

# Week 7: Comparisons, Compositions, and Time

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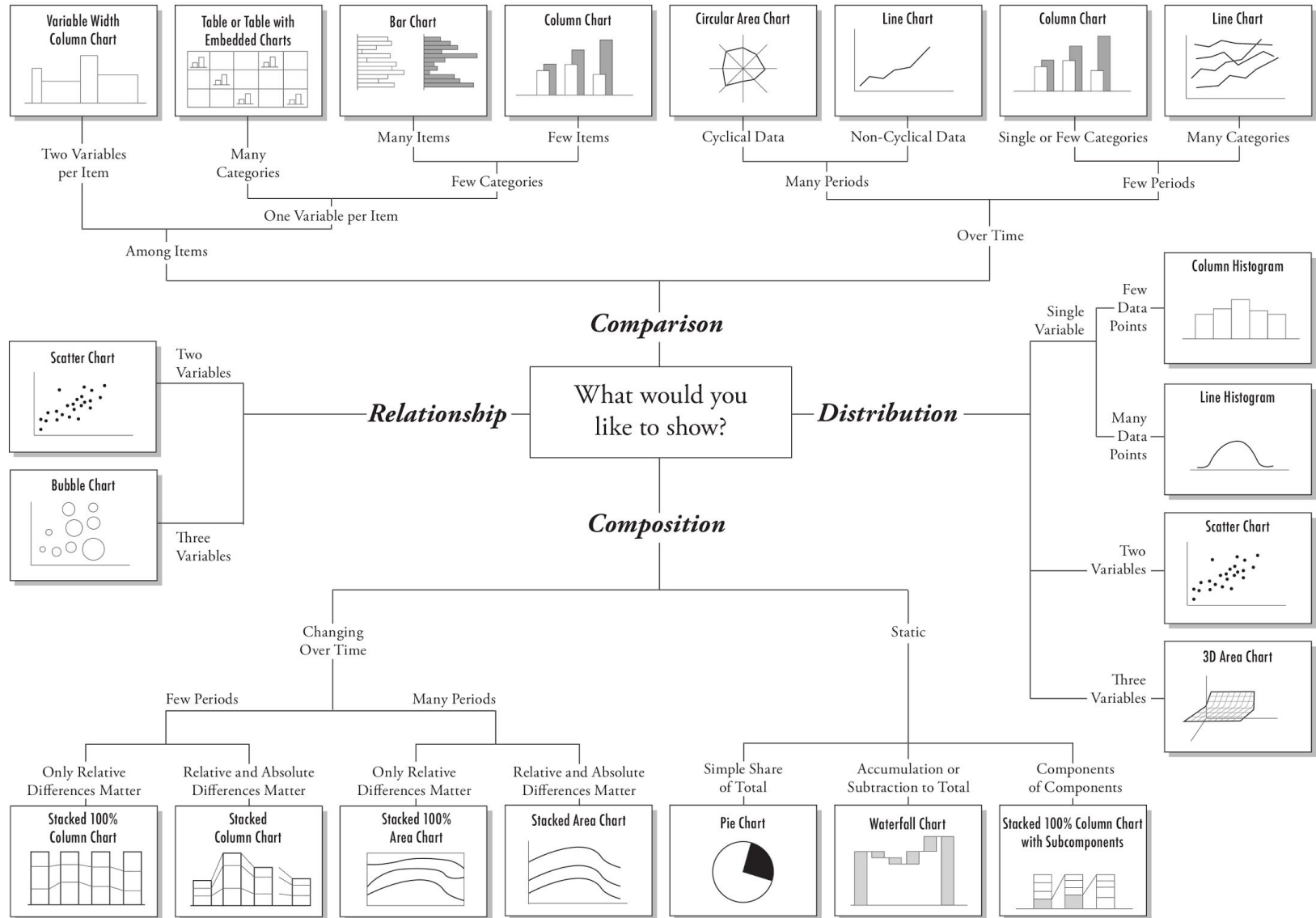
# Last Week

- How Colors Work
  - HSV / RGB / Eyeballs
  - Rotations, perception
- Palette types
  - Sequential
  - Qualitative
  - Diverging

# Today

- Types of Visualizations: Part II
  - “If this, then that...”
- Composition plots
  - Examples
  - How-to
- Comparison plots
  - Examples
  - How-to
- Pandas

