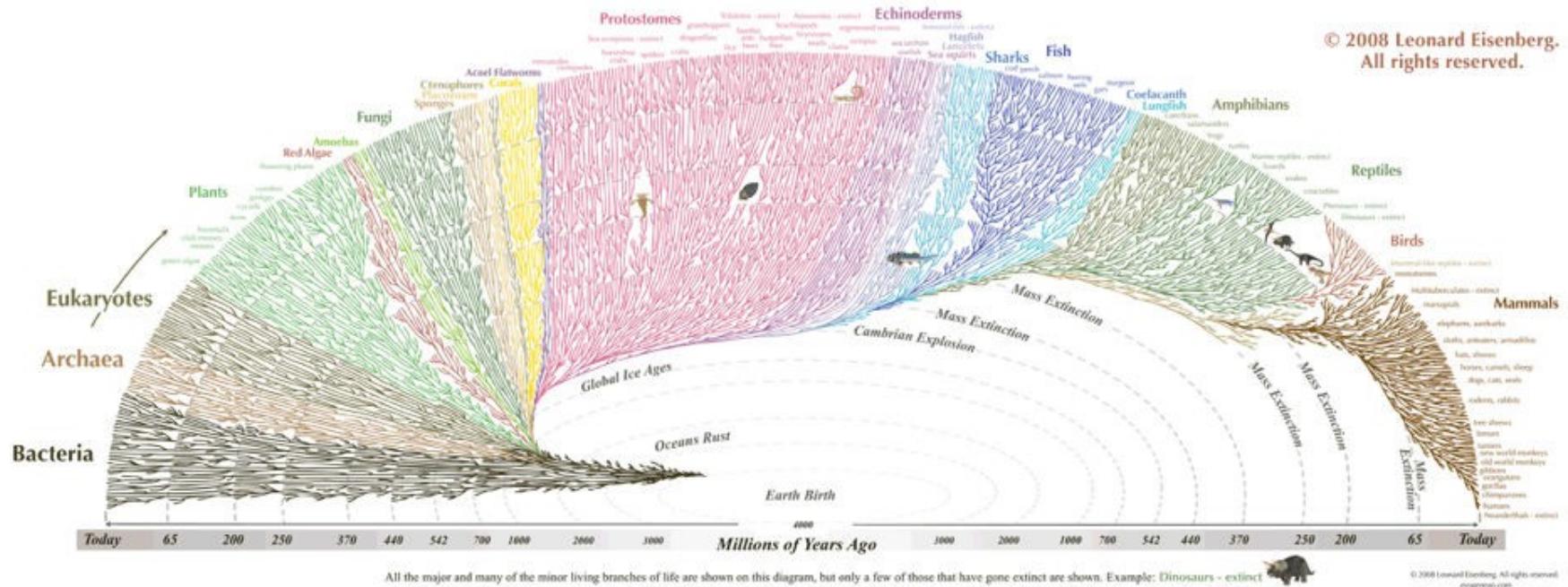


Lecture: Visualizing Trees

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- The “tree of life”
 - evolution of species creates branching mechanism and “ancestor-of” relationship

Tree Hierarchy

- Tree relation
 - if a is child of b and a is child of c, then:
 - b is child of c or c is child of b, but not both at the same time
 - “Immediate boss is unique”

What do we want our drawings to show?

- Who reports to whom
 - ... and **who doesn't**
- How big are “sub-organizations”
- ...?

Many different ways
to visualize trees

VISUALIZING TREES

WORD TREE

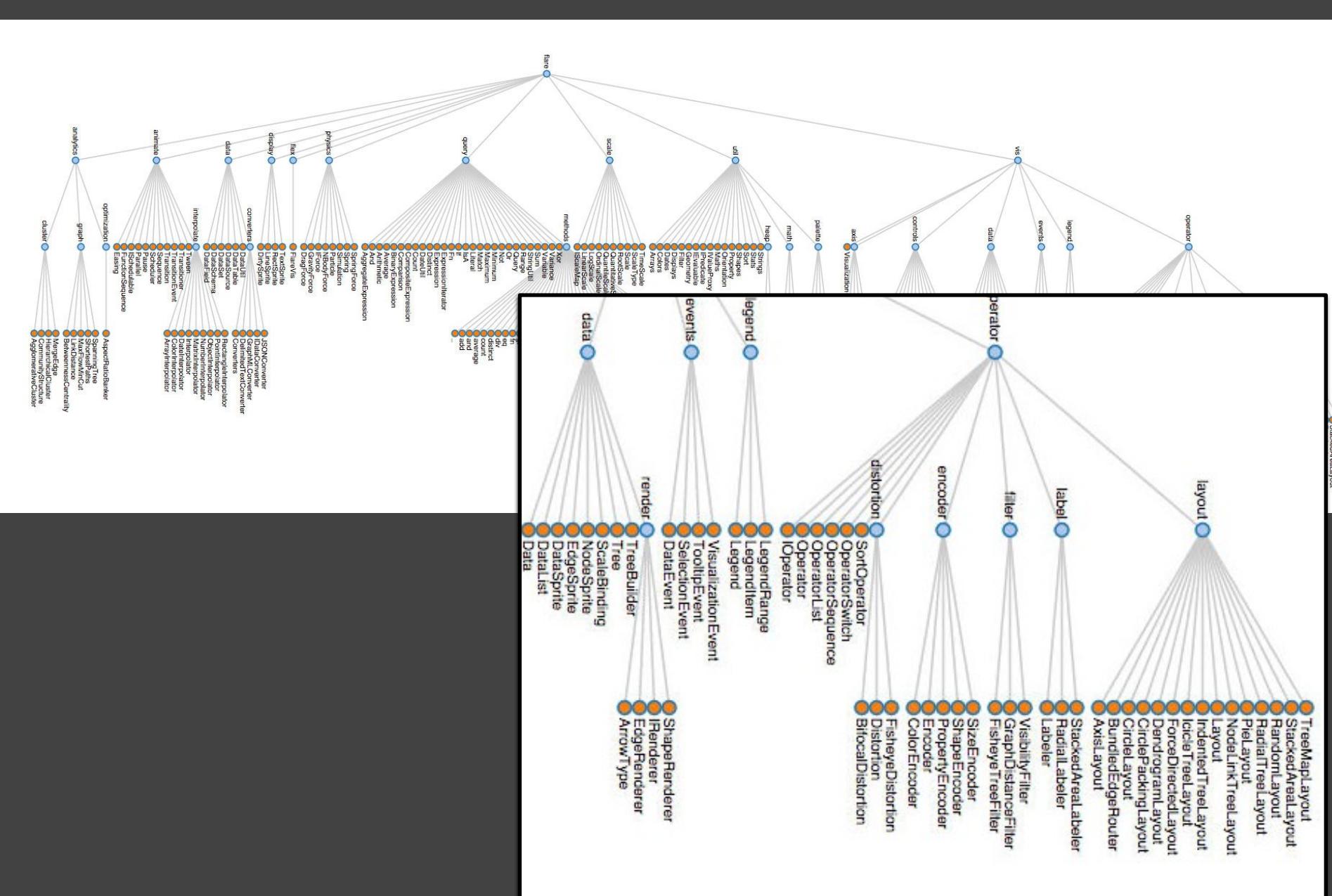
Visualizations : definitions of visualization word tree

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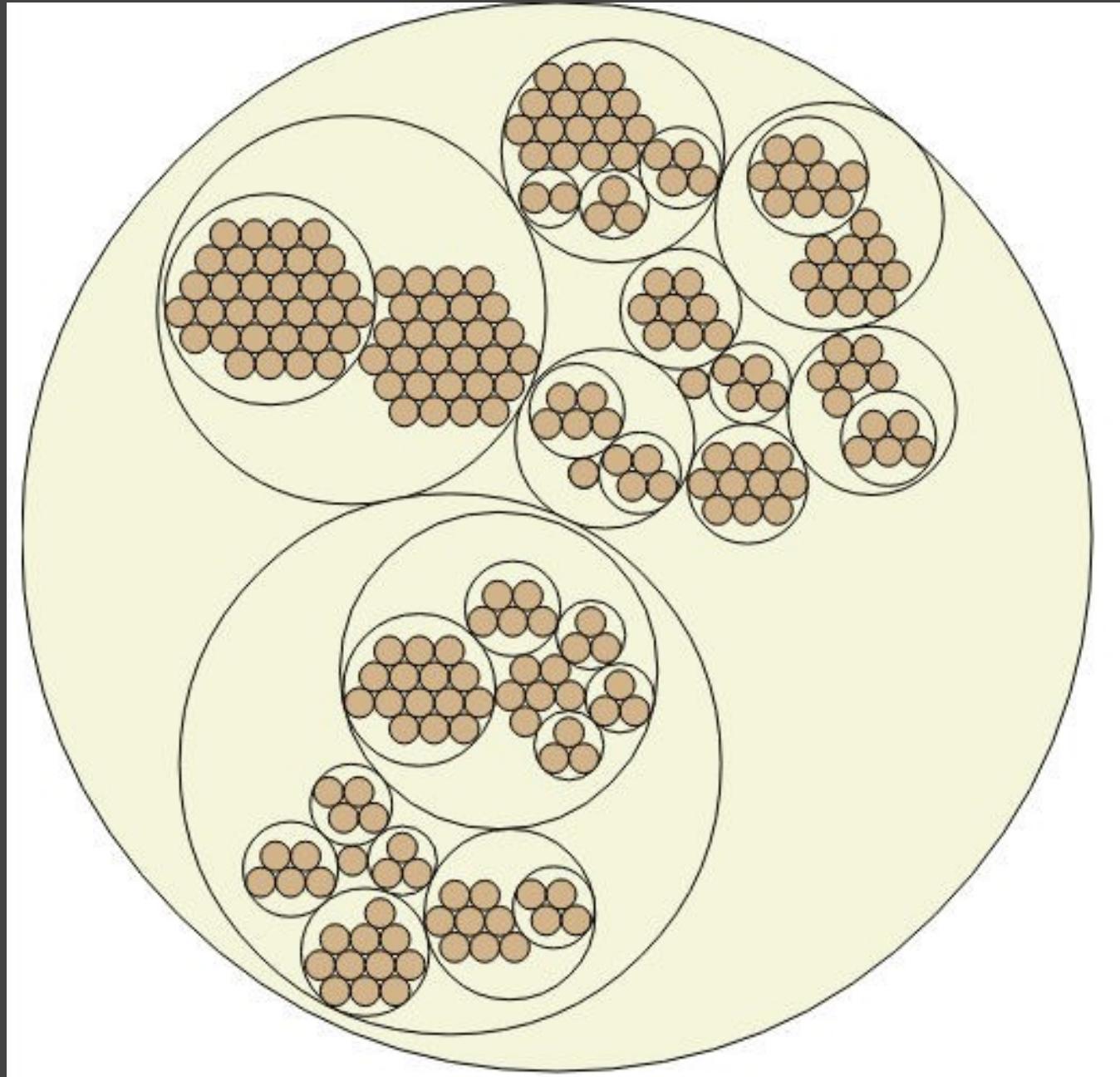
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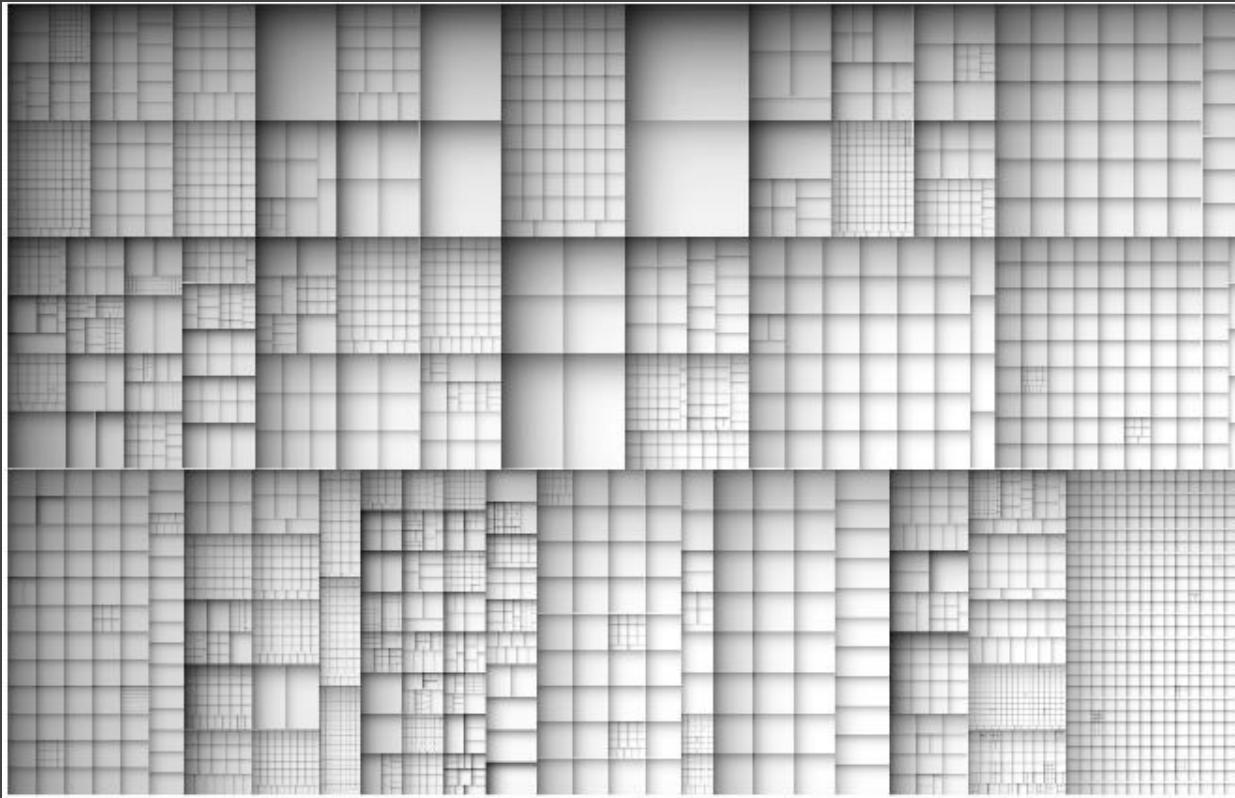




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<http://jsfiddle.net/VividD/WDCpq/8/>



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Dimensionality



Representation



Alignment

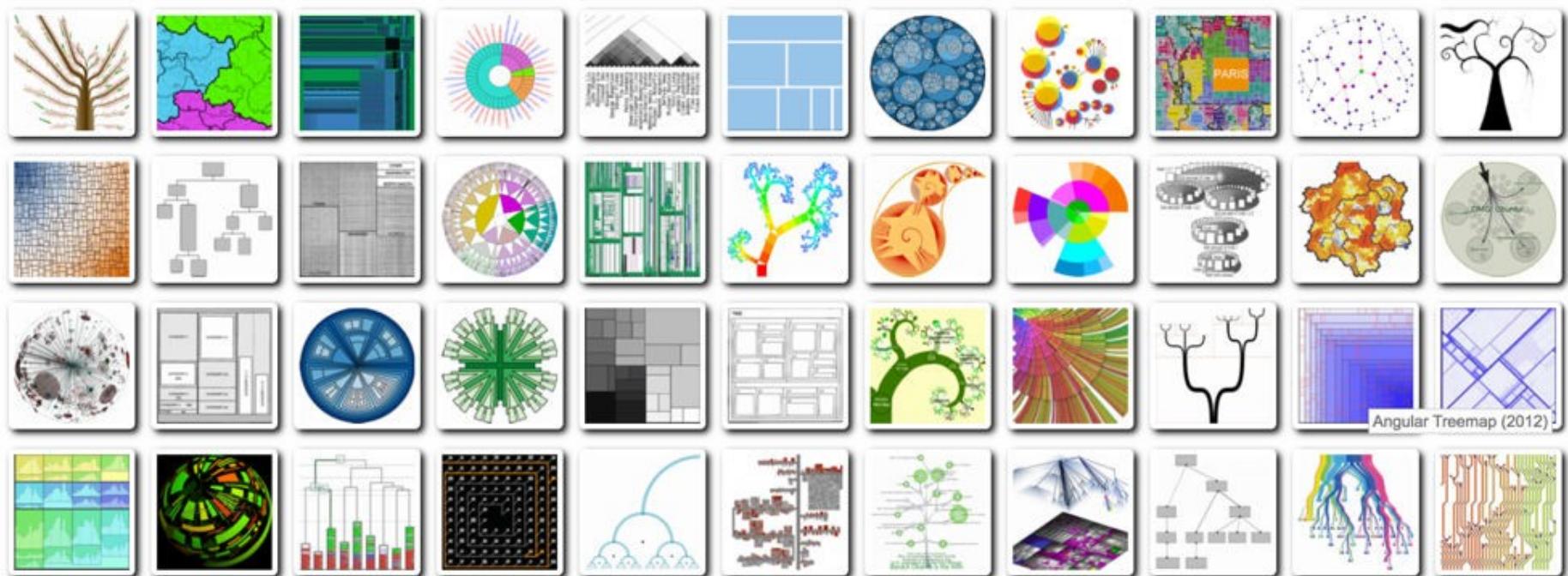


Fulltext Search

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Techniques Shown

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Angular Treemap (2012)

Tree Visualization

Indentation

Linear list, indentation encodes depth



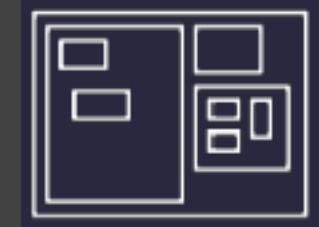
Node-Link diagrams

Nodes connected by lines/curves



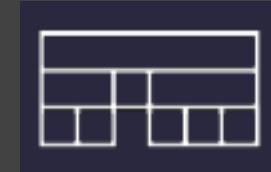
Enclosure diagrams

Represent hierarchy by enclosure



Layering

Relative position and alignment

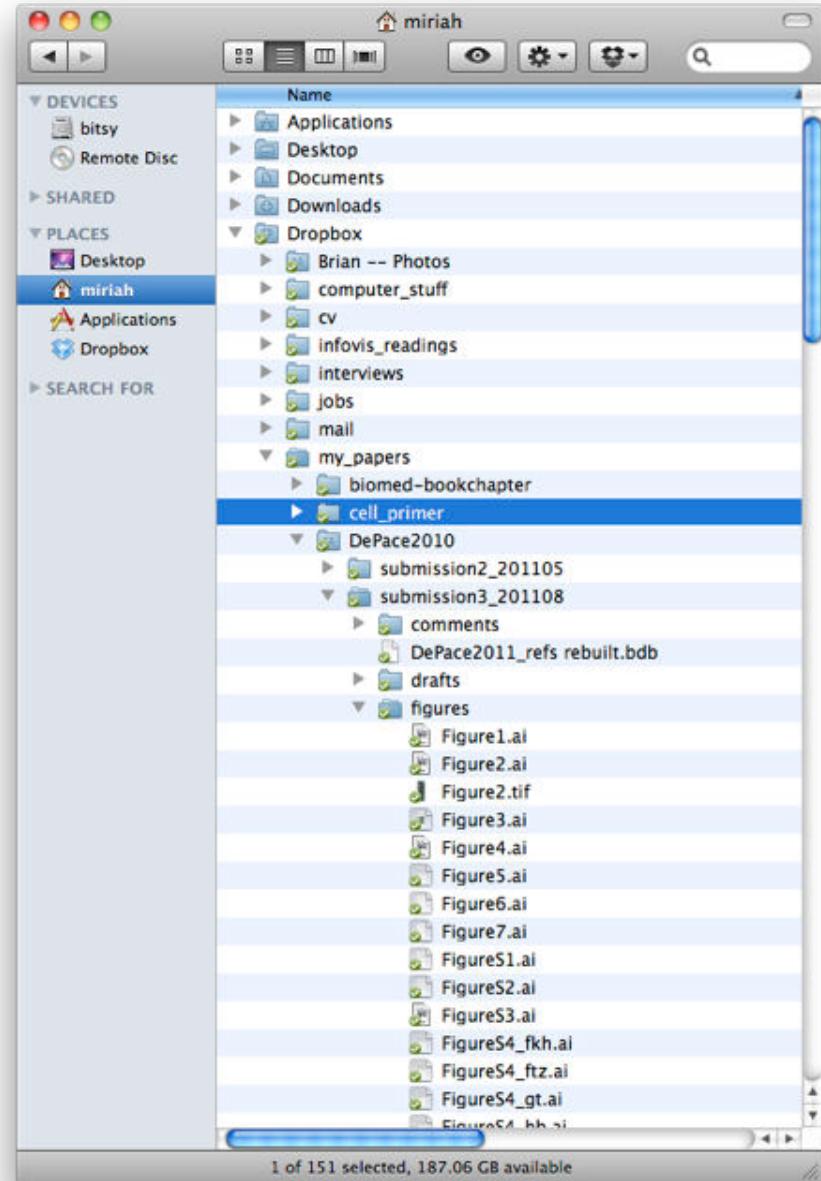


Typically fast: $O(n)$ or $O(n \log n)$, interactive layout

Indentation

INDENTATION

- **place all items along vertically spaced rows**
- **indentation used to show parent/child relationships**
- **commonly used as a component in an interface**
- **breadth and depth contend for space**
- **often requires a great deal of scrolling**



Single-Focus (Accordion) List

The screenshot shows a Mac OS X desktop environment with a file browser window open. The window title is "Lectures". The sidebar on the left contains "Favourites" sections for Applications, Documents, AirDrop, Downloads, Recents, Desktop, iCloud, iCloud Drive, Tags, and color-coded categories (Blue, Yellow, Red, Green, Orange). The main pane displays a hierarchical file structure under the "Lectures" folder. The structure is organized by time: "Previous 7 Days", "Previous 30 Days", and "Yesterday". Under "Yesterday", there is a list of PDF files. A specific file, "Chapter 3 - Scheduling.pdf", is highlighted with a blue selection bar. To the right of the main pane, a preview window shows the first page of the selected PDF, which is titled "Operating Systems" and includes the section "3. Process Scheduling".

