

# ggplot2 Graph Gallery

*Hierarchies/proportions: part-to-whole relationships*

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# Resources :



## The graphs

- **The ggplot2 book** by Hadley Wickham, Danielle Navarro, and Thomas Lin Pedersen
- **Data Visualization: A Practical Introduction** by Kieran Healy (2018)
- **R Graphics Cookbook, 2nd edition** by Winston Chang (2022)

## Graph Categories

- **Fundamentals of Data Visualization** by Claus O. Wilke (2019)
- **Data Visualisation: A Handbook for Data Driven Design** by Andy Kirk (2019)
- **Data Points** by Nathan Yau (2013)

# Graph Categories: *The 'CHRTS' Families of Chart Types*



From *"Data Visualisation: A Handbook for Data Driven Design"*, Andy Kirk (2019)

**Comparing categories and  
distributions**

**Hierarchies/proportions**

**Correlations and connections**

**Trends and intervals over time**

**Maps, overlays, and/or  
distortions**

# Graph Categories: Directory of Visualizations



From *"Fundamentals of Data Visualization"*, Claus O. Wilke (2019)

**Amounts**

**Distributions**

**Proportions**

**X-Y relationships**

**Geospatial Data**

**Uncertainty**

# Comprehensive Graph Gallery



## Comparing categories and values

- Amounts
- Distributions

## Hierarchies and proportions

- *Part-to-whole relationships*

## Trends, correlations and connections

- X-Y relationships

## Maps, overlays, and distortions

- Geospatial Data

## Statistical measures

- Uncertainty

# Data



Data come from the following packages:

- **palmerpenguins**
- **fivethirtyeight**
- **ggplot2movies**

Or created using **tribble()**

```
tribble(  
  ~`variable 1`, ~`variable 2`,  
    "a",          1,  
    "b",          2,  
    "c",          3)
```

variable 1	variable 2
<chr>	<dbl>
a	1
b	2
c	3
3 rows	

# Load data packages



```
library(palmerpenguins)  
library(fivethirtyeight)  
library(ggplot2movies)
```

# palmerpenguins



palmerpenguins package website

```
palmerpenguins::penguins -> penguins
```

species	island	bill_length_mm	bill_depth_mm	flipper_length_mm	body_mass_g	sex	year
<fct>	<fct>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<int>	<int>	<fct>	<int>
Adelie	Torgersen	39.1	18.7	181	3750	male	2007
Adelie	Torgersen	39.5	17.4	186	3800	female	2007
Adelie	Torgersen	40.3	18.0	195	3250	female	2007
Adelie	Torgersen	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2007
Adelie	Torgersen	36.7	19.3	193	3450	female	2007
Adelie	Torgersen	39.3	20.6	190	3650	male	2007
Adelie	Torgersen	38.9	17.8	181	3625	female	2007
Adelie	Torgersen	39.2	19.6	195	4675	male	2007
Adelie	Torgersen	34.1	18.1	193	3475	NA	2007
Adelie	Torgersen	42.0	20.2	190	4250	NA	2007

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# fivethirtyeight



## fivethirtyeight package website

*All datasets are listed below with descriptions*

```
datasets("fivethirtyeight")
```

### dataset

<chr>

US\_births\_1994\_2003

US\_births\_2000\_2014

ahca\_polls

airline\_safety

antiquities\_act

august\_senate\_polls

avengers

bachelorette

bad\_drivers

bechdel

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# ggplot2movies



## ggplot2movies package website

We're using `movies_data` (derived version of the `ggplot2movies::movies`)

`movies_data`

title	year	length	budget	rating	mpaa	
<chr>	<int>	<int>	<int>	<dbl>	<fct>	▶
100 Mile Rule	2002	98	1100000	5.6	R	
13 Going On 30	2004	98	37000000	6.4	PG-13	
15 Minutes	2001	120	42000000	6.1	R	
2 Fast 2 Furious	2003	107	76000000	5.1	PG-13	
2046	2004	129	12000000	7.6	R	
21 Grams	2003	124	20000000	8.0	R	
25th Hour	2002	135	15000000	7.8	R	
3000 Miles to Graceland	2001	125	62000000	5.4	R	
40 Days and 40 Nights	2002	96	17000000	5.4	R	
50 First Dates	2004	99	75000000	6.8	PG-13	

