

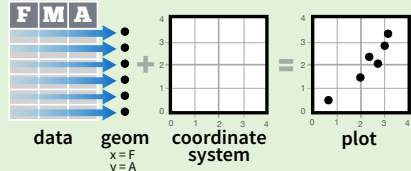
# Data Visualization with ggplot2

## Cheat Sheet



### Basics

**ggplot2** is based on the **grammar of graphics**, the idea that you can build every graph from the same few components: a **data** set, a set of **geoms**—visual marks that represent data points, and a **coordinate system**.



To display data values, map variables in the data set to aesthetic properties of the geom like **size**, **color**, and **x** and **y** locations.



Build a graph with **qplot()** or **ggplot()**

aesthetic mappings

data

geom

**qplot**(x = cty, y = hwy, color = cyl, data = mpg, geom = "point")

Creates a complete plot with given data, geom, and mappings. Supplies many useful defaults.

**ggplot**(data = mpg, aes(x = cty, y = hwy))

Begins a plot that you finish by adding layers to. No defaults, but provides more control than qplot().

data

```
ggplot(mpg, aes(hwy, cty)) +  
  geom_point(aes(color = cyl)) +  
  geom_smooth(method = "lm") +  
  coord_cartesian() +  
  scale_color_gradient() +  
  theme_bw()
```

add layers,  
elements with +

layer = geom +  
default stat +  
layer specific  
mappings

additional  
elements

Add a new layer to a plot with a **geom\_\*()** or **stat\_\*()** function. Each provides a geom, a set of aesthetic mappings, and a default stat and position adjustment.

**last\_plot()**

Returns the last plot

**ggsave**("plot.png", width = 5, height = 5)

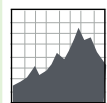
Saves last plot as 5' x 5' file named "plot.png" in working directory. Matches file type to file extension.

**Geoms** - Use a geom to represent data points, use the geom's aesthetic properties to represent variables. Each function returns a layer.

### One Variable

#### Continuous

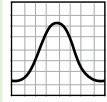
a <- ggplot(mpg, aes(hwy))



a + **geom\_area**(stat = "bin")

x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

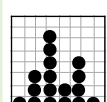
b + **geom\_area**(aes(y = ..density..), stat = "bin")



a + **geom\_density**(kernel = "gaussian")

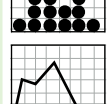
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

b + **geom\_density**(aes(y = ..count..))



a + **geom\_dotplot**()

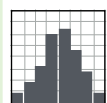
x, y, alpha, color, fill



a + **geom\_freqpoly**()

x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size

b + **geom\_freqpoly**(aes(y = ..density..))



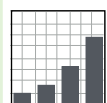
a + **geom\_histogram**(binwidth = 5)

x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

b + **geom\_histogram**(aes(y = ..density..))

#### Discrete

b <- ggplot(mpg, aes(fl))

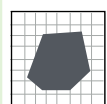


b + **geom\_bar**()

x, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

### Graphical Primitives

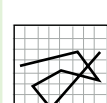
c <- ggplot(map, aes(long, lat))



c + **geom\_polygon**(aes(group = group))

x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

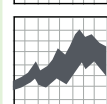
d <- ggplot(economics, aes(date, unemploy))



d + **geom\_path**(lineend = "butt",

linejoin = "round", linemitre = 1)

x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size

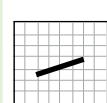


d + **geom\_ribbon**(aes(ymin = unemploy - 900,

ymax = unemploy + 900))

x, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

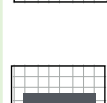
e <- ggplot(seals, aes(x = long, y = lat))



e + **geom\_segment**(aes(xend = long + delta\_long,

yend = lat + delta\_lat))

x, xend, y, yend, alpha, color, linetype, size



e + **geom\_rect**(aes(xmin = long, ymin = lat,

xmax = long + delta\_long,

ymax = lat + delta\_lat))

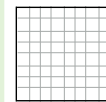
xmax, xmin, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill,

linetype, size

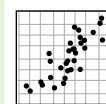
### Two Variables

#### Continuous X, Continuous Y

f <- ggplot(mpg, aes(cty, hwy))

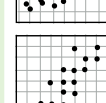


f + **geom\_blank**()



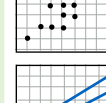
f + **geom\_jitter**()

x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size



f + **geom\_point**()

x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size



f + **geom\_quantile**()

x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size, weight



f + **geom\_rug**(sides = "bl")

alpha, color, linetype, size



f + **geom\_smooth**(model = lm)

x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight



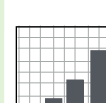
f + **geom\_text**(aes(label = cty))

x, y, label, alpha, angle, color, family, fontface,

hjust, lineheight, size, vjust

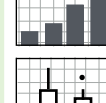
#### Discrete X, Continuous Y

g <- ggplot(mpg, aes(class, hwy))



g + **geom\_bar**(stat = "identity")

