Data Visualization (CSCI 627/490)

D3

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Visualization for Production

- Generate new material
- Annotate:
 - Add more to a visualization
 - Usually associated with text, but can be graphical
- Record:
 - Persist visualizations for historical record
 - Provenance (graphical histories): how did I get here?
- Derive (Transform):
 - Create new data
 - Create derived attributes (e.g. mathematical operations, aggregation)









Actions: Search

- What does a user know?
 - Lookup: check bearings
 - Locate: find on a map
 - Browse: what's nearby
 - Explore: where to go
 - Patterns

Locatior known
Locatior unknow

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- Number of targets: One, Some (Often 2), or All
- Identify: characteristics or references
- Compare: similarities and differences
- Summarize: overview of everything

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Roadmap



- What? \rightarrow Data
 - Types
 - Semantics
- Why? \rightarrow Tasks
 - Actions
 - Targets
- How \rightarrow Vis Idioms/Techniques
 - Data Representation
 - Visual Encoding
 - Interaction Encoding









"Idiom" Comparison



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SpaceTre → Encod	ee e → Navigate → Select → Filter	→ Aggregate

[Munzner (ill. Maguire), 2014]



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<u>Assignment 2</u>

- Due in a week
- Process Data
- Create Bar Charts using SVGs and JavaScript
- Interaction: Select by Decade
- Wording Updates
- Skipping 2010?

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<u>d3.js</u>













Data-Driven Documents (D3)

- Open-Source JavaScript Library
- <u>http://d3js.org/</u>
- Original Authors: Mike Bostock, Vadim Ogievestky, and Jeff Heer
- Focus on Web standards, customization, and usability
- Grew from work on Protovis: more standard, more interactive
- By nature, a **low-level** library; you have control over all elements and styles
- A top project on GitHub (over 106,000 stars as of Sept. 2023)
- Lots of impressive examples
 - Bostock was a New York Times Graphics Editor
 - https://observablehq.com/@mbostock





D3 Key Features

- Supports data as a core piece of Web elements
 - Loading data
- Dealing with changing data (joins, enter/update/exit) - Correspondence between data and DOM elements Selections (similar to CSS) that allow greater manipulation
- Method Chaining
- Integrated layout algorithms, axes calculations, etc.
- Focus on interaction support
 - Straightforward support for transitions
 - Event handling support for user-initiated changes





D3 Introduction

- the major features of D3
- <u>https://observablehq.com/@dakoop/d3-intro</u>
- Standalone version: <u>http://dakoop.github.io/IntroD3/</u> - (Updated from <u>original</u>)
- Other references:
 - https://observablehq.com/@d3/learn-d3
 - <u>https://observablehq.com/@d3/gallery</u>
 - Murrary's book on Interactive Data Visualization for the Web
 - The D3 website: <u>d3js.org</u>

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Ogievetsky has put together a nice set of interactive examples that show off





D3 Data Joins

- Two groups: data and visual elements
- Three parts of the join between them: enter, update, and exit
- enter: s.enter(), Update: s, exit: s.exit()



Enter

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Visual Elements





Merge vs. Join

- Merge creates a new selection that includes the items from both selections - If you want to update all elements (including those just added via enter), use
 - merge!
 - Useful when enter+update have similar transitions
- Join allows you to modify different parts of the selection in a single statement
 - Also will create the final selection
 - Does enter+append and exit+remove automatically
 - Pass functions to modify the enter, update, and exit parts of the selection - Examples: <u>https://observablehq.com/@d3/selection-join</u>

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Transitions

 Nested transitions (those that "hang off" of a parent transition) follow immediately after the parent transition



