



Session 5

Trees and Hierarchies



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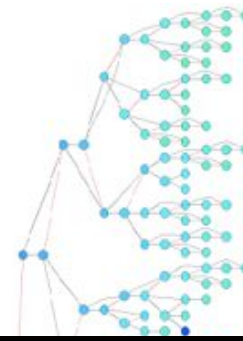
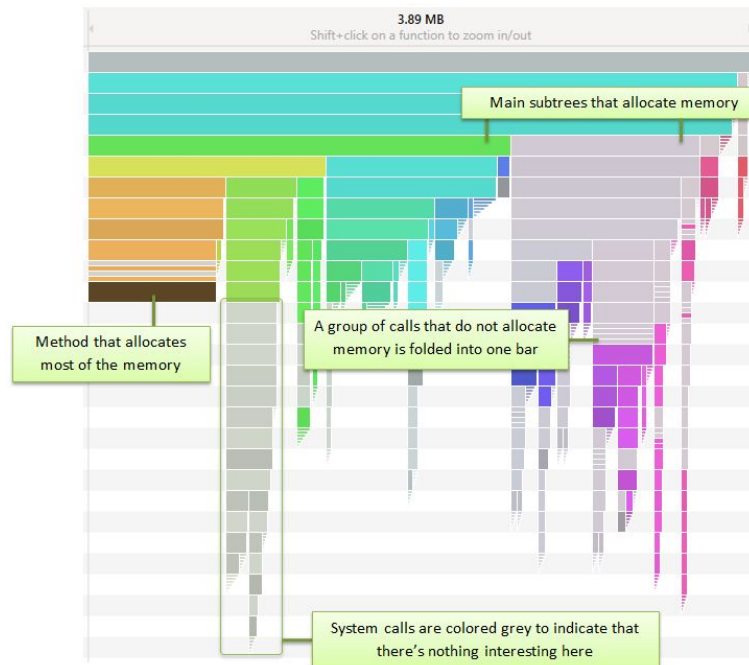
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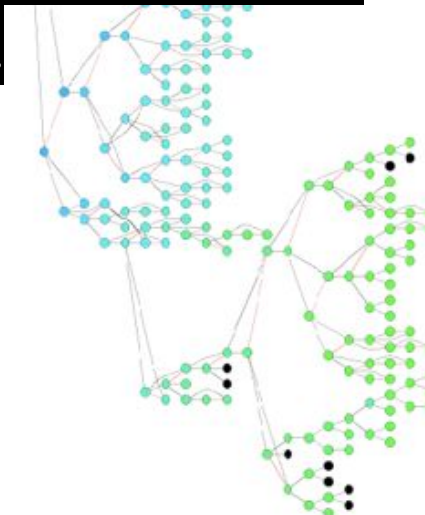
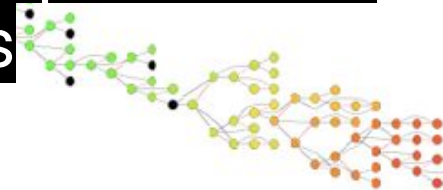
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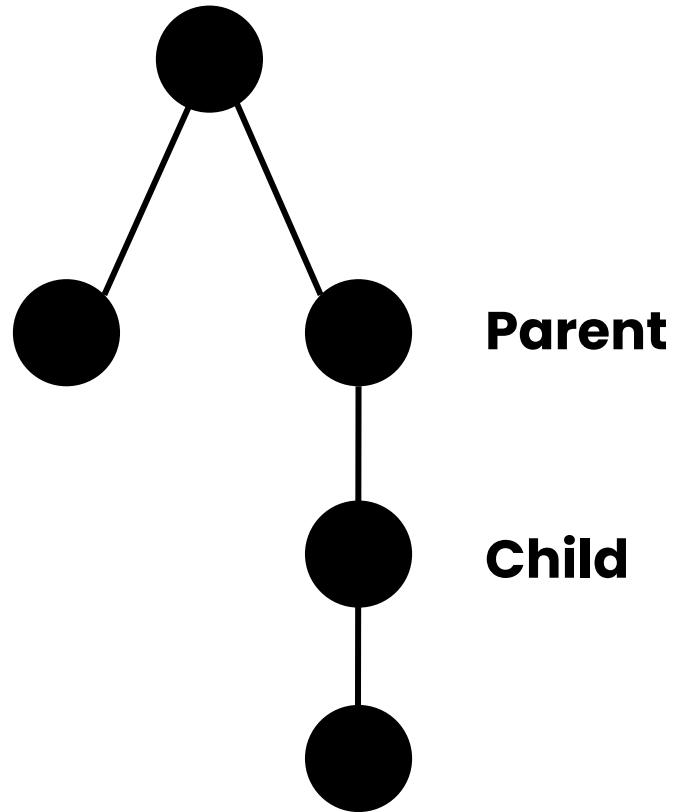
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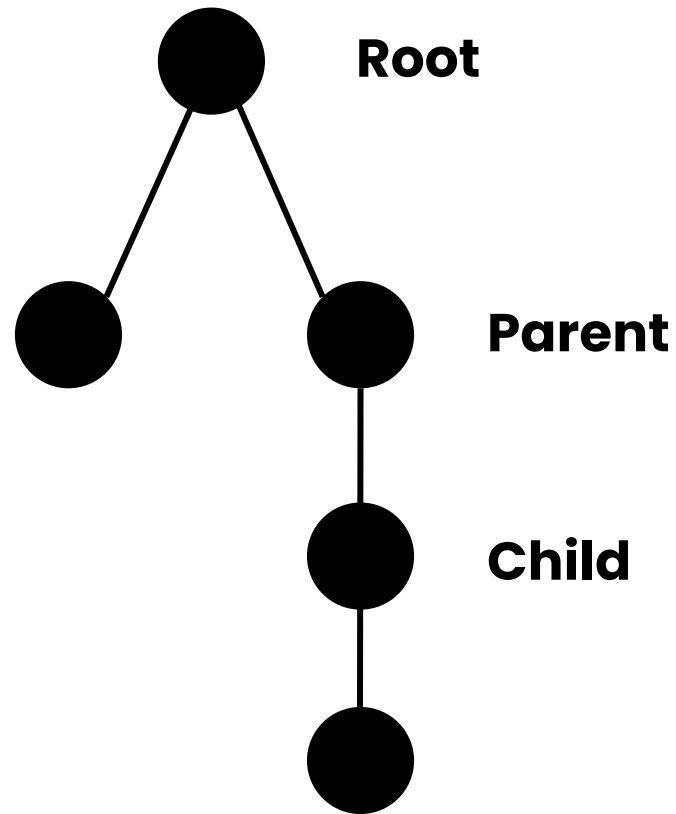
- Family trees
- Organisational hierarchies
- File systems
- Phylogenetic trees
- Processes + subprocesses
- Political entities
- Taxonomies
- ...



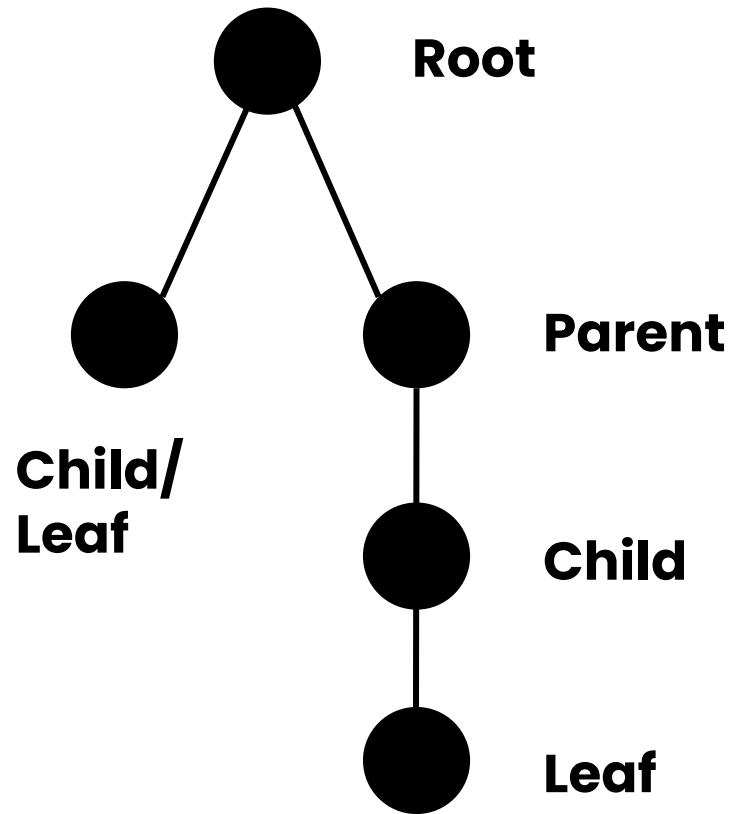
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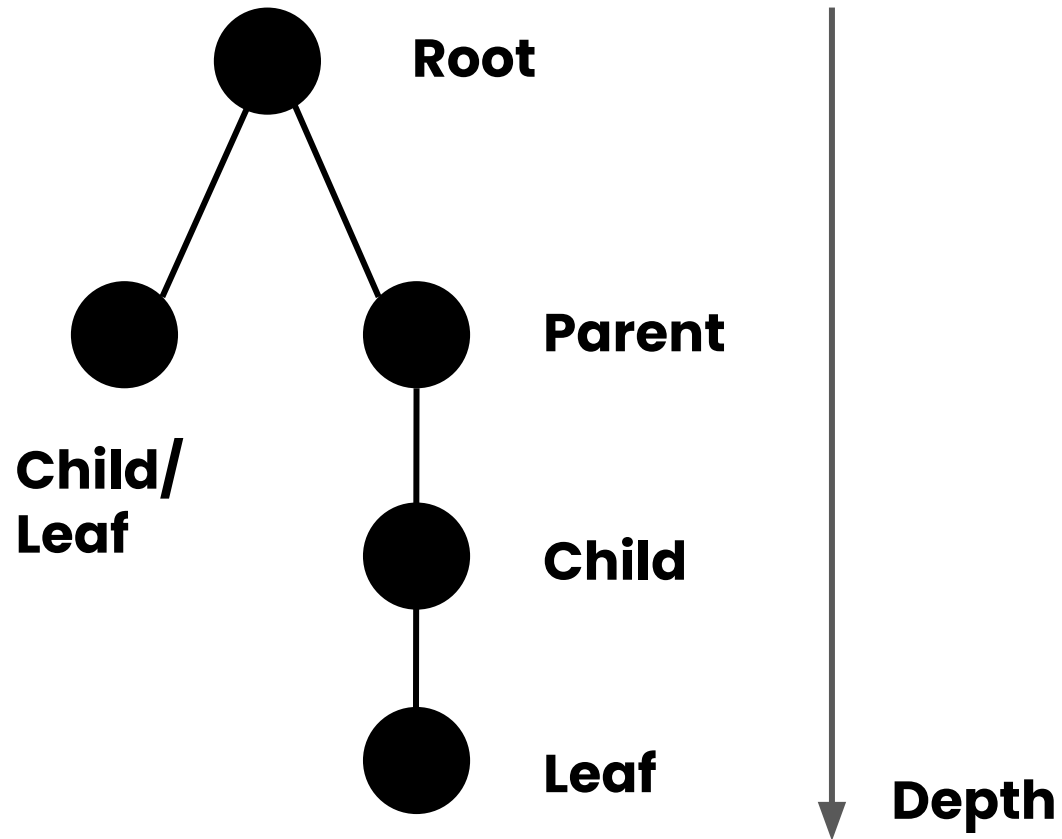
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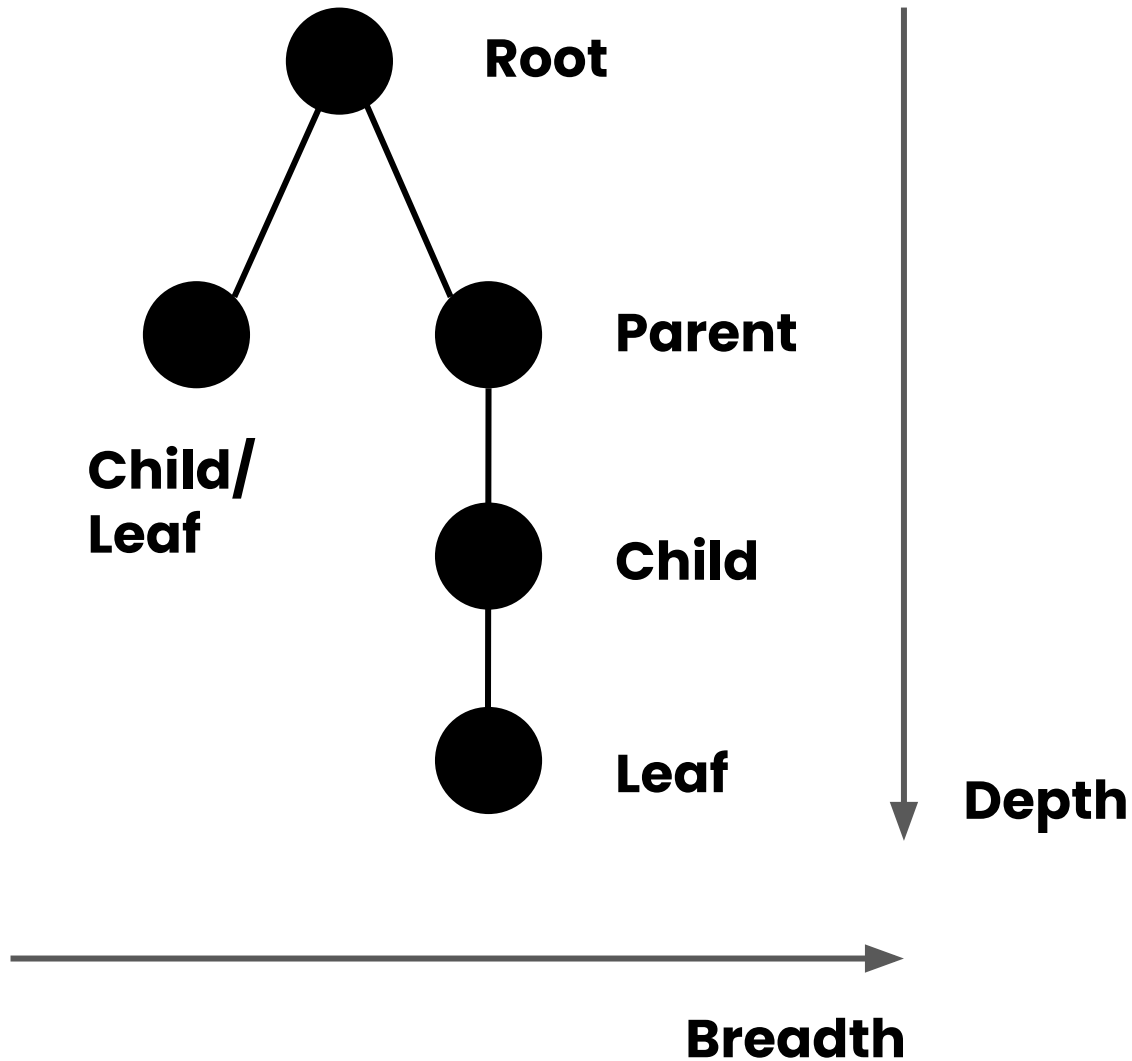
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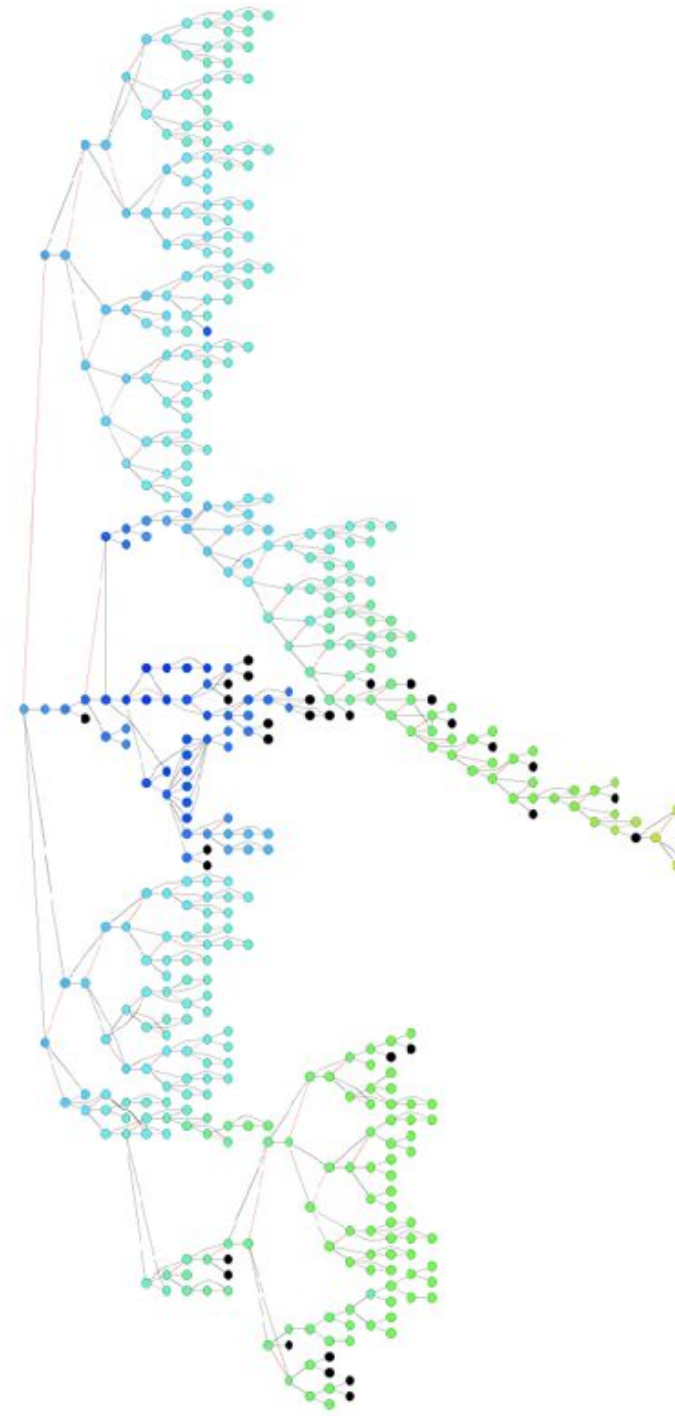


