



# Visual Tools & Methods for Data Cleaning

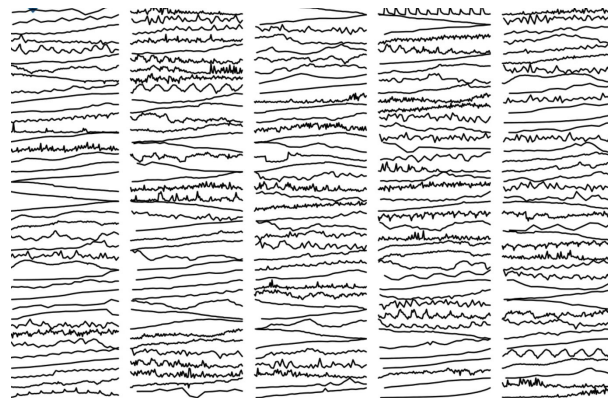
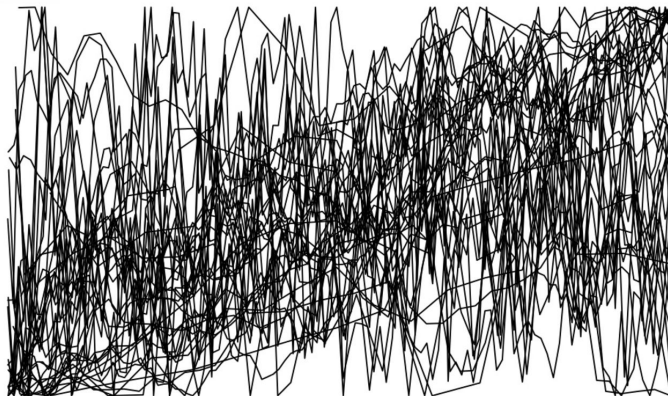
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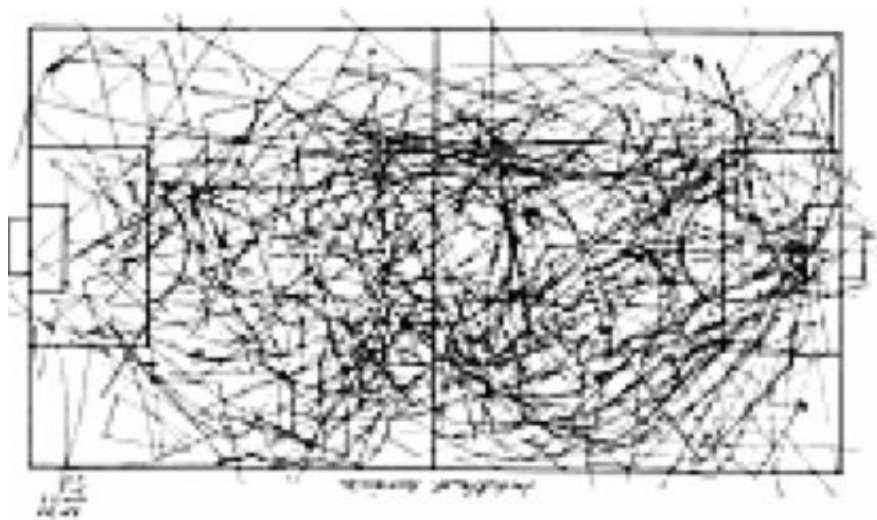
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# Reality

