

decksh

a little language for decks



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When you say “language,” most programmers think of the big ones, like FORTRAN or COBOL or Pascal. In fact, a language is any mechanism to express intent, and the input to many programs can be viewed profitably as statements in a language. This column is about those “little languages.”

Jon Bentley, ACM Programming Pearls, Little Languages, 1986

Deck



a Go package for presentations

A grid for percentages. The horizontal axis (x-axis) is labeled from 10 to 90 in increments of 10. The vertical axis (y-axis) is labeled from 10 to 90 in increments of 10. The grid consists of 10 columns and 9 rows of squares. The text "Percent Grid" is centered in the grid.

decksh



deck markup



SVG

PDF

PNG

```
deck
slide "rgb(250,250,250)" "black"
  ctext "Deck elements" 50 90 5
  image "follow.jpg" 70 50 640 480 50
  blist 10 75 3
    li "text, image, list"
    li "rect, ellipse, polygon"
    li "line, arc, curve"
  elist

  gy=10
  rect 15 gy 8 6 "rgb(127,0,0)"
  ellipse 27.5 gy 8 6 "rgb(0,127,0)"
  line 50 gy 60 gy
  curve 80 gy 95 30 90 gy
  arc 70 gy 10 8 0 180 0.1 "rgb(0,0,127)"
  polygon "37 37 45" "13 7 10" "rgb(0,0,127)"

  opts="-fulldeck=f -textsize 1 -xlabel=2 -barwidth 1.5"
  dchart -left 10 -right 42 -top 42 -bottom 25 opts AAPL.d
eslide
edeck
```

```
<deck>
<slide bg="rgb(250,250,250)" fg="black">
<text align="c" xp="50" yp="90" sp="5">Deck elements</text>
<image name="follow.jpg" xp="70" yp="50" width="640" height="480" scale="50" />
<list type="bullet" xp="10" yp="75" sp="3">
<li>text, image, list</li>
<li>rect, ellipse, polygon</li>
<li>line, arc, curve</li>
</list>
<rect xp="15" yp="10" wp="8" hp="6" color="rgb(127,0,0)" />
<ellipse xp="27.5" yp="10" wp="8" hp="6" color="rgb(0,127,0)" />
<line xp1="50" yp1="10" xp2="60" yp2="10" />
<curve xp1="80" yp1="10" xp2="95" yp2="30" xp3="90" yp3="10" />
<arc xp="70" yp="10" wp="10" hp="8" a1="0" a2="180" sp="0.1" color="rgb(0,0,127)" />
<polygon xc="37 37 45" yc="13 7 10" color="rgb(0,0,127)" />
<text xp="26.00" yp="45.60" sp="1.50" align="center" wp="0.00" font="sans" opacity="100.00"
color="black" type="">AAPL Volume</text>
<line xp1="10.00" yp1="25.00" xp2="10.00" yp2="37.46" sp="1.50" opacity="100.00"
color="lightsteelblue" />
<text xp="10.00" yp="38.46" sp="0.75" align="center" wp="0.00" font="sans" opacity="100.00"
color="rgb(127,0,0)" type="">679.9</text>
<text xp="10.00" yp="23.00" sp="0.80" align="center" wp="0.00" font="sans" opacity="100.00"
color="rgb(75,75,75)" type="">2017-09-01</text>
<line xp1="12.91" yp1="25.00" xp2="12.91" yp2="34.24" sp="1.50" opacity="100.00"
color="lightsteelblue" />
<text xp="12.91" yp="35.24" sp="0.75" align="center" wp="0.00" font="sans" opacity="100.00"
color="rgb(127,0,0)" type="">504.3</text>
...
</slide>
</deck>
```

Deck elements

- text, image, list
- rect, ellipse, polygon
- line, arc, curve



```
// hello world
deck
  slide "black" "white"
    ctext "hello, world" 50 25 10
    circle 50 0 100 "blue"
  eslide
edeck
```

hello, world

Running decksh

decksh

read from stdin, write to stdout

decksh in.dsh

read from file, write to stdout

decksh -o out.xml

read from stdin, write to file

decksh -o out.xml in.dsh

read from file, write to file

chmod +x in.dsh; ./in.dsh

executable deck

```
#!/path/to/decksh
deck
    slide
    ...
    eslide
edeck
```

Keywords and arguments

`text "string...." x y n [font][color][op]`

`text "hello, world" 80 50 2` *hello, world*

`text "hello, world" 80 40 2 "serif"` *hello, world*

`text "hello, world" 80 30 2 "serif" "red"` *hello, world*

`text "hello, world" 80 20 2 "serif" "red" 50` *hello, world*

Keywords

Structure

deck
edeck
slide
eslide
canvas

Loop

for
efor

Text

text
ctext
etext
textblock
textfile
textcode

Lists

list
blist
nlist
li
elist

Graphics

rect
ellipse
square
circle
polygon
arc
curve
line
hline
vline

Arrows

arrow
crarrow
clarrow
cuarrow
cdarrow

Images

image
cimage

Charts

dchart
legend

Assignments

```
// decksh assignments
x=10 // number assignment
y=20
factor=2
what="hello world" // string assignment

size=x/factor // assignment with binop
text what x y size // text "hello world" 10 20 5

y-=10 // assignment operation
size+=factor // assignment op, substitute
text what x y size // text "hello world" 10 10 7

for v=0 100 5 // loop from 0 to 100 by 5
    line 100 v 0 v 0.1 "blue" // blue horizontal lines
    line v 100 v 0 0.1 "red" // red vertical lines
efor
```