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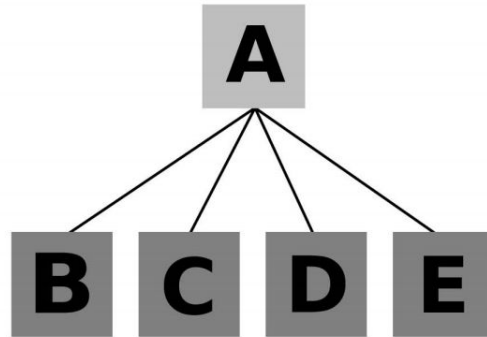
Visualizing Trees

- How many nodes?
- How broad is the tree?
- How deep is the tree?
- Is the tree balanced?
- Which branches are largest?
- Which nodes have most children?
- Node/link attributes ...

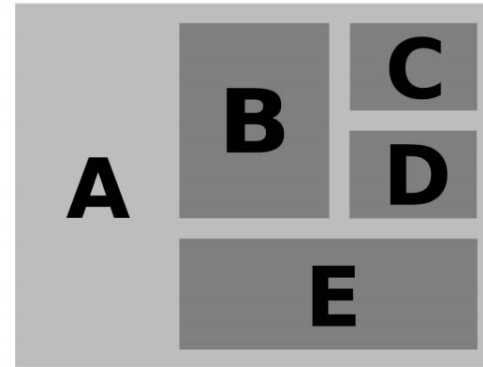


Explicit vs. Implicit

Explicit
(Lines)



(a)



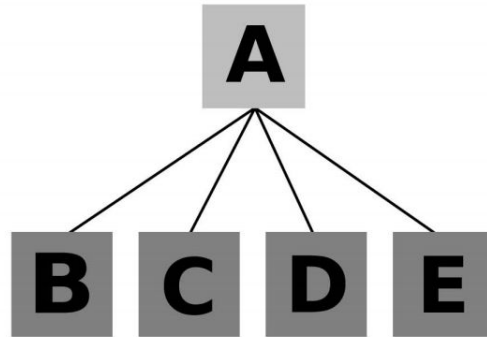
(b)

Implicit
(inclusion)



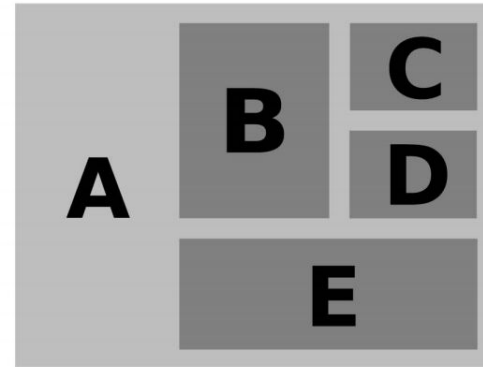
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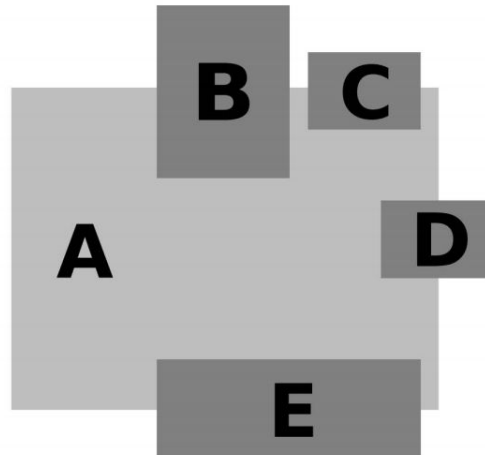
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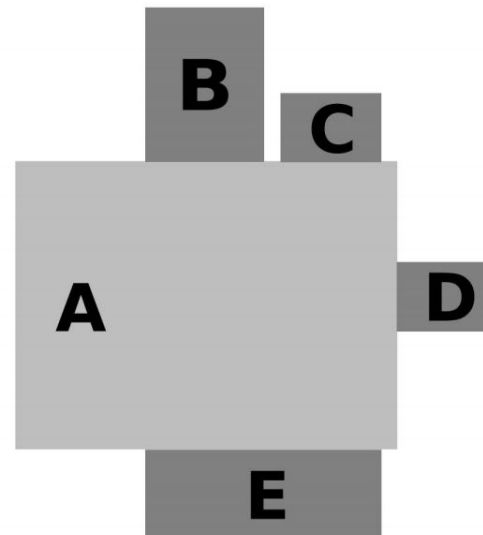
(b)

Implicit
(overlap)



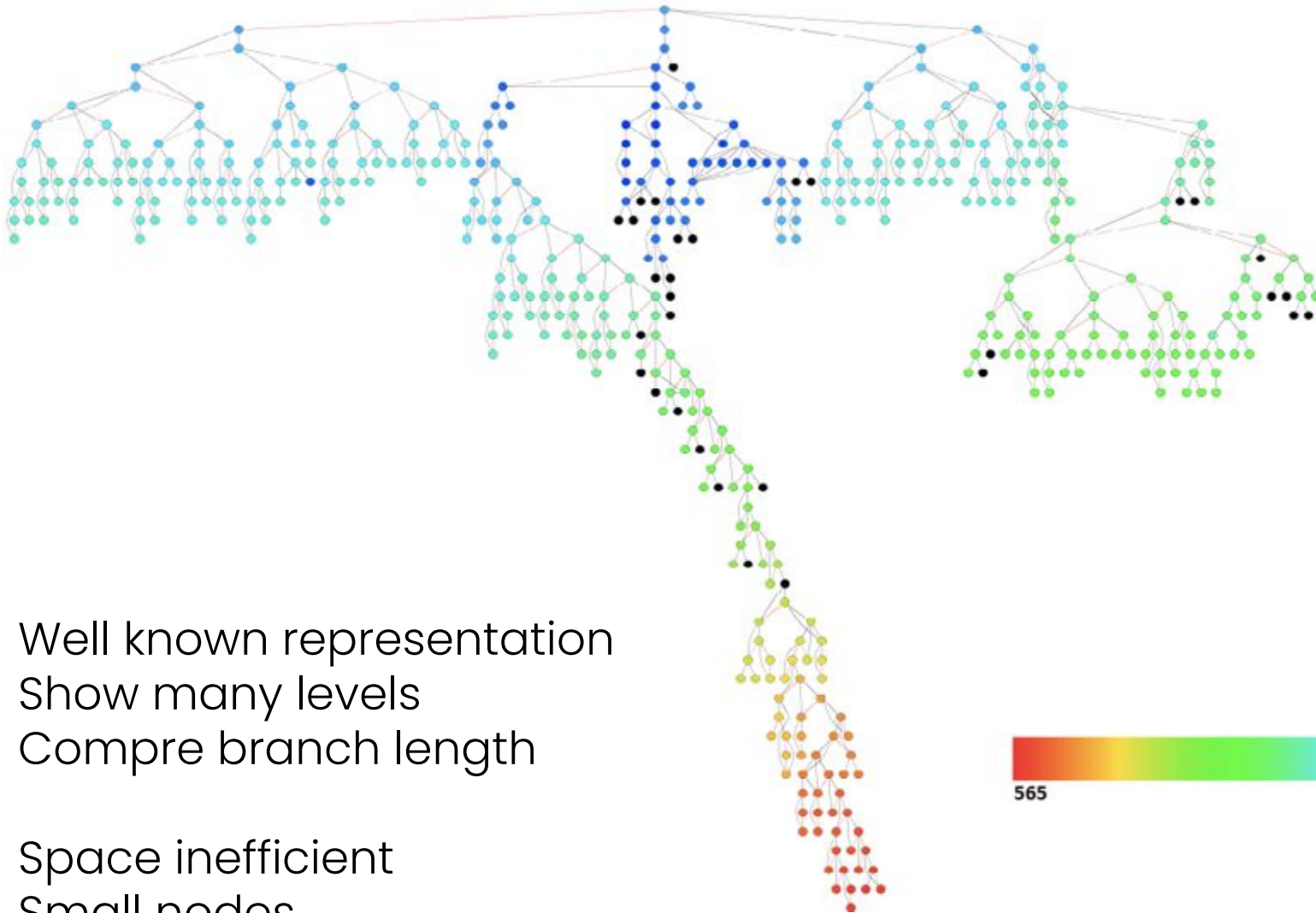
(c)