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# Hierarchies/proportions



*Part-to-whole relationships:*

# Part-to-whole relationships: *Pie charts*



*Pie-charts (`ggpubr::ggpie`) are ideal for comparing the proportions of categorical variable values.*

*"In general, pie charts work well when the goal is to emphasize **simple fractions, such as one-half, one-third, or one-quarter.**"*

*"They also work well when we have **very small datasets.**" - Claus O. Wilke, Fundamentals of Data Visualization (2019)*

# Part-to-whole relationships: *Pie charts*



```
movies_mpaa_avg_rating <- tibble::tribble(  
  ~mpaa,      ~avg,  
  "PG", 5.72621359223301,  
  "PG-13", 5.95468164794007,  
  "R", 6.04015748031496  
)  
movies_mpaa_avg_rating <- mutate(movies_mpaa_avg_rating,  
  mpaa = factor(mpaa, levels = c("PG", "PG-13", "R")))
```

mpaa <fct>	avg <dbl>
PG	5.726214
PG-13	5.954682
R	6.040157
3 rows	

# Part-to-whole relationships: *Pie charts*

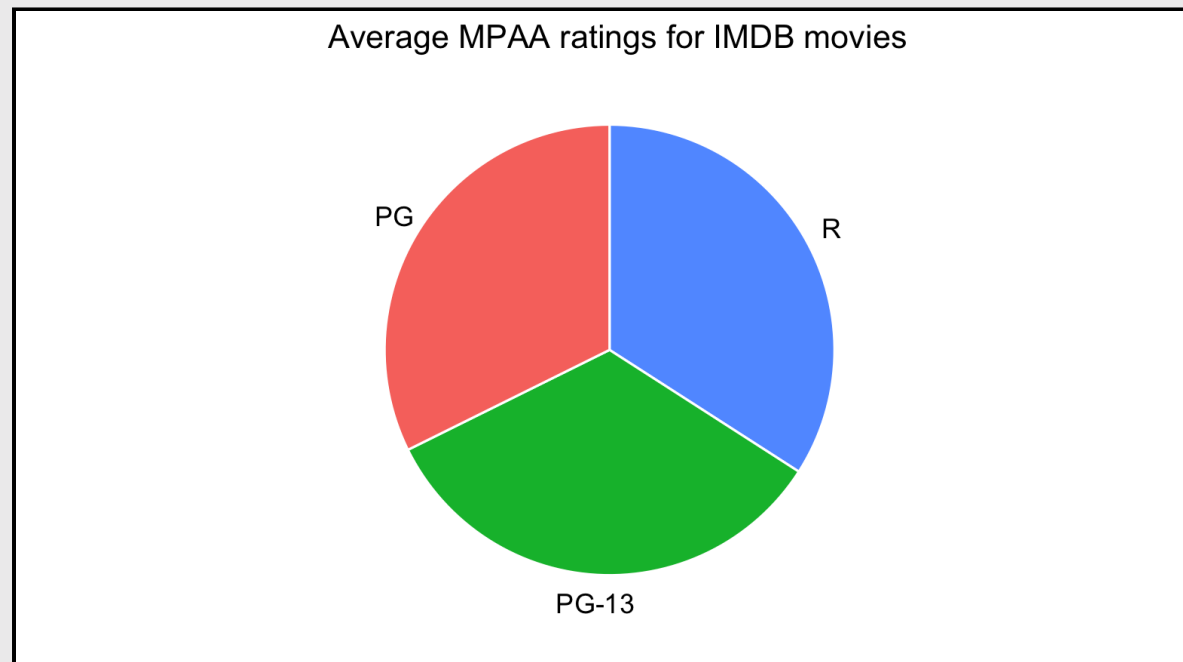


Map *avg* to the *x* axis, *mpaa* to *label* and *fill*, "white" to *color*, remove the legend and add the labels.

```
labs_pie <- labs(  
  x = "Average MPAA rating",  
  title = "Average MPAA ratings for IMDB movies")
```

