Data Visualization using JavaScript

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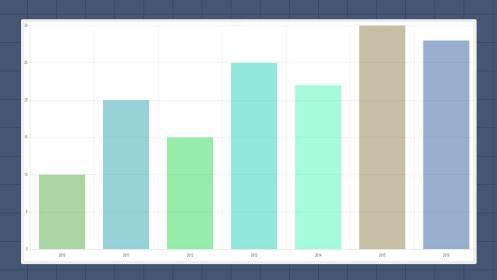
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What is Data Visualization?

INTRODUCTION

"Data visualization" refers to the graphical representation of data.

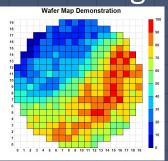


This chart was made using Chart.js

INTRODUCTION



There are not only charts, but also infographics and plots





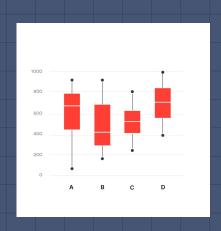
It must meet two conditions:

- 1) The elements vary according to the data.
- 2) It has to be understandable by humans.

TYPES OF CHARTS





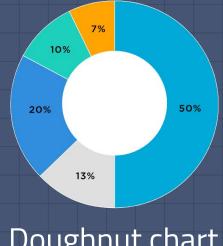


Box chart

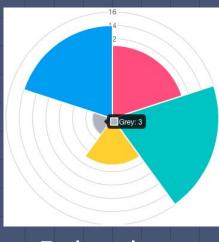
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Pie chart

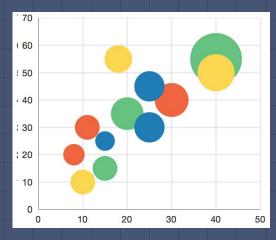


Doughnut chart

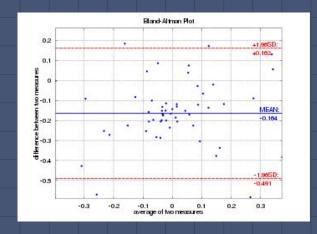


Polar chart

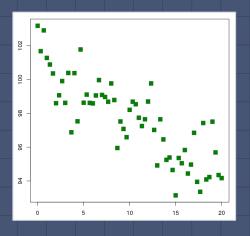
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Bubble chart

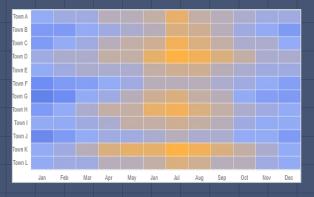


Bland-Altman chart

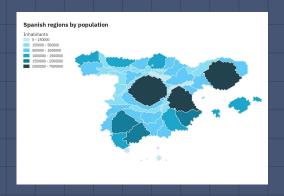


Scatter chart

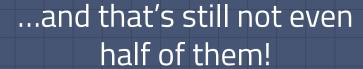
AND EVEN MORE TYPES OF CHARTS

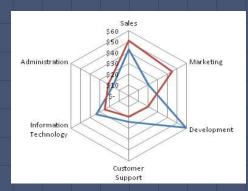






Cartogram





Radial chart

IMPORTANCE

Data visualization is increasingly applied as a critical component in:









It is an indispensable part of all applied research and problem solving in industry.

IMPORTANCE

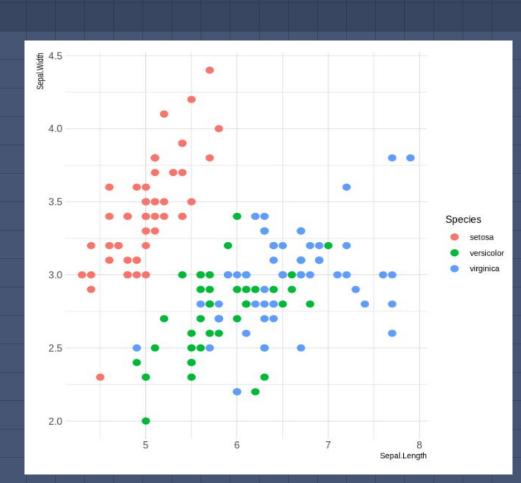
What conclusions can you draw from this data?

