Lecture 01 – Intro to the Course

Course Learning Objectives:

1. Understand the basic principles of data visualization and communication

2. Understand the basic principles of visual processing.

3. Independently perform basic data analysis and visualizations in a way that communicates ideas clearly.

Things to do ASAP:

1. Download R and RStudio

2. Download git and sign up for Github with your Chapman email.

3. Join the Course Zulip:

   https://cs710spring2023.zulipchat.com/join/fijjx7zceaee2q3veku57nwf/

4. Join the Course Github Organization: Send me your Github username and I will add you.

   https://github.com/CS-710-Spring-2023

Why create data visualizations?

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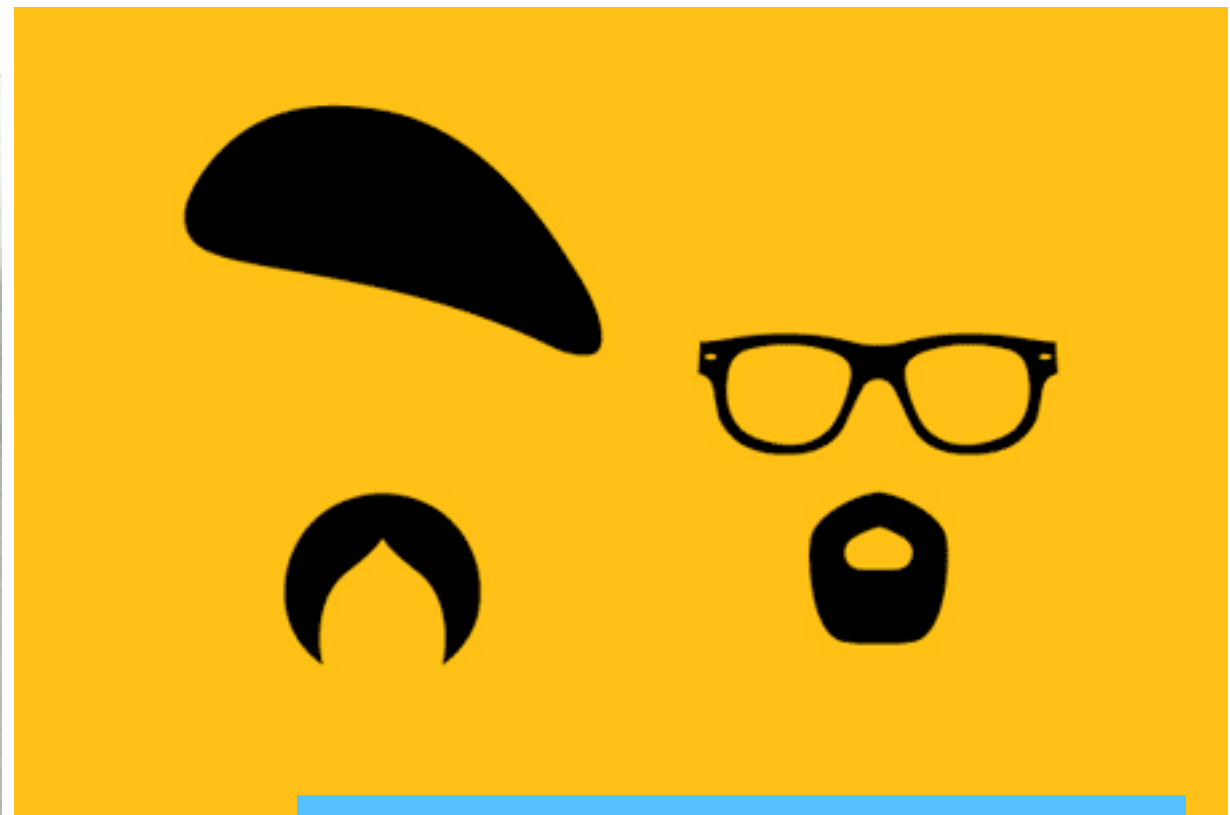Seasonally adjusted CO2 measured at Mauna Loa 1958–2019

What makes some visualizations better than others?

