

# SECTION 1

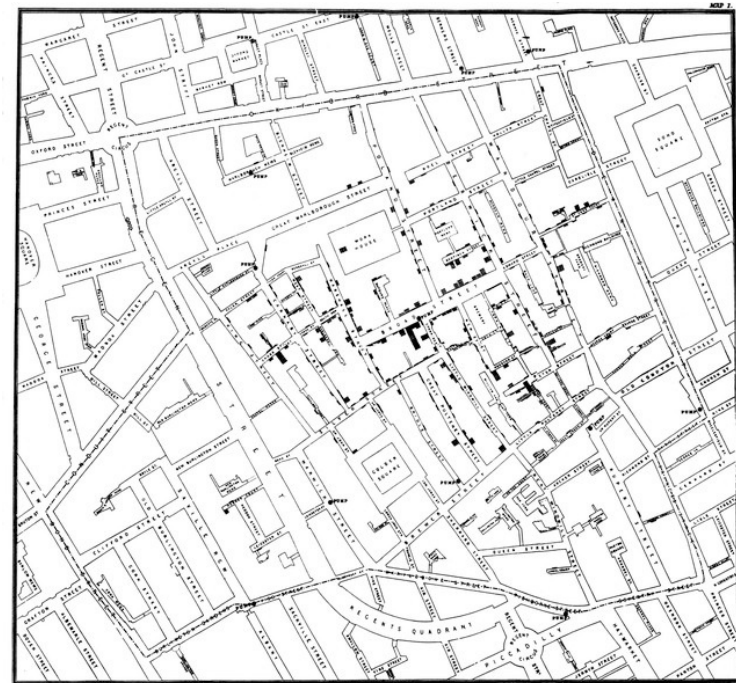
# WHAT IS DATA VISUALIZATION

# PUBLIC HEALTH TOOL

## John Snow's Map of the 1854 Broad Street Cholera Outbreak

Showed Cholera was being spread by water coming from a Broad Street Water Pump.

Source:  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1854\\_Broad\\_Street\\_cholera\\_outbreak](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1854_Broad_Street_cholera_outbreak)

