

Introduction to R – Data Visualization

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Session 3

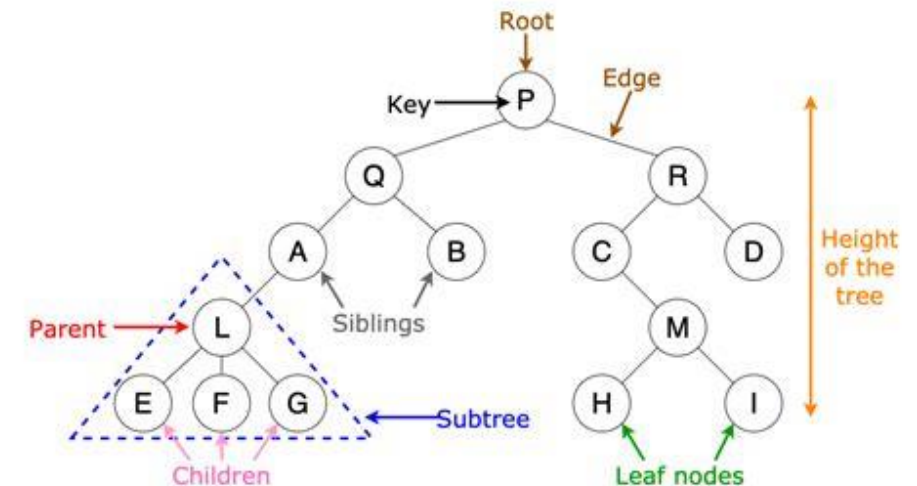
Agenda

- Data visualization using ggplot2
- Tables
- Practice

Review of tidy data

- Variables have their own columns
- Observations have their own rows
- Rectangular data structure
 - E.g. something like a spreadsheet, rather than a tree or other hierarchical data

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25	Sweden	2017	1.2419736	navy	NA
26	Sweden	2018	1.1745086	navy	NA
27	Sweden	2019	1.1890163	navy	NA
28	Sweden	2020	1.2129179	navy	NA
29	Sweden	2021	1.2083721	navy	NA
30	Sweden	2022	1.1938333	navy	NA
31	Sweden	2023	1.1680202	navy	NA
32	Poland	1993	1.2111182	navy	NA
33	Poland	1994	1.1922620	navy	NA
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35	Poland	1996	1.1667886	navy	NA



<https://towardsdatascience.com>

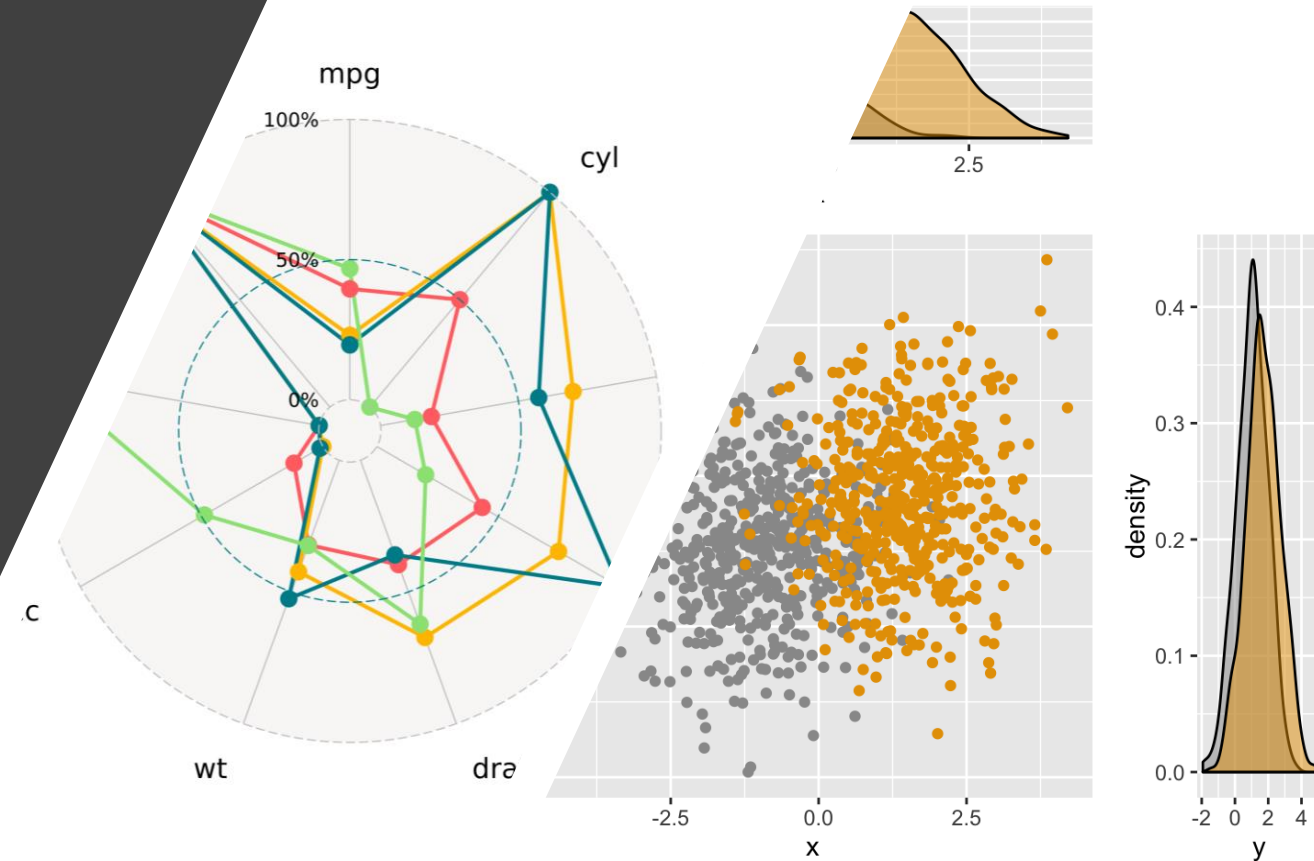


Why visualize?

- Communication
- Better understanding
- Stand out – presentation matters

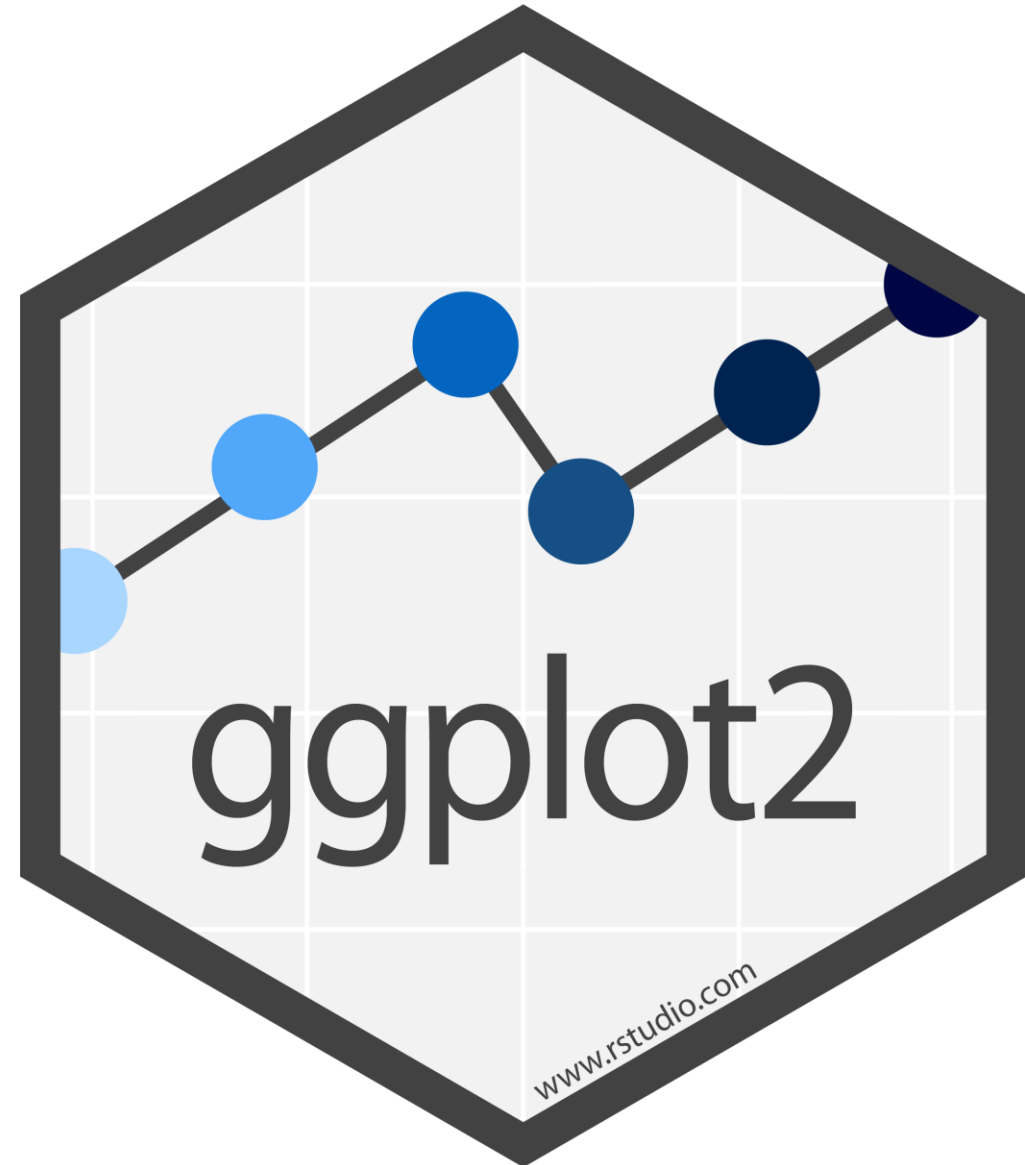
Image sources:

<https://opensourcebiology.eu/2022/03/08/a-comprehensive-guide-on-ggplot2-in-r/>
<https://r-graph-gallery.com/>
<https://www.storybench.org/getting-started-data-visualization-r-using-ggplot2/>
<https://www.sthda.com>
<https://exts.ggplot2.tidyverse.org/ggradar.html>