Separate breadth & depth along 2D.
Focus on a single path at a time.

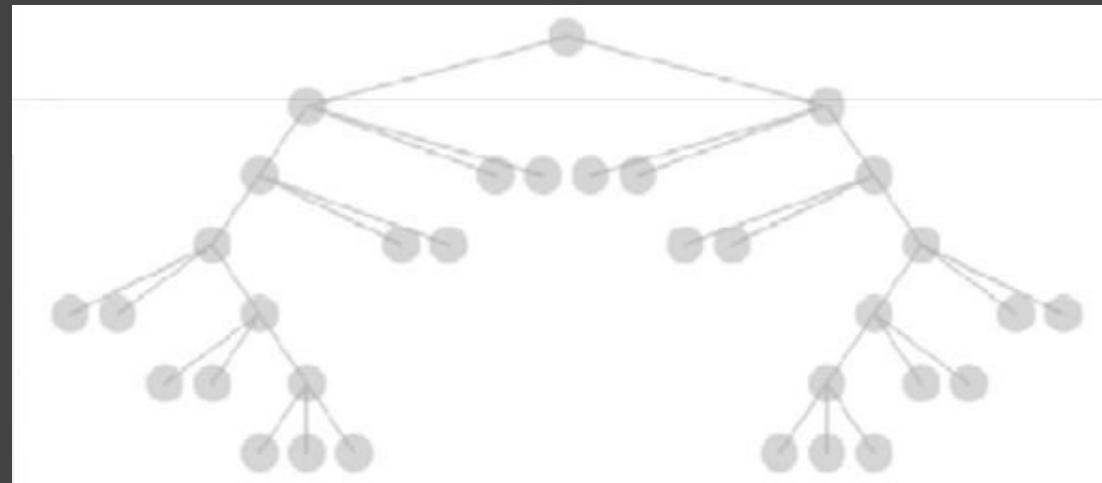
Node link Diagrams

NODE-LINK DIAGRAMS

- nodes are distributed in space, connected by straight or curved lines**
- typical approach is to use 2D space to break apart breadth and depth**
- often space is used to communicate hierarchical orientation**

BASIC APPROACH (TOP DOWN LAYOUT)

- repeatedly divide space for subtrees by leaf count
- breadth of tree along one dimension
- depth along the other dimension
- problem: exponential growth of breadth



REINGOLD-TILFORD type layouts

- **goal**

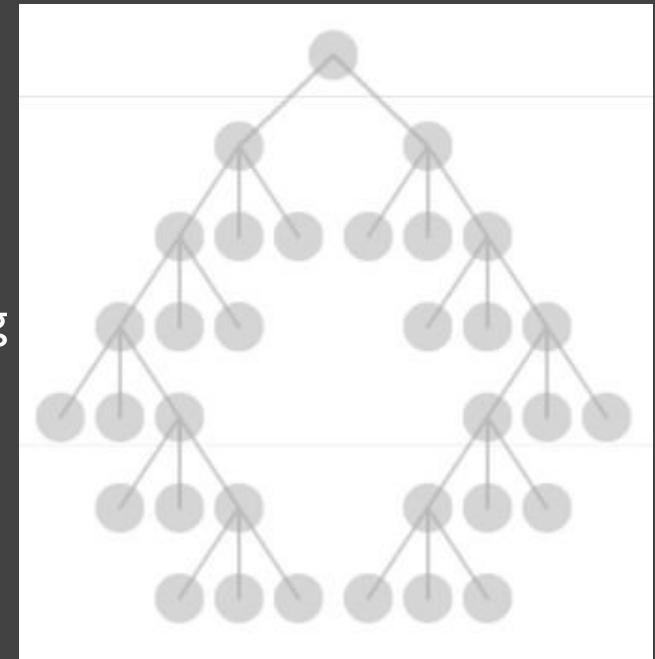
- make smarter use of space
- maximize density and symmetry
- Don't waste horizontal space
- If tree is symmetric, so should be the drawing

- **design concerns**

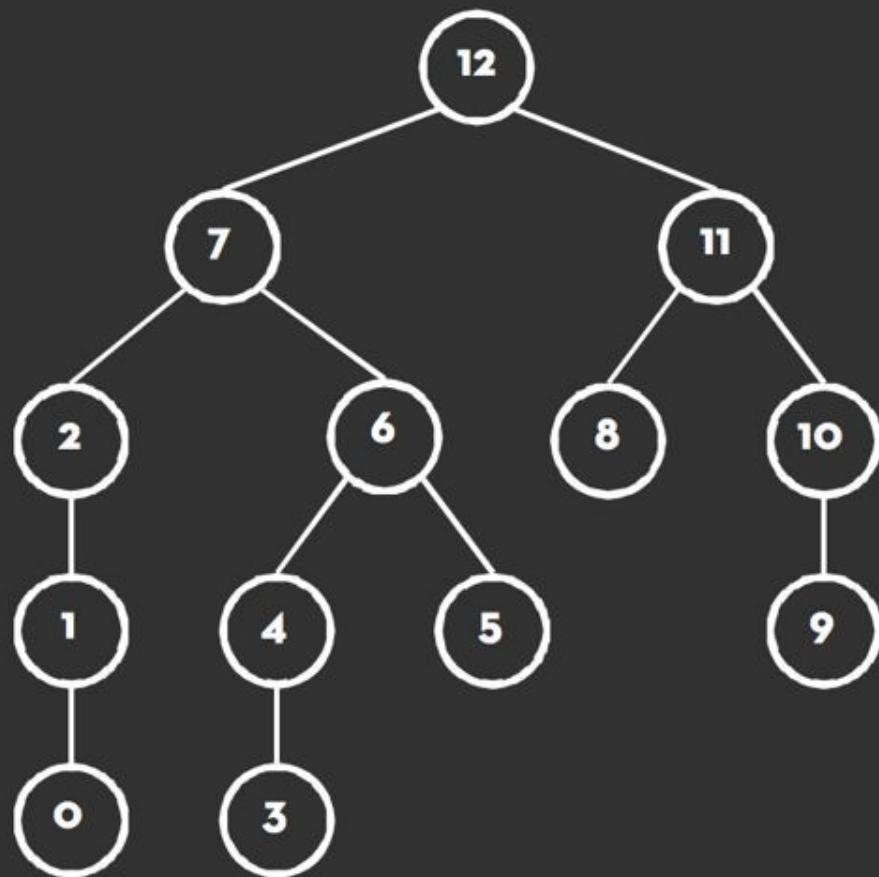
- clearly encode depth level
- no edge crossings
- isomorphic subtrees drawn identically
- compact

- **approach**

- bottom up recursive approach
- for each parent make sure every subtree is drawn
- pack subtrees as closely as possible
- center parent over subtrees



