

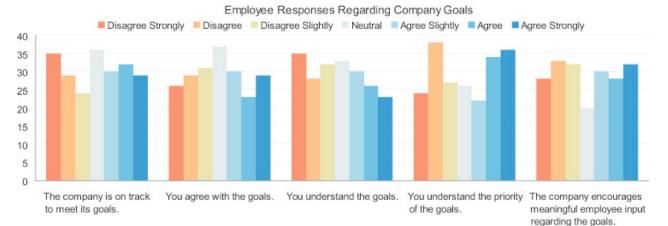
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Getting to Design



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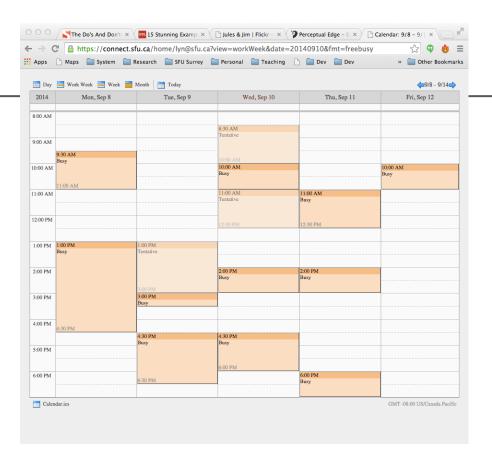
Administrivia: Assignment 1

- Visualization in practice
- Find one good and one bad example
- Put on Canvas discussion
- Present BRIEFLY in class
- We'll need to run over
- We will revisit these choices later!



Administrivia 2

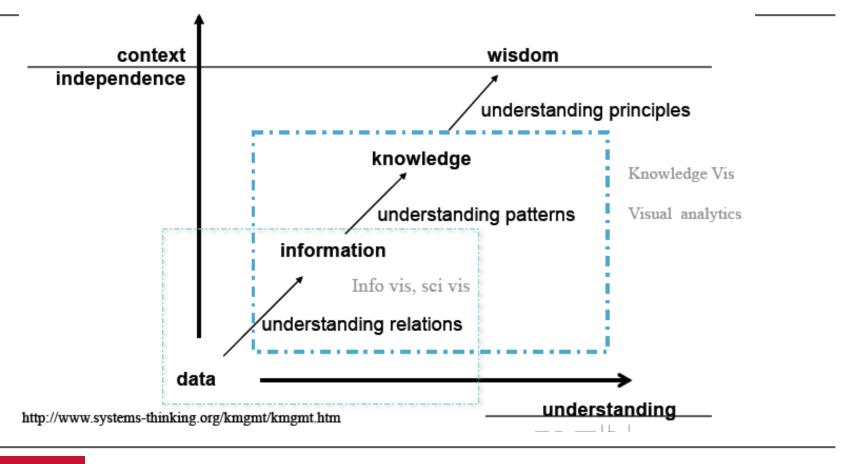
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The desired progression





Another way of looking at it

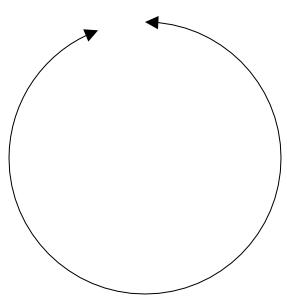
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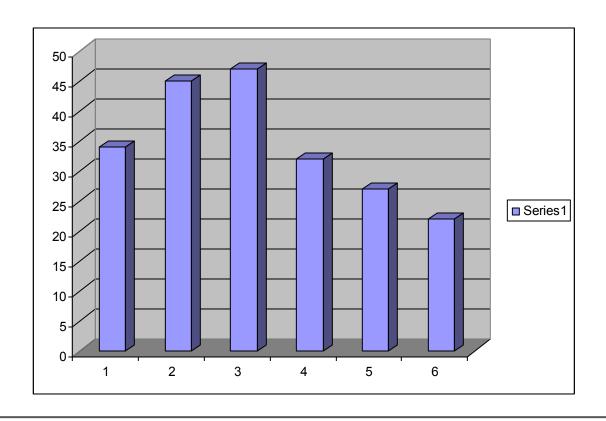
The value of visualization

- Capture information
 - Blueprints, photographs, sensors, seismographs, maps... metadata!
- Analyse data to support reasoning
 - Develop and test hypotheses
 - Discover errors
 - Find patterns
 - Expand memory
- Communicate
 - Share, persuade, educate