Dataset order	Sepal +	Sepal width	Petal +	Petal +	Species +
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2	4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2	I. setosa
3	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	I. setosa
4	4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	I. setosa
5	5.0	3.6	1.4	0.3	I. setosa
6	5.4	3.9	1.7	0.4	I. setosa
7	4.6	3.4	1.4	0.3	I. setosa
8	5.0	3.4	1.5	0.2	I. setosa
9	4.4	2.9	1.4	0.2	I. setosa
100	5.7	2.8	4.1	1.3	I. versicolor
101	6.3	3.3	6.0	2.5	I. virginica
102	5.8	2.7	5.1	1.9	I. virginica
103	7.1	3.0	5.9	2.1	I. virginica
104	6.3	2.9	5.6	1.8	I. virginica
105	6.5	3.0	5.8	2.2	I. virginica
106	7.6	3.0	6.6	2.1	I. virginica
107	4.9	2.5	4.5	1.7	I. virginica
108	7.3	2.9	6.3	1.8	I. virginica
109	6.7	2.5	5.8	1.8	I. virginica
110	7.2	3.6	6.1	2.5	I. virginica

IMPORTANCE

Analyzing data becomes much easier when presented visually.

Humans are visual creatures, after all.



ADVANTAGES

- Makes it easier to search for patterns
- Data is processed faster
- Helps making better decisions

HOWEVER...

Visualized data can be manipulated to mislead people!



