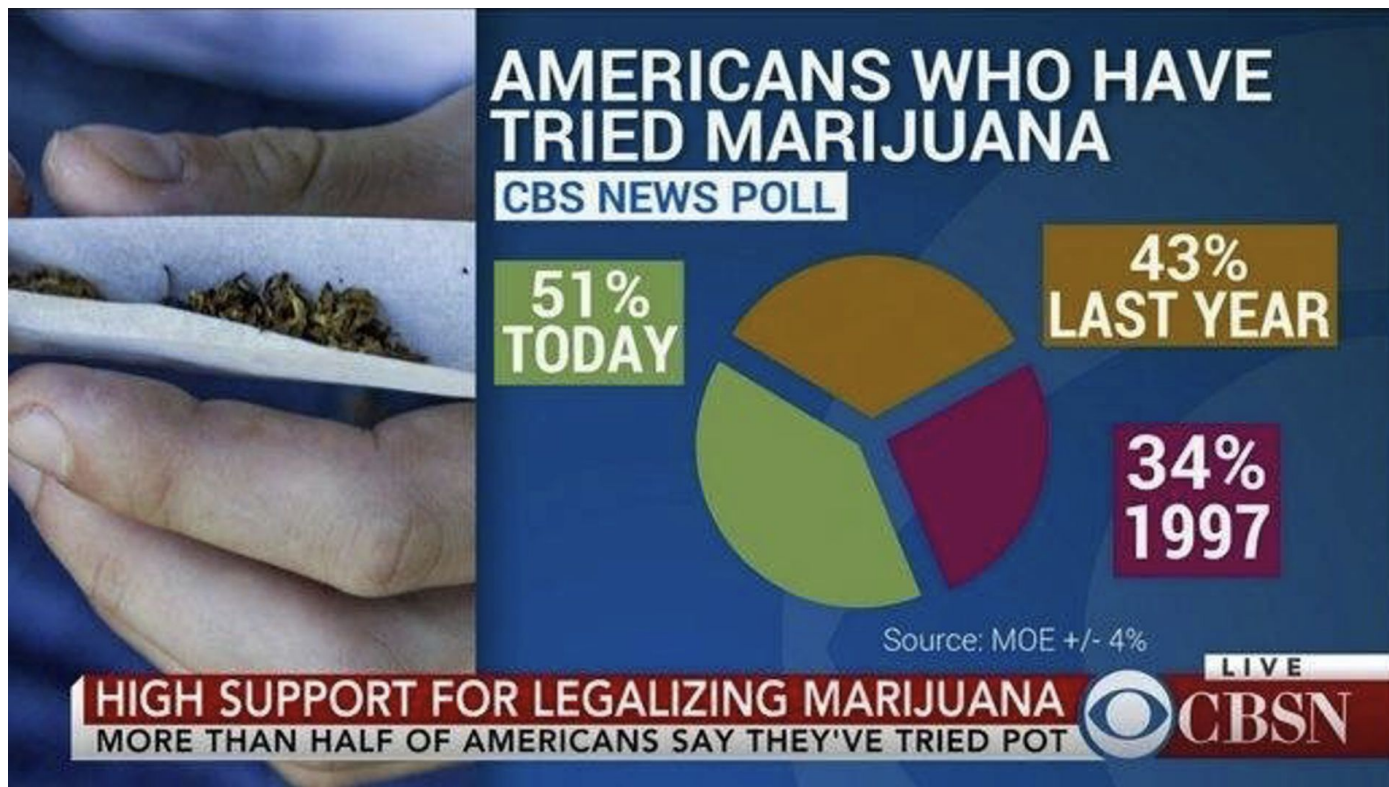


**Q: What is wrong with the following graph?**





# CPSC 100

## Computational Thinking

**From Perception to Story:  
Interactive Visual Design & Storytelling**


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# Agenda

- Course Admin
  - Student Research Survey
- Learning Goals
- Visualizations
  - Interactive Visualizations
  - Intro to Human Computer Interaction

# Student Research



Does listening to music affect  
your studying?  
Let us know!