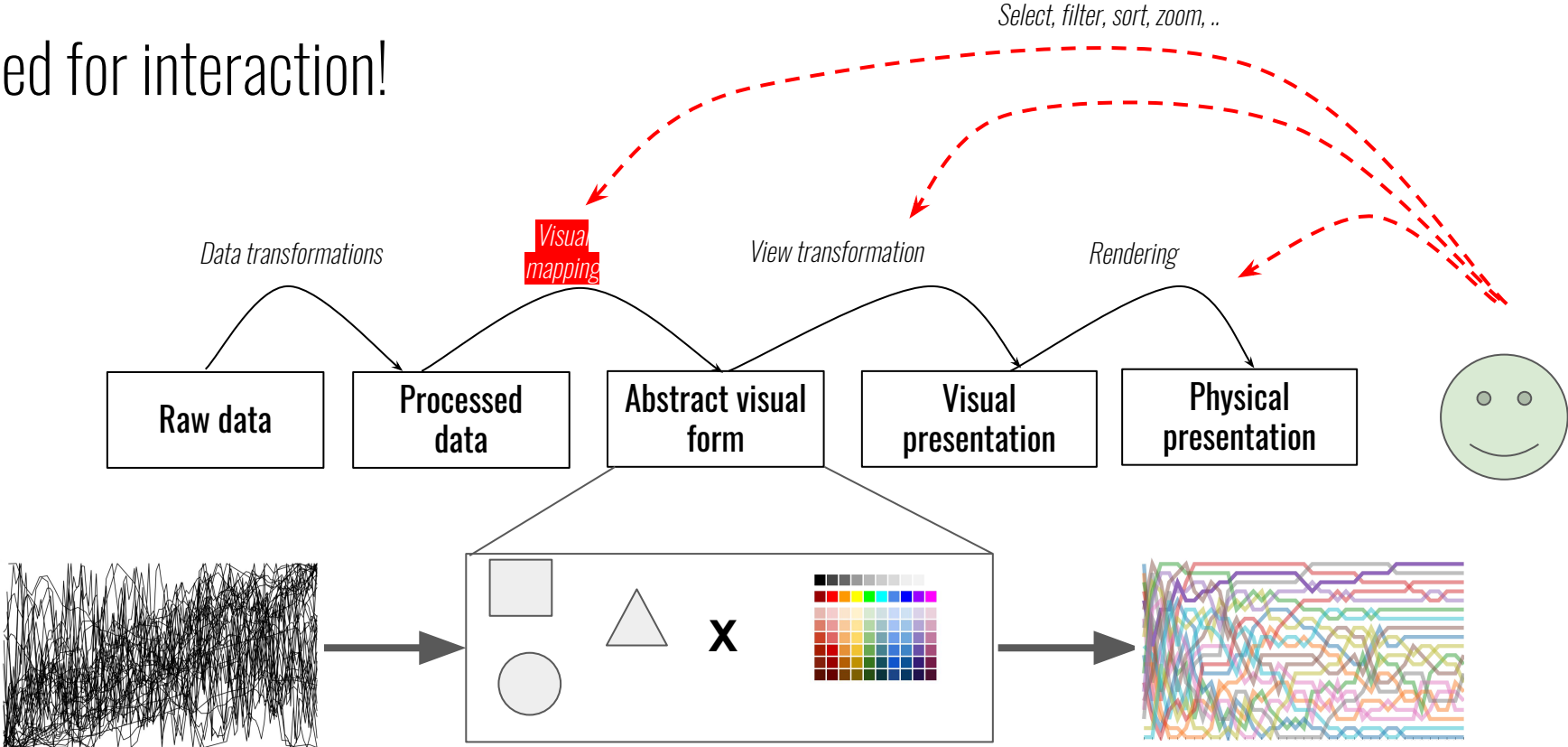
\* Time series



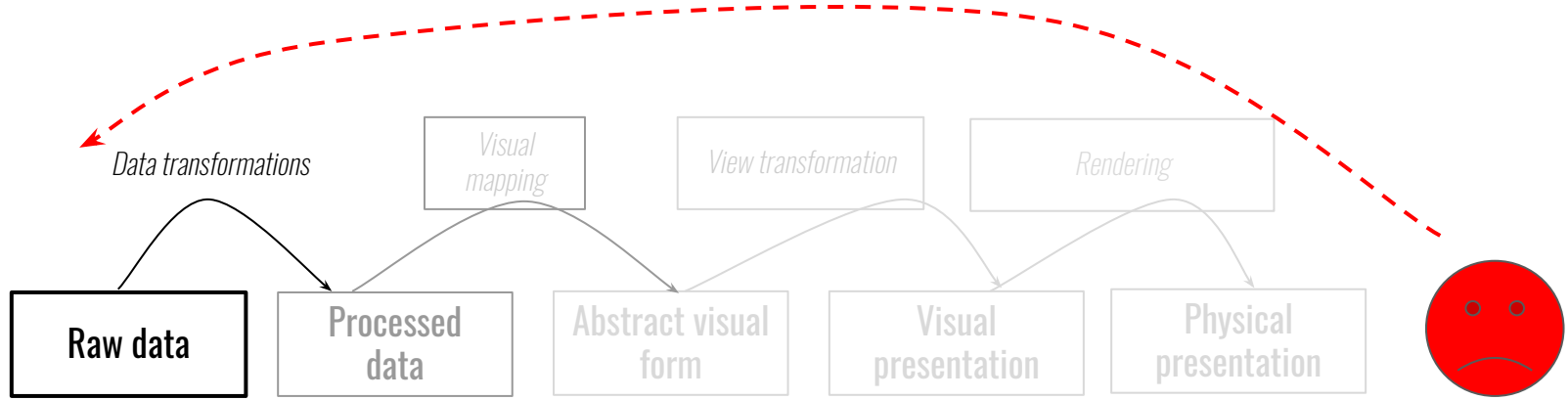
\* Geo-spatial data



# Need for interaction!



# Need for interaction **with Raw Data**



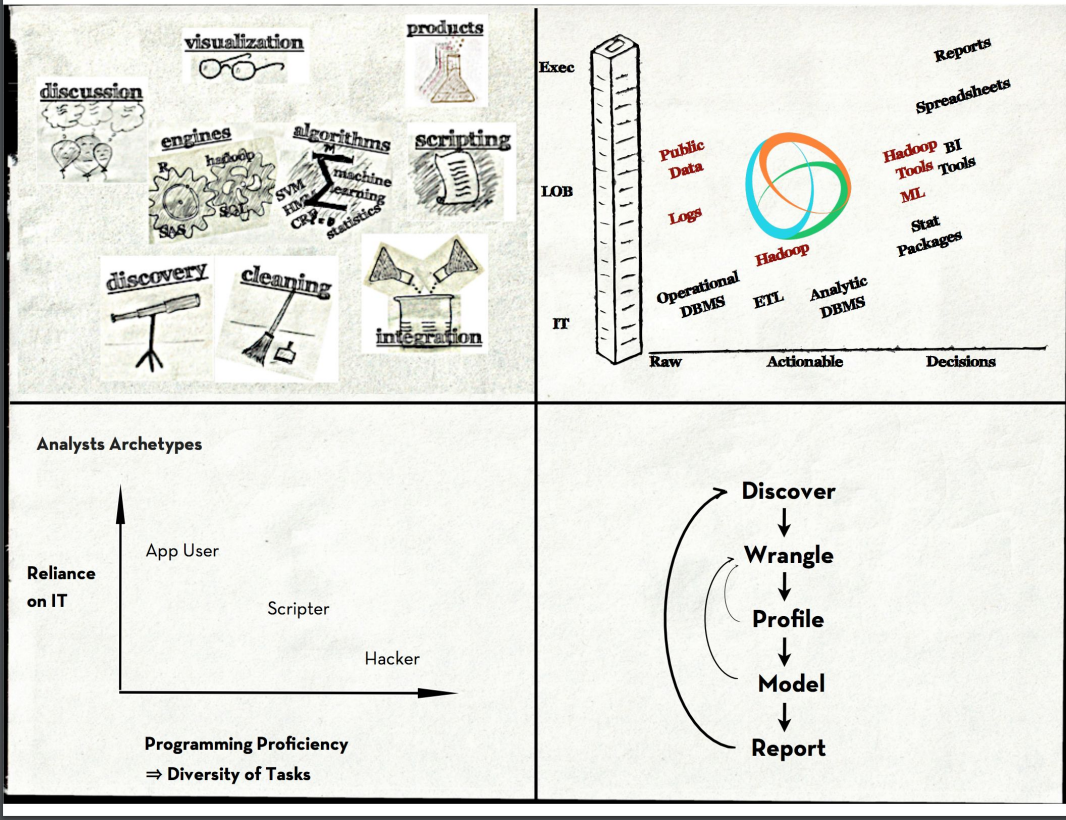
# Empirical study

35 data analysts, 25 organizations, 15 sectors

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		Field Definitions	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
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# Empirical study

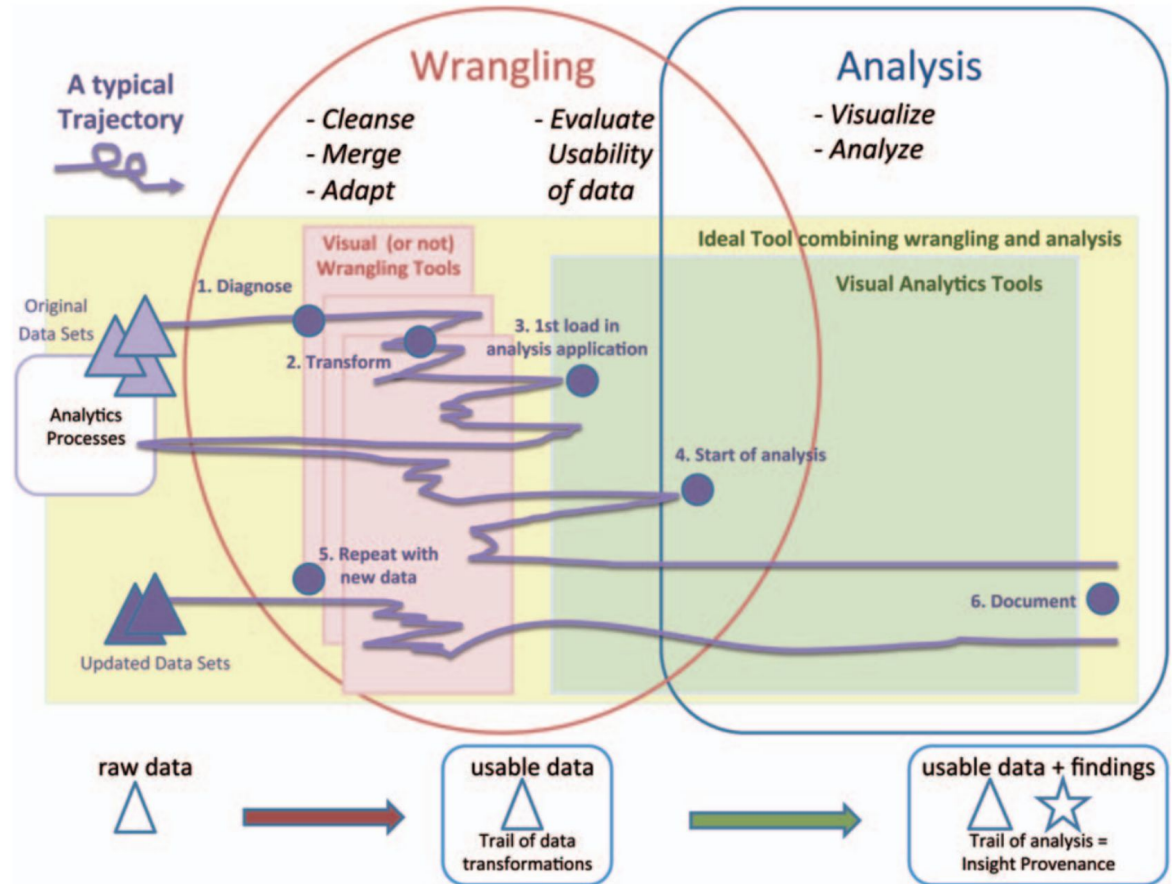


Joe Hellerstein "Data wrangling" BERKELEY & Trifacta ([pdf](#))