Text

.hello world

text

x y size [font] [color] [op] [link]

The quick brown fox
jump over the lazy
dog

textblock

"text" x y width size [font] [color] [op] [link]

hello .world

ctext

x y size [font] [color] [op] [link]

This is the contents
of a file

textfile

"file" x y size [font] [color] [op] [sp]

hello world .

etext

x y size [font] [color] [op] [link]

```
package main

import "fmt"

func main() {
    fmt.Println("hello, world")
}
```

textcode

"filename" x y width size [color]

Lists

One

Two

Three

Four

- One

- Two

- Three

- Four

1. One

2. Two

3. Three

4. Four

list

x y size [font] [color] [opacity] [spacing]

blist

x y size [font] [color] [opacity] [spacing]

nlist

x y size [font] [color] [opacity] [spacing]

Graphics



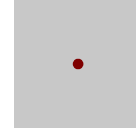
rect

x y w h [color] [op]



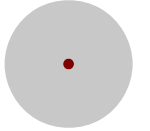
ellipse

x y w h [color] [op]



square

x y w [color] [opacity]



circle

x y w [color] [op]



polygon

"xc" "yc" [color] [op]



arc

x y w h a1 a2 [lw] [color] [op]



curve

x1 y2 x2 y2 x3 y3 [color] [op]



line

x1 y2 x2 y2 [lw] [color] [op]



hline

x y len [lw] [color] [op]



vline

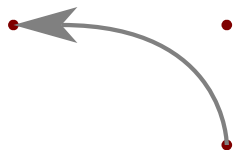
x y len [lw] [color] [op]

Arrows



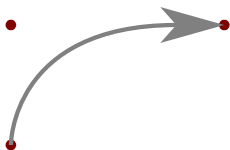
arrow

x1 y1 x2 y2 [linewidth] [aw] [ah] [color] [op]



lcarrow

x1 y1 x2 y2 x3 y3 [lw] [aw] [ah] [color] [op]



rcarrow

...



ucarrow

...



dcarrow

...

Images



image

"file" x y w h [scale] [link]

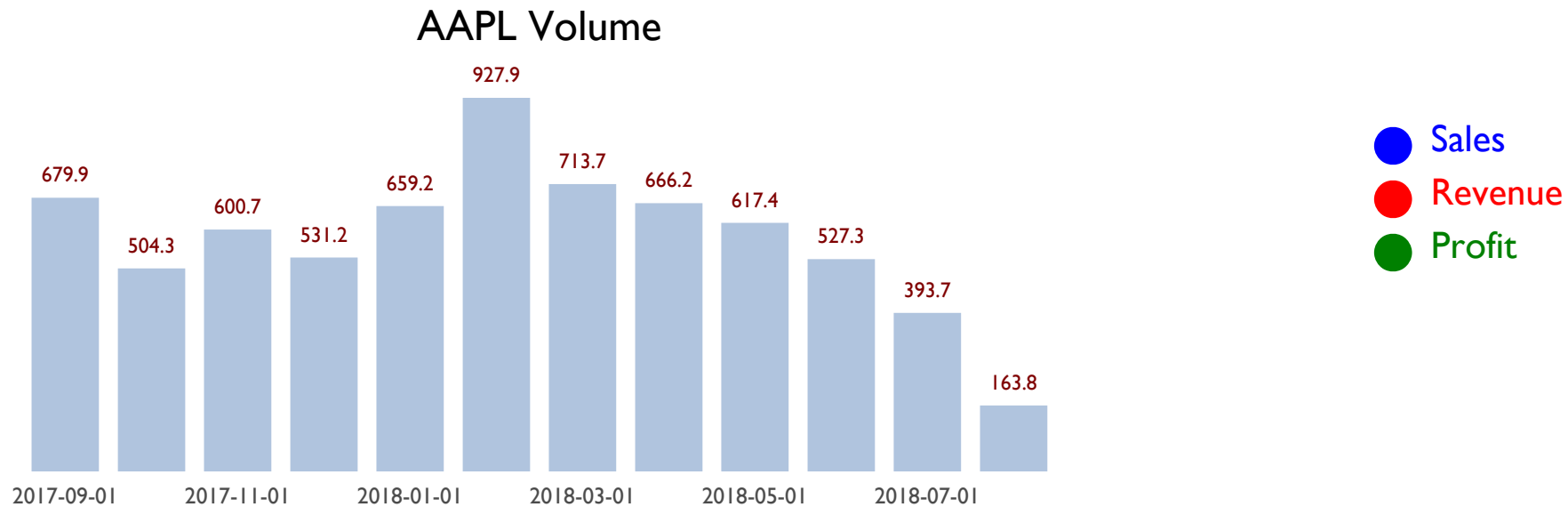


Up in the clouds

cimage

"file" "caption" x y w h [scale] [link]