**QR Code  
to be  
released  
after class**

[https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5vzPZzSgEjVXLCK](https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5vzPZzSgEjVXLCK)

This survey is anonymous and confidential—no personal information will be collected or traced back to you. The data will only be used for an LFS 252 project and will not be shared outside the course. Participation is voluntary, and you may exit at any time. Thank you for your input!

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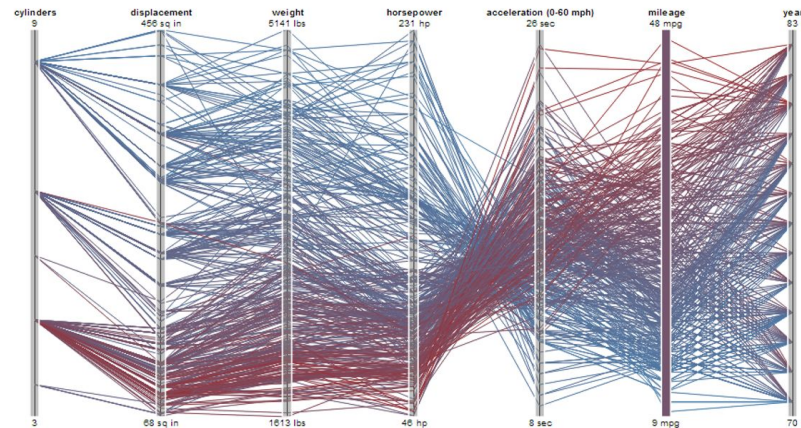
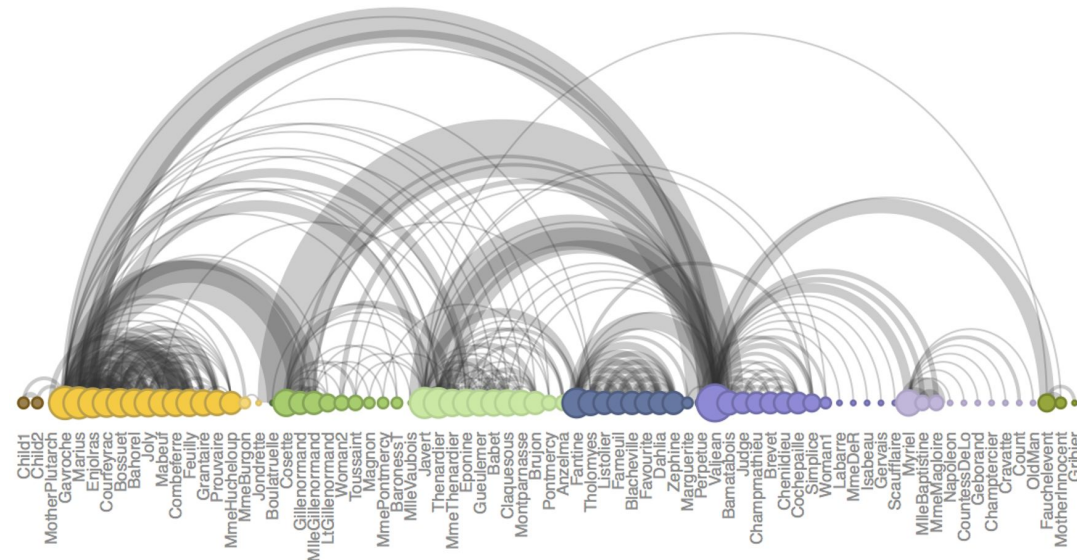
After this **today's lecture**, you should be able to:

- **Describe** the limitations of static visualizations in supporting data analysis and storytelling.
- **Explain** how interactivity improves a user's engagement with and interpretation of data.
- **Analyze** how interactivity supports or detracts from the underlying message in a visualization.
- Provide a **high-level** description of Human Computer Interaction and its importance.

# Limitations of Static Visualization

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- Difficult to represent large amounts of data
- Inability to properly support the question and answer process involved in data analysis
- But how do we fix this...?