# Wrangling and analysis process

\* Iterative, non-linear process

Kandel, S., Heer, J., Plaisant, C., Kennedy, J., van Ham, F., Riche, N. H., & Buono, P. (2011). “Research directions in data wrangling: Visualizations and transformations for usable and credible data. Information Visualization”



# Microsoft Excel

Workbook6

Home Layout Tables Charts SmartArt Formulas Data Review

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B I U Bold Italic Underline

A1 fx Reported crime in Alabama,

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Reported crime in Alabama,							
2	,							
3		20,044,029.30						
4		20,053,900						
5		20,063,937						
6		20,073,974.90						
7		20,084,081.90						
8	,							
9	Reported crime in Alaska,							
10	,							
11		20,043,370.90						
12		20,053,615						
13		20,063,582						
14		20,073,373.90						
15		20,082,928.30						
16	,							
17	Reported crime in Arizona,							
18	,							
19		20,045,073.30						
20		20,054,827						
21		20,064,741.60						
22		20,074,502.60						



# Python Notebook

jupyter crime-data-wrangling Last Checkpoint: a few seconds ago (autosaved) ✓

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Trusted

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In [13]: `import pandas as pd`

```
df = pd.read_csv("data/crime.csv", sep=',', header=None)
```

In [16]: `df.head(10)`

Out[16]:

	0	1
0	Reported crime in Alabama	NaN
1	NaN	NaN
2	2004	4029.3
3	2005	3900.0
4	2006	3937.0
5	2007	3974.9
6	2008	4081.9
7	NaN	NaN
8	Reported crime in Alaska	NaN
9	NaN	NaN

In [18]: `df.loc[df[0].isin(["Reported crime in Alabama"])]`

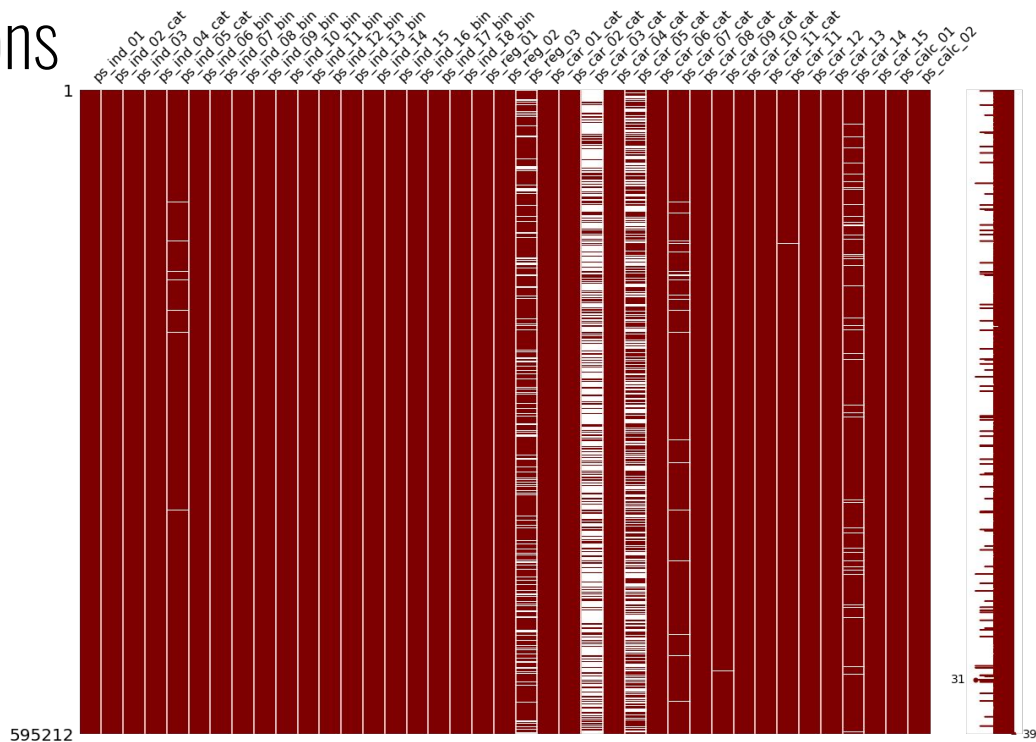
Out[18]:

# Low-level scripts & visualizations

\* Python / Perl / ..

\* Pipeline / Batch process

\*  
...



Example:

SafeDriver - data cleaning & visualization ([webpage](#))



# Wrangler

after before column max on positions row

extract once 0,7

Suggestions

- Extract from **extract** between positions 0, 7
- Extract from **extract** on 'Alabama'
- Extract from **extract** on ' any word '
- Cut from **extract** between positions 0, 7
- Cut from **extract** on 'Alabama'
- Cut from **extract** on ' any word '

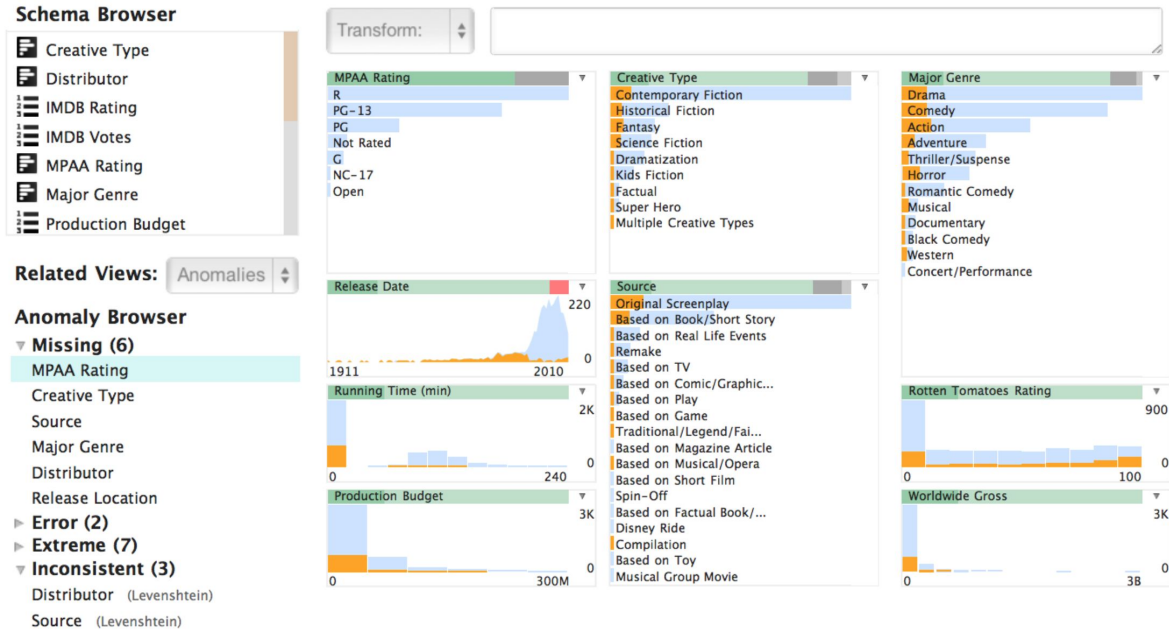
Script Export

- Split **data repeatedly** on **newline** into rows
- Split **data repeatedly** on ','
- Extract from **split** after ' in '
- Fill **extract** with values from **above**

