

Session 3 - Visualization

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Dependencies

- ▶ Latest version ($\geq 3.1.2$) of R
(*free* from <https://www.r-project.org/>)
- ▶ Latest version of Rstudio (also *free* from <https://www.rstudio.com/>)
- ▶ A bunch of *free* packages

```
install.packages('ggplot2')
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Visualization: Introduction

- ▶ There is more than one framework for thinking about data visualization, e.g.,
 1. Mapping of vectors to 2D/3D surfaces
 2. Function of **inputs** that are given as variables of a data set, **geometries** and **aesthetics** that describe visual markings, and a **coordinate** system that defines the location of each marking
- ▶ The first approach is widely used in scientific visualization (e.g., MATLAB, classical plotting function in R), but doesn't scale well with data
- ▶ It helps your sanity to always think of data frames as a table where

Each column represents a variable/feature

Each row represents an observation/instance

Reference

- ▶ A great “cheat sheet” for data visualization with ggplot2 is available for free at <https://www.rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/ggplot2-cheatsheet.pdf>