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INTERACTIVE INTERFACE FOR DATA ANALYSIS AND REPORT GENERATION

Abstract

A method (at a computer system including one or more processors and memory storing one or more programs) includes detecting a user input to display a first visualization, and in response to detecting the user input to display the first visualization, concurrently displaying the first visualization and an insight item. The first visualization is associated with data from a data source, and the insight item is generated based on the data from the data source. The insight item includes an insight visualization and an associated natural language narrative. The natural language narrative explains a meaning for the insight item. The natural language narrative also explains a relevance of one or more trends associated with the insight item.

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Background/Summary

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S) [0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 18/433,318, filed on Feb. 5, 2024, titled “Interactive Interface for Data Analysis and Report Generation,” which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 17/866,091 filed on Jul. 15, 2022, now U.S. Pat. No. 11,893,039 issued on Feb. 6, 2024, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 16/944,064 filed on Jul. 30, 2020, now U.S. Pat. No. 11,397,746 issued on Jul. 26, 2022, the benefit of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120, and each disclosure of which is incorporated, in its entirety, by this reference.

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] The present invention relates generally to data analysis, and more particularly, but not exclusively to, interactive data analysis.

BACKGROUND

[0003] Organizations are generating and collecting an ever increasing amount of data. This data may be associated with disparate parts of the organization, such as, consumer activity, manufacturing activity, customer service, server logs, or the like. For various reasons, it may be inconvenient for such organizations to effectively utilize their vast collections of data. In some cases the quantity of data may make it difficult to effectively utilize the collected data to improve business practices. In some cases, organizations employ various tools to generate visualizations of the some or all of their data. Employing visualizations to represent this data may enable organizations to improve their understanding of critical business operations and help them monitor key performance indicators. However, in some cases, skilled or specialized data analysts may be required to discover insights to from visualizations and data that may be value to organizations. Further, in some cases, the sheer number of visualizations or the amount of data may make it difficult to discover visualizations that may share useful commonalities. Further, in some cases, difficulties associated with consolidating information from disparate sources or from many visualizations may interfere with efficient generation of reports that capture the insights discovered during data analysis Thus, it is with respect to these considerations and others that the present invention has been made.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0004] Non-limiting and non-exhaustive embodiments of the present innovations are described with reference to the following drawings. In the drawings, like reference numerals refer to like parts throughout the various figures unless otherwise specified. For a better understanding of the described innovations, reference will be made to the following Detailed Description of Various Embodiments, which is to be read in association with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

[0005] FIG. 1 illustrates a system environment in which various embodiments may be implemented;

[0006] FIG. 2 illustrates a schematic embodiment of a client computer;

[0007] FIG. 3 illustrates a schematic embodiment of a network computer;
[0008] FIG. 4 illustrates a logical architecture of a system for interactive interface for data analysis and report generation in accordance with one or more of the various embodiments;
[0009] FIG. 5A illustrates a logical representation of a portion of a user interface for interactive interface for data analysis and report generation in accordance with one or more of the various embodiments;
[0010] FIG. 5B illustrates a logical representation of a portion of a user interface for interactive interface for data analysis and report generation in accordance with one or more of the various embodiments;
[0011] FIG. 6 illustrates a logical representation of a portion of a user interface for interactive interface for data analysis and report generation in accordance with one or more of the various embodiments;
[0012] FIG. 7 illustrates an overview flowchart of a process for interactive interface for data analysis and report generation in accordance with one or more of the various embodiments;
[0013] FIG. 8 illustrates a flowchart of a process for generating a report based on a scratch pad panel in accordance with one or more of the various embodiments;
[0014] FIG. 9 illustrates a flowchart of a process for providing an interactive interface for data analysis and report generation in accordance with one or more of the various embodiments; and
[0015] FIG. 10 illustrates a flowchart of a process for determining insight items providing an interactive interface for data analysis and report generation in accordance with one or more of the various embodiments.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF VARIOUS EMBODIMENTS

[0016] Various embodiments now will be described more fully hereinafter with reference to the accompanying drawings, which form a part hereof, and which show, by way of illustration, specific exemplary embodiments by which the invention may be practiced. The embodiments may, however, be embodied in many different forms and should not be construed as limited to the embodiments set forth herein; rather, these embodiments are provided so that this disclosure will be thorough and complete, and will fully convey the scope of the embodiments to those skilled in the art. Among other things, the various embodiments may be methods, systems, media or devices. Accordingly, the various embodiments may take the form of an entirely hardware embodiment, an entirely software embodiment or an embodiment combining software and hardware aspects. The following detailed description is, therefore, not to be taken in a limiting sense.

[0017] Throughout the specification and claims, the following terms take the meanings explicitly associated herein, unless the context clearly dictates otherwise. The phrase “in one embodiment” as used herein does not necessarily refer to the same embodiment, though it may. Furthermore, the phrase “in another embodiment” as used herein does not necessarily refer to a different embodiment, although it may. Thus, as described below, various embodiments may be readily combined, without departing from the scope or spirit of the invention.

[0018] In addition, as used herein, the term “or” is an inclusive “or” operator, and is equivalent to the term “and/or,” unless the context clearly dictates otherwise. The term “based on” is not exclusive and allows for being based on additional factors not described, unless the context clearly dictates otherwise. In addition, throughout the specification, the meaning of “a,” “an,” and “the” include plural references. The meaning of “in” includes “in” and “on.”

[0019] For example embodiments, the following terms are also used herein according to the corresponding meaning, unless the context clearly dictates otherwise.

[0020] As used herein the term, “engine” refers to logic embodied in hardware or software instructions, which can be written in a programming language, such as C, C++, Objective-C, COBOL, Java™, PHP, Perl, JavaScript, Ruby, VBScript, Microsoft.NET™ languages such as C #, or the like. An engine may be compiled into executable programs or written in interpreted programming languages. Software engines may be callable from other engines or from themselves.

Engines described herein refer to one or more logical modules that can be merged with other engines or applications, or can be divided into sub-engines. The engines can be stored in non-transitory computer-readable medium or computer storage device and be stored on and executed by one or more general purpose computers, thus creating a special purpose computer configured to provide the engine.

[0021] As used herein the term “data source” refers to the source of the underlying information that is being modeled or otherwise analyzed. Data sources may include information from or provided by databases (e.g., relational, graph-based, no-sql, or the like), file systems, unstructured data, streams, or the like. Data sources are typically arranged to model, record, or memorialize various operations or activities associated with an organization. In some cases, data sources are arranged to provide or facilitate various data-focused actions, such as, efficient storage, queries, indexing, data exchange, search, updates, or the like. Generally, a data source may be arranged to provide features related to data manipulation or data management rather than providing an easy to understand presentation or visualization of the data.

[0022] As used herein the term “data model” refers to one or more data structures that provide a representation of an underlying data source. In some cases, data models may provide views of a data source for particular applications. Data models may be considered views or interfaces to the underlying data source. In some cases, data models may map directly to a data source (e.g., practically a logical pass through). Also, in some cases, data models may be provided by a data source. In some circumstances, data models may be considered interfaces to data sources. Data models enable organizations to organize or present information from data sources in ways that may be more convenient, more meaningful (e.g., easier to reason about), safer, or the like.

[0023] As used herein, the term “data model field” refers to named or nameable properties or features of a data model. Data model fields are analogous to columns in a database tables, nodes in a graph, Java class attributes, and so on. For example, a data model that corresponds to an employee database table, may have data model fields, such as, name, email-address, telephone-number, employee-id, or the like.

[0024] As used herein the term “data object” refers to one or more entities or data structures that comprise data models. In some cases, data objects may be considered portions of the data model. Data objects may represent individual instances of items or classes or kinds of items.

[0025] As used herein the term “data field” refers to a named or nameable property or attribute of a data object. In some cases, data fields may be considered analogous to class members of an object in object oriented programming.

[0026] As used herein the term “panel” refers to region within a graphical user interface (GUI) that has a defined geometry (e.g., x, y, z-order) within the GUI. Panels may be arranged to display information to users or to host one or more interactive controls. The geometry or styles associated with panels may be defined using configuration information, including dynamic rules. Also, in some cases, users may be enabled to perform actions on one or more panels, such as, moving, showing, hiding, re-sizing, re-ordering, or the like.

[0027] As used herein the term “configuration information” refers to information that may include rule based policies, pattern matching, scripts (e.g., computer readable instructions), or the like, that may be provided from various sources, including, configuration files, databases, user input, built-in defaults, or the like, or combination thereof.

[0028] The following briefly describes embodiments of the invention in order to provide a basic understanding of some aspects of the invention. This brief description is not intended as an extensive overview. It is not intended to identify key or critical elements, or to delineate or otherwise narrow the scope. Its purpose is merely to present some concepts in a simplified form as a prelude to the more detailed description that is presented later.

[0029] Briefly stated, various embodiments are directed to managing visualizations of data using one or more processors that execute one or more instructions to perform action as described herein.

In one or more of the various embodiments, a primary visualization that is associated with a data model may be provided such that the primary visualization may be displayed in a display panel. [0030] In one or more of the various embodiments, one or more insight items may be generated based on the primary visualization and the data model such that the one or more insight items may correspond to one or more visualizations that may share one or more portions of the data model and such that the one or more insight items may be displayed in an insight panel.

[0031] In one or more of the various embodiments, generating the one or more insight items may include: providing one or more assessment models that may be arranged to identify the one or more visualization items; employing the one or more assessment models to generate one or more candidate insight items based on the one or more visualization such that the one or more candidate insight items may be associated with an insight score; determining the one or more insight items based on a portion of the one or more candidate insight items that may be associated with an insight score that exceeds a threshold value; or the like.

