

# Creating Figures as an Intro to R

Using the `ggplot2` package

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## Introductions

### Instructor

#### Dr. Steffi LaZerte

- Background in Biology (Animal Behaviour)
- Working with R since 2007
- Professional R programmer/consultant since 2017



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### Assistant

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- Physical Geographer
- Working with R since 2010
- Assistant Professor in Geography and Environment, Brandon University



## What about you?

- Name
- Background (Area of study, etc.)
- Familiarity with R (or other programming languages)
  - I've heard of R
  - I've used R
  - I use R all the time

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- 1. A little about R**
- 2. Creating figures with `ggplot2`**
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- 4. Saving figures**

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### Taken this or a similar workshop before?

During activities consider...

- Extra activities labeled "Too Easy?"
- Using your own data
- Exploring other aspects of `ggplot2` that interest you

Feel free to ask questions even if it's not the "official" activity!

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# What is R?

## R is Programming language

A programming **language** is a way to give instructions in order to get a computer to do something

- You need to know the language (i.e., the code)
- Computers don't know what you mean, only what you type (unfortunately)
- Spelling, punctuation, and capitalization all matter!

### For example

R, what is 56 times 5.8?

```
56 * 5.8
```

```
## [1] 324.8
```

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R, multiply this value by 6

```
steffis_mean * 6  
## [1] 15
```

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## Why R?

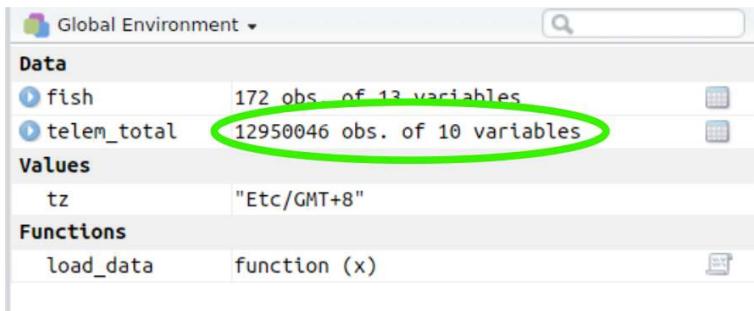
R is hard

```
# Get in circle around city  
circle <- data.frame()  
cutoff <- 10  
for(i in unique(gps$region)){  
  n <- nrow(gps[gps$region == i,]) #number of IDs  
  if(i == "wl") tmp <- geocode("Williams Lake, Canada")  
  if(i == "kam") tmp <- geocode("Kamloops, Canada")  
  if(i == "kel") tmp <- geocode("Kelowna, Canada")  
  temp <- data.frame()  
  for(a in 1:n){  
    if(a <= cutoff) temp <- rbind(temp, gcDestination(lon = tmp$lon,  
                                                    lat = tmp$lat,  
                                                    bearing = (a*(360/(cutoff))-360/(cutoff)),  
                                                    dist = 20,  
                                                    dist.units = "km",  
                                                    model = "WGS84"))  
    if(a > cutoff) temp <- rbind(temp, gcDestination(lon = tmp$lon,  
                                                    lat = tmp$lat,  
                                                    bearing = ((a-cutoff)*(360/(max(table(gps$region  
))))-10))-360/(max(table(gps$region))-cutoff),  
                                                    dist = 35,  
                                                    dist.units = "km",  
                                                    model = "WGS84"))  
  }  
  circle <- rbind(circle, cbind(temp,  
                                 region = i,  
                                 hab = gps$hab[gps$region == i],  
                                 spl = gps$spl.orig[gps$region == i],
```

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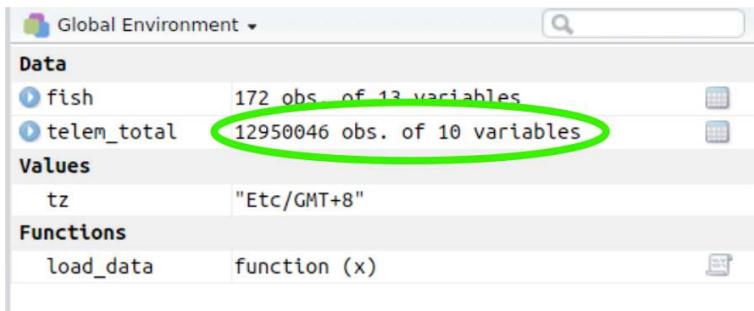
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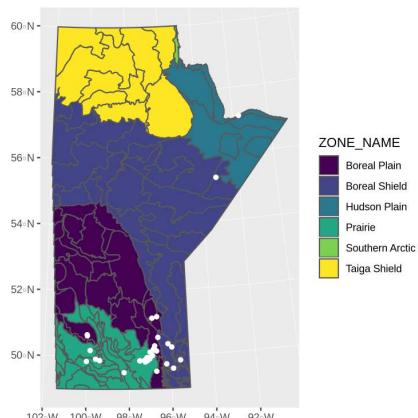
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## Why R?

R is also beautiful



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## Why R?

R is affordable (i.e., free!)

R is available as Free Software under the terms of the [Free Software Foundation's GNU General Public License](#) in source code form. It compiles and runs on a wide variety of UNIX platforms and similar systems (including FreeBSD and Linux), Windows and MacOS.

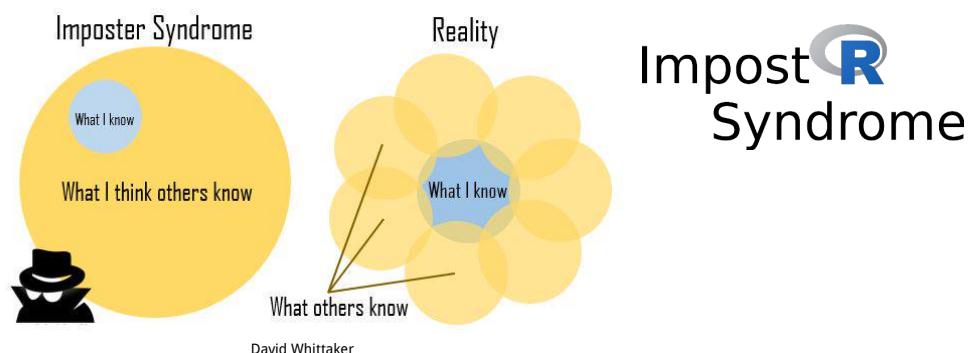
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## ImpostR Syndrome

# Impost<sup>R</sup> Syndrome

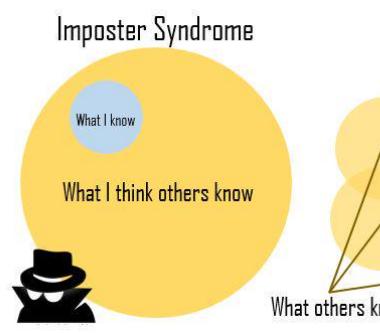
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Impost<sup>R</sup> Syndrome

**Moral of the story?**  
Make friends, code in groups, learn together and don't beat yourself up

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About R

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## For example:

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Code

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Output

```
1  #> session<-
```

```
2  15  #> a <--
```

```
16  #> gridExtra
```

```
17  library(gridExtra)
```

```
18  library(stringr)
```

```
19  library(gridExtra)
```

```
20  library(dplyr)
```

```
21  library(broom)
```

```
22
```

```
23  theme_cust <- theme_hbr() +
```

```
24  theme(panel.grid = element_blank())
```

```
25
```

```
26  #> Load data
```

```
27  d <- read.csv("../Data/Datasets/pca.csv") %>%
```

```
28  mutate(hab_c = ifelse(hab == 0, "Urban", "Rural"))
```

```
29
```

```
30  summary(d$hab)
```

```
31
```

```
32  #> a plotting
```

```
33  d_atypcal_c <- tibble(hab_c, atypcal_c)
```

```
34  group_by(d_atypcal_c) %>%
```

```
35  summarise(freq_sweep = sum(atypcal_c) / length(atypcal_c))
```

```
36
```

```
37  d_atypcal_c <- count(d_atypcal_c, hab_c)
```

```
38
```

```
39  #> Sample sizes
```

```
40  nn <- d$hab %>%
```

```
41  count(d, hab) %>%
```

```
42  count(d, atypcal_c)
```

```
43  count(d, tomlgh, monotone, freq_sweep)
```

```
44
```

```
45  count(d, region) %>%
```

```
46  count(d, project) = ifelse(str_detect(d, "NC|C|1|2|3|2"), "SteffI",
```

```
1 |count|
```

Script

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# RStudio vs. R



- **RStudio** is not **R** RStudio
- RStudio is a User Interface or IDE (integrated development environment)
  - (i.e., Makes coding simpler)



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- Arguments defined by **name** or by **position**
- With correct position, do not need to specify by name

### By name:

```
mean(x = c(1, 5, 10))
```

```
## [1] 5.333333
```

### By position:

```
mean(c(1, 5, 10))
```

```
## [1] 5.333333
```

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## R documentation

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mean {base}

R Documentation

### Arithmetic Mean

#### Description

Generic function for the (trimmed) arithmetic mean.