Note that we do not add a geom inside the *ggpie()* function.

```
ggpubr::ggpie(data = movies_mpaa_avg_rating,  
              x = "avg",  
              label = "mpaa",  
              fill = "mpaa",  
              color = "white") +  
  # remove legend  
  theme(legend.position = "none") +  
  labs_pie
```



# Part-to-whole relationships: *Stacked-density*



*We previously used density graphs to visualize the distribution of a single variable, but stacked density graphs are great for visualizing how proportions vary across numeric (continuous) variables.*

# Part-to-whole relationships: *Stacked-density*



```
penguins <- palmerpenguins::penguins
penguins_stacked_density <- filter(penguins, !is.na(species))
```

species	island	bill_length_mm	bill_depth_mm	flipper_length_mm	body_mass_g	sex	year
<fct>	<fct>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<int>	<int>	<fct>	<int>
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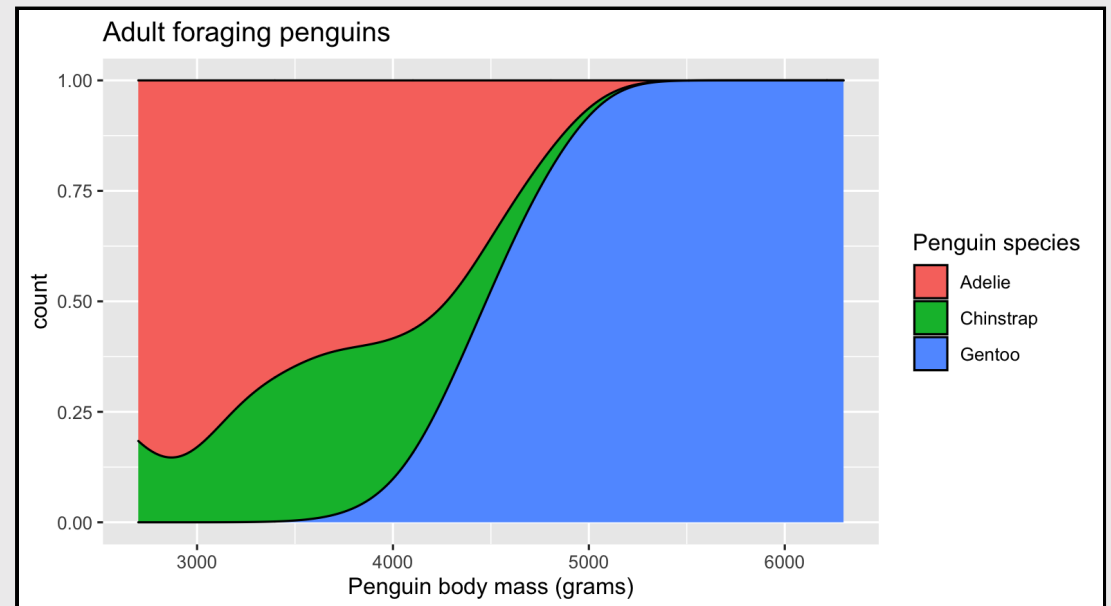
# Part-to-whole relationships: *Stacked-density*



To create a stacked-density graph, map the continuous variable to the *x* variable, and the categorical variable to both the *group* and *fill* aesthetic. We also map *y* to *..count..* to see each relative distributions across a scale of 0.00 to 1.00, and add the *adjust* and *position* arguments to the *geom\_density()*

```
labs_stacked_density <- labs(  
  x = "Penguin body mass (grams)",  
  title = "Adult foraging penguins",  
  fill = "Penguin species")
```

```
ggplot(data = penguins_stacked_density,  
  aes(x = body_mass_g,  
    y = ..count..,  
    group = species,  
    fill = species)) +  
  geom_density(adjust = 1.5,  
    position = "fill") +  
  labs_stacked_density
```



# Part-to-whole relationships: *Waffle chart*



*Waffle charts use color to display the levels that make up the values in a categorical variable. The counts for each level are divided into separate colors into a square or grid display.*