Reingold-Tilford Algorithm



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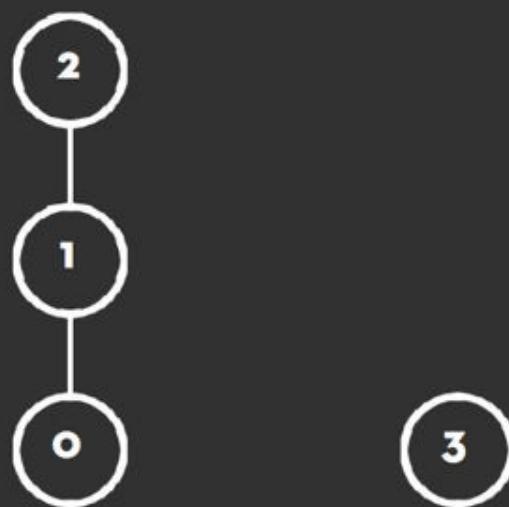
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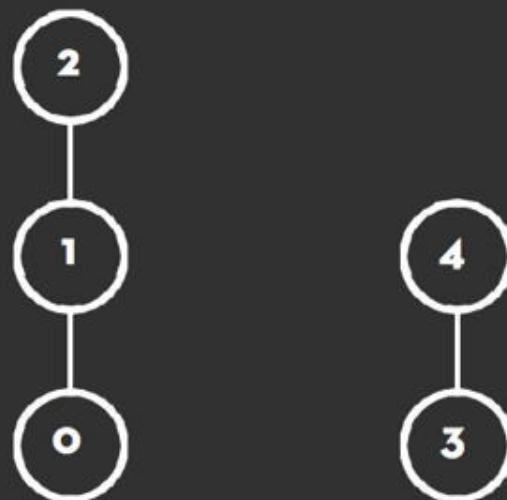
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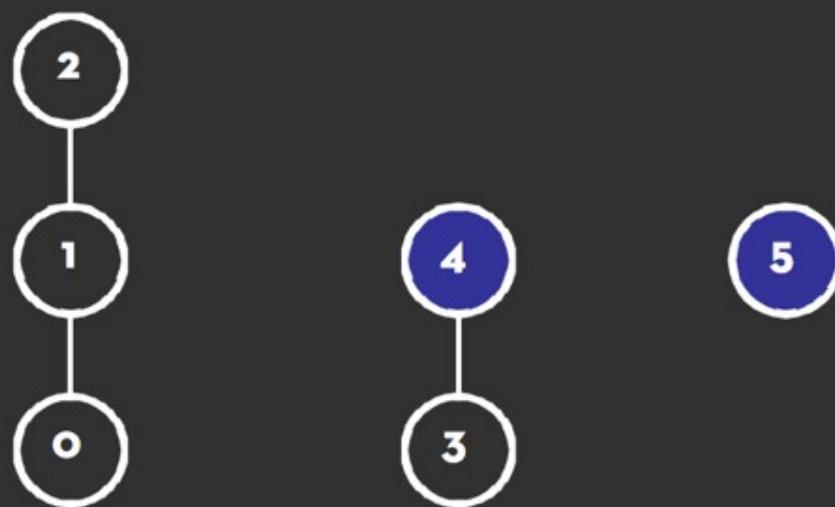
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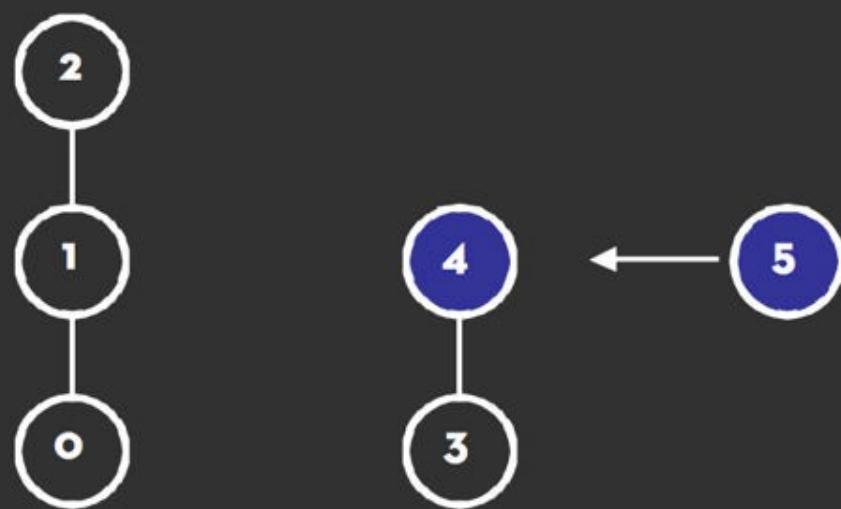
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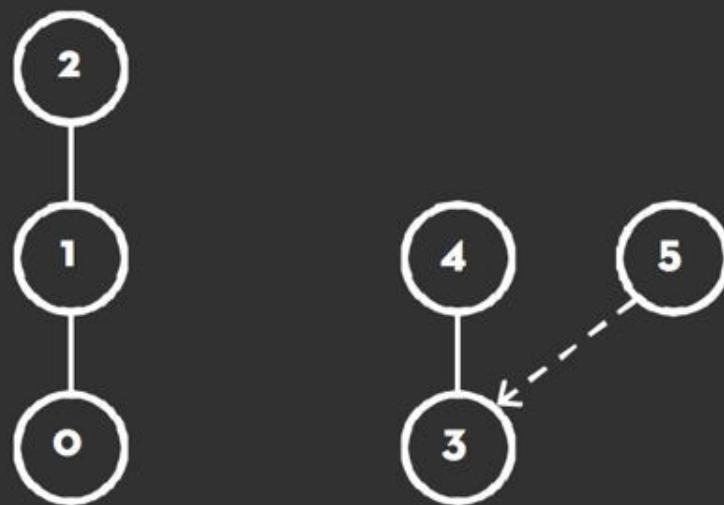
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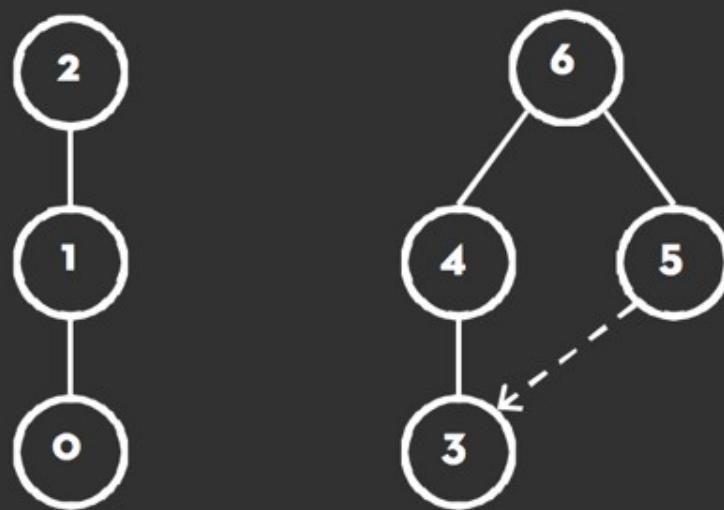
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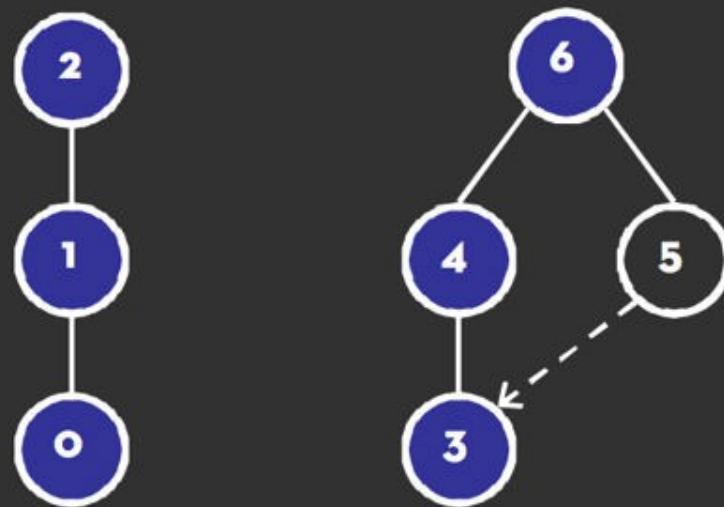
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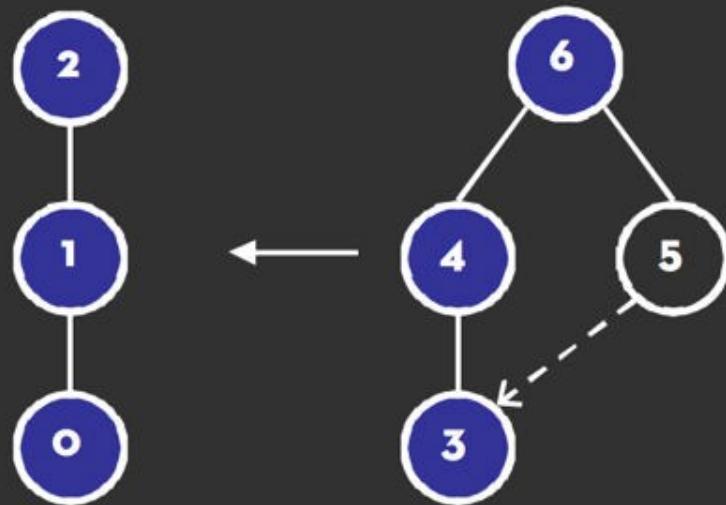
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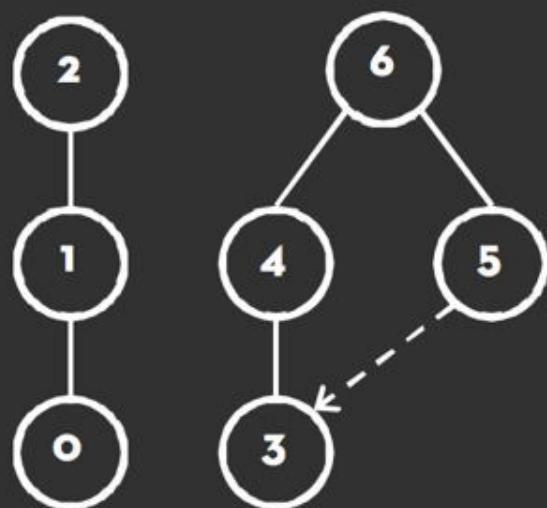
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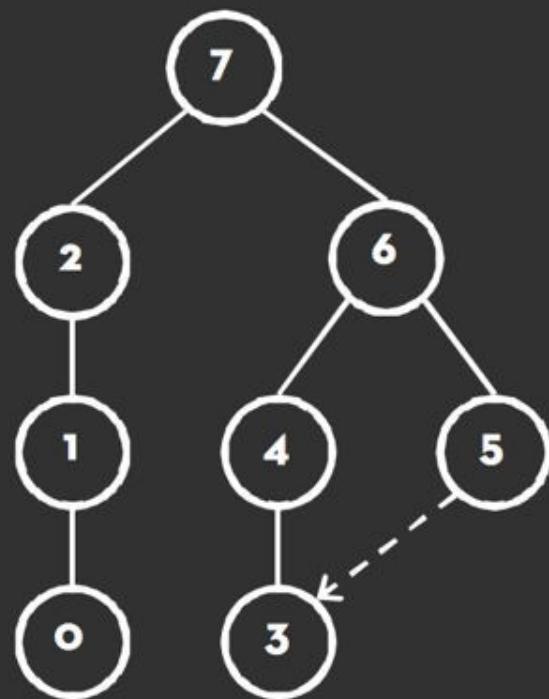
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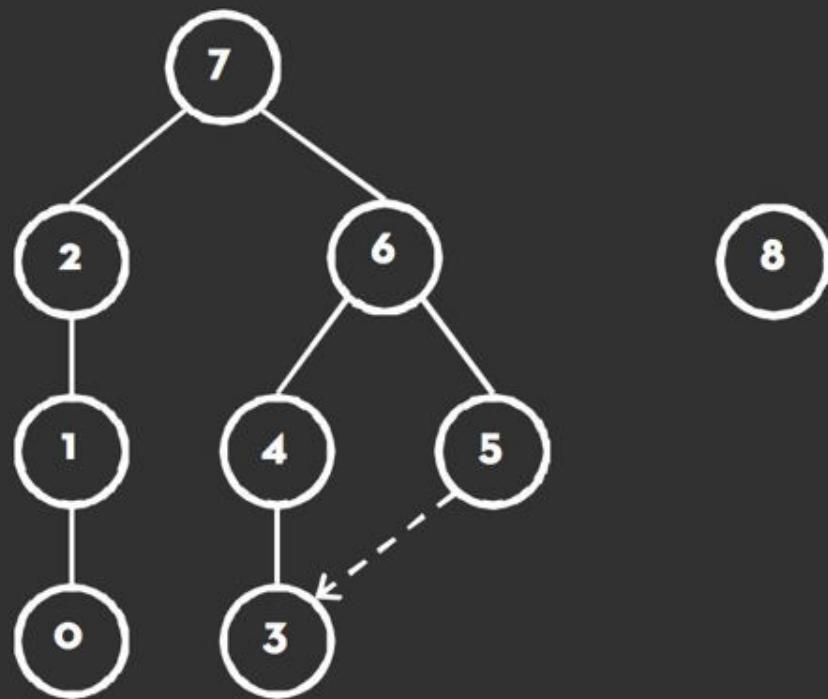
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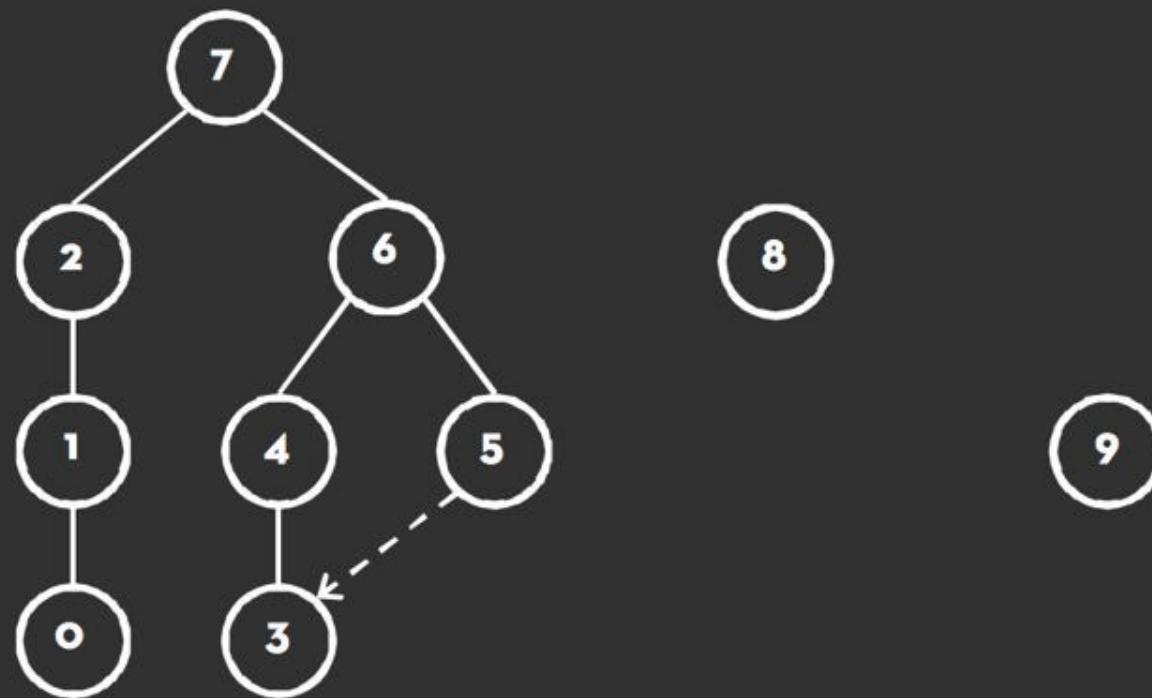
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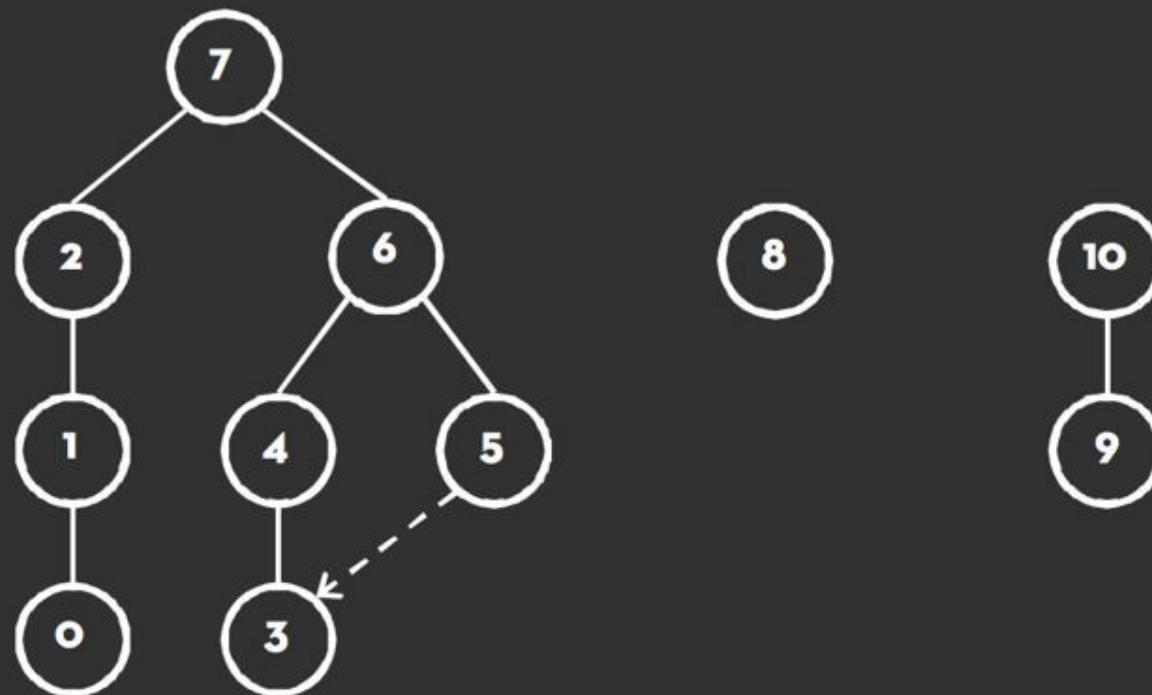
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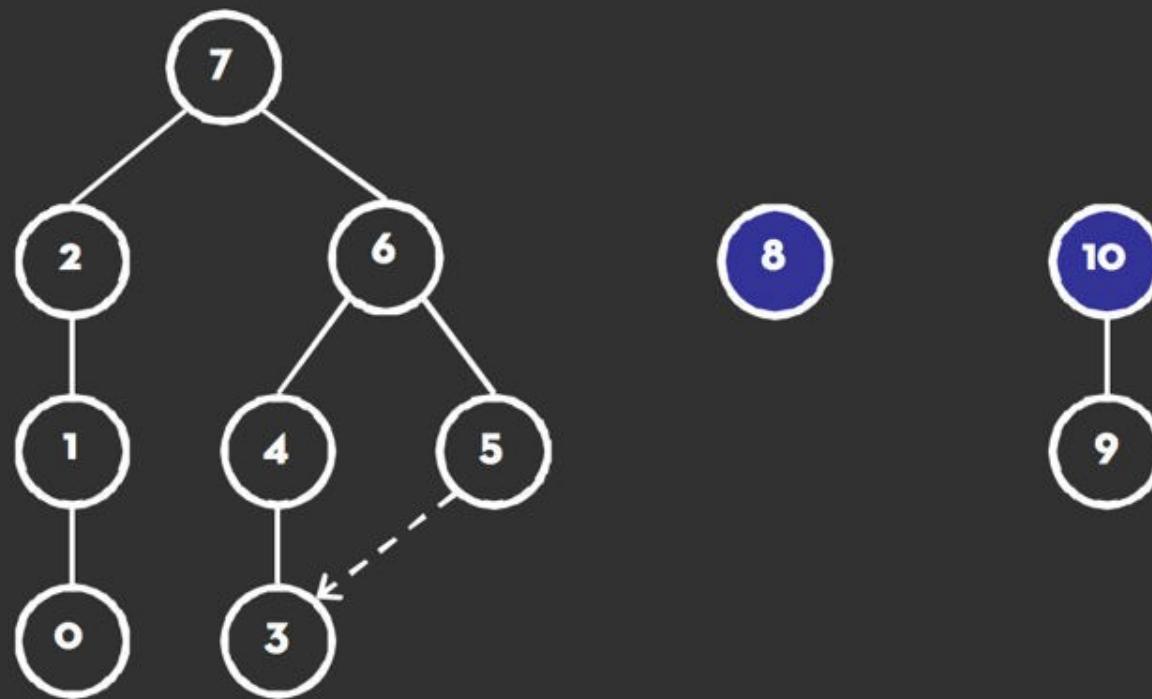
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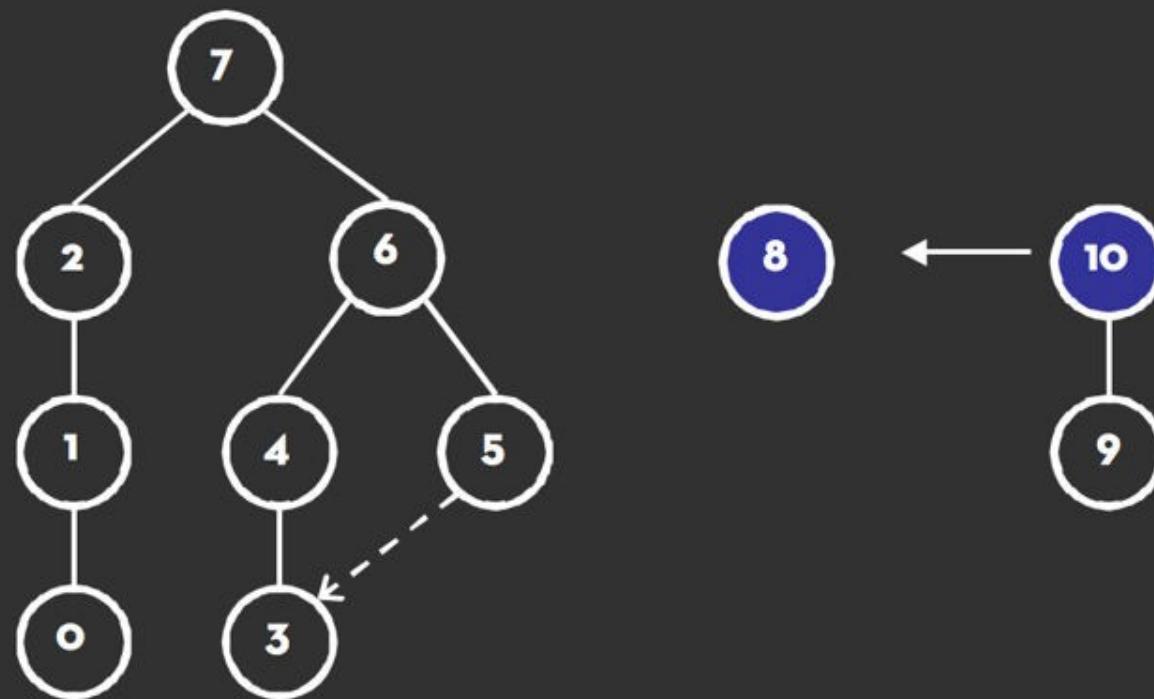
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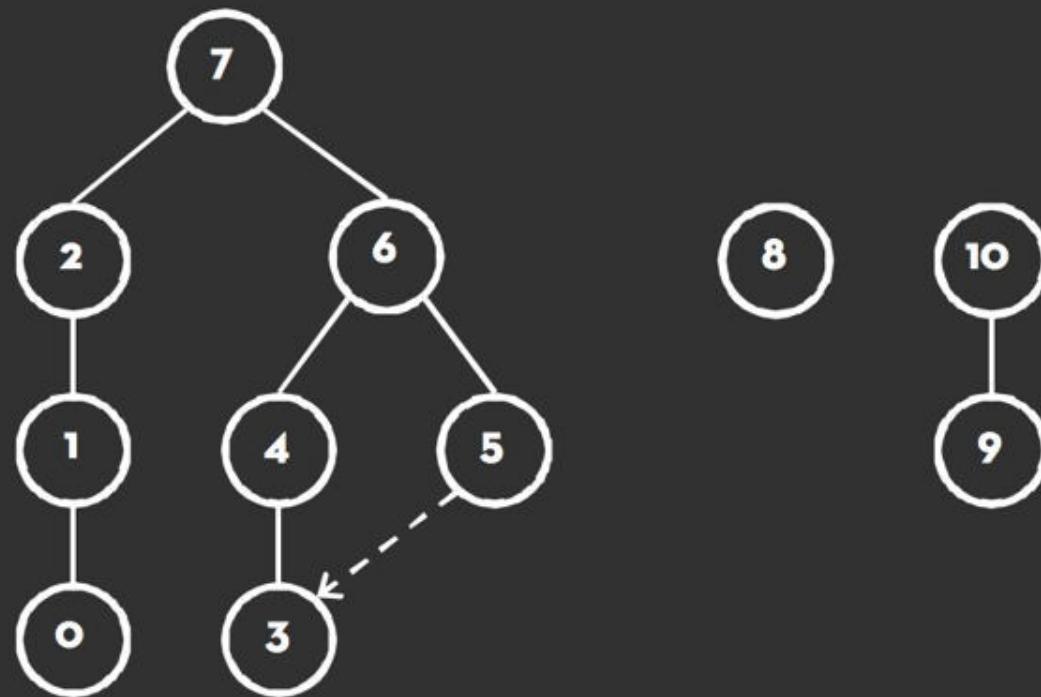
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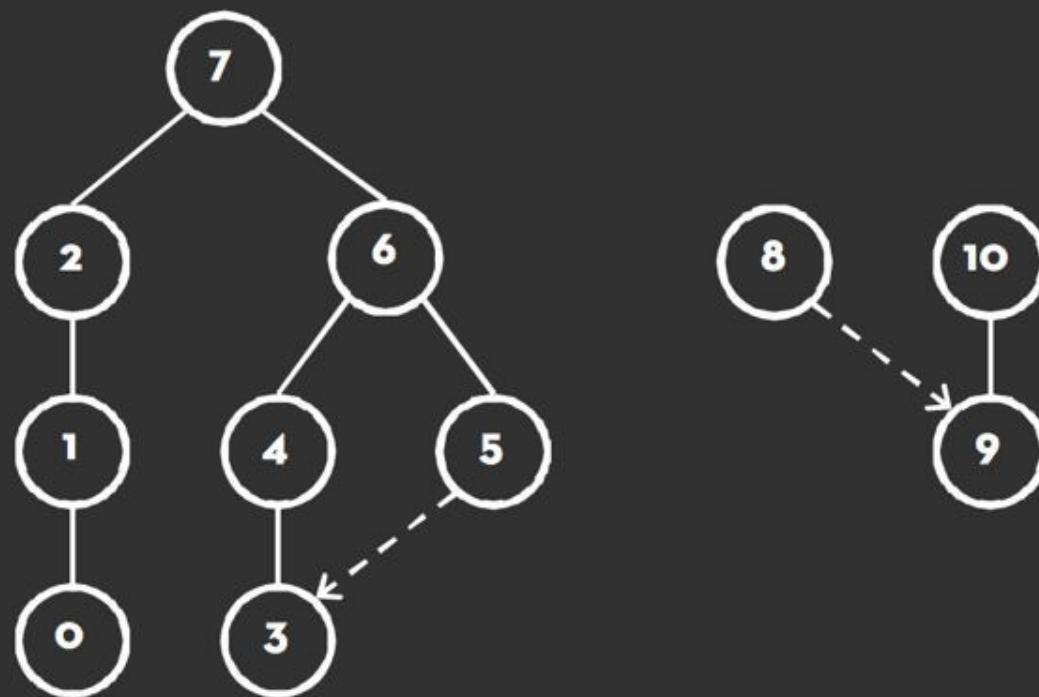
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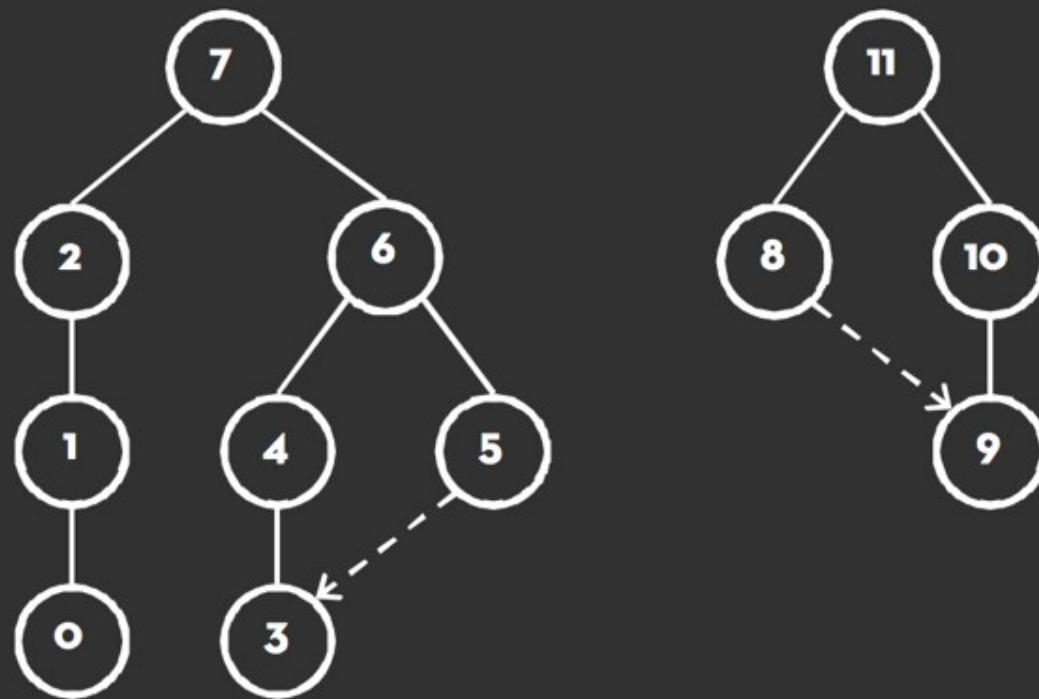
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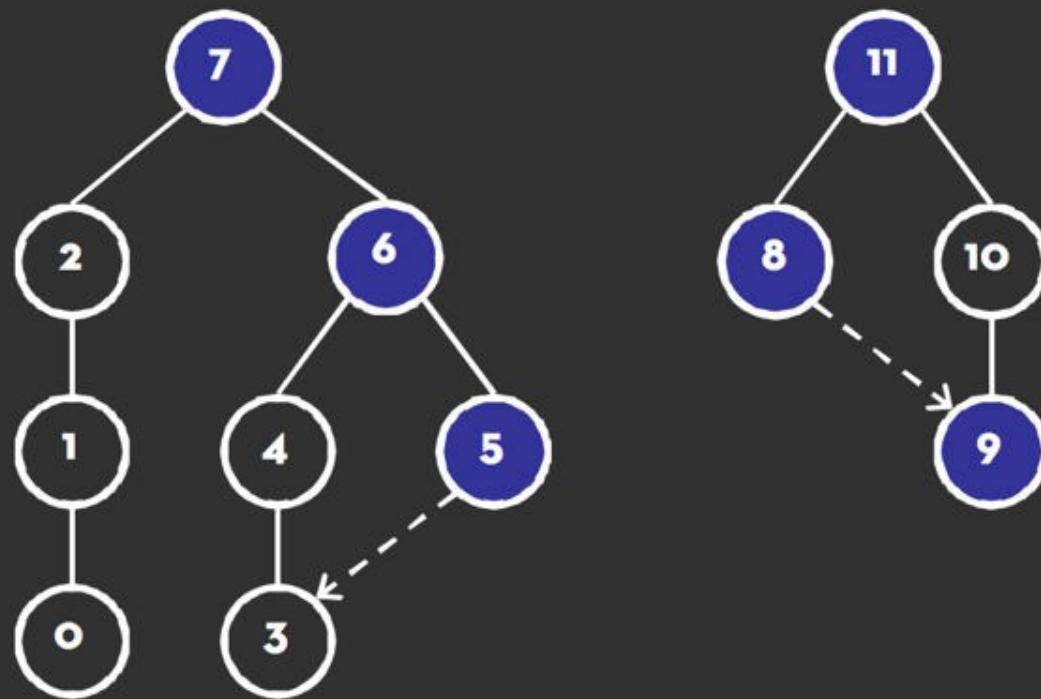
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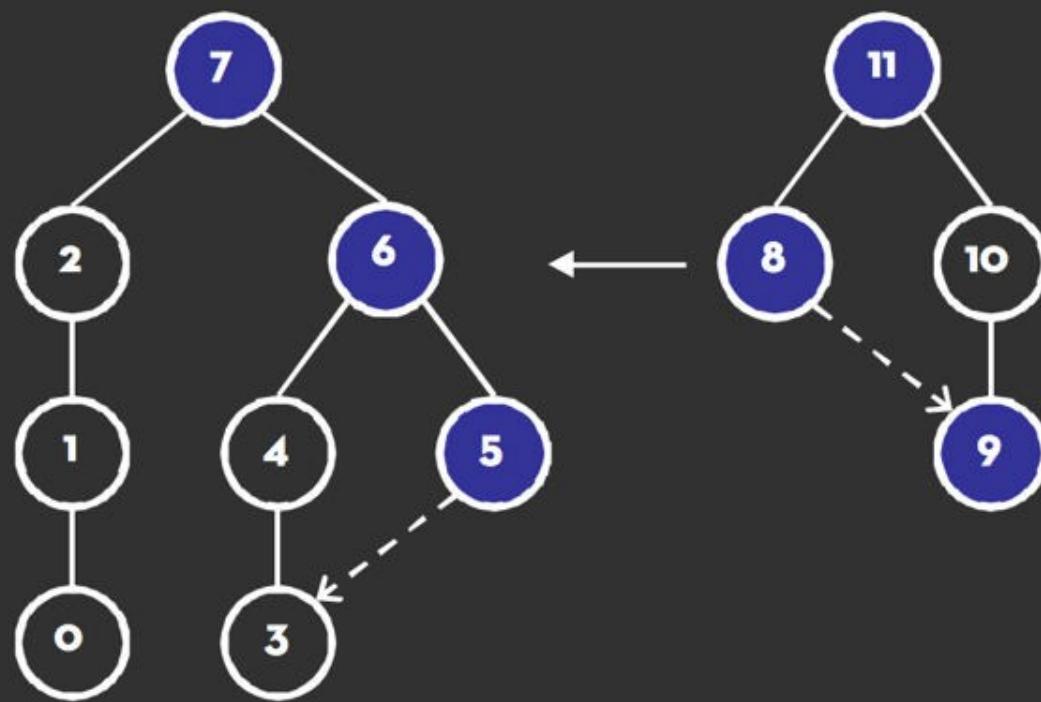
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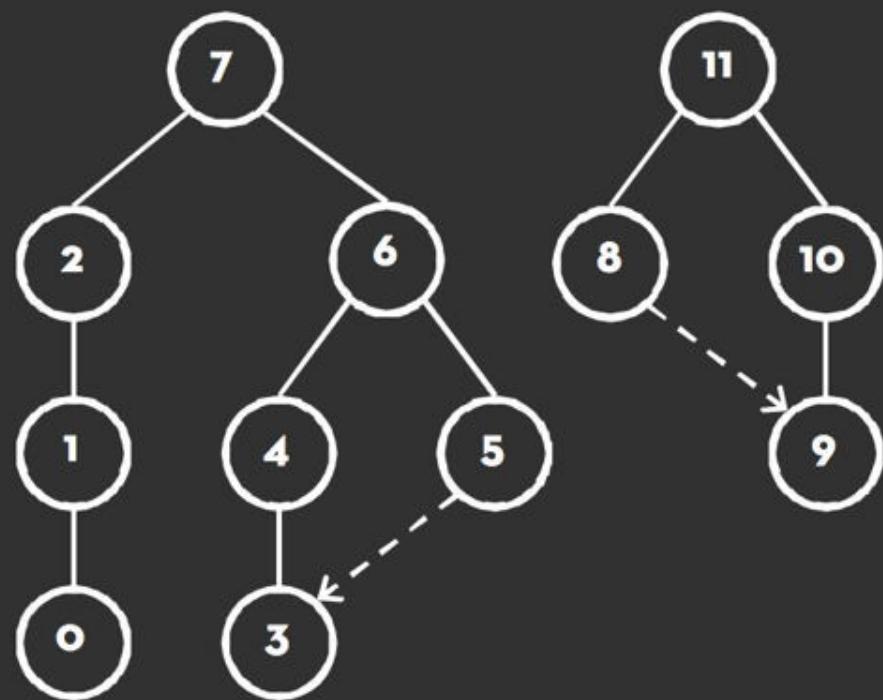
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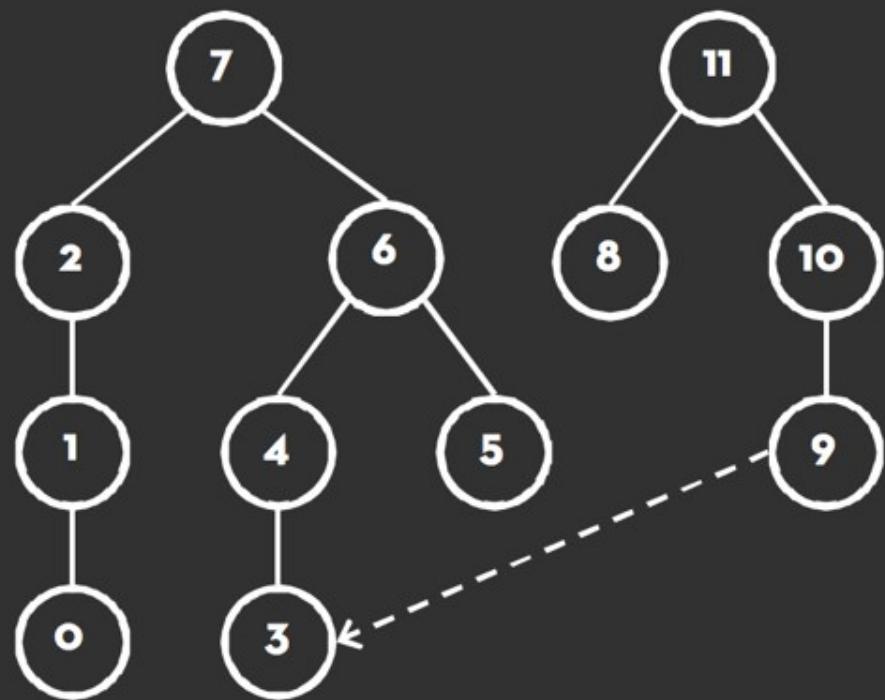
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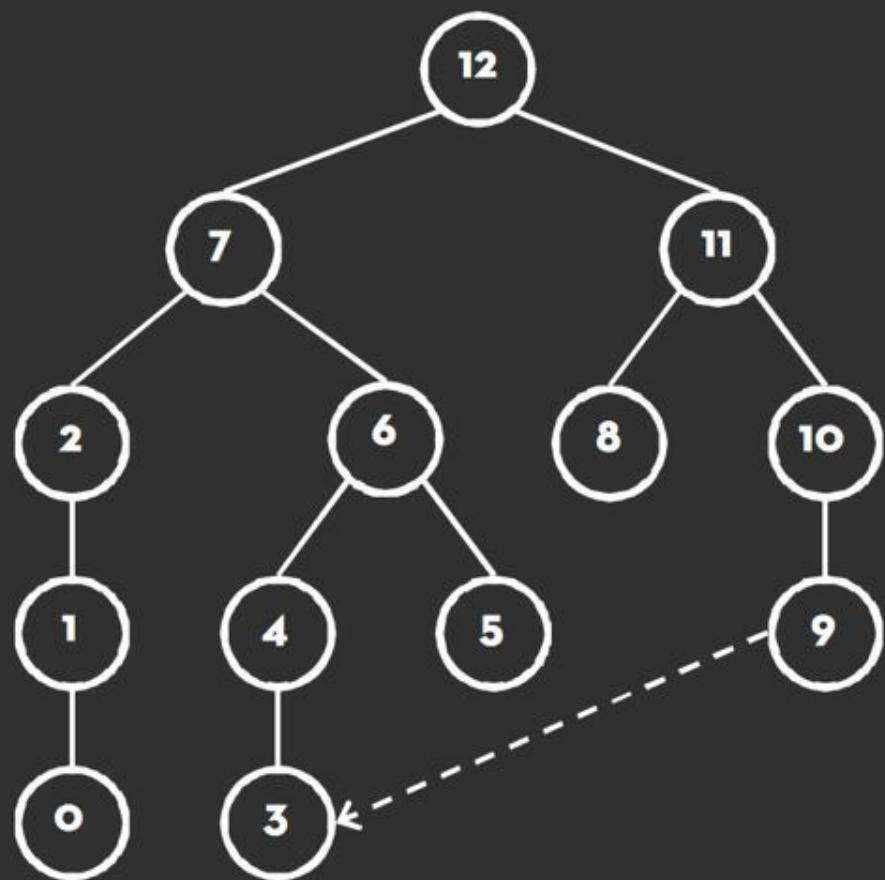
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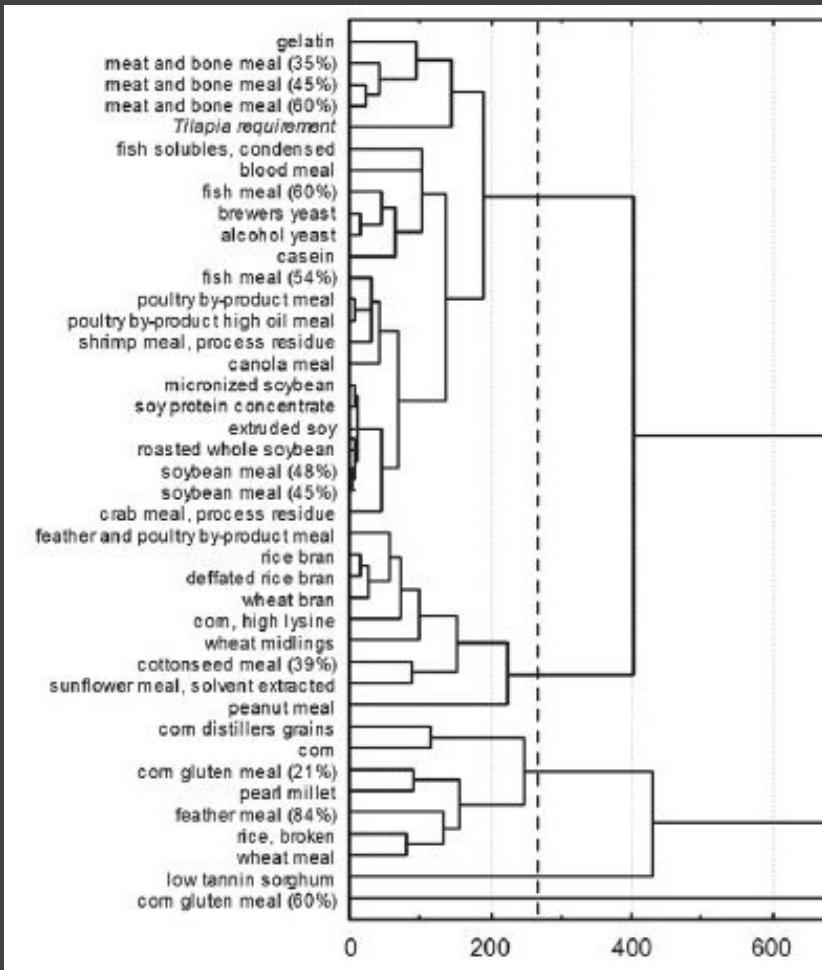
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RADIAL LAYOUT