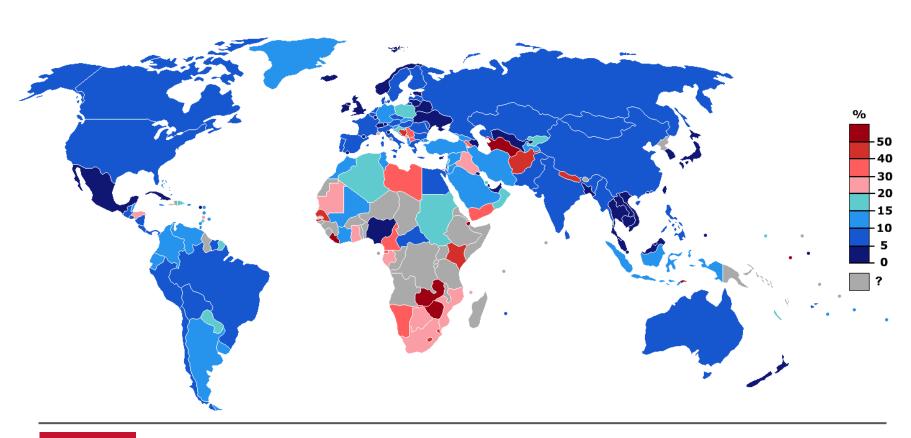


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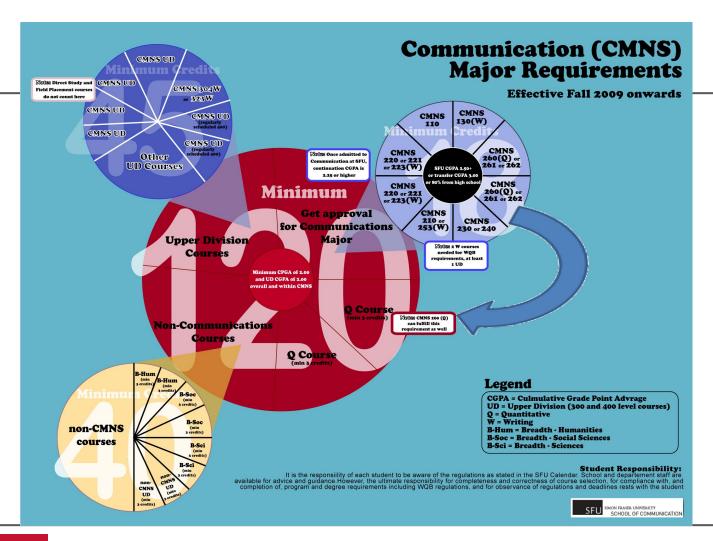




Unemployment rates









SCHOOL OF INTERACTIVE ARTS & TECHNOLOGY PRE-REQUISITE MAP

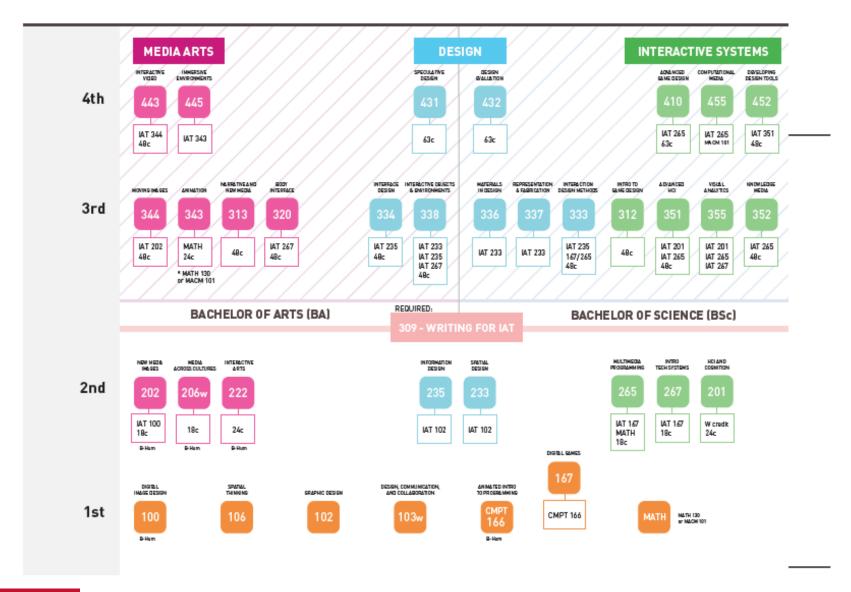
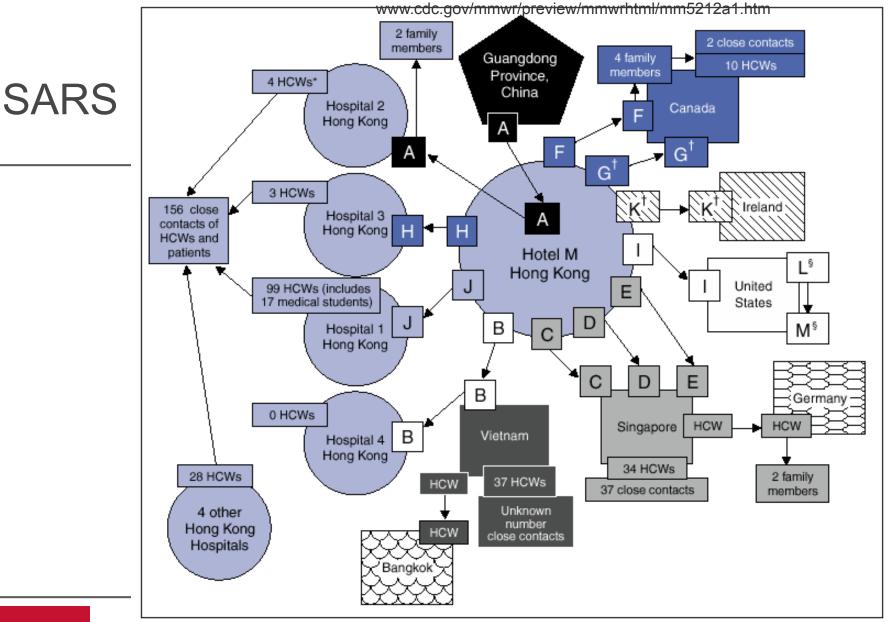




