

COMP 4462 Data Visualization Tutorial

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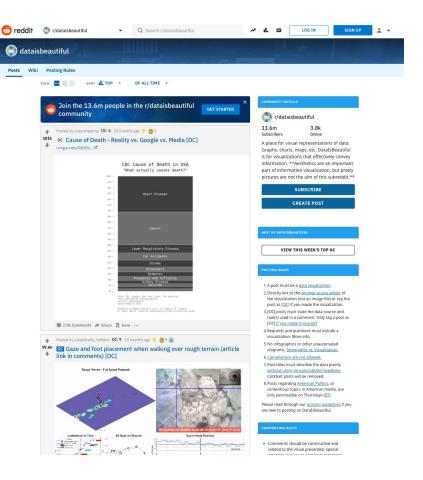
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Course Project & Top-Vis Competition

- Project (50%)
 - Grouping: <u>Sign up sheet</u> (27 Feb)
 - Phase 1: Proposal presentation (27 Mar & 29 Mar)
 - Find a dataset
 - What kind of data? How large is it? Why this dataset?
 - Visualization tasks / data processing / visual encoding
 - Good to have a mock up
 - Phase 2: Project presentation (3 May & 8 May)
 - Make it real! Coding & demo
 - Share stories in the data
- Top-Vis Competition (10%)
 - o 2 mins to present 2 visualizations
 - o 24 Apr & 26 Apr
 - Write up a short essay
 - Why you chose this visualization?
 - What data are visualized? How are they encoded?

Data is Beautiful

- New visualizations everyday
- Top post of all time
 - Visualization with highest voting of all time
- A lot of remarkable ideas
- Mainstream:
 - Meaning of data > visual effect
 - And some are visually impressive
- Another subreddit: <u>Data is Ugly</u>
 - Lying with charts
 - Deceiving, scam
 - Some are from very authoritative sources
 - Famous news websites
 - Governments
 - Famous companies

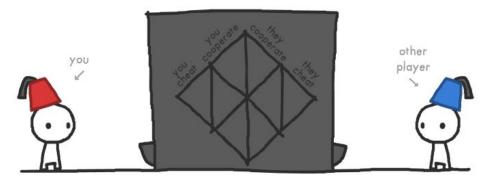


Nick Case

- Narrative visualizations
 - Telling a story with visualizations
- <u>Evolution of Trust</u>
 - Game theory about our society
 - Prisoner dilemma
 - CHEAT?
 - COOPERATE?
 - Interactive
 - Nice graphics and music
 - A sandbox simulator at the end
 - Enjoy!
- More on <u>Nick Case's webpage</u>

THE GAME OF TRUST

You have one choice. In front of you is a machine: if you put a coin in the machine, the *other player* gets three coins – and vice versa. You both can either choose to COOPERATE (put in coin), or CHEAT (don't put in coin).



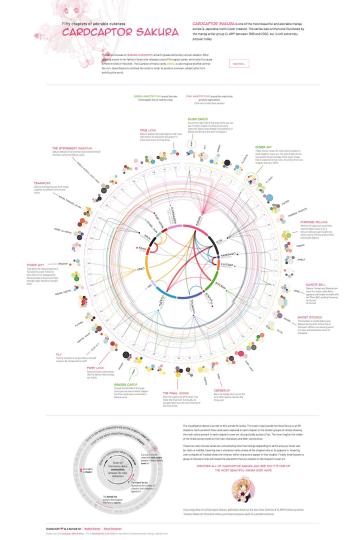
Let's say the other player cheats, and doesn't put in a coin.

What should you do?



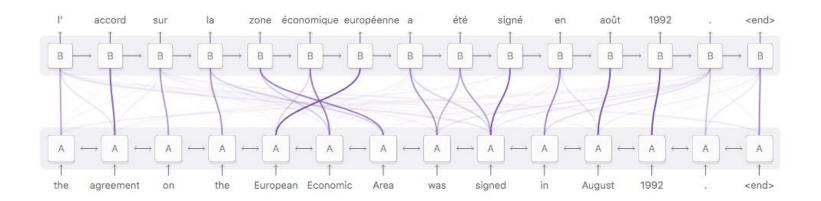
Data Sketches

- Beautiful! Eye pleasing! Fun datasets!
- And they have 24 of them!
- By:
 - Nadieh Bremer
 - Susie Lu
- Cardcaptor Sakura
 - Visualizing 50 chapters of the manga
 - Appeared characters
 - Magic spells
 - Annotations
- Another one on <u>Dragon Ball Z</u>
- With <u>explanations</u>!
 - They have journaled the process in details!