[0032] Also, in one or more of the various embodiments, generating the one or more insight items may include: determining a first set of one or more visualizations based on each of the first set of one or more visualizations including one or more data fields that may be used in the primary visualization; determining a second set of one or more visualizations based on each of the second set of one or more visualizations showing value trends for the one or more data fields that may be used in the primary visualization; determining a third set of one or more visualizations based on each of the third set of one or more visualizations using one or more other data fields from other data models that include data values that are similar to the one or more data fields used in the primary visualization; or the like. And, in one or more of the various embodiments, generating the one or more insight items based on one or more of the first set of one or more visualizations, the second set of one or more visualizations, the third set of one or more visualizations, or the like.

[0033] In one or more of the various embodiments, displaying the one or more insight items in the insight panel may include: determining one or more insight item groups based on a type of assessment model that identifies the one or more insight items such that each insight item may be associated with an insight item group; displaying each insight item group in the insight panel such that each insight item may be displayed with its associated insight item group; or the like.

[0034] In one or more of the various embodiments, in response to an insight item being selected from the insight panel, additional actions may be performed, including: generating a visualization based on the insight item that is displayed in the display panel instead of the primary visualization; generating a scratch item that includes a thumbnail view of the primary visualization such that the thumbnail view may be displayed in a scratch panel; or the like.

[0035] In one or more of the various embodiments, in response to selecting one or more of another insight item from the insight panel or another scratch item from the scratch panel, another visualization may be generated based on the selection of one or more of the other insight item or the other scratch item such that the other visualization is displayed in the display panel instead of a currently displayed visualization.

[0036] In one or more of the various embodiments, a report panel that replaces the display of the display panel may be provided. And, in some embodiments, in response to selecting one or more of the one or more insight items, one or more scratch items, or one or more annotations further actions may be performed, including: generating one or more report items based on the one or more of the one or more insight items, the one or more scratch items, the one or more annotations, or the like, such that the one or more annotations include one or more of text, images, links to other reports, or the like, and such that the one or more report items may be displayed in the report panel; automatically resizing the report panel to a size that may be based on the one or more report items such that the portion of the report panel that exceeds the size of the display panel may be hidden from view; or the like.

[0037] In one or more of the various embodiments, in response to replacing the visualization in the

display panel with a replacement visualization, one or more replacement insight items may be generated based on the replacement visualization and the data model such that the one or more replacement insight items may be displayed in the insight panel.

Illustrated Operating Environment

[0038] FIG. 1 shows components of one embodiment of an environment in which embodiments of the invention may be practiced. Not all of the components may be required to practice the invention, and variations in the arrangement and type of the components may be made without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention. As shown, system **100** of FIG. 1 includes local area networks (LANs)/wide area networks (WANs)—(network) **110**, wireless network **108**, client computers **102-105**, visualization server computer **116**, or the like.

[0039] At least one embodiment of client computers **102-105** is described in more detail below in conjunction with FIG. 2. In one embodiment, at least some of client computers **102-105** may operate over one or more wired or wireless networks, such as networks **108**, or **110**. Generally, client computers **102-105** may include virtually any computer capable of communicating over a network to send and receive information, perform various online activities, offline actions, or the like. In one embodiment, one or more of client computers **102-105** may be configured to operate within a business or other entity to perform a variety of services for the business or other entity. For example, client computers **102-105** may be configured to operate as a web server, firewall, client application, media player, mobile telephone, game console, desktop computer, or the like. However, client computers **102-105** are not constrained to these services and may also be employed, for example, as for end-user computing in other embodiments. It should be recognized that more or less client computers (as shown in FIG. 1) may be included within a system such as described herein, and embodiments are therefore not constrained by the number or type of client computers employed.

[0040] Computers that may operate as client computer **102** may include computers that typically connect using a wired or wireless communications medium such as personal computers, multiprocessor systems, microprocessor-based or programmable electronic devices, network PCs, or the like. In some embodiments, client computers **102-105** may include virtually any portable computer capable of connecting to another computer and receiving information such as, laptop computer **103**, mobile computer **104**, tablet computers **105**, or the like. However, portable computers are not so limited and may also include other portable computers such as cellular telephones, display pagers, radio frequency (RF) devices, infrared (IR) devices, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), handheld computers, wearable computers, integrated devices combining one or more of the preceding computers, or the like. As such, client computers **102-105** typically range widely in terms of capabilities and features. Moreover, client computers **102-105** may access various computing applications, including a browser, or other web-based application.

[0041] A web-enabled client computer may include a browser application that is configured to send requests and receive responses over the web. The browser application may be configured to receive and display graphics, text, multimedia, and the like, employing virtually any web-based language. In one embodiment, the browser application is enabled to employ JavaScript, HyperText Markup Language (HTML), extensible Markup Language (XML), JavaScript Object Notation (JSON), Cascading Style Sheets (CSS), or the like, or combination thereof, to display and send a message. In one embodiment, a user of the client computer may employ the browser application to perform various activities over a network (online). However, another application may also be used to perform various online activities.

[0042] Client computers **102-105** also may include at least one other client application that is configured to receive or send content between another computer. The client application may include a capability to send or receive content, or the like. The client application may further provide information that identifies itself, including a type, capability, name, and the like. In one embodiment, client computers **102-105** may uniquely identify themselves through any of a variety

of mechanisms, including an Internet Protocol (IP) address, a phone number, Mobile Identification Number (MIN), an electronic serial number (ESN), a client certificate, or other device identifier. Such information may be provided in one or more network packets, or the like, sent between other client computers, visualization server computer **116**, or other computers.

[0043] Client computers **102-105** may further be configured to include a client application that enables an end-user to log into an end-user account that may be managed by another computer, such as visualization server computer **116**, or the like. Such an end-user account, in one non-limiting example, may be configured to enable the end-user to manage one or more online activities, including in one non-limiting example, project management, software development, system administration, configuration management, search activities, social networking activities, browse various websites, communicate with other users, or the like. Also, client computers may be arranged to enable users to display reports, interactive user-interfaces, or results provided by visualization server computer **116**, or the like.

[0044] Wireless network **108** is configured to couple client computers **103-105** and its components with network **110**. Wireless network **108** may include any of a variety of wireless sub-networks that may further overlay stand-alone ad-hoc networks, and the like, to provide an infrastructure-oriented connection for client computers **103-105**. Such sub-networks may include mesh networks, Wireless LAN (WLAN) networks, cellular networks, and the like. In one embodiment, the system may include more than one wireless network.

[0045] Wireless network **108** may further include an autonomous system of terminals, gateways, routers, and the like connected by wireless radio links, and the like. These connectors may be configured to move freely and randomly and organize themselves arbitrarily, such that the topology of wireless network **108** may change rapidly.

[0046] Wireless network **108** may further employ a plurality of access technologies including 2nd (2G), 3rd (3G), 4th (4G) 5th (5G) generation radio access for cellular systems, WLAN, Wireless Router (WR) mesh, and the like. Access technologies such as 2G, 3G, 4G, 5G, and future access networks may enable wide area coverage for mobile computers, such as client computers **103-105** with various degrees of mobility. In one non-limiting example, wireless network **108** may enable a radio connection through a radio network access such as Global System for Mobile communication (GSM), General Packet Radio Services (GPRS), Enhanced Data GSM Environment (EDGE), code division multiple access (CDMA), time division multiple access (TDMA), Wideband Code Division Multiple Access (WCDMA), High Speed Downlink Packet Access (HSDPA), Long Term Evolution (LTE), and the like. In essence, wireless network **108** may include virtually any wireless communication mechanism by which information may travel between client computers **103-105** and another computer, network, a cloud-based network, a cloud instance, or the like.

[0047] Network **110** is configured to couple network computers with other computers, including, visualization server computer **116**, client computers **102**, and client computers **103-105** through wireless network **108**, or the like. Network **110** is enabled to employ any form of computer readable media for communicating information from one electronic device to another. Also, network **110** can include the Internet in addition to local area networks (LANs), wide area networks (WANs), direct connections, such as through a universal serial bus (USB) port, Ethernet port, other forms of computer-readable media, or any combination thereof. On an interconnected set of LANs, including those based on differing architectures and protocols, a router acts as a link between LANs, enabling messages to be sent from one to another. In addition, communication links within LANs typically include twisted wire pair or coaxial cable, while communication links between networks may utilize analog telephone lines, full or fractional dedicated digital lines including T1, T2, T3, and T4, or other carrier mechanisms including, for example, E-carriers, Integrated Services Digital Networks (ISDNs), Digital Subscriber Lines (DSLs), wireless links including satellite links, or other communications links known to those skilled in the art. Moreover, communication links may further employ any of a variety of digital signaling technologies, including without limit, for

example, DS-0, DS-1, DS-2, DS-3, DS-4, OC-3, OC-12, OC-48, or the like. Furthermore, remote computers and other related electronic devices could be remotely connected to either LANs or WANs via a modem and temporary telephone link. In one embodiment, network **110** may be configured to transport information of an Internet Protocol (IP).

[0048] Additionally, communication media typically embodies computer readable instructions, data structures, program modules, or other transport mechanism and includes any information non-transitory delivery media or transitory delivery media. By way of example, communication media includes wired media such as twisted pair, coaxial cable, fiber optics, wave guides, and other wired media and wireless media such as acoustic, RF, infrared, and other wireless media.

[0049] Also, one embodiment of visualization server computer **116** is described in more detail below in conjunction with FIG. 3. Although FIG. 1 illustrates visualization server computer **116** or the like, as a single computer, the innovations or embodiments are not so limited. For example, one or more functions of visualization server computer **116**, or the like, may be distributed across one or more distinct network computers. Moreover, in one or more embodiments, visualization server computer **116** may be implemented using a plurality of network computers. Further, in one or more of the various embodiments, visualization server computer **116**, or the like, may be implemented using one or more cloud instances in one or more cloud networks. Accordingly, these innovations and embodiments are not to be construed as being limited to a single environment, and other configurations, and other architectures are also envisaged.

