




Data Binding (Data Joining)

Data Visualization

Data-Driven Documents (D3)

- D3 can map data to HTML/SVG elements
 - Construct the DOM from data
- Each data value has a corresponding HTML/SVG elements
 - D3 helps us maintain this mapping

- Data: [20, 10, 40]
- Map to a bar chart

In this example, we want to bind our data to width of the rectangles

```
<svg>  
  <rect x="0" y="0" width="20" height="10"></rect>  
  <rect x="0" y="15" width="10" height="10"></rect>  
  <rect x="0" y="30" width="40" height="10"></rect>  
</svg>
```

Ex03-1

- D3 to update bar chart appearance

- File
 - index.html
 - main.js



With main.js

index.html

```
<svg width="1000" height="1000">  
  <rect x="0" y="0" width="50" height="50" fill="green"></rect>  
  <rect x="60" y="0" width="50" height="50" fill="green"></rect>  
  <rect x="120" y="0" width="50" height="50" fill="green"></rect>  
</svg>
```

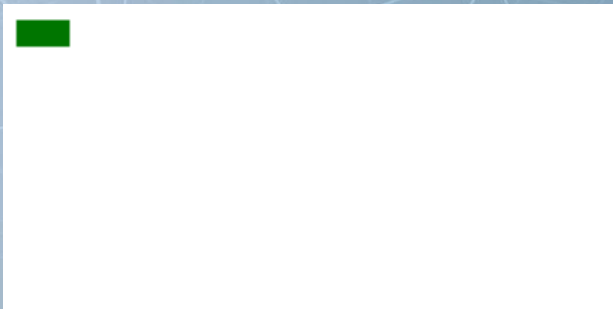


Without main.js

Ex03-1

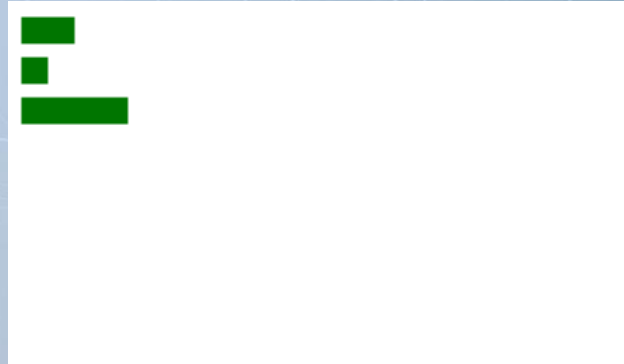
- main.js
- It selects all rectangles (we have three)
 - Set all x=0, y=0, width=20, height=10 to all rectangles
 - So, you only see one rectangle

```
d3.selectAll("rect")  
  .attr("x", 0)  
  .attr("y", 0)  
  .attr("width", 20)  
  .attr("height", 10);
```



Ex03-2

- Add data (a javascript array) [20, 10, 40] in to main.js
- Bind the data array to rectangles and update the appearances of them
- File
 - index.html
 - main.js



Ex03-2

- main.js

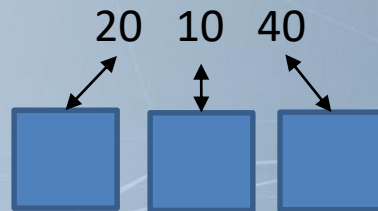


```
var data = [20, 10, 40];

d3.selectAll("rect")
  .data(data)
  .attr("x", 0)
  .attr("y", function(d, i){
    return i*15;
  })
  .attr("width", function(d, i){
    return d;
  })
  .attr("height", 10);
```

Ex03-2

- main.js
 - .data: bind data to elements



```
var data = [20, 10, 40];

d3.selectAll("rect")
  .data(data)
  .attr("x", 0)
  .attr("y", function(d, i){
    return i*15;
  })
  .attr("width", function(d, i){
    return d;
  })
  .attr("height", 10);
```

Ex03-2

- main.js

```
var data = [20, 10, 40];

d3.selectAll("rect")
  .data(data)
  .attr("x", 0)
  .attr("y", function(d, i){
    return i*15;
  })
  .attr("width", function(d, i){
    return d;
  })
  .attr("height", 10);
```