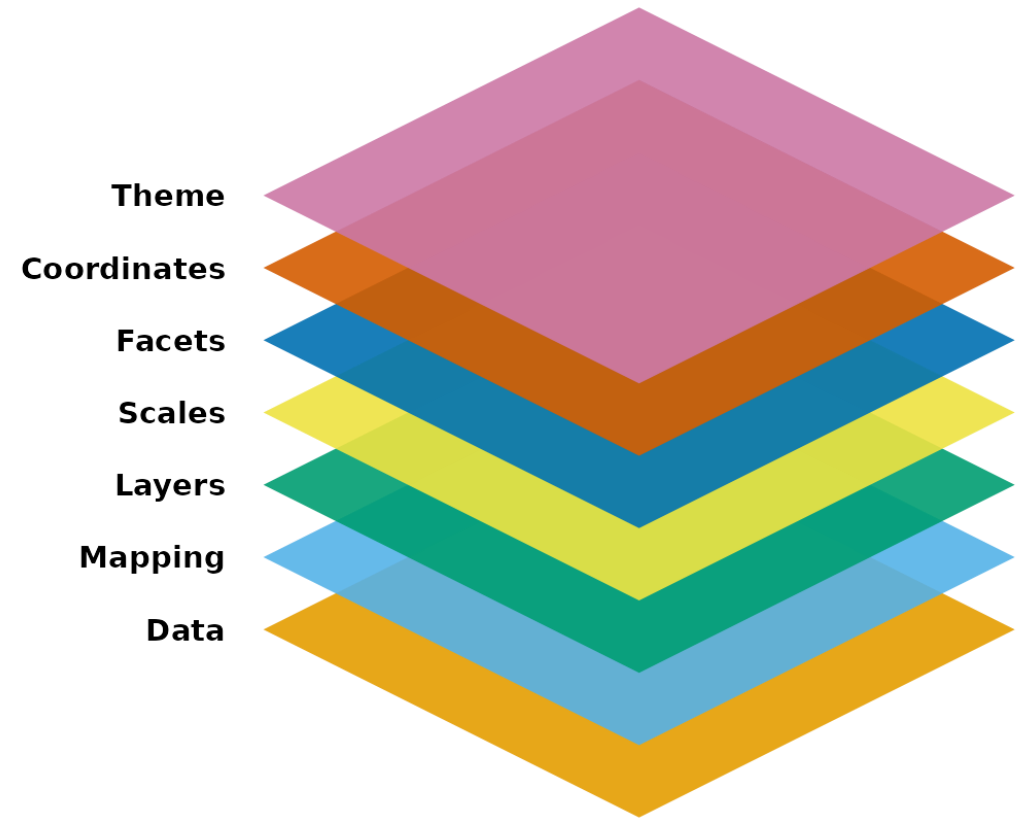
ggplot2

- Commonly used R package, included in tidyverse
- Clean, professional graphics
- Flexible, with high potential for customization
- Many add-ons are available for specific chart types



“Grammar of Graphics”

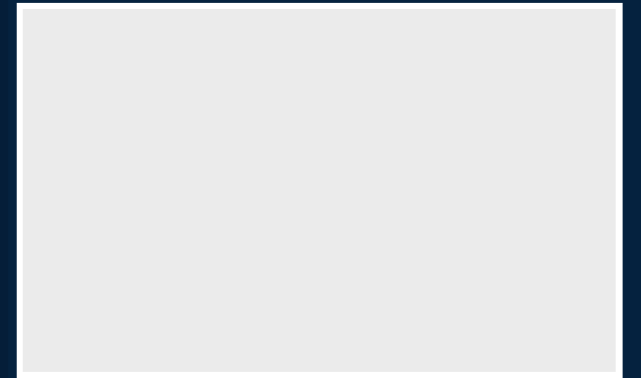
- At minimum:
 - Data
 - Mapping
 - Layer
- Additional options:
 - Scales
 - Facets
 - Coordinates
 - Theme



Data

- In general, want data in tidy format
- Often need to restructure based on the parameters of the layers to be used

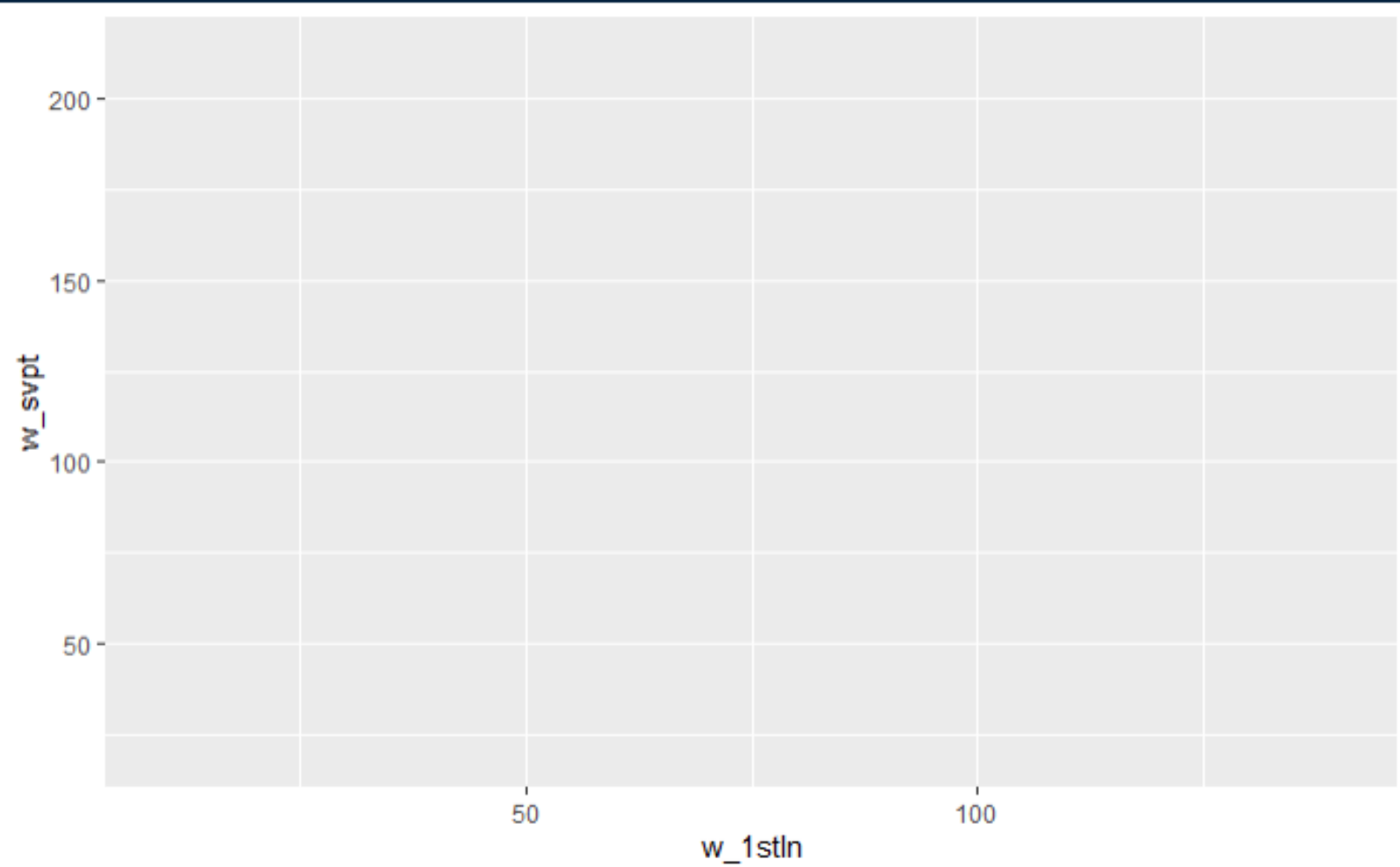
```
21  
22 ▾ ```{r}  
23  
24 library(ggplot2)  
25  
26 tennis_df <- read_csv("prediction competition 2024/atp_matches_2017.csv")  
27  
28 ggplot(data = tennis_df)|  
29  
30 ▾ ```
```