- node-link diagram in polar coordinates
- Use the available screen space more efficiently by
 - placing the root node at the center of the screen space and
 - placing all other nodes at concentric circles around the root node, where the distance represents the depth of the node. angular sectors assigned to subtrees
- Reingold- Tilford can be applied

Cluster Dendograms



Depicts cluster trees produced by hierarchical clustering algorithms.

Leaf nodes arranged in a line, internal node depth indicates order/value at which clusters merge.

Naïve recursive layout with orthogonal two-segment edges.

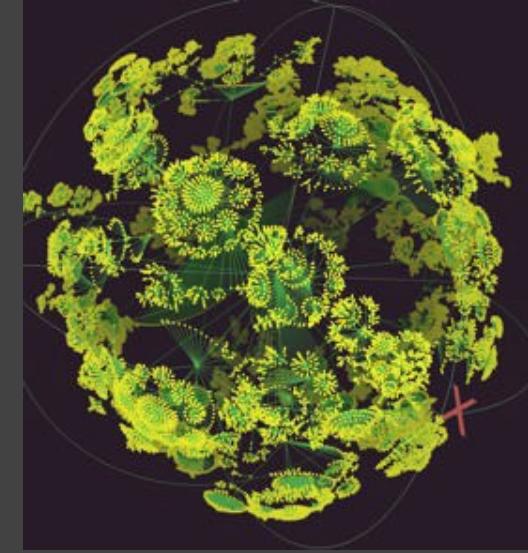
NODE-LINK PROBLEMS

-scale

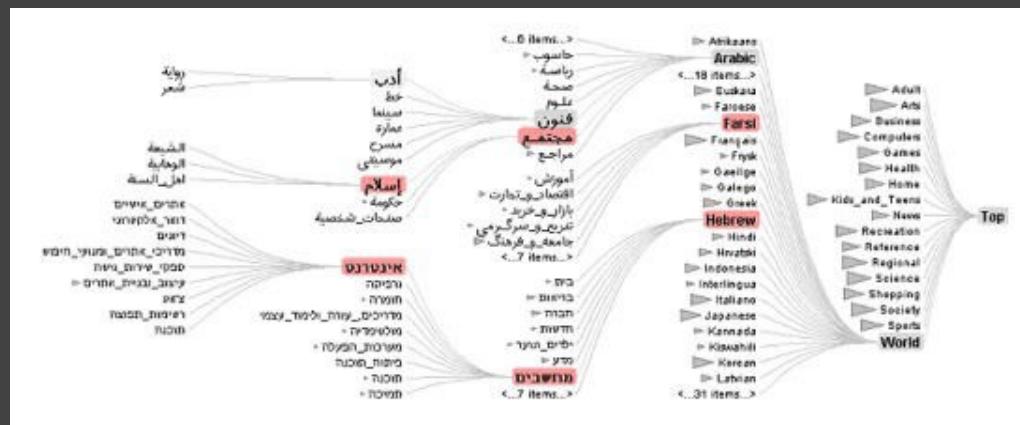
- tree breadth often grows exponentially
- quickly run out of space!

-solutions

- Radial layout
- hyperbolic layout
- filtering
- scrolling or panning
- zooming

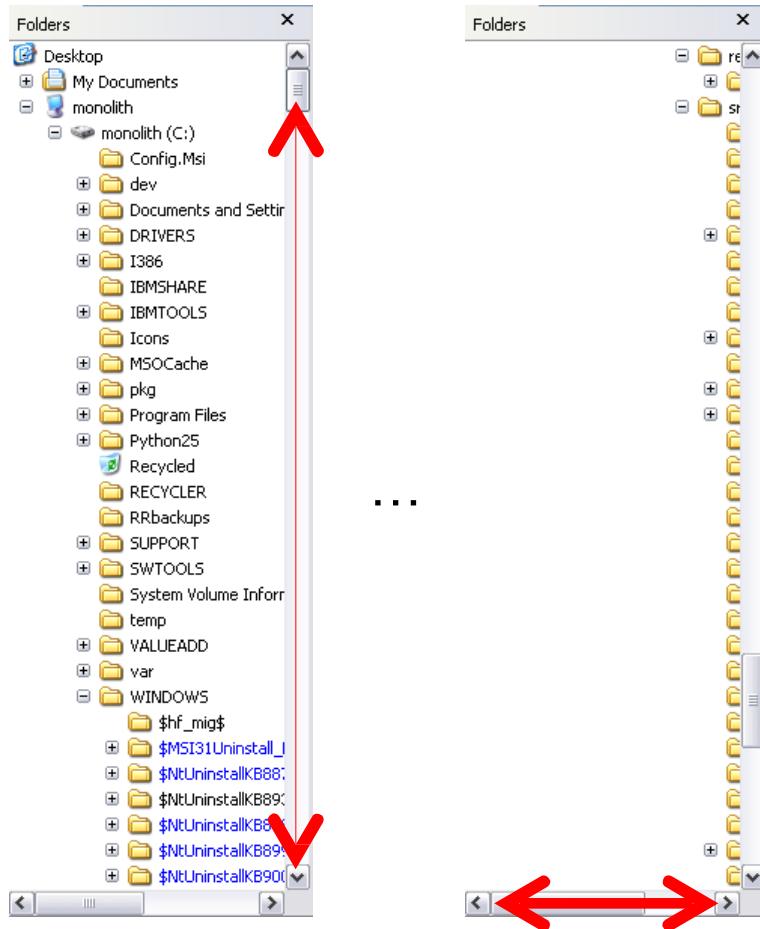


<http://www.caida.org/tools/visualization/walrus/>



<http://vis.stanford.edu/papers/doitrees-revisited>

Visualizing Large Hierarchies



Indented Layout

Reingold-Tilford Layout

More Nodes, More Problems...