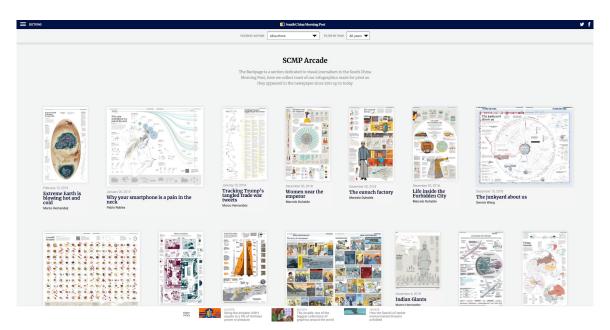
Distill

- Visual Explanation of Machine Learning Algorithms
- Attention and Augmented Recurrent Neural Networks
 - Visualizing a neural translation model
 - Which word in a French sentence <=> which word in English?



The list of 2018 visualization lists

- 33 lists, each has 10+ visualizations!
- 2018 in visuals: South China Morning Post's infographic highlights
- SCMP Print Arcade
 - 217 visualizations from 2011 to 2019



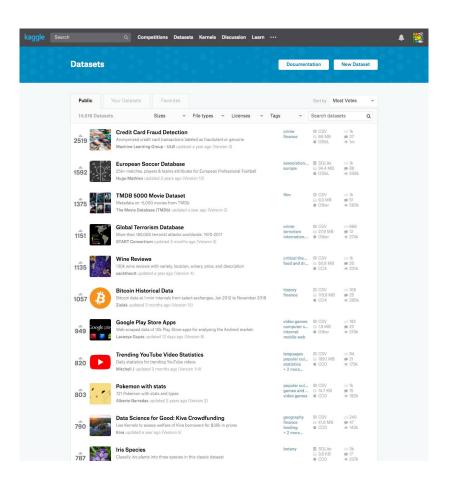
Junk Charts

- A collection of bad visualizations
 - How to lie with visualizations
 - Like <u>Data is Ugly</u> subreddit
 - With explanations
 - Update frequently



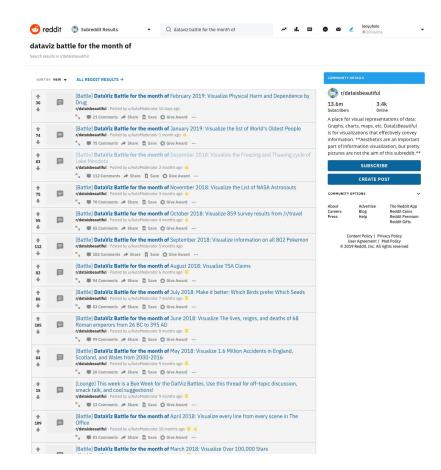
Kaggle Datasets

- No.1 source of datasets
- A lot of datasets
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 - See what the others do with the datasets
- Can seek help very easily
 - Can also raise questions to the authors



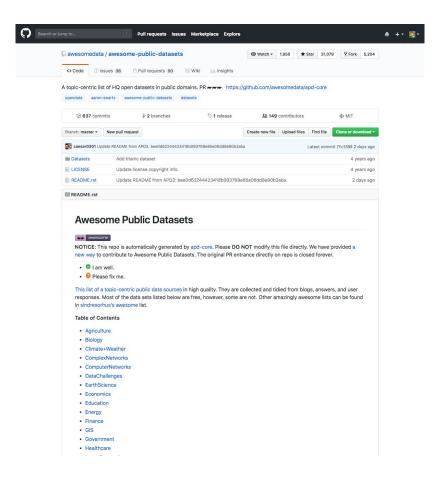
Dataviz Battle on r/dataisbeautiful

- Monthly competition on r/dataisbeautiful
- A lot of submissions for references
- September 2018: <u>Visualize information</u> on all 802 Pokemon
 - Winners are announced in the Dataviz Battle thread of next month
 - For example, <u>October 2018</u> announced the winners of visualizing Pokemon



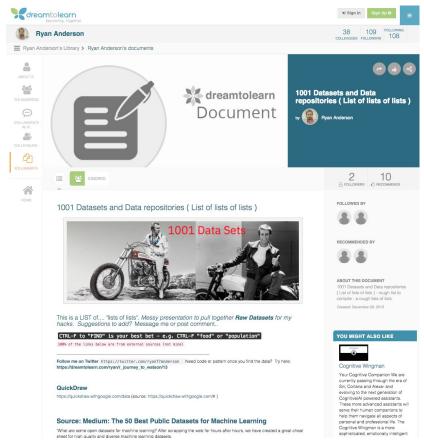
awesome-public-datasets

- A very thorough list
- With active update



1001 Datasets and data repositories

Another list of lists



Tasks

- Get the whole list of <u>"Where to find visualizations and datasets" on GitHub</u>
- If you don't have a group yet:
 - a. Talk to your classmates about the visualizations you like
 - b. Form a group if interest matches
 - i. Signup on Google Docs
- Go to your group mates
 - a. Find some visualizations
 - b. Talk to your group mates
 - c. Find a dataset to work on
 - d. Talk about what interesting insight can be found in the dataset
- Make amazing visualizations!

Next tutorial

Python, Jupyter and Pandas

- Register <u>Google Colab</u> beforehand
 - Jupyter notebook environment
 - o Free!
 - No setup
- Alternatively, you can use jupyter notebook on your computer, but that is cumbersome