




# Introduction to Statistics

## An Applied 3-Day Hands-On Workshop with

Lecture 8: Graphs –  ggplot2 part of the tidyverse  
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- It is a R-package

```
1 install.packages("ggplot2")
```

- The package is very popular:

- transparency options
- nice defaults
- flexible and professional

- However:

- *very* different syntax (which is not always intuitive)
- a different “philosophy” for graphs
- requires (initially) more time to learn and (initially) more time to solve problems

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## Learning by doing:

<https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/index.html>



### Reference




#### Plot basics

All `ggplot2` plots begin with a call to `ggplot()`, supplying default data and aesthetic mappings, specified by `aes()`. You then add layers, scales, coords and facets with `+`. To save a plot to disk, use `ggsave()`.

<code>ggplot()</code>	Create a new <code>ggplot</code>
<code>aes()</code>	Construct aesthetic mappings
<code>+</code> ( <code>&lt;ggp&gt;</code> ) <code>'%*%'</code>	Add components to a plot
<code>ggsave()</code>	Save a <code>ggplot</code> (or other grid object) with sensible defaults
<code>qplot()</code> <code>quickplot()</code>	Quick plot

#### Layer: geoms

A layer combines data, aesthetic mapping, a geom (geometric object), a stat (statistical transformation), and a position adjustment. Typically, you will create layers using a `geom_` function, overriding the default position and stat if needed.

 <code>geom_abline()</code> <code>geom_hline()</code> <code>geom_vline()</code>	Reference lines: horizontal, vertical, and diagonal
 <code>geom_bar()</code> <code>geom_col()</code> <code>stat_count()</code>	Bar charts
 <code>geom_bin2d()</code> <code>stat_bin_2d()</code>	Heatmap of 2d bin counts
 <code>geom_blank()</code>	Draw nothing

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# What is the principle?<sup>1</sup>

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



To display values, map variables in the data to visual properties of the geom (**aesthetics**) like **size**, **color**, and **y** locations.



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<sup>1</sup> from: <https://github.com/rstudio/cheatsheets/blob/master/data-visualization-2.1.pdf>



```
1 ggplot()      # Create a new ggplot
2 aes()        # Construct aesthetic mappings
3 '+'(<gg>)     # Add components to a plot
4 ggsave()    # Save a ggplot
5 qplot() quickplot() # Quick plot
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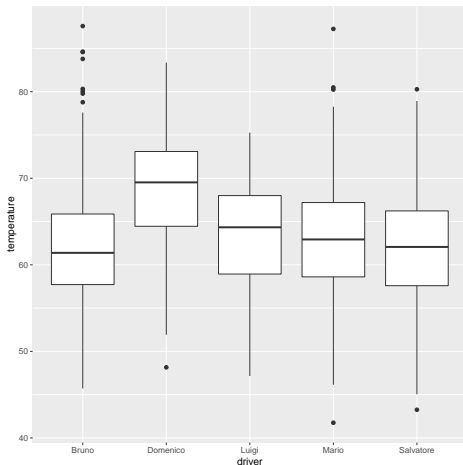
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```
1 # Define a ggplot object
2 # note that we do NOT attach data
3 p1 <- ggplot(pizza, aes(x=driver, y=temperature))
4 plot(p1) # the plot is defined, now we simply need to map
           # the data (or a function thereof) in here
5
6 # Option 1:
7 ggplot(pizza, aes(x=driver, y=temperature))
8   + geom_boxplot()
9 # Option 2:
10 p2 <- p1 + geom_boxplot()
11 plot(p2)
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```
1 # aesthetics can be added...
2 # ...."globally"
3 ggplot(pizza, aes(x=driver, y=temperature, col="red")) +
  geom_boxplot()
4 # ...or within a layer
5 ggplot(pizza, aes(x=driver, y=temperature)) + geom_boxplot
  (aes(col="red"))
```