# Activity



# Interactive Visualizations Activity

**In groups of 2-3:**

- Select one of the interactive visualizations on the next 6 slides and answer these questions:
  - What did the interactives allow you to do? (compared to a static visualization with no interaction)
  - What was the role of interaction in the visualizations?
  - How does the interaction support the visualization's story/message?



# Interactive Visualizations & Storytelling





# The 10 most popular baby names per year since 1880

USA

Each year almost 4 million babies are born in the US. Although thinking of 4 million unique names is pretty mind-boggling, the reality is that many names are repeated. Nonetheless, there are always many babies given the same name (of course there are also quite a few children who are given a name that no other child received that year. Not all fall into the category of Tarzan-Lollipop luckily, many of them I like, such as Nyx). In 2013 more than 18000 boys were named Noah in the US and more than 21000 girls named Sophia, the most popular boy and girl name of that year.

The chart below shows the top 10 names per year and per gender since 1880. You can search for any of the about 50 and 90 unique boy and girl names, respectively, that have entered the top 10 in the last 135 years and see their rise and fall. Or click on a name to see their full reign in the top 10. Use the smaller overview to change the starting and ending years in the bigger focus chart or switch between genders with the "Boys | Girls" button. You can also start an automatic loop through random names

Color gives the approximate starting letter of the name



Line thickness stands for the highest position ever reached by a name



GIRLS

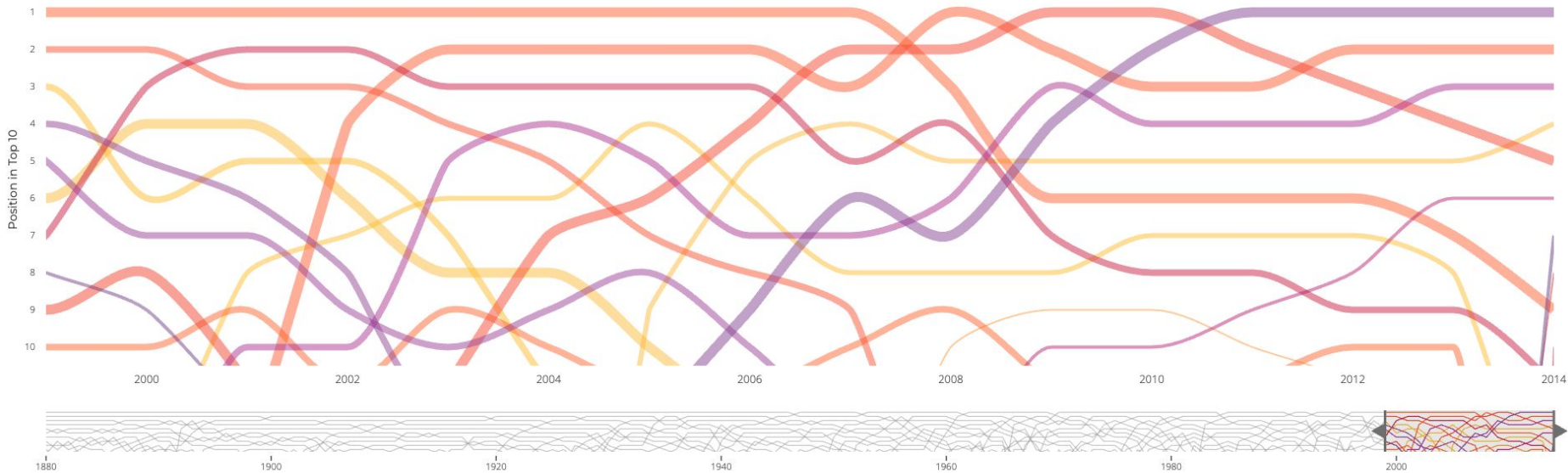
Boys

Girls

Loop through names

On

Off

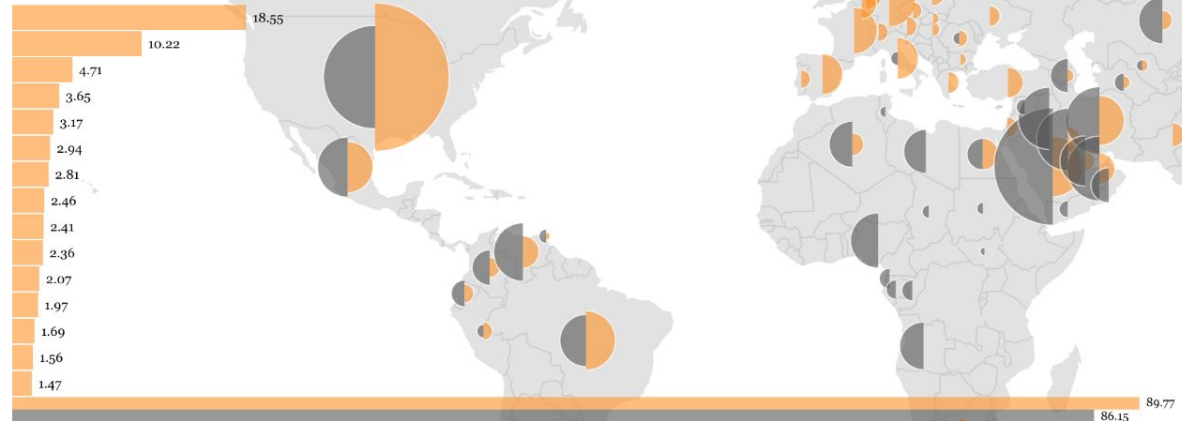
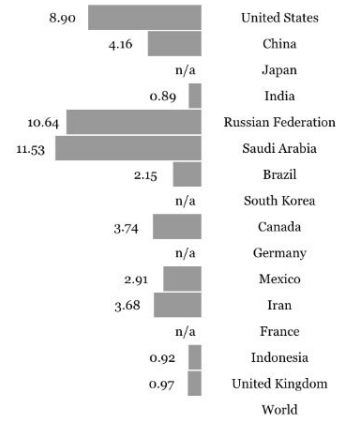


# Global Oil Production & Consumption since 1965

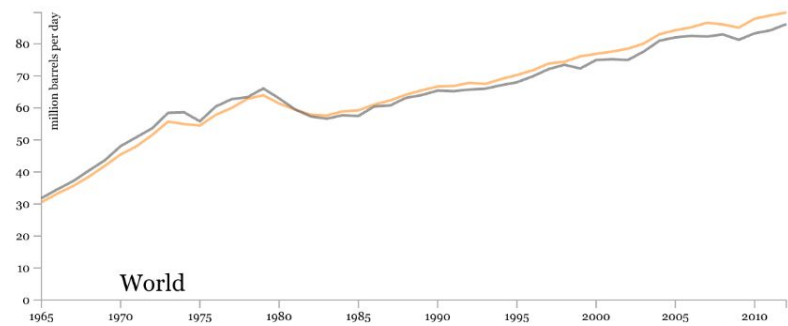
<https://labs.timogrossenbacher.ch/worldoil/>

Year: 2012

Order by:  
☐ Production ☒ Consumption



\* million barrels per day, only top 15 countries are shown



Tested in latest versions of Firefox, Chrome, Safari, and Internet Explorer. A minimal screen resolution of 1600 x 900px is recommended.

Note that the original data set does not consider all the countries of the world. For some countries, values are missing for a certain time period (e.g. for Russia/former UDSSR).

"Production" includes crude oil, shale oil, oil sands and NLGs, "consumption" also includes fuel ethanol and biodiesel, refinery fuel and loss.

**Author:**  
Timo Grossenbacher (BSc in Geography, University of Zurich)

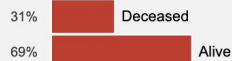
**Sources:**  
Geodata: [mbostock/topojson](#)  
Data: BP Statistical Review of World Energy 2013

# GAME OF THRONES

<https://mimno.github.io/showcase/project2/got/>

## Death Toll

According to online polls, the most important death scene is the Red Wedding, which saw the deaths of Robb Stark (King of the North and Our Hearts), his mother Catelyn Stark, and his pregnant wife, Talisa. Oh, and his direwolf, Grey Wind.