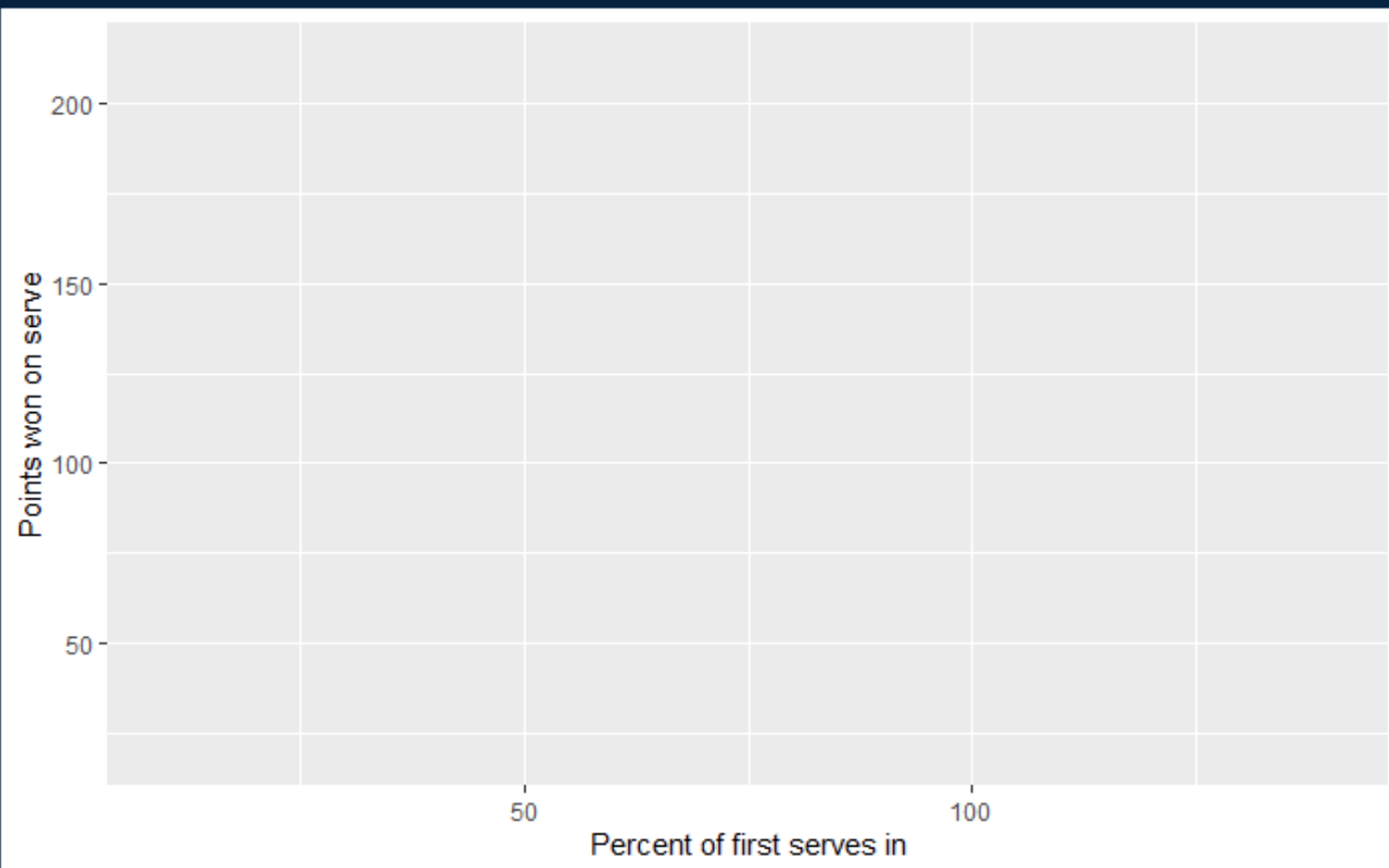
Mapping

- Translate from layout of data to where things will show up in plot
- This includes...
 - x and y (axis)
 - group
 - fill
 - color
 - shape
 - size
- Use `aes()` function within `ggplot()`


```
31  
32 {r}  
33  
34 ggplot(tennis_df, mapping = aes(x = w_1stIn, y = w_svpt))  
35  
36 {r}
```



```
31
32 {r}
33
34 ggplot(tennis_df, mapping = aes(x = w_1stIn, y = w_svpt)) +
35   labs(x = "Percent of first serves in", y = "Points won on serve")|
36
37 {r}
```

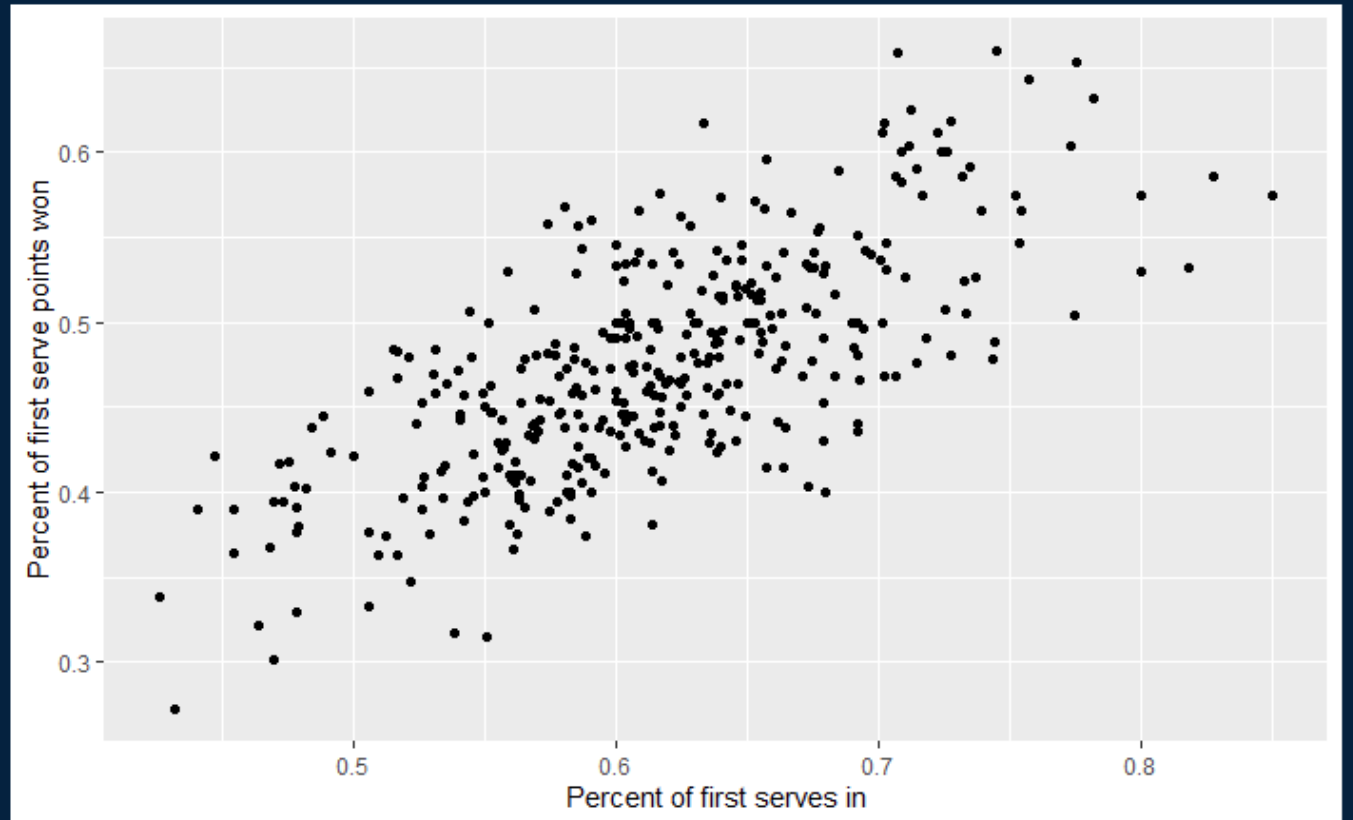
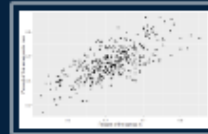


Layers

- Geometry
 - geom_ functions
- Transformations
 - stat_ functions
- Position
 - position =

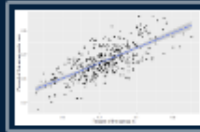
geom_point()

```
60 {r}  
61  
62 ggplot(tennis_df, mapping = aes(x = first_played_percent, y = first_won_percent)) +  
63   labs(x = "Percent of first serves in", y = "Percent of first serve points won") +  
64   geom_point()  
65  
66
```

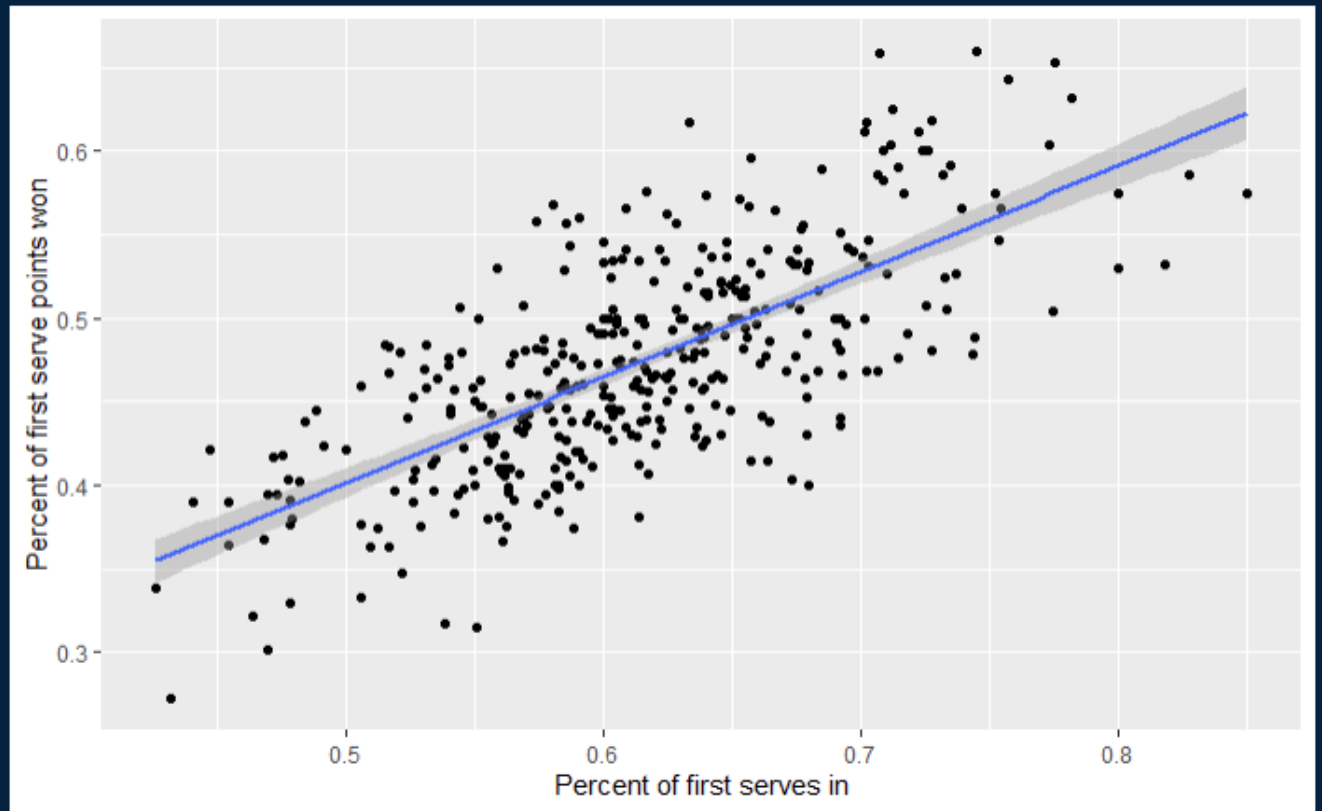


geom_smooth()

```
100 {r}  
101  
102  
103 ggplot(tennis_df, mapping = aes(x = first_played_percent, y = first_won_percent)) +  
104   labs(x = "Percent of first serves in", y = "Percent of first serve points won") +  
105   geom_point() +  
106   geom_smooth(formula = y ~ x, method = "lm")  
107  
108  
109 }
```



