

# rbtl - Data Visualisation

Lars Schöbitz

Global Health Engineering - ETH Zurich

2022-05-04



# Today

1. Research Project Report
2. Solving coding problems
3. Working collaboratively with git
  - Live Coding Exercise
4. Exploratory Data Analysis with `ggplot2`
  - Live Coding Exercise
  - Programming Exercise
5. Homework Assignment 11

# Learning Objectives

1. Learners can describe the four main aesthetic mappings that can be used to visualise data using the ggplot2 R Package
2. Learners can control the colour scaling applied to a plot using colour as an aesthetic mapping
3. Learners can compare three different geoms and their use case
4. Learners can apply a theme to control font types and sizes within a plot

# Research project report

# GitHub issues / Slack

[TODO: List of aggregated questions and answers]

# Solving coding problems

# Tips for search engines

- Use actionable verbs that describe what you want to do
- Be specific
- Add R to the search query
- Add the name of the R package name to the search query
- Scroll through the top 5 results (don't just pick the first)

**Example: “How to remove a legend from a plot in R ggplot2”**



# Stack Overflow

## What is it?

- The biggest support network for (coding) problems
- Can be intimidating at first
- Upvote system

## Workflow

- First, briefly read the question that was posted
- Then, read the answer marked as “correct”
- Then, read one or two more answers with high votes
- Then, check out the “Linked” posts
- Always give credit for the solution

# Give credit



from [r cookbook](#), where bp is your ggplot:

528

Remove legend for a particular aesthetic (fill):



```
bp + guides(fill="none")
```



It can also be done when specifying the scale:

```
bp + scale_fill_discrete(guide="none")
```

This removes all legends:

```
bp + theme(legend.position="none")
```

[Share](#) [Edit](#) [Follow](#) [Flag](#)

edited Dec 2, 2021 at 7:07



Andrew Morris

408 ● 3 ● 8

answered Feb 25, 2016 at 8:48



user3490026

5,388 ● 1 ● 9 ● 4

# Give credit

Share Edit Follow Flag

edited Dec 2, 2021 at 7:07

Share a link to this answer (Includes your user id)

<https://stackoverflow.com/a/35622358/6816220>

Copy link

CC BY-SA 4.0



W Morris

3 ● 8

theme\_bw() can inte  
) , make sure to ad  
t 10:50

1



but when I do something like this `bp + theme(legend.position`

# Give credit

```
1 ggplot(data = global_waste_data_kg_year,  
2         mapping = aes(x = income_id,  
3                       y = capita_kg_year,  
4                       color = income_id)) +  
5   ## Remove legend ref: https://stackoverflow.com/a/35622358/6816220  
6   theme(legend.position = "none")
```

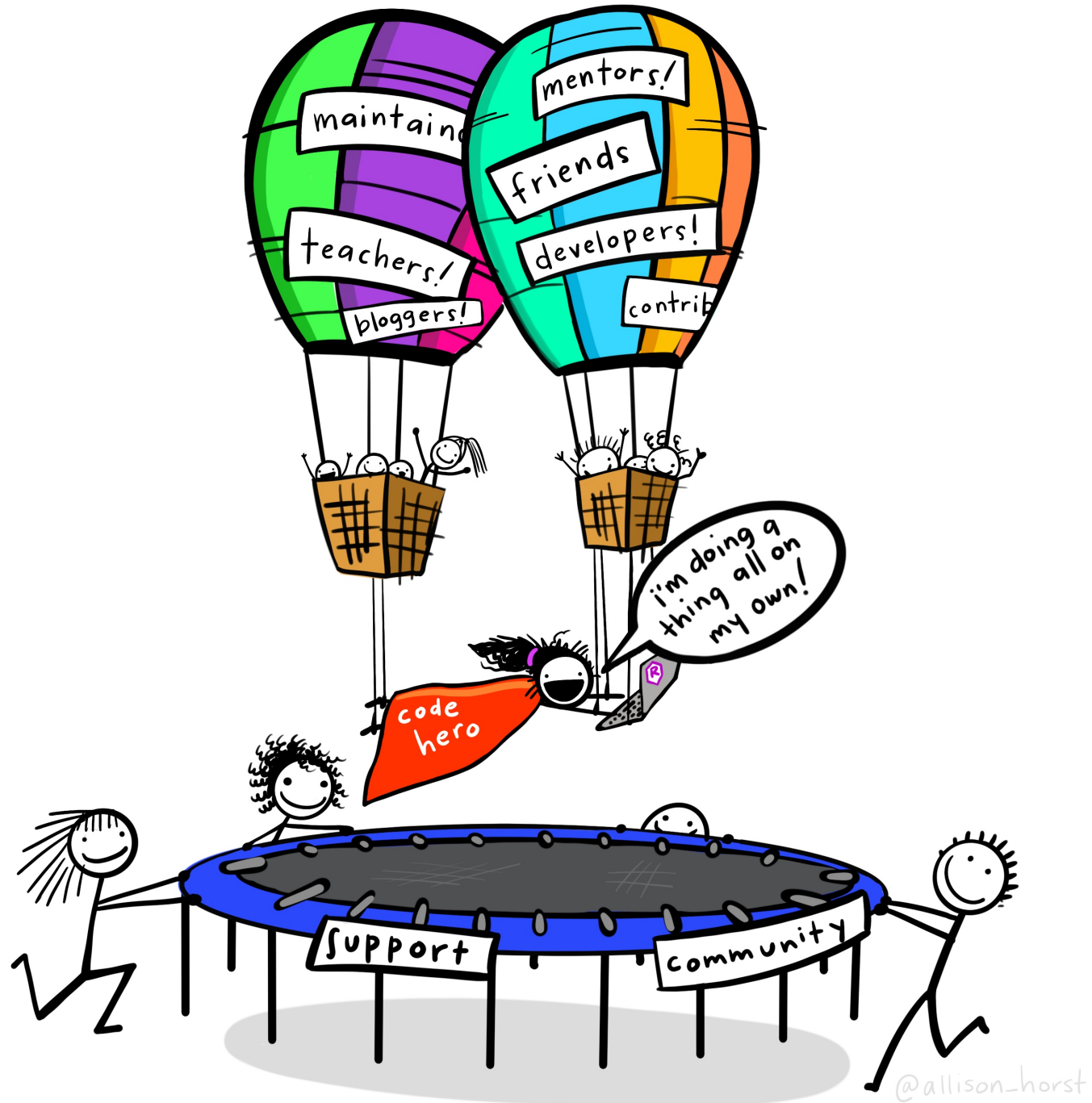
# Other sources for help

- RStudio Community Forum:  
<https://community.rstudio.com/>
- Our rbt1 Slack channel
- Documentation websites:  
<https://dplyr.tidyverse.org/>
- Twitter community: [#rstats](#)



