

Phosphate - lubridate - dates

Make sure that you have installed and loaded the tidyverse package.

```
library(tidyverse)
```

Introduction

In this exercise we will look at some ways to handle dates and make plots for time series data.

Read and subset the phosphate dataset

Read the phosphate data set using the phosphate dataset.

```
phosphate<-read_tsv("Phosphate.txt")
```

In this dataset 26 different water courses are included. Observations are recorded for 5 variables between 2006 and 2018. Also the station name, an ID and sampling date are part of the dataset.

Click on the data frame **phosphate** in the upper right window (Global Environment) to check if the station names have correct Swedish letter encoding. If not try the following:

```
guess_encoding("Phosphate.txt", n_max = 1000)
```

You will get some suggestions for probably encodings of the file. Choose the first encoding suggested (the one with the highest probability) and enter it in the code below instead of UTF-8. If that does not lead to correct Swedish letters ask us for further possible solutions.

```
phosphate<-read_tsv("Phosphate.txt", locale = locale(encoding = "UTF-8"))
```

```
## Rows: 4298 Columns: 8
```

```
## -- Column specification -----  
## Delimiter: "\t"  
## chr (3): Name, EU id, Date  
## dbl (5): Abs_OF 420 (/5cm), Abs_F 420 (/5cm), TOC (mg/l), Turb_FNU (FNU), PO4-P (µg/l)
```

```
##  
## i Use `spec()` to retrieve the full column specification for this data.  
## i Specify the column types or set `show_col_types = FALSE` to quiet this message.
```

We need now to check if the different variables are read correctly, e.g. the last five should be numeric (num). We can check this by Using `str(phosphate)`.

```
str(phosphate)
```

```
## spec_tbl_df [4,298 x 8] (S3: spec_tbl_df/tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)  
## $ Name          : chr [1:4298] "Sävjaån Ingvasta" "Sävjaån Ingvasta" "Sävjaån Ingvasta" "Sävjaån  
## $ EU id          : chr [1:4298] "SE665649-161397" "SE665649-161397" "SE665649-161397" "SE665649-1  
## $ Date           : chr [1:4298] "12/01/2006" "14/02/2006" "15/03/2006" "12/04/2006" ...  
## $ Abs_OF 420 (/5cm): num [1:4298] 0.591 0.482 0.434 0.706 0.734 0.719 0.769 0.753 0.622 0.504 ...  
## $ Abs_F 420 (/5cm) : num [1:4298] 0.391 0.368 0.342 0.456 0.53 0.489 0.317 0.28 0.283 0.272 ...  
## $ TOC (mg/l)       : num [1:4298] 23.9 20.8 20.2 25.5 27.4 29.1 21.2 21.1 22 21.3 ...  
## $ Turb_FNU (FNU)   : num [1:4298] NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
```

```
## $ P04-P (µg/l)      : num [1:4298] 20 14 18 24 29 27 53 26 31 15 ...
## - attr(*, "spec")=
## .. cols(
## ..   Name = col_character(),
## ..   `EU id` = col_character(),
## ..   Date = col_character(),
## ..   `Abs_OF 420 (/5cm)` = col_double(),
## ..   `Abs_F 420 (/5cm)` = col_double(),
## ..   `TOC (mg/l)` = col_double(),
## ..   `Turb_FNU (FNU)` = col_double(),
## ..   `P04-P (µg/l)` = col_double()
## .. )
## - attr(*, "problems")=<externalptr>
```

As coding can depend on the local settings on the computer, there is no guarantee that your output will look exactly as above. If `\texttt{$ Date}` is given as **Date**, **format**: it is read as correctly as date. In the case above it is read as **chr**, i.e. a character or text variable. To use it further we need to change it into a date variable. For this the package **lubridate** is used. Install it first, if it is not yet available among your packages.

```
library(lubridate)
```

Next, we need to define the format of the date variable. In our case we have e.g. the first entry as "12/01/2006" and the second as "14/02/2006" indicating that in the first place the day is given, then month and last year. To change the variable in a date format we can then use the function **dmy**. If the order of day, month and year is different use **?dmy** to access the other codings (or guess them),

```
phosphate1<- phosphate%>%
  mutate(Date=dmy(Date))
```

Check with **str(phosphate1)** that the date variable is now, in fact, a date.

