

Visualization Software

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Assignment 2: Visualization Design

DATA BLOG
Facts are sacred

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Weekend update

Haiti earthquake aid pledged by country

Haiti's quake has apparently galvanised the world. Find out how much different countries and organisations have pledged to the aid effort, and how much has actually been handed over.

Get the data

Haiti pledges of aid by country and organisation

Click headings to sort

Country/organisation	Funding, committed and uncommitted, \$	\$ per person	% of total
Others	636958619		36.32
Private (individuals & organisations)	363486895		20.73
United States	167769681	0.53	9.57
Canada	130733775	3.89	7.45
World Bank (emergency grant)	100000000		5.7
Spain	45880251	1.02	2.62
European Commission	44877340		2.56
United Kingdom	32590138	0.53	1.86
France	31313132	0.68	1.73

Due before class on Feb 8, 2010

Assignment 2: Creating Visualizations

Use existing software to formulate & answer questions

First steps

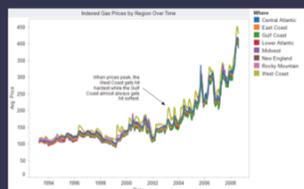
- Step 1: Pick a domain
- Step 2: Pose questions
- Step 3: Find data
- Iterate

Create visualizations

- Interact with data
- Question will evolve
- Tableau

Make wiki notebook

- Keep record of all steps you took to answer the questions

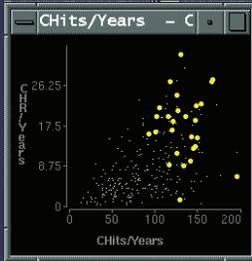


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Brushing and Linking

Highlighting

Focus user attention on a subset of the data within one graph [from Wills 95]



[www.sims.berkeley.edu/courses/is247/s02/lectures/Lecture3.ppt]

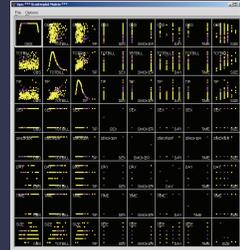
Ggobi: Tips Data

What are the factors that affect tipping behavior?

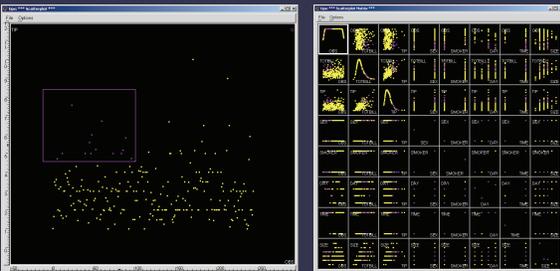
Tips received: 1 waiter, 1 restaurant, few months

- tip in dollars,
- bill in dollars,
- sex of the bill payer,
- smokers in the party,
- day of the week,
- time of day,
- size of the party

244 total tips



GGobi: Brushing



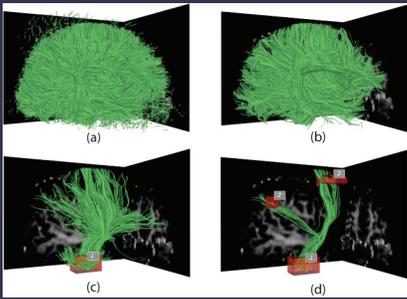
<http://www.ggobi.org/>

HomeFinder

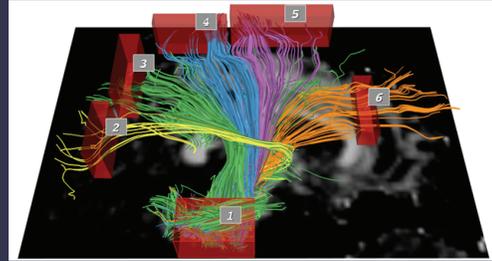


[Ahlberg and Schneiderman 92]

3D dynamic queries [Akers et al. 04]



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Pros and cons

Pros

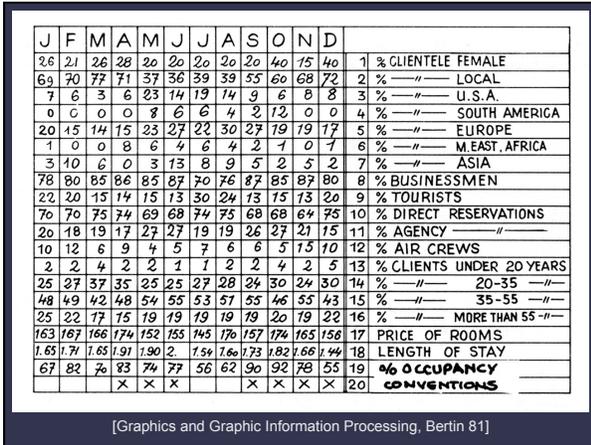
- Controls useful for both novices and experts
- Quick way to explore data

