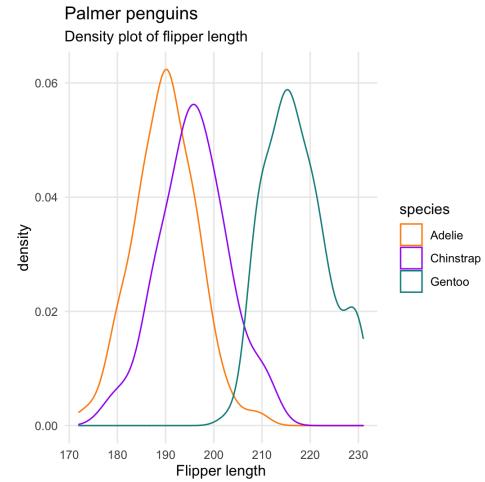


<sup>\*</sup>surface below curve = 100%

# Creating a density plot with `geom_density()`

- Only colored lines by replacing argument `fill` with `color`

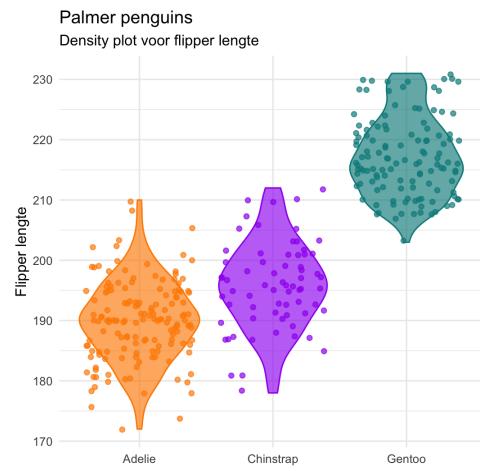
```
ggplot(penguins,
       aes(
         x = flipper_length_mm,
         color = species
       )) +
  geom_density() +
  ## Replace scale_color with scale_fill
  scale_color_manual(
    values = c("darkorange", "purple", "cyan4")
  ) +
  labs(
    title = "Palmer penguins",
    subtitle = "Density plot of flipper length",
    x = "Flipper length"
  ) +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(panel.grid.minor = element_blank())
```



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# Or even better ... `geom_violin()` + `geom_jitter()`

```
ggplot(penguins,
       aes(
         x = species,
         y = flipper_length_mm,
         ## Aesthetics fill and color applied to EVERY geom
         fill = species,
         color = species
       )) +
  ## Use geom_violin
  geom_violin(
    alpha = .65
  ) +
  ## Use geom_jitter
  geom_jitter(
    alpha = .7
  ) +
  scale_fill_manual(
    values = c("darkorange", "purple", "cyan4")
  ) +
  scale_color_manual(
    values = c("darkorange", "purple", "cyan4")
  ) +
  labs(
    title = "Palmer penguins",
    subtitle = "Density plot voor flipper lengte",
    y = "Flipper lengte",
    x = ""
  ) + theme_minimal() + theme(legend.position = "none")
```

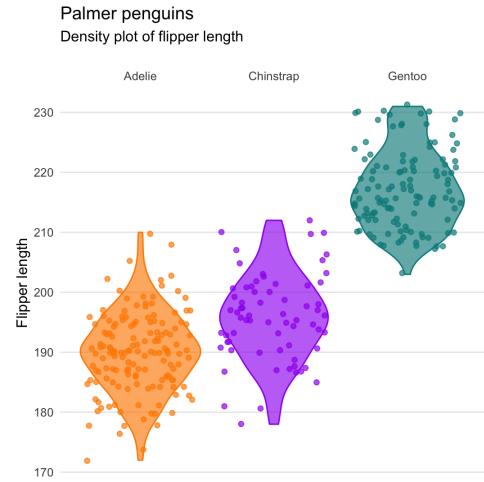


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## Or even better `geom_violin()` + `geom_jitter()`