40

Ex03-2

- main.js
- The function(d, i) iterates through all elements one by one. The first argument(d) is the attached data, the second argument(i) is the index

```
var data = [20, 10, 40];

d3.selectAll("rect")
  .data(data)
  .attr("x", 0)
  .attr("y", function(d, i){
    return i*15;
  })
  .attr("width", function(d, i){
    return d;
  })
  .attr("height", 10);
```

40

Ex03-2

- main.js
- Ex: the first rectangle attaches data value 20. So, in the iteration for the first rectangle $d=20, i=0$.
- This line set y of the first rectangle to 0 ($0*15$)

```
var data = [20, 10, 40];

d3.selectAll("rect")
  .data(data)
  .attr("x", 0)
  .attr("y", function(d, i){
    return i*15;
  })
  .attr("width", function(d, i){
    return d;
  })
  .attr("height", 10);
```



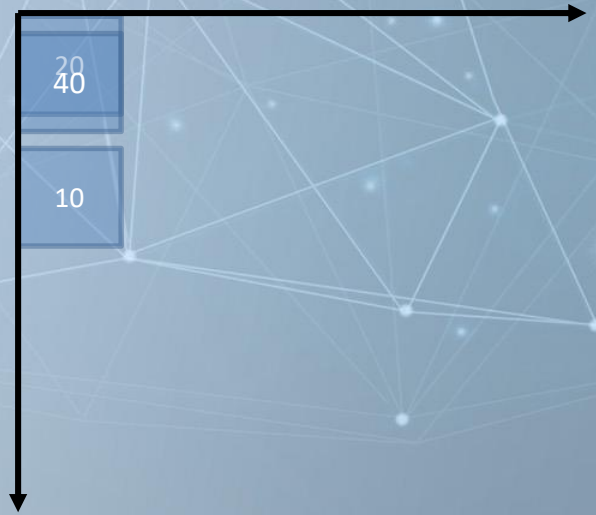
20
40

Ex03-2

- main.js
- Ex: the second rectangle attaches data value 20. So, in the iteration for the second rectangle d=10, i=1.
- This line set y of the second rectangle to 15 (1×15)

```
var data = [20, 10, 40];

d3.selectAll("rect")
  .data(data)
  .attr("x", 0)
  .attr("y", function(d, i){
    return i*15;
  })
  .attr("width", function(d, i){
    return d;
  })
  .attr("height", 10);
```



Ex03-2

- main.js
- Ex: the third rectangle attaches data value 40. So, in the iteration for the third rectangle $d=40, i=2$.
- This line set y of the third rectangle to 30 ($2*15$)

```
var data = [20, 10, 40];

d3.selectAll("rect")
  .data(data)
  .attr("x", 0)
  .attr("y", function(d, i){
    return i*15;
  })
  .attr("width", function(d, i){
    return d;
  })
  .attr("height", 10);
```



Ex03-2

- main.js
- Ex: the first rectangle attaches data value 20. So, in the iteration for the first rectangle d=20, i=0.
- This line set width of the first rectangle to 20

```
var data = [20, 10, 40];

d3.selectAll("rect")
  .data(data)
  .attr("x", 0)
  .attr("y", function(d, i){
    return i*15;
  })
  .attr("width", function(d, i){
    return d;
  })
  .attr("height", 10);
```



Ex03-2

- main.js
- Ex: the second rectangle attaches data value 10. So, in the iteration for the second rectangle d=10, i=1.
- This line set width of the second rectangle to 10

```
var data = [20, 10, 40];

d3.selectAll("rect")
  .data(data)
  .attr("x", 0)
  .attr("y", function(d, i){
    return i*15;
  })
  .attr("width", function(d, i){
    return d;
  })
  .attr("height", 10);
```



