

## DATA-DRIVEN DOCUMENTS ([D3JS.ORG/](https://d3js.org/))

# What is D3?

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D3 stands for **Data-Driven Documents**

Open-source JavaScript library developed by Mike Bostock to create **custom interactive data visualizations**

Official website: [d3js.org](https://d3js.org)

D3 Source code: <https://github.com/d3/d3>

# D3 features

Uses **Web Standards**: SVG, HTML, and CSS

**Driven by** static or fetched **data** from a remote server in different formats (Arrays, Objects, CSV, JSON, XML, etc.)

Manipulate the Document Object Model (DOM) based on your data

No standard visualization format → **complete control over your visualization**

**transition()** → interpolate between values

Great support for animation (**duration()**, **delay()**, **ease()**)

Animations are **fast and responsive** to user interactions

# DOM (Document Object Model)

When a web page is loaded, the browser creates a Document Object Model of the page.

The HTML DOM is a standard **object** model and a **programming interface** for HTML. It defines:

- HTML elements as **objects**
- The **properties** of all HTML elements
- The **methods** to access all HTML elements
- The **events** for all HTML elements

The HTML DOM is a standard for how to get, change, add, or delete HTML elements

# Selecting DOM elements

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To manipulate DOM elements we first need to select a particular element

**d3.select(css-selector)** → returns the first matching element in the HTML document based on specified **css-selector**

- Typical **css-selector** : the element's unique identifier

**d3.selectAll(css-selector)** → returns all matching elements

- Typical **css-selectors**: the element's class or name

# CSS (Cascading Stylesheets)

CSS styles (a.k.a selectors) are applied to HTML tags by **name**, **class**, or **identifier**

```
<html>
  <head> <title>TITLE GOES HERE</title></head>
  <style>
    p { color: blue; } /* Applied to all <p> tags */
    .red { background: red; } /* Applied to all tags with the class "red" */
    #some-id { font-style: italic; } /* Applied to the tag with the id "some-id" */
    li p { color: #0C0; } /* Applied only to <p> tags inside <li> tags */

  </style>
  <body>
    <div> <p> Normal Paragraph</p> <p class="red">Red Paragraph</p> </div>

    <ol>
      <li id="some-id">Unique element</li>
      <li>Another list element</li>
      <li> <p>Paragraph inside list element</p> <p>Second paragraph</p></li>
    </ol>
  </body>
</html>
```

## Output

Normal paragraph

Red paragraph

1. Unique element
  2. Another list element
  3. Paragraph inside list element
- Second paragraph



# D3 selection: example

```
<html>
  <head> <title>TITLE GOES HERE</title>
    <script type="text/javascript" src="https://d3js.org/d3.v5.min.js"></script>
  </head>
  <body>
    <div> <p> Normal Paragraph</p> <p class="red">Red Paragraph</p> </div>

    <ol>
      <li id="some-id">Unique element</li>
      <li>Another list element</li>
      <li> <p>Paragraph inside list element</p> <p>Second paragraph</p></li>
    </ol>

    <script>
      d3.select("#some-id") // [Array(1)]
      d3.selectAll("p").size(); // 4
      let reds = d3.selectAll(".red") // [Array(1)]
      console.log(reds.text()) // "Red Paragraph"
    </script>
  </body>
</html>
```

Import the d3.js library

The css selector must be prefixed by

- A hash sign (#) for identifiers
- A dot (.) for classes

# Modifying selected DOM element(s)

`text("content")` → gets or set the text

`append("element name")` → adds an element inside it

`remove()` → removes it from the DOM

`html("content")` → gets or sets the inner HTML

`attr("name", "value")` → gets or sets an attribute

`property("name", "value")` → gets or sets a property

`style("name", "value")` → gets or sets the style

`classed("css class", bool)` → gets, adds or remove a css class



# Method chaining in D3

In D3 methods are chained together using a period

```
d3.select("body")  
  .append("p")  
  .attr("id", "myParagraph")  
  .classed("par", true)  
  .style("color", "red")  
  .text("Hello World")
```

*// selects the HTML element "body"*  
*// adds a paragraph element to it*  
*// defines a unique identifier*  
*// assign the css class "par" to the element*  
*// set the color of text to red*  
*// define the text to display*

# Function of Data

Each DOM manipulation methods can take a constant value or function as parameter

- This function is a function of data

Each method is called **for each** of our data values bound to the DOM

- We can apply any logic to manipulate data

```
.text(function (d, i) {  
    console.log(d); // the data element  
    console.log(i); // the index element  
    console.log(this); // the current DOM object  
  
    return d;  
});
```

Other than the data (or d) parameter, there are two other parameters available to us.

