# D3: Working with Data

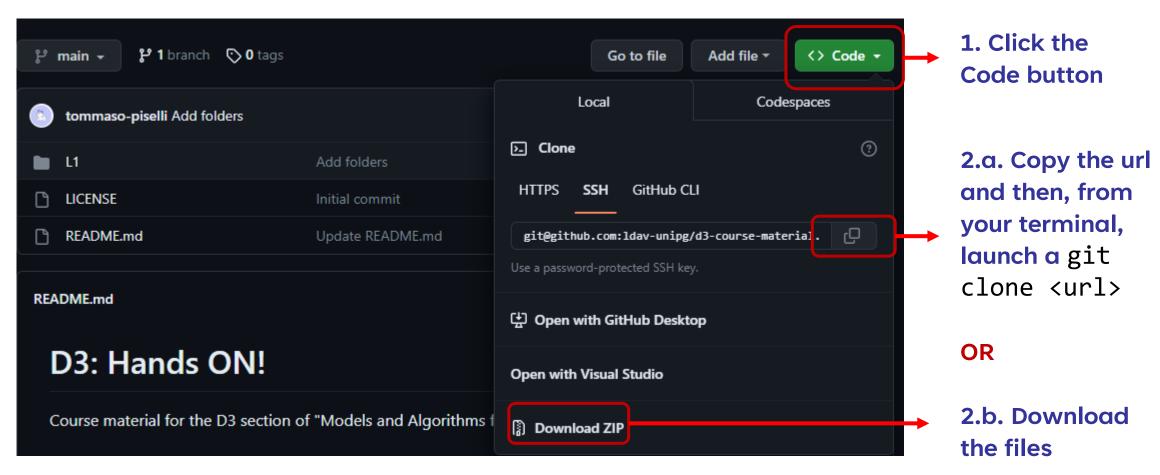
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#### **Recall:** How these lectures work

- This series of lessons is meant to be interactive.
- The practical part will be accompanied by summary slides to resume the main concepts that we study.
- if you see a blue coder icon in the current slide (like the one in the bottom left corner), then it means that in that slide we are producing some code (and you are highly invited to try it and code yourself).
- For these lessons there is a Github repo (this) that you can clone (or download) with all the initial projects to follow the lessons.
  - This repo includes folders for each lesson.
  - You will find some starting code and the complete one.
  - More about this later.



#### **Recall:** How to access the code files



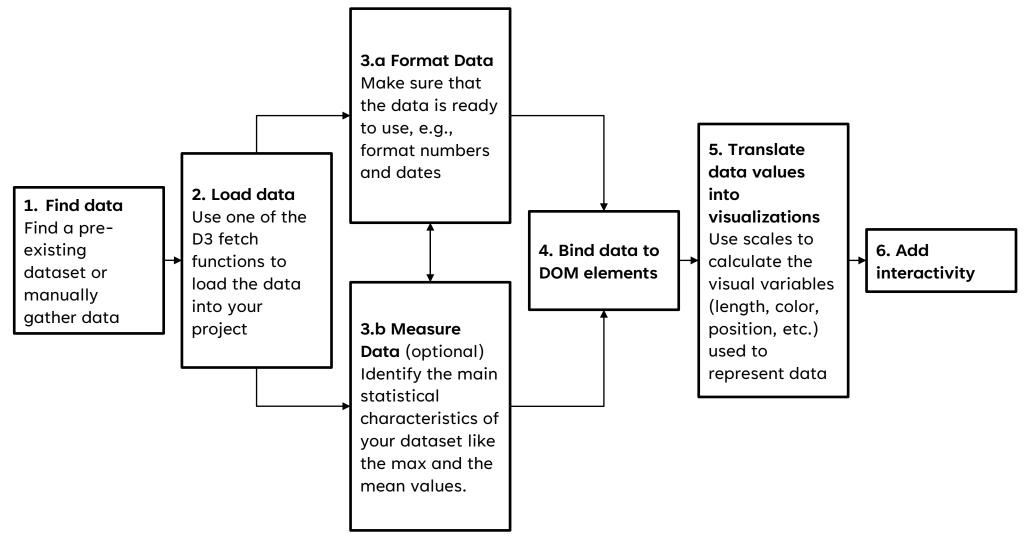


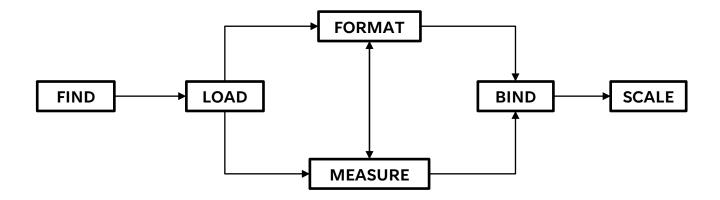
#### **Recall:** Course Material

- Slides for Theory
- Github repo for starting code, written guides and practical exercises

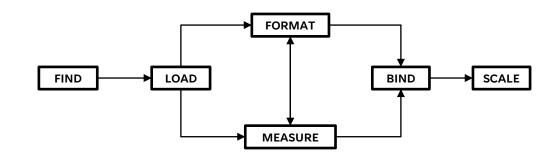
#### Other Material:

- MDN for anything related the Web
- "Programmazione per Internet e Web" material
- All the slides are based on "D3.js in Action, Third Edition" book