FIGURE 1. Chain of transmission among guests at Hotel M — Hong Kong, 2003





Information Visualization: Examples

All guests except G and K stayed on the 9th floor of the hotel. Guest G stayed on the 14th floor, and Guest K stayed on the 11th floor.

Guests L and M (spouses) were not at Hotel M during the same time as index Guest A but were at the hotel during the same times as Guests G, H, and I, who were ill during this period.

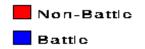
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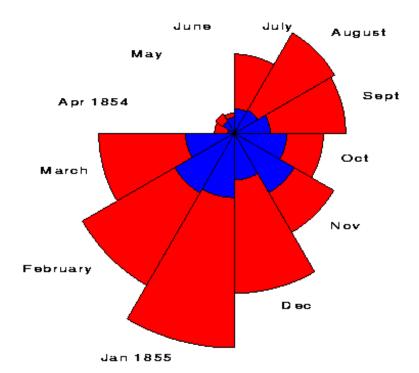
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Nightingale's Coxcomb

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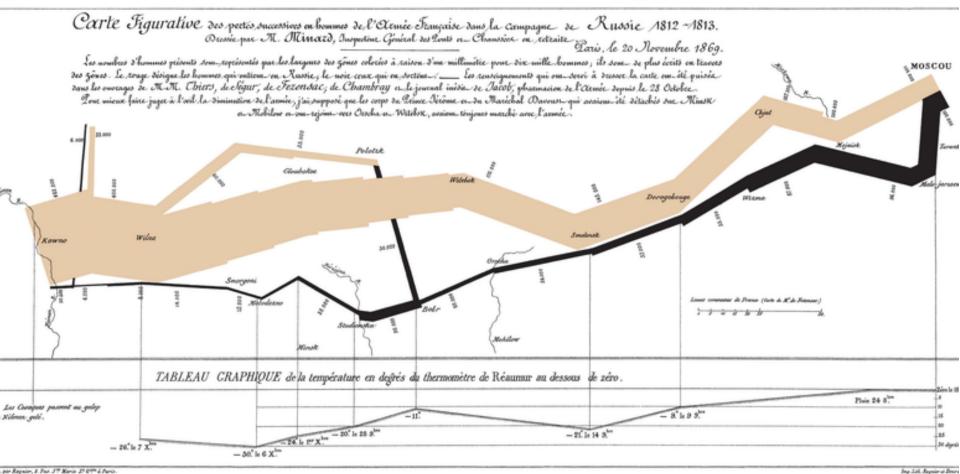








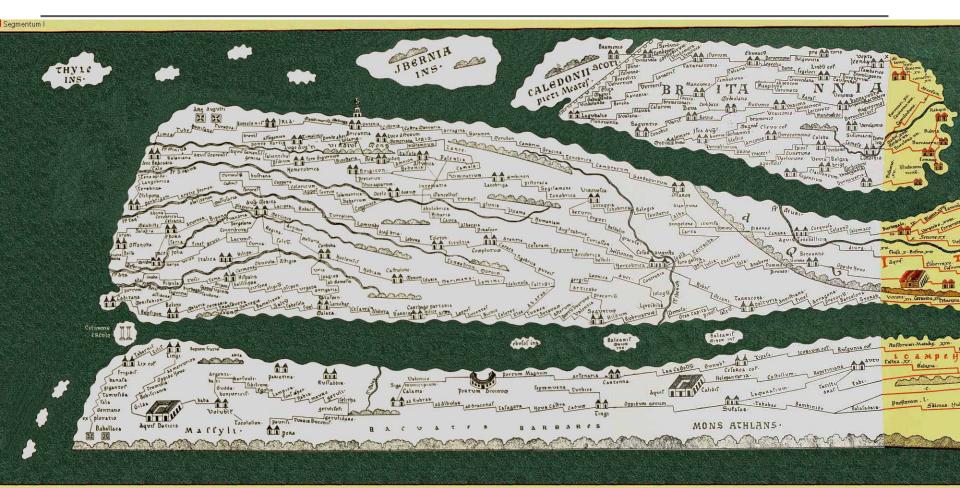
Napoleon's Invasion of Russia





Mediaeval Europe

Tabula Peutingeriana, road map of ancient Rome





- Portray data, usually abstract data
- Use visual features to represent properties, quantities, attributes
 - Explicitly
 - derived
- Give rise to emergent features

