

Storytelling with Data! in Altair

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Introduction

This project aims to replicate the exercises from Cole Nussbaumer Knafllic's book, "Storytelling with Data - Let's Practice!", using `Python Altair`. Our primary objective is to document the reasoning behind the modifications proposed by the author, while also highlighting the challenges that arise when transitioning from the book's Excel-based approach to programming in a different software environment.

`Altair` was selected for this project due to its declarative syntax, interactivity, grammar of graphics, and compatibility with web formatting tools, while within the user-friendly Python environment. Anticipated challenges include the comparatively smaller documentation and development community of `Altair` compared to more established libraries like `Matplotlib`, `Seaborn`, or `Plotly`, and seemingly straightforward tasks in Excel that may require multiple iterations to translate effectively into the language.

In addition to the broader objective, this notebook also serves as a personal journey of learning `Altair`, a syntax that was previously unfamiliar to me. By delving into it, I aim to widen my repertoire in the data visualization field, discovering new ways to create compelling visual representations.

The data for all exercises can be found in the book's official website:
<https://www.storytellingwithdata.com/letspractice/downloads>

Imports

These are the libraries necessary to run the code for this project.

```
In [1]: # For data manipulation and visualization
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import altair as alt

# For animation in Chapter 6 - Exercise 6
import ipywidgets as widgets
from ipywidgets import interact
from IPython.display import clear_output

# For converting .ipynb into .html
import keyboard
import time
import nbconvert
import nbformat
```

And these are the versions used.

```
In [2]: # Python version  
! python --version
```

Python 3.11.6

```
In [3]: # Library version
```

```
print("Pandas version: " + pd.__version__)  
print("Numpy version: " + np.__version__)  
print("Altair version: " + alt.__version__)  
print("Ipywidgets version: " + widgets.__version__)  
print("Nbconvert version: " + nbconvert.__version__)  
print("Nbformat version: " + nbformat.__version__)
```

Pandas version: 2.1.2
Numpy version: 1.26.0
Altair version: 5.1.2
Ipywidgets version: 8.1.1
Nbconvert version: 7.11.0
Nbformat version: 5.9.2

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Chapter 2 - Choose an effective visual

"When I have some data I need to show, how do I do that in an effective way?" - Cole Nussbaumer Knaflic

Exercise 2.1 - Improve this table

For this exercise, we will start with a simple table and work our way into transforming it into different types of commonly used visualizations.

Loading the data

The first problem with the Excel-to-Altair translation arises from the data itself, as it is polluted with titles and texts for readability in Excel. This, however, is not friendly when dealing with Python, so we should be careful when loading it. Alterations like this will happen in all subsequent exercises.

In [4]: `# Example of polluted Loading`

```
table = pd.read_excel(r"Data\2.1 EXERCISE.xlsx")
table
```

Out[4]:

	EXERCISE 2.1	Unnamed: 1	Unnamed: 2	Unnamed: 3	Unnamed: 4	Unnamed: 5
0	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
1	NaN	FIG 2.1a	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
2	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
3	NaN	New client tier share	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
4	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN
5	NaN	Tier	# of Accounts	% Accounts	Revenue (\$M)	% Revenue
6	NaN	A	77	0.070772	4.675	0.25
7	NaN	A+	19	0.017463	3.927	0.21
8	NaN	B	338	0.310662	5.984	0.32
9	NaN	C	425	0.390625	2.805	0.15
10	NaN	D	24	0.022059	0.374	0.02

In [5]: `del table`

In [6]: `# Right Loading`

```
table = pd.read_excel(r"Data\2.1 EXERCISE.xlsx", usecols = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5], head
```

Out[6]:

Tier	# of Accounts	% Accounts	Revenue (\$M)	% Revenue
0	A	77	0.070772	4.675
1	A+	19	0.017463	3.927
2	B	338	0.310662	5.984
3	C	425	0.390625	2.805
4	D	24	0.022059	0.374

Table

The initial changes recommended in the book focus on improving the table's readability itself. These changes include reordering the tiers, adding a row to show the total value, incorporating a category called "All others" to account for unmentioned values when the total percentage doesn't add up to 100%, and rounding the numbers while adjusting the percentage format as required.

The following code implements these modifications.

In [7]: *# Ordering the tiers*

```
table = table.loc[[1, 0, 2, 3, 4]]
```

In [8]: *# Fixing the percentages*

```
table['% Accounts'] = table['% Accounts'].apply(lambda x: x*100)
table['% Revenue'] = table['% Revenue'].apply(lambda x: x*100)
```

In [9]: *# Calculating and adding "All other" values*

```
other_account_per = 100 - table['% Accounts'].sum()
other_revenue_per = 100 - table['% Revenue'].sum()

other_account_num = (other_account_per*table['# of Accounts'][0])/table['% Accounts'].sum()
other_revenue_num = (other_revenue_per*table['Revenue ($M)'][0])/table['% Revenue'].sum()

table.loc[len(table)] = ["All other", other_account_num, other_account_per, other_revenue_num, other_revenue_per]
```

In [10]: *# Since we will not use rounded values or the total row for the graphs, we should create a new variable before making the following alterations*

```
table_charts = table.copy()
```

In [11]: *# Adding total values row*

```
table.loc[len(table)] = ["Total", table['# of Accounts'].sum(), table['% Accounts'].sum(),
                        table['Revenue ($M)'].sum(), table['% Revenue'].sum()]
```

In [12]: *# Rounding the numbers*

```
table['% Accounts'] = table['% Accounts'].apply(lambda x: round(x))
table['Revenue ($M)'] = table['Revenue ($M)'].apply(lambda x: round(x, 1))
```

The new table is as follows:

In [13]:

```
table
```

Out[13]:

	Tier	# of Accounts	% Accounts	Revenue (\$M)	% Revenue
1	A+	19.0	2	3.9	21.0
0	A	77.0	7	4.7	25.0
2	B	338.0	31	6.0	32.0
3	C	425.0	39	2.8	15.0
4	D	24.0	2	0.4	2.0
5	All other	205.0	19	0.9	5.0
6	Total	1088.0	100	18.7	100.0

or, for even better readability in Python :

In [14]:

```
table.set_index("Tier")
```

Out[14]:

Tier	# of Accounts	% Accounts	Revenue (\$M)	% Revenue
A+	19.0	2	3.9	21.0
A	77.0	7	4.7	25.0
B	338.0	31	6.0	32.0
C	425.0	39	2.8	15.0
D	24.0	2	0.4	2.0
All other	205.0	19	0.9	5.0
Total	1088.0	100	18.7	100.0

Some changes were not implemented, such as colors of rows, alignment of text, and embedding graphs into the table, for lack of compatibility with the Pandas DataFrame format. The percentage symbol (%) next to the number in the percentage columns wasn't added since doing this in Python will transform the data from `int` to `string`, and therefore is not a recommended approach.

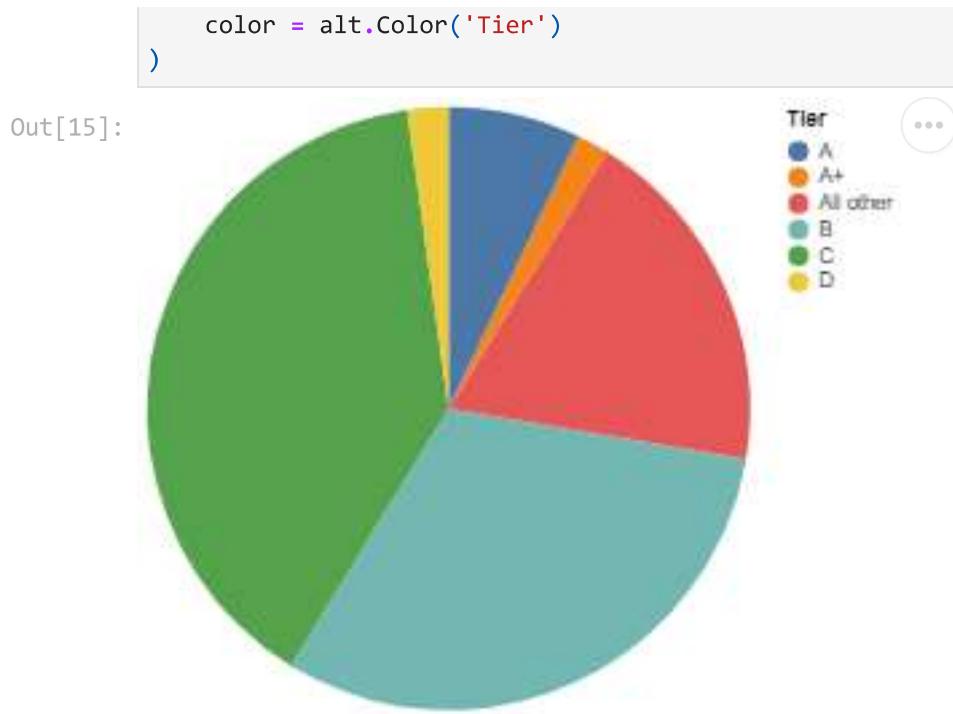
Pie chart

Considering that percentages depict a fraction of a whole, the next proposal is to employ a pie chart. Here is the default Altair graph version:

In [15]:

```
# Default pie chart

alt.Chart(table_charts).mark_arc().encode(
    theta = "% Accounts",
```



Some of the adjustments needed to bring it closer to the original include reordering the tiers, changing the labels position, altering the color palette, and adding an title.

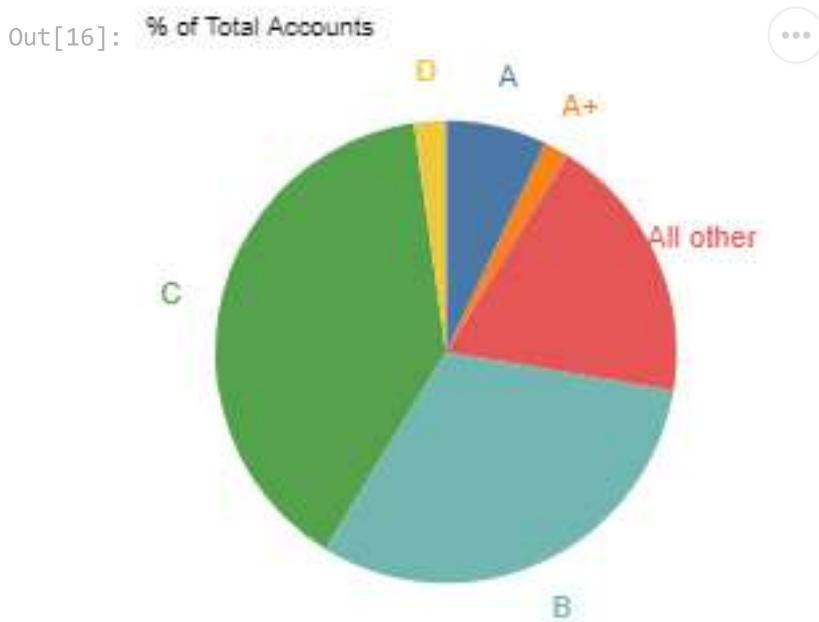
```
In [16]: ## % of Accounts Pie Chart

# Creating a base chart with a title, aligned to the left and with normal font w
base = alt.Chart(
    table_charts,
    title = alt.Title(r"% of Total Accounts", anchor = 'start', fontWeight = 'normal')
).encode(
    theta = alt.Theta("% Accounts:Q", stack = True), # Encoding the angle (theta)
    color = alt.Color('Tier', legend = None), # Encoding color based on the 'Tier'
    order = alt.Order(field = 'Tier') # Ordering the sectors of the pie chart ba
)

# Creating the pie chart with an outer radius of 115
pie = base.mark_arc(outerRadius = 115)

# Creating text labels for each sector of the pie chart
text = base.mark_text(radius = 140, size = 15).encode(text = alt.Text("Tier"))

# Combining the pie chart and text labels
acc_pie = pie + text
acc_pie
```

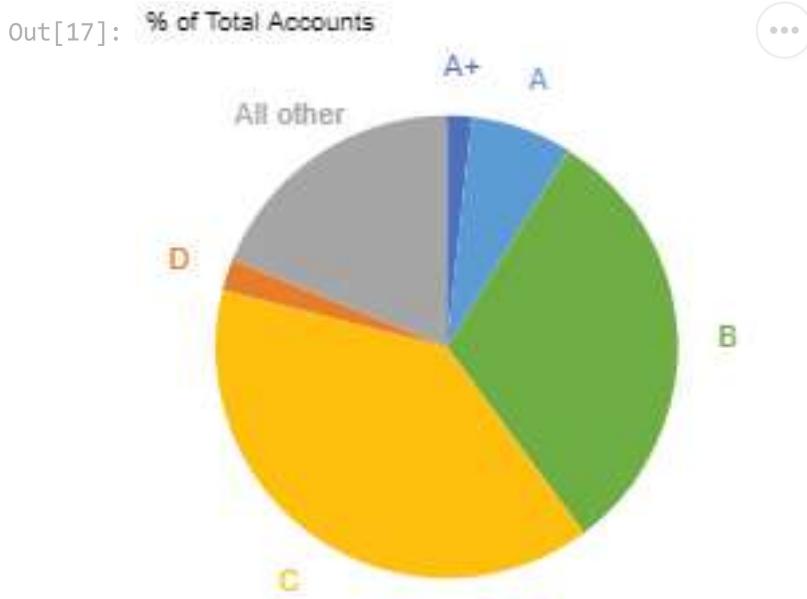


Not informing the data type for the field `order` makes it so Altair rearranges the `Tiers` alphabetically instead of using the order provided by dataframe. We can fix this by identifying `Tier` as Ordered (O).

In [17]: `## % of Accounts Pie Chart`

```
base = alt.Chart(
    table_charts,
    title = alt.Title(r"% of Total Accounts", anchor = 'start', fontWeight = 'normal'),
).encode(
    theta = alt.Theta("% Accounts:Q", stack = True),
    color = alt.Color('Tier',
                      scale = alt.Scale(
                          range = ['#4d71bc', '#5d9bd4', '#6fae45', '#febfb0f', '#ffccbc'],
                          # Setting custom colors for each sector of the pie chart
                          sort = None, # So that the colors don't follow the alphabetical order
                          legend = None
                      )),
    order = alt.Order(field = 'Tier:O'))
pie = base.mark_arc(outerRadius = 115)
text = base.mark_text(radius = 140, size = 15).encode(text = alt.Text("Tier"))

acc_pie = pie + text
acc_pie
```



Initially, `offset` was used instead of `anchor`, manually specifying the title location in the x-axis by pixels. This produces a more replica-like result, as you define the texts to be exactly to the same place as the example. While this approach yields a result that closely mimics the example, we acknowledge that anchoring provides a faster and cleaner solution. The decision has been made to adopt anchoring for the remainder of this project, prioritizing efficiency and universality across all graphs, even if it means sacrificing pinpoint accuracy in text placement.

The HEX color code values of the palette from the book were acquired through the use of the online tool "Color Picker Online", which is freely accessible at <https://imagecolorpicker.com/>.

The pie chart above can now be easily modified to represent the percentage of total revenue.