Charts



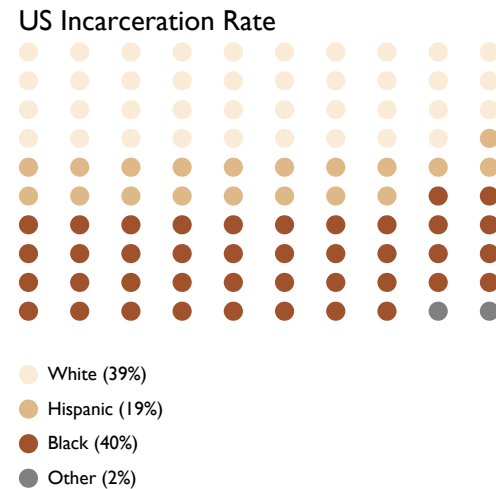
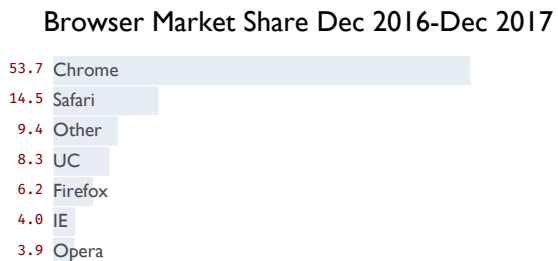
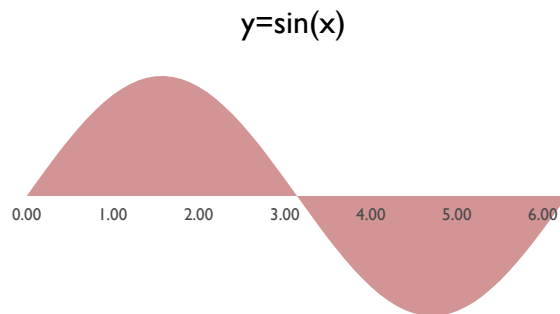
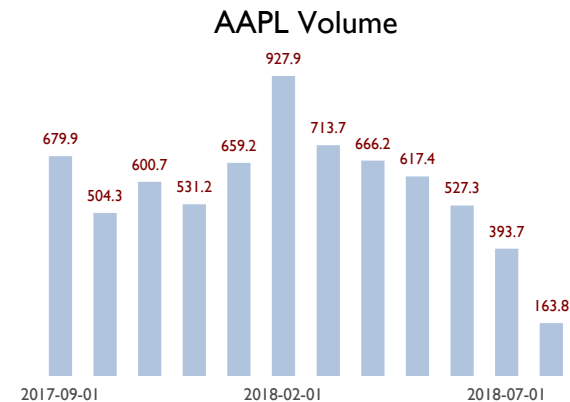
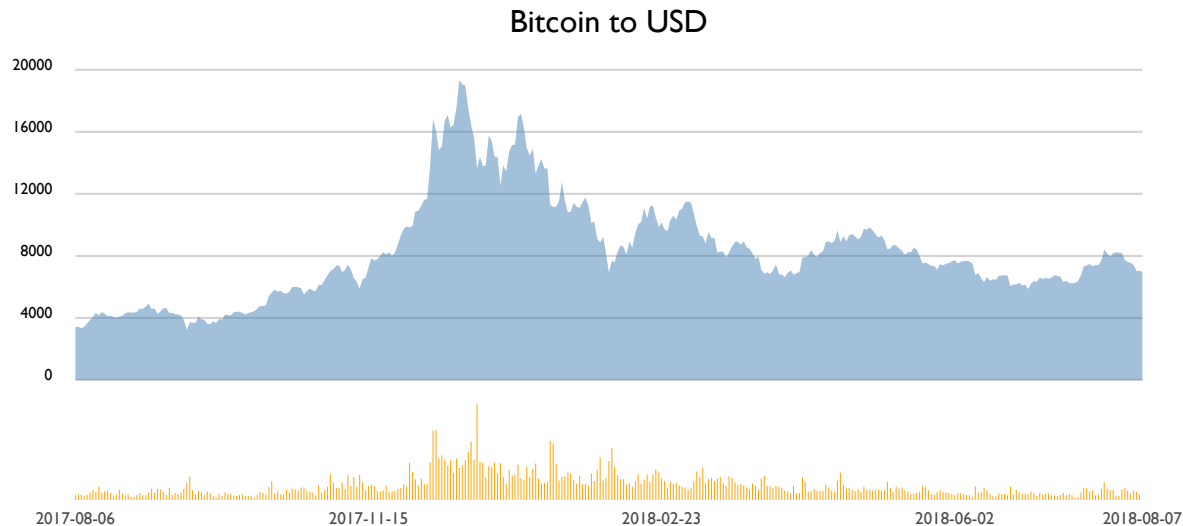
dchart