Implicit
(adjacency)



(d)

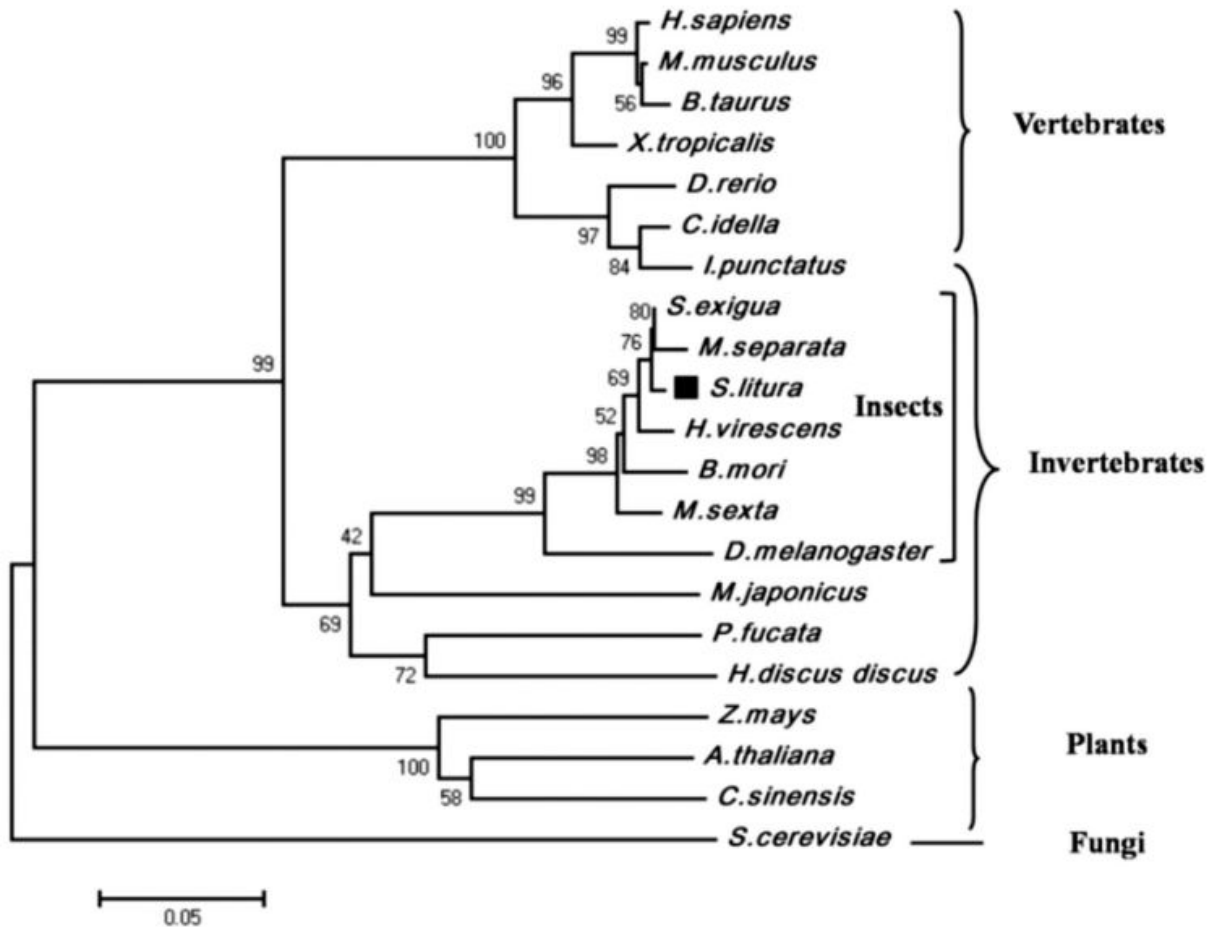
Explicit: Node-link Diagram



- + Well known representation
- + Show many levels
- + Compre branch length
- Space inefficient
- Small nodes



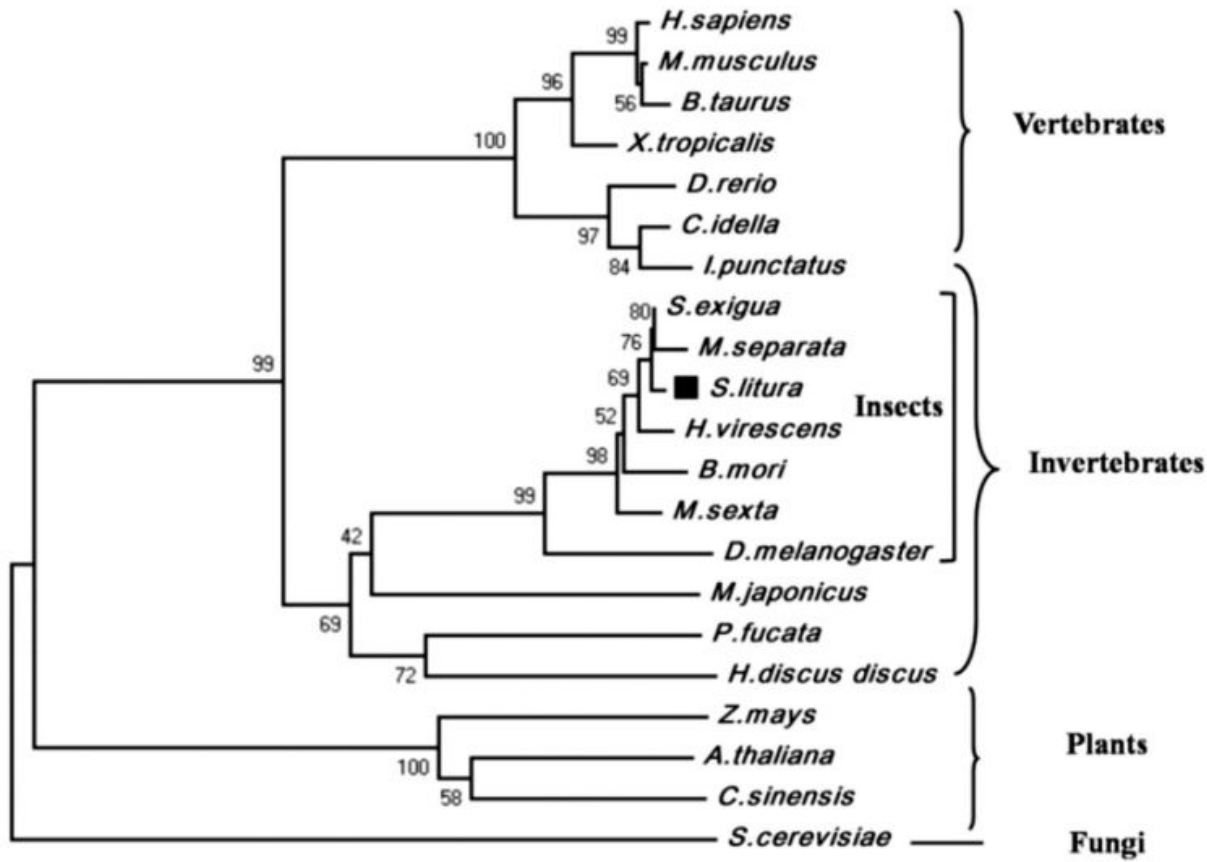
Explicit: Dendrogram / Phylogram



- + Shows similarity
- Only 2 children
- Parent nodes not named

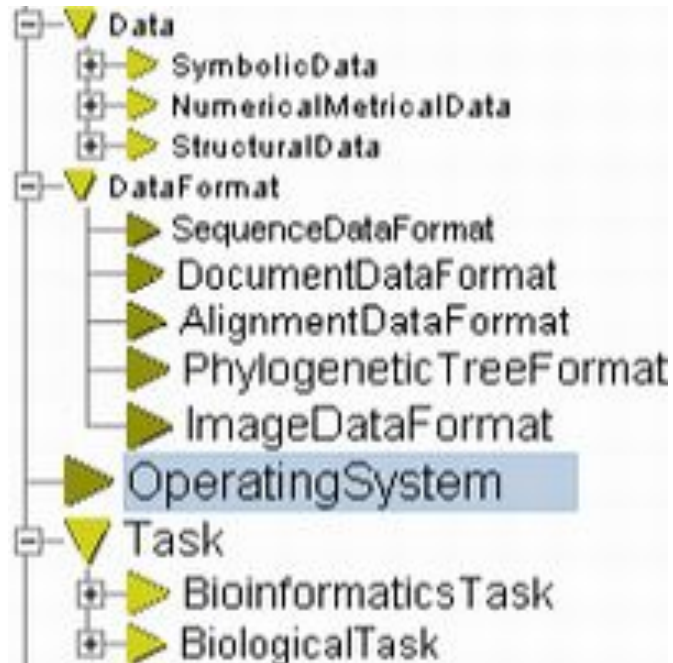
Explicit: Dendrogram / Phylogram

Similarity



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Explicit: **File-browser**



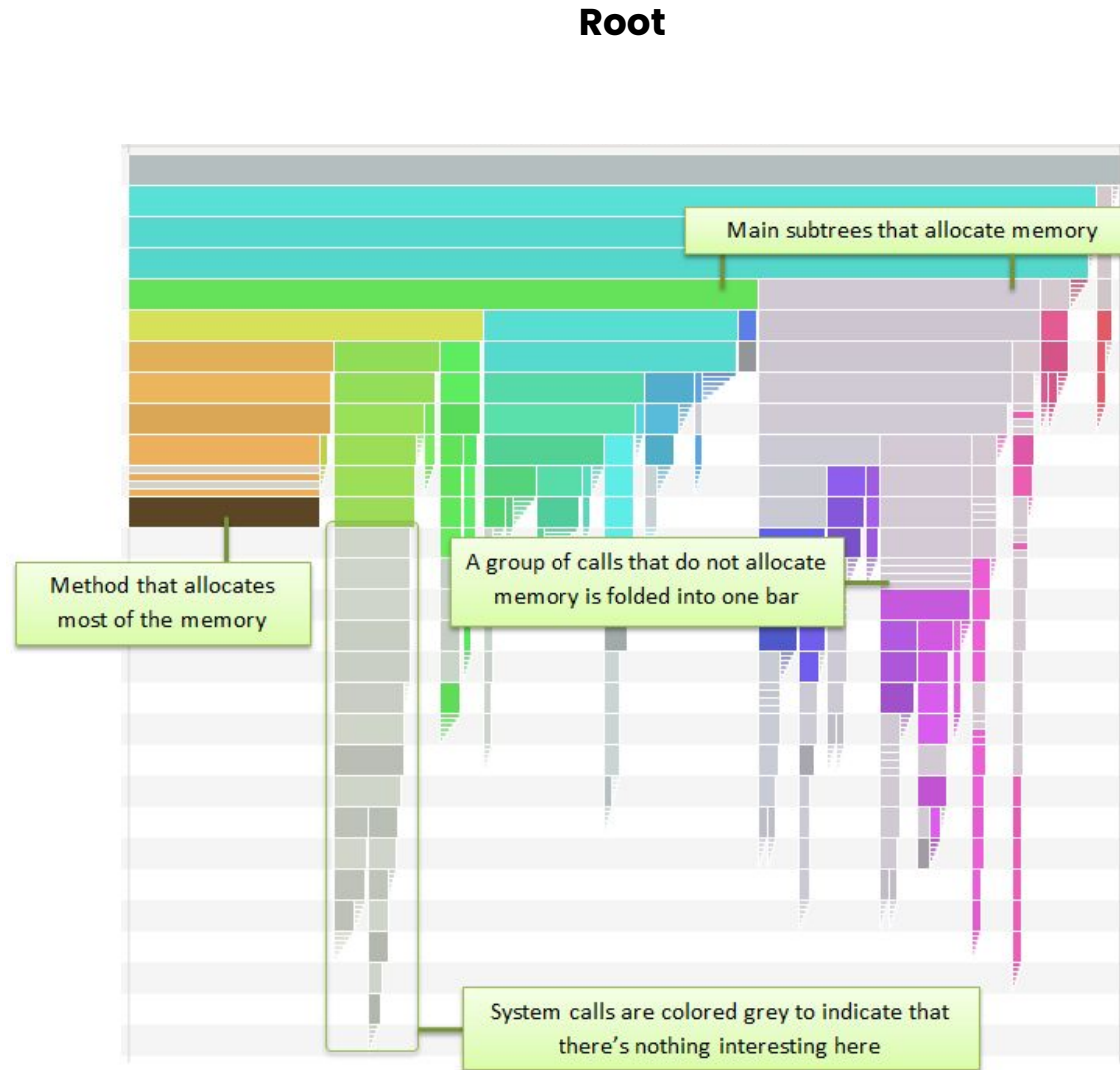
Interactive open and close

Implicit: **Icicle plot**

Node = squares

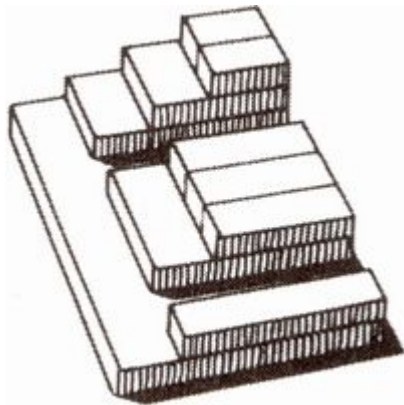
Relations = adjacency

- + Can represent time
- + Depth clearly visible
- + Provides space for text
- + Can show time
- Leaves can get very small