#### Usage

```
mean(x, ...)  
## Default S3 method:  
mean(x, trim = 0, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

#### Arguments

x An R object. Currently there are methods for numeric/logical vectors and [date](#), [date-time](#) and [time interval](#) objects. Complex vectors are allowed for trim = 0, only.  
trim the fraction (0 to 0.5) of observations to be trimmed from each end of x before the mean is computed. Values of trim outside that range are taken as the nearest endpoint.  
na.rm a logical value indicating whether NA values should be stripped before the computation proceeds.  
... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

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## Data

Generally kept in **vectors** or **data.frames**

- These are objects with names (like functions)
- We can use `<-` to assign values to objects (assignment)

### Vector (1 dimension)

```
my_data <- c("a", 100, "c")  
my_data  
## [1] "a"   "100" "c"
```

### Data frame (2 dimensions)

```
my_data <- data.frame(site = c("s1", "s2", "s3"),  
                      count = c(101, 102, 103),  
                      treatment = c("a", "b", "c"))  
  
my_data  
  
##   site count treatment  
## 1   s1    101         a  
## 2   s2    102         b  
## 3   s3    103         c
```

rows X  
columns

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# Your first *real* code!

## First Code

```
# First load the packages
library(palmerpenguins)
library(ggplot2)

# Now create the figure
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm, colour = species)) +
  geom_point()
```

- Copy/paste or type this into the script window in RStudio
  - You may have to go to File > New File > R Script
- Click anywhere on the first line of code
- Use the 'Run' button to run this code, **or** use the short-cut **Ctrl-Enter**
  - Repeat until all the code has run

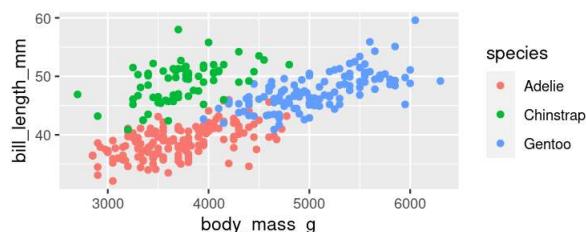
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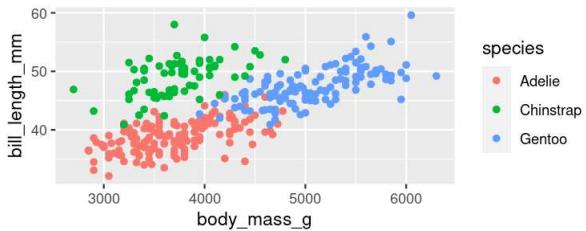
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Packages  
**ggplot2** and **palmerpenguins**



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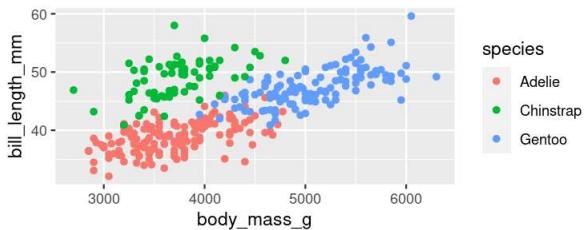
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Functions:  
**library()**, **ggplot()**,  
**aes()**, and **geom\_point()**



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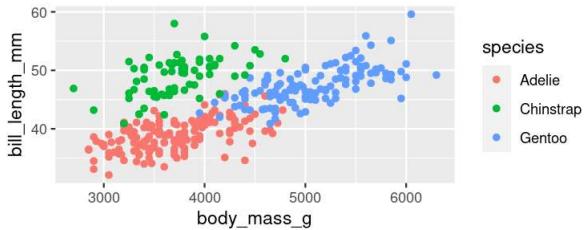
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+  
(Specific to **ggplot2**)



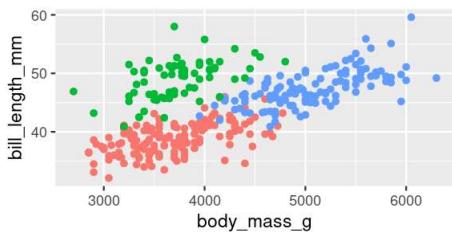
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Figure!

species  
● Adelie  
● Chinstrap  
● Gentoo

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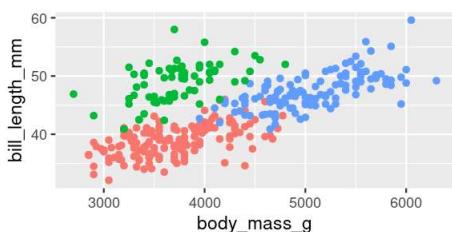
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Warning



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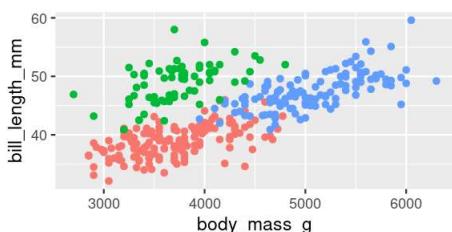
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Comments



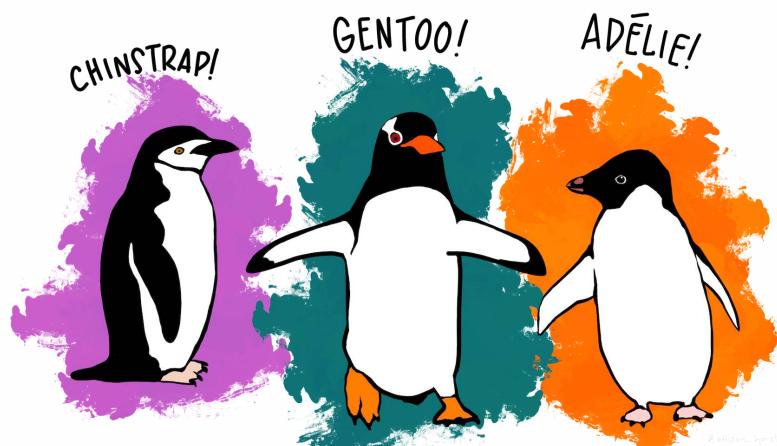
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# Now you know R!

Let's get started

## Our data set: Palmer Penguins!



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```
library(palmerpenguins)
penguins

## # A tibble: 344 x 8
##   species island   bill_length_mm bill_depth_mm flipper_length_mm body_mass_g sex     year
##   <fct>   <dbl>          <dbl>            <int>          <dbl>      <fct>   <int>
## 1 Adelie    Torgersen     39.1           18.7          181     3750 male   2007
## 2 Adelie    Torgersen     39.5           17.4          186     3800 female  2007
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## 4 Adelie    Torgersen     NA              NA             NA     NA <NA>   2007
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## # ... with 334 more rows
```



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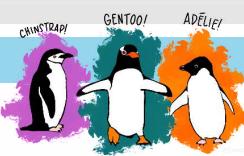
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Your turn! Run this code and look at the output in the console



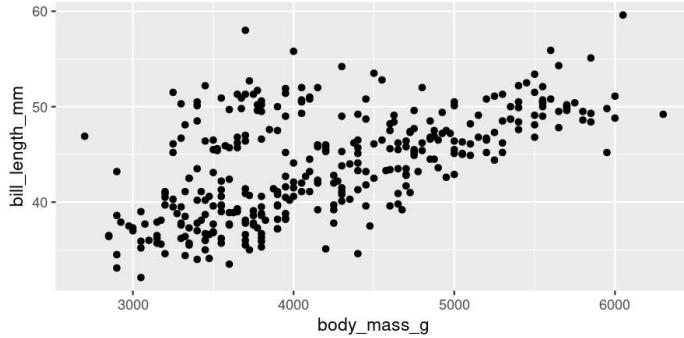
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## A basic plot

```
library(palmerpenguins)
library(ggplot2)

ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm)) +
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```



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## Break it down

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### library(palmerpenguins)

- Load the **palmerpenguins** package so we have access to **penguins** data

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### library(ggplot2)

- Load the **ggplot2** package (which gives us access to the **ggplot()** function among others)

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### ggplot()

- Set the attributes of your plot
- **data** = Dataset
- **aes** = Aesthetics (how the data are used)
- Think of this as your plot defaults

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### geom\_point()

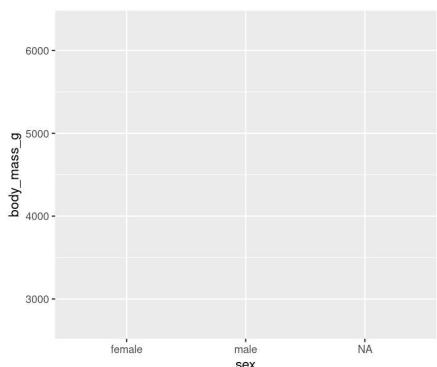
- Choose a **geom** function to display the data
- Always *added* to a **ggplot()** call with **+**

ggplots are essentially layered objects, starting with a call to **ggplot()**

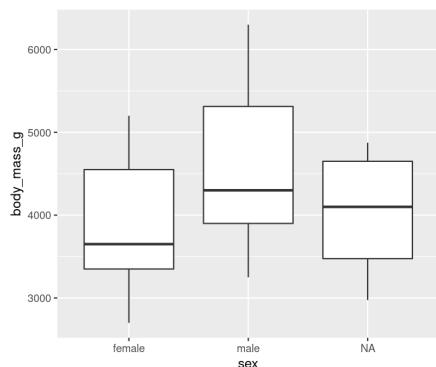
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## Plots are layered