# Part-to-whole relationships: *Waffle chart*



Waffle charts require a special data transformation with `ggwaffle::waffle_iron()`. Set the `group` argument in `aes_d()` as the categorical variable you want to see the relative counts for.

```
penguins <- palmerpenguins::penguins
penguins <- mutate(penguins, species =
  as.character(species))
waffle_penguins <- waffle_iron(penguins,
  aes_d(group = species))
```

	y	x	group
	<int>	<int>	<chr>
1	1	1	Adelie
2	2	1	Adelie
3	3	1	Adelie
4	4	1	Adelie
5	5	1	Adelie
6	6	1	Adelie
7	7	1	Adelie
8	8	1	Adelie
9	1	2	Adelie
10	2	2	Adelie

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# Part-to-whole relationships: *Waffle chart*

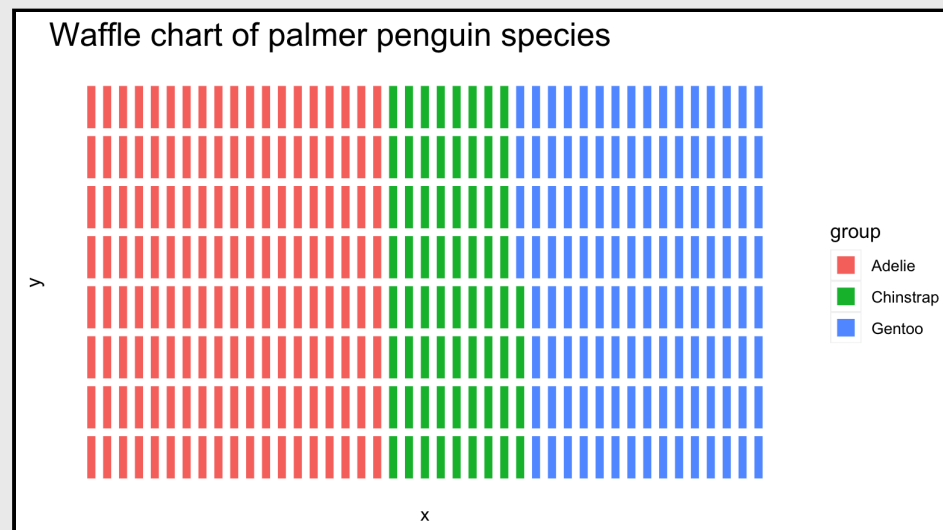


Map the *x* and *y* to the *x* and *y* axes, *group* to *fill*, and the labels

We'll also add the `ggwaffle::theme_waffle()` to our plot to remove some of the axis text and ticks.

```
labs_waffle <- labs(  
  title = "Waffle chart of palmer penguin species")
```

```
ggplot(waffle_penguins,  
  aes(x = x,  
      y = y,  
      fill = group)) +  
  geom_waffle() +  
  labs_waffle +  
  # 'flavour your waffles with a standard theme'  
  ggwaffle::theme_waffle()
```



# Part-to-whole relationships: *Mosaic plot*



*A mosaic plot is similar to a stacked bar-graph, but instead of only relying on height and color to display the relative amount for each value, mosaic plots also use width.*

# Part-to-whole relationships: *Mosaic plot*



```
flying <- fivethirtyeight::flying
# remove missing from baby
# and unruly_child
flying_mosaic <- filter(flying,
                        !is.na(baby) &
                        !is.na(unruly_child))
```

respondent_id	gender	age	height	children_under_18	household_income	
<dbl>	<chr>	<ord>	<ord>	<lgl>	<ord>	
3434278696	Male	30-44	6'3"	TRUE	NA	
3434275578	Male	30-44	5'8"	FALSE	\$100,000 - \$149,999	
3434268208	Male	30-44	5'11"	FALSE	\$0 - \$24,999	
3434250245	Male	30-44	5'7"	FALSE	\$50,000 - \$99,999	
3434245875	Male	30-44	5'9"	TRUE	\$25,000 - \$49,999	
3434235351	Male	30-44	6'2"	TRUE	NA	
3434218031	Male	30-44	6'0"	TRUE	\$0 - \$24,999	
3434172894	Male	30-44	5'6"	FALSE	\$0 - \$24,999	
3434165659	Male	30-44	6'0"	FALSE	\$50,000 - \$99,999	
3434131535	Male	18-29	6'0"	FALSE	NA	