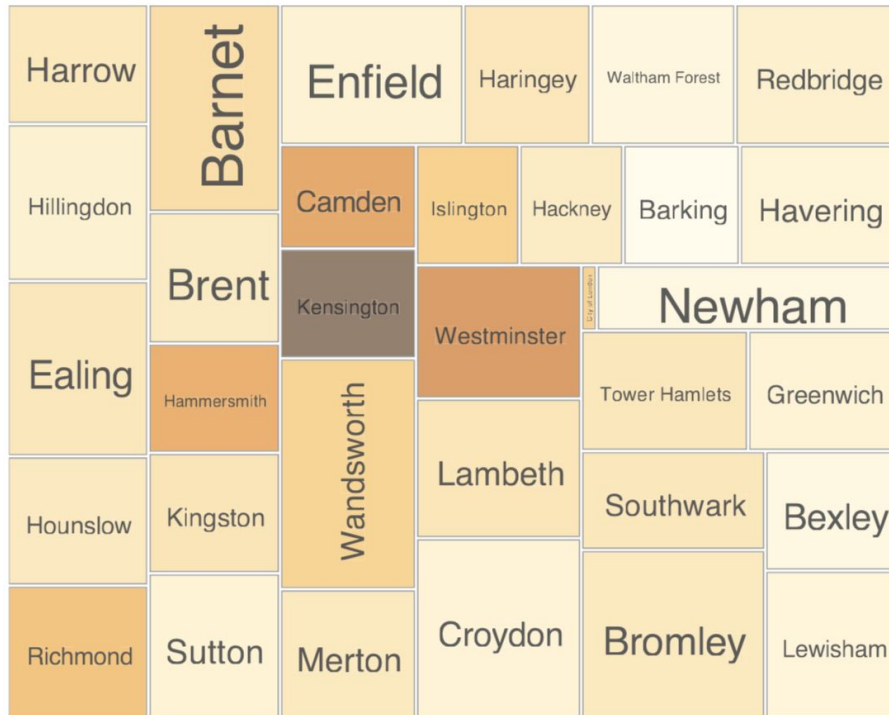
Implicit: Treemap

- + Space-filling
- + Size encodes information
- + Space for additional visual encoding (color)



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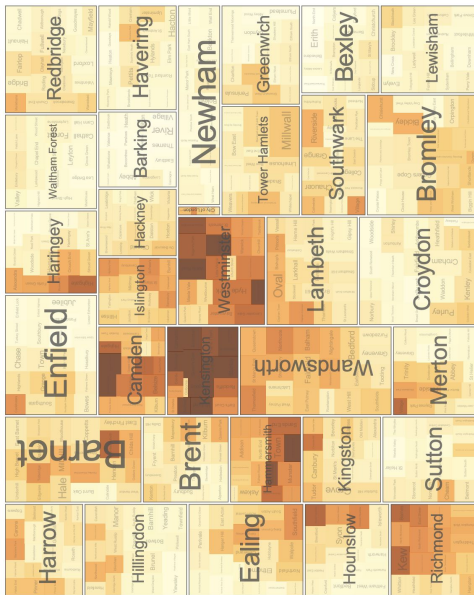
Treemap: **Additional Variables**



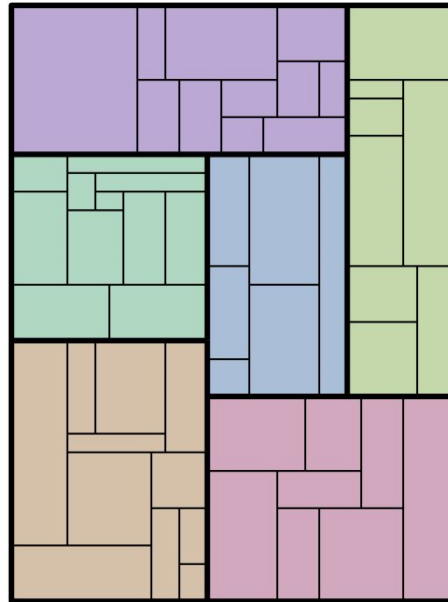
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Treemap: Visualizing depth?

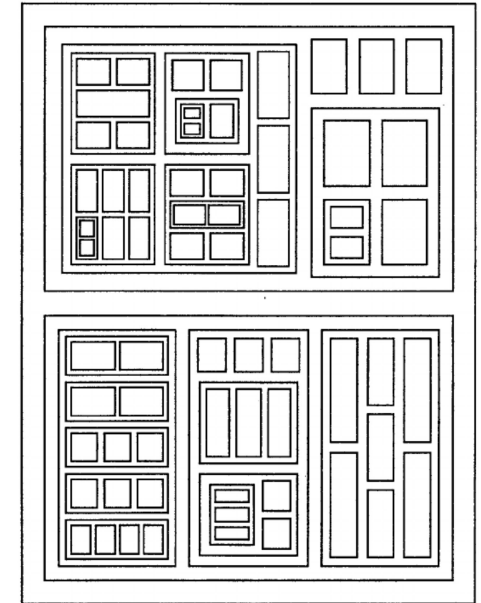
Labeling



Coloring



Spacing

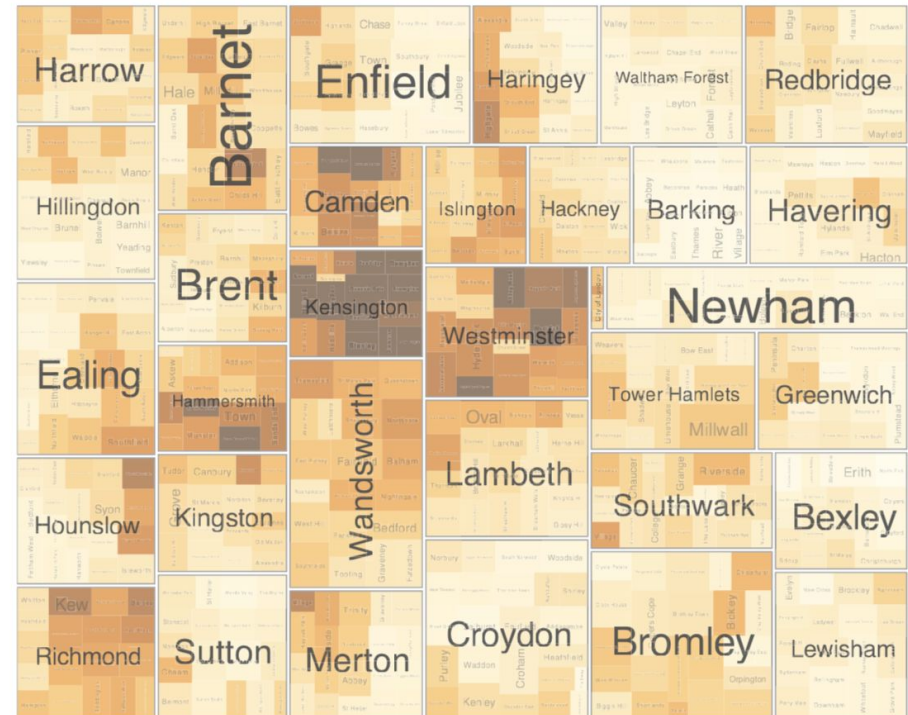
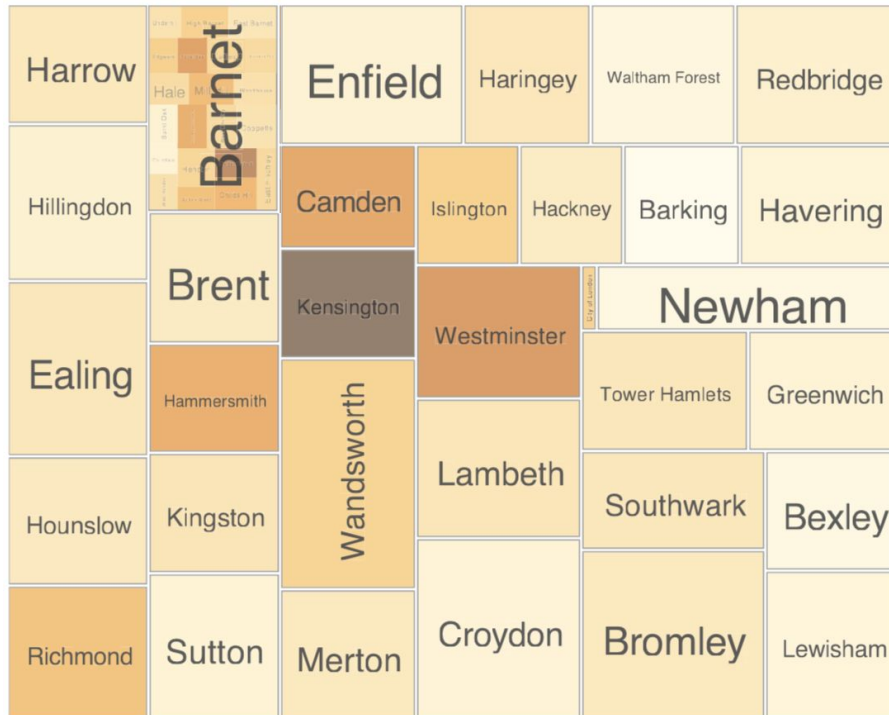


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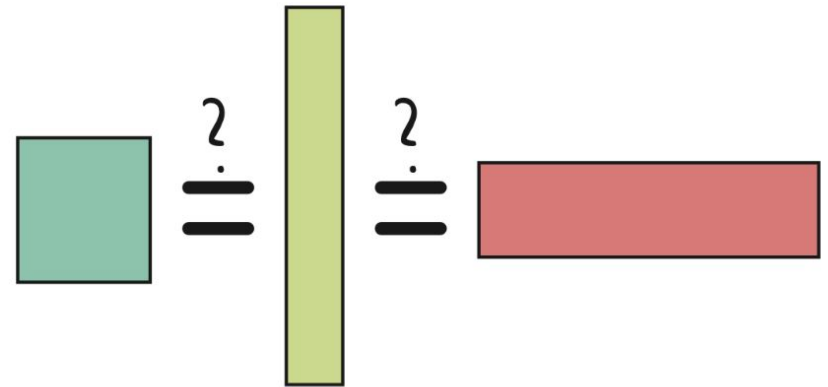
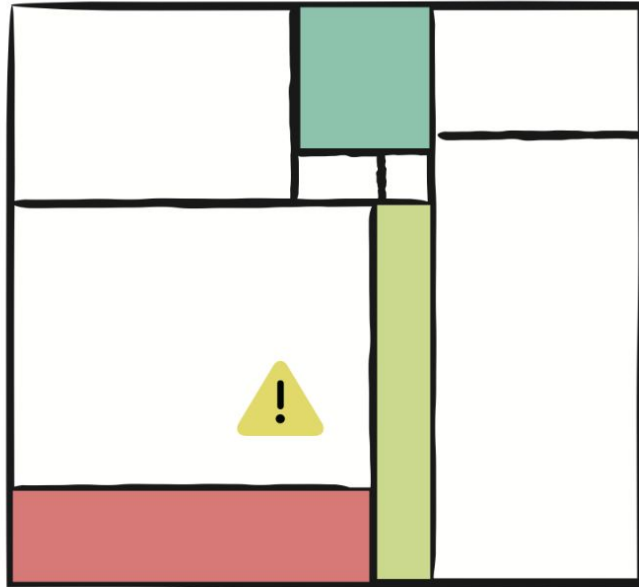
Harel, David, and Gregory Yashchin. "An algorithm for blob hierarchy layout." *The Visual Computer* 18.3 (2002): 164-185.