```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = sex, y = body_mass_g))
```



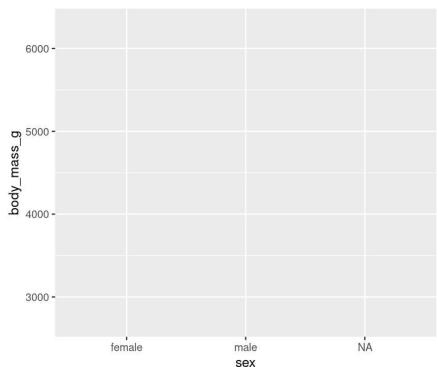
```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = sex, y = body_mass_g)) +  
  geom_boxplot()
```



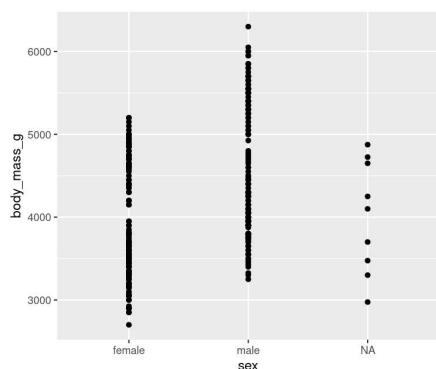
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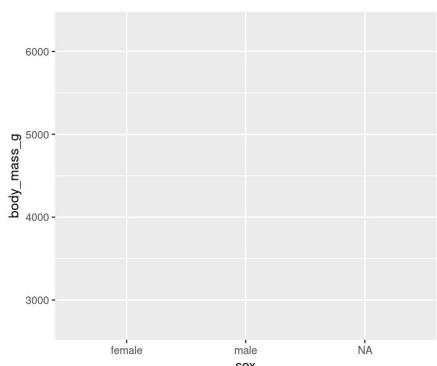
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```



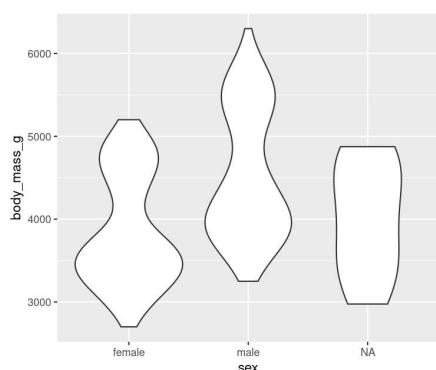
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```
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```



```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = sex, y = body_mass_g)) +  
  geom_violin()
```

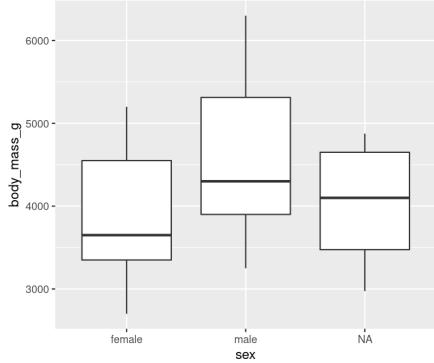


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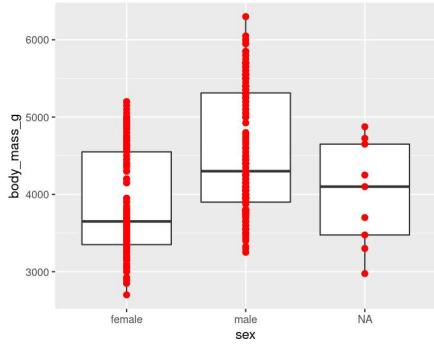


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```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = sex, y = body_mass_g)) +  
  geom_boxplot() +  
  geom_point(size = 2, colour = "red")
```

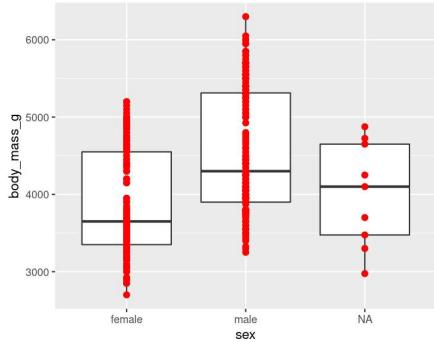


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# Plots are layered

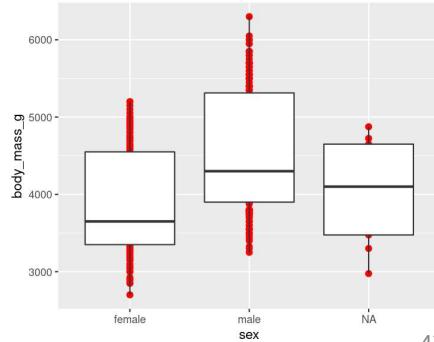
## You can add multiple layers

```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = sex, y = body_mass_g)) +  
  geom_boxplot() +  
  geom_point(size = 2, colour = "red")
```



## Order matters

```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = sex, y = body_mass_g)) +  
  geom_point(size = 2, colour = "red") +  
  geom_boxplot()
```



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## Plots are objects

### Any ggplot can be saved as an object

```
g <- ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = sex, y = body_mass_g))
```

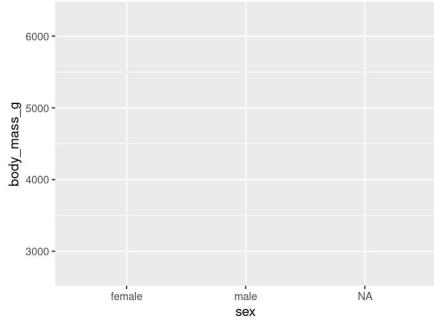
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## Plots are objects

### Any ggplot can be saved as an object

```
g <- ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = sex, y = body_mass_g))
```

```
g
```



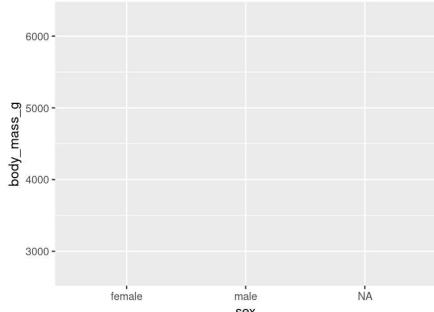
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## Plots are objects

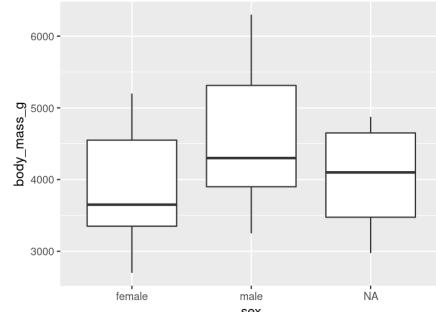
### Any ggplot can be saved as an object

```
g <- ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = sex, y = body_mass_g))
```

```
g
```



```
g + geom_boxplot()
```



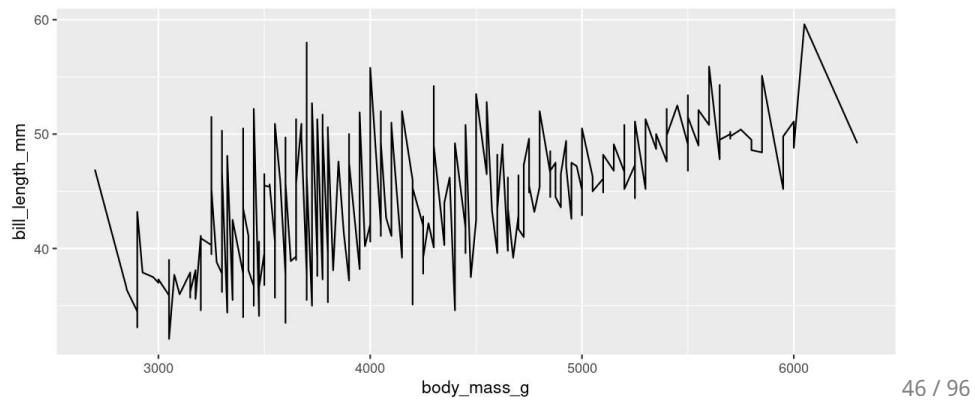
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## More Geoms

(Plot types)

### Geoms: Lines

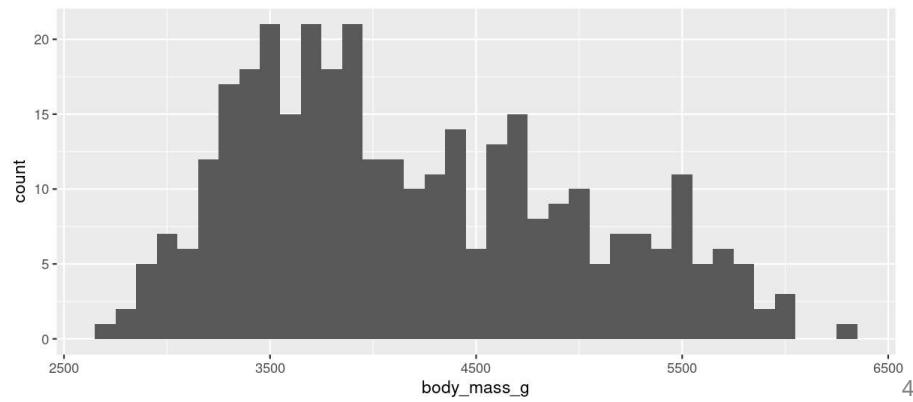
```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm)) +  
  geom_line()
```



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### Geoms: Histogram

```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g)) +  
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 100)
```

