

# Introduction to the Grammar of Graphics with R


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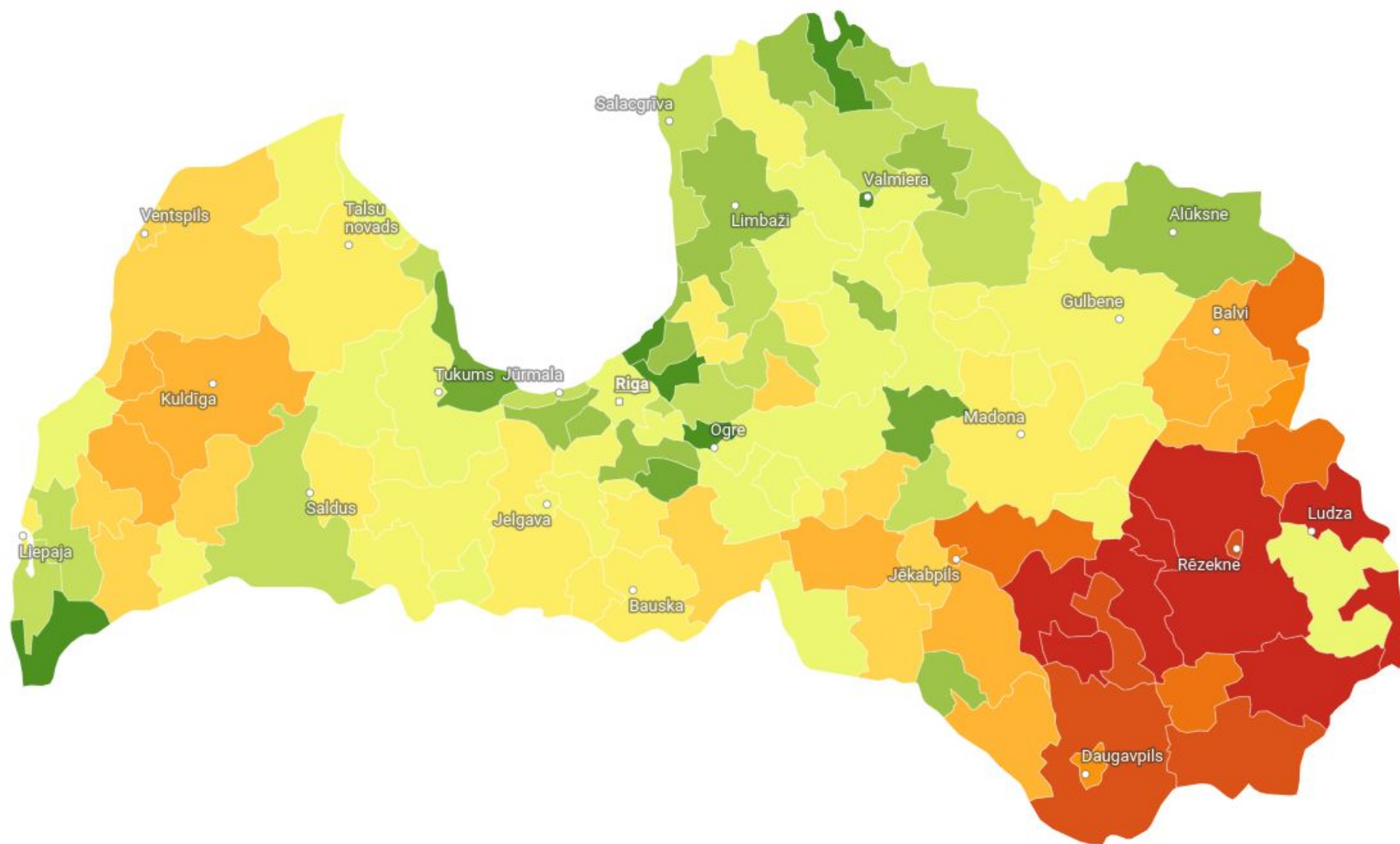
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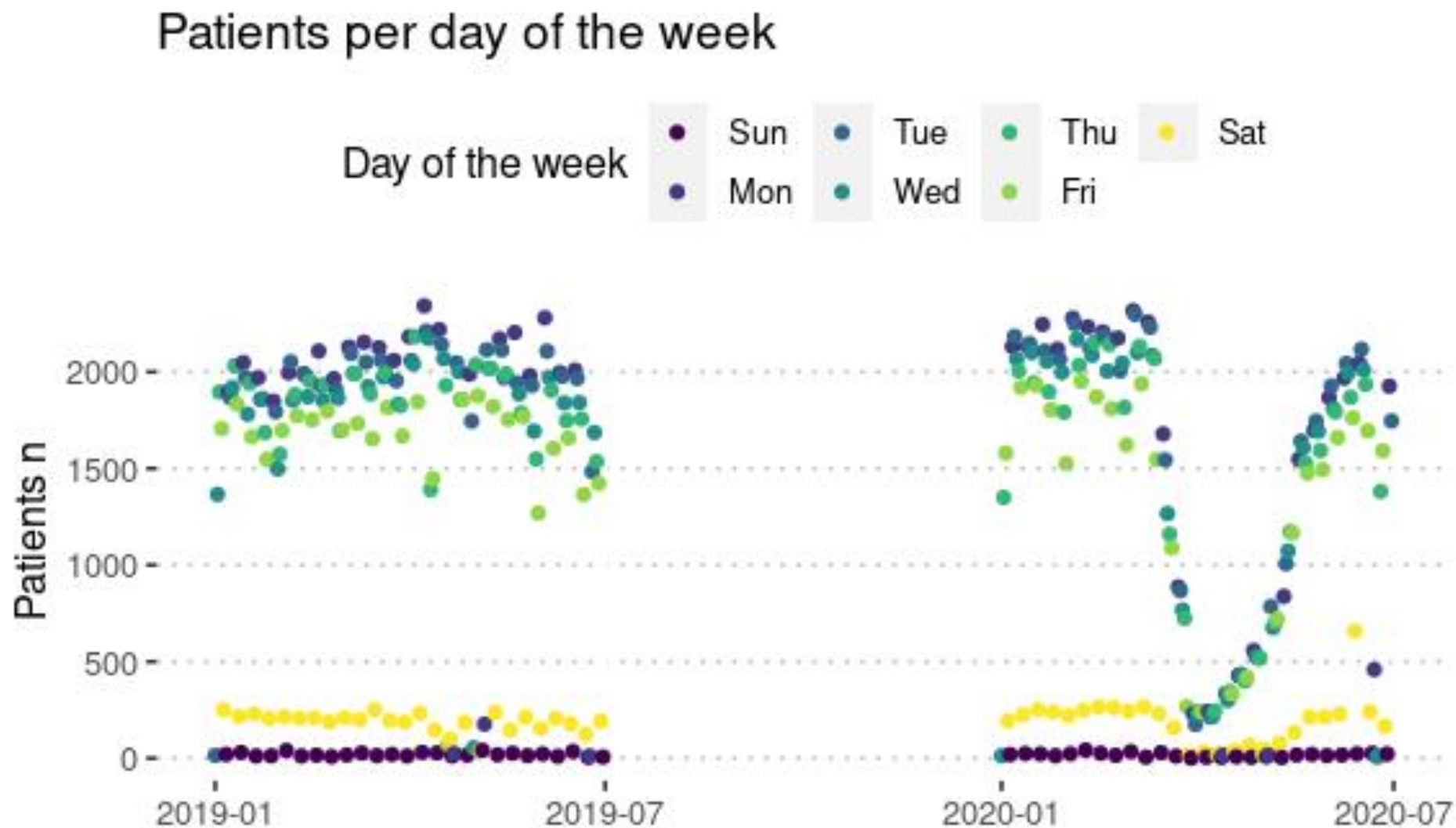
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Pret Covid-19 vakcinēto iedzīvotāju īpatsvars Latvijas novados (dalījumā pirms administratīvi teritoriālās reformas) 01.10.2021.