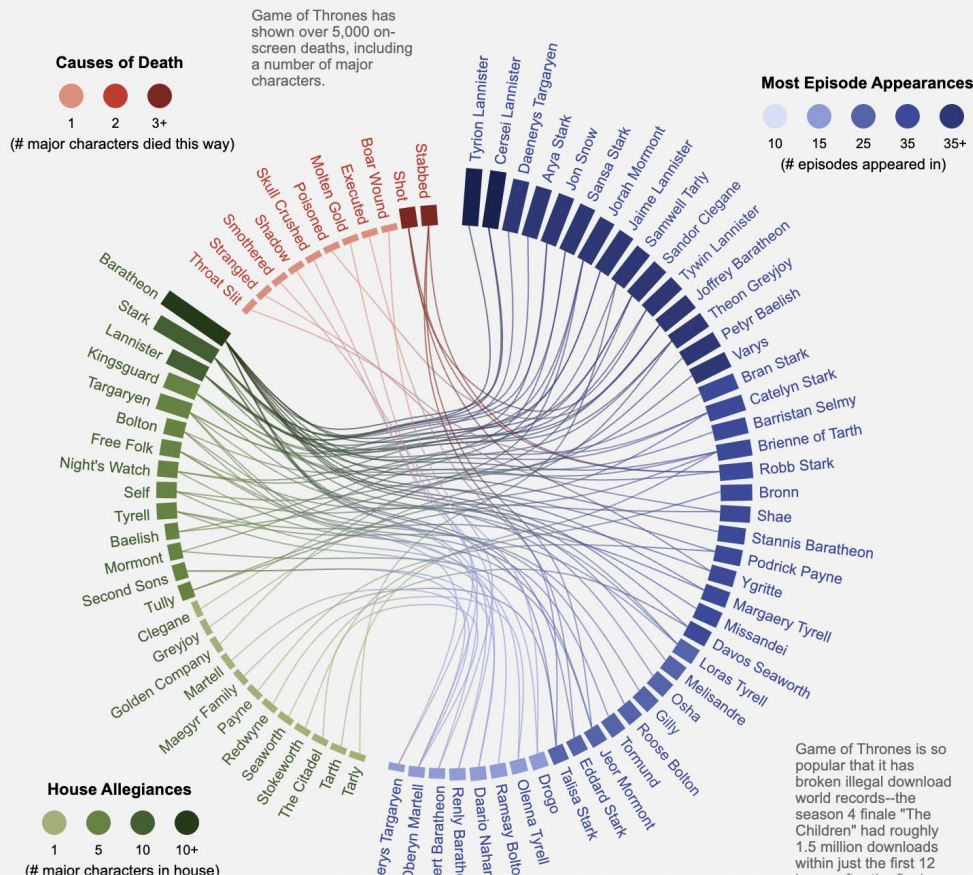
Show Deceased

## Allegiances by Gender

Game of Thrones is groundbreaking in its cast of both strong male and female characters. Emilia Clarke's Daenerys has become so popular, 146 baby girls were named Khaleesi in 2013!



Show Male Characters



Game of Thrones is so popular that it has broken illegal download world records—the season 4 finale "The Children" had roughly 1.5 million downloads within just the first 12

