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1  # note to self: use the regexp ``\{r.*\}\s([\s\S]+?)`` to extract only the r-code
2  # from the complete rmd tutorial file
3
4  # first we need to install the ggplot and some supporting libraries
5  # (skip this step if the library is already loaded)
6  install.packages("ggplot2")
7
8  # we will require the ggplot2 package for our graphics
9  # note: there are some additional useful packages such as plyr,
10 # reshape2 and scales which you may find useful
11 require("ggplot2")
12
13 # prices of 50'000 sparkly round cut diamonds
14 head(diamonds)
15
16 # motor trend car road tests
17 head(mtcars)
18
19 # vapor pressure of mercury at certain temperatures
20 head(pressure)
21
22 # histogram with qplot
23 qplot(clarity, data=diamonds, fill=cut, geom="bar")
24
25 # histogram with ggplot -> same output
26 ggplot(diamonds, aes(clarity, fill=cut)) + geom_bar()
27
28 # quickly create a scatterplot of our data
29 qplot(wt, mpg, data=mtcars)
30
31 # data can be transformed with functions
32 qplot(log(wt), mpg-10, data=mtcars)
33
34 # plots can be further refined by using additional parameters
35 # note: we are mapping the variable «qsec» to a color
36 qplot(wt, mpg, data=mtcars, color=qsec)
37
38 # color and colour will work for most cases
39 qplot(wt, mpg, data=mtcars, color=qsec)
40 qplot(wt, mpg, data=mtcars, colour=qsec)
41
42 # note: in this example ggplot is trying to map the size of a point
43 # to a scale of [10] (which is probably not as intended)
44 qplot(wt, mpg, data=mtcars, color=qsec, size=10)
45
46 # use the I() function «as is» to set aesthetics instead of mapping
47 qplot(wt, mpg, data=mtcars, color=qsec, size=I(10))
48 # side note: it is possible to use alpha-blending for overlapping elements
49 qplot(wt, mpg, data=mtcars, color=qsec, size=I(10), alpha=qsec)
50
51 # note: alpha-opacity is set between 0 (transparent) and 1 (opaque)
52 qplot(wt, mpg, data=mtcars, color=qsec, size=I(10), alpha=I(0.5))
53
54 # we take a closer look at the variable cyl from the dataset mtcars
55 # note: the variable is stored as a continuous number not as a factor
56 head(mtcars)
57 summary(mtcars$cyl)
58 table(mtcars$cyl)
59
60 # regular mapping will be displayed on a continuous scale
61 qplot(wt, mpg, data=mtcars, color=cyl)
62
63 # factored variables will be displayed with a discrete scale
64 qplot(wt, mpg, data=mtcars, color=factor(cyl))

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66 # ggplot will try to guess the «correct» plot for your data
67 qplot(wt, mpg, data=mtcars)
68 qplot(factor(cyl), data=mtcars)
69
70 # a specific type of plot can be set with the attribute geom=«type»
71 qplot(wt, mpg, data=mtcars, geom="point")
72 qplot(wt, mpg, data=mtcars, geom="line")
73
74 # plot-types can be combined
75 qplot(wt, mpg, data=mtcars, geom=c("line", "point"))
76
77 # note: problem if only size of points should be increased
78 qplot(wt, mpg, data=mtcars, geom=c("line", "point"), size=I(2))
79
80 # pro-tipp: resort to ggplot syntax (more on that later)
81 qplot(wt, mpg, data=mtcars) + geom_line() + geom_point(size=4)
82
83 # a plot can be flipped by 90°
84 # note: coord_flip() will rotate the plot after calculation of
85 # any summary statistics (i.e. smoothers or alike)
86 qplot(factor(cyl), data=mtcars)
87 qplot(factor(cyl), data=mtcars) + coord_flip()
88
89 # difference between fill/color bars
90 qplot(factor(cyl), data=mtcars, fill=factor(cyl))
91 qplot(factor(cyl), data=mtcars, color=factor(cyl))
92
93 # use different position properties for bars (stacked, dodged, fill, identity)
94 head(diamonds)
95 qplot(clarity, data=diamonds, geom="bar", fill=cut, position="stack")
96 qplot(clarity, data=diamonds, geom="bar", fill=cut, position="dodge")
97 qplot(clarity, data=diamonds, geom="bar", fill=cut, position="fill")
98 qplot(clarity, data=diamonds, geom="bar", fill=cut, position="identity")
99
100 # we are going to use some pressure data
101 head(pressure)
102
103 # nothing happens if we only define our data
104 ggplot(pressure)
105
106 # but we can quickly add a representation