Scale

Tree breadth often grows exponentially
Even with tidy layout, quickly run out of space

Possible Solutions

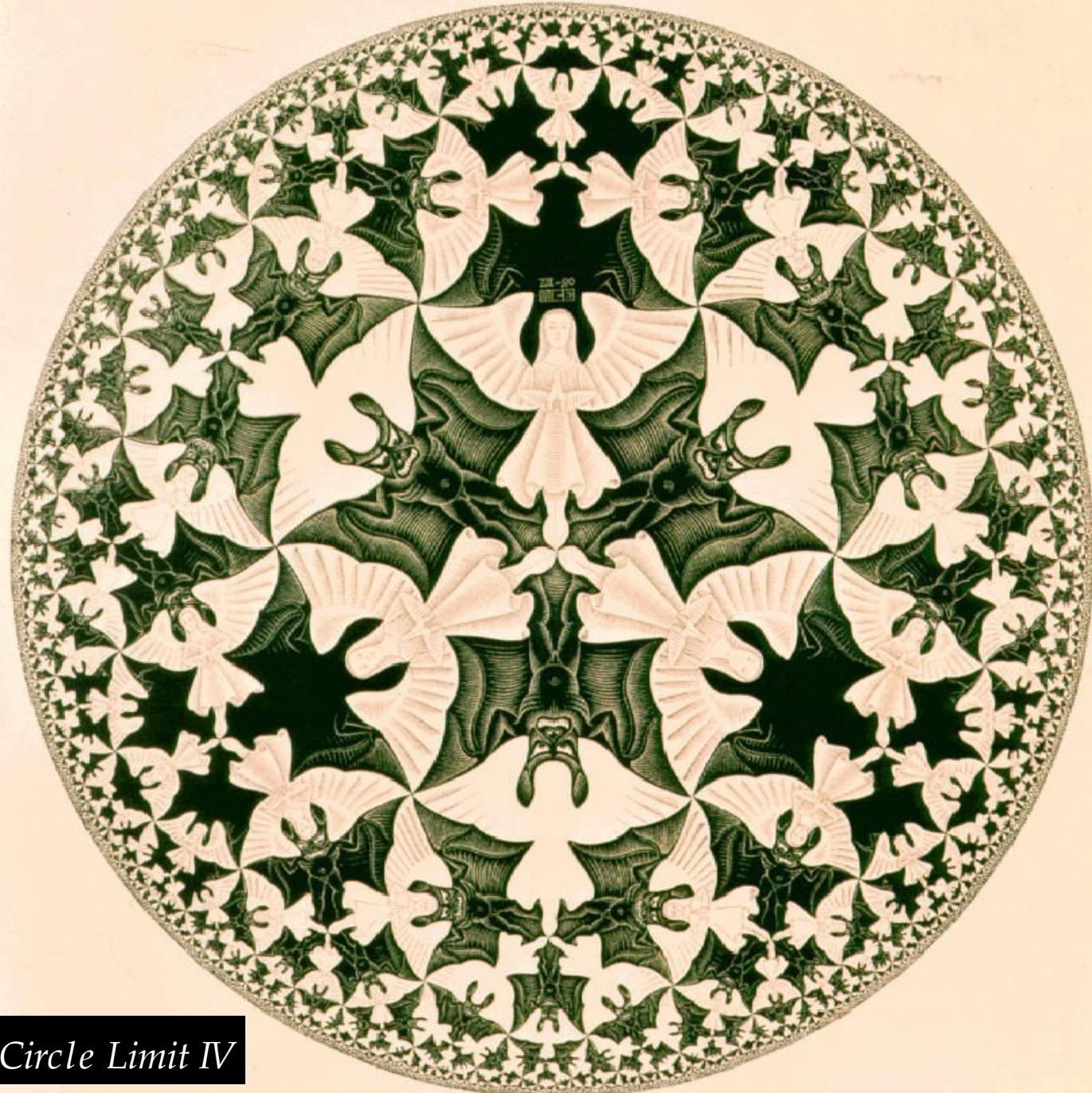
Filtering

Focus+Context

Scrolling or Panning

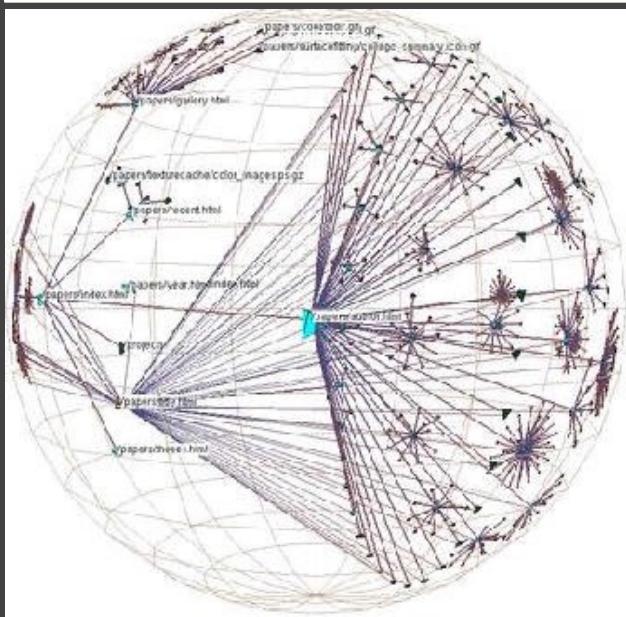
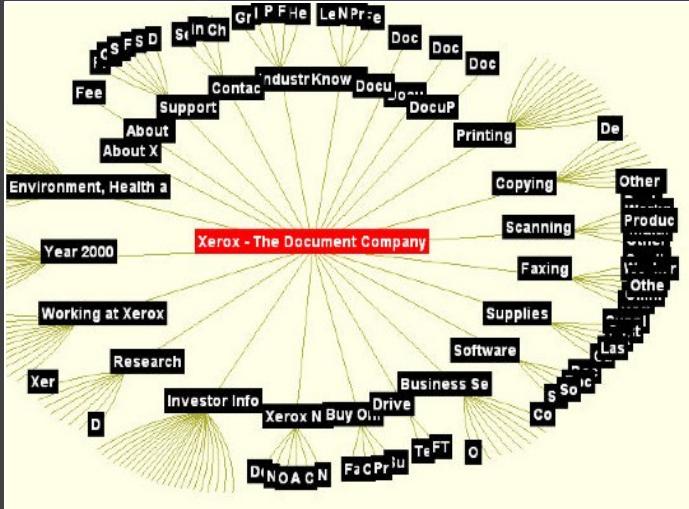
Zooming

Aggregation



MC Escher, *Circle Limit IV*

Hyperbolic Layout



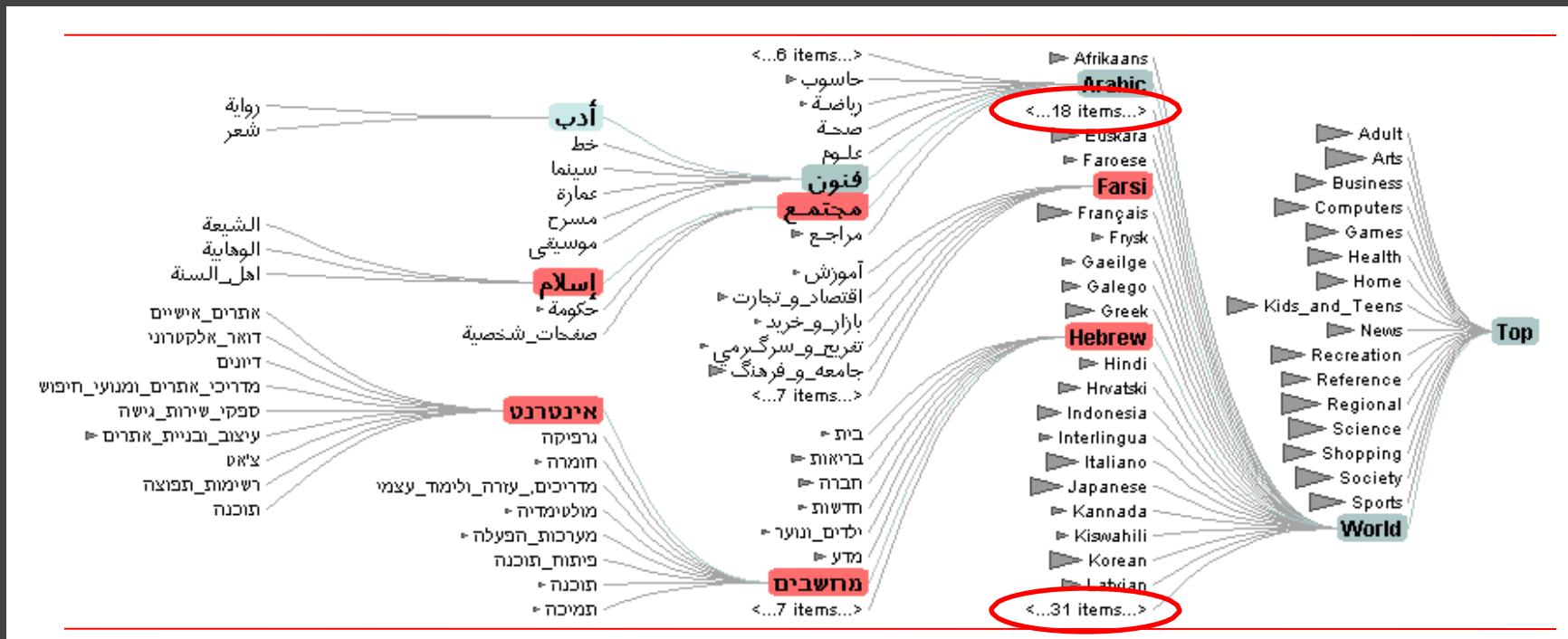
Perform tree layout in hyperbolic geometry, project the result on to the Euclidean plane.

Why? Like tree breadth, the hyperbolic plane expands exponentially!

Also computable in 3D, projected into a sphere.

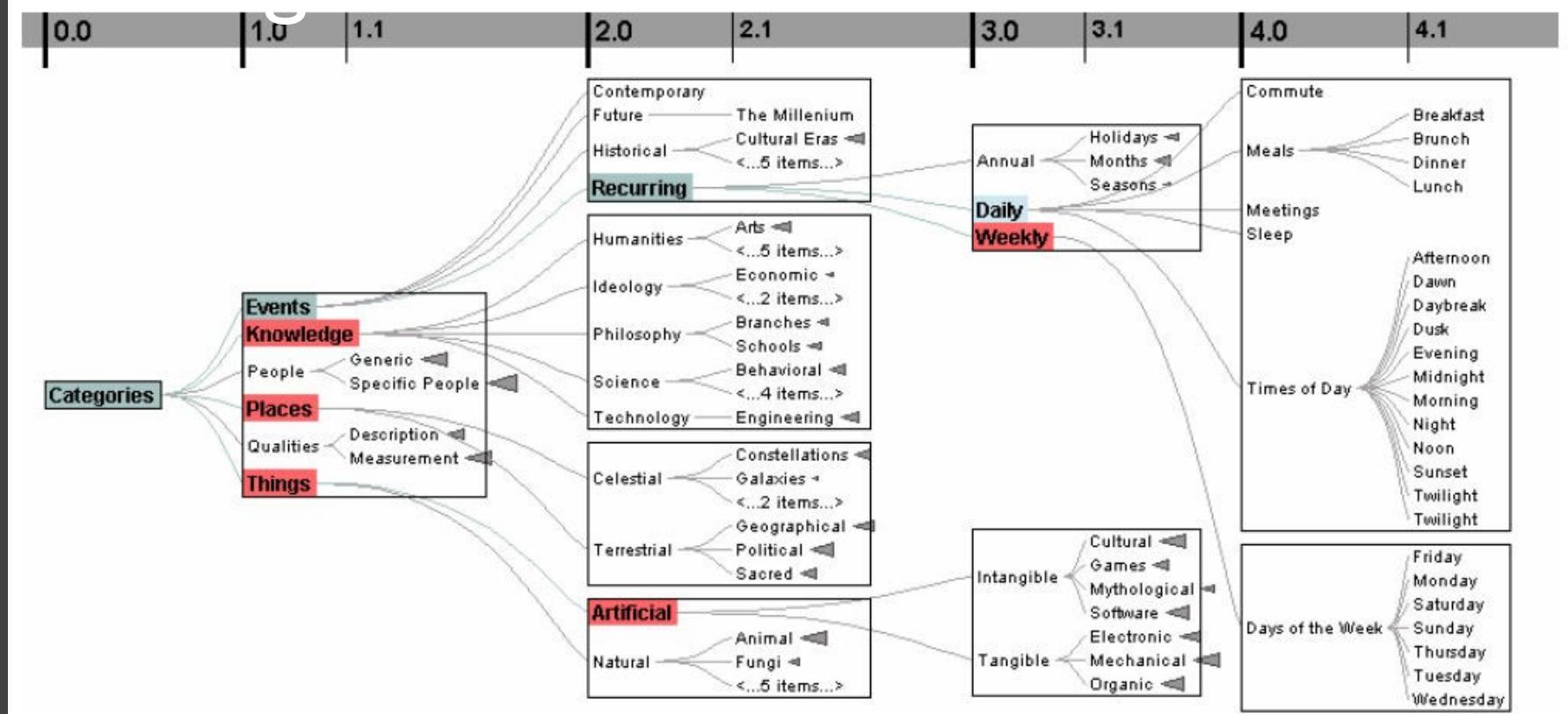
Focus + Context

Degree-of-Interest Trees



Space-constrained, multi-focal tree layout

Degree-of-Interest Trees

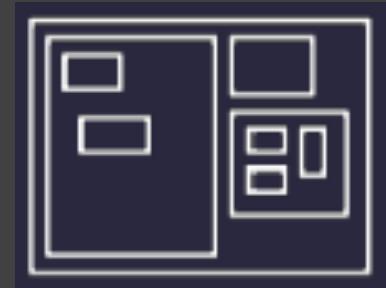


Remove “low interest” nodes at a given depth level until all blocks on a level fit within bounds.
 Attempt to center child blocks beneath parents.

Enclosure

Enclosure Diagrams

Encode structure using spatial enclosure
Popularly known as treemaps



Benefits

Provides a single view of an entire tree
Easier to spot large/small nodes

Problems

Difficult to accurately read structure / depth

Circle Packing Layout

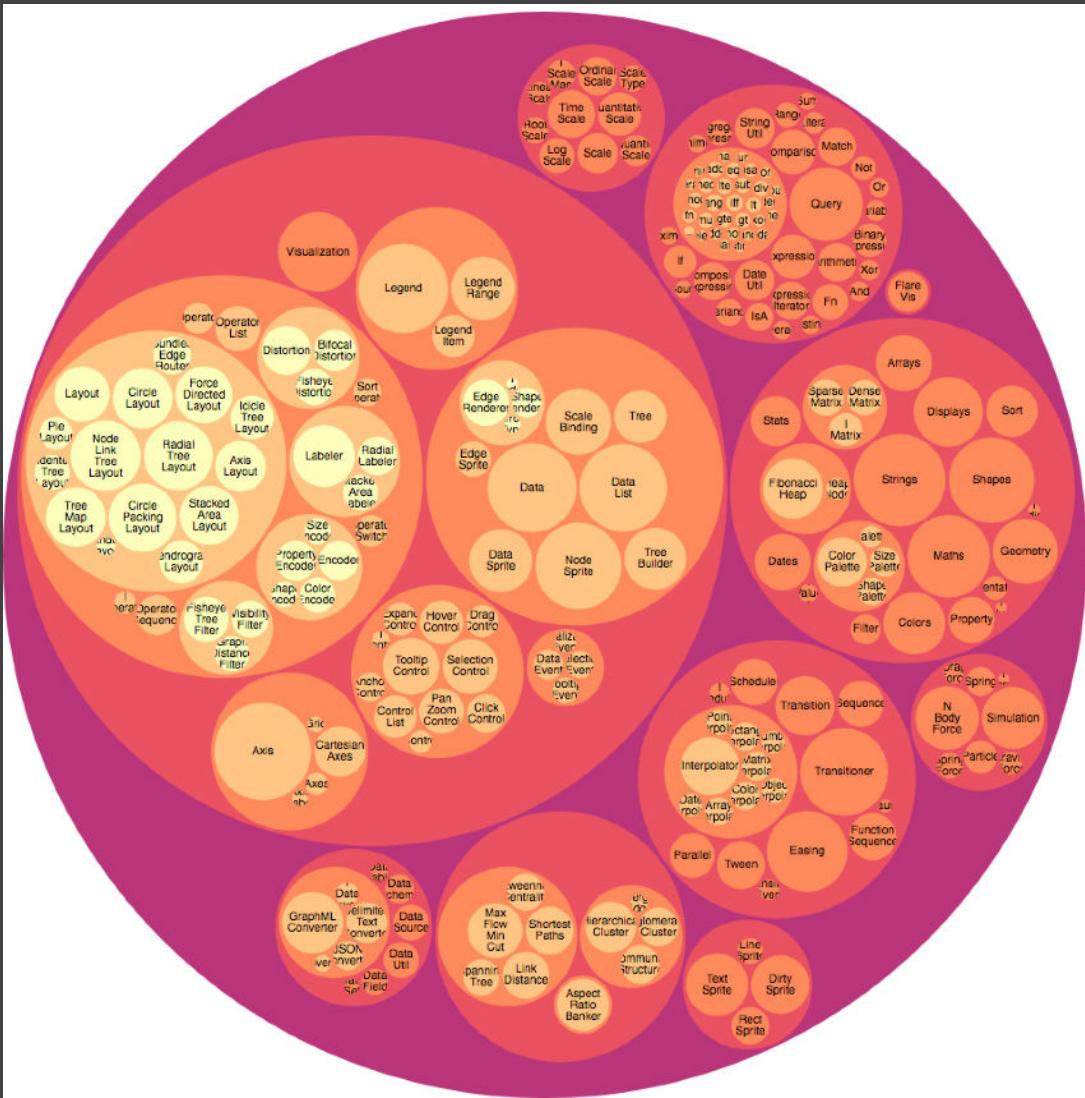
Nodes are represented as sized circles.

Nesting shows parent-child relationships.

Issues?

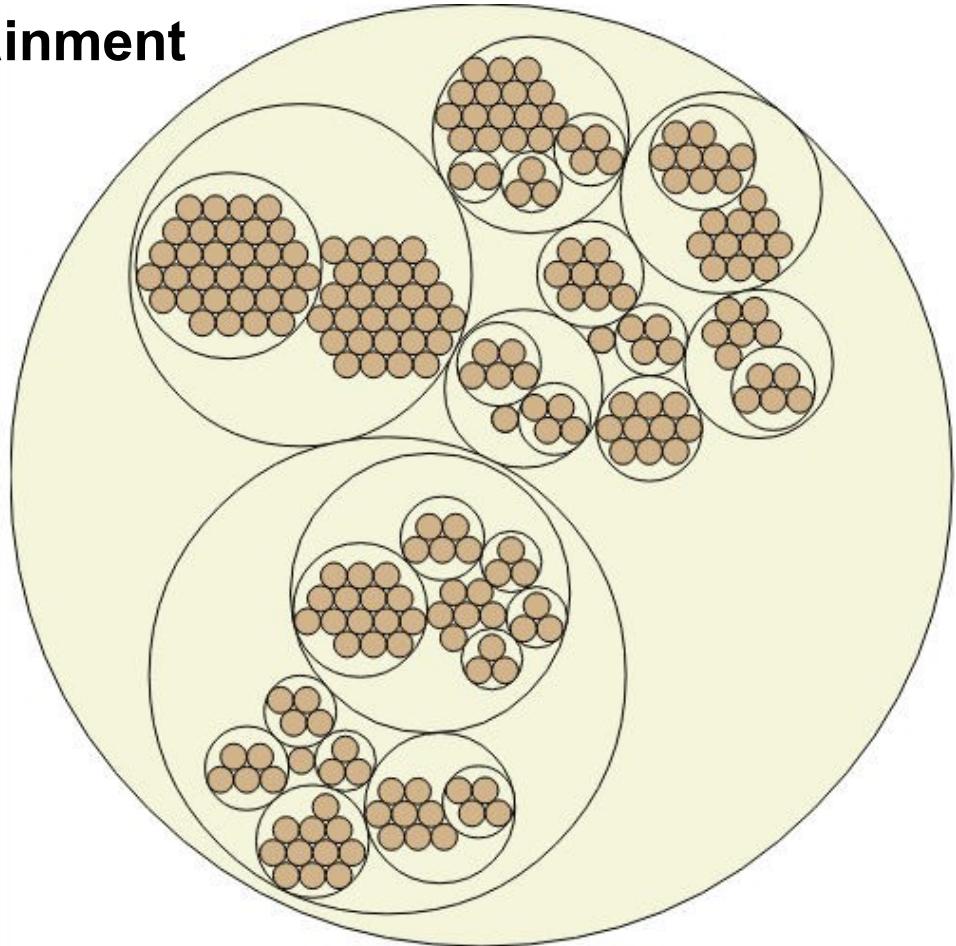
Inefficient use of space.

Parent size misleading?



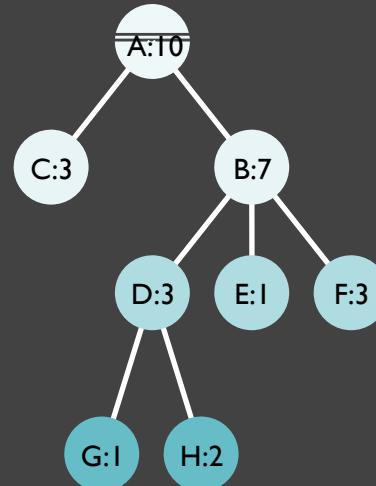
Bubble Charts

- Represent **hierarchy** by **containment**
- Let's work out a simple algo!