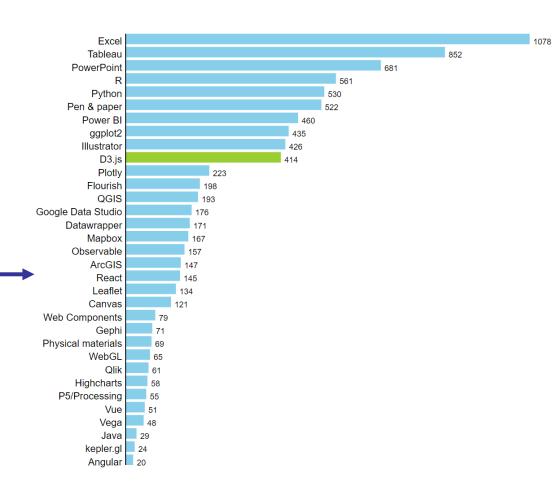


- In the first half, we will discuss a data workflow that can be applied to D3 projects (and, in general, to any data visualization project).
  - Finding (and cleaning) Data.
  - Load Data to a D3 project.
  - Formatting the Dataset.
  - Measures.
  - Binding Data to a Visualization.
  - Scale the Data to fit the screen.
- In the second half of the lesson we will draw a more complex visualization using svg paths and some D3 functions.

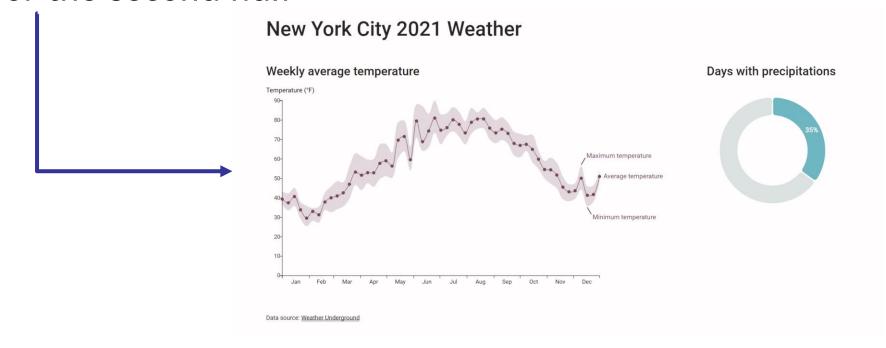


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# D3: Data Handling

For a written guide of this tutorial, please refer to the **README.md** file in the **L3** folder. You can open the file either in VSCode or Github.



This tutorial was taken from Chapter 3 of "D3.js in Action, Third Edition"

### **Finding Data**

Some useful links for open datasets.

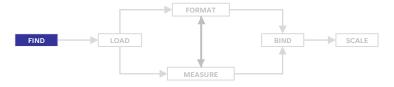
#### Mostly non-relational:

- https://www.cs.ubc.ca/group/infovis/resources.shtml#data-repos
- https://data.world/datasets/open-data
- https://www.kaggle.com/datasets
- <a href="https://www.tableau.com/learn/articles/free-public-data-sets">https://www.tableau.com/learn/articles/free-public-data-sets</a>

#### Relational:

- https://visdunneright.github.io/gd\_benchmark\_sets/
- Graph Drawing contest (creative topic of the various editions):
  - https://mozart.diei.unipg.it/gdcontest/history/

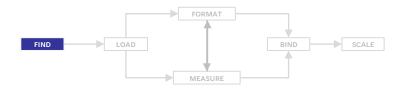




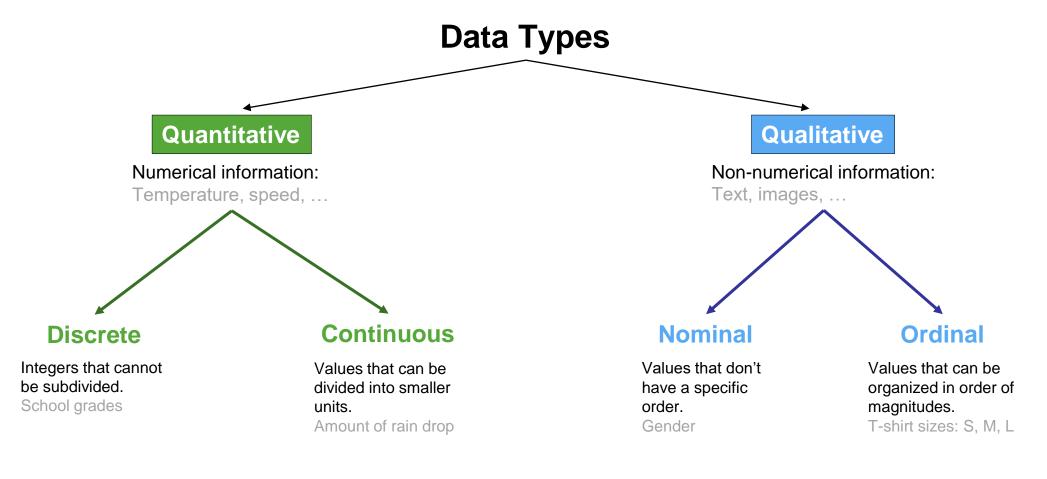
### **Finding Data**

- In data visualization, there are two main types of data:
  - Quantitative: numerical information (e.g., temperature)
  - Qualitative: textual information (e.g., names)
- Using D3, we will work with different formats of datasets.
- The most common ones are:
  - Tabular dataset => csv files
  - JavaScript Objects => JSON files

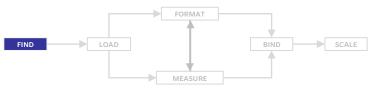




## Finding Data





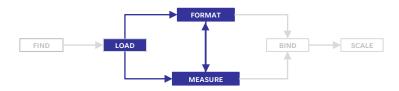


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- Format everything,
- Measure different aspects of the data.