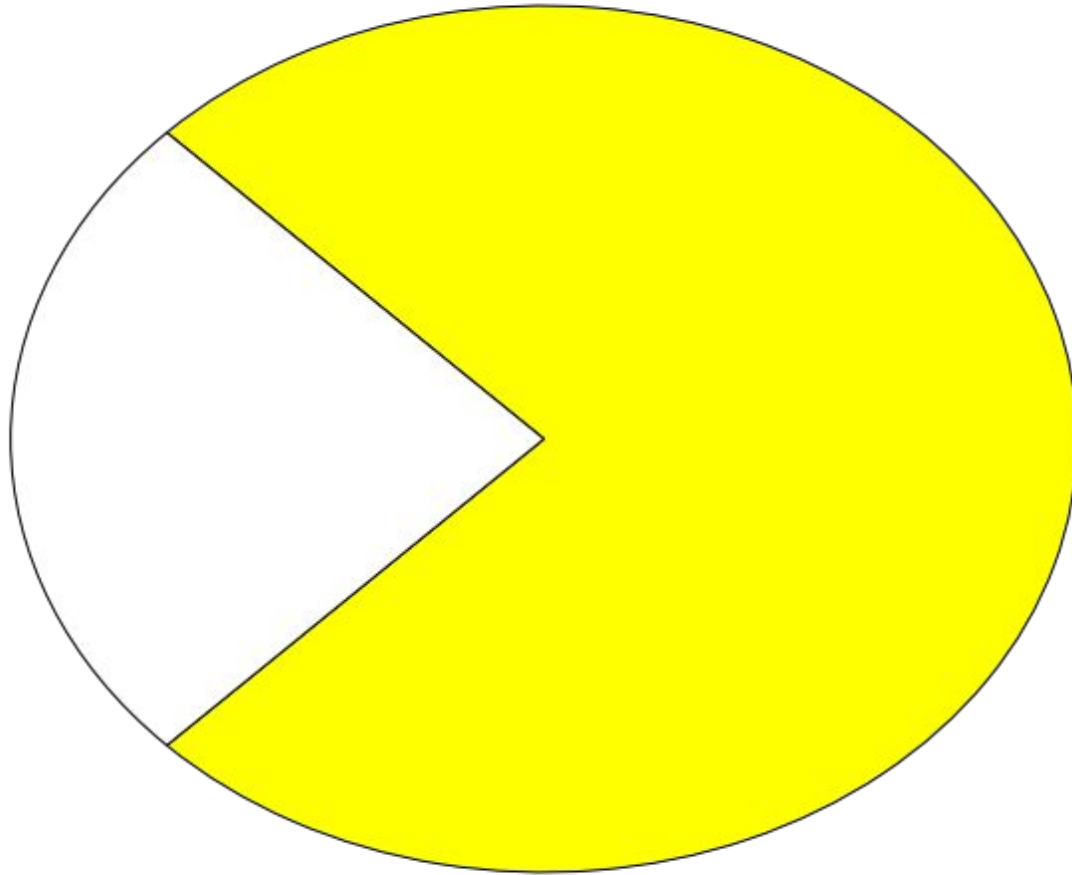
# Chart Suggestions—A Thought-Starter