107 # note: the aes() function is used for variable mapping
108 ggplot(pressure) + geom_point(aes(x=temperature, y=pressure))
109
110 # as x and y are used so often, we can leave it of
111 # note: for later maintenance it is usually better to specify it
112 ggplot(pressure) + geom_point(aes(temperature, pressure))
113
114 # note: you can access the previously created plot with «last_plot()»
115 last_plot()
116
117 # specify a value allocation outside of the aes() function
118 # if an aesthetic should be set to a specific value
119 ggplot(pressure) + geom_point(aes(temperature, pressure), size=4)
120
121 # aesthetics can also be defined separately
122 ggplot(pressure) + aes(temperature, pressure) + geom_point(size=4)
123
124 # create some normal distributed test data
125 tmp <- data.frame(x=rnorm(4000), y=rnorm(4000))
126 p.myplot <- ggplot(tmp, aes(x,y))
127
128 # default plotting
129 p.myplot + geom_point(color="red")
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131 # plotting using hollow circles
132 p.myplot + geom_point(shape=1, color="red")
133
134 # plotting using pixels
135 p.myplot + geom_point(shape=".", color="red")
136
137 # plotting using alpha transparency
138 # note: requires the scales package (included with ggplot2)
139 p.myplot + geom_point(color=scales::alpha("red", 1/2))
140 p.myplot + geom_point(color=scales::alpha("red", 1/6))
141
142 # ggplot will actually return an object that can be modified
143 # note: the object can also be saved for later use with save()
144 # saving a plot or layer definitions will also include the plot data
145 p.myplot <- ggplot(pressure)
146
147 # summary information about the plot
148 summary(p.myplot)
149
150 # adding some additional layers
151 p.myplot <- p.myplot + aes(temperature, pressure) + geom_point(size=4)
152 summary(p.myplot)
153
154 # the plot can be printed by just calling the object or using print()
155 p.myplot
156 print(p.myplot)
157
158 # the underlying data is saved within the ggplot-object. modifications of
159 # the data will not alter the plot if the plot-code is not rerun.
160 # there is however a special syntax to run the plot with updated data
161 pressure2 <- data.frame(
162     "temperature"=pressure$temperature, "pressure"=log(pressure$pressure))
163
164 # print the plot with updated data
165 p.myplot %+% pressure2
166
167 # a plot can be exported using ggsave
168 # note: the respective rendering device needs to be installed
169 ggsave(file="testplot.pdf", plot=p.myplot, width=10, height=5)
170 ggsave(file="testplot.svg", plot=p.myplot, width=10, height=5)
171 ggsave(file="testplot.png", plot=p.myplot, dpi=72, width=10, height=5)
172
173 # let's define a base plot and aesthetic-mapping
174 p.myplot <- ggplot(pressure) + aes(x=temperature, y=pressure)
175
176 # using multiple layers
177 p.myplot +
178     geom_point(color="purple3", size=6) +
179     geom_line(color="steelblue2", size=2)
180
181 # the order of the layers does matter
182 # (each new layer is drawn on top of the previous)
183 p.myplot +
184     geom_line(color="steelblue", size=2) +
185     geom_point(color="purple3", size=6)
186
187 # aesthetics defined in the base layer will be used for all layers
188 # note: setting attributes to a value will not apply it to other layers
189 ggplot(pressure, aes(x=temperature, y=pressure, color="red")) +
190     geom_line(size=4, alpha=0.3) +
191     geom_point(size=4)
192
193
194 # the actual arguments to map variables is mapping=«aes()» and
195 # geom_params=«list()» to set variables respectively
196 ggplot(pressure) +

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197     geom_point(
198         mapping=aes(x=temperature, y=pressure, color=factor(temperature)),
199         geom_params=list(size=4, shape=18)
200     )
201
202 # it is possible to mix qplot and ggplot
203 qplot(temperature, pressure, data=pressure, geom="line", lty=I("dashed")) +
204     geom_point(size=4)
205
206 # there is also a different syntax with layer()
207 ggplot(pressure, aes(temperature, pressure)) +