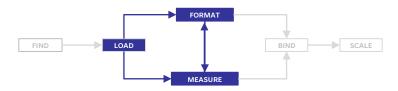


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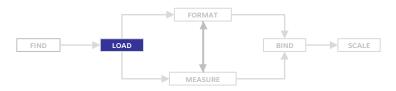


#### **Loading Data**

- D3 has different functions to load data into the project, depending on their type:
  - d3.csv(filePath)
  - d3.json(filePath)
  - and many more (see, for reference, the <u>d3-fetch docs</u>)
- As it loads, D3 transforms the dataset into an array of objects.

```
d3.csv("./data/data.csv", (d) => {console.log(d);});
```



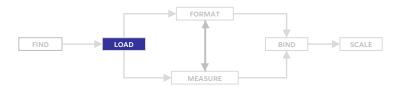


#### **Loading Data**

- Loading is an asynchronous process.
  - This means that the browser continues to read and execute the script while the data is being loaded.
  - To wait for the data to be fully available we can use the <u>then()</u> method for <u>JS</u> <u>Promises</u>.
  - The callback function of then() gives us access to the entire dataset once it is loaded.

```
d3.csv("./data/data.csv", (d) => {
// ...
}).then((data) => {
console.log(data);
});
```



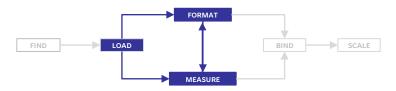


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- The callback function of d3.CSV() is called the row conversion function:
  - It gives access to data row by row.
- So, the previous example has this output in the console:

```
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▼ Object 1
   count: "147"
   technology: "ArcGIS"
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▼ Object 1
    count: "414"
   technology: "D3.js"
  ▶ [[Prototype]]: Object
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   technology: "Angular"
  ▶ [[Prototype]]: Object
▼ Object i
   count: "171"
   technology: "Datawrapper"
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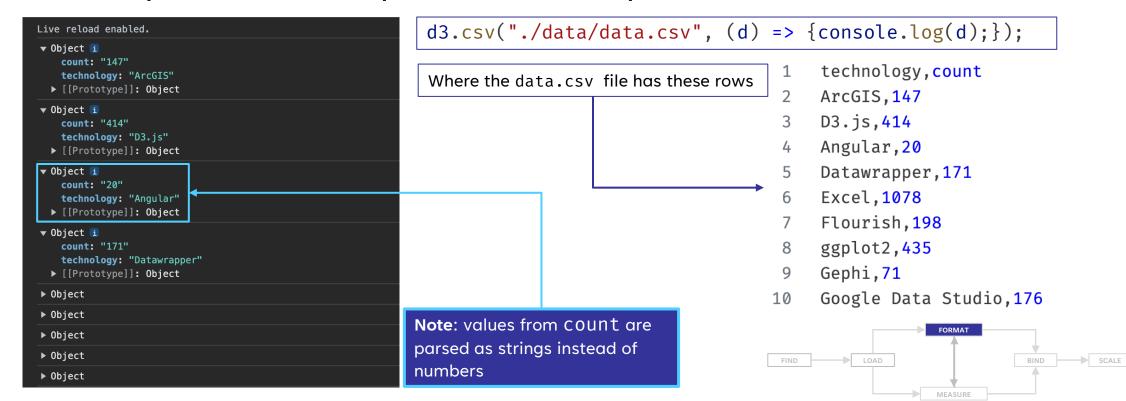
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SCALE



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- Since the callback function gives us the data one row at a time, it is a great place to start doing some formatting.
- In this way, data will be ready to use for any visualization.

```
d3.csv("./data/data.csv", (d) => {
console.log(`technology: ${d.technology}, count:
${+d.count}`);
});
```

- Here, we use a key-value formatting for the data.
- This is very handy if you need to clean up your dataset from useless information stored in some columns.
- However, if you need them all, you can wait to load the whole dataset before doing the formatting.

```
technology: ArcGIS, count: 147

technology: D3.js, count: 414

technology: Angular, count: 20

technology: Datawrapper, count: 171

technology: Excel, count: 1078

technology: Flourish, count: 198

technology: ggplot2, count: 435

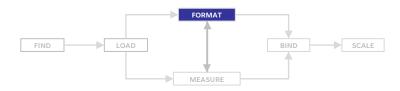
technology: Gephi, count: 71

technology: Google Data Studio, count: 176

technology: Highcharts, count: 58

technology: Illustrator, count: 426
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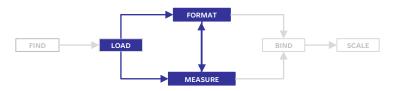


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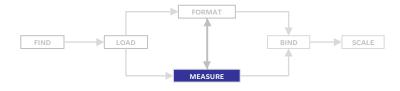




- Now, we can finally see the JS Promise in Action.
- Once the data is loaded, the Promise is fulfilled.
- The dataset is available in the callback of the then()
  method.
- Instead of just logging our formatted rows, we first create a JS object, storing the key-value pairs.
- Then, if we want to log the complete dataset of our example, we can write:

```
d3.csv("./data/data.csv", (d) => {
return { technology: d.technology, count: +d.count };
}).then((data) => { console.log(data);});
```





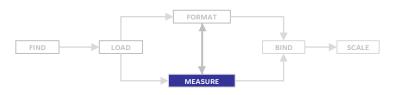
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}).then((data) => { console.log(data);});
```

#### Our data are now converted into an array of JS Objects!