[args]

legend

x y size [font] [color]

dchart: charts for deck



decksh example.dsh | pdf

deck

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eslide

edek

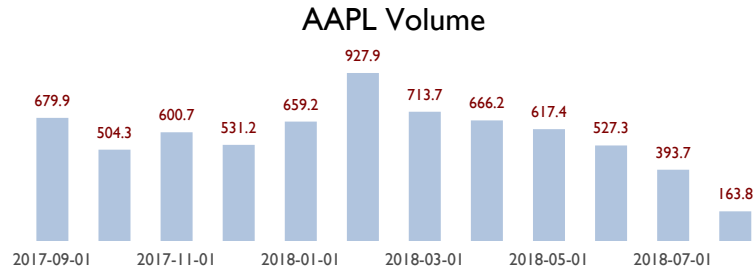
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Deck elements

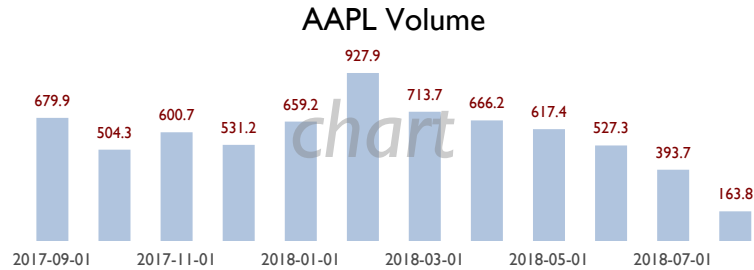
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Deck elements

list

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rect



ellipse



polygon



line



arc



curve



image



Examples



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```

deck
  mx=50          // midpoint
  tx=30          // text left
  ix=20          // image left
  ts=10          // base text size
  ss=ts*0.85     // sub-head text size
  cs=ts*0.55     // contact info text size
  ly=58          // line y

  slide "white" "rgb(100,100,100)"
    image "starx.png"          mx 87 512 512 7.5
    ctext "Anthony J. Starks"  mx 70 ts "sans" "black"
    ctext "Art + Code"         mx 62 ss "sans" "maroon"
    line  ix ly 80 ly 0.3 "maroon"

    image "phone.png"          ix 50 1200 1200 1.2
    image "email.png"          ix 40 1200 1200 1.2
    image "twitter.png"        ix 30 1200 1200 1.2
    image "github.png"         ix 20 120 120 10
    image "sd.png"             ix 10 512 512 2.5

    text "+1 908.548.3403"      tx 49 cs
    text "ajstarks@gmail.com"   tx 39 cs
    text "@ajstarks"           tx 29 cs
    text "github.com/ajstarks"  tx 19 cs
    text "speakerdeck.com/ajstarks" tx 9  cs
  eslide
edeck

```



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  eslide
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```




```

deck
  mx=25          // midpoint
  tx=62          // text left
  ix=57          // image left
  ts=6           // base text size
  ss=ts*0.85     // sub-head text size
  cs=ts*0.50     // contact info text size
  lx=50          // line x

  slide "white" "rgb(100,100,100)"
    image "starx.png"          mx 75 512 512 7.5
    ctext "Anthony J. Starks"  mx 35 ts "sans" "black"
    ctext "Art + Code"         mx 22 ss "sans" "maroon"
    line lx 90 lx 10 0.3 "maroon"

    image "phone.png"          ix 80 1200 1200 1.2
    image "email.png"          ix 65 1200 1200 1.2
    image "twitter.png"        ix 50 1200 1200 1.2
    image "github.png"         ix 35 120 120 10
    image "sd.png"             ix 20 512 512 2.5

