Data Visualisation

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Graphics and Statistics

Our Data Source

• For our examples, we'll use a dataset mpg from the ggplot2 library

```
1 library(ggplot2)
 3 head (mpg)
# A tibble: 6 × 11
  manufacturer model displ year
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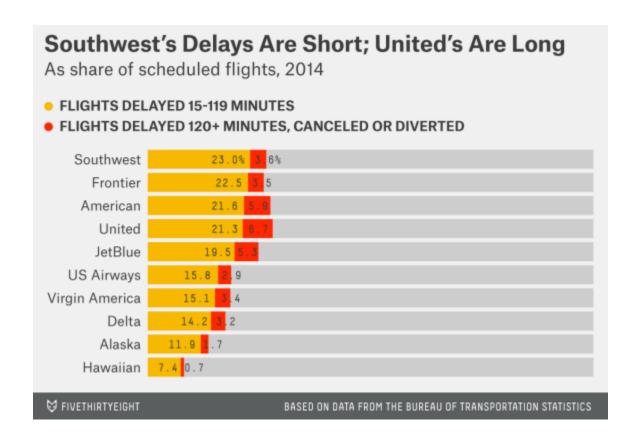
ggplot2 and the tidyverse tidyverse Zahid Asghar

ggplot2

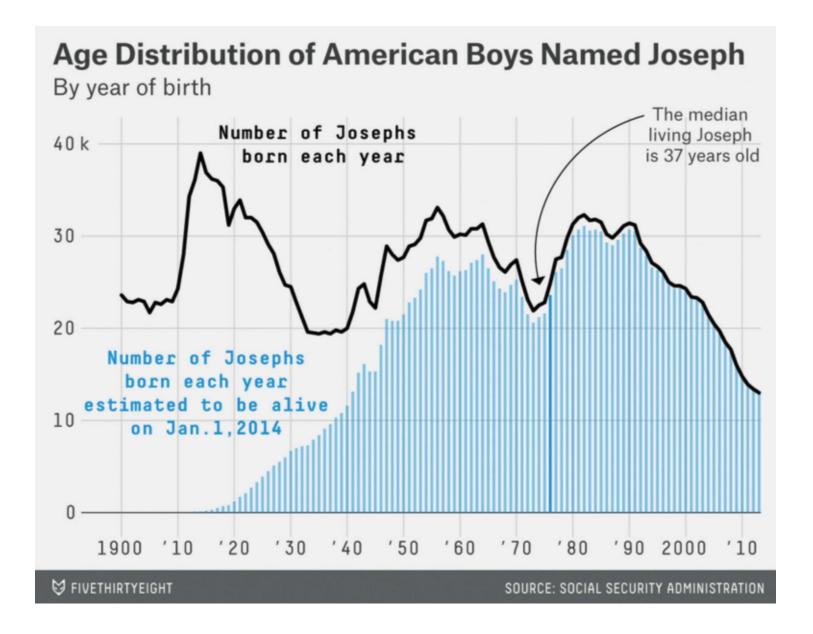
- ggplot2 is perhaps the most popular package in R and a core element of the tidyverse
- gg stands for a grammar of graphics
- Very powerful and beautiful graphics, very customizable and reproducible, but requires a bit of a learning curve
- All those "cool graphics" you've seen in the New York Times, fivethirtyeight, the Economist, Vox, etc use the grammar of graphics



ggplot: All Your Figure are Belong to Us

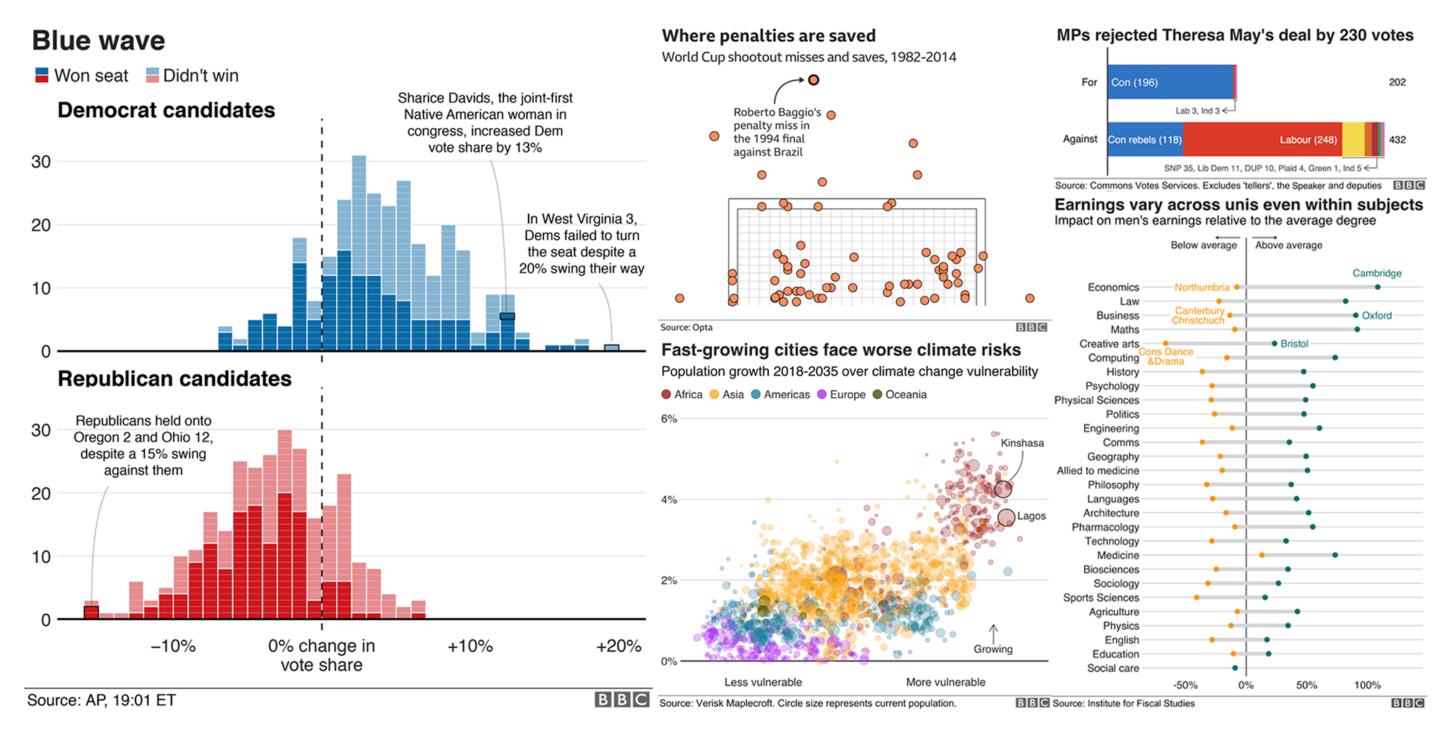


Source: fivethirtyeight



Source: fivethirtyeight

ggplot: All Your Figure are Belong to Us



Source: BBC's bbplot

Why Go gg?



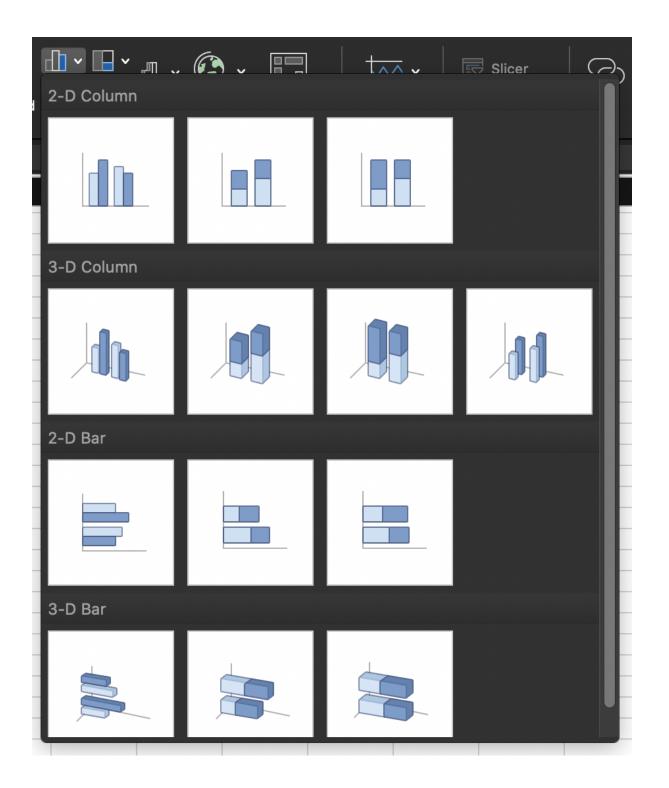
Hadley Wickham Chief Scientist, R Studio

"The transferrable skills from ggplot2 are not the idiosyncracies of plotting syntax, but a powerful way of thinking about visualisation, as a way of mapping between variables and the visual properties of geometric objects that you can perceive."

Source

The Grammar of Graphics (gg)

- This is a true grammar
- We don't talk about specific chart types
 - That you have to hunt through in Excel and reshape your data to fit it
- Instead we talk about specific chart components



The Grammar of Graphics (gg) I

- Any graphic can be built from the same components:
 - 1. Data to be drawn from
 - 2. Aesthetic mappings from data to some visual marking
 - 3. Geometric objects on the plot
 - 4. **Scales** define the range of values
 - 5. Coordinates to organize location
 - 6. Labels describe the scale and markings
 - 7. Facets group into subplots
 - 8. **Themes** style the plot elements



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The Grammar of Graphics (gg): All at Once

All in One Command

Produces plot output in viewer

- Does not save plot (if done in console)
 - Save with Export menu in viewer
- Adding layers requires whole code for new plot
- Perfectly fine if it's a code chunk in a Quarto document!