Treemap: **Interaction**



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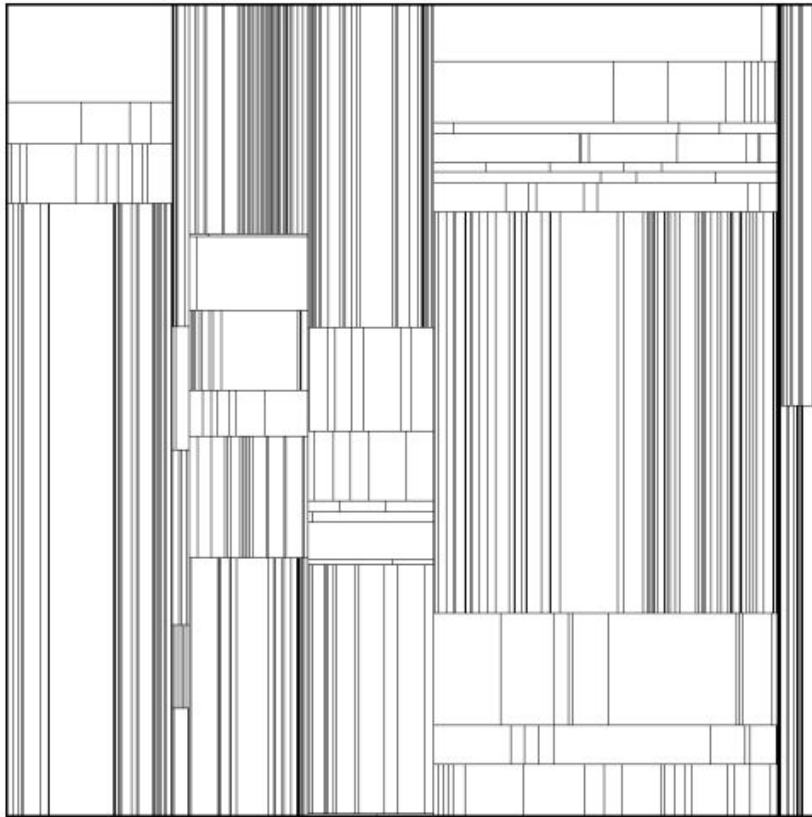
Treemaps **size comparison**?



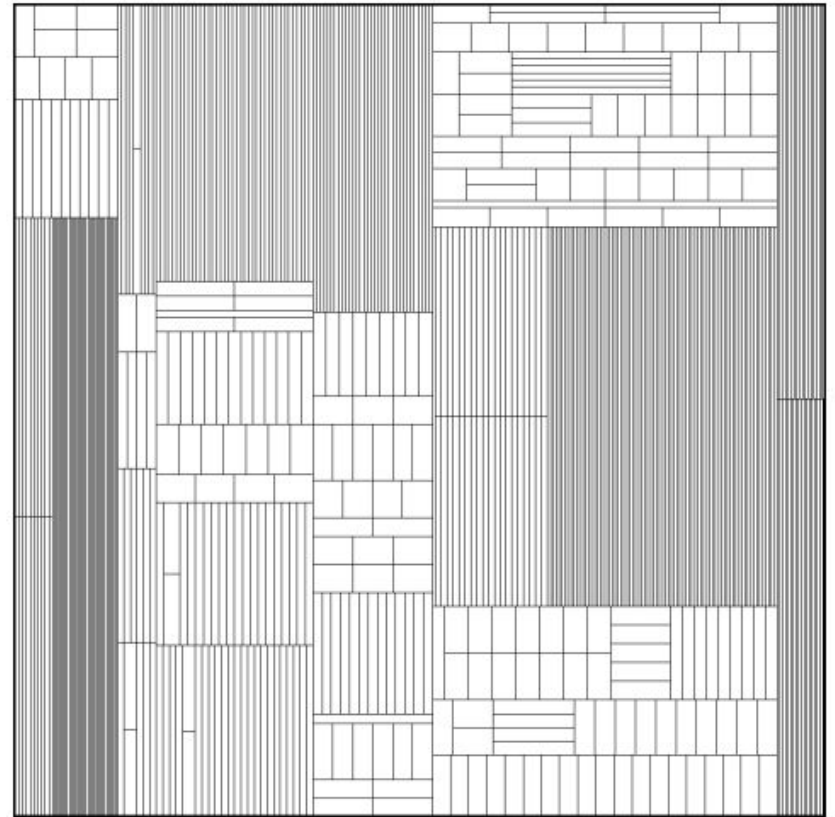
It's hard to see which is bigger in size

Hard due to different aspect ratios of rectangles

Treemap layouts: **Slice+Dice**

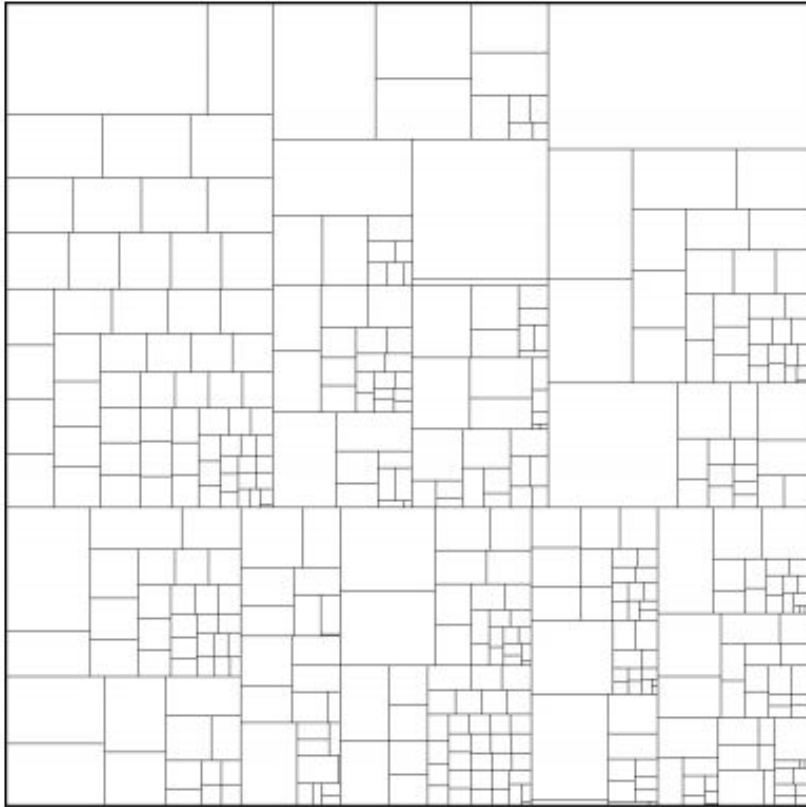


Different node sizes

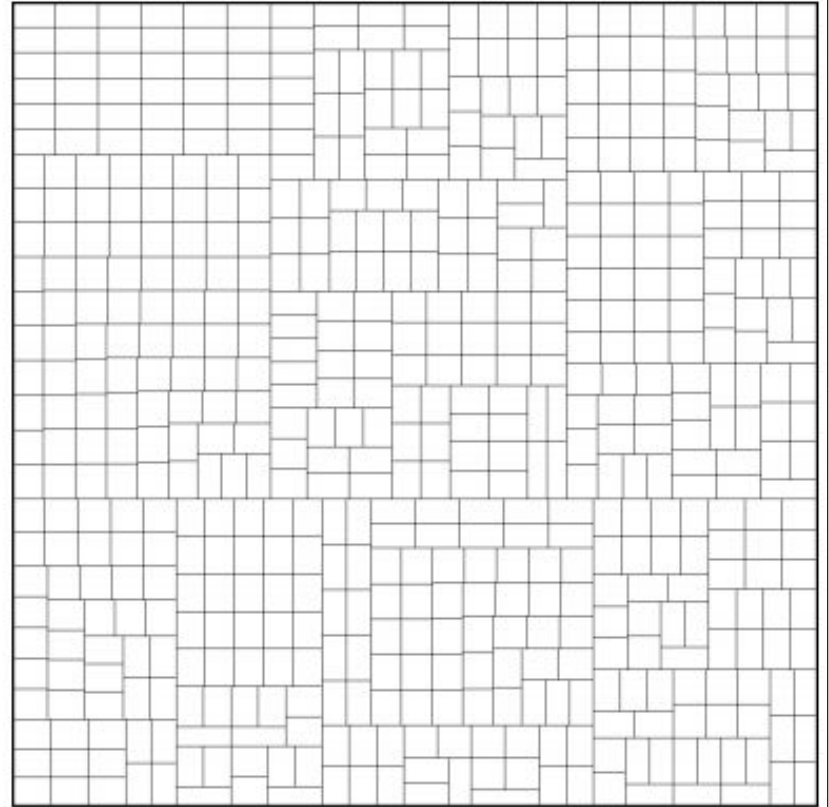


Same(!) node sizes

Treemap layouts: **Squarified**

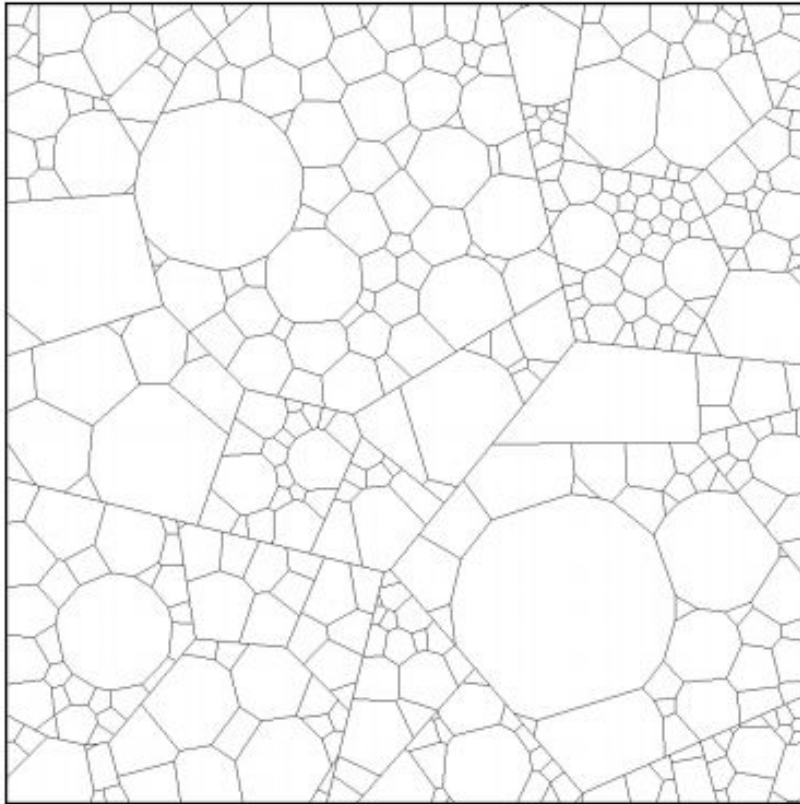


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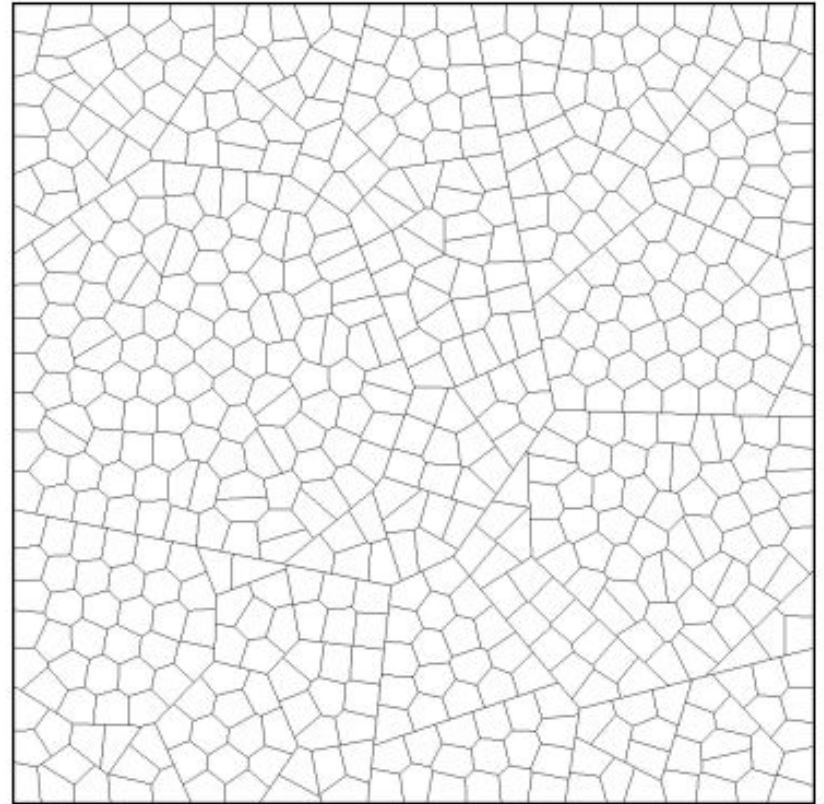