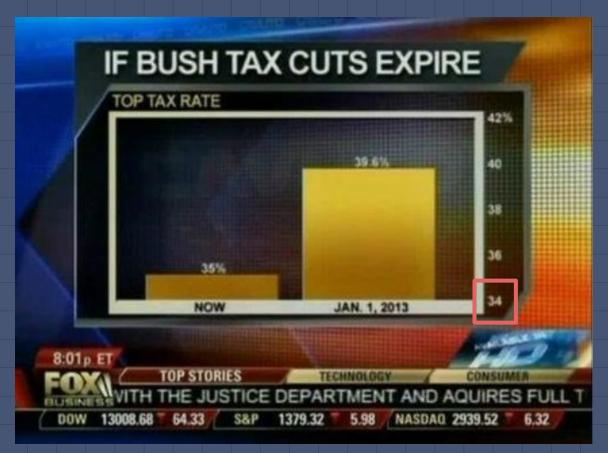
Malicious Practices



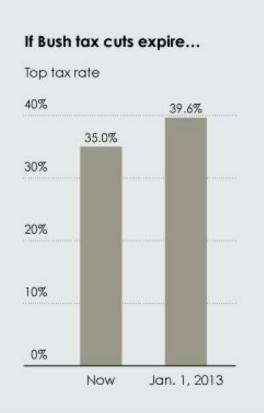
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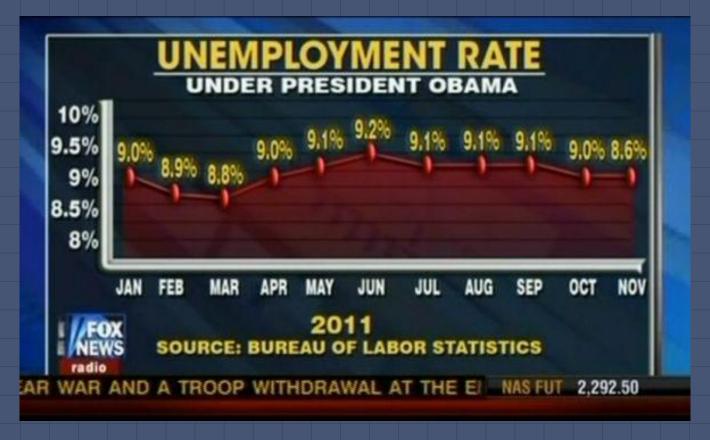
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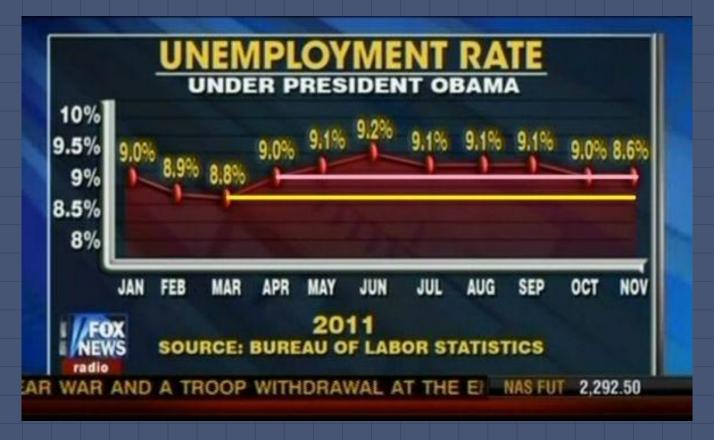
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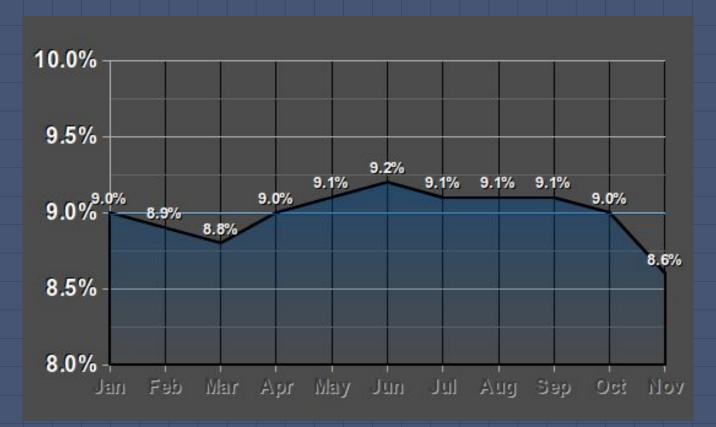
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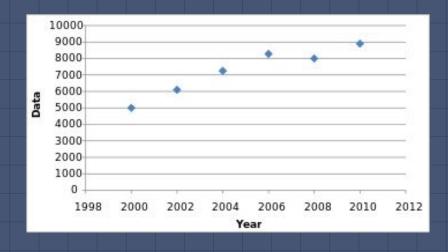