208     layer(geom="line", mapping=aes(color=temperature), size=4) +
209     layer(geom="point", size=4, color="purple3")
210
211 # let's use some additional data in the plot
212 # note: the scales of the different datasets are unified
213 ggplot(pressure) +
214     aes(x=temperature, y=pressure) +
215     layer(geom="line", mapping=aes(color=temperature), size=4) +
216     geom_point(data=mtcars, aes(hp, disp), color="purple3", size=3)
217
218 # setup our plot with default scales
219 p.myplot <- ggplot(pressure) +
220     aes(temperature, pressure, color=factor(temperature)) +
221     geom_point(size=4)
222
223 # scales can be limited to a certain range
224 p.myplot
225 p.myplot + scale_x_continuous("Temperature", limits=c(200, 400))
226
227 # scales that are used as axes will take the name as axis label
228 p.myplot +
229     scale_color_discrete(name="Temperature \nin C°") +
230     scale_y_continuous(name="Air pressure at sea level")
231
232 # legends can also be removed (if not important to understand the plot)
233 p.myplot + scale_color_discrete(guide="none")
234
235 # setup a different plot
236 p.myplot <- ggplot(diamonds, aes(cut, fill=color)) + geom_bar()
237 p.myplot
238
239 # the axis can be renamed using two different methods
240 p.myplot + xlab("Diamond Cut")
241 p.myplot + scale_x_discrete(name="Diamond Cut Description")
242 p.myplot + scale_y_continuous(name="Number of Diamonds")
243
244 # names of legends can also be set
245 p.myplot + scale_fill_discrete(name="Diamond Color")
246
247 # using some custom colors
248 # note: brewer colors were created for good readable maps and often provide
249 # a good alternative to the standard colors. to see all available brewer
250 # palettes use «RColorBrewer::display.brewer.all()»
251 p.myplot + scale_fill_grey()
252 p.myplot + scale_fill_hue()
253 p.myplot + scale_fill_brewer()
254 p.myplot + scale_fill_brewer(type="seq", palette="3")
255 p.myplot + scale_fill_brewer(palette="Paired")
256
257 # using a custom color palette with specified order
258 # note: color values should be specified as hex or color names
259 p.myplot + aes(fill=cut) + scale_fill_manual(
260     values = c("#7fc6bc", "#083642", "#b1df01",
261               "#cdef9c", "#466b5d", "#744db5", "#ccb2e8"))
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263 # using predefined colors for specific values
264 # note: values that are not present in the data will not be shown
265 p.myplot + aes(fill=cut) + scale_fill_manual(
266     values = c("Fair"="#083642", "Good"="#466b5d",
267               "Very Good"="#7fc6bc", "Premium"="#cdef9c",
268               "Ideal"="#b1df01", "Not specified"="#ffffff"))
269
270 # removing values from the legend and custom labelling of values
271 # note: you must specify colors for all existing values
272 p.myplot + scale_fill_manual(
273     name="Colors",
274     values = c("D"="#083642", "E"="#466b5d", "F"="#7fc6bc", "G"="#cdef9c",
275               "H"="#b1df01", "I"="#ababab", "J"="#ececec"),
276     breaks = c("D", "E", "F"),
277     labels = c("E"="Dark Green", "D"="Esmerald", "F"="Wood"))
278
279 # legends can also be styled using guides
280 # note: guides can be defined once and be easily applied to multiple plots
281 p.mylegend <- guide_legend(
282     title="Color of the \nDiamond",
283     title.position="top",
284     direction="horizontal",
285     label.position="top",
286     label.hjust=0.5,
287     label.vjust=0.5,
288     ncol=2,
289     byrow=TRUE,
290 )
291
292 # apply some styling to the legend
293 p.myplot + guides(fill = p.mylegend)
294 p.myplot + scale_fill_discrete(guide=p.mylegend)
295
296 # handling problems with alpha transparency
297 p.myplot + aes(alpha=color)
298
299 # remove the alpha transparency for the legend
300 p.myplot + aes(alpha=color) +
301     guides(fill = guide_legend( override.aes=list(alpha=1) ))
302
303 # limiting scales will remove all points that are outside of the scale
304 # note: be careful, this is not the same as just focusing on a graph region
305 p.myplot + scale_y_continuous(limits=c(0,15000))
306
