

Data visualization

Principles

Data visualization principles

- Data-ink ratio:
 - ◆ Maximize the amount of data represented while minimizing unnecessary elements
- Graphical integrity:
 - ◆ Ensure that visual representations accurately convey the data without distortion.
- Simplicity:
 - ◆ Present information simply and clearly, avoiding unnecessary complexity.
- “Above all else, show the data”

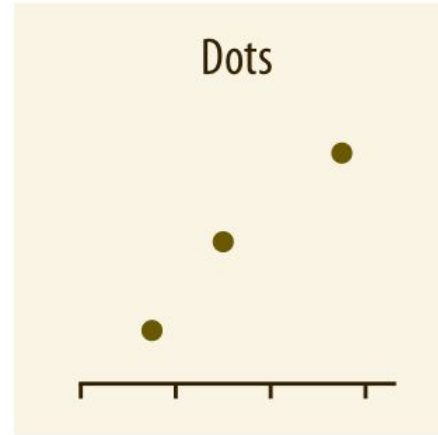
(From Edward Tufte: “The Visual Display of Quantitative Information”)

Data visualization principles

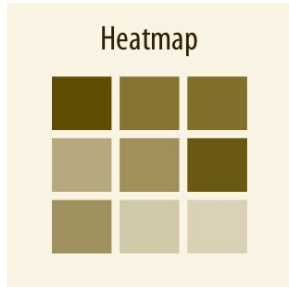
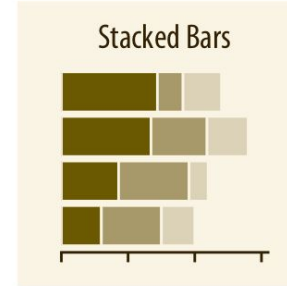
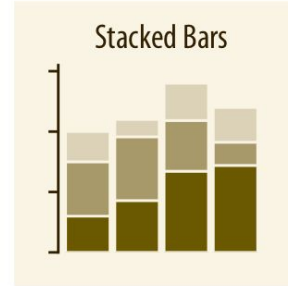
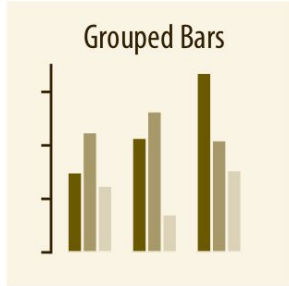
- Design for your audience
 - ◆ Yourself or external viewers
- In exploratory visualizations, don't obscure data from yourself.
 - ◆ Explore multiple views.
- In presentation visualizations, tell a story/communicate a key finding.

Use the right visualization type for the data

Amounts

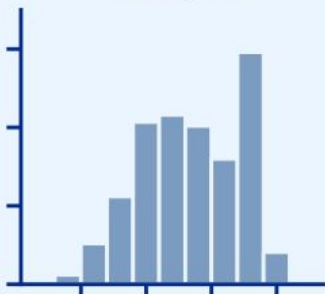


Amounts (groups)

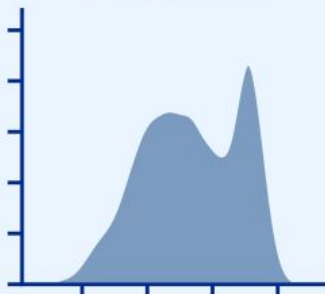


Distributions

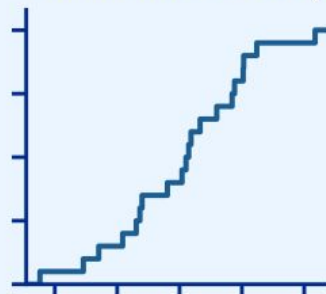
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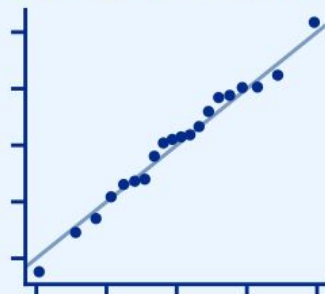
Density Plot