# Impact of COVID19 on the provision of dental care in the national health service in Latvia



# Why to create plots?



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Set A		Set B		Set C		Set D	
X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y
10	8.04	10	9.14	10	7.46	8	6.58
8	6.95	8	8.14	8	6.77	8	5.76
13	7.58	13	8.74	13	12.74	8	7.71
9	8.81	9	8.77	9	7.11	8	8.84
11	8.33	11	9.26	11	7.81	8	8.47
14	9.96	14	8.1	14	8.84	8	7.04
6	7.24	6	6.13	6	6.08	8	5.25
4	4.26	4	3.1	4	5.39	19	12.5
12	10.84	12	9.11	12	8.15	8	5.56
7	4.82	7	7.26	7	6.42	8	7.91
5	5.68	5	4.74	5	5.73	8	6.89

### Summary Statistics

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_X &= 9.0 & \sigma_X &= 3.317 \\ \mu_Y &= 7.5 & \sigma_Y &= 2.03 \end{aligned}$$

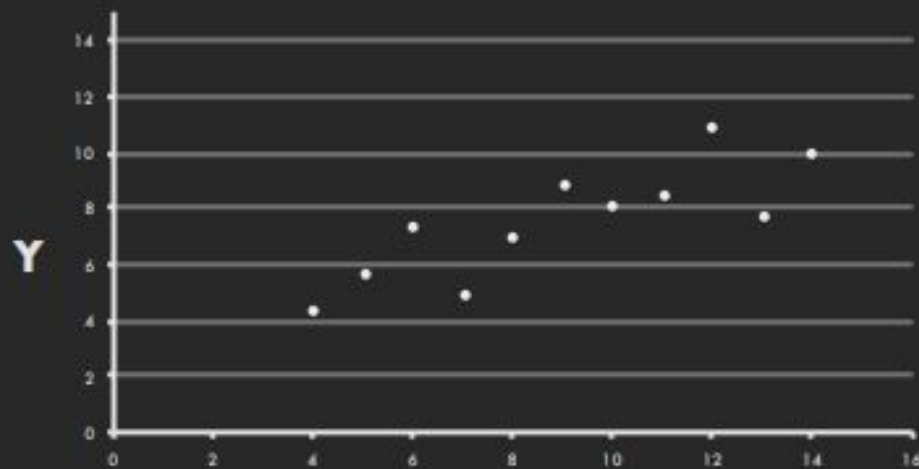
### Linear Regression

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= 3 + 0.5 X \\ R^2 &= 0.67 \end{aligned}$$

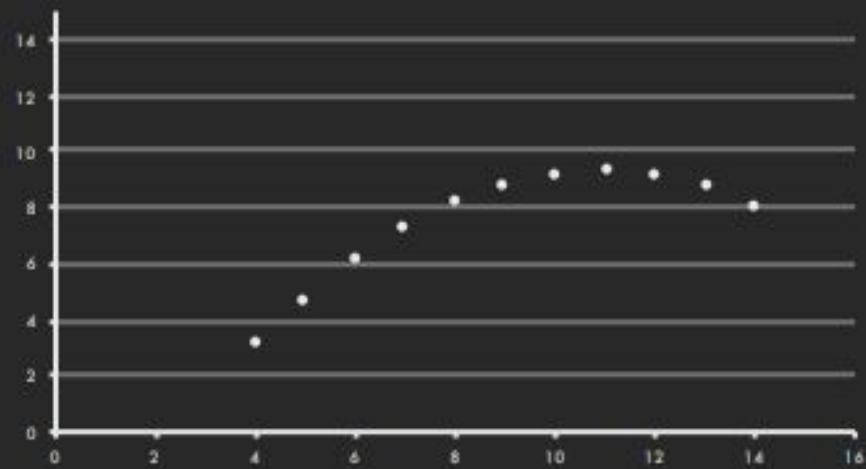
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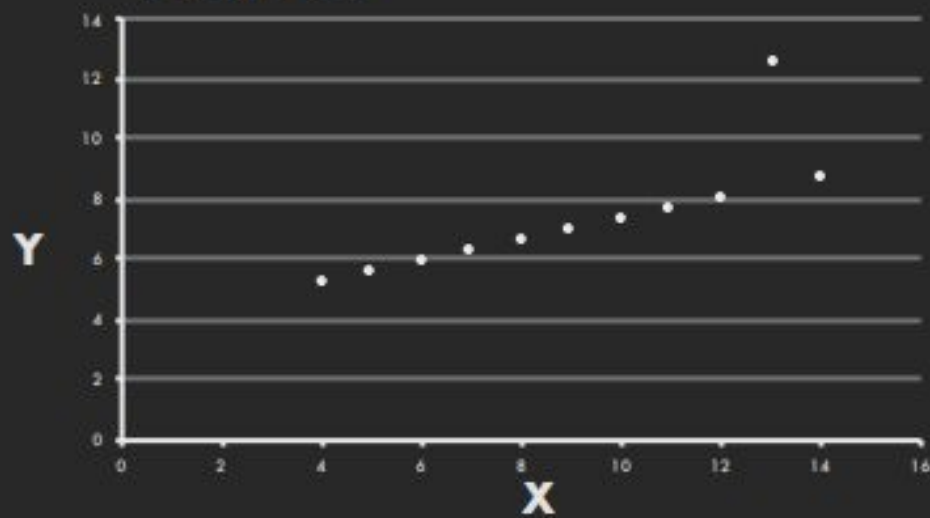
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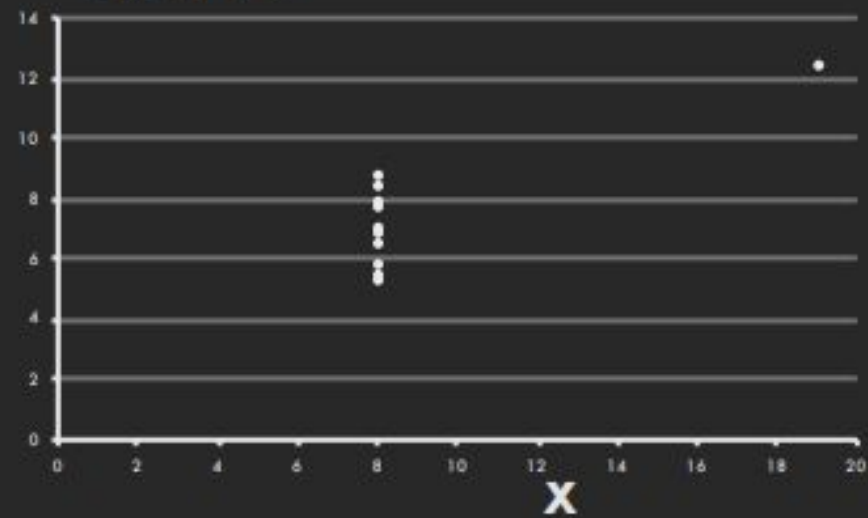
### Set B