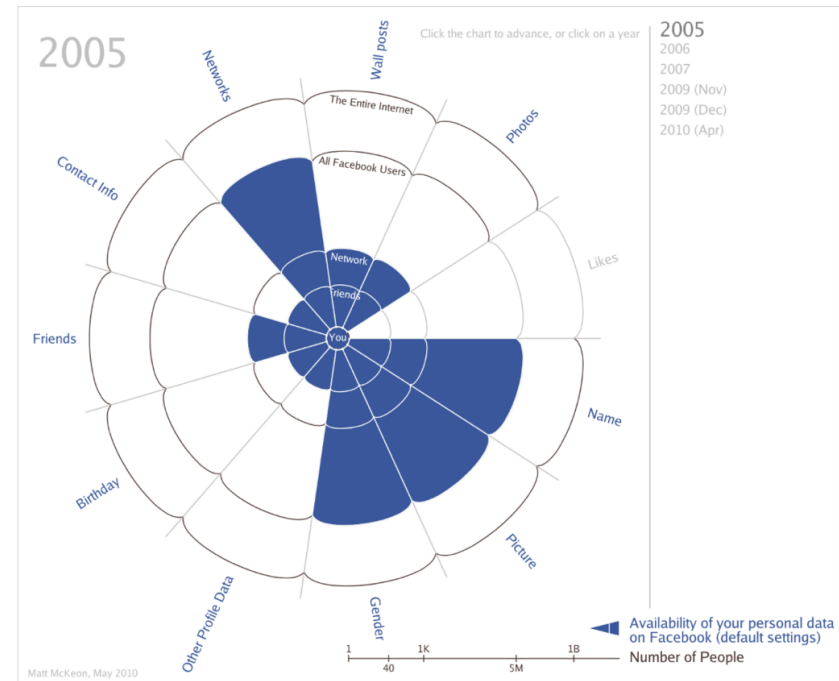


# PUBLIC / PRIVACY TOOL

## How Public Your Personal Data is On Facebook By Default

### Evolution of Facebook Default Privacy Settings

Source:  
<http://mattmckeeon.com/facebook-privacy/>



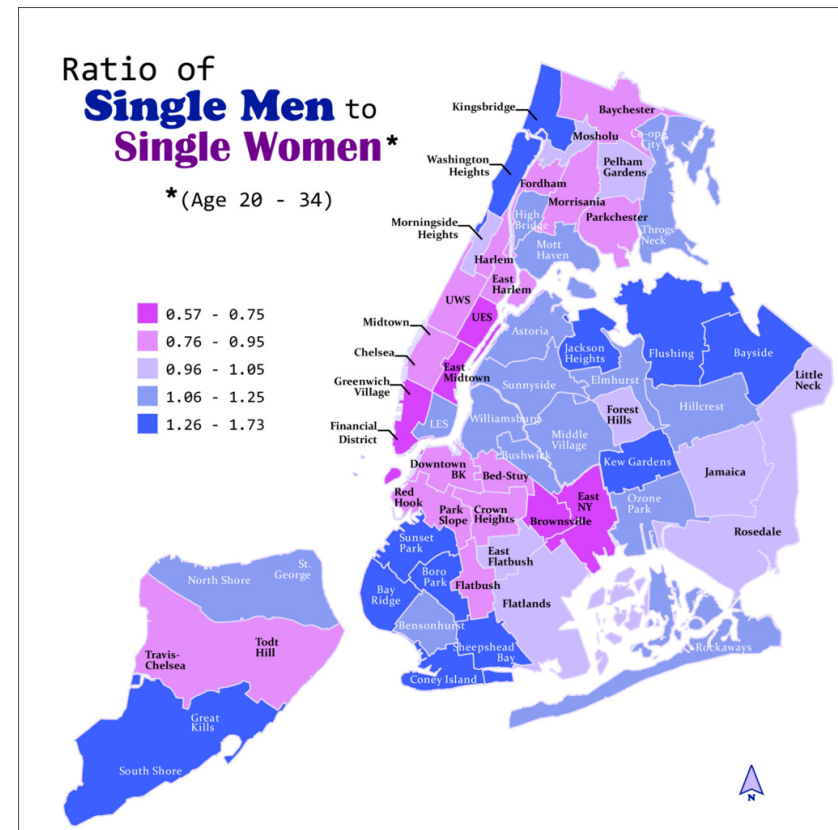
## DATING TOOL

### NYCEDC

### Ratio of Single Men to Single Women (Age 20 - 34)

New York City's population is 53% female and 47% male. Using Census data, NYCEDC analyzed only the population who are never married singles between the ages of 20 and 34.

Source:  
<http://nycedc.tumblr.com/post/16175652438/ratio-of-single-men-to-single-women-in-nyc-new>



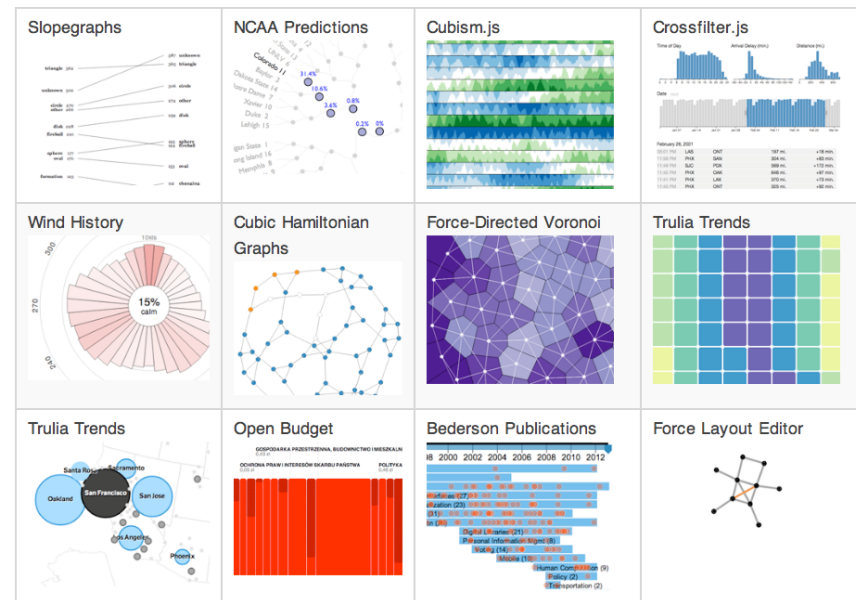
# DATA VISUALIZATION IS A TOOL

## Everything Generates Data

Visualizing this data leads to understanding.