```
1 ggplot(data = mpg) +
2 aes(x = displ,
3 y = hwy) +
4 geom_point() +
5 geom_smooth()
```

The Grammar of Graphics (gg): As R Objects

Saving as an object

- Saves your plot as an R object
- Does not show in viewer
 - Execute the name of your object to see it
- Can add layers by calling the original plot name

Plot Layers

The Grammar of Graphics (gg): Tidy Data

Data

```
ggplot(data = mpg)
```

Data is the source of our data. As part of the tidyverse, ggplot2 requires data to be "tidy":

- 1. Each variable forms a column
- 2. Each observation forms a row
- 3. Each observational unit forms a table

gg: Data Layer Data

```
ggplot(data = mpg)
```

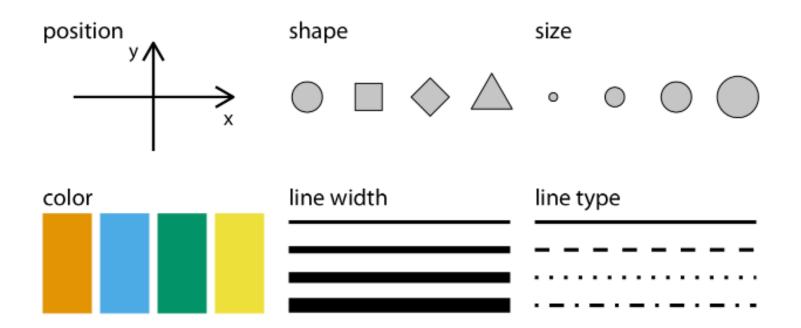
- Add a layer with + at the end of a line (never at the beginning!)
- Style recommendation: start a new line after each + to improve legibility!
- We will build a plot layer-by-layer

gg: Mapping Aesthetics I

Data

Aesthetics

+aes(...)



gg: Mapping Aesthetics II

Data

Aesthetics

```
+aes(...)
```

- displ
- hwy
- class

gg: Mapping Aesthetics III

Data

Aesthetics

```
+aes(...)
```

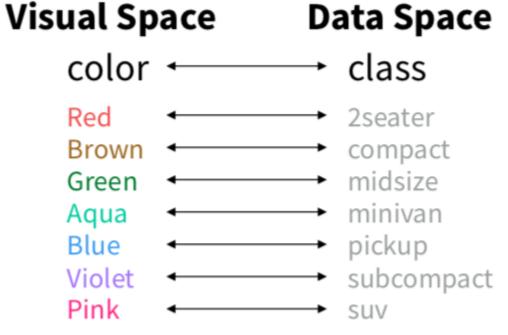
- $displ \rightarrow X$
- hwy → y
- class → color, (or shape, size, etc.)

gg: Mapping Aesthetics IV

Data

Aesthetics

+aes(...)



gg: Mapping Aesthetics V

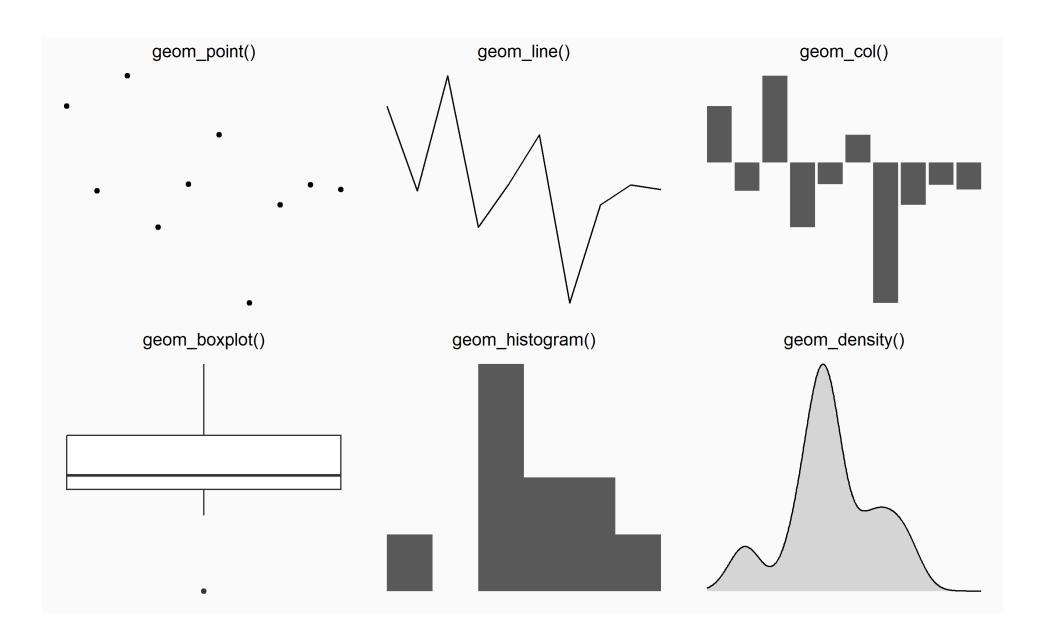
Data

Aesthetics

```
+aes(...)
```

gg: Geoms I Data Aesthetics Geoms

Geometric objects displayed on the plot



gg: Geoms II Data Aesthetics Geoms

