Team Project

The Big Picture

Objectives

- Building up skills in developing web-based visualization tools
- Enhancing the understanding of theories related to visual perception and visual analytics

Goal

- Developing visual analytic tools to support data analysis in a scenario
 - To support data analysis, not to conduct data analysis!

Final delivery

- A web-site with a set of visualization tools for specific analytical tasks
- A final project report

Other deliveries: four progress reports

 Project description, data pre-processing, visualization design, implementation

What Are You Expected to Do?

- Clearly define the analytical tasks
- Prepare data for your tasks
- Build up several visualization tools to support the tasks.
 - A functional web site to support an analytical process.

Data

- You choose a dataset for your project.
- Some ideas:
 - From the research project you are involved in
 - Tasks may be clearly defined by your research team.
 - From open data sets you can find online
 - Tasks may be unclear and can be defined by you.
 - E.g., Analysis of spatial and temporal patterns of reported crimes in Penn State.
 - From VAST challenges.
 - Tasks are given.

Work as A Group

- Programming work may not be handled by one single person.
- Group size: 4

Use VAST Challenge 2014 as An Example

Background of VAST Challenge

- A contest event in the IEEE Visual Analytics Science and Technology Conference
 - Understanding the use of VAST tools
 - Benchmarking VAST designs
 - Offering useful datasets for VAST education
- Artificial data sets with a ground truth
- Different topics each year

VAST Challenge in 2014

- Story
 - Some people in a company were missing.
 - An organization was suspected to be involved.
 - A visual analytics specialist was brought in to help the investigation.
- Three Mini Challenges (MC)
 - Focusing on different types of data and issues
- One Grand Challenge
 - Putting pieces together to tell who were involved, and what the police could do.

MC 1

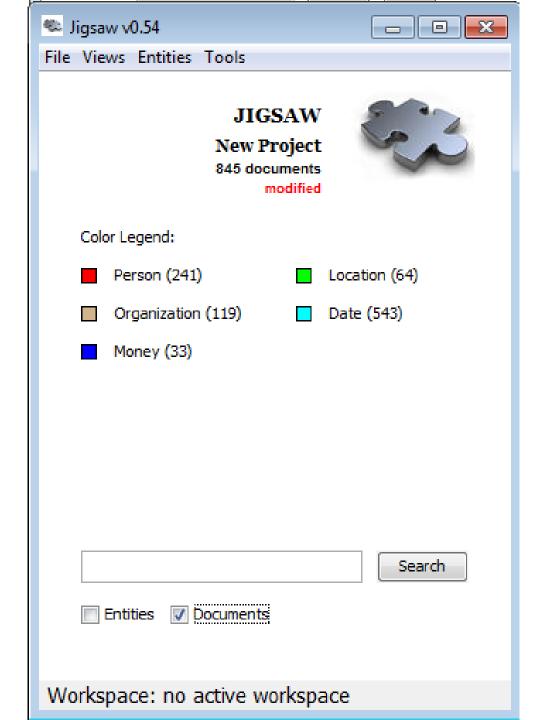
- On the suspected organization.
 - Text data
- Goals:
 - To understand the structure of the organization
 - Leaders, networks, change of the organization over time, connection between the organization and the company
 - To create an event timeline
 - To build up explanations for people disappearance
- Data
 - Text documents.