Cons

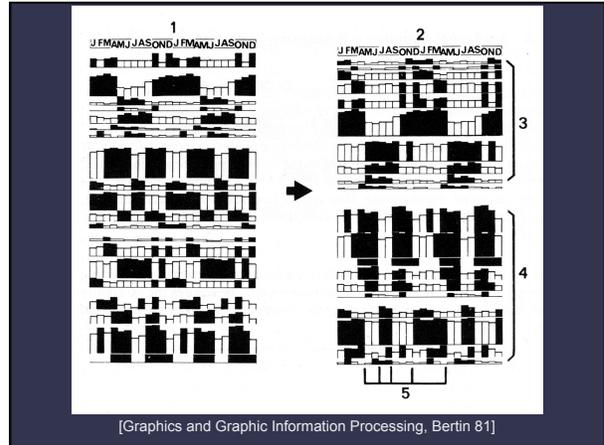
- Simple queries
- Lots of controls
- Amount of data shown limited by screen space

Who would use these kinds of tools?

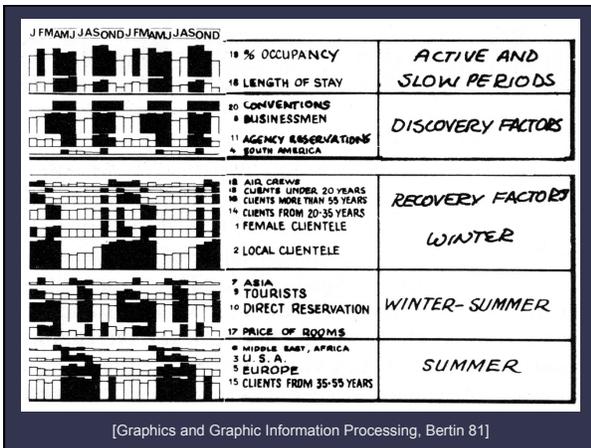
Rearrangements



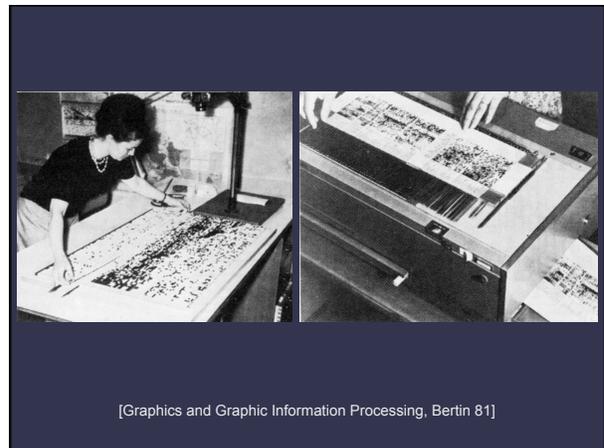
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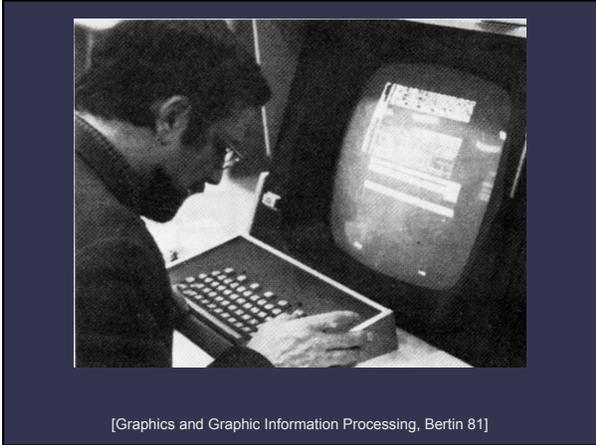
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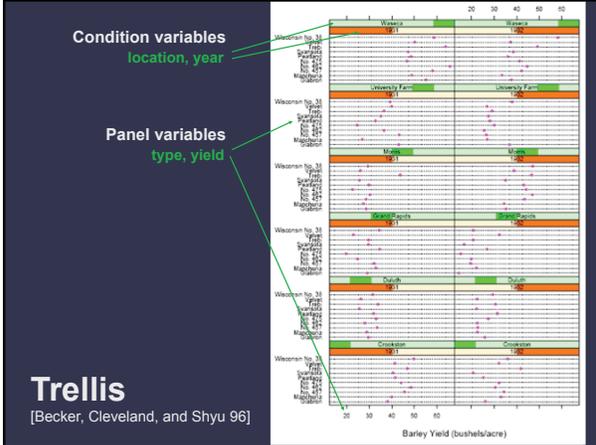
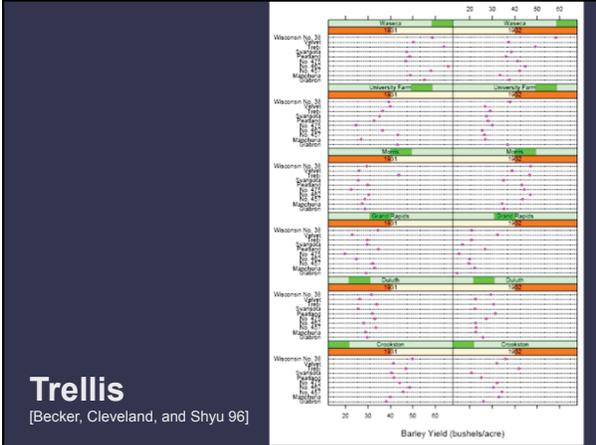
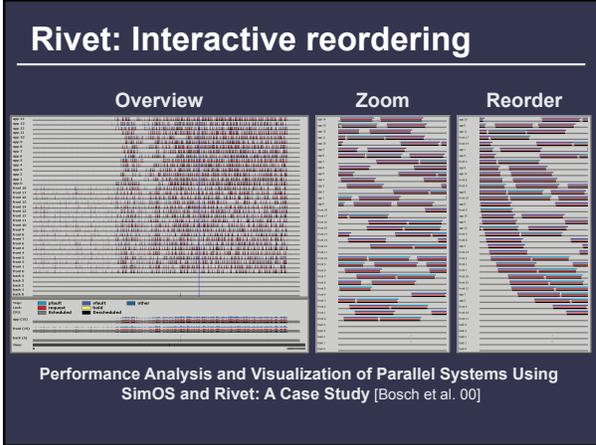
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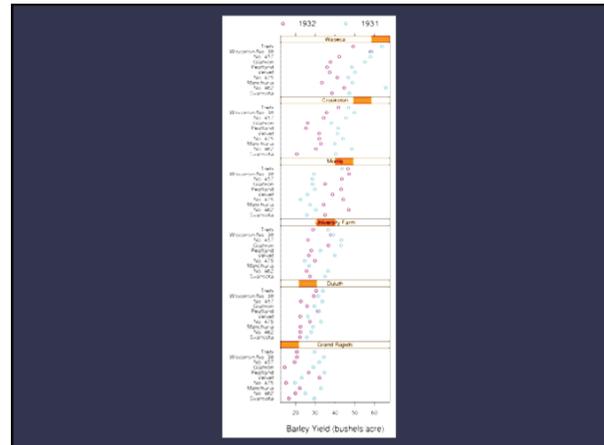
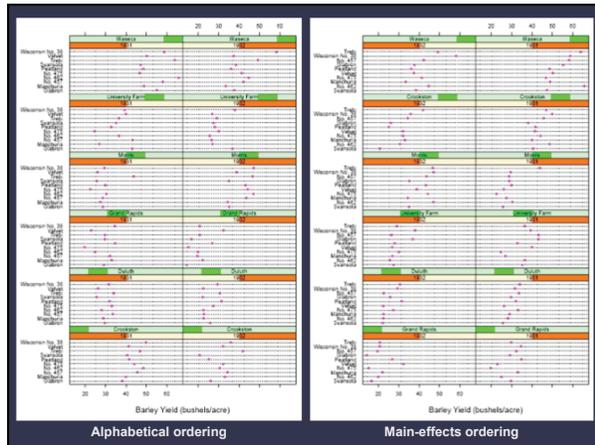