	extract	extract1	#	2004	#	2005
1	Alabama	Alabama	4029.3	3900		
2	Alaska		3370.9	3615		
3	Arizona	Arizona	5073.3	4827		
4	Arkansas	Arkansa	4033.1	4068		
5	California	Califor	3423.9	3321		
6	Colorado	Colorad	3918.5	4041		
7	Connecticut	Connect	2684.9	2579		
8	Delaware	Delawar	3283.6	3118		
9	District of Columbia	Distric	4852.8	4490		
10	Florida	Florida	4182.5	4013		
11	Georgia	Georgia	4223.5	4145		
12	Hawaii		4795.5	4800		
13	Idaho		2781	2697		
14	Illinois	Illinoi	3174.1	3092		
15	Indiana	Indiana	3403.6	3460		
16	Iowa		2904.8	2845		
17	Kansas		4015.5	3806		
18	Kentucky	Kentuck	2540.2	2531		
19	Louisiana	Louisia	4419.1	3696		
20	Maine		2413.7	2419		

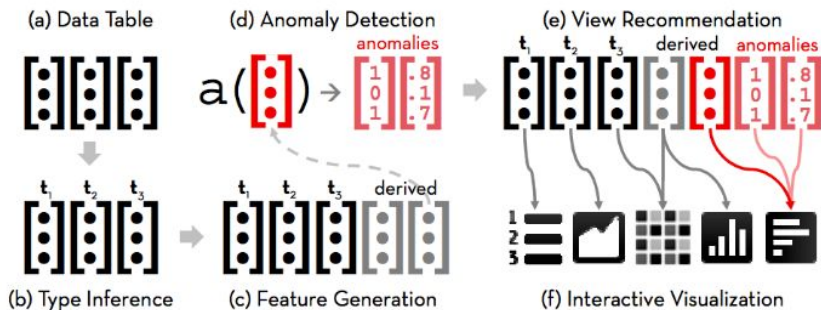
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# Profiler



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# Profiler



Type	Issue	Detection Method(s)	Visualization
<b>Missing</b>	Missing record	Outlier Detection   Residuals then Moving Average w/ Hampel X84	Histogram, Area Chart
		Frequency Outlier Detection   Hampel X84	Histogram, Area Chart
<b>Inconsistent</b>	Missing value	Find NULL/empty values	Quality Bar
	Measurement units	Clustering   Euclidean Distance	Histogram, Scatter Plot
		Outlier Detection   z-score, Hampel X84	Histogram, Scatter Plot
<b>Incorrect</b>	Misspelling	Clustering   Levenshtein Distance	Grouped Bar Chart
	Ordering	Clustering   Atomic Strings	Grouped Bar Chart
	Representation	Clustering   Structure Extraction	Grouped Bar Chart
	Special characters	Clustering   Structure Extraction	Grouped Bar Chart
	Erroneous entry	Outlier Detection   z-score, Hampel X84	Histogram
	Extraneous data	Type Verification Function	Quality Bar
<b>Extreme</b>	Numeric outliers	Outlier Detection   z-score, Hampel X84, Mahalanobis distance	Histogram, Scatter Plot
		Outlier Detection   Residuals vs. Moving Average then Hampel X84	Area Chart
	Time-series outliers	Outlier Detection   Residuals vs. Moving Average then Hampel X84	Area Chart
<b>Schema</b>	Primary key violation	Frequency Outlier Detection   Unique Value Ratio	Bar Chart

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Generate Results



Grid Columns

Find column

Filters

New Step

Recipe



#	column2	##	column3	window
2k - 2.01k		1,706 - 5,105		51 Categories
2004		4029.3	Alabama	
2005		3900	Alabama	
2006		3937	Alabama	
2007		3974.9	Alabama	
2008		4081.9	Alabama	
2004		3370.9	Alaska	
2005		3615	Alaska	
2006		3582	Alaska	
2007		3373.9	Alaska	
2008		2928.3	Alaska	
2004		5073.3	Arizona	
2005		4827	Arizona	
2006		4741.6	Arizona	
2007		4502.6	Arizona	
2008		4087.3	Arizona	
2004		4033.1	Arkansas	
2005		4068	Arkansas	
2006		4021.6	Arkansas	
2007		3945.5	Arkansas	



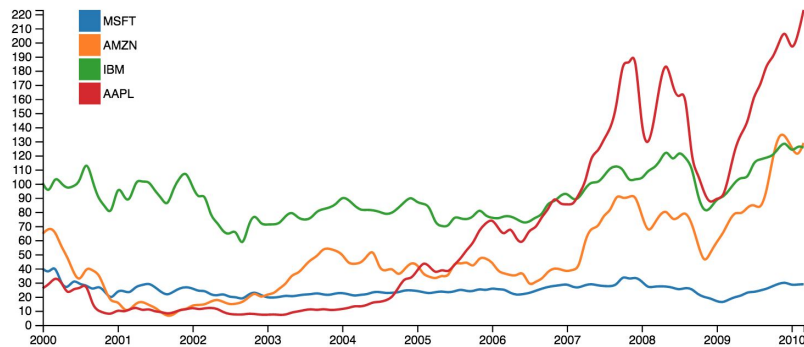
3 Columns 255 Rows 3 Data Types



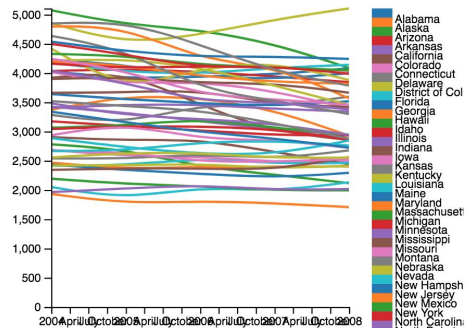
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- 3 Extract '{state}' from column2
- 4 Create a new column from FILL(column1) ordered by SOURCEROWNUMBER()
- 5 Delete rows where ISMISMATCHED(column2, ['Integer'])
- 6 Delete rows where ISMISSING([column2])
- 7 Drop column1