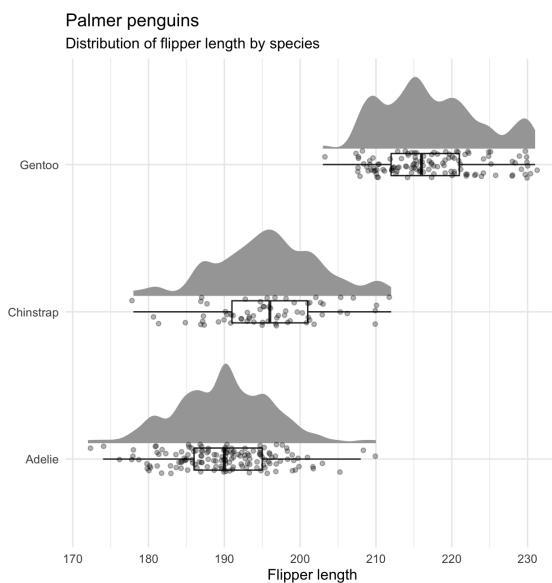
- Put names of species on top using argument `position="top"`
- Remove minor grid lines using argument `panel.grid.major = element_blank()`

```
ggplot(penguins,
  aes(
    x = species,
    y = flipper_length_mm,
    fill = species,
    color = species
  )) +
  geom_violin(
    alpha = .65
  ) +
  geom_jitter(
    alpha = .7
  ) +
  scale_x_discrete(
    # Put x-axis labels on top
    position = "top"
  ) +
  scale_fill_manual(
    values = c("darkorange", "purple", "cyan4")
  ) +
  scale_color_manual(
    values = c("darkorange", "purple", "cyan4")
  ) +
  labs(
    title = "Palmer penguins",
    subtitle = "Density plot of flipper length",
    y = "Flipper length",
    x = "",
    ) + theme_minimal() +
  theme(legend.position = "none",
    panel.grid.minor = element_blank(),
    ## Remove major grid lines
    panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())
```



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## Or a *rain cloud plot*



Based on the tutorial of Cédric Scherer: <https://www.cedricscherer.com/>

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# Or a *rain cloud plot* (Appendix 1: How to grow a rain cloud plot?)

Additional package required: `ggdist`

```
library(ggdist)
ggplot(penguins, aes(x = species, y = flipper_length_mm)) +
  stat_halfeye(
    adjust = .5,
    width = .6,
    .width = 0,
    justification = -.2,
    point_color = NA
  ) +
  geom_boxplot(
    width = .15,
    outlier.shape = NA
  ) +
  geom_point(
    size = 1.3,
    alpha = .3,
    position = position_jitter(
      seed = 1, width = .1
    )
  ) +
  labs(
    title = "Palmer penguins",
    subtitle = "Distribution of flipper length by species",
    x = "",
    y = "Flipper length"
  ) +
  coord_cartesian(xlim = c(1.2, NA), clip = "off") +
  coord_flip() +
  theme_minimal()
```

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## Exercises [ggplot2] : part 2



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- Download this file to your laptop
- Open the file in RStudio
- The file contains a set of coding assignments with empty code blocks
- Now, we focus on part 2 of the exercises
- Write the code (and test it by running it)
- Stuck? No Worries!
  - We are there
  - Help each other
  - There is a solution key (`Exercises_ggplot2_solutions.qmd`)

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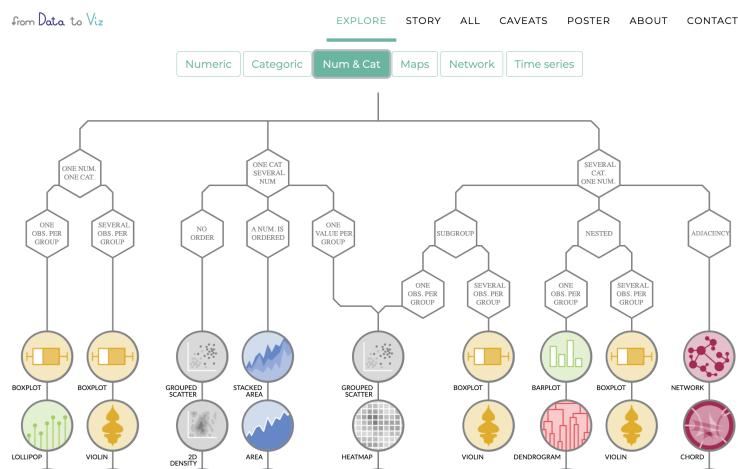
# 6. Visualising more than one variable

## Visualising more than one variable?

There are many ways to visualise more than one variable... The choice depends (among other things) on the type of variables you want to plot:

- only quantitative variables;
- only qualitative variables;
- or a combination of both

Can you think of an example of each?