    text "+1 908.548.3403"      tx 79 cs
    text "ajstarks@gmail.com"   tx 64 cs
    text "@ajstarks"           tx 49 cs
    text "github.com/ajstarks" tx 34 cs
    text "speakerdeck.com/ajstarks" tx 19 cs
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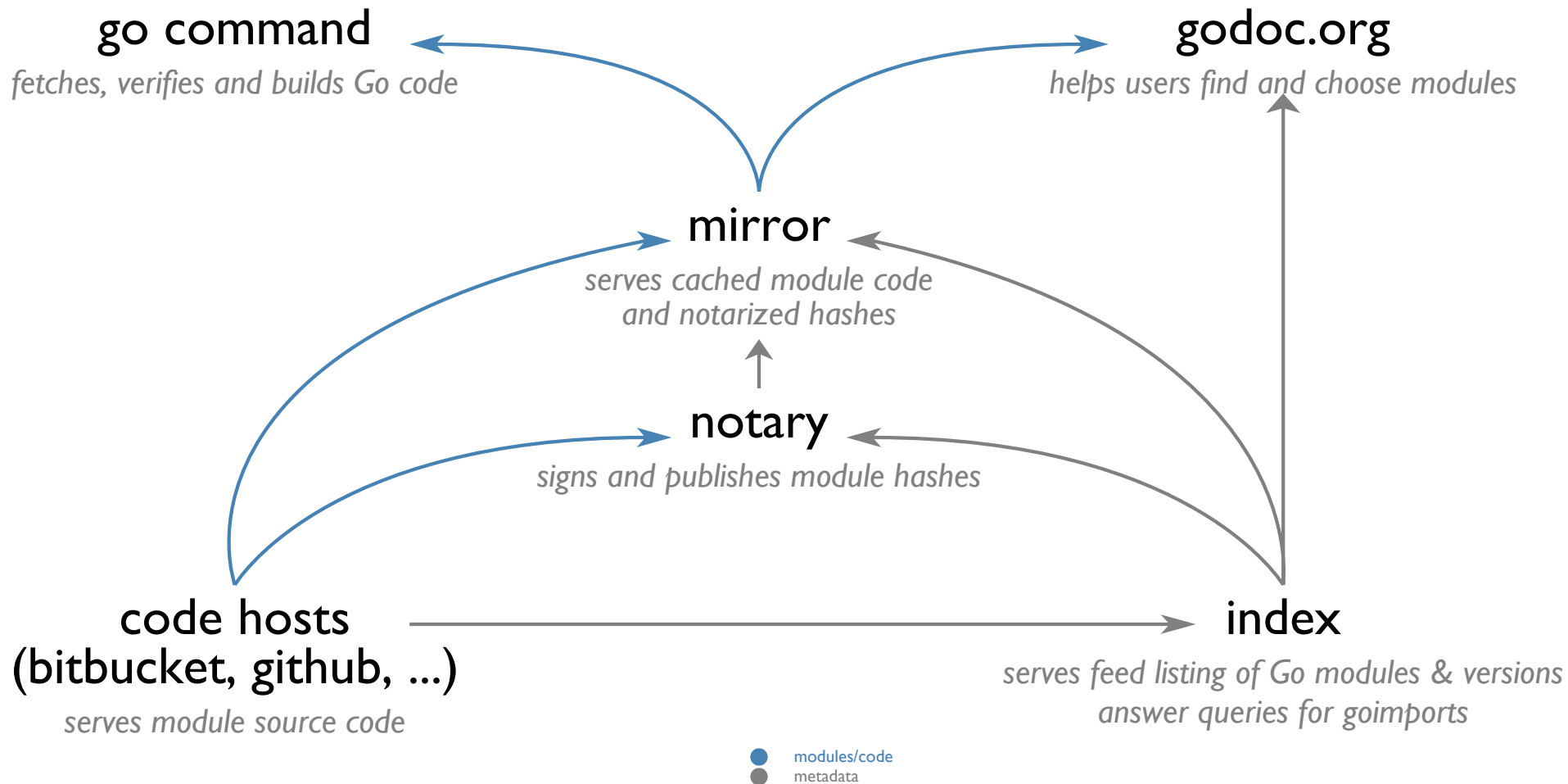


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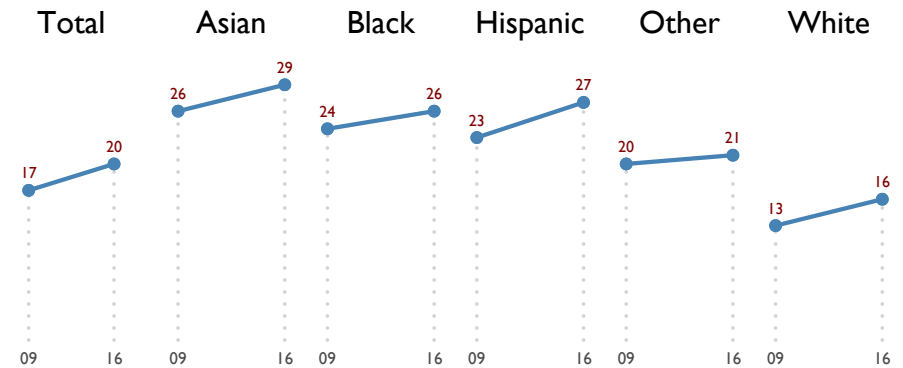
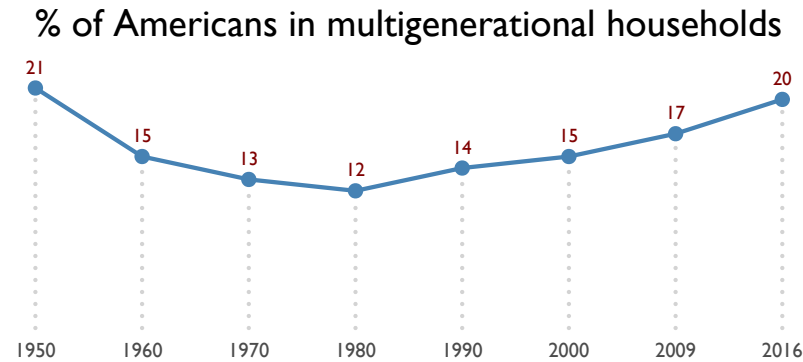
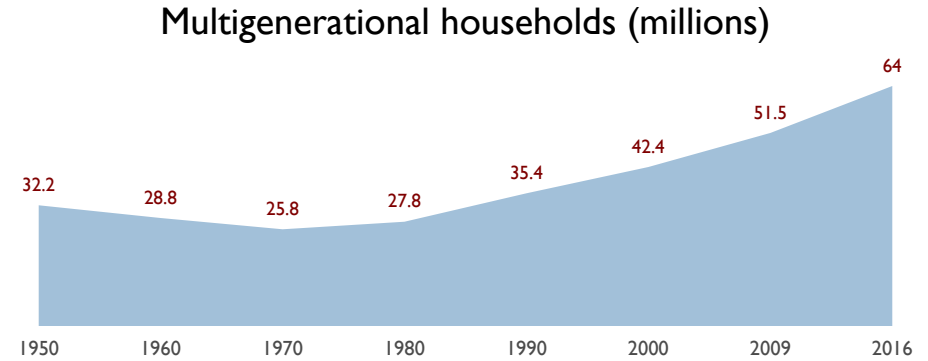
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Go Module Information Flows