```
main.js:11

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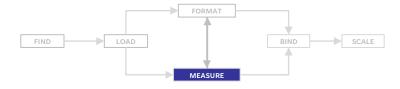




- We can achieve the same result, but with an automatic conversion.
- The function d3.autoType detects data types and converts them into the corresponding JS type.
  - However, we know that the dynamic duo JS-type is not famous to be a clear and systematic concept.
  - If you want to be sure to have the correct conversion, continue to do it with the manual operation (or use <a href="TypeScript">TypeScript</a>).

```
d3.csv("./data/data.csv", d3.autoType};
}).then((data) => { console.log(data);});
```

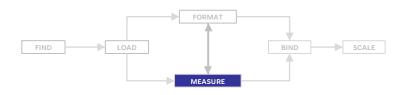




- We can start to explore and measure the properties of this dataset.
- The most common methods are:
  - data.length: number of entries in the dataset
  - d3.max(iterable element, accessor function): max element in the iterable element
  - d3.min(iterable element, accessor function): min element in the iterable element.
  - d3.extent(iterable element, accessor function): returns an array containing the min and the max.

```
d3.max(data, d => d.count); // 1078
d3.min(data, d => d.count); // 20
d3.extent(data, d => d.count) // [20, 1078]
```





- To enhance the readability of the dataset, we can sort our data.
- To do so, we use the JS sort() method.
- It takes a <u>compare function</u> as an argument.
- Here we are saying that, if the count of b is greater than the count of a, b should appear before a in the dataset (descending sort).

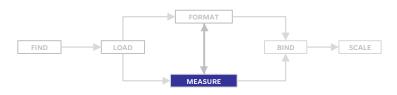
```
data.sort((a, b) => b.count - a.count);
```

#### **BEFORE**

#### **AFTER**

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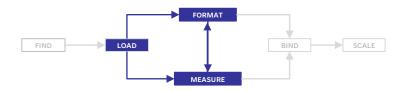




#### Preparing Data: Overview

- 1) Loading data with a fetch function
- Format the data (row conversion)
- 3) Chain then() to access the entire dataset when is completely loaded.
  - a) (Optional) Refactor the data.
  - b) (Optional) Measure the data.
- 4) Pass the data to another function that will handle the visualization.



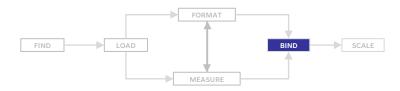


- Data-Binding is one of the most useful features of D3.
- We can couple single pieces of the dataset to DOM elements.
  - Examples:
    - bind the length of a rectangle in a barchart to a number in our dataset;
    - bind the degree of a pie chart to a percentage from the data.
- The pattern used to bind data is the following one:

```
selectAll("selector").data(myData).join("element")
```

Note: you can find, for older versions of D3, the pattern enter().append("element") in place of join("element").

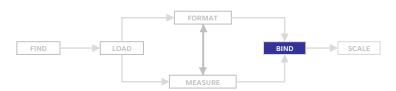




- So, the data binding pattern generates as many SVG elements as there are data points.
- Once the elements are generated, we then access their attributes through inline functions.
- Data bound to an element is also passed to its children.

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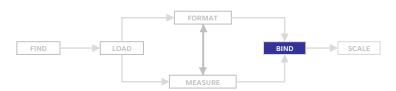




```
selectAll("rect").data(data).join("rect")
```

- For example, we want to add one rectangle for each data point in our dataset.
- The first instruction selectAll("rect") will select elements that are not yet present in our DOM.
- This is called empty selection.

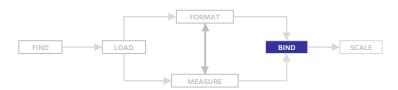




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- To tell the DOM how many rectangles it needs to place, we chain the data() method.
- The parameter of this method is our dataset.



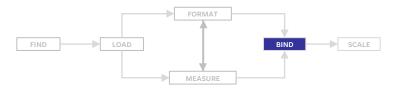


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- Finally, the rectangles can enter the DOM with the join() method.
- If we look in the HTML page, we can see
   the following
- So, in D3, the selection becomes the combination of the DOM elements and the data together.

```
▼ <div class="responsive-svg-container">
  ▼<svg viewBox="0 0 1200 1600" style="border: 1px solid black;"> == $0
     <rect></rect>
     <rect></rect>
```

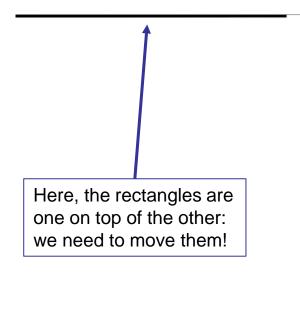


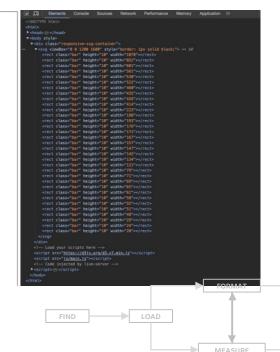


## Setting attributes dynamically

- Now, we can access the created elements in the DOM to dynamically set their attributes.
- In the following code, we set the same class for all the elements, the height equals to a constant meanwhile the width is read from the count value of each data point.

```
const barHeight = 10;
d3.select("svg")
.selectAll("rect")
.data(data)
.join("rect")
.attr("class", "bar")
.attr("height", barHeight)
.attr("width", (d) => d.count);
```