```
+geom_*(...)
```

Geometric objects displayed on the plot

What geoms you should use depends on what you want to show:

Туре	geom
Point	<pre>geom_point()</pre>
Line	<pre>geom_line(), geom_path()</pre>
Bar	<pre>geom_bar(), geom_col()</pre>
Histogram	<pre>geom_histogram()</pre>
Regression	<pre>geom_smooth()</pre>
Boxplot	<pre>geom_boxplot()</pre>
Text	<pre>geom_text()</pre>
Density	<pre>geom_density()</pre>

gg: Geoms III Data Aesthetics Geoms

```
+geom_*(...)
```

Geometric objects displayed on the plot

```
"geom abline"
                                              "geom bar"
                                                                 "geom bin2
                           "geom area"
                                                                 "geom cont
        "geom blank"
                           "geom boxplot"
                                              "geom col"
        "geom count"
                           "geom crossbar"
                                              "geom curve"
                                                                 "geom dens
        "geom density 2d"
                           "geom density2d"
                                              "geom dotplot"
                                                                 "geom erro
                                              "geom hex"
        "geom errorbarh"
                           "geom freqpoly"
                                                                 "geom hist
        "geom hline"
                           "geom jitter"
                                              "geom label"
                                                                 "geom line
        "geom linerange"
                                              "geom path"
                           "geom map"
                                                                 "geom poin
                                                                 "geom qq
        "geom pointrange"
                           "geom polygon"
                                              "geom qq"
        "geom quantile"
                           "geom raster"
                                                                 "geom ribb
                                              "geom rect"
                                              "geom sf"
                                                                 "geom sf 1
        "geom rug"
                           "geom segment"
        "geom sf text"
                           "geom smooth"
                                              "geom spoke"
                                                                 "geom step
                           "geom tile"
                                              "geom violin"
## [45] "geom text"
                                                                 "geom vlin
```

See http://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference for many more options

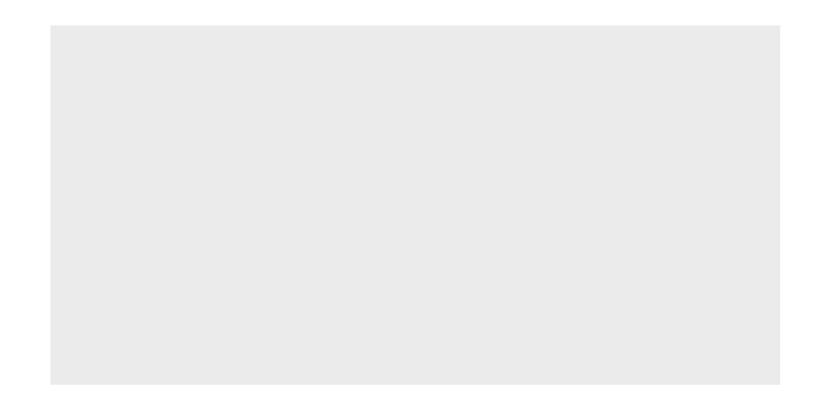
gg: Geoms IV Data Aesthetics Geoms

```
+geom_*(...)
```

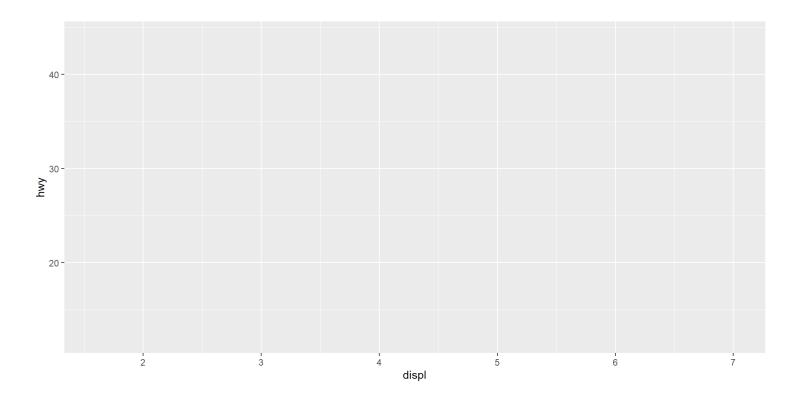
Geometric objects displayed on the plot Or just start typing geom_ in R Studio!

```
ggplot(df_geom) +
  aes(x, y) +
```

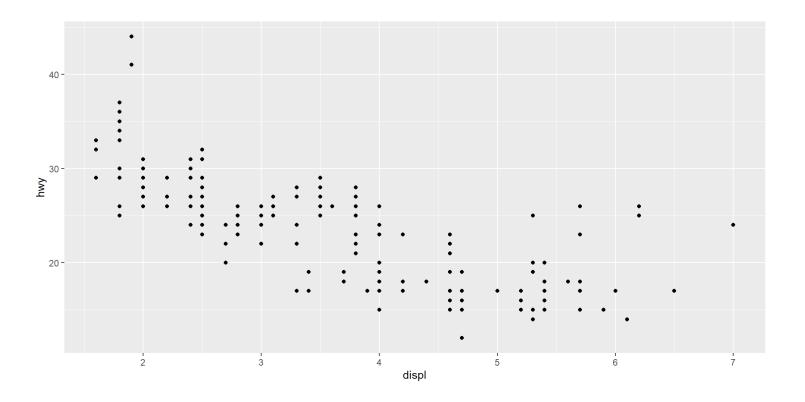
```
1 ggplot(data = mpg)
```



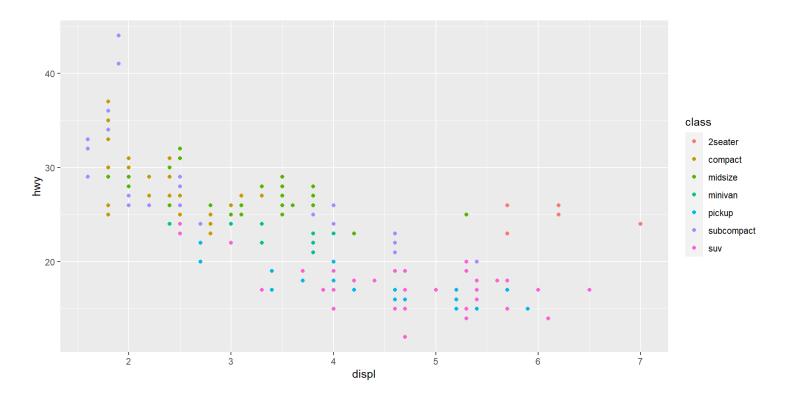
```
1 ggplot(data = mpg) +
2 aes(x = displ,
3 y = hwy)
```



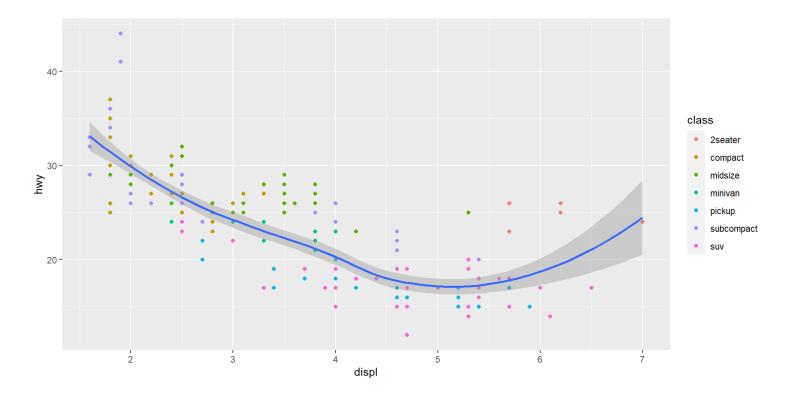
```
1 ggplot(data = mpg) +
2 aes(x = displ,
3 y = hwy) +
4 geom_point()
```