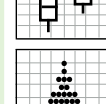
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight



g + **geom\_boxplot**()

lower, middle, upper, x, ymax, ymin, alpha,

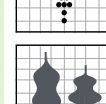
color, fill, linetype, shape, size, weight



g + **geom\_dotplot**(binaxis = "y",

stackdir = "center")

x, y, alpha, color, fill

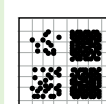


g + **geom\_violin**(scale = "area")

x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

#### Discrete X, Discrete Y

h <- ggplot(diamonds, aes(cut, color))



h + **geom\_jitter**()

x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size

### Three Variables

seals\$z <- with(seals, sqrt(delta\_long^2 + delta\_lat^2))

m <- ggplot(seals, aes(long, lat))



m + **geom\_contour**(aes(z = z))

x, y, z, alpha, colour, linetype, size, weight

#### Continuous Bivariate Distribution

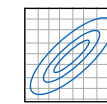
i <- ggplot(movies, aes(year, rating))



i + **geom\_bin2d**(binwidth = c(5, 0.5))

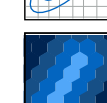
xmax, xmin, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill,

linetype, size, weight



i + **geom\_density2d**()

x, y, alpha, colour, linetype, size

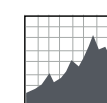


i + **geom\_hex**()

x, y, alpha, colour, fill size

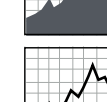
#### Continuous Function

j <- ggplot(economics, aes(date, unemploy))



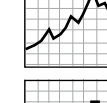
j + **geom\_area**()

x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size



j + **geom\_line**()

x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size



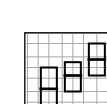
j + **geom\_step**(direction = "hv")

x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size

#### Visualizing error

df <- data.frame(grp = c("A", "B"), fit = 4:5, se = 1:2)

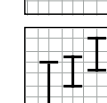
k <- ggplot(df, aes(grp, fit, ymin = fit-se, ymax = fit+se))



k + **geom\_crossbar**(fatten = 2)

x, y, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, linetype,

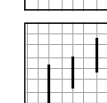
size



k + **geom\_errorbar**()

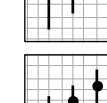
x, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, linetype, size,

width (also **geom\_errorbarh**())



k + **geom\_linerange**()

x, ymin, ymax, alpha, color, linetype, size



k + **geom\_pointrange**()

x, y, ymin, ymax, alpha, color, fill, linetype,

shape, size

#### Maps

data <- data.frame(murder = USArrests\$Murder,

state = tolower(rownames(USArrests)))

map <- map\_data("state")

l <- ggplot(data, aes(fill = murder))



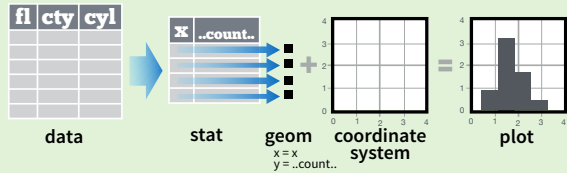
l + **geom\_map**(aes(map\_id = state), map = map) +

**expand\_limits**(x = map\$long, y = map\$lat)

map\_id, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

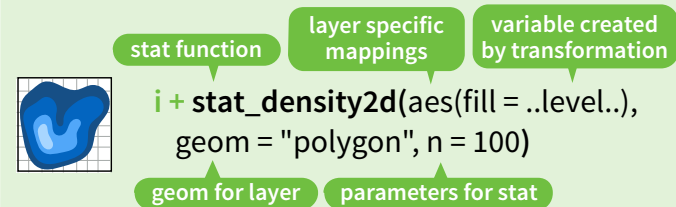
## Stats - An alternative way to build a layer

Some plots visualize a **transformation** of the original data set. Use a **stat** to choose a common transformation to visualize, e.g. `a + geom_bar(stat = "bin")`



Each stat creates additional variables to map aesthetics to. These variables use a common **..name..** syntax.

stat functions and geom functions both combine a stat with a geom to make a layer, i.e. `stat_bin(geom="bar")` does the same as `geom_bar(stat="bin")`