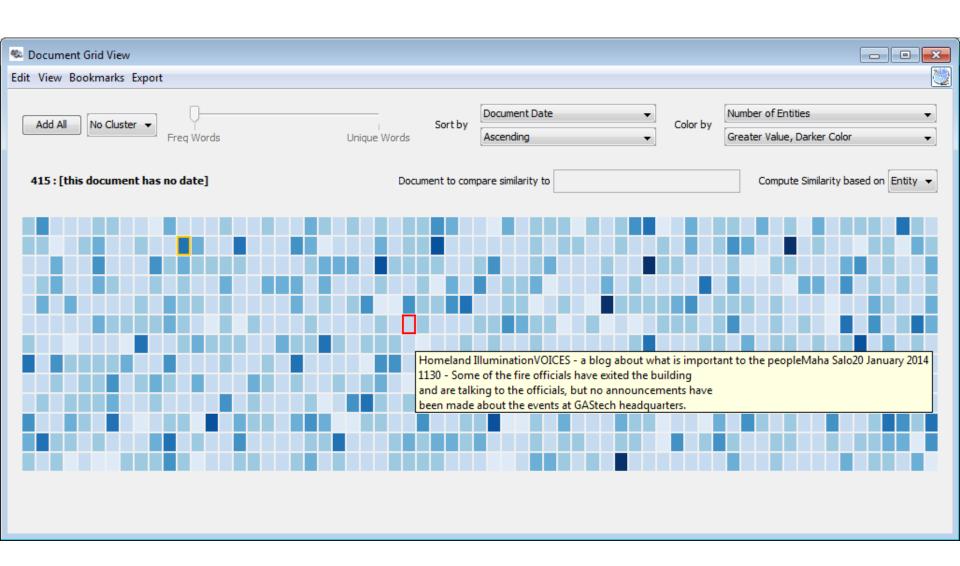
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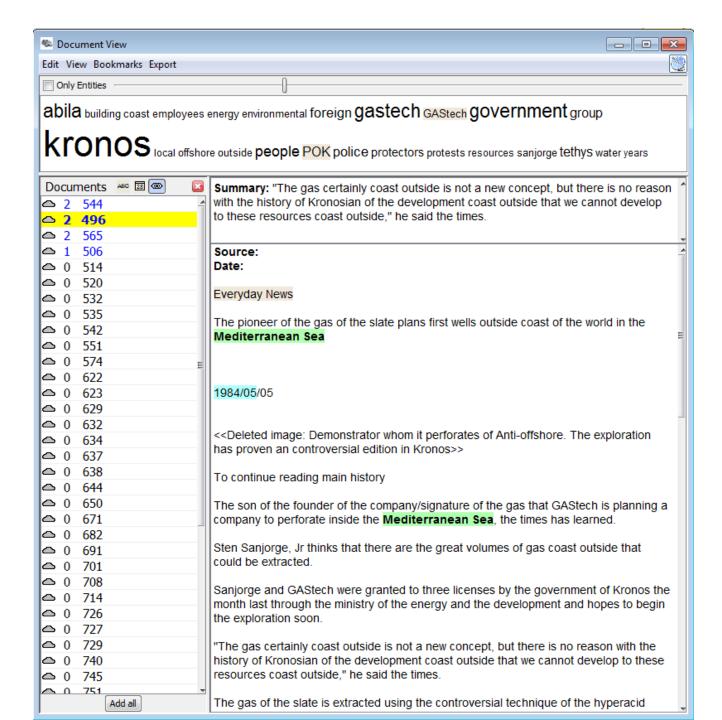
- A map of the place
- A chart describing the company (PDF)
- A spreadsheet of company employee records (Microsoft Excel)
- Email headers from two weeks of internal company email (CSV)
- Resumes and short biographies of most employees (Microsoft Word)
- Historical reports and descriptions of the place (Microsoft Word)
- Relevant current and historical news reports (txt)
 - Varied quality.