### Set C



### Set D





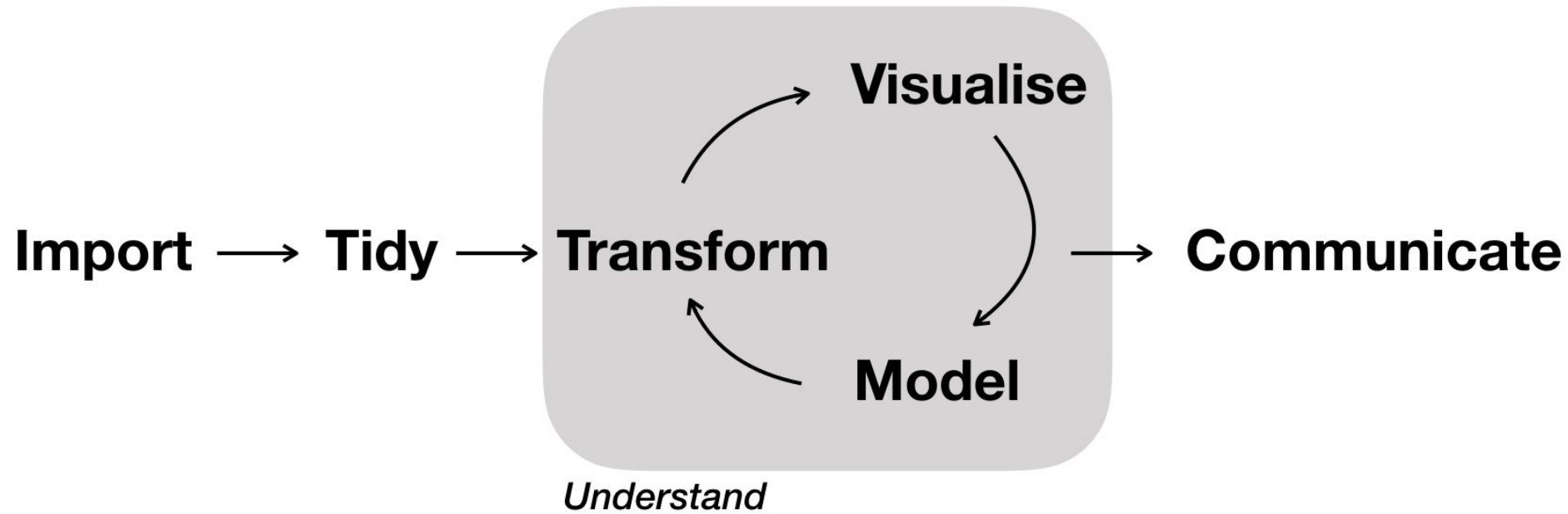
## Two rules to create good visualizations


Do you have a **clear** question?



Do you **know** your data?

# Data Science Workflow



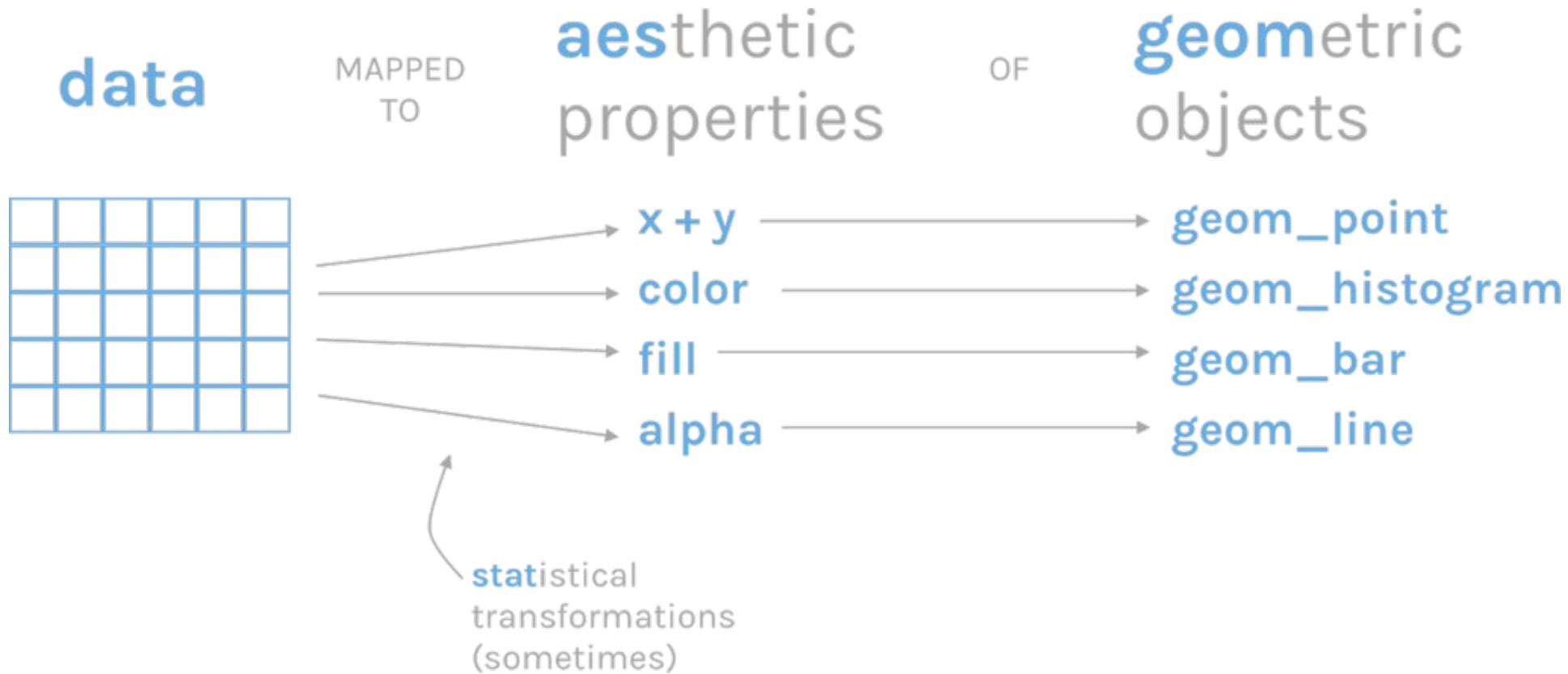
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# Graphic systems available for R