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# Part-to-whole relationships: *Mosaic plot*

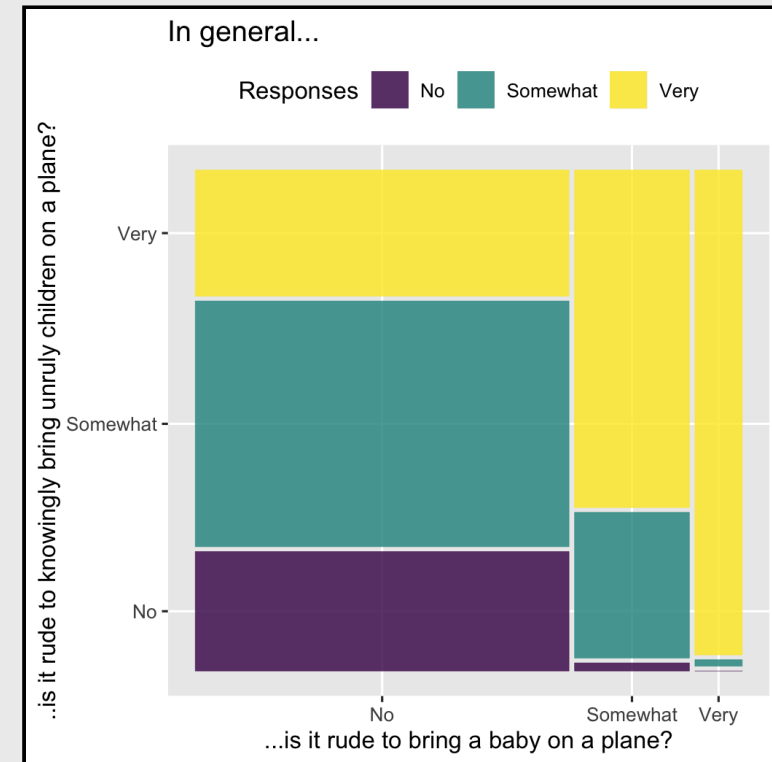


Map the `product()` of `unruly_child` and `baby` to the `x` axis, `unruly_child` to `fill`, and add the labels.

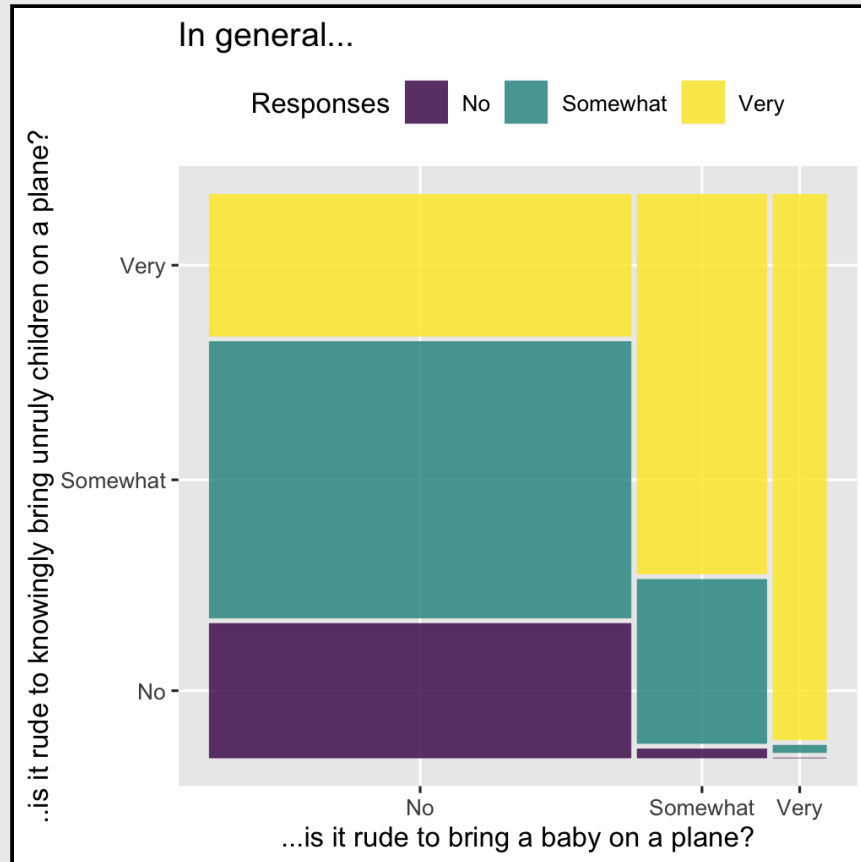
```
mosaic_labs <- labs(  
  title = "In general...",  
  x = "...is it rude to bring a baby on a plane?",  
  y = "...is it rude to knowingly bring unruly children on a plane?",  
  fill = "Responses")
```