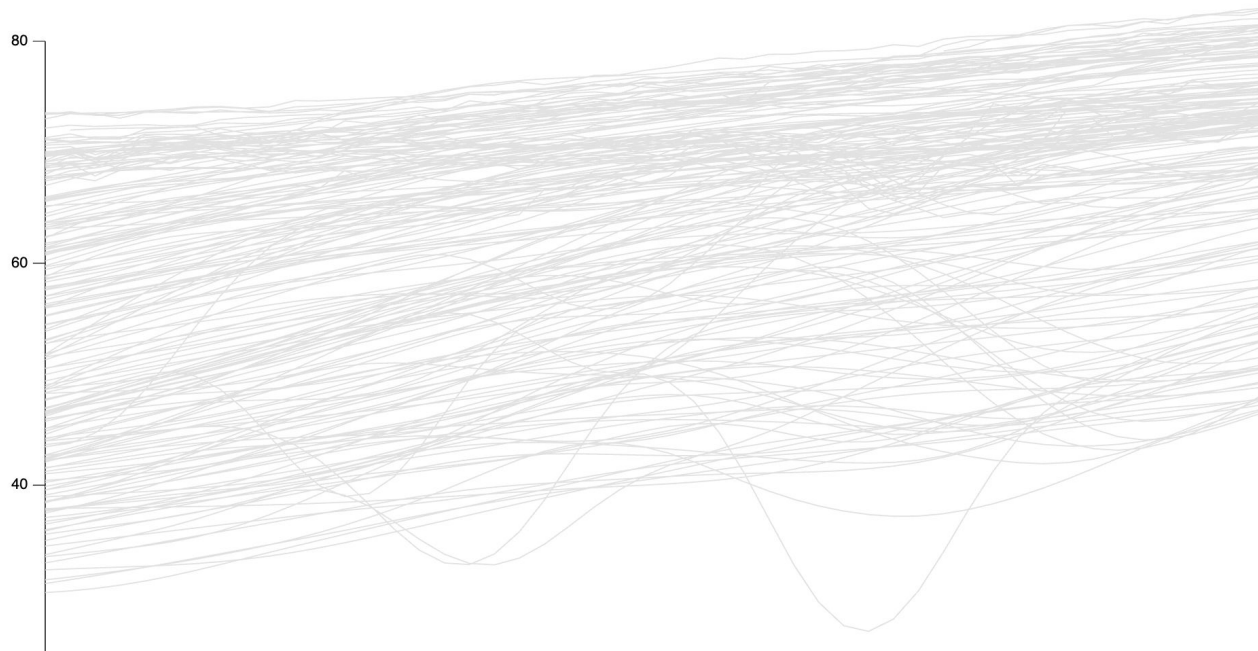
# Life Expectancy

People are living longer around the world, some more so than others. Select a region (as defined by World Bank) below to compare, or roll over to the graph to highlight countries. [Read more...](#)

[East Asia and Pacific](#)[South Asia](#)[Europe and Central Asia](#)[Middle East and North Africa](#)[Sub-Saharan Africa](#)[Latin America and Caribbean](#)[North America](#)

## WORLD

The average life expectancy in the world in 2009 was 69 years.