# Event Handling

`D3.selection.on()` → bind an event listener to any DOM element ; it takes 2 parameters

- an event type → click, mouseover, etc.
- a callback function → executed when an event occurs

`D3.mouse(container)` → gets the x and y coordinates of the current mouse position in the specified DOM element

`D3.event` → contains event data such as `timestamp` and methods such as `preventDefault`

# Animations

**Animation** : a transition from one form to another

D3.selection.**transition()** → makes a transition on any DOM element

Useful methods:

**selection.transition()** → schedules a transition for the selected element

**transition.duration()** → sets the animation duration in milliseconds for each element

**transition.ease()** → sets the easing function (linear, elastic, bounce, etc.)

**transition.delay()** → sets the animation delay in milliseconds for each element

# Data Binding

→ Bind data to DOM elements

→ Create new elements based on data

**data()** → joins data to the selected elements

**enter()** → creates a selection with placeholder references for missing elements

**exit()** → removes nodes and adds them to the exit selection, which can be later removed from the DOM

**datum()** → injects data to the selected element without computing a join

# The data() function

Input : an **array of values** (number or object) or a **function of data**

```
<p>D3 Tutorials</p>      → <p>Hello World</p>  
<p> </p>                 → <p>Hello D3</p>  
<p> </p>                 → <p>Hello JavaScript</p>
```

```
<script>  
  // the data is an array of strings  
  let myData = ["Hello World!", "Hello D3", "Hello JavaScript"];  
  
  let p = d3.select("body")  
    .selectAll("p")      // select all <p> elements from the page  
    .data(myData)        // join the new data  
    .text(function (d) { // create the text to be displayed based on the data  
      return d;          // d is a value of myData  
    });  
</script>
```

Try it at <https://www.tutorialsteacher.com/codeeditor?cid=d3-23>

# The enter() function


What if number of elements and data values do not match?

- Lesser elements than the dataset or no selection at all (no HTML code in place)

```
<body>           // the HTML code contains only the body, with no other elements
<script>
  let data = [4, 1, 6, 2, 8, 9]; // there are 6 data values in our data array

  let body = d3.select("body")
    .selectAll("span")
    .data(data)
    .enter()           // creates 6 reference placeholders
    .append("span")    // append 6 span elements
    .text(function(d) { return d + " "; });

</script>
</body>
```



```
<span>4 </span>
<span>1 </span>
<span>6 </span>
<span>2 </span>
<span>8 </span>
<span>9 </span>
```

Try it at <https://www.tutorialsteacher.com/codeeditor?cid=d3-25>



# The `exit()` function

More elements than data values

- `.exit().remove()` → remove additional elements

```
<body>
```

```
  <p>D3 Tutorials</p>    → <p>Hello World</p>
```

```
  <p></p>
```

```
  <p></p>
```

```
  <script>
```

```
    let myData = ["Hello World!"];           // 1 data value
```

```
    let p = d3.select("body")
```

```
      .selectAll("p")                        // 3 <p> elements selected
```

```
      .data(myData)
```

```
      .text(function (d, i) { return d; })
```

```
      .exit()                               // place the 2 additional <p> elements in an exit selection
```

```
      .remove();                            // remove the 2 <p> elements
```

```
  </script>
```

```
</body>
```

Try it at <https://www.tutorialsteacher.com/codeeditor?cid=d3-28>

# The datum() function

Typically used for static visualizations that do not need updates

- It binds data directly to an element

```
<body>
  <p>D3 Tutorials</p>      → <p>100</p>
  <script>

    d3.select("body")
      .select("p")
      .datum(100)
      .text(function (d, i) {
        return d;
      });
  </script>
</body>
```

Try it at <https://www.tutorialsteacher.com/codeeditor?cid=d3-29>

Different types of data defined either locally in variables or from external files

Methods to load data from external files

- `d3.csv()` → for loading CSV files
- `d3.json()` → for loading JSON files
- `d3.tsv()` → for loading TSV files
- `d3.xml()` → for loading XML files

