

Project Requirements

Project Description

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Your task is to **tell a story** data visualizations.

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Focus on providing users an **interactive means** to explore data themselves.

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Prepare a **10-minute presentation** that lays out your theme, coding approach, data munging techniques, and final visualization.

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You may choose a project of any theme, but we encourage you to **think broadly**.

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You will have **ample time in class** to work with your group, but expect to put in **hours outside of class** as well.

Specific Requirements

1. Your visualization must include a Python Flask–powered API, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, and at least one database (SQL, MongoDB, SQLite, etc.).
 2. Your project should fall into one of the below four tracks:
 - A custom “creative” D3.js project (i.e., a nonstandard graph or chart)
 - A combination of web scraping and Leaflet or Plotly
 - A dashboard page with multiple charts that update from the same data
 - A “thick” server that performs multiple manipulations on data in a database prior to visualization (**must be approved**)
 3. Your project should include at least one JS library that we did not cover.
 4. Your project must be powered by a data set with at least 100 records.
 5. Your project must include some level of user-driven interaction (e.g., menus, dropdowns, textboxes).
 6. Your final visualization should ideally include at least three views.
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Schedule

Weekly Schedule

Day 1 (Today):

Between now and Saturday, you will need to start brainstorming topics with your group and researching potential data sets. Your focus should center around:

- Selecting a topic
- Finding a data set
- Finding inspiration
- “Sketching” your ideal visuals
- Creating a 1-page proposal

Day 2:

You will need to create a 1-page proposal that includes:

- A brief articulation of your chosen topic and rationale
- A link to your data set(s) and a screenshot of the metadata if it exists.
- 3 or 4 screenshots of relevant, “inspiring” visualizations that frame your creative fodder
- A sketch of the final design
- A link to the primary GitHub repository you’ll be housing your work in

Day 3:

Project Work

Final Thoughts

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Project week is a great time to tie up loose ends, both with your group and on your own.

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If there are topics you'd like to review, shoot me and the TAs a message. We're happy to do (recorded) extra review sessions for small groups during these weeks.

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Good luck and have fun!