The Visualization Project for Nightlife in Melbourne

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Introduction

This visualization project aims to introduce the nightlife businesses in Melbourne, though trying to answer the following questions:

- Where or which area is the density of nightlife places in Melbourne?
- Which type of nightlife business occupies the major portion of the market?
- How large of nightlife places is prevailing?

These questions mainly focus on the three respective factors namely Area, Type and Size of nightlife business, therefore, audiences, especially businessmen who tend to open a nightlife place in future, could have an initial picture of the nightlife commerce in Melbourne through exploring this visualization project.

Design

Summary of Five Design Sheets

The whole design process was mainly developed following the methodology of Five Design Sheet (Roberts, Headleand, & Ritsos, 2016). On Brainstorm Sheet, surrounding the main three keywords namely "Area", "Type" and "Size", respective visualization components were considered, filtered, and refined. Eventually, the ideas for the visualization could be summarized as following (showed as Table 1):

Table	2 1	Summary	of Bra	instorm i	ldeas
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Focused Interest	Visualization Components	
	Pareto Chart (containing lines and bars)	
Area	Choropleth Map	
	Dot Density Map	
Туре	Stacked Bar Chart	
	Pie Chart	
Size	Line Chart	
Size	Histogram	

In terms of users' respective focused interest, this dataset could be explored and visualized the following three design ways which are separately on sheet two, three and four. On Sheet Two, it mainly focuses on the area interest and illustrate the density of nightlife places and the changing trend. On each component of sheet two, there are some interactions provided for visualizing more details (illustrated as Table 2).

Table 2 The Designed Components on Sheet Two

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Componen	Goals of Components	Interaction on Components

	To show nightlife places' changing trend	Users could select an area to look at		
Pareto Chart	from 2002 to 2018.	the changing trend for that particular		
		area.		
	To illustrate the geographical distribution	Users could move mouse around in		
Choropleth Map	of nightlife places in small blocks in	the map to see basic information for		
	2018.	a specific area.		
Dot Density Map	To details the clusters of nightlife places			
Dot Delisity Map	within various areas.	_		

On Sheet Three, the visualization mainly focuses on exploration of the second core interest "Type" including the proportion of different types and the relationship between areas and types. Therefore, it could illustrate the prevailing types of nightlife business and the type diversity of different areas. On this sheet, the components could also have some interactions which are listed as following (illustrated as Table 3).

Table 3 The Designed Components on Sheet Three

Visualization Components	Goals of Components	Interaction on Components	
Stacked Bar Chart	To display the changing trend for different types of nightlife places between 2002 and 2018.	Users could pick up a particular type to filter the bar.	
Pie Chart	To show the proportion of different types of nightlife places in 2018	User could select an area to look at the proportions for that particular area.	

On Sheet Four, the visualization would mainly show the numeric distribution of nightlife places with various sizes and the influence of areas on the selection of size range. On each component of sheet four, there are some interactions offered for visualizing more details which were listed as the Table 4.

Table 4 The Designed Components on Sheet Four

Visualization Components	Goals of Components	Interaction on Components
Line Chart	To show the changing trend for various sizes of nightlife places during these seventeen years.	Users could pick up a particular size range to see the changing
Line Chart	ingiture places during these seventeen years.	trend for that size range.
	To illustrate the numeric distribution of different	User could select an area to look
Histogram	sizes of nightlife places in 2018 which would be	at the numeric distribution for
	grouped by type.	that particular area.

With the consideration of the fact that different users would have different requirements on the focus interest aspects, the design on Sheet Five is to organise the three exploration ways together. Since the question answered by Stage one could be the most popular one that audience want to explore first. Then the Stage Two and Three could let users learn about the influence of areas on the selection of types and sizes of nightlife places. Therefore, audience would not only have a clear answer about the clusters of

nightlife places, but also could have an idea about their type diversity and their prevailing businesses' size range.