*Have a look at [data to viz.com](http://data-to-viz.com)*

# Visualising more than one variable

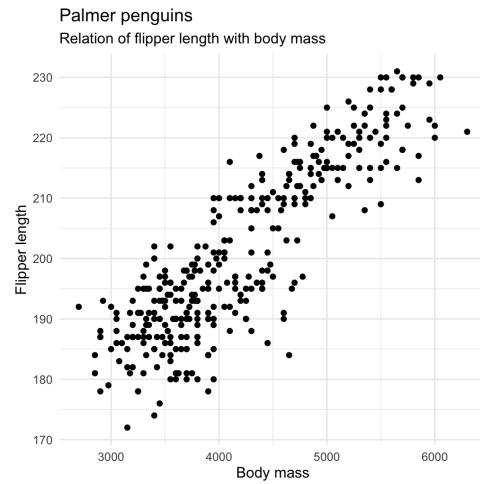
We focus today upon:

- **scatterplots** (two numeric variables, two numeric variables and one categorical variable)
- **grouped barplots** (two categorical variables)

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## Creating a scatterplot with `geom_point()`

```
ggplot(penguins,  
       aes(  
           x = body_mass_g,  
           y = flipper_length_mm  
       )) +  
   geom_point() +  
   labs(  
       title = "Palmer penguins",  
       subtitle = "Relation of flipper length with body mass",  
       y = "Flipper length",  
       x = "Body mass",  
   ) +  
   theme_minimal() +  
   theme(legend.position = "none")
```

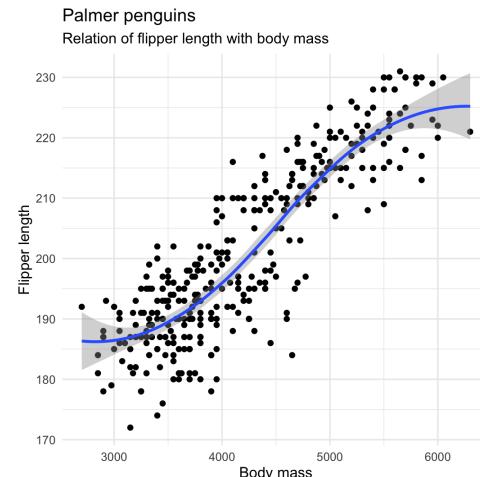


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# Creating a scatterplot with `geom_point()` and `geom_smooth()`

- Add trend line by adding `geom_smooth()`

```
ggplot(penguins,  
       aes(  
             x = body_mass_g,  
             y = flipper_length_mm  
       )) +  
   geom_point() +  
   ## Add a trendline  
   geom_smooth() +  
   labs(  
     title = "Palmer penguins",  
     subtitle = "Relation of flipper length with body mass",  
     y = "Flipper length",  
     x = "Body mass"  
   ) +  
   theme_minimal() +  
   theme(legend.position = "none")
```

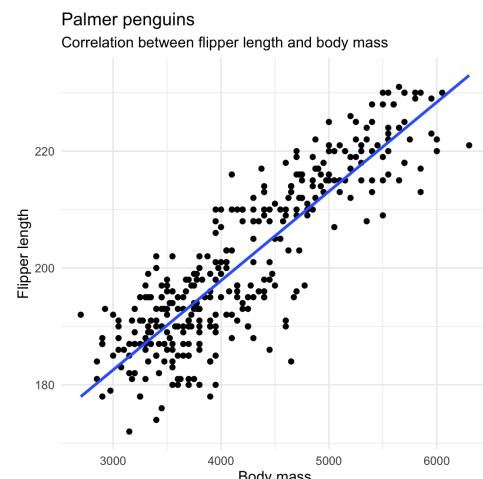


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# Creating a scatterplot with `geom_point()` and `geom_smooth()`

- Linear trend line by adding argument `method = "lm"`
- Remove confidence intervals using argument `se = FALSE`

```
ggplot(penguins,  
       aes(  
             x = body_mass_g,  
             y = flipper_length_mm  
       )) +  
   geom_point() +  
   geom_smooth(  
     ## Add a linear trend line  
     method = "lm",  
     ## Remove confidence band  
     se = FALSE  
   ) +  
   labs(  
     title = "Palmer penguins",  
     subtitle = "Correlation between flipper length and body mass",  
     y = "Flipper length",  
     x = "Body mass",  
   ) +  
   theme_minimal() +  
   theme(legend.position = "none")
```



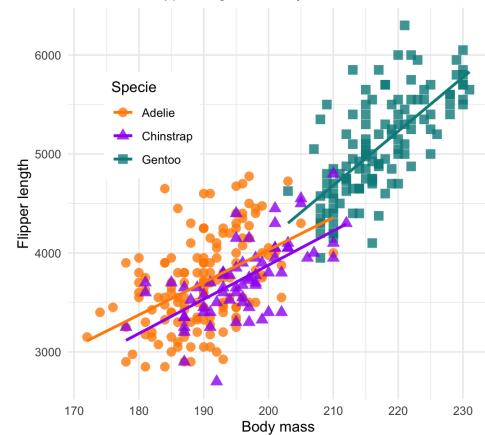
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# Creating a scatterplot with `geom_point()` and `geom_smooth()`