```
1 ggplot(data = mpg)+
2 aes(x = displ,
3 y = hwy)+
4 geom_point(aes(color = class))
```



```
1 ggplot(data = mpg)+
2 aes(x = displ,
3 y = hwy)+
4 geom_point(aes(color = class))+
5 geom_smooth()
```



More Geoms

Data

Aesthetics

Geoms

```
+geom_*(...)
```

```
geom_*(aes, data, stat, position)
```

- data: geoms can have their own data
 - has to map onto global coordinates
- aes: geoms can have their own aesthetics
 - inherits global aesthetics by default
 - different geoms have different available aesthetics

More Geoms II

Data

Aesthetics

Geoms

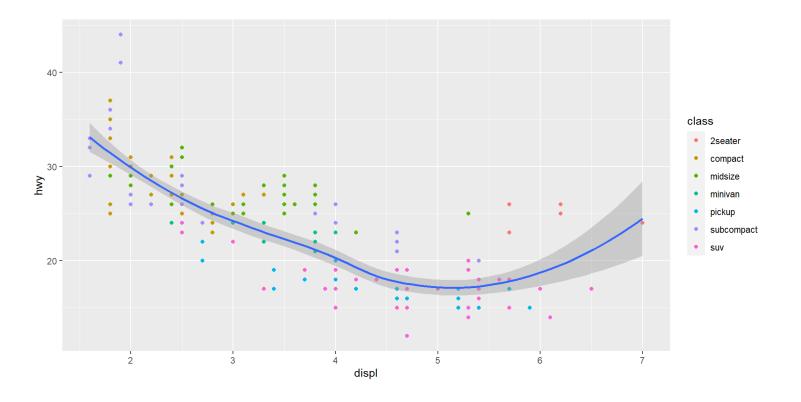
```
+geom_*(...)
```

```
geom_*(aes, data, stat, position)
```

- stat: some geoms statistically transform data
 - geom_histogram() uses stat_bin() to group observations
 into bins
- position: some adjust location of objects
 - dodge, stack, jitter

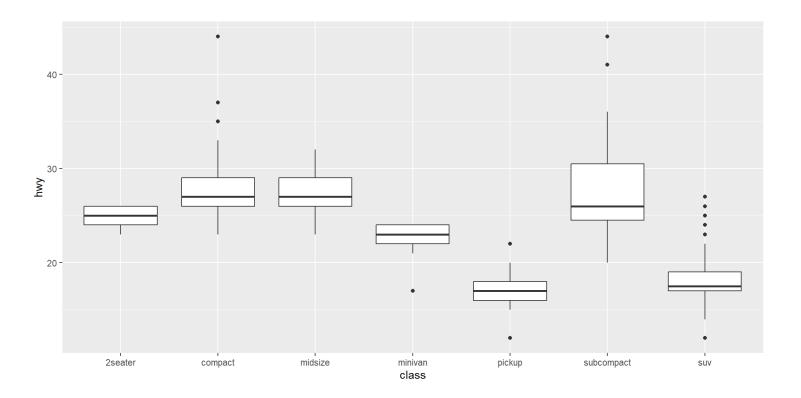
Our Plot

```
1 ggplot(data = mpg)+
2 aes(x = displ,
3 y = hwy)+
4 geom_point(aes(color = class))+
5 geom_smooth()
```



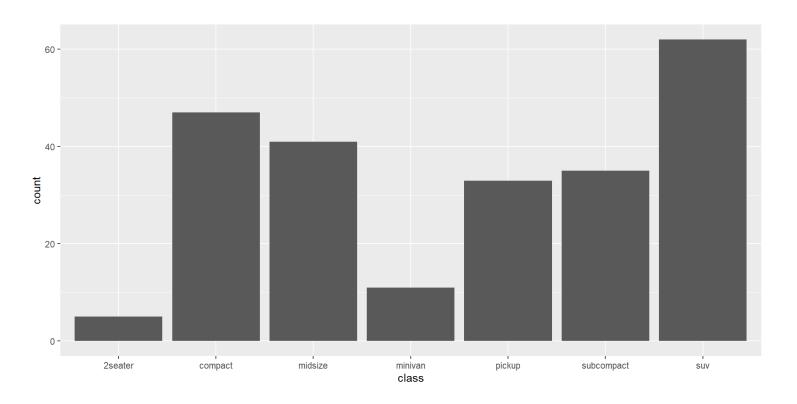
Change Our Plot

```
1 ggplot(data = mpg)+
2 aes(x = class,
3 y = hwy)+
4 geom_boxplot()
```



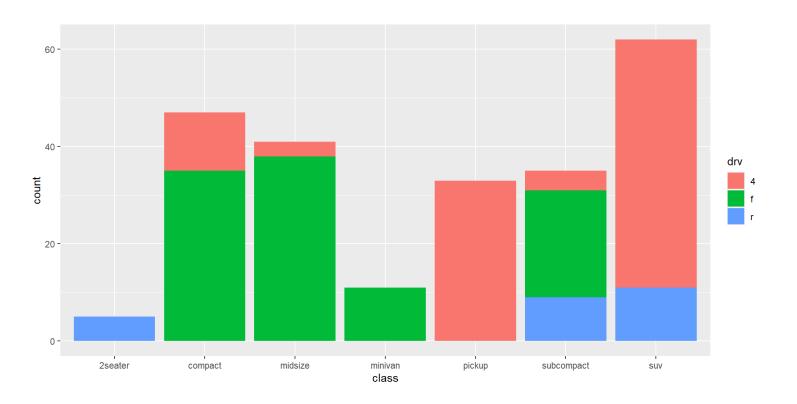
Change Our Plot

```
1 ggplot(data = mpg)+
2 aes(x = class)+
3 geom_bar()
```



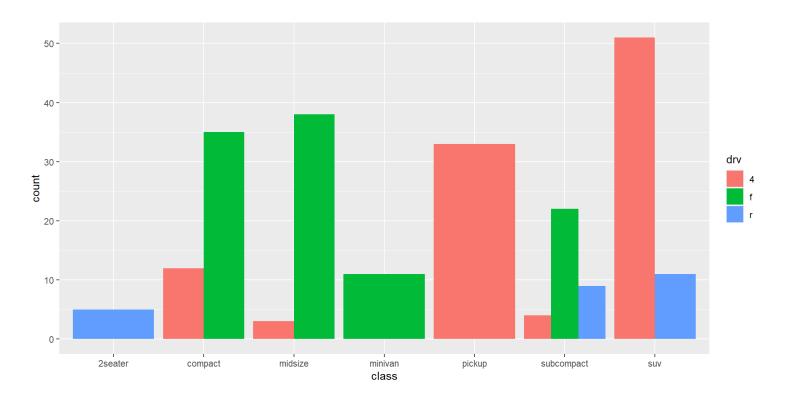
Change Our Plot

```
1 ggplot(data = mpg)+
2 aes(x = class,
3 fill = drv)+
4 geom_bar()
```

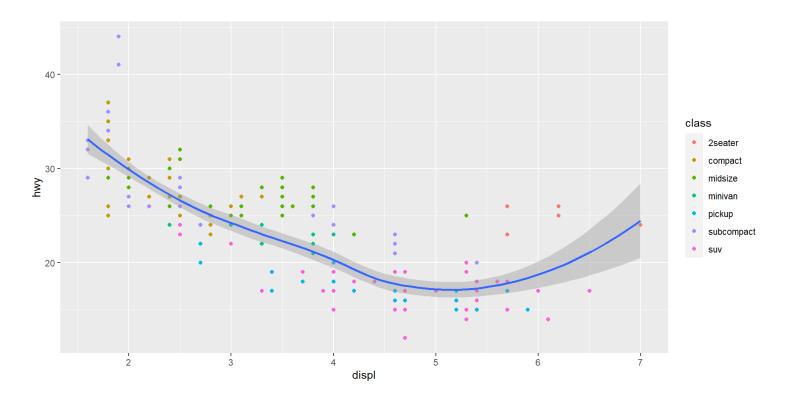


Change Our Plot

