# Tableau Workshop

## **Objectives**

- Describe what Tableau is and how to obtain it.
- List types of data
- List common ways to display different types of data
- Explore a dataset about the Seattle based, now defunct Pronto bike share service.
- Explain how a dashboard can make a narrative.
- Explore a dataset about the voyage of the Titanic
- Explore a dataset from the FBI about US crime on 2013

# What is Tableau?

#### Tableau can...

- Connect to many data sources:
  - Microsoft Excel spreadsheets
  - CSV files
  - SQL databases
- Combine data from multiple sources
- Offers and drag and drop interface to make individual charts and entire dashboards
- Great for exploratory data analysis
- Great for finished visualization products.

#### How does one obtain Tableau?

#### Tableau Public

- Free to obtain and use.
- You must save your work on Tableau Public

#### Tableau, commercial version

- Lots of pricing options.
- You can save data privately on your computer.

# Visualization Methods

## Types of data

#### Nominal

- Non-numeric categories
- Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado

#### Ordinal

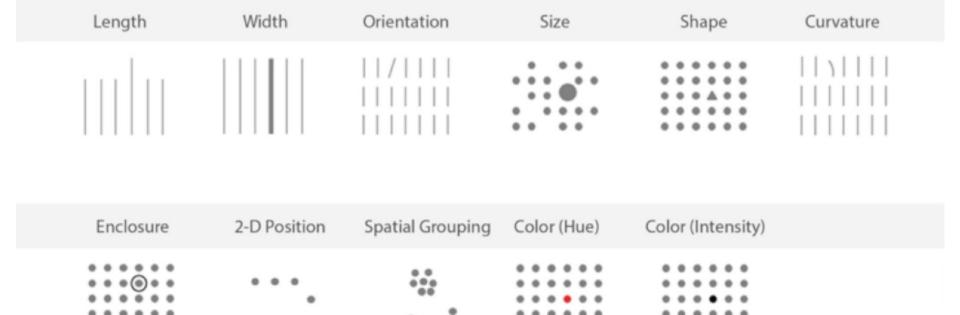
- Numeric data with non-constant or unknown spacing
- Strongly disagree, disagree, neutral, agree, strongly agree.

#### Interval

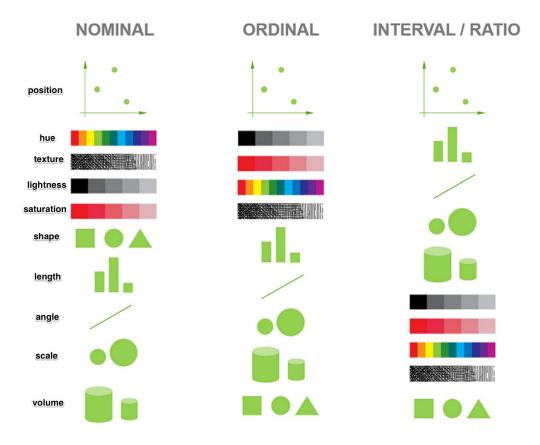
- Numeric with uniform spacing
- o Feb 01, Feb 02, ...

#### Ratio

- Interval with a zero point
- Degrees Farenheit



https://pt.slideshare.net/Qualtrics/best-practices-for-killer-data-visualization



Different ways to show different types of data, in descending usefulness

## Bars, lines, maps and color

You can go more complicated, of course, and maybe with good results. But if you are wondering what to do, try the following things:

- Comparing numeric values? Bar chart.
- Showing a trend over time? Line chart.
- Geographic locations? Use a map.
- Show clusters between to non-time variables? Use a scatter plot.
- Highlight important parts with a significant color, intensity or shape.
- Humans can distinguish about 8 colors at once.

# **Pronto Bike Share**



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pronto Cycle Share

#### **Pronto Bike Share**

- Pronto was a bike sharing service in Seattle from 2014 to 2017.
- We have 191,000 records of data for all the trips in 2015.
- We are concerned with month of the year and the trips taken within that month.

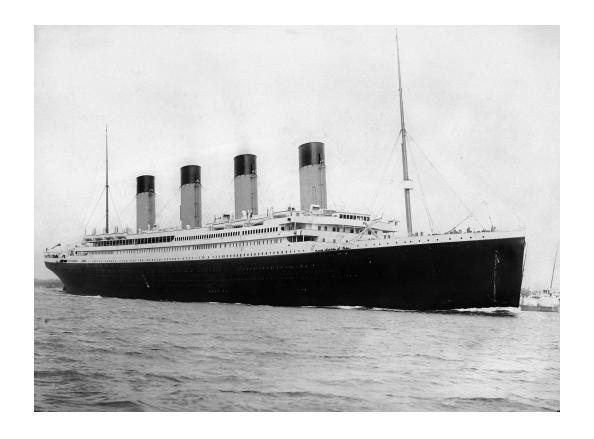
## Pronto visualization goals

- Aggregate trips per month
- Show a line chart with a trend over time
- Single visualization
- Use a calculated field to extract the month from a date

### https://public.tableau.com/profile/alicia.key#!/vizho me/Pronto01/TripsPerMonth

Pronto bikeshare chart

# The Titanic



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RMS Titanic

#### **Titanic dataset**

- Epic fail, but great dashboards
- We are concerned with:
  - Embark location: Southampton, Cobh (Queenstown), Cherbourg
  - Passenger class
  - Alive or dead
- Other attributes as fun for the future!
- There are no missing data in this version. Missing ages filled with median.

#### **Titanic Visualization Goals**

- Use stacked bar charts to show passenger classes encoded with color
- Use a map to show places of embarkment
- Use bar charts with a hierarchy of dimensions to show deaths of the various passenger classes.

#### https://public.tableau.com/profile/alicia.key#!/vizho me/Titanic03/FullStory

This is where people got on the Titanic (and the passenger class predominant at each port) alongside the rates of death by passenger class.

# 2013 FBI Crime Data

# No picture

Watch a TV crime show instead.

#### **FBI Crime Data**

- Variety of crime types by state and city in 2013. We are concerned mostly with:
  - Violent crime
  - Population
- But, comparing raw violent crime numbers is pointless.
- The values need to be normalized to a violent crime rate
- [Violent Crime] / [Population] \* 100000
  - o Incidents per 100,000 people
- Filter by state

## FBI Crime visualization goals

- Use a calculated field to determine violent crime rate
- Use an interactive filter to control bars on a chart and points on a map at the same time.
- Use a map with with points encoded with colors and size to show crime rates.

### https://public.tableau.com/profile/alicia.key#!/vizho me/Crime05/Dashboard1

This is violent crime rate in 2013 as reported by the FBI in the indicated states and cities.

## **SEA Pet Licenses**



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goat

#### **Seattle Pet License Data**

• We are concerned about ZIP code and species of the pet

#### Your Turn!

- Display a map that has a dot over each ZIP code
- Each dot should be sized proportionally to the total number of pet licenses issued in that ZIP code.
- Add a filter to filter down to unique species

### https://public.tableau.com/profile/alicia.key#!/vizho me/SEAPetLicenses01/Dashboard1

Pet licenses by ZIP code on a map.