Data Visualization with Esquisse

Esquisse Package

```
# install.packages("esquisse")
library(esquisse)
```

Esquisse Package

The `esquisse` package is helpful for getting used to creating plots in R.

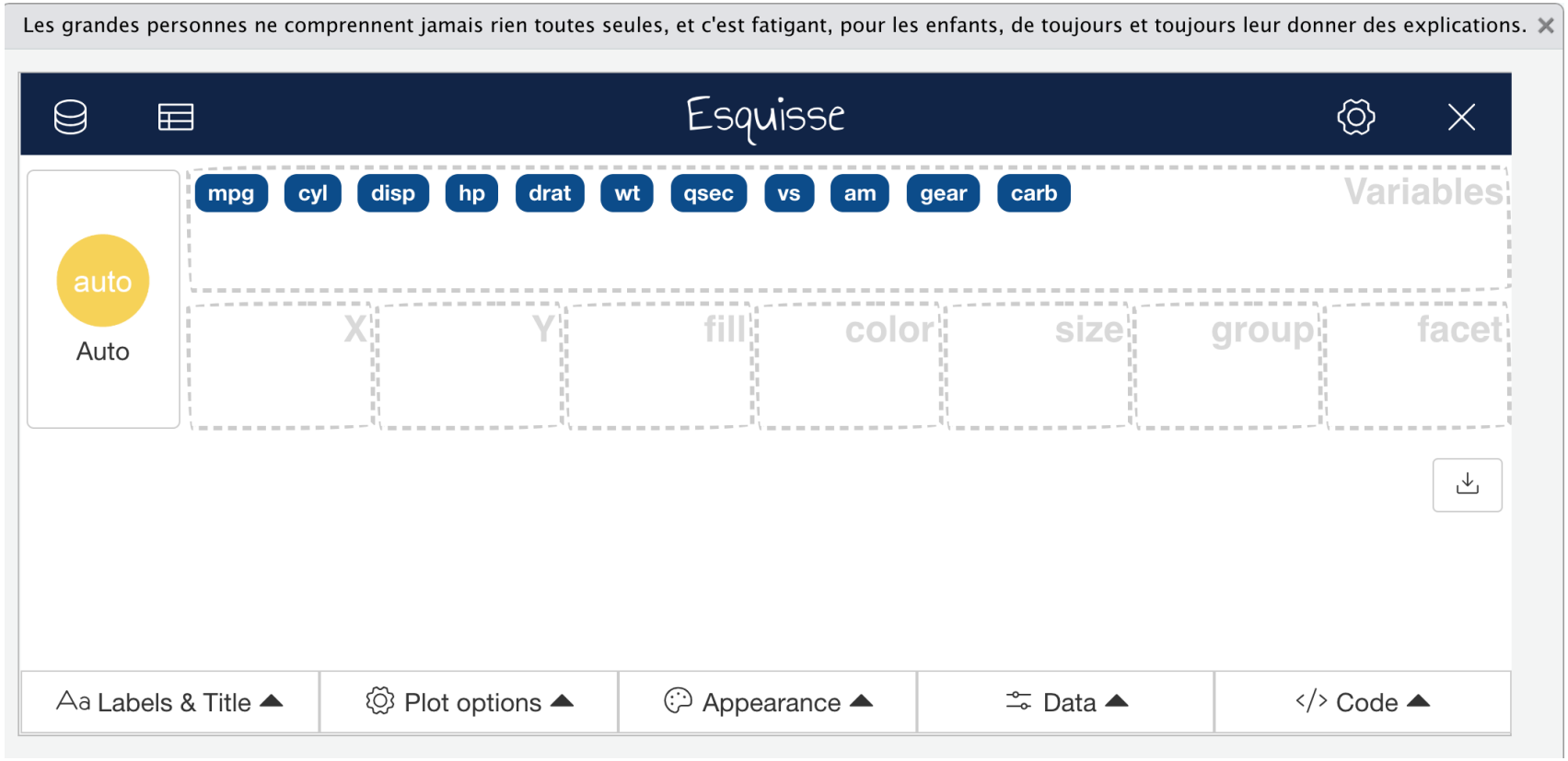
It is an interactive tool to help you in RStudio.

It's super **nifty**!