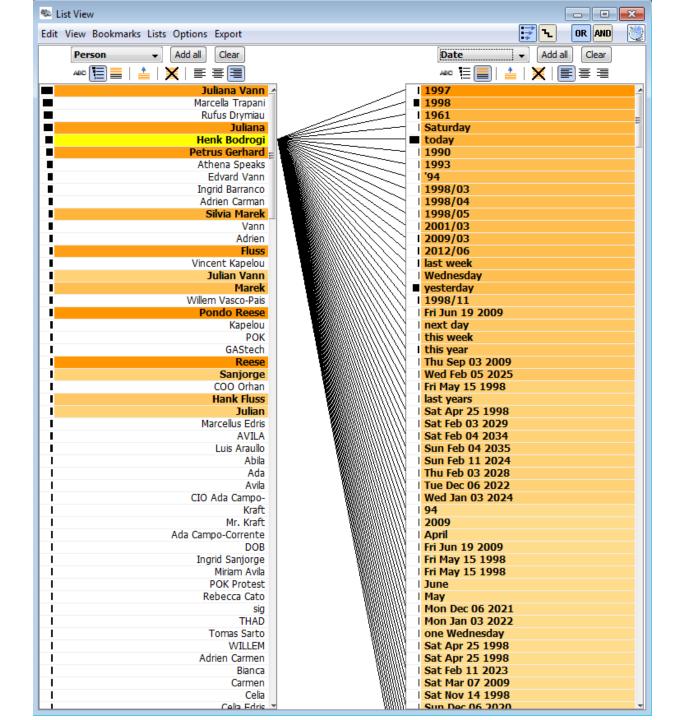
MC 1: Off-the-Shelf Tools

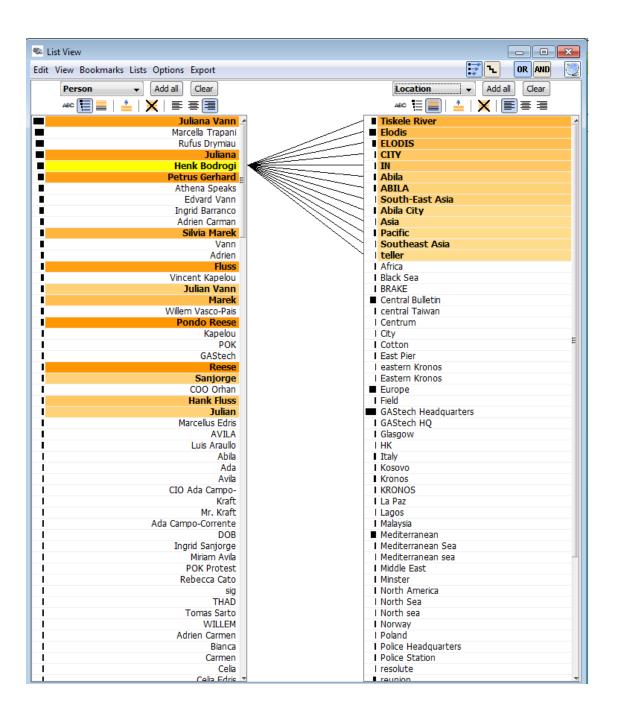
- Text data analysis
 - e.g., JigSaw from GaTech