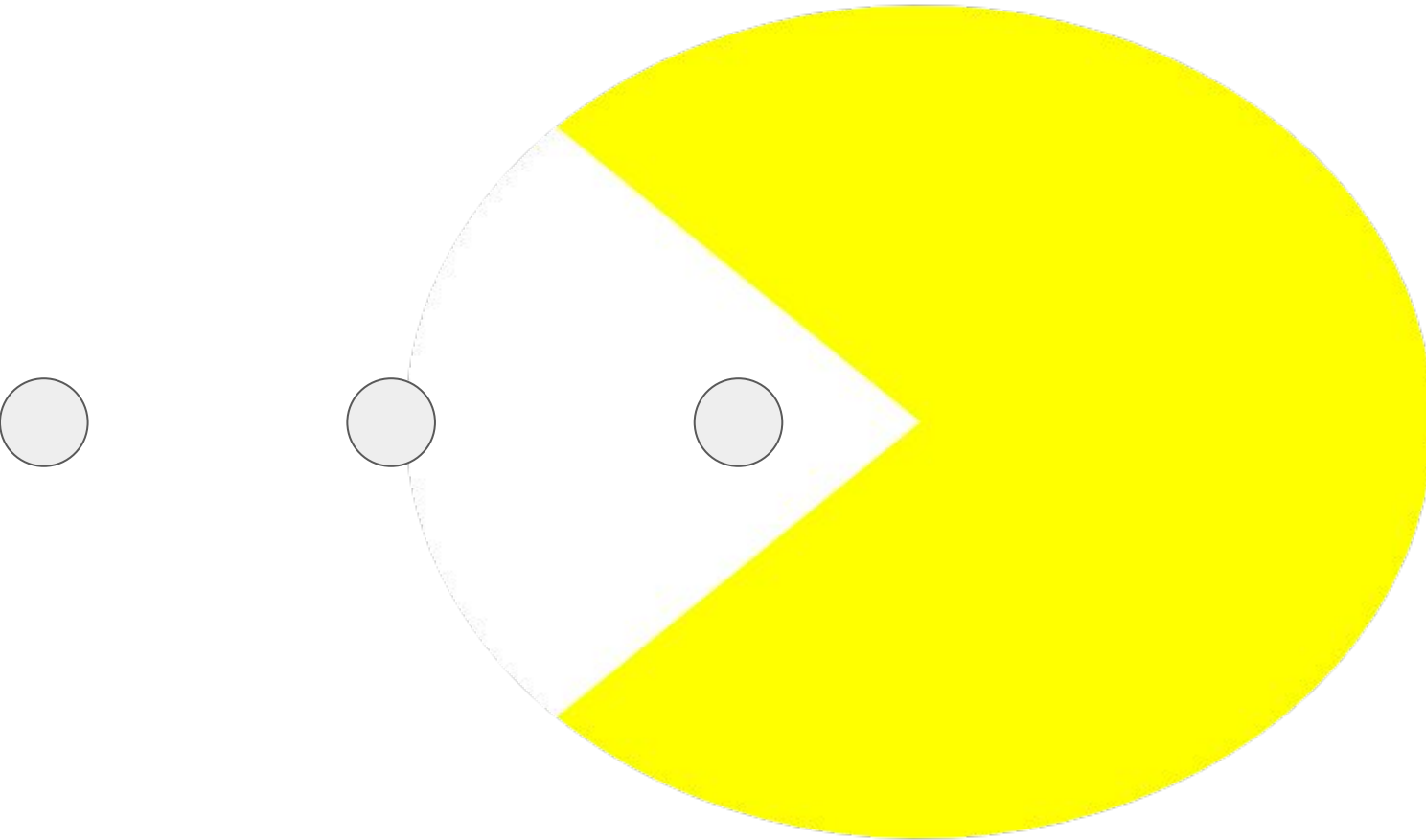
# Composition Plots

- Static
  - Pie Chart
  - Area chart
- Changing over time