Starting a plot

Using the `esquisser()` function you can start creating a plot for a `data.frame` or `tibble`. That's it!

```
esquisser(mtcars)
```

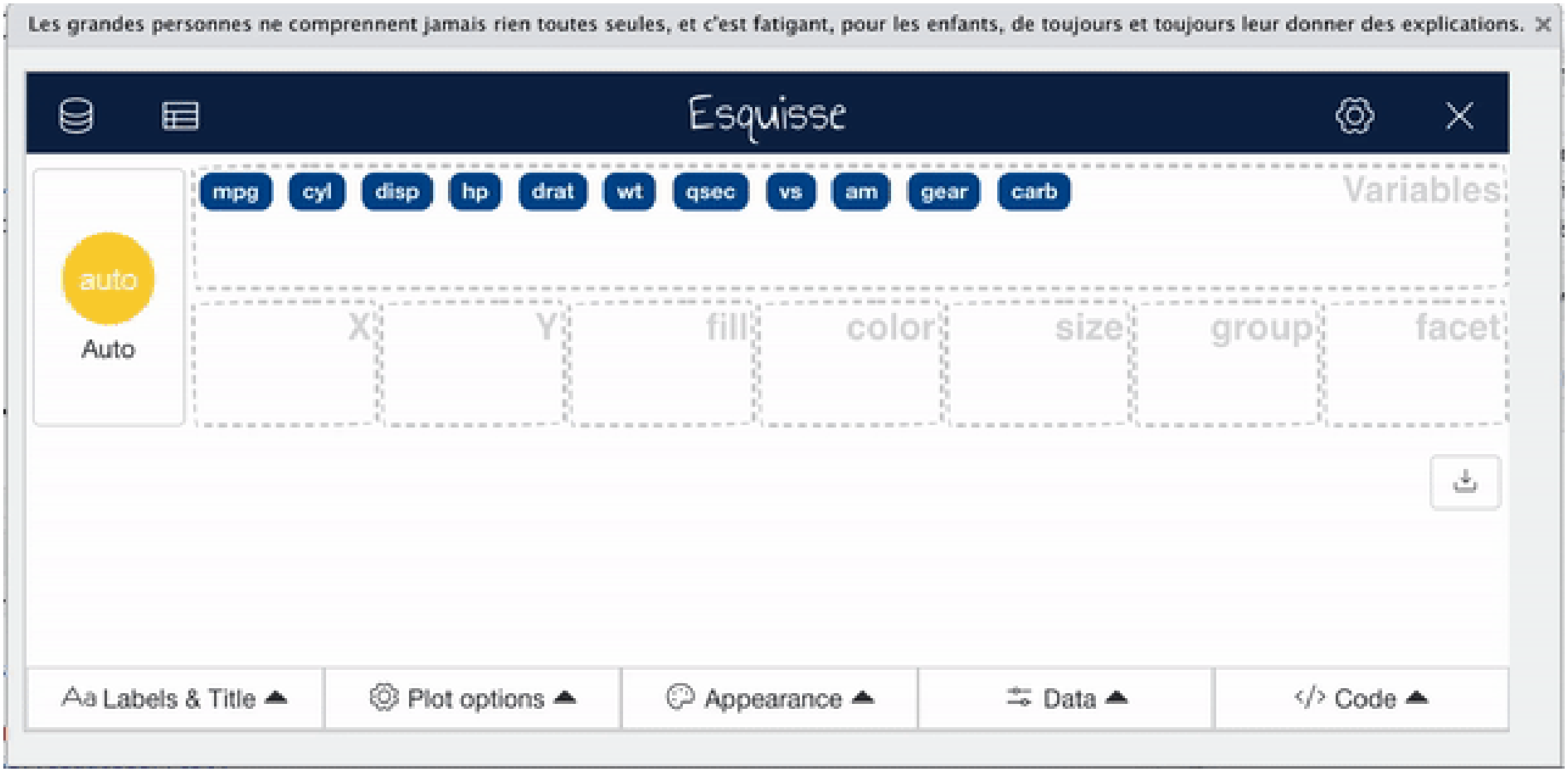


Show the plot in the browser

```
esquisse::esquisser(iris, viewer = "browser")
```

Select Variables

To select variables you can drag and drop variables to the respective axis that you would like the variable to be plotted on.