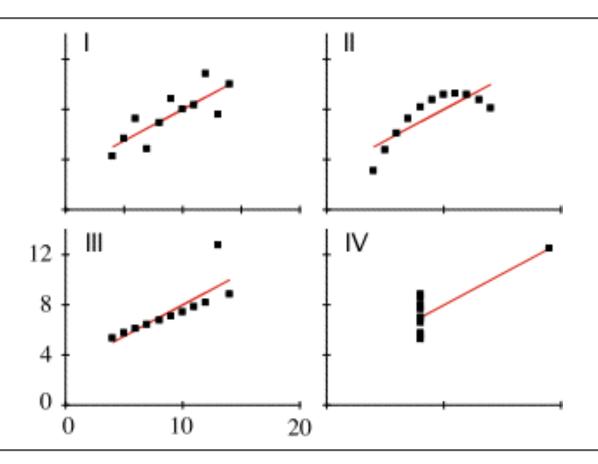


Review: why it helps

- Mean of the x values = 9.0
- Mean of the y values = 7.5
- Equation of the least-squared regression line: y = 3 + 0.5x
- Sums of squared errors (about the mean) = 110.0
- Regression sums of squared errors (variance accounted for by x) =
 27.5
- Residual sums of squared errors (about the regression line) = 13.75
- Correlation coefficient = 0.82
- Coefficient of determination = 0.67



What the data look like ...





Data and gain insight Ah HA!! We look at that picture Information visualization

The process of information visualization. Graphically encoded data is viewed in order to form a **mental mode**l of that data

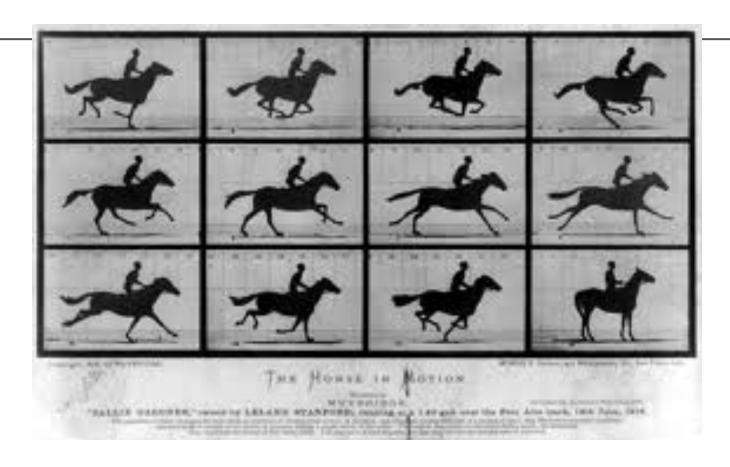


Recall: Why do we create visualizations

- Answer questions (or discover them)
- Make decisions
- See data in context
- Expand memory
- Support graphical calculation
- Find patterns
- Present argument or tell a story
- Inspire

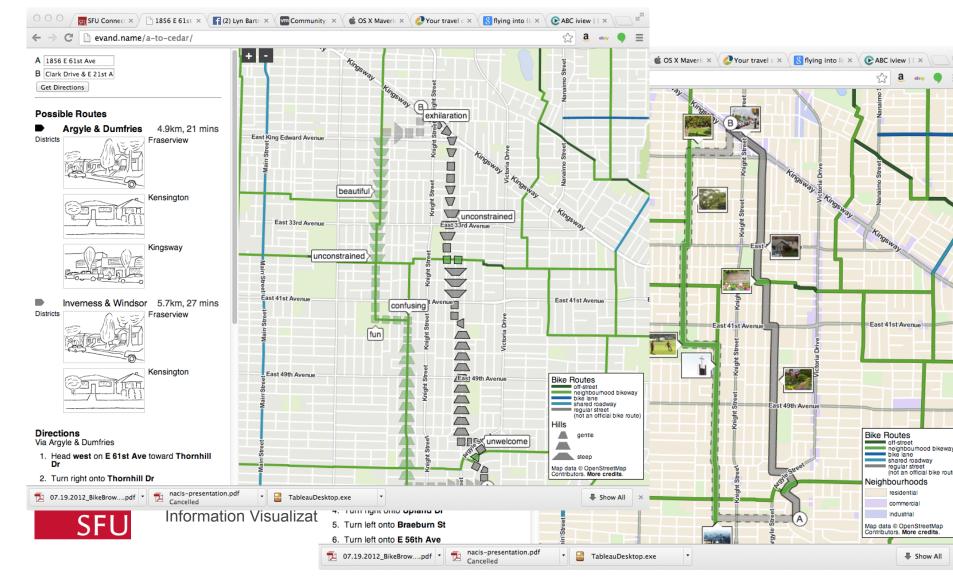


Organize and capture information





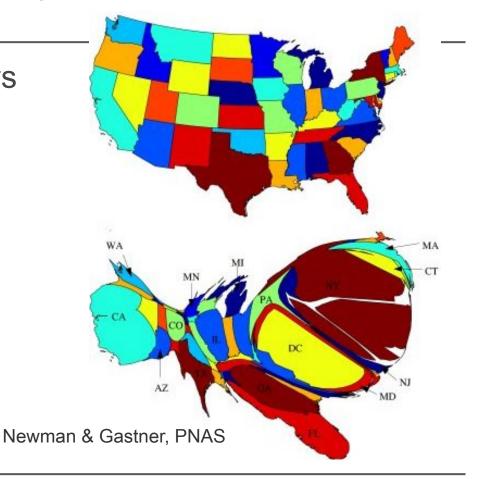
Combine different data sources



Answer (and discover) questions

 Where do the most news stories originate?

