Creating Figures as an Intro to R

Using the **ggplot2** package

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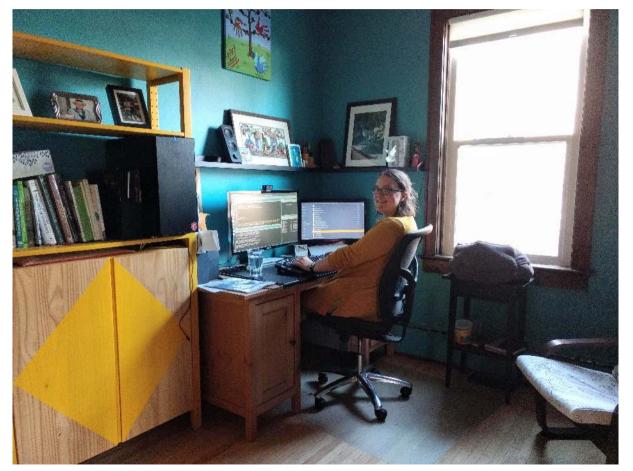


Introductions

Instructor

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- Background in Biology (Animal Behaviour)
- Working with R since 2007
- Professional R programmer/consultant since 2017



Introductions

Assistant

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- Physical Geographer
- Working with R since 2010
- Assistant Professor in Geography and Environment, Brandon University



What about you?

- Name
- Background (Area of study, etc.)
- Familiarity with R (or other programming languages)
 - I've heard of R
 - I've used R
 - I use R all the time

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Taken this or a similar workshop before?

During activities consider...

- Extra activities labeled "Too Easy?"
- Using your own data
- Exploring other aspects of ggplot2 that interest you

Feel free to ask questions even if it's not the "official" activity!

What is R?

R is Programming language

A programming **language** is a way to give instructions in order to get a computer to do something

- You need to know the language (i.e., the code)
- Computers don't know what you mean, only what you type (unfortunately)
- Spelling, punctuation, and capitalization all matter!

For example

R, what is 56 times 5.8?

```
## [1] 324.8
```

56 * 5.8

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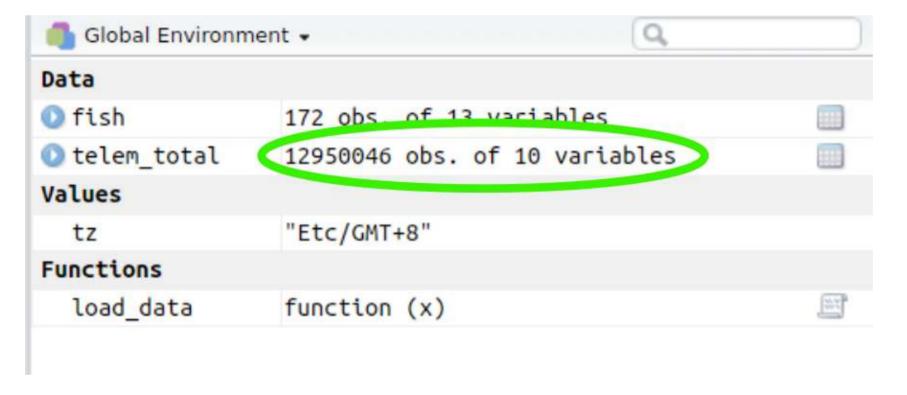
R, multiply this value by 6

```
steffis_mean * 6
## [1] 15
```

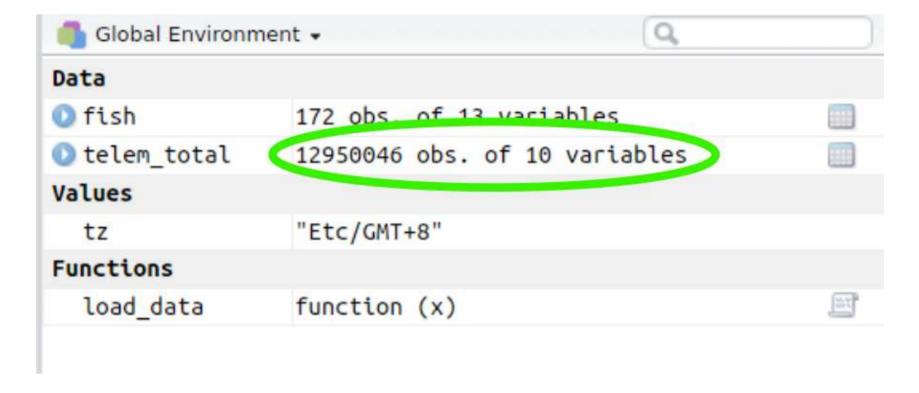
R is hard

```
# Get in circle around city
  circle <- data.frame()
  cutoff <- 10
  for(i in unique(gps$region)) {
    n <- nrow(gps[gpsSregion == i,]) ##number of IDs
   if(i == "wil") tmp <- geocode("Williams Lake, Canada")</pre>
    if(i == "kam") tmp <- geocode("Kamloops, Canada")</pre>
    if(i == "kel") tmp <- geocode("Kelowna, Canada")</pre>
    temp <- data.frame()
    for(a in 1:n){
     if(a <= cutoff) temp <- rbind(temp, qcDestination(lon = tmp$lon.
                                                         lat = tmp$lat,
                                                         bearing = (a*(360/(cutoff))-360/(cutoff)),
                                                         dist = 20,
                                                         dist.units = "km",
                                                         model = "WGS84"))
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                                                        lat = tmp$lat.
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))-10))-360/(max(table(qpsSregion))-cutoff)),
                                                        dist = 35,
                                                        dist.units = "km",
                                                        model = "WGS84"))
    circle <- rbind(circle, cbind(temp,
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                                   hab = gps$hab[gps$region == i],
                                   spl = gps$spl.orig[gps$region == i],
```

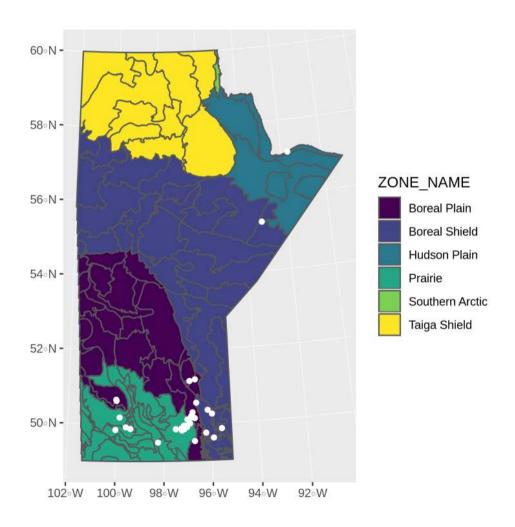
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R is also beautiful



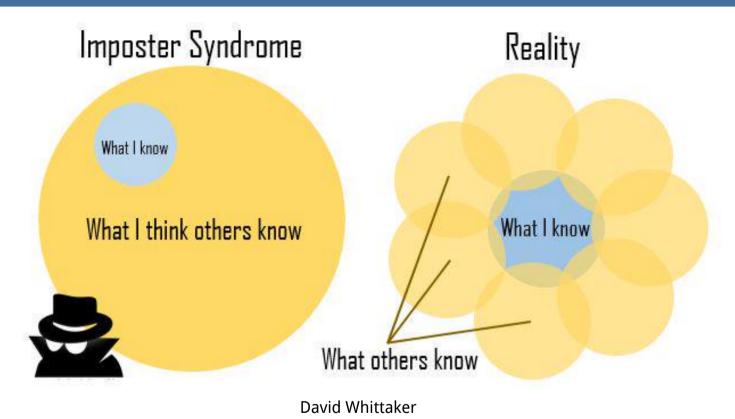
R is affordable (i.e., free!)

R is available as Free Software under the terms of the Free Software Foundation's GNU General Public License in source code form. It compiles and runs on a wide variety of UNIX platforms and similar systems (including FreeBSD and Linux), Windows and MacOS.

Impost**R** Syndrome

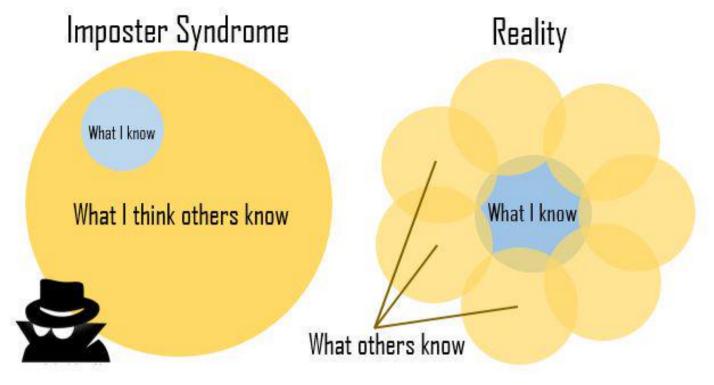
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Moral of the story?

Make friends, code in groups, learn together and don't beat yourself up



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About R

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For example:

```
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                                                             -→ Run | → Source →
16 ## @knitr setup
17 library(tidyverse)
18 library(stringr)
19 library(gridExtra)
20 library(grid)
23 theme cust <- theme bw() +
     theme(panel.grid = element_blank())
25
27 d <- read_csv("../Data/Datasets/pca.csv") %>%
     mutate(hab_c = ifelse(hab > 0, "Urban", "Rural"))
30 summary(d$hab)
31
32 #' # Plotting
33 d_sum <- d %>%
     group by(hab c) %>%
     summarize(prop = sum(atypical_c) / length(atypical_c))
37 d_n <- count(d, atypical_c, hab_c)
39 #' # Sample sizes
40 ## @knitr sample size
41 count(d, hab_c)
42 count(d, atypical c)
43 count(d, lowhigh, monotone, freq_sweep)
46 count(d, project = ifelse(str_detect(id, "MC[BC]{1}[0-9]{2}"), "Steffi",
```

Script

RStudio vs. R



- RStudio is a User Interface or IDE (integrated development environment)
 - (i.e., Makes coding simpler)

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- Arguments defined by **name** or by **position**
- With correct position, do not need to specify by name

By name:

```
mean(x = c(1, 5, 10))
## [1] 5.333333
```

By position:

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R documentation

?mean

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mean {base}

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Arithmetic Mean

Description

Generic function for the (trimmed) arithmetic mean.