Find code

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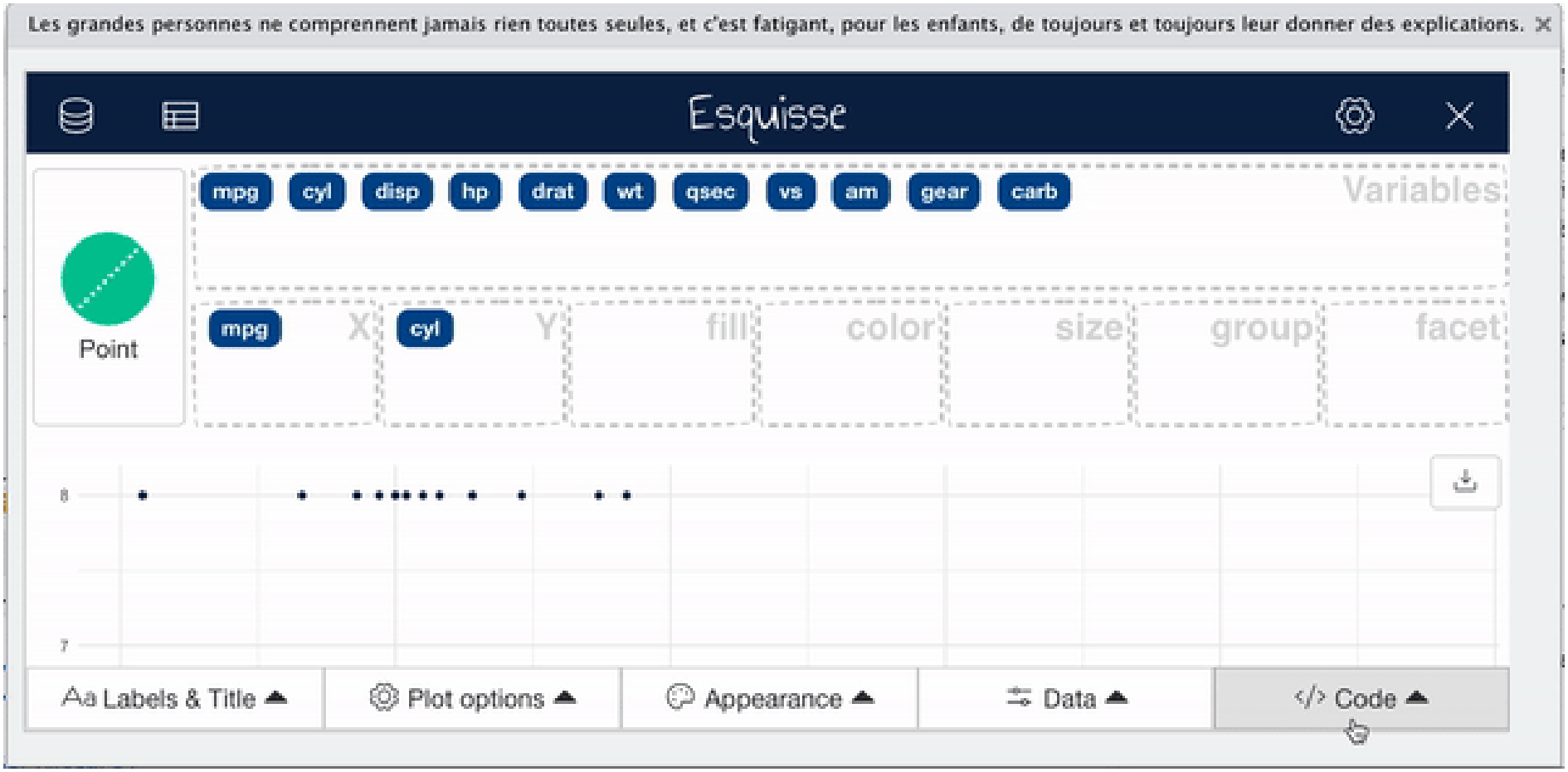