Parameters

- URL (local or distant) to the file
- callback function to treat the parsed data objects (all data becomes a JSON object after loading)

# Using Promises to load data files

Promise → object that represents the eventual completion (or failure) of an asynchronous method and its resulting value

- Use it to wait for an asynchronous method to finish executing

```
d3.json("filepath.json").then(data => {  
  // do something with data  
})
```

## Loading multiple files

```
Promise.all([d3.json("filepath1.json"), d3.csv("filepath2.csv")]).then(datafiles => {  
  let data1 = datafiles[0],  
  let data2 = datafiles[1]  
  // do something with data  
})
```

More about promises at [https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global\\_Objects/Promise](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/Promise)

# Creating SVG Elements

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SVG is a XML format used for drawing

Similar to DOM, it has elements with parents, children, and attributes

- They also respond to the same mouse/touch events

SVG defines tags for basic shapes

- `<rect>` for rectangles
- `<circle>` for circles
- `<line>` for straight lines

Some CSS syntax used for DOM change for SVG elements

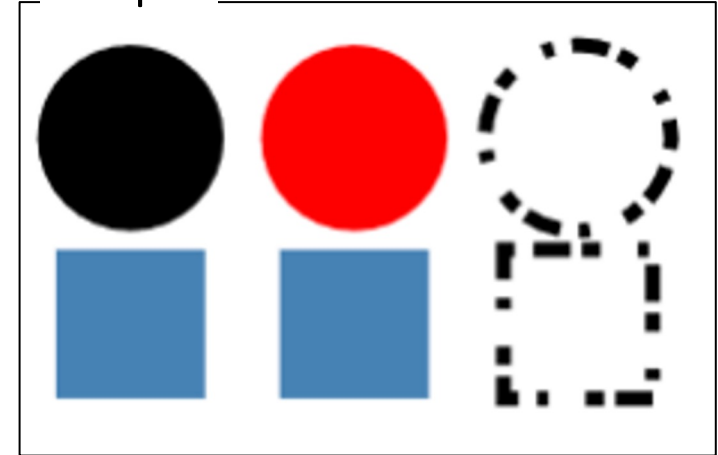
- `background-color: red;` → `fill: red;`

# SVG: example

```
<html>  <head> <title>TITLE GOES HERE</title> </head>
  <style>
    .red { fill: red; /* not background-color */ }
    .fancy { fill: none; stroke: black;
      stroke-width: 3pt;
      stroke-dasharray: 3,5,10; }
  </style>
  <body>
    <svg width="300" height="180">
      <circle cx="30" cy="50" r="25" />
      <circle cx="90" cy="50" r="25" class="red" />
      <circle cx="150" cy="50" r="25" class="fancy" />

      <rect x="10" y="80" width="40" height="40" fill="steelBlue" />
      <rect x="70" y="80" width="40" height="40" style="fill: steelBlue;" />
      <rect x="130" y="80" width="40" height="40" class="fancy" />
    </svg>
  </body>
</html>
```

Output



# Groups in SVG

The `<g>` tag allows to group elements

- The grouped elements inherit attributes from the `<g>` tag (styles, position, etc.)

Widely used to create charts with D3

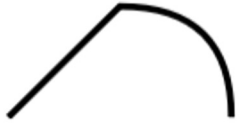
```
<svg viewBox="0 0 100 100" >  
  <!-- Using g to inherit presentation attributes -->  
  <g fill="white" stroke="green" stroke-width="5">  
    <circle cx="40" cy="40" r="25" />  
    <circle cx="60" cy="60" r="25" />  
  </g>  
</svg>
```



# Paths in SVG

The `<path>` tag helps to draw lines and arbitrary shapes

- Powerful and complex



```
<path d="M0,50 L50,0 Q100,0 100,50"
      fill="none" stroke-width="3" stroke="black" />
```



```
<path d="M0,100 C0,0 25,0 125,100 z" fill="black" />
```