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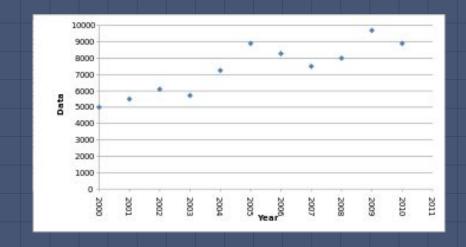
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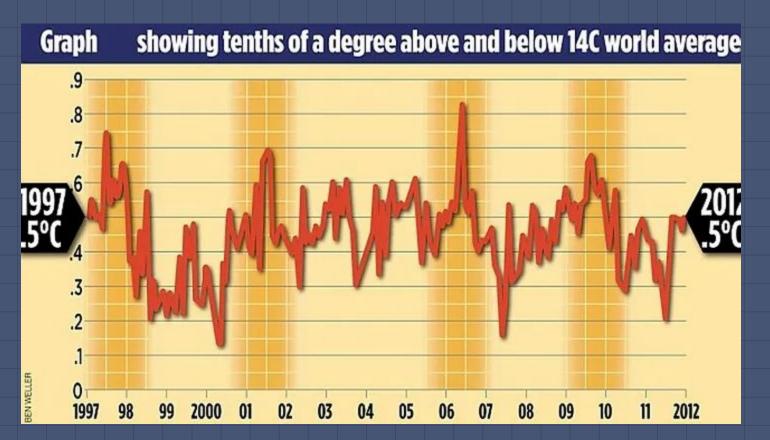
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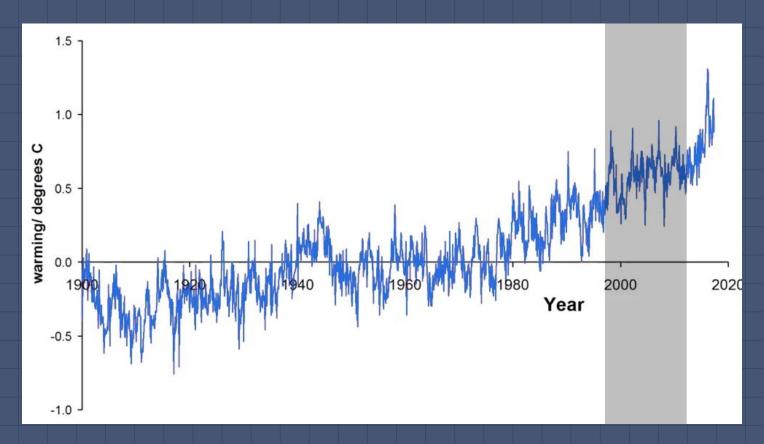
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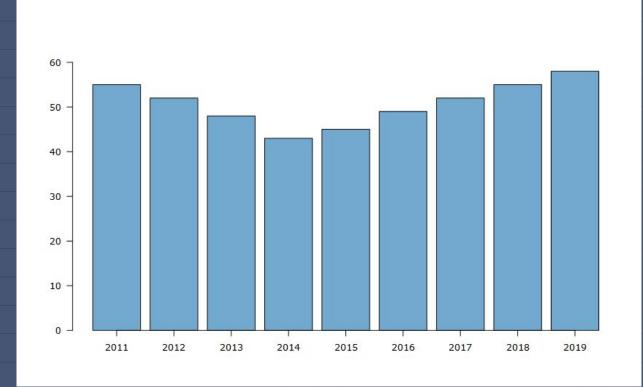
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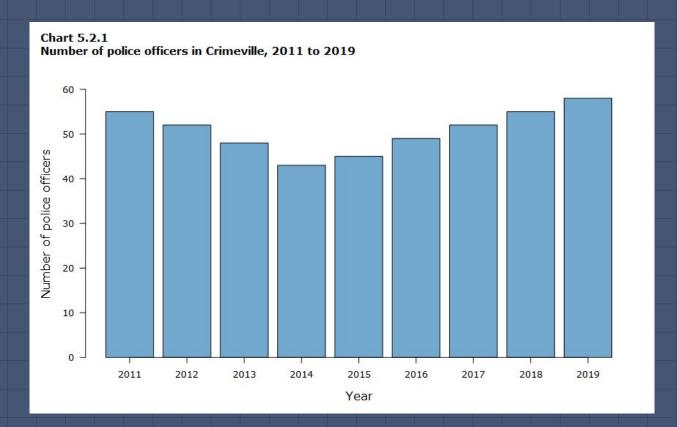
Good Practices



