



Intro to R and Open Science Practices for Biologists Workshop

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What is ggplot2?



- *ggplot2* is a plotting package that makes it simple to create complex plots from data in a data frame.
- The *gg* in “ggplot” stands for “**Grammar of Graphics**,” which is an elegant yet powerful way to describe the making of scientific plots.



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- In short, the grammar of graphics breaks down every plot into a **few components**, namely, a dataset, a set of **geoms (visual marks that represent the data points)**, and a coordinate system.
- graphics are built **step by step** by adding new elements.



Here's the grammar (in brief...)

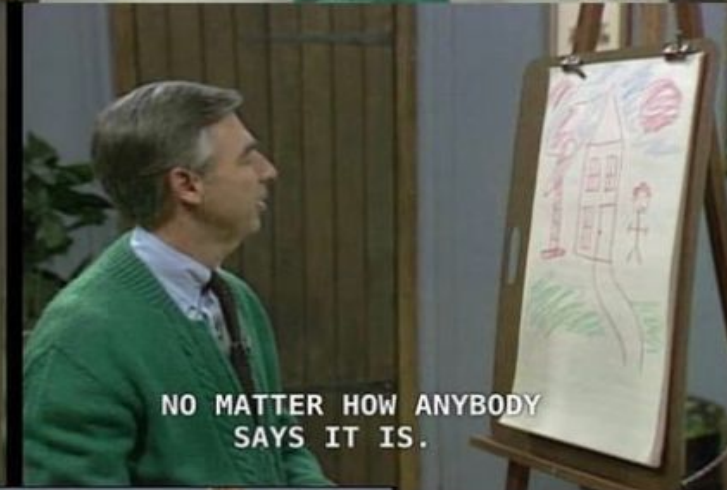
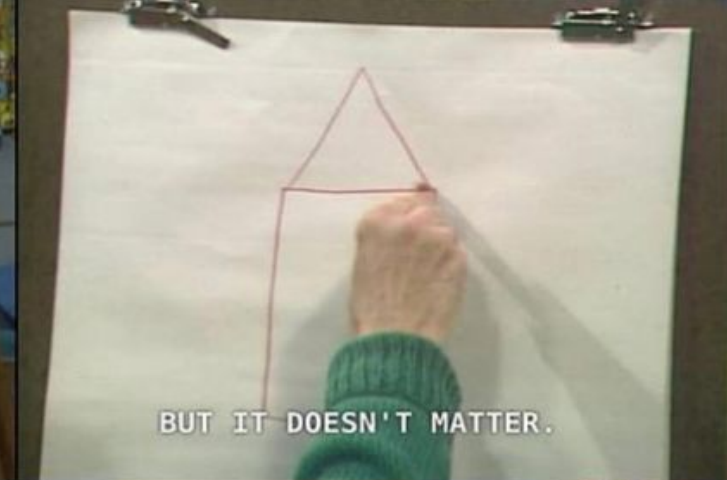


- **1. Data** - without data, you don't have a plot!
- **2. Mapping** - linking variables to graphical properties.
- **3. Coordinates** - define physical mapping.
- **4. Geometries** - interpret aesthetics as graphical representations.
- **5. Facets** - split plot into panels.
- **6. Theme** - what does your plot look like?.