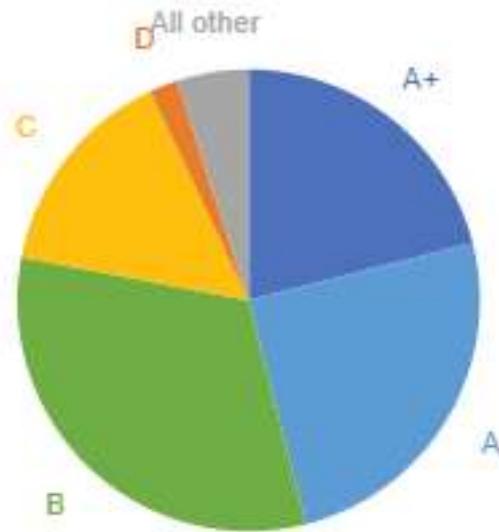
```
In [18]: # % of Revenue Pie Chart

base = alt.Chart(
    table_charts,
    title = alt.Title(r"% of Total Revenue", anchor = 'start', fontWeight = 'normal')
).encode(
    theta = alt.Theta("% Revenue:Q", stack = True),
    color = alt.Color('Tier',
                      scale = alt.Scale(
                          range = ['#4d71bc', '#5d9bd4', '#6fae45', '#febf0f',
                          )
                      ),
    sort = None,
    legend = None
),
order = alt.Order(field = 'Tier:O'))


pie = base.mark_arc(outerRadius = 115)
text = base.mark_text(radius = 140, size = 15).encode(text = alt.Text("Tier"))
```

```
rev_pie = pie + text
rev_pie
```

Out[18]: % of Total Revenue

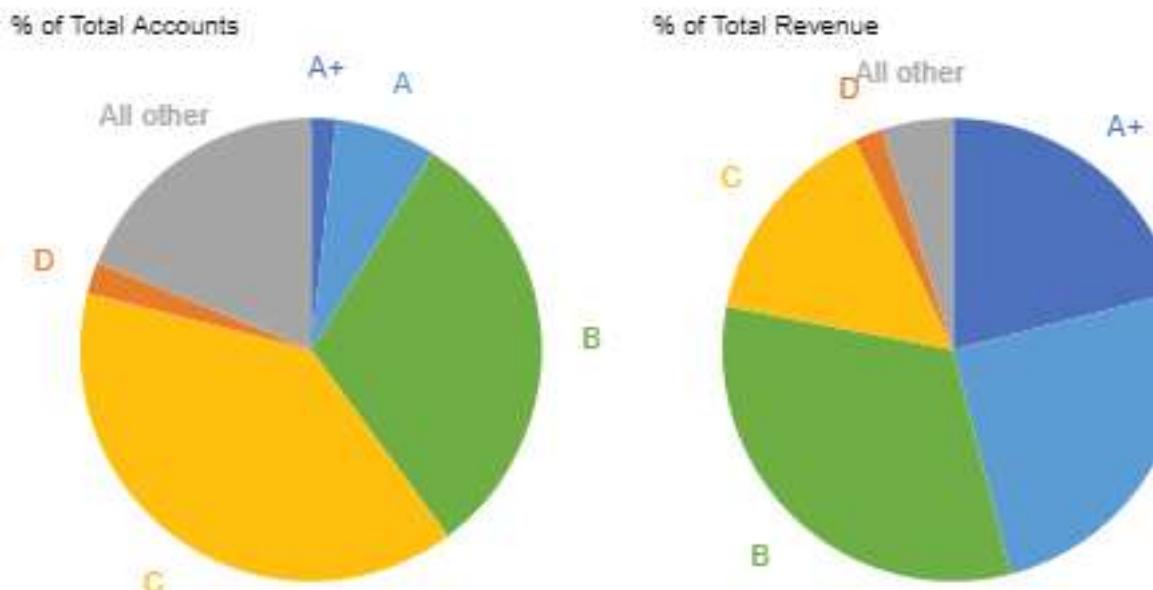


With both graphs available, we can add them next to each other and include a main title.

```
In [19]: # Combining two pie charts using the vertical concatenation operator '|'
pies = acc_pie | rev_pie

# Setting properties for the combined pie charts
pies.properties(
    title = alt.Title('New Client Tier Share', offset=10, fontSize=20) # Adding
)
```

Out[19]: New Client Tier Share



Visualization as depicted in the book:

New client tier share

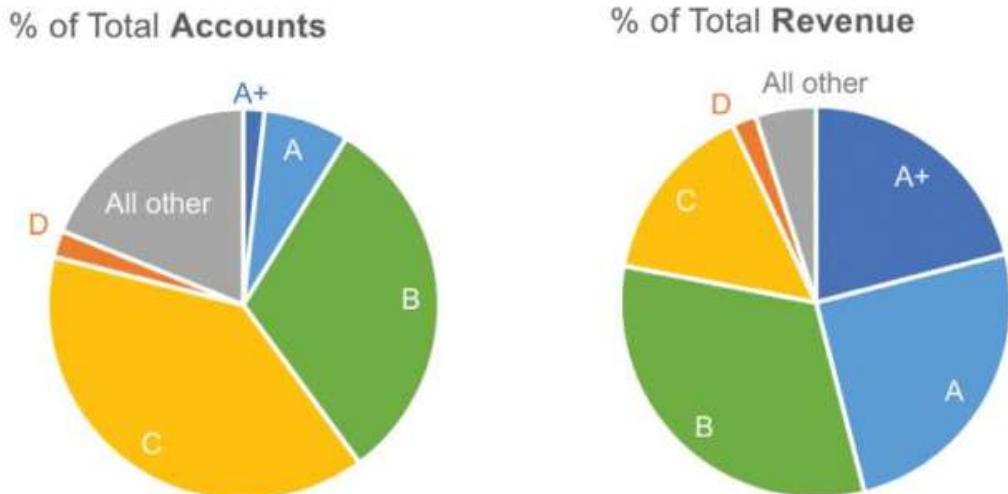


FIGURE 2.1e A pair of pies

Pie charts can present readability challenges, as the human eye struggles to differentiate the relative volumes of slices effectively. While adding data percentages next to the slices can enhance comprehension, it may also introduce unnecessary clutter to the visualization.

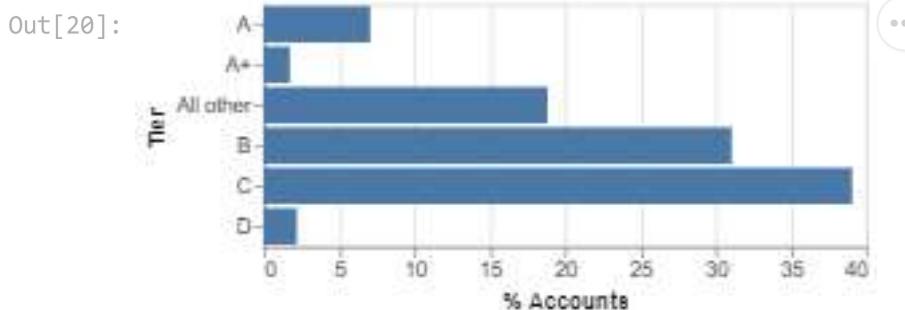
Bar chart

The next graph proposed to tackle is a horizontal bar chart. Since now the comparison does not involve angles and are aligned at the start point, discerning the segment's scale is easier.

This is the default representation in Altair:

```
In [20]: # Default altair bar chart

alt.Chart(table_charts).mark_bar().encode(
    y = alt.Y('Tier'),
    x = alt.X('% Accounts'))
```



The necessary adjustments involve placing the "Tier" label in the upper left corner, displaying values next to the bars instead of using an x-axis, and adding a title while rearranging the tiers.

```
In [21]: # Creating a base chart with a title, aligned to the Left and with normal font weight
base = alt.Chart(
    table_charts,
    title = alt.Title('TIER | % OF TOTAL ACCOUNTS', anchor = 'start', fontWeight = 'normal')
).mark_bar().encode(
    y = alt.Y('Tier', title = None), # Encoding the 'Tier' field on the y-axis,
    x = alt.X('% Accounts', axis = None), # Encoding the '% Accounts' field on the x-axis
    order = alt.Order(field = 'Tier:0'), # Ordering the bars based on the 'Tier' field
    text = alt.Text("% Accounts", format=".0f") # Displaying the '% Accounts' values
)

# Creating the final bar chart by combining the bars and text labels
final_acc = base.mark_bar() + base.mark_text(align='left', dx=2)

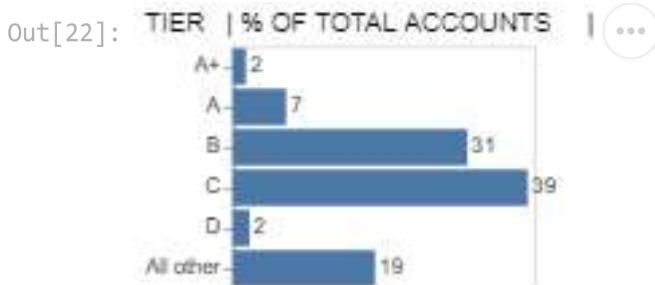
# Displaying the final bar chart
final_acc
```



Adding the `order` by `Tier:0` didn't have the same effect as it did on the pie chart. The compatible method for this case is adding a `sort` keyword in the axis to be sorted.

```
In [22]: base = alt.Chart(
    table_charts,
    title = alt.Title('TIER | % OF TOTAL ACCOUNTS', anchor = 'start', fontWeight = 'normal')
).encode(
    y = alt.Y('Tier', sort = ["A+"], title = None), # Encoding the 'Tier' field on the y-axis
    x = alt.X('% Accounts', axis = None),
    text = alt.Text("% Accounts", format = ".0f")
)

final_acc = (base.mark_bar() + base.mark_text(align = 'left', dx = 2)).properties(
final_acc
```



Now we do the same for the revenue column. In addition, the y-axis is removed so it isn't repeated when uniting the charts.

