

FORUM ONE

Create Data Visualizations with D3

github.com/deviantpixel/d3_data_viz

Visualizing information is a form of knowledge compression. It's a way of squeezing an enormous amount of information and understanding into a small space.

David McCandless

Before you create a visualization ask yourself...

What story do I want to tell with my data?

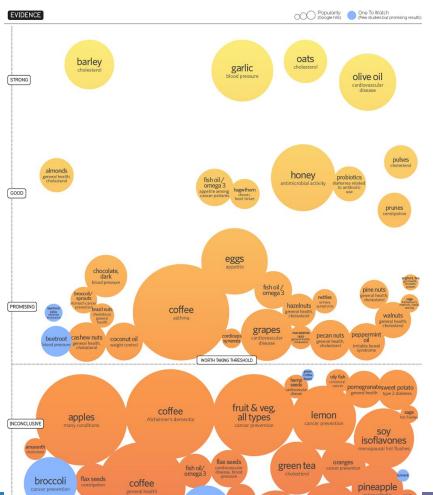
Does my data tell that story?

What visualization best tells my story?

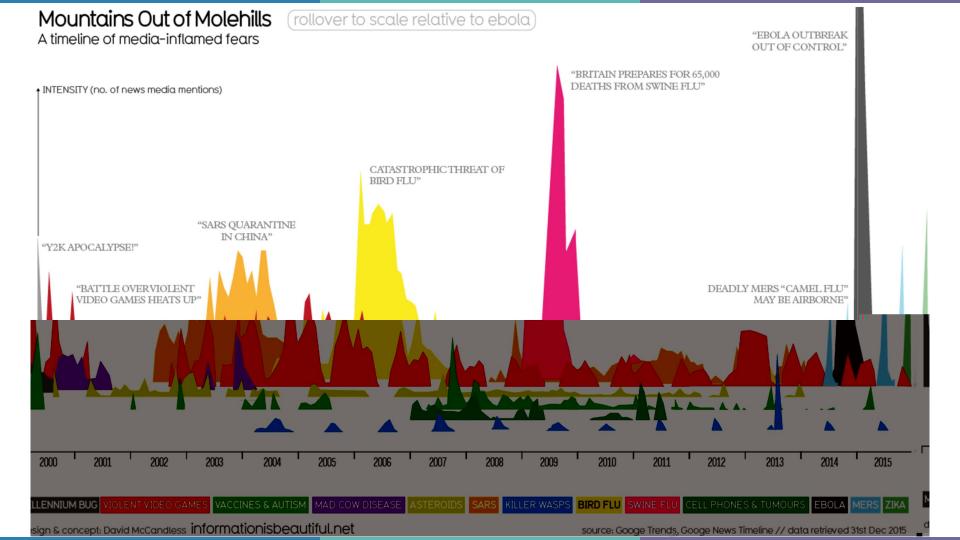


Snake Oil Superfoods?

Solid scientific evidence for extra health benefits of certain foods









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D3 Anatomy: SVG, CSS, D3



Architecture





D3 Anatomy



Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG)



Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG) is an XML-based vector image format for two-dimensional graphics with support for interactivity and animation.

Wikipedia

SVG Highlights

- DOM API
- Defines vector-based graphics for the Web
- Supports CSS styling
- Element grouping
- Hyperlinks
- Accessibility support (ARIA, etc)
- Path elements for arbitrary drawing

Method of displaying basic Vector Graphics features using the embed or object elements. Refers to the SVG 1.1 spec.

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Global

iOS Safari

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Opera Mini

Browser

97.18% + 0.49% = 97.67%

Chrome for

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IE Edge Firefox Chrome Safari Opera

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Feedback

² IE9-11 desktop & mobile don't properly scale SVG files. Adding height, width, viewBox, and CSS rules seem to be the best workaround.

Resources (7)

SVG (basic support) **■** - REC

Known issues (4)

Notes

Common SVG Elements

svg

Container element

circle, rect, line, ...