Ex03-2

- main.js
- Ex: the third rectangle attaches data value 40. So, in the iteration for the third rectangle d=40, i=2.
- This line set width of the third rectangle to 40

```
var data = [20, 10, 40];

d3.selectAll("rect")
  .data(data)
  .attr("x", 0)
  .attr("y", function(d, i){
    return i*15;
  })
  .attr("width", function(d, i){
    return d;
  })
  .attr("height", 10);
```



Ex03-2

- main.js
- Arrow function expression
 - A compact alternative to a function expression
- The following three expressions are the same

```
var data = [20, 10, 40];

d3.selectAll("rect")
  .data(data)
  .attr("x", 0)
  .attr("y", function(d, i){
    |   return i*15;
  })
  .attr("width", function(d, i){
    |   return d;
  })
  .attr("height", 10);
```

You can remove "function" but use "=>"

```
.attr("width", (d, i)=>{
  |   return d;
})
```

if the return statement is the only line in the function,
you can remove "return" and the "curly brackets"

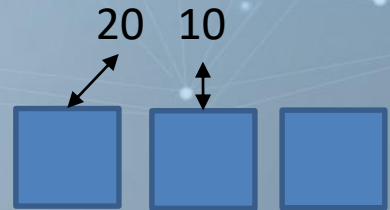
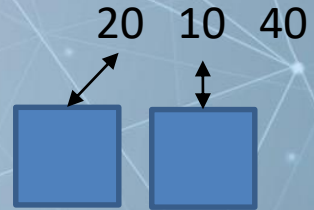
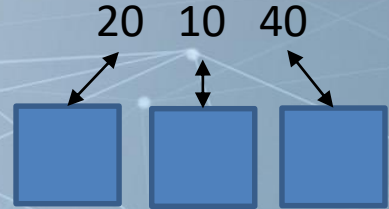
```
.attr("width", (d, i)=>d)
```

Try Ex03-2

- Run it and make sure you know how data binding works
 - (hard to understand but too important)
- And try the alternative function expressions

D3 Update Pattern

- In Ex02-3, the number of <rect> in index.html is the same of the number of values in data array
- What if the number of <rect> in index.html < the number of values in data array
 - Add elements
- What if the number of <rect> in index.html > the number of values in data array
 - Remove elements

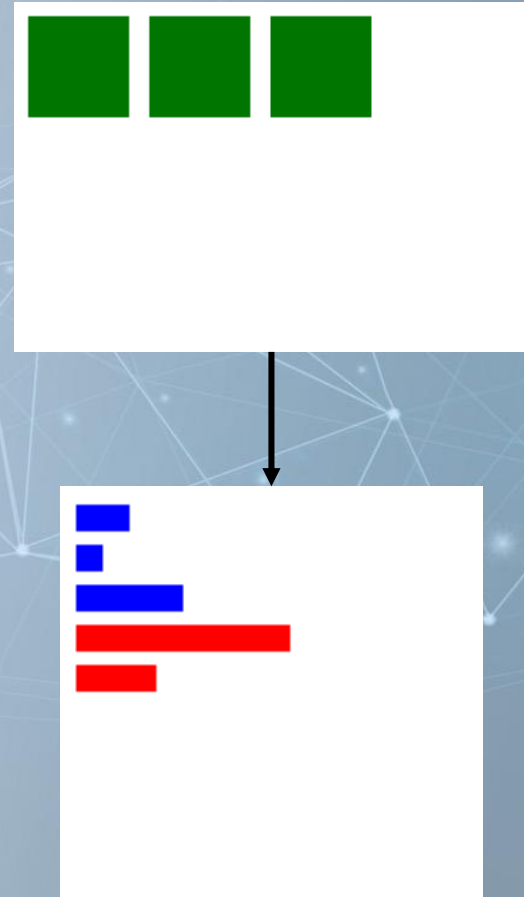


“enter” and “exit”

- After you select elements and bind data to them
- D3 automatically determines
 - how many elements should be added
 - **enter**
 - how many elements should be removed
 - **exit**