Move the legend to the top of the graph with  
`theme(legend.position = "top")`

```
ggplot(data = flying_mosaic) +  
  geom_mosaic(  
    aes(x = product(unruly_child, baby),  
        fill = unruly_child)  
  ) +  
  mosaic_labs +  
  theme(legend.position = "top")
```



# Part-to-whole relationships: *Mosaic plot*



*As we can see, the widths of each rectangle are proportional to the responses to the **x** axis survey item*

*and the heights are proportional to the responses to the **y** axis survey item.*



# Part-to-whole relationships: *Treemaps*



*Treemaps display how numerical hierarchical values make up a whole in a rectangular layout, often referred to as 'squarified', which represents of the 100% total values. We can guild treemaps in ggplot2 with the *treemapify* package*

# Part-to-whole relationships: *Treemaps*



```
treemap_penguins <- filter(penguins, !is.na(sex))
treemap_penguins_grouped <- group_by(treemap_penguins,
                                     species, island, sex)
treemap_penguins_counts <- ungroup(
  count(treemap_penguins_grouped,
        species, island))
```

species	island	sex	n
<chr>	<fct>	<fct>	<int>
Adelie	Biscoe	female	22
Adelie	Biscoe	male	22
Adelie	Dream	female	27
Adelie	Dream	male	28
Adelie	Torgersen	female	24
Adelie	Torgersen	male	23
Chinstrap	Dream	female	34
Chinstrap	Dream	male	34
Gentoo	Biscoe	female	58
Gentoo	Biscoe	male	61

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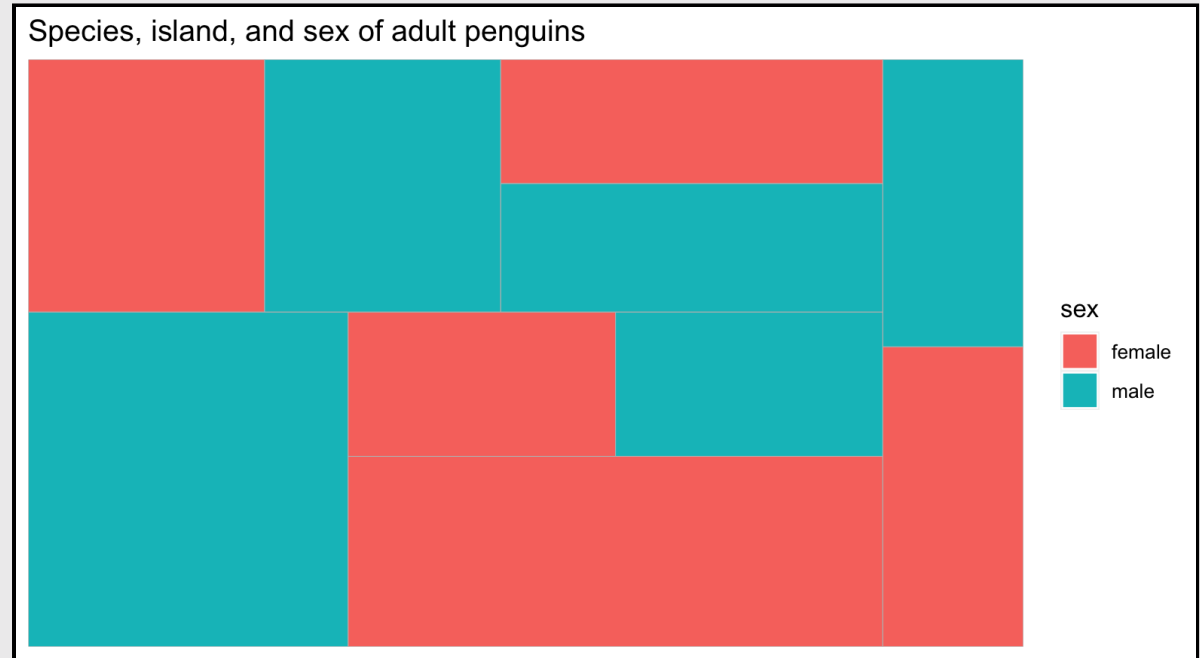
# Part-to-whole relationships: *Treemaps*