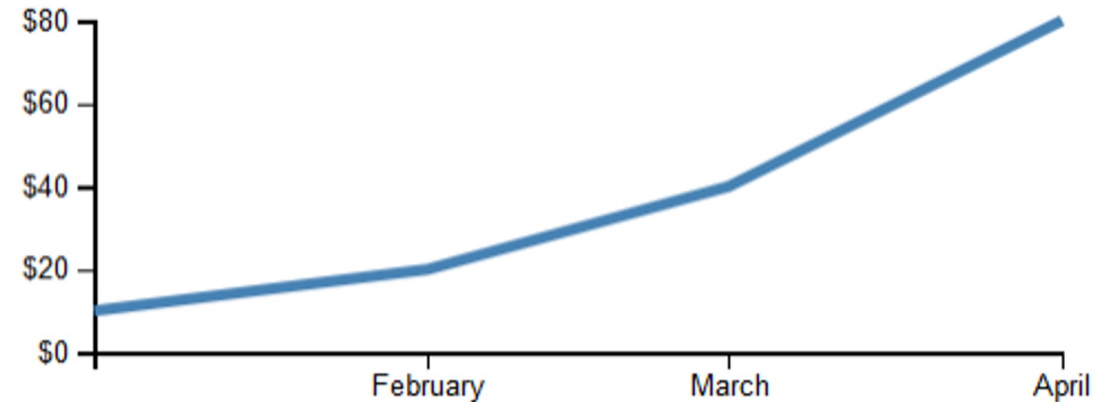
Used in most D3 charts (pie chart, line chart, etc)

D3 has methods to automatically create paths according to the data

- `d3.line`, `d3.arc`, `d3.pie`, etc.

# Creating a chart with SVG and D3

Date	Amount
2014-01-01	\$10
2014-02-01	\$20
2014-03-01	\$40
2014-04-01	\$80



Draw chart elements: data, scales, axes

# Chart elements

The scale → the coordinate system

- X axis → from January 2014 to April 2014
- Y axis → from \$10 to \$80
- Specify the mapping between data values and pixels of the screen

The axes → the labels

- Text elements representing values such as “\$10” and “February”
- Define the right display format according to the data type

The data

- Each row becomes a point over the line
- The points must fit the defined coordinate system

Date	Amount
2014-01-01	\$10
2014-02-01	\$20
2014-03-01	\$40
2014-04-01	\$80

# Create a chart with SVG

```
<html> <head> <title>Line chart with pure SVG</title> </head>
  <style>
    .axis line{ stroke: #000;}
    path { stroke: #000; fill: none; } </style>
  <body> <svg width="350" height="160">
    <g class="layer" transform="translate(60,10)">
      <circle r="5" cx="0" cy="105" />      // data value #1
      <circle r="5" cx="90" cy="90" />      // data value #2
      <circle r="5" cx="180" cy="60" />     // data value #3
      <circle r="5" cx="270" cy="0" />      // data value #4

      <path d="M 0 105 L 90 90 L 180 60 L 270 0" /> // line connecting dots

    <g class="y axis">
      <line x1="0" y1="0" x2="0" y2="120" /> // line that represent the y axis
      <text x="-40" y="105" dy="5">$10</text> // label for lowest value
      <text x="-40" y="0" dy="5">$80</text> // label for highest value

    <g class="x axis" transform="translate(0, 120)"> // translate to the bottom of chart
      <line x1="0" y1="0" x2="270" y2="0" /> // line representing x axis
      <text x="-30" y="20" dx="5">January 2014</text> // label for lowest value
      <text x="240" y="20" dx="5">April 2014</text> // label for highest value
    </g> </svg> </body>
</html>
```

# Create a chart with D3

## Define the dataset

```
let data = [{ date: "2014-01-01", amount:10 },  
            { date: "2014-02-01", amount:20 },  
            { date: "2014-03-01", amount:40 },  
            { date: "2014-04-01", amount:80 } ]
```

## Define the dimensions of the chart

```
let margin = { left: 20, top: 10, bottom: 20, right: 10 }, // the margins of the chart  
            width = 350, // the width of the svg  
            height = 160; // the height of the svg
```

## Set the SVG dimensions

```
let svg = d3.select("svg")  
            .attr('width', width + margin.left + margin.right)  
            .attr('height', height + margin.top + margin.bottom)
```