**1D distributions**

- `a + stat_bin(binwidth = 1, origin = 10)`
- `x, y | ..count.., ..ncount.., ..density.., ..ndensity..`
- `a + stat_bin2d(binwidth = 1, binaxis = "x")`
- `x, y, | ..count.., ..ncount..`
- `a + stat_density(adjust = 1, kernel = "gaussian")`
- `x, y, | ..count.., ..density.., ..scaled..`

**2D distributions**

- `f + stat_bin2d(bins = 30, drop = TRUE)`
- `x, y, fill | ..count.., ..density..`
- `f + stat_binhex(bins = 30)`
- `x, y, fill | ..count.., ..density..`
- `f + stat_density2d(contour = TRUE, n = 100)`
- `x, y, color, size | ..level..`

**3 Variables**

- `m + stat_contour(aes(z = z))`
- `x, y, z, order | ..level..`
- `m + stat_spoke(aes(radius = z, angle = z))`
- `angle, radius, x, xend, y, yend | ..x.., ..xend.., ..y.., ..yend..`
- `m + stat_summary_hex(aes(z = z), bins = 30, fun = mean)`
- `x, y, z, fill | ..value..`
- `m + stat_summary2d(aes(z = z), bins = 30, fun = mean)`
- `x, y, z, fill | ..value..`

**Comparisons**

- `g + stat_boxplot(coef = 1.5)`
- `x, y | ..lower.., ..middle.., ..upper.., ..outliers..`
- `g + stat_ydensity(adjust = 1, kernel = "gaussian", scale = "area")`
- `x, y | ..density.., ..scaled.., ..count.., ..n.., ..violinwidth.., ..width..`

**Functions**

- `f + stat_ecdf(n = 40)`
- `x, y | ..x.., ..y..`
- `f + stat_quantile(quantiles = c(0.25, 0.5, 0.75), formula = y ~ log(x), method = "rq")`
- `x, y | ..quantile.., ..x.., ..y..`
- `f + stat_smooth(method = "auto", formula = y ~ x, se = TRUE, n = 80, fullrange = FALSE, level = 0.95)`
- `x, y | ..se.., ..x.., ..y.., ..ymin.., ..ymax..`

**General Purpose**

- `ggplot() + stat_function(aes(x = -3:3), fun = dnorm, n = 101, args = list(sd = 0.5))`
- `x | ..y..`
- `f + stat_identity()`
- `ggplot() + stat_qq(aes(sample = 1:100), distribution = qt, dparams = list(df = 5))`
- `sample, x, y | ..x.., ..y..`
- `f + stat_sum()`
- `x, y, size | ..size..`
- `f + stat_summary(fun.data = "mean_cl_boot")`
- `f + stat_unique()`

## Scales

**Scales** control how a plot maps data values to the visual values of an aesthetic. To change the mapping, add a custom scale.



### General Purpose scales

Use with any aesthetic:  
alpha, color, fill, linetype, shape, size

- `scale_*_continuous()` - map cont' values to visual values
- `scale_*_discrete()` - map discrete values to visual values
- `scale_*_identity()` - use data values as visual values
- `scale_*_manual(values = c())` - map discrete values to manually chosen visual values

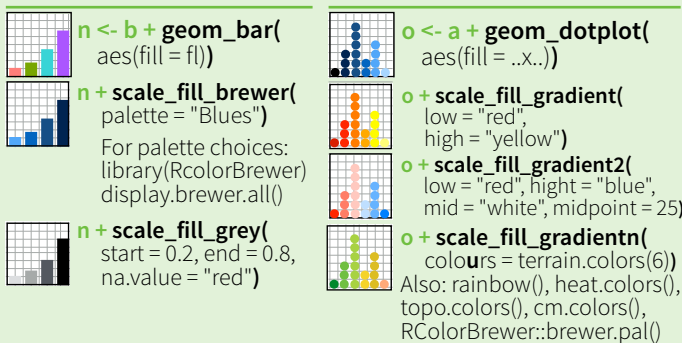
### X and Y location scales

Use with x or y aesthetics (x shown here)

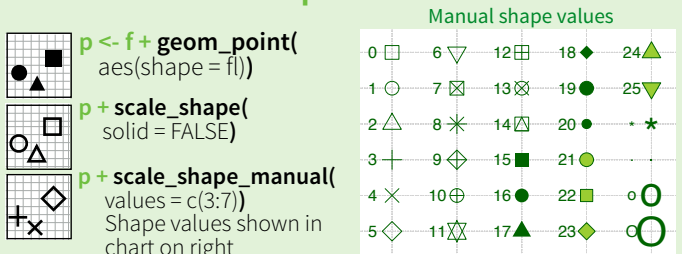
- `scale_x_date(labels = date_format("%m/%d"), breaks = date_breaks("2 weeks"))` - treat x values as dates. See ?strptime for label formats.
- `scale_x_datetime()` - treat x values as date times. Use same arguments as `scale_x_date()`.
- `scale_x_log10()` - Plot x on log10 scale
- `scale_x_reverse()` - Reverse direction of x axis
- `scale_x_sqrt()` - Plot x on square root scale