Various shape elements

path

- Arbitrary drawing paths
- 'd' attribute for path data

g

Used for grouping

a

Links of course

text

Textual content



Common SVG Elements

fill

color of the inside of an element

stroke

 color of the border of an element

stroke-width

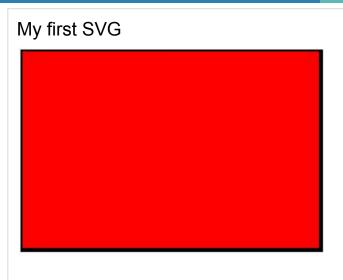
width of the border

stroke-dasharray

customizable dashes for lines

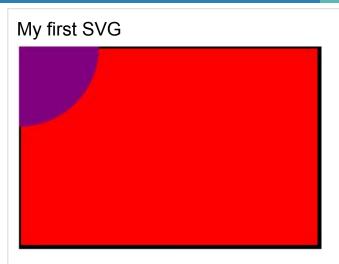


My first SVG <html> <body> <h1>My first SVG</h1> <svg width="600" height="600"> </svg> </body> </html>



```
<html>
<body>
<h1>My first SVG</h1>
<svg width="600" height="600">
<rect width="300" height="200" fill="red"</pre>
stroke="black" stroke-width="4">
</svg>
</body>
</html>
```





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<html>
<body>
<h1>My first SVG</h1>
<svg width="600" height="600">
<rect width="300" height="200" fill="red"</pre>
stroke="black" stroke-width="4">
<circle r="80" fill="purple" />
</svg>
</body>
</html>
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My first SVG

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stroke="black" stroke-width="4" x="10" y="10" />
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</svg>
</body>
</html>
```



My first SVG



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<html>
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<h1>My first SVG</h1>
<svg width="600" height="600">
 <rect width="300" height="200" fill="red"</pre>
stroke="black" stroke-width="4" x="10" y="10" />
 <circle r="80" fill="purple" cx="100" cy="100" />
 <text x="70" y="80" fill="white">I love
SVG!</text>
</svg>
</body>
</html>
```



SVG Path

M = moveto

L = lineto

H = horizontal lineto

V = vertical lineto

C = curveto

S = smooth curveto

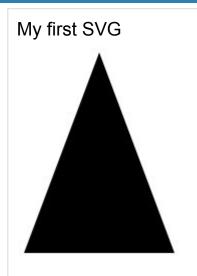
Q = quadratic Bézier curve

T = smooth quadratic Bézier curveto

A = elliptical Arc

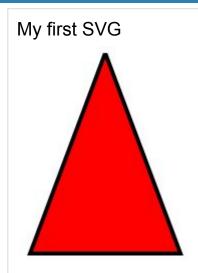
Z = closepath



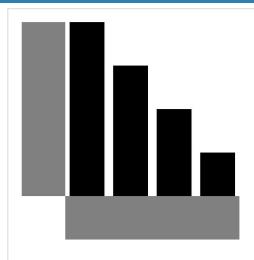


CSS + SVG





```
<html>
<body>
<style>
svg path {
 fill:red;
 stroke-width:4;
 stroke:black;
</style>
<h1>My first SVG</h1>
<svg width="600" height="600">
 <path d="M150 0 L75 200 L225 200 Z" />
</svg>
</body>
</html>
```



```
<html>
<body>
<svg width="250" height="250">
 <rect x="0" y="0" width="50" height="200" fill="gray"/>
 <rect x="50" y="200" width="200" height="50" fill="gray"/>
 <g transform="translate(50, 0)">
   <rect x="5" y="0" width="40" height="200"/>
   <rect x="55" y="50" width="40" height="150"/>
   <rect x="105" y="100" width="40" height="100"/>
   <rect x="155" y="150" width="40" height="50"/>
 </g>
</svg>
</body>
</html>
```



D3 + CSS + SVG



D3.js is a JavaScript library for manipulating documents based on data.

D3js.org

D3js is the glue between data and SVG (or other DOM elements).

Why should I use it?

- Cross Browser Compatibility
- Easy to learn API
- Good documentation and examples
- Expansive library of data visualizations
- Out-of-the-box functions:
 - XHR data loading
 - Geo data conversion

D3 Selections

d3.select(selector: string)

• query one element

d3.selectAll(selector: string)

• query multiple elements



Example: SVG Element



Adding Attributes

```
append("circle")
    .attr('cx', 50)
    .attr('cy', 50)
    .attr('r', 40);
```





```
<div id="viz"/>
<script>
 //Create a sized SVG surface within viz:
 var vizsvg = d3.select("#viz")
   .append("svg")
   .attr("width", 600)
   .attr("height", 600);
 //Add to the svg surface a circle
 var circle =
   vizsvg.append("circle")
   .attr("fill", "red")
   .attr("r", 40)
   .attr("cx", 50)
   .attr("cy", 50);
</script>
```



Data Joins

update = selection.data(data)

Bind array of data to selection.

update.enter()

Iterates over data points that don't have associated nodes.

update.exit()

Data nodes without matching data trigger this.







