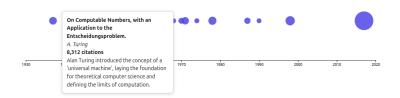
Milestone 2: Sketchbook

1 Project Goals

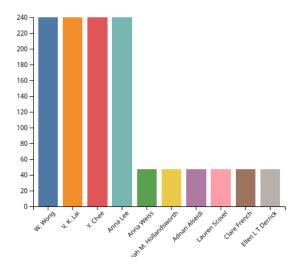
Our main project goal is to make academic research more visible and accessible. We begin with the field of Computer Science, but the project is designed to be scalable, with the potential to expand into other disciplines such as Physics.

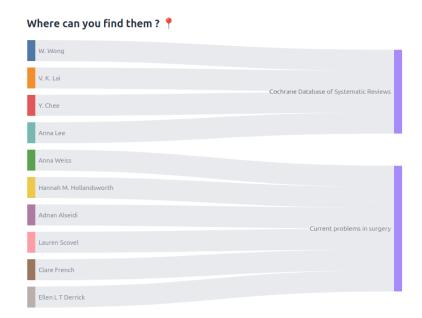
A timeline visualization highlights major breakthroughs in the selected research area. When hovering over a paper title, additional information such as a brief description becomes visible. This concept could be further extended to highlight key developments within specific subfields.



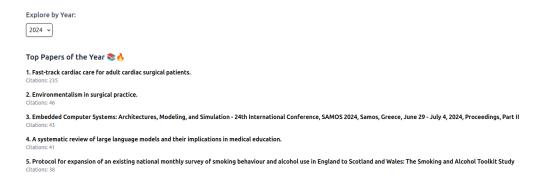
A bar chart displays the most cited authors within a given domain (e.g., Operating Systems), while sankey diagram illustrates the venues where these authors have published.



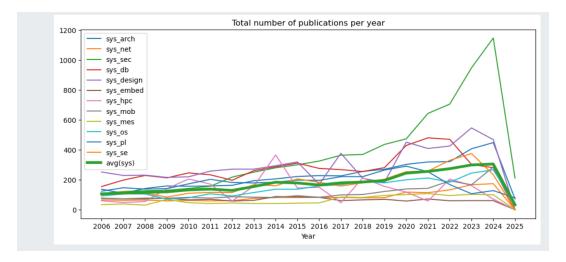




We also include a list of the most cited papers, with the option to filter by publication year.



We also plan to show the number of publications in a given field over time. A significant increase in publications could indicate that the field has become very popular (e.g., machine learning). Alternatively, it might suggest a decline in quality, possibly due to venues becoming less selective in accepting papers.

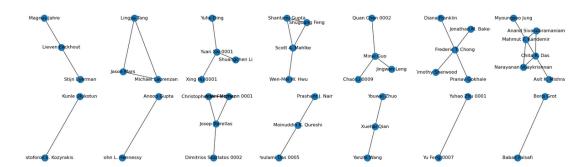


Some of these visualizations are already live on the website, though currently populated with dummy data for demonstration purposes.

1.1 Additional Ideas

As an additional idea, we could implement a connectivity graph of authors, visualizing their collaborations or citation relationships. A similar concept has already been explored by Prof. Payer, but there's definitely room for us to improve the styling and user experience. ;-)

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For the most relevant papers, we could also create a graph-based interface that allows students to browse papers more intuitively, by exploring connections between them.

These two visualizations pose greater challenges—not only in terms of visual complexity, but also due to the demanding data preprocessing involved. As such, they will require more development time and certainly more CPU cycles.

2 Tools and Technologies Used for Visualizations

For our visualizations, we will use the D3.js library to create dynamic, interactive data graphics. To simplify styling and layout, we will use Tailwind CSS instead of plain CSS.

We have already set up the project repository with Node.js, which gives us a development environment with features such as live reloading.

To maintain consistent code style, we use Prettier for code formatting. Linting rules are enforced via our GitHub CI pipeline, which also handles automatic deployment of commits to the main branch directly to the website hosted on GitHub Pages.

3 Relevant Lectures

Dos and Donts cover important general advice we will try to follow. The lectures about D3.js and interactions with D3.js as well as their exercises are helpful in using the chosen library. To show the relationships between authors or to have citation graphs the future lectures about graphs could be useful.