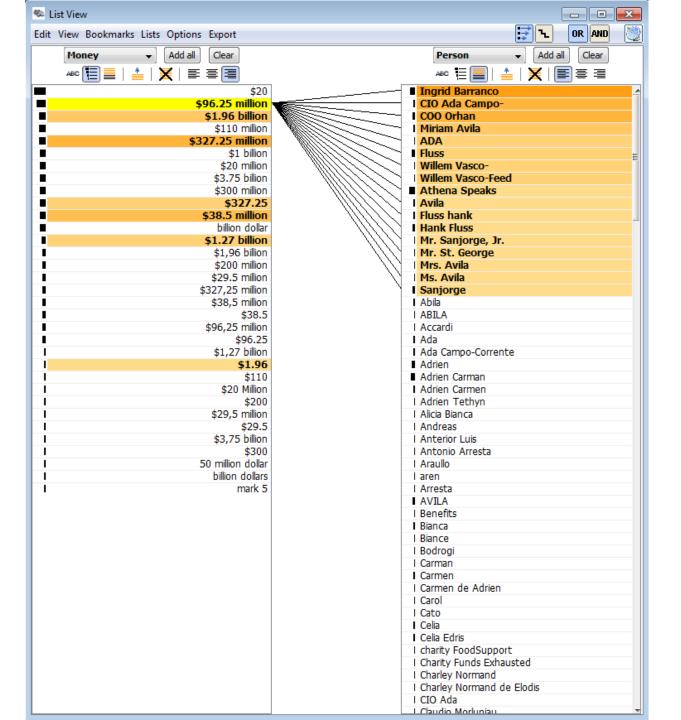




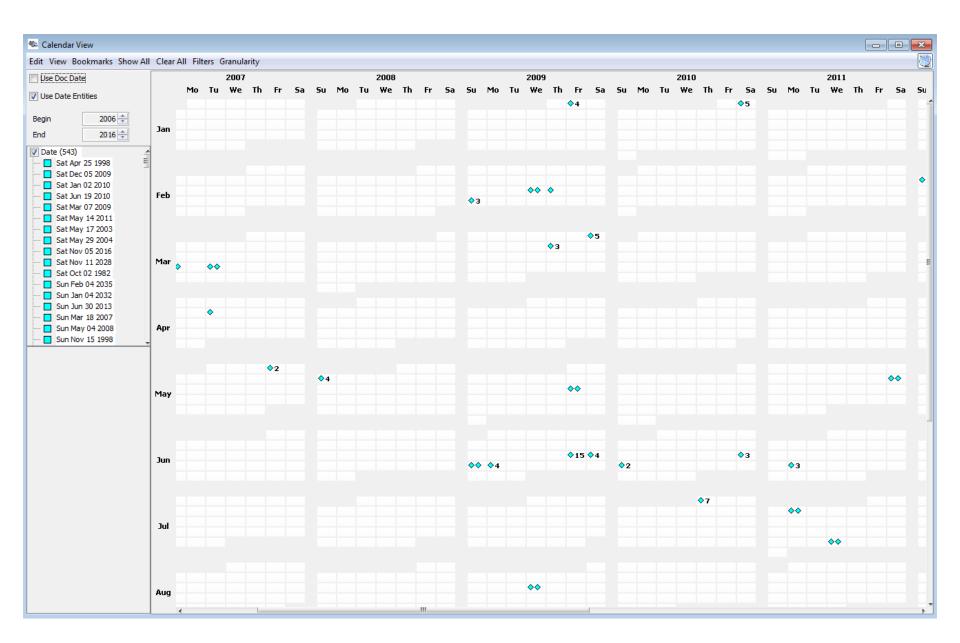








Off-the-Shelf Tools May Be Insufficient!



MC 1: Some Designs by Contest Teams

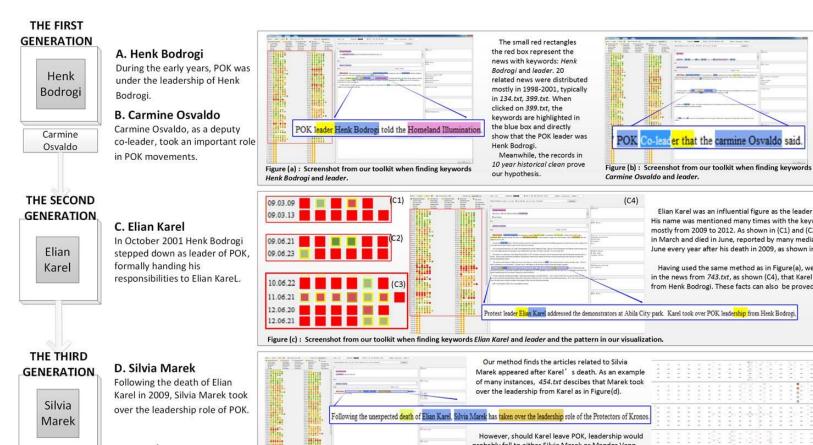


Figure (d): Screenshots from our toolkit when finding Silvia

Marek and leader .

Only two articles are related to Osvaldo shown in (b), 468.txt and 482.txt. In 468.txt, the keywords highlighted reflect that Carmine Osvaldo was a co-leader in POK The data in 10 year

historical clean proves our finding that Osvaldo took an important role in the POK movements.

Elian Karel was an influential figure as the leader in the second generation. His name was mentioned many times with the keyword leader in the news, mostly from 2009 to 2012. As shown in (C1) and (C2), in 2009, he was arrested in March and died in June, reported by many medias. Karel was memorized in June every year after his death in 2009, as shown in (C3).

Having used the same method as in Figure (a), we found convincing evidence in the news from 743.txt, as shown (C4), that Karel inherited the leadership from Henk Bodrogi. These facts can also be proved in the historical records.