Table 5 The Final Designed Components on Sheet Five

Visualization Components	Goals of Components	Interaction on Components		
Pareto Chart	To show nightlife places' changing	Users could select an area to look at the		
	trend from 2002 to 2018.	changing trend for that particular area.		
	To illustrate the geographical	Users could move mouse around in the		
Choropleth Map	distribution of nightlife places in small	map to see basic information for a		
	blocks in 2018.	specific area.		
Dot Donaity Mon	To details the clusters of nightlife			
Dot Density Map	places within various areas.	-		
C41 1 D	To display the changing trend for	II.		
Stacked Bar	different types of nightlife places	Users could pick up a particular type		
Chart	between 2002 and 2018.	to filter the bar.		
Dia Chart	To show the proportion of different	User could select an area to look at the		
Pie Chart	types of nightlife places in 2018	proportions for that particular area.		
	To show the changing trend for	Users could pick up a particular size		
Line Chart	various sizes of nightlife places during	range to see the changing trend for		
	these seventeen years.	that size range.		
	To illustrate the numeric distribution	User could select an area to look at the		
Histogram	of different sizes of nightlife places in	numeric distribution for that particular		
	2018 which would be grouped by type.	area.		

When it comes to the layout of the whole visualization project, it would be a linear format in one page and all of components would be ordered according to their focused interest. User could scroll up and down to look through the web page and play around with interaction effects on each component.

The Final Design

In fact, during the implementation, the final design could be slightly different from the design on Sheet Five. Here are six small differences which could enhance the quality of the final project.

Firstly, the header "Nightlife in Melbourne" and the subtitles "Popular Area", "Popular Type" and "Common Size" (showed as Figure 1) are added at the beginning of the web page which did not mention in the original design. The reason why adding these headers is that they can tell users this project is about nightlife in Melbourne which will be visualised in three aspects: the area, type and size of nightlife businesses. Without headers, users would be confused about what information these visualization components imply here.



Figure 1 The Header of Web Page

Secondly, the order of components gets slightly changed. On each sheet of the original design, the chart of trend shows up before another component. For example, on Stage One, the Pareto Chart is ahead of the choropleth map (illustrated as Figure 2). However, the web page illustrates that the choropleth map could always catch users' attention before the Pareto Chart. So, the map could be a nice start for users to engage in the project (showed as Figure 3). Moreover, after changing this order, I realised that the start could be as much as simple so that users could have a motivation to explore the next one. Therefore, the dot density map got removed. Similarly, the order in the Stage Two and Stage Three get reversed (the original versions are respectively showed as Figure 4 and 6 while the changed versions are illustrated as Figure 5 and 7 separately.) Since the Pie chart and the Histogram could provide the latest situation for an area which could be the more interesting questions for users than the changing trend for successive years.

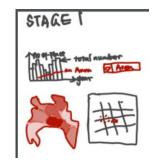


Figure 2 Stage One Layout in FDS

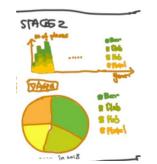


Figure 4 Stage Two Layout in FDS

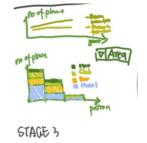


Figure 6 Stage Three Layout in FDS

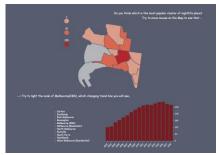


Figure 3 Modified Stage One Layout

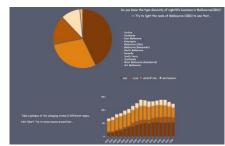


Figure 5 Modified Stage Two Layout

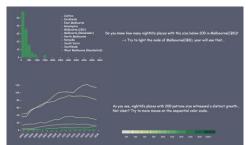


Figure 7 Modified Stage Three Layout

Thirdly, in order to make the project more narrative, the title of each chart was changed to hint sentences which could guide users to explore the project. For instance, nearby the choropleth map, there is a question for users and the next line is to give users a hint to find the answer, which could let user

engaged into exploration of the project (showed as Figure 8). Also, on stage two and stage three, there are also some similar sentences for instructions.