D3.js charts libraries

dimple, http://dimplejs.org/, 1/2/2015 Rickshaw, http://code.shutterstock.com/rickshaw/, 1/10/2015 dc.js, http://dc-js.github.io/dc.js/, 2/27/2015 Ember Charts, http://addepar.github.io/#/ember-charts/overview, 2/26/2015 MetricsGraphics.js, http://metricsgraphicsjs.org/, 2/27/2015 Epoch, http://fastly.github.io/epoch/, 2/22/2015 Plottable.js, http://plottablejs.org/, 2/21/2015 glimpse.js, http://racker.github.io/glimpse.js-website/, 10/7/2014 Vega, https://github.com/trifacta/vega/, 12/17/2014 xCharts, http://tenxer.github.io/xcharts/, 8/8/2013 uvCharts, http://imaginea.github.io/uvCharts/, 10/28/2013 Cubism.js, http://square.github.io/cubism/, 4/18/2014 c3, http://c3js.org/, 2/26/2015 TechanJS, http://techanjs.org/, 2/1/2015 Firespray, https://github.com/boundary/firespray, 2/25/2015 Micropolar, http://micropolar.org/, 11/4/2014 D4, http://visible.io/, 12/23/2014

NVD3, https://github.com/novus/nvd3, 2/9/2015 Gneisschart, https://github.com/Quartz/Chartbuilder/, 9/17/2014 wg/chart.js, https://github.com/wq/wq.app/blob/master/js/wq/chart.js, 2/23/2015 Angular-charts, http://chinmaymk.github.io/angular-charts/, 2/12/2015 react-d3 http://esbullington.github.io/react-d3-website/, 2/25/2015 DexCharts, https://github.com/PatMartin/DexCharts, 12/4/2013 DViz, https://github.com/akngs/dviz, 9/17/2012 gg, https://github.com/sirrice/gg/, 11/16/2013 jsplotlib, https://github.com/rameshvs/jsplotlib, 10/18/2014 LPChart, https://github.com/bergcloud/lp-chart, 7/29/2013 Radian, https://github.com/openbrainsrc/Radian, 3/7/2014 Dance.js, https://github.com/michael/dance, 11/17/2012 Dynamic-Graphs, https://github.com/mlarocca/Dynamic-Charts, 1/6/2013 PykCharts.js http://pykcharts.com/, 3/2/2015



Common Integration Methods

D3 Module (D7)

Views/REST API with Custom Module



D3 Module



D3 Module Features

- Simple API
- Out-of-the-box basic visualizations
- Custom library support
- Simplified data binding through Views integration and custom library



Views/REST API with Custom Module



Views/REST API with Custom Module

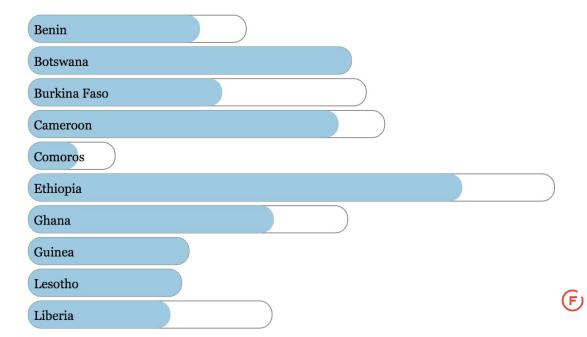
- 1. Create a views listing of your data via REST API display mode
- 2. Create a custom module
 - a. Add D3 Library JS file
 - b. Outputs needed markup via Block or other
 - c. Add your custom D3/JS



What are we building?

- Shows Peace Corps Volunteers per country in Africa
- Country name is visible
- Visually see how many people are currently volunteering and how many openings are left

Volunteers per Country D3



Enable the following core modules:

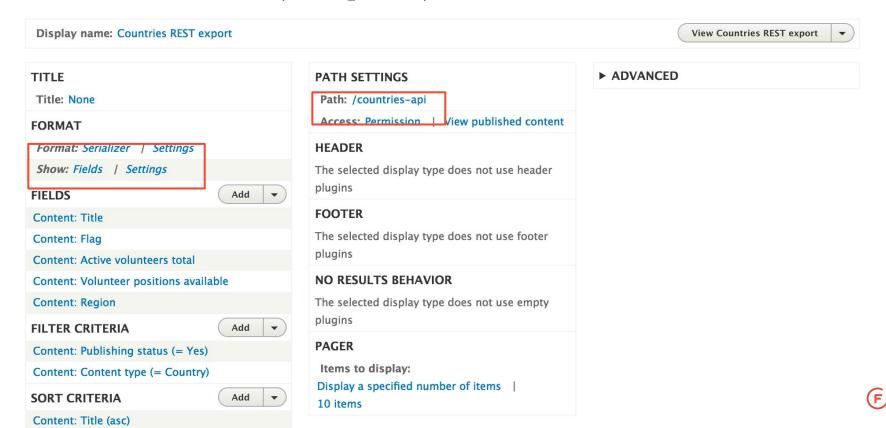
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HTTP Basic Authentication	► Provides the HTTP Basic authentication provider
RESTful Web Services	Exposes entities and other resources as RESTful web API
Serialization	► Provides a service for (de)serializing data to/from formats such as JSON and XML



- 1. Navigate to the Views Admin page and create a new content view.
- 2. Create a new sub-view of type "REST export".
 - a. Change "Show" to "Fields" to allow field selection
 - b. Configure the fields to include what you need for your visualization.
 - c. Configure the filters to only allow content you need for your visualization.





Your JSON data will be returned by GET request to your specified URL path.

Note:

We are using a defined query without custom GET attributes. To access all REST actions you will need to enable additional core modules and configure REST permissions and configuration.

```
title: "Benin",
   field flag: "1",
   field active volunteers total: "93",
   field volunteer positions availa: "25",
   field region: "Africa"
   title: "Botswana",
   field flag: "2",
   field active volunteers total: "175",
   field volunteer positions availa: false,
   field region: "Africa"
   title: "Burkina Faso",
   field flag: "3",
   field active volunteers total: "105",
   field volunteer positions availa: "78",
   field region: "Africa"
},
```

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Custom Module (Drupal 8)

d3vis (directory at modules/custom)

- d3vis.info.yml (contains module info)
- d3vis.module (contains theme hook for block)
- d3vis.libraries.yml (includes D3.js, custom JS and JS dependencies)
- js (directory)
 - o d3.min.js (D3.js version 3.x)
 - d3vis_src.js (Our custom D3)
- src/Plugin/Block (directories)
 - D3VisBlock.php (extends block class to create our custom block)
- templates (directories)
 - d3vis.html.twig (custom twig template file for our custom block)



d3vis.info.yml

Sets standard module information

name: D3 Data Visualization

type: module

description: Provides D3 rendering of content.

core: 8.x package: d3



D3VisBlock.php

- Extend the Block class Plugin to create our custom block
- Sets the block theme to our custom block theme
- Attaches our custom D3/JS file to the block so it is included when the block is rendered by our custom library 'ModuleName/LibraryName'

```
<?php
namespace Drupal\d3vis\Plugin\Block;
use Drupal\Core\Block\BlockBase;
* Provides a 'D3VisBlock' block.
* @Block(
* id = "d3 vis block".
  admin_label = @Translation("D3 Vis block"),
class D3VisBlock extends BlockBase {
 * {@inheritdoc}
 public function build() {
 $build = [];
 $build['d3_vis_block']['#markup'] = 'D3 vis here.';
 $build['d3_vis_block']['#attached']['library'][] = 'd3vis/d3vis_src';
 $build['d3_vis_block']['#theme'] = 'd3vis';
 return $build;
```



d3vis.libraries.yml

- Define 'd3' custom library
 - Includes the D3 release file
 Version 3.x
 - Sets another dependency on Drupal core jQuery
- Define 'd3vis_src' custom library
 - Includes our custom D3/JS
 - Sets dependencies on our d3 library as well as needed Drupal core libraries

```
d3:
 version: 3.x
js:
  js/d3.min.js: {}
 dependencies:
  - core/iquery
d3vis_src:
 version: 1.x
 js:
  js/d3vis_src.js: {}
 dependencies:
  - core/iquery
  - core/iquery.once
  - core/drupal
  - core/drupalSettings
  - d3vis/d3
```



d3vis.module

 Defines our custom 'd3vis' theme which will provide the block theme for our custom block

```
function d3vis_theme($existing, $type, $theme, $path) {
  return array(
   'd3vis' => array(
    'variables' => array(),
    ),
   );
}
```

d3vis.html.twig

- Essentially the same as the core block template file except:
 - Container added for the visualization to be placed in
 - We directly inject styles