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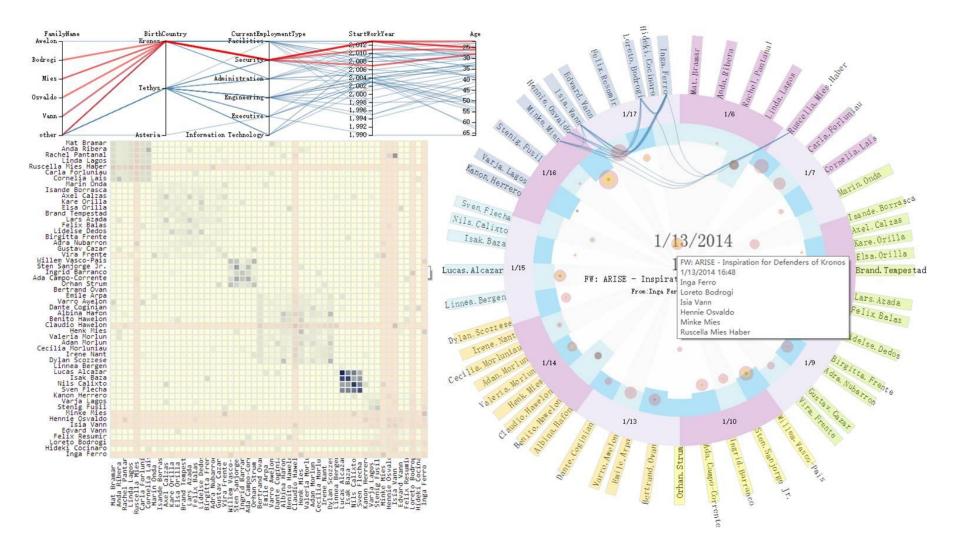
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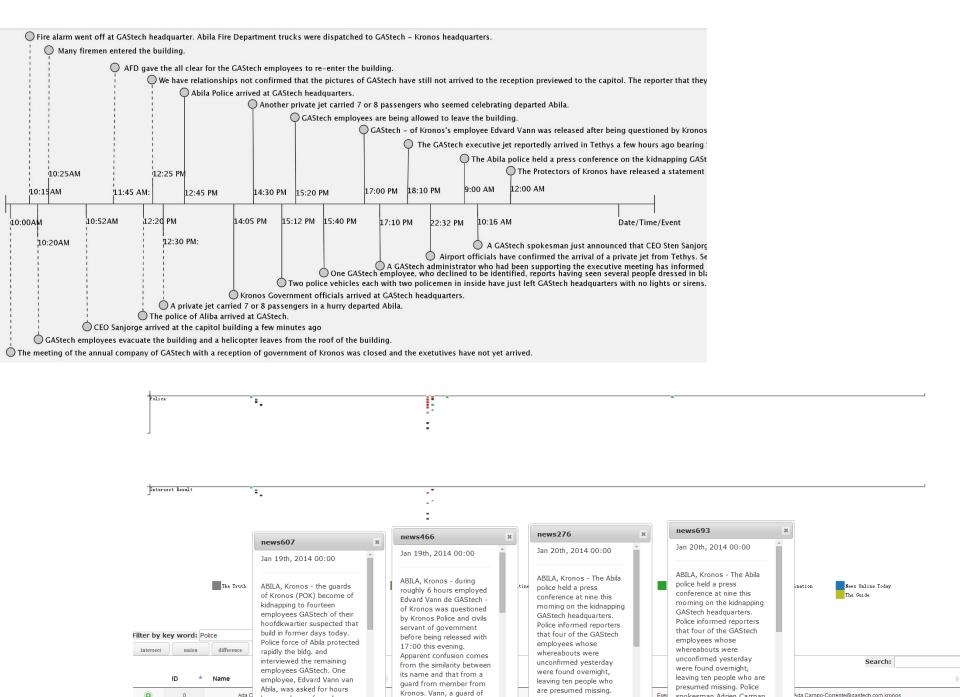
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As POK became more violent. Mandor Vann appeared to be a leader in the background.

probably fall to either Silvia Marek or Mandor Vann. Vann was the top political strategist and has more respect in POK. As POK became more violent, Mandor Vann appeared to be a leader in the background.

Figure (e): Screenshots from another toolkit when finding POK and violent . The figure shows the rising trend of the word frequency distribution.





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MC 2

- On the behaviors of company employees
 - Movement and tracking data
- Goals
 - To draw common routes of company employees
 - To identify unusual events and patterns
 - Who, when, where, etc.
 - To identify uncertain factors
- Data
 - Spatial-temporal data (GPS location)
 - Transaction data (cards)

