Reproducible science: Module 4

Data visualization in Tidyverse: the power of ggplot2

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ggplot2: Introduction

- This package was created by Hadley Whickham check out its book;
- A powerful package for visualizing data;
- The package ggplot2 implements a grammar of graphics;
- Operates on data.frames or tibbles, not vectors like base R;
- Explicitly differentiates between the data and its representation;
- Consists on stacking different layers together, if you have ever worked with GIS, then this notion of layer would be familiar to you.



The ggplot2 grammar

Grammar element	What it is
Data	The data frame being plotted
Geometrics	The geometric shape that will represent the data
	(e.g., point, boxplot, histogram)
Aesthetics	The aesthetics of the geometric object
	(e.g., color, size, shape)



ggplot basics

1) The ggplot function and the data argument specify a data frame in the main ggplot function

```
#ggplot(data = df) where df= dataframe or tibble
```

2) The mapping aesthetics, or aes; most importantly, the variable(s) that we want to plot. aes() specify as an embedded argument in the ggplot() function

```
# ggplot(data = df, mapping = aes(x = h5_median, y = h5_index, color
```

3) The geometric objects, or geom; the visual representations specify, after a plus sign +, as an additional function

```
# ggplot(data = df, mapping = aes(x = h5_median, y = h5_index, color
```

Examples of plots

Scatter plots: Import data

We will continue using the precedent data on how twitting can predict citations.

```
# Set the url from where to download the data
url<-"https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0166570.s001"
# name the file to be downloaded and save as destfile object
destfile <- "twitter cit data.csv"</pre>
# Apply download.file function in R to download from url
download.file(url, destfile)
library(tidyverse)
# Read the data file with read csv() and save with name "citations ra
citations_raw<-read_csv(file="twitter_cit_data.csv")
citations <- rename(citations_raw,</pre>
       journal = 'Journal identity',
       impactfactor = '5-year journal impact factor',
       pubyear = 'Year published',
       colldate = 'Collection date',
       pubdate = 'Publication date',
       nbtweets = 'Number of tweets',
       woscitations = 'Number of Web of Science citations')
```

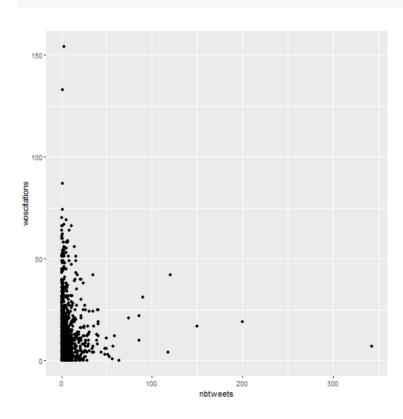
Scatter plot: Plotting

```
scatterplot<-citations %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = nbtweets, y = woscitations) +
  geom_point()
```

- Pass in the data frame as your first argument;
- Aesthetics maps the data onto plot characteristics, here x and y axes
- Display the data geometrically as points

Scatter plot

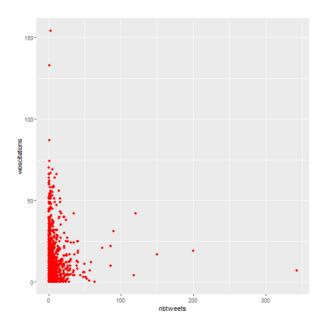
scatterplot



Scatterplots with colors

Puts all points in same color.

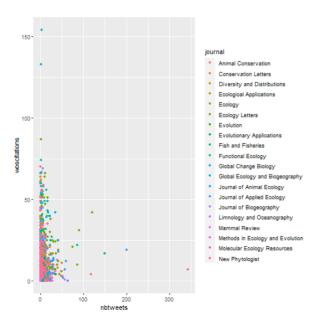
```
scatter_col<-citations %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = nbtweets, y = woscitations) +
  geom_point(color = "red")
scatter_col
```



Scatterplots with color per species

Gives different color per species.

```
scatter_spcol<-citations %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = nbtweets, y = woscitations, color = journal) +
  geom_point()
scatter_spcol
```