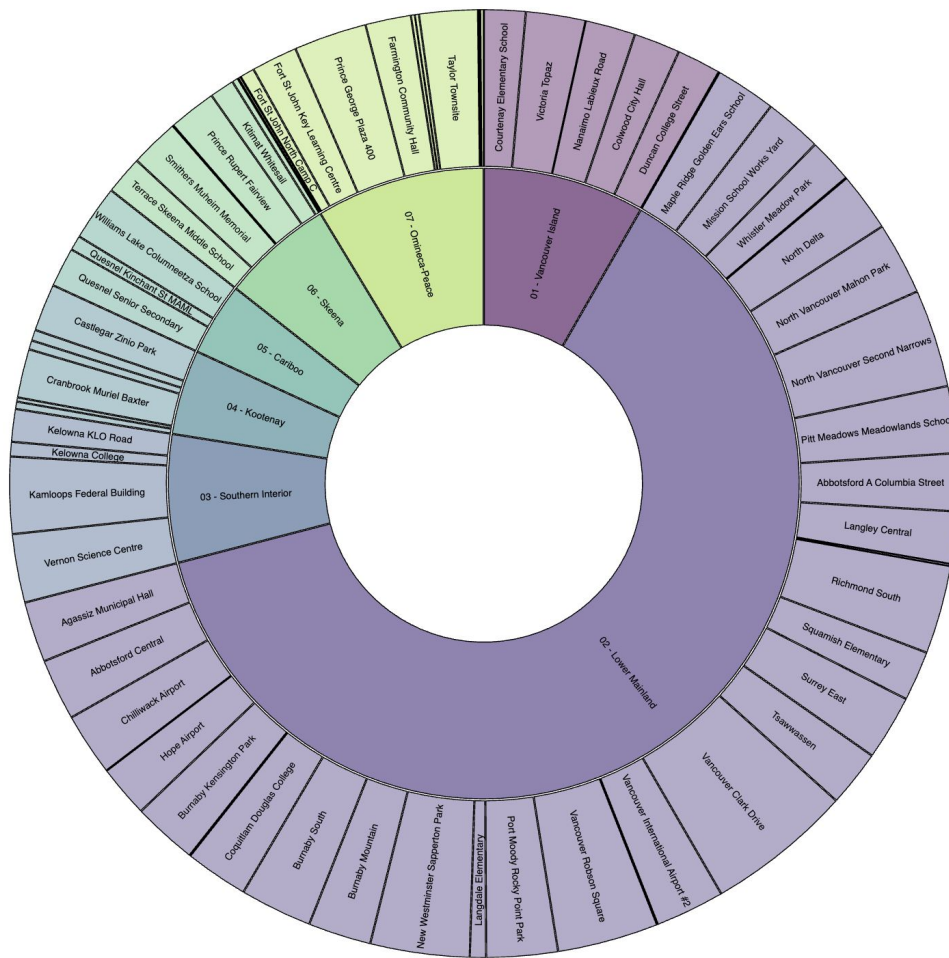




# BC Air Quality

Use your mouse to hover over the inner ring for selecting the region and further on for selecting the air station.

*Size of each slice corresponds to the amount of gas emission.*



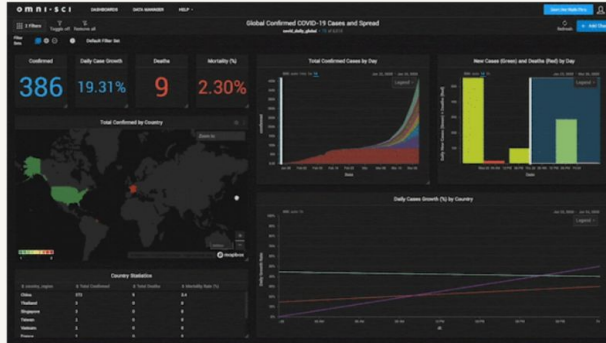
# Resources



# Interactive Data Visualization

## Interactive Data Visualization Definition

Interactive data visualization refers to the use of software that enables direct actions to modify elements on a graphical plot.



HEAVY.AI's Interactive Data Visualization of Global Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Spread.







# Why Interactive Visualizations?

Interactions allow us to

- Control flow of data,
- Be active participants in analysis of data
- Adjust features of the tool to suit user's needs
  - Non-technical vs technical individuals
  - What does the user want to know?

**When you're designing an  
interactive visualization,  
who are you really  
designing for?**



# Who are you really designing for?

- Executives?
- Casual Readers?
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**Which one of  
these individuals  
are technical?  
non-technical?**

# Human Computer Interaction

# Introduction to HCI

- Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) is the study and practice of **how people interact with computers** and design technologies that let humans engage with digital systems effectively and intuitively.

# Wrap up



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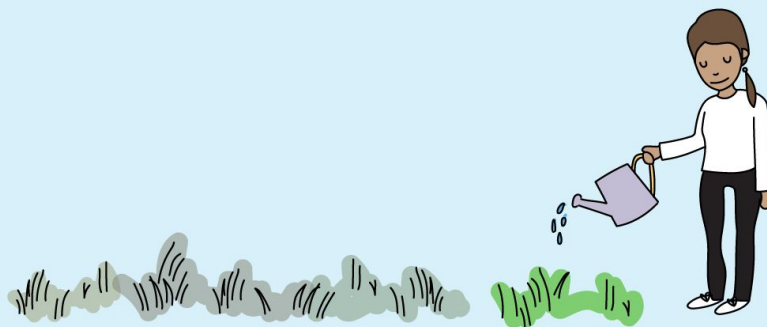
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WHERE YOU WATER IT