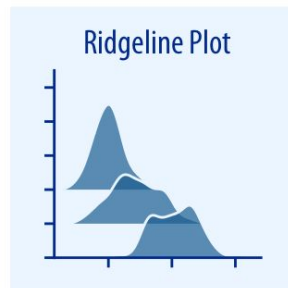
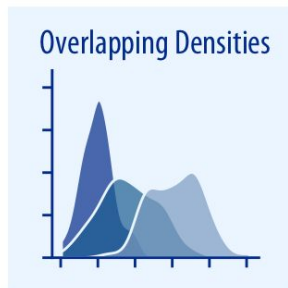
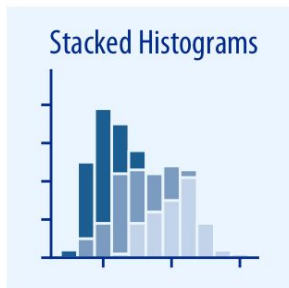
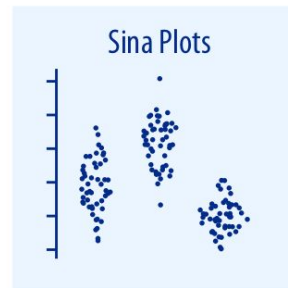
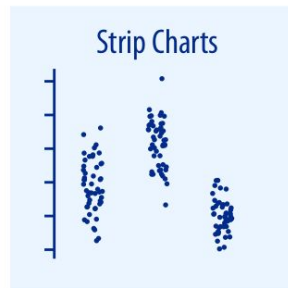
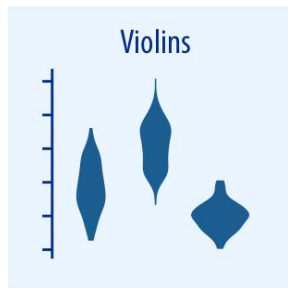
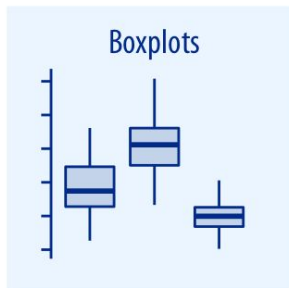
Cumulative Density



Quantile-Quantile Plot



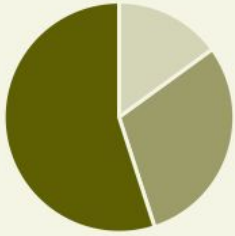
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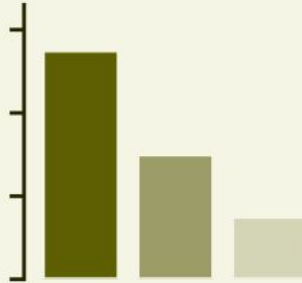
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Proportions

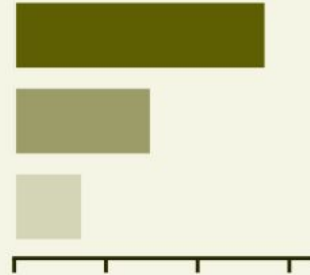
Pie Chart



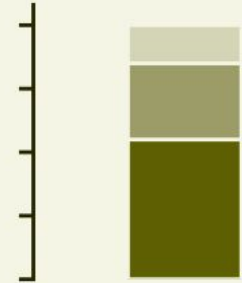
Bars



Bars



Stacked Bars

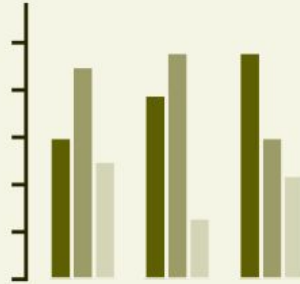


Proportions (groups)