- Add shape and color by specifying additional aesthetics: `shape` and `color`
- Change legend position and background, change position of plot title, and layout (sub)title

```
ggplot(data = penguins,
       aes(x = flipper_length_mm,
           y = body_mass_g)) +
  geom_point(aes(color = species,
                 shape = species),
             size = 3,
             alpha = 0.8) +
  geom_smooth(
    ## Additional aesthetic: "color"
    aes(color = species),
    se = F, method = "lm")
  ) +
  theme_minimal() +
  scale_color_manual(
    values = c("darkorange", "purple", "cyan4")) +
  labs(
    title = "Palmer penguins",
    subtitle = "Correlation between flipper length and body mass",
    y = "Flipper length",
    x = "Body mass",
    color = "Species",
    shape = "Species") +
  theme(
    ## Change position legend
    legend.position = c(0.2, 0.7),
    ## Change background legend
    legend.background = element_rect(fill = "white", color = NA),
    ## Change position of plot title
    plot.title.position = "plot",
    ## Change layout of plot (sub)title
    plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0, face = "bold"),
    plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0, face = "italic"))
```

Palmer penguins  
Correlation between flipper length and body mass



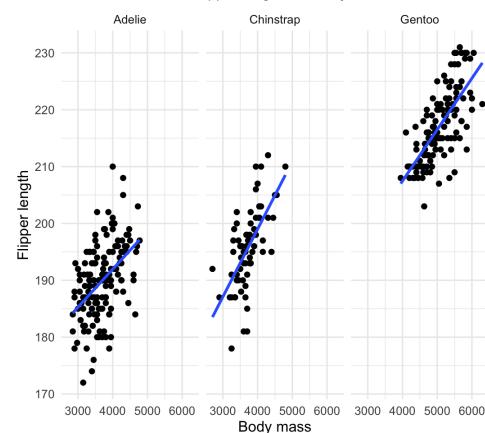
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# Creating a scatterplot with `geom_point()` and `geom_smooth()`

- Adds facets using `facet_wrap()`

```
ggplot(penguins,
       aes(
         x = body_mass_g,
         y = flipper_length_mm
       )) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(
    method = "lm",
    se = FALSE
  ) +
  ## Add facets
  facet_wrap(~species) +
  labs(
    title = "Palmer penguins",
    subtitle = "Correlation between flipper length and body mass",
    y = "Flipper length",
    x = "Body mass",
  ) +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(legend.position = "none",
        plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0, face = "bold"),
        plot.subtitle = element_text(hjust = 0, face = "italic"))
```

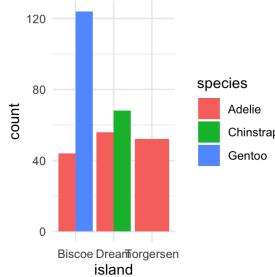
Palmer penguins  
Correlation between flipper length and body mass



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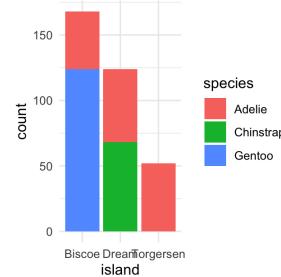
# Creating a barplot of two variables (counts)

Grouped barplot of counts using  
`position_dodge()`



```
penguins %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = island,
             fill = species)) +
  geom_bar(
    position = position_dodge()
  ) +
  theme_minimal()
```

Stacked barplot of counts using argument  
`position_stack()`



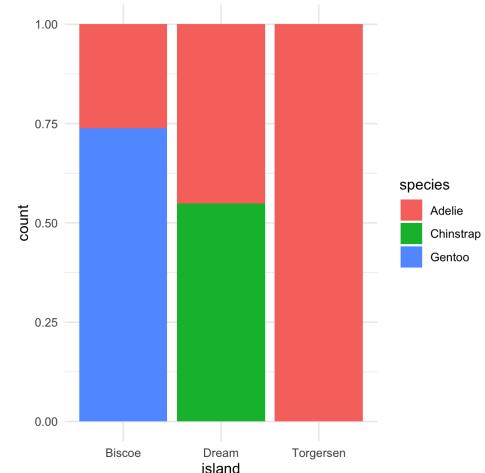
```
penguins %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = island,
             fill = species)) +
  geom_bar(
    position = position_stack()
  ) +
  theme_minimal()
```