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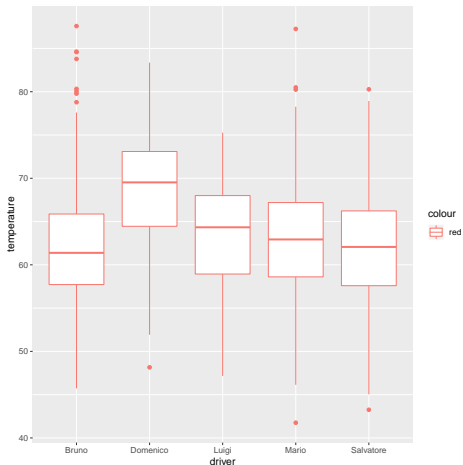
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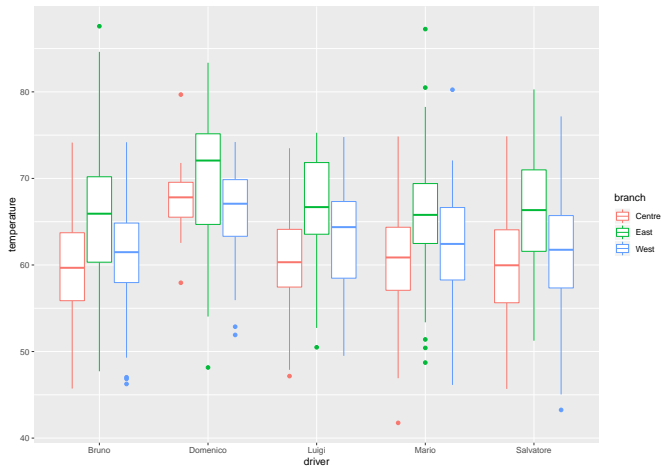
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```
1 # defining groups as part of aesthetics
2 ggplot(pizza, aes(x=driver, y=temperature, col=branch)) +
  geom_boxplot()
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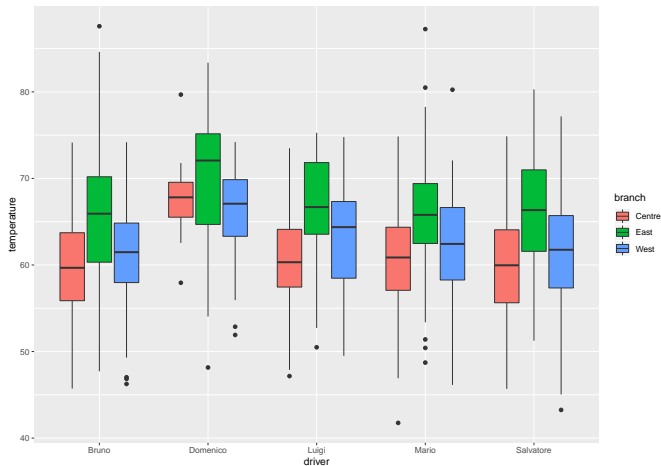
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A layer combines data, aesthetic mapping, a geom, a stat, and a position adjustment. Examples are:

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```
1 > # bar chart
2 > ggplot(pizza, aes(x=driver)) + geom_bar()
3 > # stratified bar chart
4 > ggplot(pizza, aes(x=driver, y=branch)) + geom_bar() #
  does not work
5 Fehler: stat_count() must not be used with a y aesthetic.
6 > ggplot(pizza, aes(x=driver)) +
7 >   geom_bar(aes(fill=branch)) # Option 1
8 > ggplot(pizza, aes(x=driver, fill=branch)) +
9 >   geom_bar() # Option 2
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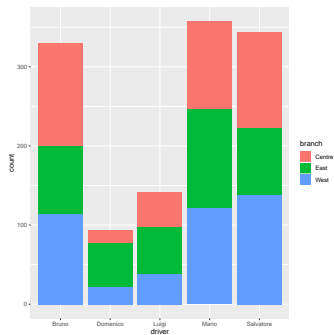
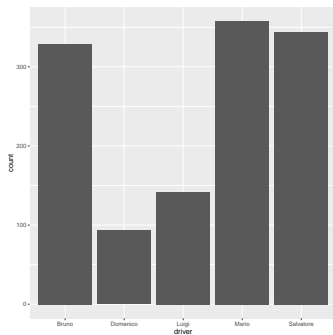
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```
1 > # kernel density plot
2 > ggplot(pizza, aes(x=time)) + geom_density()
3 > # stratified kernel density plots
4 > ggplot(pizza, aes(x=time, col=driver)) + geom_density()
5 > ggplot(pizza, aes(x=time, fill=driver)) + geom_density()
```

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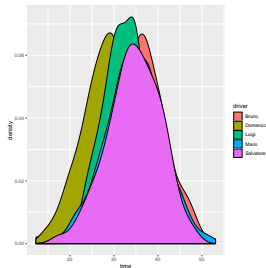
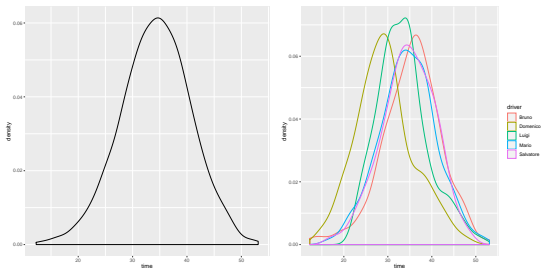
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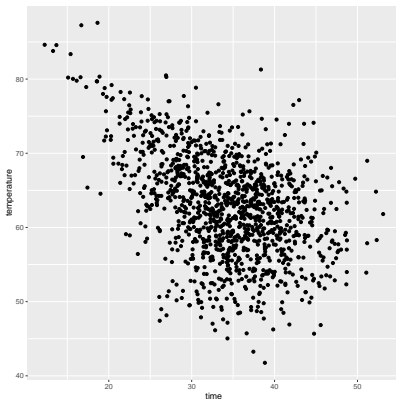
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# Scatter Plots