Figure 8 The Hint Sentence

The fourth one is to ignore the type classification on each bar in the Histogram (the old design is showed as Figure 9 while the new one is as Figure 10). When filtering data by area, each bar would become extremely short, then the discrimination of types cannot be seen clearly by users' eyes, so the comparison between various types could not bring valuable information and the sections on each bar would also distract users' attention. Therefore, ignoring type dimension could help users to pay attention to the area influence on the size range of nightlife business.

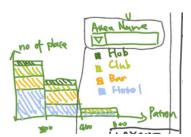


Figure 9 The Histogram in FDS

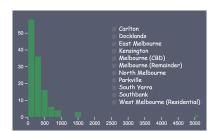


Figure 10 The Modified Histogram

When it comes to the changes on interaction effects, firstly, the selection of area on Pareto Chart, Pie chart and Histogram is to use a dropdown button in the previous design (showed as Figure 11) while in the implementation, it changed to hover and light the node of area (showed as Figure 12). In order to keep the layout clear and neat, it could be better that screen has only one window, while dropdown button would not be harmonious with the whole layout style.

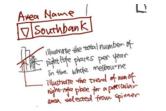


Figure 11 The Selection Interaction in FDS

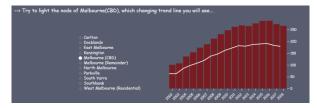


Figure 12 The Modified Selection Interaction

Secondly, on the stacked chart, the interaction slightly differentiates with the original design. The interaction design is to filter the data by ticking a type and some basic information will show up (showed as Figure 13), however, the view of stacked bar chart with tooltips would become dense where bars and texts would be closed and even overlapped, then it is hard to distinguish which bar get tooltip. Then,

the interaction got changed to hover and highlight the rectangles for different types (illustrated as Figure 14), which could make user to compare the height of rectangle with the y axis.

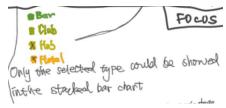


Figure 13 The Filter Function in FDS

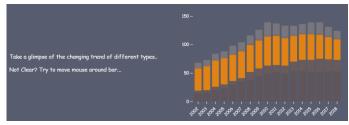


Figure 14 The Modified Filter Function

Overall, after enhancing the design, this project becomes more narrative. There are clear titles about topic, the hint lines to instruct users friendly and neater layout to display information clearly. However, in my view, there could be one more enhancement. The dot density map was removed in order to well organise the linear format, but it could still be a decent way to illustrate the influence of streets, area, and landmarks on the clusters of nightlife places. Then, it could be better to put dot density map in the pop-up window which would display the density map for an area after user clicking that area on the choropleth map and also it can be closed after viewing the map. Therefore, this way could not only keep the layout neat but also keep the dot density map design.

Implementation

During the implementation stage, here are two main working steps namely the data pre-process and the data visualization. The first step is to pre-process the dataset. The main tool is Pandas packages with python. As the fact that different methods of visualization require the dataset format which could be extremely different. Therefore, it becomes necessary to prepare well-organised data formats for respective visualization components before implementation.

As for the choropleth map in Stage One, the required datasets are the Geojson file of Melbourne city map ('Small Areas for Census of Land Use and Employment (CLUE) | Open Data | Socrata', 2020.) and the dataset with the attribute "CLUESmallArea" and the number of places in each area in 2018 which were filtered and transformed from the original dataset ('Bars and Pubs, with Patron Capacity | Open Data | Socrata', 2020) by Pandas in python (showed as Figure 15).

	CLUESmallArea	numberofplaces
0	Cariton	13
1	Docklands	15
2	East Melbourne	2
3	Kensington	3
4	Melbourne (CBD)	179
5	Melbourne (Remainder)	1
6	North Melbourne	12
7	Parkville	3
8	South Yarra	1
9	Southbank	24
10	West Melbourne (Residential)	3

Figure 15 Table for Choropleth Map

When it come to the Pareto Chart, it actually combined the Line chart and Bar chart together of which the visualization methods required data format are slightly different. Therefore, there are two tables prepared respectively for these two parts (illustrated as Figure 16 and 17). And apparently, the data rows are only grouped by Census Year for Bar Chart while by both of Small Area and Census Year for Line Chart.