Ex03-3

- If we have data [20, 10, 40, 80, 30]
- But we only have three rectangles in index.html
- How to use the above data to show five bars (rectangles)
 - Color the old three rects by blue
 - Color the new two rect by red
- We have to get the hold of the old three rectangles and set their x, y, width, height and color by the corresponding data
- Then, append two more rectangles to “svg” and set their x, y, width, height and color by the corresponding data



Ex03-3

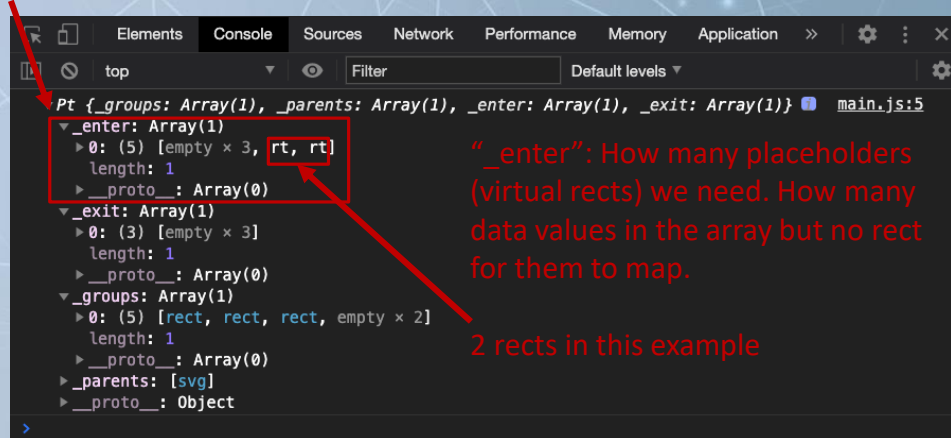
- main.js

```
var data = [20, 10, 40, 80, 30];  
  
var rects = d3.select("svg").selectAll("rect").data(data);  
  
console.log(rects);  
  
rects.exit().remove();  
  
rects.attr("x", 0)  
  .attr("y", function(d, i){  
    return i*15;  
  })  
  .attr("width", function(d, i){  
    return d;  
  })  
  .attr("height", 10)  
  .attr("fill", "blue");  
  
rects.enter()  
  .append("rect")  
  .attr("x", 0)  
  .attr("y", function(d, i){  
    return i*15;  
  })  
  .attr("width", function(d, i){  
    return d;  
  })  
  .attr("height", 10)  
  .attr("fill", "red");
```

Select all rectangles from svg and bind the data

Our data

What we have in "rects"



"_enter": How many placeholders (virtual rects) we need. How many data values in the array but no rect for them to map.

2 rects in this example

Ex03-3

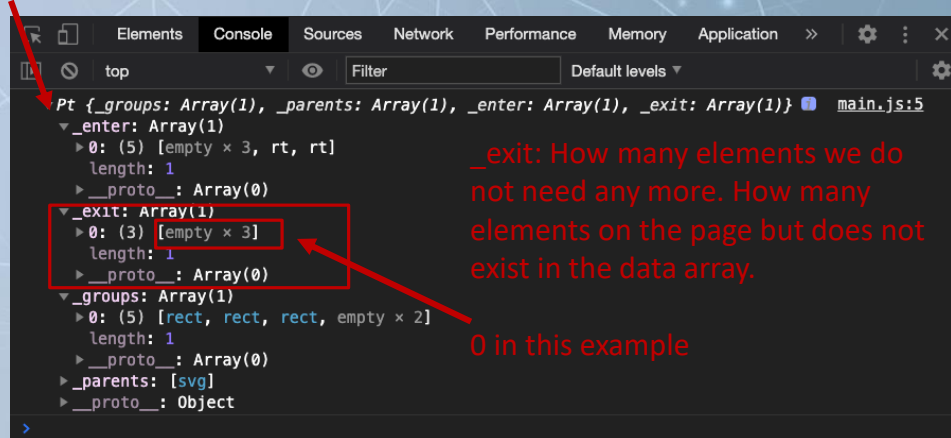
- main.js

```
var data = [20, 10, 40, 80, 30];  
  
var rects = d3.select("svg").selectAll("rect").data(data);  
  
console.log(rects);  
  
rects.exit().remove();  
  
rects.attr("x", 0)  
  .attr("y", function(d, i){  
    return i*15;  
  })  
  .attr("width", function(d, i){  
    return d;  
  })  
  .attr("height", 10)  
  .attr("fill", "blue");  
  
rects.enter()  
  .append("rect")  
  .attr("x", 0)  
  .attr("y", function(d, i){  
    return i*15;  
  })  
  .attr("width", function(d, i){  
    return d;  
  })  
  .attr("height", 10)  
  .attr("fill", "red");
```

