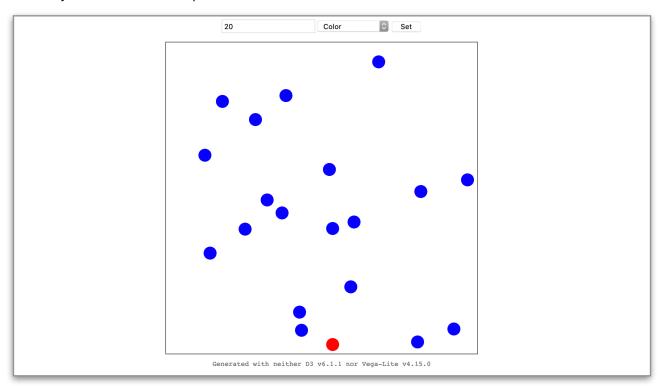
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Goal: populate an SVG canvas with simple shapes.

This exercise illustrates that conjunctive visual search is not pre-attentive (as we will see in session #02). Its more practical goal is to get you started with a proper Web development environment, and to gain some familiarity with low-level concepts and DOM API calls.



1. Setup

This will apply to all exercises, throughout all 9 sessions.

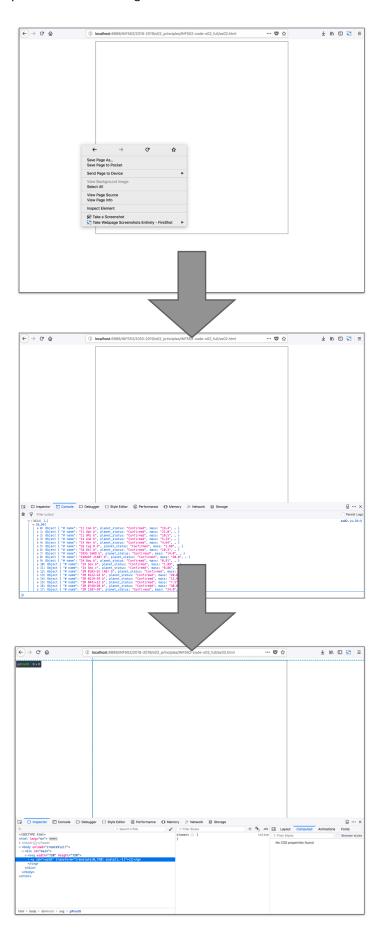
Depending on your browser settings, you might not be able to load external resources (data files, etc.) if you use the file:// protocol. Thus, you are (strongly) encouraged to use a (local) Web server.

- Start a simple Web server in the relevant directory
 - using, e.g., Python:
 cd INF552-code-s01/; python2 -m SimpleHTTPServer [portNumber]
 cd INF552-code-s01/; python3 -m http.server [portNumber]
 - and then access it from http://localhost:portNumber/
- or use any integrated solution, such as atom-live-server if you edit your code with atom https://atom.io/packages/atom-live-server

Edit .js and .html files in a text editor (such as, e.g., Atom)

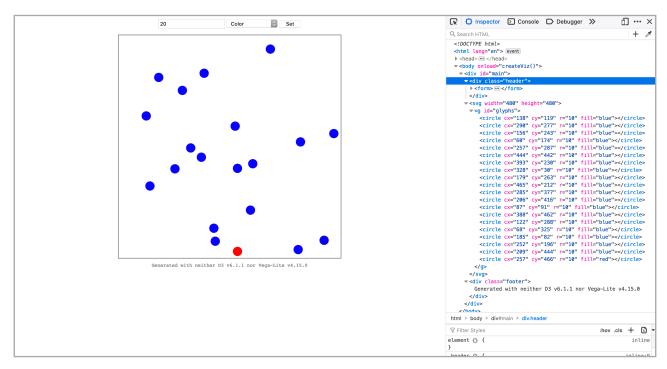
In your code, always use relative URLs.

Use the developer tools provided by your Web browsers to debug your code. Essentially: the console, and the inspector. Example screenshots using Firefox:



2. Populating the SVG Canvas





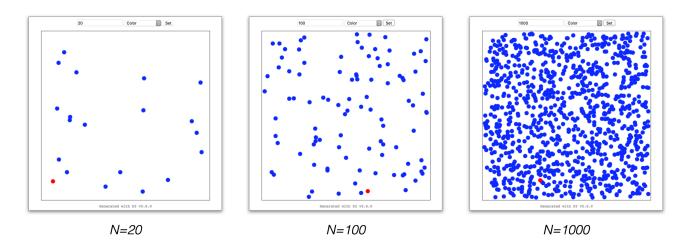
Main steps:

- Using the DOM API, add an SVG element of size 480x480 in div#main
- Populate the SVG canvas depending on the parameters provided in the input form, as detailed in Section 2.1
- Populating the canvas should be triggered when hitting button Set, or when hitting the enter key in the text field. See empty callbacks already provided in ex01.js.

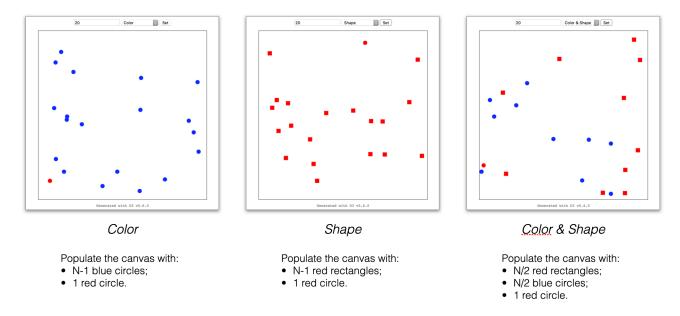
Tip: use http://keycode.info to find out how to test for the right key value.

2.1. Parameters

The first parameter is an integer indicating the total number of glyphs:



The second parameter controls the type of visual search:



Some general tips:

- Put your circles and rectangles inside a <g> element (group), that element being the only child of the <svg> element created earlier.
- Do not forget to clear the contents of the SVG canvas before populating it again (just remove the above <g> element).
- Be careful about namespace declarations when creating SVG nodes using the DOM API. Use Document.createElementNS()

2.2. Fine-tuning

Display D3 and Vega-Lite version numbers below the SVG canvas in a <div>. Fetch them programmatically, with d3.version and vegaEmbed.vegaLite.version

Add CSS styling rules to make the UI look as similar as possible to the one below. Either use the <style> attribute already in <head> or reference an external stylesheet.