```
1 > # scatter plots  
2 > ggplot(pizza, aes(time, temperature))+ geom_point()
```



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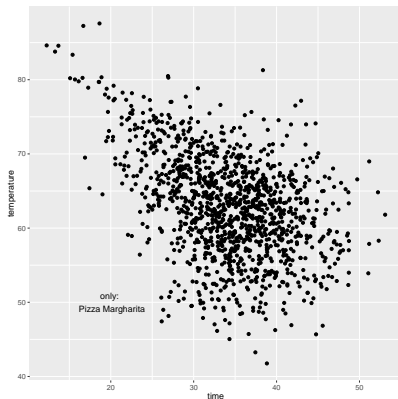
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# Text Layer



```
1 > # untypical layer/geom: text
2 > p4 <- ggplot(pizza, aes(time, temperature))+geom_point()
3 > p4 + annotate("text", x = 20, y = 50, label = "only: \n
  Pizza Margharita")
```



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- Plots are not always based on a classical data analysis
- Graphs can be individual, and summarize various aspects of data
- For `ggplot2` one *has to* arrange the number one needs in a data frame
- This is relevant for confidence intervals plots, confidence bands, visualized regression coefficients, very individual graphs, etc.

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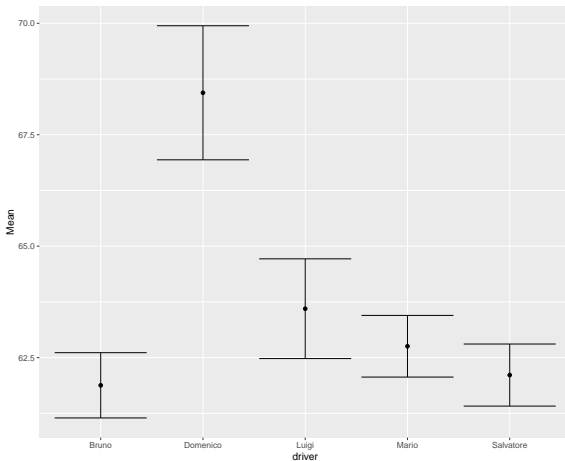
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```
1 > # for some geoms we can't use the raw data, but need to
  create summaries
2 > pdrivers <- names(table(pizza$driver))
3 > tempdriver <- matrix(NA, ncol=3, nrow=5,
4 > dimnames=list(pdrivers, c("Mean", "LCI", "UCI")))
5 > for(i in 1:5){tempdriver[i,] <-
6 > c(mean(pizza$temperature[pizza$driver==pdrivers[i]]),
7 > t.test(pizza$temperature[pizza$driver==pdrivers[i]]
8 > $conf.int)
9 > }
10 > tempdriver <- as.data.frame(tempdriver)
11 > tempdriver$driver <- pdrivers
12 > tempdriver
13 Mean LCI UCI driver
14 Bruno 61.87884 61.14706 62.61062 Bruno
15 Domenico 68.44068 66.93705 69.94431 Domenico
16 Luigi 63.59733 62.47871 64.71596 Luigi
17 Mario 62.75523 62.06364 63.44681 Mario
18 Salvatore 62.10885 61.41257 62.80514 Salvatore
19 > ggplot(tempdriver, aes(x=driver, ymin=LCI, ymax=UCI)) +
  geom_errorbar()
20 > ggplot(tempdriver, aes(x=driver, ymin=LCI, ymax=UCI,
21 > y=Mean)) + geom_errorbar() + geom_point()
```