Usage

```
mean(x, ...)
## Default S3 method:
mean(x, trim = 0, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

- x An R object. Currently there are methods for numeric/logical vectors and <u>date</u>, <u>date-time</u> and <u>time interval</u> objects. Complex vectors are allowed for trim = 0, only.
- trim the fraction (0 to 0.5) of observations to be trimmed from each end of x before the mean is computed. Values of trim outside that range are taken as the nearest endpoint.
- na.rm a logical value indicating whether NA values should be stripped before the computation proceeds.
- ... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Data

Generally kept in **vectors** or **data.frames**

- These are objects with names (like functions)
- We can use <- to assign values to objects (assignment)

Vector (1 dimension)

```
my_data <- c("a", 100, "c")
my_data

## [1] "a" "100" "c"</pre>
```

Data frame (2 dimensions)

```
## site count treatment

## 1 s1 101 a

## 2 s2 102 b

## 3 s3 103 c
```

Your first *real* code!

```
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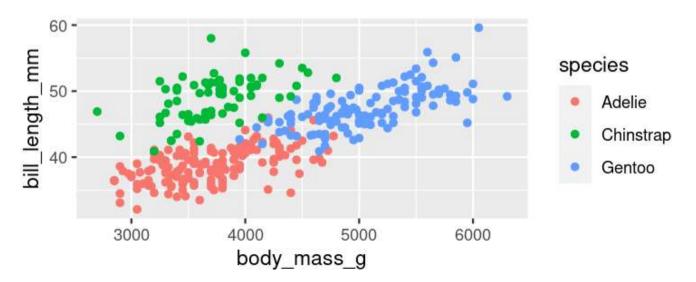
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- Copy/paste or type this into the script window in RStudio
 - You may have to go to File > New File > R Script
- Click anywhere on the first line of code
- Use the 'Run' button to run this code, or use the short-cut Ctrl-Enter
 - Repeat until all the code has run

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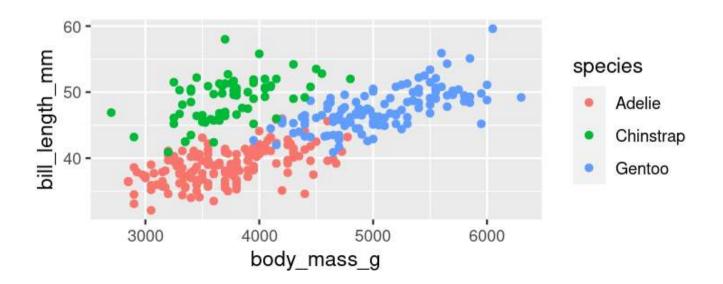
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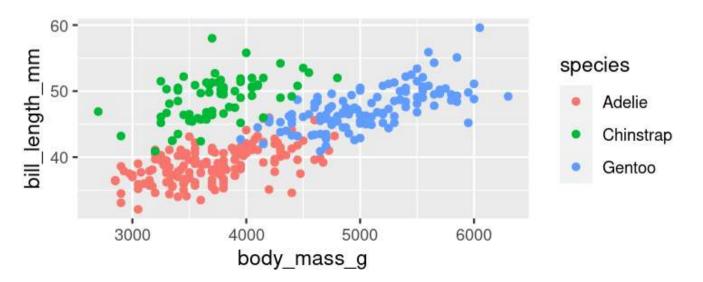
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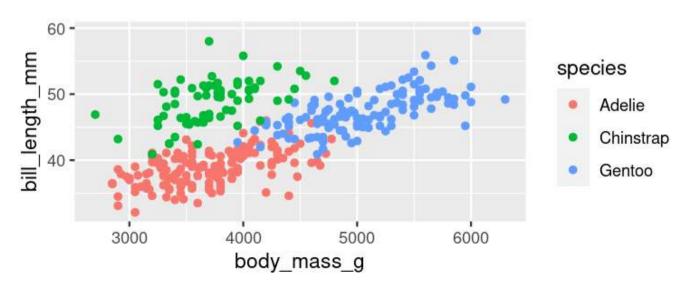
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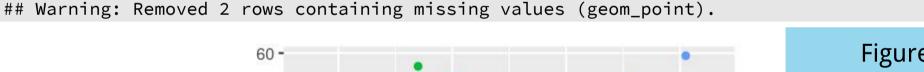
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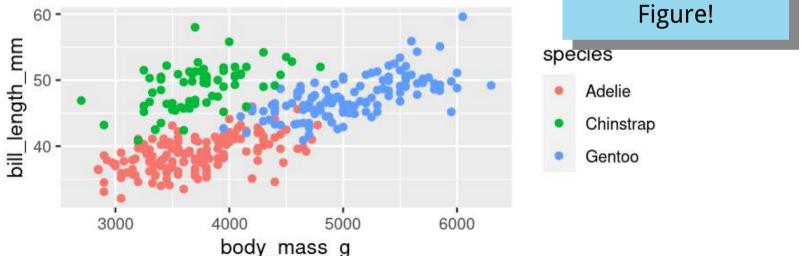


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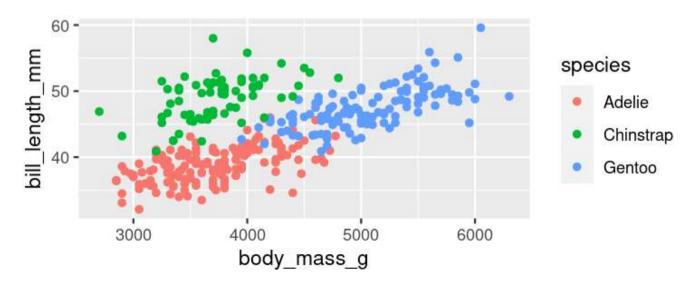


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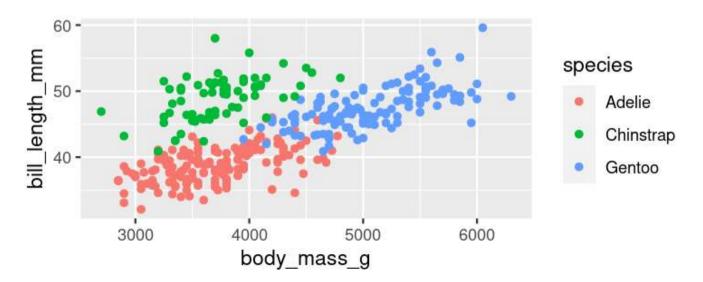


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Now you know R!

Let's get started

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##	#	species	island	bill_length_mm	bill_depth_mm	flipper_length_mm	body_mass_g	sex	year		
##	#	<fct></fct>	<fct></fct>	<dbl></dbl>	<dbl></dbl>	<int></int>	<int></int>	<fct></fct>	<int></int>		
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##
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```

Your turn! Run this code and look at the output in the console

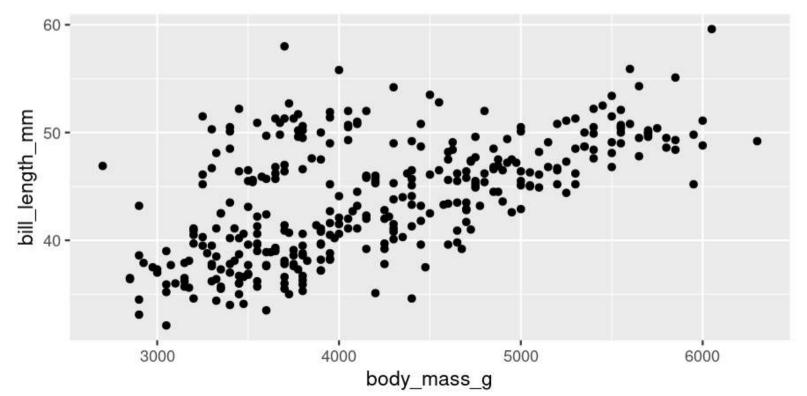
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A basic plot

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ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm)) +
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ggplot()

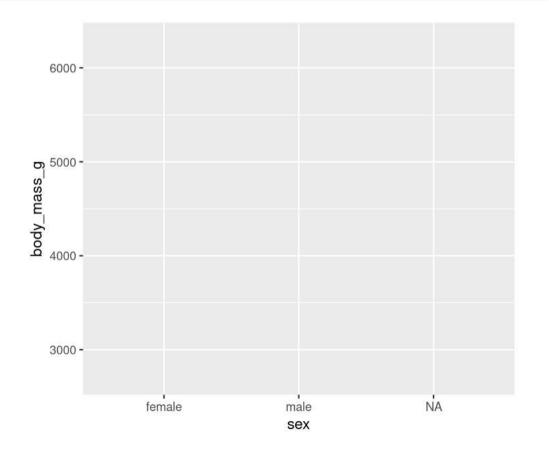
- Set the attributes of your plot
- data = Dataset
- **aes** = Aesthetics (how the data are used)
- Think of this as your plot defaults

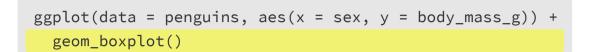
geom_point()

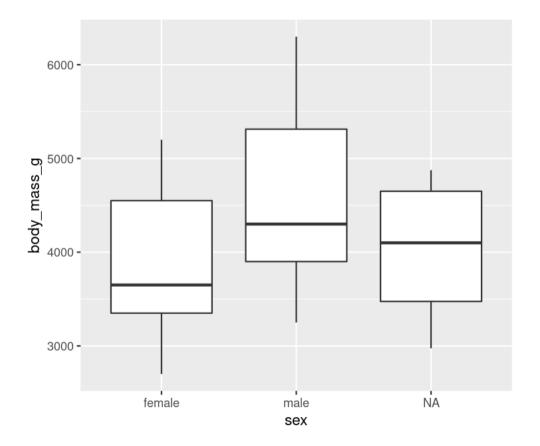
- Choose a **geom** function to display the data
- Always added to a ggplot() call with +

ggplots are essentially layered objects, starting with a call to ggplot()

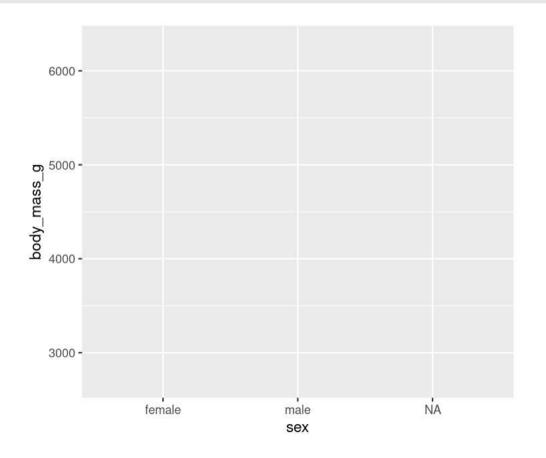
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ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = sex, y = body_mass_g))
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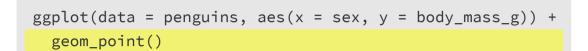