Mauna Loa Observatory, Hawaii
Monthly Average Carbon Dioxide Concentration
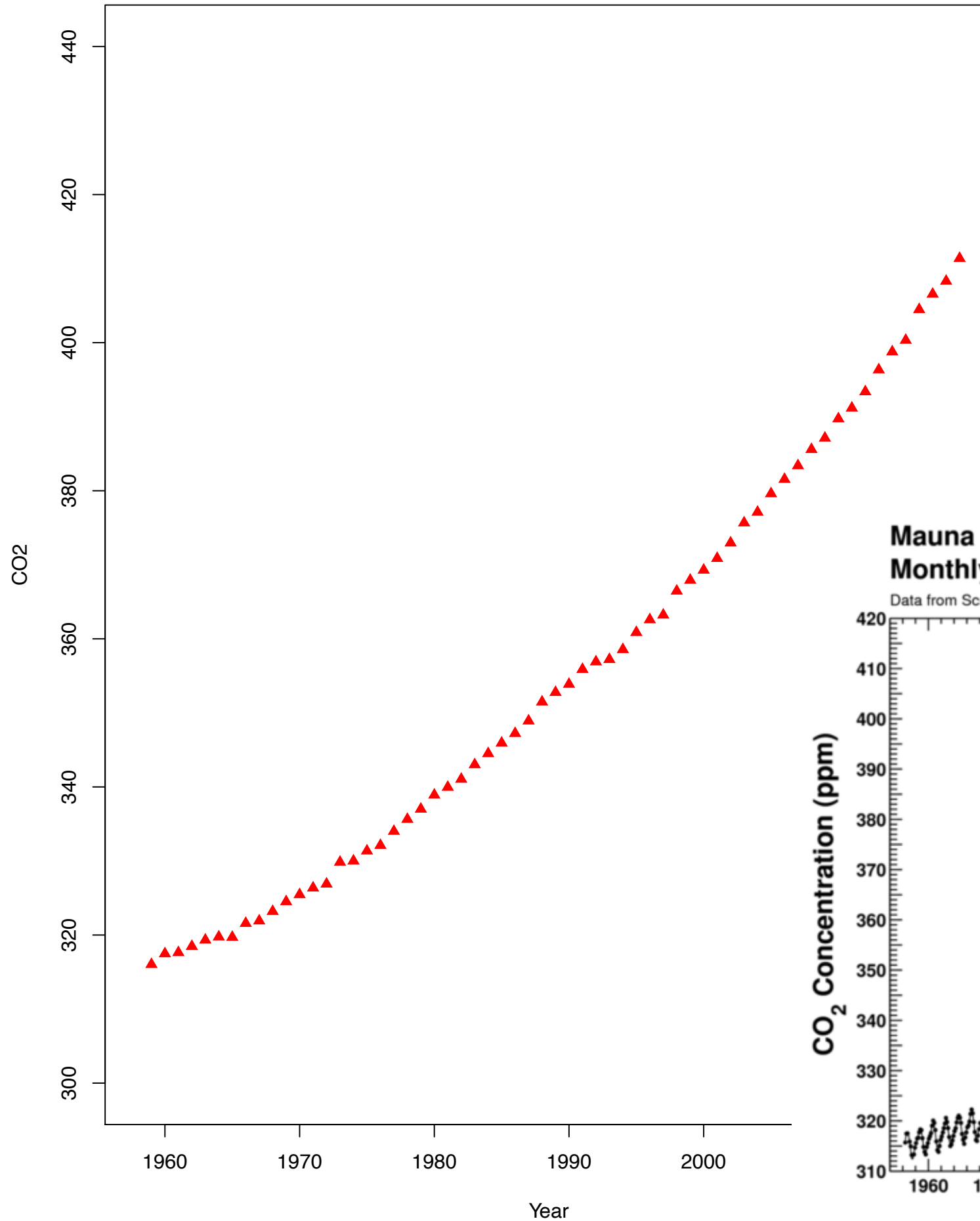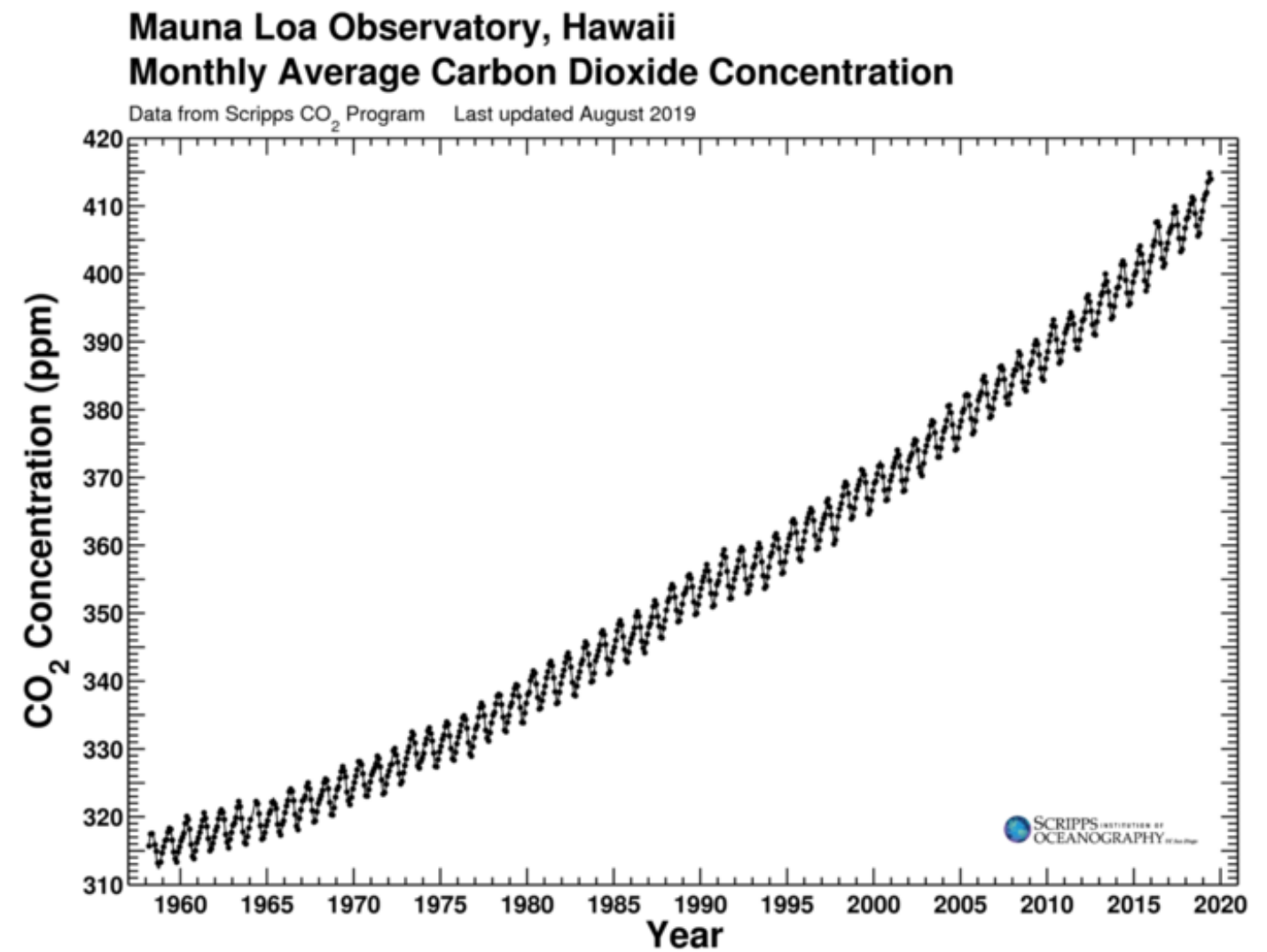
Visualization of a concept in art