Change plot type

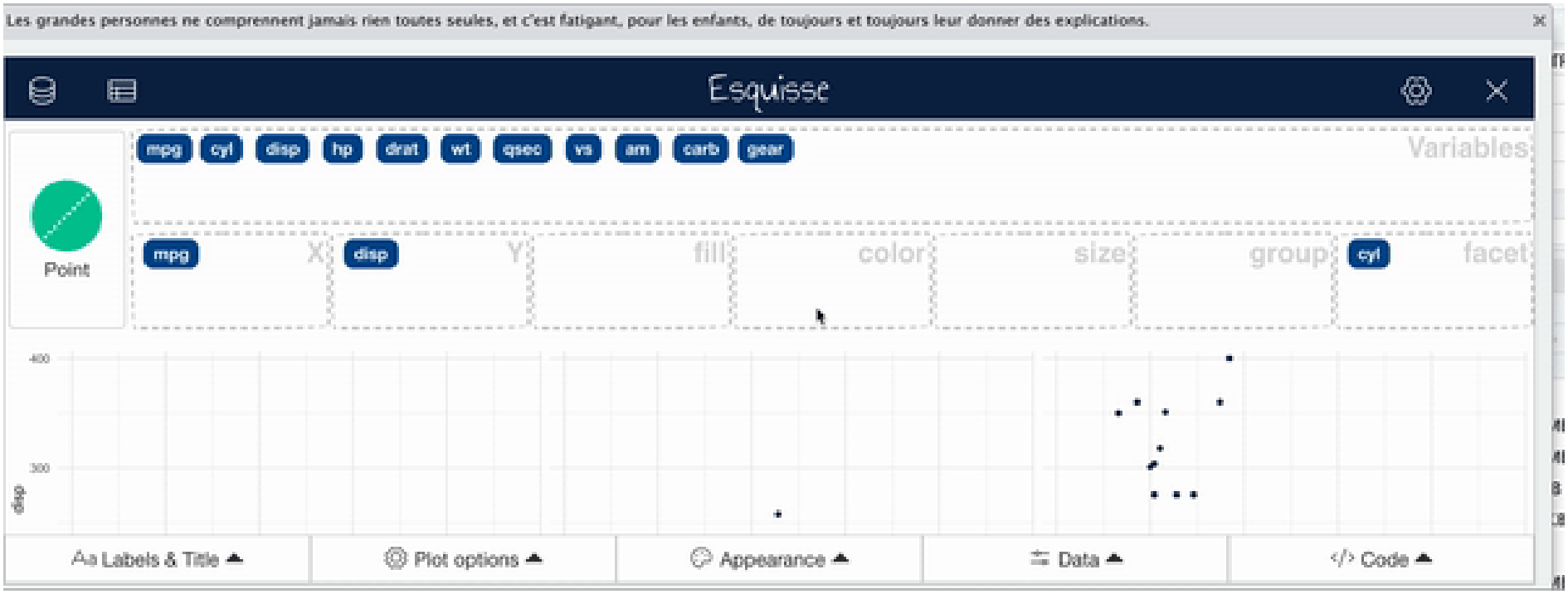
`esquisse` automatically assumes a plot type, but you might want to change this.

Add Facets

Facets create multiple plots based on the different values of a variable.