# Minimal reproducible example (reprex)

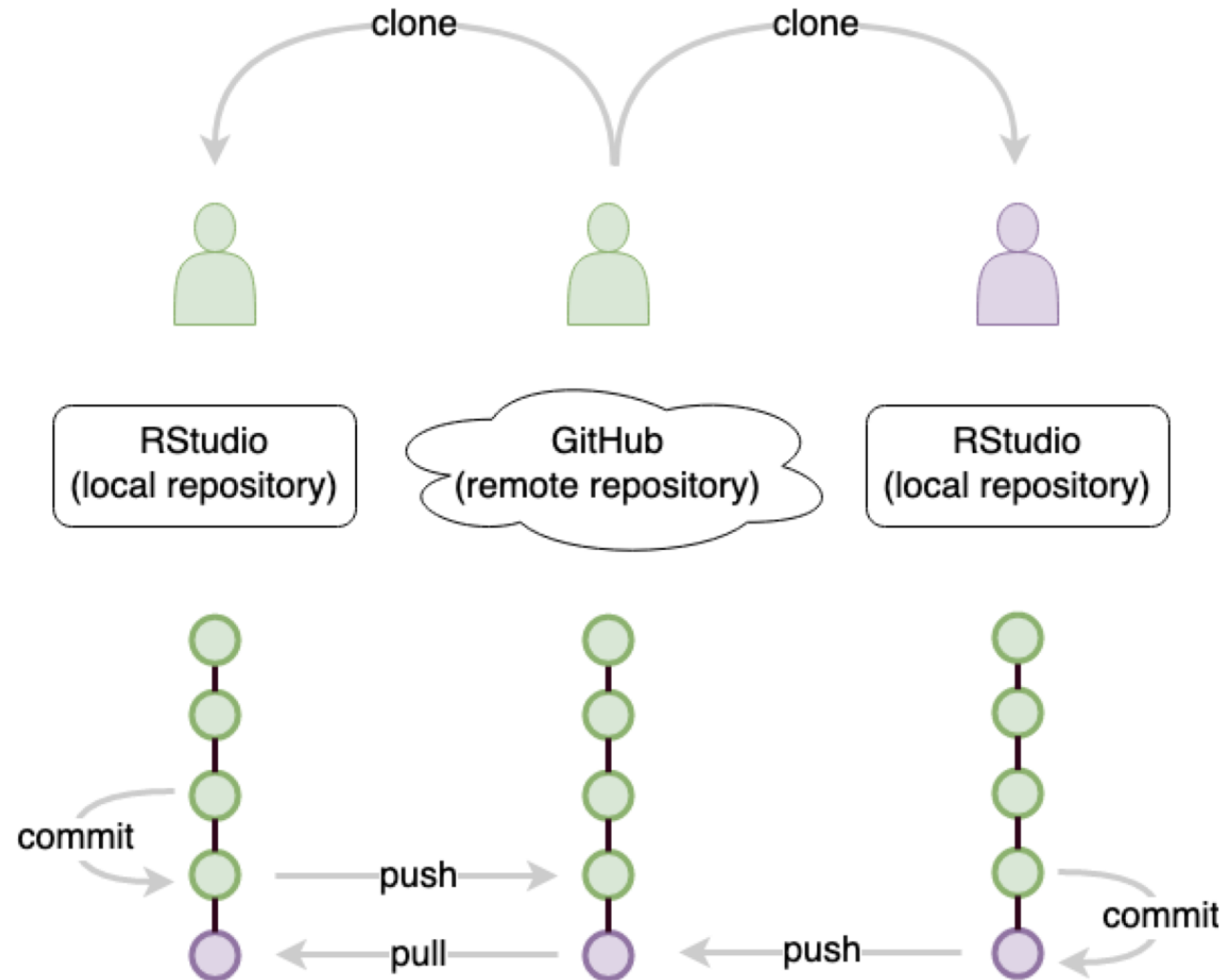
- Needed when asking questions online
- We will practice this in another class
- Good support information: <https://www.tidyverse.org/help/#reprex>



Working  
collaboratively with git



# pull first, and push often



# Live Coding Exercise

1. Open the repo for your team project report on RStudio Cloud
2. Open the file: `01-introduction.qmd`
3. Use your Sticky Notes to let me know when you are ready.

# Git help

You can find the merge conflict workflow documented in our git help document for the course:

[rbtl-fs22/git-help](https://github.com/rbtl-fs22/git-help)

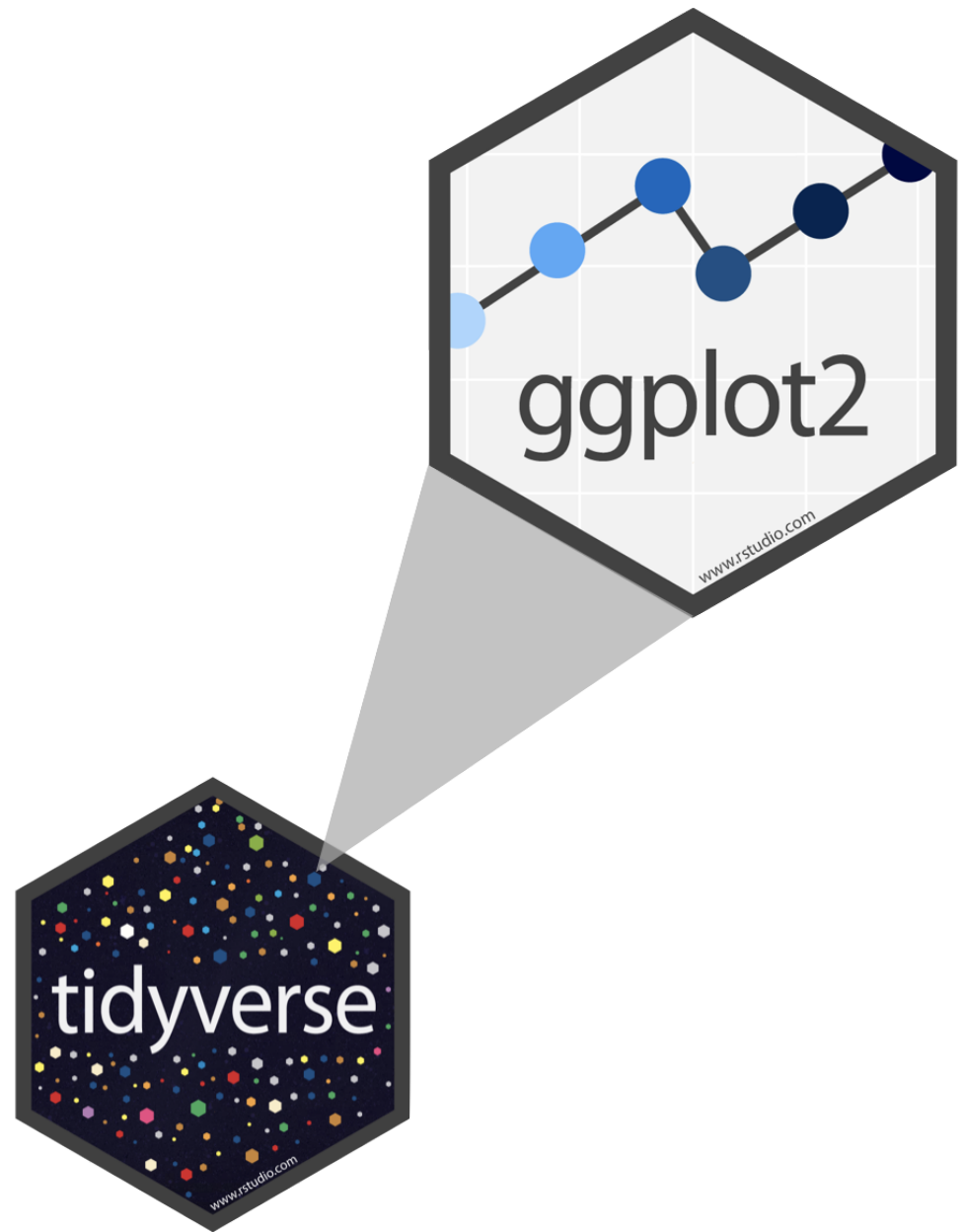
The best online resource for working with git is:

[Happy Git and GitHub for the useR](#) by Jenny Bryan

# Exploratory Data Analysis with `ggplot2`

R Package `ggplot2`

- **ggplot2** is tidyverse's data visualization package
- **gg** in **ggplot2** stands for Grammar of Graphics
- Inspired by the book **Grammar of Graphics** by Leland Wilkinson
- **Documentation:**  
<https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/>
- **Book:** <https://ggplot2-book.org>



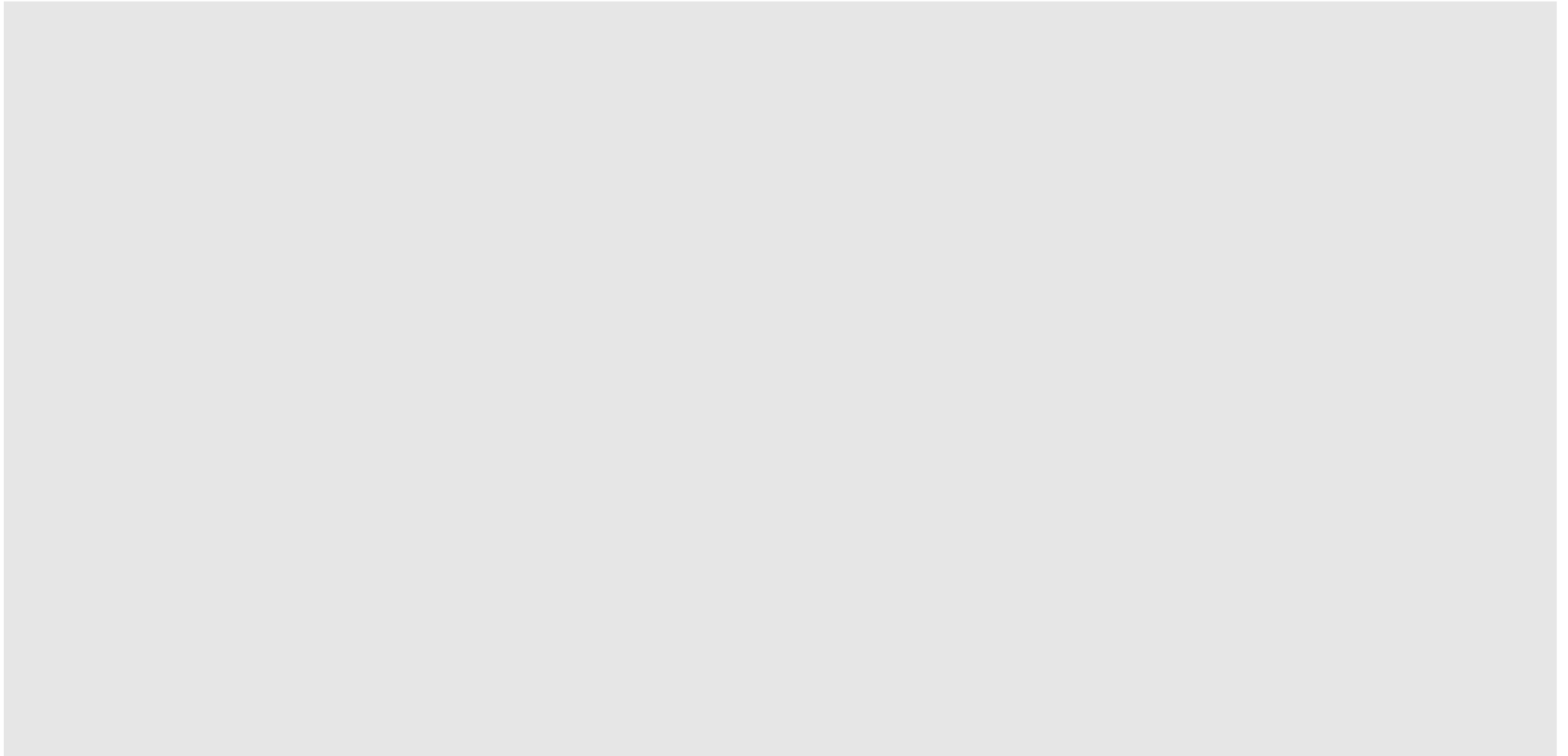
# Code structure

- `ggplot()` is the main function in ggplot2
- Plots are constructed in layers
- Structure of the code for plots can be summarized as

```
1 ggplot(data = [dataset],  
2       mapping = aes(x = [x-variable],  
3                     y = [y-variable])) +  
4   geom_xxx() +  
5   other options
```