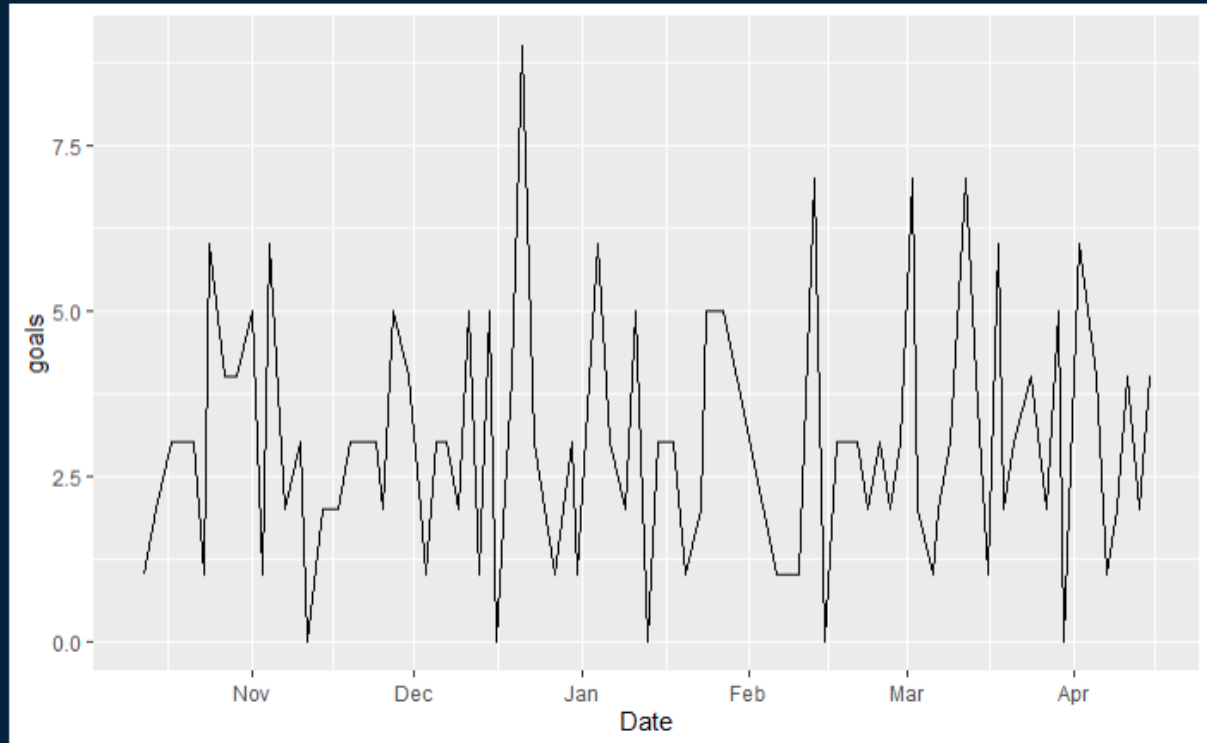
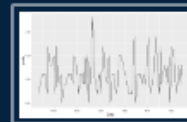
R Console



geom_line()

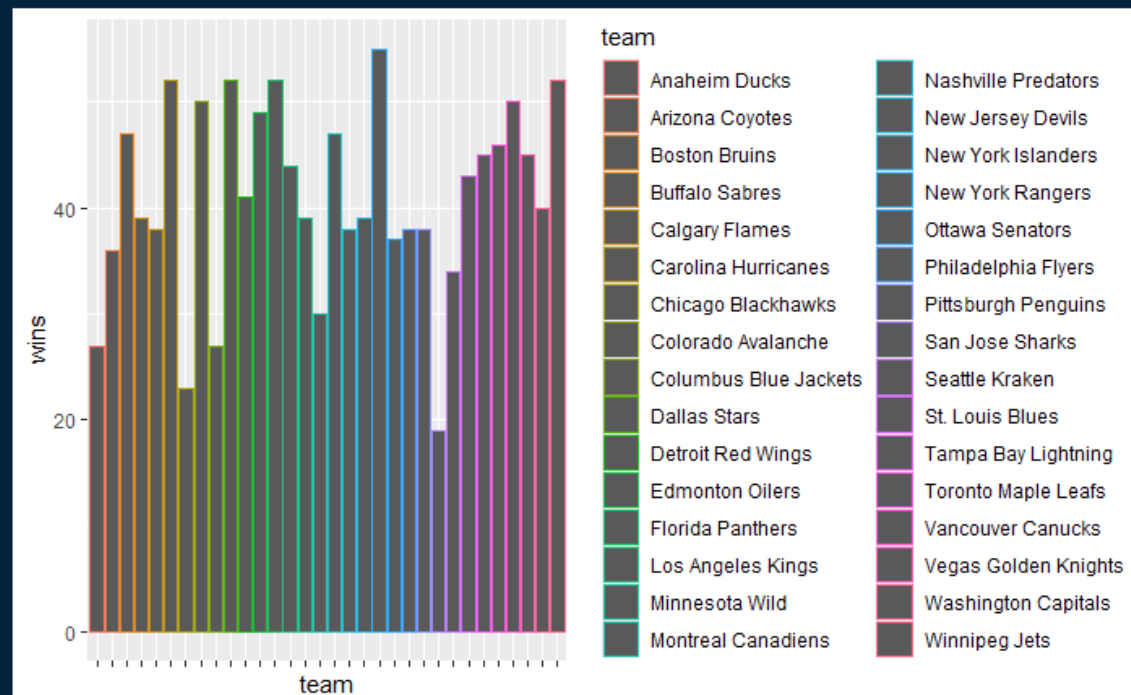
```
121  
122 {r}  
123  
124 df_nhl <- read_csv("prediction competition 2024/nhl_regular_season_23_24.csv")  
125  
126 df_sabres <- df_nhl |>  
127   filter(visitor == "Buffalo Sabres" | Home == "Buffalo Sabres") |>  
128   mutate(goals = case_when(  
129     visitor == "Buffalo Sabres" ~ `G...4`,  
130     Home == "Buffalo Sabres" ~ `G...6`  
131   )  
132  
133 ggplot(df_sabres, aes(x = Date, y = goals)) +  
134   geom_line()  
135  
136 {r}
```

R Console



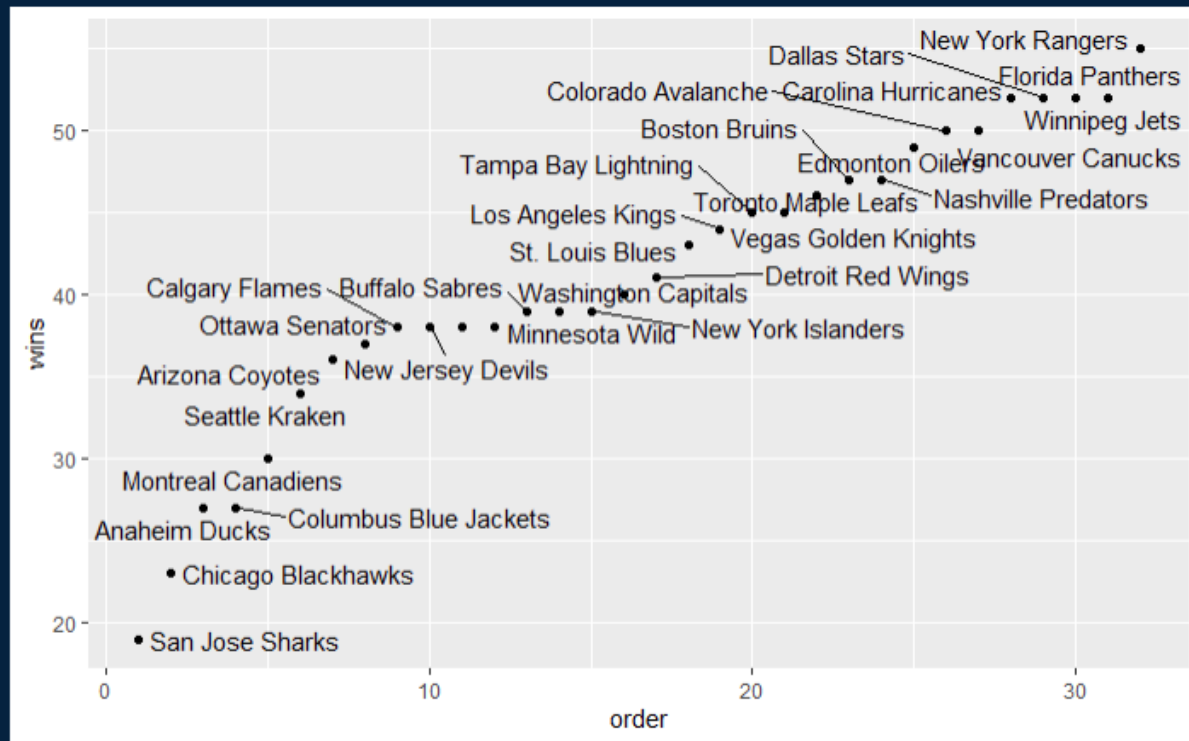
geom_bar()

```
138
139 {r}
140
141 df_wins <-
142   df_nhl |>
143   mutate(
144     team = if_else(pmax(`G...4`, `G...6`) == `G...4`, Visitor, Home)
145   ) |>
146   group_by(team) |>
147   tally(name = "wins")
148
149
150 ggplot(df_wins, aes(x = team, y = wins, color = team)) +
151   geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
152   theme(axis.text.x = element_blank())
153
154
155 {r}
```



geom_text()

```
158  
159 {r}  
160  
161 library(ggrepel)  
162  
163 df_wins <- df_wins |>  
164   mutate(  
165     order = 1:nrow(df_wins)  
166   )  
167  
168 ggplot(df_wins, aes(x = order, y = wins)) +  
169   geom_text_repel(aes(label = team), max.overlaps = 15) +  
170   geom_point()  
171  
172 }
```