TREEMAPS

- **a 2-D space-filling layout**
- **recursively fill space based on a size metric for nodes**
- **enclosure indicates hierarchy**
- **additional measures can control aspect ratio of cells**
- **most often use rectangles, but other shapes possible**
 - square, circle, voronoi tessellation



Treemaps

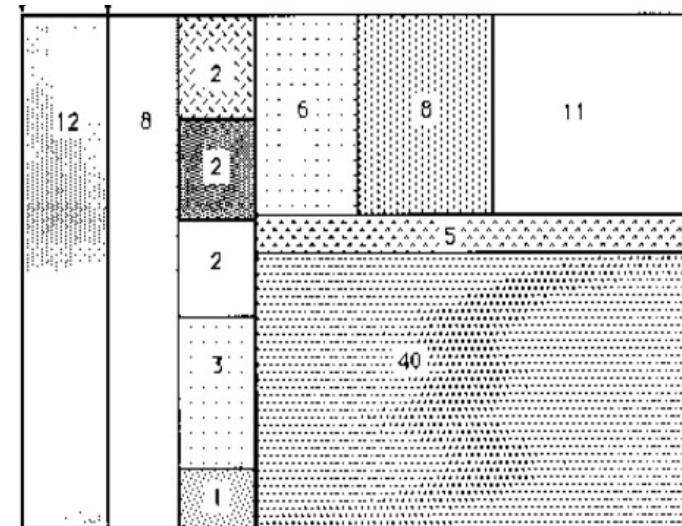
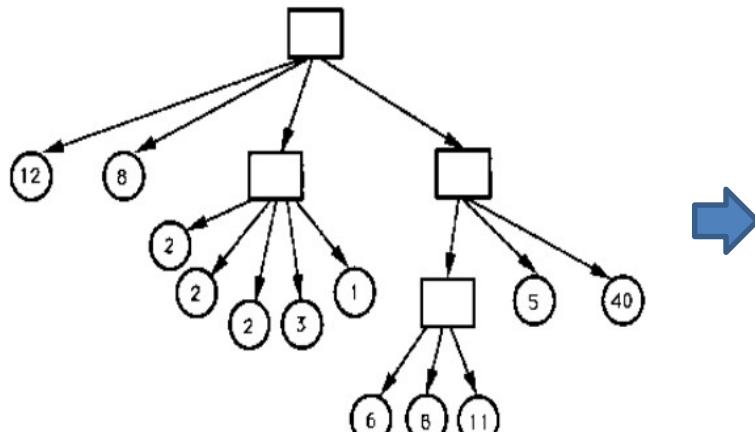
Hierarchy visualization that emphasizes values of nodes via area encoding.

Partition 2D space such that leaf nodes have sizes proportional to data values.

First layout algorithms proposed by Shneiderman et al. in 1990, with focus on showing file sizes on a hard drive.

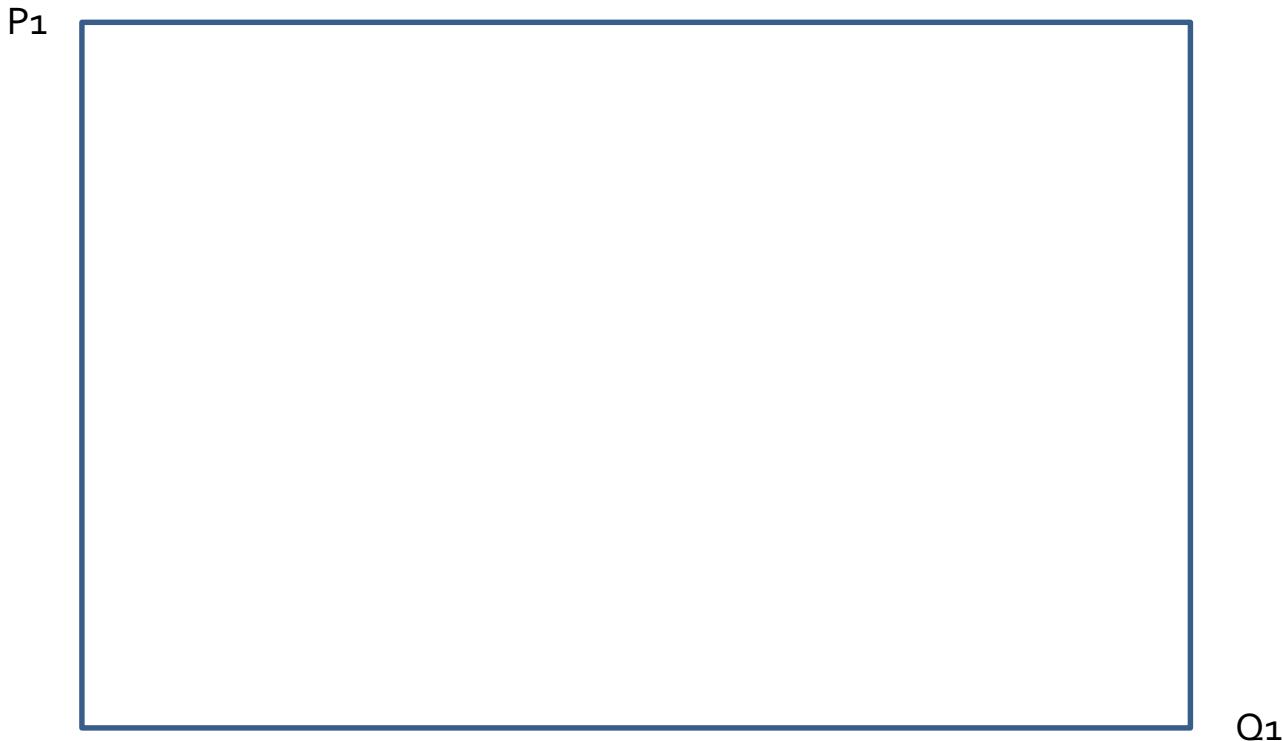
A CLASSIC CONTAINMENT LAYOUT

- example tree to rebuild with treemap algorithm
- size of each node as numbers in leaves



TREEMAP ALGORITHM

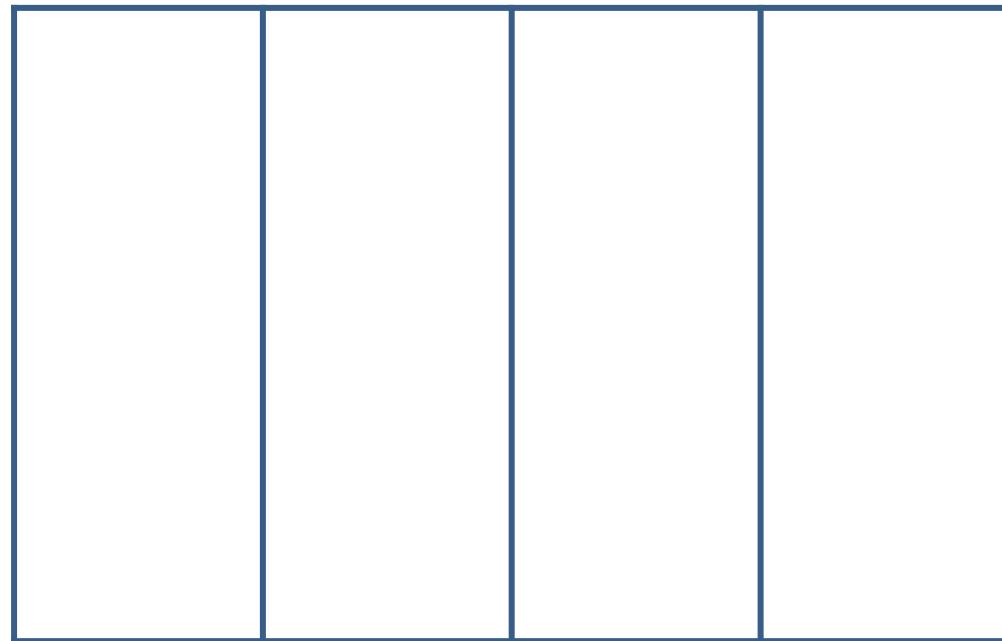
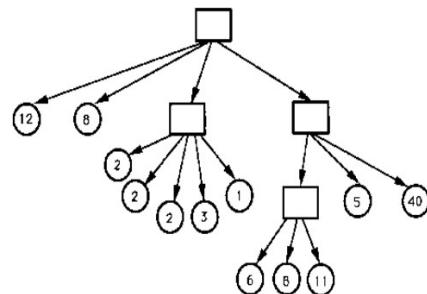
- Take a rectangular display area $P_1(x_1, y_1)$, $Q_1(x_2, y_1)$
- This area represents the root of the tree



TREEMAP ALGORITHM

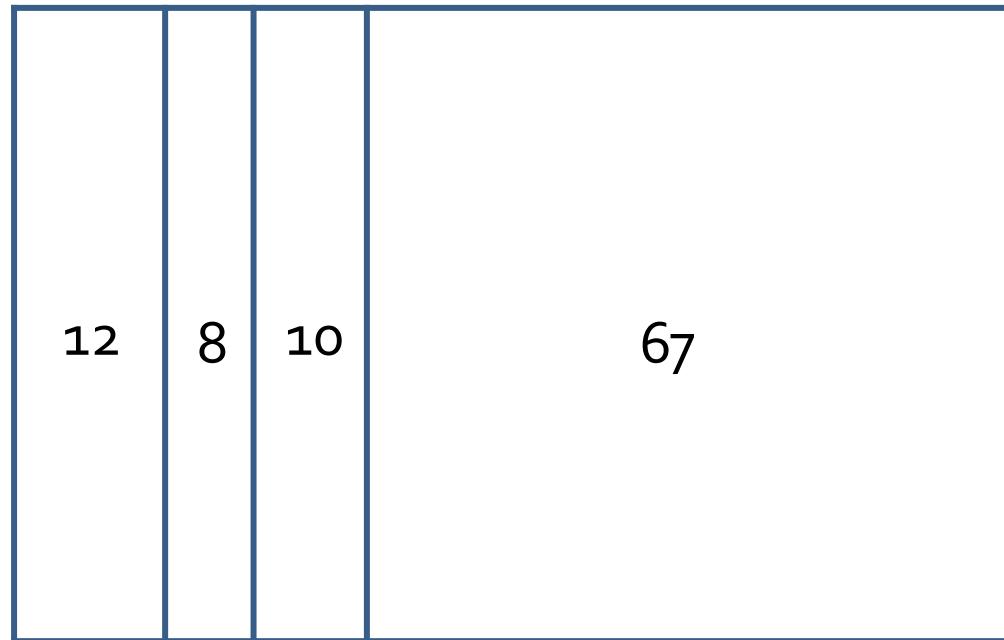
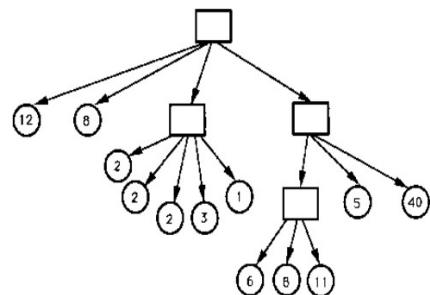
recursive algorithm

- the number of children of the current node define the number of partitions of the current node



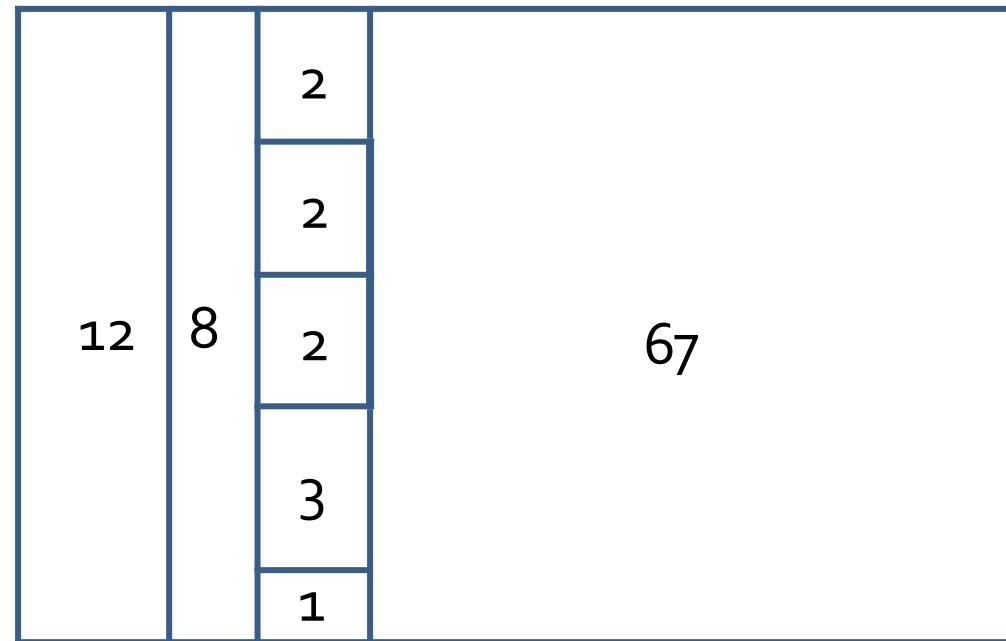
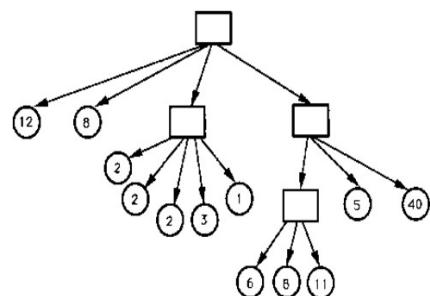
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the weight of each node determines the size of each partition



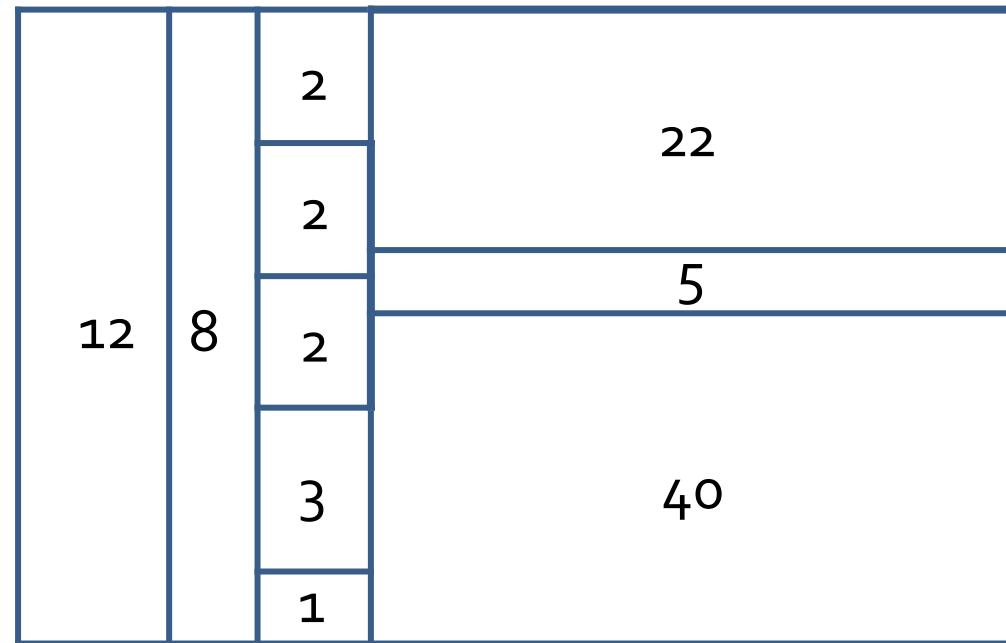
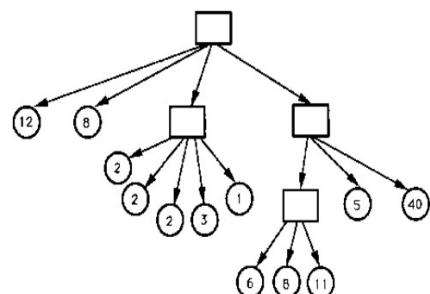
TREEMAP ALGORITHM

at each change of level, rotate orientation
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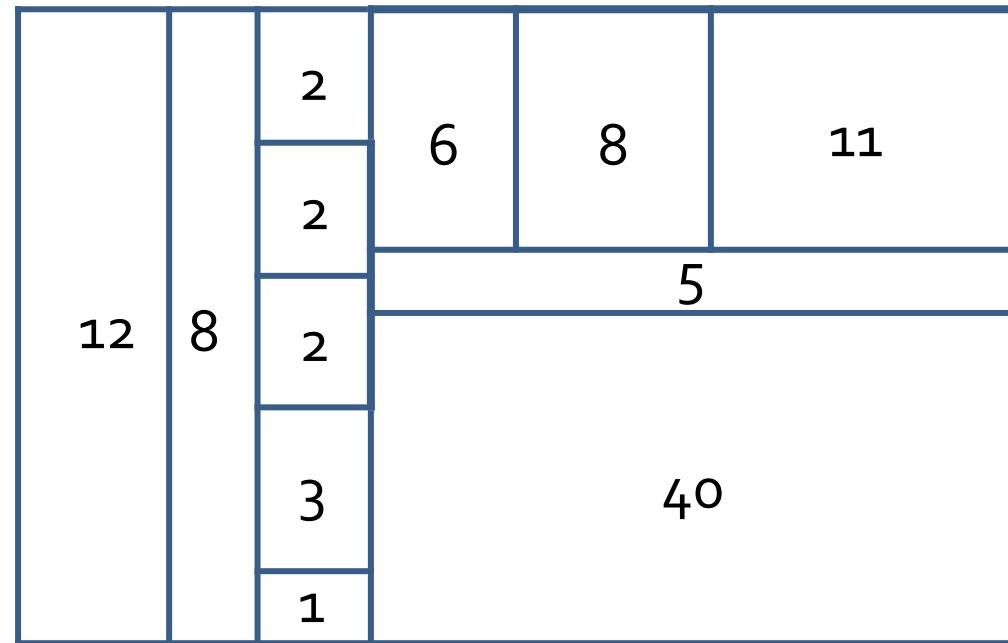
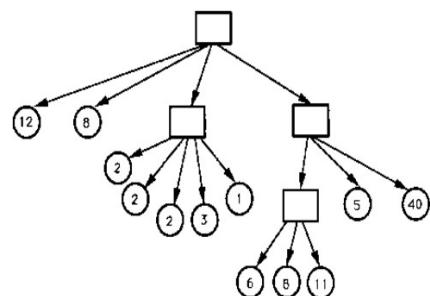
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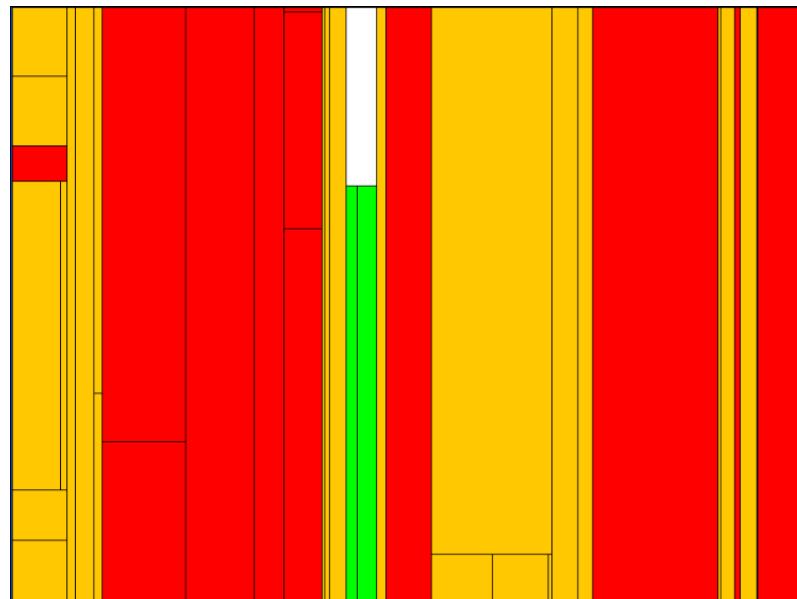
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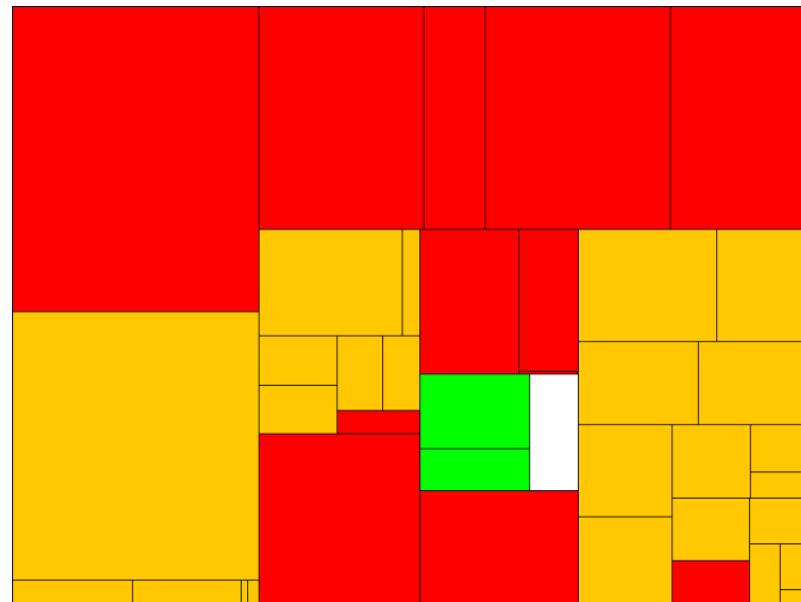
TREEMAP VARIATIONS

