Ph. D. Thesis

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1 The Ideal Data Management Infrastructure

2 The Ideal Visual Analytics Environment

- Tables generated from a data cube navigator
 - Time slider is part of the navigation environment
 - Tree navigator for hierarchical dimensions
- Missing values are handled correctly
 - A set of special values represent missing data
 - NULL values in the database treated as missing data
- One global selection
 - All tools modify and reflect the global selection
 - All tools support the following selection interactions
 - * Persistent selection shapes
 - · Rectangle, Circle, Lassoo
 - \cdot Shapes are movable, resizable, deletable, storable
 - * Set operations union and difference
- One global filter
 - Filter created by creating a subset from selection
- One global color map

- Color map defined as a set of (value, color) pairs
- The color map is editable
- Color map presets can be managed (CRUD) by priveleged users
- One global probing specification
 - A set of columns to include
 - A text template specification for each chosen column
- The following visualization tools are available
 - Scatterplot
 - * 1 dimension
 - · Records are points
 - * 5 measures
 - · Point X
 - · Point Y
 - · Point Size
 - · Point Glyph
 - · Point Color
 - Table, Table Lens
 - * 1 dimension
 - · Records are rows
 - * n measures
 - \cdot Each measure is a column
 - · Values shown as text
 - Heatmap
 - * 1 dimension
 - · Records are rows
 - * n measures
 - · Each measure is a column
 - · Values shown as color
 - Parallel Coordinates

- * 1 dimension
 - · Records are polylines
- * n measures
 - \cdot Each measure is a vertical axis
- Choropleth Map (colored polygons)
 - * 1 dimension (must be space)
 - · Records are geographic regions
 - * 1 measure
 - · Region Color
- Pie Chart
 - * 1 dimension
 - · Records are pie slices
 - * 2 measures
 - · Pie slice size
 - · Pie slice color
- Bar Chart
 - * 1 dimension
 - · Records are bars
 - * 1 measure
 - · Bar Height
 - · Bar Width
 - · Bar Color
- Tree Map (and other tree views)
 - * 1 dimension (hierarchical)
 - · Records are tree nodes
 - * 2 measures
 - · Node size
 - · Node color
- Timeseries Line Chart
 - * 2 dimensions (one must be time)
 - · Records of an arbitrary dimension are polylines

- · Records of the time dimension are X locations
- * 1 measure
 - · Polyline point Y Location
- Timeseries Stacked Area Chart
 - * 2 dimensions (one must be time)
 - · Records of an arbitrary dimension are polylines
 - · Records of the time dimension are X locations
 - * 1 measure
 - · Area size in the Y direction
- Histogram (Barchart of density)
 - * 1 dimension
 - · Records are X points
 - * 1 measure
 - · X point location
- Correlation Matrix (Heatmap of correlation)
 - * 1 dimension
 - · specifies record type (records not directly visualized)
 - * n measures
 - · Each measure is a row and a column
 - · Color of each measure pair represents correlation
- Integrated R scripts
 - R scripts expose
 - * A unique name
 - * A description of what it does
 - * Who created it
 - * When it was created
 - * Input table structure
 - * Output table structure
 - R scripts create derived data sets
 - Visualization tools handle data sets derived from R scripts
 - * Scatterplot handles regression line derived dataset
 - * Histogram handles distribution fitting derived dataset

- 3 Mathematorium
- 4 Universal Visualization Platform
- 5 JyVis
- 6 Weave
- 7 Quadstream
- 8 Universal Data Cube Ontology
- 9 Universal Data Cube Server

Urls:

- http://datacubes.info/dimensions/time
- http://datacubes.info/dimensions/space
- http://datacubes.info/dimensions/industry
- http://datacubes.info/dimensions/ownership
- http://datacubes.info/meausures/population
- http://datacubes.info/meausures/employment
- http://datacubes.info/meausures/average_annual_income
- http://datacubes.info/meausures/total_wages
- http://datacubes.info/meausures/num_establishments
- RDF Description of the Time dimension: /dimensions/time
- listing of all years /dimensions/time/years

- RDF Description of the year 1990 /dimensions/time/years/9901
- listing of all quarters in year 1990
 /dimensions/time/years/990/quarters1
- RDF Description of Quarter 1 of the year 1990 /dimensions/time/years/990/quarters/q11
- listing of all months in Q1 of year 1990
 /dimensions/time/years/990/quarters/q1/months1
- RDF Description of month January 1990
 /dimensions/time/years/990/quarters/q1/months/january1
- listing of all quarters /dimensions/time/quarters/
- listing of all countries/dimensions/space/countries
- RDF Description of the country USA /dimensions/space/countries/USA
- listing of all US States
 /dimensions/space/countries/USA/states
- RDF Description of US state massachusetts
 /dimensions/space/countries/USA/states/massachusetts
- listing of all US counties
 /dimensions/space/countries/USA/counties

• listing of all months in year 1990
/dimensions/time/years/990/months/1

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