Note:

We should include CSS using a custom library.

```
<style>
        #d3vis-container.total-bar{
                fill: #fff:
                stroke: #888:
                stroke-width: 1:
        #d3vis-container.progress-bar {
                fill: rgb(158, 202, 225);
</style>
<div{{ attributes }}>
 {{ title_prefix }}
 {% if label %}
  <h2{{ title_attributes }}<{{ label }}</h2>
 {% endif %}
 {{ title_suffix }}
 {% block content %}
 {{ content }}
  <div id="d3vis-container" />
{% endblock %}
</div>
```

d3vis_src.js

 All custom JS is wrapped in a Drupal behavior and uses 'once' to ensure the JS is only included one time and only when needed

```
(function ($) {
  'use strict';
  Drupal.behaviors.d3vis_src = {
   attach: function(context, settings) {
        // This just ensures this JS is called once to avoid Drupal ajax recalls
        $(context).find('#block-d3visblock').once('d3vis_src').each(function
() {
   ...
  }
};
}(jQuery));
```



- Create the svg element for our visualization
- GET the data from the REST API path

Note:

All remaining code will be inside the context of this data load function.

```
// Set the variables used to control the svg size
var width = 600:
var height = 600;
// Nicer to set how high the bars should be
var barHeight = 30;
//Create a sized SVG surface within d3vis-container:
var vizsvg = d3.select("#d3vis-container")
      .append("svg")
      .attr("width", width)
      .attr("height", height);
// Use D3 to fetch the json data from the Drupal REST path
d3.json("/countries-api", function(error, data) {
        if (error) throw error; // always great to check for errors
...
```



- D3.scale.linear is used to "scale" data
 - Domain is the upper and lower bounds of the data
 - Range is the upper and lower bounds you are constraining it to

/* We use this to scale all data to fit the max width of the viewing area. It translates our data range which is the domain into the viewable area width which is the range * / var widthScale = d3.scale.linear()

```
.ddthScale = d3.scale.linear()
.domain([0, d3.max(data, function(d) {
     /* We determine the upper range of our data by using the max
     function which determines the maximum value in a dataset */
     return checkInt(d.field_active_volunteers_total) +
        checkInt(d.field_volunteer_positions_availa); })])
.range([0, width-20]);
```

...



 Add a rect for each data node that is as wide as the scaled result of total active volunteers and open positions available





```
// Create dom elements for the total bar
vizsvg.selectAll(".total-bar")
      // Iterate over each data node
      .data(data).enter()
            // create a rect element
            .append("rect")
                  // Assign attributes to the rect element
                  .attr("class", "total-bar")
                  .attr("rx", 14) //Just adds rounded corners
                  .attr("ry", 14) //Just adds rounded corners
                  .attr("x", 5) // Set the horizontal position of the bar
                  // Set the vertical position of the bar
                  .attr("y", function(d, i) {
                        // i is the current data node index
                        return (i * (barHeight + 5)) + 25;
                  /* The width of the bar uses a function to combine the two
                  field values to calculate the total width */
                  .attr("width", function(d, i) {
                        return
                  (widthScale(checkInt(d.field_active_volunteers_total) +
                  checkInt(d.field_volunteer_positions_availa)));
                   .attr("height", barHeight);
```

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 Add a rect for each data node that is as wide as the scaled result of total active volunteers



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Note:

We set the width to 0px as a transition will animate the width to the right size.

// Create dom elements for the progress bar vizsvg.selectAll(".progress-bar") // Iterate over each data node .data(data).enter() // create a rect element .append("rect") .attr("class", "progress-bar") .attr("rx", 14) //Just adds rounded corners .attr("ry", 14) //Just adds rounded corners .attr("x", 5) // Set the horizontal position of the bar // Set the vertical position of the bar .attr("y", function(d, i) { // i is the current data node index return (i * (barHeight + 5)) + 25; // Width is set to 0 as we will transition it in later .attr("width", 0) .attr("height", barHeight);

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 Add a text for each data node that contains the name of the country

Ghana

```
// Create dom elements for the Country names
vizsvg.selectAll(".title")
      // Iterate over each data node
      .data(data).enter()
            // create a text element
            .append("text")
                  .attr("class", "title")
                  // Position the title to be on the corresponding bar
                  .attr("x", 11)
                  .attr("y", function(d, i) {
                         // i is the current data node index
                         return (i * (barHeight + 5)) + 46;
                  // Set the content of the text element to be the country
            name
                   .text(function(d) {
                         return (d.title);
                  });
```