```
1 ggplot(data = mpg)+
2 aes(x = class,
3 fill = drv)+
4 geom_bar(position = "dodge")
```



Back to the Original (and Saving It)



gg: Facets I

Data

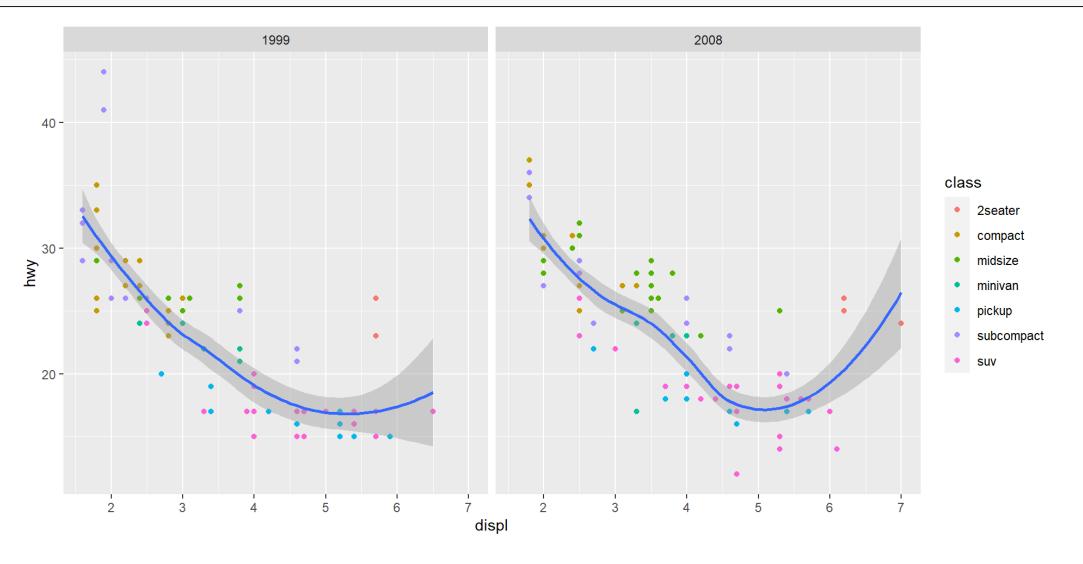
Aesthetics

Geoms

Facets

```
+ facet_wrap()
```





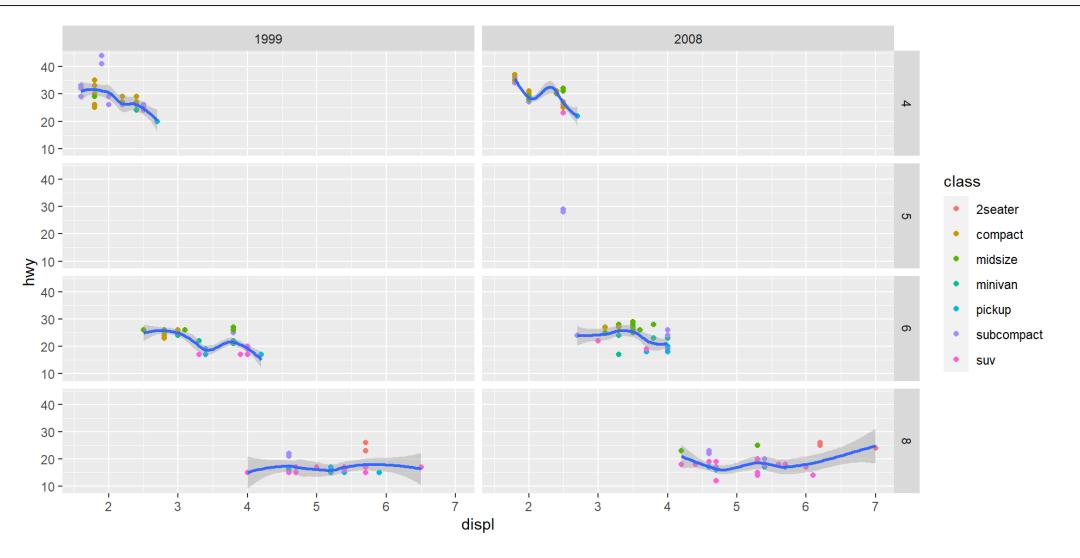
gg: Facets II Data Aesthetics

Geoms

Facets

- + facet_wrap()
- + facet_grid()



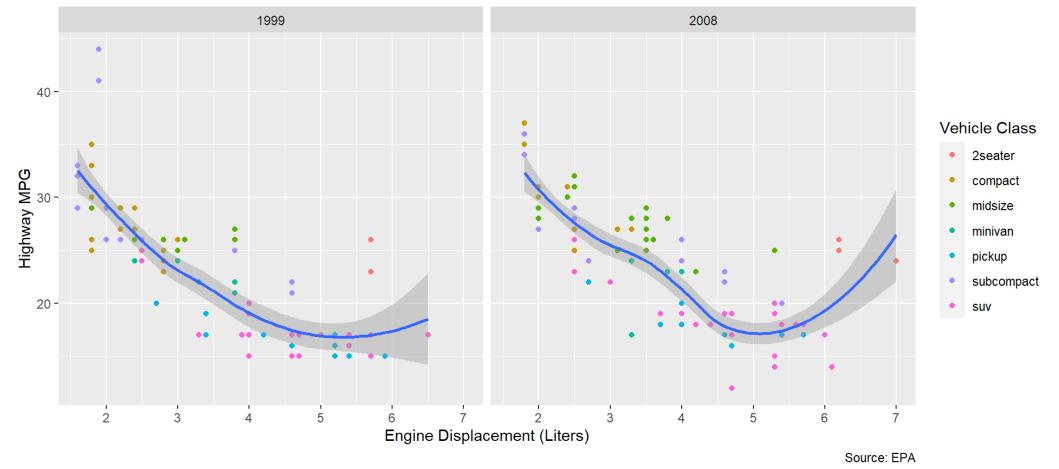


gg: Labels Data Aesthetics Geoms Facets

```
+ labs()
```

Car Mileage and Displacement

More Displacement Lowers Highway MPG



gg: Scales I

Data

Aesthetics

Geoms

Facets

Scales