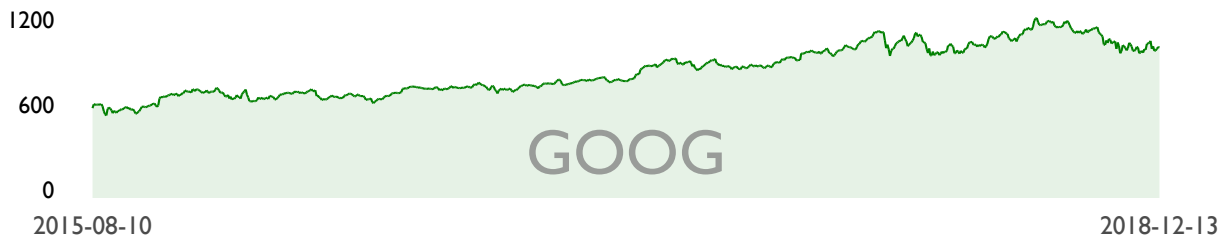
A record 64 million Americans live in multigenerational households

The number and share of Americans living in multi-generational family households have continued to rise, despite improvements in the U.S. economy since the Great Recession. In 2016, a record 64 million people, or 20% of the U.S. population, lived with multiple generations under one roof, according to a new Pew Research Center analysis of census data.