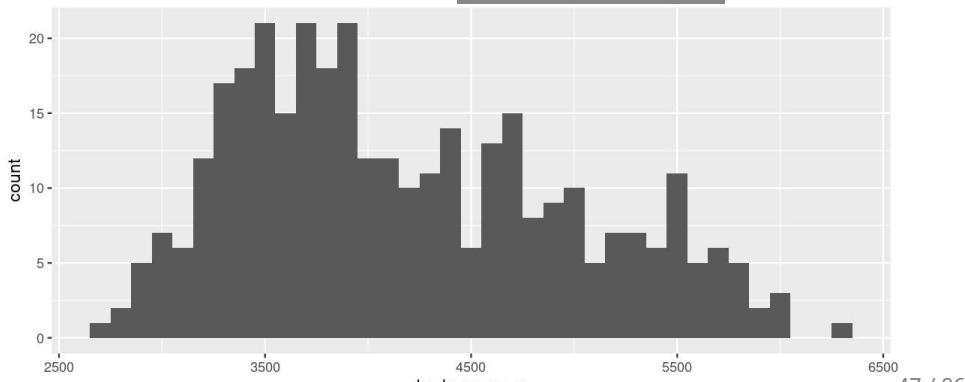


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## Geoms: Histogram

```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g)) +  
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 100)
```

Note: We only need 1 aesthetic here (x)

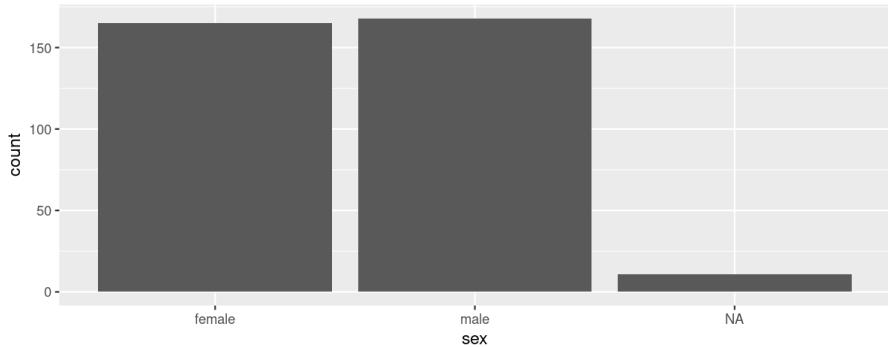


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## Geoms: Barplots

Let **ggplot** count your data

```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = sex)) +  
  geom_bar()
```

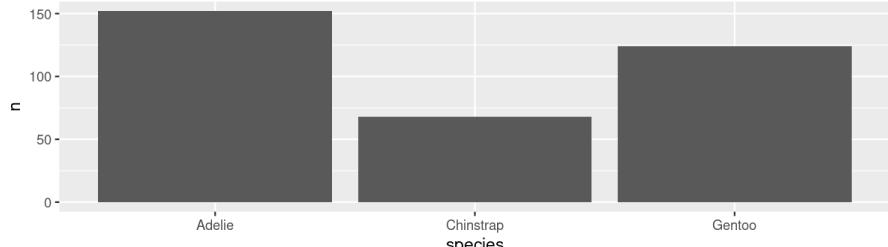


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## Geoms: Barplots

You can also provide the counts

```
# Create our own data frame  
species <- data.frame(species = c("Adelie", "Chinstrap", "Gentoo"),  
                      n = c(152, 68, 124))  
  
ggplot(data = species, aes(x = species, y = n)) +  
  geom_bar(stat = "identity")
```

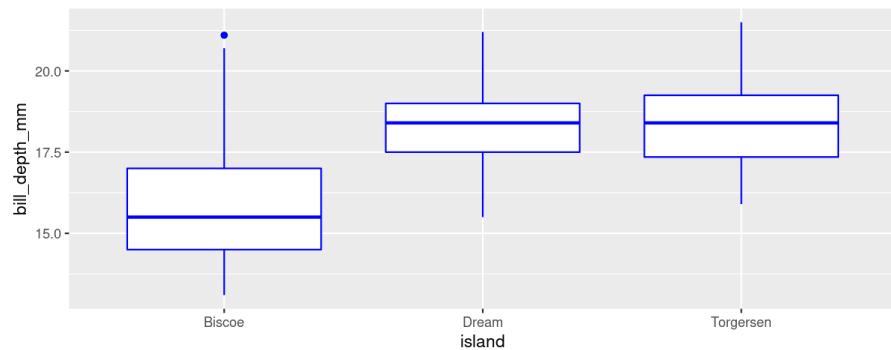


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## Your Turn: Create this plot

```
library(ggplot2)

ggplot(data = [REDACTED], aes(x = [REDACTED], y = [REDACTED])) +  
  geom_[REDACTED]([REDACTED])
```

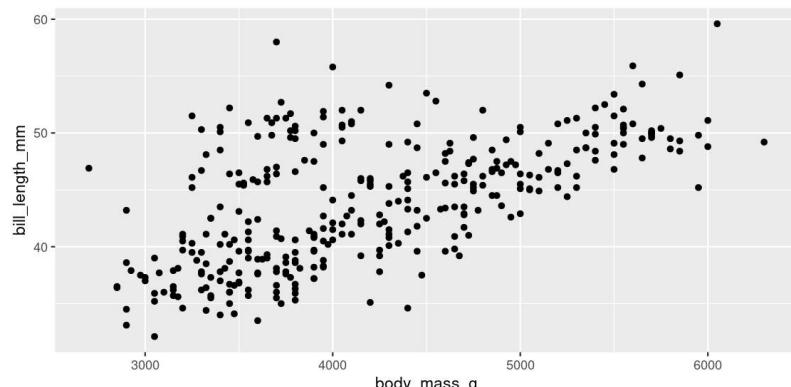


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## Showing data by group

## Mapping aesthetics

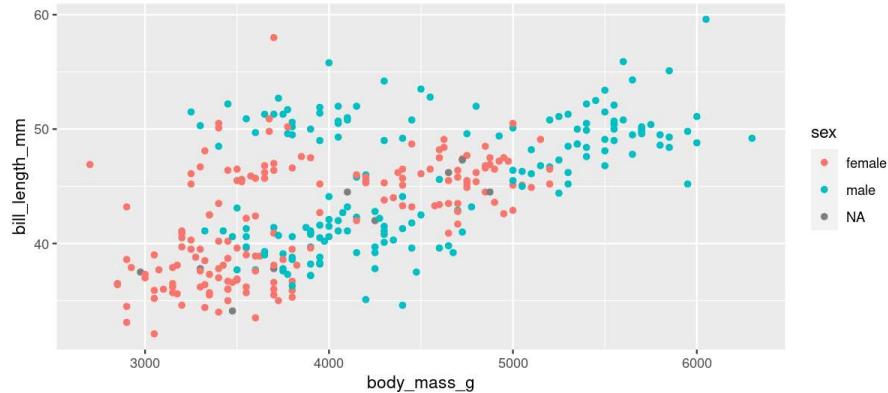
```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm)) +  
  geom_point()
```



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## Mapping aesthetics

```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm, colour = sex)) +  
  geom_point()
```

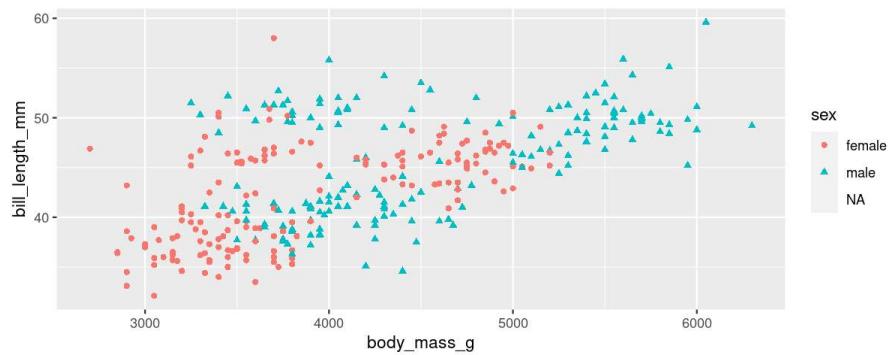


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## Mapping aesthetics

**ggplot automatically populates the legends (combining where it can)**

```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm, colour = sex, shape = sex)) +  
  geom_point()
```

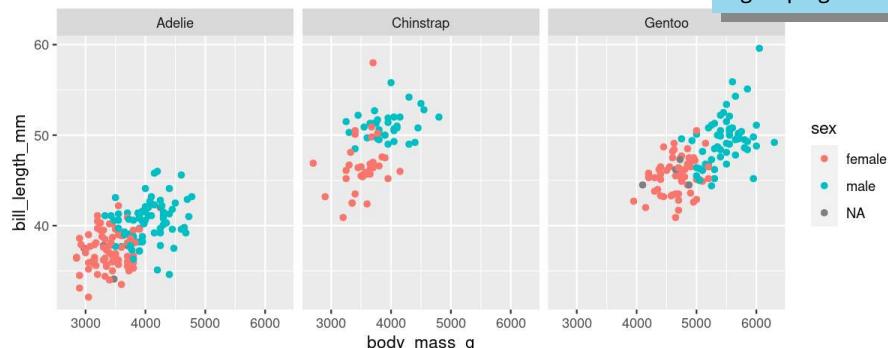


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## Faceting: `facet_wrap()`

```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm, colour = sex)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  facet_wrap(~ species)
```