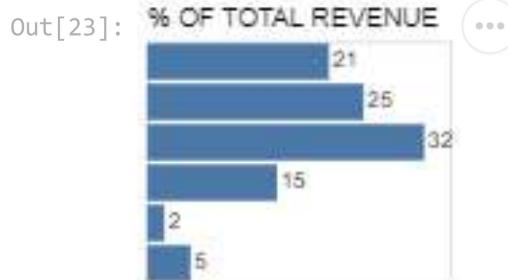
```
In [23]: base = alt.Chart(
    table_charts,
    title = alt.Title('% OF TOTAL REVENUE', anchor = 'start', fontWeight = 'normal')
).encode(
```

```

        y = alt.Y('Tier', sort = ["A+"]).axis(None),
        x = alt.X('% Revenue').axis(None),
        text = alt.Text("% Revenue", format = ".0f")
    )

final_rev = (base.mark_bar() + base.mark_text(align = 'left', dx = 2)).properties(
final_rev

```



Similar to the pie chart, we can arrange these graphs side by side and include a main title.

In [24]:

```

# Combining two charts horizontally using the concatenation operator '/'
hor_bar = final_acc | final_rev

# Configuring the view of the combined chart, removing strokes
hor_bar.configure_view(stroke = None).properties(
    title = alt.Title('New Client Tier Share', anchor = 'start', fontSize = 20)
)

```



Visualization as depicted in the book:

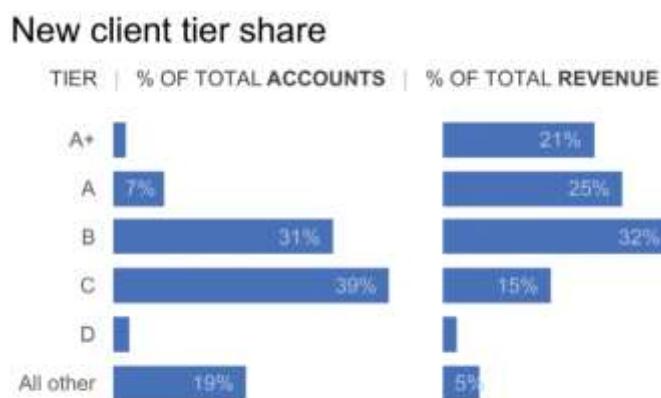


FIGURE 2.1f Two horizontal bar charts

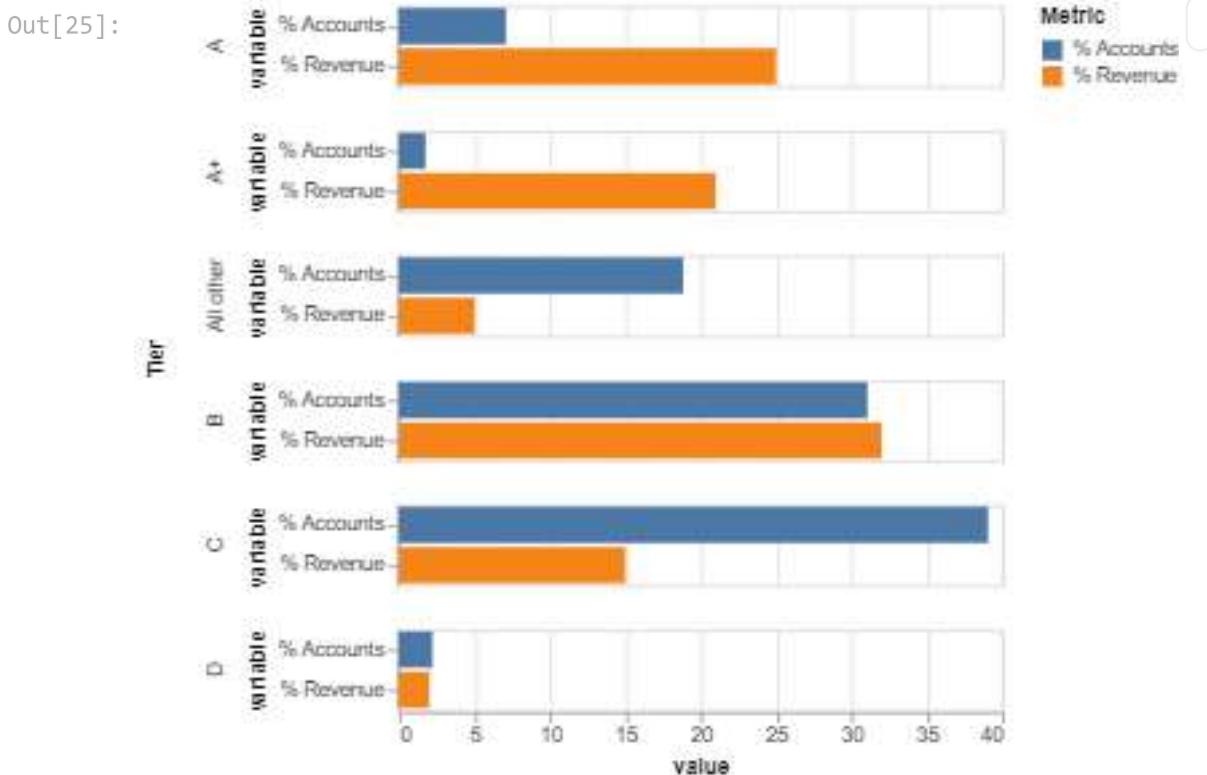
In both the pie and bar chart, the labeling beside the value is not in the same position as the examples provided. This discrepancy arises from the fact that adjusting these labels to match the book's examples, with variations in positions (some inside and some outside of the pie), different colors, and even omitting some labels, would be a labor-intensive manual task in Altair. These adjustments are primarily for aesthetic purposes and do not significantly impact readability, in some cases even obscuring the information being presented.

Examples of how to manually define labels will be presented in future exercises.

Horizontal dual series bar chart

The two graphs in the last visualization can be merged into a single grouped bar chart.

```
In [25]: # Altair with default settings
alt.Chart(table_charts).mark_bar().encode(
    x = alt.X('value:Q'), # Encoding the quantitative variable 'value' on the x
    y = alt.Y('variable:N'), # Encoding the nominal variable 'variable' on the
    color = alt.Color(
        'variable:N',
        legend = alt.Legend(title = 'Metric')
    ), # Encoding color based on 'variable' with legend title 'Metric'
    row = alt.Row('Tier:O') # Faceting by rows based on the ordinal variable 'T
).transform_fold(
    fold = ['% Accounts', '% Revenue'], # Transforming the data by folding the
    as_ = ['variable', 'value'] # Renaming the folded columns to 'variable' and
)
```



The necessary alterations involve removing the grid, adjusting label positions and reducing redundancy, adding a title and subtitle, and changing the color palette.

```
In [26]: # Custom settings
merged_hor_bar = alt.Chart(
    table_charts,
    title = alt.Title('New client tier share', fontSize = 20) # Adding a title
).mark_bar().encode(
    x = alt.X(
        'value:Q',
        axis = alt.Axis(
            title = "TIER | % OF TOTAL ACCOUNTS vs REVENUE", # Setting a custom title
            grid = False, # Remove grid
            orient = 'top', # Put axis on top
            labelColor = "#888888", # Setting the label color as gray
            titleColor = '#888888' # Setting the title color as gray
        )
),
y = alt.Y(
    'variable:N',
    axis = alt.Axis(title = None, labels = False, ticks = False) # Removing axis title and ticks
),
color = alt.Color(
    'variable:N',
    legend = alt.Legend(title = 'Metric'), # Adding a Legend with a custom title
    scale = alt.Scale(range = ['#b4c6e4', '#4871b7']) # Setting a custom color scale
),
row = alt.Row(
    'Tier:O',
    header = alt.Header(labelAngle = 0, labelAlign = "left"), # Rotating row header
    title = None,
    sort = ['A+'], # Sorting rows based on 'Tier'
    spacing = 10 # Adding spacing between rows
)
).transform_fold(
    fold = ['% Accounts', '% Revenue'], # Transforming the data by folding the columns
    as_ = ['variable', 'value'] # Renaming the folded columns to 'variable' and 'value'
).properties(
    width = 200 # Setting the width of the chart
).configure_view(stroke = None) # Removing the stroke from the view

merged_hor_bar
```