```
+ scale_*_*()
```

```
scale+_+<aes>+_+<type>+()
```

- <aes>: parameter to adjust
- <type: type of parameter
- Discrete x-axis: scale_x_discrete()
- Continuous y-axis: scale_y_continuous()
- Rescale x-axis to log: scale_x_log10()
- Use different color palette: scale_fill_discrete(), scale_color_manual()

gg: Scales II

Data

Aesthetics

Geoms

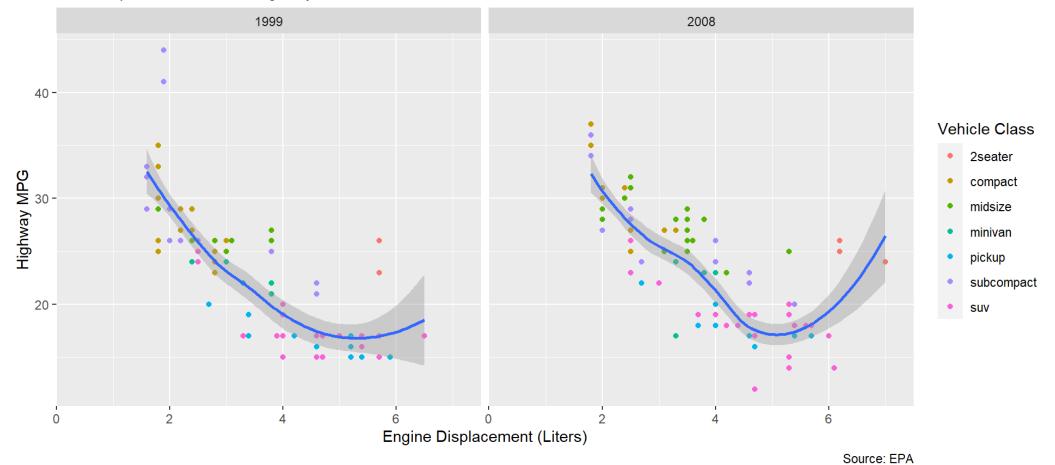
Facets

Scales

```
+ scale_*_*()
```

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gg: Scales II

Data

Aesthetics

Geoms

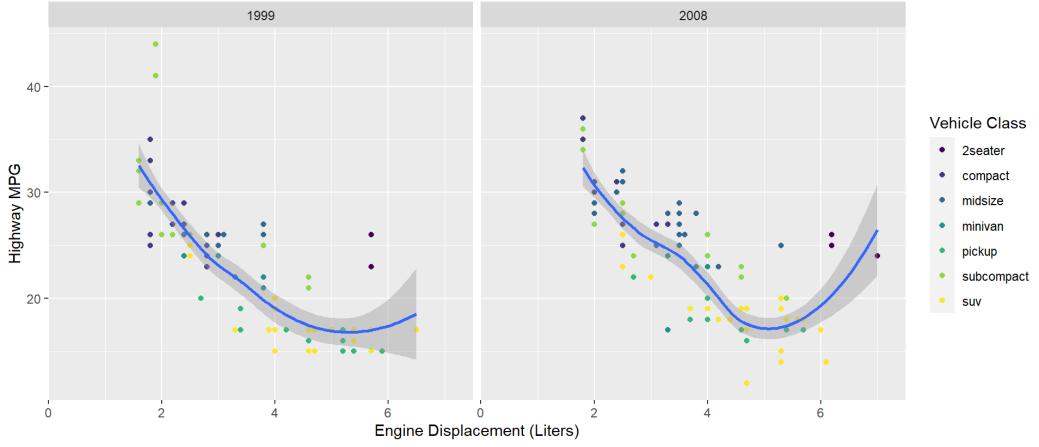
Facets

Scales

```
+ scale_*_*()
```

Car Mileage and Displacement

More Displacement Lowers Highway MPG



gg: Themes I

Data

Aesthetics

Geoms

Facets

Scales

Themes

```
+ theme_*()
```

Theme changes appearance of plot decorations (things not mapped to data)

- Some themes that come with ggplot2:
 - + theme_bw()
 - + theme_dark()
 - + theme_gray()
 - + theme_minimal()
 - + theme_light()
 - + theme_classic()

gg: Themes II Data Aesthetics

Geoms

Facets

Scales

Themes

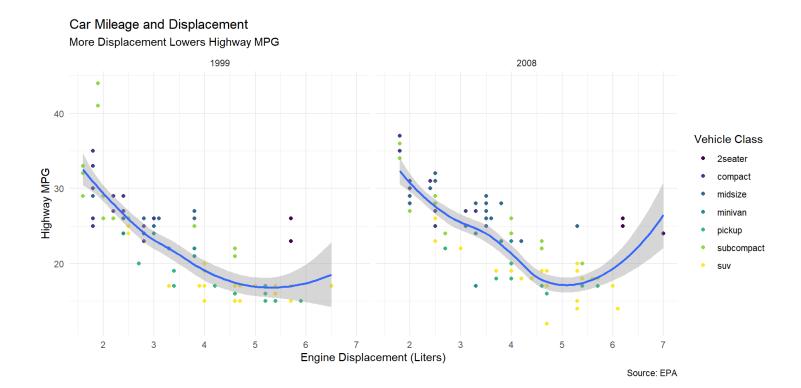
```
+ theme *()
```

Theme changes appearance of plot decorations (things not mapped to data)

- Many parameters we could customize
- Global options: line, rect, text, title
- axis: x-, y-, or other axis title, ticks, lines
- legend: plot legends for fill or color
- pane1: actual plot area
- plot: whole image
- strip: facet labels

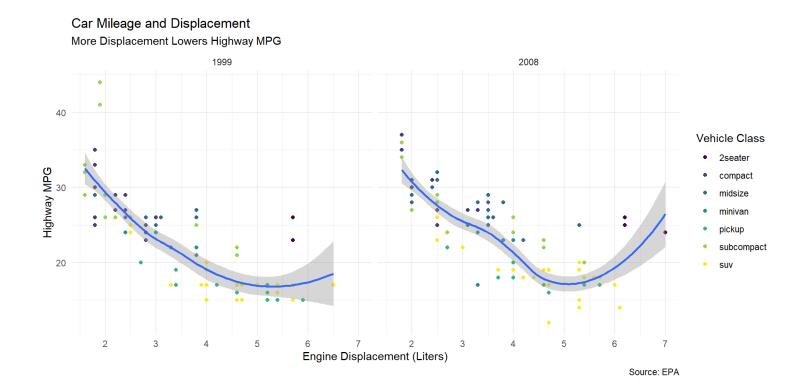
gg: Themes III

```
1 ggplot(data = mpg) +
     aes(x = displ,
      y = hwy) +
     geom point(aes(color = class))+
     geom smooth()+
    facet wrap(~year)+
     labs(x = "Engine Displacement (Liters)",
          y = "Highway MPG",
          title = "Car Mileage and Displacement",
          subtitle = "More Displacement Lowers Highwa
10
          caption = "Source: EPA",
11
12
          color = "Vehicle Class") +
     scale color viridis d()+
13
     theme_minimal()
14
```



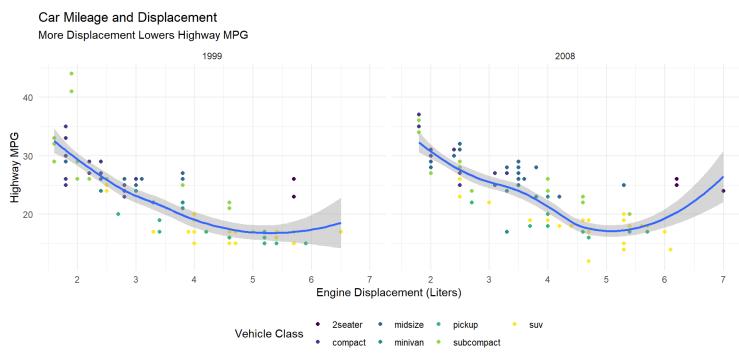
gg: Themes IV

```
1 ggplot(data = mpg) +
     aes(x = displ,
      y = hwy) +
     geom point(aes(color = class))+
     geom smooth()+
    facet wrap(~year)+
     labs(x = "Engine Displacement (Liters)",
          y = "Highway MPG",
          title = "Car Mileage and Displacement",
          subtitle = "More Displacement Lowers Highwa
10
          caption = "Source: EPA",
11
12
          color = "Vehicle Class") +
     scale color viridis d()+
13
     theme minimal()+
14
     theme(text = element_text(family = "Fira Sans"))
15
```



gg: Themes V

