

Visual Exploration of Edible Wild Flora: A Foraging-Oriented Map Tool

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1. Introduction

Introduce your project. Have a look at the examples on itslearning, which you will find via: Resources » Materials » Projects (last year)

2. Related Work

Describe work that relates to your project, and why your work is different from what exists. In reference to the temperature change map (Figure 1) there may be other projects that do visualize similar stuff.

3. Design

Describe the design of your system, maybe you can organize the section based on the What, Why and How questions... You could, e.g., also refer to the Information Seeking Mantra [Shn96], if your interface operates accordingly.

4. Results

What are the results of your project, e.g., what are the findings in Figure 1?

5. Conclusion

Conclude your project

References

[Shn96] SHNEIDERMAN B.: The eyes have it: a task by data type taxonomy for information visualizations. In *Proceedings 1996 IEEE Symposium on Visual Languages* (1996), pp. 336–343. doi:10.1109/VL.1996.545307. 1

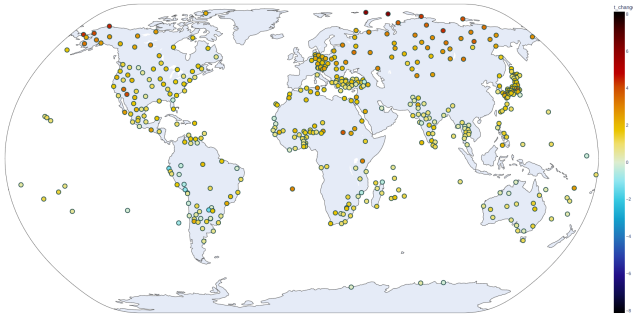


Figure 1: We can see the change of temperature by Celsius degrees for 500 weather stations across the world in the past 100 years.