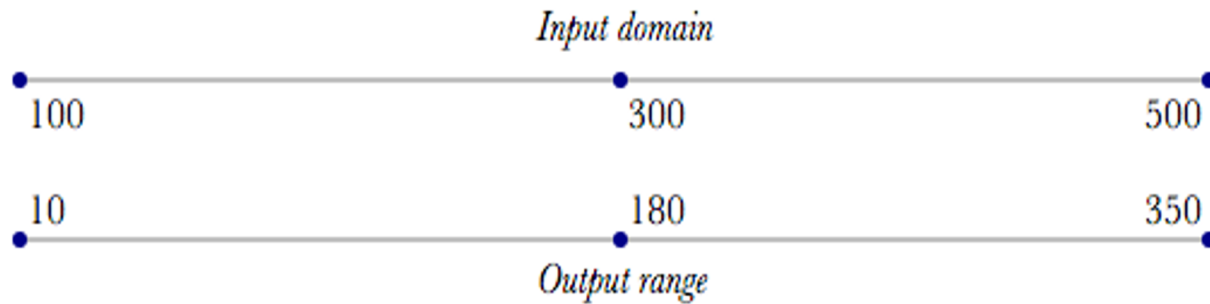
## Create a chart group

```
let chartGroup = svg.append("g")  
                    .attr('transform', "translate(" + margin.left + "," + margin.top + ")")
```

# Scales in D3

Scaling methods to different types of charts and data

- `d3.scaleLinear`, `d3.scaleTime`, `d3.scaleSequential`, `d3.scaleOrdinal`, etc.

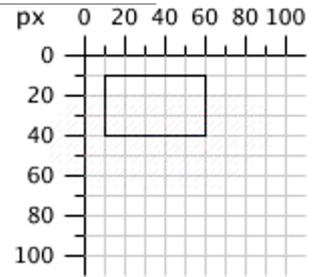


**Domain** → minimum and maximum values of the input data

**Range** → the output range that we would like our input values to map to

# Defining the Y scale

```
let yScale = d3.scaleLinear()  
  .domain([0, 80]) // $0 to $80  
  .range([height, 0]) // seems backwards because SVG is y-down
```



Default coordinate system

**yScale** is accessed using the function syntax

- Used to translate values from one coordinate to another
- Domain  $\leftrightarrow$  range

```
yScale(10); // in: $10  
// 200     // out: 200px (bottom of graph)
```

```
yScale(80); // in: $80  
// 0        // out: 0px (top of graph)
```



# Defining the X scale

Transform the string object into a **Date** object recognizable by `d3.scaleTime`

```
let xScale = d3.scaleTime()  
  .domain([  
    new Date("2014-01-01"),  
    new Date("2014-04-01")  
  ])  
  .range([0, width])
```

```
xScale(new Date("2014-02-01"))  
// 124
```

Scales can also be used for arbitrary transformations

- e.g., mapping between data and colors

# The min, max, and extent functions

Automate operations such as finding the minimum and maximum values of a dataset (or both → the extent)

Parameters : an **array of values** or a **function of data**

```
let values = [10, 20, 40, 80]
let data = [{ date: "2014-01-01", amount:10 }, { date: "2014-02-01", amount:20 },
            { date: "2014-03-01", amount:40 }, { date: "2014-04-01", amount:80 } ]
```

```
d3.max(values)
// 80
d3.max(data, (d,i) => d.amount)
// 80
```

```
d3.extent(values)
// [10, 80]
d3.extent(data, (d,i) => d.amount)
// [10, 80]
```

Define the yScale using the extent function

```
let yScale = d3.scaleLinear()
                .domain(d3.extent(data, d => d.amount))
                .range([height, 0])
```