Visualization as depicted in the book:

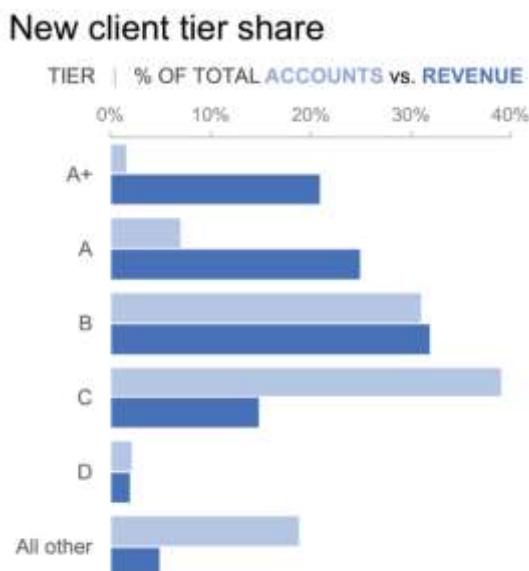


FIGURE 2.1g Horizontal dual series bar chart

Vertical bar chart

We should can modify the bar chart to be in a vertical orientation. This can be done by switching the y and x axis and the "Row" class to the "Column" class, as well as reorient the labels.

```
In [27]: # Creating a vertical bar chart
vert_bar = alt.Chart(
    table_charts,
    title = alt.Title('New client tier share', fontSize = 20) # Adding a title
).mark_bar().encode(
    y = alt.Y(
        'value:Q',
        
```

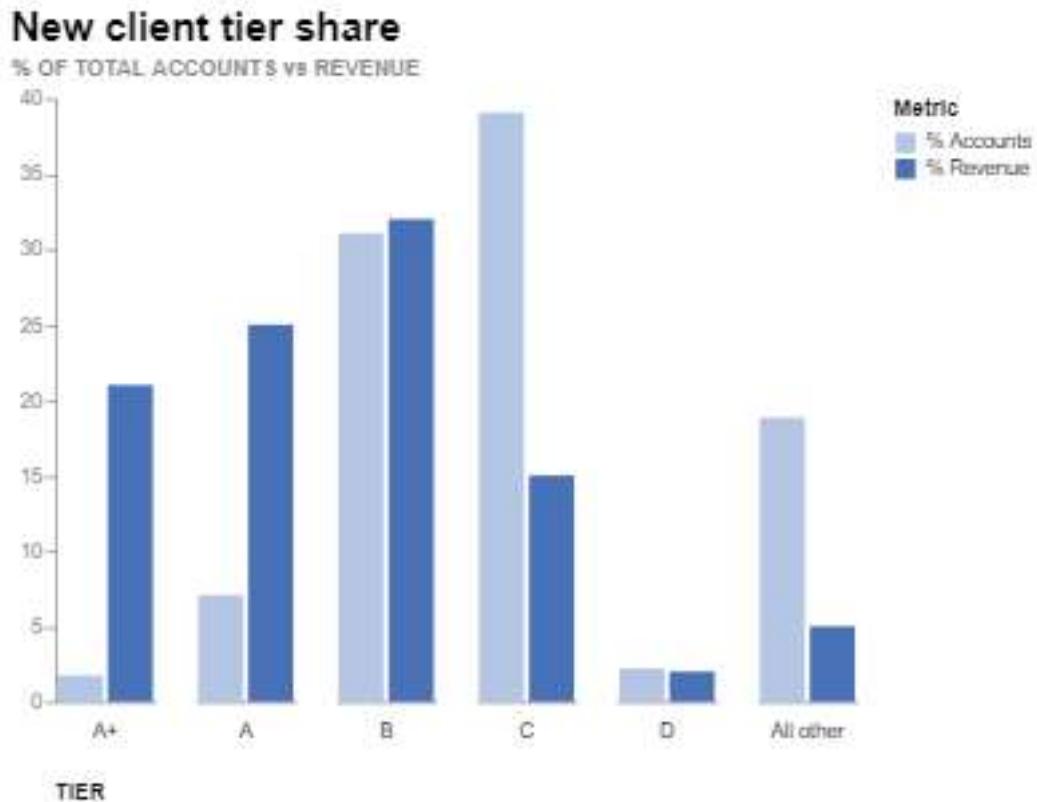
```

axis = alt.Axis(
    title = "% OF TOTAL ACCOUNTS vs REVENUE", # Setting a custom title
    titleAlign = 'left', # Aligning the title to the left
    titleAngle = 0, # Setting the title angle to 0 degrees
    titleAnchor = 'end', # Anchoring the title to the end
    titleY = -10, # Adjusting the title position
    grid = False, # Turning off grid Lines
    labelColor = "#888888", # Setting the label color to gray
    titleColor = "#888888" # Setting the title color to gray
)
),
x = alt.X(
    'variable:N',
    axis = alt.Axis(title = None, labels = False, ticks = False) # Removing
),
color = alt.Color(
    'variable:N',
    legend = alt.Legend(title = 'Metric'), # Adding a Legend with a custom
    scale = alt.Scale(range = ['#b4c6e4', '#4871b7']) # Setting a custom co
),
column = alt.Column(
    'Tier:O',
    header = alt.Header(labelOrient = 'bottom', titleOrient = "bottom", titl
    sort = ['A+'], # Sorting columns based on 'Tier'
    title = 'TIER' # Adding a title for the column
)
).transform_fold(
    fold = ['% Accounts', '% Revenue'], # Transforming the data by folding the
    as_ = ['variable', 'value'] # Renaming the folded columns to 'variable' and
).properties(
    width = 50 # Setting the width of the chart
).configure_view(stroke = None) # Removing the stroke from the view

vert_bar

```

Out[27]:



Visualization as depicted in the book:



FIGURE 2.1h A vertical bar chart

It's worth noting that titles in Altair do not readily support the option of changing the colors of individual words within them. As a simple solution for the time being, we will retain the legend that effectively indicates which column corresponds to each word. Future exercises will delve into a more complicated way to tackle this challenge.

In the code above, we've utilized the `transform_fold` method to generate the grouped bar chart because our data is structured in the 'wide form', which is the standard Excel format. However, Altair (as well as other visualization languages) is inherently designed to work with 'long form' data. The `transform_fold` function automates this conversion within the chart, enabling us to create the graph. This approach can obscure the process, making it preferable to perform the data transformation before creating the visualizations.

```
In [28]: # Transforms the data to the Long-form format

melted_table = pd.melt(table_charts, id_vars = ['Tier'], var_name = 'Metric', va
melted_table
```

Out[28]:

	Tier	Metric	Value
0	A+	# of Accounts	19.000000
1	A	# of Accounts	77.000000
2	B	# of Accounts	338.000000
3	C	# of Accounts	425.000000
4	D	# of Accounts	24.000000
5	All other	# of Accounts	205.000000
6	A+	% Accounts	1.746324
7	A	% Accounts	7.077206
8	B	% Accounts	31.066176
9	C	% Accounts	39.062500
10	D	% Accounts	2.205882
11	All other	% Accounts	18.841912
12	A+	Revenue (\$M)	3.927000
13	A	Revenue (\$M)	4.675000
14	B	Revenue (\$M)	5.984000
15	C	Revenue (\$M)	2.805000
16	D	Revenue (\$M)	0.374000
17	All other	Revenue (\$M)	0.935000
18	A+	% Revenue	21.000000
19	A	% Revenue	25.000000
20	B	% Revenue	32.000000
21	C	% Revenue	15.000000
22	D	% Revenue	2.000000
23	All other	% Revenue	5.000000

We can now use this table to remake the bar chart without the `transform_fold` method.