- problem with original treemap: lots of long stripes
- for long stripes the areas are difficult to compare



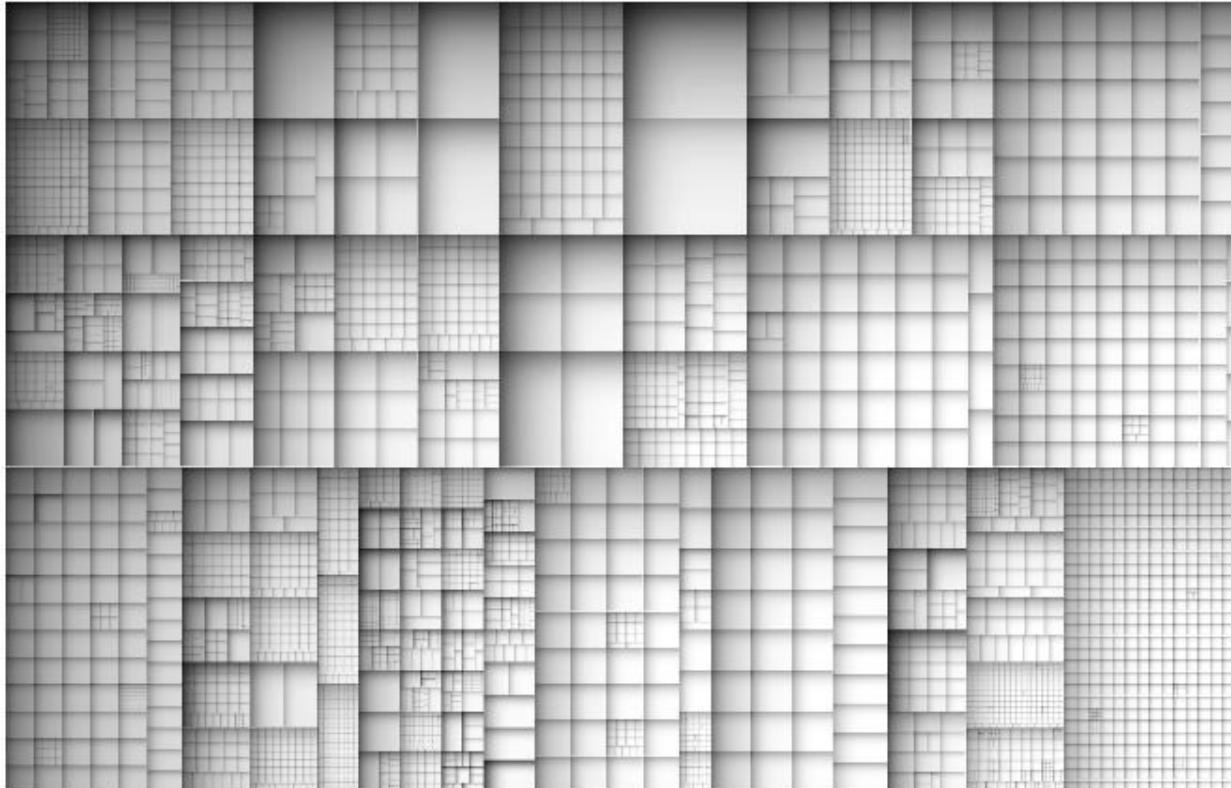
SQUARIFIED TREEMAP

- calculates more squared regions
- problem: order not as easily read, not very stable with dynamically changing data



Squarified Treemaps

- A little harder, tries to make square shapes



Why Squares? [Bruls et al. '00]

Posited Benefits of 1:1 Aspect Ratios

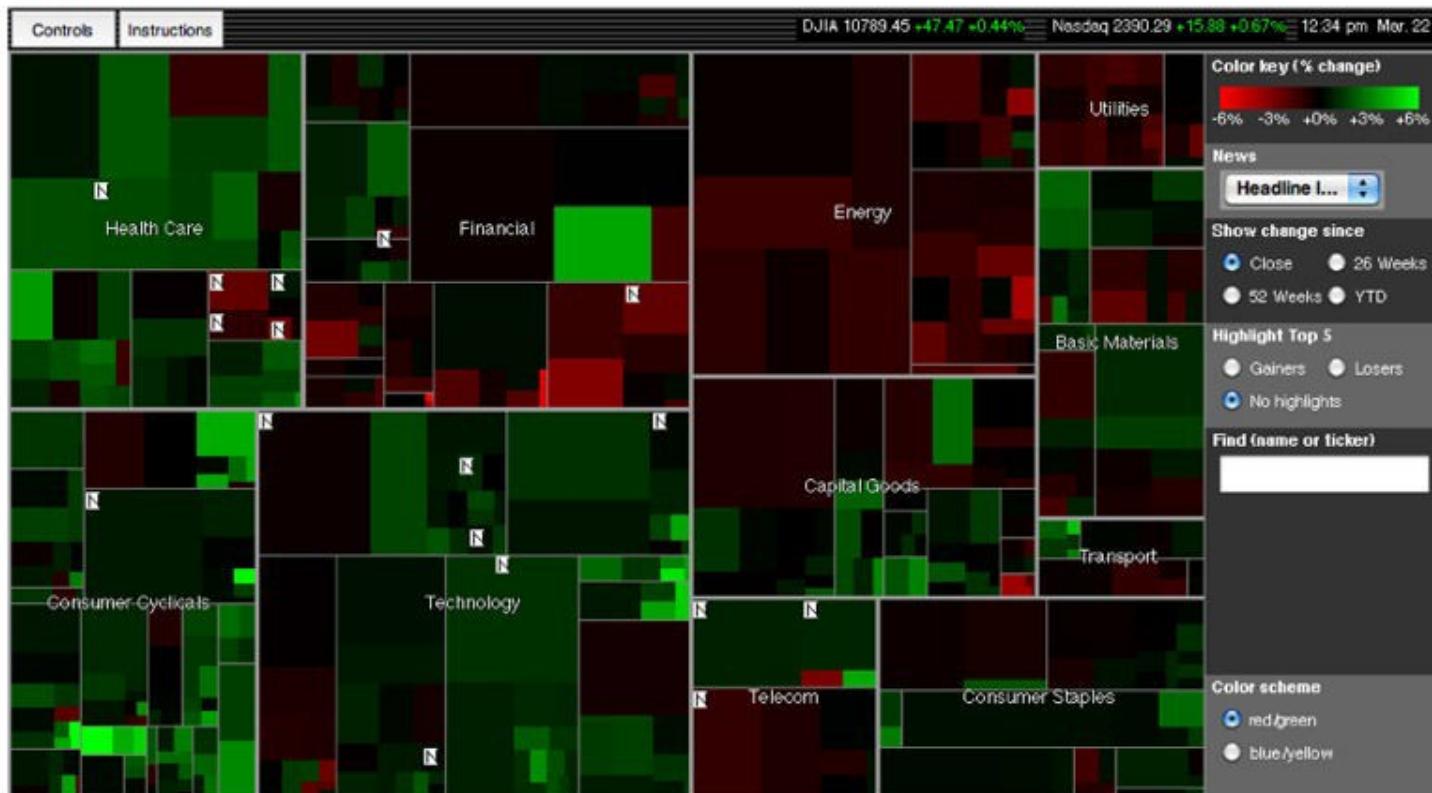
1. Minimize perimeter, reducing border ink.
Mathematically true!
2. Easier to select with a mouse cursor.
Validated by empirical research & Fitt's Law!
3. Similar aspect ratios are easier to compare.
Seems intuitive, but is this true?

Map of the Market

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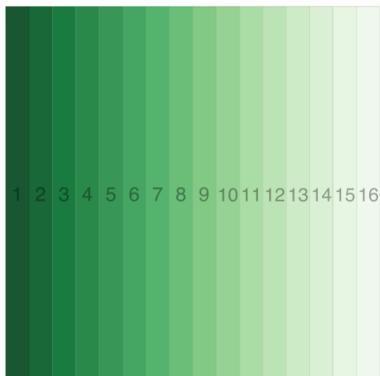
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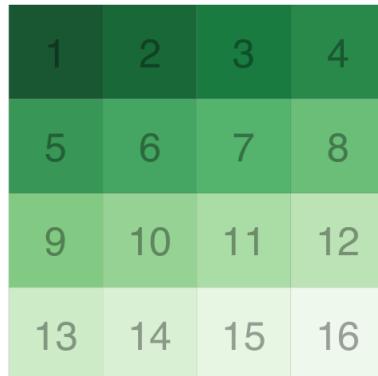
ORDERED TREEMAP

several algorithms in comparison



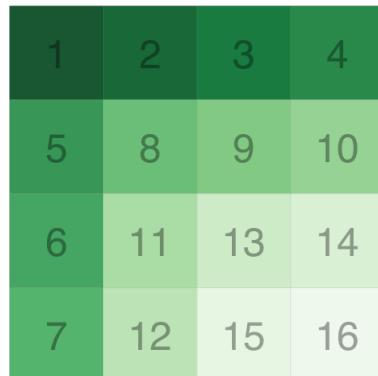
slice and dice

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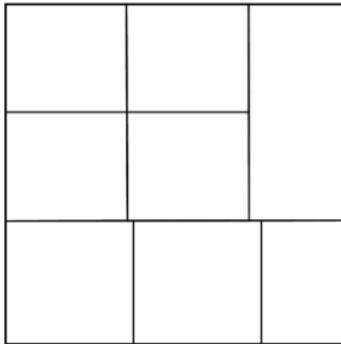


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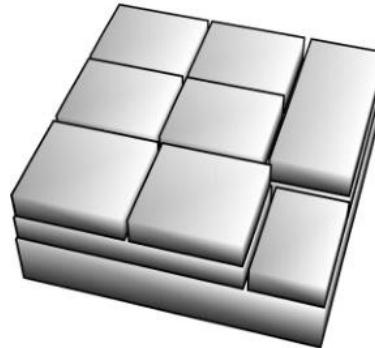
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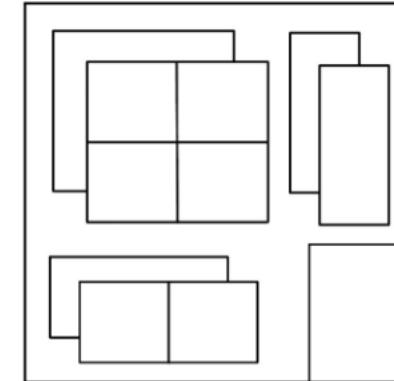
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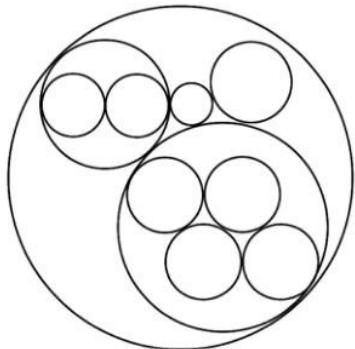
original squarified:
emphasizes leafs and their attributes



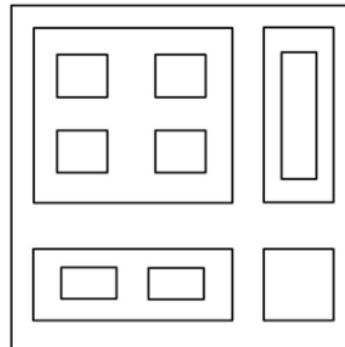
steptree:
emphasizes structure with extrusion



cascaded layout:
emphasizes structure with overlap



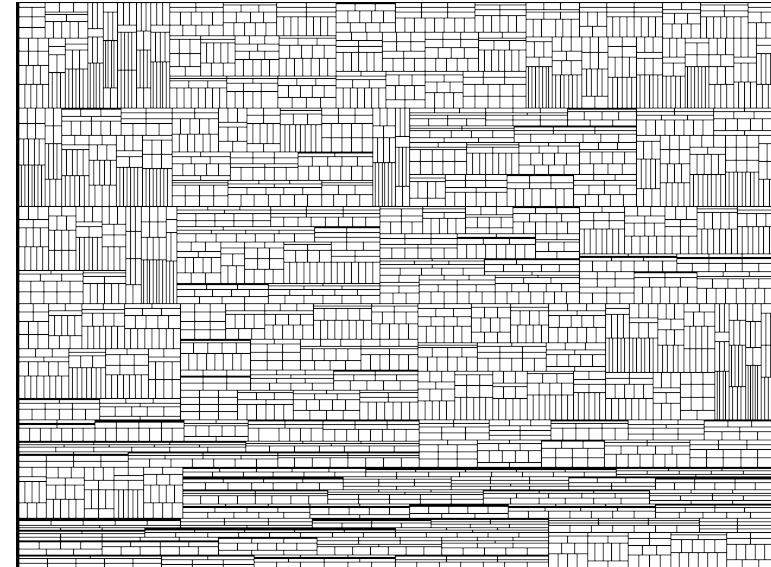
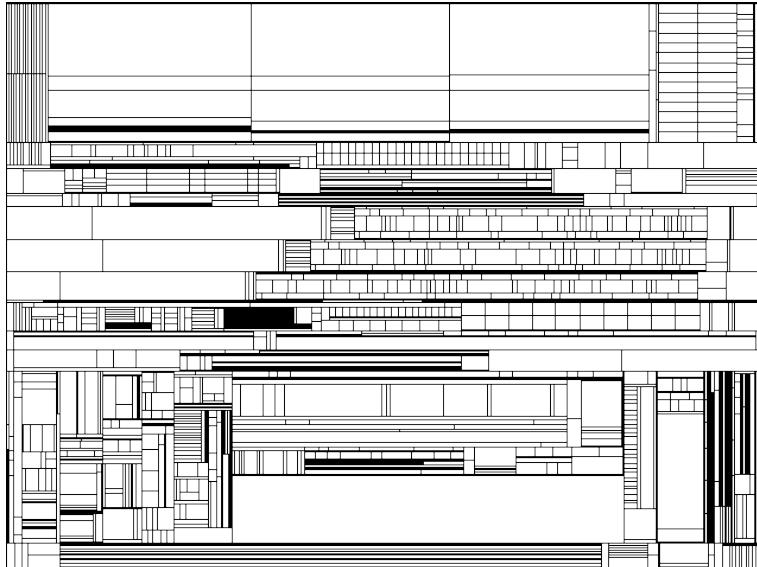
circular treemap:
emphasizes structure with
non-space-filling primitive



nested layout:
emphasizes structure with whitespace

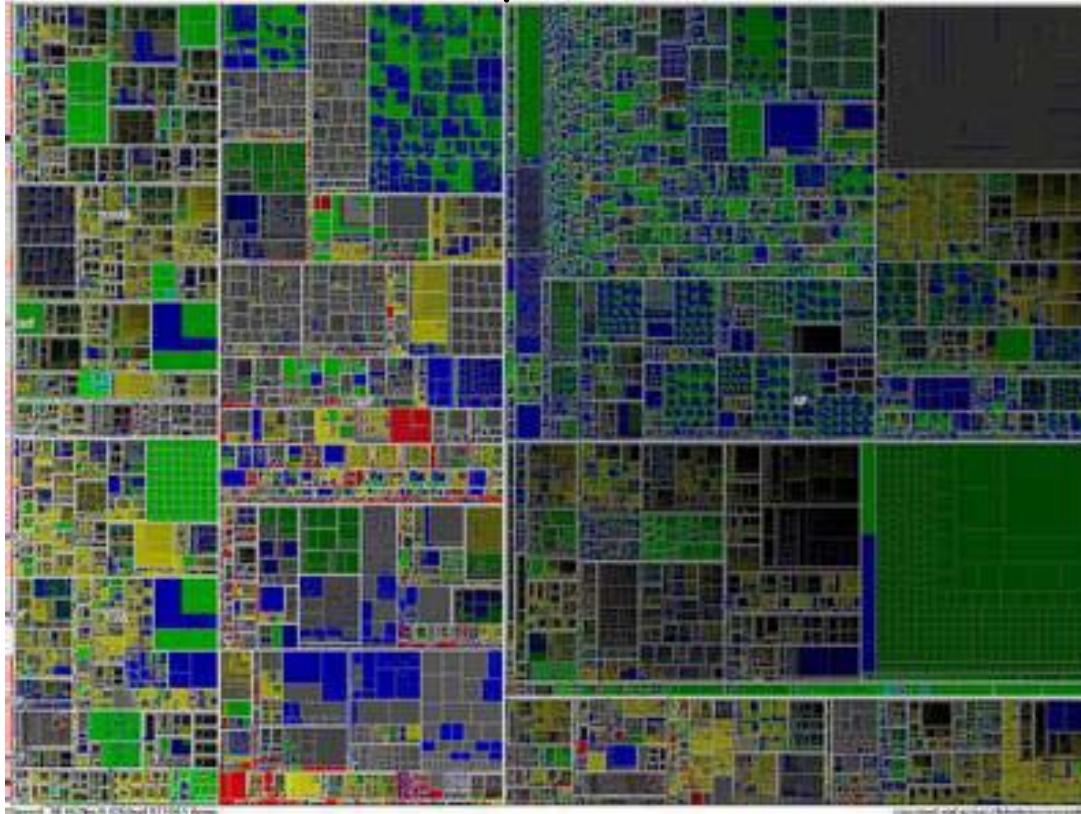
Treemap results

- Treemaps are great at representing sizes and using screen space, but hierarchical structure is less obvious.
- Examples:
 - Treemaps of file system & organizational structure.