Illustrative Client Computer

[0050] FIG. 2 shows one embodiment of client computer **200** that may include many more or less components than those shown. Client computer **200** may represent, for example, one or more embodiment of mobile computers or client computers shown in FIG. 1.

[0051] Client computer **200** may include processor **202** in communication with memory **204** via bus **228**. Client computer **200** may also include power supply **230**, network interface **232**, audio interface **256**, display **250**, keypad **252**, illuminator **254**, video interface **242**, input/output interface **238**, haptic interface **264**, global positioning systems (GPS) receiver **258**, open air gesture interface **260**, temperature interface **262**, camera(s) **240**, projector **246**, pointing device interface **266**, processor-readable stationary storage device **234**, and processor-readable removable storage device **236**. Client computer **200** may optionally communicate with a base station (not shown), or directly with another computer. And in one embodiment, although not shown, a gyroscope may be employed within client computer **200** to measuring or maintaining an orientation of client computer **200**.

[0052] Power supply **230** may provide power to client computer **200**. A rechargeable or non-rechargeable battery may be used to provide power. The power may also be provided by an external power source, such as an AC adapter or a powered docking cradle that supplements or recharges the battery.

[0053] Network interface **232** includes circuitry for coupling client computer **200** to one or more networks, and is constructed for use with one or more communication protocols and technologies including, but not limited to, protocols and technologies that implement any portion of the OSI model for mobile communication (GSM), CDMA, time division multiple access (TDMA), UDP, TCP/IP, SMS, MMS, GPRS, WAP, UWB, WiMax, SIP/RTP, GPRS, EDGE, WCDMA, LTE, UMTS, OFDM, CDMA2000, EV-DO, HSDPA, or any of a variety of other wireless communication protocols. Network interface **232** is sometimes known as a transceiver, transceiving device, or network interface card (NIC).

[0054] Audio interface **256** may be arranged to produce and receive audio signals such as the sound of a human voice. For example, audio interface **256** may be coupled to a speaker and microphone (not shown) to enable telecommunication with others or generate an audio acknowledgment for some action. A microphone in audio interface **256** can also be used for input to or control of client computer **200**, e.g., using voice recognition, detecting touch based on sound, and the like.

[0055] Display **250** may be a liquid crystal display (LCD), gas plasma, electronic ink, light emitting diode (LED), Organic LED (OLED) or any other type of light reflective or light transmissive display that can be used with a computer. Display **250** may also include a touch interface **244** arranged to receive input from an object such as a stylus or a digit from a human hand, and may use resistive, capacitive, surface acoustic wave (SAW), infrared, radar, or other technologies to sense touch or gestures.

[0056] Projector **246** may be a remote handheld projector or an integrated projector that is capable of projecting an image on a remote wall or any other reflective object such as a remote screen.

[0057] Video interface **242** may be arranged to capture video images, such as a still photo, a video segment, an infrared video, or the like. For example, video interface **242** may be coupled to a digital video camera, a web-camera, or the like. Video interface **242** may comprise a lens, an image sensor, and other electronics. Image sensors may include a complementary metal-oxide-semiconductor (CMOS) integrated circuit, charge-coupled device (CCD), or any other integrated circuit for sensing light.

[0058] Keypad **252** may comprise any input device arranged to receive input from a user. For example, keypad **252** may include a push button numeric dial, or a keyboard. Keypad **252** may also include command buttons that are associated with selecting and sending images.

[0059] Illuminator **254** may provide a status indication or provide light. Illuminator **254** may remain active for specific periods of time or in response to event messages. For example, when illuminator **254** is active, it may back-light the buttons on keypad **252** and stay on while the client computer is powered. Also, illuminator **254** may back-light these buttons in various patterns when particular actions are performed, such as dialing another client computer. Illuminator **254** may also cause light sources positioned within a transparent or translucent case of the client computer to illuminate in response to actions.

[0060] Further, client computer **200** may also comprise hardware security module (HSM) **268** for providing additional tamper resistant safeguards for generating, storing or using security/cryptographic information such as, keys, digital certificates, passwords, passphrases, two-factor authentication information, or the like. In some embodiments, hardware security module may be employed to support one or more standard public key infrastructures (PKI), and may be employed to generate, manage, or store keys pairs, or the like. In some embodiments, HSM **268** may be a stand-alone computer, in other cases, HSM **268** may be arranged as a hardware card that may be added to a client computer.

[0061] Client computer **200** may also comprise input/output interface **238** for communicating with external peripheral devices or other computers such as other client computers and network computers. The peripheral devices may include an audio headset, virtual reality headsets, display screen glasses, remote speaker system, remote speaker and microphone system, and the like. Input/output interface **238** can utilize one or more technologies, such as Universal Serial Bus (USB), Infrared, WiFi, WiMax, Bluetooth™, and the like.

[0062] Input/output interface **238** may also include one or more sensors for determining geolocation information (e.g., GPS), monitoring electrical power conditions (e.g., voltage sensors, current sensors, frequency sensors, and so on), monitoring weather (e.g., thermostats, barometers, anemometers, humidity detectors, precipitation scales, or the like), or the like. Sensors may be one or more hardware sensors that collect or measure data that is external to client computer **200**.

[0063] Haptic interface **264** may be arranged to provide tactile feedback to a user of the client computer. For example, the haptic interface **264** may be employed to vibrate client computer **200** in a particular way when another user of a computer is calling. Temperature interface **262** may be used to provide a temperature measurement input or a temperature changing output to a user of client computer **200**. Open air gesture interface **260** may sense physical gestures of a user of client computer **200**, for example, by using single or stereo video cameras, radar, a gyroscopic sensor inside a computer held or worn by the user, or the like. Camera **240** may be used to track physical

eye movements of a user of client computer **200**.

[0064] GPS transceiver **258** can determine the physical coordinates of client computer **200** on the surface of the Earth, which typically outputs a location as latitude and longitude values. GPS transceiver **258** can also employ other geo-positioning mechanisms, including, but not limited to, triangulation, assisted GPS (AGPS), Enhanced Observed Time Difference (E-OTD), Cell Identifier (CI), Service Area Identifier (SAI), Enhanced Timing Advance (ETA), Base Station Subsystem (BSS), or the like, to further determine the physical location of client computer **200** on the surface of the Earth. It is understood that under different conditions, GPS transceiver **258** can determine a physical location for client computer **200**. In one or more embodiments, however, client computer **200** may, through other components, provide other information that may be employed to determine a physical location of the client computer, including for example, a Media Access Control (MAC) address, IP address, and the like.

[0065] In at least one of the various embodiments, applications, such as, operating system **206**, visualization client **222**, other client apps **224**, web browser **226**, or the like, may be arranged to employ geo-location information to select one or more localization features, such as, time zones, languages, currencies, calendar formatting, or the like. Localization features may be used in display objects, data models, data objects, user-interfaces, reports, as well as internal processes or databases. In at least one of the various embodiments, geo-location information used for selecting localization information may be provided by GPS **258**. Also, in some embodiments, geolocation information may include information provided using one or more geolocation protocols over the networks, such as, wireless network **108** or network **111**.

[0066] Human interface components can be peripheral devices that are physically separate from client computer **200**, allowing for remote input or output to client computer **200**. For example, information routed as described here through human interface components such as display **250** or keyboard **252** can instead be routed through network interface **232** to appropriate human interface components located remotely. Examples of human interface peripheral components that may be remote include, but are not limited to, audio devices, pointing devices, keypads, displays, cameras, projectors, and the like. These peripheral components may communicate over a Pico Network such as Bluetooth™, Zigbee™ and the like. One non-limiting example of a client computer with such peripheral human interface components is a wearable computer, which might include a remote pico projector along with one or more cameras that remotely communicate with a separately located client computer to sense a user's gestures toward portions of an image projected by the pico projector onto a reflected surface such as a wall or the user's hand.

[0067] A client computer may include web browser application **226** that is configured to receive and to send web pages, web-based messages, graphics, text, multimedia, and the like. The client computer's browser application may employ virtually any programming language, including a wireless application protocol messages (WAP), and the like. In one or more embodiments, the browser application is enabled to employ Handheld Device Markup Language (HDML), Wireless Markup Language (WML), WMLScript, JavaScript, Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML), HyperText Markup Language (HTML), extensible Markup Language (XML), HTML5, and the like.

[0068] Memory **204** may include RAM, ROM, or other types of memory. Memory **204** illustrates an example of computer-readable storage media (devices) for storage of information such as computer-readable instructions, data structures, program modules or other data. Memory **204** may store BIOS **208** for controlling low-level operation of client computer **200**. The memory may also store operating system **206** for controlling the operation of client computer **200**. It will be appreciated that this component may include a general-purpose operating system such as a version of UNIX, or Linux®, or a specialized client computer communication operating system such as Android™, or the iOS operating system. The operating system may include, or interface with a Java virtual machine module that enables control of hardware components or operating system

operations via Java application programs.

[0069] Memory **204** may further include one or more data storage **210**, which can be utilized by client computer **200** to store, among other things, applications **220** or other data. For example, data storage **210** may also be employed to store information that describes various capabilities of client computer **200**. The information may then be provided to another device or computer based on any of a variety of methods, including being sent as part of a header during a communication, sent upon request, or the like. Data storage **210** may also be employed to store social networking information including address books, buddy lists, aliases, user profile information, or the like. Data storage **210** may further include program code, data, algorithms, and the like, for use by a processor, such as processor **202** to execute and perform actions. In one embodiment, at least some of data storage **210** might also be stored on another component of client computer **200**, including, but not limited to, non-transitory processor-readable removable storage device **236**, processor-readable stationary storage device **234**, or even external to the client computer.