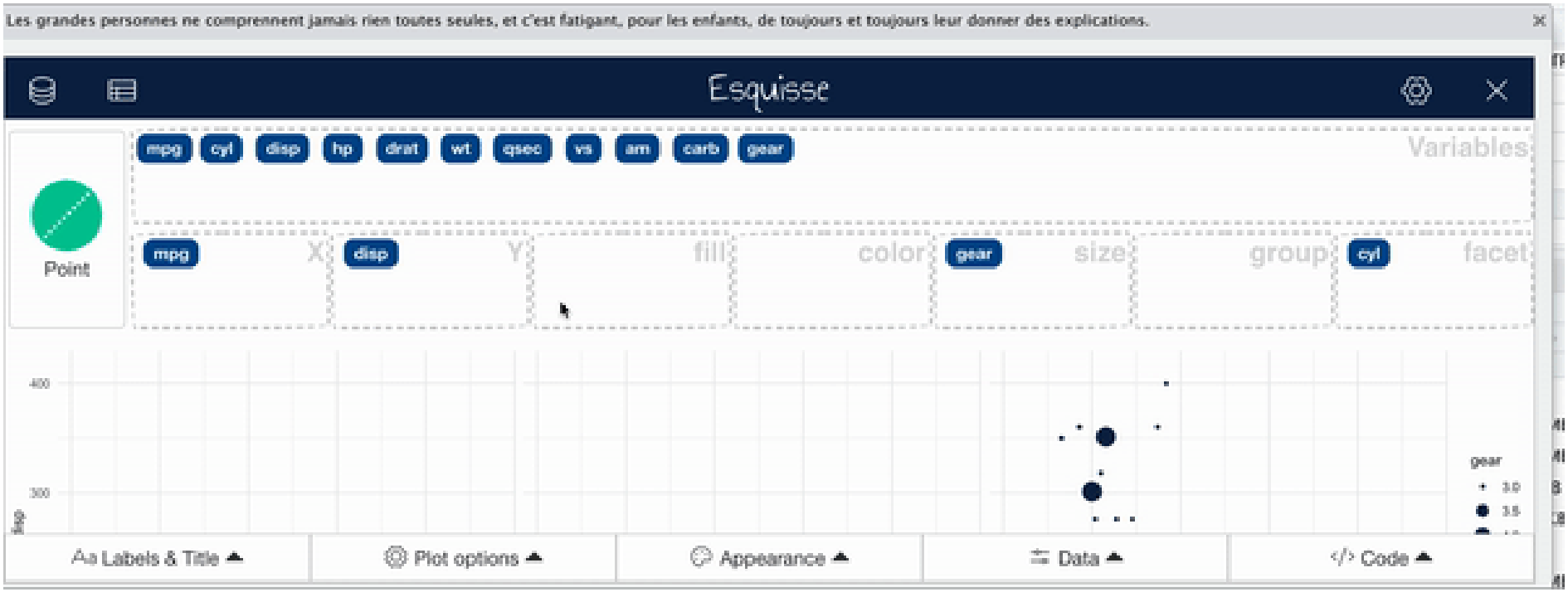
Add size

Sometimes it is useful to change the way points are plotted so that size represents a variable. This can especially be helpful if you need your plot to be black and white.



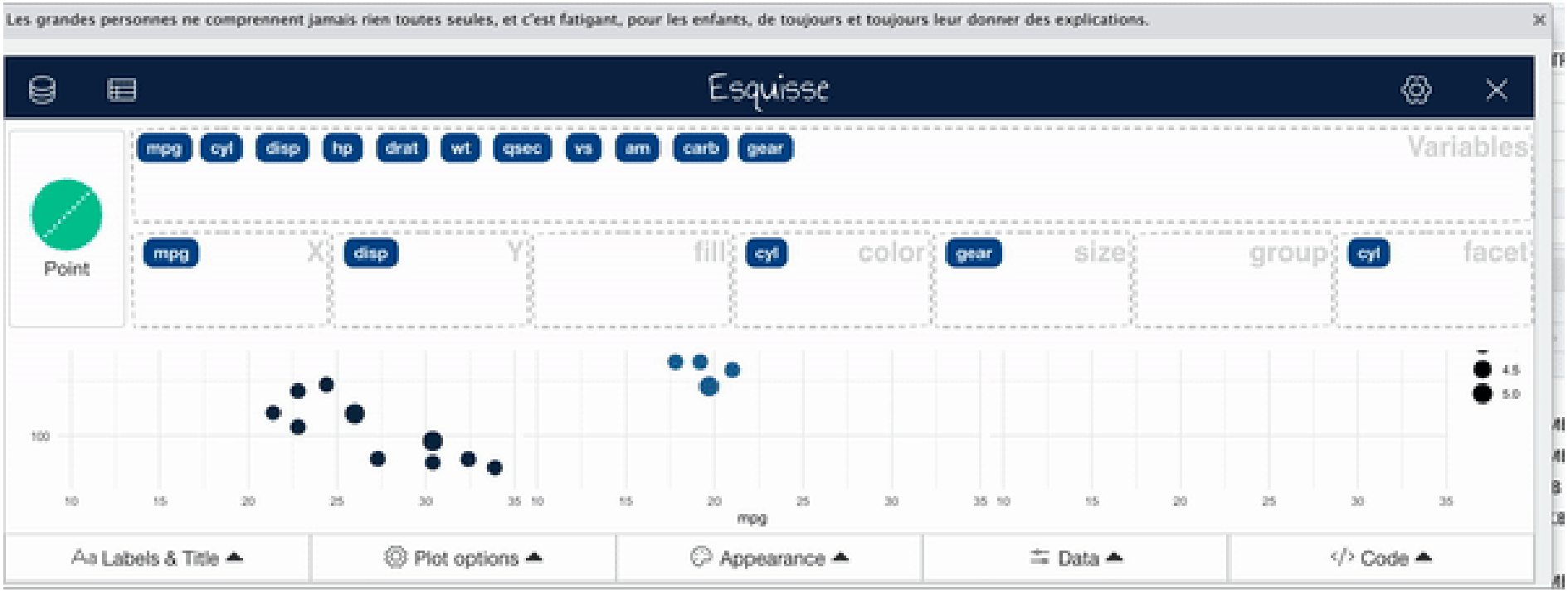
Add color

For plots with points use the color region to change coloring according to a variable. (use “fill” for bar plots)



Appearance

You can change the overall appearance with the appearance tab.