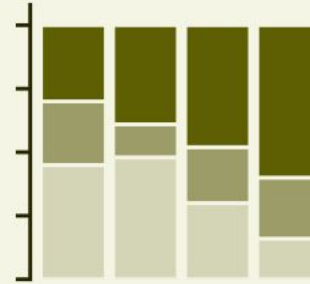
Multiple Pie Charts



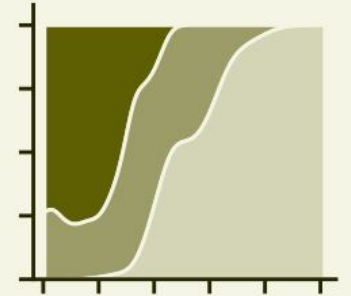
Grouped Bars



Stacked Bars

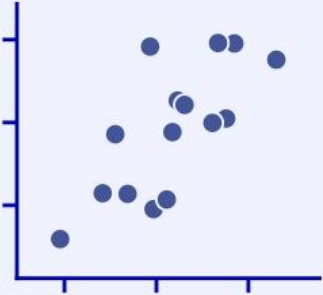


Stacked Densities

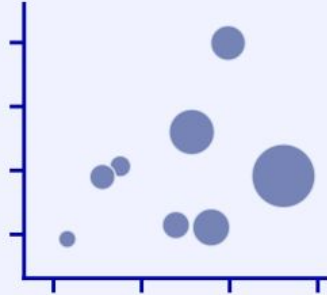


Relationships

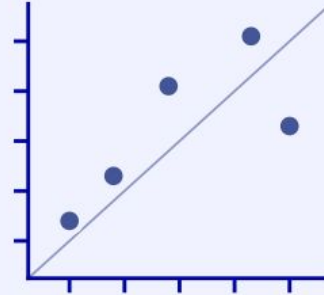
Scatterplot



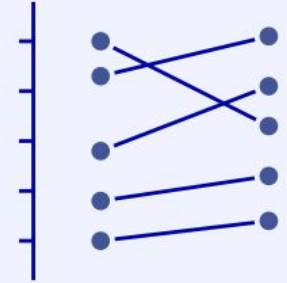
Bubble Chart



Paired Scatterplot

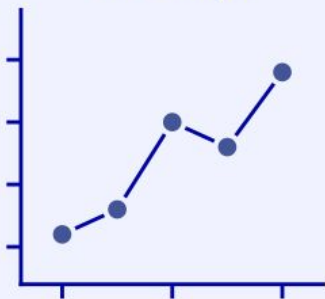


Slopegraph

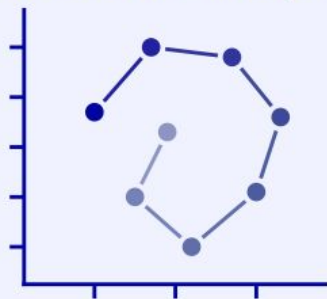


Relationships (directional)

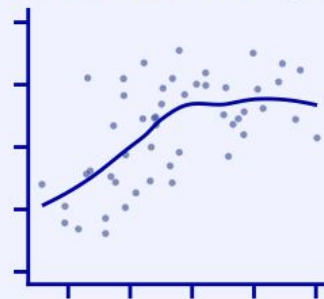
Line Graph



Connected Scatterplot

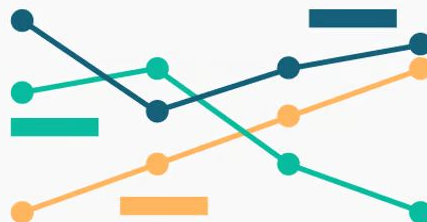
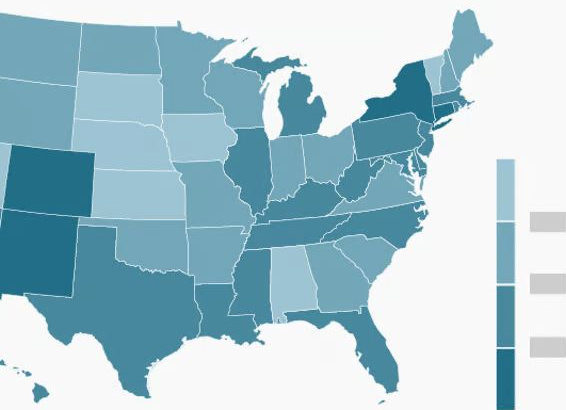