Other geoms

- `geom_density()`
- `geom_area()`
- `geom_label()`
- `geom_segment()`
- etc

Scales

- Colors, axes, position, shape, size
- `scale_AES_TYPE ()`
 - Where `aes()` goes back to the mapping function at the beginning, could be color, x, y ,etc
 - Type depends on what kind of scale you want, such as discrete, continuous, etc
 - `brewer` (discrete) and `distiller` (continuous) have a variety of preset palettes
- This can get complicated and/or confusing
 - Many resources available to help

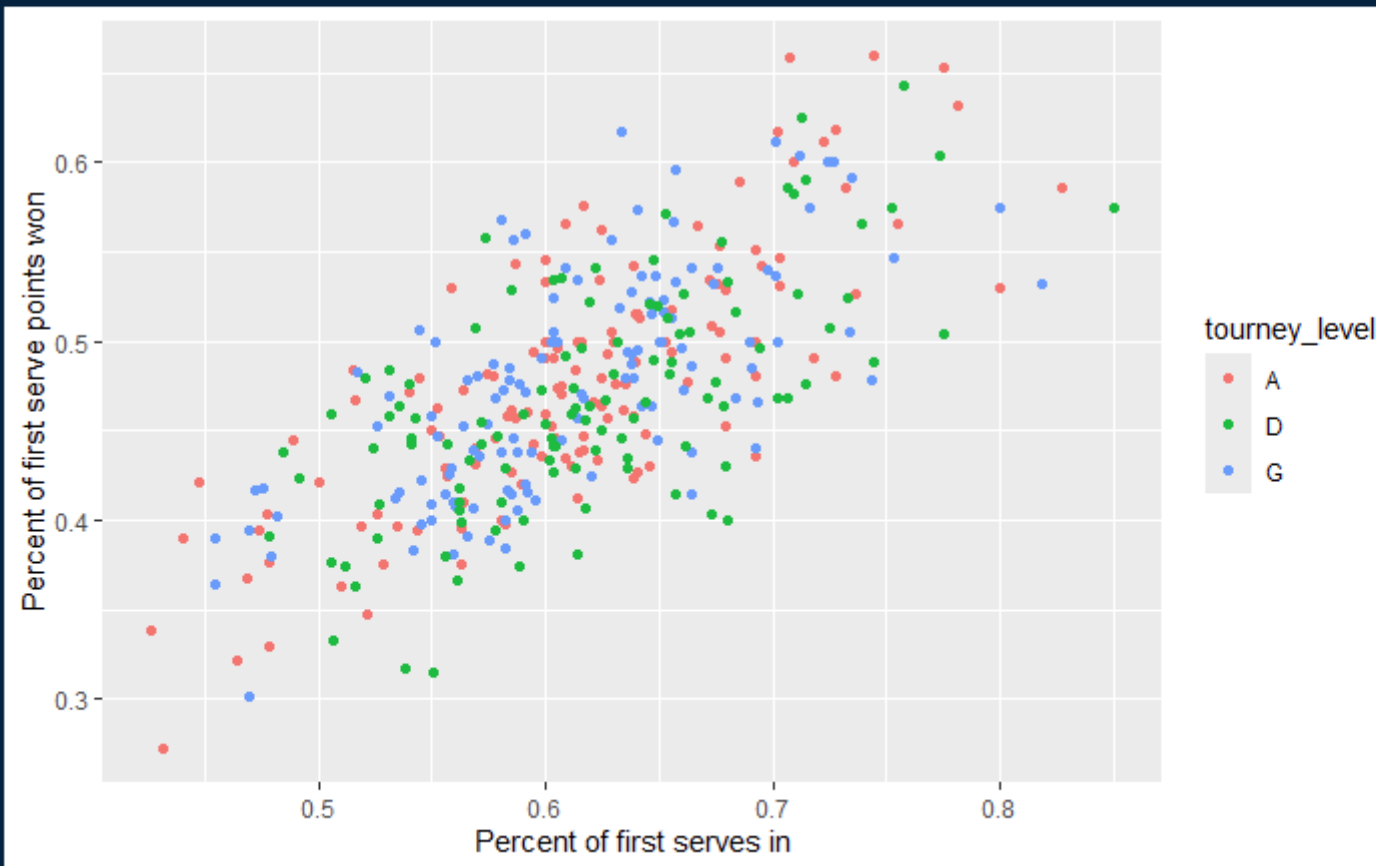
```

67 {r}
68
69 ggplot(tennis_df, mapping = aes(x = first_played_percent, y = first_won_percent, color = tourney_level)) +
70   labs(x = "Percent of first serves in", y = "Percent of first serve points won") +
71   geom_point()
72
73
74

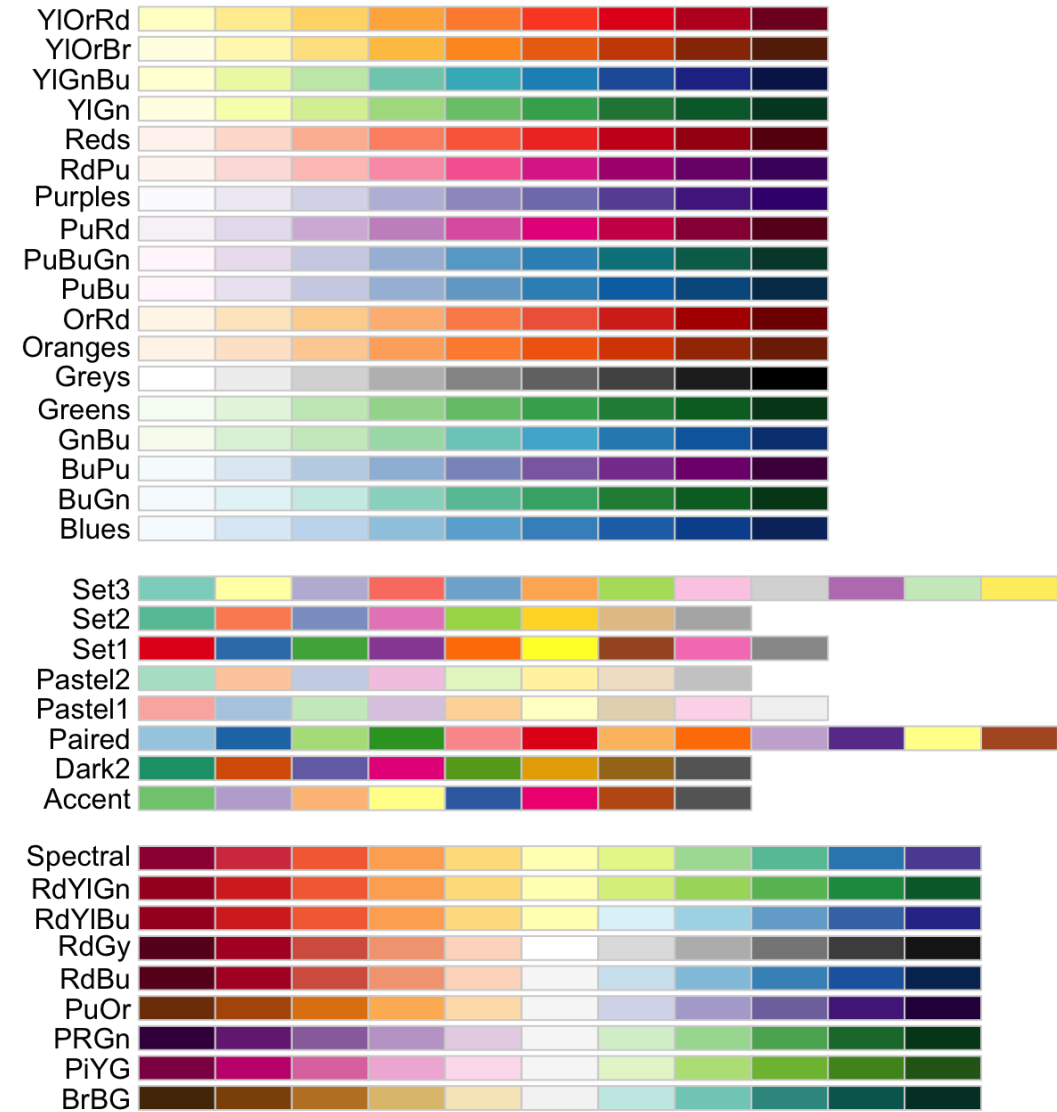
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R Console



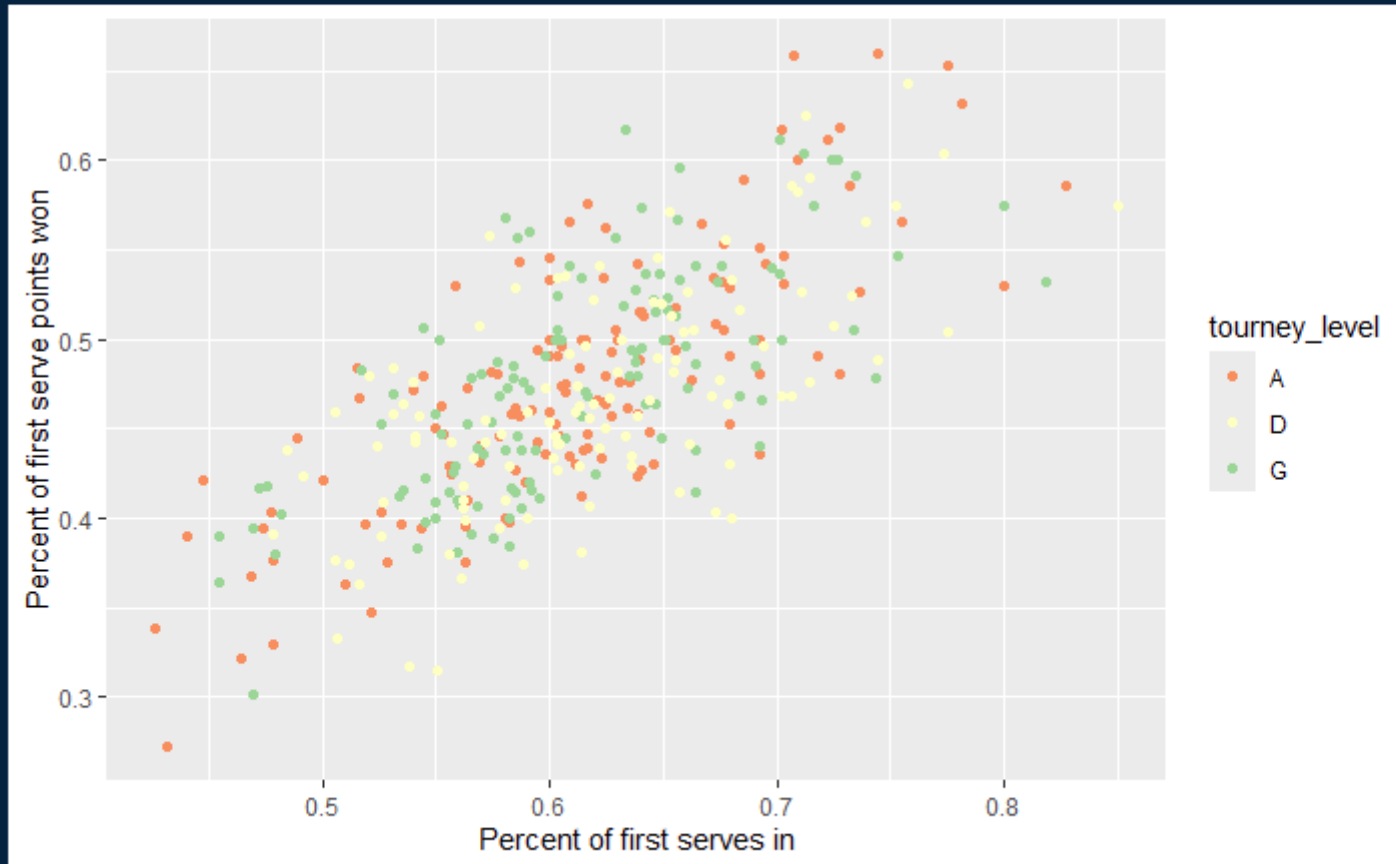
Scales: color palettes