Scatterplots with shape per journal

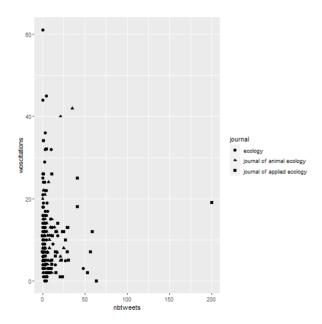
Gives different shape per journal. First need to pick few journals. Let's do journal on ecology. Filiter these journals to three: JAE, JAppE, Ecol.

```
## # A tibble: 6 × 12
    journal impactf...¹ pubyear Volume Issue Authors colld...² pubdate nbtwe...³ N
##
                        <dbl> <dbl> <chr> <chr> <chr>
                <dbl>
    <chr>
                                                                     <dbl>
##
## 1 ecology 6.16
                         2014
                                  95 12
                                           Maglia... 3/19/2... 12/1/2...
## 2 ecology 6.16
                                           Soinen 3/19/2... 12/1/2...
                         2014
                                  95 12
                                           Graham... 3/19/2... 12/1/2...
## 3 ecology 6.16 2014
                                  95 12
## 4 ecology 6.16
                         2014 95 11
                                           White ... 3/19/2... 11/1/2...
## 5 ecology
              6.16
                         2014
                                  95 11
                                           Einars... 3/19/2... 11/1/2...
                                                                        15
## 6 ecology
             6.16
                         2014
                                  95 11
                                           Haav a... 3/19/2... 11/1/2...
                                                                         2
## # ... with 2 more variables: `Twitter reach` <dbl>, woscitations <dbl>, and
## # abbreviated variable names <sup>1</sup>impactfactor, <sup>2</sup>colldate, <sup>3</sup>nbtweets,
     <sup>4</sup>`Number of users`
## #
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```

Scatterplots with shape per journal

Gives different shape per journal.

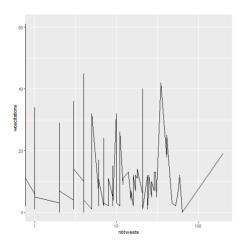
```
scatter_ecol<-citations_ecology %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = nbtweets, y = woscitations, shape = journal) +
  geom_point(size=2)
scatter_ecol
```



Scatterplots with lines not points

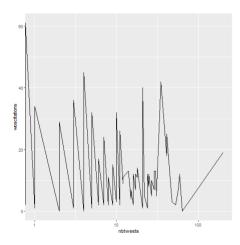
By now, you would guess this requires change in geom, so this should intuitively geom_line.

```
scatter_line<-citations_ecology %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = nbtweets, y = woscitations) +
  geom_line() +
  scale_x_log10()
scatter_line
```



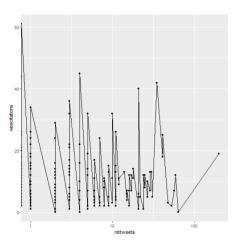
Scatterplots with sorting then add line

```
scatter_line2<-citations_ecology %>%
  arrange(woscitations) %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = nbtweets, y = woscitations) +
  geom_line() +
  scale_x_log10()
scatter_line2
```



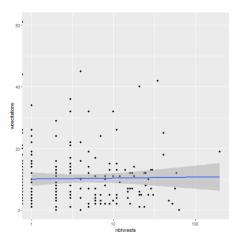
Scatterplots with line and points

```
scatter_line3<-citations_ecology %>%
  arrange(woscitations) %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = nbtweets, y = woscitations) +
  geom_line() +
  geom_point() +
  scale_x_log10()
scatter_line3
```



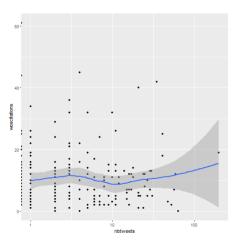
Scatterplots with trend line

```
scatter_line4<-citations_ecology %>%
  arrange(woscitations) %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = nbtweets, y = woscitations) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(method = "lm") +
  scale_x_log10()
scatter_line4
```



Scatterplots with smoother

```
scatter_line5<-citations_ecology %>%
  arrange(woscitations) %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = nbtweets, y = woscitations) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth() +
  scale_x_log10()
scatter_line5
```



aes or not aes?

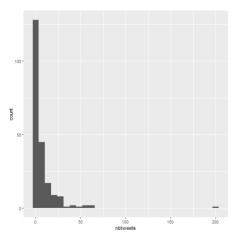
Before continuing to other type of plots, let break to see what we mean by aes().

- If we are to establish a link between the values of a variable and a graphical feature, ie a mapping, then we need an aes().
- Otherwise, the graphical feature is modified irrespective of the data, then we do not need an aes().

Histograms

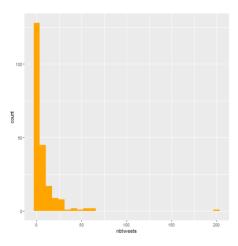
When you only provide x in the aes(), then ggplot will render a histogram.