# Pie Chart



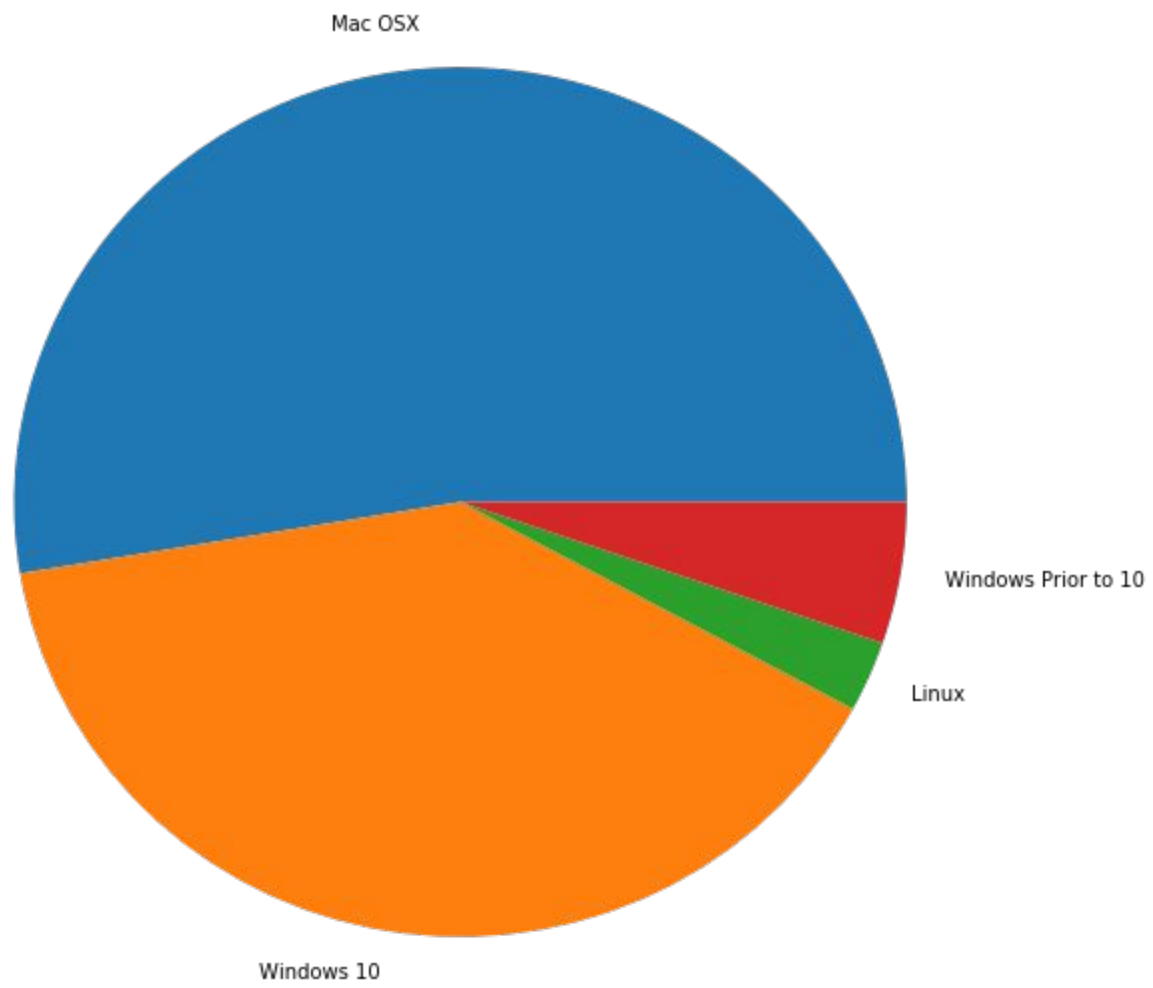
# Pie Chart



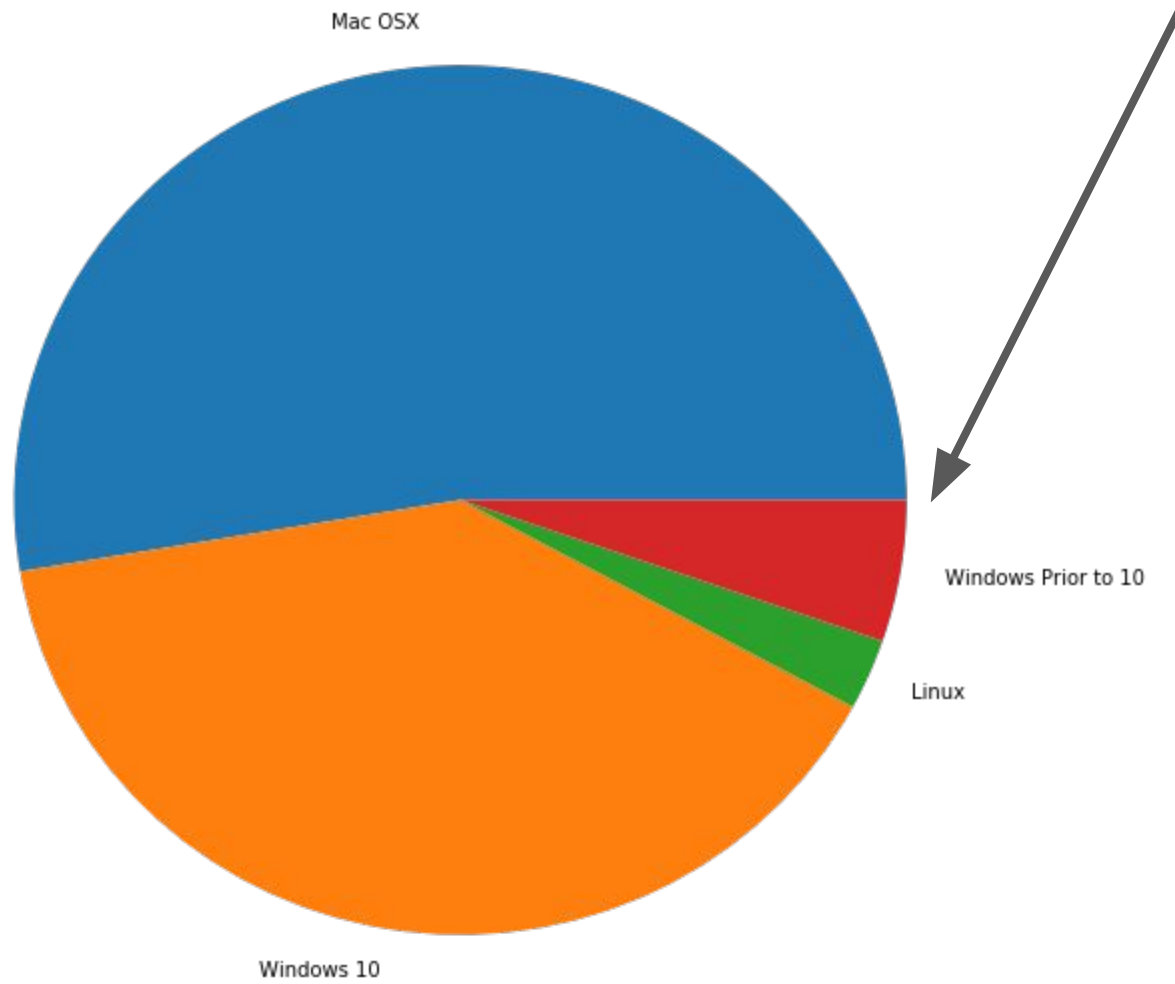