# Axes in D3

Render human-readable reference marks for scales

Made of lines, ticks and labels

Uses scales → each axis need to be given a scale to work with

`d3.axisTop()` → creates a top horizontal axis

`d3.axisRight()` → creates a vertical right-oriented axis

`d3.axisBottom()` → creates a bottom horizontal axis

`d3.axisLeft()` → creates a left vertical axis

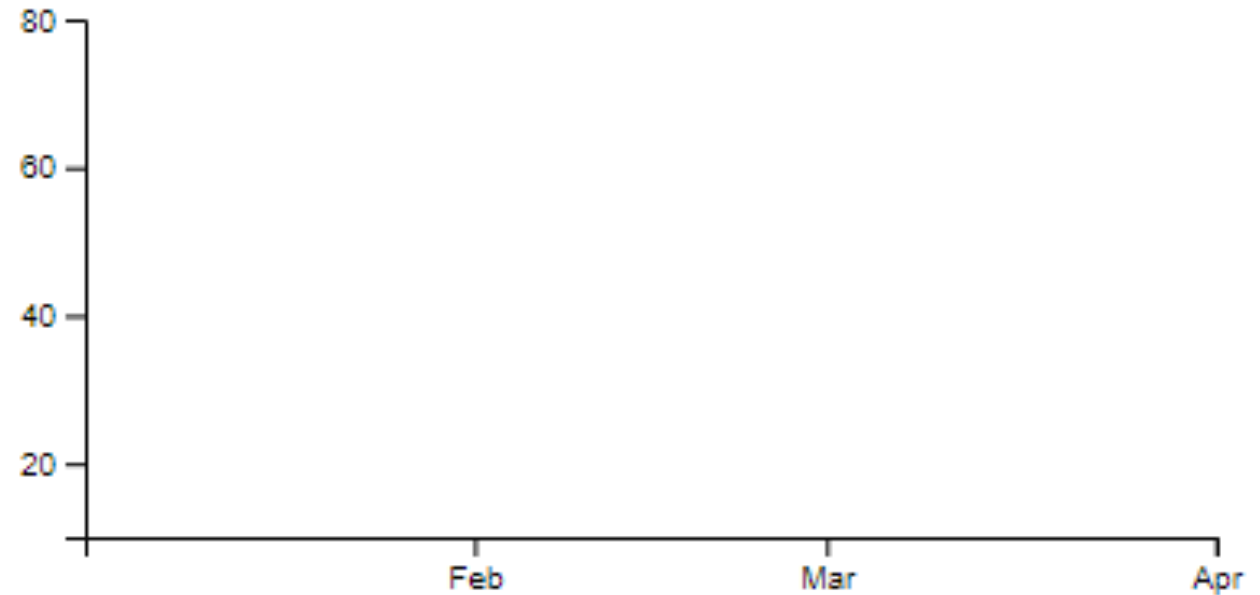
# Defining the axes of our chart

```
var xAxis = d3.axisBottom(xScale)
    .ticks(4)
    .tickFormat(d3.timeFormat("%b"))

var yAxis = d3.axisLeft(yScale)
    .ticks(4);

chartGroup.append("g")
    .attr('transform', "translate(0, 0)")
    .classed('y-axis', true)
    .call(yAxis)

chartGroup.append("g")
    .attr('transform', "translate(0," + height + ")")
    .classed('x-axis', true)
    .call(xAxis)
```



# Binding the data and drawing the circles

```
chartGroup.selectAll("circle") // select all circles in the page
```

```
.data(data) // bind the 4 data values
```

```
.enter() // create 4 placeholders
```

```
.append("circle") // create 4 circles
```

```
// use the xScale to place the circle over the x axis
```

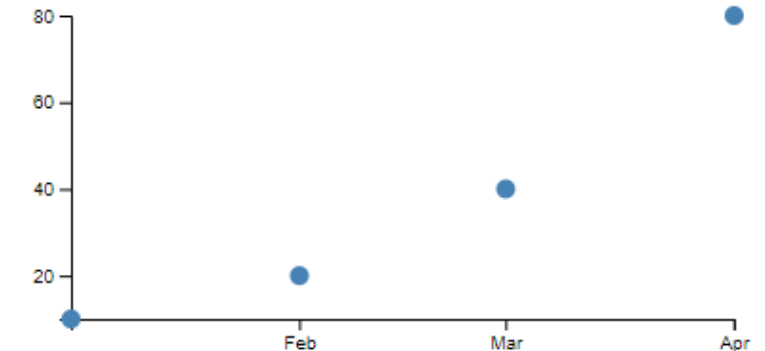
```
.attr("cx", d => xScale(new Date(d.date)))
```

```
// use the yScale to place the circle over the y axis
```

```
.attr("cy", d => yScale(d.amount))
```

```
.attr("r", 5) // set the radius of the circle
```

```
.style("fill", "steelblue") // set a fill color
```