# Visualization!

```
"year","value","state"  
"2004","4029.3","Alabama"  
"2005","3900","Alabama"  
"2006","3937","Alabama"  
"2007","3974.9","Alabama"  
"2008","4081.9","Alabama"  
"2004","3370.9","Alaska"  
"2005","3615","Alaska"  
"2006","3582","Alaska"  
"2007","3373.9","Alaska"  
"2008","2928.3","Alaska"  
"2004","5073.3","Arizona"  
"2005","4827","Arizona"  
"2006","4741.6","Arizona"  
"2007","4502.6","Arizona"  
"2008","4087.3","Arizona"
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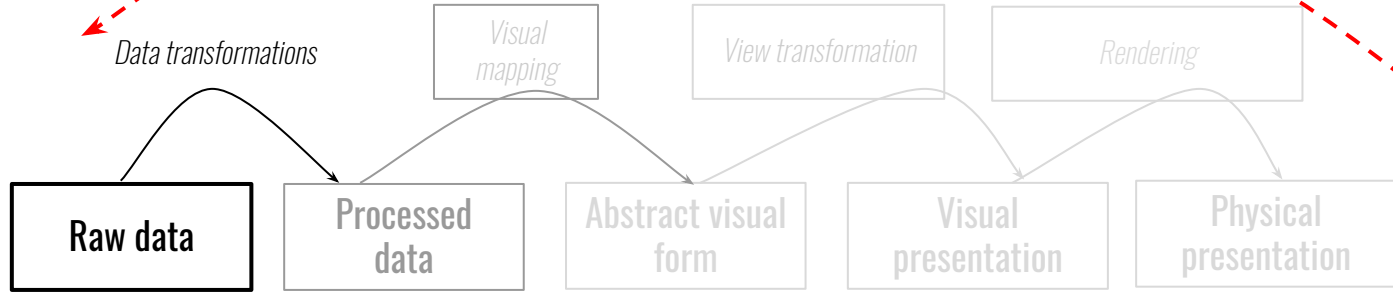
Expected visualization ([demo](#))



Reality ([demo](#))



# Need for interaction **with Raw Data**



# Visualization!

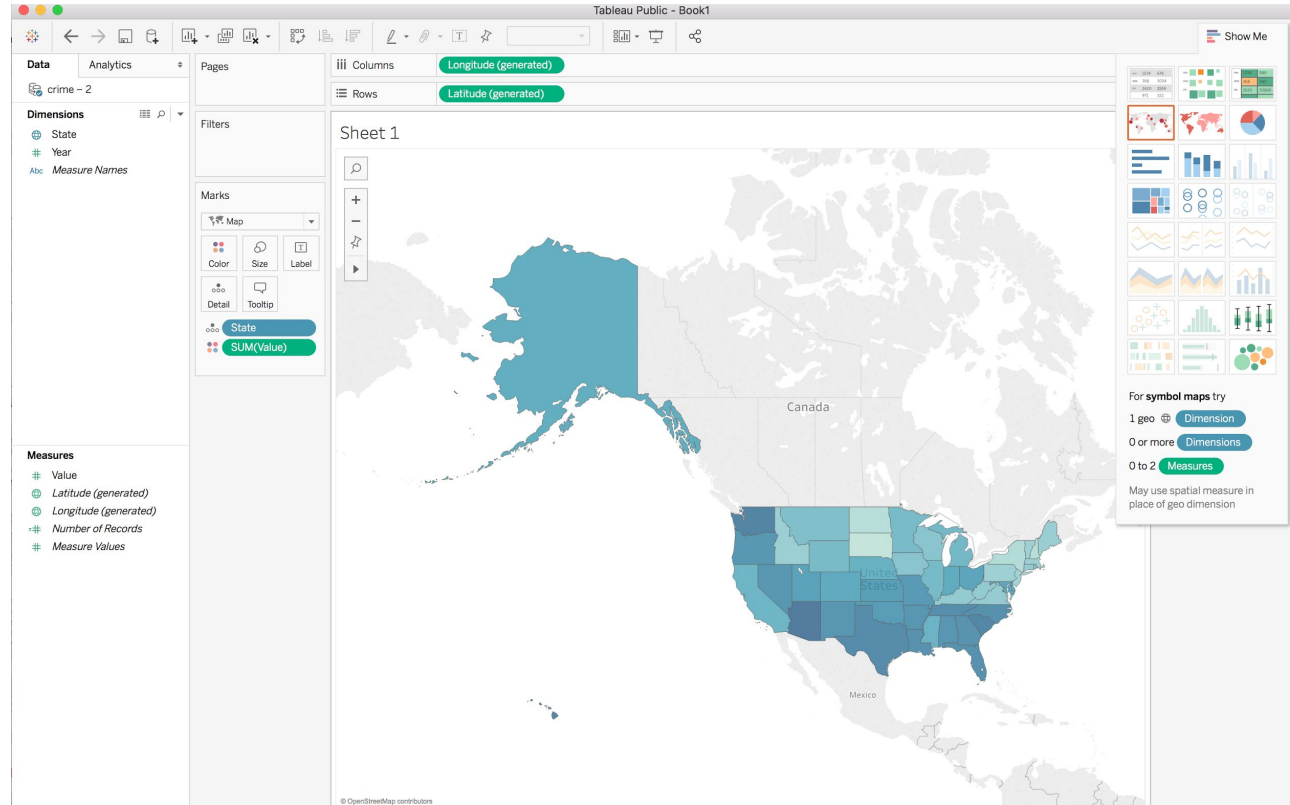
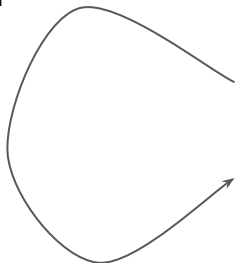


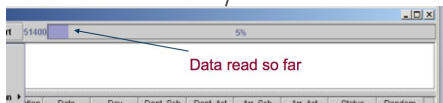
Tableau Software

# Summary

Programming by demonstration



Data sampling progress



Annotations:

- Data distribution (points to histograms)
- Data quality progress bar (points to a bar above the table)
- Undo! (points to a circular arrow icon)
- Export (points to a document icon)
- Preview transformation application (points to a recipe step)
- Suggested transformations using a declarative language (points to a recipe step)
- Data samples as table (points to the data table)

Interface Content:

crime - 2 -  
crime - 2 Flow · Full Dataset

Grid Columns Find column Filters

#	column2	column3	window
2k - 2.01k		1,706 - 5,105	51 Categories
2804	4629.3	Alabama	
2805	3980	Alabama	
2806	3937	Alabama	
2807	3974.9	Alabama	
2808	4981.9	Alabama	
2804	3370.9	Alaska	
2805	3615	Alaska	
2806	3582	Alaska	
2807	3373.9	Alaska	
2808	2928.3	Alaska	