Why do we see faces (even when they aren't there)?

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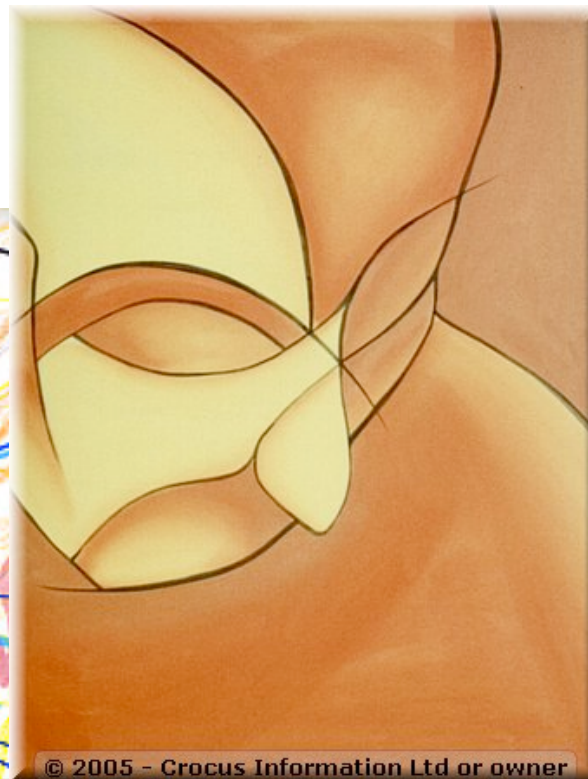
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Understanding Vision & Perception

- Perception for Design

- Understanding how we process info

- Tools and Best Practices for data viz

Action Items for Next Time:

To Do:

1. Have R and RStudio installed on your personal computer.

2. Join Zulip and Github, send me your user name!

3. Watch Version Control Lecture (if you're new to git/github).

Reading for next time:

1. (Optional) Complete Data Carpentry R tutorial Section "Before We Start"

2. (Optional) Complete Data Carpentry git for novices: https://swcarpentry.github.io/git-novice/