Inspire!





Make decisions/expand memory

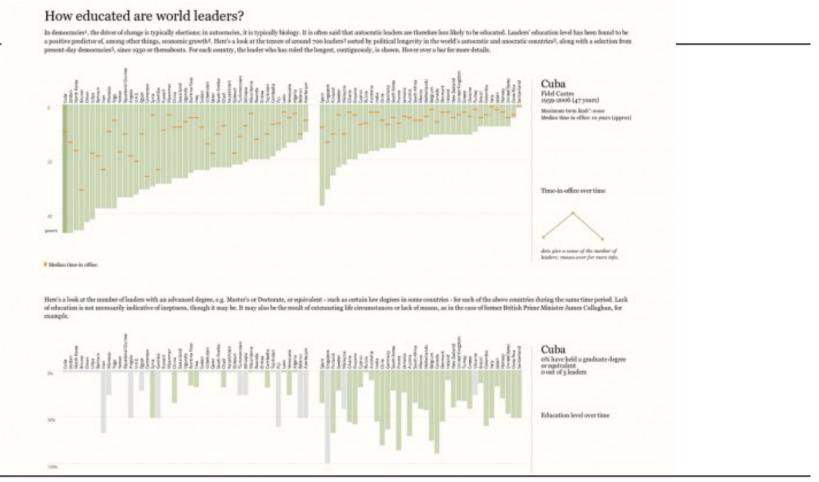
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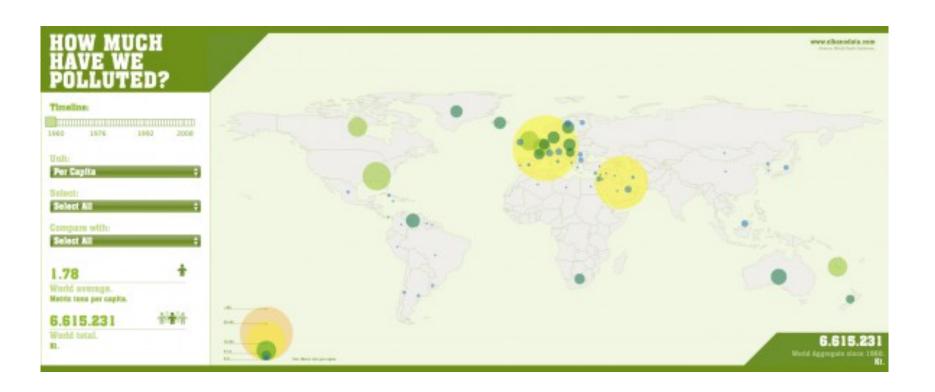