```

75 {r}
76
77 ggplot(tennis_df, mapping = aes(x = first_played_percent, y = first_won_percent, color = tourney_level)) +
78   labs(x = "Percent of first serves in", y = "Percent of first serve points won") +
79   geom_point() +
80   scale_color_brewer(palette = "spectral")
81
82

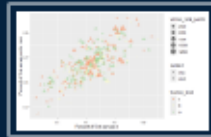
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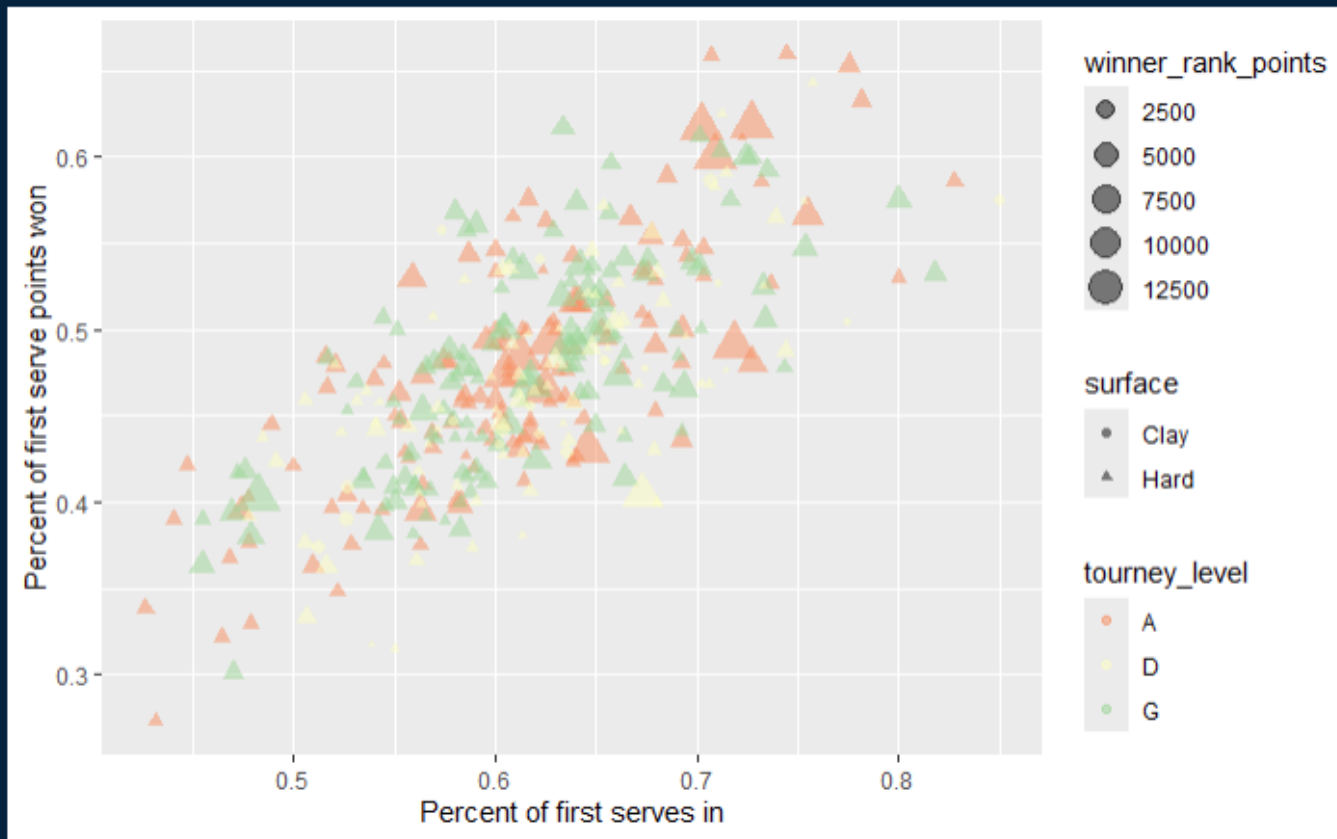
```

84
85 {r}
86
87 ggplot(tennis_df, mapping = aes(x = first_served_percent, y = first_won_percent, color = tourney_level,
88                               size = winner_rank_points, shape = surface)) +
89   labs(x = "Percent of first serves in", y = "Percent of first serve points won") +
90   geom_point(alpha = .5) +
91   scale_color_brewer(palette = "Spectral")
92
93

```



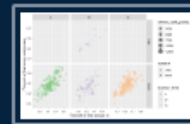
R Console



Facets

- Break plots up into multiple panels
- Facets indicated in `facet_{something}()` functions

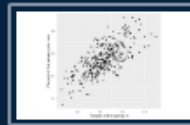
```
163  
164  
165 {r}  
166  
167 ggplot(tennis_df, mapping = aes(x = first_played_percent, y = first_won_percent, color = tourney_level,  
168                               size = winner_rank_points, shape = surface)) +  
169   labs(x = "Percent of first serves in", y = "Percent of first serve points won") +  
170   geom_point(alpha = .5) +  
171   scale_color_brewer(palette = "Accent") +  
172   facet_grid(surface ~ tourney_level)  
173  
174  
175 }
```



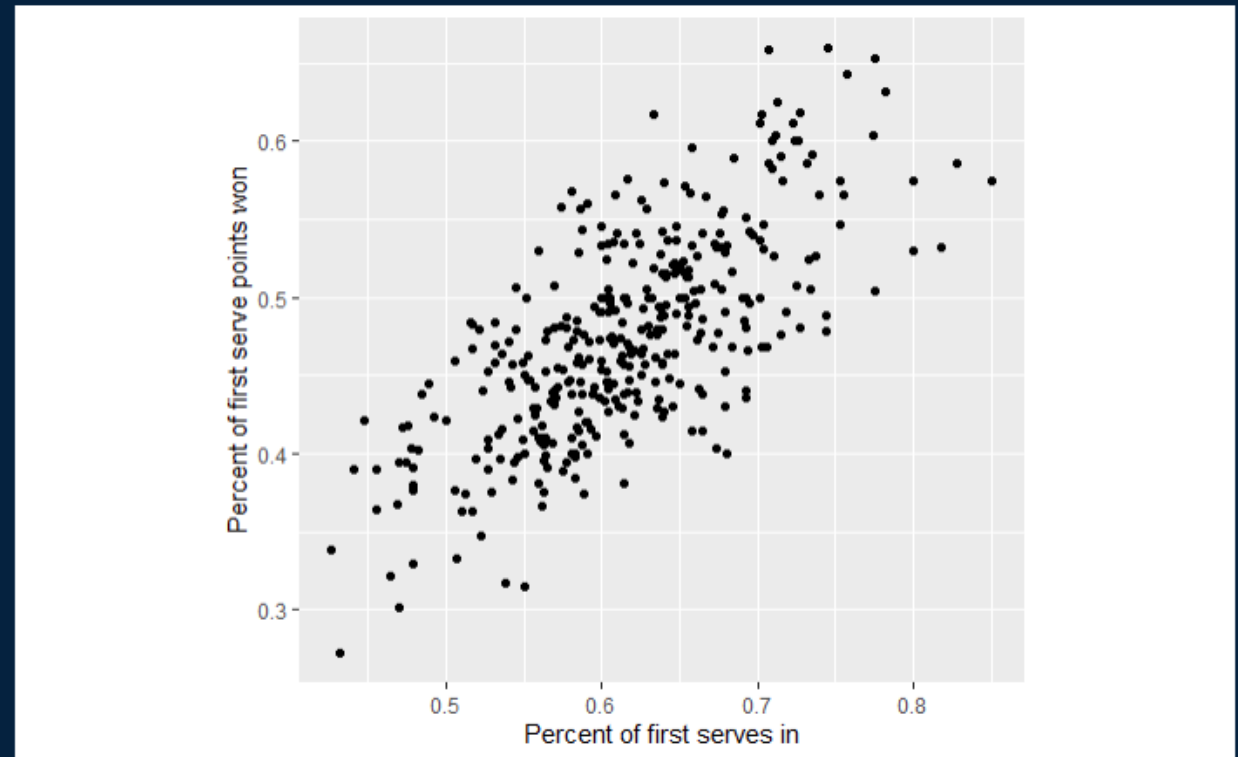
Coordinates

- Can be used for mapping, non-Cartesian coordinate systems
- Helps with some display
- In image, fixed aspect ratio

```
176  
177 {r}  
178  
179 ggplot(tennis_df, mapping = aes(x = first_played_percent, y = first_won_percent)) +  
180   labs(x = "Percent of first serves in", y = "Percent of first serve points won") +  
181   geom_point() +  
182   coord_fixed()  
183  
184
```