Smooth Lines

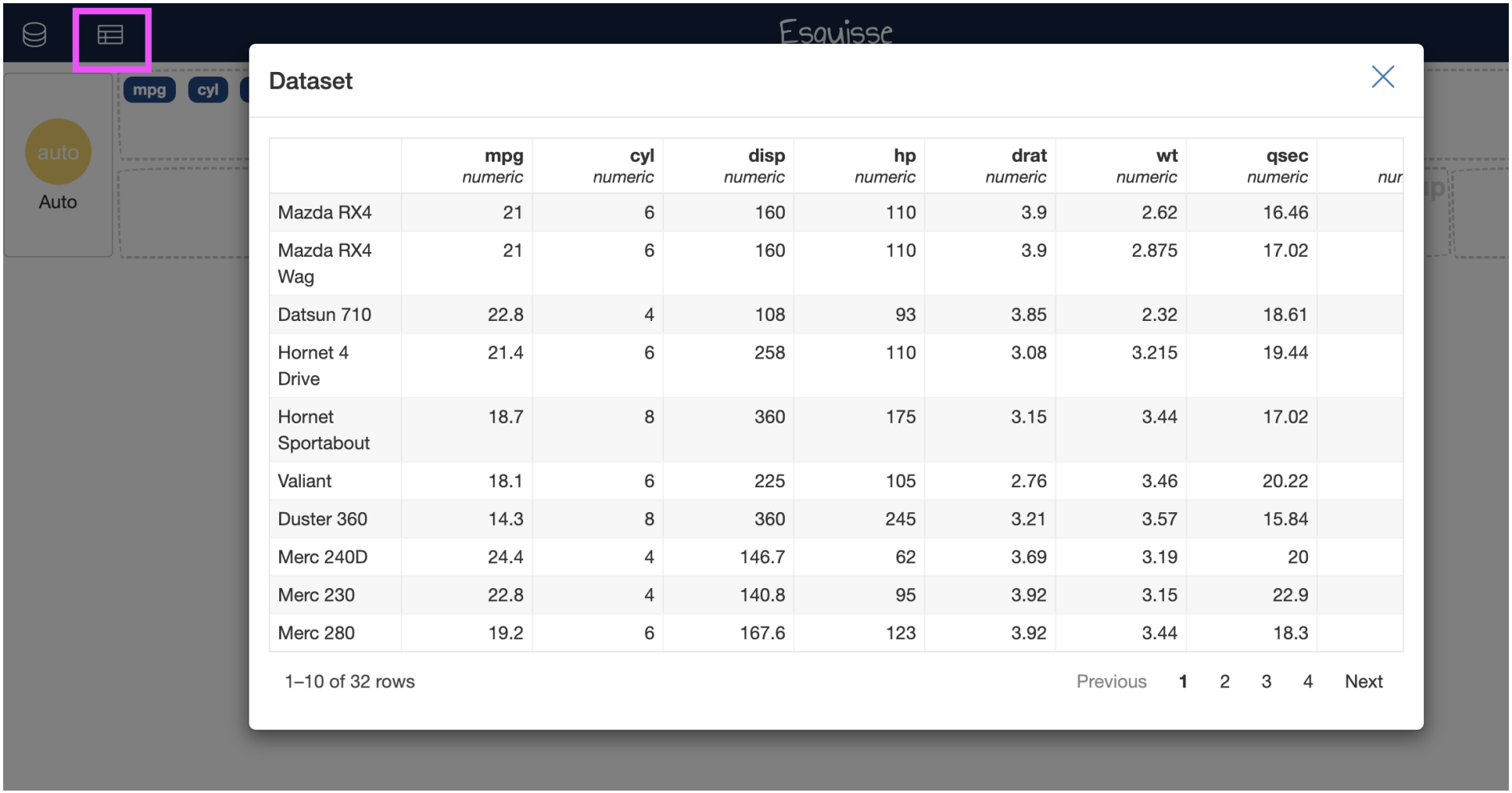
Especially when you have a scatter plot, it can be helpful to add a smooth/trend line.

