

Design Studio Feedback: Cases And Results in the Florida State Courts System

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Our design studio was implemented as a video conference call with Ben Steineman and Victor Liu. Their feedback on our project was in-line with our existing concerns, and those expressed by our TF, Sam Gratzl.

Are we going to have Scott's head blocking all the data the whole time?

The page one viz will initially be dominated by a graphic of our domain expert in order to cue people to click our explanation video first. This important step orients non-expert users to the domain. After the video, any use of a domain expert graphic (such as a visual anchor for tool-tips) will be scaled to the same proportion as the buttons. Our second page will only use a domain expert image if we decide to use tool-tips explaining important details, and again in that case our domain expert image will be at the same proportion as the other button features.

If we use the nodes, are we going to have labels?

Nodes are an open question that depends on emerging viability. We are using an exploding node system rather than a collapsing node system. The initial collapsed view will probably need some labels to get the user to start clicking, but we will then be concerned about visual clutter. We may need to de-emphasize labels with opacity, or with collapsing, as the user explores the sequential branches of narrative or controls. However, if we hit a roadblock while exploring this space, we may choose to drop back to standard Bootstrap controls.

Are we going to animate a transition between screen one and two?

This is a nice idea, but it's not a priority.

What are our color choices based on?

Our colors are used categorically, and to convey a playful and engaging tone to what could be a daunting data set.

Will the background color design choice compete for attention with our line color design choice?

Our prototype colors point toward a visually appealing end result. As we incrementally improve our design choices we will consider clarity and density contrast.

Conclusion: It was helpful to have an outside set of eyes confirming our set of concerns.