

Intro to d3.js: Relevant Links

Repo for our workshop:

<http://bit.ly/2ofmTCB>

D3 API Documentation:

<https://github.com/d3/d3/blob/master/API.md>

MDN's JavaScript Documentation:

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript>

Bl.ocks (the home for sharing d3 modules and examples):

<https://bl.ocks.org/>

SVG Documentation:

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/SVG>

An example visualization:

<https://ligo.northwestern.edu/media/mass-plot/index.html>

ADVANCED D3:

Curve Interpolations: <http://bit.ly/2xR9VxX>

Voronoi: <http://bit.ly/2gK35mi>

<https://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/4060366>

Zooming: <http://bit.ly/2f6WYsg>

Brushing/Zooming: <http://bit.ly/2lTjfef>

Stacking: <http://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/582915>

Collision Constraint: <http://bit.ly/2vOPk05>

Dragging: <http://bit.ly/2j6x5gH>

"Each": <https://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/9490313>

Dispatching (super advanced):

<https://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/5872848>

Modules/Plugins (*most* advanced):

<https://bost.ocks.org/mike/d3-plugin>

"Store-bought" (and other) viz solutions:

Plotly: <https://plot.ly/>

ggplot2: <http://ggplot2.org/>

Matplotlib: <https://matplotlib.org/>

Tableau: <https://www.tableau.com/>

Processing: <https://processing.org/>

Intro to d3.js: Review Topics

Most vizzies are *box-mix* cake



D3 is a tiramisu



Steps to starting with d3.js:

1. Build your environment:
 - a. Set up your HTML
 - b. Link your CSS file
 - c. Link your libraries (d3 included)
 - d. Link your main JavaScript
2. Examine your data:
 - a. Is it in the right format? Structured correctly?
 - b. Do you need a web server or can you host it locally?
3. Link your data to your document:
 - a. Will you load it in using d3 or will you load it in up front?
4. Create your starting element:
 - a. Use an id to select it easily, make sure it is an `<svg>` type

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <head>
3   <meta charset="utf-8">
4   <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="index.css"/>
5   <script src="https://d3js.org/d3.v4.min.js"></script>
6 </head>
7
8 <body>
9   <svg width="960" height="500" id="graph"></svg>
10 </body>
11
12 <script src="data.js"></script>
13 <script src="controller.js"></script>
```

```
1 var data = [
2   {
3     "letter": "A",
4     "frequency": 0.08167
5   },
6   {
7     "letter": "B",
8     "frequency": 0.01492
9   },
10  {
11    "letter": "C",
12    "frequency": 0.02782
13  },
14 ]
```

Steps to every basic visualization in d3.js:

1. **Create your scales:** these convert your data (domain) into the pixel space of the web (range)
2. **Select** an element, then “selectAll” on its children (even if you haven’t made them yet)
3. Bind **data** to this selection and “enter” the data
4. **Append** an element (this appends one element per data piece):
 - a. SVG types: rect, circle, text, etc
 - b. Even HTML types work: div, p, span, etc
5. **Modify** styling, attributes, classes or interactivity to each element, based on the data
 - a. `.attr("width", function(d,i) { return x(d.frequency) })`
6. Optional: Create an axis, title, interactive pieces, animations, etc

```
g.selectAll(".bar")
  .data(data)
  .enter().append("rect")
```