[0070] Applications **220** may include computer executable instructions which, when executed by client computer **200**, transmit, receive, or otherwise process instructions and data. Applications **220** may include, for example, visualization client **222**, other client applications **224**, web browser **226**, or the like. Client computers may be arranged to exchange communications one or more servers.

[0071] Other examples of application programs include calendars, search programs, email client applications, IM applications, SMS applications, Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) applications, contact managers, task managers, transcoders, database programs, word processing programs, security applications, spreadsheet programs, games, search programs, visualization applications, and so forth.

[0072] Additionally, in one or more embodiments (not shown in the figures), client computer **200** may include an embedded logic hardware device instead of a CPU, such as, an Application Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC), Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA), Programmable Array Logic (PAL), or the like, or combination thereof. The embedded logic hardware device may directly execute its embedded logic to perform actions. Also, in one or more embodiments (not shown in the figures), client computer **200** may include one or more hardware micro-controllers instead of CPUs. In one or more embodiments, the one or more micro-controllers may directly execute their own embedded logic to perform actions and access its own internal memory and its own external Input and Output Interfaces (e.g., hardware pins or wireless transceivers) to perform actions, such as System On a Chip (SOC), or the like.

Illustrative Network Computer

[0073] FIG. **3** shows one embodiment of network computer **300** that may be included in a system implementing one or more of the various embodiments. Network computer **300** may include many more or less components than those shown in FIG. **3**. However, the components shown are sufficient to disclose an illustrative embodiment for practicing these innovations. Network computer **300** may represent, for example, one embodiment of at least one of event analysis server computer **116**, or the like, of FIG. **1**.

[0074] Network computers, such as, network computer **300** may include a processor **302** that may be in communication with a memory **304** via a bus **328**. In some embodiments, processor **302** may be comprised of one or more hardware processors, or one or more processor cores. In some cases, one or more of the one or more processors may be specialized processors designed to perform one or more specialized actions, such as, those described herein. Network computer **300** also includes a power supply **330**, network interface **332**, audio interface **356**, display **350**, keyboard **352**, input/output interface **338**, processor-readable stationary storage device **334**, and processor-readable removable storage device **336**. Power supply **330** provides power to network computer **300**.

[0075] Network interface **332** includes circuitry for coupling network computer **300** to one or more networks, and is constructed for use with one or more communication protocols and technologies

including, but not limited to, protocols and technologies that implement any portion of the Open Systems Interconnection model (OSI model), global system for mobile communication (GSM), code division multiple access (CDMA), time division multiple access (TDMA), user datagram protocol (UDP), transmission control protocol/Internet protocol (TCP/IP), Short Message Service (SMS), Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS), general packet radio service (GPRS), WAP, ultra-wide band (UWB), IEEE 802.16 Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access (WiMax), Session Initiation Protocol/Real-time Transport Protocol (SIP/RTP), or any of a variety of other wired and wireless communication protocols. Network interface **332** is sometimes known as a transceiver, transceiving device, or network interface card (NIC). Network computer **300** may optionally communicate with a base station (not shown), or directly with another computer.

[0076] Audio interface **356** is arranged to produce and receive audio signals such as the sound of a human voice. For example, audio interface **356** may be coupled to a speaker and microphone (not shown) to enable telecommunication with others or generate an audio acknowledgment for some action. A microphone in audio interface **356** can also be used for input to or control of network computer **300**, for example, using voice recognition.

[0077] Display **350** may be a liquid crystal display (LCD), gas plasma, electronic ink, light emitting diode (LED), Organic LED (OLED) or any other type of light reflective or light transmissive display that can be used with a computer. In some embodiments, display **350** may be a handheld projector or pico projector capable of projecting an image on a wall or other object.

[0078] Network computer **300** may also comprise input/output interface **338** for communicating with external devices or computers not shown in FIG. 3. Input/output interface **338** can utilize one or more wired or wireless communication technologies, such as USB™, Firewire™, WiFi, WiMax, Thunderbolt™, Infrared, Bluetooth™, Zigbee™, serial port, parallel port, and the like.

[0079] Also, input/output interface **338** may also include one or more sensors for determining geolocation information (e.g., GPS), monitoring electrical power conditions (e.g., voltage sensors, current sensors, frequency sensors, and so on), monitoring weather (e.g., thermostats, barometers, anemometers, humidity detectors, precipitation scales, or the like), or the like. Sensors may be one or more hardware sensors that collect or measure data that is external to network computer **300**.

Human interface components can be physically separate from network computer **300**, allowing for remote input or output to network computer **300**. For example, information routed as described here through human interface components such as display **350** or keyboard **352** can instead be routed through the network interface **332** to appropriate human interface components located elsewhere on the network. Human interface components include any component that allows the computer to take input from, or send output to, a human user of a computer. Accordingly, pointing devices such as mice, styluses, track balls, or the like, may communicate through pointing device interface **358** to receive user input.

[0080] GPS transceiver **340** can determine the physical coordinates of network computer **300** on the surface of the Earth, which typically outputs a location as latitude and longitude values. GPS transceiver **340** can also employ other geo-positioning mechanisms, including, but not limited to, triangulation, assisted GPS (AGPS), Enhanced Observed Time Difference (E-OTD), Cell Identifier (CI), Service Area Identifier (SAI), Enhanced Timing Advance (ETA), Base Station Subsystem (BSS), or the like, to further determine the physical location of network computer **300** on the surface of the Earth. It is understood that under different conditions, GPS transceiver **340** can determine a physical location for network computer **300**. In one or more embodiments, however, network computer **300** may, through other components, provide other information that may be employed to determine a physical location of the client computer, including for example, a Media Access Control (MAC) address, IP address, and the like.

[0081] In at least one of the various embodiments, applications, such as, operating system **306**, modeling engine **322**, visualization engine **324**, other applications **329**, or the like, may be arranged to employ geo-location information to select one or more localization features, such as, time zones,

languages, currencies, currency formatting, calendar formatting, or the like. Localization features may be used in user interfaces, dashboards, visualizations, reports, as well as internal processes or databases. In at least one of the various embodiments, geo-location information used for selecting localization information may be provided by GPS **340**. Also, in some embodiments, geolocation information may include information provided using one or more geolocation protocols over the networks, such as, wireless network **108** or network **111**.

[0082] Memory **304** may include Random Access Memory (RAM), Read-Only Memory (ROM), or other types of memory. Memory **304** illustrates an example of computer-readable storage media (devices) for storage of information such as computer-readable instructions, data structures, program modules or other data. Memory **304** stores a basic input/output system (BIOS) **308** for controlling low-level operation of network computer **300**. The memory also stores an operating system **306** for controlling the operation of network computer **300**. It will be appreciated that this component may include a general-purpose operating system such as a version of UNIX, or Linux®, or a specialized operating system such as Microsoft Corporation's Windows® operating system, or the Apple Corporation's macOS® operating system. The operating system may include, or interface with one or more virtual machine modules, such as, a Java virtual machine module that enables control of hardware components or operating system operations via Java application programs. Likewise, other runtime environments may be included.

[0083] Memory **304** may further include one or more data storage **310**, which can be utilized by network computer **300** to store, among other things, applications **320** or other data. For example, data storage **310** may also be employed to store information that describes various capabilities of network computer **300**. The information may then be provided to another device or computer based on any of a variety of methods, including being sent as part of a header during a communication, sent upon request, or the like. Data storage **310** may also be employed to store social networking information including address books, buddy lists, aliases, user profile information, or the like. Data storage **310** may further include program code, data, algorithms, and the like, for use by a processor, such as processor **302** to execute and perform actions such as those actions described below. In one embodiment, at least some of data storage **310** might also be stored on another component of network computer **300**, including, but not limited to, non-transitory media inside processor-readable removable storage device **336**, processor-readable stationary storage device **334**, or any other computer-readable storage device within network computer **300**, or even external to network computer **300**. Data storage **310** may include, for example, data sources **314**, data models **316**, visualizations **318**, or the like.

[0084] Applications **320** may include computer executable instructions which, when executed by network computer **300**, transmit, receive, or otherwise process messages (e.g., SMS, Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS), Instant Message (IM), email, or other messages), audio, video, and enable telecommunication with another user of another mobile computer. Other examples of application programs include calendars, search programs, email client applications, IM applications, SMS applications, Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) applications, contact managers, task managers, transcoders, database programs, word processing programs, security applications, spreadsheet programs, games, search programs, and so forth. Applications **320** may include modeling engine **322**, visualization engine **324**, other applications **329**, or the like, that may be arranged to perform actions for embodiments described below. In one or more of the various embodiments, one or more of the applications may be implemented as modules or components of another application. Further, in one or more of the various embodiments, applications may be implemented as operating system extensions, modules, plugins, or the like.

[0085] Furthermore, in one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engine **322**, visualization engine **324**, other applications **329**, or the like, may be operative in a cloud-based computing environment. In one or more of the various embodiments, these applications, and others, that comprise the management platform may be executing within virtual machines or virtual

servers that may be managed in a cloud-based computing environment. In one or more of the various embodiments, in this context the applications may flow from one physical network computer within the cloud-based environment to another depending on performance and scaling considerations automatically managed by the cloud computing environment. Likewise, in one or more of the various embodiments, virtual machines or virtual servers dedicated to modeling engine **322**, visualization engine **324**, other applications **329**, or the like, may be provisioned and de-commissioned automatically.

[0086] Also, in one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engine **322**, visualization engine **324**, other applications **329**, or the like, may be located in virtual servers running in a cloud-based computing environment rather than being tied to one or more specific physical network computers.

[0087] Further, network computer **300** may also comprise hardware security module (HSM) **360** for providing additional tamper resistant safeguards for generating, storing or using security/cryptographic information such as, keys, digital certificates, passwords, passphrases, two-factor authentication information, or the like. In some embodiments, hardware security module may be employed to support one or more standard public key infrastructures (PKI), and may be employed to generate, manage, or store keys pairs, or the like. In some embodiments, HSM **360** may be a stand-alone network computer, in other cases, HSM **360** may be arranged as a hardware card that may be installed in a network computer.