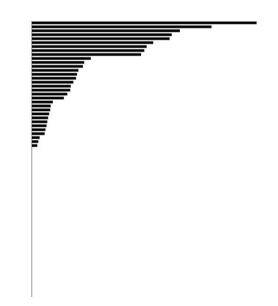


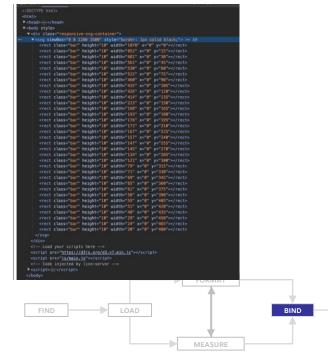
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```
(0,0)
(0,barHeight + spacing)
(0,2*(barHeight + spacing))
```

For now, we are doing this operation manually by setting X and Y ourselves.

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.data(data)
.join("rect")
.attr("class", "bar")
.attr("height", barHeight)
.attr("width", (d) => d.count)
.attr("x", 0)
.attr("y", (d, i) => i *
(barHeight + 5));
```



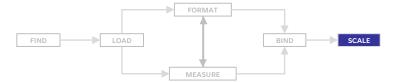




#### Adapting Data for the Screen

- In D3, the translation from data to screen is handled with scales.
- Scales map a dimension of abstract data to a visual representation.
  - Usually, the output of a scale is the position, the size, or the color of the element.
- More formally, in D3 we have:
  - domain(): all the possible values of the input;
  - range(): spectrum of all the output values.
- D3 has multiple scale functions. We will use:
  - Linear Scale: for quantitative data (continuous domain/continuous range)
  - Band Scale: for categorical/ordinal data (discrete domain/continuous range)
  - If you want to learn more about other scales: <u>d3-scale</u>





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For example:

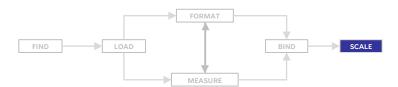
```
const myScale = d3.scaleLinear().domain([0, 100]).range([0, 1000]);
```

Here, if we want to try the scale:

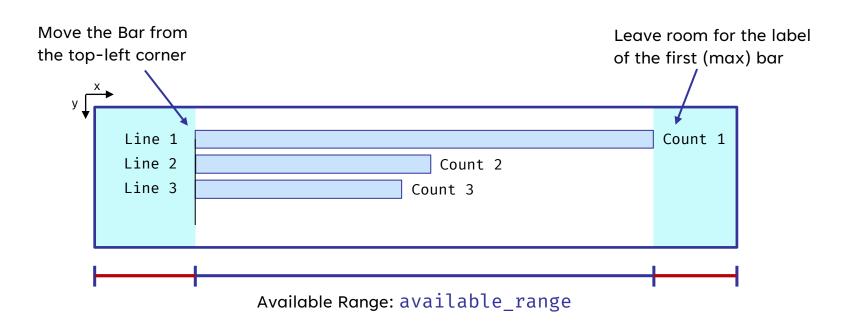
```
myScale(50); // 500
```

- The scale is linear, meaning that every 1 unit in the domain is mapped to its value multiplied by 10.
- How to use scales in our example?
  - We create two scales: one for fitting the data on the x-axis and one for the y-axis.





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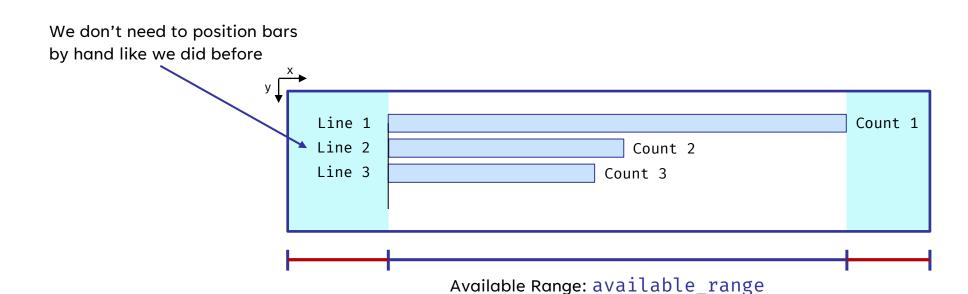
```
const xScale = d3.linearScale().domain([0, Count1]).range([0, available_range]);
```

```
attr("width", d => xScale(d.count));
...
```