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# Creating a barplot of two variables (percentage)

- Switch to barplot with relative frequencies using `position_fill()`

```
penguins %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = island,
             fill = species)) +
  geom_bar(
    position = position_fill()
  ) +
  theme_minimal()
```

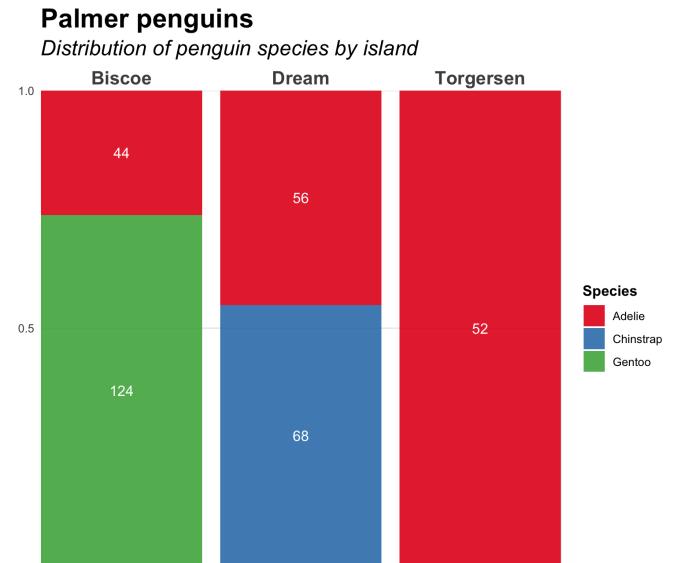


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# Creating a barplot of two variables (percentage)

- Add texts to bars using `geom_text()`
- Add "fill" colors using `scale_fill_brewer()`
- Remove additional space using `coord_cartesian(expand=FALSE)`

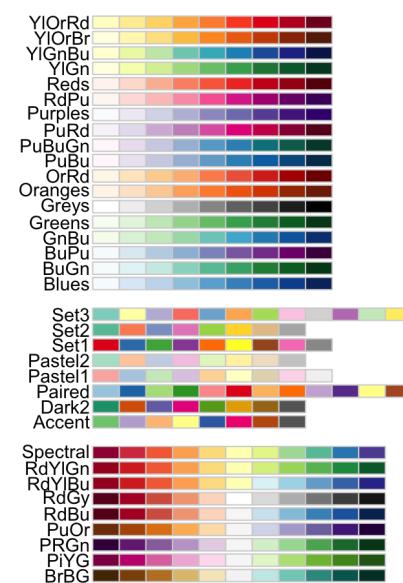
```
penguins %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = island,
             fill = species)) +
  geom_bar(
    position = position_fill(),
    alpha = .9
  ) +
  ## Add text to bars
  geom_text(aes(label = ..count..),
            stat = "count",
            colour = "white",
            position = position_fill(vjust = 0.5)
  ) +
  ## Add "fill" colors
  scale_fill_brewer(
    type = "qual",
    palette = 6
  ) +
  scale_x_discrete(position = "top") +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = c(0.5, 1)) +
  labs(
    title = "Palmer penguins",
    subtitle = "Distribution of penguin species by island",
    fill = "Species"
  ) +
  ## Remove additional space around plot
  coord_cartesian(expand = FALSE) +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 20, face = "bold"),
        plot.subtitle = element_text(size = 16, face = "italic"),
        axis.title = element_blank(),
        axis.text.x = element_text(size = 14, face = "bold"),
        legend.title = element_text(face = "bold"),
        panel.grid.minor = element_blank(),
        panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())
}
```



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## Choosing colors ...

- Colors are not meaningless and ... they grab attention
- R has several built-in color palettes. The functions `scale_fill_brewer` and `scale_color_brewer` use palettes of **RColorBrewer**. These palettes come in three 'flavours':
  - **sequential**: for ordered data ((for example, scoring low/mediocre/high on a likert scale)
  - **qualitative**: for nominal or categorical information (for example, different islands)
  - **diverging**: for ordered data with meaningful mid values ((for example, temperature or change in score)



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# Exercises [ggplot2] : part 3



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## 7. More about visualisation?

# The tip of the iceberg...

Gallery of different types of visualisations  
accompañed by ggplot-code

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The R Graph Gallery



Welcome to the R graph gallery, a collection of charts made with the [R programming language](#). Hundreds of charts are displayed in several sections, always with their reproducible code available. The gallery makes a focus on the tidyverse and [ggplot2](#). Feel free to suggest a chart or report a bug; any feedback is highly welcome. Stay in touch with the gallery by following it on [Twitter](#) or [GitHub](#). If you're new to R, consider following [this course](#).

library of graphs with ggplot-code

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## ggplot2 package

ggplot2 is the most popular alternative to base R graphics. It is based on the Grammar of Graphics and its main advantage is its flexibility, as you can create and customize the graphics adding more layers to it. This library allows creating ready-to-publish charts easily.