In [29]:

```
# Selecting specific rows from the melted table based on the 'Metric' column
selected_rows = melted_table[melted_table['Metric'].isin(['% Accounts', '% Revenue'])]

vert_bar2 = alt.Chart(
    selected_rows,
    title = alt.Title('New client tier share', fontSize = 20) # Adding a title
).mark_bar().encode(
    y = alt.Y(
        'Value',
        axis = alt.Axis(
            ticks = [0, 25, 50, 75, 100]
        )
    ),
    x = alt.X(
        'Tier',
        axis = alt.Axis(
            ticks = ['A+', 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'All other']
        )
    )
)
```

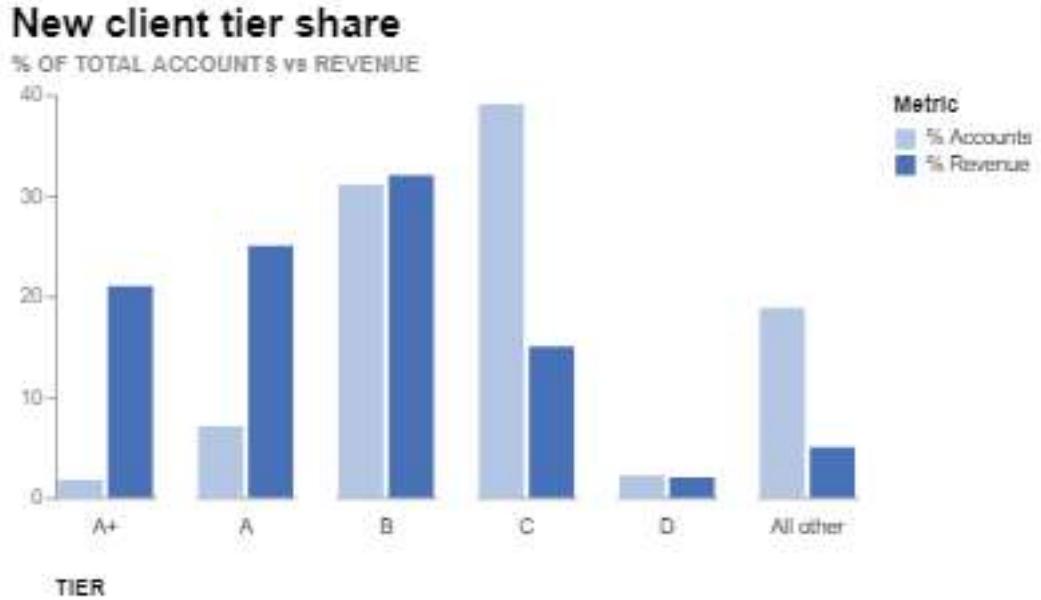
```

        title = "% OF TOTAL ACCOUNTS vs REVENUE", # Setting a custom title
        titleAlign = 'left', # Aligning the title to the left
        titleAngle = 0, # Setting the title angle to 0 degrees
        titleAnchor = 'end', # Anchoring the title to the end
        titleY = -10, # Adjusting the title position
        grid = False, # Turning off grid lines
        labelColor = "#888888", # Setting the Label color to gray
        titleColor = "#888888" # Setting the title color to gray
    )
),
x = alt.X(
    'Metric',
    axis = alt.Axis(title = None, labels = False, ticks = False) # Removing
),
color = alt.Color(
    'Metric',
    scale = alt.Scale(range = ['#b4c6e4', '#4871b7']) # Setting a custom co
),
column = alt.Column(
    'Tier',
    header = alt.Header(labelOrient='bottom', titleOrient="bottom", titleAnch
    sort = [ 'A+'], # Sorting columns based on 'Tier'
    title = 'TIER' # Adding a title for the column
)
).properties(
    height = 200, width = 50 # Setting the height and width of the chart
).configure_view(stroke = None) # Removing the stroke from the view

vert_bar2

```

Out[29]:



Bar chart with lines

The next proposed graph is an extension of the previous bar chart, featuring the addition of lines to accentuate the endpoints of the columns within the same tier.

However, due to the nature of faceted charts, we encounter an error (*ValueError: Faceted charts cannot be layered. Instead, layer the charts before faceting*) when attempting to layer it. This issue arises because, in faceted charts, the x-axis structure is altered.

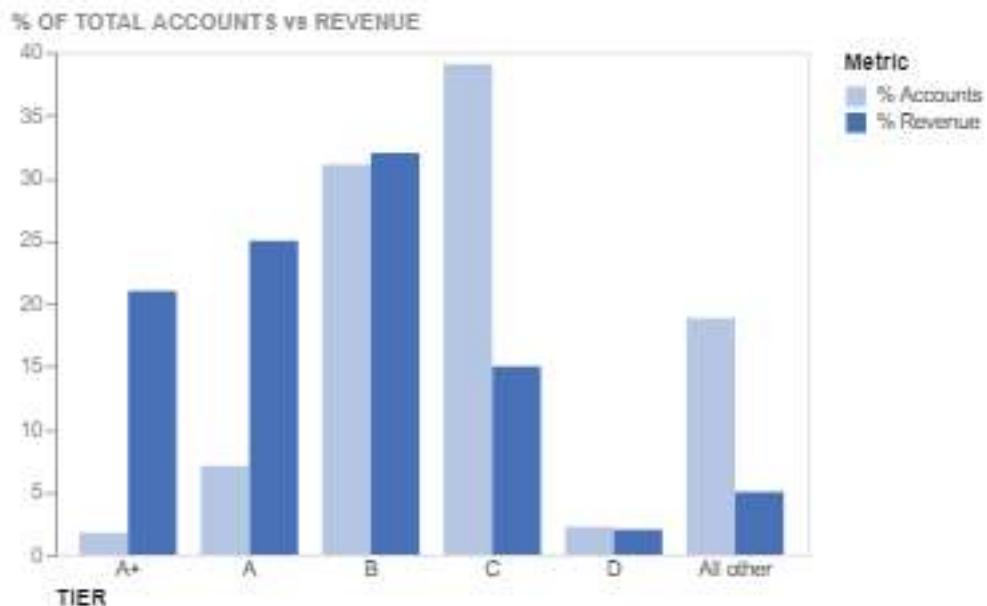
Now that we've transformed our data into long-format, we can work around this problem by creating our graph without using the 'column' method, and thereby, avoiding faceting. Instead of specifying 'x' as 'Metric,' 'y' as 'Value,' 'color' as 'Metric,' and 'column' as 'Tier,' we can redefine 'x' as 'Tier,' 'y' as 'Value,' 'color' as 'Metric,' and introduce 'XOffset' for controlling the horizontal positioning of data points within a group. In essence, 'column' primarily serves to define distinct x-axis categories, while 'XOffset' is employed to manage the horizontal placement of data points within a group.