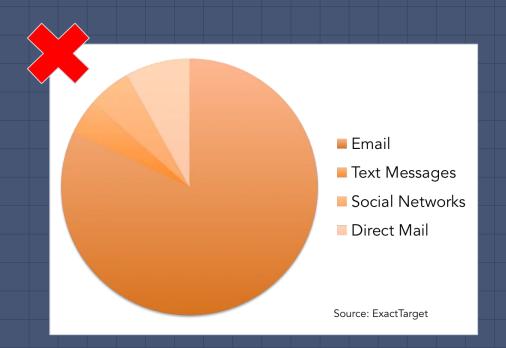
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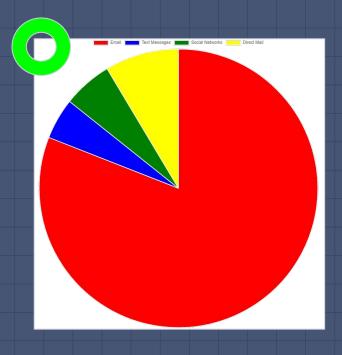


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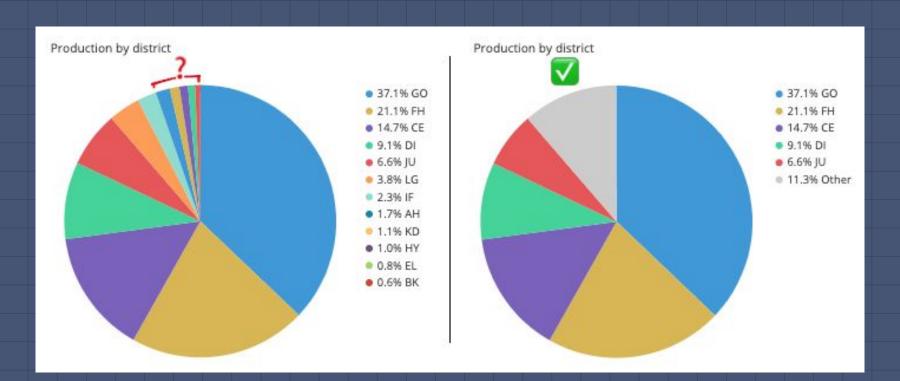


CHOOSE DISTINCTIVE COLORS





KEEP IT CLEAR

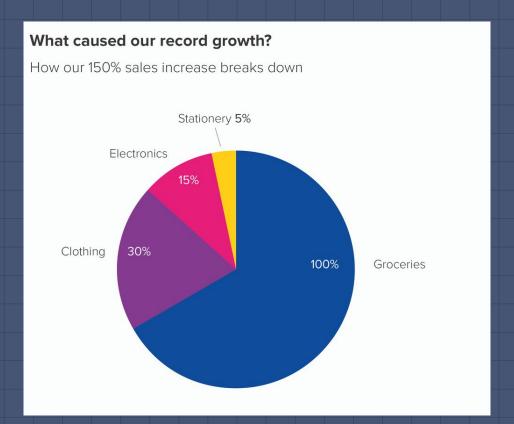


SIMPLE IS BETTER



PICK THE PROPER CHART FOR THE JOB

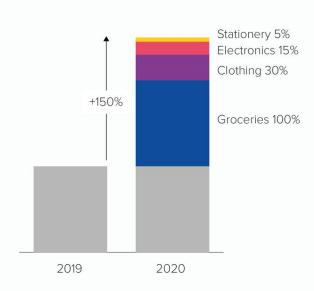
The percentages on a pie chart must add up to 100%!



PICK THE PROPER CHART FOR THE JOB

What caused our record growth?

How our 150% sales increase breaks down



"The main goal of data visualization is to communicate information clearly and effectively... It doesn't mean that data visualization needs to look boring to be functional or extremely sophisticated to look beautiful..."

- Vitaly Friedman -

Data Visualization Libraries

INTRODUCTION

JavaScript offers many libraries for visualizing data.

