

Understand



goal: gather, observe, and research available information to find the needs of the user

artifacts: design requirements

1) identify the challenge & users

generate

~~min~~ Diversity lack
Comic fans/readers, general public
Known: male writers-readers 67% bought by ^{men} (now)
Unknown: ~~female repr~~ minorities representation
e.g. are they mostly good/bad,
num. of appearances
WHEN 1995 - 2013
HOW That's what we want to see

3) check with users or explore data

Around 23000 unique characters
Missing 17.8 % data points
Mem. size: 4 MB
Reference HTML

2) find questions & tasks


Change over the years (mostly by diversity)
Explore the results of data analysis we do, and visualize it for them. — High
Ability to compare the attributes and even a comic itself.
Low level: The blue-eyed people are "specific" (good/bad)

4) brainstorm design requirements

- Time is definitely one of the axis (opportunity)
- ~~that can~~ Lack of data variety because of the comics not data itself (constraint)
- data scalability (opportunity)
- templating/reporting

5) compare and rank design requirements

evaluate

- 1) Literature Review ✓
- 2) Coding ✓
- 3) ~~test~~ Consistency Inspection
 - Histogram
 - Stacked-to-Grouped Bars
 - The Facebook offering
 -  binary proportions —

Select grouping:

- ☐ GENDER: ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Genderless ☐ Transgender
- ☐ ALIVE: ☐ ~~DEAD~~ LIVING ☐ ~~LIVING~~ DECEASED
- ☐ ALIGN: ☐ Bad Characters ☐ Good Characters ☐ Neutral Characters ☐ Reformed Criminals
- ☐ EYE: ☐ Blue ☐ Brown ☐ Black ☐ Green ☐ Red ☐ White ☐ Yellow ☐ Photocultural ☐ Grey ☐ Hazel ☐ Other
- ☐ IDENTITY: ☐ Public ☐ Secret ☐ Unknown