```
histo<-citations_ecology %>%
   ggplot() +
   aes(x = nbtweets) +
   geom_histogram()
histo
```



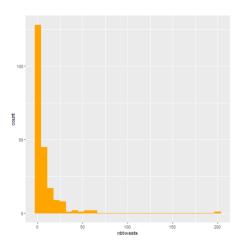
Histograms with bars in colors

```
histo2<-citations_ecology %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = nbtweets) +
  geom_histogram(fill = "orange")
histo2
```

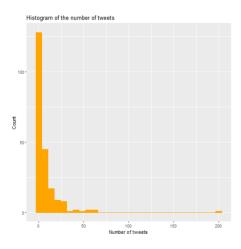


Histograms with bars filled and contour colors

```
histo3<-citations_ecology %>%
   ggplot() +
   aes(x = nbtweets) +
   geom_histogram(fill = "orange", color="orange")
histo3
```



Histograms with labels and title



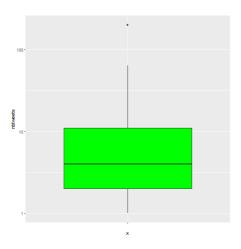
Histograms but group this by specific variable

Here we want to have the histogram by journal.

Boxplots

Intuitively by now, you would guess this would have something like geom_boxplot(). Also, please keep in mind that we would not give x values for the aes(), but only y values.

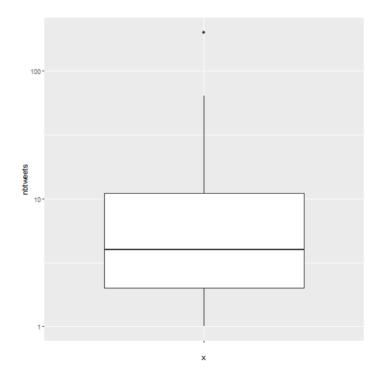
```
boxpl<-citations_ecology %>%
   ggplot() +
   aes(x = "", y = nbtweets) +
   geom_boxplot(fill="green") +
   scale_y_log10()
boxpl
```



Some other manipulations

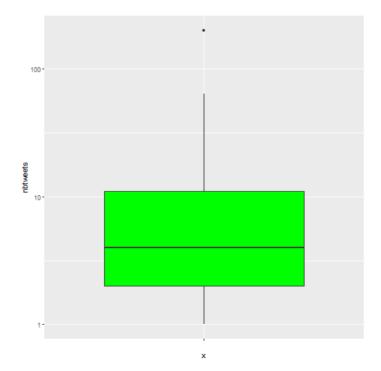
Boxplots

```
citations_ecology %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = "", y = nbtweets) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  scale_y_log10()
```



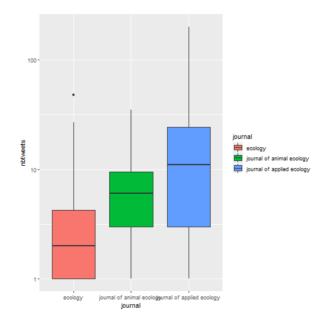
Boxplots with colors

```
citations_ecology %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = "", y = nbtweets) +
  geom_boxplot(fill = "green") +
  scale_y_log10()
```



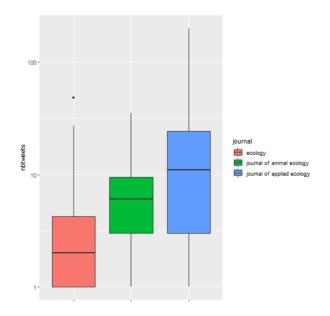
Boxplots with colors by species

```
citations_ecology %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = journal, y = nbtweets, fill = journal) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  scale_y_log10()
```



Get rid of the ticks on x axis

```
citations_ecology %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = journal, y = nbtweets, fill = journal) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  scale_y_log10() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_blank()) +
  labs(x = "")
```



Boxplots, user-specified colors by species

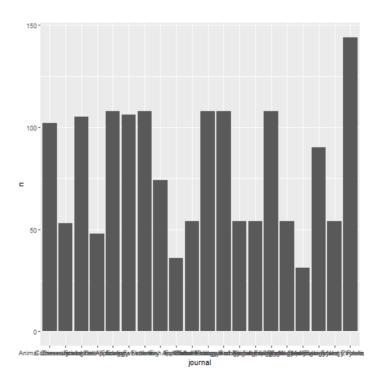
```
citations_ecology %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = journal, y = nbtweets, fill = journal) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  scale_y_log10() +
  scale_fill_manual(
    values = c("red", "blue", "purple")) +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_blank()) +
  labs(x = "")
```

Boxplots, change legend settings