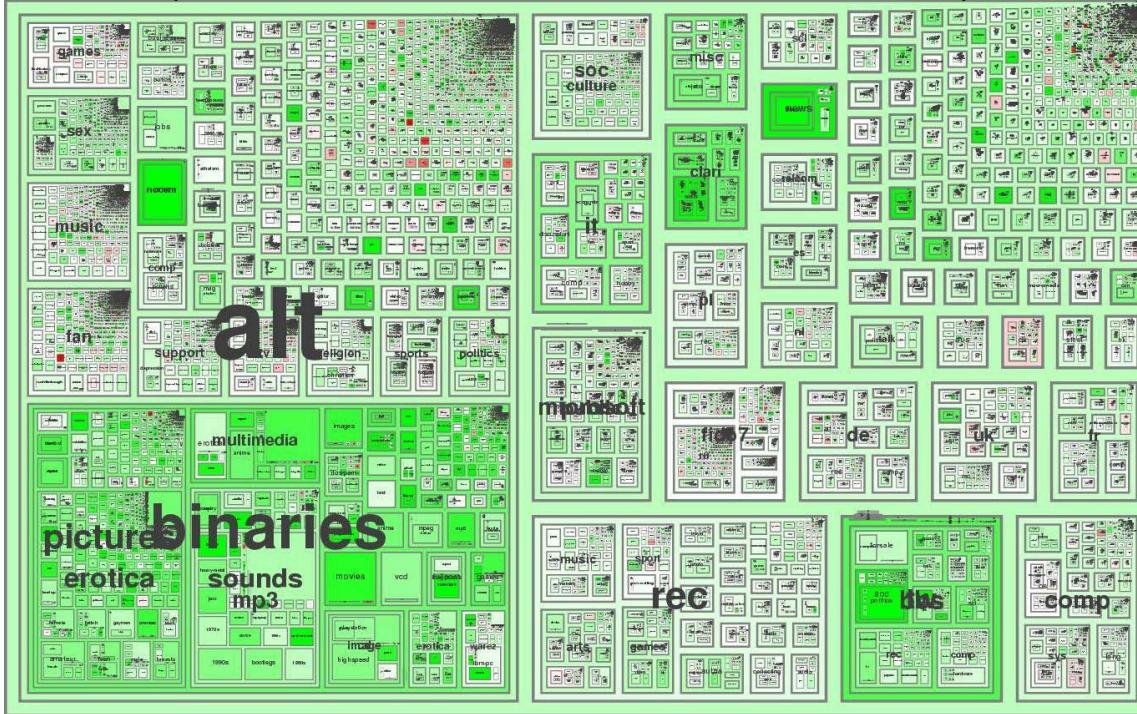
Border width

- The borders' widths may indicate the hierarchy level:



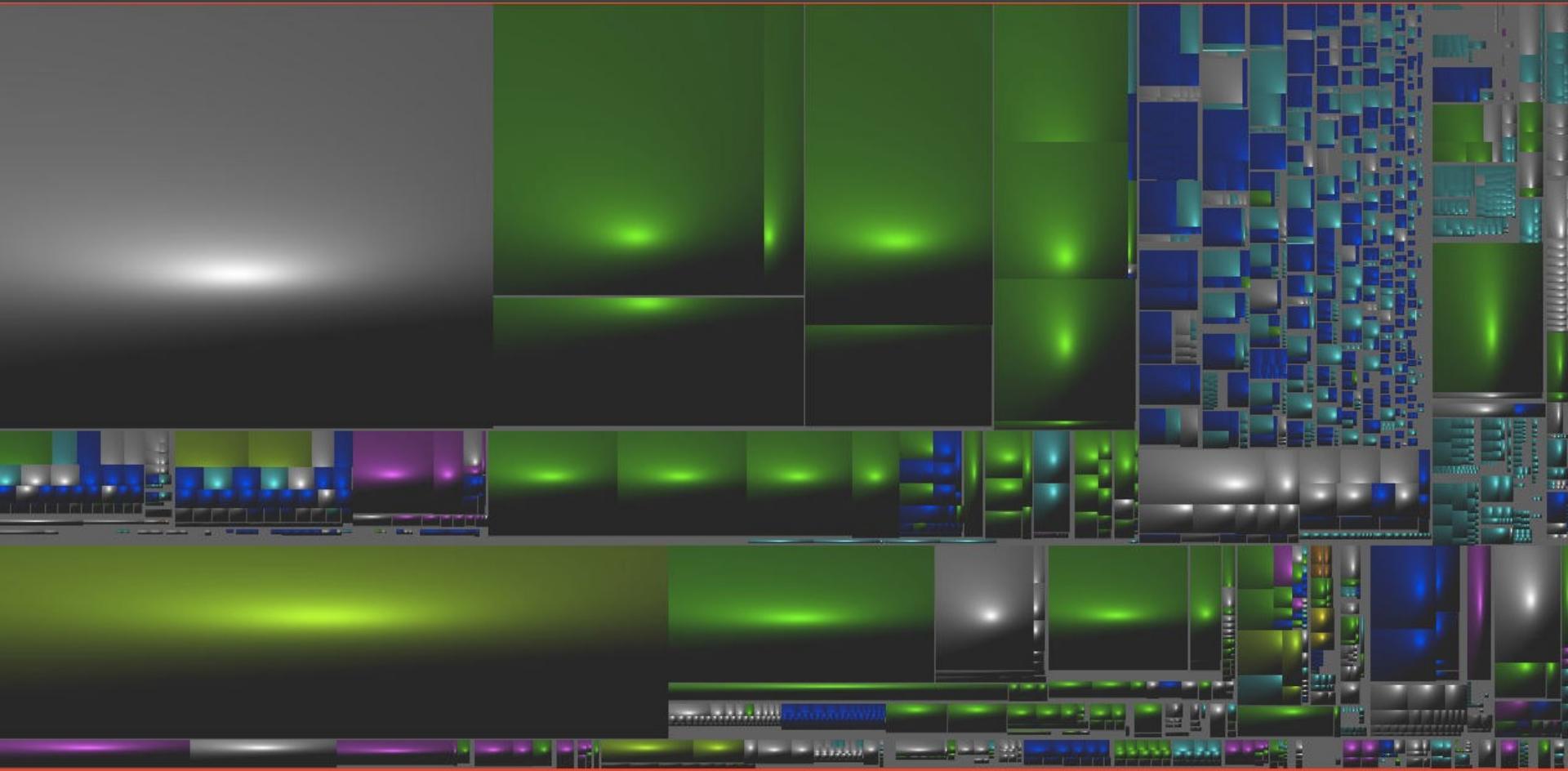
Frames

- Frames may be used to make the hierarchy more explicit:



- Frames take away screen space (especially for many levels).

Cushion Treemaps [van Wijk & Wetering '99]



Uses shading to emphasize hierachal structure.

Cascaded Treemaps [Lü & Fogarty '08]

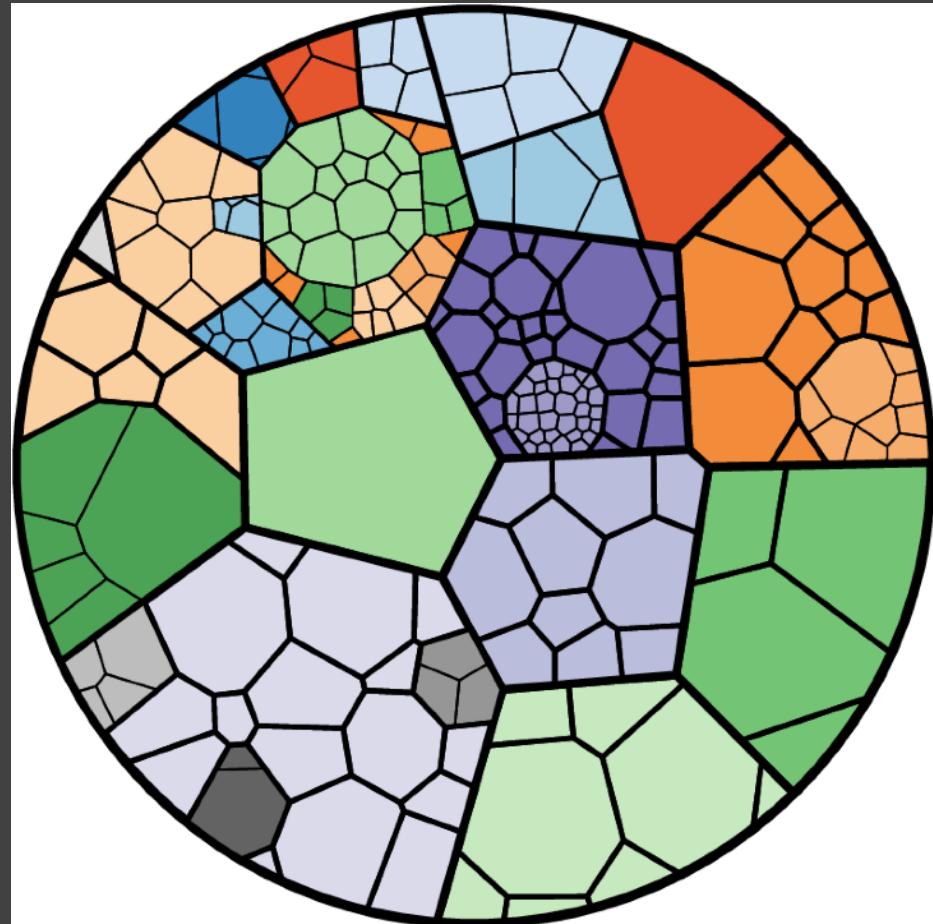


Uses 2.5D effect to emphasize hierarchy relations.

Voronoi Treemaps [Balzer et al. '05]

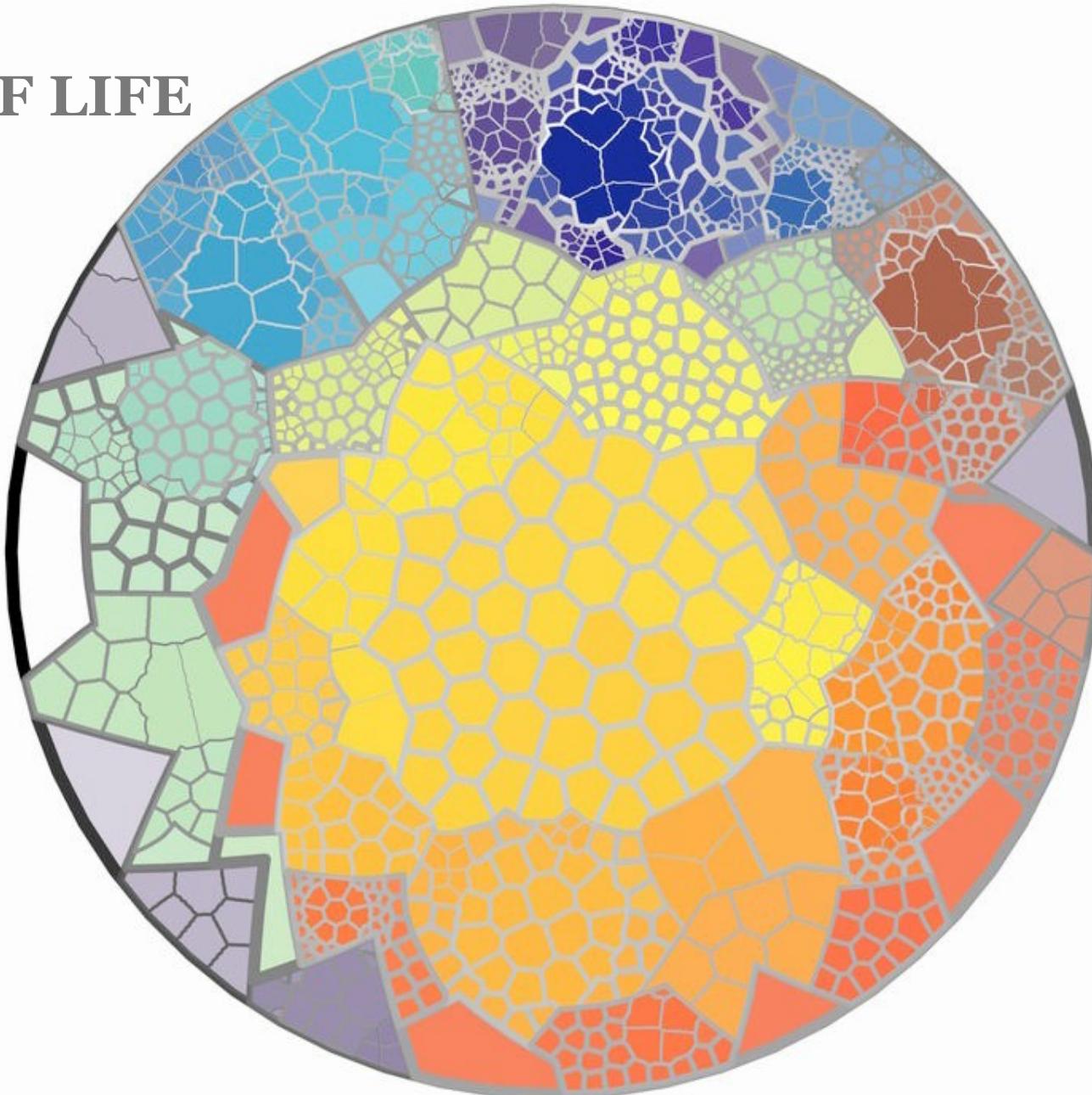
Instead of rectangles, create treemaps with arbitrary polygonal shapes and boundary.

Use iterative, weighted Voronoi tessellations to achieve cells with value-proportional areas.



TREE OF LIFE

mammals



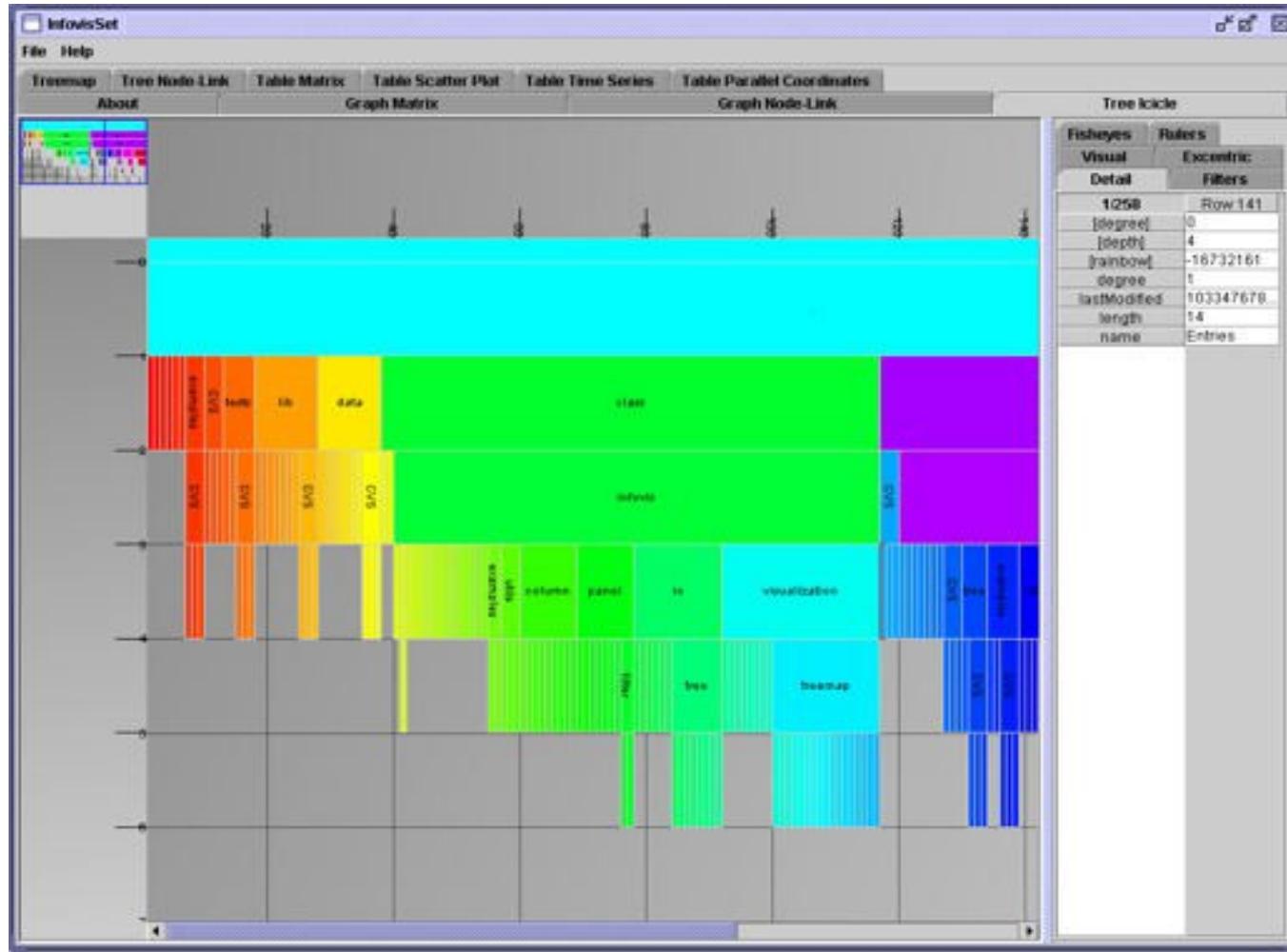
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Layering

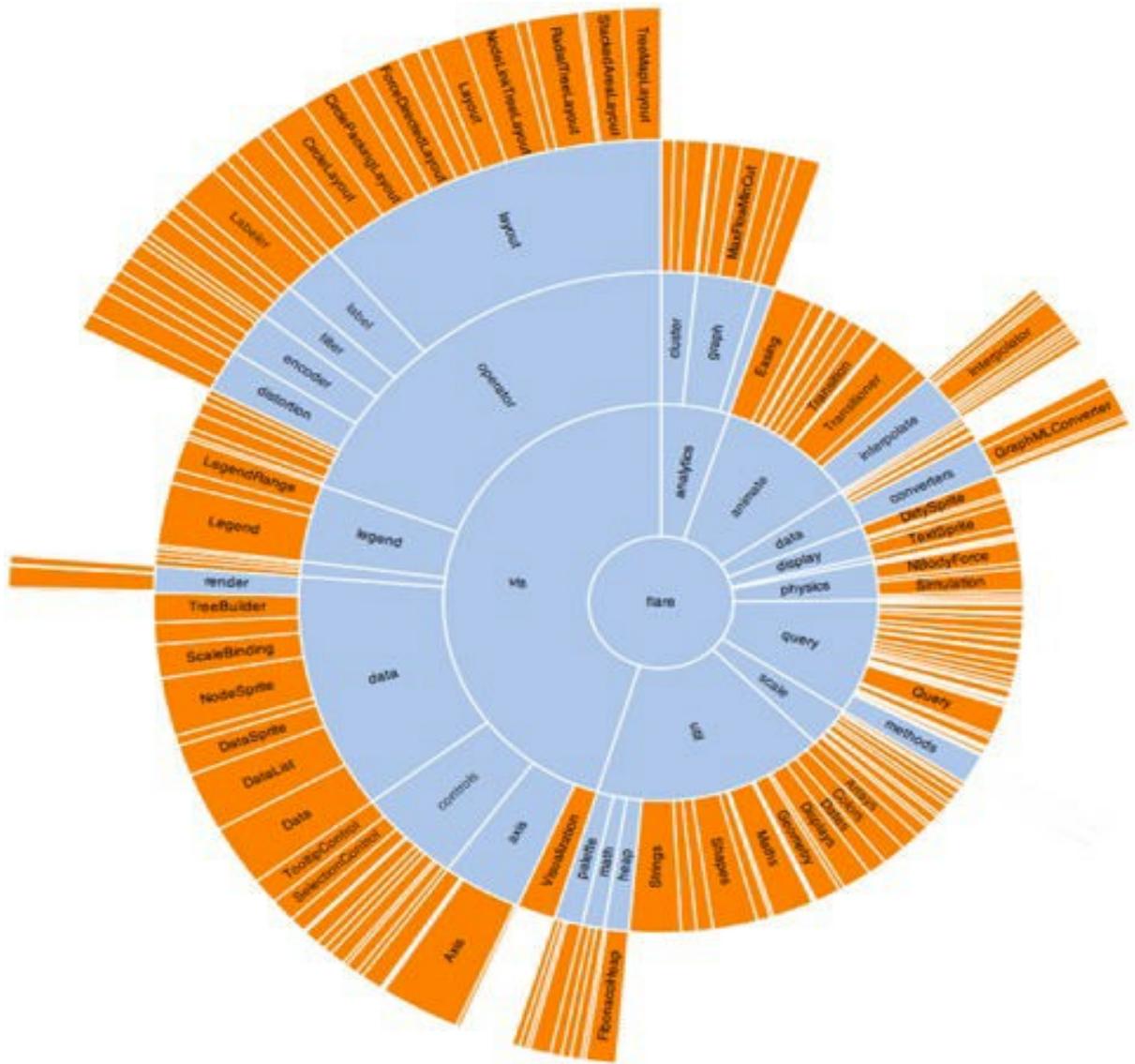
LAYERED DIAGRAMS

- similar to node-link layouts without edges
 - structured encoded using:
 - layering*
 - adjacency*
 - alignment*
- recursive subdivision of space
- apply same set of approaches as in node-link layout

ICICLE TREES



SUNBURST TREES



Summary: NodeLink vs SpaceFilling

- Node-link diagrams or space-filling techniques?
- It depends on the properties of the data
 - Node-link typically better at exposing structure of information structure
 - Space-filling good for focusing on one or two additional variables of cases