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Summary

Most visualizations are interactive

- Even passive media elicit interactions

Good visualizations are task dependant

- Choose the right space
- Pick the right interaction technique

Human factors are important

- Leverage human strengths
- Assist to get past human limitations

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Tableau

Research at Stanford: "Polaris" by Stolte and Hanrahan.



Tableau

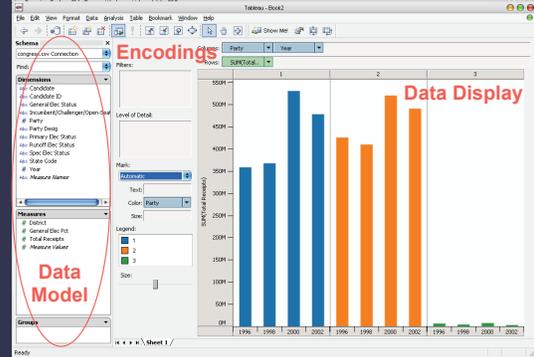


Tableau demo

The dataset:

- Federal Elections Commission Receipts
- Every Congressional Candidate from 1996 to 2002
- 4 Election Cycles
- 9216 Candidacies

Data Set Schema

- Year (Qi)
 - Candidate Code (N)
 - Candidate Name (N)
 - Incumbent / Challenger / Open-Seat (N)
 - Party Code (N) [1=Dem,2=Rep,3=Other]
 - Party Name (N)
 - Total Receipts (Qr)
 - State (N)
 - District (N)
- This is a subset of the larger data set available from the FEC, but should be sufficient for the demo

Hypotheses?

What might we learn from this data?

Correlation between receipts and whether elected?

Do receipts increase over time?

Which states spend the most?

Which party spends the most?

Margin of victory vs. amount spent?

Amount spent between competitors?

Hypotheses?

What might we learn from this data?

- Has spending increased over time?
- Do democrats or republicans spend more money?
- Candidates from which state spend the most money?