5 unique

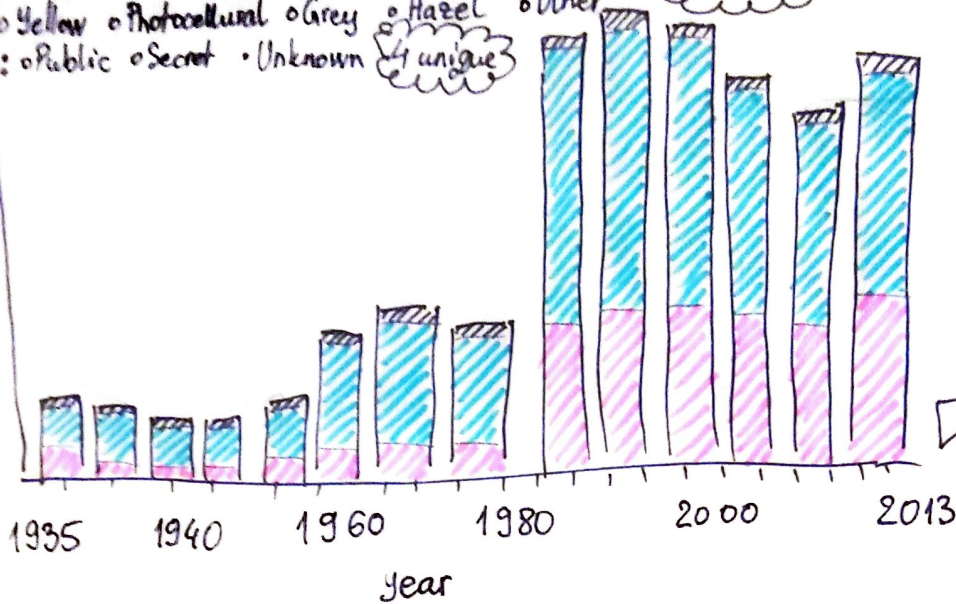
5 unique

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18 unique

4 unique

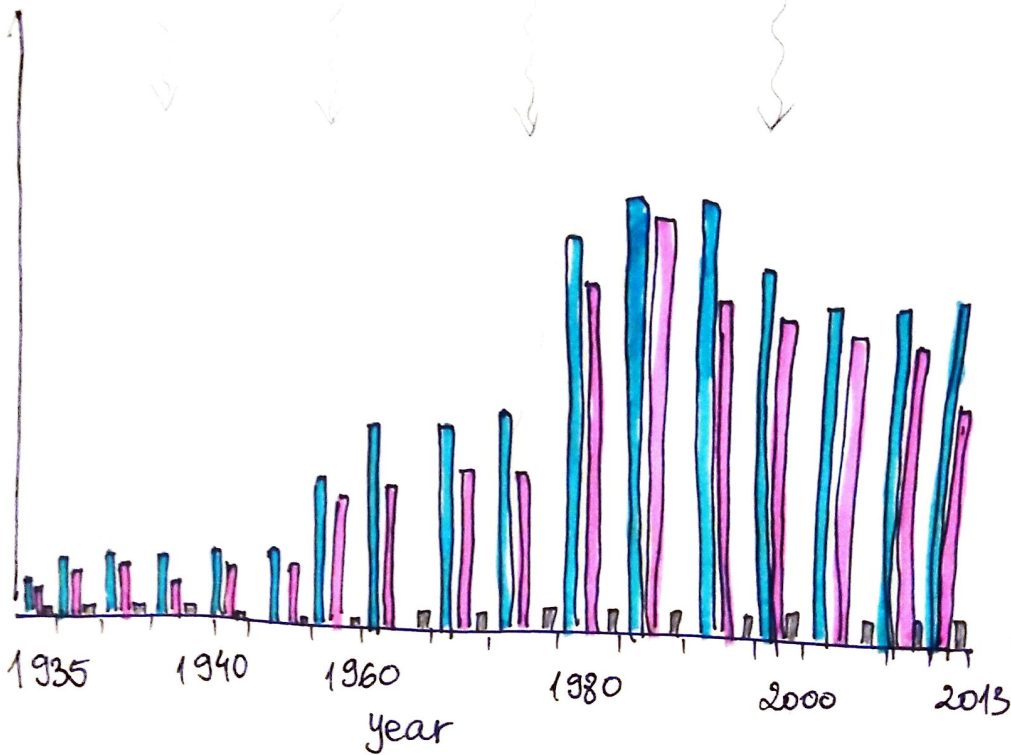
counts
of
characters
that had
their first
appearance
that year



Other
Male
Female

Stacked

counts
of
characters
that had
their first
appearance
that year

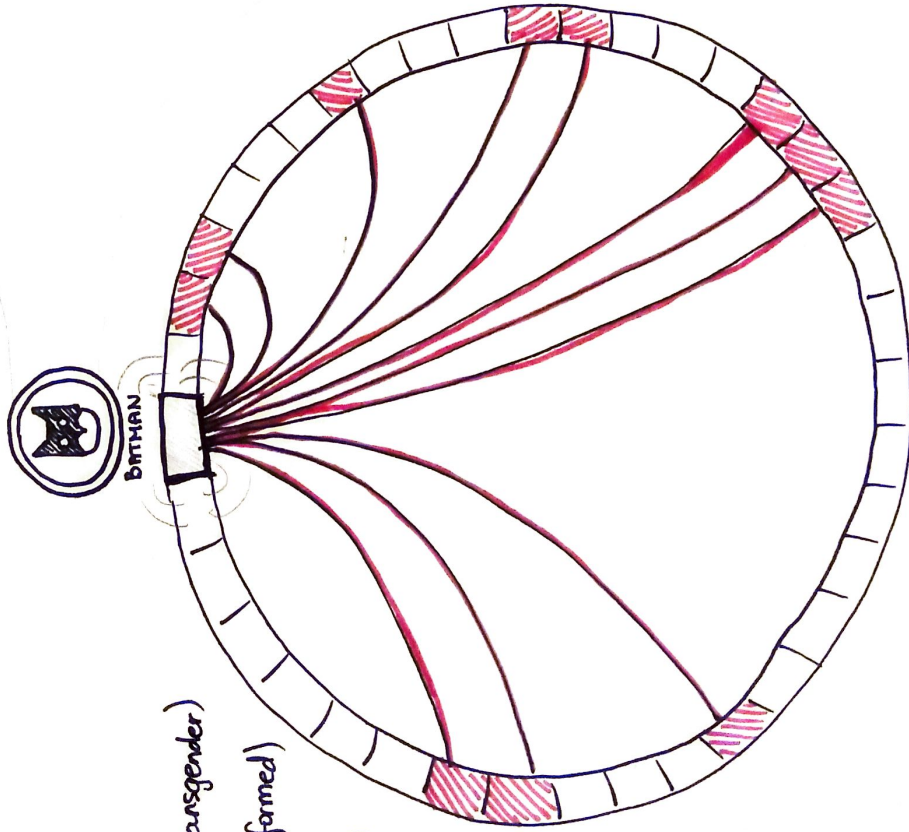


Other
Male
Female

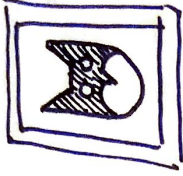
Grouped

Choose aspect:

- ☒ enemies
- ☐ friendship
- ☐ teammates
- ☐ year of first appearance
- ☐ gender (female, male, genderless, transgender)
- ☐ align (bad, good, neutral, reformed)
- ☐ eye color (blue, yellow, brown, ...)