Base  
Lattice  
ggplot2



# The grammar of graphics of plots: ggplot

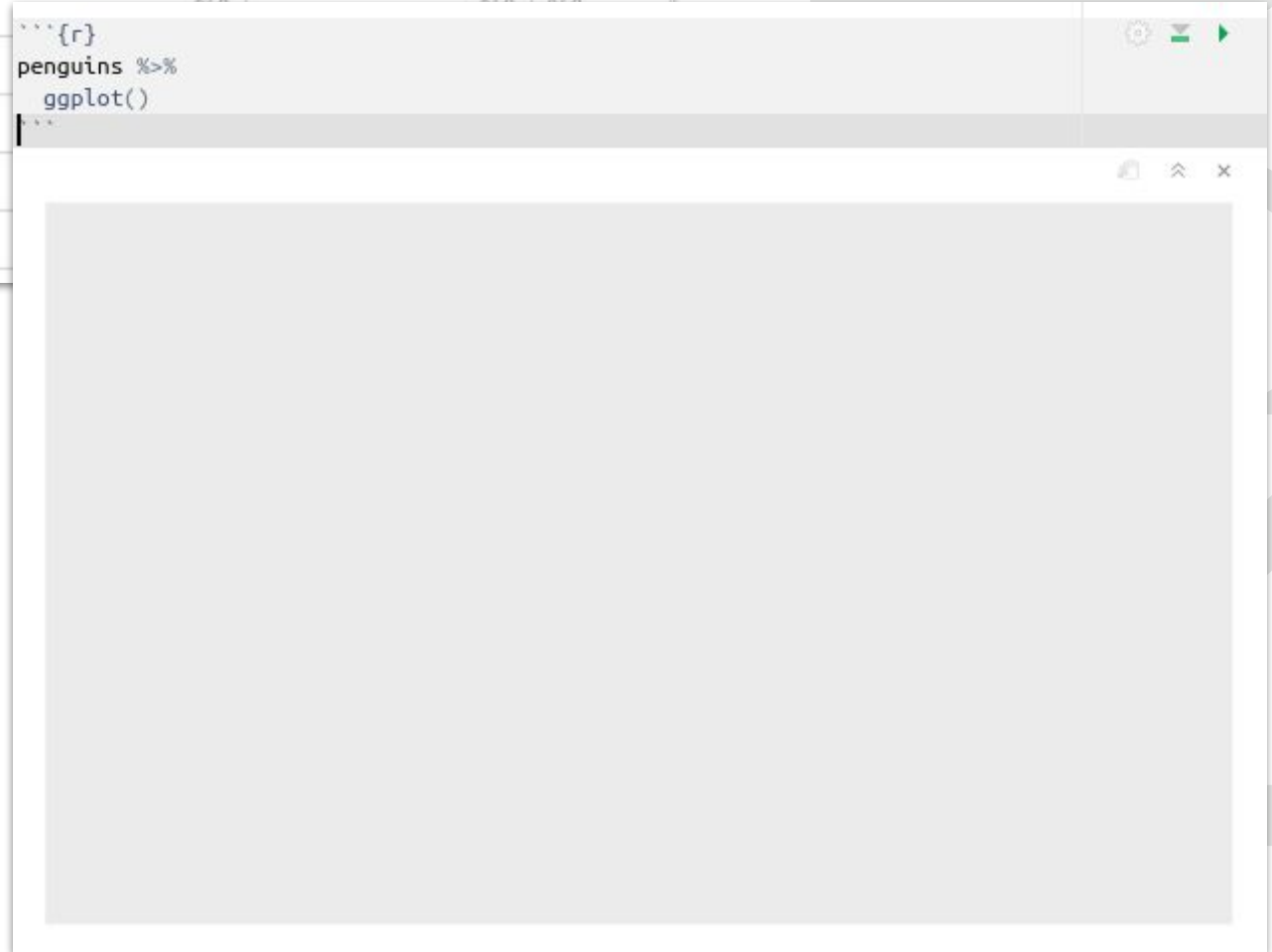


# The grammar of graphics of plots: ggplot

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2. Map some aesthetics
3. A geometry of the mapping

bill_depth_mm	flipper_length_mm	body_mass_g	sex
18.7	181	3750	male
17.4	186	3800	female
18.0	195	3250	female
NA			
19.3			
20.6			
17.8			
19.6			

