

# Feedback - Group B - Chinawatchers

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## General Comments.

- Overall, the project looks feasible. You have the data and the figures seem doable. As you may already know, you clearly will require Shiny.
- However, some of the objectives do not seem to match with the figures proposed. The objective number 3 does not have a correlate in your list of figures. That does not seem to be a problem as long as you already have quite a few elements.
- The “era of great competition” aspect of the proposal is in the title and in one of the tables, but not in the objectives. Are you thinking only in the race between and China the US?
- In sum, I think you need to polish a little bit more the relationship between your objectives and your visualizations to have a clearer story-telling.

## Specific Comments.

- I'm not sure why you need to have both a heat-map and the world map of Chinese investors. This could be a little bit redundant and the world map seems to be more aligned to the objectives described.
- I suggest that you look into the search plugin from the leaflet extensions presented in the TA section from week 07. Eventually, this could be an interesting interactivity in which you could search for countries.
- If you have a long horizon of data, it might be easier to understand and process yearly data instead of monthly data. If investments are strongly seasonal the map could show changes over-month that may not be that relevant.
- How do you plan to use the “company investor” data? Is it number of investors in a pop-up?
- The regional focus on Africa seems quite interesting. In the website you provide, it seems that the African focus could be part of the competition story.
- In the time series analysis of Africa, it may be a good idea to consider broader regions to avoid having several small countries with few information. Also, the country-level data was already presented in the first map. See [this article](#) about the regions of Africa.
- On a more technical note, you are using US dollars over several years. Then, for investment to be comparable over-time you must take into account inflation. Here is a more detailed explanation from the [US census](#). I suggest to not prioritize this, and take into account only if time allows.