

Advanced Data Visualization

Advanced Charts

Geographic Information Systems Charts

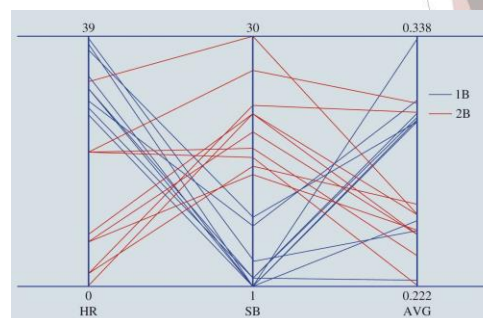
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► **Parallel-coordinates plot:**
Chart for examining data with more than two variables:

- Includes a different vertical axis for each variable.
- Each observation is represented by drawing a line on the parallel-coordinates plot connecting each vertical axis.
- The height of the line on each vertical axis represents the value taken by that observation for the variable corresponding to the vertical axis.

Figure 3.33: Parallel-Coordinates Plot for Baseball Data



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Figure 3.34: SmartMoney's Map of the Market as an Example of a Treemap

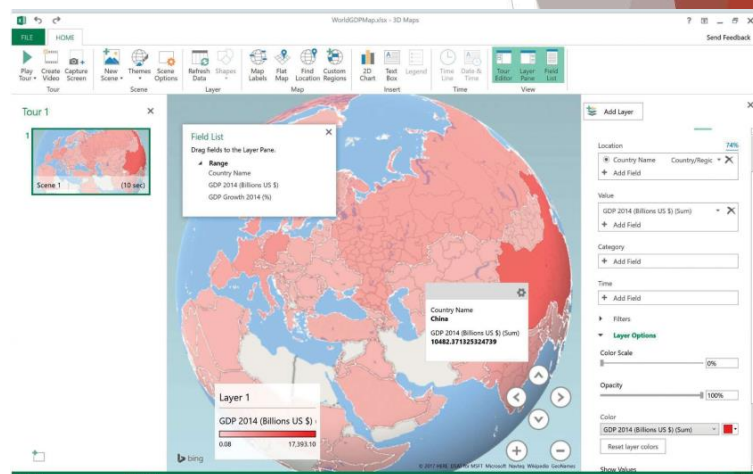
- ▶ **Treemap:**
 - ▶ Useful for visualizing hierarchical data along multiple dimensions.
 - ▶ Each rectangle represents a particular company
 - ▶ Color of the rectangle represents the overall performance
 - ▶ The size provides information on the company's market capitalization size
 - ▶ Useful to quickly get an idea of the performance of individual companies relative to other companies



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- ▶ **Geographic Information Systems Charts: (Maps)**
 - ▶ **Geographic information system (GIS):**
 - ▶ A system that merges maps and statistics to present data collected over different geographic areas.
 - ▶ Helps in interpreting data and observing patterns.



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Principles of Effective Data Dashboards

Applications of Data Dashboards

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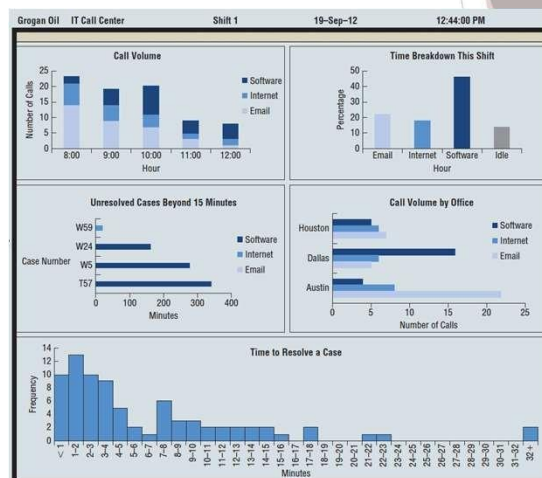
► Data dashboard:

- Data-visualization tool that illustrates multiple metrics and automatically updates these metrics as new data become available.

► Example: Grogan's IT call center

- Dashboard developed to monitor the performance of the call center
- Different charts to track:
 - Call Volume
 - Percent of Time solving problems
 - Call Volume by problem for locations
 - Time of unresolved problems

Figure 3.39: Data Dashboard for the Grogan Oil Information Technology Call Center



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Principles of Effective Data Dashboards:

- ▶ **Key performance indicators (KPIs) in dashboards:**
 - ▶ Automobile dashboard: Current speed, Fuel level, and oil pressure.
 - ▶ Business dashboard: Financial position, inventory on hand, customer service metrics.



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Principles of Effective Data Dashboards:

Principles Continued:

- ▶ Should provide timely summary information on KPIs that are important to the user.
- ▶ Should present all KPIs as a single screen that a user can quickly scan to understand the business's current state of operations.
- ▶ The KPIs displayed in the data dashboard should convey meaning to its user and be related to the decisions the user makes.
- ▶ A data dashboard should call attention to unusual measures that may require attention.
- ▶ Color should be used to call attention to specific values to differentiate categorical variables, but the use of color should be restrained.



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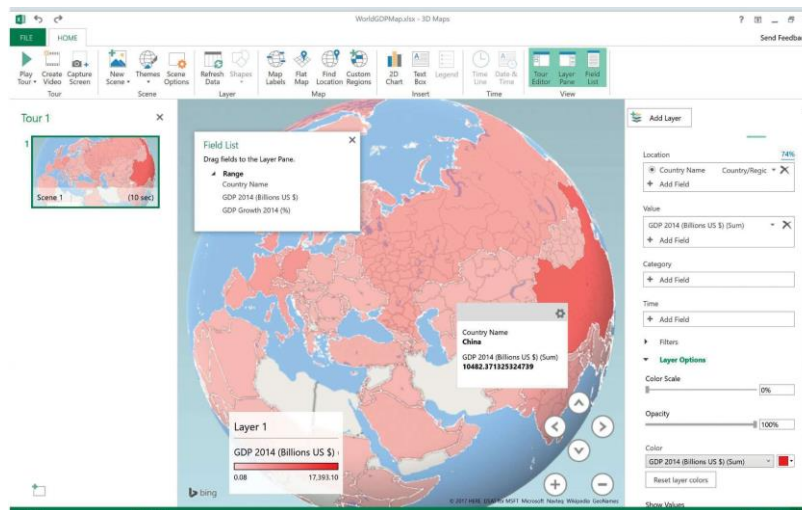
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Figure 3.35: Treemap Created in Excel for Top 100 Global Companies Data



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