CHART LIBRARIES EXAMPLES

Creating charts and graph animations





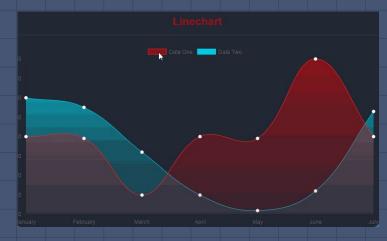
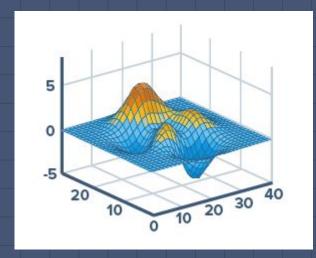


CHART LIBRARIES EXAMPLES

Creating 2D or 3D charts



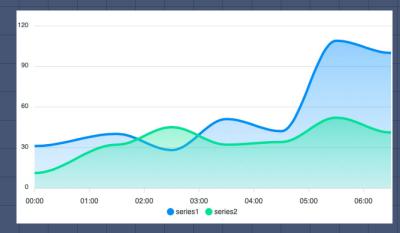




AnyChart

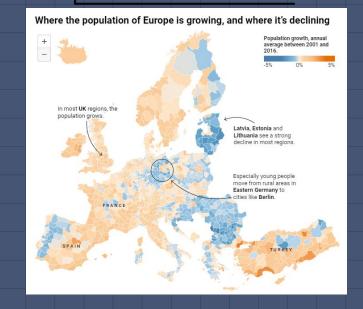
CHART LIBRARIES EXAMPLES

Some are open source, others are behind a paywall



APEXCHARTS

Datawrapper



THERE ARE MANY (TOO MANY, FOR REAL)



"For a JS developer, the ability to visualize data is just as valuable as making interactive Web pages. Especially since the two often go in pairs."

- Jakub Majorek -

Chart.js



WHY CHART.JS?



Advantages:

- Easy learning curve.
- Works directly with HTML canvas.
- Pretty fast. (Example)
- Good documentation and active community.
- Open source and easy to modify.

Disadvantages:

Only 7 officially supported Chart types.

HOW TO USE

1) Install

npm install chart.js

2) Use

import { Chart, registerables } from
'<PATH>/node_modules/chart.js/dist/chart.js';

Chart.register(...registerables);

CREATING A GRAPH

- 1) Prepare your data
- 2) Configure your graph
- 3) Draw the chart on Canvas

Simple!

SETTING UP YOUR DATA

```
const DATA = {
   labels: string[], // Names describing the axis
   datasets: ChartData[], // The data to represent
  * Depending on the graph, there's other options
  * to customize how the data is presented.
  * This can be found in the examples.
```

CONFIGURING THE CHART

```
const CONFIG = {
type:'<chartType>',
 data: <the DATA object>,
 options:{}, // Contains the colors, title, legend...
 Plugins:{} // User-created objects that extend the
            // functionality
```

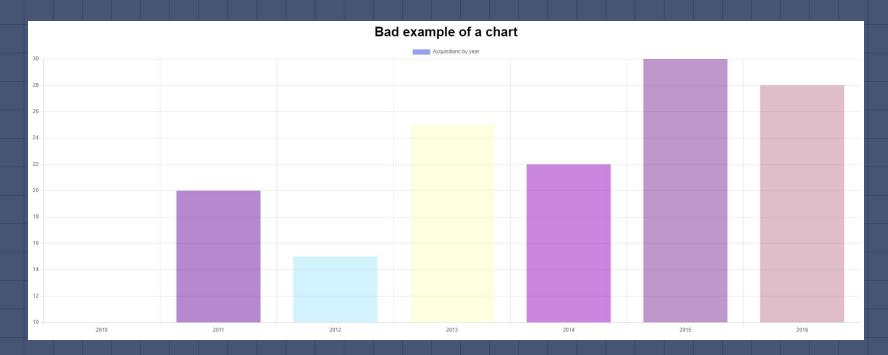
CREATE THE CHART

new Chart(<canvas or context>, CONFIG);