307 # to focus on a specific region, the coord_cartesian() function
308 # should be used with the specified limits
309 p.myplot + coord_cartesian(ylim=c(0,15000))
310
311 # histograms will use stat_bin to calculate number of items per bin
312 ggplot(mtcars) + aes(qsec) + geom_histogram(binwidth=0.5)
313 ggplot(mtcars) + aes(qsec) + geom_histogram(binwidth=1)
314
315 # define a base plot to illustrate smoothed lines
316 p.myplot <- ggplot(mtcars) + aes(x=disp, y=mpg) + geom_point(size=4)
317 p.myplot
318
319 # draw a smooth line (local regression function) through the points
320 # note: the default smoothing function is loess
321 p.myplot + geom_line(stat="smooth")
322
323 # using the smooth geom with standard deviation
324 p.myplot + geom_smooth()
325
326 # fit the regression closer to the data with span=«0-1»
327 p.myplot + geom_smooth(span=0.4)
328 p.myplot + geom_smooth(span=1)

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330 # turning off the confidence interval
331 # note: the attribute level can be used to set ci-level
332 p.myplot + geom_smooth(se=FALSE)
333
334 # using a different method for smoothing (i.e. linear modelling)
335 p.myplot + geom_smooth(method="lm")
336
337 # using a custom formula for fitting
338 library(splines)
339 p.myplot + geom_smooth(method="lm", formula = y ~ ns(x,5))
340
341 # be careful when flipping a plot
342 # note: details on transformations on the following slide
343 p.myplot + geom_smooth()
344 p.myplot + geom_smooth() + coord_flip()
345 p.myplot + aes(x=mpg, y=displ) + geom_smooth()
346
347 # define a base plot to illustrate transformation
348 p.myplot <- ggplot(mtcars) + aes(x=displ, y=mpg) + geom_point(size=4) +
349   geom_smooth(method="lm", se=FALSE)
350
351 # take a look at linear regression plot
352 p.myplot
353
354 # apply a logarithmic transformation
355 p.myplot + scale_x_continuous(trans="log", name="log(displ)")
356
357 # apply a log-transformation on the y-axis, add a linear regression and
358 # transform the display of the scale back with exponentiation
359 p.myplot + scale_y_continuous(trans="log") +
360   coord_trans(x="exp") +
361   xlab("exp(log(displ)) = displ")
362
363 # adjust the y-scale breaks to match our original non transformed plot
364 p.myplot + scale_y_continuous(trans="log", breaks=seq(100,400,100)) +
365   coord_trans(x="exp") +
366   xlab("exp(log(displ)) = displ")
367
368 # split data to create frequency polygon for each subgroup
369 qplot(clarity, data=diamonds, geom="bar", fill=cut, position="dodge")
370 qplot(clarity, data=diamonds, geom="freqpoly", group=cut, color=cut,
371   position="identity")
372
373 # split the data by a variable and calculate a regression for each group
374 ggplot(mtcars, aes(x=displ, y=mpg, color=factor(am))) + geom_point(size=4) +
375   geom_smooth(aes(group=factor(am)), method="lm", se=FALSE, lty="dashed")
376
377 # use facets to split the data
378 p.myplot <- ggplot(mtcars) +
379   aes(x=displ, y=mpg, color=factor(am)) +
380   geom_point(size=4) +
381   geom_smooth(method="lm", se=FALSE, lty="dashed")
382
383 # facet_wrap will wrap the specified panels
384 p.myplot + facet_wrap(~ am, nrow=1)
385 p.myplot + facet_wrap(~ am, ncol=1)
386
387 # per default the scales of the different panels will match
388 # it is however possible to use adaptive panes
389 # note: more options can be found in the documentation
390 p.myplot + facet_wrap(~ am, nrow=1, scales="free")
391
392 # facet_grid can be used to split by two variables
393 p.myplot + facet_grid(cyl ~ am)
394

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394 # it is even possible to add margin calculations
395 p.myplot + facet_grid(cyl ~ am, margins=TRUE)
396
397 # setup plot to illustrate annotations
398 p.myplot = ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = wt, y = mpg))
399
400 # plot without annotations
401 p.myplot + geom_point(size=4, color="purple3")
402
403 # a plot with some simple annotations
404 p.myplot +
405   annotate("rect",
406           fill="lightsteelblue", alpha=0.4,
407           xmin=3, xmax=4, ymin=12, ymax=20.5) +
408   annotate("segment",