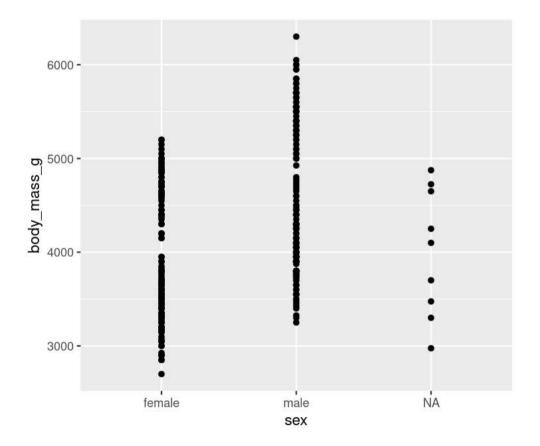




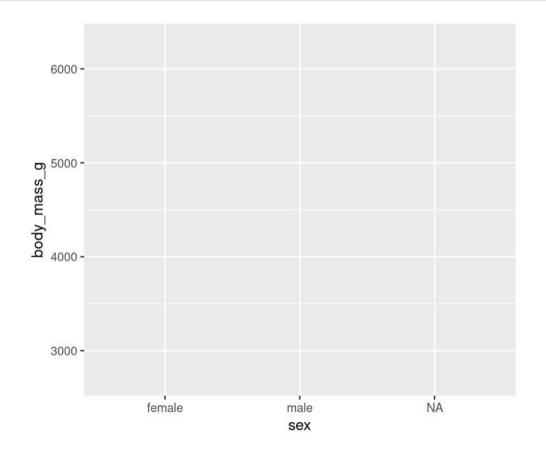
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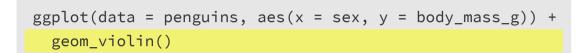


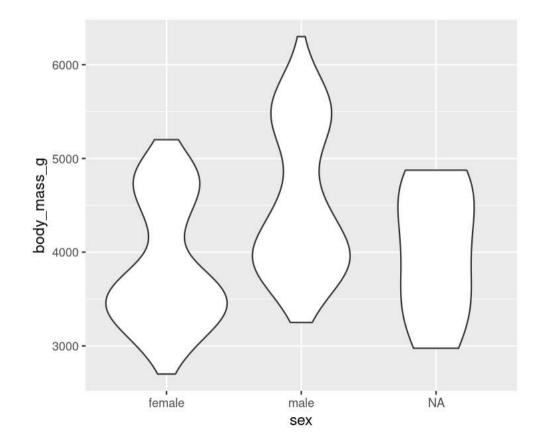




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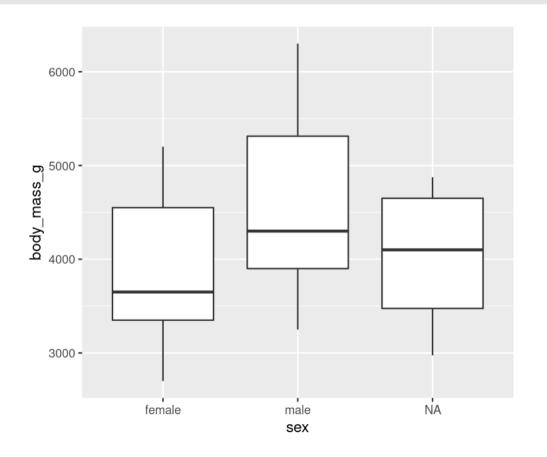






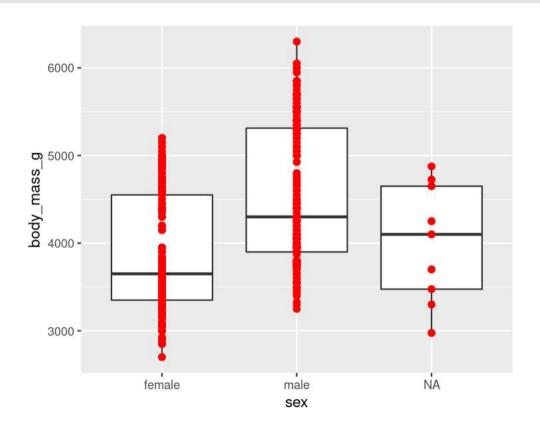
You can add multiple layers

```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = sex, y = body_mass_g)) +
geom_boxplot()
```



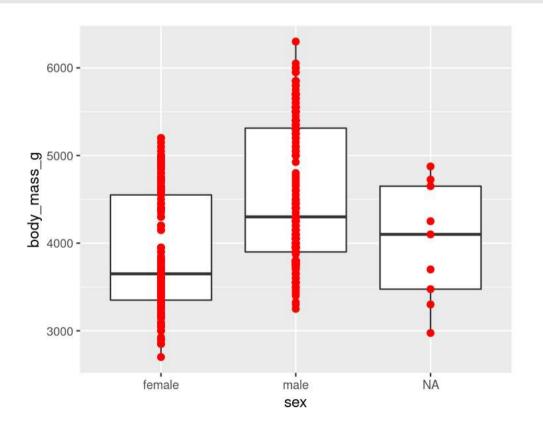
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ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = sex, y = body_mass_g)) +
   geom_boxplot() +
   geom_point(size = 2, colour = "red")
```



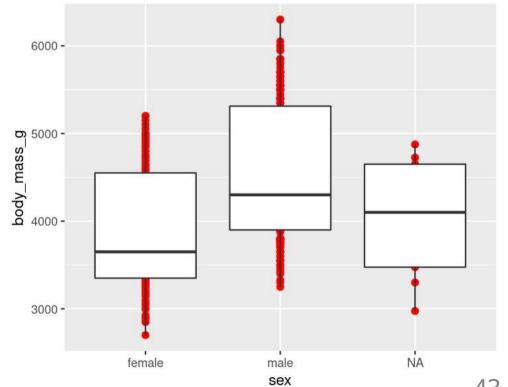
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Order matters

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Plots are objects

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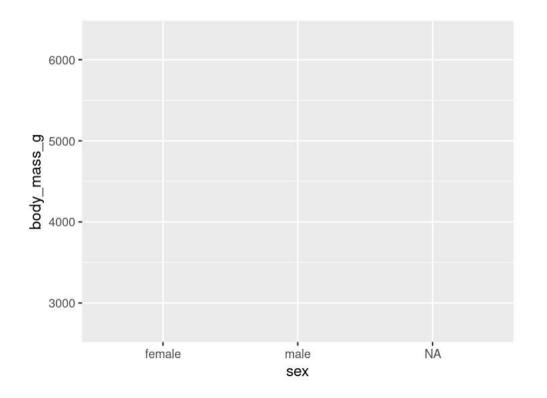
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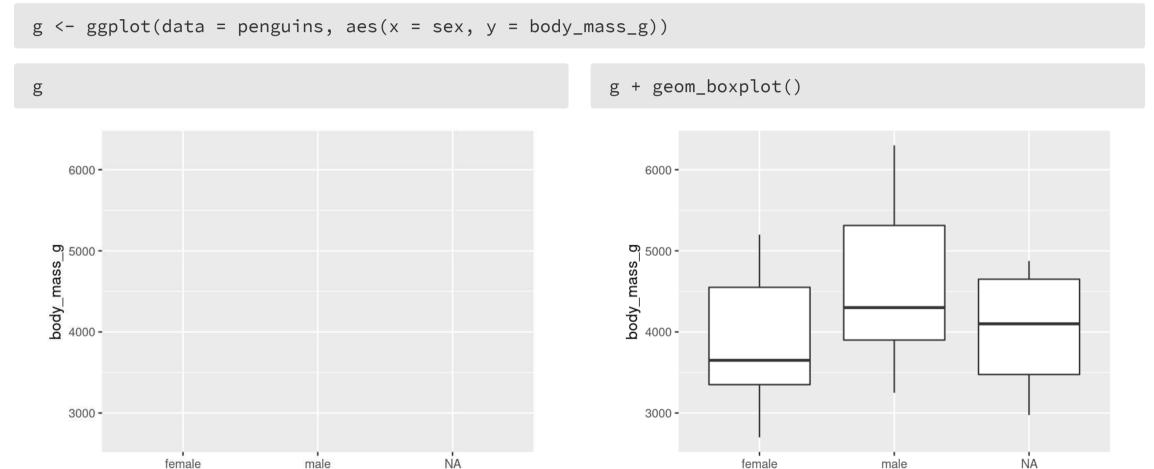
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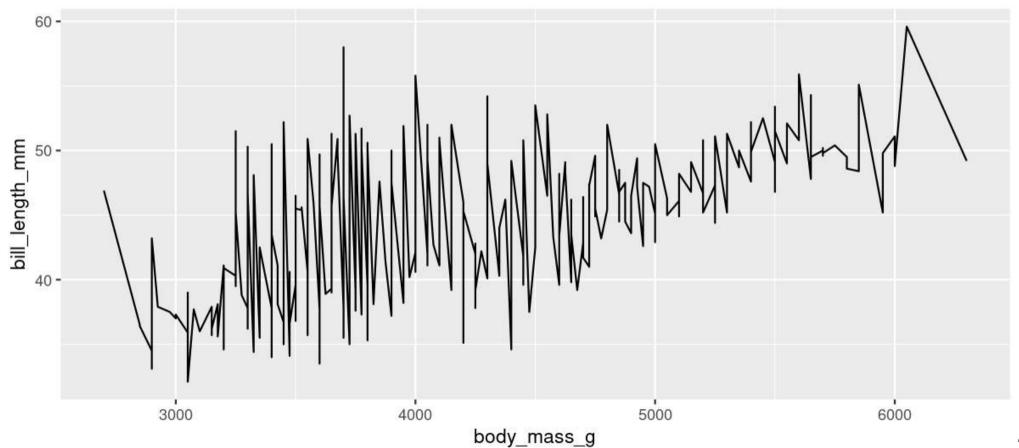
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More Geoms

(Plot types)

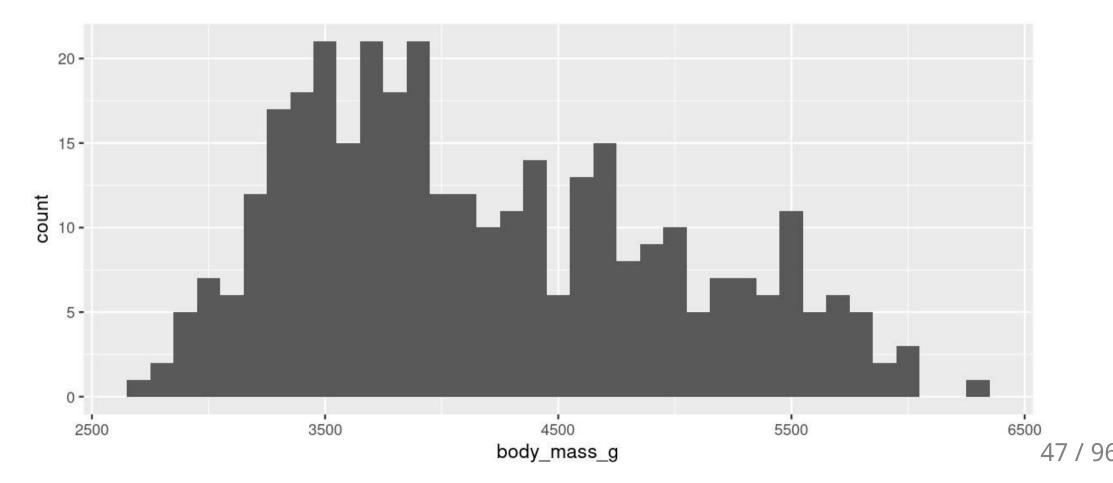
Geoms: Lines

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ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm)) +
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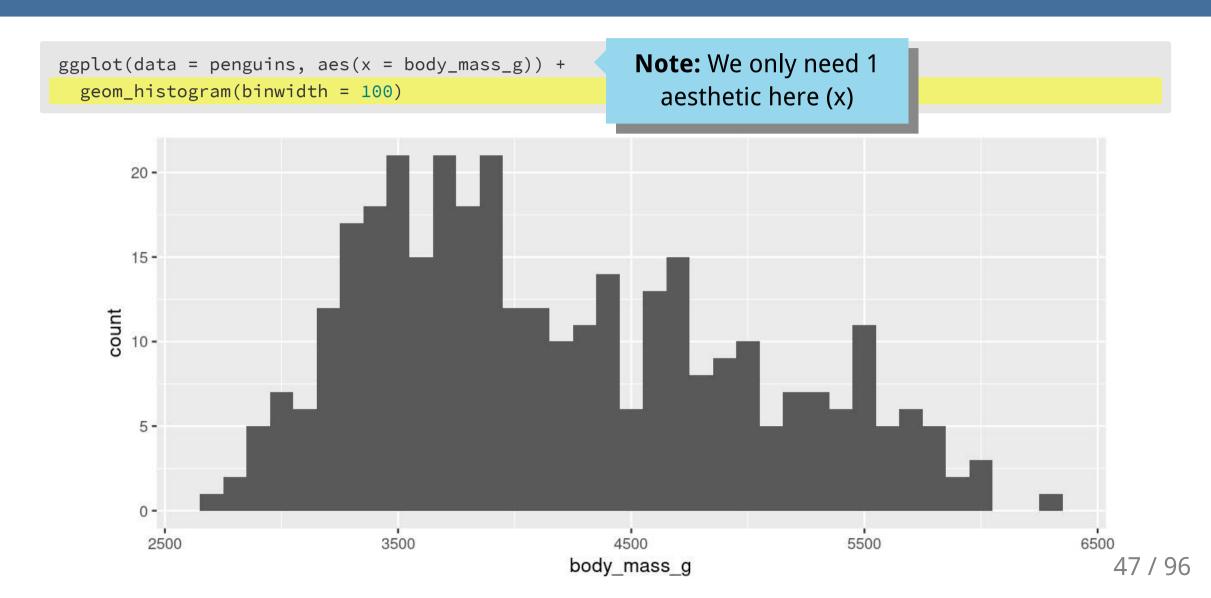


Geoms: Histogram