Select all rectangles from svg and bind the data

Our data

What we have in "rects"



_exit: How many elements we do not need any more. How many elements on the page but does not exist in the data array.

0 in this example

Ex03-3

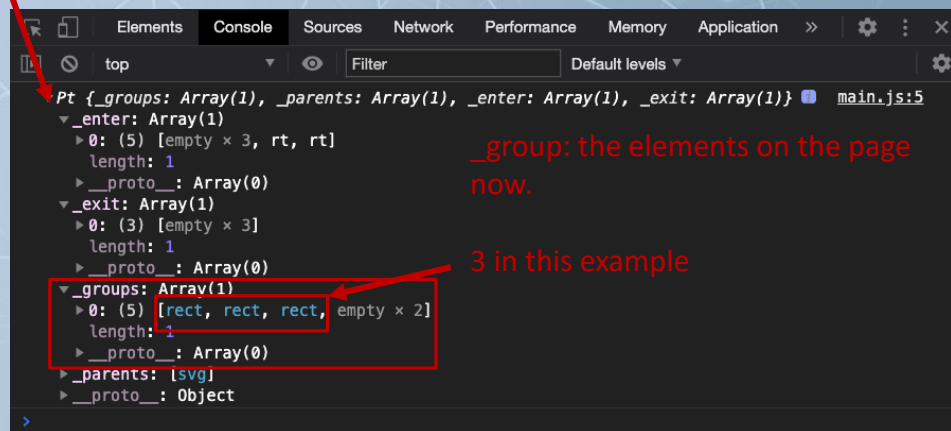
- main.js

```
var data = [20, 10, 40, 80, 30];  
  
var rects = d3.select("svg").selectAll("rect").data(data);  
  
console.log(rects);  
  
rects.exit().remove();  
  
rects.attr("x", 0)  
  .attr("y", function(d, i){  
    return i*15;  
  })  
  .attr("width", function(d, i){  
    return d;  
  })  
  .attr("height", 10)  
  .attr("fill", "blue");  
  
rects.enter()  
  .append("rect")  
  .attr("x", 0)  
  .attr("y", function(d, i){  
    return i*15;  
  })  
  .attr("width", function(d, i){  
    return d;  
  })  
  .attr("height", 10)  
  .attr("fill", "red");
```

Our data

What we have in "rects"

Select all rectangles from svg and bind the data



Ex03-3

- main.js

```
var data = [20, 10, 40, 80, 30];

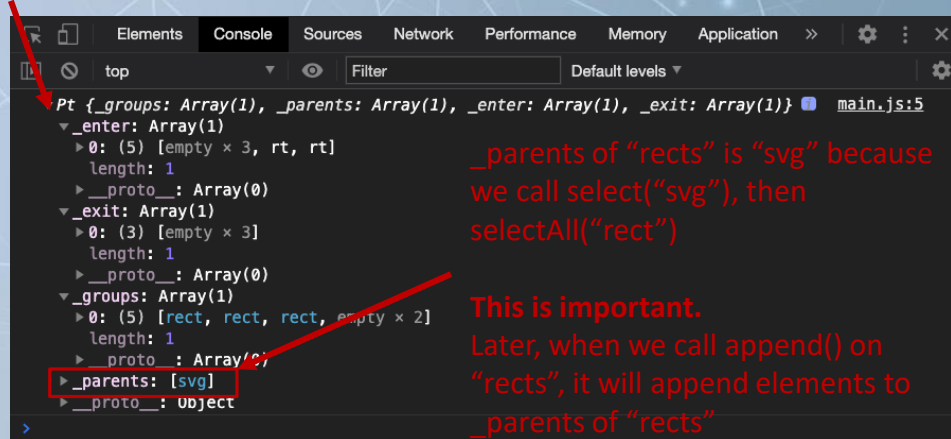
var rects = d3.select("svg").selectAll("rect").data(data);

console.log(rects); ← What we have in "rects"

rects.exit().remove();

rects.attr("x", 0)
    .attr("y", function(d, i){
        return i*15;
    })
    .attr("width", function(d, i){
        return d;
    })
    .attr("height", 10)
    .attr("fill", "blue");

rects.enter()
    .append("rect")
    .attr("x", 0)
    .attr("y", function(d, i){
        return i*15;
    })
    .attr("width", function(d, i){
        return d;
    })
    .attr("height", 10)
    .attr("fill", "red");
```