### Color and fill scales

Discrete Continuous



### Shape scales



### Size scales



## Coordinate Systems

`r <- b + geom_bar()`

- `r + coord_cartesian(xlim = c(0, 5))`  
xlim, ylim  
The default cartesian coordinate system
- `r + coord_fixed(ratio = 1/2)`  
ratio, xlim, ylim  
Cartesian coordinates with fixed aspect ratio between x and y units
- `r + coord_flip()`  
xlim, ylim  
Flipped Cartesian coordinates
- `r + coord_polar(theta = "x", direction = 1)`  
theta, start, direction  
Polar coordinates
- `r + coord_trans(ytrans = "sqrt")`  
xtrans, ytrans, limx, limy  
Transformed cartesian coordinates. Set extras and strains to the name of a window function.
- `z + coord_map(projection = "ortho", orientation = c(41, -74, 0))`  
projection, orientation, xlim, ylim  
Map projections from the mapproj package (mercator (default), azequalarea, lagrange, etc.)

## Position Adjustments

Position adjustments determine how to arrange geoms that would otherwise occupy the same space.

`s <- ggplot(mpg, aes(fl, fill = drv))`

- `s + geom_bar(position = "dodge")`  
Arrange elements side by side
- `s + geom_bar(position = "fill")`  
Stack elements on top of one another, normalize height
- `s + geom_bar(position = "stack")`  
Stack elements on top of one another
- `f + geom_point(position = "jitter")`  
Add random noise to X and Y position of each element to avoid overplotting

Each position adjustment can be recast as a function with manual **width** and **height** arguments

`s + geom_bar(position = position_dodge(width = 1))`

## Themes

`r + theme_bw()`  
White background with grid lines

`r + theme_classic()`  
White background no gridlines

`r + theme_grey()`  
Grey background (default theme)

`r + theme_minimal()`  
Minimal theme

**ggthemes** - Package with additional ggplot2 themes

## Faceting

Facets divide a plot into subplots based on the values of one or more discrete variables.

`t <- ggplot(mpg, aes(cty, hwy)) + geom_point()`

- `t + facet_grid(~ fl)`  
facet into columns based on fl
- `t + facet_grid(year ~ .)`  
facet into rows based on year
- `t + facet_grid(year ~ fl)`  
facet into both rows and columns
- `t + facet_wrap(~ fl)`  
wrap facets into a rectangular layout

Set **scales** to let axis limits vary across facets

`t + facet_grid(y ~ x, scales = "free")`  
x and y axis limits adjust to individual facets

- **"free\_x"** - x axis limits adjust
- **"free\_y"** - y axis limits adjust

Set **labeller** to adjust facet labels

`t + facet_grid(~ fl, labeller = label_both)`

fl: c	fl: d	fl: e	fl: p	fl: r
$\alpha^c$	$\alpha^d$	$\alpha^e$	$\alpha^p$	$\alpha^r$

`t + facet_grid(~ fl, labeller = label_bquote(alpha ^ .(x)))`

c	d	e	p	r
c	d	e	p	r

`t + facet_grid(~ fl, labeller = label_parsed)`

c	d	e	p	r
c	d	e	p	r

## Labels

`t + ggtitle("New Plot Title")`  
Add a main title above the plot

`t + xlab("New X label")`  
Change the label on the X axis

`t + ylab("New Y label")`  
Change the label on the Y axis

`t + labs(title = "New title", x = "New x", y = "New y")`  
All of the above

## Legends

`t + theme(legend.position = "bottom")`  
Place legend at "bottom", "top", "left", or "right"

`t + guides(color = "none")`  
Set legend type for each aesthetic: colorbar, legend, or none (no legend)

`t + scale_fill_discrete(name = "Title", labels = c("A", "B", "C"))`  
Set legend title and labels with a scale function.

## Zooming

**Without clipping (preferred)**

`t + coord_cartesian(xlim = c(0, 100), ylim = c(10, 20))`

**With clipping (removes unseen data points)**

`t + xlim(0, 100) + ylim(10, 20)`

`t + scale_x_continuous(limits = c(0, 100)) + scale_y_continuous(limits = c(0, 100))`