[0088] Additionally, in one or more embodiments (not shown in the figures), network computer **300** may include an embedded logic hardware device instead of a CPU, such as, an Application Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC), Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA), Programmable Array Logic (PAL), or the like, or combination thereof. The embedded logic hardware device may directly execute its embedded logic to perform actions. Also, in one or more embodiments (not shown in the figures), the network computer may include one or more hardware microcontrollers instead of a CPU. In one or more embodiments, the one or more microcontrollers may directly execute their own embedded logic to perform actions and access their own internal memory and their own external Input and Output Interfaces (e.g., hardware pins or wireless transceivers) to perform actions, such as System On a Chip (SOC), or the like.

Illustrative Logical System Architecture

[0089] FIG. **4** illustrates a logical architecture of system **400** for interactive interface for data analysis and report generation in accordance with one or more of the various embodiments. In one or more of the various embodiments, system **400** may be a data modeling platform arranged to include various components including: modeling engine **402**; visualization engine **404**; visualizations **406**; visualization models **408**; data models **410**; data sources **412**; assessment models **414**; or the like.

[0090] In one or more of the various embodiments, data sources **412** represent a source of raw data, records, data items, or the like, that modeling engine **402** may employ to enable users to generate or modify data models, such as, data models **410**.

[0091] In one or more of the various embodiments, data models, such as, data models **410** may be data structures, or the like, that provide one or more logical representations of the information stored in one or more data sources, such as, data source **412**. In some embodiments, data models may include data objects that correspond to one or more portions of tables, views, or files in a data source. For example, in some embodiments, if data source **412** is a CSV file or a database, a data model, such as, data model **412** may be comprised of one or more data objects that may correspond to record fields in data source **412**.

[0092] In one or more of the various embodiments, data models may be arranged to provide logical representations of a data source that may vary from an underlying data source. In some embodiments, this may include excluding one or more fields of the data source from the data model.

[0093] In some embodiments, a modeling engine, such as, modeling engine **402** may be employed to transform some or all of data sources **412** into data models **410**. In some embodiments, the modeling engine may be arranged to employ or execute computer readable instructions provided by configuration information to determine some or all of the steps for transforming values in data sources into data models. In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to enable interactive interface for data analysis and report generation, as described in detail below.

[0094] In one or more of the various embodiments, visualization engines, such as, visualization engine **404** may be arranged to employ visualization models, such as, visualization models **408** to determine the layout, styling, interactivity, or the like, for visualizations, such as, visualizations **406** that may be displayed to users. Also, in some embodiments, visualization engines may be arranged to employ data item values provided via data sources to populate visualizations with values based on a data model.

[0095] In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to enable users to select a primary visualization that may provide a starting point for an analysis session. Accordingly, in one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to determine one or more insight items that may provide analytical information related to the visualization or its associated data models or data sources.

[0096] In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to employ one or more assessment models, such as, assessment models **414** to evaluate data fields, data models, data sources, visualizations, or the like, to determine one or more insight items that may be associated with a primary visualization.

[0097] In one or more of the various embodiments, different assessment models may be arranged to provide insight scores that may be used to compare the rank insight items. In some embodiments, different assessment models may be configured employ different scoring criteria for determining or scoring insight items. Accordingly, in some embodiments, assessment engines may be arranged to weight or normalize insight scores provided by different assessment models. In some embodiments, the particular normalization rules or weight rules for normalizing or weighting assessment model confidence scores may be provided via configuration information.

[0098] Also, in one or more of the various embodiments, assessment models may be arranged to provide natural language narratives that may be employed in user interfaces or reports explain the meaning or context of an insight item. In some embodiments, narratives may be based on templates that enable labels, units, values, field names, or the like, associated with insight items or visualizations to be included with the insight items listed in the insight panel.

[0099] In one or more of the various embodiments, assessment models may be designed or tailored to evaluate one or more statistical features of data associated with a visualization. Accordingly, in one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to apply one or more assessment models to assess if the data associated with a visualization has one or more of the statistical features targeted by an assessment model. In some embodiments, assessment models may be arranged to provide the insight score as a form of a self-grade that represents how close the data associated with the insight items matches the statistical features the assessment model may be designed to match or otherwise evaluate.

[0100] In one or more of the various embodiments, one or more assessment models may focus on general, well-known, or commonplace statistical features that may be expected to be associated with visualizations, marks, data models, data sources, or the like.

[0101] Also, in one or more of the various embodiments, one or more assessment models may be customized or directed to particular problem domains or business domains. For example, assessment models directed to financial information may be arranged differently than assessment models directed to employee information. Likewise, for example, assessment models directed to the automobile industry may be arranged differently than assessment models directed to the cruise

(ship) industry. Further, in one or more of the various embodiments, one or more assessment models may be customized for particular data sources, data models, or visualizations for a particular organization or user. Accordingly, in one or more of the various embodiments, assessment models may be stored in data store that enables them to be configured independently from each other.

[0102] In one or more of the various embodiments, if a user provides a primary visualization, the modeling engine may determine one or more assessment models and apply them to determine insight items that may be associated with the primary visualization. In some embodiments, insight items may be grouped based on the assessment models used to identify them. Also, in some embodiments, one or more insight items may be grouped because they represent the same kind of insight. In some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to determine insight items grouping rules based on configuration information.

[0103] In one or more of the various embodiments, assessment models may be arranged to determine insights related to determining outlier values, trends, aggregates, related visualizations, related data model, or the like, based on the features of the primary visualization, its data source, its data model, or the like. Further, in one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to automatically provide visualizations that correspond to some or all of the insight items. For example, if the trend of a Profit data field is determined to be an insight item, the modeling engine may provide a visualization showing the trend line for the Profit data field. In some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to generate thumbnails views for the insight items that appear similar to the related insight visualization.

[0104] In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines or visualization engines may be arranged to track or log metrics associated with system-wide user interactions with visualizations or data models. Accordingly, in one or more of the various embodiments, one or more assessment models may be arranged to identify other visualizations that may commonly be viewed close-in-time to the primary visualization. In some embodiments, some of these visualizations may be determined to be related visualizations that merit being considered an insight item. Note, in some embodiments, the particular criteria for determining if visualizations are related, or if related visualizations may be insight items may be determined based on the particular assessment models employed to determine such insight items. Likewise, in some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to employ one or more assessment models to determine one or more related data fields that may comprise one or more data models or one or more data sources shared by the primary visualization and other visualizations. For example, an assessment model may be arranged to determine that one or more visualizations that use some of the same data fields as the primary visualization may be considered insight items. In some embodiments, assessment models may be configured to provide the particular criteria for determining if visualizations that share data fields, data models, or the like, may be considered insight items.

[0105] Further, in some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to provide a scratch pad (e.g., scratch panel) that enables a user to selectively capture or record visualizations or insight items during the analysis session. In some embodiments, the scratch panel may be configured to display the captured information (e.g., scratch items) in a chronological order to provide visual cues regarding the progression of the analysis session. Also, in some embodiments, scratch items in the scratch panel may be accessed out of order to enable user to dynamically view the visualizations, or the like, associated with the scratch items.

[0106] FIG. 5A illustrates a logical representation of a portion of user interface **500** for interactive interface for data analysis and report generation in accordance with one or more of the various embodiments. In some embodiments, user interface **500** may be arranged to include one or more panels, such as, display panel **502**, insights panel **504**, scratch panel **506**, or the like.

[0107] In one or more of the various embodiments, user interface **500** may be displayed on one or more hardware displays, such as, client computer displays, mobile device displays, or the like. In

some embodiments, user interface **500** may be provided via a native application or as a web application hosted in a web browser or other similar applications. One of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that for at least clarity or brevity many details common to commercial/production user interfaces have been omitted from user interface **500**. Likewise, in some embodiments, user interfaces may be arranged differently than shown depending on local circumstances or local requirements, such as, display type, display resolution, user preferences, or the like. However, one of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that the disclosure/description of user interface **500** is at least sufficient for disclosing the innovations included herein.

[0108] In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to generate user interfaces such as user interface **500** for interactive data analysis or report generation.

[0109] In this example, display panel **502** represent a panel for displaying visualizations that have been selected or recommended a user. In some embodiments, the user may be an author of the displayed visualization or the user may be performing data analysis using visualizations authored by other users. In some embodiments, display panels, such as, display panel **502** may be employed to display different visualizations. For example, if a user selects a visualization to review, it may be displayed in a display panel. In some embodiments, visualizations displayed in display panels may be comprised of one or more sub-visualizations, user interface controls, text annotations, or the like. However, for at least brevity and clarity visualizations, such as, visualization **508** may be considered to represent more complex visualizations as well as simple visualizations.

[0110] In one or more of the various embodiments, visualizations may be associated with one or more data sources that provide the data may be represented by the visualization. In this example, visualization **508** represents a line plot. One of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate the other graphical plots or visualizations may be employed without departing from the innovations disclosed herein. Further, in some embodiments, the data domain or semantic meaning of the visualizations described herein may vary depending on the needs of the users or organizations that may be authoring visualizations. Thus, herein there is little discussion of the underlying data, the meaning of particular visualizations or plot, or the like.

[0111] In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to generate insight panels, such as, insight panel **504**. In some embodiments, insight panels may be arranged to display interactive representations of one or more insight items. In one or more of the various embodiments, insight items may represent various visualizations, or the like, that may provide some analytical insights to a user that may be viewing one or more visualizations. Accordingly, in some embodiments, if a user selects a primary visualization to analyze, modeling engines may be arranged to determine one or more insight items based on one or more of, the characteristics of the primary visualization, data models associated with the primary visualization, data sources associated with primary visualization, or the like. In this example, for some embodiments, visualization **508** may be considered a primary visualization.