```
citations_ecology %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = journal, y = nbtweets, fill = journal) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  scale_y_log10() +
  scale_fill_manual(
    values = c("red", "blue", "purple"),
    name = "Journal name",
    labels = c("Ecology", "J Animal Ecology", "J Applied Ecology")) +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_blank()) +
  labs(x = "")
```

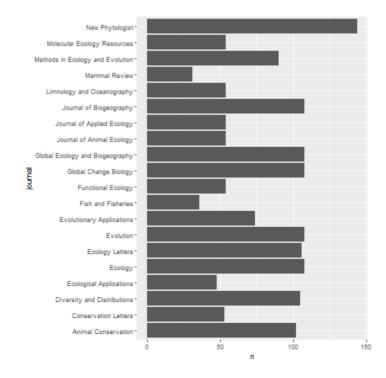
Ugly bar plots

```
citations %>%
  count(journal) %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = journal, y = n) +
  geom_col()
```



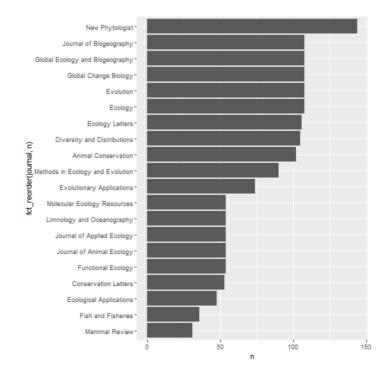
Idem, with flipping

```
citations %>%
  count(journal) %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = n, y = journal) +
  geom_col()
```



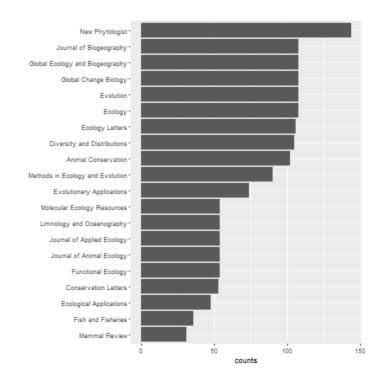
Idem, with factors reordering and flipping

```
citations %>%
  count(journal) %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = n, y = fct_reorder(journal, n)) +
  geom_col()
```



Further cleaning

```
citations %>%
  count(journal) %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = n, y = fct_reorder(journal, n)) +
  geom_col() +
  labs(x = "counts", y = "")
```

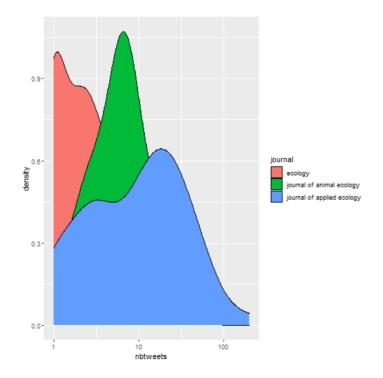


More about how to (tidy) work with factors

- Be the boss of your factors and
- forcats, forcats, vous avez dit forcats?.

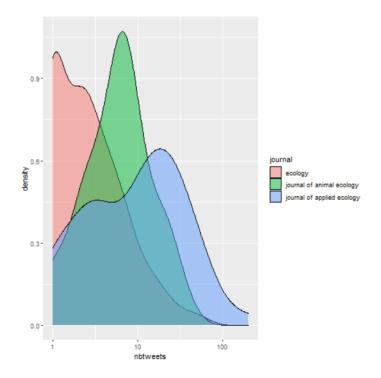
Density plots

```
citations_ecology %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = nbtweets, fill = journal) +
  geom_density() +
  scale_x_log10()
```



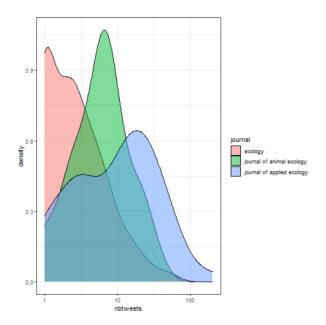
Density plots, control transparency

```
citations_ecology %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = nbtweets, fill = journal) +
  geom_density(alpha = 0.5) +
  scale_x_log10()
```



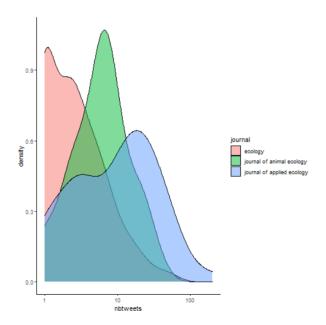
Change default background