See data in context/expand graphical calculation



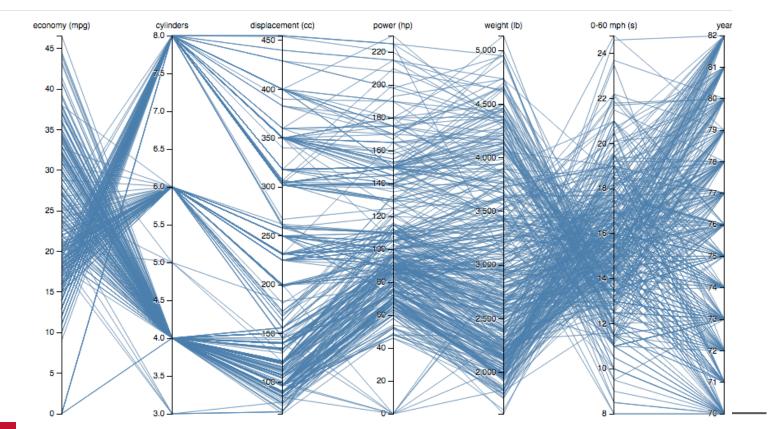


find patterns, compare





Find patterns, expand calculations, find questions





Inspire and compel/tell a story

Gun ownership in Westchester County, USA

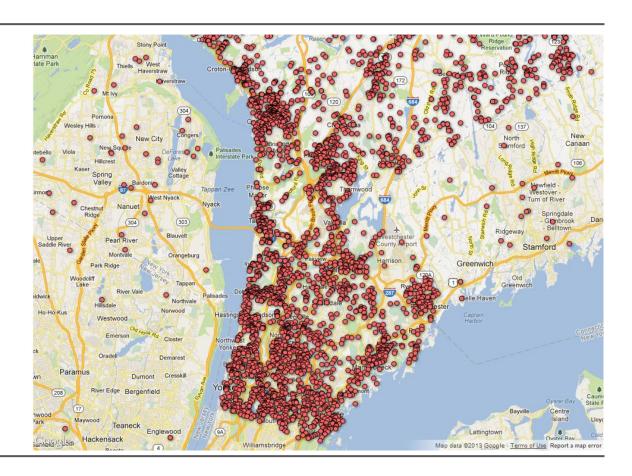




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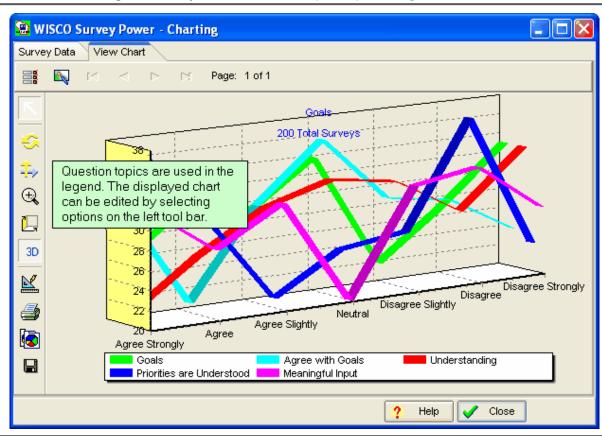




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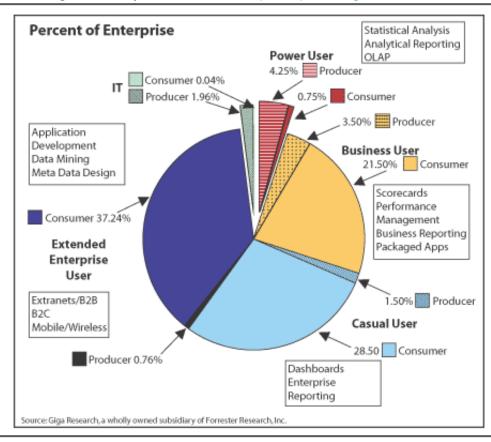
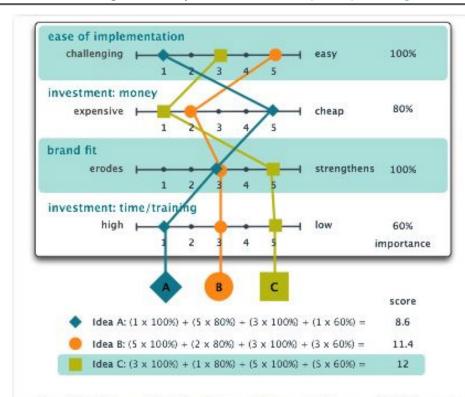




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Using this advanced method I was able to confirm my initial assessment that Idea C would be our best bet.



What's really going on here?

- The purpose of visualization is INSIGHT not IMAGES (Stasko)
- Cognitive process of building a mental image and model and internalising understanding

"The use of computer-supported, interactive visual representations of data to amplify cognition." [Card, Mackinlay Shneiderman '98]



Distributed Cognition

- Cognitive system is composed of people and the artifacts they use
- Cognition isn't only internal
- Changes in external representation spur changes in internal representation and understanding
- It is interaction with the external representations that drives this process

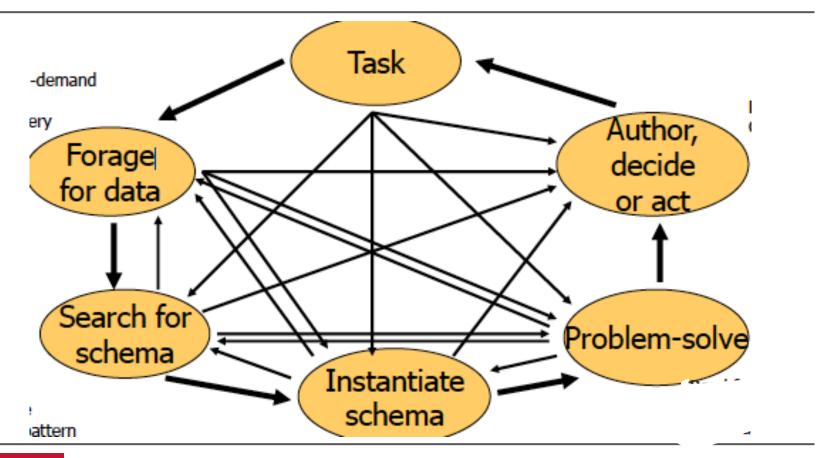


Recap: how vis amplifies cognition

- Increasing memory and processing resources available
- Reducing search for information
- Enhancing the recognition of patterns
- Enabling perceptual inference operations
- Using perceptual attention mechanisms for monitoring
- Encoding info in a manipulable medium



