

Visual programming and data analysis

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A visual programming language, called in English "VPL" (Visual Programming Language), is a programming language that allows a user to program a computer in a two-dimensional or multi-dimensional way.

Examples of such additional dimensions are: the use of spatial relations, the use of multi-dimensional objects, the use of the time dimension to specify "before-after" semantic relations.

Each multi-dimensional tuple or relation is a token. A collection of one or more tokens is a visual expression.

Visual expressions used in visual programming include sketches, icons, diagrams or demonstrations of actions made with graphical objects, etc.

Visual programming emerged from the combination of the following fields: computer graphics, programming languages, and human-machine interaction. There is a misconception that visual programming and visual programming languages aim to eliminate text because the latter include text to some extent in a multidimensional context.

The goals sought to be achieved by programming in LPVs were primarily to improve the speed with which programming tasks are performed, to make programming more accessible to all people, and to improve the accuracy with which people perform programming tasks.

Strategies used in LPVs

Concrete: involves expressing some aspects of the user using particular instances;

Directly: the programmer can use/manipulate an object or a specific value directly, through semantics;

Explicit: some aspects of the semantics are explicit in the environment if they can be specified directly (visually or textually);

Immediate visual response: implies the immediate display of the effects produced by editing the program.

VPL Classifications

- Pure visual languages;
- Programming systems by exemplification;
- Hybrid systems (visual and text);
- Constraint Oriented Systems;
- Form-based systems.

The most important category is pure visual languages, based on visual techniques throughout the programming process.

The programmer works with icons and other graphical representations to create his program which is then debugged and executed also in the visual environment.

The program is never translated into a text-based intermediate language but is compiled directly into its visual representation.

Also, LPV tries to combine visual elements with textual elements. This is the category of hybrid systems and includes both systems where programs are created visually and then translated into a textual (high-level) language, and systems that use graphics in a textual language

Constraint-oriented systems are known for simulation design. The programmer models the physical objects as objects of the visual environment, imposing constraints designed to copy the behavior of natural laws. This category is also used for the development of graphical user interfaces.

LPVs based on forms are the ones that borrowed the visualization mode but also the programming metaphors from spreadsheets.

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1. TEAM PROJECT, 6 points (3 projects x 2 points)
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ALGORITHM for grading:

- We form teams of 1-3 students
- We find 1-3 research topics per team by VPDA searching on arxiv.com or paperswithcode.com
- We write a blog post on the paper that is most interesting from the last 3 yrs (2020-2023)
- We start implementing a project based on the paper or another agreed topic in VPDA
- We document the Padlet with the team progress

COURSE TECHNOLOGIES

Orange3, for visual programming and data mining

Weights and Biases, for NN optimization

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Kodular, for rapid mobile phone developments

Padlet, for visual teamwork

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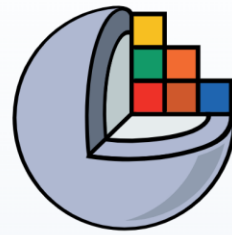
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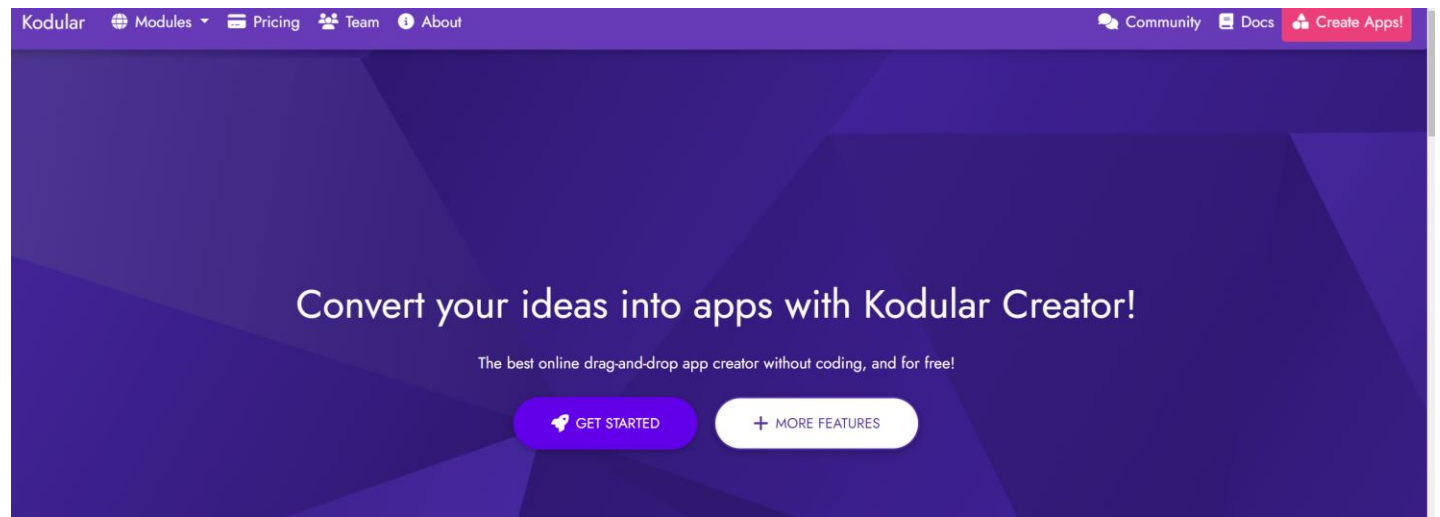
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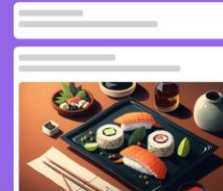
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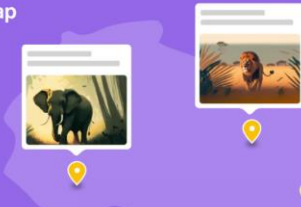
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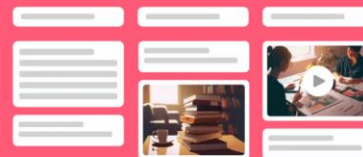
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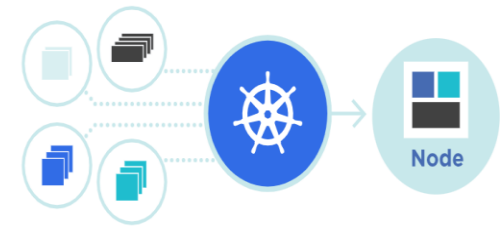
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