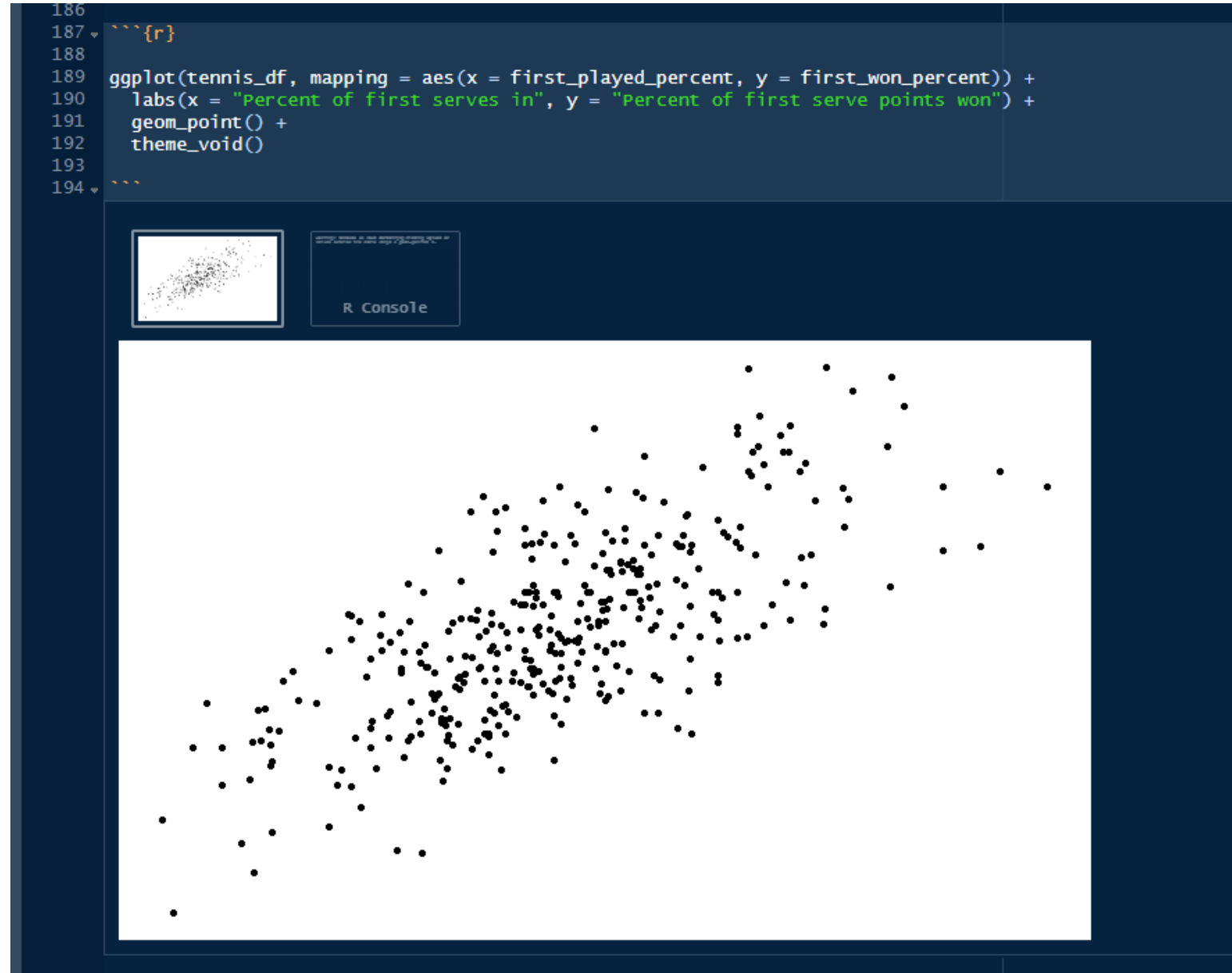


R Console



Theme

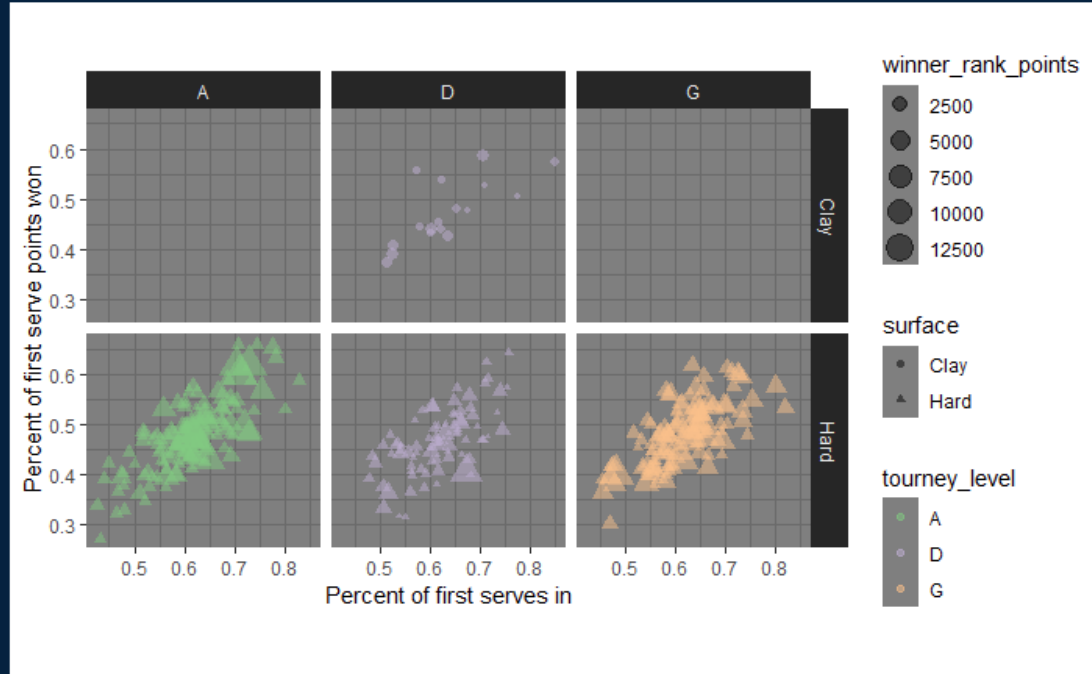
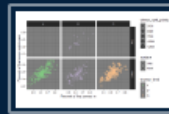
- Changes overall appearance
- Many prebuilt themes, can also create your own
- More fine control over what is displayed



Putting everything together

- Each piece builds on the previous ones, allowing for complex graphics

```
195  
196 {r}  
197  
198 ggplot(tennis_df, mapping = aes(x = first_played_percent, y = first_won_percent, color = tourney_level,  
199                               size = winner_rank_points, shape = surface)) +  
200   labs(x = "Percent of first serves in", y = "Percent of first serve points won") +  
201   geom_point(alpha = .5) +  
202   scale_color_brewer(palette = "Accent") +  
203   facet_grid(surface ~ tourney_level) +  
204   coord_fixed() +  
205   theme_dark()  
206  
207  
208 {r}
```



Saving plots

- Plots can be saved in R as objects
- `ggsave()` function will save it to the specified location in your computer

```
200
201 {r}
202
203 g <- ggplot(tennis_df, mapping = aes(x = first_played_percent, y = first_won_percent)) +
204   labs(x = "Percent of first serves in", y = "Percent of first serve points won") +
205   geom_point() +
206   theme_void()
207
208
209 ggsave("05_Workshop_3_Data_visualization/example_plot.png", g, width = 6.5, height = 5,
210       units = 'in')
211 |
212
213
```

Warning: Removed 14 rows containing missing values or values outside the scale range (``geom_point()``).

LLMs



- Chat GPT or similar models can be helpful for setting up an outline when getting started- but be careful to understand how the different pieces work if you want to be able to fully control the output
- Also can be limiting – you still need a vision for how it should turn out!

