CNS Web Visualization Framework

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Defining, Measuring, Improving Data Visualization Literacy
Data Visualization Literacy

*Data visualization literacy* (ability to read, make, and explain data visualizations) requires

- *literacy* (ability to read and write text, e.g., in titles, axis labels, legend),
- *visual literacy* (ability to find, interpret, evaluate, use, and create images and visual media), and
- *data literacy* (ability to read, create, and communicate data).
Needs-Driven Workflow Design

**Types and levels of analysis** determine data, algorithms & parameters, and deployment.
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Stakeholder

Validation
Interpretation

DEPLOY

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Overlay data
Select visualiz. type

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ANALYZE
VISUALIZE

Data
Load **One** File and Run **Many** Analyses and Visualizations

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Co-author and many other bi-modal networks.
Sci2 Tool Interface supports A2 Visualization Framework
Download tool for free at sci2.cns.iu.edu
CNS Web Visualization Framework: Functionality
Web Visualization Framework

- Barebones visualizations
- Configuration-based customization
- Multiple stages of rendering
- Instanced visualizations
- Standardization of workflows
- Easy versioned project check-out and deployment
CNS Web Visualization Framework: Examples
Visualization: Co-Authorship Network

Project: ERC
nanohub.org/citations/curate

This figure shows the collaboration network of one ERC, based on co-authorship extracted from bibliography files. Each node is an author, and 2 authors are connected if they have authored a publication together.
Visualization: Geographic co-authorship visualization

Project: ERC

nanohub.org/citations/curate

This map shows the co-authorship network overlaid on a geospatial map of the US. Each node represents an author and two authors are connected if they have authored a paper together.
Visualization: UCSD Map of Science

Project: ERC
nanohub.org/citations/curate

This organizes and visually represents 554 sub disciplines of science and their relationships to one another. Sub disciplines are grouped into 13 overarching disciplines that are color coded (red for medicine, green for biology, etc.) and labelled. Using a journal name based or keyword based mapping process, data overlays can be computed. For example, expertise profiles for an individual or an institution are generated by reading a bibtex or EndNote file with relevant publications, identifying unique journal names, and overlaying geometric symbols such as circles atop the sub discipline(s) that are associated with each journal. This Map of science can be used to explore, understand, and communicate the expertise profiles of an institute or nation.
Visualization: UCSD Map of Science

Project: ECON
demo.cns.iu.edu/client/econ-ucsdmap

This interactive map supports the exploration and comparison of different high-impact and transformative science (HITS) metrics. Interactive map allows the user to hover over a discipline label to highlight all its sub-disciplines, and also hover over a subdiscipline to see all subdisciplines it is connected to.
Hex-style rendering of the UCSD map of science allows for easier investigation of metric bars within each hexagon node. This Interactive map allows the user to hover over a discipline label to highlight all its subdisciplines, and also hover over a subdiscipline to see all subdisciplines it is connected to.
Visualization: Heatmap

Project: HSD
demo.cns.iu.edu/client/hsd/static/heatmap_group.html

This visualization shows how white blood cell (WBC) laboratory tests correlate with three-year survival rates. The HSD dimension of the data (rows) is the time of the day of the test; and three-year survival rate (numbers and colors in the boxes) is an outcome variable. **Aggregation level for the HSD time of day are shown—three 8 hour blocks.** The lowest survival rates are for patients with a low WBC value in the morning (specifically at 6am).

In this project, we created data visualizations to explain HSD to users and to help them incorporate it into their research.
Visualization: Heatmap

Project: HSD
demo.cns.iu.edu/client/hsd/static/heatmap_hour.html

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In this project, we created data visualizations to explain HSD to users and to help them incorporate it into their research.
The heat map visualization is a representation of student engagement (magenta to blue color scale) and performance (red to green color scale) throughout a course. The visualization has two levels. The top level provides an overview of engagement and performance for groups of students, while the bottom level provides a detailed breakout of student engagement statistics for individuals with an identified group.
The goal of this visualization is to show the flow of students through Indiana University’s Information Visualization Massive Open Online Course (IVMOOC) from 2013 – 2015. The diagram (see screenshot in Figure 1) was created using D3 with data from learning management systems (LMS), such as Google Course Builder and Canvas, but also student demographic data collected using surveys. The diagram shows demographic information regarding a student’s level of educational attainment and gender together with the year they took the course, broken down further by IVMOOC and IU sections of the course.
Visualization: Sankey
Project: STEM
demo.cns.iu.edu/webvis/stem

STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) pathways visualization. Data tool that will make it easier for researchers to visualize pathways and identify groups of individuals pursuing specific paths.

The primary goal of Sankey visualization was to understand the growth/decline of STEM career interests in students at various educational levels and across different demographics. Users will be able to precisely analyze and identify the group of students that flow in and out of the STEM career interest areas and in turn perform detailed research on these focus groups to study the reasons and influencing factors for the change in career interests.
This Sankey diagram displays a multivariate analysis of the relationship between IT resources, funding agencies, and publications. The width of each line represents grant dollars awarded to researchers. The configuration model allows for easy metric switching.
This temporal bar graph represents each record as a horizontal bar with a specific start and end year. The width of each bar encodes the total award amount. Bars are colored to represent the funding agency (legend of funding agencies are listed on the right). This graph shows funding duration, amounts, and types over time.
Visualization: Co-PI
Project: XDMoD

This network represents collaboration patterns based on NSF funding data. Each node represents a principal investigator (PI or Co-PI). It is labelled by the PI’s name, size coded by the total value of all awards for each PI, and color coded by the number of collaborators. An edge between two PIs denotes that they have a grant together with edge thickness denoting the number of times they collaborated and edge color reflecting their success in terms of total sum of all their joint awards. The listing on right rank orders PIs by total dollar amounts.
Visualization: Twitter Network
Project: IAI

demo.cns.iu.edu/client/iai/twitter.html

This visualization shows CTSA hub and NIH activities on Twitter. The accounts and tweets associated with CTSA and NIH were collected between August 2015 - Sept. 2015, then processed and analyzed to create a social network based on the interaction behaviors of users. The layout of the user network is force-directed, meaning that nodes that are close to each other have a stronger connection to one another indicating which Twitter users interact with each other most often.
Visualization: IAI Expertise Visualization

Project: IAI
demo.cns.iu.edu/client/iai/expertise.html?set=malaria

This visualization is based on publication datasets retrieved from the Scholarly Database at IU, and is used to identify relevant experts, publications, clinical trials, and awards that match a search term.
CNS Web Visualization Framework
A Boilerplate Example
Activity Overview

To Do - To setup project workspace and generate a sample visualization from the framework.

Steps Involved -

- **Project dependencies set-up.**
- Including a d3 visualization in the project -
  1. **Part 1** - Adding json file to specify git URLs, building and including a viz.
  2. **Part 2** - Creating the html page for it.
  3. **Part 3** - Calibrating it to read data.
  4. **Part 4** - Adding the json data file.
  5. **Part 5** - Modifying the configuration javascript file.
Activity Overview

➢ Having fun with it -
  1. Part 1 - Adding more html functionality.
  2. Part 2 - Adding the corresponding javascript for it.

Uses -

➢ Easy to start at an upper layer of abstraction.
➢ Multiple stages of rendering.
➢ Multiple instanced visualizations in the same project.
➢ Easy versioned project check-out and deployment.
➢ Configuration-based customization.
➢ Ease of use and extensibility.
Outlook

➢ More robust workflow
➢ Public-facing code and documentation
➢ More visualization library support
➢ Better cross-visualization integration
➢ Full integration of Angular Material
➢ More visualization plugins
Atlas Trilogy


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