`_parents` of "rects" is "svg" because we call `select("svg")`, then `selectAll("rect")`

This is important.
Later, when we call `append()` on "rects", it will append elements to `_parents` of "rects"

Ex03-3

- main.js

```
var data = [20, 10, 40, 80, 30];

var rects = d3.select("svg").selectAll("rect").data(data);

console.log(rects);

rects.exit().remove();

rects.attr("x", 0)
    .attr("y", function(d, i){
        return i*15;
    })
    .attr("width", function(d, i){
        return d;
    })
    .attr("height", 10)
    .attr("fill", "blue");

rects.enter()
    .append("rect")
    .attr("x", 0)
    .attr("y", function(d, i){
        return i*15;
    })
    .attr("width", function(d, i){
        return d;
    })
    .attr("height", 10)
    .attr("fill", "red");
```

D3 Update Pattern

After binding the data

1. Exit – use `exit()` to remove the elements we do not need
2. Update – update the attributes of the existing elements
3. Enter – use `enter()` to append(add) new elements and set their attributes



Remove nothing in this example

Ex03-3

- main.js

```
var data = [20, 10, 40, 80, 30];

var rects = d3.select("svg").selectAll("rect").data(data);

console.log(rects);

rects.exit().remove();

rects.attr("x", 0)
  .attr("y", function(d, i){
    return i*15;
  })
  .attr("width", function(d, i){
    return d;
  })
  .attr("height", 10)
  .attr("fill", "blue");

rects.enter()
  .append("rect")
  .attr("x", 0)
  .attr("y", function(d, i){
    return i*15;
  })
  .attr("width", function(d, i){
    return d;
  })
  .attr("height", 10)
  .attr("fill", "red");
```

D3 Update Pattern

After binding the data

1. Exit – use exit() to remove the elements we do not need
2. **Update** – **update the attributes of the existing elements**
3. Enter – use enter() to append(add) new elements and set their attributes



“rects” indicates “_group”

Ex03-3

- main.js

```
var data = [20, 10, 40, 80, 30];

var rects = d3.select("svg").selectAll("rect").data(data);

console.log(rects);

rects.exit().remove();

rects.attr("x", 0)
    .attr("y", function(d, i){
        return i*15;
    })
    .attr("width", function(d, i){
        return d;
    })
    .attr("height", 10)
    .attr("fill", "blue");

rects.enter()
    .append("rect")
    .attr("x", 0)
    .attr("y", function(d, i){
        return i*15;
    })
    .attr("width", function(d, i){
        return d;
    })
    .attr("height", 10)
    .attr("fill", "red");
```

D3 Update Pattern

After binding the data

1. Exit – use `exit()` to remove the elements we do not need
2. Update – update the attributes of the existing elements
3. Enter – use `enter()` to **append(add) new elements and set their attributes**



Remember to `append()` first. Without `append()`, they does not exist in DOM (webpage)

Ex03-3

- main.js

```
var data = [20, 10, 40, 80, 30];

var rects = d3.select("svg").selectAll("rect").data(data);

console.log(rects);

rects.exit().remove();

rects.attr("x", 0)
    .attr("y", function(d, i){
        return i*15;
    })
    .attr("width", function(d, i){
        return d;
    })
    .attr("height", 10)
    .attr("fill", "blue");
```