Change titles

To change titles on your plot, use the titles tab.

View data

You can also easily view data



	mpg *numeric*	cyl *numeric*	disp *numeric*	hp *numeric*	drat *numeric*	wt *numeric*	qsec *numeric*	nur
Mazda RX4	21	6	160	110	3.9	2.62	16.46	
Mazda RX4 Wag	21	6	160	110	3.9	2.875	17.02	
Datsun 710	22.8	4	108	93	3.85	2.32	18.61	
Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	258	110	3.08	3.215	19.44	
Hornet Sportabout	18.7	8	360	175	3.15	3.44	17.02	
Valiant	18.1	6	225	105	2.76	3.46	20.22	
Duster 360	14.3	8	360	245	3.21	3.57	15.84	
Merc 240D	24.4	4	146.7	62	3.69	3.19	20	
Merc 230	22.8	4	140.8	95	3.92	3.15	22.9	
Merc 280	19.2	6	167.6	123	3.92	3.44	18.3	

1–10 of 32 rows

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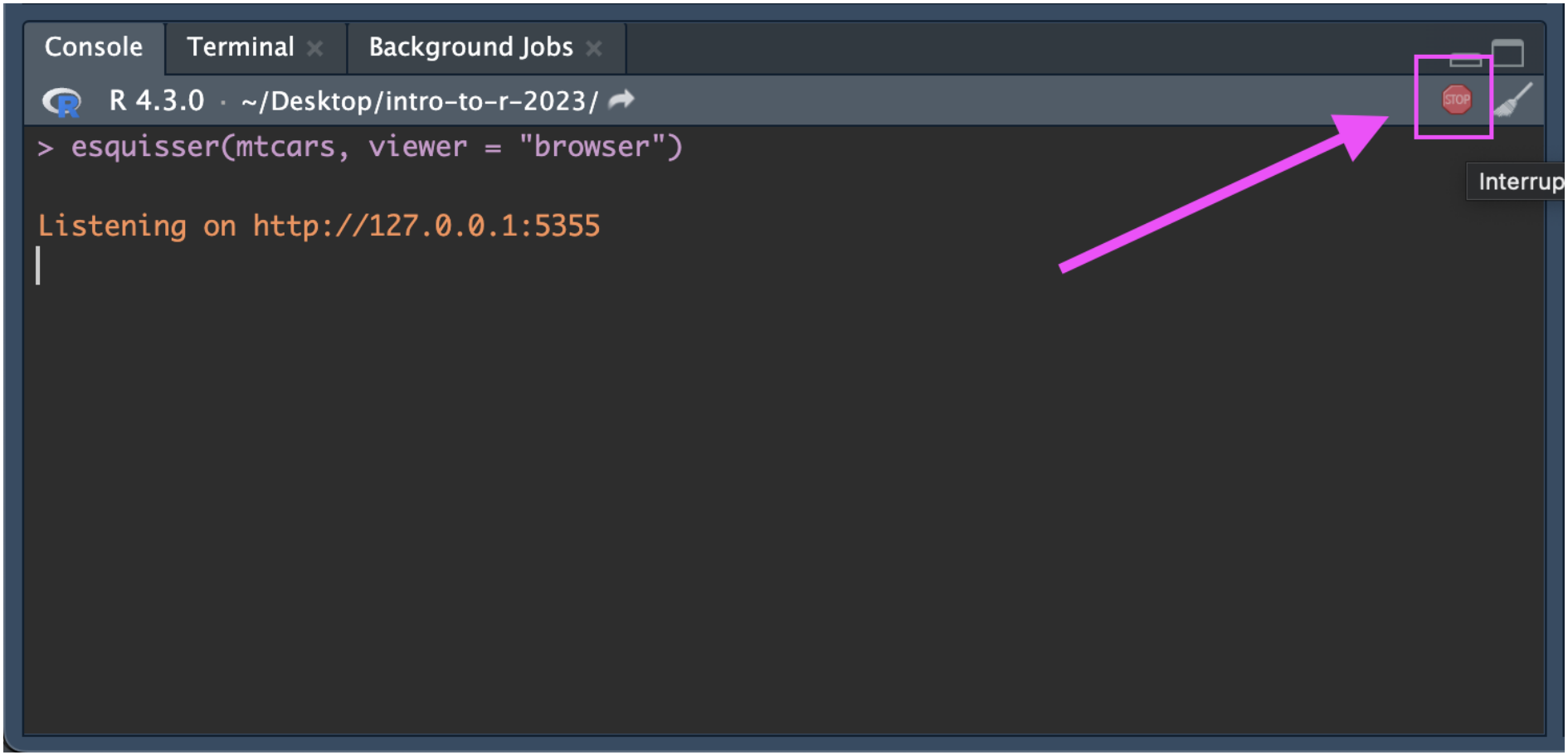
Interrupting Esquisse

