

Lecture note 6

Warm up activity

This visualization is made for scientific activity, it's not particularly accessible to people.

Color Mapping

-Pie charts

The pie chart is showing the popularity of different animals at a zoo

Not clear which wedges is smaller or bigger than others.

Pie chart is a difficult type of visualization for people to be decisive quantitatively.

-3D Pie chart: has principal or proportional ink, making red and yellow area look bigger than other wedges.

-Alternatives:

Donut charts: helps people to see the values in the circle

Tree maps: can compare relationship between different areas

Bar charts: values can be easily compared

Hierarchical data: sunbursts, nested box area

Stacked bar chart: show part of a whole

Time evolving data: use connected lines that stack on top of each other

bgplot

-similar to matplotlib, but was built to be more interactive

-two syntaxes: pyplot-like interface, object-oriented API

Traits and data

Traits: Interact with different attributes of a class