# Code structure

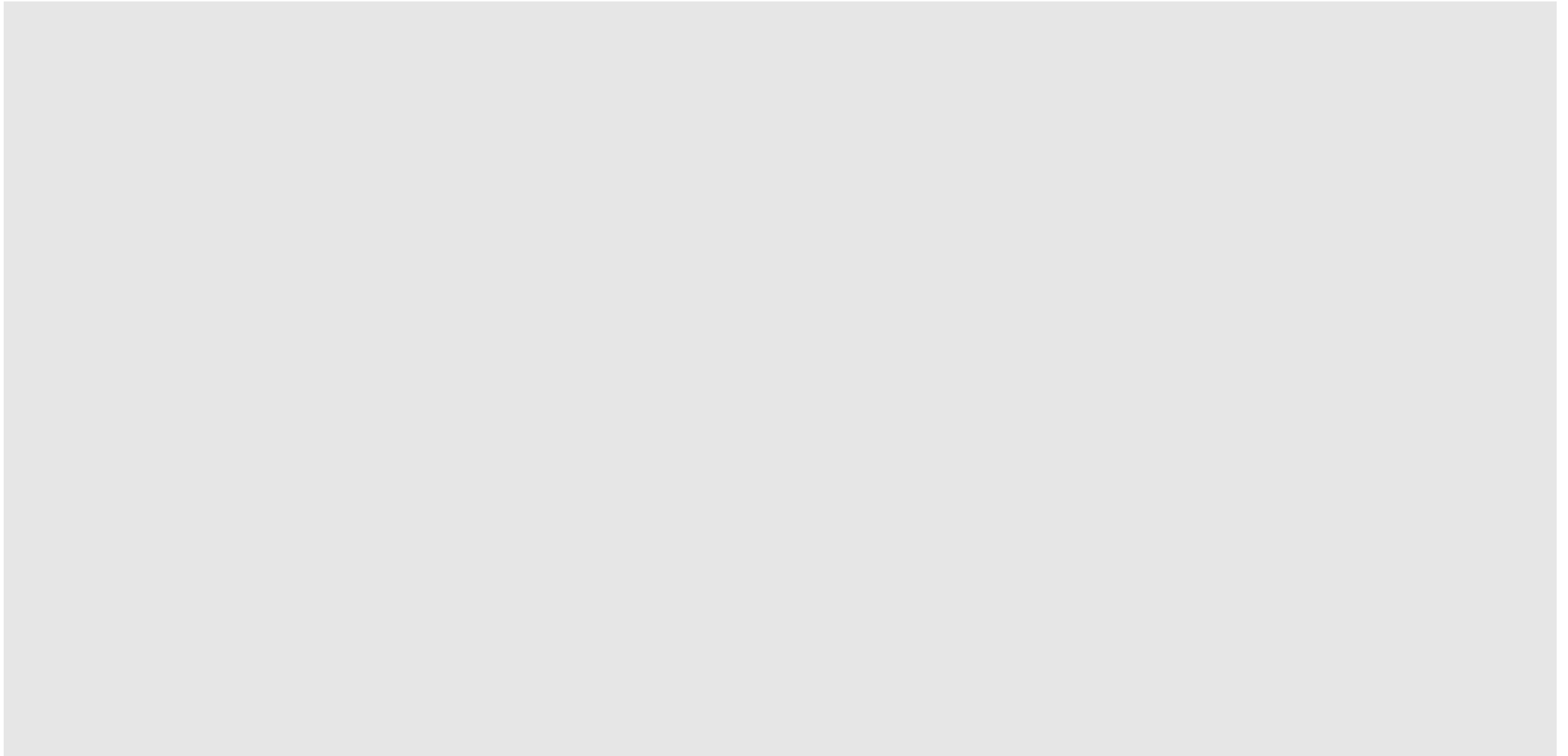
```
1 ggplot()
```





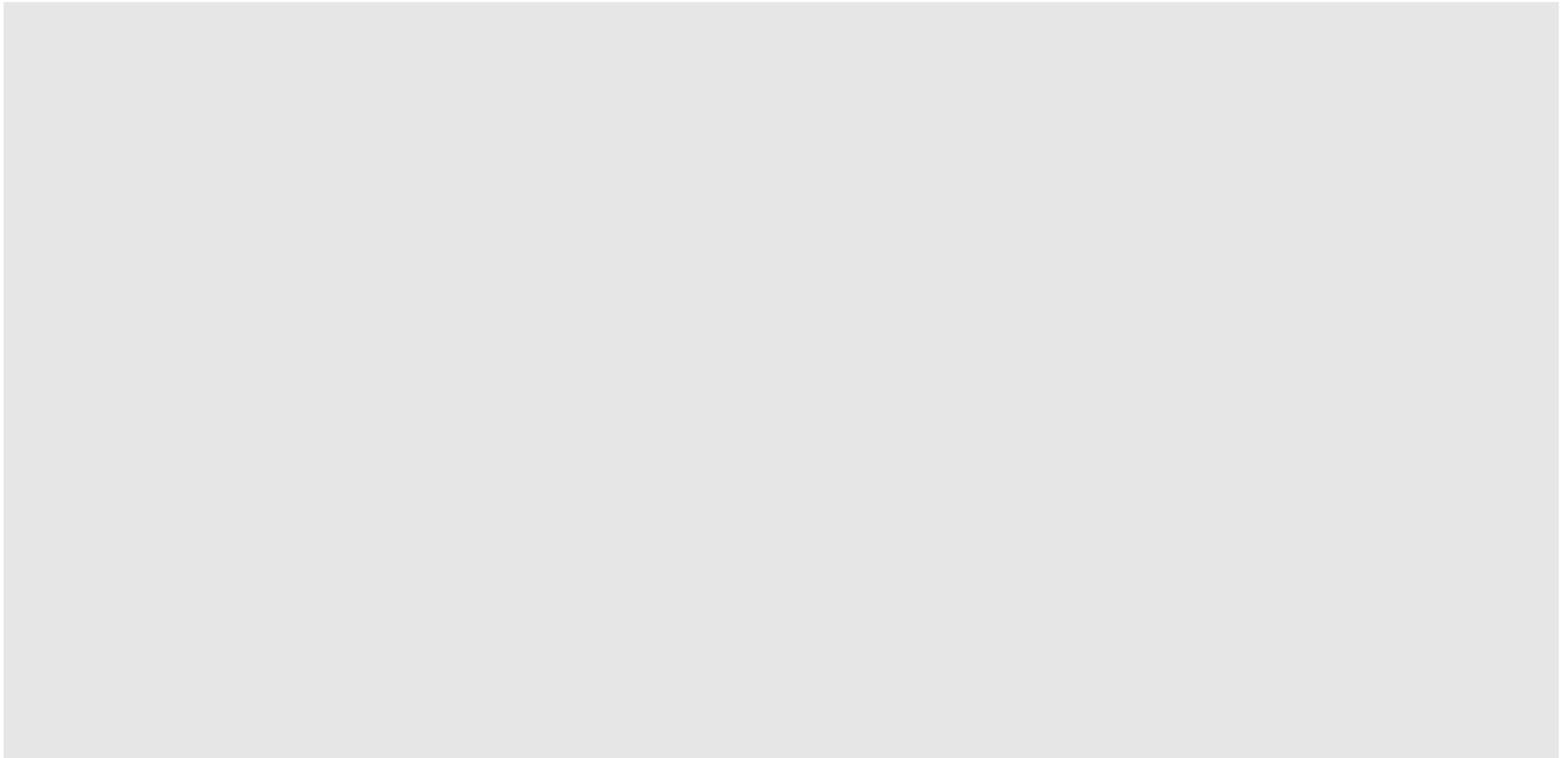
# Code structure

```
1 ggplot(data = gapminder_yr_2007)
```