Smooth Line Graph



Use the right colors for the data

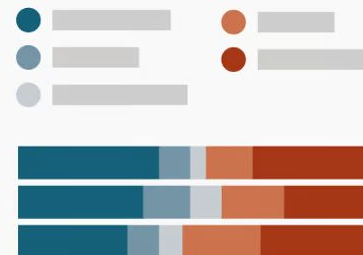
SEQUENTIAL



CATEGORICAL



DIVERGING



CATEGORICAL SCALE



Windows MacOS iOS All others

ORDINAL SCALE



Very Low Low Neutral All others

INTERVAL SCALE



1995 to 1999 2000 to 2004 2005 to 2009
2010 to 2014 2015 to 2020

RATIO SCALE



-10 to -5 -5 to 0 0 to 5 5 to 10
10 to 15

CATEGORICAL SCALE



Windows MacOS iOS Android All others

ORDINAL SCALE



Low High

INTERVAL SCALE



1995 2000 2005 2010 2015 2020
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RATIO SCALE



-10 -5 0 5 10 15
-10 -5 0 5 10 15

CATEGORICAL SCALE



Windows MacOS iOS Android All others

ORDINAL SCALE



Low Neutral High

INTERVAL SCALE



1995 2000 2005 2010 2015 2020
1995 2000 2005 2010 2015 2020

RATIO SCALE



-25 -15 -5 5 15 25
20 10 0 10 20

Categorical colors are not ordered. Use these for categorical scales. Do not use these for ordinal, interval, or ratio scales.

Sequential colors are ordered. Use these for ordinal and interval scales. It's also acceptable to use these for ratio scales. Do not use these for categorical scales.

Diverging colors are ordered. Use these for ordinal and ratio scales, especially when there is a meaningful middle value. These may also be used for interval scales. Do not use these for categorical scales.