Map the *n* to *area*, *sex* to *fill*, *species* to *label*, *island* to *subgroup* and add the labels

```
labs_treemap <- labs(  
  title = "Species, island, and sex of adult penguins")
```

```
ggplot(treemap_penguins_counts,  
  aes(area = n,  
    fill = sex,  
    label = species,  
    subgroup = island)) +  
  geom_treemap() +  
  labs_treemap
```

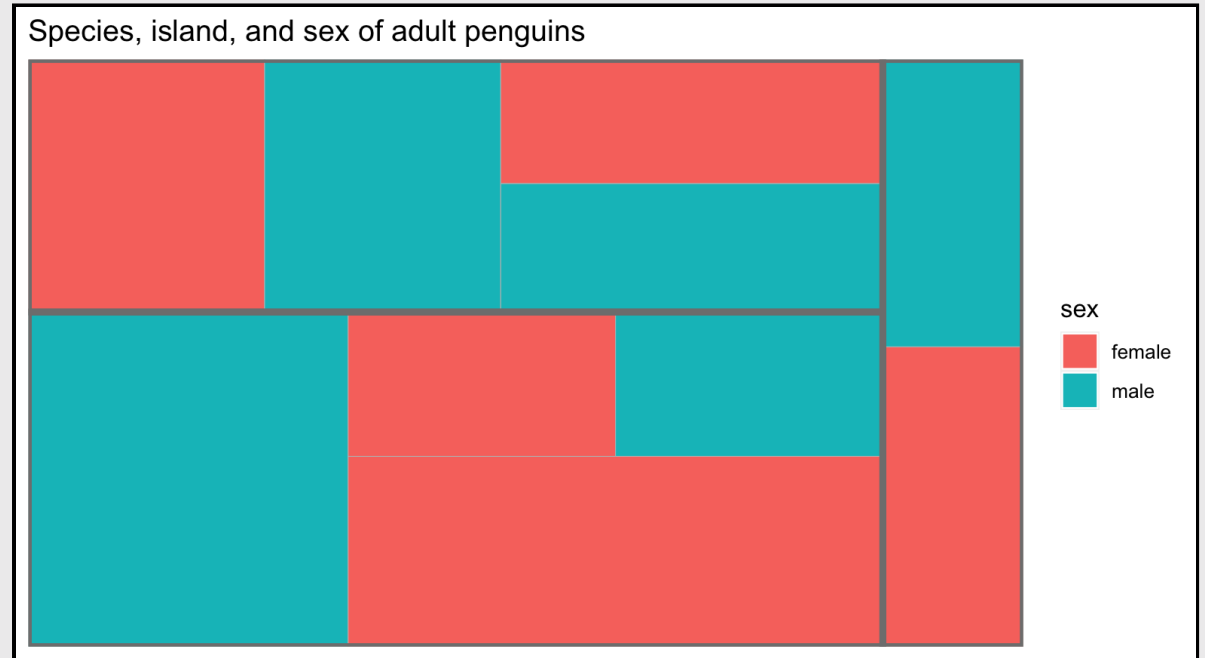


# Part-to-whole relationships: *Treemaps*



Add the borders with `geom_treemap_subgroup_border()`

```
ggplot(treemap_penguins_counts,  
  aes(area = n,  
    fill = sex,  
    label = species,  
    subgroup = island)) +  
  geom_treemap() +  
  geom_treemap_subgroup_border() +  
  labs_treemap
```