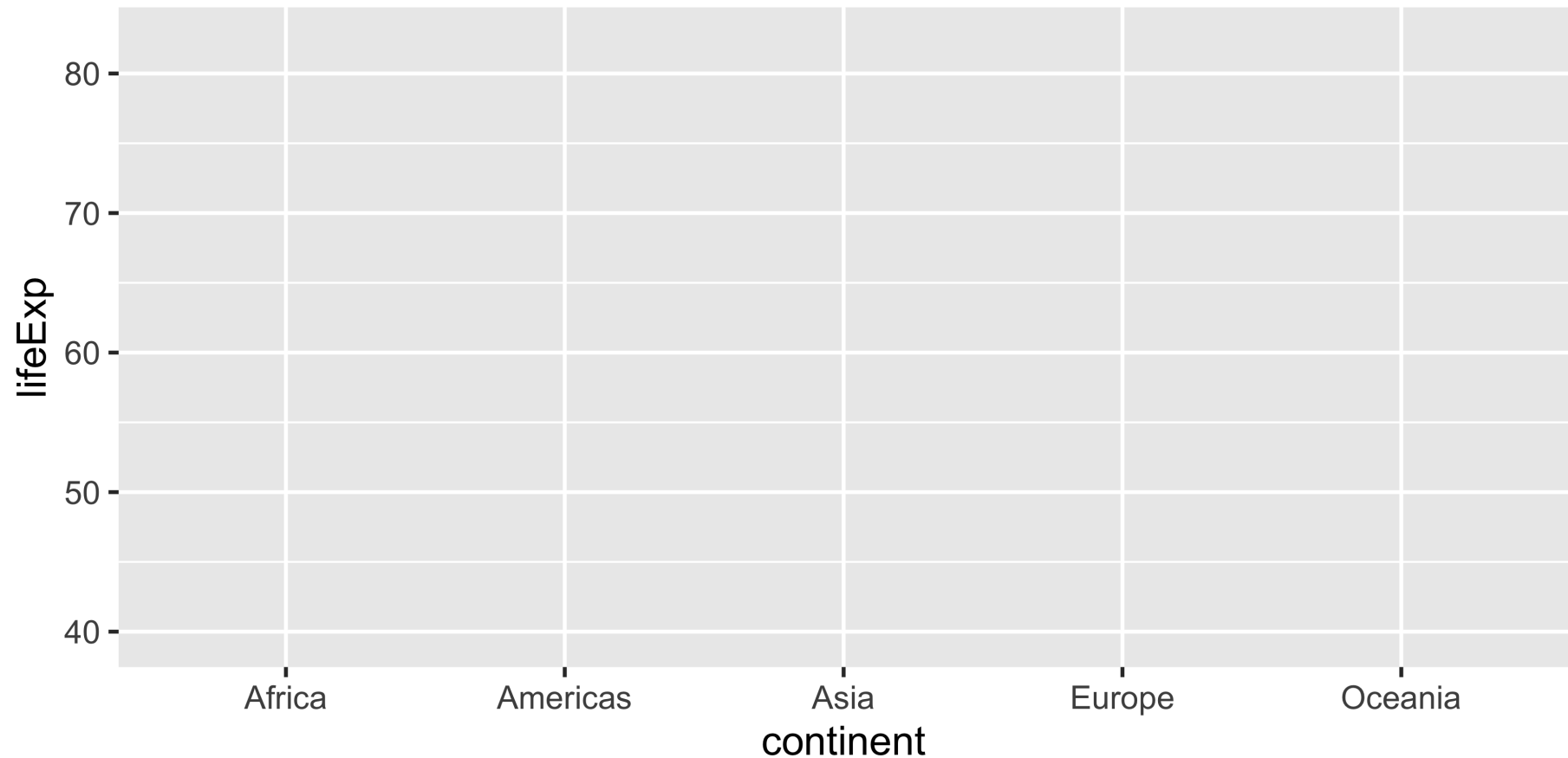
# Code structure

```
1 ggplot(data = gapminder_yr_2007,  
2       mapping = aes())
```



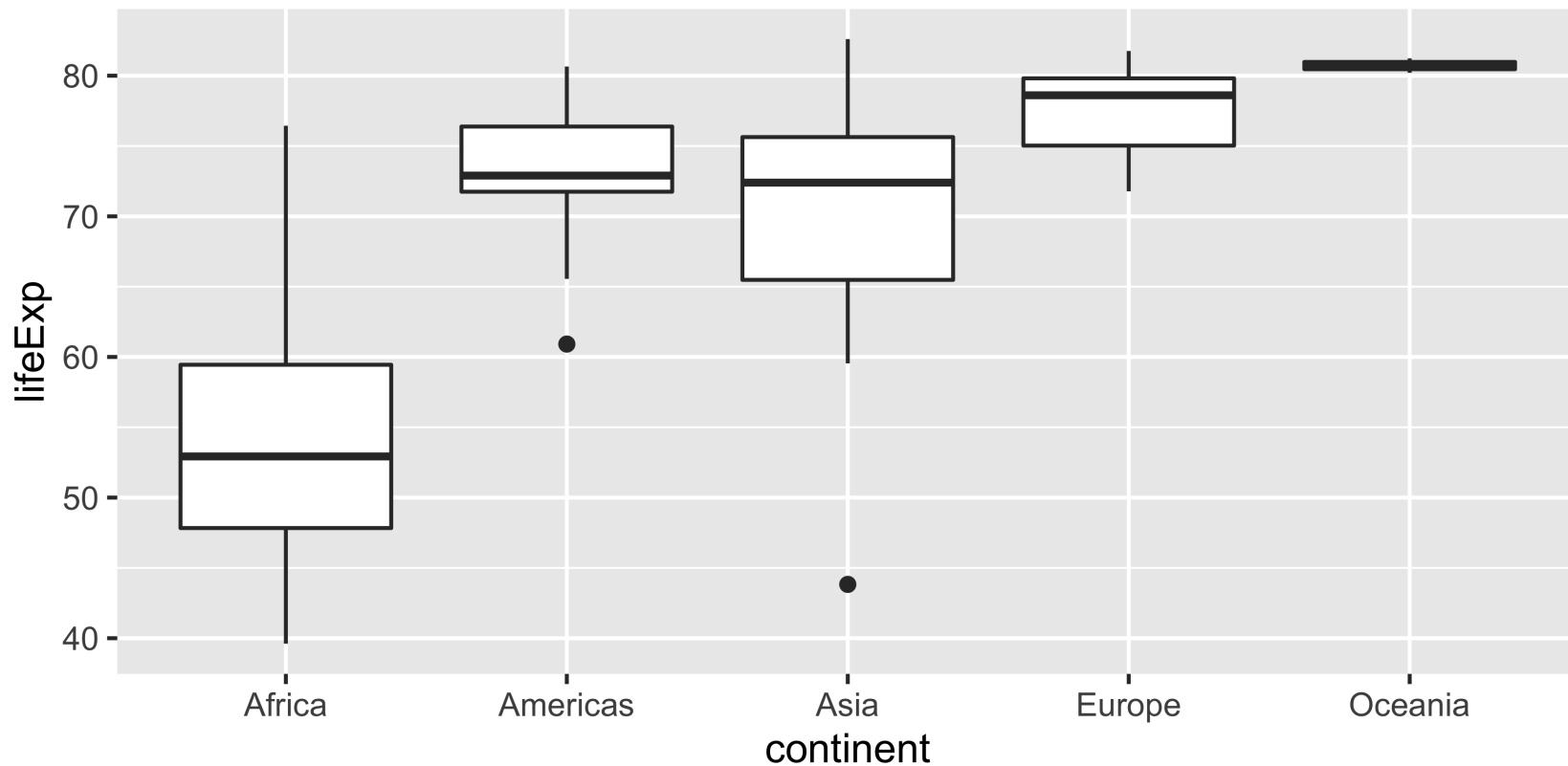
# Code structure

```
1 ggplot(data = gapminder_yr_2007,  
2       mapping = aes(x = continent,  
3                     y = lifeExp))
```