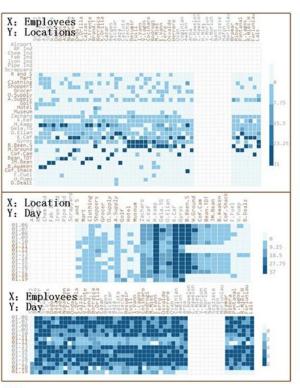
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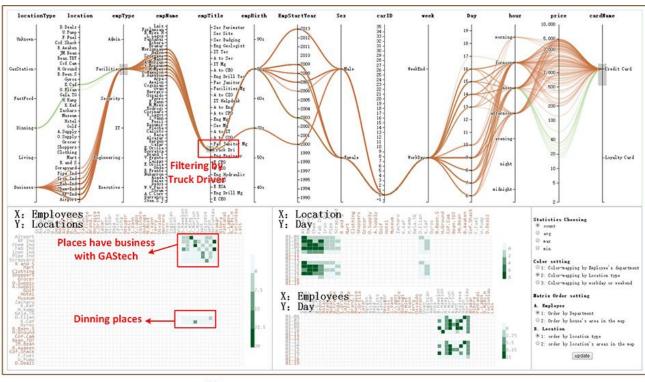
- Vehicle assignments by employee (csv)
 - Employee Name, Car ID, Current Employment Type, Current Employment Title
- ESRI shapefiles of Abila and Kronos
 - ArcGIS
- Vehicle tracking data (csv)
 - Timestamp, Car ID, Latitude, Longitude
- Loyalty card transaction data (csv)
 - Timestamp, location, price, name
- Credit and debit card transaction data (csv)
 - Timestamp, location, price, name
- A tourist map (jpg)

MC 2: Using GIS Tools



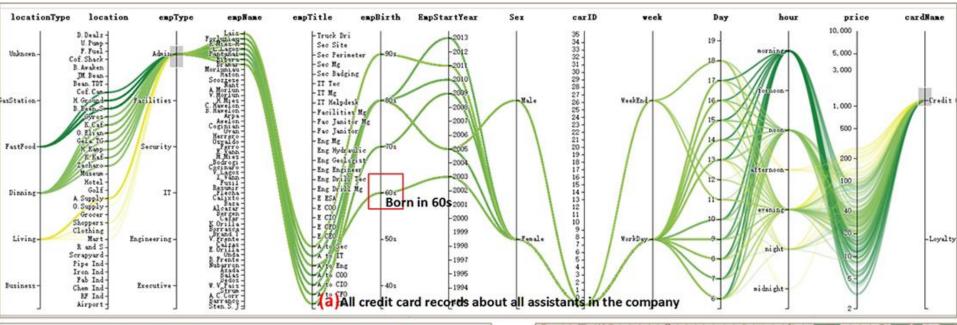
MC 2: Customized Tools

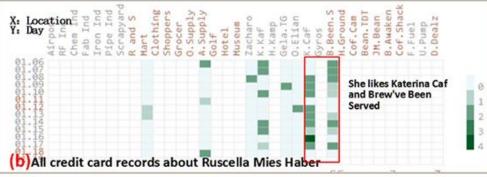




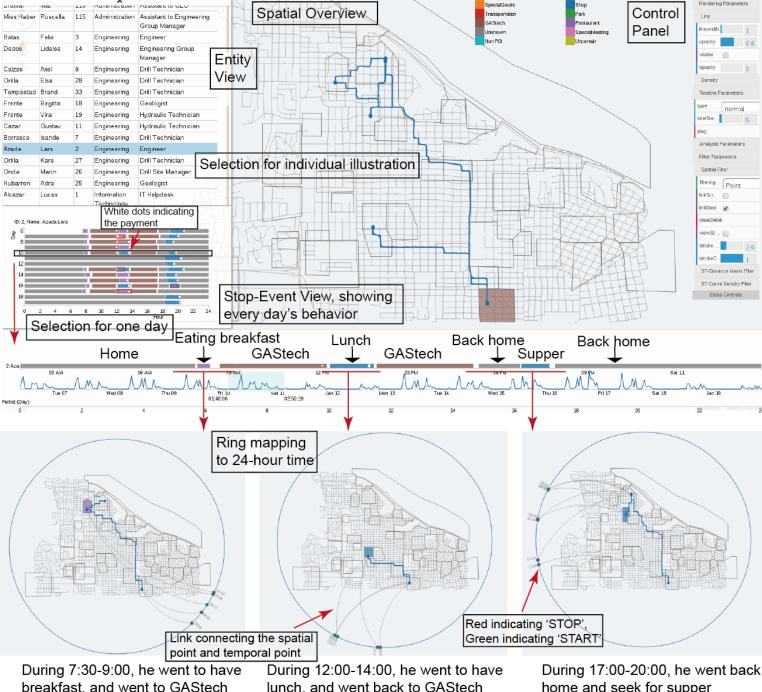
(a) The credit card transactions of general staffs