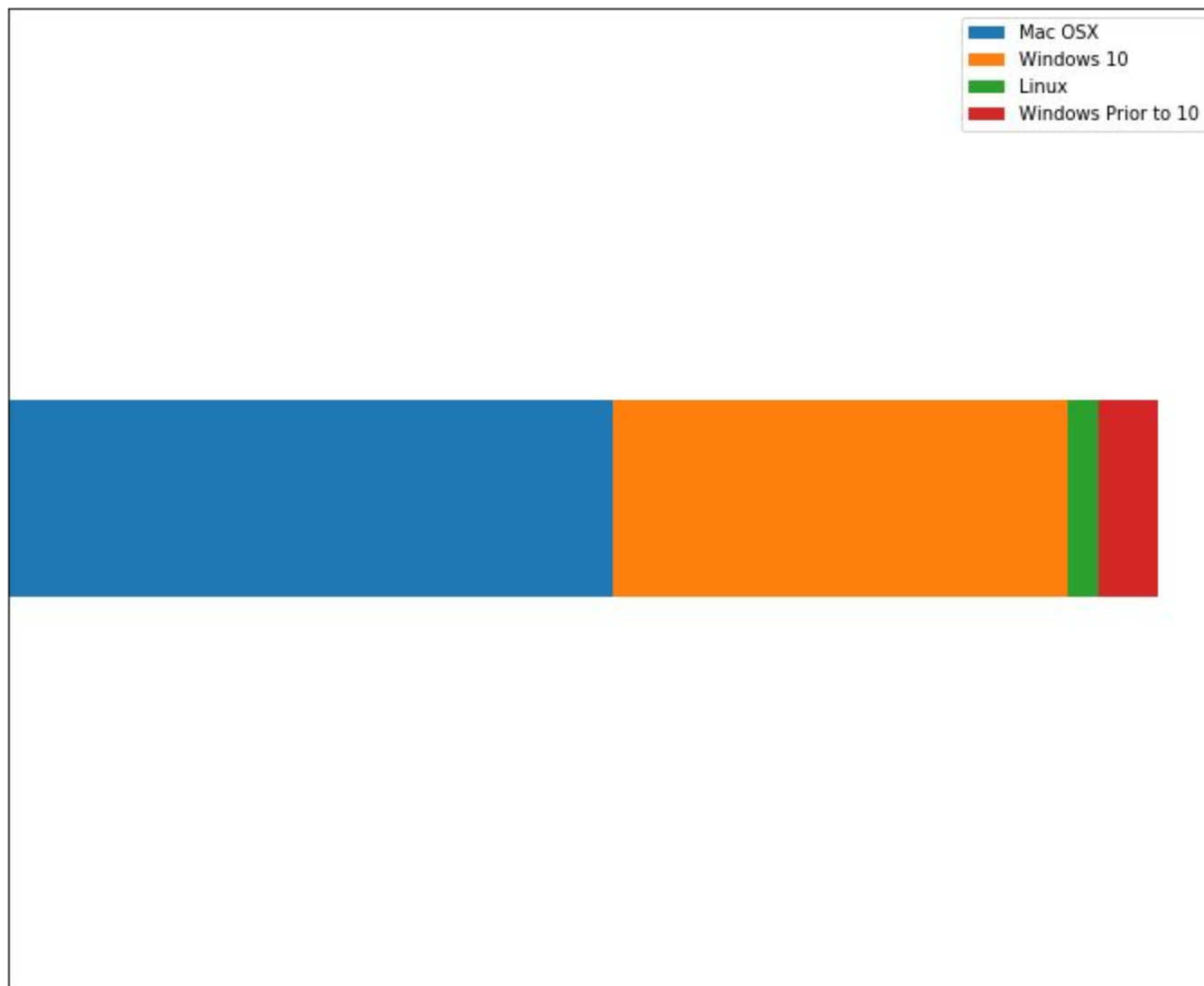
You probably don't  
want a pie chart.