BATMAN



Gender: Male

Appearances: 4105


Description:

Bla bla bla bla bla bla
bla bla bla bla bla bla
bla bla bla bla bla bla
bla bla.

Connections: 103

First Appearance: 1939

Want to find out more?
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Superman

Gender

Male

First Appearance

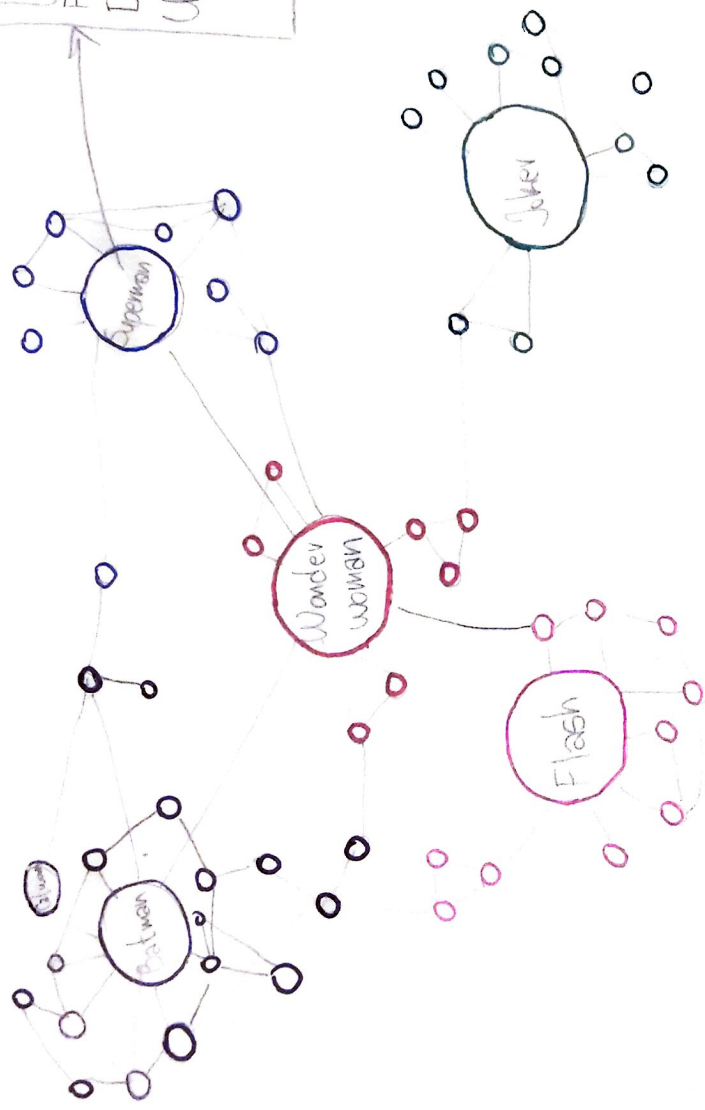
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Description

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URL

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Sketching Paper:
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Wireframes

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Circle:

- characters' social connections
- proportions and how they are connected
- proportions over time
- movies characters were in together

Friendships teams
Team

Make



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goal: concretize ideas into tangible prototypes which are approximations of a product in some aspects

artifacts: prototypes

generate

1) set an achievable goal

- Exploring D3 visualization exp
- Implement chart D3 vis
- Try prototype first with some dummy data, then put the real one

2) plan encodings & layouts

- Different colors can represent different character origin
- Connection can be based on friendship, enemy, teammate type

3) plan support for interactions

- Click on node (character)
- Popup new window above chart showing ^{more} data about the character
- Darker nodes show connection

4) sketching additional views

- Some side histograms?
- popups
- whole card with detailed info about character

5) build the prototype and check-in

evaluate

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Ideate



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goal: generate good concepts and ideas for supporting some of the project's design requirements

artifacts: ideas & sketches

1) select a design requirement

generate

Exploring dataset through:

- social connections
- time
- proportions (good vs. evil)

2) sketch first idea

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Histogram with proportions of different groups during the years

3) sketch another idea

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Graph where nodes are comic characters and relationships between them.