Colors for categories

Okabe Ito



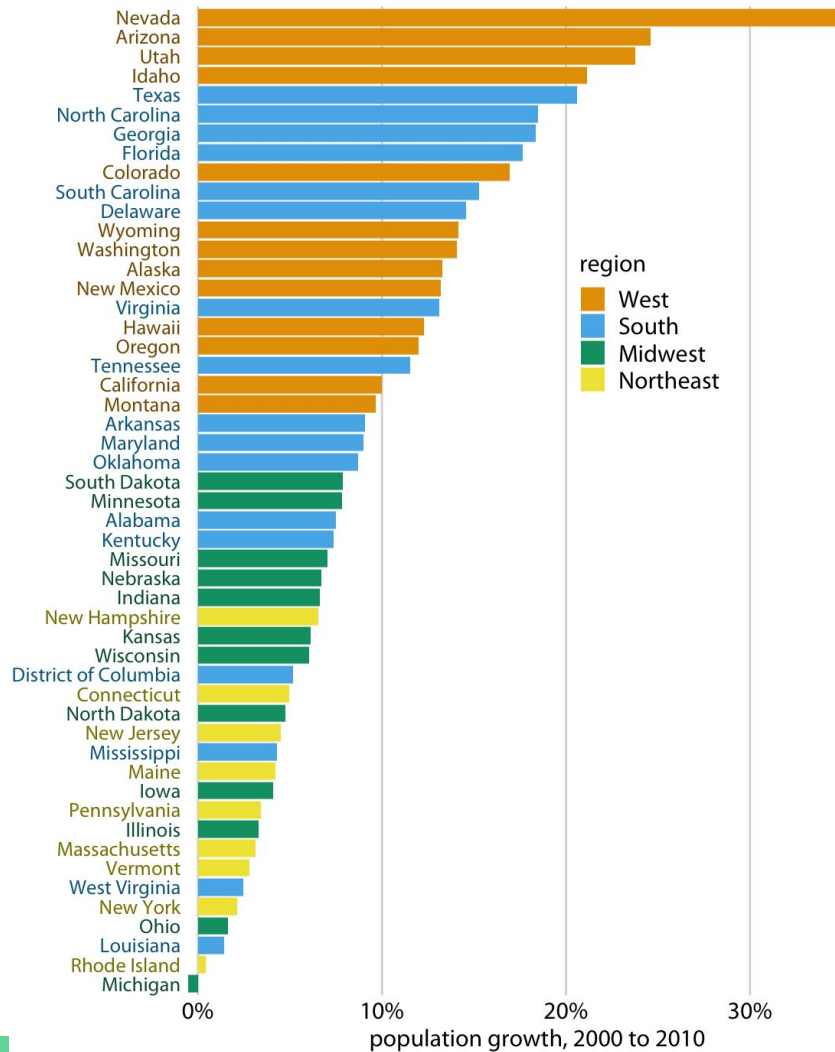
ColorBrewer Dark2



ggplot2 hue



Colors for categories



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Colors for numeric

ColorBrewer Blues



Heat

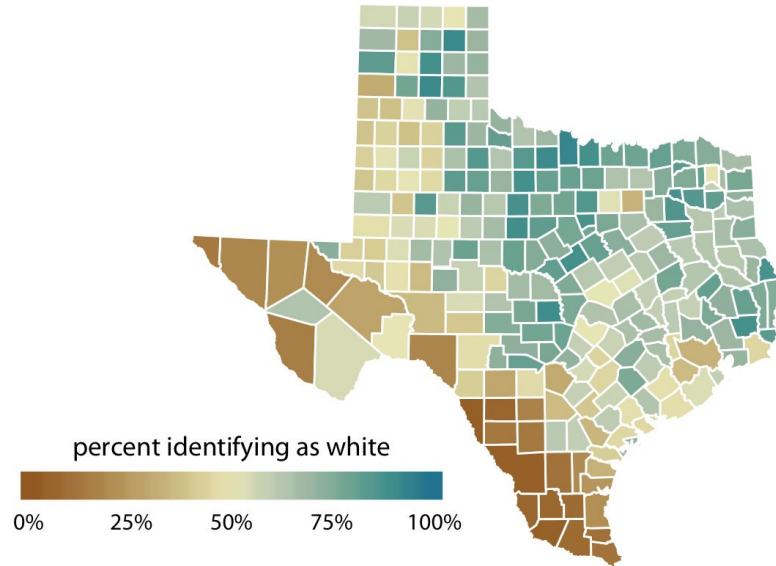


Viridis



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Number of data classes: 3



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COLORBREWER 2.0

color advice for cartography

Nature of your data:



☒ sequential ☐ diverging ☐ qualitative

Pick a color scheme:

Multi-hue:



Single hue:



Only show:



- ☐ colorblind safe
- ☐ print friendly
- ☐ photocopy safe

Context:



- ☐ roads
- ☐ cities
- ☒ borders



Background:

- ☒ solid color
- ☐ terrain



color transparency

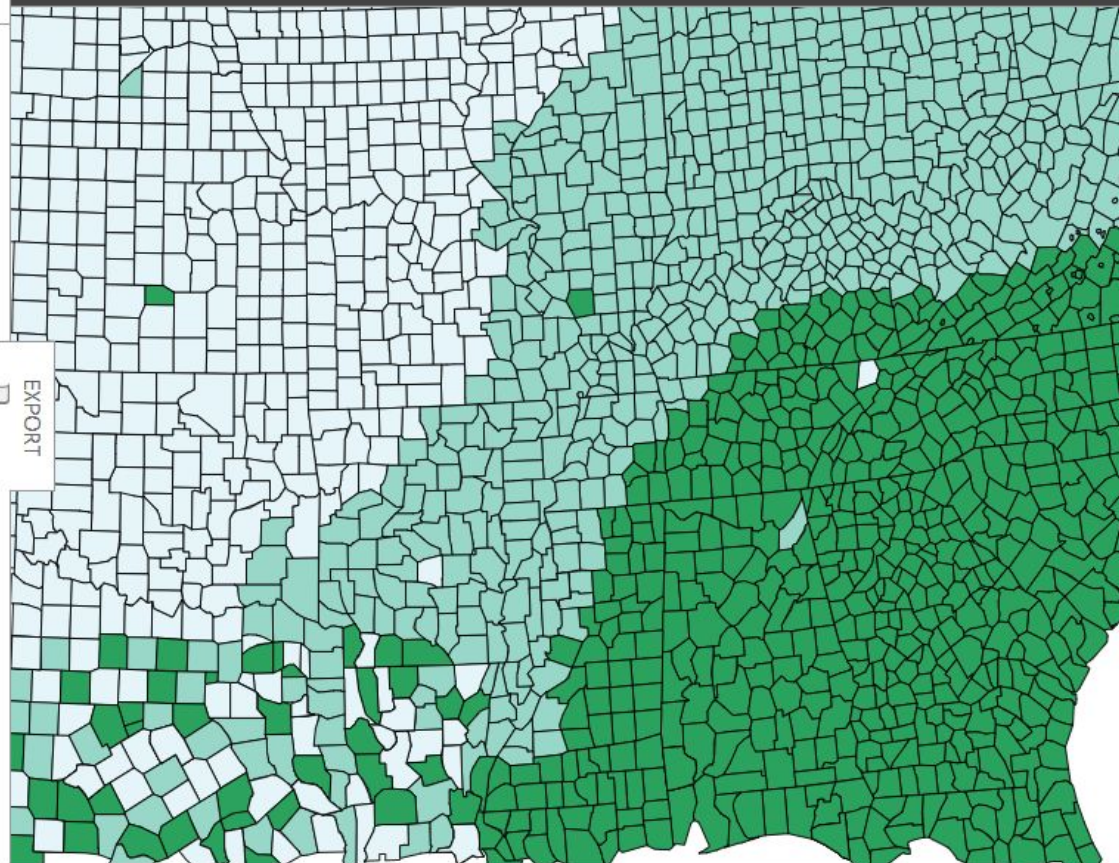
3-class BuGn



HEX

#e5f5f9
#99d8c9
#2ca25f

EXPORT





Accessible color palette generator

Discover beautiful color combinations your whole audience can appreciate and follow Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) with ease.

Random palette ↗

● #0073E6

Generate

The color pairings follow WCAG 2.1 AA based on a contrast ratio of 4.5:1. The pairings have sufficient contrast for use with normal text, large text and graphics.

Vibrant palette

Download ↓

#00BF7D	#00B4C5	#0073E6	#2546F0	#5928ED
Contrast Black Text 8.75:1 ✓	Contrast Black Text 8.33:1 ✓	Contrast White Text 4.57:1 ✓	Contrast White Text 6.54:1 ✓	Contrast White Text 7.12:1 ✓

Monochromatic palette

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#B3C7F7	#8BABF1	#0073E6	#0461CF	#054FB9
Contrast Black Text 12.43:1 ✓	Contrast Black Text 9.19:1 ✓	Contrast White Text 4.57:1 ✓	Contrast White Text 5.81:1 ✓	Contrast White Text 7.43:1 ✓

Contrasting palette 1

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#C44601	#F57600	#8BABF1	#0073E6	#054FB9
Contrast White Text 4.97:1 ✓	Contrast Black Text 7.47:1 ✓	Contrast Black Text 9.19:1 ✓	Contrast White Text 4.57:1 ✓	Contrast White Text 7.43:1 ✓

Contrasting palette 2

<https://venngage.com/tools/accessible-color-palette-generator>

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Declarative visualization

Data visualization

Don't think about drawing the picture, think about what you want to be drawn.