Examples



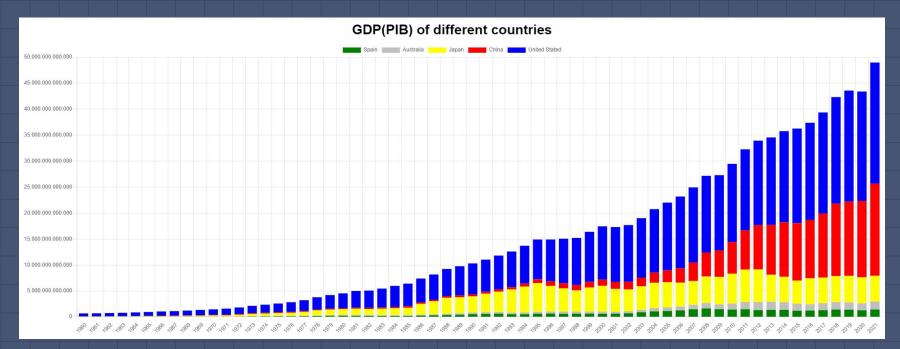
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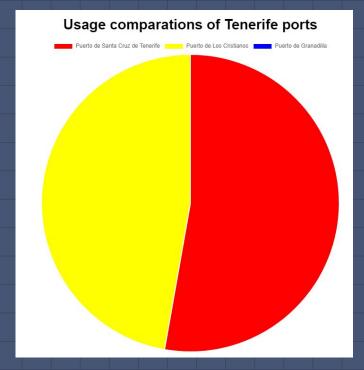
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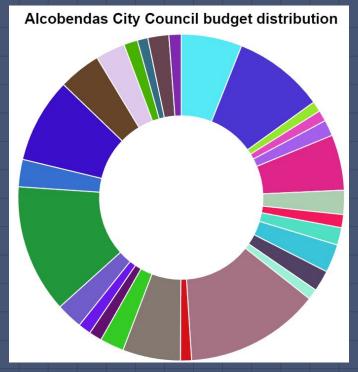
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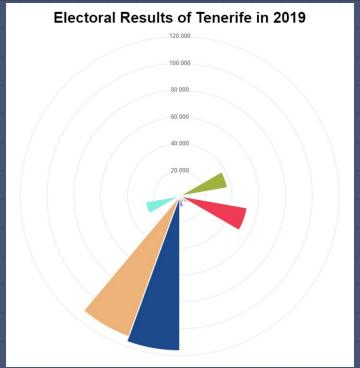
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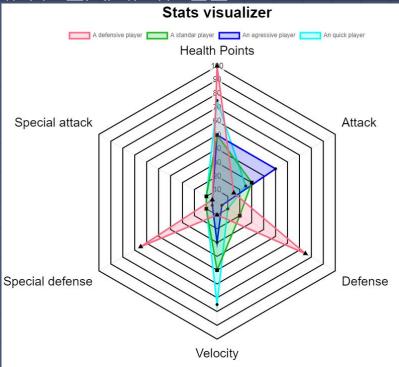
DOUGHNUT CHART EXAMPLE



POLAR AREA CHART EXAMPLE



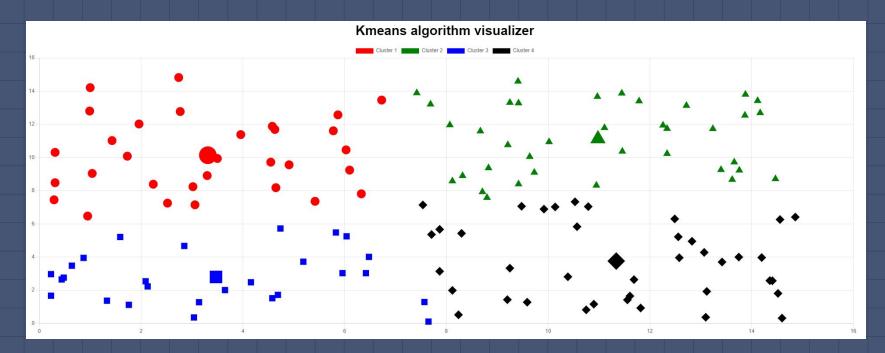
RADAR CHART EXAMPLE



MIXED CHART EXAMPLE



BUBBLE AND SCATTER CHART EXAMPLE



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