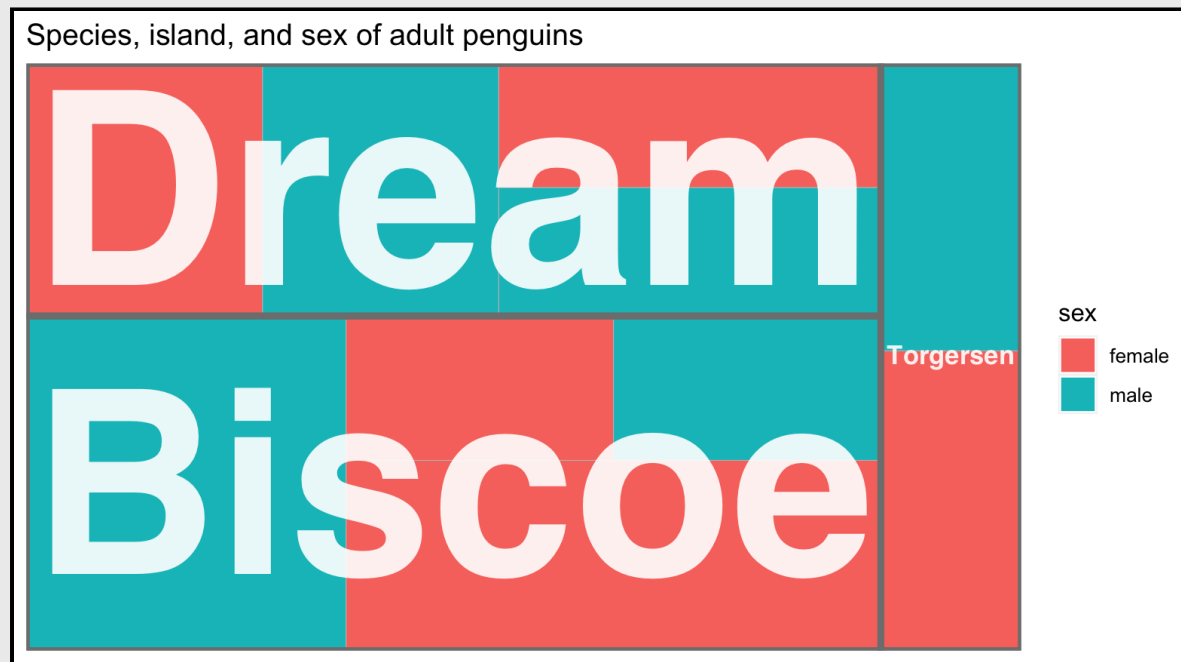


# Part-to-whole relationships: *Treemaps*



Include labels for subgroup with `geom_treemap_subgroup_text()` (see full list of arguments [here](#))

```
ggplot(treemap_penguins_counts,  
  aes(area = n,  
    fill = sex,  
    label = species,  
    subgroup = island)) +  
  geom_treemap() +  
  geom_treemap_subgroup_border() +  
  geom_treemap_subgroup_text(  
    place = "center",  
    grow = TRUE,  
    alpha = 0.9,  
    color = "white",  
    fontface = "bold",  
    family = "sans",  
    min.size = 0) +  
  labs_treemap
```



# Part-to-whole relationships: *Treemaps*



Include labels for additional subgroup with `geom_treemap_text()` (see full list of arguments [here](#))

```
ggplot(treemap_penguins_counts,  
  aes(area = n,  
    fill = sex,  
    label = species,  
    subgroup = island)) +  
  geom_treemap() +  
  geom_treemap_subgroup_border() +  
  geom_treemap_subgroup_text(  
    place = "center",  
    grow = TRUE,  
    alpha = 0.9,  
    color = "white",  
    fontface = "bold",  
    family = "sans",  
    min.size = 0) +  
  geom_treemap_text(  
    colour = "gray90",  
    place = "center",  
    alpha = 0.85,  
    family = "mono",  
    fontface = "italic",  
    reflow = TRUE) +  
  labs_treemap
```