Same(!) node sizes

Treemap layouts: **Voroni**

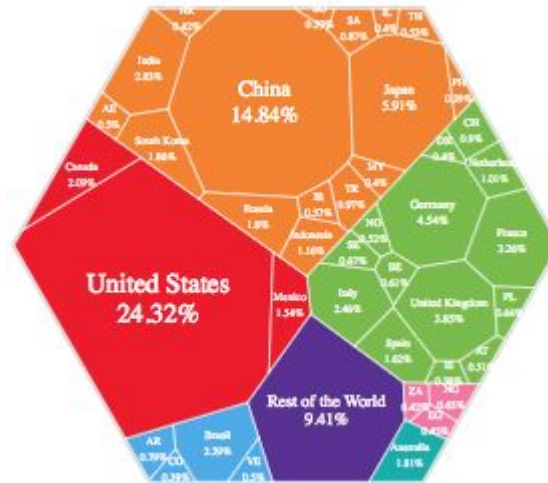


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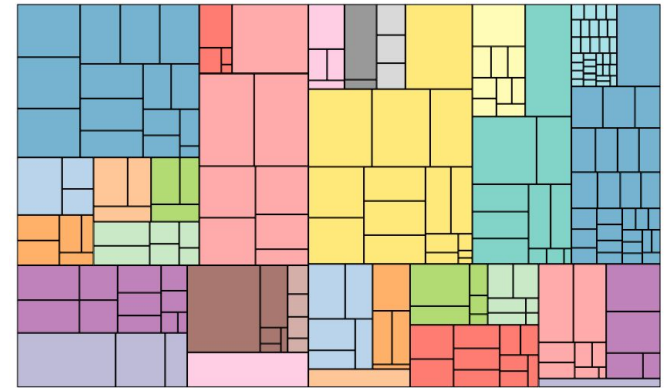
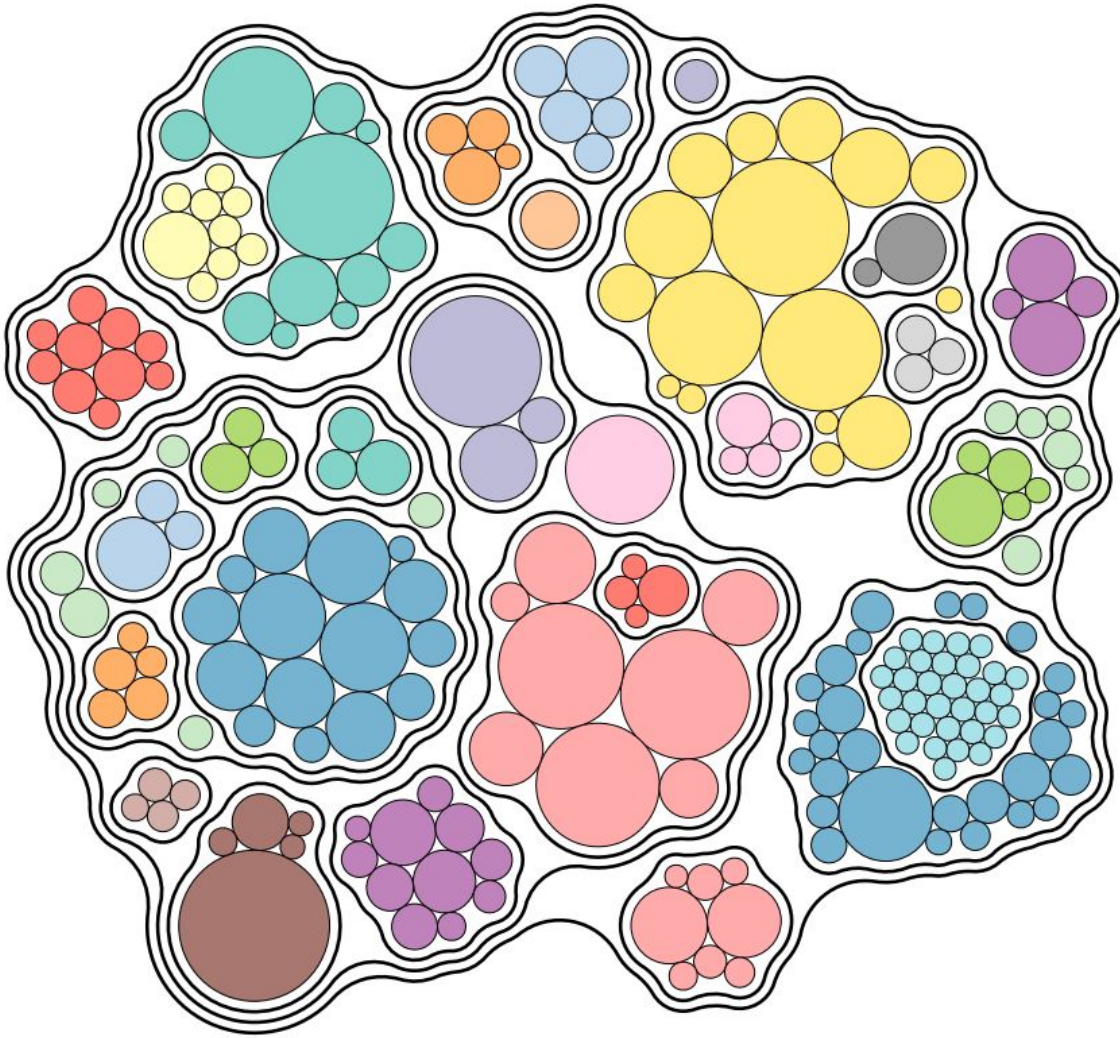


Same node sizes

More Voroni layouts



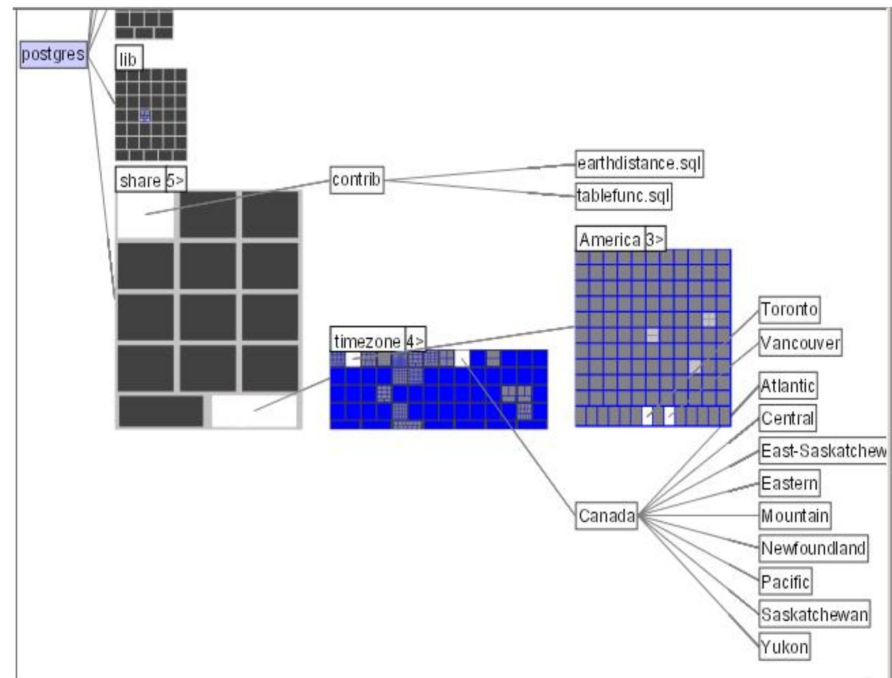
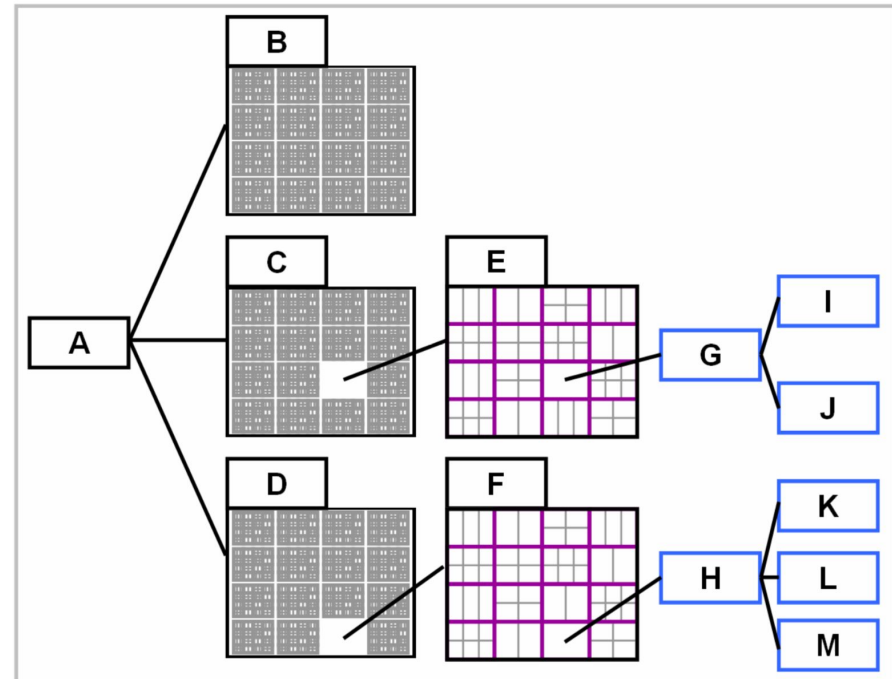
Bubble Treemaps



- + Good comparison of sizes
- Understanding of depth? Perhaps use color shades?

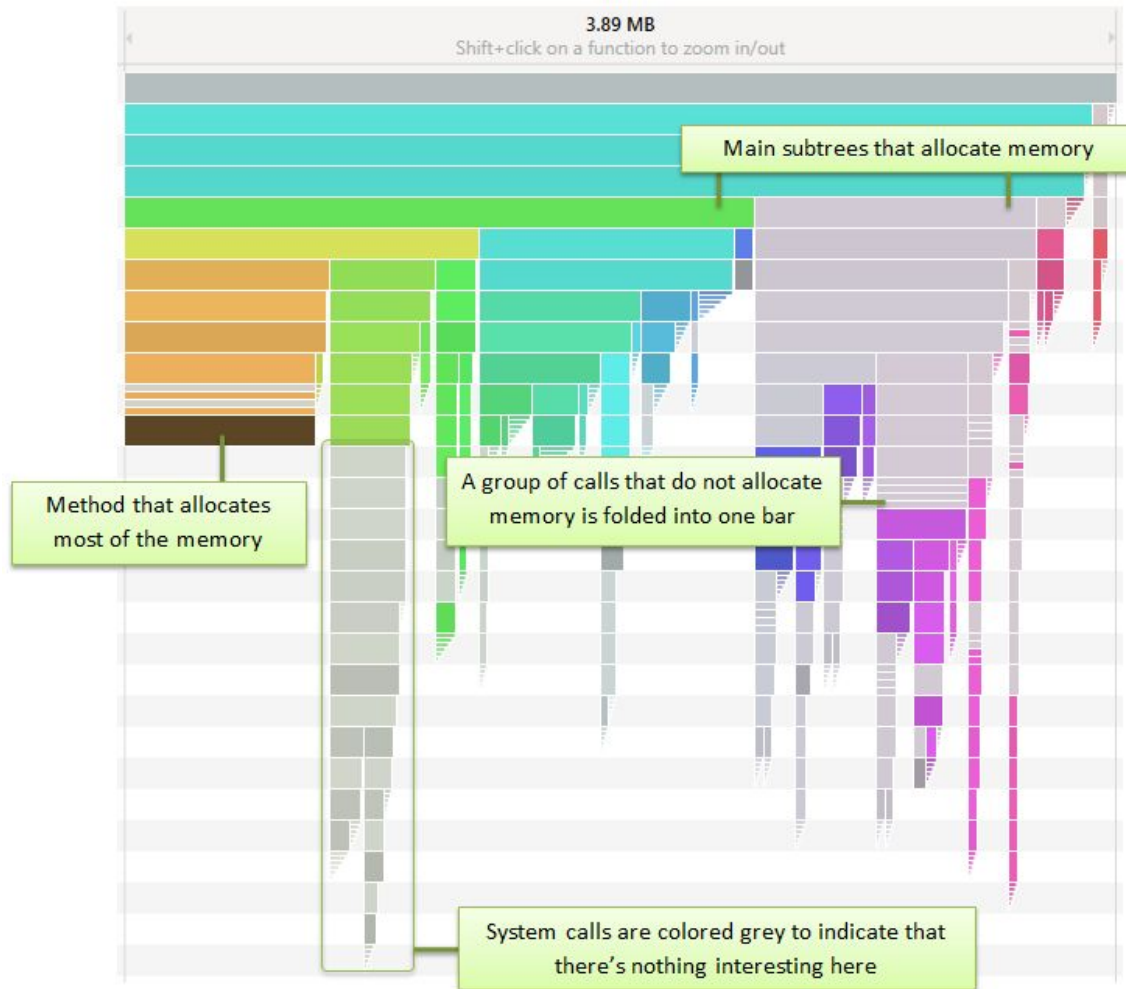
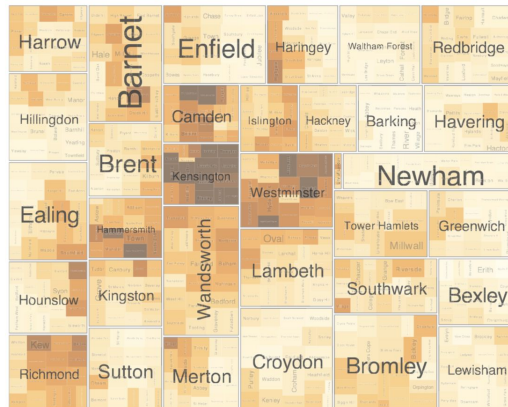
Treemap + Nodelink Elastic Hierarchies *Hybrid*