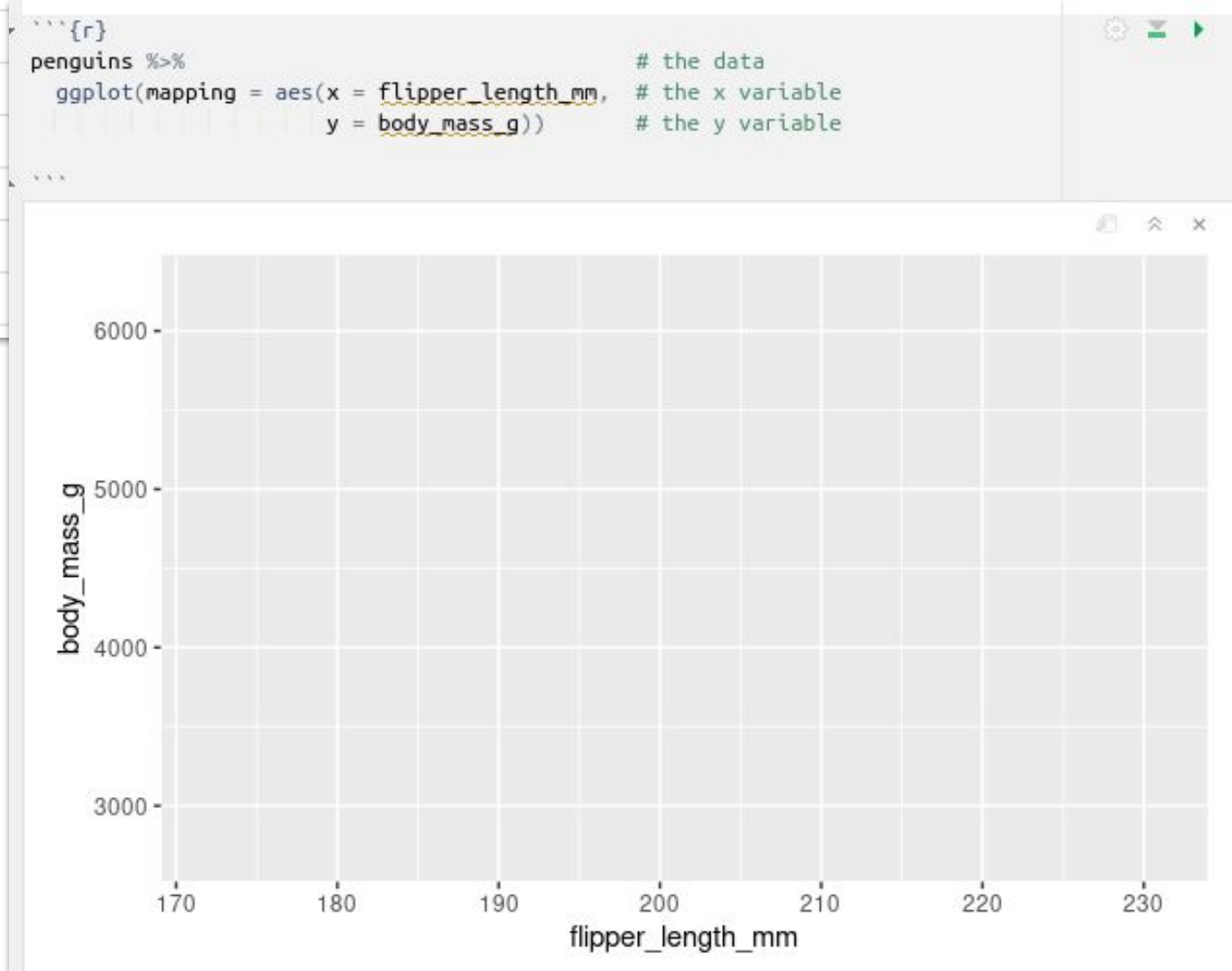


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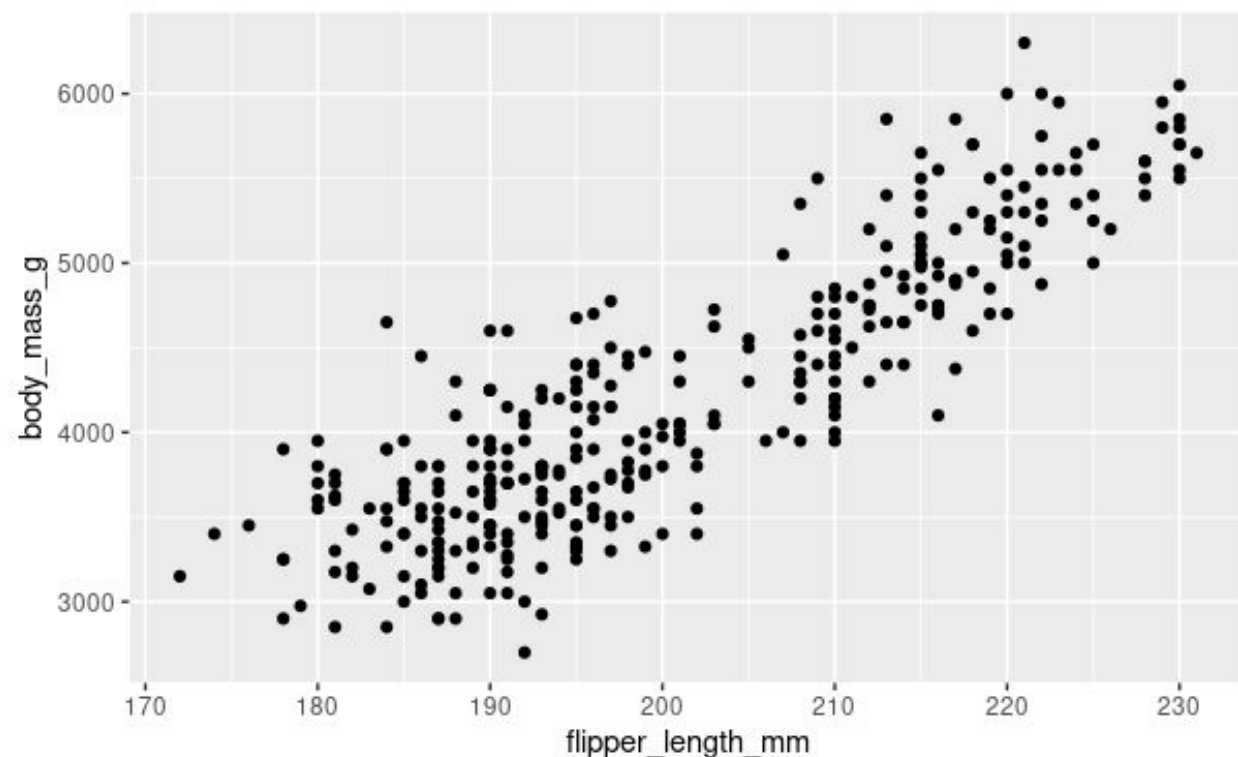
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```
{r}  
penguins %>%  
  ggplot(mapping = aes(x = flipper_length_mm, # the data  
                        y = body_mass_g)) + # the x variable  
  geom_point() # the y variable  
# the geometry of the mapping
```

⚠ Removed 2 rows containing missing values (geom\_point).



## Let's start! Useful shortcuts



Insert chunk of code:  
Insert pipe operator:  
Attempt completion:

Ctrl+Alt+I  
Ctrl+Shift+M  
Tab



Cmd+Option+I  
Cmd+Shift+M  
Tab

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# Essential data manipulations

Data > then  
make some transformation  
plot the result

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# Essential data manipulations 1

Data %>%

make some transformation

filter(...) %>%

select(...) %>%

mutate(...) %>%

arrange(...) %>%

summarise (...) %>%

plot the result

Read <https://r4ds.had.co.nz/transform.html>

## Essential data manipulations 2: reshaping the dataset

country	year	metric
x	1960	10
x	1970	13
x	2010	15
y	1960	20
y	1970	23
y	2010	25
z	1960	30
z	1970	33
z	2010	35

```
pivot_wider(names_from = "year",  
            names_prefix = "yr",  
            values_from = "metric")
```

country	yr1960	yr1970	yr2010
x	10	13	15
y	20	23	25
z	30	33	35