Set their attributes by the data

```
rects.enter()
    .append("rect")
    .attr("x", 0)
    .attr("y", function(d, i){
        return i*15;
    })
    .attr("width", function(d, i){
        return d;
    })
    .attr("height", 10)
    .attr("fill", "red");
```

D3 Update Pattern

After binding the data

1. Exit – use `exit()` to remove the elements we do not need
2. Update – update the attributes of the existing elements
3. Enter – use `enter()` to **append(add)** new elements and set their attributes



Ex03-3

- main.js

```
var data = [20, 10, 40, 80, 30];

var rects = d3.select("svg").selectAll("rect").data(data);

console.log(rects);

rects.exit().remove();

rects.attr("x", 0)
    .attr("y", function(d, i){
        return i*15;
    })
    .attr("width", function(d, i){
        return d;
    })
    .attr("height", 10)
    .attr("fill", "blue");

rects.enter()
    .append("rect")
    .attr("x", 0)
    .attr("y", function(d, i){
        return i*15;
    })
    .attr("width", function(d, i){
        return d;
    })
    .attr("height", 10)
    .attr("fill", "red");
```

if we do not care about the “color” in this example.

After `exit()` and `enter().append()`, we can simply `selectAll(“rect”)` again from the `svg` and update the `rects`’ attributes by the data

(this an alternative way to set the attributes, but the code is shorter)

```
rects.exit().remove();
rects.enter().append("rect");
d3.select("svg").selectAll("rect")
    .attr("x", 0)
    .attr("y", function(d, i){
        return i*15;
    })
    .attr("width", function(d, i){
        return d;
    })
    .attr("height", 10);
```

Try it

- Run it
- Review the code and check the execution result
- Data binding and updating might be the most important part in D3. But, this might be also the most difficult part to be understood.
 - If you have any question, ask now.

Load External File

.csv
(comma separated values)

```
name,age
Tony,10
Jessica,12
Andrew,9
Emily,10
Richard,11
```

```
d3.csv("ages.csv").then(data =>{
  //code to use the data
});
```

.tsv
(tab separated values)

```
name    age
Tony    10
Jessica 12
Andrew  9
Emily   10
Richard 11
```

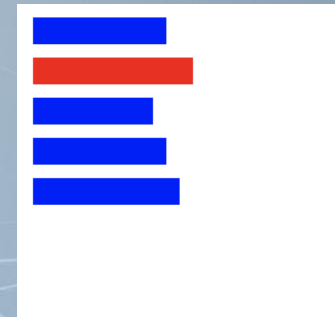
```
d3.tsv("ages.tsv").then(data =>{
  //code to use the data
});
```

.json
(Javascript object Notation)

```
{
  "name": "Tony",
  "age": "10"
},
{
  "name": "Jessica",
  "age": "12"
},
{
  "name": "Andrew",
  "age": "9"
},
{
  "name": "Emily",
  "age": "10"
},
{
  "name": "Richard",
  "age": "11"
}
```

```
d3.json("ages.json").then(data =>{
  //code to use the data
});
```

Ex03-4



- Load age.csv file and draw bars
- File
 - index.html
 - main.js

index.html

```
<!doctype html>
<html>
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <meta name="description" content="">
  <title>D3 Example</title>
</head>
<body>
  <svg width="1000" height="1000">
  </svg>

  <script src="https://d3js.org/d3.v5.min.js"></script>
  <script src="main.js"></script>
</body>
</html>
```

Keep svg only in index.html

Ex03-4

- main.js

If d3 loads the file successfully, it put the data in the variable "data"