Split plots by one grouping variable

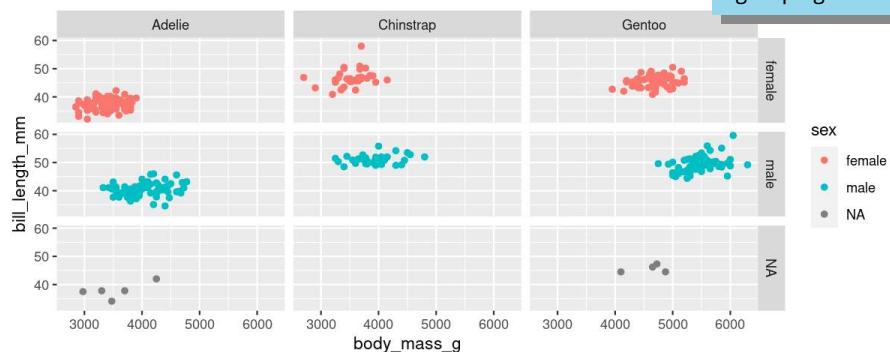


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## Faceting: `facet_grid()`

```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm, colour = sex)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  facet_grid(species ~ sex)
```

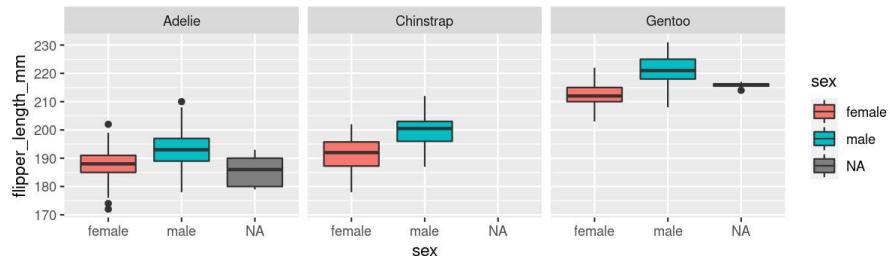
Split plots by **two** grouping variables



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## Your Turn: Create this plot

```
ggplot(data = [REDACTED], aes([REDACTED])) +  
  [REDACTED] +  
  [REDACTED]
```



**Hint:** `colour` is for outlining with a colour, `fill` is for 'filling' with a colour

Too Easy? Split boxplots by sex **and** island

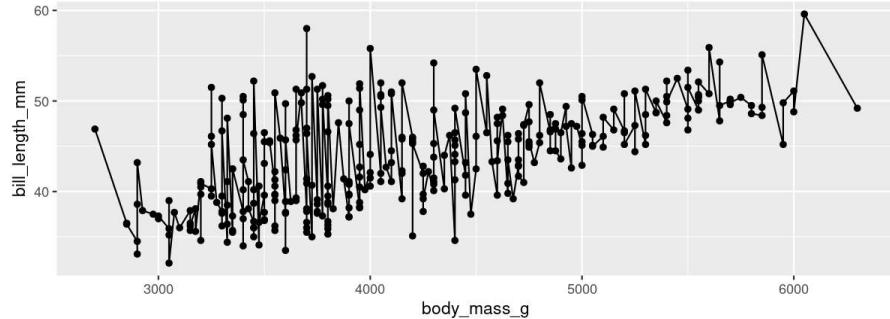
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## Trendlines / Regression Lines

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**geom\_line() is connect-the-dots, not a trend or linear model**

```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  geom_line()
```



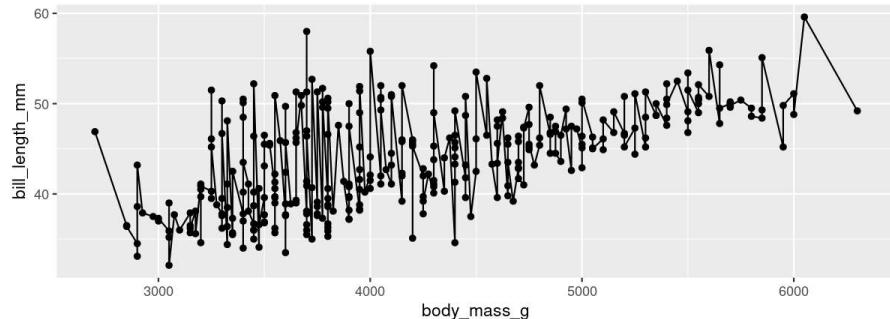
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## Trendlines / Regression lines

**geom\_line() is connect-the-dots, not a trend or linear model**

```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  geom_line()
```

Not what we're  
looking for



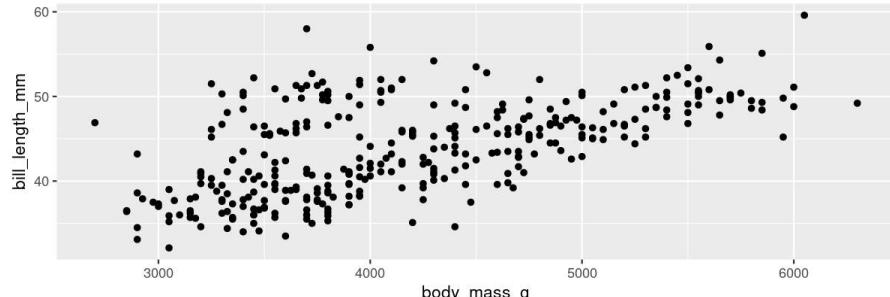
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## Trendlines / Regression lines

**Let's add a trend line properly**

Start with basic plot:

```
g <- ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm)) +  
  geom_point()  
g
```



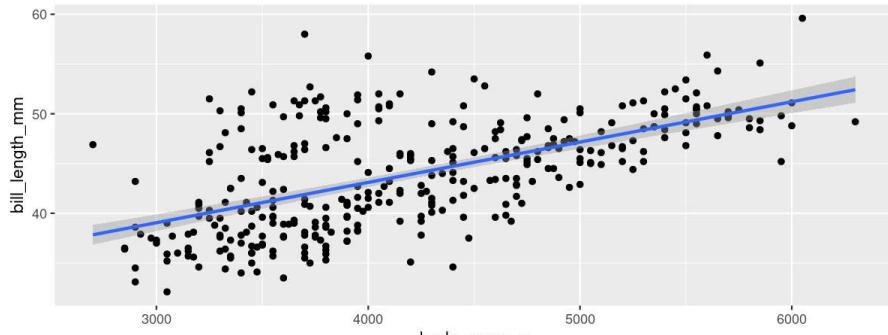
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## Trendlines / Regression lines

### Add the `stat_smooth()`

- `lm` is for "linear model" (i.e. trendline)
- grey ribbon = standard error

```
g + stat_smooth(method = "lm")
```



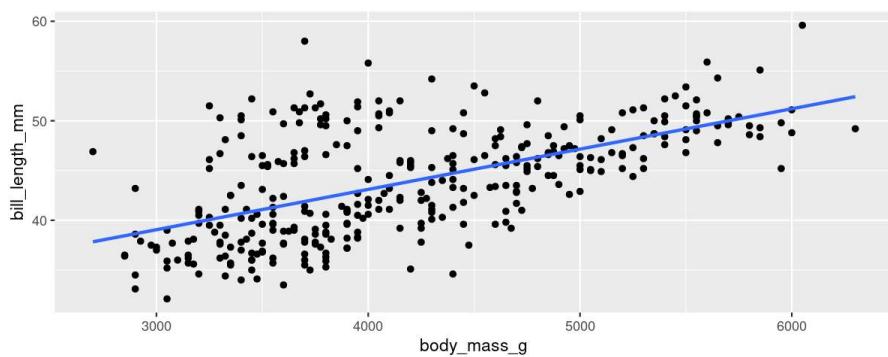
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## Trendlines / Regression lines

### Add the `stat_smooth()`

- remove the grey ribbon `se = FALSE`

```
g + stat_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE)
```



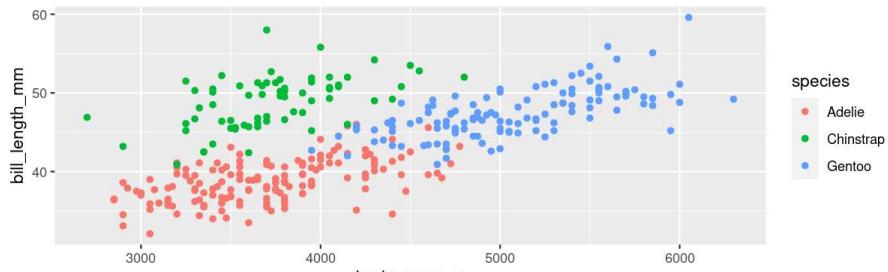
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## Trendlines / Regression lines

### A line for each group

- Specify group (here we use `colour` to specify `species`)

```
g <- ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm, colour = species)) +  
  geom_point()  
g
```



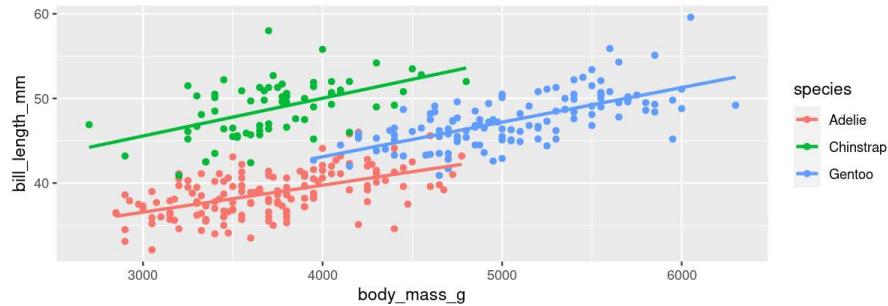
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## Trendlines / Regression lines