[0112] In one or more of the various embodiments, users may be enabled to select one or more insight items which may cause a visualization associated with the selected insight items to be displayed in the display panel—replacing the last primary visualization. Accordingly, in some embodiments, users may rapidly switch to view visualizations that may be listed in the insight panel. Also, in some embodiments, as different visualizations are selected, they may become the current primary visualization. Thus, in some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to modify the collection of insight items based on the current primary visualization.

[0113] In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to scratch pad panels (e.g., scratch panels), such as, scratch panel **506**. In some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to associate references to one or more visualizations or insight items in scratch panels. In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be configured to display scratch panel items, such as, scratch panel item **516** in scratch panels, such as, scratch panels. In some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to automatically generate scratch

panel items as users switch to different primary visualizations. Likewise, in one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to provide various user interface controls or menu items that enable users to select add or remove scratch panel items from scratch panels. [0114] In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to generate scratch panel items that provide a visual record of one or more of the visualizations or one or more of the insight items reviewed by the user. Accordingly, in some embodiments, a record of the data analysis session may be generated and displayed in the display panel.

[0115] In some embodiments, as users select scratch panel items, visualizations associated with the selected scratch panel items may be displayed in the display panel, becoming the current primary visualization.

[0116] In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to enable users to remove scratch panel items from the scratch panel. For example, in some embodiments, user interface controls, such as, context menus, buttons, or the like, may be provided to remove scratch panel items from the scratch panel. Similarly, in some embodiments, users may be enabled to select if a primary visualization or insight item should be added to the scratch panel. In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to employ templates, layout information, styling information, or the like, provided via configuration information to determine the appearance or interactive behavior of scratch panels.

[0117] In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to display different types of insight items in insight panels. In some embodiments, the different types of insight items may be grouped or otherwise styled to indicate they are in the same group. In some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to display icons, labels, text descriptions, tooltips, or the like, to provide context information about a group of insight items.

[0118] In this example, insight panel **504** represents an insight panel that is showing three different types of insight items. In this example, insight item group **510**, insight item group **512**, and insight item group **514** represent different insight item groups. In some embodiments, the numbers of insight items in an insight item group and the number of insight item groups may vary depending on one or more factors, including, the current primary visualization, the data sources associated with the primary visualization, the data models associated with the primary visualization, or the like. In some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to employ rules, catalogs, instructions, or the like, provided via configuration information to determine the particular arrangement or selection of insight item group that may be displayed in an insight panel to account for local requirements or local circumstances.

[0119] Similarly, in one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to employ templates, layout information, styling information, or the like provided via configuration information to determine the appearance or interactive behavior of the insight panel.

[0120] In one or more of the various embodiments, insight items may be determined based on a variety of criteria depending on the type of insight item. In some embodiments, insight items may be associated with other visualizations that have one or more characteristics that may be similar to the primary visualization. For example, in some embodiments, insight items may be other visualizations that are based on the same data model or data source as the primary visualization. In other cases, insight items may be visualizations that are focused on data fields that may or may not be displayed in the primary visualization. For example, if the primary visualization shows a current value of a data field, an insight item may be another visualization that shows the rate of change for the same field. Other examples may include visualizations that show trends, distributions, or the like, that may be related to data fields included in the primary visualization. In some cases, insight items may be different visualizations of same data as the primary visualization that may be made by different authors. Also, in some embodiments, insight items may represent visualizations or explanations (text) that focus on data fields that may be influencing or driving the appearance of the primary visualization. For example, this may include highlighting outliers, missing values, or

the like.

[0121] Accordingly, in one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to employ a variety of assessment models (not shown) to determine insight items. In one or more of the various embodiments, assessment models may be considered data structures that include the data or instructions for determining if visualizations, data fields, data models, explanations, or the like, should be listed in the insight panel. In one or more of the various embodiments, assessment models may be provided from a variety of sources and may include, heuristics, grammars, parsers, conditionals, machine learning classifiers, other machine learning models, curve fitting, or the like, that may be employed to provide an insight score that may be used to determine if the item under consideration may be listed in the insight panel. In some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to employ insight scores provided by assessment models to determine if an insight item should be listed. In some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to apply additional criteria, such as, the age of insight items, number of other users that have viewed or used an insight item, or the like.

[0122] In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to enable one or more assessment models to be added or removed from the system. Thus, in some embodiments, as new kinds of insight items may be determined, assessment models that may discover them may be included. Likewise, if assessment models fall out of favor based on local preferences or local requirements, those assessment models may be removed or otherwise disabled. Accordingly, in some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to determine the available assessment models based on configuration information to account for local circumstances of local requirements.

[0123] In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to apply one or more sorting functions to rank order insight items within their group or against all insight items. In some embodiments, the sorting functions may vary depending on the insight item group, the user, the organization, or the like. Also, in some embodiments, users or organizations may be enabled to define one or more sorting rules, or the like, that may be stored as preferences in configuration information.

[0124] In one or more of the various embodiments, additional panels may be included in user interface **500**, including, panels or controls for providing search expressions, filters, or the like.

[0125] FIG. 5B illustrates a logical representation of a portion of user interface **500** for interactive interface for data analysis and report generation in accordance with one or more of the various embodiments. For brevity and clarity, elements or behaviors of user interface **500** described above for FIG. 5A are not repeated here.

[0126] In this example, the primary visualization has changed to primary visualization **518** which represents a visualization generated based on an insight item selected from insight panel **504**. Also, in this example, scratch panel item **520** may be considered to reference primary visualization **518**.

[0127] In this example, a user has added two scratch panel items (scratch panel item **516** and scratch panel item **52**) to scratch panel **506**. Accordingly, in some embodiments, if the user wants to revisit the visualization associated with scratch panel item **516**, they may select scratch panel item **516** and the modeling engine may display the corresponding visualization as the current primary visualization. Note, in some embodiments, if the visualization corresponds to scratch panel item **516** is selected to be the primary visualization, the two scratch panel items in scratch panel **506** may remain displayed.

[0128] In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to enable users to change the order of the scratch panel items in scratch panel. For example, a modeling engine may be arranged to generate scratch panels such that the positions of scratch panel items may be changed by dragging them to another position in the scratch panel.

[0129] FIG. 6 illustrates a logical representation of a portion of user interface **600** for interactive interface for data analysis and report generation in accordance with one or more of the various

embodiments. For reasons of brevity and clarity, elements or behaviors of user interface **600** described above for FIG. 5A, or the like, are not repeated here.

[0130] In some embodiments, user interfaces, such as, user interface **600** may be arranged to include a story panel, such as, story panel **602**, insight panel **604**, scratch panel **606**, or the like.

[0131] In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to enable users to generate reports that may be saved or shared with other users. In some embodiments, reports may be considered compound visualizations that include one or more visualizations, additional annotations, or the like.

[0132] In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to enable story items to be added a story panel. In one or more of the various embodiments, story items may be selected from a scratch panel or an insight panel. Or, in some embodiments, story items may include additional annotations that may be added or created on the fly. In some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to generate interaction reports based on the story items that may be added to the story panel.

[0133] In this example, visualization **612** and visualization **614** represent visualizations that have been added to the story panel. In this example, for some embodiments, visualization **612** may be added to story panel **602** based on a user interacting with scratch panel item **608**. Similarly, in this example, visualization **614** may be added to story panel **602** based on the user interacting with scratch panel item **610**.

[0134] In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to enable users to create or import other text, images, visualizations, or the like, from other sources rather than being limited to using insight items or scratch panel items. For example, for some embodiments, annotation **616** represents a text annotation that has been added to story panel **602**.

[0135] In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to automatically resize story panels as story items may be added. In this example, story panel **602** is illustrated using dashed lines the extend outside of the border of user interface **600** to indicate that the modeling engine has automatically increases its size or otherwise adjusts its geometry to accommodate the story items that have been added.

Generalized Operations

[0136] FIGS. 7-10 represent generalized operations for interactive interface for data analysis and report generation in accordance with one or more of the various embodiments. In one or more of the various embodiments, processes **700**, **800**, **900**, and **1000** described in conjunction with FIGS. 7-10 may be implemented by or executed by one or more processors on a single network computer, such as network computer **300** of FIG. 3. In other embodiments, these processes, or portions thereof, may be implemented by or executed on a plurality of network computers, such as network computer **300** of FIG. 3. In yet other embodiments, these processes, or portions thereof, may be implemented by or executed on one or more virtualized computers, such as, those in a cloud-based environment. However, embodiments are not so limited and various combinations of network computers, client computers, or the like may be utilized. Further, in one or more of the various embodiments, the processes described in conjunction with FIGS. 7-10 may be used for interactive interface for data analysis and report generation in accordance with at least one of the various embodiments, architectures, or user interfaces such as those described in conjunction with FIGS. 4-6. Further, in one or more of the various embodiments, some or all of the actions performed by processes **700**, **800**, **900**, and **1000** may be executed in part by modeling engine **322**, visualization engine **324**, or the like, running on one or more processors of one or more network computers.

[0137] FIG. 7 illustrates an overview flowchart of process **700** for interactive interface for data analysis and report generation in accordance with one or more of the various embodiments. After a start block, at start block **702**, in one or more of the various embodiments, a modeling engine may be provided a primary visualization that may be displayed in a display panel. As described above, primary visualizations may be selected by a user or automatically selected based on a default rule.

For example, in some embodiments, a user viewing a visualization become interested in understanding more about the underlying data that contributed to the visualization they are viewing. In this example, the modeling engine may be arranged to provide a user interface control (e.g., button, menu item, or the like) that enables users to start an analysis session based on the visualization they are viewing. Accordingly, in this example, the visualization being viewed by the user may be provided to the modeling engine as the primary visualization for the analysis session. [0138] At block **704**, in one or more of the various embodiments, the modeling engine may be arranged to generate one or more insight items that may be displayed in an insight panel. In some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to employ one or more assessment models to determine one or more insight items to list in the insight panel.