Pichai



+38.19%



Nadella



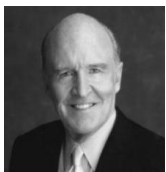
+66.79%



Cook



+68.56%

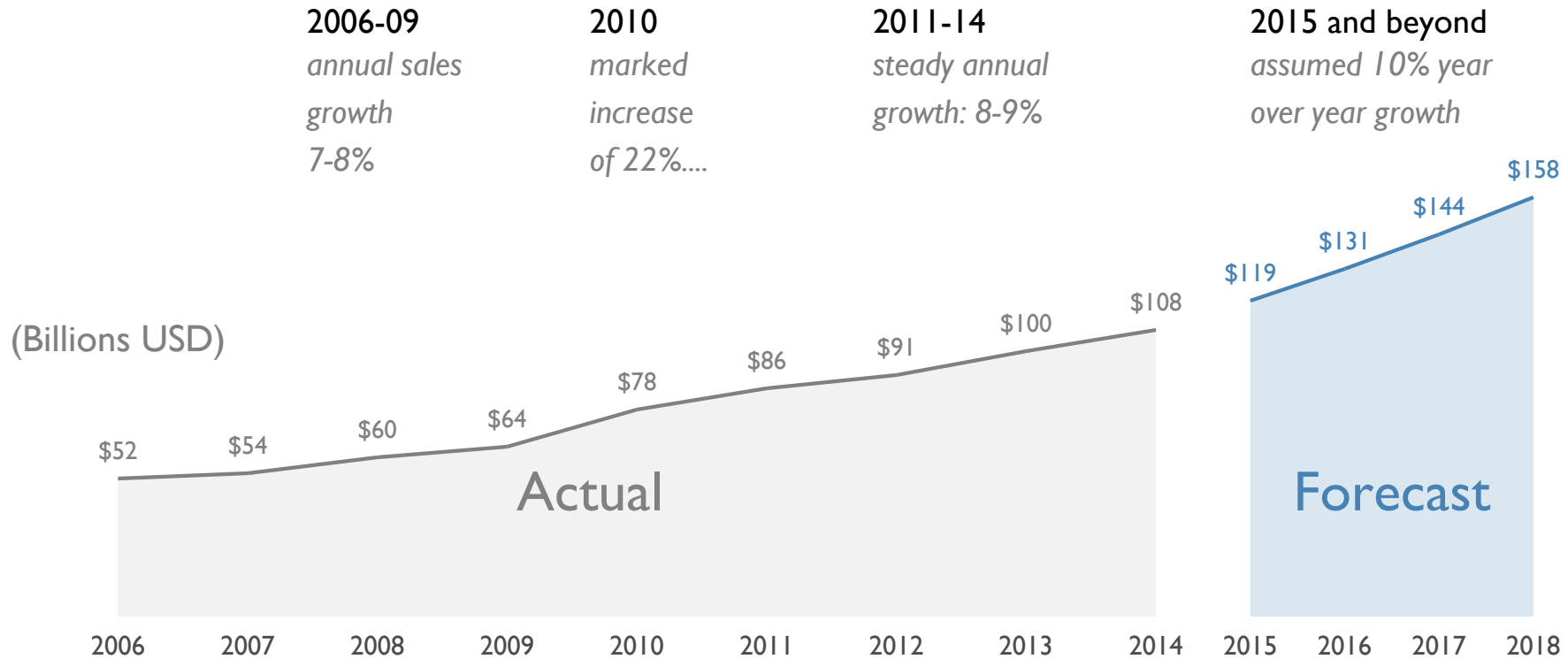


Welch

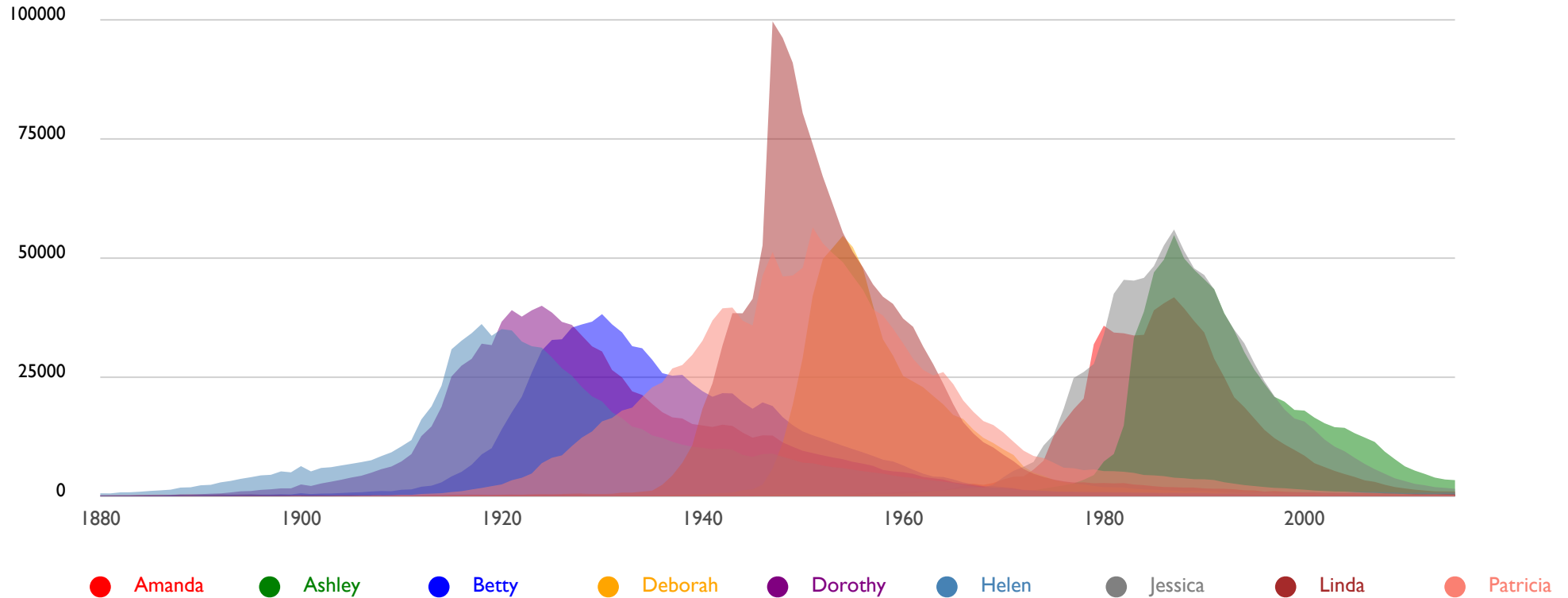


+96.56%

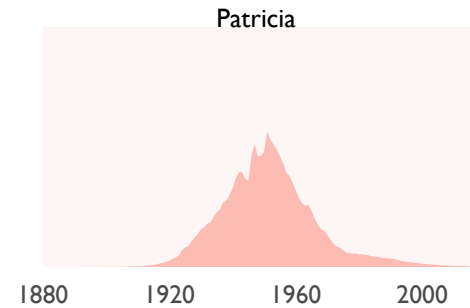
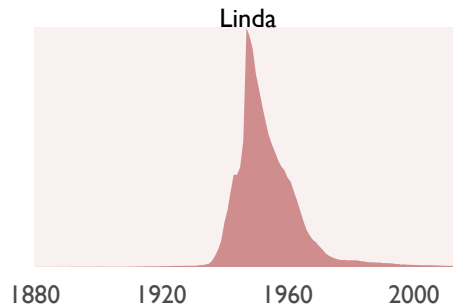
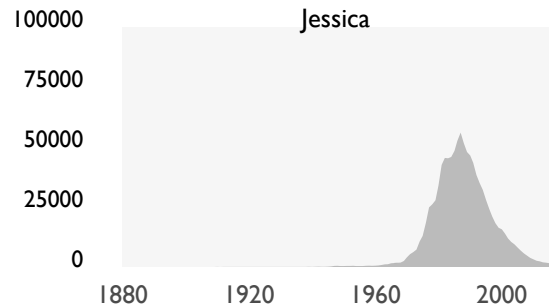
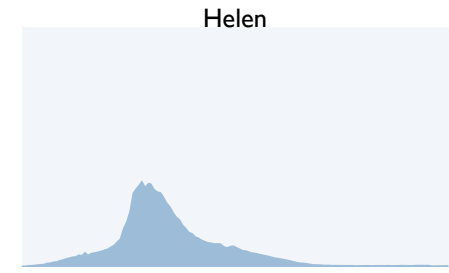
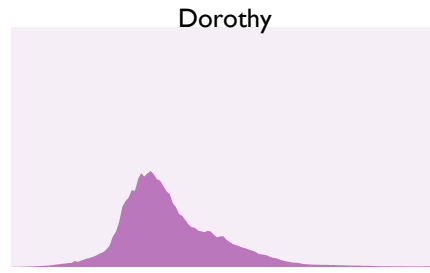
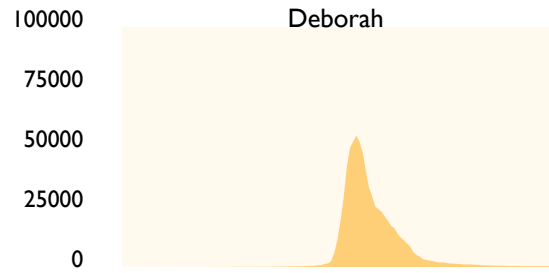
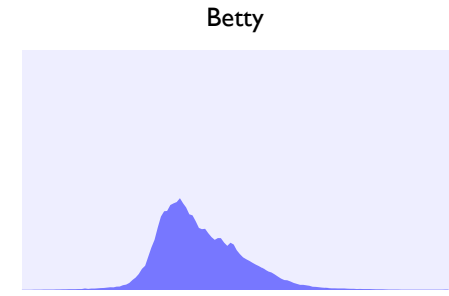