For statistical analysis or plots, it can additionally be an advantage to have a new variable that contains only the year or only the month. We create these with the functions **year** and **month**.

```
phosphate1<- phosphate%>%
  mutate(Date=dmy(Date), year=year(Date), month=month(Date))
```

To get an overview over the dataset, we could create a table that lists how many observations are registered for each year and each station. Using the function **tabyl** we can create the output below, where we see that in most stations there are 12 observations per year. Some are more intensively monitored with 16 or more observations per year and most, but not all, start in 2006. For this we need the package **janitor**.

```
library(janitor)
phosphate1%>%
  tabyl(Name, year)
```

	Name	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
##	Akkarjääkkä	32	10	12	12	12	12	11	12	12	12	12	12	12
##	Ålbergaån, Kila	12	12	12	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
##	Björnbackån	17	18	21	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
##	Bjurforsbäcken	0	10	12	9	12	12	11	12	12	12	12	12	12
##	Bulsjöån	0	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
##	Domneån Utl. Vättern	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
##	Killingi	12	12	12	12	12	12	11	12	12	12	12	12	12
##	Kitkiöjoki	0	10	12	12	12	12	12	12	9	12	12	12	12
##	Klingavälsån Vomb	23	23	24	23	24	24	23	24	25	22	24	25	23
##	Kukkasjärvi	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
##	Kvarnån	16	16	15	16	16	16	16	15	16	16	16	16	16

##	Laxtjärnsbäcken	15	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
##	Lekarån	0	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
##	Loån	0	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
##	Lommabäcken Nedre	15	16	14	16	12	16	15	16	16	15	16	16	11
##	Oradbäcken Ö.Kärtmyrås	0	0	4	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
##	Ostvik	14	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
##	Övre Lansjärv	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
##	Sävjaån Ingvasta	12	12	12	12	12	12	11	12	12	12	12	12	12
##	Stormyrbäcken	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
##	Svartberget, C7	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
##	Tolångaån Tolånga	12	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
##	Västergarnsån, Liffedarve	12	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	11
##	Västersel	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
##	Virån	0	11	12	12	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
##	Vretaån	0	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12

Single time series plot

A simple time series plot for one series can be made like this

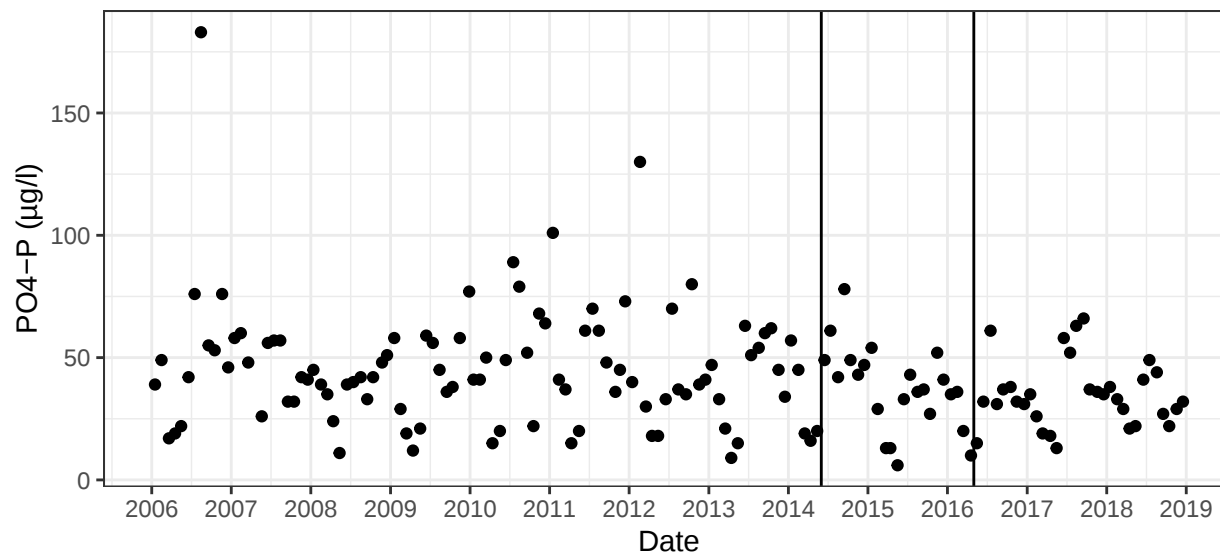
```
phosphate1%>%
  filter(Name=="Tolångaån Tolånga")%>%
  ggplot(aes(x=Date, y=`P04-P (µg/l)`))+
  geom_point()
```