(b) The credit card transactions of all truck drivers





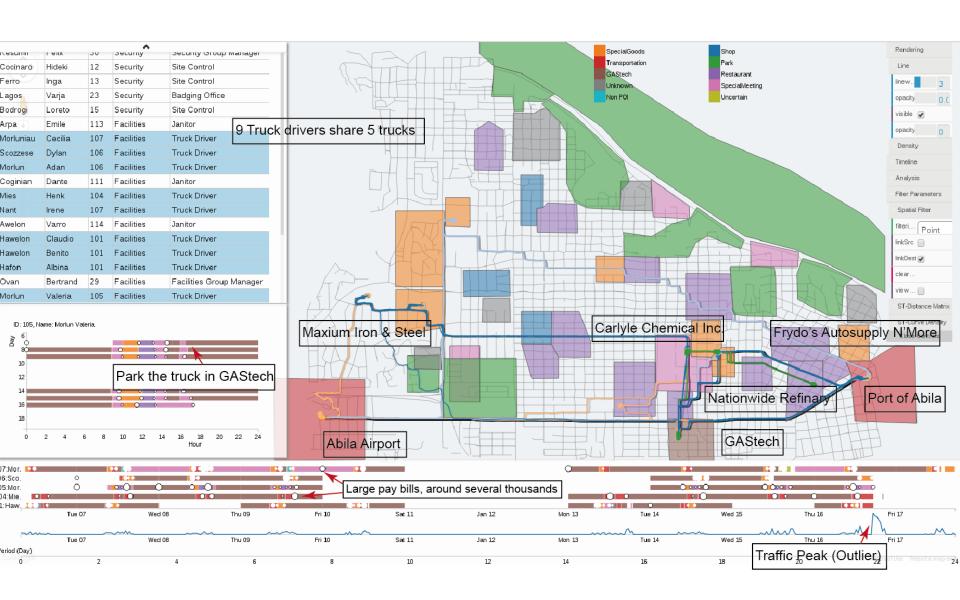




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MC 3

- On current events
 - Streaming data
- Goals
 - To present the timeline of up to five major events discovered in the streaming data
 - To select the event that is most likely helpful to the investigation
- Data
 - Text data with time stamps

Data

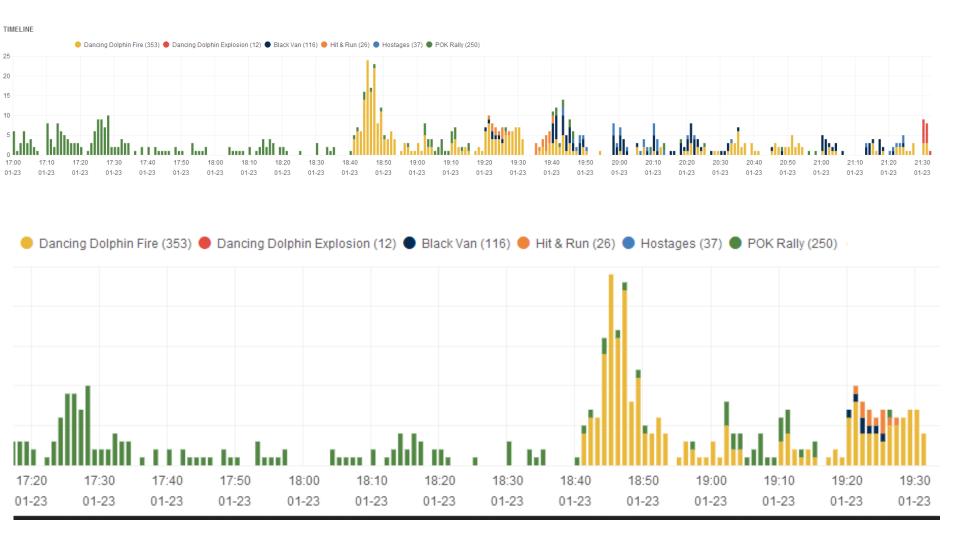
- Microblog messages
- Call center data

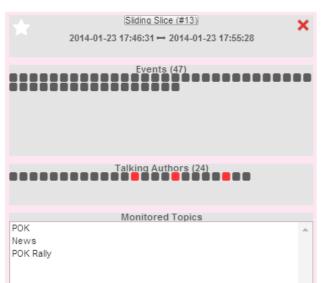
• Both in three segments (time periods)

MC3: Off-the-Shelf Tools

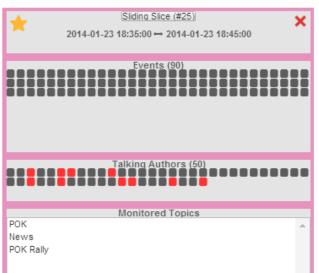
- World clouds?
 - http://www.wordclouds.com/
- Tableau?