The following chart incorporates the alterations we discussed and yields a graph that closely resembles the previous one.

```
In [30]: bar = alt.Chart(
    selected_rows,
    title = alt.Title('New client tier share', fontSize = 20, anchor = 'start')
).mark_bar().encode(
    x = alt.X(
        'Tier',
        axis = alt.Axis(
            title = 'TIER', # Setting a custom title for the x-axis
            labelAngle = 0, # Setting the Label angle to 0 degrees
            titleAnchor = "start", # Anchoring the title to the start
            domain = False, # Hiding the x-axis domain line
            ticks = False # Hiding the x-axis ticks
        ),
        sort = ['A+'] # Sorting x-axis based on 'Tier'
    ),
    y = alt.Y(
        'Value',
        axis = alt.Axis(
            title = "% OF TOTAL ACCOUNTS vs REVENUE", # Setting a custom title
            titleAlign = 'left', # Aligning the title to the Left
            titleAngle = 0, # Setting the title angle to 0 degrees
            titleAnchor = 'end', # Anchoring the title to the end
            titleY = -10, # Adjusting the title position
            grid = False, # Turning off grid lines
            labelColor = "#888888", # Setting the Label color to gray
            titleColor = '#888888' # Setting the title color to gray
        )
    ),
    color = alt.Color(
        'Metric',
        scale = alt.Scale(range = ['#b4c6e4', '#4871b7']) # Setting a custom color
    ),
    xOffset = 'Metric' # Adjusting the x-offset
).properties(
    height = 250, width = 375 # Setting the height and width of the chart
)

bar.configure_view(stroke = None) # Removing the stroke from the view

bar
```

Out[30]: **New client tier share**

Now, we can layer the graph and introduce the lines. It's worth noting that creating the lines in Altair is not a straightforward task and a considerable amount of documentation searching was necessary to achieve it.

```
In [31]: # x, y and y2 do not accept to be defined as "condition", so repetitive code is

# Create a vertical rule chart for ascending lines
rule_asc = alt.Chart(selected_rows).mark_rule(x2Offset = 10, xOffset = -10).encode(
    x = alt.X('Tier', sort = ['A+']), # X-axis encoding for 'Tier', sorted in ascending order
    x2 = alt.X2('Tier'), # End point of the rule line
    y = alt.Y('min(Value)'), # Start point of the rule line
    y2 = alt.Y2('max(Value)'), # End point of the rule line
    strokeWidth = alt.value(2), # Set the stroke width of the rule line
    opacity = alt.condition(
        (alt.datum.Tier == 'A+') | # Condition for specific tiers
        (alt.datum.Tier == 'A') | # to determine opacity settings
        (alt.datum.Tier == 'B'),
        alt.value(1), alt.value(0) # Opacity set to 1 if condition is met, else 0
    )
)

# Create a vertical rule chart for descending lines
rule_desc = alt.Chart(selected_rows).mark_rule(x2Offset = 10, xOffset = -10
).encode(
    x = alt.X('Tier', sort = ['A+']), # X-axis encoding for 'Tier', sorted in descending order
    x2 = alt.X2('Tier'),
    y = alt.Y('max(Value)'), # Start point of the rule line
    y2 = alt.Y2('min(Value)'), # End point of the rule line
    strokeWidth = alt.value(2),
    opacity = alt.condition(
        (alt.datum.Tier == 'A+') |
        (alt.datum.Tier == 'A') |
        (alt.datum.Tier == 'B'),
        alt.value(0), alt.value(1)
    )
)

# Points of % Revenue where % Revenue > % Accounts
```

```

points1 = alt.Chart(selected_rows).mark_point(filled = True, xOffset = 10, color
    x = alt.X('Tier', sort = ['A+']),
    y = alt.Y('max(Value)'),
    opacity = alt.condition(
        (alt.datum.Tier == 'A+') |
        (alt.datum.Tier == 'A') |
        (alt.datum.Tier == 'B'),
        alt.value(1), alt.value(0)
    )
)

# Points of % Revenue where % Revenue < % Accounts
points2 = alt.Chart(selected_rows).mark_point(filled = True, xOffset = 10, color
    x = alt.X('Tier', sort = ['A+']),
    y = alt.Y('min(Value)'),
    opacity = alt.condition(
        (alt.datum.Tier == 'A+') |
        (alt.datum.Tier == 'A') |
        (alt.datum.Tier == 'B'),
        alt.value(0), alt.value(1)
    )
)

# Points of % Accounts where % Revenue < % Accounts
points3 = alt.Chart(selected_rows).mark_point(filled = True, xOffset = -10, color
    x = alt.X('Tier', sort = ['A+']),
    y = alt.Y('max(Value)'),
    opacity = alt.condition(
        (alt.datum.Tier == 'A+') |
        (alt.datum.Tier == 'A') |
        (alt.datum.Tier == 'B'),
        alt.value(0), alt.value(1)
    )
)

# Points of % Revenue where % Revenue > % Accounts
points4 = alt.Chart(selected_rows).mark_point(filled = True, xOffset = -10, color
    x = alt.X('Tier', sort = ['A+']),
    y = alt.Y('min(Value)'),
    opacity = alt.condition(
        (alt.datum.Tier == 'A+') |
        (alt.datum.Tier == 'A') |
        (alt.datum.Tier == 'B'),
        alt.value(1), alt.value(0)
    )
)

bar_point = bar + rule_asc + rule_desc + points1 + points2 + points3 + points4
bar_point.configure_view(stroke = None)

```

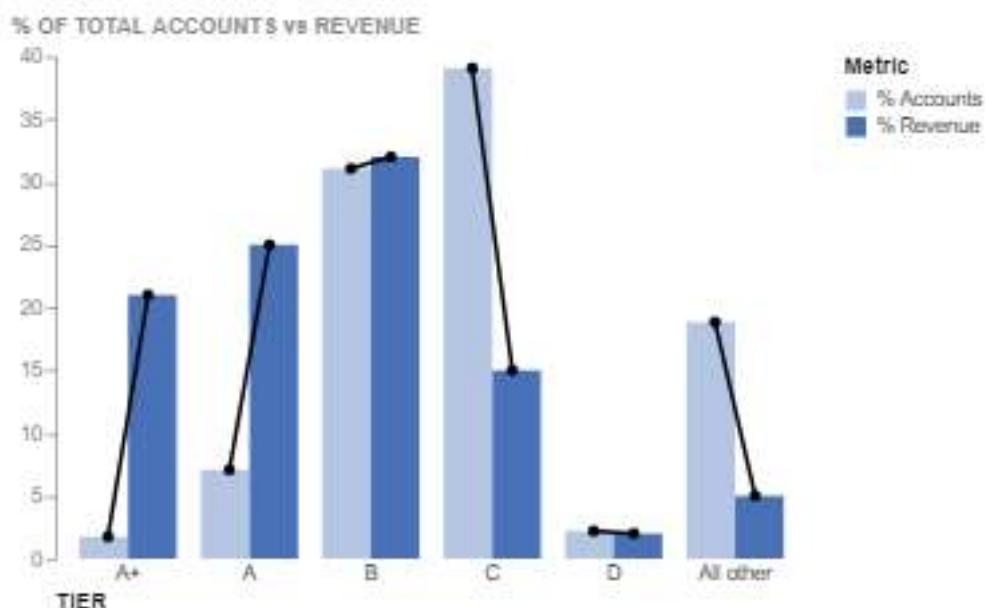
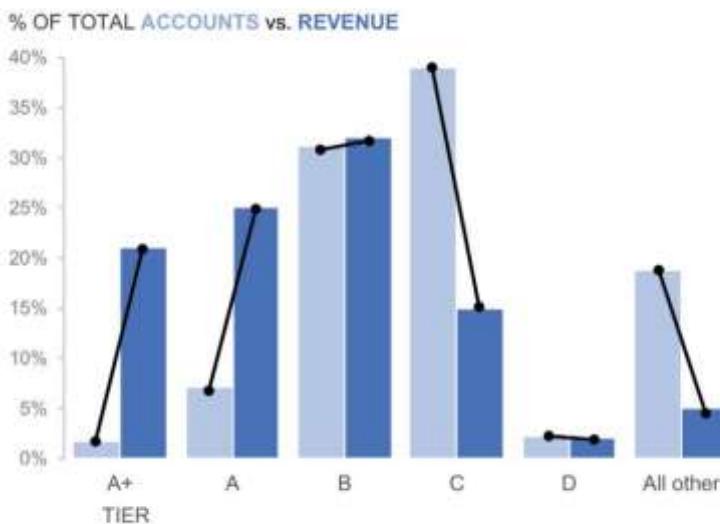
Out[31]: **New client tier share***Visualization as depicted in the book:***New client tier share**

FIGURE 2.1i Let's draw some lines

Lines only

With two types of visualizations displaying the same data, the book suggests to eliminate the bars altogether. This can be done without the need to program more graphs:

In [32]:

```
# Configure the Legend to be disabled (hidden)
# The 'opacity' configuration is set to 0, making the bars transparent
point = bar_point.configure_mark(opacity = 0).configure_view(stroke = None).configure_point
```