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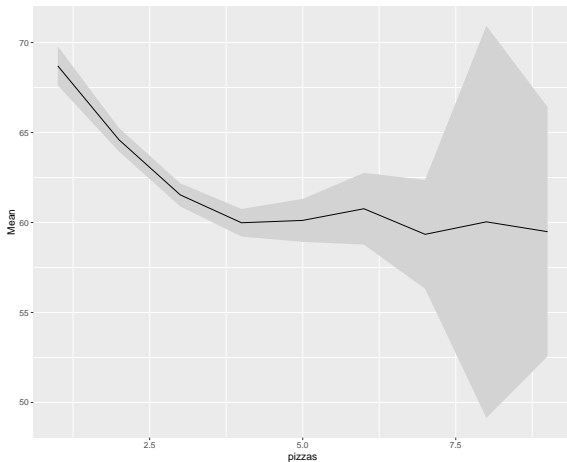
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```
1 > # Alternative to "errorbar": ribbon/confidence bands
2 > t2 <- as.data.frame(matrix(NA, ncol=3, nrow=9,
3                             dimnames=list(NULL, c("Mean", "LCI", "UCI"))))
4 > for(i in 1:9){t2[i,]<- c(mean(pizza$temperature[pizza$
5   pizzas==i]), t.test(pizza$temperature[pizza$pizzas==i
6   ])$conf.int)}
7 > t2$pizzas <- c(1:9)
8 > t2
9
10      Mean      LCI      UCI pizzas
11 1 68.70181 67.61728 69.78633      1
12 2 64.59424 63.94210 65.24638      2
13 3 61.53537 60.89231 62.17843      3
14 4 59.98639 59.22094 60.75184      4
15 5 60.11682 58.92250 61.31113      5
16 6 60.76490 58.77232 62.75747      6
17 7 59.34240 56.31328 62.37152      7
18 8 60.03677 49.13937 70.93417      8
19 9 59.48968 52.56421 66.41514      9
20
21 > ggplot(t2, aes(x=pizzas, ymin=LCI, ymax=UCI, y=Mean)) +
22   geom_ribbon(fill="lightgrey") + geom_line()
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## Aesthetics can be used to change

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- colour of areas
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- transparency
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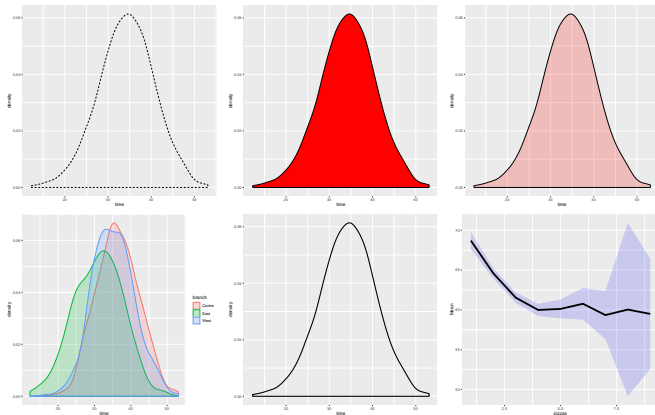
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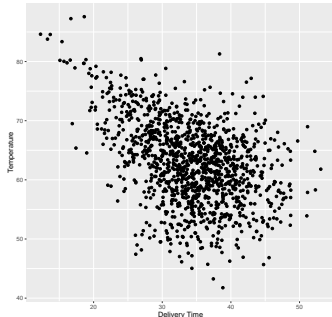
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## Scales (I)

Scales control the details of how data values are translated to visual properties.

```
1 # Change axes names and properties (tick marks)
2 ggplot(pizza, aes(time, temperature))+ geom_point() +
3   scale_x_continuous("Delivery Time",
4                     breaks=seq(10,60,10)) +
5   scale_y_continuous("Temperature")
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```
1 > # Change colour scheme
2 > ggplot(pizza, aes(time, temperature, colour=branch))+
  geom_point()
3 > ggplot(pizza, aes(time, temperature, colour=branch))+
  geom_point()+ scale_colour_brewer()
4 > ggplot(pizza, aes(time, temperature, colour=branch))+
  geom_point()+ scale_colour_brewer(palette = "Greens")
5 > ggplot(pizza, aes(x=driver))+ geom_bar(aes(fill=branch))
  + scale_fill_manual(values = c("deepskyblue", "
  darkorchid3", "gold"))
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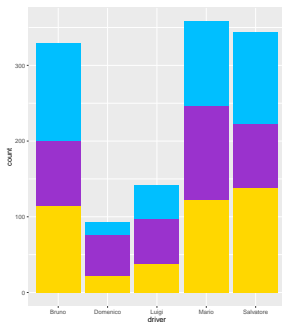
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The guides (the axes and legends) help readers interpreting plots. Guides are mostly controlled via the scale, but sometimes additional control over guide appearance is required.

