

Visualizing the Visualizers

10 years of Data Visualization DC Meetup Events

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Data Viz DC Meetup started in Feb 2013

DVDC started in February 2013 with an event titled **“Ecosystem GIS & Community Building”** located at the NClud 19th & M St offices (38° 54'20.9"N 77°02'36.4"W).

The meetup event description started off with the question:

“Is Data Visualization a science or an art?”

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Years of Data Viz DC Events!

Chart type: “Big Ass Number”

15,444

Event RSVPs
over 144 events

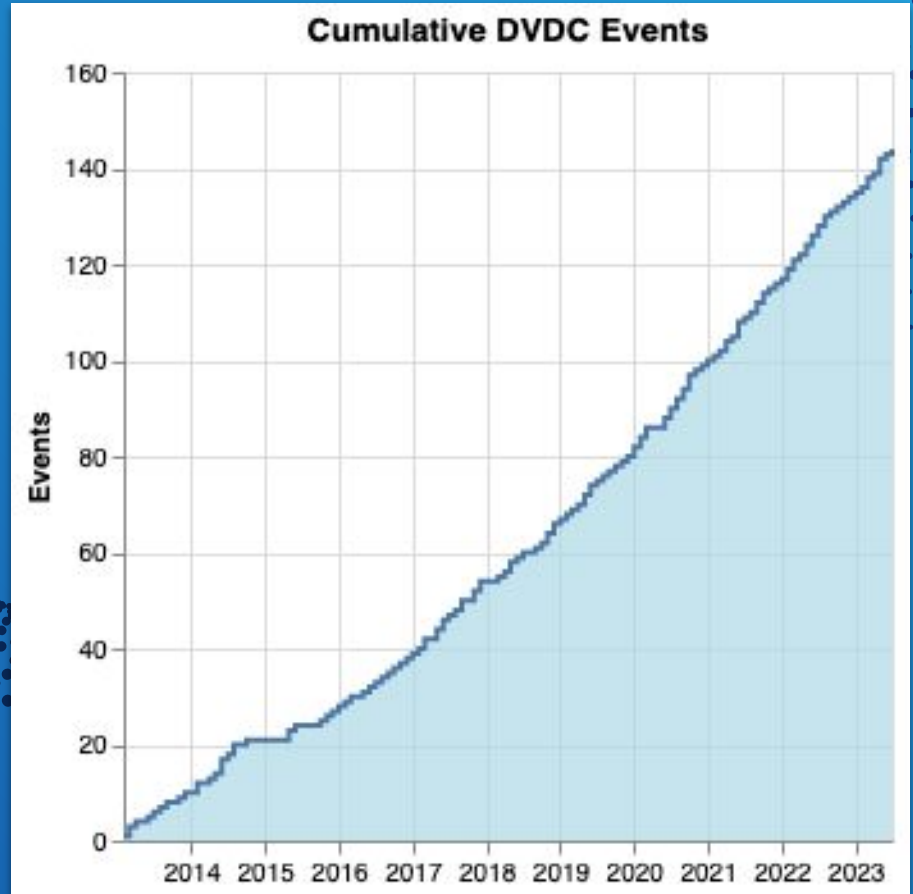


Chart type: Cumulative Area Chart

11,161

Meetup Group Members

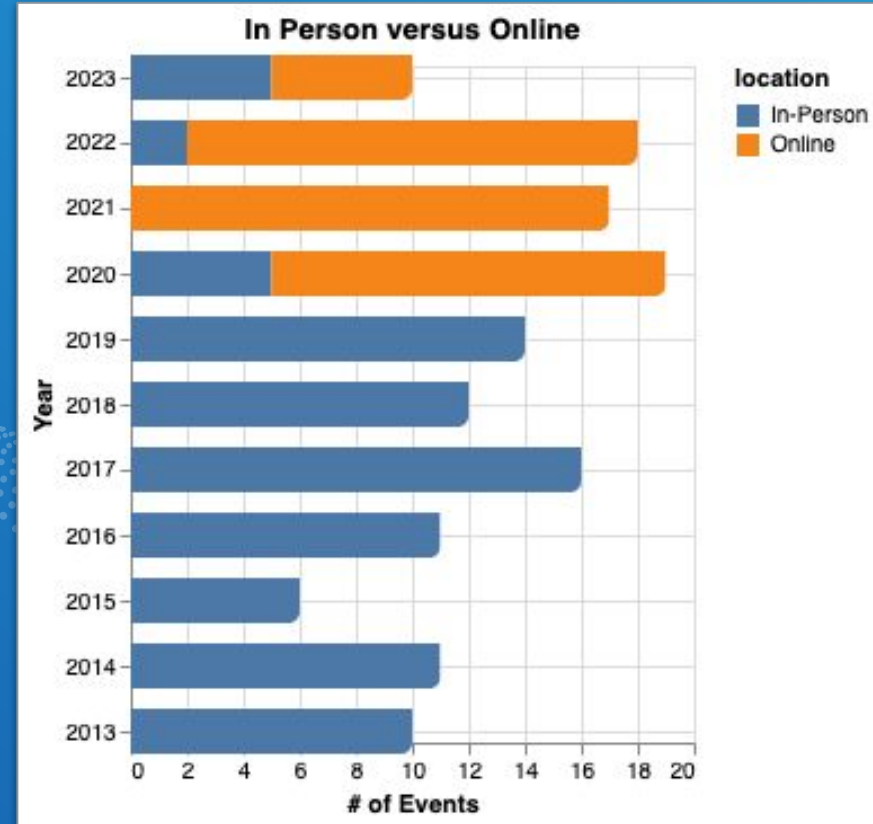


Chart Type: Stacked Vertical Bar Chart

148 Average RSVPS per Month

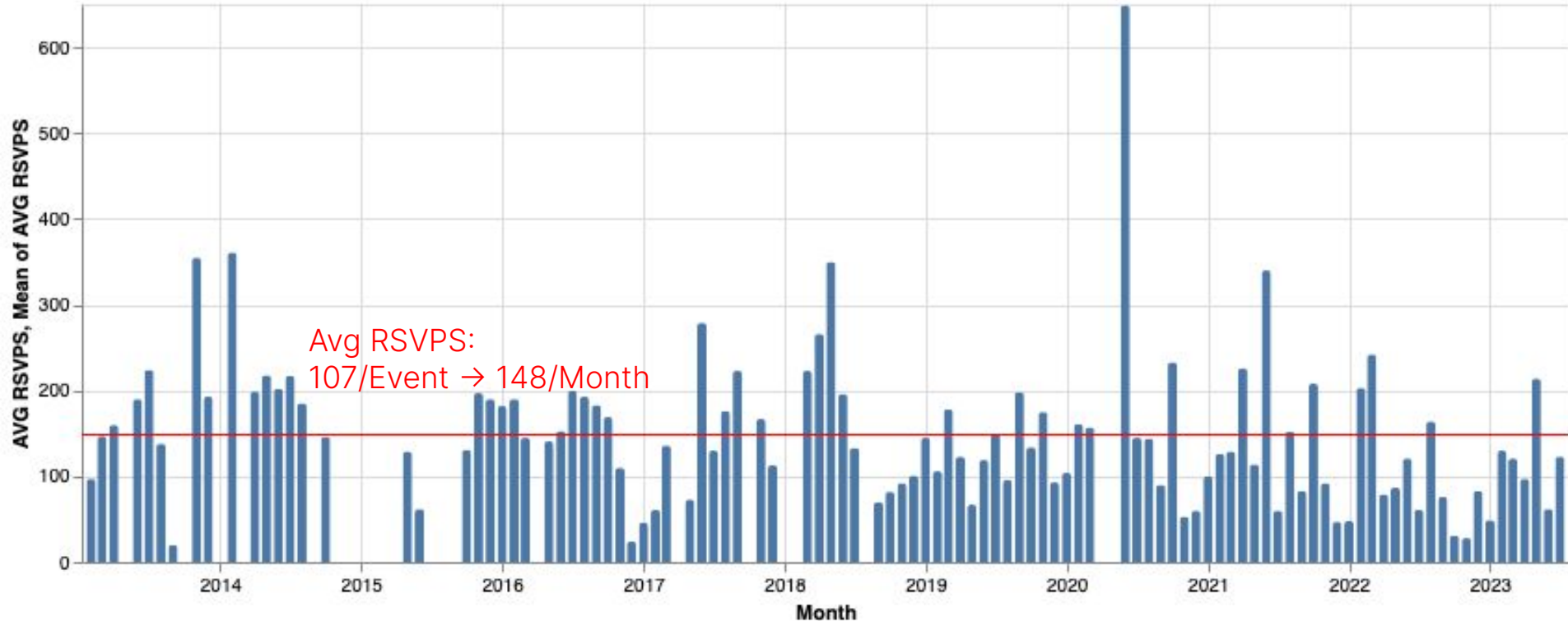


Chart Type: Bar chart with Avg Line

A Data Science Question:

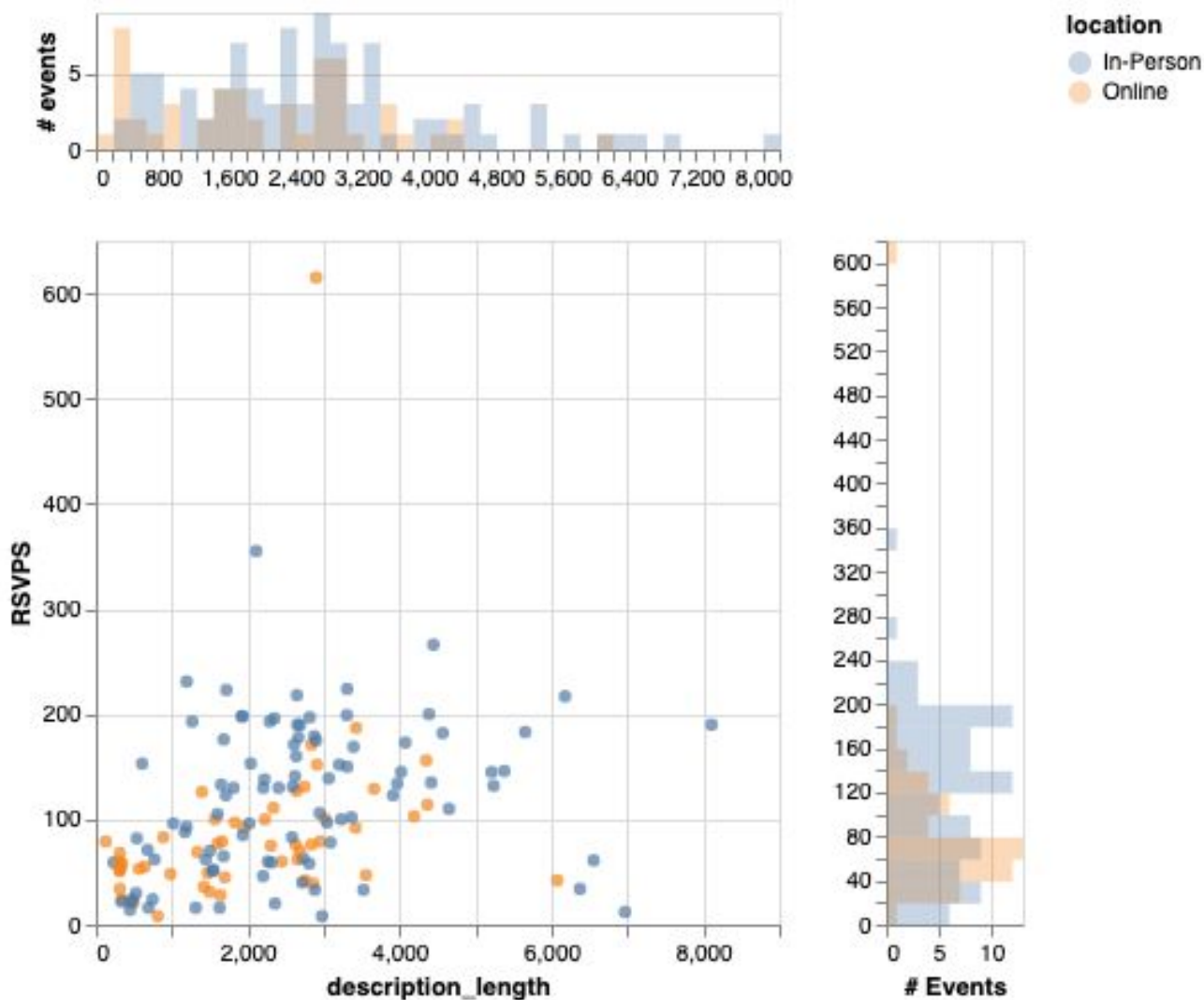
Is there a relationship between amount of description detail and event popularity?

Does Description Length Matter?

If they do, I don't see it in the data

($R^2 = 0.0959$, so I don't see it in the linear regression either 😎)

Chart type: "Joint Plot" Scatter plot with dual histograms.



Approach:

Data was **scraped** via **Selenium** browser automation, stored in **DuckDB**, analyzed with **SQL** and visualized in **Python** with the **Altair** library

count_star() int64	event_location_name varchar
52	Online event
17	Arlington Tech eXchange (Excella Consulting)
9	U.Group
5	The Washington Post
4	ByteCubed
3	GWU Funger Hall
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2	Excella
2	Continental Beer Garden
2	Cleveland Park Library
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1	https://nvite.com/NeuroViz/d632
1	PJ Clarkes "In Person"
1	FI Consulting
1	2231 Crystal Dr
1	GWU, Duques Hall – Room 151
1	Strayer University
1	1957 E St.
1	BrowserMedia/nclud
1	iStrategyLabs
1	Mad Rose Tavern
47 rows (20 shown)	
2 columns	