<http://www.businessinsider.com/pie-charts-are-the-worst-2013-6>

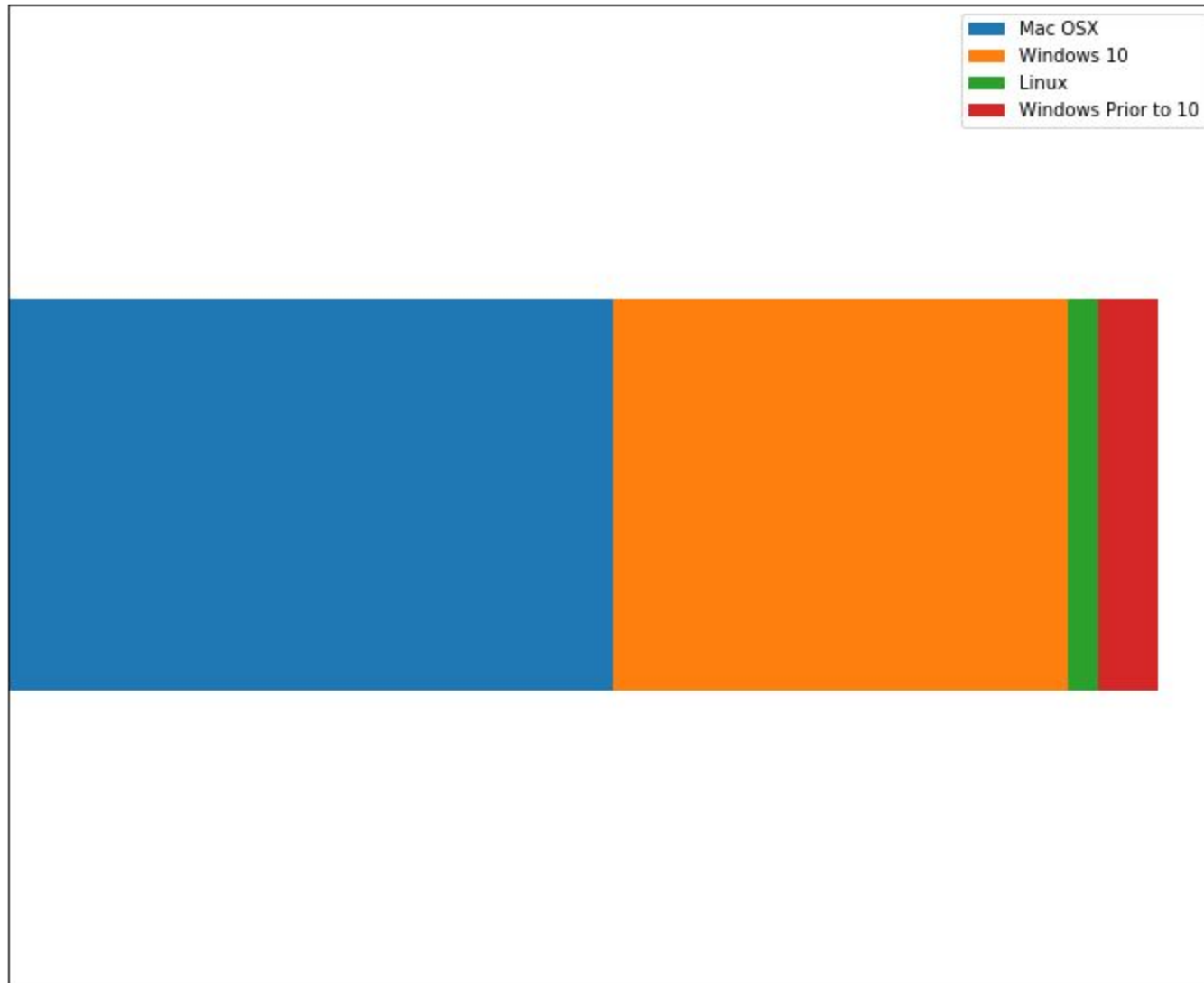