```
1 > # Guides: override legends etc.
2 > ggplot(pizza, aes(x=time, colour=branch, fill=branch)) +
  geom_density(alpha=0.2) +
3   guides(fill = guide_legend(title = "BRANCH", title.
  position = "left"))
4 >
5 > # to avoid duplicate legends: move aesthetics to "lower
  level"
6 > ggplot(pizza, aes(x=time)) + geom_density(alpha=0.2, aes
  (fill=branch)) +
7   guides(fill = guide_legend(title = "BRANCH", title.
  position = "left"))
```

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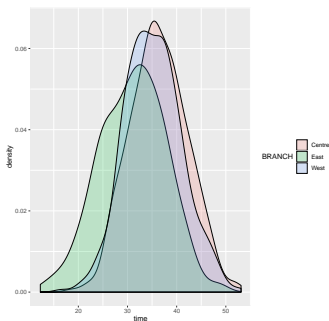
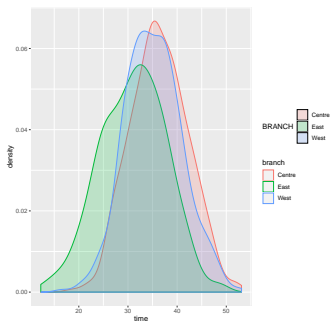
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Facetting generates small multiples, each displaying a different subset of the data. Facets are an alternative to aesthetics for displaying additional discrete variables.

```
1 > ### Facetting: stratify by using different plots
2 > ggplot(pizza, aes(time, temperature))+ geom_point()
3 > ggplot(pizza, aes(time, temperature))+ geom_point() +
  facet_grid(. ~ branch)
4 > ggplot(pizza, aes(time, temperature))+ geom_point() +
  facet_grid(branch ~ .)
5 > ggplot(pizza, aes(time, temperature))+ geom_point() +
  facet_grid(branch ~ operator)
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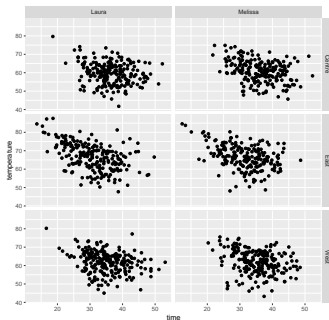
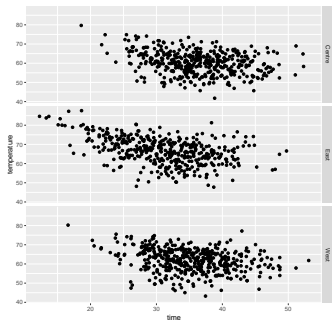
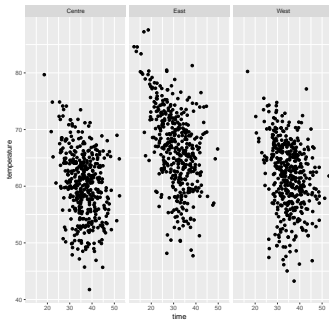
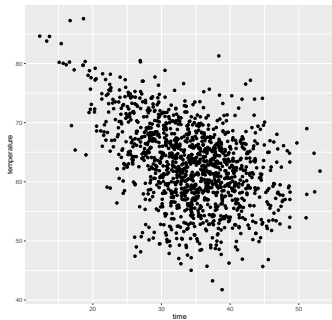
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```
1 > # general themes
2 > ggplot(pizza, aes(time, temperature))+ geom_point()
3 > ggplot(pizza, aes(time, temperature))+ geom_point()+
  theme_bw()
4 > ggplot(pizza, aes(time, temperature))+ geom_point()+
  theme_dark()
5 > ggplot(pizza, aes(time, temperature))+ geom_point()+
  theme_minimal()
6 > ggplot(pizza, aes(time, temperature))+ geom_point()+
  theme_void()
```

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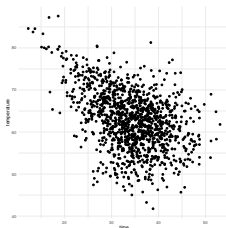
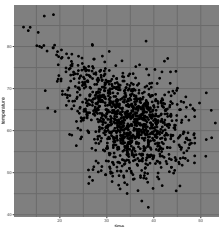
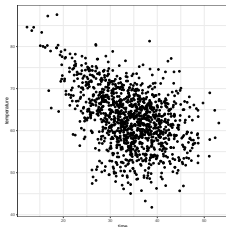
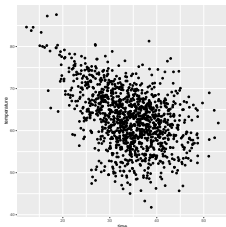
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```
1 > # change details of a theme
2 > ggplot(pizza, aes(time, temperature))+ geom_point()+
  theme(axis.title.x = element_text(size=16))
3 > ggplot(pizza, aes(time, temperature, colour=branch))+
  geom_point()+ theme(legend.text = element_text(size
  =16))
4 > ggplot(pizza, aes(time, temperature, colour=branch))+
  geom_point()+ theme(legend.position = "bottom")
```