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```
const yScale = d3.scaleBand().domain(data.map(d => d.technology)).range([0, svgHeight]);
...
attr("y", d => yScale(d.technology));
...
To compute the thickness of the bar, we can use
```

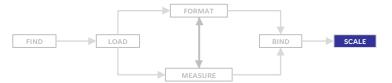
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## Adding labels to a chart

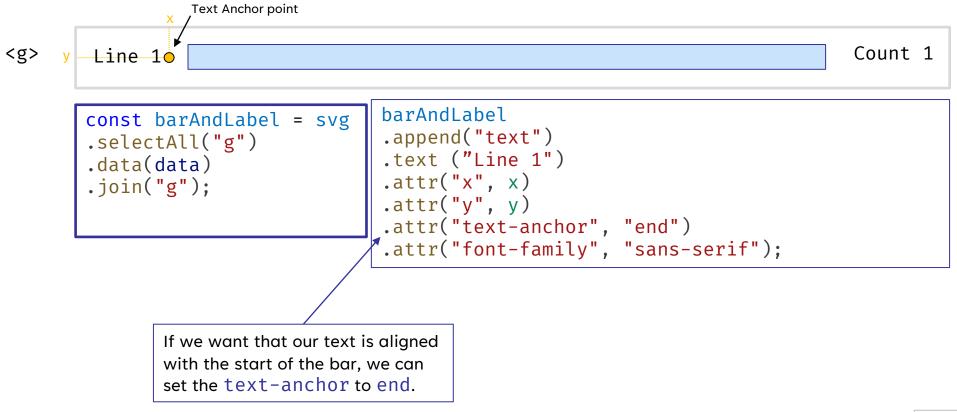
- In SVG-based images, we add labels with SVG text elements.
- Our strategy is the following:
  - We need to add two labels to our bars, one for the technology name and one for the count number.
  - We then group bars and labels together into a HTML <g> element so that we can translate everything in one go.





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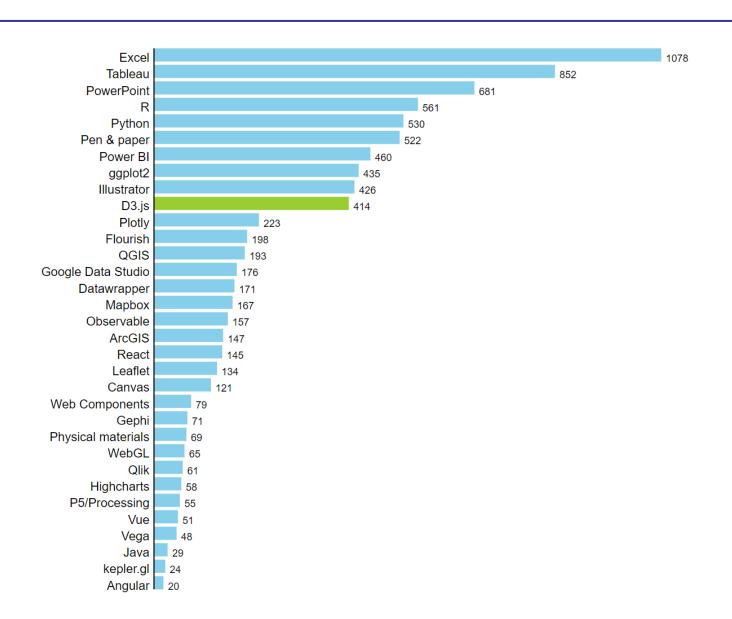
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```
x + margin + xScale(d.count)
                                                                                 o Count 1 v
<g>
        Line 1
                                    barAndLabel
       const barAndLabel = svg
                                     .append("text")
       .selectAll("g")
                                     .text ("Count 1")
        .data(data)
                                     .attr("x", x + xScale(d.count) + margin)
       .join("g");
                                     .attr("font-family", "sans-serif");
                           Here x is the starting point of the
                           previous label.
```





#### Visualization





## D3: Drawing Functions

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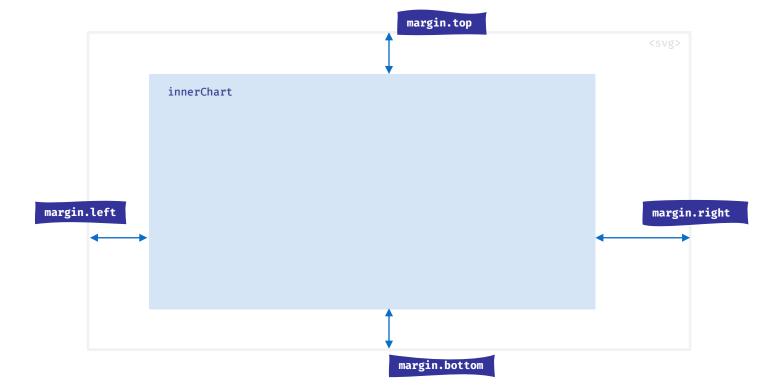
## D3 and paths

- In the last tutorial, we built a bar chart using only SVG primitives.
- However, to create more complex visualizations, we will generally use SVG paths.
- The shape of an SVG path is determined by its d attribute:
  - As we already saw in the previous lesson, the d attribute of a path can become very long, very fast.
- In this second tutorial, we will learn how to use D3 shape generators to automatically draw paths.



## D3 Margin Convention

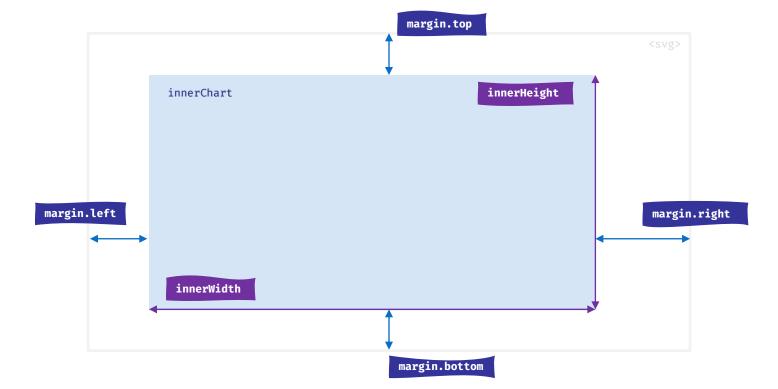
- Before introducing the shape generators, we will briefly talk about the Margin Convention and Axes Generator.
- D3 Margin Convention is a summary of best practices, aimed at reserving space around a chart for axes, labels, and legend in a systematic and reusable way.
- This convention use a top, right, bottom, and left margin.
- By defining these margins, we know the remaining area for the chart, usually called the Inner Chart.





## D3 Margin Convention

- If we know the size of the SVg container and the margins, we can compute the innerWidth and innerHeight of the chart.
- By making these two variables proportional to the margins and the svg container size, we ensure that they will automatically adjust if we need to change these margins.
  - In fact, for now we are just guessing how much space we need to reserve.





## **D3 Margin Convention**

- A useful strategy is to wrap the elements constituting the chart itself into an SVG group and position this group inside the SVG container based on the margins.
- This creates a new origin for the chart elements and facilitates their implementation.