If we want all years written out on the x-axis we can specify this with the function `\texttt{scale_x_date}`, using `\texttt{date_labels="%Y"}` only the year is written out. Also the grey background and white gridlines from the plot above do not look so nice. We replace them with white background.

```
phosphate1%>%
  filter(Name=="Tolångaån Tolånga")%>%
  ggplot(aes(x=Date, y=`P04-P (µg/l)`))+
  geom_point()+
  scale_x_date(breaks="1 year", date_labels = "%Y")+
  theme_bw()
```

For phosphate an improvement in the analysis instrument was made in June 2014 and again in May 2016. In the plot we could indicate these time points as part of the data quality checking.

```
phosphate1%>%
  filter(Name=="Tolångaån Tolånga")%>%
  ggplot(aes(x=Date, y=`P04-P (µg/l)`))+
  geom_point()+
  scale_x_date(breaks="1 year", date_labels = "%Y")+
  theme_bw()+
  geom_vline(xintercept=ymd("2014-06-01"))+
  geom_vline(xintercept=ymd("2016-05-01"))
```



Exercise A:

1. Make the same graph for Klingavälsån Vomb and see if you can see any effect of the instrument change.
2. Make a plot for Klingavälsån Vomb using the variable TOC (mg/l). Do not include the vertical lines, as no change in instruments was made for this variable at these time points.

Visualising several series

If we want to plot several series at the same time a simple strategy would be to use different colors. Below we plot all data for TOC for all 26 water courses. The statement `col=Name` set different colors for each of the stations. With this we also get a legend of all station names and colors. To position this under the plot we add the statement `theme(legend.position='bottom')`.

```
phosphate1%>%
  ggplot(aes(x=Date, y=`TOC (mg/l)`, col=Name))+
  geom_point()+
  scale_x_date(breaks="1 year", date_labels = "%Y")+
  theme_bw()+
  theme(legend.position='bottom')
```

This is not so easy to overview. Maybe annual means would be better to illustrate the series¹. Annual means can be computed using the functions `group_by()` and `summarise()`. The statement `na.rm=TRUE` is needed to get mean values for all non-NA values, otherwise the mean would be NA for all years that include at least one NA value.

```
phosphate1%>%
  group_by(Name, year)%>%
  summarise(TOC_annual_mean=mean(`TOC (mg/l)`, na.rm=TRUE))
```

`summarise()` has grouped output by 'Name'. You can override using the `.groups` argument.

```
## # A tibble: 329 x 3
## # Groups:   Name [26]
##   Name      year TOC_annual_mean
##   <chr>    <dbl>         <dbl>
```

¹Observe that computation of annual means only makes sense if the distribution of the observations over different years is similar. If during one year all observations are made in winter and during others all observations are made in summer, the comparison of their means would not be relevant

```
## 1 Akkarjåkkå 2006 2.84
## 2 Akkarjåkkå 2007 1.7
## 3 Akkarjåkkå 2008 1.98
## 4 Akkarjåkkå 2009 1.82
## 5 Akkarjåkkå 2010 1.59
## 6 Akkarjåkkå 2011 1.62
## 7 Akkarjåkkå 2012 1.74
## 8 Akkarjåkkå 2013 1.42
## 9 Akkarjåkkå 2014 1.38
## 10 Akkarjåkkå 2015 1.88
## # ... with 319 more rows
```