Knowledge Crystallization

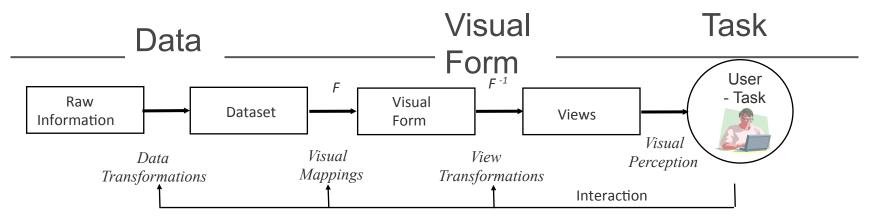




More simply

Acquire→ Parse→ Filter→ Mine/Prune→ Represent→ Refine→ Interact



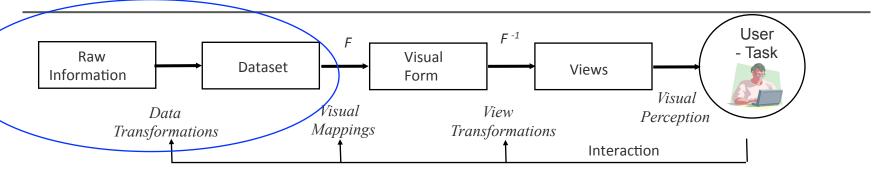


Example: house real estate listing data

- Price
- Bedrooms
- Lot size
- Type
- etc



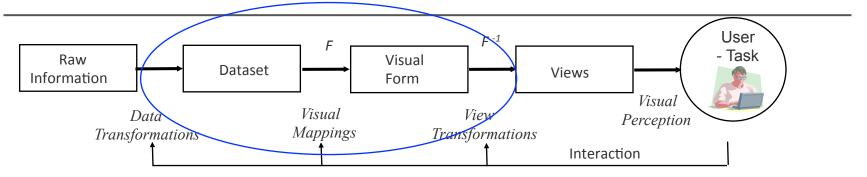
Data transformation – create a visual spatial model



- Data transformation
 - Map raw data into data tables e.g. text to similarity matrix



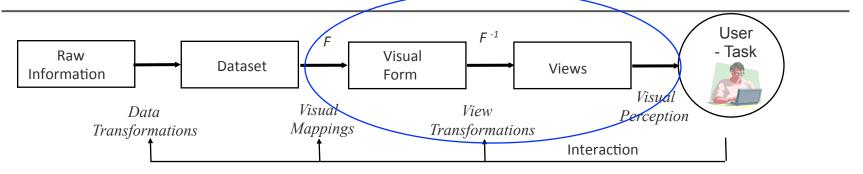
Visual mapping- create a visual spatial model



- Data transformation
 - Map raw data into data tables e.g. text to similarity matrix
- Visual Mappings:
 - Transform data tables into visual structures e.g., house price, #bedrooms to 2 dims – x, y



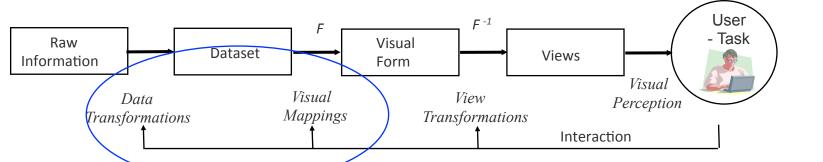
Display the data that now have visual form



- Data transformation
 - Map raw data into data tables e.g. text to similarity matrix
- Visual Mappings:
 - Transform data tables into visual structures e.g. 2 dims x, y
- View Transformations:
 - Create views of the Visual Structures by specifying graphical parameters such as position, scaling, and clipping



The user may change transformations and mappings



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How do we find the right design?

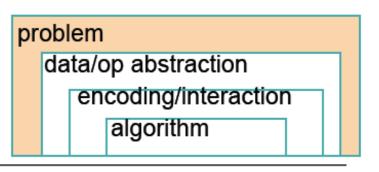
- 4 levels of design [Munzner 2014]
- Validate against the right "threat"

problem: you misunderstood their needs

abstraction: you're showing them the wrong thing
encoding: the way you show it doesn't work
algorithm: your code is too slow

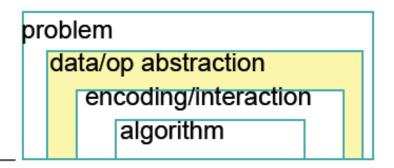


Solve the right problem



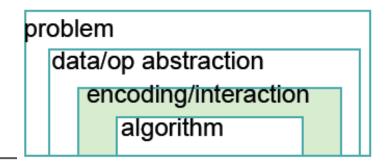
- Characterise the domain problem
 - identify a problem amenable to vis
 - provide novel capabilities
 - speed up existing workflow
- validation
 - immediate: interview and observe target users
 - downstream: notice adoption rates





- abstract from domain-specific to generic operations/ tasks
 - sorting, filtering, browsing, comparing, finding trend/outlier, characterizing distributions, finding correlation
- data types
 - tables of numbers, relational networks, spatial data
 - transform into useful configuration: derived data model
 - more next time
- validation
 - deploy in the field and observe usage





- visual encoding: drawings they are shown
- interaction: how they manipulate drawings
- validation
 - immediate: careful justification wrt known principles
 - downstream: qualitative or quantitative analysis of results
 - downstream: lab study measuring time/error on given task