- Sports
- Commerce
- Weather
- Real Estate
- Publications
- Social Media
- Etc.....

Source:  
<https://github.com/mbostock/d3/wiki/Gallery>



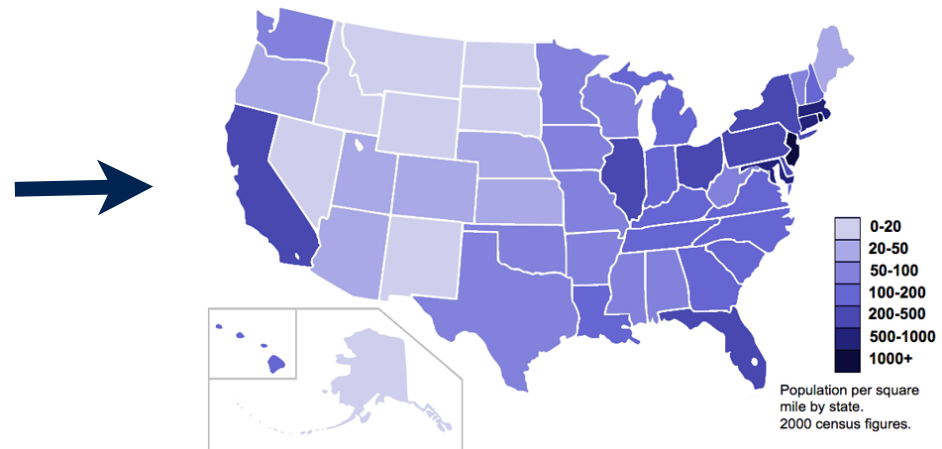
## DATA VIZ GUIDES THINKING

Data in Columns & Rows  
Audience has to think hard

A39		Maryland						
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
20	Alaska	D-3	R-3	R-3	R-3	R-3	R-3	R-3
21	Arizona	R-5	R-5	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-7	R-7
22	Arkansas	D-6	(\1)	R-6	D-6	R-6	R-6	R-6
23	California	D-40	R-40	R-45	R-45	R-45	R-47	R-47
24	Colorado	D-6	R-6	R-7	R-7	R-7	R-8	R-8
25	Connecticut	D-8	D-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8
26	Delaware	D-3	R-3	R-3	D-3	R-3	R-3	R-3
27	District of Columbia	D-3	D-3	D-3	D-3	D-3	D-3	D-3
28	Florida	D-14	R-14	R-17	D-17	R-17	R-21	R-21
29	Georgia	R-12	(\1)	R-12	D-12	D-12	R-12	R-12
30	Hawaii	D-4	D-4	R-4	D-4	D-4	R-4	D-4
31	Idaho	D-4	R-4	R-4	R-4	R-4	R-4	R-4
32	Illinois	D-26	R-26	R-26	R-26	R-26	R-24	R-24
33	Indiana	D-13	R-13	R-13	R-13	R-13	R-12	R-12
34	Iowa	D-9	R-9	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	D-8
35	Kansas	D-7	R-7	R-7	R-7	R-7	R-7	R-7
36	Kentucky	D-9	R-9	R-9	D-9	R-9	R-9	R-9
37	Louisiana	R-10	(\1)	R-10	D-10	R-10	R-10	R-10
38	Maine	D-4	D-4	R-4	R-4	R-4	R-4	R-4
39	Maryland	D-10	D-10	R-10	D-10	R-10	R-10	R-10
40	Massachusetts	D-14	D-14	D-14	D-14	R-14	D-13	D-13
41	Michigan	D-21	D-21	R-21	R-21	R-21	R-20	R-20
42	Minnesota	D-10	D-10	R-10	D-10	D-10	D-10	D-10
43	Mississippi	R-7	(\1)	R-7	D-7	R-7	R-7	R-7
44	Missouri	D-12	R-12	R-12	D-12	R-12	R-11	R-11
45	Montana	D-4	R-4	R-4	R-4	R-4	R-4	R-4
46	Nebraska	D-5	R-5	R-5	R-5	R-5	R-5	R-5
47	Nevada	D-3	R-3	R-3	R-3	R-3	R-4	R-4
48	New Hampshire	D-4	R-4	R-4	R-4	R-4	R-4	R-4
49	New Jersey	D-17	R-17	R-17	R-17	R-17	R-16	R-16
50	New Mexico	D-4	R-4	R-4	R-4	R-4	R-5	R-5