### A line for each group

- `stat_smooth()` automatically uses the same grouping

```
g + stat_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE)
```

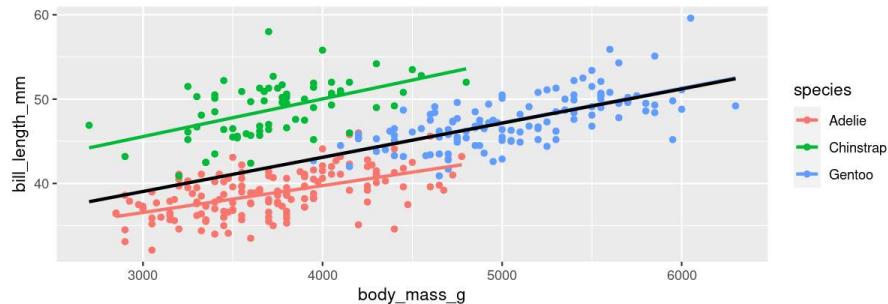


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## Trendlines / Regression lines

### A line for each group AND overall

```
g +
  stat_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE) +
  stat_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE, colour = "black")
```



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## Your Turn: Create this plot

- A scatter plot: Flipper Length by Body Mass grouped by Species
- With a *single regression line for the overall trend*

**Too Easy?** Create a separate plot for each sex as well

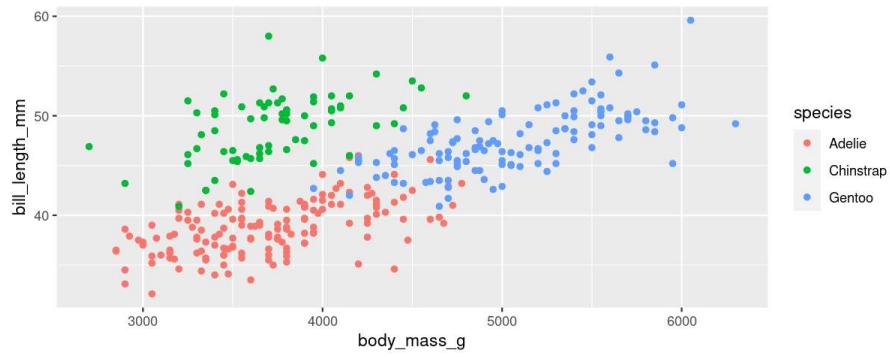
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# Customizing plots

## Customizing: Starting plot

### Let's work with this plot

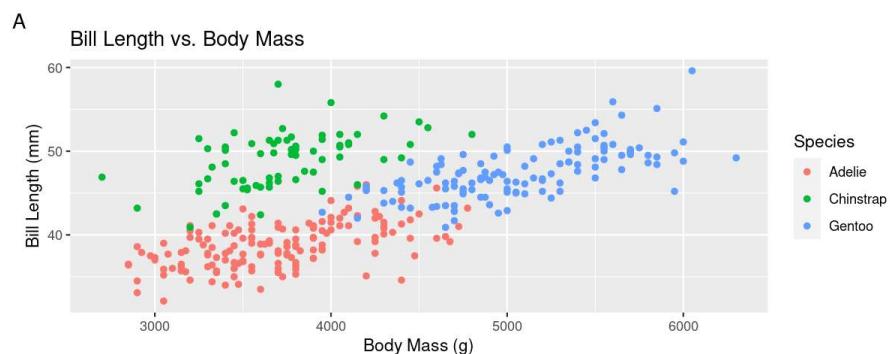
```
g <- ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm, colour = species)) +  
  geom_point()
```



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## Customizing: Labels

```
g + labs(title = "Bill Length vs. Body Mass",  
        x = "Body Mass (g)",  
        y = "Bill Length (mm)",  
        colour = "Species", tag = "A")
```

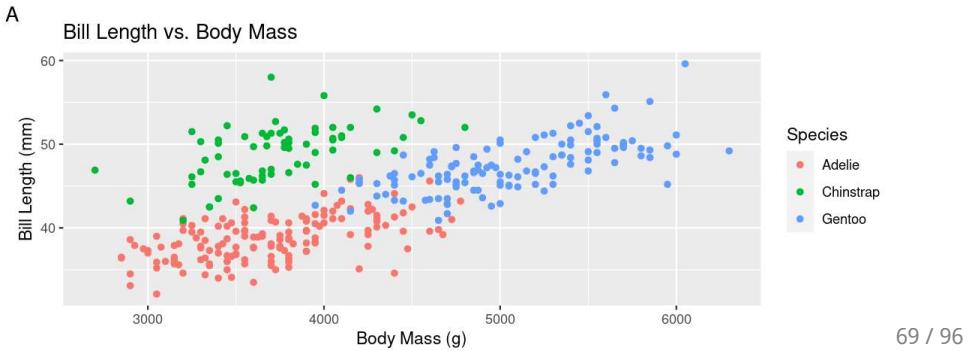


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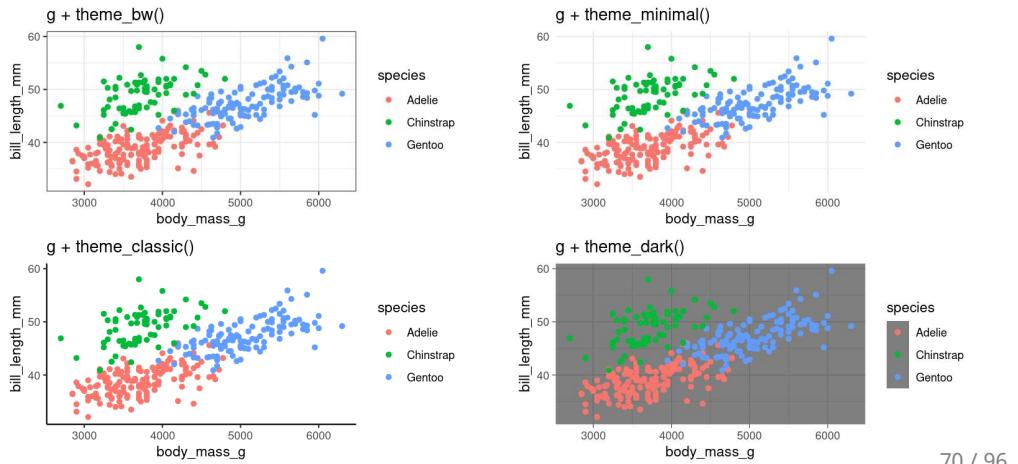
## Customizing: Labels

```
g + labs(title = "Bill Length vs. Body Mass",
      x = "Body Mass (g)",
      y = "Bill Length (mm)",
      colour = "Species", tag = "A")
```

**Practice for later**  
Add proper labels to some of your previous plots



## Customizing: Built-in themes



## Customizing: Axes

**scale\_ + (x or y) + type (continuous, discrete, date, datetime)**

- **scale\_x\_continuous()**
- **scale\_y\_discrete()**
- etc.

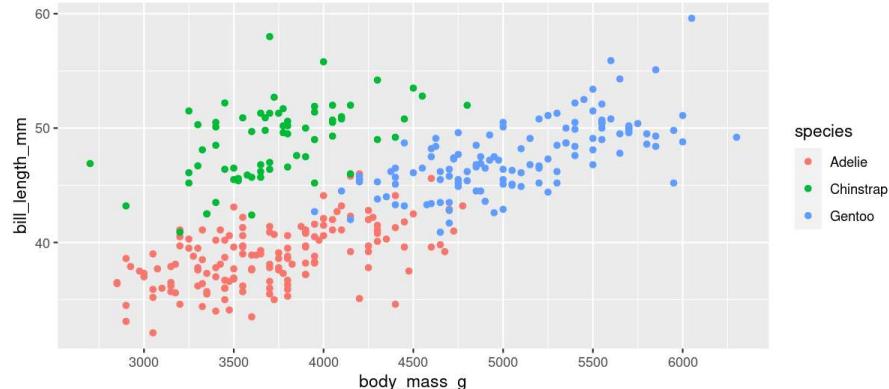
### Common arguments

```
g + scale_x_continuous(breaks = seq(0, 20, 10)) # Tick breaks
g + scale_x_continuous(limits = c(0, 15))        # xlim() is a shortcut for this
g + scale_x_continuous(expand = c(0, 0))         # Space between axis and data
```