Top50 ggplot visualisations...

Top 50 ggplot2 Visualizations - The Master List (With Full R Code)

What type of visualization to use for what sort of problem? This tutorial helps you choose the right type of chart for your specific objectives and how to implement it in R using ggplot2.

- This is part 3 of a three part tutorial on ggplot2, an aesthetically pleasing (and very popular) graphics framework in R. This tutorial is primarily geared towards those having some basic knowledge of the R programming language and want to make complex and nice looking charts with R ggplot2.
- Part 1: Introduction to ggplot2, covers the basic knowledge about constructing simple ggplots and modifying the components and aesthetics.
  - Part 2: Customizing the Look and Feel, is about more advanced customization like manipulating legend, annotations, multiplots with facetting and custom layouts
  - Part 3: Top 50 ggplot2 Visualizations - The Master List, applies what was learnt in part 1 and 2 to construct other types of ggplots such as bar charts, boxplots etc.

ggplot-extentions



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## Data visualisation resources

### Which visualisation to use?

Visual vocabulary

Visual Vocabulary

Designing with data

There are so many ways to visualise data – how do we know which one to pick? Click on the coloured categories below to decide which data relationship is most important in your story, then look at the underlying icons in each category to form some initial ideas about what might work best. This list is not meant to be exhaustive, or a wizard, but is a useful starting point for making informative and meaningful data visualisations.

Inspired by the Graphic Continuum by Jon Schwabish and Stevenne Ribbeck

The Data Visualisation Catalogue

What do you want to show?

Here you can find a list of charts categorized by their data visualisation functions or by what you want a chart to communicate. You can also search for charts by their names, authors, or by the type of data they display. It still works as a useful guide for selecting a chart based on your analysis or communication needs.



Research visuals: all the resources ...

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Research visuals: all the resources you'll ever need!

Website of Cedric Scherer

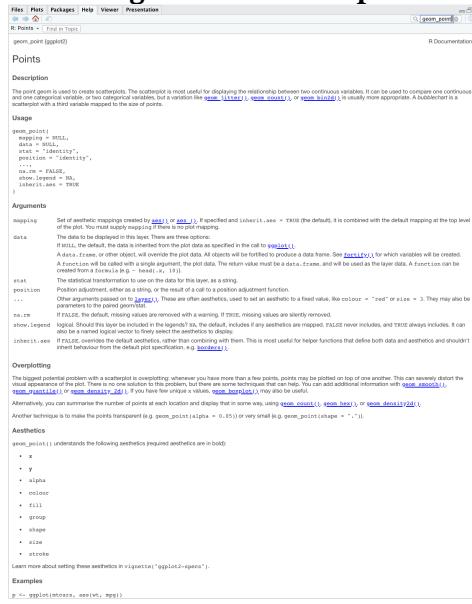
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# In need of help?

## Don't forget RStudio's help-function!



The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the help page for the `geom_point()` function open. The title bar says "geom\_point()". The page contains sections for "Description", "Usage", "Arguments", "Value", "Details", and "Examples". The "Arguments" section is expanded, showing detailed descriptions for each argument like `mapping`, `data`, `position`, `na.rm`, `show.legend`, and `inherit.aes`. It also includes notes about potential issues like overlapping points and missing values.

## Google is your best fRiend...

Just google your question and you'll find code, examples, ...