```
pivot_longer(cols = yr1960:yr2010,  
             names_to = "year",  
             names_prefix = "yr",  
             values_to = "metric")
```

read <https://r4ds.had.co.nz/tidy-data.html#pivoting>

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from Data to Viz

*From Data to Viz leads you to the most appropriate graph for your data. It links to the code to build it and lists common caveats you should avoid.*

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Which graph?

<https://www.data-to-viz.com/>

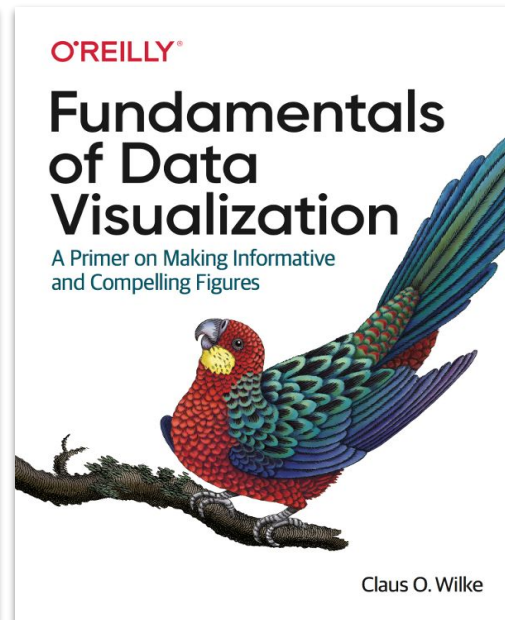
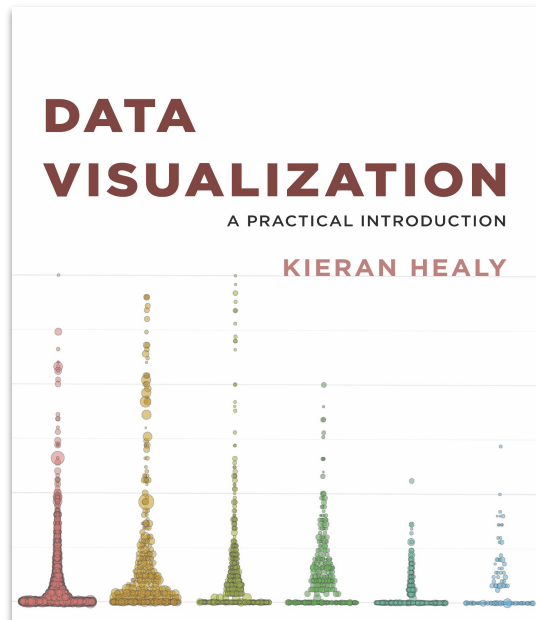
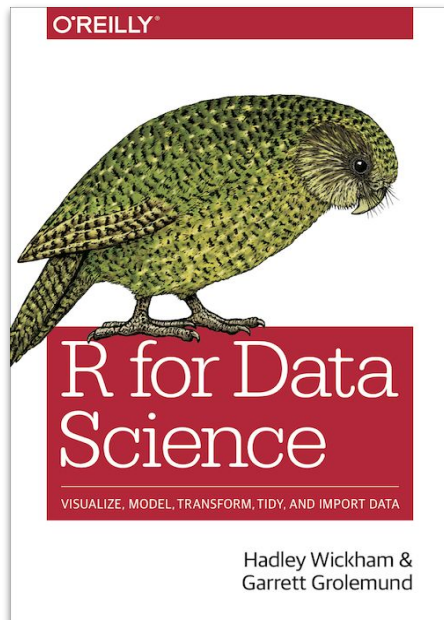
How to?

<https://r-graph-gallery.com/>

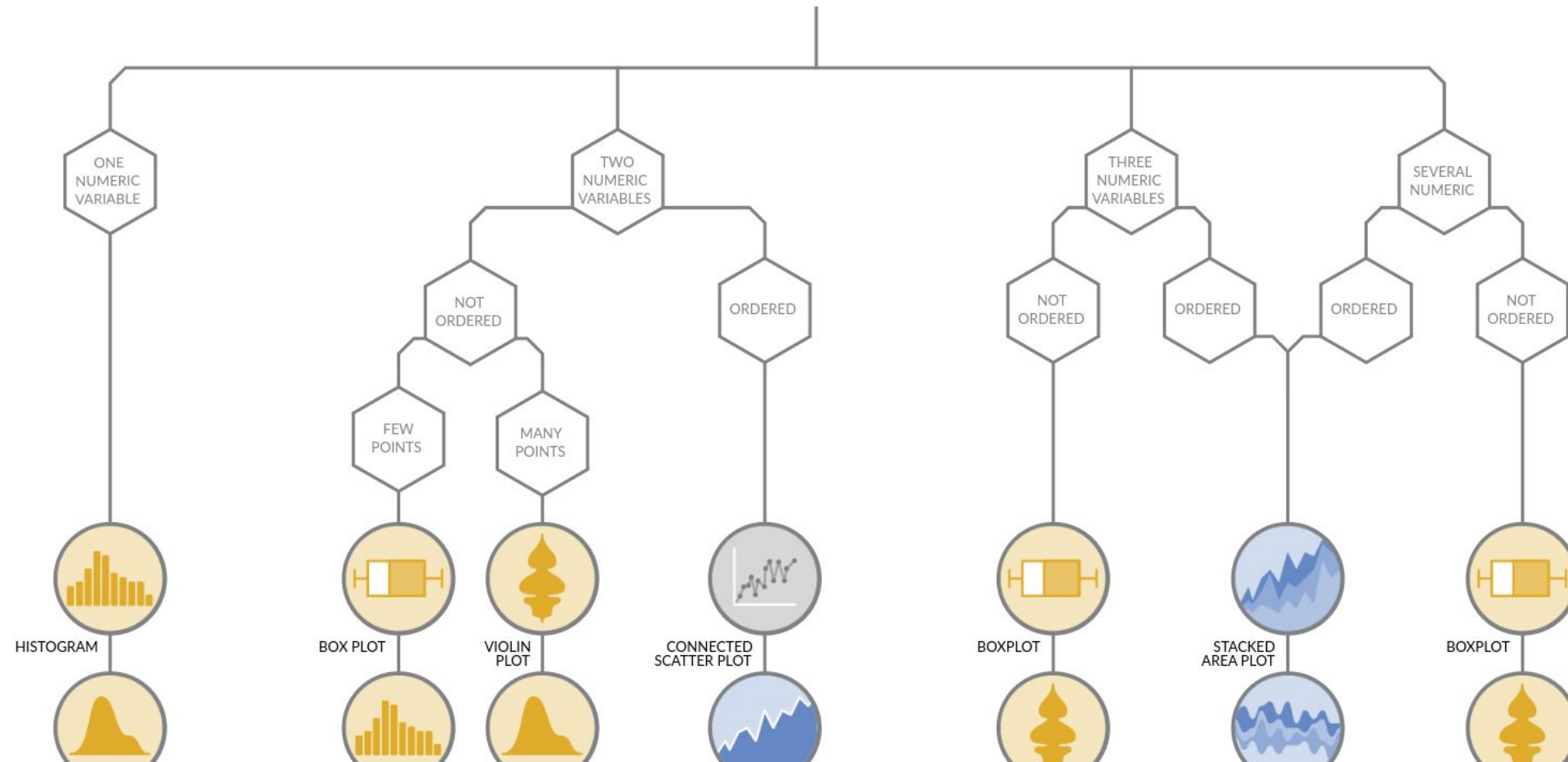
Some inspiration

<https://github.com/rfordatascience/tidytuesday>

## Books



What kind of data do you have? Pick the main type using the buttons below. Then let the decision tree guide you toward your graphic possibilities.

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# The R Graph Gallery



Welcome the R graph gallery, a collection of charts made with the [R programming language](#). Hundreds of charts are displayed in several sections, always with their reproducible code available. The gallery makes a focus on the tidyverse and [ggplot2](#). Feel free to suggest a chart or report a bug; any feedback is highly welcome. Stay in touch with the gallery by following it on [Twitter](#) or [Github](#). If you're new to R, consider following this [course](#).