```
1 ggplot(data = mpg) +
     aes(x = displ,
         y = hwy) +
     geom point(aes(color = class))+
     geom smooth()+
    facet wrap(~year)+
     labs(x = "Engine Displacement (Liters)",
          y = "Highway MPG",
          title = "Car Mileage and Displacement",
          subtitle = "More Displacement Lowers Highwa
10
          caption = "Source: EPA",
11
12
          color = "Vehicle Class") +
13
     scale color viridis d()+
     theme_minimal()+
14
15
     theme(text = element text(family = "Fira Sans")
           legend.position = "bottom")
16
```



Source: EPA

gg: Themes VI Data

Aesthetics

Geoms

Facets

Scales

Themes

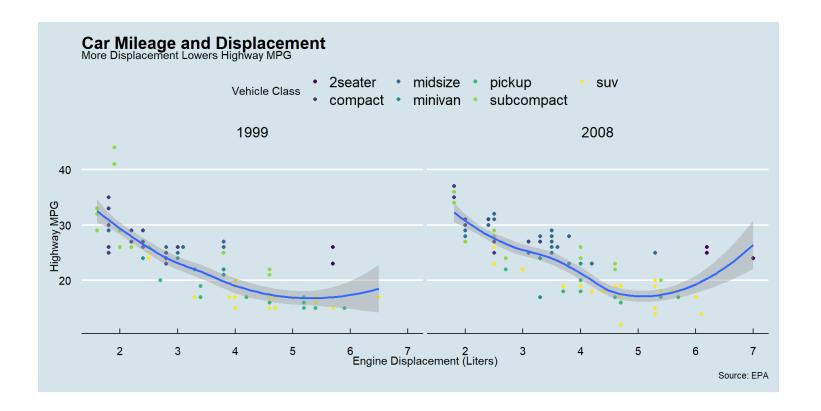
```
+ theme_*()
```

• ggthemes package adds some other nice themes

```
1 # install if you don't have it
2 # install.packages("ggthemes")
3 library("ggthemes") # load package
```

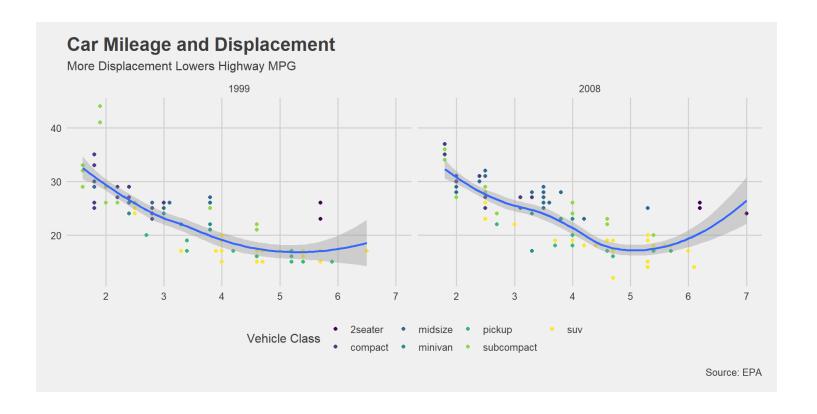
gg: Themes VII

