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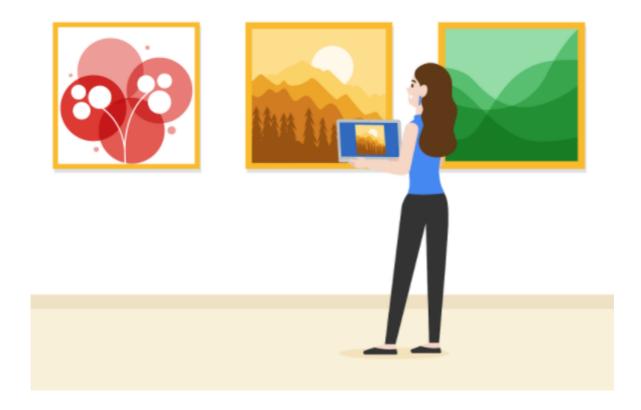
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Saving images without ggsave()

In most cases, **ggsave()** is the simplest way to save your plot. But there are situations when it might be best to save your plot by writing it directly to a graphics device. This reading will cover some of the different ways you can save images and plots without ggsave(), and includes additional resources to check out if you want to learn more.

A graphics device allows a plot to appear on your computer. Examples include:

- A window on your computer (screen device)

- A PDF, PNG, or JPEG file (file device)

- An SVG, or scalable vector graphics file (file device)

When you make a plot in R, it has to be "sent" to a specific graphics device. To save images without using ggsave(), you can open an R graphics device like **png()** or **pdf()**; these will allow you to save your plot as a .png or .pdf file. You can also choose to print the plot and then close the device using