```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g)) +
   geom_histogram(binwidth = 100)
```



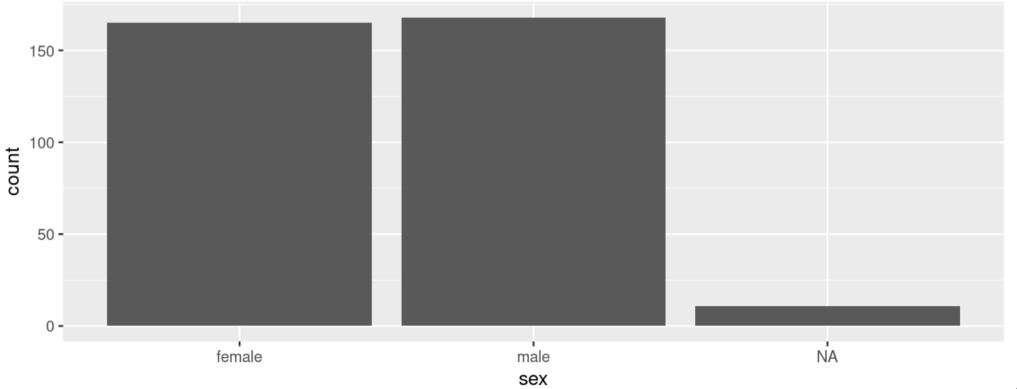
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Geoms: Barplots

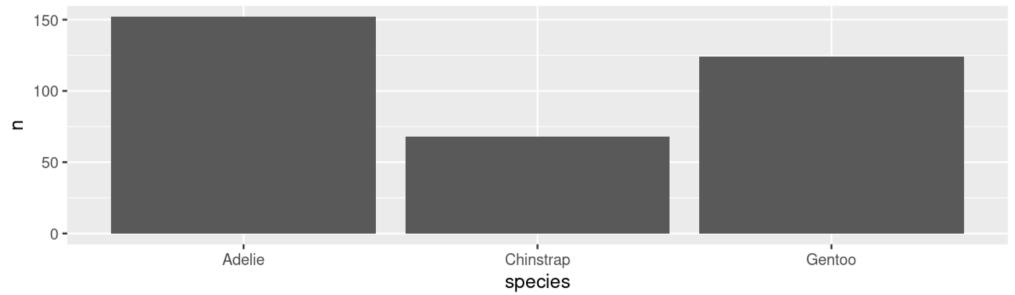
Let ggplot count your data

```
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   geom_bar()
```

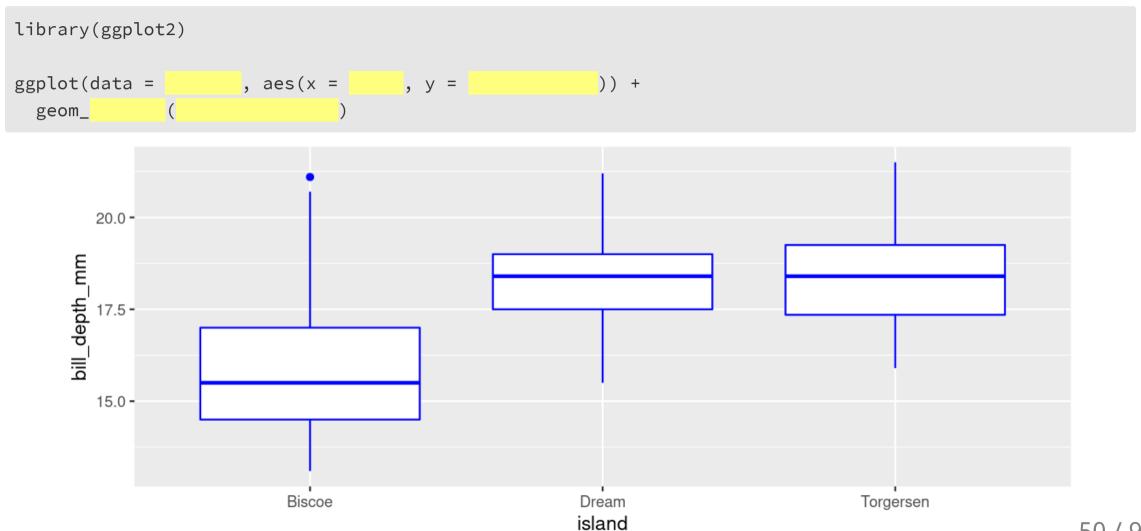


Geoms: Barplots

You can also provide the counts



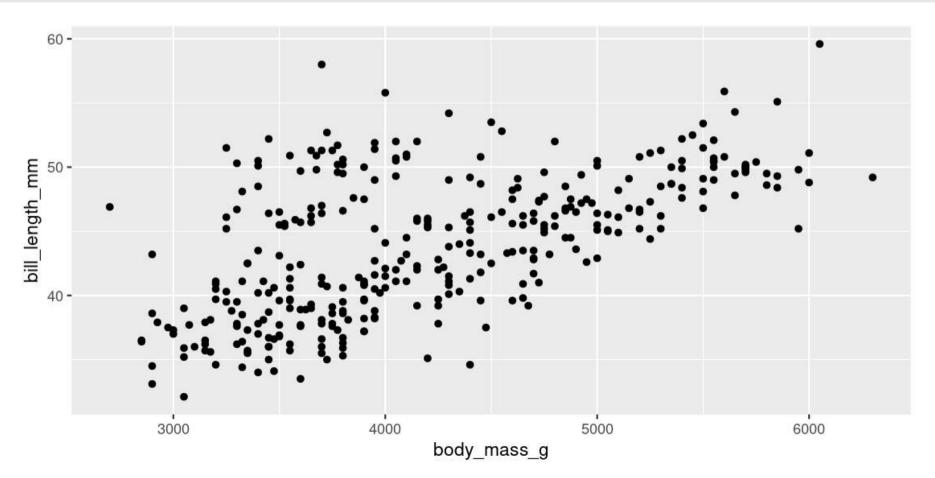
Your Turn: Create this plot



Showing data by group

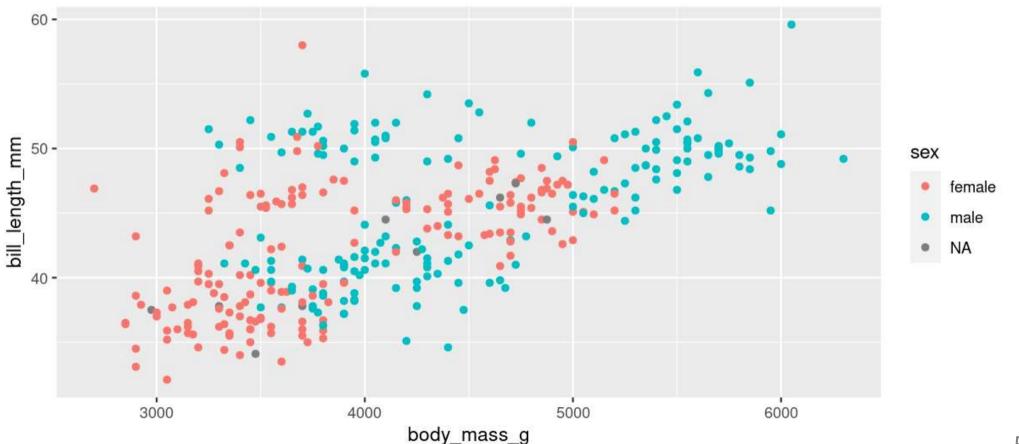
Mapping aesthetics