2804	5073.3	Arizona	
2805	4827	Arizona	
2806	4741.6	Arizona	
2807	4502.6	Arizona	
2808	4087.3	Arizona	
2804	4033.1	Arkansas	
2805	4068	Arkansas	
2806	4021.6	Arkansas	
2807	3945.5	Arkansas	

3 Columns 255 Rows 3 Data Types

Recipe

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# Research directions

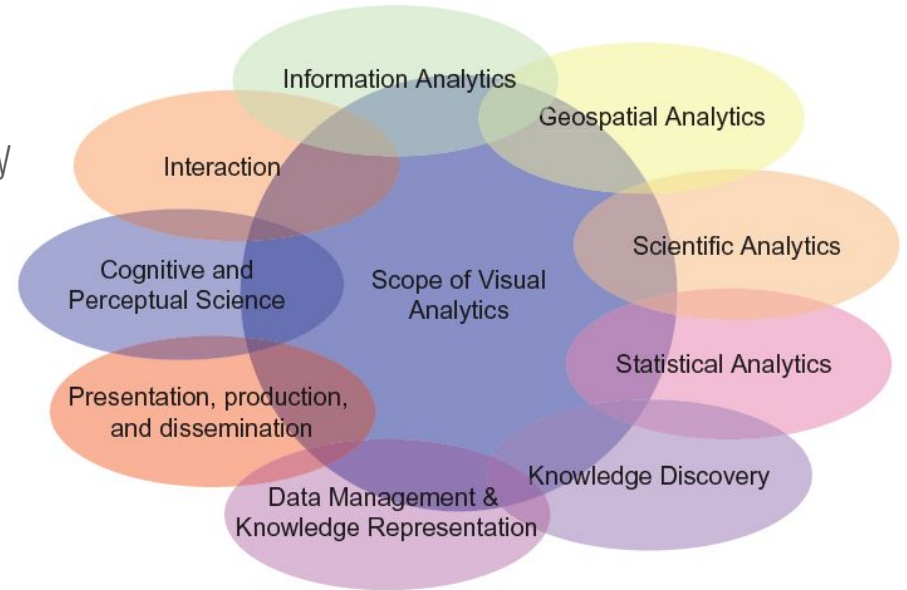
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Chu, X., Ilyas, I. F., Krishnan, S., & Wang, J. (2016, June). Data cleaning: Overview and emerging challenges. In Proceedings of the 2016 International Conference on Management of Data (pp. 2201-2206). ACM.

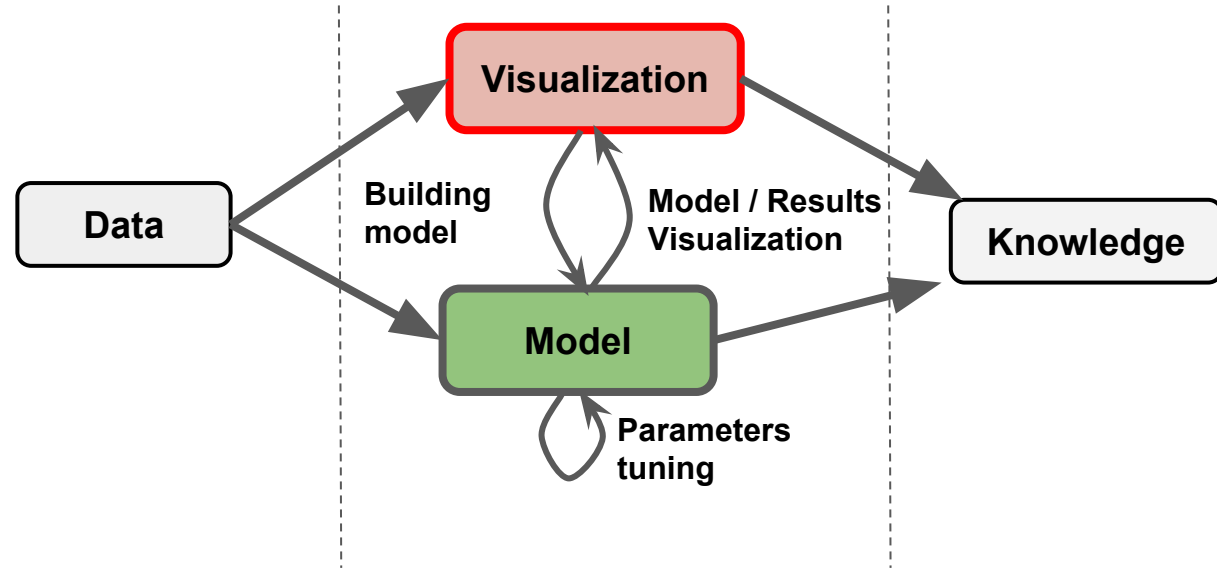
# “Combine with visual analytics” [Kandel, 2011]

“Data wrangling also constitutes a promising direction for visual analytics research, as it requires combining automated techniques (e.g. discrepancy detection, entity resolution, semantic data type inference) with interactive visual interfaces”



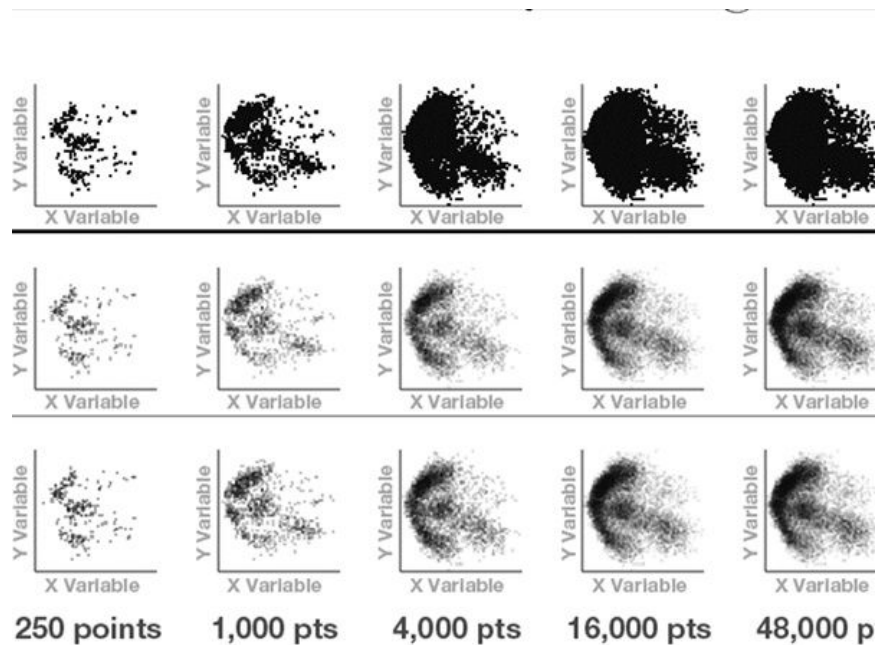
# Visual Analytics

“  
The science of analytical reasoning facilitated by interactive visual interfaces.  
”



Thomas, J., Cook, K.: Illuminating the Path: Research and Development Agenda for Visual Analytics. IEEE-Press (2005)

# “Better Data *Exploration* tools (rather than *communication* tools)”



Matejka, Justin, Fraser Anderson, and George Fitzmaurice. "[Dynamic opacity optimization for scatter plots.](#)" Proceedings of the 33rd Annual ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems. ACM, 2015. ([pdf](#))

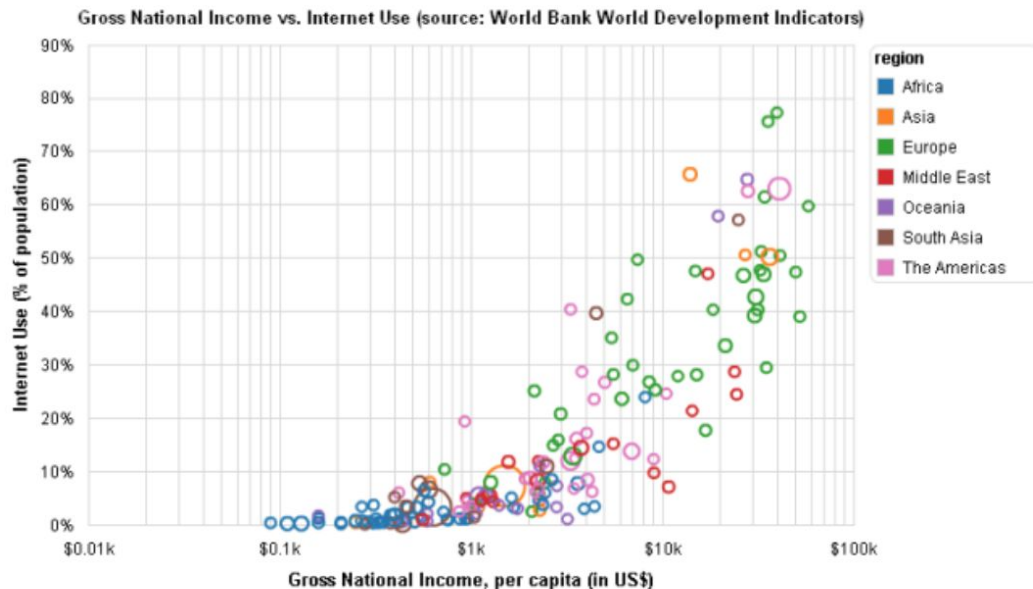
# “Combine with query relaxation”

\* We interact with **\*\*pixels\*\***