[0139] At decision block **706**, in one or more of the various embodiments, if an insight item may be selected, control may flow to block **708**; otherwise, control may be loop back to decision block **706**. As described above, insight panels may be arranged to enable users to interact with the listed insight items. For example, in some embodiments, a user may be enabled to employ a pointing device, such as, a mouse, to select insight items by clicking them with the pointing device.

[0140] At block **708**, in one or more of the various embodiments, the modeling engine may be arranged to generate another visualization based on the selected insight item. In some embodiments, the other visualization may be displayed in the display panel. In some embodiments, the other visualization may be considered a new primary visualization. Also, in some embodiments, the primary visualization that was used at the start of the analysis session may remain the primary visualization even though the other visualization is displayed in the display panel.

[0141] In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to update or modify the insight items based on the other visualization. In some embodiments, this may occur if the other visualization is considered the new primary visualization. Also, in some embodiments, the insight items may be updated based on the other visualization even if it is not the primary visualization.

[0142] At decision block **710**, in one or more of the various embodiments, if the selected insight item or visualization may be added to the scratch panel, control may flow to block **712**; otherwise, control may flow to decision block **714**. In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to automatically add selected visualizations or insight items to the scratch panel. In some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to selectively add visualization or insight items to the scratch panel based on user input or other rules.

[0143] At block **712**, in one or more of the various embodiments, the modeling engine may be arranged to add thumbnail image that may be associated with the previous primary visualization to a scratch panel. In one or more of the various embodiments, visualizations or insight items included in scratch panels may be illustrated using thumbnails or otherwise minimized visual representations of the added visualizations or insight items. In some embodiments, the necessary thumbnails may be minimized views that mimic the appearance of the visualizations or insight items that they represent.

[0144] At decision block **714**, in one or more of the various embodiments, if the analysis session may be finished, control may be returned to a calling process; otherwise, control may loop back to block decision block **706**. In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to enable users to interactively analyze the primary visualization or its underlying data based on the insight items listed in the insight panel. Accordingly, in some embodiments, if the user finishes their analysis session, the session may be terminated. Otherwise, the user may continue interacting with one or more of the insight panel, scratch panel, display panel, or the like, until they are finished with the analysis session.

[0145] Next, in one or more of the various embodiments, control may be returned to a calling process.

[0146] FIG. **8** illustrates a flowchart of process **800** for generating a report based on a scratch pad

panel in accordance with one or more of the various embodiments. After a start block, at start block **802**, in one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to generate a scratch panels that may list one or more scratch panel items. As described above, in some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to provide scratch panels to automatically track or record some or all of the visualizations or insight items that may have reviewed during a user's analysis session. In some embodiments, scratch panels provide a visual reference that enables users to revisit recently viewed visualizations or insight items.

[0147] At decision block **804**, in one or more of the various embodiments, if a scratch panel item or insight item may be added to a report panel, control may flow to block **806**; otherwise, control may flow to decision block **808**. In one or more of the various embodiments, as described above, report panels may be panels arranged to accepted visualizations, insight items, or annotations that may be combined into an interactive report that may be stored or shared.

[0148] Accordingly, in some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to enable users to select one or more scratch panel items or one or more insight items to add to the report panel.

[0149] At block **806**, in one or more of the various embodiments, the modeling engine may be arranged to update the report panel with a visualization associated with the scratch panel item. In some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to append or prepend the scratch panel item ahead or behind other report items in the report panel. In some embodiments, the scratch panel item may be inserted in between two report items in the report panel.

[0150] In some embodiments, the modeling engine may be arranged to automatically expend or contract the size of the report panel based on the report items that it may be include. Note, in some embodiments, a portion (a view window) of the report panel may be displayed while the remainder is maintained off-screen.

[0151] At decision block **808**, in one or more of the various embodiments, an annotation may be added to the report panel, control may flow to block **810**; control may flow to decision block **812**. In one or more of the various embodiments, annotations may be considered any item, such as, text, images, comment blocks, legends, summaries, links, bookmarks, or the like, that may be added to a report. In some embodiments, annotations may be selected from sources other than the scratch panel or the insight panel.

[0152] Also, in one or more of the various embodiments, annotations may include additional user interface controls that may be included in interactive reports. For example, one or more report items may be associated with a user interface control that hides or shows the one or more report items based on user interactions or user input.

[0153] At block **810**, in one or more of the various embodiments, the modeling engine may be arranged to update the report panel to include the annotation. Similar, to the description for block **806**, modeling engines may be arranged to update the report panel and the report to include the one or more annotations.

[0154] At decision block **812**, in one or more of the various embodiments, if the report session may be finished, control may be returned to a calling process; otherwise, control may loop back to block **802**. In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to enable users to interactively construct a report by iteratively adding, moving, or removing items from the report. Accordingly, if the user is finished with the report, they may store it for use in the future or they may share it with others.

[0155] Next, in one or more of the various embodiments, control may be returned to a calling process.

[0156] FIG. **9** illustrates a flowchart of process **900** for providing an interactive interface for data analysis and report generation in accordance with one or more of the various embodiments. After a start block, at start block **902**, in one or more of the various embodiments, a visualization may be provided to a modeling engine. In some embodiments, the modeling engine may be arranged to display the visualization in a display. In some embodiments, the visualization may be a primary

visualization. In some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to enable users to initiate an analysis session with a primary visualization. In some embodiments, the initial primary visualization may be considered the primary visualization until a user finishes the analysis session or select a different primary visualization. Alternatively, in some embodiments, the primary visualization may be considered the visualization that is current displayed in the displayed. Thus, in some embodiments, each time a visualization associated with an insight item may be selected from the insight panel and displayed in the display panel it may be considered the new primary visualization. Further, in one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to provide user interface controls (e.g., buttons, toggles, menu items, or the like) that enable users to expressly assign a visualization to be the primary visualization.

[0157] In one or more of the various embodiments, the primary visualization may be considered to be the visualization that drives the determination of the insight items.

[0158] At block **904**, in one or more of the various embodiments, the modeling engine may be arranged to determine a data source or one or more data models that may be associated with the primary visualization. In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to determine the data sources or data model associated with the primary visualization based on lookup tables, maps, catalogs, or the like, that associate data sources or data models with a visualization. In some embodiments, the visualization model associated with a primary visualization may define the data sources or data models that are associated with the primary visualization.

[0159] At block **906**, in one or more of the various embodiments, the modeling engine may be arranged to generate one or more field insight items. In one or more of the various embodiments, field insight items may be insight items related to recommending one or more data fields that may provide insight into the meaning of primary visualization. For example, if the primary visualization includes values that are based on combination of two or more data fields, a relevant field insight item may be plots of the individual data fields that were combined in the primary visualization to provide insights into how each component data field contributes to the value displayed in the primary visualization. Likewise, in some embodiments, fields insight items may be data fields that may often be used in combination with one or more of the data fields used by in the primary visualization. For example, if modeling engines identify one or more data fields that are commonly used together with one or more data fields in the primary visualization, these data fields may be considered insight items.

[0160] In one or more of the various embodiments, field insight items may be associated with narrative information that may explain the relevance of each field insight item. Likewise, field insight items may be associated with an insight score that may be employed to rank order field insight items against each other. As described above, the particular actions or criteria performed to identify or evaluate field insight items may be defined in one or more assessment models.

[0161] At block **908**, in one or more of the various embodiments, the modeling engine may be arranged to generate one or more trend insight items. Similar to field insight items, trend insight items may be associated with visualization or data fields that show trends associated with one or more data field or data object associated with the primary visualization. For example, if the primary visualization includes plots based on aggregate values of data fields, visualizations that include plots of values of the component fields over time may be considered for candidate trend insight items.

[0162] Similar to field insight items, in some embodiments, trend insight items may be associated with narrative information that may explain the relevance of each trend insight item. Likewise, in some embodiments, trend insight items may be associated with an insight score that may be employed to rank order trend insight items against each other. As described herein, the particular actions or criteria performed to identify or evaluate trend insight items may be defined in one or more assessment models.

[0163] At block **910**, in one or more of the various embodiments, the modeling engines may be arranged to generate one or more other insight items. One of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that field insight items or trend insight items represent non-limiting examples of the kind of insight items that may be determined. Accordingly, in some embodiments, assessment models may be provided to determine various kinds of insight items based on a variety of criteria. In some embodiments, the criteria may be tailored to local needs or local requirements. Thus, in some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to employ any number of assessment models to determine different kinds of insight items. In some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to determine the kinds of insight items or which assessment models to employ based on rules, instructions, classifiers, or the like, provided via configuration information.

[0164] At block **912**, in one or more of the various embodiments, the modeling engine may be arranged to list the insight items in an insight panel that may be displayed in a user interface. In some embodiments, the determined insight items may initially be considered candidate insight items until are listed in an insight panel. Accordingly, in some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to employ various criteria, such as insight scores, or the like, determine which of the candidate insight items should be listed in the insight panel. In some embodiments, user or organization preferences may influence which insight items may be listed in the insight panel. For example, in some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to enable users or organizations to set limits on the number of insight items to list in the insight panel. Likewise, in some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to enable users or organizations to set preference values to include or exclude entire kinds of insight items from being listed in the insight panel.

[0165] Next, in one or more of the various embodiments, control may be returned to a calling process.