```
1 library(ggthemes)
   ggplot(data = mpg) +
     aes(x = displ,
         y = hwy) +
     geom point(aes(color = class))+
     geom smooth()+
     facet wrap(~year)+
     labs (x = "Engine Displacement (Liters)",
          y = "Highway MPG",
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          title = "Car Mileage and Displacement",
11
          subtitle = "More Displacement Lowers Highwa
12
          caption = "Source: EPA",
13
          color = "Vehicle Class") +
14
     scale color viridis d()+
15
     theme economist()+
     theme(text = element text(family = "Fira Sans"))
16
```



gg: Themes VIII

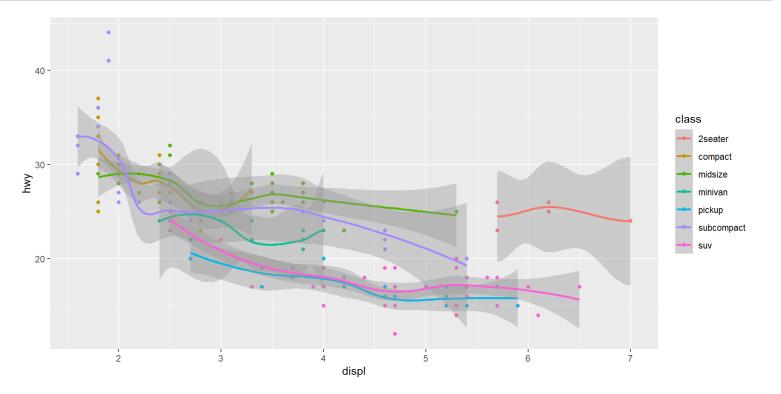
```
1 library(ggthemes)
   ggplot(data = mpg) +
     aes(x = displ,
         y = hwy) +
     geom point(aes(color = class))+
     geom smooth()+
     facet wrap(~year)+
     labs (x = "Engine Displacement (Liters)",
          y = "Highway MPG",
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          title = "Car Mileage and Displacement",
10
          subtitle = "More Displacement Lowers Highwa
11
12
          caption = "Source: EPA",
          color = "Vehicle Class") +
13
14
     scale color viridis d()+
15
     theme fivethirtyeight()+
     theme(text = element text(family = "Fira Sans"))
16
```

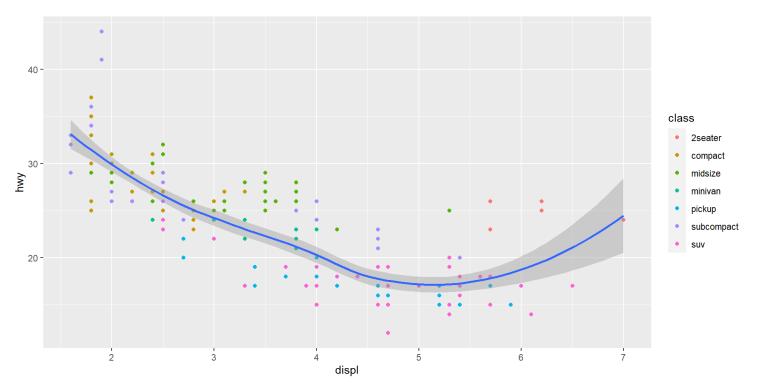


Some Troubleshooting

Global vs. Local Aesthetic Mappings

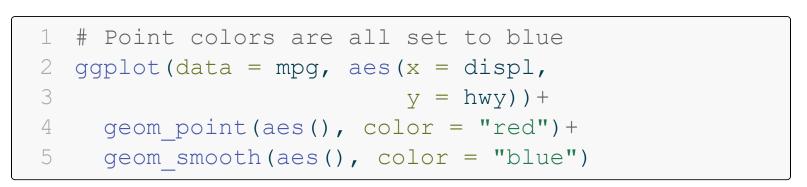
- aes() can go in base (data) layer and/or in individual geom() layers
- All geoms will inherit global aes from data layer unless overridden

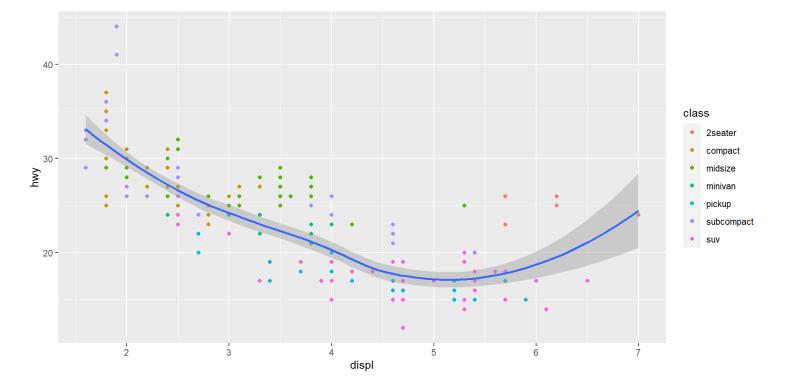


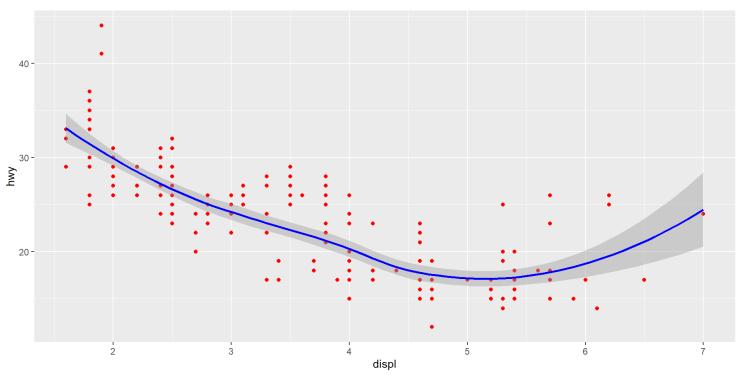


Mapped vs. Set Aesthetics

- aesthetics such as size and color can be mapped from data or set to a single value
- Map inside of aes(), set outside of aes()





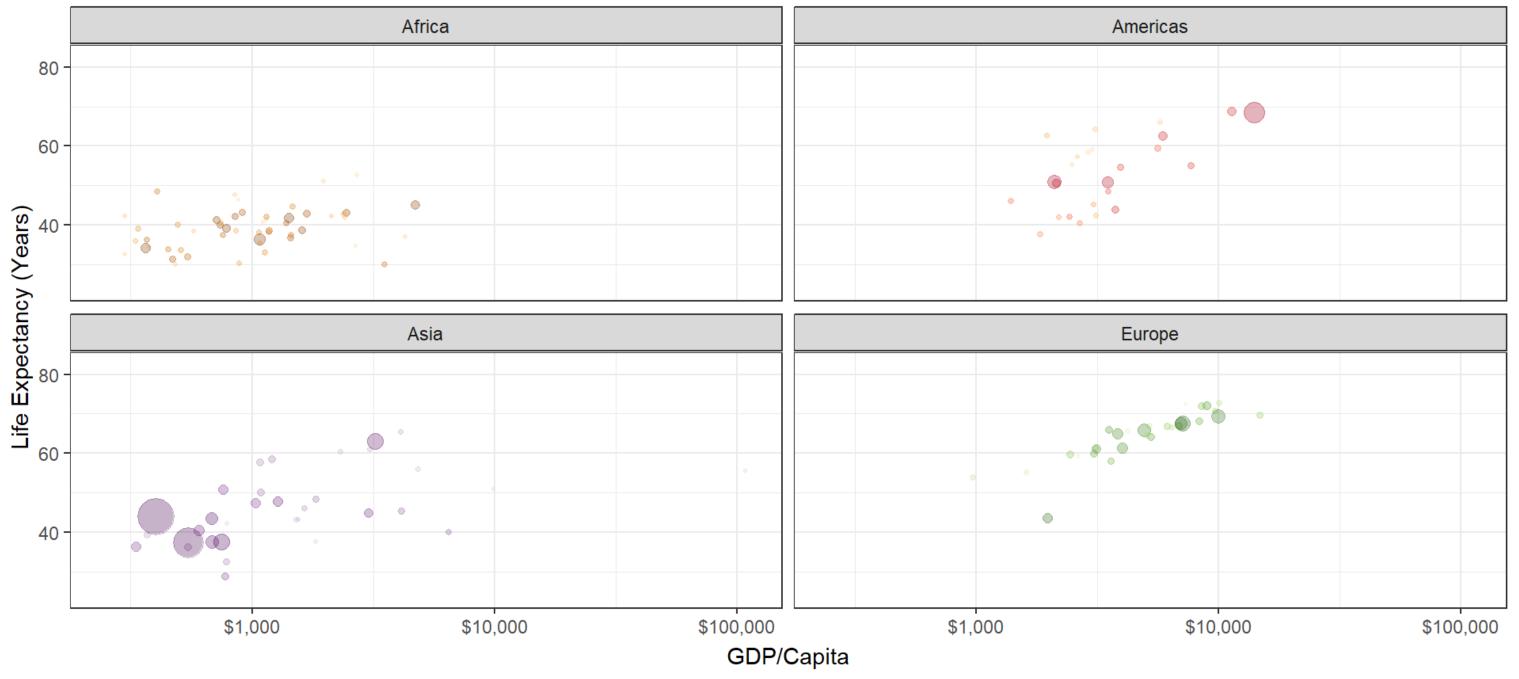


Go Crazy II

Output

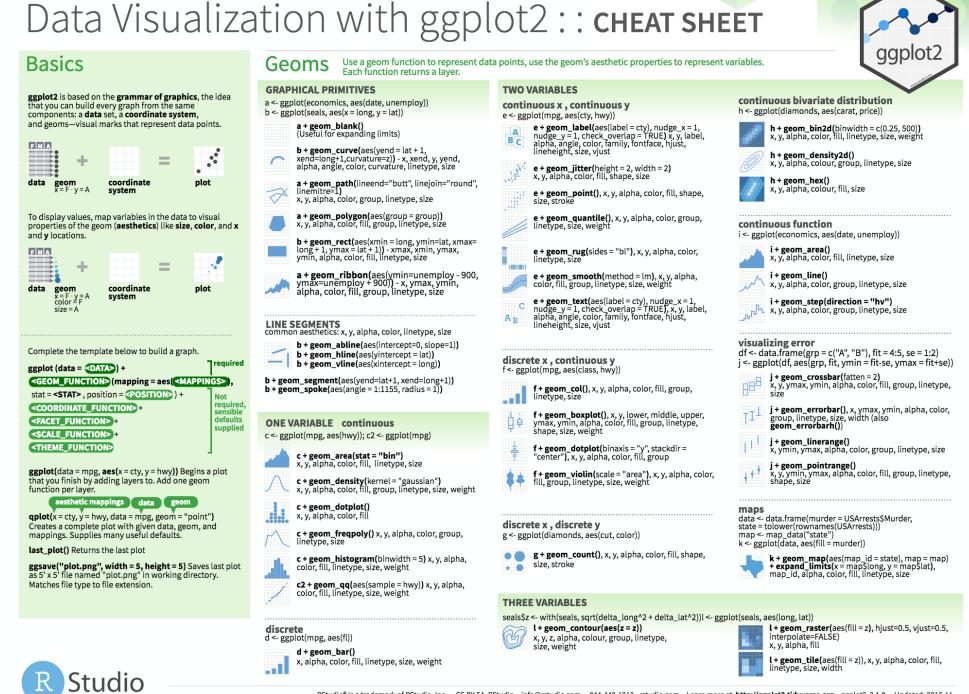
Code

Income & Life Expectancy - 1952



Source: Hans Rosling's gapminder.org

Reference: R Studio Makes Great "Cheat Sheet"s!



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Reference

On ggplot2

- R Studio's ggplot2 Cheat Sheet
- ggplot2's website reference section
- Hadley Wickham's R for Data Science book chapter on ggplot2
- STHDA's be awesome in ggplot2
- r-statistic's top 50 ggplot2 visualizations

On data visualization