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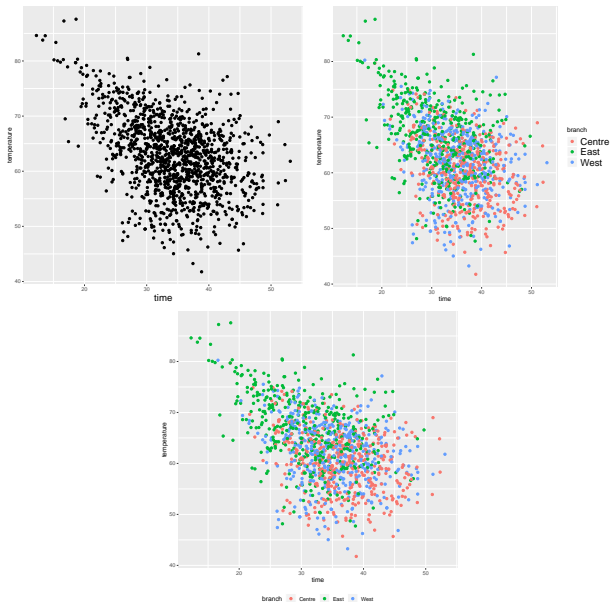
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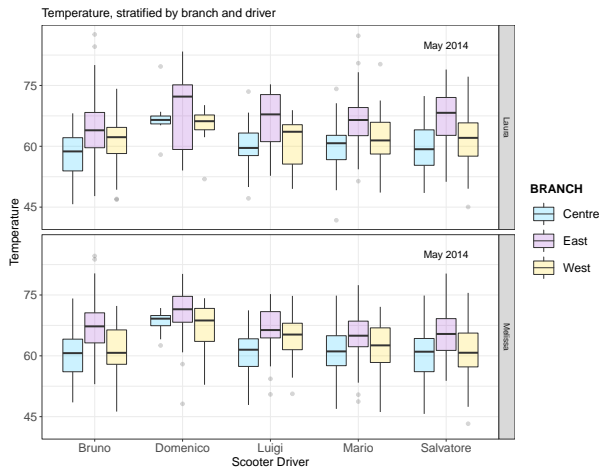
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```
1 ggplot(pizza, aes(x=driver, y=temperature, fill=branch)) +
  geom_boxplot(alpha=0.2) +
2   facet_grid(operator ~ .) +
  theme_bw() +
3   scale_fill_manual(values = c("deepskyblue",
4     darkorchid3", "gold")) +
5   scale_x_discrete("Scooter Driver") +
6   scale_y_continuous("Temperature", breaks=seq
7     (30, 90, 15)) +
  guides(fill = guide_legend(keywidth = 2, keyheight
8     = 2, title="BRANCH")) +
  ggtitle("Temperature, stratified by branch and
9     driver") +
  theme(axis.title.x = element_text(size=13), axis.
10    text.x = element_text(size=13), axis.title.y =
    element_text(size=13, angle = 90),
11    axis.text.y = element_text(size=13), legend.
    text = element_text(size=13), legend.
    title = element_text(size=13, face = "
    bold", hjust = 0), legend.position = "
    right") +
  annotate("text", x = 5, y = 85, label = "May 2014")
```

# A nice graph



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