	CensusYear	NumberOfPlaces
16	2002	97
15	2003	103
14	2004	131
13	2005	148
12	2006	167
11	2007	181
10	2008	204
9	2009	222
8	2010	238
7	2011	252
4	2012	258
6	2013	255
2	2014	266
1	2015	276
0	2016	277
3	2017	263
5	2018	256

Figure 16 Table for line part of the Pareto Chart

CLUESmallArea	CensusYear	NumberOfPlaces
Carlton	2002	10
Carlton	2003	13
Carlton	2004	13
Carlton	2005	15
Carlton	2006	15
West Melbourne (Residential)	2014	4
West Melbourne (Residential)	2015	4
West Melbourne (Residential)	2016	3
West Melbourne (Residential)	2017	3
West Melbourne (Residential)	2018	3
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Figure 17 Table for bar part of the Pareto Chart

In the stage two, the data attribute asked by Pie Chart is related to Small Area while the attribute asked by Stacked Bar Chart is associated with Census Year (showed respectively as Figure 18 and 19). But both of them need to pivot the "typeofplace" attribute into the columns.

	CLUESmallArea	BAR	CLUB	HOTEL	PUB	RESTAURANT
0	Cariton	0.0	1.0	3.0	0.0	1.0
1	Docklands	4.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
2	East Melbourne	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3	Kensington	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
4	Melbourne (CBD)	40.0	12.0	21.0	0.0	7.0
5	Melbourne (Remainder)	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
6	North Melbourne	1.0	1.0	6.0	0.0	1.0
7	Parkville	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
8	South Yarra	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
9	Southbank	6.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	3.0
10	West Melbourne (Residential)	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
11	ALL Melbourne	53.0	20.0	36.0	2.0	13.0

Figure 18 Table for the Pie Chart

	CensusYear	BAR	CLUB	HOTEL	PUB	RESTAURANT
0	2002	14	5	39	- 1	9
1	2003	15	5	42	1	10
2	2004	20	6	46	- 1	11
3	2005	23	7	46	- 1	11
4	2006	29	7	46	2	14
5	2007	35	6	47	2	14
6	2008	38	14	47	3	14
7	2009	44	14	49	3	16
8	2010	48	15	51	3	22
9	2011	51	13	51	3	19
10	2012	49	14	48	3	19
11	2013	53	17	45	2	16
12	2014	54	19	45	2	16
13	2015	52	21	45	2	19
14	2016	52	23	42	2	20
15	2017	53	21	39	2	16
16	2018	53	20	36	2	13

Figure 19 Table for the Stacked Bar Chart

In the stage three, histogram asked the attributes of Small Area, Number of patrons and Type of Place which could directly put into the method (showed as Figure 20) while the Line Chart need the pre-

define the size range as one of attributes and calculate the result of number of place within different size range before executing the method (showed as Figure 21).

	CLUE Small Area	Numberofpatrons	typeOfPlace
3339	Melbourne (CBD)	100	BAR
3344	Melbourne (CBD)	370	BAR
3345	Melbourne (CBD)	190	CLUB
3346	Melbourne (CBD)	100	BAR
3347	Melbourne (CBD)	375	BAR
3586	Southbank	650	BAR
3589	South Yarra	245	HOTEL
3590	Melbourne (Remainder)	120	HOTEL
3591	West Melbourne (Residential)	160	HOTEL
3593	West Melbourne (Residential)	150	HOTEL

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Figure	20	Table	tor	tne	Histogram

	CensusYear	Range	NumberofPlaces
0	2002	1	35
1	2002	2	43
2	2002	3	13
3	2002	4	4
4	2002	5	1
130	2018	4	13
131	2018	5	11
132	2018	6	4
133	2018	8	3
134	2018	10	2

Figure 21 Table for the Line Chart

After preparing dataset, the second step is to develop the visualization. The tool for this project is D3. The reason for using D3 is that html could be the most common method for ordinary people to look though information on the Internet. More importantly, it would be powerful to support the development of comprehensive design, as it could easily bind data into graphic components.