## Customizing: Axes

### Breaks

```
g + scale_x_continuous(breaks = seq(2500, 6500, 500))
```

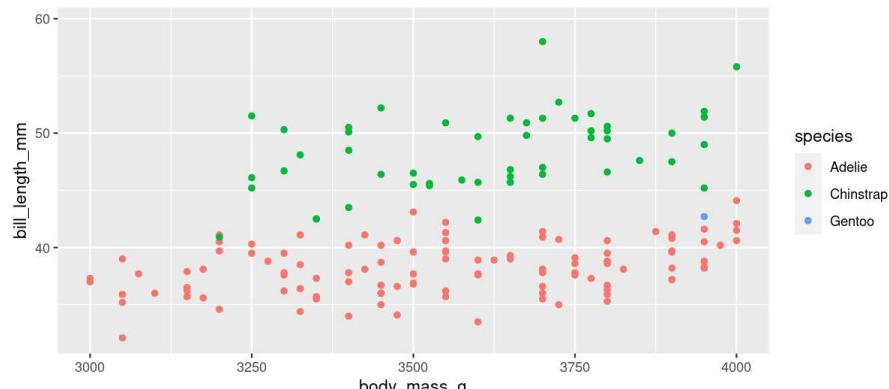


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## Customizing: Axes

### Limits

```
g + scale_x_continuous(limits = c(3000, 4000))
```

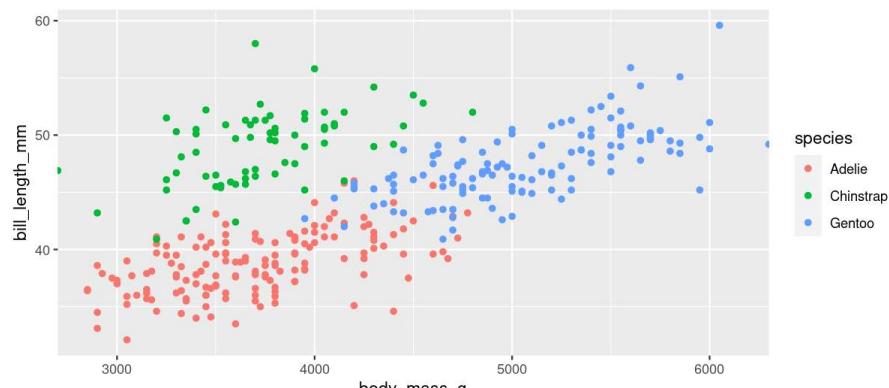


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## Customizing: Axes

### Space between origin and axis start

```
g + scale_x_continuous(expand = c(0, 0))
```



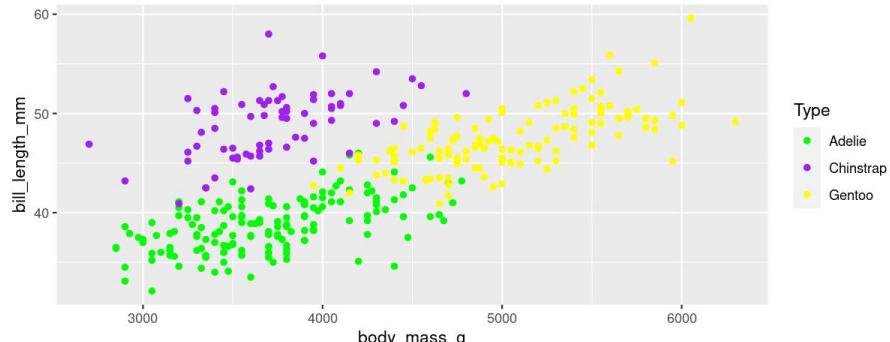
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## Customizing: Aesthetics

### Using scales

`scale_` + aesthetic (`colour`, `fill`, `size`, etc.) + type (`manual`, `continuous`, `datetime`, etc.)

```
g + scale_colour_manual(name = "Type", values = c("green", "purple", "yellow"))
```



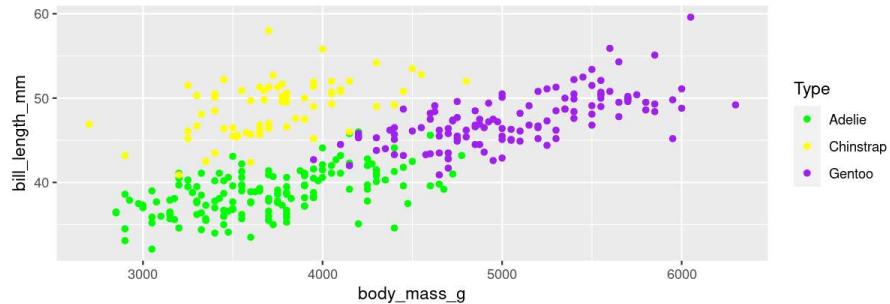
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## Customizing: Aesthetics

### Using scales

Or be very explicit:

```
g + scale_colour_manual(name = "Type",
                        values = c("Adelie" = "green", "Gentoo" = "purple", "Chinstrap" = "yellow"),
                        na.value = "black")
```



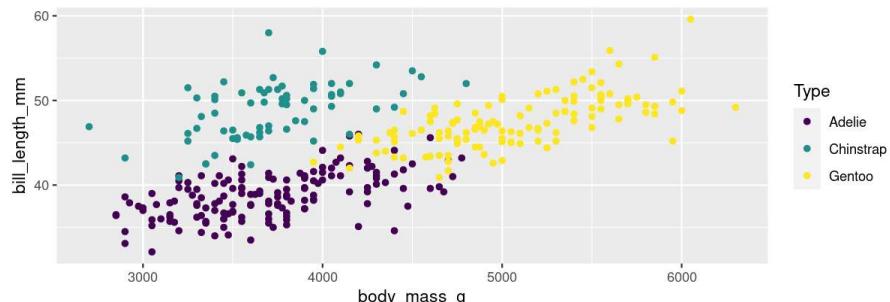
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## Customizing: Aesthetics

### For colours, consider colour-blind-friendly scale

`viridis_d` for "discrete" data

```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm, colour = species)) +
  geom_point() +
  scale_colour_viridis_d(name = "Type")
```



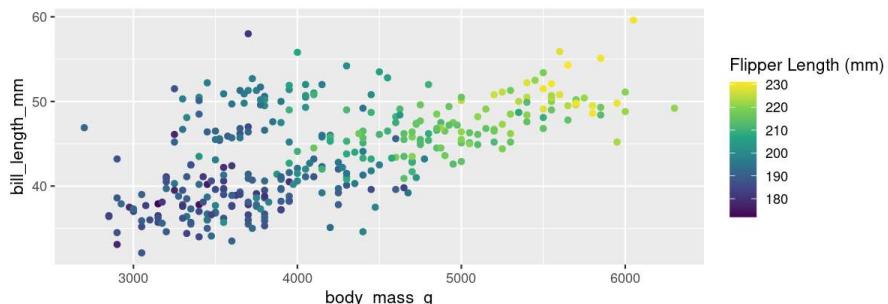
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## Customizing: Aesthetics

For colours, consider colour-blind-friendly scale

`viridis_c` for "continuous" data

```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm, colour = flipper_length_mm)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  scale_colour_viridis_c(name = "Flipper Length (mm)")
```



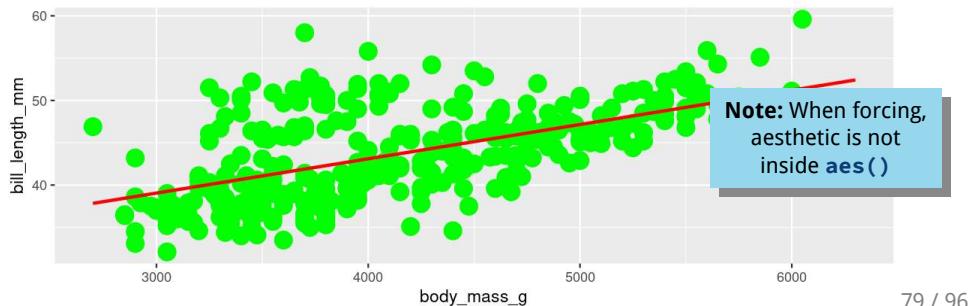
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## Customizing: Aesthetics

### Forcing

Remove the association between a variable and an aesthetic

```
ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = bill_length_mm, colour = sex)) +  
  geom_point(colour = "green", size = 5) +  
  stat_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE, colour = "red")
```

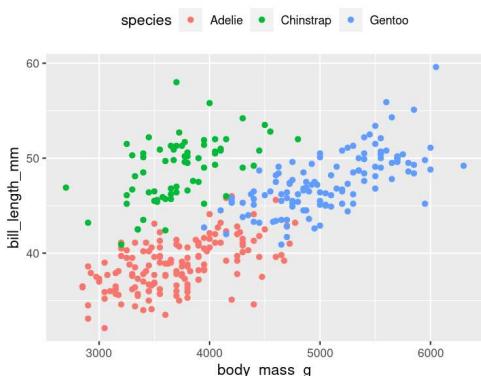


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## Customizing: Legends placement

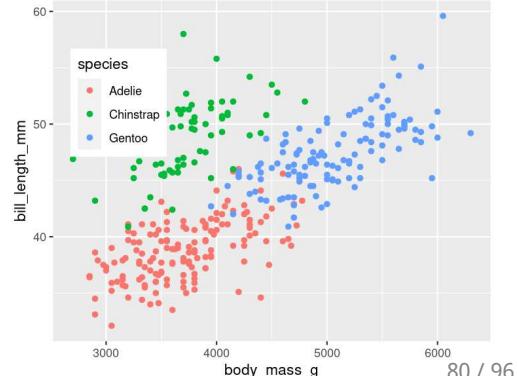
### At the: top, bottom, left, right

```
g + theme(legend.position = "top")
```