409           size = 1, color="steelblue",
410           arrow = grid::arrow(length=grid::unit(1, "char")),
411           x=4.73, y=30.5, xend=3.8, yend=21) +
412   annotate("text", label="A custom region",
413           x=4.32, y=31.2, hjust=0, vjust=0, color="steelblue", size=8) +
414   geom_point(size=4, color="purple3")
415
416 # we create a function, that will calculate the coordinates for stripes that
417 # are contained to the given rect coordinates
418 # note: this involves some trigonometry and is outside
419 # the scope of this tutorial
420 stripesInRect <- function(angle=45, distance=0.5, xmin=0, xmax=10, ymin=0, ymax=10) {
421   # this function will calculate a data.frame of vectors for a
422   # stripped background in a rectangular area
423
424   # convert angle from degree to radians
425   radians <- (pi / 180) * angle
426
427   # calculate the tangens
428   tangens <- tan(radians)
429
430   # calculate height und width of the clipping box
431   height <- ymax - ymin
432   width <- xmax - xmin
433
434   # calculate the horizontal distance of the lines
435   horizontalDistance = distance / tangens
436
437   # calculate the difference of start-y to end-y for full width
438   verticalDifference <- tangens * width
439
440   # steps for the height and width
441   stepsHeight = seq(from = ymin, to = ymax, by = distance)
442   stepsWidth = seq(from = xmin, to = xmax, by = horizontalDistance)
443
444   # initialize a data frame of coordinates
445   # note: distance is used for distance of lines when cutting
446   # through the side of the box
447   # note: we have to remove the first step from the widthsteps
448   # to avoid a duplicated start line
449   data <- data.frame(
450     "x1" = c(rep(xmin, times = length(stepsHeight)), stepsWidth[-1]),
451     "y1" = c(stepsHeight, rep(ymin, length(stepsWidth))[-1] ))
452
453   # define a function to calculate the endpoints
454   calculateEndpoint <- function(x1, y1) {
455
456     # calculate the maximal available width for the x range
457     availableWidthRange <- xmax - x1
458
459     if (availableWidthRange >= width) {

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460     # calculation of lines that start from the left side
461
462     # calculate the maximal available height for the y range
463     availableHeightRange <- ymax - y1
464
465     # we are done if the vertical-side fits into the rect
466     if (availableHeightRange >= verticalDifference) {
467         return(c(
468             "x2" = xmax,
469             "y2" = y1 + verticalDifference))
470     }
471
472     # otherwise we have to adapt to the available height
473     horizontalDifference <- availableHeightRange / tangens
474
475     return(c(
476         "x2" = x1 + horizontalDifference,
477         "y2" = ymax))
478
479 } else {
480     # calculation of lines that start from the bottom side
481
482     # calculate the vertical difference
483     verticalDifference <- availableWidthRange * tangens
484
485     return(c(
486         "x2" = xmax,
487         "y2" = y1 + verticalDifference
488     ))
489
490 }
491
492 }
493
494 # calculate the endpoints
495 endpoints <- mapply(calculateEndpoint, data$x1, data$y1)
496
497 # extract the endpoint coordinates
498 data$x2 <- endpoints[1,]
499 data$y2 <- endpoints[2,]
500
501 return(data)
502 }
503
504
505 # calculate the pattern coordinates for our plot
506 pattern <- stripesInRect(angle=80, distance=0.25,
507                           xmin=3, xmax=4, ymin=12, ymax=20.5)
508
509 # create the plot with a striped background for the annotation
510 # note: annotation aesthetics are not mapped but will be processed as vectors
511 p.myplot +
512     annotate("segment",
513             size = 0.5, color="deeppink", alpha=0.25,
514             x=pattern$x1, y = pattern$y1,
515             xend = pattern$x2, yend = pattern$y2) +
516     annotate("segment",
517             size = 1, color="deeppink",
518             arrow = grid::arrow(length=grid::unit(1, "char")),
519             x=4.73, y=30.5, xend=3.8, yend=21) +
520     annotate("text", label="A custom region",