```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm)) +
  geom_point()
```



Mapping aesthetics

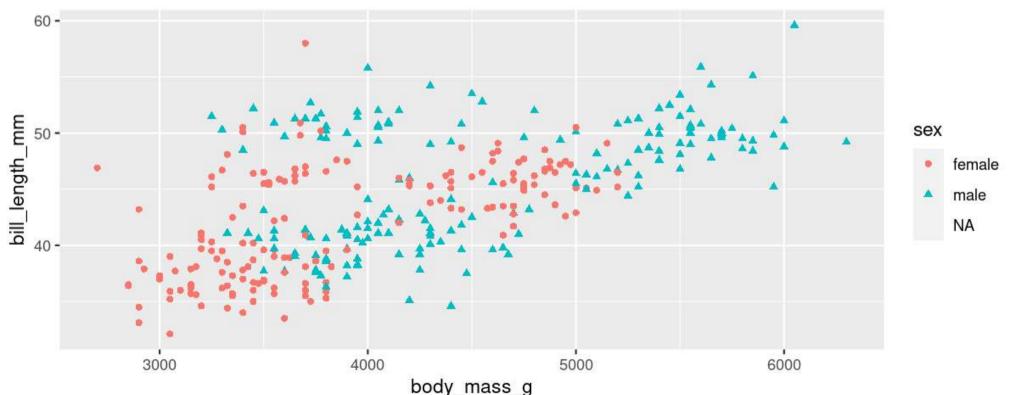
```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm, colour = sex)) +
  geom_point()
```



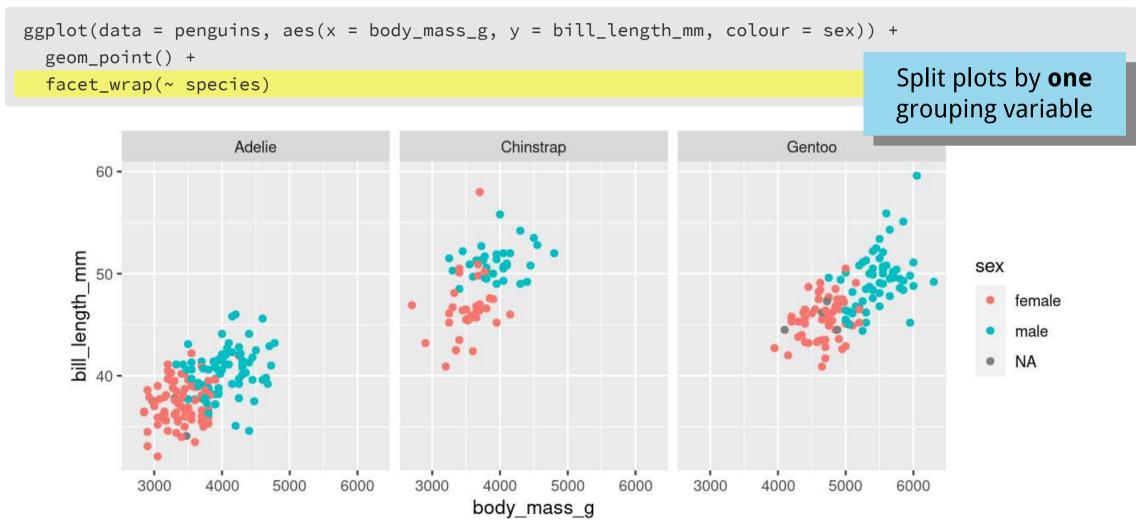
Mapping aesthetics

ggplot automatically populates the legends (combining where it can)

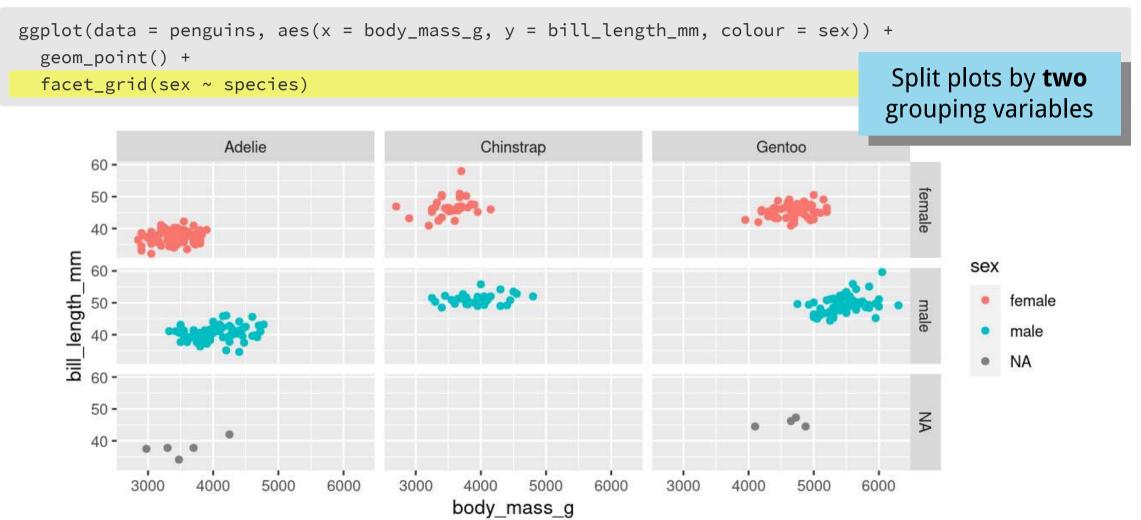
```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm, colour = sex, shape = sex)) +
  geom_point()
```



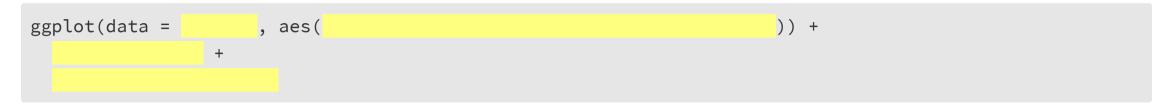
Faceting: facet_wrap()

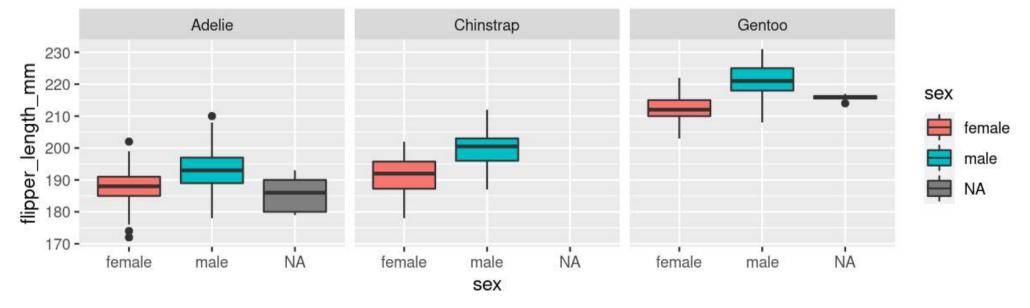


Faceting: facet_grid()



Your Turn: Create this plot



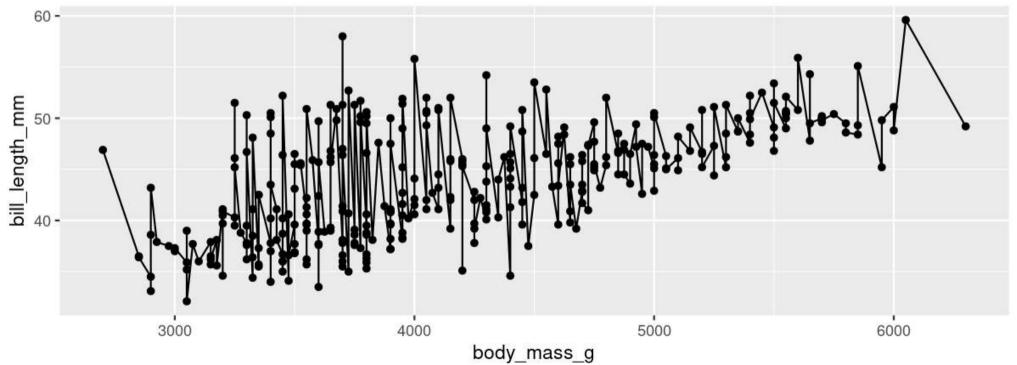


Hint: colour is for outlining with a colour, **fill** is for 'filling' with a colour **Too Easy?** Split boxplots by sex **and** island

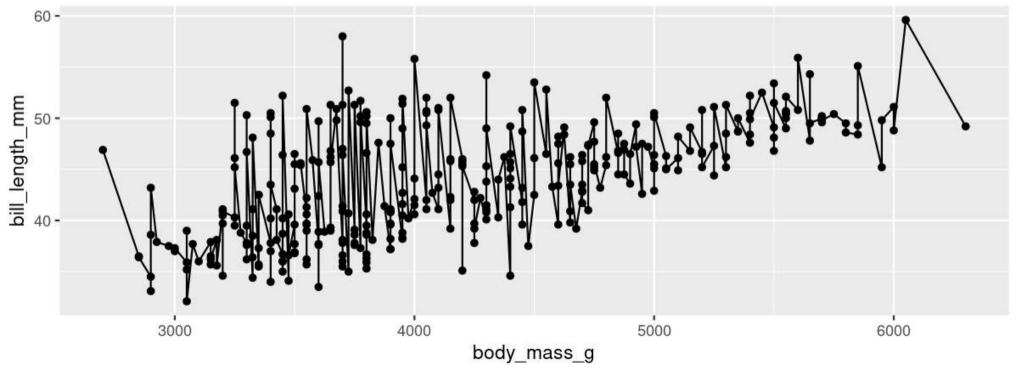
Trendlines / Regression Lines

geom_line() is connect-the-dots, not a trend or linear model

```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_line()
```



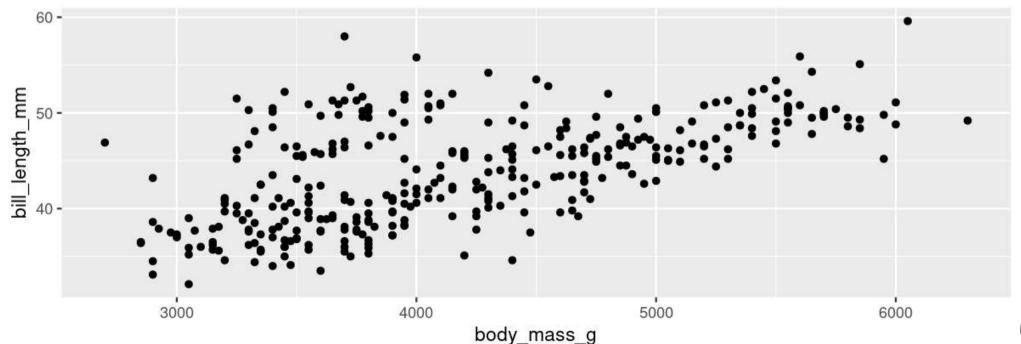
geom_line() is connect-the-dots, not a trend or linear model



Let's add a trend line properly

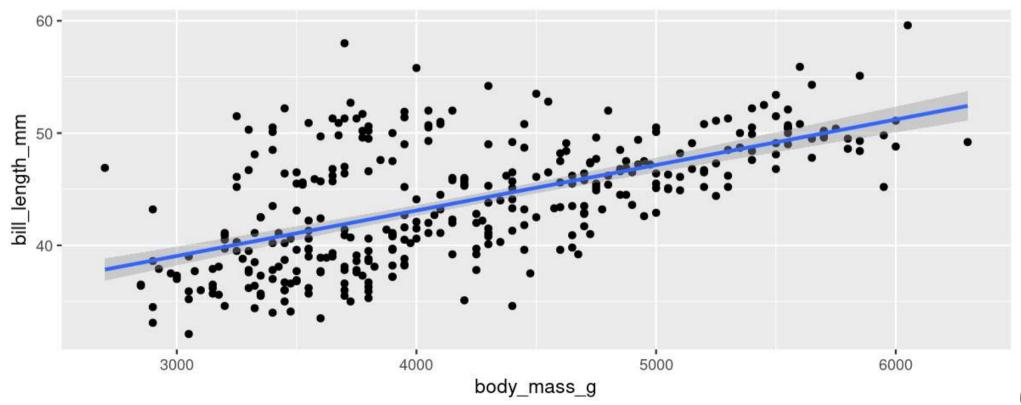
Start with basic plot:

```
g <- ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm)) +
   geom_point()
g</pre>
```



Add the stat_smooth()

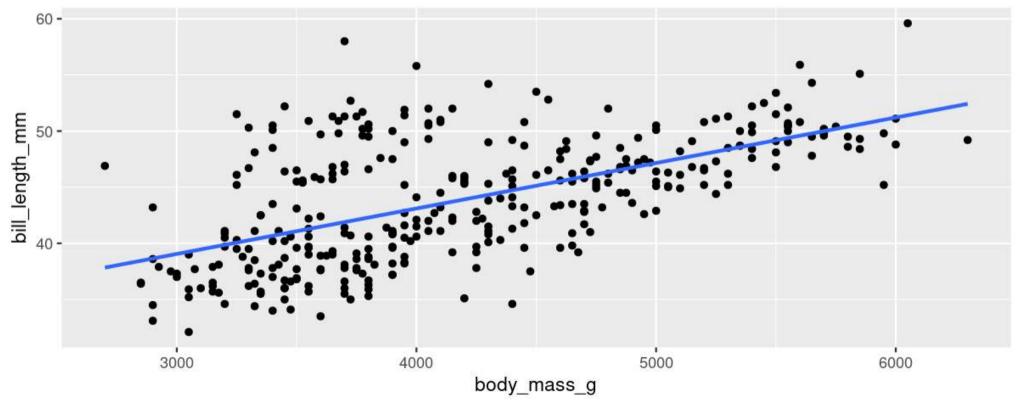
- g + stat_smooth(method = "lm")
- **lm** is for "linear model" (i.e. trendline)
- grey ribbon = standard error



Add the stat_smooth()

g + stat_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE)

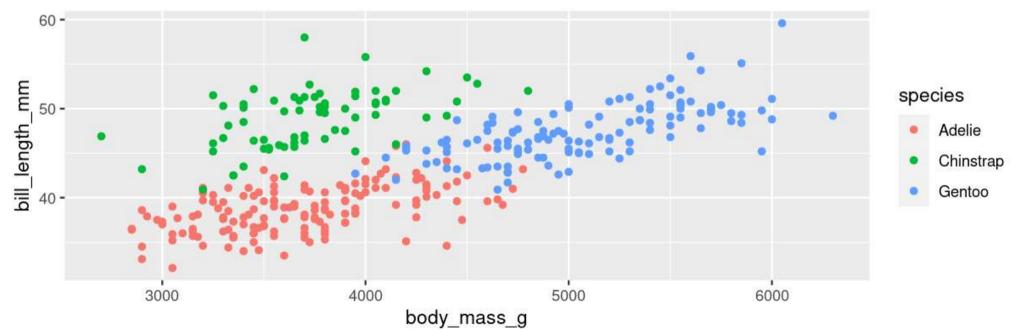
• remove the grey ribbon se = FALSE



A line for each group

• Specify group (here we use **colour** to specify **species**)

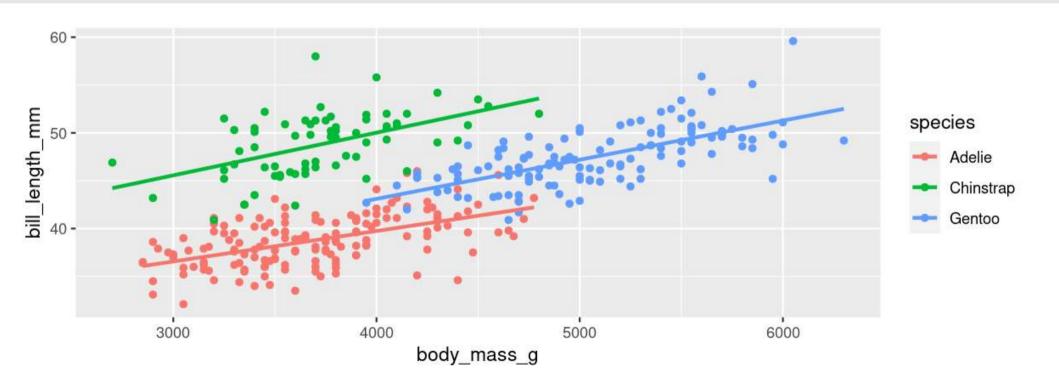
```
g <- ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm, colour = species)) +
   geom_point()
g</pre>
```



A line for each group

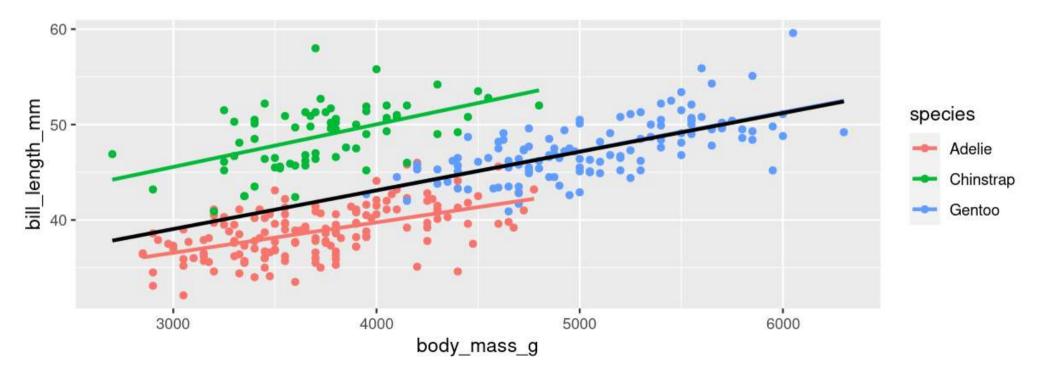
• stat_smooth() automatically uses the same grouping

```
g + stat_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE)
```



A line for each group AND overall

```
g +
  stat_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE) +
  stat_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE, colour = "black")
```



Your Turn: Create this plot

- A scatter plot: Flipper Length by Body Mass grouped by Species
- With a single regression line for the overall trend

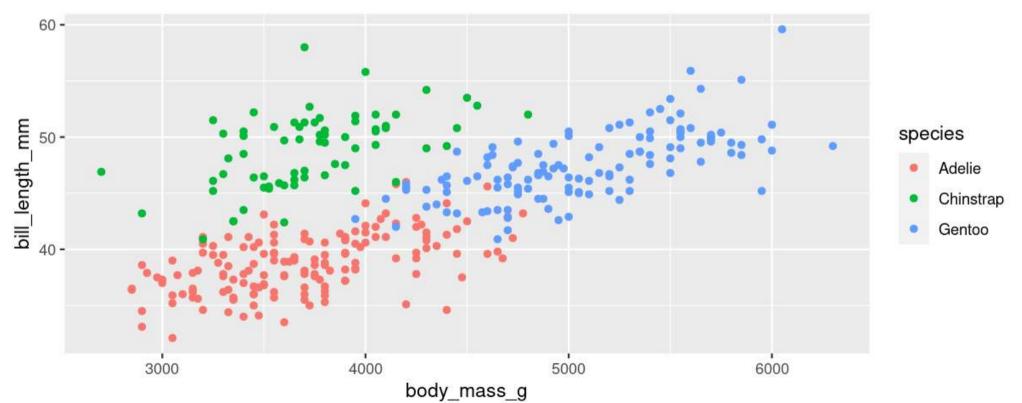
Too Easy? Create a separate plot for each sex as well

Customizing plots

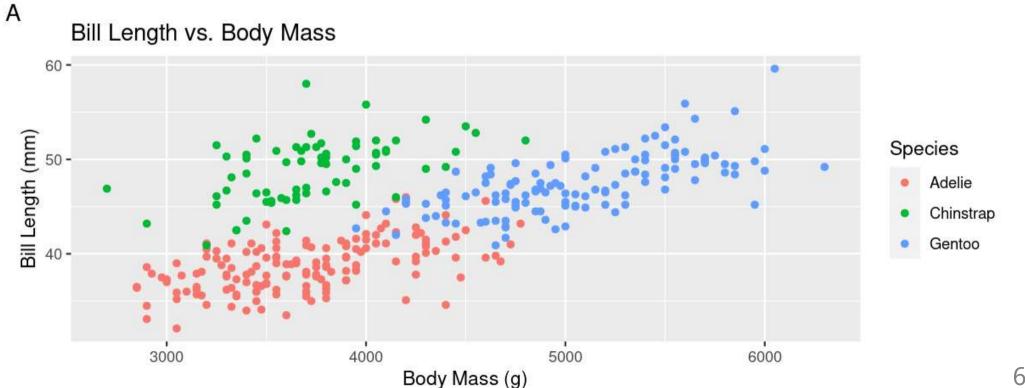
Customizing: Starting plot

Let's work with this plot