Tables

- How to report?
- In R
- LaTeX
- Word, etc



In RStudio

- Quarto
- R Notebook
- knitr and creating pdfs from R files
- Regression – stargazer
- General tables from dataframe – kable, kableExtra

Table 4:

	<i>Dependent variable:</i>			
	answer			
	Concede	Investigate	Ban	Decree
treatment	0.423*** (0.101)	0.400*** (0.102)	0.274*** (0.100)	0.461*** (0.108)
Constant	1.826*** (0.072)	1.804*** (0.071)	1.848*** (0.070)	1.848*** (0.077)
Observations	349	350	350	349
R ²	0.048	0.042	0.021	0.050
Adjusted R ²	0.045	0.039	0.018	0.048
Residual Std. Error	0.948	0.956	0.934	1.004
F Statistic	17.369***	15.329***	7.522***	18.376***

Note:

*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01



```
library(stargazer)

##
## Please cite as:

## Hlavac, Marek (2022). stargazer: Well-Formatted Regression and Summary Statistics Tables.

## R package version 5.2.3. https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=stargazer

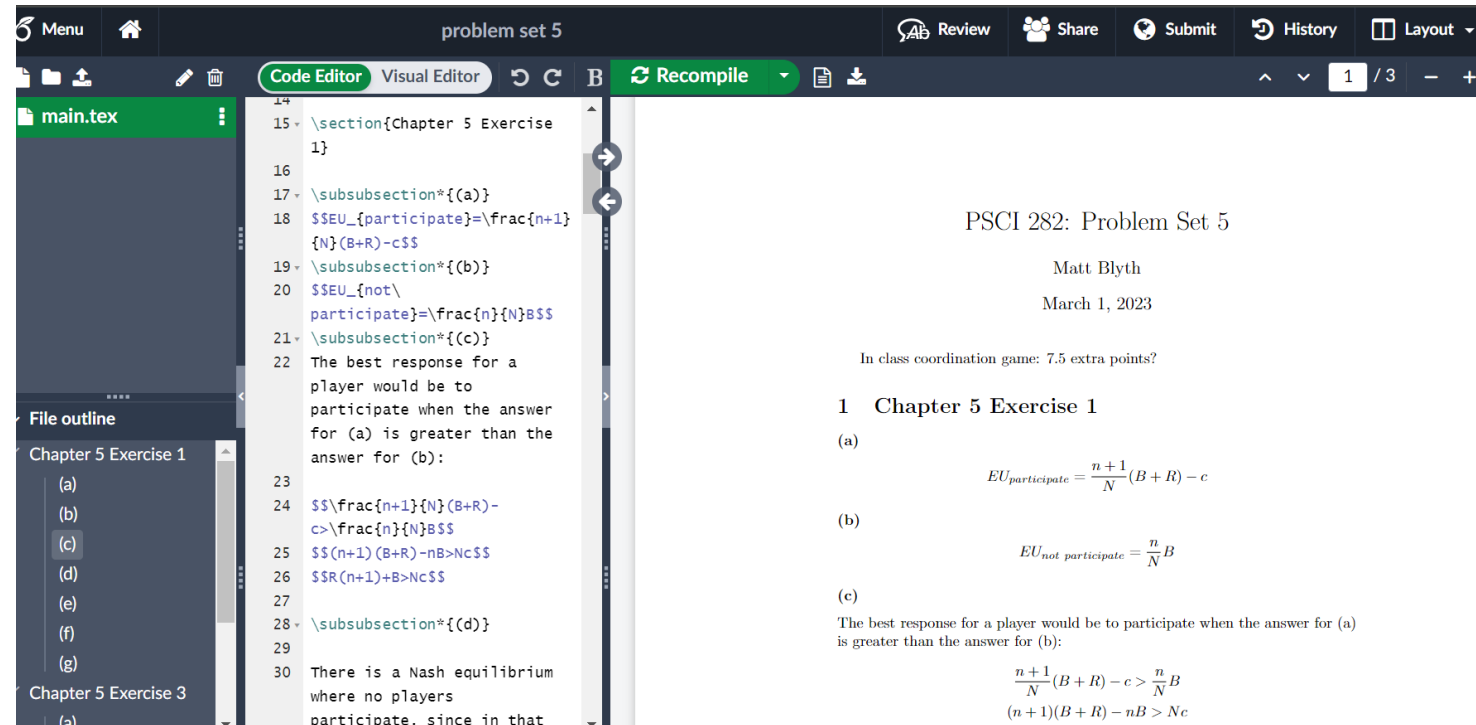
stargazer(newFL, type="text", median=T, df=F)

##
## =====
## Statistic   N      Mean    St. Dev.  Min  Median  Max
## -----
## year       6,327  1,975.535  14.642   1,945  1,976   1,999
## priorwar   6,327    0.134    0.341     0      0      1
## pcincome   6,327    3.636    4.352   0.048  2.011  53.901
## logpop     6,327    9.065    1.460   5.403  9.007  14.029
## logmtn     6,327    2.175    1.410   0.000  2.425  4.557
## noncontig  6,327    0.178    0.383     0      0      1
## oillexport 6,327    0.128    0.334     0      0      1
```

LaTeX

- Easiest to use [Overleaf](#)
 - or .Rmd, .qmd

- Well integrated with other platforms



- High quality formatting, easier to type math
- Takes some getting used to, but many resources are available

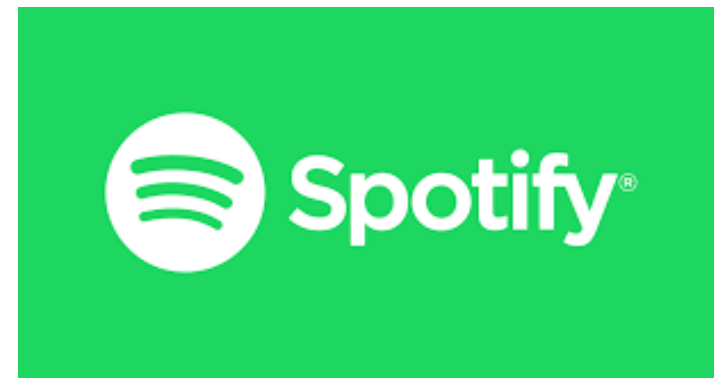
Word

- In R, save plot as an image (png, etc)
- Then add to word or other program
- Useful packages: gtsummary/gt, modelsummary

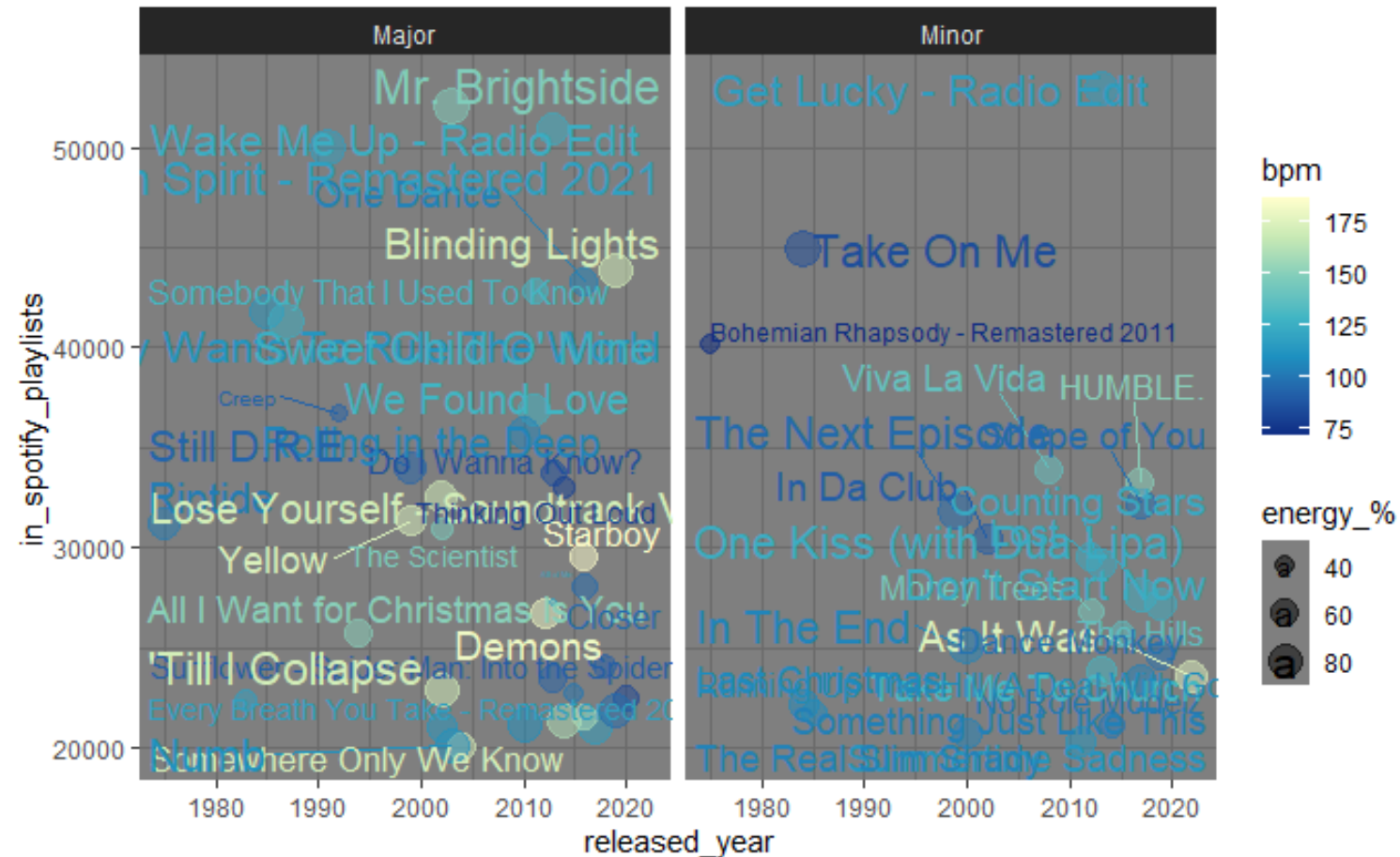
```
215  
216  
217 {r}  
218  
219 library(gtsummary)  
220 library(gt)  
221  
222 df_wins |>  
223   tbl_summary() |>  
224   as_gt() |>  
225   gtsave("example_table.png")  
226  
227 }  
  
228  
229  
230
```

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Practice: try to recreate this graph



- Download and load Spotify data
- I filtered the data to only include songs that are in 20,000 or more playlists
- Packages: tidyverse, ggrepel
- Think in terms of each piece of a ggplot that I walked through
- `facet_grid(. ~ varname)` is the syntax for one variable (comparing to the previous example in the slides)
- Try `scale_color_distiller()` and a preexisting palette
- Column names with special characters, like % signs should be typed within ``` quotes in R



Additional resources

- <https://ggplot2-book.org/> (in-depth description)
- <https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/> (package website)
- <https://exts.ggplot2.tidyverse.org/gallery/> (additional graph types)
- <https://r-graph-gallery.com/> (more graphs)
- <https://rstudio.github.io/cheatsheets/data-visualization.pdf>
(‘cheatsheet’)
- <https://rstudio.github.io/cheatsheets/html/data-visualization.html>
(another summary)
- See also links on other slides for more information about specific topics

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 - Wickham et al. (<https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/articles/ggplot2.html>)
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- Data sources:
 - NHL (<https://www.quanthockey.com/>)
 - ATP Tour (<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/gmadevs/atp-matches-dataset>)
 - Spotify (<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/abdulszz/spotify-most-streamed-songs>)
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