You'll need to "interrupt" Esquisse to launch it with a new dataset.

Use the stop button or press ctrl+c to stop the Esquisse app.

If you don't see the stop button, you need to resize your window.



Wide & Long Data Example

```
library(jhur)
library(dplyr)
wide_circ <- read_circulator()
glimpse(wide_circ)
```

```
## Rows: 1,146
## Columns: 15
## $ day              <chr> "Monday", "Tuesday", "Wednesday", "Thursday", "Frida
## $ date             <chr> "01/11/2010", "01/12/2010", "01/13/2010", "01/14/201
## $ orangeBoardings  <dbl> 877, 777, 1203, 1194, 1645, 1457, 839, 999, 1023, 13
## $ orangeAlightings <dbl> 1027, 815, 1220, 1233, 1643, 1524, 938, 1000, 1047,
## $ orangeAverage    <dbl> 952.0, 796.0, 1211.5, 1213.5, 1644.0, 1490.5, 888.5,
## $ purpleBoardings  <dbl> NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA,
## $ purpleAlightings <dbl> NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA,
## $ purpleAverage    <dbl> NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA,
## $ greenBoardings   <dbl> NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA,
## $ greenAlightings  <dbl> NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA,
## $ greenAverage     <dbl> NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA,
## $ bannerBoardings  <dbl> NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA,
## $ bannerAlightings <dbl> NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA,
## $ bannerAverage    <dbl> NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA,
## $ daily            <dbl> 952.0, 796.0, 1211.5, 1213.5, 1644.0, 1490.5, 888.5,
```

Long Data

```
library(tidyr)
long_circ <- wide_circ %>%
  pivot_longer(
    cols = contains(c("boarding")),
    names_to = "Route",
    values_to = "Boardings"
  )
```

Long Data

```
glimpse(long_circ)
```

```
## Rows: 4,584
## Columns: 13
## $ day              <chr> "Monday", "Monday", "Monday", "Monday", "Tuesday", "
## $ date             <chr> "01/11/2010", "01/11/2010", "01/11/2010", "01/11/201
## $ orangeAlightings <dbl> 1027, 1027, 1027, 1027, 815, 815, 815, 815, 1220, 12
## $ orangeAverage    <dbl> 952.0, 952.0, 952.0, 952.0, 796.0, 796.0, 796.0, 796
## $ purpleAlightings <dbl> NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA,
## $ purpleAverage    <dbl> NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA,
## $ greenAlightings  <dbl> NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA,
## $ greenAverage     <dbl> NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA,
## $ bannerAlightings <dbl> NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA,
## $ bannerAverage    <dbl> NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA,
## $ daily            <dbl> 952.0, 952.0, 952.0, 952.0, 796.0, 796.0, 796.0, 796
## $ Route            <chr> "orangeBoardings", "purpleBoardings", "greenBoarding
## $ Boardings        <dbl> 877, NA, NA, NA, 777, NA, NA, NA, 1203, NA, NA, NA,
```

Make a plot of boardings by day for different routes

```
esquisser(wide_circ) # days as x...? Tricky!
esquisser(long_circ) # day as x, Boardings as y, Route as fill
```

Some Alternatives to **esquisse**

- `ggquickeda`: https://smouksassi.github.io/ggquickeda/
- `ggraptR`: https://github.com/cargomoose/ggraptR/
- `autoplot` can be helpful for some packages (see this blog post)

Summary

- Use the `esquisser()` function on a dataset
- Use the `viewer = "browser"` argument to launch in your browser.
- Code from Esquisse can copied into code chunks to be generated in the "Plots" pane
- It's easier if your code is in "long" form!

Lab

- Class Website
- Lab

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