## Distribution



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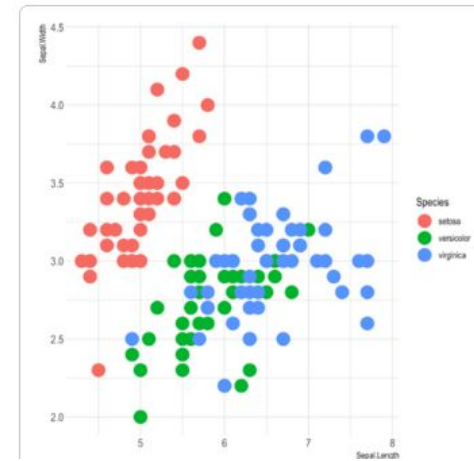
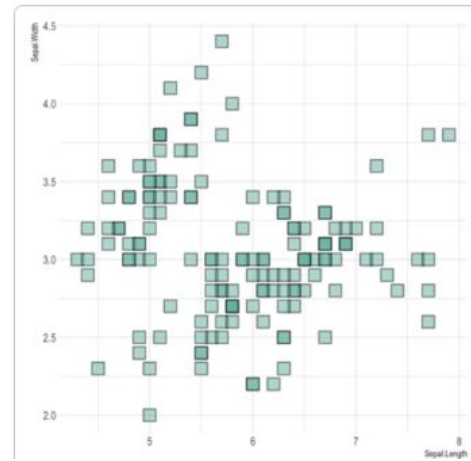
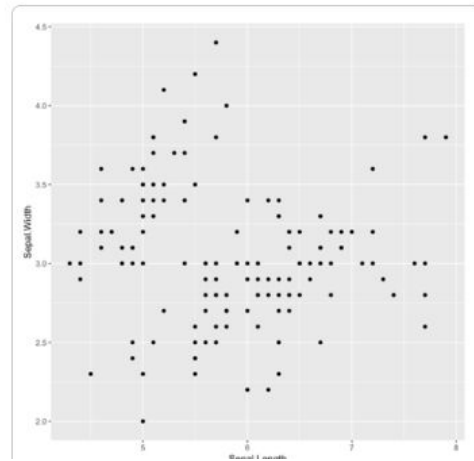
# Scatterplot



A **Scatterplot** displays the relationship between 2 numeric variables. Each dot represents an observation. Their position on the X (horizontal) and Y (vertical) axis represents the values of the 2 variables. Using **ggplot2**, scatterplots are built thanks to the **geom\_point** geom. If you're not familiar with ggplot2 at all, try [this course](#) as an introduction.

## USING THE **GGPLOT2** PACKAGE

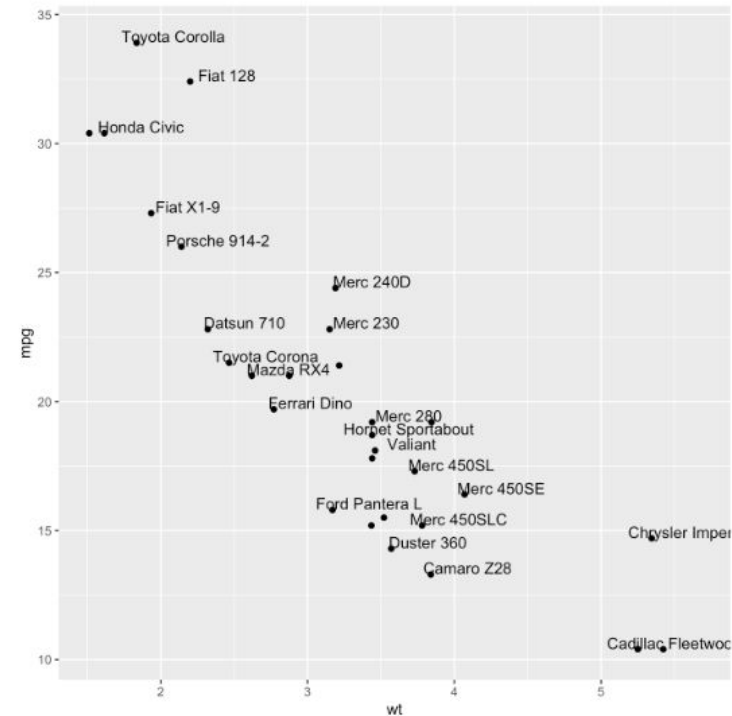
Scatterplots are built with **ggplot2** thanks to the **geom\_point()** function. Discover a basic use case in [graph #272](#), and learn how to custom it with next examples below.



# Adding text with `geom_text()`

This example demonstrates how to use `geom_text()` to add text as markers. It works pretty much the same as `geom_point()`, but add text instead of circles. A few arguments must be provided:

- `label`: what text you want to display
- `nudge_x` and `nudge_y`: shifts the text along X and Y axis
- `check_overlap` tries to avoid text overlap. Note that a package called `ggrepel` extends this concept further



