

D3: Diving into the library

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Callbacks

Callbacks in JavaScript are a pattern which solve the problem of dealing with its asynchronous behavior. Functions in JavaScript are first-class objects, meaning that they can be passed around as arguments to other functions.

```
$("#btn_1").click(function() {  
    alert("Btn 1 Clicked");  
});
```

Scales

'Scales are functions that map from an input domain to an output range'

- Mike Bostock

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Linear Scales

Linear scales is nothing more than normalization, in which we map a numeric value to a new value between 0 and 1, based on the possible minimum and maximum values. For example, 365 days in a year, day 310 maps to 0.85.

With linear scales, the input value is normalized according to the domain, and then the normalized value is scaled to the output range.

Constructing a Scale

```
var scale = d3.scale.linear()  
              .domain([100, 500])  
              .range([10, 350]);  
  
scale(100); // Returns 10  
scale(300); // Returns 180  
scale(500); // Returns 350
```

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rect

```
<rect x="0" y="0" width="500" height="50"/>
```



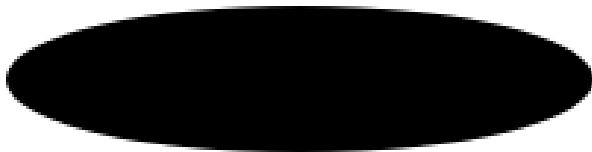
circle

```
<circle cx="250" cy="25" r="25"/>
```



ellipse

```
<ellipse cx="250" cy="25" rx="100" ry="25"/>
```



line

```
<line x1="0" y1="0" x2="500" y2="50" stroke="black"/>
```



Axes

D3 Axes are functions whose parameters we define. When called, it generates the visual elements of the axis, including lines, labels and ticks.

Axes are SVG-specific, as they generate SVG elements. They must be applied to either SVG or SVG **group** elements.

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Constructing an axis function

```
var xAxis = d3.svg.axis()  
    .scale(xScale)  
    .orient("bottom")  
    .ticks(5);  
  
var yAxis = d3.svg.axis()  
    .scale(yScale)  
    .orient("left")  
    .ticks(5);
```

Usage

```
svg.append("g")  
  .attr("class", "axis")  
  .attr("transform", "translate(0," + (h - padding) +  
    ")")  
  .call(xAxis);  
  
svg.append("g")  
  .attr("class", "axis")  
  .attr("transform", "translate(" + padding + ",0)")  
  .call(yAxis);
```

An SVG path can draw all sorts of shapes - rectangles, circles, ellipses, straight lines, curves and polygons.

The shape of an SVG Path element is defined by the attribute **d**, which contains the series of commands and parameters from within the SVG Path Mini-Language.

These commands are analogous to a set of instructions for *how to move a pen on paper*.

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```
<svg width="100" height="100">  
  <path d=" M 10 25  
          L 10 75  
          L 60 75  
          L 10 25"  
        stroke="red" stroke-width="2" fill="none" />  
</svg>
```

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What are voronoi diagrams?

Voronoi diagrams are a method of dividing space into a set number of regions, based on some input points. For each point, there will be a region containing all points closest to the corresponding input point.

Voronoi diagrams are useful for creating invisible interactive regions, such as: <http://www.pointerpointer.com/>

Voronoi function

```
// Voronoi generator function
var voronoi = d3.geom.voronoi()
  .x(function(d) { return d.LONGITUDE; })
  .y(function(d) { return d.LATITUDE; })
  .clipExtent([[0, 0], [width, height]]);
```

Update

`selection.data()`: Joins an array of data to the current selection. Results in the *update* selection, which represents the selected DOM elements that were successfully bound to the specified data elements.

The *update* method also contains a reference to the *enter* and *exit* selection, used for adding and removing nodes in correspondence with the data.

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Exit

`selection.exit()`: Contains existing DOM elements in the current selection for which no data element was found. Exposes the **remove** operator, which allows the removal of these elements.

Example

```
d3.select("body").selectAll("div")  
  .data([4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42])  
  .enter().append("div")  
    .text(function(d) { return d; });
```

Example

```
var div = d3.select("body").selectAll("div")
    .data([1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32], function(d) { return d; });

// Append new data
div.enter().append("div")
    .text(function(d) { return d; });

// Remove existing elements [15, 23, 42]:
div.exit().remove();
```

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