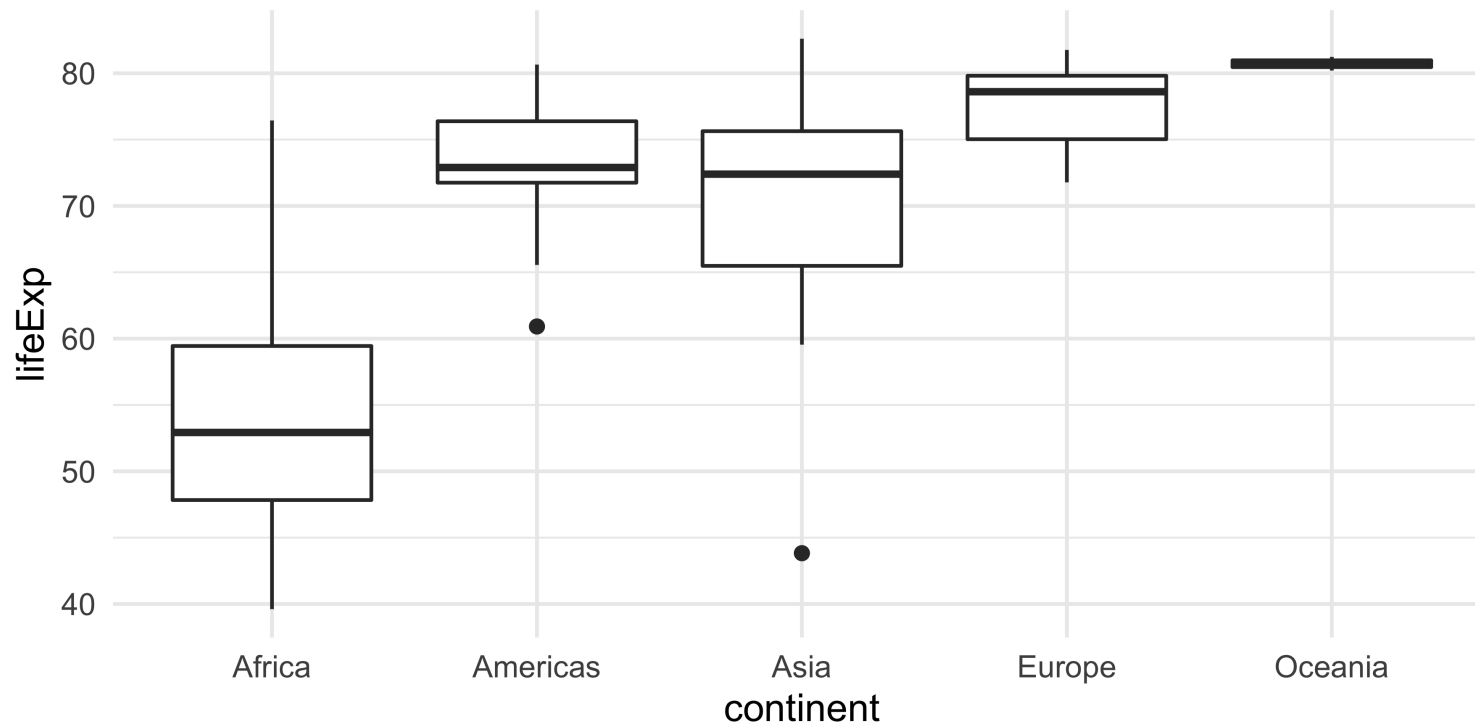
# Code structure

```
1 ggplot(data = gapminder_yr_2007,  
2         mapping = aes(x = continent,  
3                       y = lifeExp)) +  
4 geom_boxplot()
```



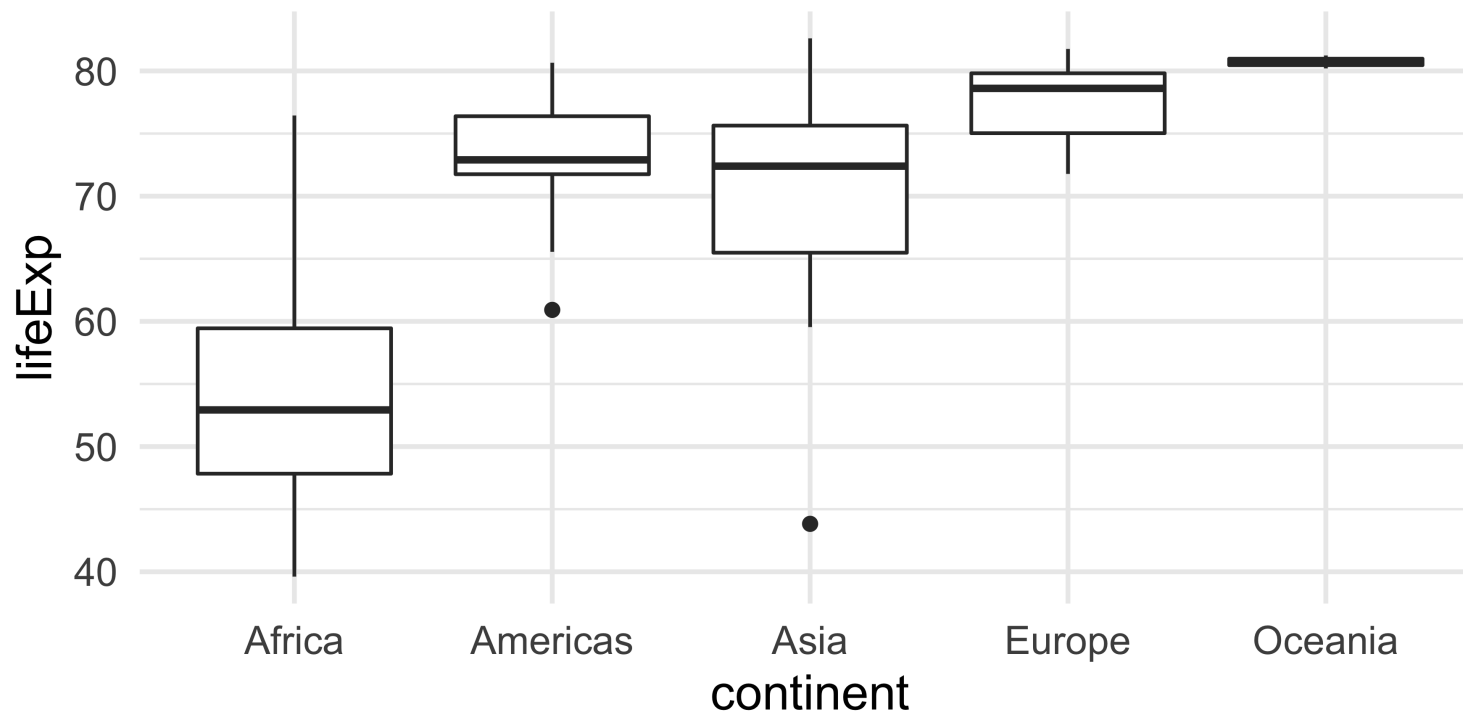
# Code structure

```
1 ggplot(data = gapminder_yr_2007,  
2       mapping = aes(x = continent,  
3                     y = lifeExp)) +  
4   geom_boxplot() +  
5   theme_minimal()
```