Source:  
<http://www.census.gov>

Data Visualization  
Audience has to think less hard



Source:  
[http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:US\\_2000\\_census\\_population\\_density\\_map\\_by\\_state.svg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:US_2000_census_population_density_map_by_state.svg)

# “RAW DATA” IS HARD TO READ

Anscombe's quartet

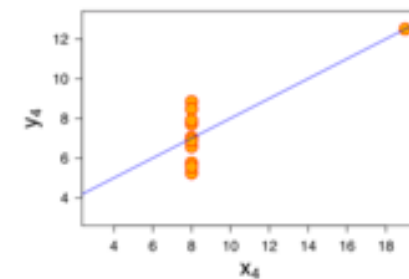
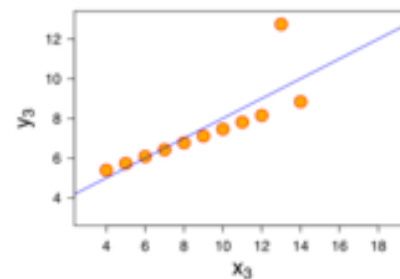
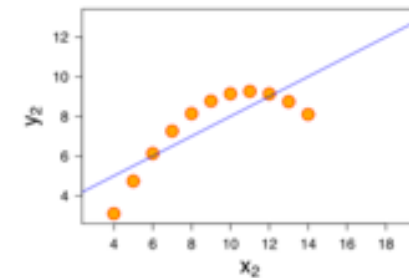
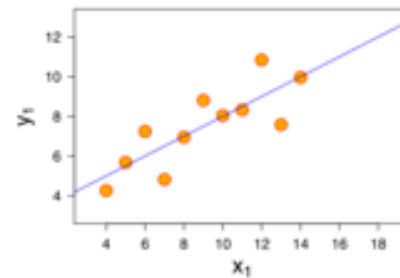
I		II		III		IV	
x	y	x	y	x	y	x	y
10.0	8.04	10.0	9.14	10.0	7.46	8.0	6.58
8.0	6.95	8.0	8.14	8.0	6.77	8.0	5.76
13.0	7.58	13.0	8.74	13.0	12.74	8.0	7.71
9.0	8.81	9.0	8.77	9.0	7.11	8.0	8.84
11.0	8.33	11.0	9.26	11.0	7.81	8.0	8.47
14.0	9.96	14.0	8.10	14.0	8.84	8.0	7.04
6.0	7.24	6.0	6.13	6.0	6.08	8.0	5.25
4.0	4.26	4.0	3.10	4.0	5.39	19.0	12.50
12.0	10.84	12.0	9.13	12.0	8.15	8.0	5.56
7.0	4.82	7.0	7.26	7.0	6.42	8.0	7.91
5.0	5.68	5.0	4.74	5.0	5.73	8.0	6.89

- Mean of x: 9
- Variance of x: 11
- Mean of y: 7.50
- Variance of y: 4.12
- Correlation between x and y: 0.816
- Linear regression line for each case:  
 $y = 3.00 + 0.500 * x$

# DATA VIZ DRIVES INTUITION OF DATA

Anscombe's quartet

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13.0	7.58	13.0	8.74	13.0	12.74	8.0	7.71
9.0	8.81	9.0	8.77	9.0	7.11	8.0	8.84
11.0	8.33	11.0	9.26	11.0	7.81	8.0	8.47
14.0	9.96	14.0	8.10	14.0	8.84	8.0	7.04
6.0	7.24	6.0	6.13	6.0	6.08	8.0	5.25
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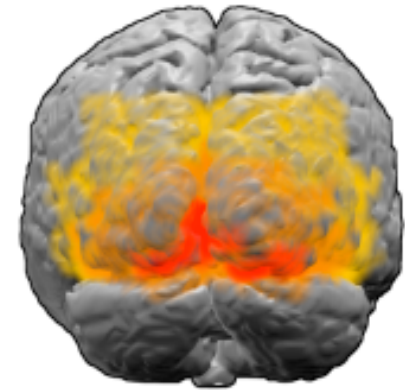
# DATA VIZ USES VISUAL CORTEX