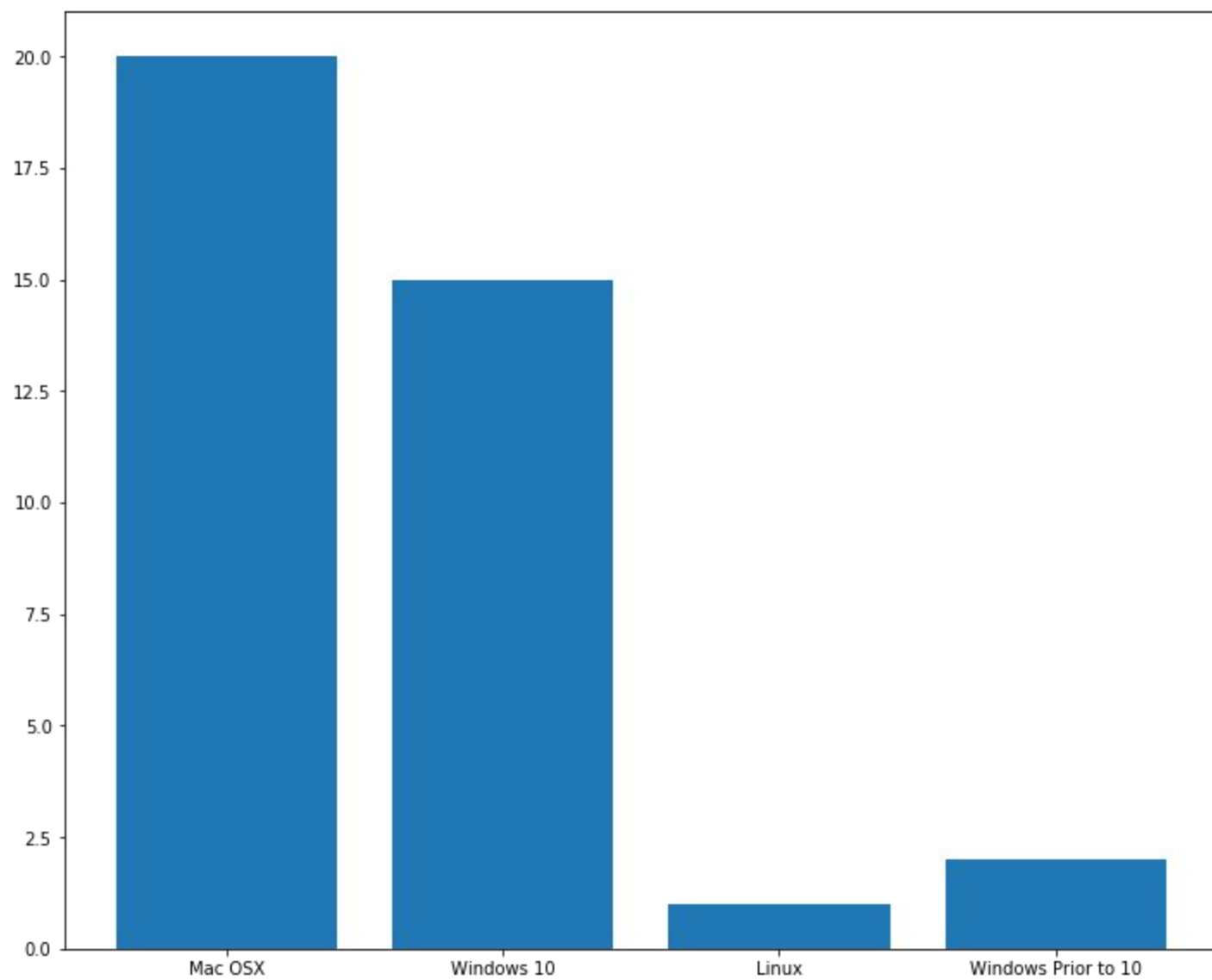
Essentially impossible to gauge relative size of non-majority wedges