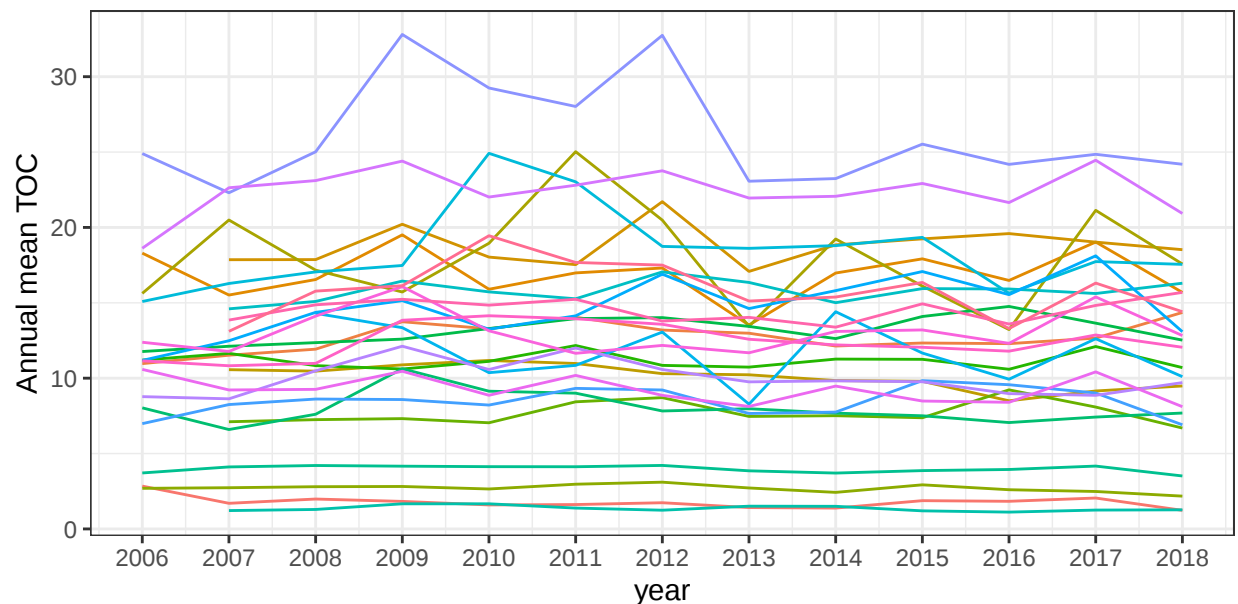
These computed annual means can be forwarded to the plot function. As we do not have a date variable anymore, the TOC means are plotted against the year, i.e. `x=year` and `\texttt{y=TOC_annual_mean}`.

```
phosphate1%>%
  group_by(Name, year)%>%
  summarise(TOC_annual_mean=mean(`TOC (mg/l)`, na.rm=TRUE))%>%
  ggplot(aes(x=year, y=TOC_annual_mean, col=Name))+
  geom_line()+
  theme_bw()+
  theme(legend.position='bottom')
```

``summarise()`` has grouped output by 'Name'. You can override using the ``.groups`` argument.

If we again want to write out each year on the x-axis we use now the statement `\texttt{scale_x_continuous}` and have to specify each point on the axis. We can also use a better y-axis title.

```
phosphate1%>%
  group_by(Name, year)%>%
  summarise(TOC_annual_mean=mean(`TOC (mg/l)`, na.rm=TRUE))%>%
  ggplot(aes(x=year, y=TOC_annual_mean, col=Name))+
  geom_line()+
  scale_x_continuous(breaks=(seq(from=2006, to=2018, by=1)))+
  ylab("Annual mean TOC")+
  theme_bw()+
  theme(legend.position='bottom')
```



Exercise B:

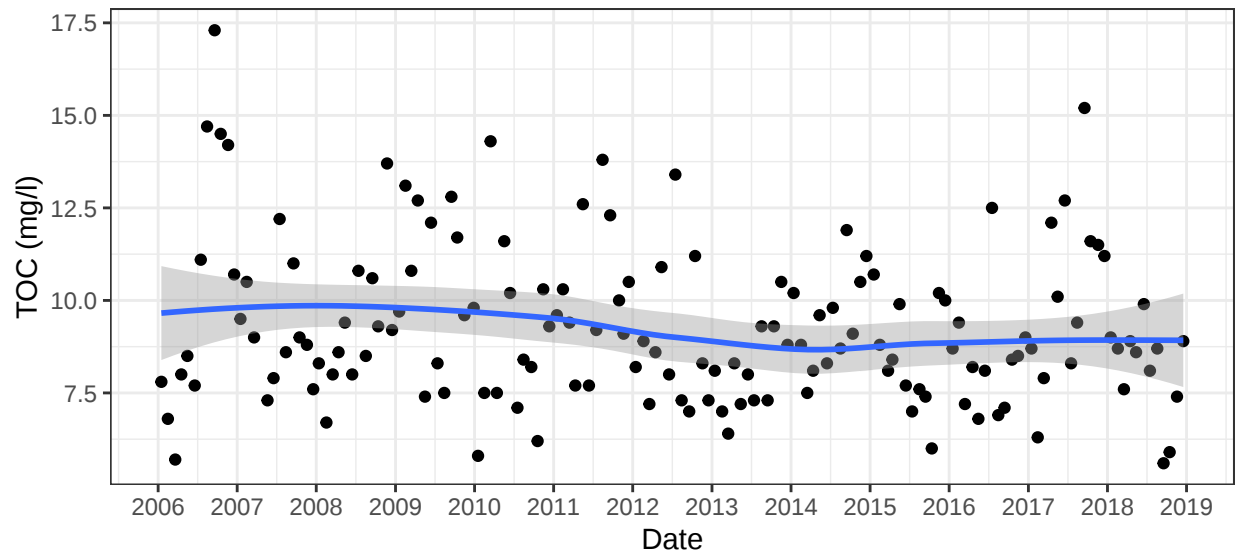
1. Plot the annual maxima of the TOC series for all stations.
2. Plot the annual maxima of Klingavälsån Vomb, Svartberget, C7, Tolångaån Tolånga and Vretaån. See footnote for a hint².
3. Plot the seasonal variation of TOC for each stations, i.e. compute one mean for each month and station and plot them.

Illustrating time series with smoothers

Another way to illustrate a time series is by enhancing the long-term changes (trend) in the series. This can be done by the function `geom_smooth`, e.g. for TOC in Tolångaån:

```
phosphate1%>%
  filter(Name=="Tolångaån Tolånga")%>%
  ggplot(aes(x=Date, y=`TOC (mg/l)`))+
  geom_point()+
  geom_smooth()+
  scale_x_date(breaks="1 year", date_labels = "%Y")+
  theme_bw()
```

²To combine several conditons use |, e.g. `Name == "Klingavälsån Vomb" | Name == "Svartberget, C7"`