In order to achieve the goal that the layout should be neat and simple while all necessary information should be illustrated, some insignificant parts of each component have been ignored and the style of x, y scale has been modified from the traditional type. Using the Pareto Chart as the example (illustrated as Figure 22), this style only displays the points on the scale while the line traditionally connecting all of points has been removed. Also, titles and legends got replaced by hint sentences to illustrate the meaning of x, y scale. More importantly, when it comes to the interaction, hint sentences could demonstrate that all of nodes displayed with dark grey colour which could be lighted by some ways.

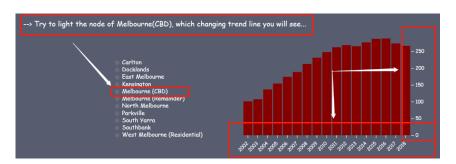


Figure 22 The Implementation Example

When talking about the interaction effects, here is a rule for each function that no matter how users play around with the visualization, there should be a way to turn back to the initial state. Since without that, users could forget the initial information displayed and might lose sights of the goal that the chart want to tell. The major way to turn back is to move the mouse leave away from the component, which is applied on all of charts except for the pie chart. On the pie chart, the rule has been implemented by adding the "All Melbourne" option to turn back to the initial state. Since following the first mentioned

way, if user move out mouse accidentally, the proportion for the selected area will disappear, then users need to light the node again which they might forget. As a result, they have to light node one by one, of which the process might annoy users.

Overall, during the implementation, the process mainly follows the order of data pre-process, chart or map drawing and interaction adding. But after adding some new interaction effects, here would be somethings added or re-painted on the components or hint sentences for the adaption to the updated interactions.

User Guide

When users open the website, the first view of this project would be as following (showed as Figure 23). User could see the title and the main content of this project at the beginning of web page. Then the first component and some hint lines which could instruct users to explore these visualizations. And the way to look though the web page is to simply scroll down and scroll up.

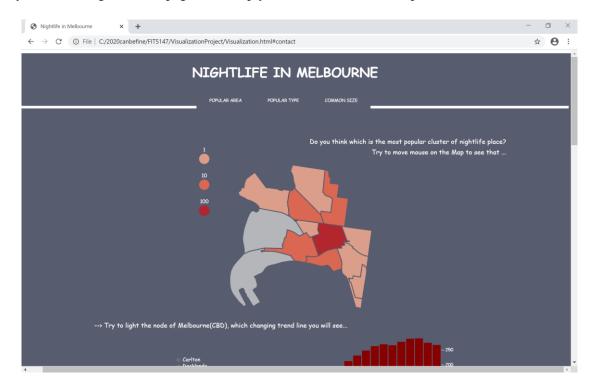


Figure 23 The view of webpage

When scrolling down the page, users could realise that this project separates six components into three groups and tries to show each group in the same screen, then user could explore the similar question easily. For example, the choropleth map and the Pareto chart are mainly to show the area influence on the number of nightlife places (showed as Figure 24), and the Pie chart and Stacked Bar chart mainly display the type diversity of different areas and their changing trend (showed as Figure 25). Also, on the Histogram and Line chart, the size distribution in different area and its line trends could be illustrated together (showed as Figure 26).



Figure 24 The Screen of the First Group

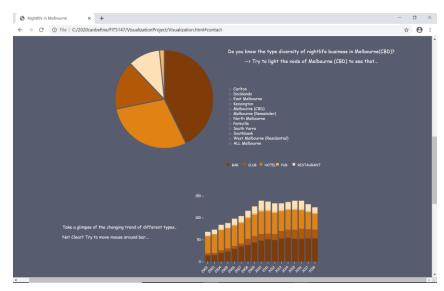


Figure 25 The Screen of the Second Group



Figure 26 The Screen of the Third Group

For the first component, the choropleth map could highlight the area and its name would show up near the map when users hover the map by moving mouse (showed as Figure 27).