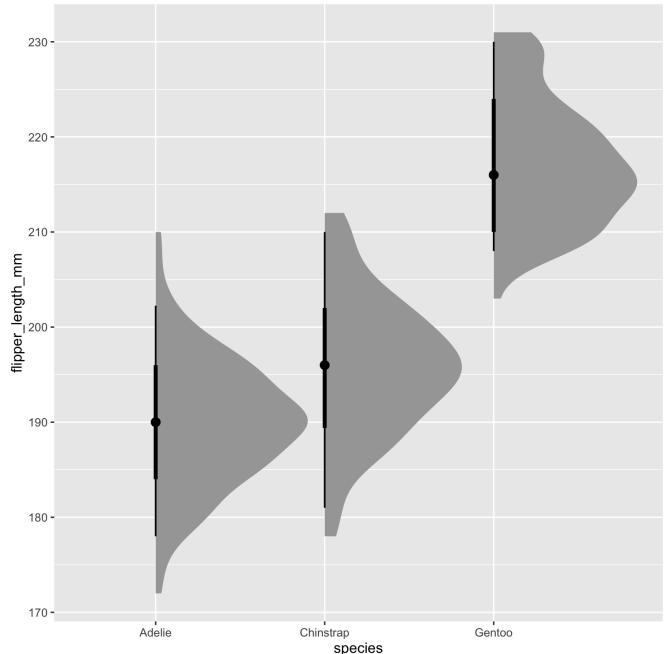
# Appendix 1

*How to grow a rain cloud plot?*

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## Step 1

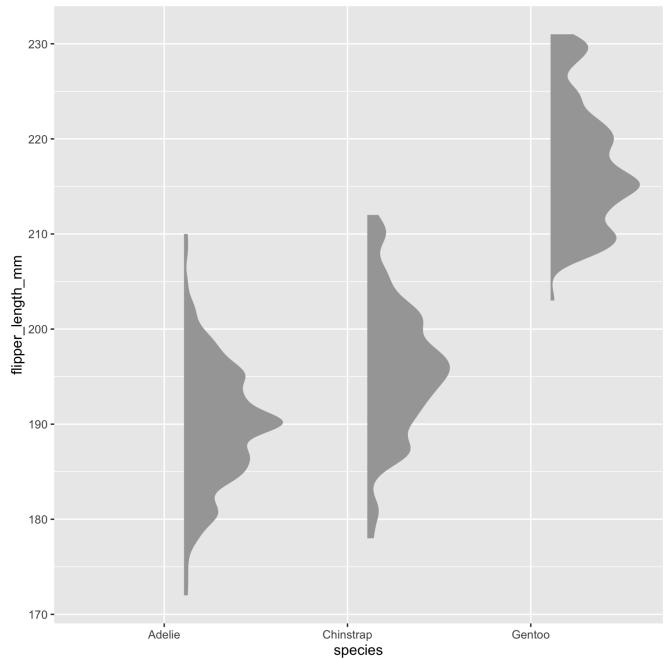
```
library(ggdist)
p1 <-
  ggplot(penguins, aes(x = species, y = flipper_length_mm)) +
  stat_halfeye(
  )
p1
```



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## Step 2

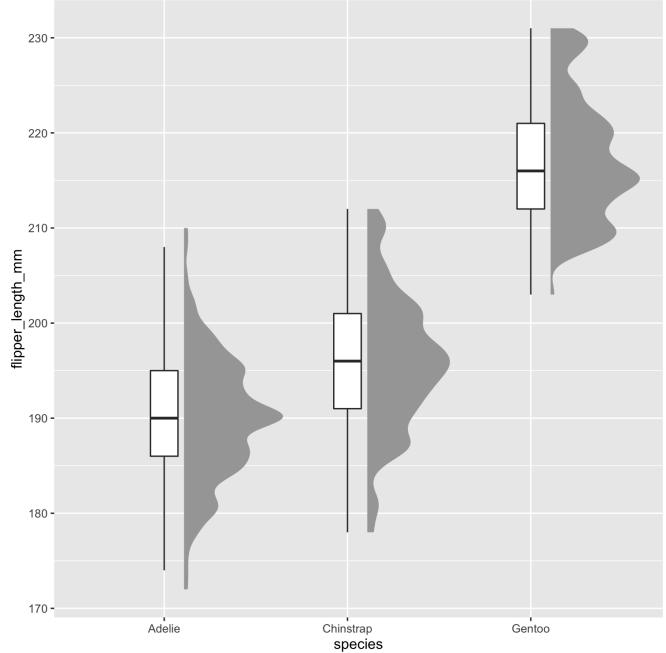
```
p1 <-
  ggplot(penguins, aes(x = species, y = flipper_length_mm)) +
  stat_halfeye(
    adjust = .5,
    width = .6,
    .width = 0,
    justification = -.2,
    point_colour = NA
  )
p1
```