```
# library
library(ggplot2)

# Keep 30 first rows in the mtcars native dataset
data=head(mtcars, 30)

# 1/ add text with geom_text, use nudge to nudge the text
ggplot(data, aes(x=wt, y=mpg)) +
  geom_point() + # Show dots
  geom_text(
```



More

# TidyTuesday

A weekly data project in R from the  
R4DS online learning community

variables

observations

values



# New York Times Hardcover Fiction Bestsellers, 1931-2020

## An interactive table for #TidyTuesday week 19 (2022)

DEBUT RANK ON THE LIST	BEST RANK	YEAR	TITLE	AUTHOR	TOTAL WEEKS ON BEST SELLERS LIST
14	1	1990	OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!	Dr. Seuss	178
10	1	1994	THE CELESTINE PROPHECY	James Redfield	165
9	1	2003	THE DA VINCI CODE	Dan Brown	165
7	1	1992	THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY	Robert James Waller	164
2	1	2014	ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE	Anthony Doerr	132
13	1	1951	THE CAINE MUTINY	Herman Wouk	123
9	1	2018	WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING	Delia Owens	114
16	1	1955	AUNTIE MAME	Patrick Dennis	112
5	1	1942	THE ROBE	Lloyd C. Douglas	111
15	1	2009	THE HELP	Kathryn Stockett	108

1-10 of 7431 rows

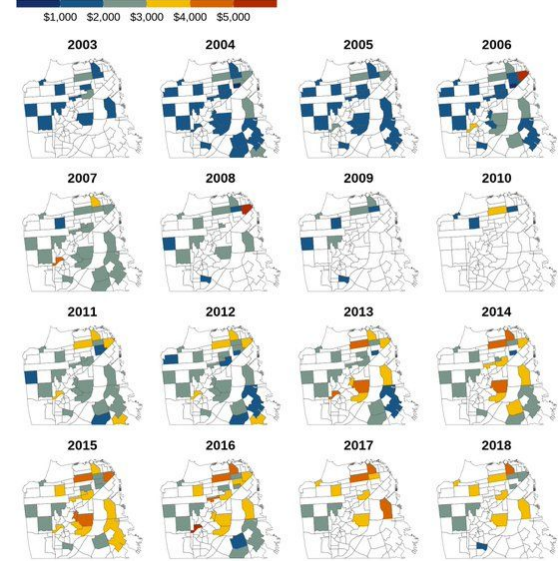
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Data by: Kelly, Nicholas; White, Nicole; Glass, Loren, 03/01/2021, "The Program Era Project," DOI: <https://doi.org/10.18737/CNJV1733p4520210415>.

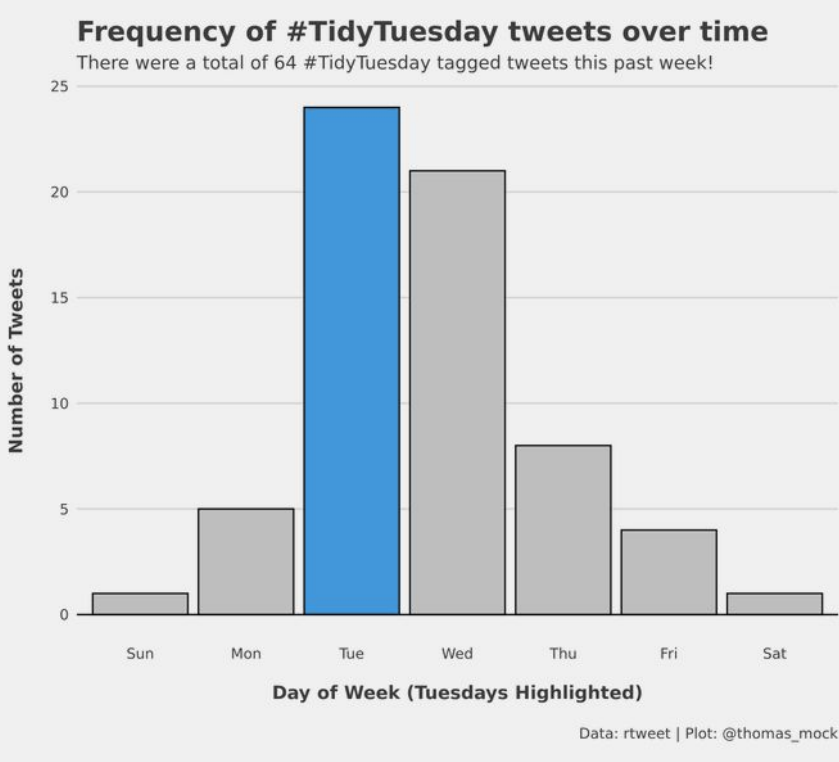
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### Rent in the City of San Francisco

Median rent prices in USD by year and neighborhood

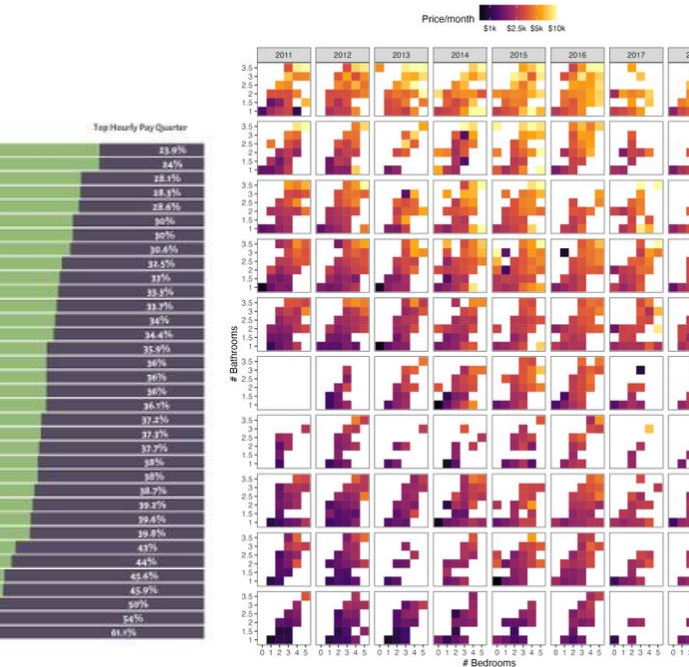
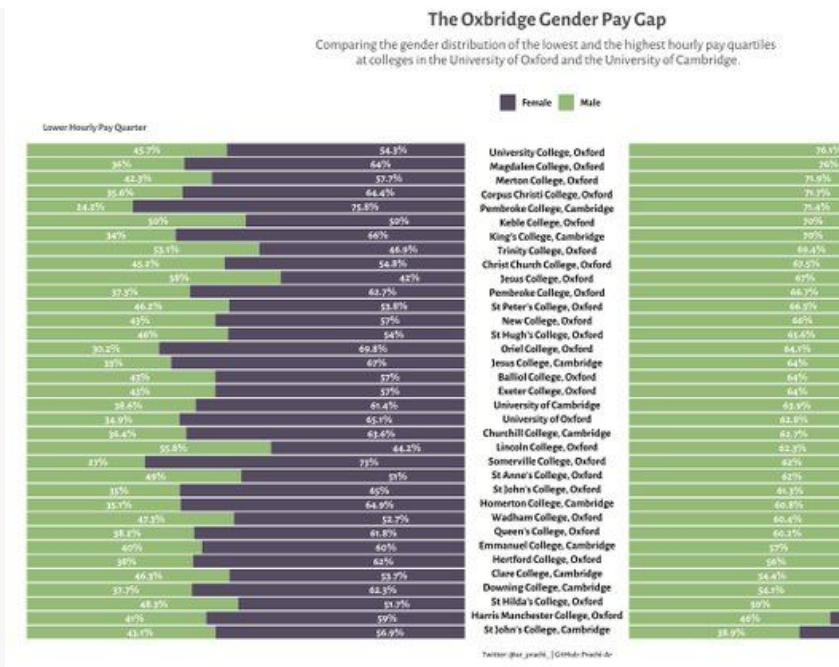
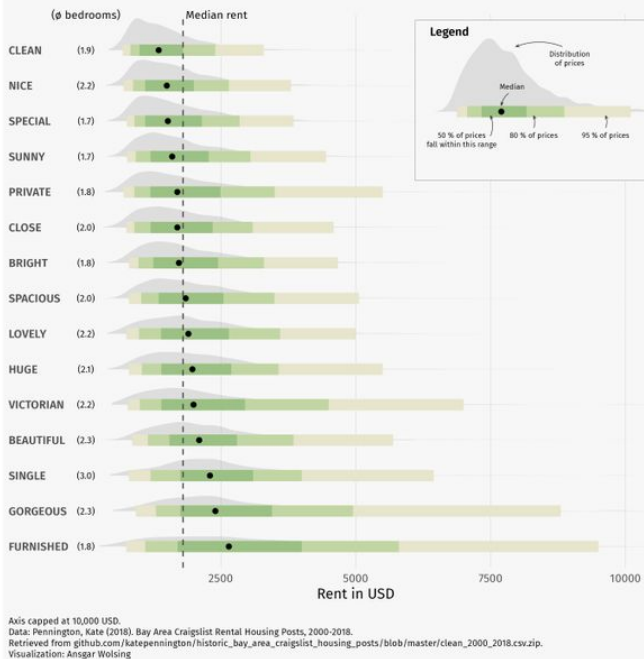


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Note: Median rent prices from a total of 54,236 listings, with 10 or more listings by year and neighborhood  
Source: [data.sfgov.org](https://data.sfgov.org) & Pennington, Kate (2018). Bay Area Craigslist Rental Housing Posts, 2000-2018. Retrieved from [https://github.com/katepennington/historic\\_bay\\_area\\_craigslist\\_housing\\_posts/blob/master/clean\\_2000\\_2018.csv.zip](https://github.com/katepennington/historic_bay_area_craigslist_housing_posts/blob/master/clean_2000_2018.csv.zip)



### NICE AND CLEAN - RELATIVELY LOW RENT?

Adjectives used to describe houses and apartments in the San Francisco Bay Area in the titles of rental posts on Craigslist and how they are related to rental prices. Titles from 198,279 rental posts on Craigslist between 2000 and 2018. The 15 most frequent adjectives are shown.





how to [INSERT HERE YOUR QUESTION] ggplot2



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**The greatest value of a picture is when it  
forces us to notice what we never  
expected to see.**

—John Tukey

**The goal is to turn *data* into *information*,  
and information into *insight*.**

—Carly Fiorina



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