[0166] FIG. **10** illustrates a flowchart of process **1000** for determining insight items providing an interactive interface for data analysis and report generation in accordance with one or more of the various embodiments. After a start block, at start block **1002**, in one or more of the various embodiments, a visualization, one or more data models, one or more data sources, or the like, may be provided to a modeling engine. As described above, modeling engines may be provided a primary visualization that may be associated with a data model or data source. In some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to determine a data model or data source from a visualization based on a table, map, lists, or the like, that maintains a record of which data models or data sources may be associated with a given visualization. In some embodiments, a visualization model that the visualization is based on may be arranged to include references or identifiers that enable the modeling engine to determine the data model or data source associated with a visualization. Further, in some embodiments, another process, such as, a visualization engine may be arranged to provide APIs that enable modeling engines to determine the data model or data source based on a visualization or visualization model.

[0167] At block **1004**, in one or more of the various embodiments, the modeling engine may be arranged to determine one or more assessment models. In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to employ different assessment models for different types of insight items. In some embodiments, one or more assessment models may be associated with particular data models, data sources, or visualizations. Likewise, in some embodiments, one or more assessment models may be arranged to be employed to assess some or all data models, data sources, visualizations, or the like, to determine insight items.

[0168] In some embodiments, users or organizations may be enabled to associate some or all assessment models with data models, data sources, or visualizations to reflect user or organization preferences. For example, in one or more of the various embodiments, an organization may prefer to employ a limited number of assessment models to conform to various constraints, such as, resource limitations, licensing restrictions, or the like. Also, in some embodiments, users or

organizations may prefer to use some types of insight items over other types of insight items. Accordingly, in some embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to employ one or more rules, instructions, preference information, or the like, provided via configuration information that may determine if an assessment model should be employed to determine insight items for a visualization.

[0169] Also, in one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to determine more than one assessment model and employ them in parallel to determine insight items.

[0170] At block **1006**, in one or more of the various embodiments, the modeling engine may be arranged to determine one or more candidate insight items based on the assessment model. As described above, assessment models may be configured to identify one or more insight items based on determining visualizations, data fields, data models, or the like, that meet the criteria defined by individual assessment models. In some embodiments, assessment models may be configured to assign an insight score that may enable insight items provided by the same or different assessment models to be rank ordered. Accordingly, in some embodiments, insight items that have not been confirmed for display in the insight panel may be considered candidate insight items.

[0171] At block **1008**, in one or more of the various embodiments, the modeling engine may be arranged to display one or more of the insight items in an insight panel.

[0172] In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be arranged to execute one or more actions to select, sort, or filter the candidate insight items determined by the assessment models. In one or more of the various embodiments, modeling engines may be enabled to select, sort, or filter the candidate insight items based on various criteria, including, insight scores, user/organization preferences, licensing restrictions, data access restrictions, or the like. For example, modeling engines may be arranged to disregard insight items that have an insight score that falls below a threshold value. Likewise, for example, modeling engines may be arranged to disregard insight items that are based on visualizations or data that the user is restricted from viewing or accessing.

[0173] Accordingly, in some embodiments, modeling engines may determine that some or all of the candidate insight items may be insight items that should be displayed in the insight panel.

[0174] Next, in one or more of the various embodiments, control may be returned to a calling process.

[0175] It will be understood that each block in each flowchart illustration, and combinations of blocks in each flowchart illustration, can be implemented by computer program instructions. These program instructions may be provided to a processor to produce a machine, such that the instructions, which execute on the processor, create means for implementing the actions specified in each flowchart block or blocks. The computer program instructions may be executed by a processor to cause a series of operational steps to be performed by the processor to produce a computer-implemented process such that the instructions, which execute on the processor, provide steps for implementing the actions specified in each flowchart block or blocks. The computer program instructions may also cause at least some of the operational steps shown in the blocks of each flowchart to be performed in parallel. Moreover, some of the steps may also be performed across more than one processor, such as might arise in a multi-processor computer system. In addition, one or more blocks or combinations of blocks in each flowchart illustration may also be performed concurrently with other blocks or combinations of blocks, or even in a different sequence than illustrated without departing from the scope or spirit of the invention.

[0176] Accordingly, each block in each flowchart illustration supports combinations of means for performing the specified actions, combinations of steps for performing the specified actions and program instruction means for performing the specified actions. It will also be understood that each block in each flowchart illustration, and combinations of blocks in each flowchart illustration, can be implemented by special purpose hardware-based systems, which perform the specified actions

or steps, or combinations of special purpose hardware and computer instructions. The foregoing example should not be construed as limiting or exhaustive, but rather, an illustrative use case to show an implementation of at least one of the various embodiments of the invention.

[0177] Further, in one or more embodiments (not shown in the figures), the logic in the illustrative flowcharts may be executed using an embedded logic hardware device instead of a CPU, such as, an Application Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC), Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA), Programmable Array Logic (PAL), or the like, or combination thereof. The embedded logic hardware device may directly execute its embedded logic to perform actions. In one or more embodiments, a microcontroller may be arranged to directly execute its own embedded logic to perform actions and access its own internal memory and its own external Input and Output Interfaces (e.g., hardware pins or wireless transceivers) to perform actions, such as System On a Chip (SOC), or the like.

Claims

1. A method comprising: at a computer system including one or more processors and memory storing one or more programs: detecting a user input to display a first visualization; in response to detecting the user input to display the first visualization: concurrently displaying, in a graphical user interface (GUI), the first visualization that is associated with data from a data source and an insight item generated based on the data from the data source, wherein the insight item includes an insight visualization and an associated natural language narrative that explains a meaning for the insight item and a relevance of one or more trends associated with the insight item.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein: the insight item is based on the first visualization; the insight visualization is based on one or more data fields from the data source that are used in the first visualization; and the insight visualization shows trends for the one or more data fields that are used in the first visualization.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein: the insight item is based on the first visualization; and the insight visualization is based on one or more data fields from the data source that are derived from the one or more data fields that are used in the first visualization.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein generating the insight item comprises: generating one or more candidate insight items associated with one or more insight scores; and determining the insight item based on the one or more candidate insight items having the one or more insight scores that exceed a threshold value.
5. The method of claim 1, further comprising: in response to selecting the insight item, displaying a second visualization in the GUI instead of the first visualization, wherein the second visualization is distinct from the first visualization.
6. The method of claim 5, further comprising: in response to selecting the insight item, displaying a scratch item that includes a thumbnail view of the first visualization for display in a scratch pane, wherein the scratch item, when selected, causes the computer system to display the first visualization in the GUI.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein: the natural language narrative is displayed in the GUI, and provides context information for the insight item that is displayed in the GUI.
8. A non-transitory computer readable storage medium storing one or more programs, the one or more programs comprising instructions, which when executed by an electronic device that is communicatively coupled to a display generation component, cause the electronic device to: detect a user input to display a first visualization; in response to detecting the user input to display the first visualization: concurrently display, in a graphical user interface (GUI), the first visualization that is associated with data from a data source and an insight item generated based on the data from the data source, wherein the insight item includes an insight visualization and an associated natural language narrative that explains a meaning for the insight item and a relevance of one or more

trends associated with the insight item.

- 9.** The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 8, wherein: the insight item is based on the first visualization; the insight visualization is based on one or more data fields from the data source that are used in the first visualization; and the insight visualization shows trends for the one or more data fields that are used in the first visualization.
- 10.** The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 8, wherein: the insight item is based on the first visualization; and the insight visualization is based on one or more data fields from the data source that are derived from the one or more data fields that are used in the first visualization.
- 11.** The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 8, wherein generating the insight item comprises: generating one or more candidate insight items associated with one or more insight scores; and determining the insight item based on the one or more candidate insight items having the one or more insight scores that exceed a threshold value.
- 12.** The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 8, wherein the one or more programs include instructions that, when executed by the computer system, cause the computer system to: in response to selecting the insight item, display a second visualization in the GUI instead of the first visualization, wherein the second visualization is distinct from the first visualization.
- 13.** The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 12, wherein the one or more programs include instructions that, when executed by the computer system, cause the computer system to: in response to selecting the insight item, display a scratch item that includes a thumbnail view of the first visualization for display in a scratch pane, wherein the scratch item, when selected, causes the computer system to display the first visualization in the GUI.
- 14.** The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 8, wherein: the natural language narrative is displayed in the GUI, and provides context information for the insight item that is displayed in the GUI.
- 15.** A computer system, comprising: a display generation component that is communicatively coupled to the computer system; one or more processors; and memory; wherein the memory stores one or more programs configured for execution by the one or more processors, and the one or more programs comprising instructions for: detecting a user input to display a first visualization; in response to detecting the user input to display the first visualization: concurrently displaying, in a graphical user interface (GUI), the first visualization that is associated with data from a data source and an insight item generated based on the data from the data source, wherein the insight item includes an insight visualization and an associated natural language narrative that explains a meaning for the insight item and a relevance of one or more trends associated with the insight item.
- 16.** The computer system of claim 15, wherein: the insight item is based on the first visualization; the insight visualization is based on one or more data fields from the data source that are used in the first visualization; and the insight visualization shows trends for the one or more data fields that are used in the first visualization.
- 17.** The computer system of claim 15, wherein: the insight item is based on the first visualization; and the insight visualization is based on one or more data fields from the data source that are derived from the one or more data fields that are used in the first visualization.
- 18.** The computer system of claim 15, wherein generating the insight item comprises: generating one or more candidate insight items associated with one or more insight scores; and determining the insight item based on the one or more candidate insight items having the one or more insight scores that exceed a threshold value.
- 19.** The computer system of claim 15, wherein the one or more programs comprising instructions for: in response to selecting the insight item, displaying a second visualization in the GUI instead of the first visualization, wherein the second visualization is distinct from the first visualization.
- 20.** The computer system of claim 19, wherein the one or more programs comprising instructions

for: in response to selecting the insight item, displaying a scratch item that includes a thumbnail view of the first visualization for display in a scratch pane, wherein the scratch item, when selected, causes the computer system to display the first visualization in the GUI.