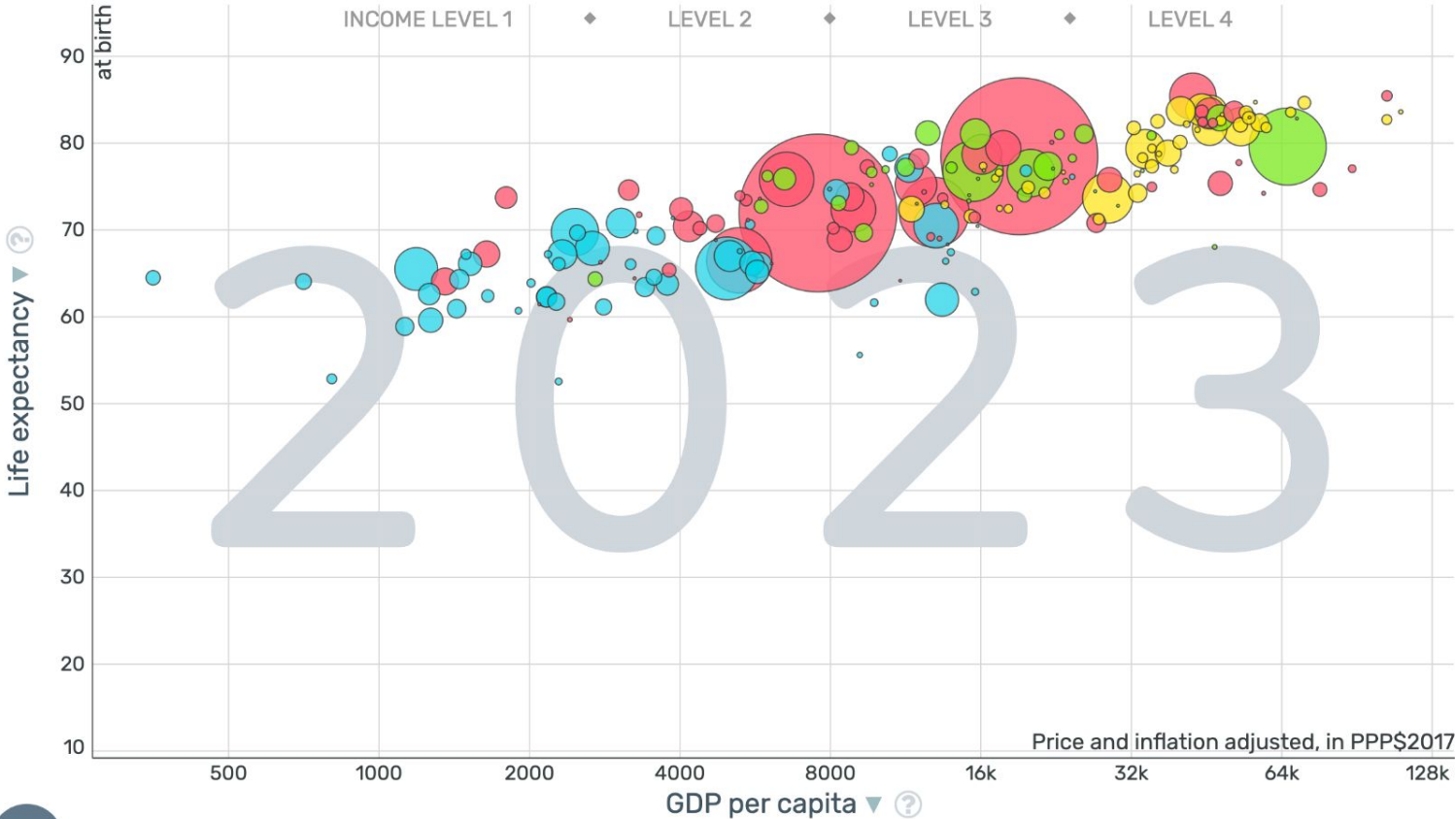


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# What was your main takeaway from today's session?





Color World Regions



Bubbles

- Select
- ☐ Afghanistan
  - ☐ Albania
  - ☐ Algeria
  - ☐ Andorra
  - ☐ Angola
  - ☐ Antigua and Barbuda
  - ☐ Argentina
  - ☐ Armenia
  - ☐ Australia
  - ☐ Austria

Size Population

Zoom 100%

OPTIONS PRESENT EXPAND