- Combine space-filling and compact view of matrices, with
- Effective visualization of hierarchy levels
- Efficient with interaction

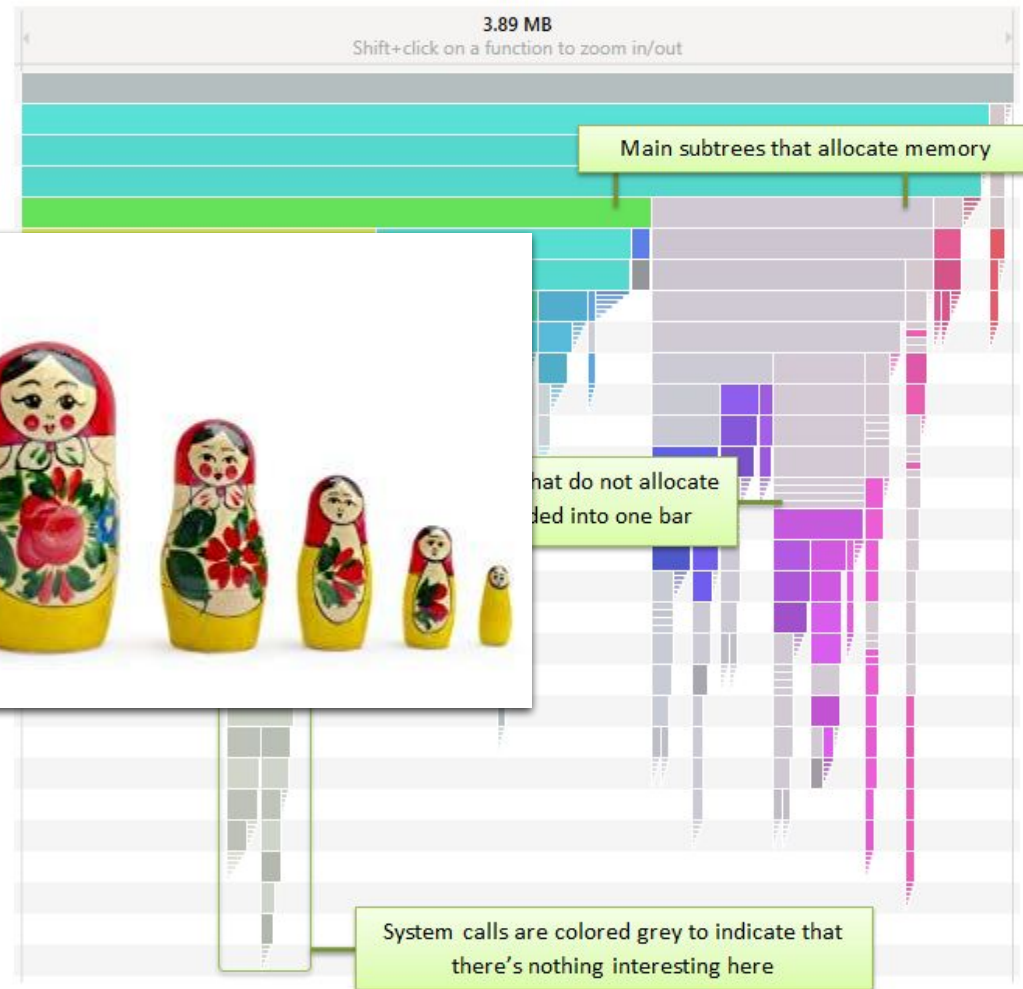
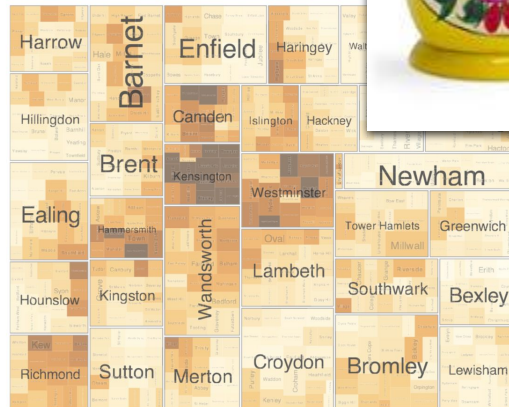
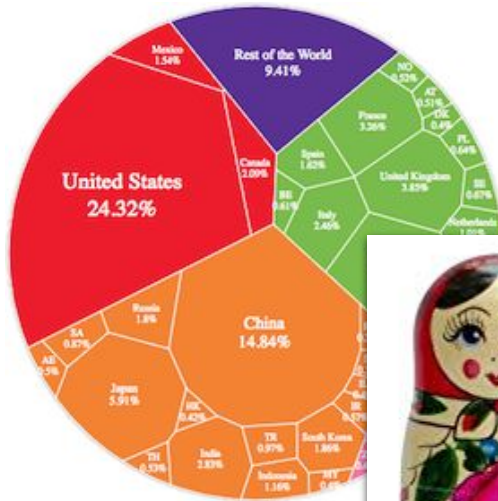


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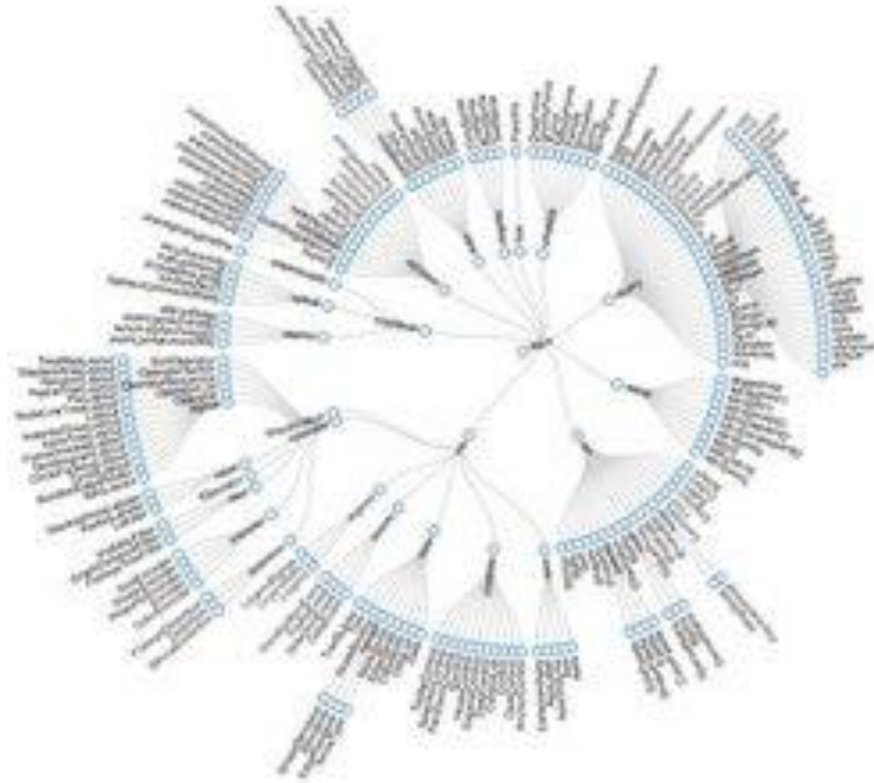


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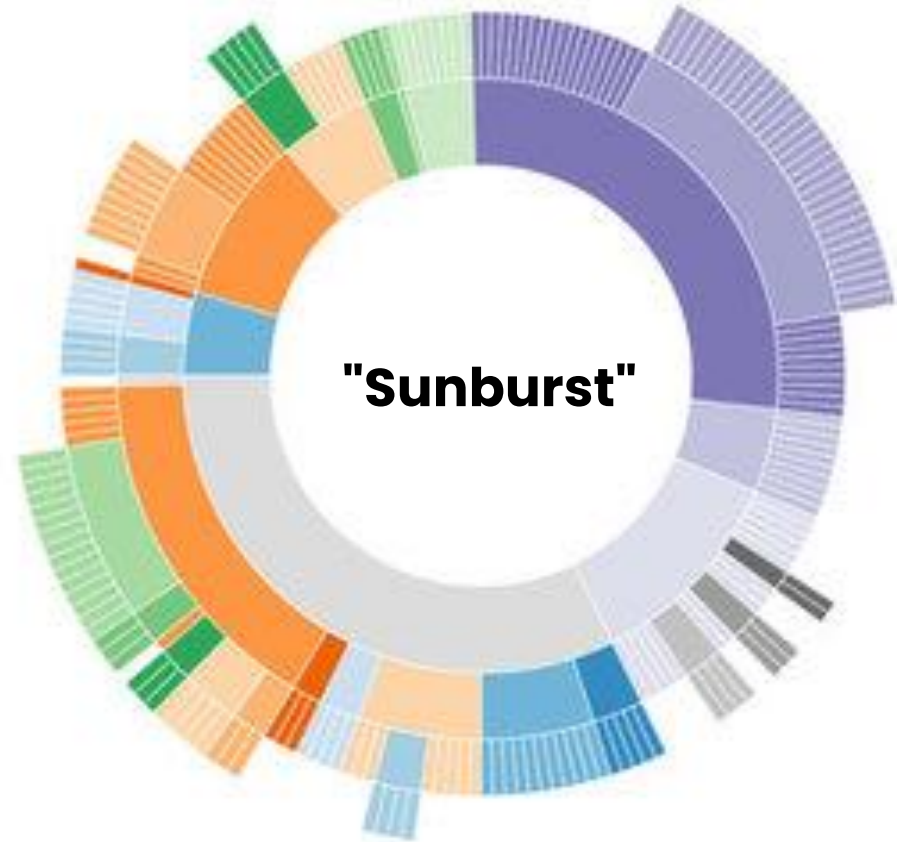


Polar layouts

More space for children



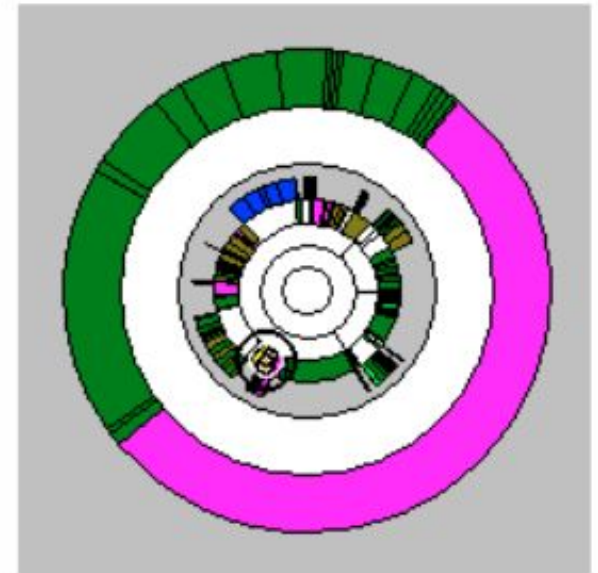
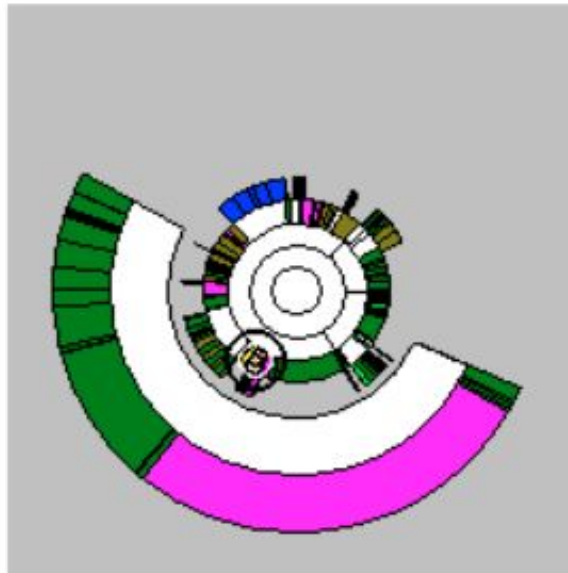
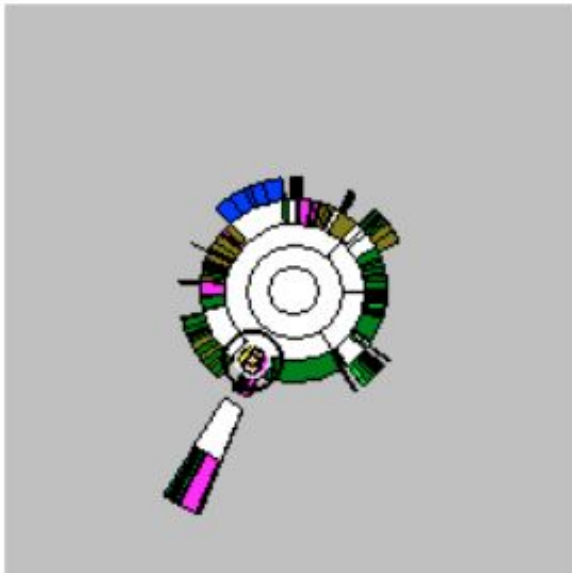
Explicit: Node-link