521             x=4.32, y=31.2, hjust=0, vjust=0, color="deeppink", size=8) +
522     geom_point(size=4, color="purple3")
523
524 # define our plot to illustrate theming
525 p.myplot <- ggplot(pressure) +

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526     aes(temperature, pressure, color=factor(temperature)) +
527     geom_point(size=4)
528
529 # plotting using the default theme
530 p.myplot
531
532 # plotting using a black & white theme
533 # note: the theme does not change the aesthetics controlled by data
534 p.myplot + theme_bw()
535
536 # modifying specific elements of a theme
537 # note: more options can be found in the documentation
538 # theme modifications may require some understanding of the grid-package
539 p.myplot + theme(
540     legend.position="top",
541     legend.margin=grid::unit(1, "cm"))
542
543 # legends usually need some further specific adjustments
544 p.myplot + theme(
545     legend.position="bottom",
546     legend.margin=grid::unit(1, "cm")) +
547 guides(
548     color=guide_legend("Temperature", nrow=2,
549                         title.position="top", byrow=TRUE))
550
551 # use combination of geoms and specific stat for bin calculation
552 # note: values from stat-calculations can be accessed via ..«parameter»..
553 ggplot(mtcars) + aes(x=factor(gear)) +
554     layer(
555         stat = "bin",
556         geom = "linrange",
557         geom_params = list(ymin=0, size=0.5, color="blue"),
558         mapping = aes(ymax=..count..)) +
559     layer(
560         stat = "bin",
561         geom = "point",
562         geom_params = list(size=3, color="blue")) +
563     layer(
564         stat = "bin",
565         geom = "text",
566         geom_params = list(vjust=-0.8, color="blue"),
567         mapping = aes(label=..count..)) +
568     coord_flip() + theme_bw()
569
570 # we can also define the configuration in a custom function
571 latticebars <- function(color = "blue") {
572     layer1 <- layer(
573         geom = "linrange", stat = "bin",
574         mapping = aes(ymax=..count..),
575         geom_params = list(ymin=0, size=0.5, color=color))
576
577     layer2 <- layer(
578         geom = "point", stat = "bin",
579         geom_params = list(size=3, color=color))
580
581     layer3 <- layer(
582         geom = "text", stat = "bin",
583         mapping = aes(label=..count..),
584         geom_params = list(vjust=-0.8, color=color))
585
586     # note: ggplot2 elements can also be combined by creating
587     # a list of the separate components. +-symbol might
588     # throw an error if used inside of a function
589     return(list(layer1, layer2, layer3, coord_flip(), theme_bw()))
590 }
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592 # create a lattice like barplot with default color
593 ggplot(mtcars) + aes(x=factor(gear)) +
594     latticebars()
595
596 # easily change the color of the plot
597 ggplot(mtcars) + aes(x=factor(gear)) +
598     latticebars("red") +
599     xlab("Type of Gear\n") + ylab("\nNumber of Items")
600
601 # we are going to need the grid package
602 require("grid")
603
604 # convenience function to create multi-plot setup (nrow, ncol)
605 vp.setup <- function(x,y){
606     # create a new layout with grid
607     grid.newpage()
608
609     # define viewports and assign it to grid layout
610     pushViewport(viewport(layout = grid.layout(x,y)))
611 }
612
613 # convenience function to easily access layout (row, col)
614 vp.layout <- function(x,y){
615     viewport(layout.pos.row=x, layout.pos.col=y)
616 }
617
618 # define three plots to be displayed together
619 p.a <- qplot(mpg, wt, data=mtcars, geom="point") + theme_bw()
620 p.b <- qplot(mpg, wt, data=mtcars, geom="bar", stat="identity")
621 p.c <- qplot(mpg, wt, data=mtcars, geom="step")
622
623 # setup a multi plot layout with grid (2x2 fields)
624 vp.setup(2,2)
625
626 # plot all graphics into our layout
627 print(p.a, vp=vp.layout(1, 1:2))
628 print(p.b, vp=vp.layout(2, 1))
629 print(p.c, vp=vp.layout(2, 2))

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