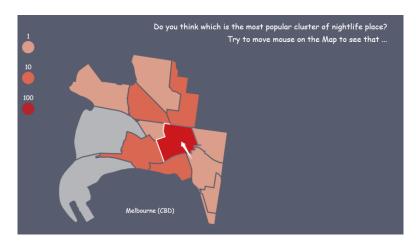


Figure 27 The interaction on the Choropleth Map

For the second component which is the Pareto Chart, user could be allowed to move mouse to light the node of area, then the line trend of number of nightlife places in that area would display on the chart (illustrated as Figure 28). Then users could compare the trend for that area with the trend for the whole Melbourne.

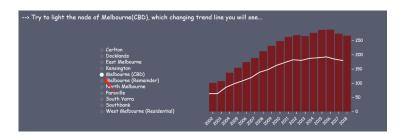


Figure 28 The interaction on the Pareto Chart

Similarly, in the third component, the pie chart, user could select an area to see the proportion of different types of nightlife places by hovering and lighting the node of area (illustrated as Figure 29).

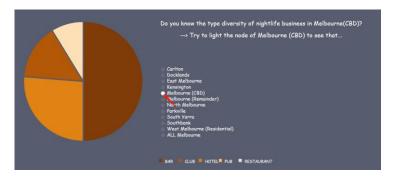


Figure 29 The interaction on the Pie Chart

As for the next component which is the Stacked Bar Chart, users could move mouse over the rectangle in the chart, then rectangles with the same colour could be highlight (illustrated as Figure 30). After

that, users could clearly see the height of rectangles which means the number of nightlife places with that type in a particular year. Also, the numeric changing trend could be more clearly after highlighting.

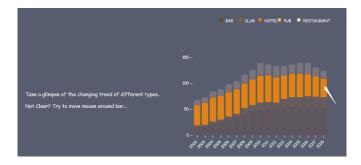


Figure 30 The interaction on the Stacked Bar Chart

When it come to the interaction on the Histogram, the effect is similar with the Pareto chart and the Pie chart. Users' could hover and light the node of area, then the size distribution for that area would be displayed. At the same time, other area name and nodes would disappear, which could help user to focus on the information they want to see (showed as Figure 32).

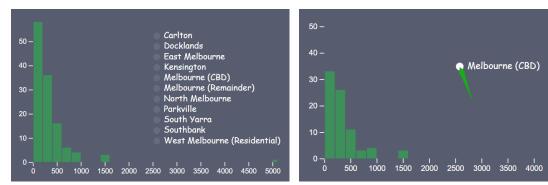


Figure 31 The Visualised State before Interaction

Figure 32 The Visualised State after Interaction

On the last component, the line chart could highlight the line trend for a particular size range when user move mouse and hover the rectangle which represents a particular size range (showed as Figure 34). Then user could see the particular trend clearer while all lines in the chart could be difficultly discriminated.

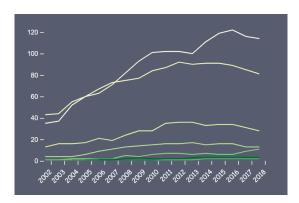


Figure 33 The Visualised State before Interaction



Figure 34 The Visualised State after Interaction

Conclusion

Overall, this project could illustrate the following findings about popular areas and their type diversity as well as their prevailing size choice. Firstly, the most popular area could be Melbourne (CBD) demonstrated in the Choropleth Map. Besides, except CBD, the number of nightlife places in Docklands and Southbank witnessed a slightly increasing trend these years that could be illustrated in the Pareto Chart. Secondly, the proportion of nightlife business types could be various among different areas. For example, in CBD the nearly half of nightlife places could be Bars while more than half of the nightlife places in Carlton are Pubs that users could have a look at the Pie chart. It could imply that a new opened bar could suffer more peer competitions than other types in CBD while in Carlton, it could be Pubs that suffer the peer competition. Moreover, in the Melbourne city, hotels and bars have kept the largest percentage of market with a stable growth (showed in the Stacked Bar Chart), which means that their peer competition could be the most intensive in the whole city. Thirdly, the prevailing size of nightlife places could also be different among different areas which could be demonstrated in the Histogram. For instance, the most common size of nightlife business in CBD is the range from 0 to 200 while in Dockland it could be the range of 200-400. However, in the whole city, the size range between 0 to 200 witnessed an increasing trend for successive years (showed in the Line Chart) which implies that this size of nightlife places could be more adaptable to the business environment in Melbourne. However, due to the absence of dot density map, this project could not illustrate the influence of areas, streets and landmarks on the clusters of nightlife places.