Implicit

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Polar Layout: **Even more space for children**



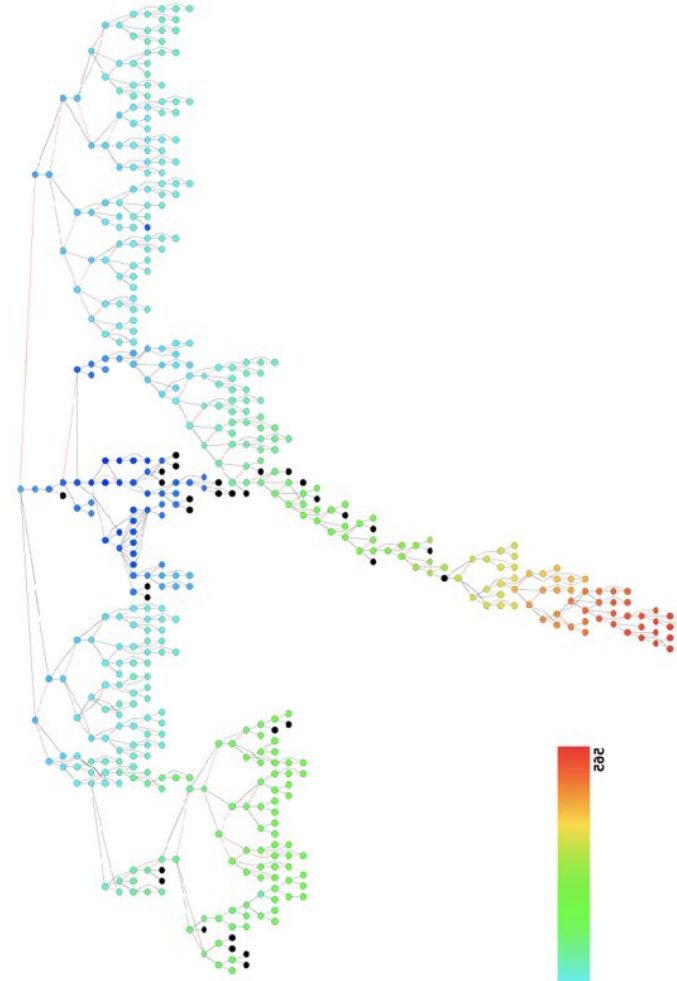
Interactive enlargement of children at 2nd level

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Wrap up



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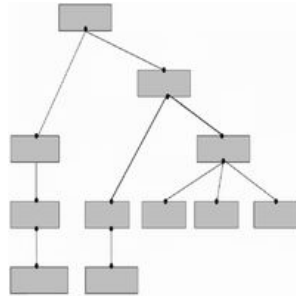
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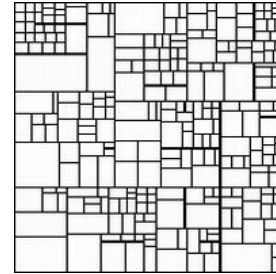


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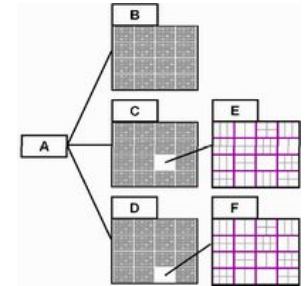
Explicit



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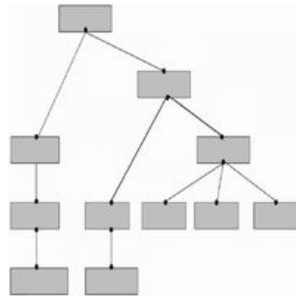


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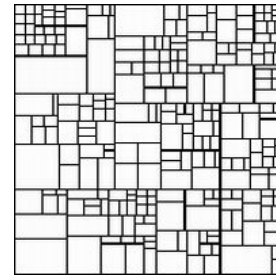
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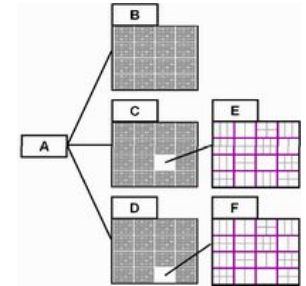
Axis parallel



Implicit



Hybrid



Tree Representations



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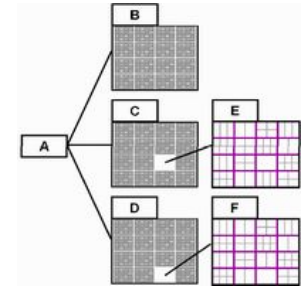
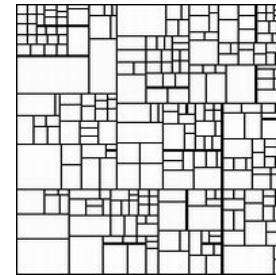
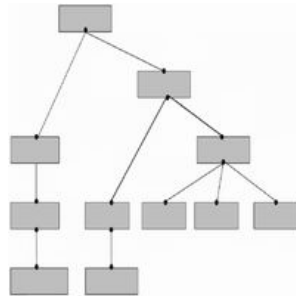


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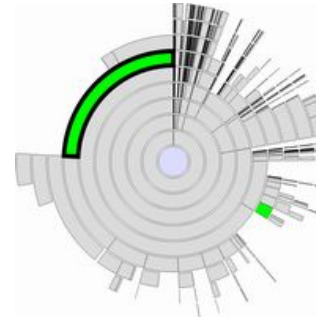
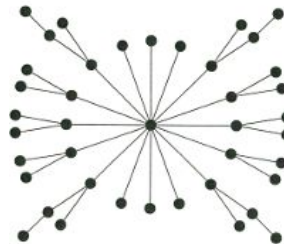
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Polar



Tree Representations



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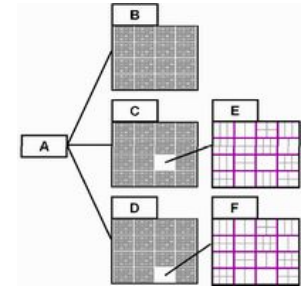
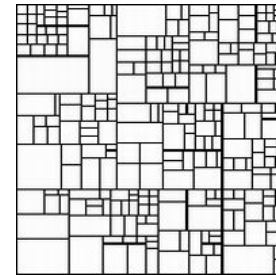
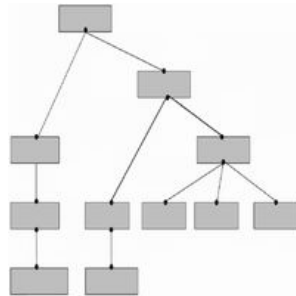


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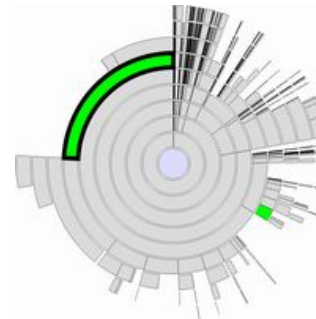
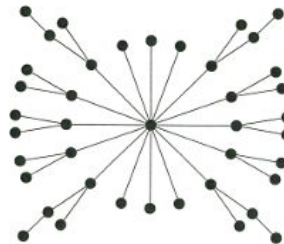
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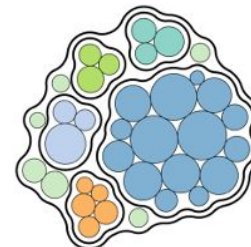
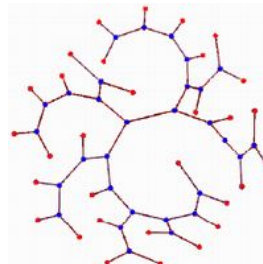
Axis parallel



Polar



Free



TreeVis.net

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IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications 31.6 (2011): 11-15.

Dimensionality



Representation



Alignment

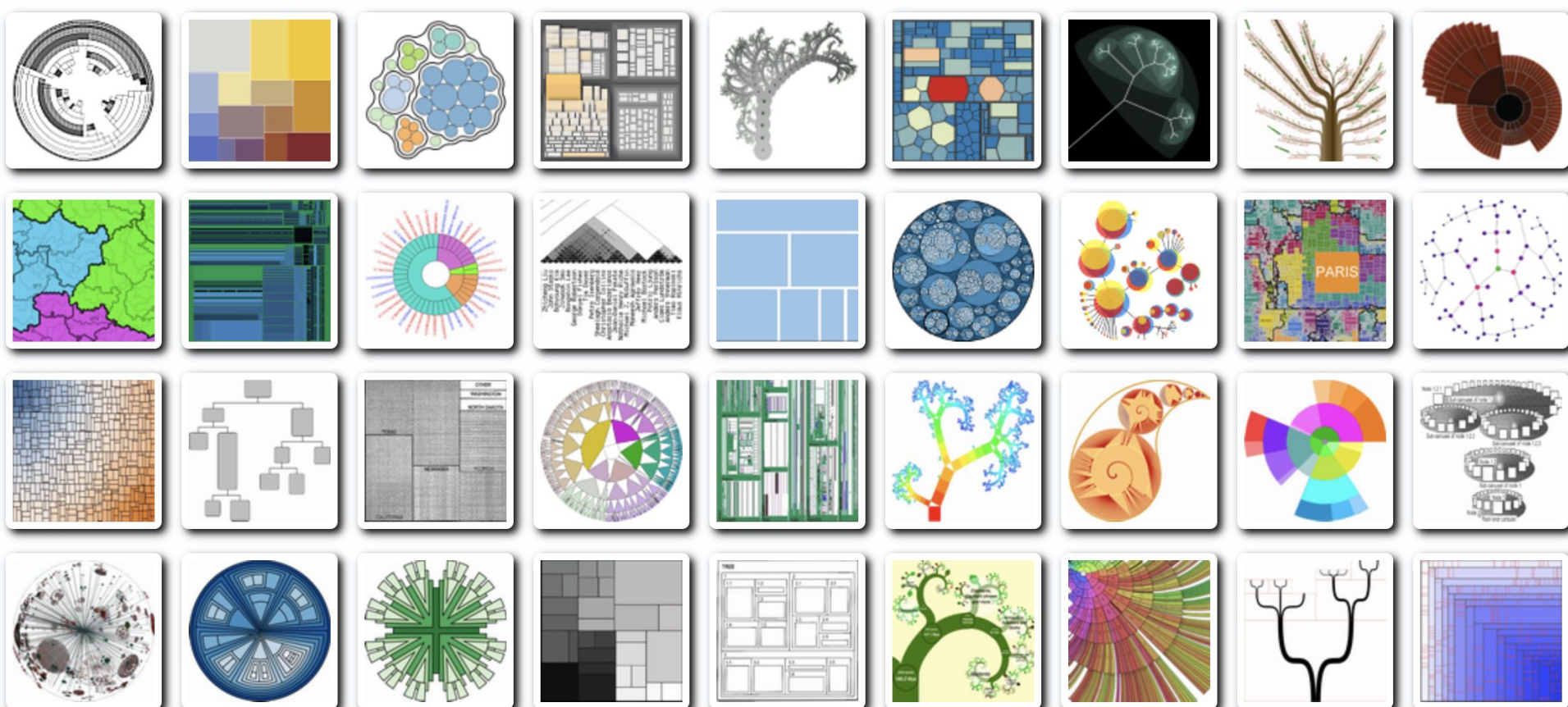


Fulltext Search



Techniques Shown

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Further Readings

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