### Exactly here

```
g + theme(legend.position = c(0.15, 0.7))
```



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# Combining plots

## Combining plots with **patchwork**

### Setup

- Load **patchwork**
- Create a couple of different plots

```
library(patchwork)

g1 <- ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = bill_length_mm, y = bill_depth_mm, colour = species)) +
  geom_point()

g2 <- ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = species, y = flipper_length_mm)) +
  geom_boxplot()

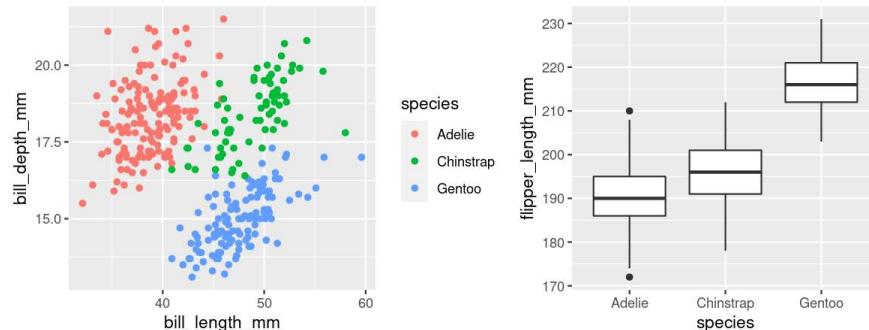
g3 <- ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = flipper_length_mm, y = body_mass_g, colour = species)) +
  geom_point()
```

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## Combining plots with **patchwork**

### Side-by-Side 2 plots

```
g1 + g2
```

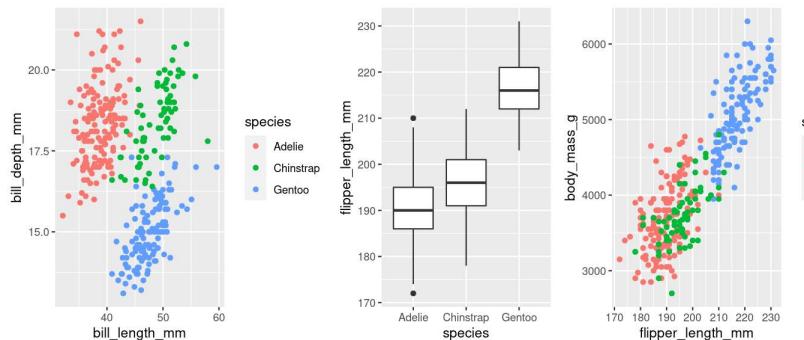


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## Combining plots with **patchwork**

### Side-by-Side 3 plots

`g1 + g2 + g3`

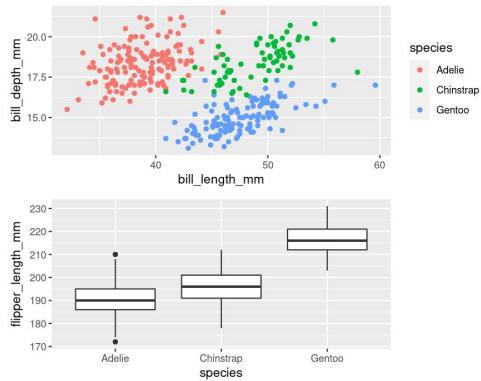


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## Combining plots with **patchwork**

### Stacked 2 plots

`g1 / g2`

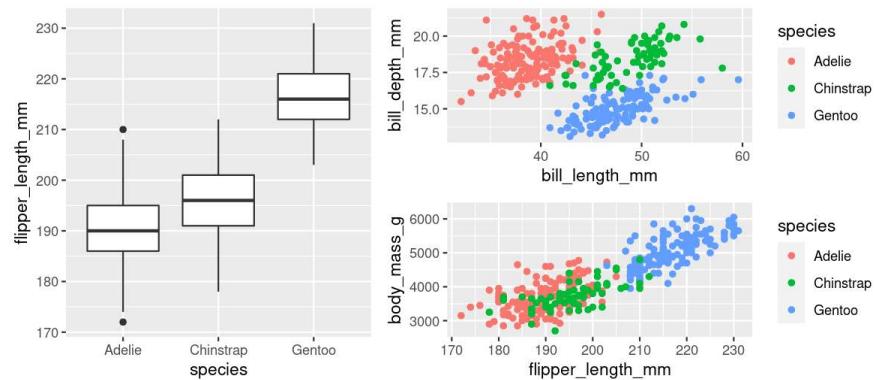


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## Combining plots with **patchwork**

### More complex arrangements

`g2 + (g1 / g3)`

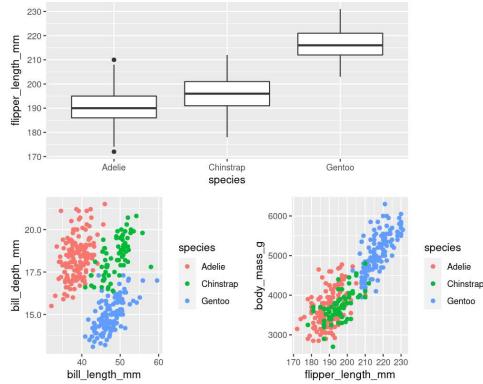


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# Combining plots with **patchwork**

## More complex arrangements

```
g2 / (g1 + g3)
```

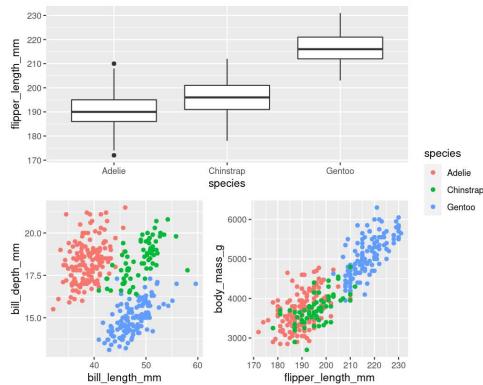


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# Combining plots with **patchwork**

## "collect" common legends

```
g2 / (g1 + g3) + plot_layout(guides = "collect")
```

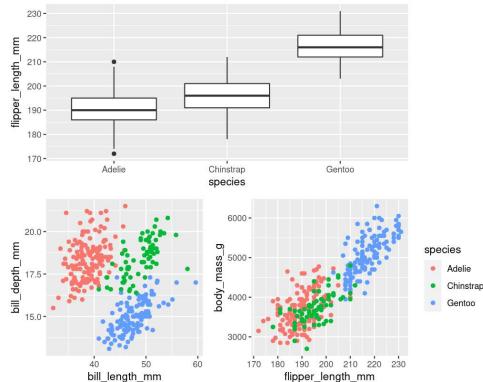


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# Combining plots with **patchwork**

## "collect" common legends

```
g2 / (g1 + g3 + plot_layout(guides = "collect"))
```

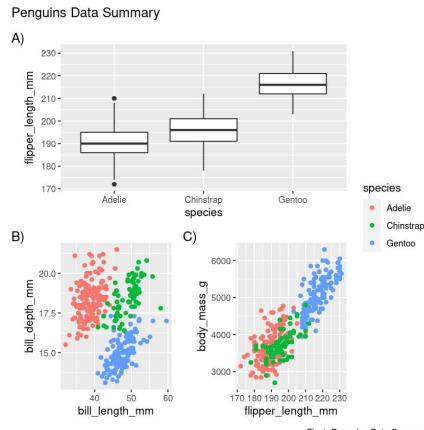


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# Combining plots with **patchwork**

## Annotate

```
g2 / (g1 + g3) +
  plot_layout(guides = "collect") +
  plot_annotation(title = "Penguins Data Summary",
                 caption = "Fig 1. Penguins Data Summary",
                 tag_levels = "A",
                 tag_suffix = ")")
```



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## Saving plots

# Saving plots

## RStudio Export

*Demo*

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# Saving plots

## RStudio Export

### Demo

#### ggsave()

```
g <- ggplot(penguins, aes(x = sex, y = bill_length_mm, fill = year)) +  
  geom_boxplot()  
  
ggsave(filename = "penguins_mass.png", plot = g)  
  
## Saving 8 x 3.6 in image
```

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# Saving plots

## Publication quality plots

- Many publications require 'lossless' (pdf, svg, eps, ps) or high quality formats (tiff, png)
- Specific sizes corresponding to columns widths
- Minimum resolutions

```
g <- ggplot(penguins, aes(x = sex, y = body_mass_g)) +  
  geom_boxplot() +  
  labs(x = "Sex", y = "Body Mass (g)") +  
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1))  
  
ggsave(filename = "penguins_mass.pdf", plot = g, dpi = 300,  
       height = 80, width = 129, units = "mm")
```

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# Wrapping up: Common mistakes

- The **package** is **ggplot2**, the function is just **ggplot()**
- Did you remember to put the **+** at the **end** of the line?
- Order matters! If you're using custom **theme()**'s, make sure you put these lines **after** bundled themes like **theme\_bw()**, or they will be overwritten
- Variables like 'year' are treated as continuous, but are really categories
  - Wrap them in **factor()**, i.e. **ggplot(data = penguins, aes(x = factor(year), y = body\_mass\_g))**

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## Wrapping up: Further reading (all **Free!**)

- RStudio > Help > Cheatsheets > Data Visualization with ggplot2
- [ggplot2 book v3](#)
  - By Hadley Wickham, Danielle Navarro, and Thomas Lin Pedersen
- [Cookbook for R](#) - by Winston Chang
  - See also R Graphics Cookbook by Winston Chang
- [R for Data Science](#)
  - [Data Visualization](#)

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## Your Turn!

### Create a figure with...

- Custom colour mapping (i.e. `scales_....`)
- Clear, human-readable labels
- More than one graph, each one tagged (e.g., A) or B))
  - With more than one geom type
  - At least one scatterplot with regression line

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**OR... Load your own data and create a figure of your own!**

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