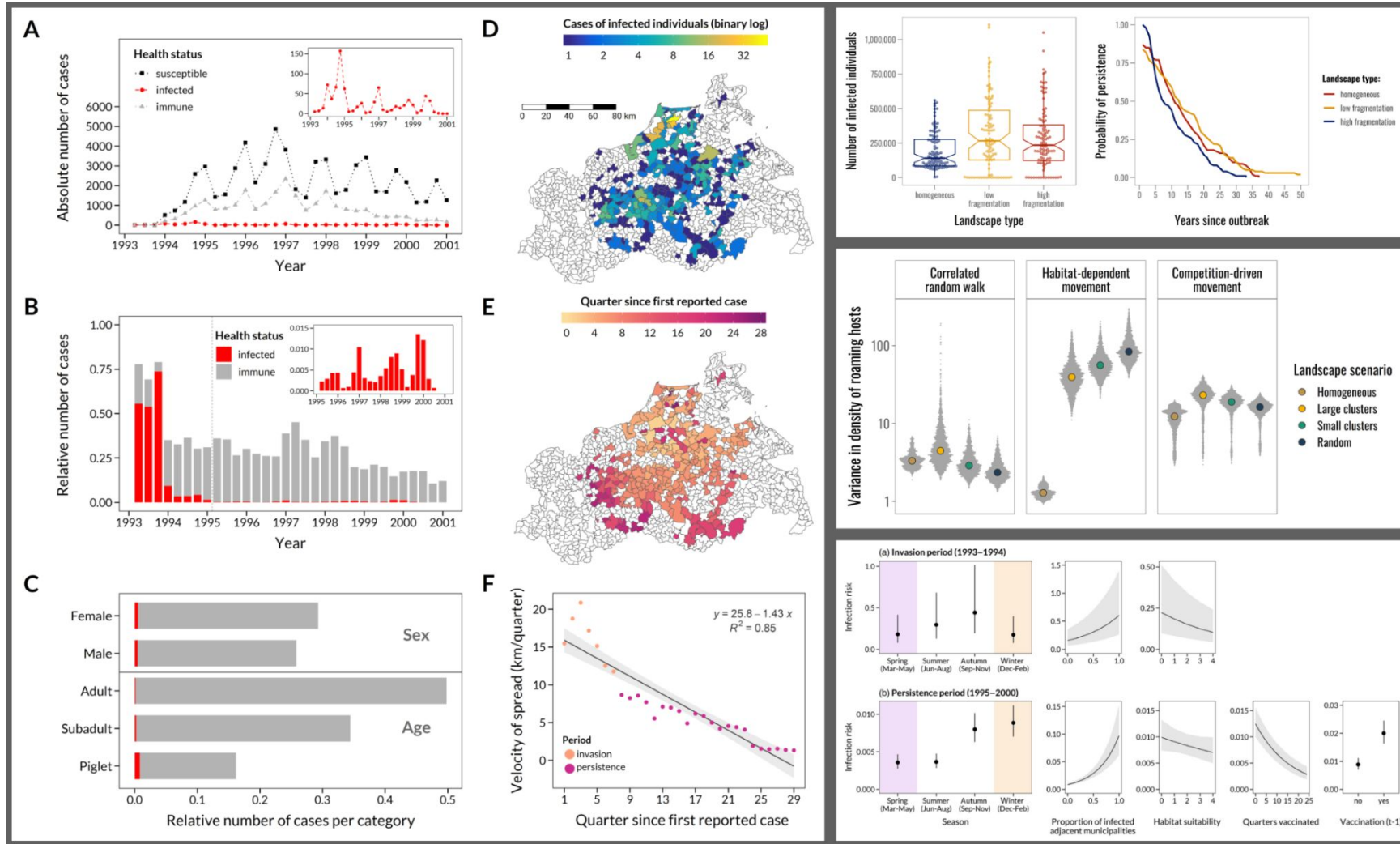
My advice...

Find data you're *interested* in.

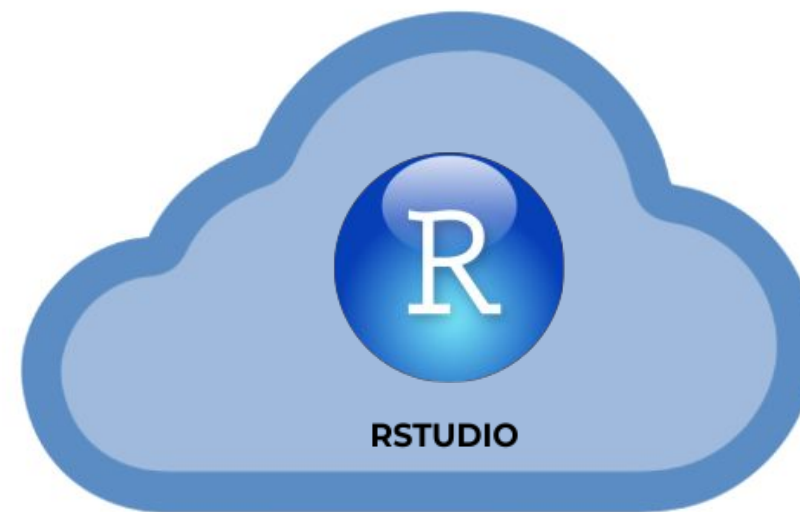
Find code for plots you like,
then *experiment*.



If you can imagine it, you can plot it!!!



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