66% of stimuli reaching the brain are visual  
(Zaltman 1996)

50% of brain devoted to processing visual  
images (Bates & Cleese 2001)

80% of learning is visually based  
(American Optometric Assoc. 1991)



Eye Image Source:  
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/orangeacid/234358923/>

Brain Image Source:  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Brodmann\\_areas\\_17\\_18\\_19.png](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Brodmann_areas_17_18_19.png)

# DATA VIZ USES BRAIN'S SHORTCUTS

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# BRAIN'S PRE-ATTENTIVE PROPERTIES



**COLOR HUE**



**ORIENTATION**



**TEXTURE**



**POSITION & ALIGNMENT**



**COLOR BRIGHTNESS**



**COLOR SATURATION**



**SIZE**



**SHAPE**

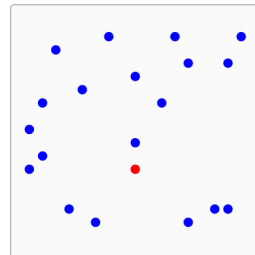
# D3 EXAMPLES OF PRE-ATTENTIVE PROPERTIES

[http://learnforeverlearn.com/  
preattentive/](http://learnforeverlearn.com/preattentive/)

## Exploring Preattentive Attributes (Beta)

Hue/Color

New



Number Targets

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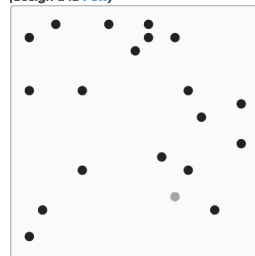
Number Shapes

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Intensity/Lightness

(design à la Few)

New



Number Targets

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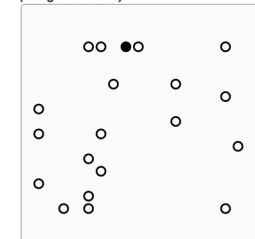
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## Exploring Preattentive Attributes (Beta)

Filled

(design à la Ware)

New



Number Targets

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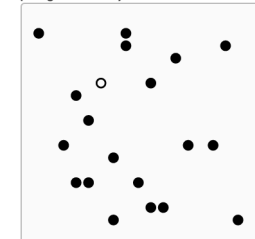
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Not Filled

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New



Number Targets

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Number Shapes

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# DATA VISUALIZATION IS A...

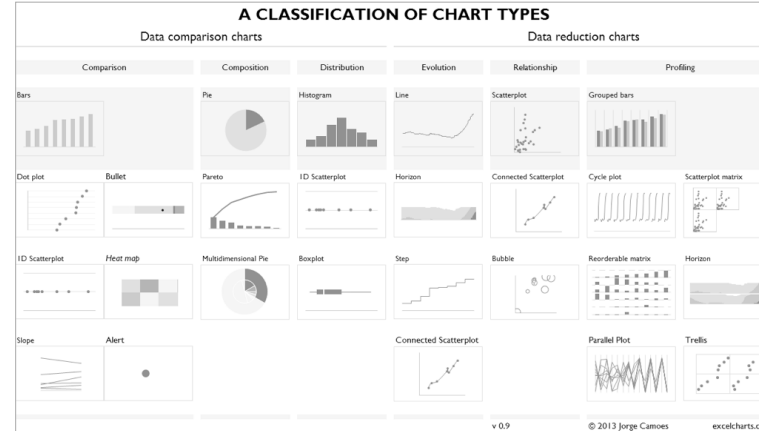
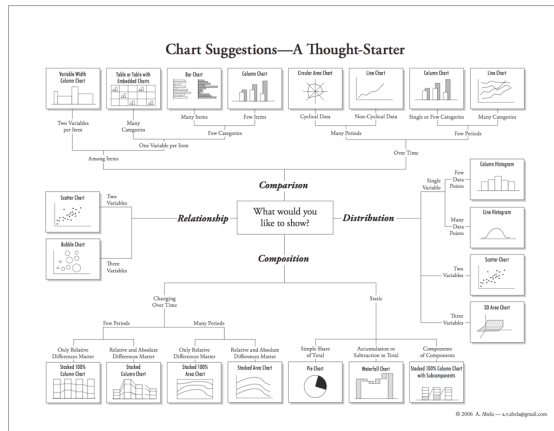
- Tool
- That helps guide thinking
- When trying to “understand” / “develop intuition about” data
- That uses the Visual Cortex
- To take advantage of the brain’s shortcuts
- And pre-attentive properties
- To achieve a **goal**.