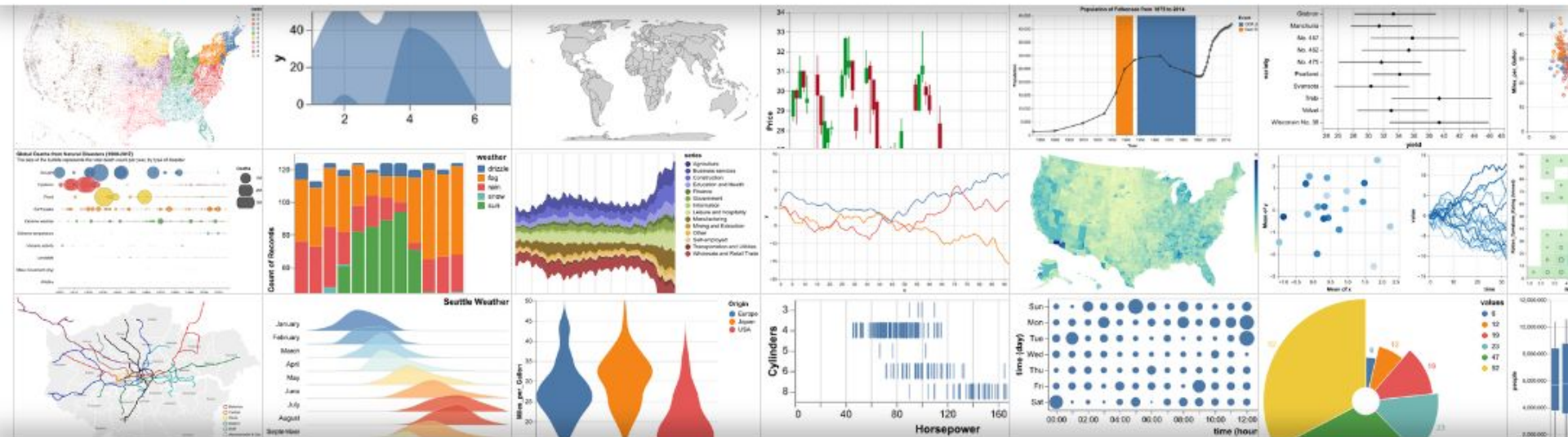
Encode data values to visual elements

- x -, y -axes
- shapes
- color
- location

Altair



Vega-Altair: Declarative Visualization in Python



Data

+ marks

+ encoding

Wide form vs. long form data

Wide-form vs long-form (*tidy*) data

Wide data:

→ Each column is a different property

Long or *tidy* data:

→ Each row is an single observation

→ Each column is a property or value

Some visualization packages (like altair) expect long-form data;
some (like Datawrapper) expect wide-form

Wide-form vs long-form (*tidy*) data

Wide

	Date	Tmax	Tmin	Tmean
0	1948-01-01	8.9	3.3	6.10
1	1948-02-01	7.9	2.2	5.05
2	1948-03-01	14.2	3.8	9.00
3	1948-04-01	15.4	5.1	10.25
4	1948-05-01	18.1	6.9	12.50
...
908	2023-09-01	24.4	14.7	19.55
909	2023-10-01	18.1	10.2	14.15
910	2023-11-01	11.8	5.4	8.60
911	2023-12-01	10.9	5.9	8.40
912	2024-01-01	8.4	2.5	5.45

Long

	Date	Category	Temperature
0	1948-01-01	Tmax	8.90
1	1948-01-01	Tmin	3.30
2	1948-01-01	Tmean	6.10
3	1948-02-01	Tmax	7.90
4	1948-02-01	Tmin	2.20
...
2734	2023-12-01	Tmax	10.90
2735	2023-12-01	Tmin	5.90
2736	2024-01-01	Tmin	2.50
2737	2024-01-01	Tmax	8.40
2738	2024-01-01	Tmean	5.45