```
g <- ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm, colour = species)) +
   geom_point()</pre>
```



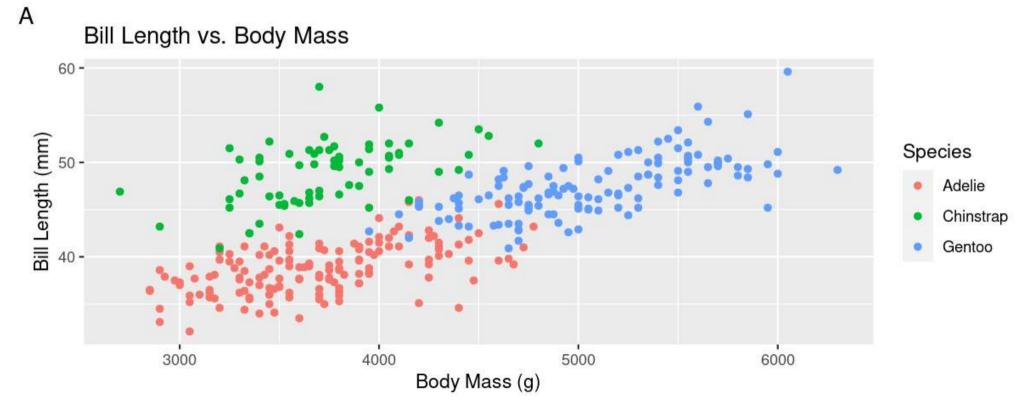
Customizing: Labels



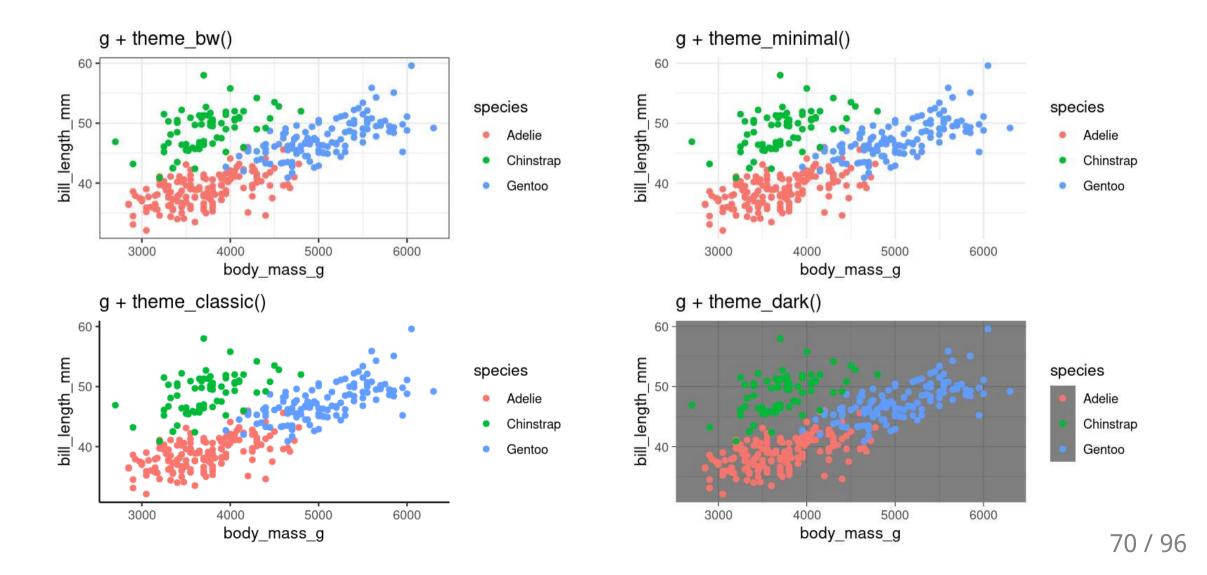
Customizing: Labels

Practice for later

Add proper labels to some of your previous plots



Customizing: Built-in themes



```
scale_ + (x or y) + type (continuous, discrete, date, datetime)scale_x_continuous()scale_y_discrete()
```

• etc.

Common arguments

```
g + scale_x_continuous(breaks = seq(0, 20, 10)) # Tick breaks
g + scale_x_continuous(limits = c(0, 15)) # xlim() is a shortcut for this
g + scale_x_continuous(expand = c(0, 0)) # Space between axis and data
```

Breaks

```
g + scale_x_continuous(breaks = seq(2500, 6500, 500))
```

Limits

```
g + scale_x_continuous(limits = c(3000, 4000))
```

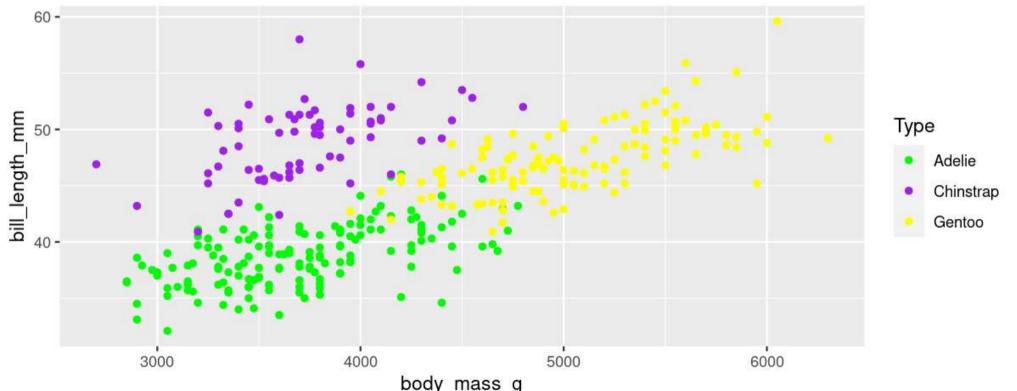
Space between origin and axis start

```
g + scale_x_continuous(expand = c(0, 0))
```

Using scales

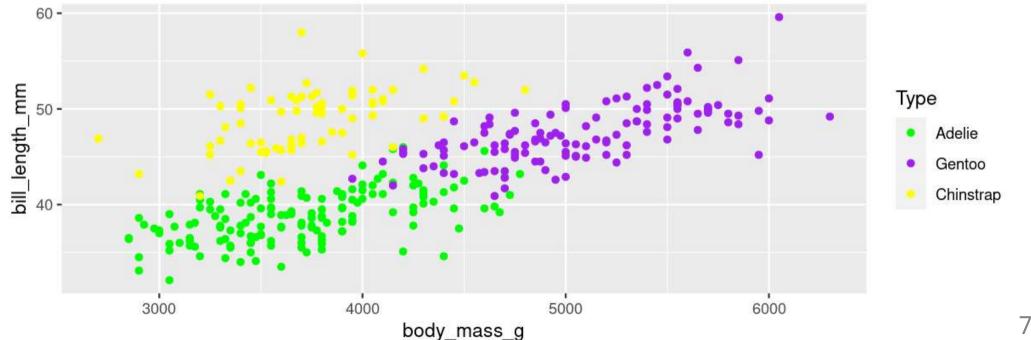
scale_ + aesthetic (colour, fill, size, etc.) + type (manual, continuous, datetime, etc.)

```
g + scale_colour_manual(name = "Type", values = c("green", "purple", "yellow"))
```



Using scales

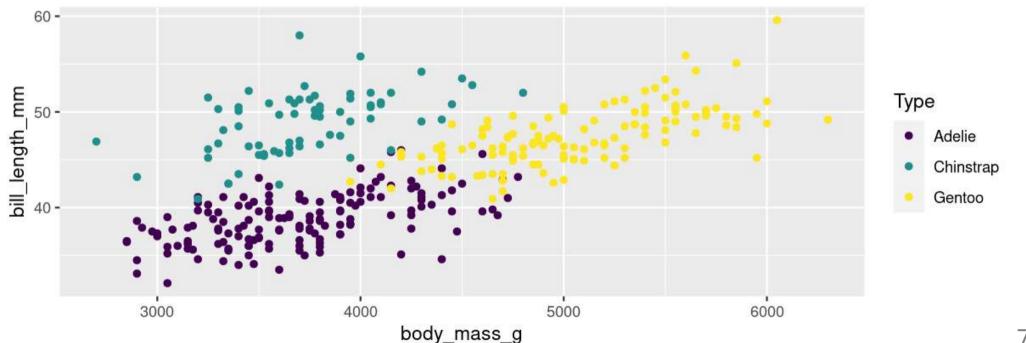
Or be very explicit:



For colours, consider colour-blind-friendly scale

viridis_d for "discrete" data

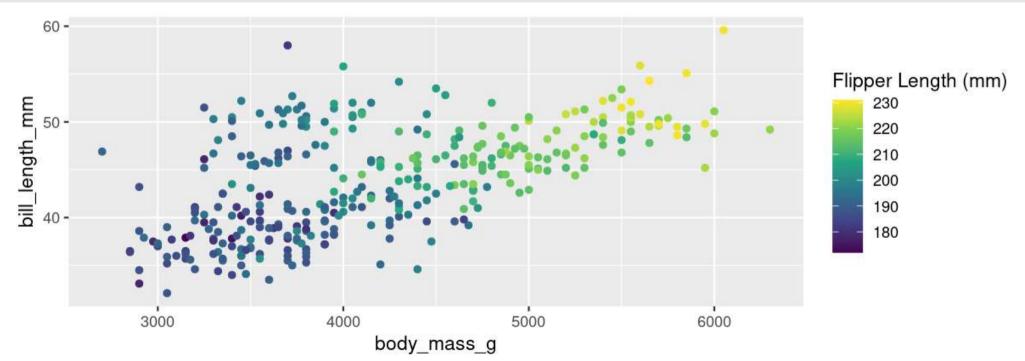
```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm, colour = species)) +
  geom_point() +
  scale_colour_viridis_d(name = "Type")
```



For colours, consider colour-blind-friendly scale

viridis_c for "continuous" data

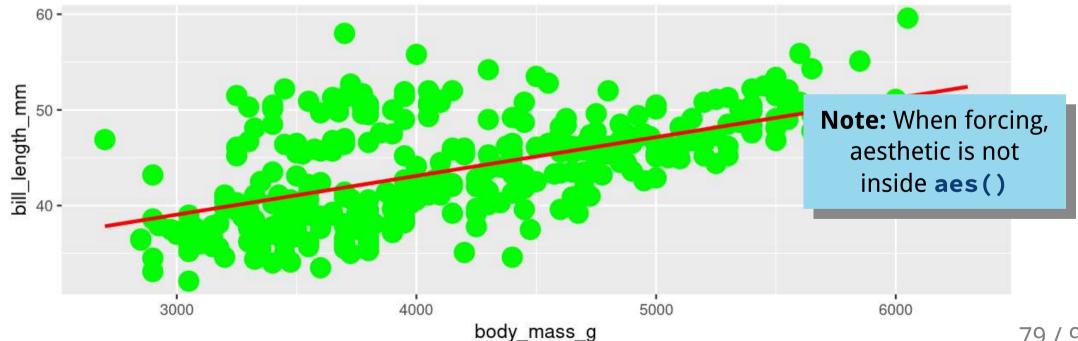
```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm, colour = flipper_length_mm)) +
   geom_point() +
   scale_colour_viridis_c(name = "Flipper Length (mm)")
```



Forcing

Remove the association between a variable and an aesthetic

```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm, colour = sex)) +
 geom_point(colour = "green", size = 5) +
 stat_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE, colour = "red")
```



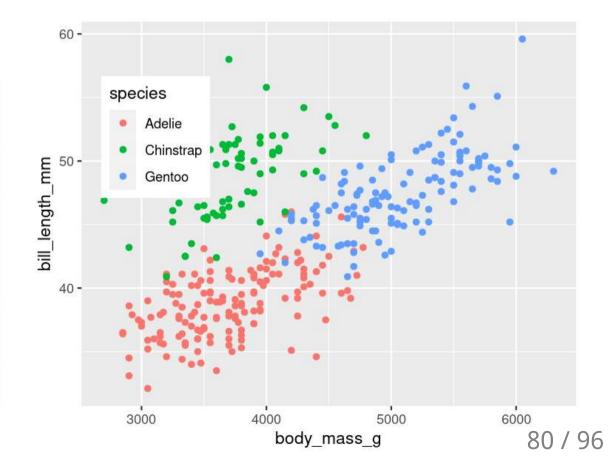
Customizing: Legends placement

At the: top, bottom, left, right

species • Adelie • Chinstrap • 60 bill_length_mm 4000 5000 3000 6000 body mass g

Exactly here