# **SEVEN MAIN TYPES OF DATA VIZ GOALS**

Visual Encoding Depends on your goal -

- Time / Evolution
- Drill down
- Zoom out
- Contrast
- Intersections
- Factors
- Outliers

# VISUALLY ENCODING YOUR GOAL



- Comparison
- Distribution
- Composition
- Relationship

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- Comparison**
- Comparison
  - Composition
  - Distribution

Source:  
excelcharts.com

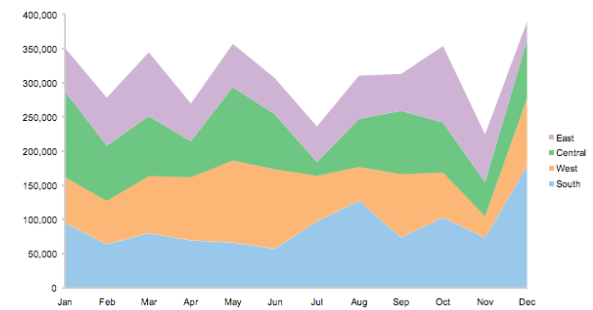
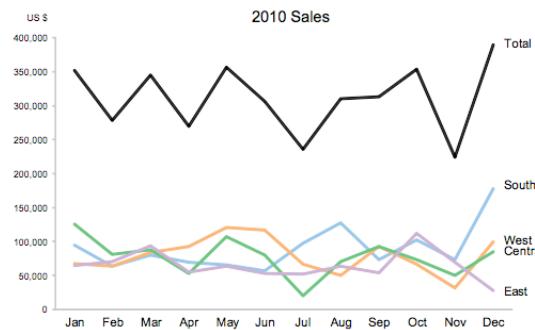
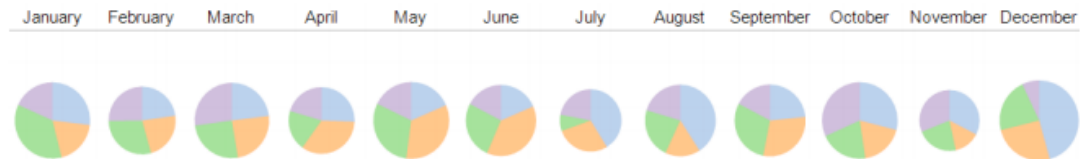
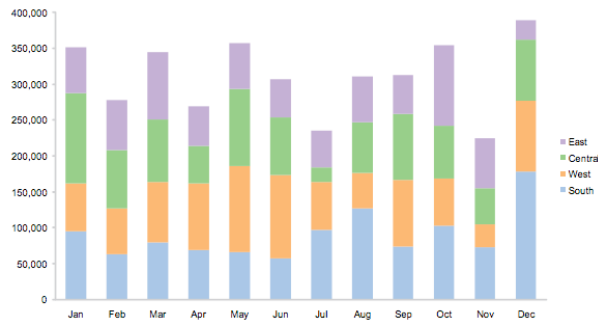
- Reduction**
- Evolution
  - Relationship
  - Profiling

# VISUAL ENCODING EFFECTIVENESS

Depends on you goal

12 Months of Sales

- By Region
- By Month



Source:  
Enrico Bertini, Assistant Professor at NYU-Poly (@filwd)



# PURPOSE, DATA, AND AUDIENCE

Seth Godin



Three questions to ask  
your marketing team

Q1 - Who are you trying to  
reach?

Q2 - Why do they decide to  
support us?

Q3 - What do you need in  
order to make this  
happen more often?