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## Step 3

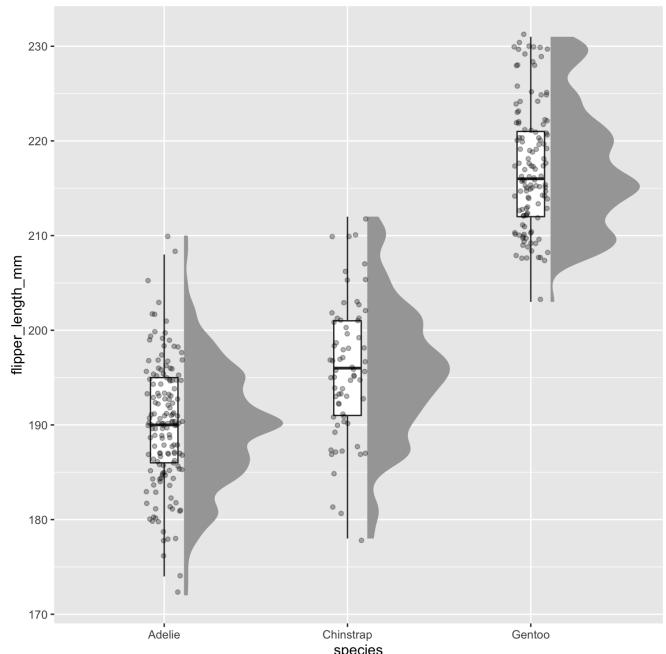
```
P2 <- P1 +  
  geom_boxplot(  
    width = .15,  
    outlier.shape = NA  
)  
  
P2
```



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## Step 4

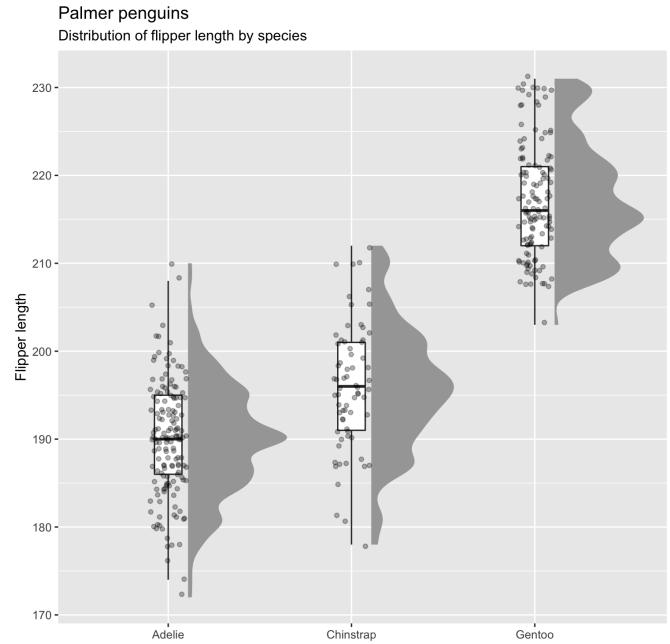
```
P3 <- P2 +  
  geom_point(  
    size = 1.3,  
    alpha = .3,  
    position = position_jitter(  
      seed = 1, width = .1  
)  
  
P3
```



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## Step 5

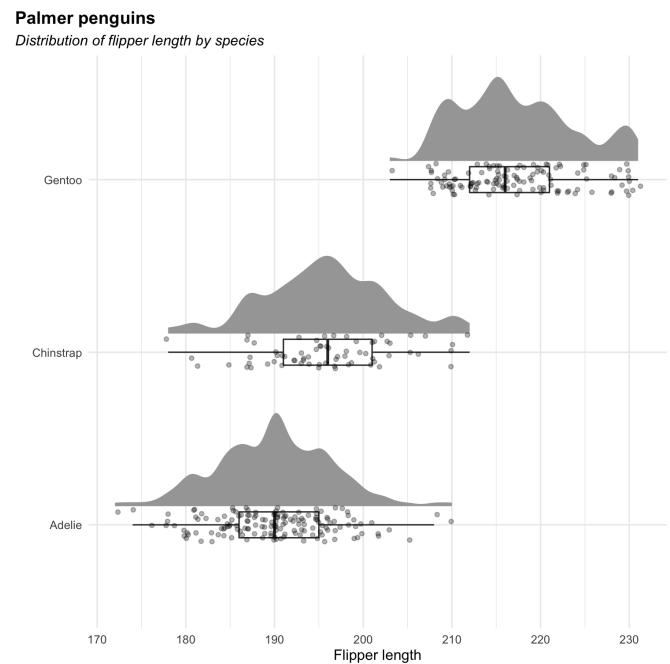
```
P4 <- P3 +
  labs(
    title = "Palmer penguins",
    subtitle = "Distribution of flipper length by species",
    x = "",
    y = "Flipper length"
  )
P4
```



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## Step 6

```
P5 <- P4 +
  coord_cartesian(xlim = c(1.2, NA), clip = "off") +
  coord_flip() +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(plot.title.position = "plot",
        plot.title = element_text(face = "bold"),
        plot.subtitle = element_text(face = "italic"))
```



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