MC 3: Some Designs

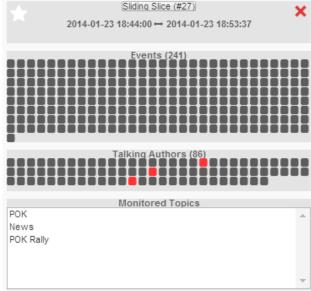




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Grand Challenge

- Put all pieces together
- Goals
 - Who, what, where, when, why, and how
 - What should the police do next?

A Winning Design

 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e8pKPNB_M6 o&feature=youtu.be

VAST Challenges Web Site

- http://vast.cs.umass.edu/benchmarks.php
- If you want to use VAST challenge data sets, tasks in a mini challenge would suffice.

Some Advices

- Clearly define your tasks/goals
 - Think about a concrete scenario of data analysis.
- Understand what data entities and relationships you need to address these tasks/goals.
 - Entities: people, place, activity, transaction, ...
 - Relationship: friendship, meeting, participation, payment, ...
- Data cleaning and pre-processing is usually needed.
 - What to keep, how to organize, etc.
- Explore data and relationship with other tools
 - Excel, Tableau, etc.
- Start earlier

Work as Group

- Four stages of group work
 - 1. Forming: team formed
 - 2. Storming: conflicts
 - 3. Norming: rules established
 - 4. Performing: working together efficiently

Move to State 4 as quickly as possible

Group Members

- Check Canvas for know your team members
 - Go to People/Group

Milestones

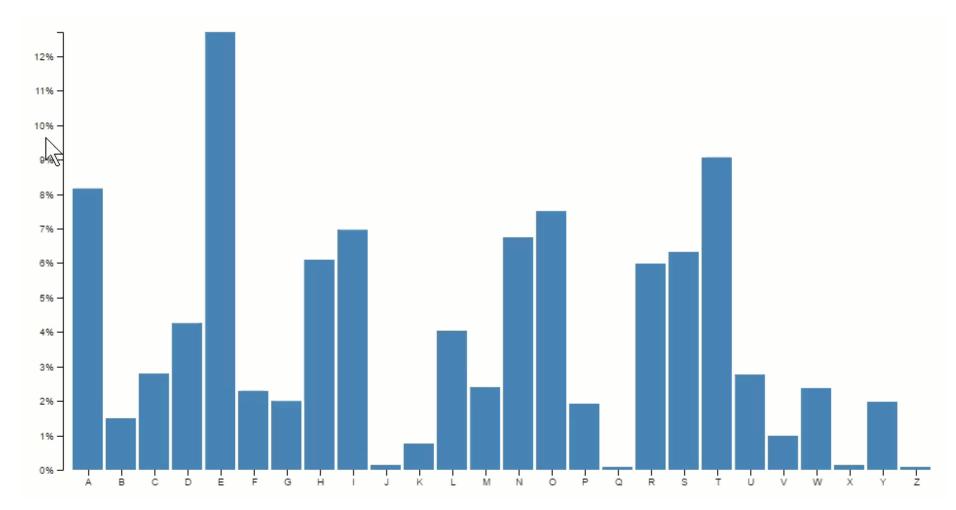
- Four progress report
 - Project description: Week 5
 - Data pre-processing: Week 7
 - Visualization design: Week 10
 - Implementation: Week 12

• Final report: Week 16

This Thursday

- Programming assignment exercises
 - Histogram: one of the most used graphs in data analysis.
 - Distribution of data.
- Objectives of this assignment
 - the creation of histogram in JavaScript with D3.js;
 - the use of D3 function to read data from data files and process data inputs (e.g., handling data types);
 - the use of JavaScript events to manage user inputs (e.g., mouse hovering, mouse clicking, etc.); and
 - the design of user-driven visualization (different data sorting styles based on different user inputs in this case).

Programming Assignment: Histogram



Bonus Point