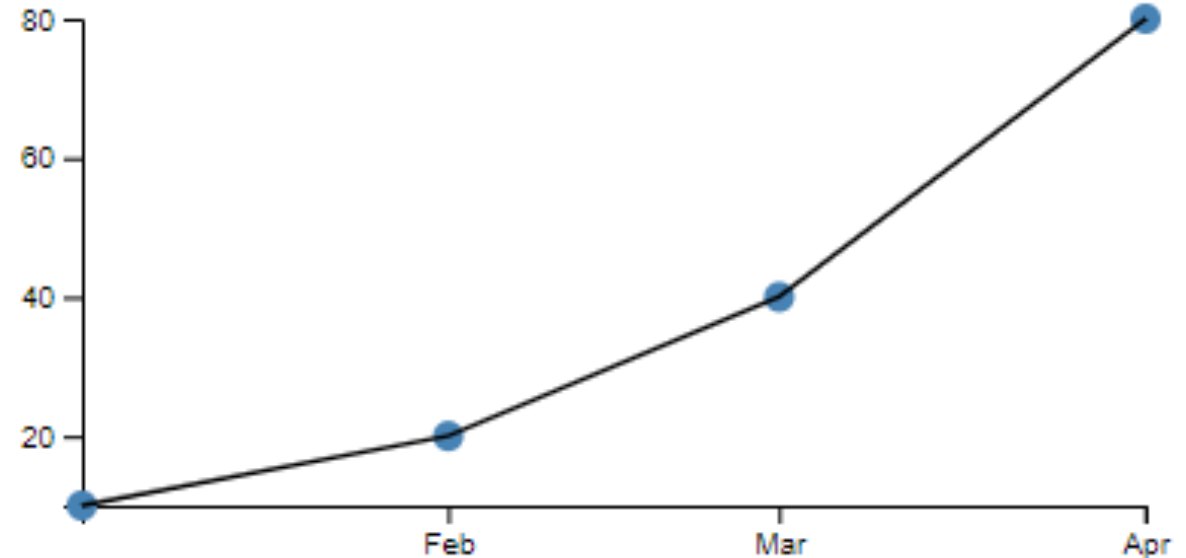


# Adding the line across the dots

```
let lineGenerator = d3.line()  
  .x(d => xScale(new Date(d.date)))  
  .y(d => yScale(d.amount))
```

*// draw the line*

```
chartGroup.append("path")  
  .datum(data)  
  .attr("class", "line")  
  .attr("fill", "none")  
  .attr("stroke", "steelblue")  
  .attr("stroke-width", 1.5)  
  .attr("d", lineGenerator)
```



```
<path class="line" fill="none" stroke="steelblue" stroke-width="1.5"  
d="M0,160L120.55555555555556,137.14285714285717L229.44444444444446,91.42857142857142L350,0"/>
```

# Data update → the `join` function

1. More data values than elements → draw new elements
2. Less data values than elements → remove the extra elements
3. Update the attributes and style of elements to match new data values

```
chartGroup.selectAll("circle")
  .data(data)
  .enter()
  .append("circle")
  .attr("cx", d => xScale(new Date(d.date)))
  .attr("cy", d => yScale(d.amount))
  .attr("r", 5)
  .style("fill", "steelblue")
```



```
chartGroup.selectAll("circle")
  .data(data)
  .join(
    enter => enter.append("circle")
      .attr("r", 5)
      .style("fill", "steelblue"),
    update => update
      .attr("cx", d => xScale(new Date(d.date)))
      .attr("cy", d => yScale(d.amount)),
    exit => exit.remove()
  )
```



# Animating our chart

```
chartGroup.selectAll("circle")
  .data(data)
  .join(
    enter => enter.append("circle")
      .attr("r", 5).style("fill", "steelblue"),
    update => update,
    exit => exit.remove()
  )
  .transition()
  .duration(500)
  .attr("cx", d => xScale(new Date(d.date)))
  .attr("cy", d => yScale(d.amount))

chartGroup.selectAll("path.line")
  .transition()
  .duration(500)
  .attr("d", lineGenerator(data))
```

# Tooltips

```
<html>  <head> <title>TITLE GOES HERE</title> </head>
<style>
  .tooltip{
    position: absolute;
    z-index: 1000; /* to be in front of all other elements */
    display: none; /* initially invisible */
    background-color: #fff;
    box-shadow: 10px 5px 5px #ccc;
    border-radius: 5px; }
</style>
<body>
  <div class="tooltip"> </div> // <div> tag to represent the tooltip
  <script>
    chartGroup.selectAll("circle")
      .on("mouseover", function(d){
        let x = d3.event.pageX, y = d3.event.pageY; // get the mouse coordinates

        d3.select("div.tooltip").style("display", "block")
          .style("left", x + "px").style("top", y + "px") // place the tooltip at to the mouse position
          .html("Date: " + d.date + "<br> Amount: " + d.amount)
      })
      .on("mouseout", function(d) { d3.select("div.tooltip").style("display", "none") })
  </script> </body> </html>
```