Validation

- Can't necessarily answer "Is it worth it?"
- Can try to address "where is it failing"?
- Evaluation is a hard problem, more later

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encoding validate: justify design wrt alternatives

algorithm validate: measure system time

encoding validate: lab study, qualitative analysis

abstraction validate: observe real usage in field
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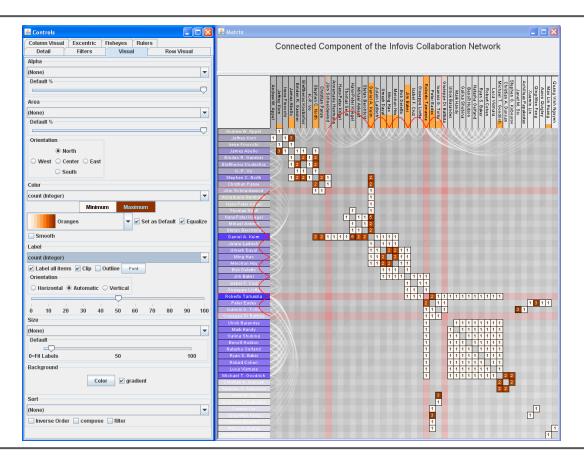


Human in the loop stages

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threat: wrong problem
validate: observe and interview target users
  threat: bad data/operation abstraction
     threat: ineffective encoding/interaction technique
      validate: justify encoding/interaction design
        uncet: slow algorithm
        validate: analyze computational complexity
             implement system
         andate: measure system time/memory
      validate: qualitative/quantitative result image analysis
      [informal usability study]
      validate: lab study, measure human time/errors for operation
   validate: field study, document human usage of deployed system
validate: collect anecdotes about tool utility from target users
validate: observe adoption rates
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Matrix Explorer case study





- domain: social network analysis
 - early: participatory design to generate requirements
 - later: qualitative observations of tool use by target users
- techniques
 - interactively map attributes to visual variables
 - user can change visual encoding on the y axis
 - filtering
 - selection
 - sorting by attribute

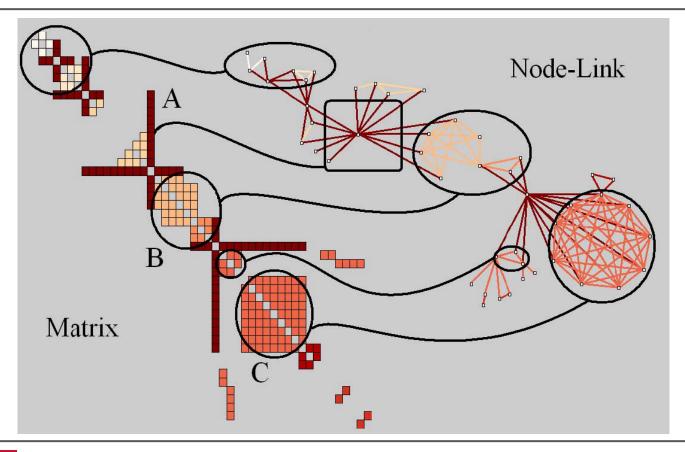


requirements

- use multiple representations
- handle multiple connected components
- provide overviews
- display general dataset info
- use attributes to create multiple views
- display basic and derived attributes
- minimize parameter tuning
- allow manual finetuning of automatic layout
- provide visible reminders of filtered-out data
- support multiple clusterings, including manual
- support outlier discovery
- find where consensus between different clusterings
- aggregate, but provide full detail on demand

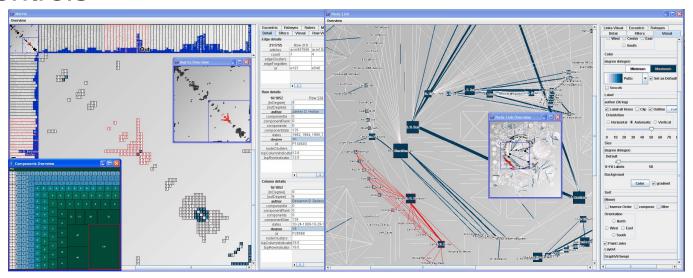


Techniques: dual views





- overviews: matrix, node-link, connected components
- details: matrix, node-link
- controls





[Fig 1. Henry and Fekete. MatrixExplorer: a Dual-Representation System to Explore Social Networks. IEEE TVCG 12(5):677-684 (Proc InfoVis 2006)

Data Sketching exercise

- Data set 1 : Titanic casualties
- Cabin class, Age, Gender, Survived, Survival

- What kinds of insights might you seek from these data?
- How would you represent it?



Data sketching exercise

Life Expectancy data

#physiciians/per capita, country, #Tvs/capita

Add in —

- Change in survival rates over time (20 years0)
- Change in physicians



More speculation

- Highway deaths on the Labour Day weekend were much higher than anticipated in BC. You want to find an explanation.
- Decide what kinds of data you need
- Sketch how you would visualize it