4) sketch a final idea

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Chart visualization, like circle table of King Arthur

5) compare and relate your ideas

evaluate

sketch #1
+ accent on time so we can observe how something changed over time
- very general, maybe will be implemented as a side visualization

sketch #2
+ visualization that can show how characters are connected
- some of the nodes would not be seen if density is high

sketch #3
+ simplified visualization of how the characters are connected
+ easier to read

| C. ACCOUNT DESIGN IDEA | | BUS-SHIP CARTOON EVIDENCE | | AUTHOR | NOTES | |
|------------------------------|--|--|--|--------|-------|---|
| effort, design, meaning | | process used to externalize and meaningfully cluster observations and insights from research, keeping design teams grounded in data as they design" | | JB | 4 | https://www.ducan.com/2017/04/effort-design-meaning-keeping-design-teams-grounded-in-data-as-they-design/ |
| half-way design, meaning | | "Ranking items in order of importance using a target diagram... gather a set of data (e.g. issues, features, etc.)... plot the data on the target, and set priorities" [20] | | JB | 12 | |
| card sorting | | "participatory design technique that you can use to explore how participants group items into categories and relate concepts to one another" [18] | | JB | 14 | |
| coding | applied data analysis techniques (ADAs) | "Break data apart and identify concepts to stand for the data [open coding]... [but] also have to put it back together again by relating those concepts [axial coding]" [23] | | JB | 16 | |
| | | "reveal how people think about a problem space, and visualize how they process and make sense of their experience... most effective when used to structure complex problems and to inform decision making" [18] | | JB | 17 | |
| cognitive map | | "verify consistency across a family of interfaces, checking for consistency of terminology, color, layout, input and output formats, and so on" [22] | | JB | 25 | |
| consistency inspection | D3 JS discussion? | "popular concept for information gathering in journalistic reporting... captures all aspects of a story or incidence: who, when, what, where, and why" [24, 21] | | JM | 39 | https://www.altogether.com/2017/03/03/consistency-inspection/ |
| five W's | interviewer | "a grid chart for plotting items by relative importance and difficulty... make a poster showing a large grid chart, label horizontal axis importance, label vertical axis difficulty... plot items horizontally by relative importance, plot items vertically by relative difficulty... look for related groupings, and set priorities" [20] | | JM | 48 | https://www.altogether.com/2017/03/03/consistency-inspection/ |
| importance/difficulty matrix | interviewer | | | JM | 48 | |
| literature review | patients are have already found with some additional on the topic of comics, but as well sequence representation in D3 | | | JM | 53 | I thought this would be easier to get the opinions of people than interviewing them, but I think it is better to do this after we have some prototype |
| low-level setup, letters | short form | "Personal letter written to a product... [to reveal] profound insights about what people value and expect from the objects in their everyday lives" [18] | | JM | 54 | |
| personas | interviewer | "consolidate archetypal descriptions of user behavior patterns into representative profiles, to humanize design focus, test scenarios, and aid design communication" [18] | | JM | 63 | |
| PROBMS framework | 77 | "vocabularial research framework used to make sense of the elements present in a context... five elements are: People, Objects, Environments, Messages, and Services" [14] | | JM | 66 | |
| prototyping | using wireframes | "usable creation of artifacts at various levels of resolution, for development and testing of ideas within design teams and with clients and users" | | SK | 67 | for feedback at various levels |
| storyboarding | with a timeline? | "visually capture the important social, environmental, and technical factors that shape the context of how, where, and why people engage with products" & "build empathy for end users" [18] | | SK | 84 | how social parameters shaped the creation of comic characters |
| technology probe | | "simple, evolvable, and adaptable technologies with three interdisciplinary goals: the social science goal of understanding the needs and desires of users in a real-world setting; the engineering goal of field testing the technology; and the design goal of inspiring users and researchers to think about new technologies" | | SK | 87 | |
| wireframe matrix | | "matrix, ranks potential design opportunities against key success criteria" & "help identify and prioritize the most promising opportunities" [18] | | SK | 97 | |
| wireframing | | "schematic diagramming: an outline of the structure and essential components of a system" [20] | | SK | 98 | |

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users to get from: <https://www.altogether.com/webiste-research/supplemental-design-activity-framework.pdf>

MISC

Deploy



goal: bring a prototype into effective action in order to support real world users' work & goals

artifacts: visualization system

generate

1) pinpoint a target audience

- professor
- other colleagues
- readers of comics

2) fix usability concerns

3) improve points of integration

4) refine the aesthetics

5) consider a method to evaluate your system

evaluate



SYSTEM/SD/CD