Visual Insights

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"Information Visualization is a process of transforming data and information that are not inherently spatial, into a visual form allowing the user to observe and understand the information."

(Source: Gershon and Eick, First Symposium on Information Visualization)

Scientific Visualization



Information Visualization





- > Rooted in geography, scientific visualization.
- Not even 30 years old.
- Growing fast.
- Far reaching (IR, WWW, DL, HCI).
- Interdisciplinary nature: computer graphics, electronic engineering, information systems, geography, information science, ...

> Tremendous potential.

Humans can detect a single dark pixel in a 500 x 500 array of white pixels in less than a second. This screen can be replaced every second by another, enabling a search of 15 million pixels in a minute (Ware, 2000).

Also, people have a truly remarkable ability to recall pictorial images. In one study, Standing, Conezio, & Haber (1970) showed S's 2560 pictures, each for 10 seconds over 7 hours, in a 4-day period. Afterwards, S's were asked to classify pictures presented at a rate of 16 pictures/minute and they achieved better than 90% accuracy.



- > Information explosion (amount doubles every 18 months).
- > Work is becoming more 'knowledge-oriented'.
- Increasing computing power (doubles every 18 months Moore's Law).
- Decreasing cost of storage.
- > Fast graphics processors.
- Larger hard disk sizes -> more information
- > High resolution color monitors.
- Alternative user interfaces Idesk, CAVE
- Connectivity between systems is expandi





> There is a bad mismatch between computer displays and the human perceptual system and between computer controls and human motor functions.



Well designed visualizations ...

- > Provide an ability to comprehend huge amounts of data.
- Reduce search time and reveal relations otherwise not being noticed (perception of emergent properties).
- Often reveal things not only about the data but how the data was collected errors and artifacts jump out.
- > Facilitate hypothesis formulation.
- > Are effective sources of communication.

Let's Look at the History of Visualizations



Balance of Trade Chart by Playfair in 1786



The area between two time-series curves was emphasized to show the difference between them, representing the balance of trade.



Coxcombs by Florence Nightingale in 1858

This figure (reproduced with SAS/GRAPH) shows that far more deaths were attributable to non-battle causes ("preventable causes") than to battle-related causes.

Nightingale's Coxcomb is notable for its display of frequency by area, like the pie chart. But, unlike the pie chart, the Coxcomb keeps angles constant and varies radius (proportional to sqrt(frequency)), a principle used in the FourFold Display for 2x2xk tables.





John Snow use of statistical mapping to deduce the link between cholera and contaminated water.

Based on the map he observed that cholera occurred almost entirely among those who lived near (and drank from) the Broad Street water pump.

Removing the handle of the contaminated pump ended the neighborhood epidemic which had taken more than 500 lives.





Areal Aggregations and Density Symbols



FIGURE 10.18. A reconstruction of John Snow's famous dot map of cholera (above) and three choropleth maps (below) produced by different areal aggregations of this part of London.



Minard (1781-1870), a French engineer, illustrated the disastrous result of Napoleon's failed Russian campaign of 1812. The graph shows the size of the army by the width of the band across the map of the campaign on its outward and return legs, with temperature on the retreat shown on the line graph at the bottom. Many consider Minard's original the best statistical graphic ever drawn.





- Thickness of brown line is proportional to number of soldiers (422,00 soldiers started out).
- Black similarly encodes the retreat (10,000 returned).
- Crossing of Berezina river.
- Temperature plot at the bottom.



London Underground Map by Harry Beck in 1933

Harry Beck's London Underground's way finding system is an extraordinary example of directional signage.

Note the stylized angles (90 and 45 degrees) and the regular spacing between station stops.



Beck got 21 pounds for this work.



- Visualizations are not objective, neutral artifacts.
- > They are created. They include or leave out information.
- > They communicate particular messages.
- > Commonly, the messages are those of the powerful who pay for the visualizations.

Deconstruct Visualizations!

by questioning who the visualization was made for, by whom, why, and based on what data.



Edward Tufte's Principles Of Graphic Display

"The success of a visualization is based on deep knowledge and care about the substance, and the quality, relevance and integrity of the content." (Tufte, 1983)

Principles of Graphical Excellence

- > Well-designed presentation of interesting data: substance, statistics, design.
- > Complex ideas communicated with clarity, precision, and efficiency.
- Conveying the most knowledge in the shortest time with the least ink in the smallest space.
- > It requires telling the truth about the data.
- > It is nearly always multivariate.

(Tufte, 1983)





Five Principles in the Theory of Graphic Display

- \succ Above all else show the data.
- > Maximize the data-ink ratio, within reason.
- > Erase non-data ink, within reason.
- Erase redundant data-ink.
- Revise and edit.

Visualizations should strive towards the following goals

- > Focus on content of data not the visualization technique.
- > Strive for integrity.
- > Utilize classic designs and concepts proven by time.
- > Comparative rather than descriptive visualizations.
- > High resolution.