Code to use/visualize the data

```
d3.csv("ages.csv").then(data =>{
  console.log(data);

  data.forEach(function(d){
    d.age = Number(d.age);
  });

  console.log(data);

  let rects = d3.select("svg")
    .selectAll("rect")
    .data(data);

  rects.enter()
    .append("rect")
    .attr("x", 0)
    .attr("y", function(d, i){
      return i*15;
    })
    .attr("width", function(d, i){
      return d.age * 5;
    })
    .attr("height", 10)
    .attr("fill", function(d, i){
      if( d.name === "Jessica"){
        return "red";
      }else{
        return "blue";
      }
    })
    .catch(function(error){
      console.log(error);
    });
});
```

Ex03-4

- main.js

```
name,age
Tony,10
Jessica,12
Andrew,9
Emily,10
Richard,11
```

```
▼ (5) [{...}, {...}, {...}, {...}, {...}, columns: Array(2)] ⓘ
  ▶ 0: {name: "Tony", age: "10"}
  ▶ 1: {name: "Jessica", age: "12"}
  ▶ 2: {name: "Andrew", age: "9"}
  ▶ 3: {name: "Emily", age: "10"}
  ▶ 4: {name: "Richard", age: "11"}
  ▶ columns: (2) ["name", "age"]
      length: 5
  ▶ __proto__: Array(0)
```

What the “data” looks like
(array of dictionary and all strings)

```
d3.csv("ages.csv").then(data =>{
  console.log(data);

  data.forEach(function(d){
    d.age = Number(d.age);
  });

  console.log(data);

  let rects = d3.select("svg")
    .selectAll("rect")
    .data(data);

  rects.enter()
    .append("rect")
    .attr("x", 0)
    .attr("y", function(d, i){
      return i*15;
    })
    .attr("width", function(d, i){
      return d.age * 5;
    })
    .attr("height", 10)
    .attr("fill", function(d, i){
      if( d.name === "Jessica"){
        return "red";
      }else{
        return "blue";
      }
    });
})
).catch(function(error){
  console.log(error);
});
```

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A way to iterate through all data and convert some attributes to “number”

```
▼ (5) [{...}, {...}, {...}, {...}, {...}, columns: Array(2)] ⓘ  
  ▶ 0: {name: "Tony", age: 10}  
  ▶ 1: {name: "Jessica", age: 12}  
  ▶ 2: {name: "Andrew", age: 9}  
  ▶ 3: {name: "Emily", age: 10}  
  ▶ 4: {name: "Richard", age: 11}  
  ▶ columns: (2) ["name", "age"]  
    length: 5  
  ▶ __proto__: Array(0)
```

```
d3.csv("ages.csv").then(data =>{  
  console.log(data);  
  
  data.forEach(function(d){  
    d.age = Number(d.age);  
  });  
  
  console.log(data);  
  
  let rects = d3.select("svg")  
    .selectAll("rect")  
    .data(data);  
  
  rects.enter()  
    .append("rect")  
    .attr("x", 0)  
    .attr("y", function(d, i){  
      return i*15;  
    })  
    .attr("width", function(d, i){  
      return d.age * 5;  
    })  
    .attr("height", 10)  
    .attr("fill", function(d, i){  
      if( d.name === "Jessica"){  
        return "red";  
      }else{  
        return "blue";  
      }  
    })  
    .catch(function(error){  
      console.log(error);  
    });  
});
```

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  ► columns: (2) ["name", "age"]  
    length: 5  
  ► __proto__: Array(0)
```

Add rects to the svg
“age” in the data determines lengths of bars
“name” to determine bar colors

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      }  
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}
```

```
).catch(function(error){  
  console.log(error);  
});
```

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Handle the error: e.g. if d3 cannot find the file
(the error message is stored in "error" variable)

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  data.forEach(function(d){
    d.age = Number(d.age);
  });

  console.log(data);

  let rects = d3.select("svg")
    .selectAll("rect")
    .data(data);

  rects.enter()
    .append("rect")
    .attr("x", 0)
    .attr("y", function(d, i){
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    .attr("height", 10)
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    })
    .catch(function(error){
      console.log(error);
    });
});
```

Load External File (old version)

- Before v5.x (callback)
 - You might see the following code to load external file

```
d3.csv("ages.csv", function(data){  
    //code to process data  
})
```