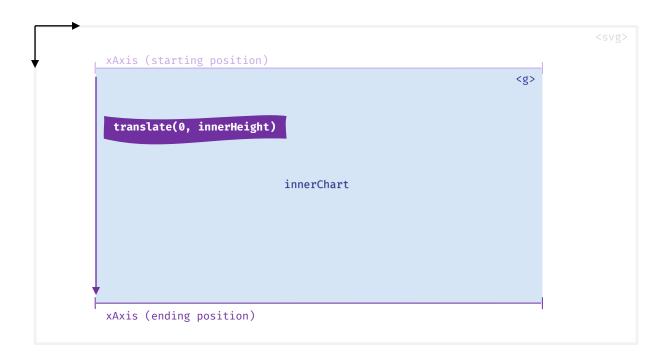


## D3 Generating Axes

- Axes are references for the reader to better understand the numbers and values represented in the chart.
- D3 has four axis generators:
  - axisTop(), axisRight(), axisBottom(), and axisLeft(), that create the components of top, right, bottom, and left axis, respectively.
- These axis generators take a scale as an input and return the SVG elements composing an axis as an output (a line along the axis and multiple sets of tick and label).
- We append an axis to a chart by chaining the call()
  method to a selection and passing the axis as an argument.

## D3 Generating Axis

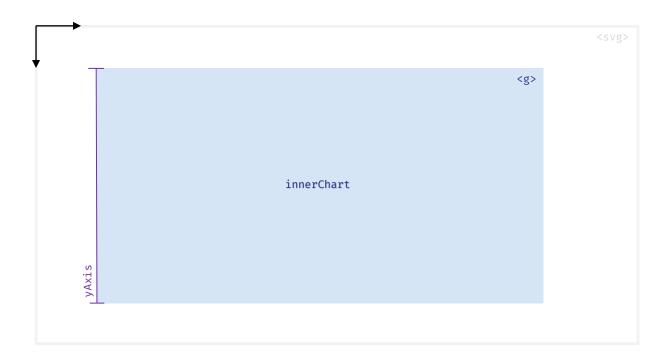
- We usually use the axis.bottom() and axis.left() for the x-axis and y-axis, respectively.
- By default, D3 axes are displayed at the top-left corner of the selection.
  - Note for the yScale: the starting point of the range is the maxValue, and the last value is the minValue.
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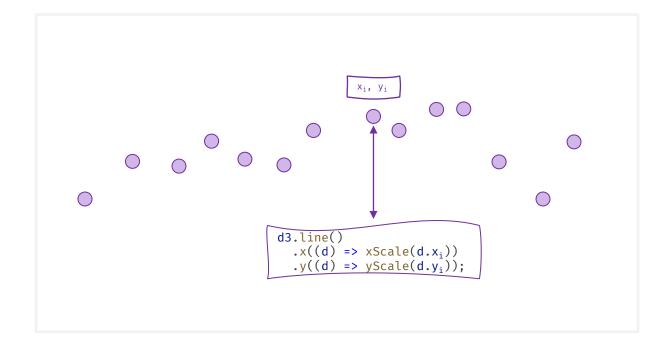


- Line charts are lines (or curves) connecting (or interpolating) data points.
  - They are usually used to show the evolution of a phenomenon over time.
- To draw a line chart, we first initialize a line generator with the method d3.line().
  - This will compute the d attribute of the path for us.
- The line generator has two accessor functions, x() and y(),
  which compute each data point's horizontal and vertical position.

```
const lineGenerator = d3.line()
   .x((d) => xScale(d.x))
   .y((d) => yScale(d.y));
```



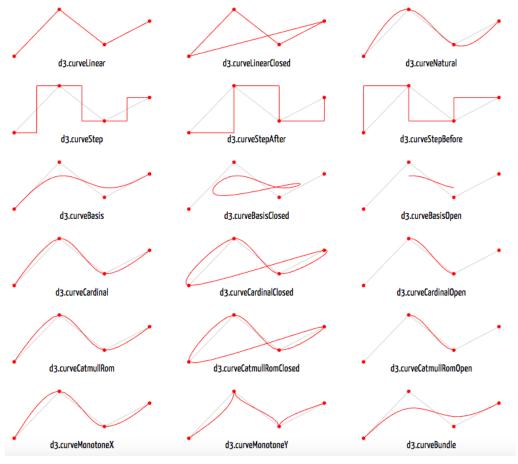
```
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   .y((d) => yScale(d.y));
```





- We can turn a line chart into a curve with the curve() accessor function.
- D3 offers multiple curve interpolation functions, which affect data representation and must be selected carefully.

```
const curveGenerator = d3
   .line()
   .x((d) => xScale(d.x))
   .y((d) => yScale(d.y))
   .curve(d3.curveCatmullRom);
```





 To make a line chart appear on the screen, we append a path element to a selection and set its d attribute by calling the line generator and passing the dataset as an attribute.

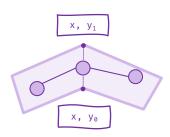
```
innerChart
    .append("path")
    .attr("d", lineGenerator(data))
    .attr("fill", "none")
    .attr("stroke", purple);
```



## Drawing the Area

- An area is a region between two boundaries, and drawing an area with D3 is like drawing a line.
- To draw an area, we first declare an area generator with the method d3.area().
  - This method requires at least three accessor functions to calculate the position of each data point along the edges of the area.

```
d3.area()
   .x((d) => xScale(d.xValue))
   .y0((d) => yScale(d.y0Value))
   .y1((d) => yScale(d.y1Value));
```





## Drawing the Area

- All the things we saw for lines are still valid for areas. In particular:
  - D3 provides interpolation functions that can be applied with the curve() accessor function.
  - To make an area appear on the screen, we **append a path** element to a selection and set its d attribute by calling the area generator and passing the dataset as an attribute.