Aesthetics

- Properly choose format and design
- > Use words, numbers, drawings in close proximity
- > Use lines of different weights as an attractive and compact way to display data.
- Reflect a balance, a proportion, a sense of relevant scale.
- > Display an accessible complexity of detail.
- > Let the graphics tell a story about the data.
- > Avoid content-free decoration.
- Make use of symmetry to add beauty (although someone once said that "all true beauty requires some degree of asymmetry").
- Draw graphics an a professional manner, with the technical details of production down with care.

Visualization Frameworks



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How to Classify Different Visualizations?

By

- User insight needs?
- User task types?
- Data to be visualized?
- Data transformation?
- Visualization technique?
- Visual mapping transformation?
- Interaction techniques?







Identify trends

Different Levels of Abstraction/Analysis

Macro/Global Population Level



Meso/Local Group Level

Micro Individual Level







Atlas of Knowledge Anyone Can Map



Needs-Driven Workflow Design



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Course Schedule

Part 1: Theory and Hands-On

- **Session 1** Workflow Design and Visualization Framework
- Session 2 "When:" Temporal Data
- Session 3 "Where:" Geospatial Data
- Session 4 "What:" Topical Data

Mid-Term

- **Session 5** "With Whom:" Trees
- **Session 6** "With Whom:" Networks
- Session 7 Dynamic Visualizations and Deployment
 Final Exam

Part 2: Students work in teams on client projects.

Final grade is based on Homework and Quizzes (**10%**), Midterm (**20%**), Final (**30%**), Client Project (**30%**), and Class Participation (**10%**).



IVMOOC App – More than 60 visualizations

The "IVMOOC Flashcards" app can be downloaded from Google Play and Apple iOS stores.



Load **One** File and Run **Many** Analyses and Visualizations

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Co-author and many other bi-modal networks.

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Visualization Framework

Insight Need Types	Data Scale Types	Visualization Types	Graphic Symbol Types	Graphic Variable Types	Interaction Types page 26
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Visualization Framework

Basic Task Types								
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selection	categorize			category				categorize/ cluster
order	rank	ranking					table	order/rank/ sort
	distribution	distribution					distribution	distributions (also outliers, gaps)
	compare	nominal comparison & deviation	differences		compare and contrast	compare data values	comparison	comparisons
		time series	patterns over time	time	process and time	track rises and falls over time	trend	trends (process and time)
		geospatial	spatial relations	location		generate maps		geospatial
quantity		part-to- whole	proportions		form and structure	see parts of whole, analyze text	composition	compositions (also of text)
association	correlate	correlation	<u>relationships</u>	hierarchy		relations between data points	relationship	correlations/ relationships

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Graphic Variable Types Versus Graphic Symbol Types



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Homework

Pick a visualization that provided you with new insights AND made you change your behavior.

Answer the following questions:

- 1. What tasks (temporal, geo, etc.) does the visualization support?
- 2. At what level of abstraction (micro, meso, macro)?
- 3. What dataset(s) were used? Cite sources.
- 4. What algorithms were used? Cite sources/provide Github links.
- 5. What visual mappings were used (graphic symbols and variables)?
- 6. How can the visualization be improved?
- 7. How did your behavior change?

The IVMOOC Companion Textbook

This textbook offers a gentle introduction to the design of insightful visualizations. It seamlessly blends theory and practice, giving readers both the theoretical foundation and the practical skills necessary to render data into insights.

The book accompanies the Information Visualization MOOC that attracted students, scholars, and practitioners from many fields of science and more than 100 different countries.



cns.iu.edu/ivmoocbook14.html





ENGR-E483/E583 Information Visualization, http://ivmooc.cns.iu.edu

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Data Visualization Literacy: Research and Tools that Advance Public Understanding of Scientific Data

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oy34R45EfBg





Sketch of the *Run* exhibit including data collection (top) and macroscope addon that lets interested visitors explore more complex data visualizations using table-top displays.



xMacroscope general setup and activity—Raw data on left is converted to visualization on right by dragging and dropping (or connecting) column headers to axes, paint buckets, size, and shape.



Data federation via Elastic Stack, Performance Visualization and Make Visualization



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The webinars offered include:

DATE	TITLE	SPEAKER	LENGTH (HOURS)	
March 1 2017	Introduction to Data Visualization	Votria Durd	1	
March 1, 2017	Slides Video Survey	vetria byru		
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March 15, 2017		Eric Brugger,	2	
	Slides Video Survey	Cyrus Harrison		
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Julie 7, 2017	Slides Video Survey	Mark Van Moer		
June 21, 2017	Hyperglyphs	Jeff Sale	2	
August 2, 2017	Badges for Visualization Micro-Certification	Jeff Sale	1	
August 16, 2017	Introduction to the Eclipse Advanced Visualization Project	Robert Smith	1	
October 25, 2017	Scientific Visualization in Houdini	Kalina Borkiewicz,	2	
October 25, 2017		A. J. Christensen	2	

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