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 Add a transition that animates the progress bars to transition from 0 width to the width of the scaled total active volunteers

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/* Create a transition effect on the progress bar. This makes it grow from 0
width to the total width it should be in an animated way */
vizsvg.selectAll(".progress-bar")
 .transition()
 .duration(750) // The transition will take less than a second
 /* We set the ending state for the transition which is that it have
 a width attribute of the total active volunteers scaled of course.
 The D3 animation function takes care of everything in between
 */
 .attr("width", function(d, i) {
 return
 (widthScale(checkInt(d.field_active_volunteers_total)));
 });

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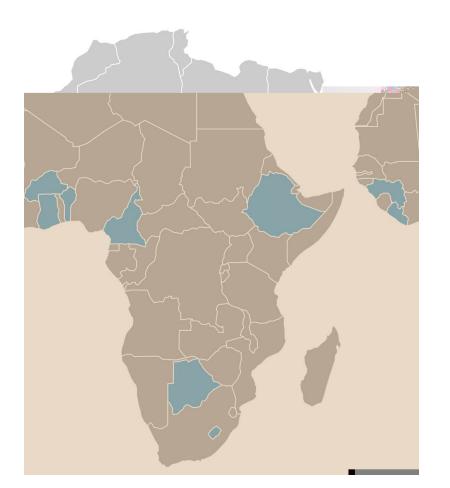


Bring in the Maps



What are we building?

 Map of Africa highlighting countries that have volunteer programs





- Create the svg and group element for our map
- Set a map projection so all geo data is translated correctly

Note:

This assumes a container element with an id of "d3map-container" exists.

```
/* Start map section */
//Create a sized SVG surface within d3vis-container:
var mapsvg = d3.select("#d3map-container")
  .append("svg")
  .attr("width", width)
  .attr("height", height);
// Append a group element to place all country shapes in
var g = mapsvg.append("g");
// Set a map projection as well as other map configuration
var projection = d3.geo.mercator()
  .scale(400)
  .center([20, 0])
  .translate([width/2,height/2]);
// Create a geographic path generator and set the projection to be used on
all GeoJson paths
var geoPath = d3.geo.path()
  .projection( projection );
```

D3 Geo Paths

d3.geo.path()

Given a geometry or feature object, it generates the path data string suitable for the "d" attribute of an SVG path element



- GET Africa geo.json data from the Africa shape file and store in mapdata
- GET the data from the REST API path and store in countryData

Note:

The following code will be inside this nested data load.

// Load the GeoJson shape data of countries in Africa d3.json("/modules/custom/d3vis/js/africa.geo.json", function(error, mapdata) {
 if (error) throw error; // always great to check for errors
 // Load the countries data again to use this data as well
 d3.json("/countries-api", function(error, countryData) {
 if (error) throw error; // always great to check for errors
 ...

- Create a Path element for each country in the Africa geojson data set
- Color that path blue if it is present in the countryData data set or gray if not
- D3 generates the actual "d" path value using the projection variable we created

...

```
// Select all path to begin creating path elements
      g.selectAll("path")
        // We will be creating a path for each data item in mapdata
        .data( mapdata.features ).enter()
        .append("path")
        /* Fill the color with the default gray unless it has a country name
that appears in our countryData dataset. If it does color it blue. */
          .attr("fill", function(d, i) {
           var fillColor = "#ccc"; // Set default gray color
           ¡Query.each(countryData, function() {
              if (this.title == d.properties.name_long) {
              // Found this country in our countrydata list. make it blue
              fillColor = "rgb(158, 202, 225)";
            });
            return fillColor; // Return the resulting background color
          .attr("d", geoPath) // Add the GeoJson path data to the d attribute
using the geographic path generator
          .attr("stroke-width", 1)
          .attr("stroke", "#fff");
  });
});
```



Learn More...

- Introduction to D3 Screencast Curran Kelleher
- <u>Visualization Monsters Christophe Viau</u>
- D3 Data Visualization Code Repository
- Mapping with D3 Maptime Boston
- A Data-Driven Tour of the Universe
- The beauty of data visualization David McCandless Ted talk
- Let my dataset change your mindset -Hans Rosling Ted talk