```
g + theme(legend.position = c(0.15, 0.7))
```



Combining plots

Setup

- Load patchwork
- Create a couple of different plots

```
library(patchwork)

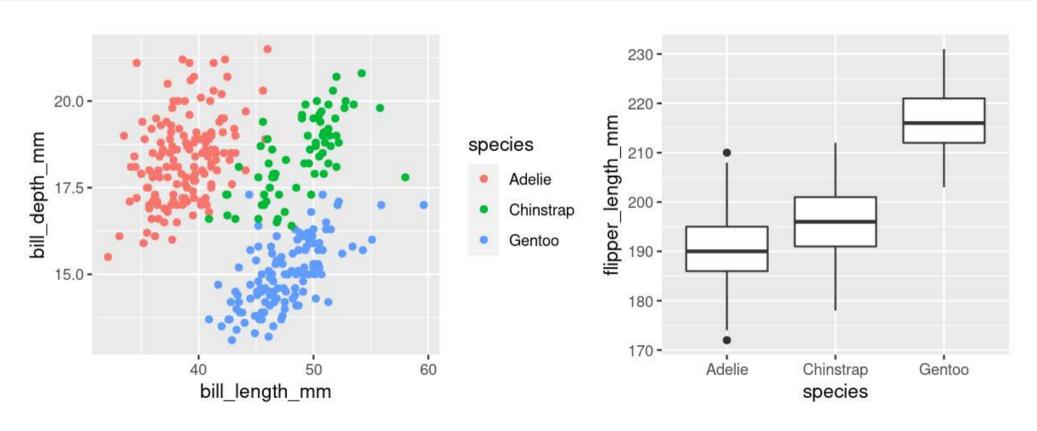
g1 <- ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = bill_length_mm, y = bill_depth_mm, colour = species)) +
    geom_point()

g2 <- ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = species, y = flipper_length_mm)) +
    geom_boxplot()

g3 <- ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = flipper_length_mm, y = body_mass_g, colour = species)) +
    geom_point()</pre>
```

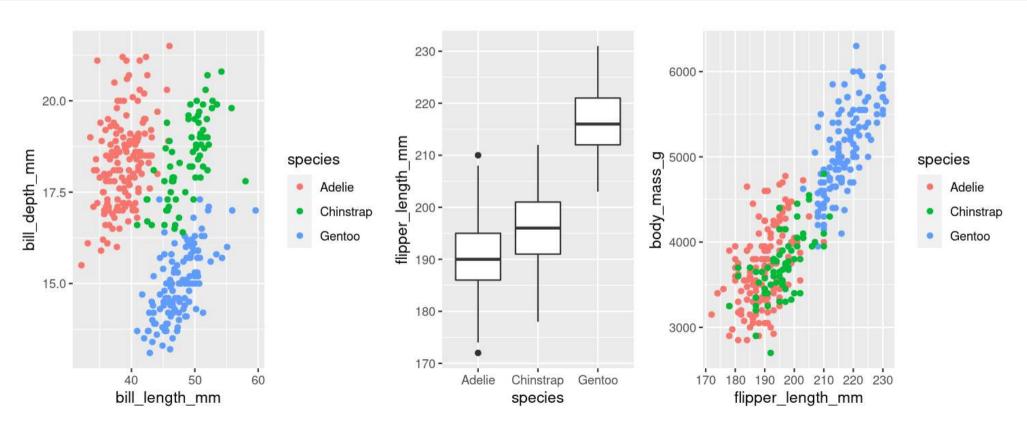
Side-by-Side 2 plots

g1 + g2



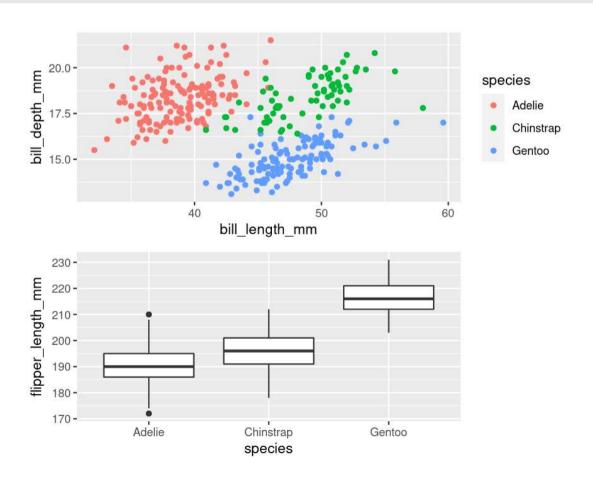
Side-by-Side 3 plots

$$g1 + g2 + g3$$



Stacked 2 plots

g1 / g2

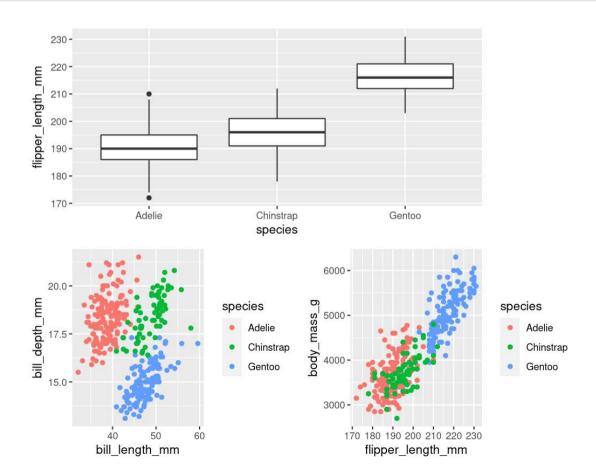


More complex arrangements

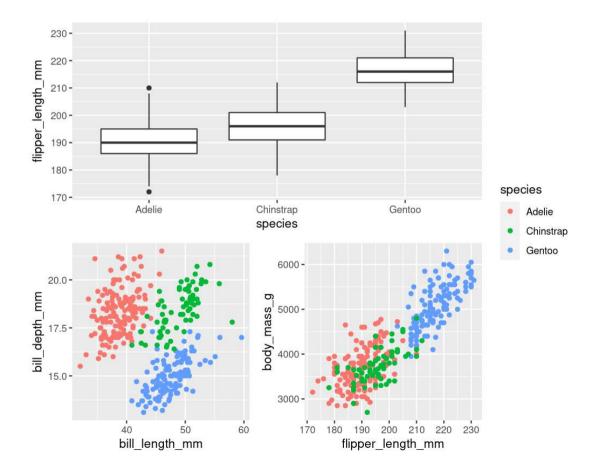
$$g2 + (g1 / g3)$$

More complex arrangements

$$g2 / (g1 + g3)$$

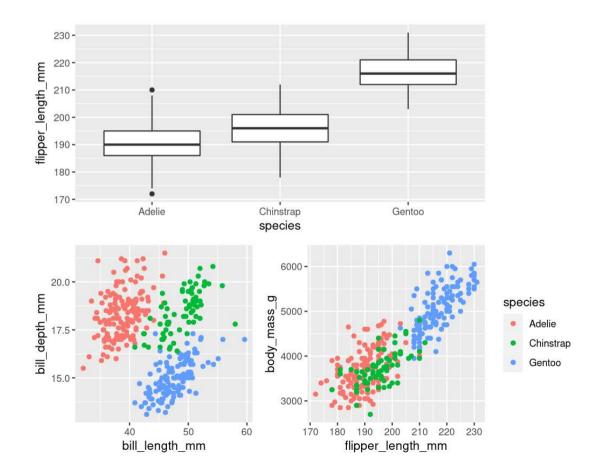


"collect" common legends



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```
g2 / (g1 + g3 + plot_layout(guides = "collect"))
```



Annotaate

Penguins Data Summary

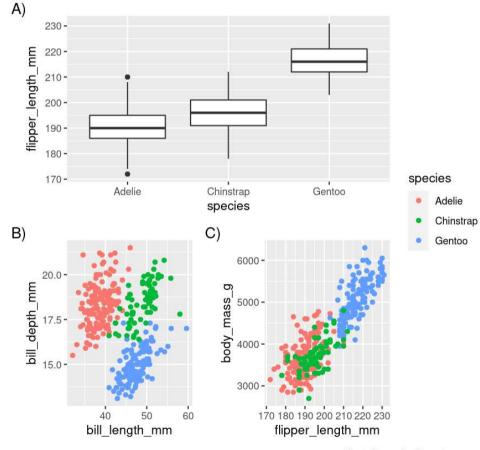


Fig 1. Penguins Data Summary

RStudio Export *Demo*

RStudio Export

Demo

ggsave()

```
g <- ggplot(penguins, aes(x = sex, y = bill_length_mm, fill = year)) +
   geom_boxplot()

ggsave(filename = "penguins_mass.png", plot = g)</pre>
```

```
## Saving 8 x 3.6 in image
```

Publication quality plots

- Many publications require 'lossless' (pdf, svg, eps, ps) or high quality formats (tiff, png)
- Specific sizes corresponding to columns widths
- Minimum resolutions

```
g <- ggplot(penguins, aes(x = sex, y = body_mass_g)) +
   geom_boxplot() +
   labs(x = "Sex", y = "Body Mass (g)") +
   theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1))

ggsave(filename = "penguins_mass.pdf", plot = g, dpi = 300,
   height = 80, width = 129, units = "mm")</pre>
```

Wrapping up: Common mistakes

- The package is ggplot2, the function is just ggplot()
- Did you remember to put the + at the **end** of the line?
- Order matters! If you're using custom **theme()**'s, make sure you put these lines **after** bundled themes like **theme_bw()**, or they will be overwritten
- Variables like 'year' are treated as continuous, but are really categories
 - o Wrap them in factor(), i.e. ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = factor(year), y =
 body_mass_g))

Wrapping up: Further reading (all Free!)

- RStudio > Help > Cheatsheets > Data Visualization with ggplot2
- ggplot2 book v3
 - By Hadley Wickham, Danielle Navarro, and Thomas Lin Pedersen
- Cookbook for R by Winston Chang
 - See also R Graphics Cookbook by Winston Chang
- R for Data Science
 - Data Visualization

Your Turn!

Create a figure with...

- Custom colour mapping (i.e. scales_...)
- Clear, human-readable labels
- More than one graph, each one tagged (e.g., A) or B))
- With more than one geom type
- At least one scatterplot with regression line

:D

OR... Load your own data and create a figure of your own!