# Code structure

```
1 ggplot(data = gapminder_yr_2007,  
2         mapping = aes(x = continent,  
3                       y = lifeExp)) +  
4   geom_boxplot() +  
5   theme_minimal(base_size = 14)
```



# Break



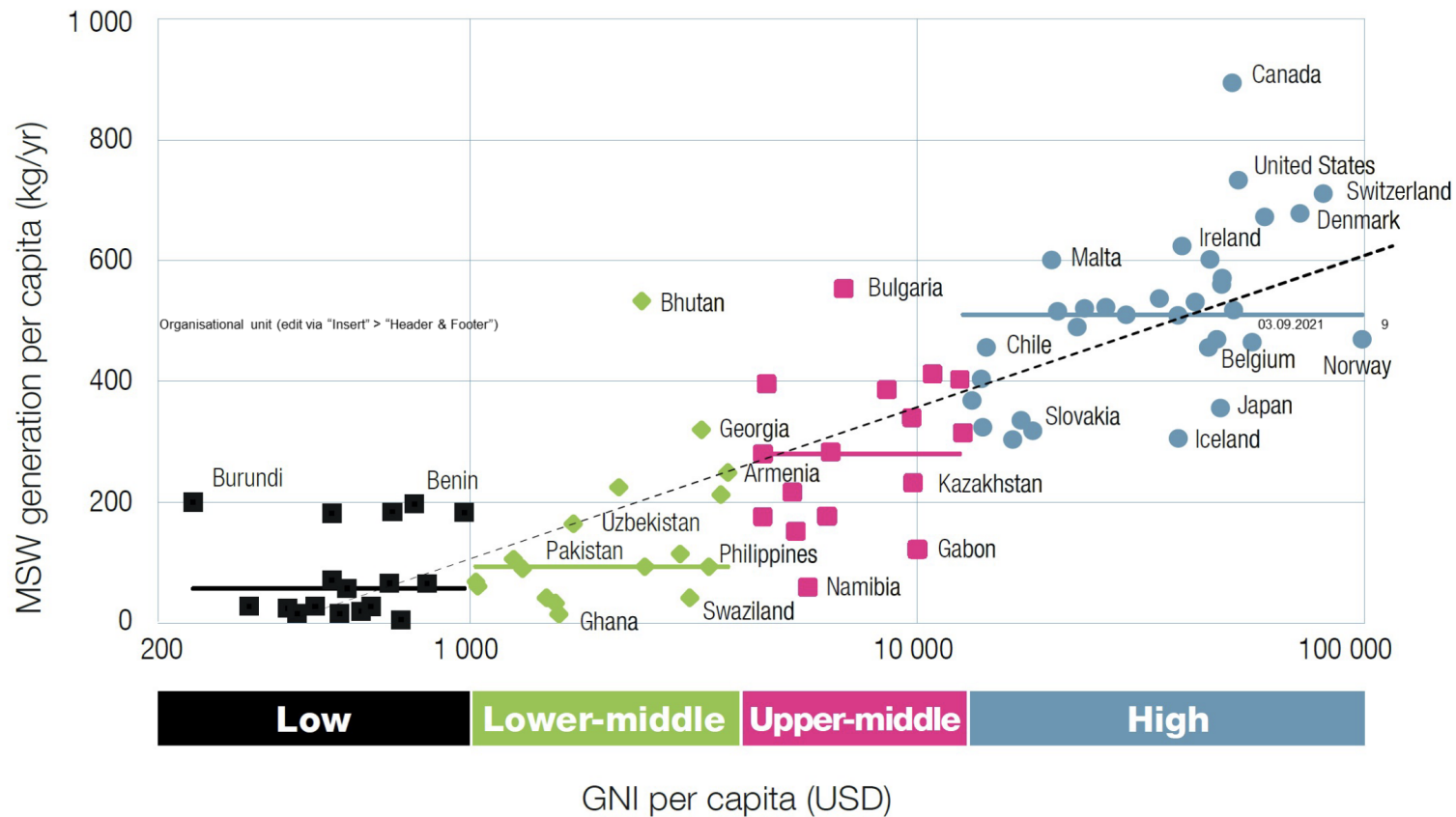
15:00

Photo by [Blake Wisz](#)

# Live Coding Exercise - Goal

## Generation

Switzerland has one of the highest municipal solid waste volumes in the world, at 716 kg of waste per person and year. Nearly 53% of it is recycled.





# Live Coding Exercise

## ae-11-data-science-lifecycle

1. Head over to the GitHub Organisation for the course.
2. Find the repo for week 11 that has your GitHub username.
3. Clone the repo with your username to the RStudio Cloud.
4. Open the file: `ae-11a-data-visualisation.qmd`
5. Use your Sticky Notes to let me know when you are ready.