Provide the user with more information than what is being visually represented, e.g. the data values

Mouseover and mouseout events to activate tooltips

# Maps in D3: projections

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The concepts of latitude and longitude are unknown by the browser

Projections transform latitude and longitude coordinates to x and y coordinates on a flat surface (the screen)

- D3 projection methods : <https://github.com/d3/d3-geo-projection>

```
let projection = d3.geoMercator()  
    .scale(200)  
    .translate([width / 2, height / 2])
```

# GeoJSON

GeoJSON is a format for encoding geographic data structures

We can load `.geojson` data files using the `d3.json()` function

```
{
  "type": "Feature",
  "geometry": {
    "type": "Point",
    "coordinates": [125.6, 10.1]
  },
  "properties": {
    "name": "Dinagat Islands"
  }
}
```

# Example of map in D3

```
// Load external data
```

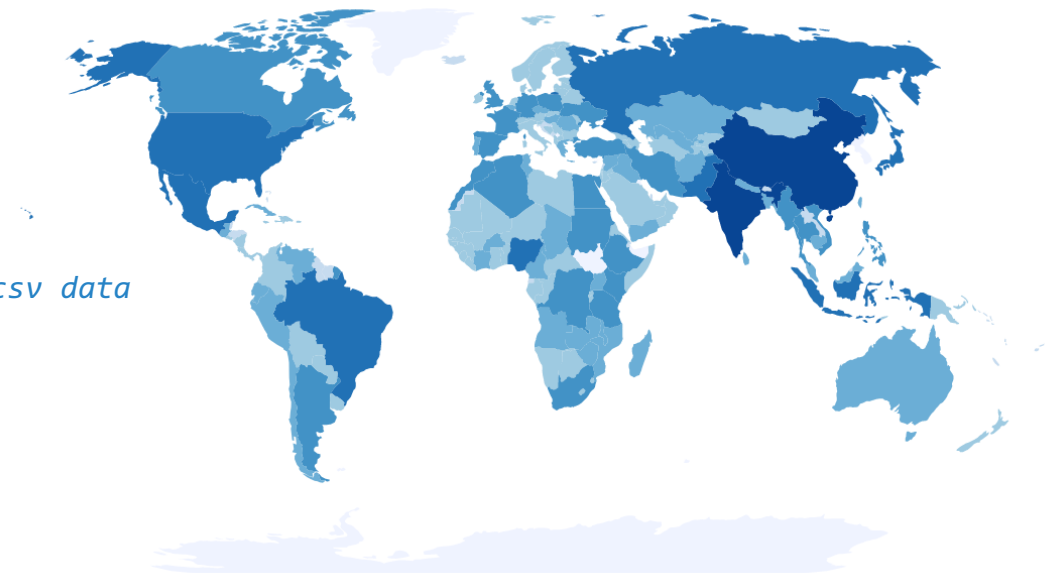
```
Promise.all([d3.json("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/holtzy/D3-graph-gallery/master/DATA/world.geojson"),  
d3.csv("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/holtzy/D3-graph-gallery/master/DATA/world_population.csv")]).then(files => {  
  let topo = files[0], data = files[1]  
  
  let colorScale = d3.scaleThreshold()  
    .domain([100000, 1000000, 10000000, 30000000, 100000000, 500000000])  
    .range(d3.schemeBlues[7]);
```

```
// Draw the map
```

```
svg.append("g")  
  .selectAll("path")  
  .data(topo.features)  
  .enter()  
  .append("path") // draw each country  
  .attr("d", d3.geoPath().projection(projection))  
  // set the color of each country according to the value in the csv data  
  .attr("fill", d => colorScale(getValue(d.id)))
```

```
function getValue(countryId) {  
  let item = data.find(d => d.code === countryId)  
  return item ? item.pop : 0  
}
```

```
})
```



## D3:

- Official website: <http://d3js.org/>
- D3 gallery (examples with code source): <https://www.d3-graph-gallery.com/>
- A nice tutorial: <https://www.tutorialsteacher.com/d3js>

## Web standards:

- HTML : <https://www.w3schools.com/html/default.asp>
- CSS: <https://www.w3schools.com/css/default.asp>
- JavaScript: <https://www.w3schools.com/js/default.asp>