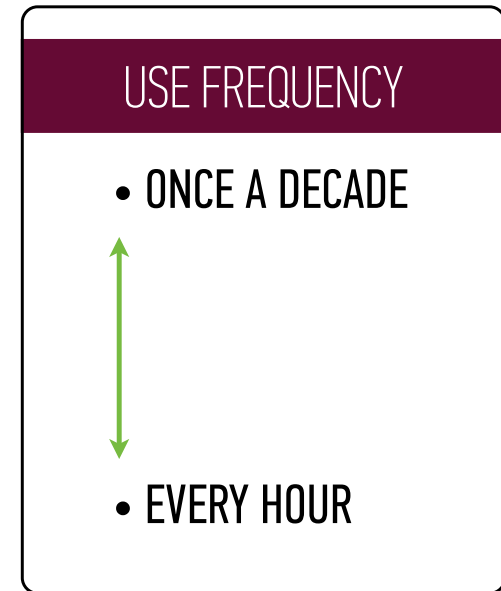
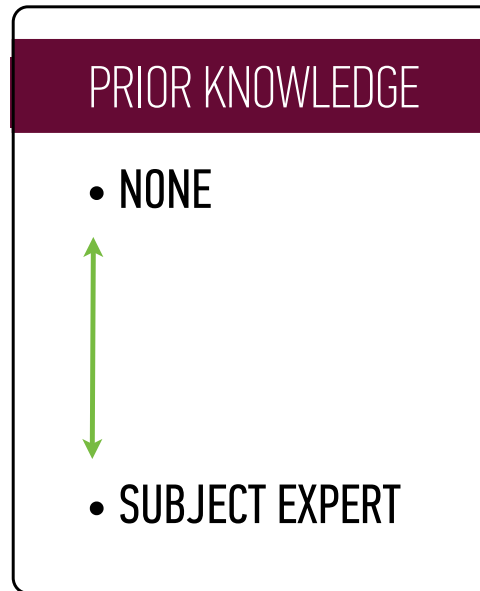
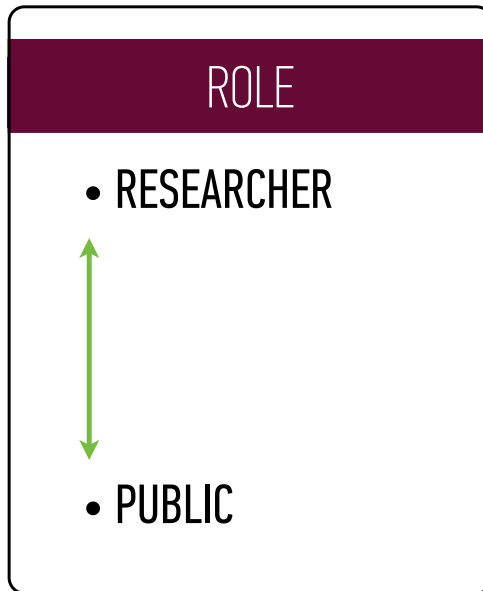
Three questions to ask  
of your **data visualization**

Q1 - Who are you trying to  
reach? (**Audience**)

Q2 - Why do they decide to  
support us? (**Purpose**)

Q3 - What do you need  
in order to make this  
happen? (**Data**)

## NEED TO KNOW – AUDIENCE



# NEED TO KNOW – HOW IT IS VIEWED

### PRINT

- BLACK AND WHITE?
- SOME COLOR?
- ALL COLOR?

### WEB

- INTERACTIVE?
- NON-INTERACTIVE?

### VIDEO

- NEWS SEGMENT?
- COMMERCIAL?
- SHOW?

### PRESENTATION

- GUIDED?
- UNGUIDED?

## NEED TO KNOW – AVAILABLE DATA

### PRIMARY

- YOU COLLECT IT
- YOU OWN IT
- NOBODY ELSE HAS IT

### SECONDARY

- OTHERS COLLECT IT
- OTHERS OWN IT
- EVERYONE HAS IT

### GENERATED

- FROM PRIMARY
- FROM SECONDARY
- FROM COMBINATION

## NEED TO KNOW – GOAL / PURPOSE / WIN

### HYPOTHESIS

WHAT ARE WE  
TRYING TO SHOW?

### GOAL

HOW DO WE KNOW  
IF WE ACHIEVED IT?

### PARAMETERS

WHAT ARE THE  
BOUNDARIES?

# AUDIENCE VIEWS DATA VIZ, THEN WHAT

Seth Godin



- What are you trying to tell me?
- What do you want me to do **now**?

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<http://www.sethgodin.com/>

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