Involving the Viewer

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Where Are We?

Fundamentals Data Image Perception Color

Assignment 2 Working with data

> **Assignment 3** Visualizing data set of your choice

Techniques

Interaction

Storytelling

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1. Select / Focus Mark something interesting

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Example US Presidents Job Approval Ratings



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Pick a detail from a larger dataset to keep track of it.

http://www.clusterize.com/comparisons/5-us-presidents-job-approval-ratings

2. Explore Show something different

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Example NY Times: Mapping America

Overcome limitations of display size





San Francisco

New York City

http://projects.nytimes.com/census/2010/explorer

3. Reconfigure Show a different arrangement

Example Hollywood Data Explorer: Changing Axes

HOLLYWOOD Data Explorer **Chart Controls** Set X-Axis Genre: Budget (\$m): RT Rating Audience Rating Gross (\$m): Critical Rating: Set Y-Axis Profit: Year: Audience Rating Profit Profit/Loss Opening **Bubble Size** RT Rating Profit/Loss None Budge \$2,600 **Bubble Colour** \$2,400 Genre Year \$2,200 Budget: \$0 - \$254 \$2,000 Search for a film: \$1,800 Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides **Choose Genres** \$1,600 Gross (\$m) ✓ Select All X Select None \$1,400 Action ✓ Fantasy Adventure Horror \$1,200 Animation Musical Biography ✓ Romance \$1,000 Comedy ✓ Thriller Crime \$800 Documentary Drama \$600 **Choose Years** \$400 ✓ Select All X Select None 2007 \$200 2008 2009 \$0 2010 \$140 \$0 \$20 \$40 \$60 \$80 \$100 \$120 \$160 2011 Opening (\$m)

http://indexity.net/vis/hw/

About

Reset

Clear

Budget Film

4. Encode Show a different representation

Example D3.js stacked / grouped bars





Change visual/retinal variables

- Colors
- Sizes
- Orientation

- Font
- Shape

5. Abstract / Elaborate Show more or less detail

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Rank: 1

School of Information UC Berkeley Students: 125

Example Manifest Destiny (shameless plug by yours truly)



http://michaelporath.com/projects/manifest-destiny/

6. Filter Show something conditionally

Example San Francisco Crimespotting



Notice anything different?

We've been working on the interface design, read more about it on the blog.

San Francisco Crimespotting is an interactive map of crimes in San Francisco and a tool for understanding crime in cities.

If you hear sirens in your neighborhood, you should know why. *Crimespotting* makes this possible with interactive maps and BSS feeds of crimes in areas that you care about

Change the set of data items presented based on some condition

http://sanfrancisco.crimespotting.org

A note about map symbols

The names used here are based on

Oakland's categorization of its crime statistics on the CrimeWatch website

We have additionally grouped them

Example Keystroke filtering in NameVoyager



7. Connect Show related items

7. Connect Special Technique: Brushing & Linking



Weight

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Example OECD Regional eXplorer



Multiple views of same data

Selecting or highlighting in one case generates highlighting in another

http://stats.oecd.org/OECDregionalstatistics

Interaction vs Representation Static representation, that is.

Analysis – Communication

Interaction has an exploratory aspect

Explore
FilterEncode
SelectConnectAbstract/Elaborate
Reconfigure

Analysis



Explanatory

Communication

So you wanna use interaction?



Nail?

glyphs from Marie Coons, Simon Child, and others from The Noun Project

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Many Visualizations out there

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The Process

What Data?

Field of Interest Find a story

Data Exploration

Data Aggregation

> Data Mashups

User Intent?

Choose representations

Add interaction – Sparingly.

Examples What's the user intent? Which technique?

512 Paths To The White House

NY Times



http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2012/11/02/us/politics/paths-to-the-white-house.html

Example Keystroke filtering in ZipDecode



Bloomberg Billionaires

Bloomberg Visual Data



Scatter States



http://hyperphor.com/election/scatterstates.html



Announcement

Assignment 4

Task Construct a **narrative** about yourself, telling from the data you've collected

Deliverable Sketches/Iteration, Final Visualization and Writeup

Due Tuesday Mar 19, 3:00PM

More information on the class blog

Lab Thursday D3.js; Part II

Next Lecture Storytelling