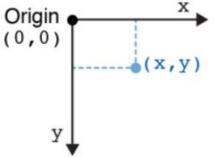
```
innerChart
    .append("path")
    .attr("d", areaGenerator(data))
    .attr("fill", aubergine)
    .attr("fill-opacity", 0.2)
```



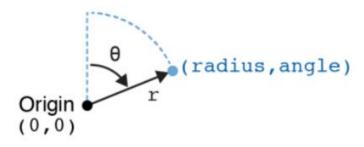
## **Drawing Arcs**

- Arcs are a common shape in pie charts.
- Like lines and areas, arcs are drawn with SVG paths.
- It is easier to work with a polar coordinates system when working with arcs:

SVG cartesian coordinate system



Polar coordinate system

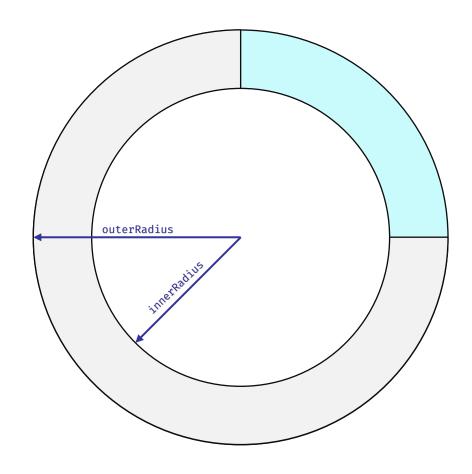




## **Drawing Arcs**

- We can use the d3.arc() function to compute the chart.
- It requires two main accessor function:
  - innerRadius(radius1)
  - outerRadius(radius2)
- Then, one can also add, by chaining:
  - padAngle(radians): to add padding
  - cornerRadius(pixels): to smooth the corner

```
const arcGenerator = d3.arc()
    .innerRadius(radius1)
    .outerRadius(radius2)
    .padAngle(radians)
    .cornerRadius(pixels);
```



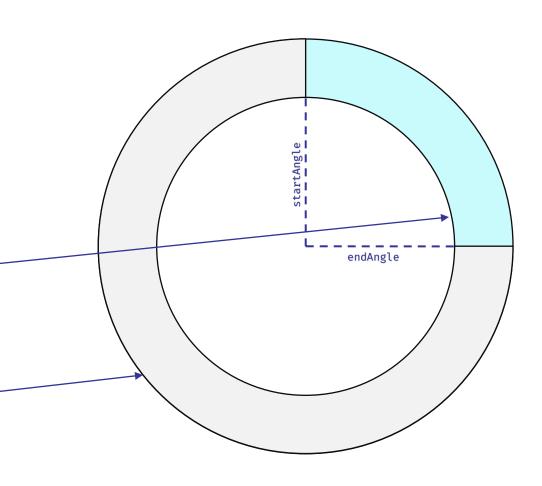


## **Drawing Arcs**

- We can manually compute the start and end angle for our chart.
  - These values can then be passed to the generator.

```
innerChart.append("path").attr("d", () => {
  return arcGenerator({
    startAngle: 0,
    endAngle: endAngle,
  });
});
```

```
innerChart.append("path").attr("d", () => {
  return arcGenerator({
    startAngle: endAngle,
    endAngle: 2*Math.PI,
  });
});
```





# D3: Improving Readability

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## **Adding Labels**

- Labels are particularly useful to help readers understand our data visualizations.
- In D3, labels are simply **text elements** that we need to position within the SVG container.
  - The position of SVG text is controlled by its x and y attributes.
- The y attribute sets the position of the text's baseline, which by default is positioned at its bottom.
- We shift the baseline of a SVG text with the attribute dominant-baseline.
- The value middle moves the baseline to the vertical middle of the text, while the value hanging, shifts the baseline to the top.

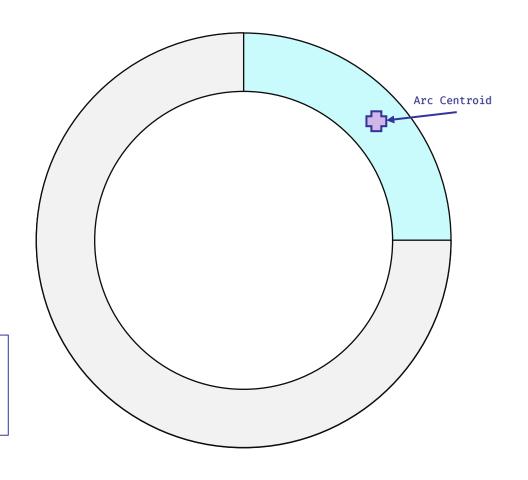




## Calculating the centroid of an Arc

- The center of mass of an arc can be calculated with the centroid() method.
- Chained to an arc generator, this accessor function returns an array containing the horizontal and vertical position of the center of mass.

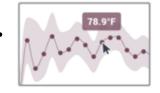
```
const centroid = arcGenerator
    .startAngle(0)
    .endAngle(angleDaysWithPrecipitations_rad)
    .centroid();
```





## Add Tooltips

- Tooltips are the simplest interaction that one can add to a visualization.
- They enhance the readability of the chart by showing some information of the data without over-pollute the visualization.
- Tooltips are shown on mouseover.



- When building tooltips, it is best to avoid obstructing the view of the adjacent markers.
  - One trick is to make the tooltip's background semi-transparent.



## Add Tooltips

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