When it comes to my reflection on this project, here are three significant points I learned from this experience. Firstly, hint sentences on Web page could make the project more narrative. Since it could instruct users to engage in the visualization, then users could follow a logical order to explore the project. Also, it could be a brief description of the visualization component, then the component could become simple even without titles, which could allow users to focus on the graphic information. Secondly, similar topic should show up together in a meaningful order and different factors should be ordered in a logical way, that is similar with the fact that a good report should have a decent structure to organise all of sections. Thirdly, pop-up window might be useful for users to do some exploration, which might be added to this project. For example, due to keep the layout neat, the dot density map has been removed during the design. But it could illustrate the valuable information about the connection between clusters

of nightlife business and their surrounding environment such as areas, streets and landmarks. If the dot density map could be moved in the pop-up window and show up after users click a particular area in the Choropleth Map, then users could explore more insights from this project while the layout could still keep neat. Therefore, this project could get more enhancement.

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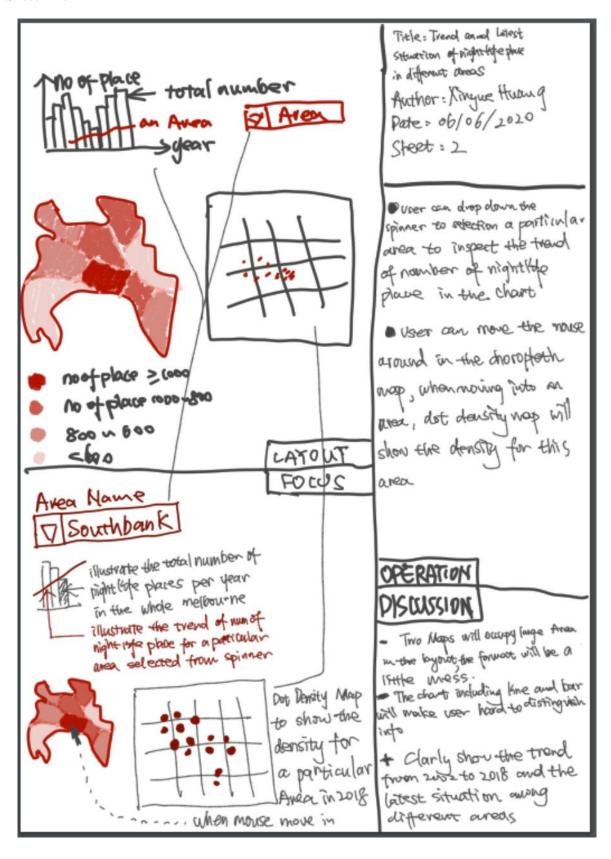
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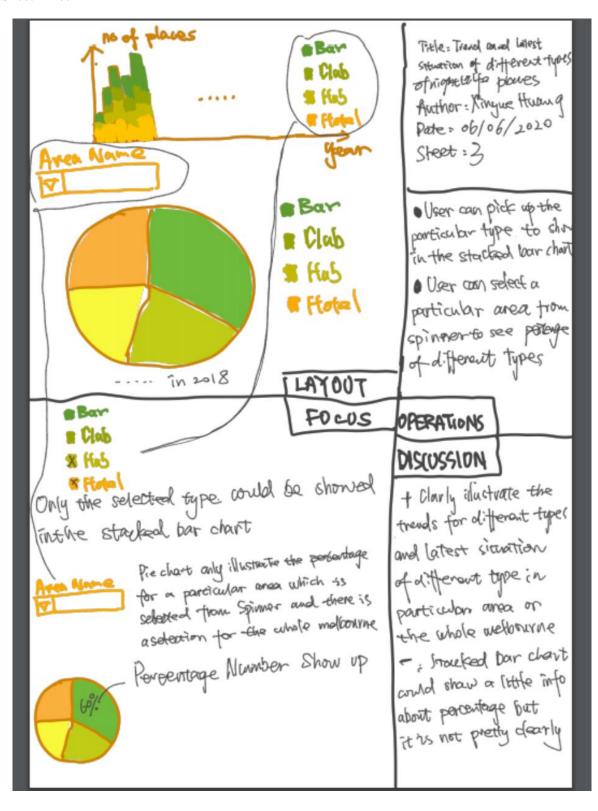
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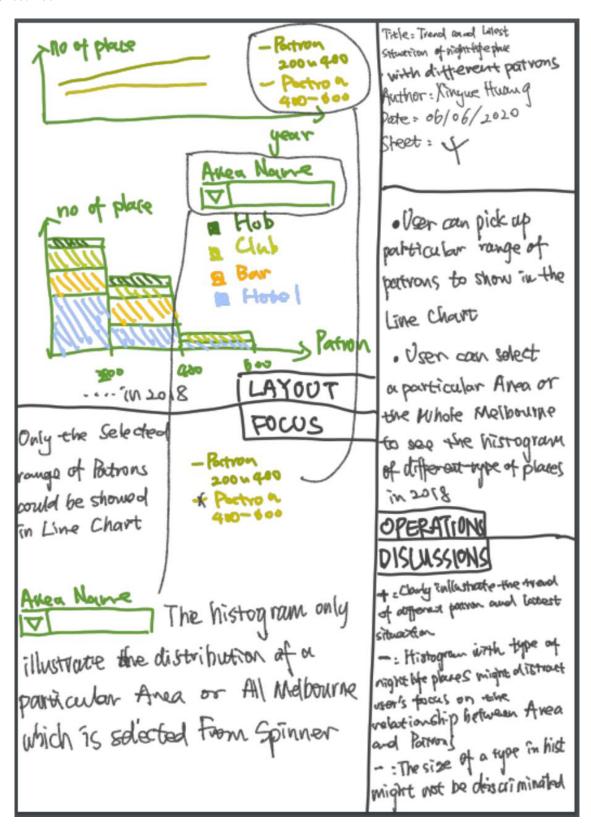
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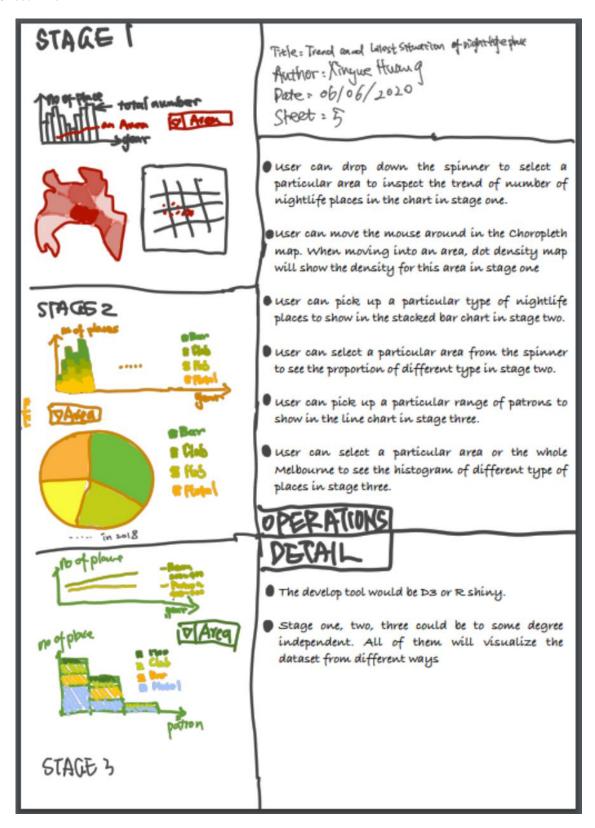


Sheet Three





Sheet Five



2. The code of data pre-process in python

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| A choropleth Map | df = pandas | panda
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