# Break



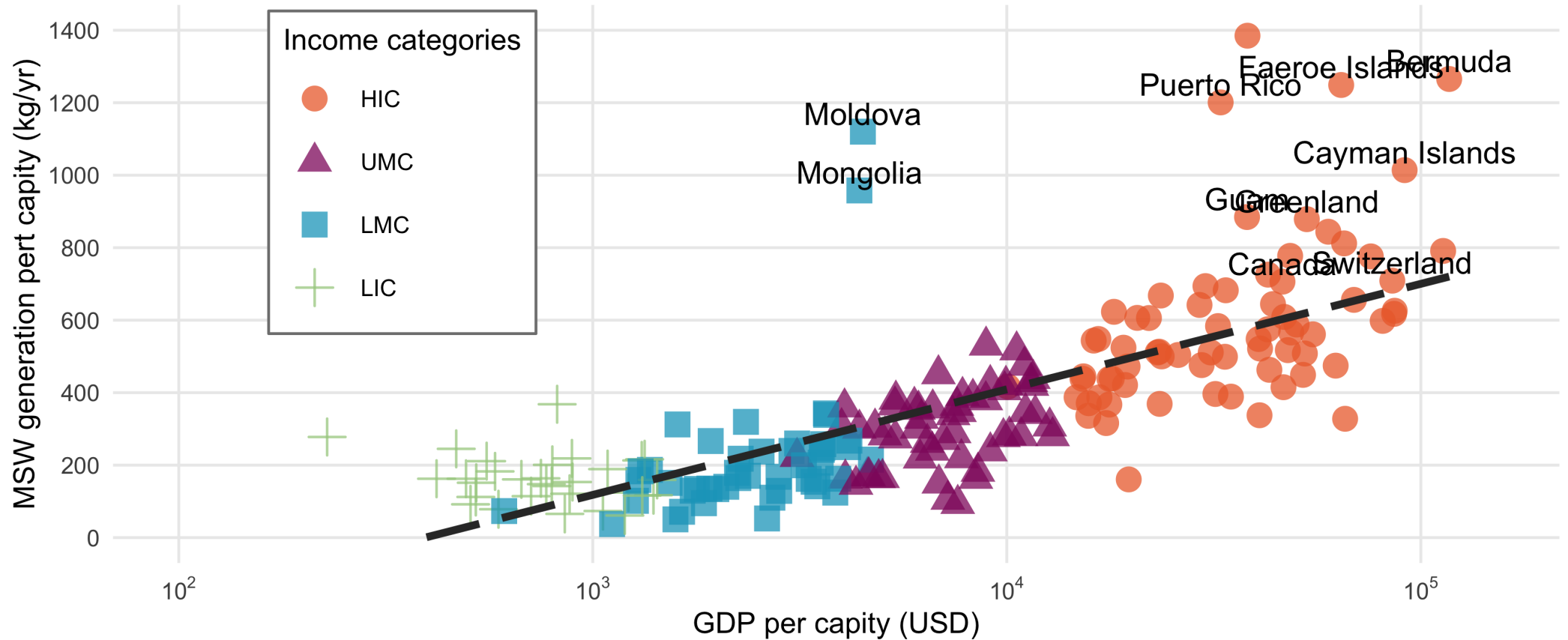
10:00

Photo by [Blake Wisz](#)

# Live Coding Exercise - Result

## Municipal Solid Waste Generation

Increasing income results in greater solid waste generation

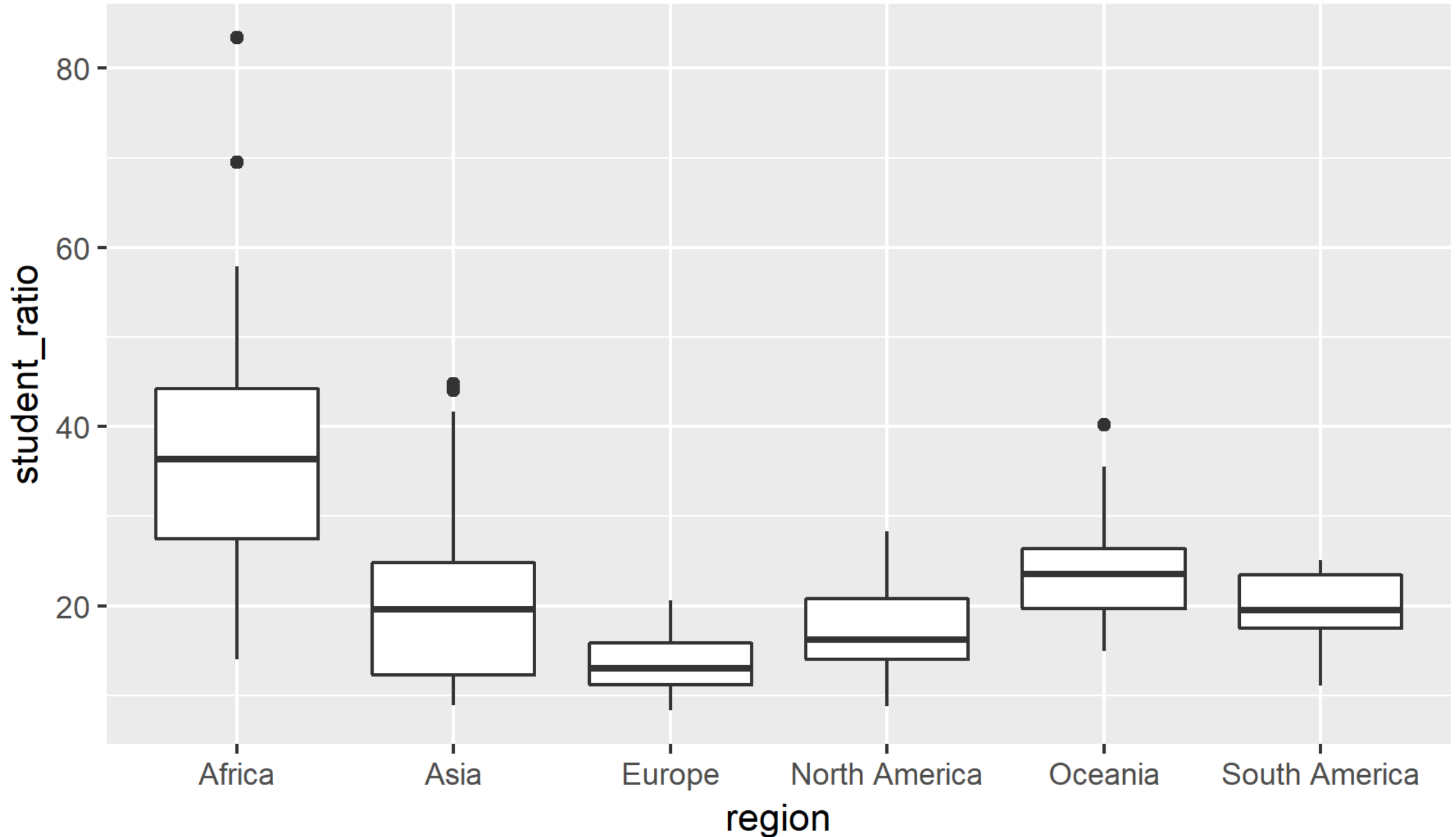


Data: World Bank World Development Indicators and What a Waste Global Database.

# Visualising numerical data

# Types of variables

# The Evolution of a ggplot



Data: UNESCO Institute for Statistics

Visualization by Cédric Scherer

Tutorial: <https://www.cedricscherer.com/2019/05/17/the-evolution-of-a-ggplot-ep.-1/>

[data-to-viz.com](https://data-to-viz.com)

# Homework Assignment



# Submission

- All details in assignment week 11
- Due: Wednesday, 12th May at 23:59 (2 points)

# Evaluation

- 5 mins
- anonymous
- after each lecture

<https://forms.gle/HbCPbG9Yb7iDJ2jW6>

Programming

# ae-11-data-visualisation

1. Open the file: `ae-11b-data-visualisation.qmd`
2. Work through the exercises
3. Use your sticky notes to indicate if you need support

30:00

Thanks!



Slides created via revealjs and Quarto:

<https://quarto.org/docs/presentations/revealjs/> Access slides as [PDF on GitHub](#)

All material is licensed under [Creative Commons Attribution Share Alike 4.0 International](#).