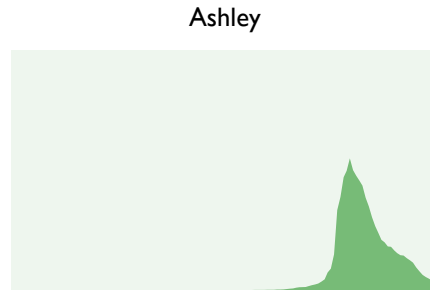
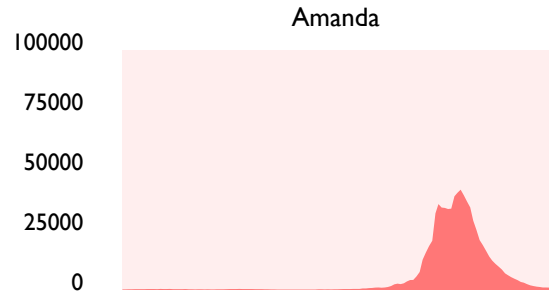
Sales over time



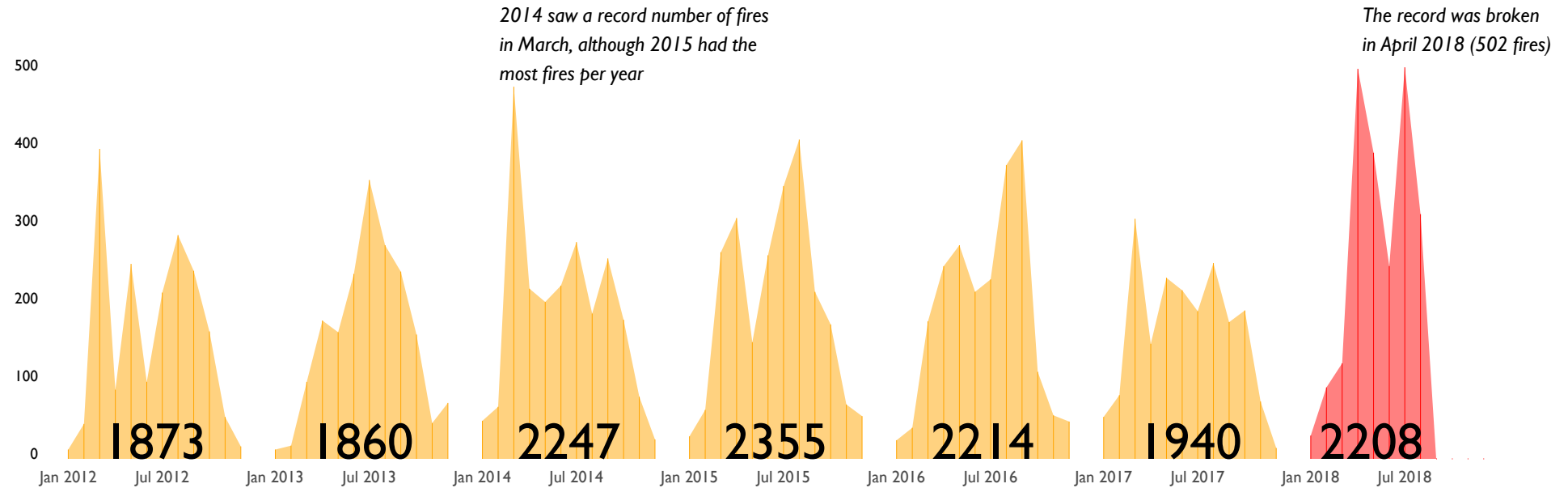
Evolution of Baby Names in the US: 1880-2015



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German Wildfires 2012-2018



go get it

deck

`github.com/ajstarks/deck`

decksh

`github.com/ajstarks/deck/cmd/decksh`

pdfdeck

`github.com/ajstarks/deck/cmd/pdfdeck`

dchart

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deck fonts

`github.com/ajstarks/deckfonts`