```
# `B & W theme`
citations_ecology %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = nbtweets, fill = journal) +
  geom_density(alpha = 0.5) +
  scale_x_log10() +
  theme_bw()
```



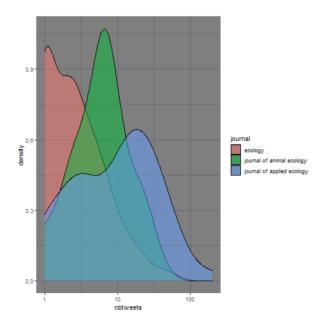
Change default background theme

```
# `classic theme`
citations_ecology %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = nbtweets, fill = journal) +
  geom_density(alpha = 0.5) +
  scale_x_log10() +
  theme_classic()
```



Change default background theme

```
# `dark theme`
citations_ecology %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = nbtweets, fill = journal) +
  geom_density(alpha = 0.5) +
  scale_x_log10() +
  theme_dark()
```



More on data visualisation with ggplot2

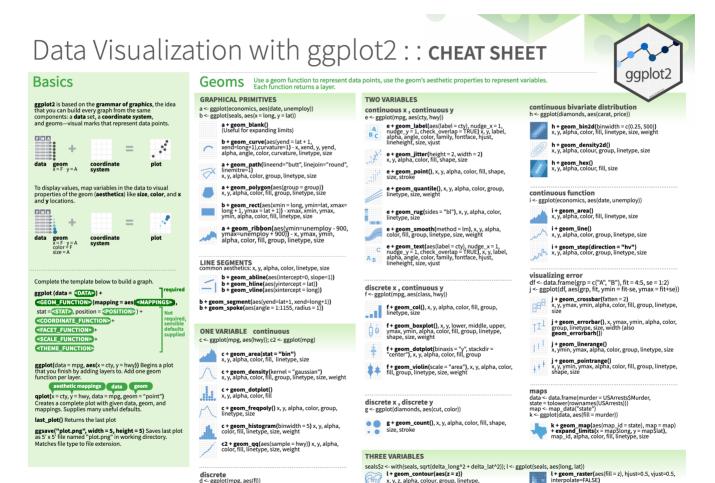
- Portfolio of ggplot2 plots
- Cedric Scherer's portfolio of data visualizations
- Top ggplot2 visualizations
- Interactive ggplot2 visualizations



To dive deeper in data visualisation with the tidyverse

- Learn the tidyverse: books, workshops and online courses
- R for Data Science and Advanced R
- Fundamentals of Data visualization
- Data Visualization: A practical introduction
- Tidy Tuesdays videos by D. Robinson
- Material of the 2-day workshop Data Science in the tidyverse held at the RStudio 2019 conference
- Material of the stat545 course on Data wrangling, exploration, and analysis with R at the University of British Columbia

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d <- ggplot(mpg, aes(fl))

d + geom_bar()

x, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

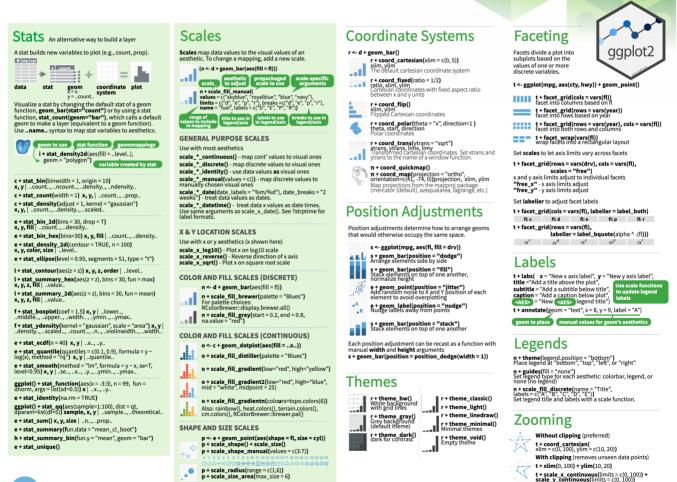
x, y, alpha, fill

l + geom_tile(aes(fill = z)), x, y, alpha, color, fill,

x, y, z, alpha, colour, group, linetype,

size, weight

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Thank you for listening!

Any questions now or email me at dossa@xtbg.org.cn

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