Ex: brushing/selection

$X < 300\text{px} \ \&\& \ X > 600\text{px}$   
 $\&\& \ Y > 400\text{px} \ \&\& \ Y < 700\text{px}$

\* Turn pixels into semantic



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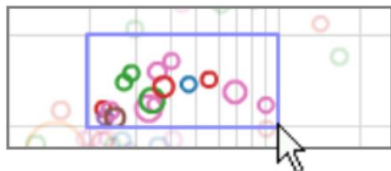


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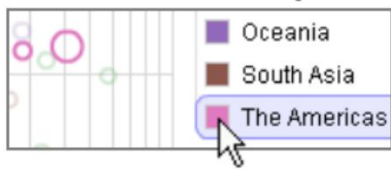
## Item Selection by Clicking

(id = 'China')



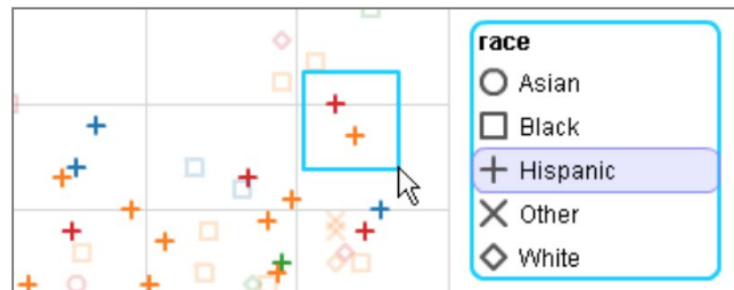
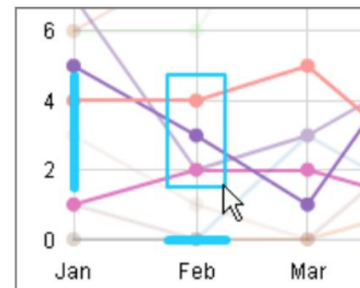
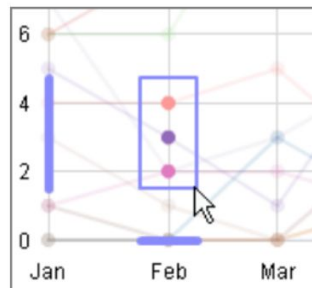
## Range Selection by Dragging

( $2000 < \text{gni} \text{ AND } \text{gni} < 10000$ ) AND  
( $.1 < \text{internet} \text{ AND } \text{internet} < .2$ )



## Attribute Selection with Legends

(region = 'The Americas')



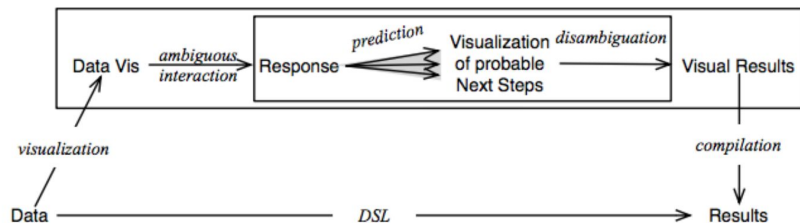
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# “Guide users exploratory process”



Demiralp, Ç., Haas, P. J., Parthasarathy, S., & Pedapati, T. (2017). Foresight: Rapid Data Exploration Through Guideposts.

# “Predict next interaction”



TRANSFORM EDITOR

extract col: Screen\_Detail on: 'mobile'

SUGGESTED TRANSFORMS

- extract col: Screen\_Detail on: 'mobile'
- extract col: Screen\_Detail at: 38,44
- extract col: Screen\_Detail after: '=' before: '&adtam\_size'

Source	Preview
abc Screen_Detail	abc Screen...
6 Categories	1 Category
31 adtam_name=utarget1&adtam_source=dynamic&adtam_size=180x150	8 Catego Nokia
32 adtam_name=holidaypromo1&adtam_source=dynamic&adtam_size=300x250	Nokia
33 adtam_name=utarget1&adtam_source=dynamic&adtam_size=180x150	samsun
34 adtam_name=holidaypromo2&adtam_source=mobile&adtam_size=240x400	mobile Nokia