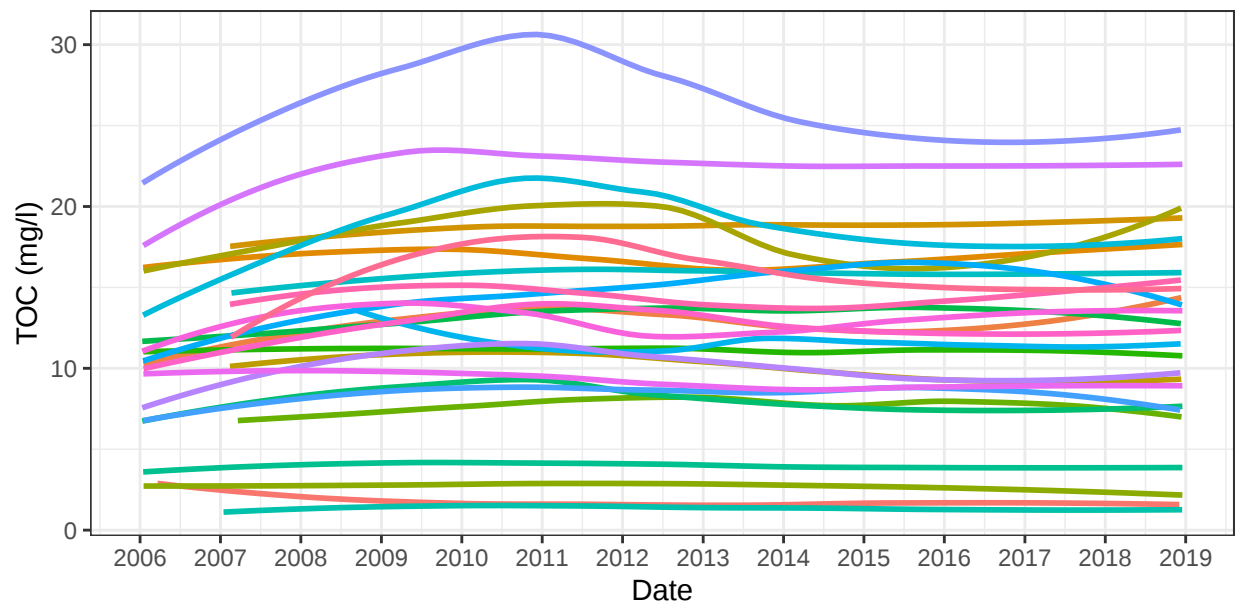


Or for all series:

```
phosphate1%>%
  ggplot(aes(x=Date, y=`TOC (mg/l)`, col=Name))+
  geom_point()+
  geom_smooth(se=FALSE)+
  scale_x_date(breaks="1 year", date_labels = "%Y")+
  theme_bw()+
  theme(legend.position='bottom')
```

Or plotting only the smoothed out lines:

```
phosphate1%>%
  ggplot(aes(x=Date, y=`TOC (mg/l)`, col=Name))+
  geom_smooth(se=FALSE)+
  scale_x_date(breaks="1 year", date_labels = "%Y")+
  theme_bw()+
  theme(legend.position='bottom')
```



Akkarjåkkå	Killingi	Lekarån	Sävjaån Ingvasta
Ålbergaån, Kila	Kitkiöjoki	Loån	Stormyrbäcken
Björnbäckån	Klingavälsån Vomb	Lommabäcken Nedre	Svartberget, C7
Bjurforsbäcken	Kukkasjärvi	Oradbäcken Ö.Kärtmyrås	Tolångaån Tolånga
Bulsjöån	Kvarnån	Ostvik	Västergarnsån, Liffedarv
Domneån Utl. Vättern	Laxtjärnsbäcken	Övre Lansjärv	Västersel

Solutions to exercises A:

1.

```
phosphate1%>%
  filter(Name=="Klingavälsån Vomb")%>%
  ggplot(aes(x=Date, y=`P04-P (µg/l)`))+
  geom_point()+
  scale_x_date(breaks="1 year", date_labels = "%Y")+
  theme_bw()+
  geom_vline(xintercept=ymd("2014-06-01"))+
  geom_vline(xintercept=ymd("2016-05-01"))
```

2.

```
phosphate1%>%
  filter(Name=="Klingavälsån Vomb")%>%
  ggplot(aes(x=Date, y=`TOC (mg/l)`))+
  geom_point()+
  scale_x_date(breaks="1 year", date_labels = "%Y")+
  theme_bw()
```

Exercise B:

```
phosphate1%>%
  group_by(Name, year)%>%
  summarise(TOC_annual_mean=max(`TOC (mg/l)`))%>%
  ggplot(aes(x=year, y=TOC_annual_mean, col=Name))+
  geom_line()+
  scale_x_continuous(breaks=(seq(from=2006, to=2018, by=1)))+
  ylab("Annual maximum TOC")+
  theme_bw()+
  theme(legend.position='bottom')
```

`summarise()` has grouped output by 'Name'. You can override using the `.groups` argument.

Warning: Removed 17 row(s) containing missing values (geom_path).

2.

Klingavälsån Vomb, Svartberget, C7, Tolångaån Tolånga and Vretaån

```
phosphate1%>%
  group_by(Name, year)%>%
  summarise(TOC_annual_mean=max(`TOC (mg/l)`, na.rm=TRUE))%>%
  filter(Name=="Klingavälsån Vomb" | Name=="Svartberget, C7" | Name=="Tolångaån Tolånga" | Name=="Vretaån")
  ggplot(aes(x=year, y=TOC_annual_mean, col=Name))+
  geom_line()+
  scale_x_continuous(breaks=(seq(from=2006, to=2018, by=1)))+
  ylab("Annual maximum TOC")+
  theme_bw()+
  theme(legend.position='bottom')
```

`summarise()` has grouped output by 'Name'. You can override using the `.groups` argument.

```
phosphate1%>%
  group_by(Name, month)%>%
  summarise(TOC_monthly_mean=mean(`TOC (mg/l)`, na.rm=TRUE))%>%
  ggplot(aes(x=month, y=TOC_monthly_mean, col=Name))+
  geom_line()+
  scale_x_continuous(breaks=(seq(from=1, to=12, by=1)))+
  ylab("TOC per month")+
  theme_bw()+
  theme(legend.position='bottom')
```

`summarise()` has grouped output by 'Name'. You can override using the `.groups` argument.