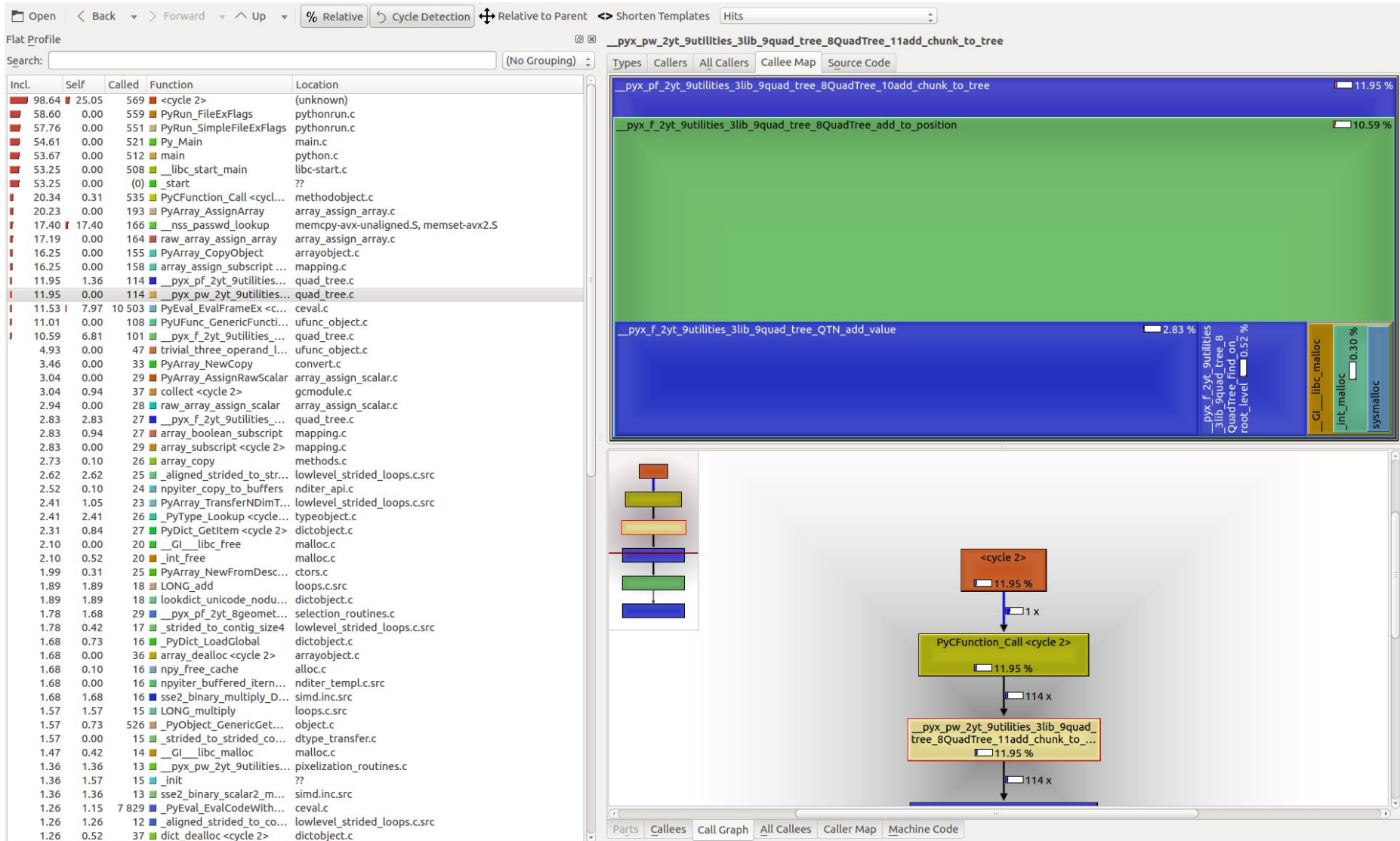


Same data, different vertical zoom.





# Area Chart



# Comparison Plots

- Among Items
  - One Variable, Few Categories: Column, or collection of bars
  - Two Variables: Variable Width Column Chart
  - Many variables: Embedded table or charts
- Changing Over Time
  - Many Periods, non-cyclical: Line chart
  - Few Periods: Column or Line (depending on number of categories)



# Pandas

- [pandas.pydata.org](http://pandas.pydata.org)
- Support for indexing, multi-indexing
- Data structures
  - Series
  - DataFrame
  - Panel
- Groupby, select, aggregation features
- IO features
  - Reading/writing CSV, HDF5
  - Loading data from remote sources

# Data Types

- Categorical data
- Date time
- Indexing by columns or rows

# What We Will Learn

- How to read in data
- How to index and select that data
- How to replace values and columns
- How to plot

# Core Concepts

- Columns
- Group-by
- Aggregate
- Index / locate
- dtypes and categorical types

# Case Study: World Bank Indicators

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{'NE.GDI.FPRV.CN': 'Gross fixed capital formation, private sector (current LCU)',  
  'NE.CON.PETC.CN': 'Household final consumption expenditure, etc. (current LCU)',  
  'SP.POP.TOTL': 'Population, total',  
  'EN.ATM.NOXE.EG.ZS': 'Nitrous oxide emissions in energy sector (% of total)',  
  'NE.GDI.FTOT.KD': 'Gross fixed capital formation (constant 2010 US$)',  
  'NY.GNP.MKTP.CN': 'GNI (current LCU)',  
  'SH.STA.TRAF.P5': 'Mortality caused by road traffic injury (per 100,000 people)',  
  ...}
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