TRANSFORM EDITOR

extract col: Screen\_Detail after: 'adtam\_source=' before: '&'

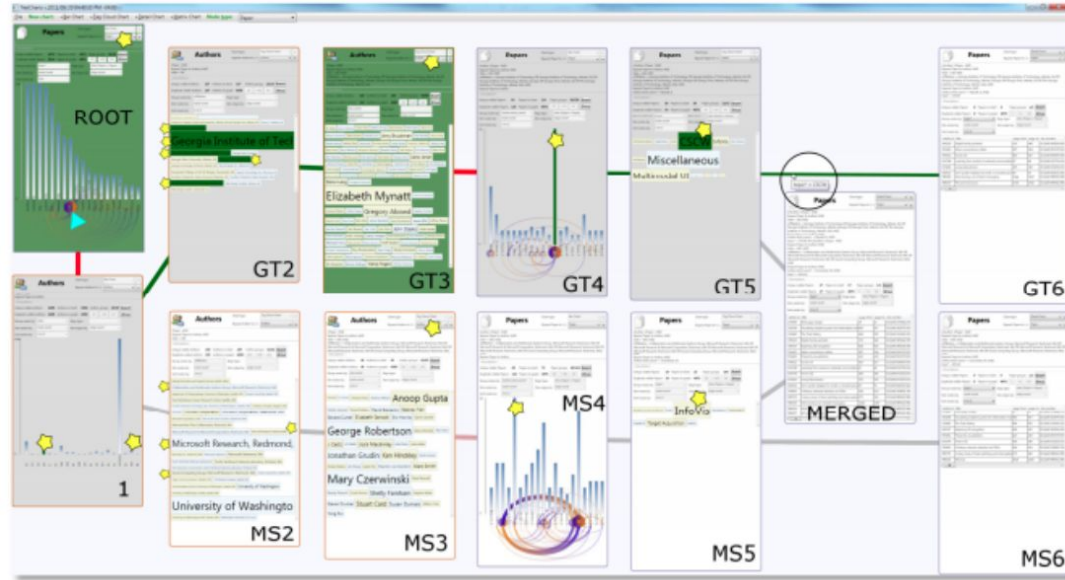
SUGGESTED TRANSFORMS

- extract col: Screen\_Detail after: 'adtam\_source=' before: '&'
- extract col: Screen\_Detail limit: 2 after: '=' before: '&'
- extract col: Screen\_Detail on: '[lower]+' limit: 2 after: '='

Source	Preview
abc Screen_Detail	abc Screen...
6 Categories	2 Categories
31 adtam_name=utarget1&adtam_source=dynamic&adtam_size=180x150	dynamic Nokia
32 adtam_name=holidaypromo1&adtam_source=dynamic&adtam_size=300x250	dynamic Nokia
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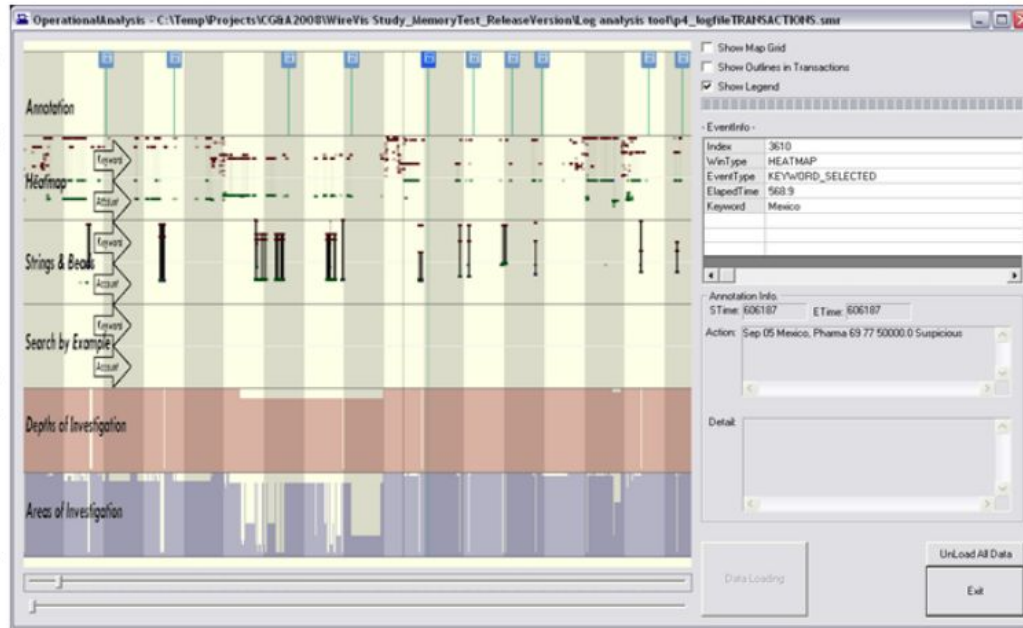
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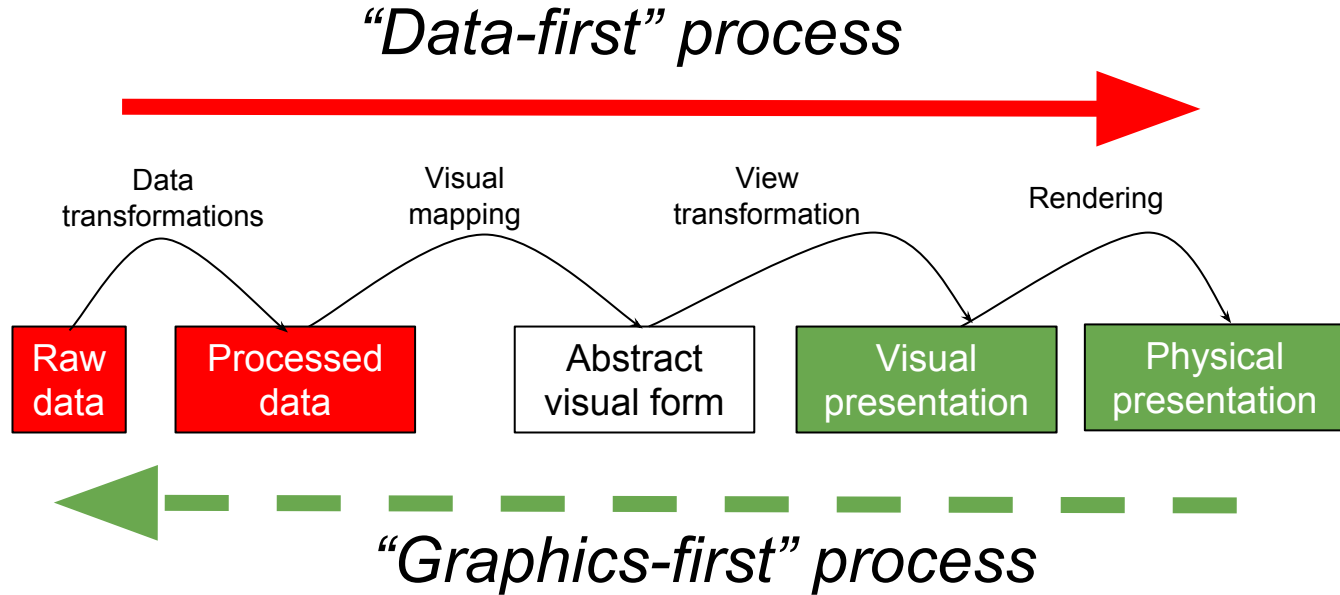
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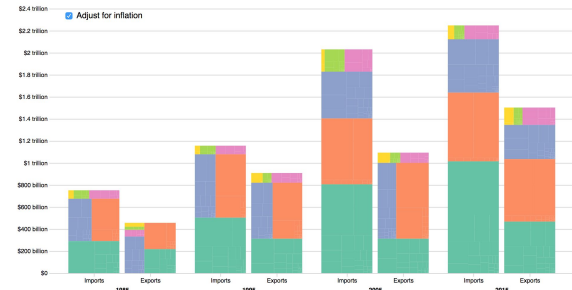
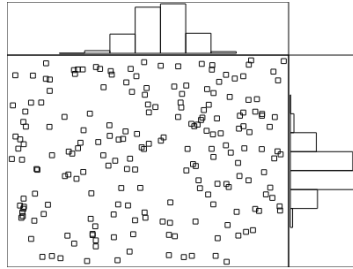
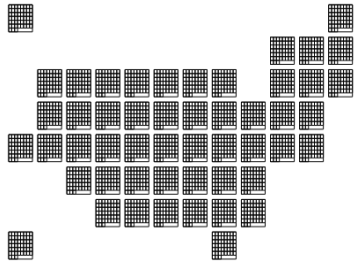
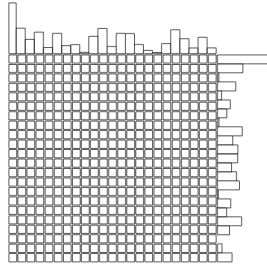
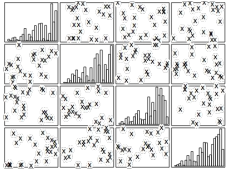
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# Future directions

[Abedjan et al., VLDB 2016]

A holistic combination of tools

A data enrichment system

A novel interactive dashboard.

Reasoning on real-world data

[Chu et al. ICMD 2016]

Scalability

User Engagement

Semi-structured and unstructured data

New Applications for Streaming Data

Growing Privacy and Security Concerns

[Kandel et al. IV 2011] (Among many!)

Living with dirty data

Visualize missing and uncertain data

Adapting systems to tolerate error

Sharing data transformations

Feedback from downstream analysts

Thanks!