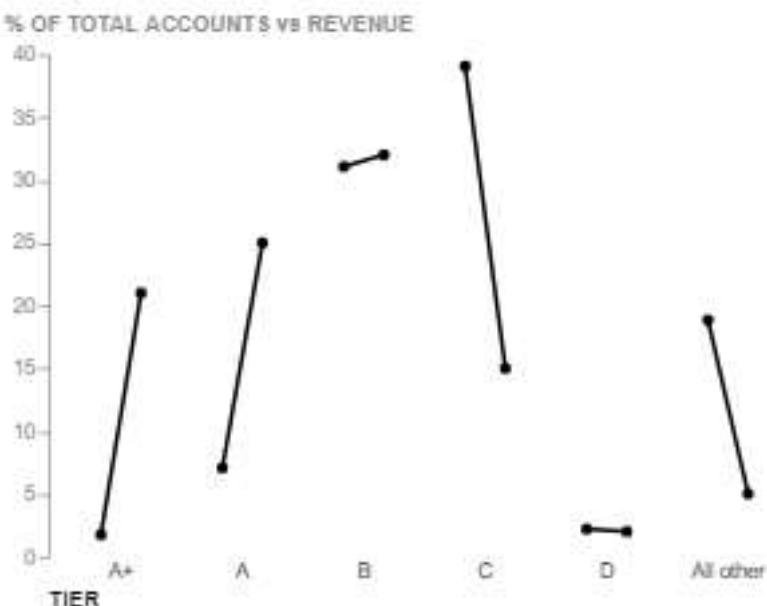
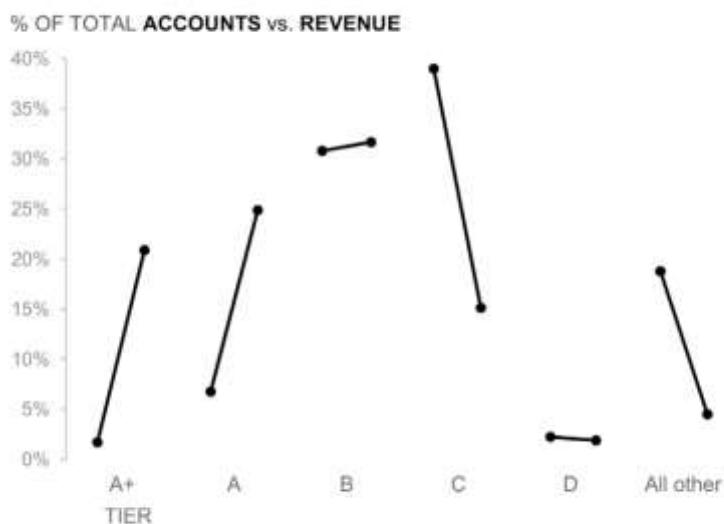
Out[32]: **New client tier share***Visualization as depicted in the book:***New client tier share**

FIGURE 2.1j Take away the bars

Slope graph

At last, we can reassemble the lines to create a slope graph.

```
In [33]: # Create base chart, setting the title
base = alt.Chart(
    selected_rows,
    title = alt.Title("New client tier share", anchor = 'start', fontWeight = 'normal')
)

# Line chart configuration
line = base.mark_line(
    point = True # The Lines have points at the end
).encode(
    x = alt.X('
```

```

        'Metric',
        axis = alt.Axis(title = None, labelAngle = 0, domain = False, ticks = False),
    ),
    y = alt.Y('Value', axis = None),
    color = alt.Color(
        'Tier',
        scale = alt.Scale(range = ['black']), # All Tier Lines are black
        legend = None
    )
).properties(
    width = 300,
    height = 350
)

# Labels to the right of the slope
# These Labels are for the Accounts
labels1 = base.mark_text(
    align = 'left',
    dx = 10
).encode(
    x = alt.X('Metric'),
    y = alt.Y('Value'),
    text = alt.Text('Value:Q', format = '.0f'),
    opacity = alt.condition(alt.datum.Metric == '% Accounts', alt.value(0), alt.value(0.7))
)

# Labels to the left of the slope
# These Labels are for the Revenue
labels2 = base.mark_text(
    align = 'left',
    dx = -20
).encode(
    x = alt.X('Metric'),
    y = alt.Y('Value'),
    text = alt.Text('Value:Q', format=''.0f'),
    opacity = alt.condition(alt.datum.Metric == '% Accounts', alt.value(0.7), alt.value(0))
)

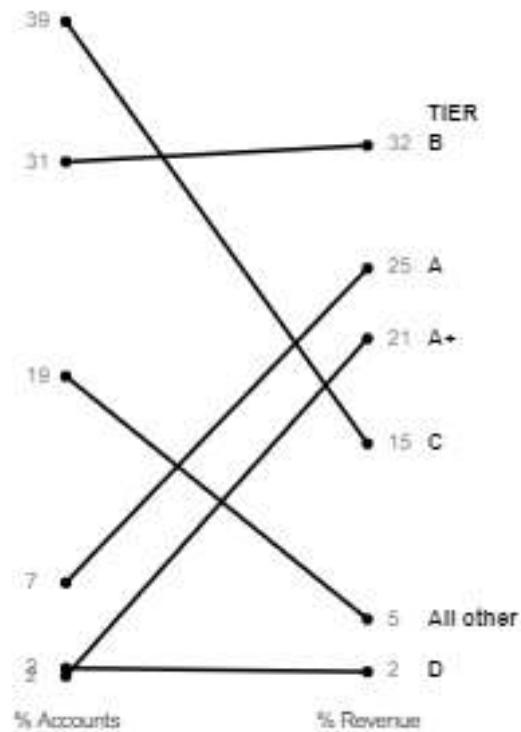
# Labels for the Tiers
tier_labels = base.mark_text(
    align = 'left',
    dx = 30,
    fontWeight = 'bold'
).encode(
    x = alt.X('Metric'),
    y = alt.Y('Value'),
    text = 'Tier',
    opacity = alt.condition(alt.datum.Metric == '% Accounts', alt.value(0), alt.value(0.7))
)

# Tier title
tier_title = alt.Chart(
    {"values": [{"text": ['TIER']}]}
).mark_text(
    align = "left",
    dx = 105,
    dy = -120,
    fontWeight = 'bold'
).encode(
    text = "text:N"
)

```

```
slope = line + labels1 + labels2 + tier_labels + tier_title
slope.configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[33]: New client tier share



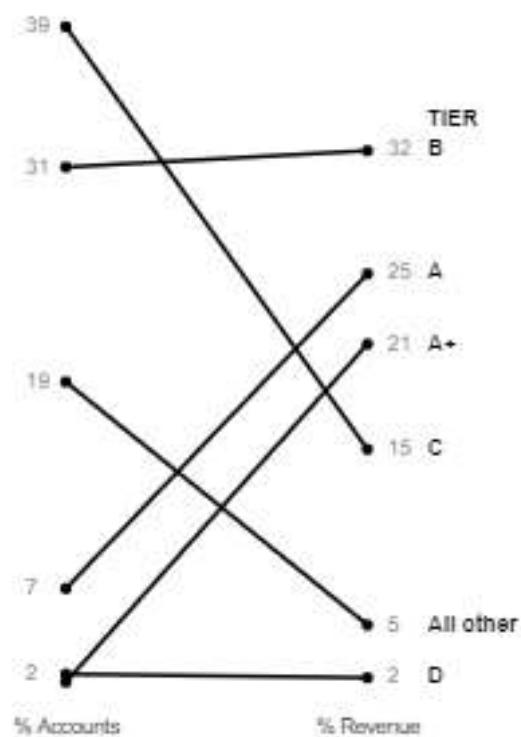
Notice how there are two numbers overlapping, the percentage of accounts of the A+ and D tiers. Since they are the same number when rounded, we can just eliminate one of the values display.

```
In [34]: # Eliminate Tier A+ from display
label_condition = (alt.datum.Metric == '% Accounts') & (alt.datum.Tier != 'A+')

labels2 = base.mark_text(
    align ='left',
    dx = -20
).encode(
    x = alt.X('Metric'),
    y = alt.Y('Value'),
    text = alt.Text('Value:Q', format=' .0f'),
    opacity = alt.condition(label_condition, alt.value(0.7), alt.value(0))
)

slope = line + labels1 + labels2 + tier_labels + tier_title
slope.configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[34]: New client tier share

*Visualization as depicted in the book:*

New client tier share

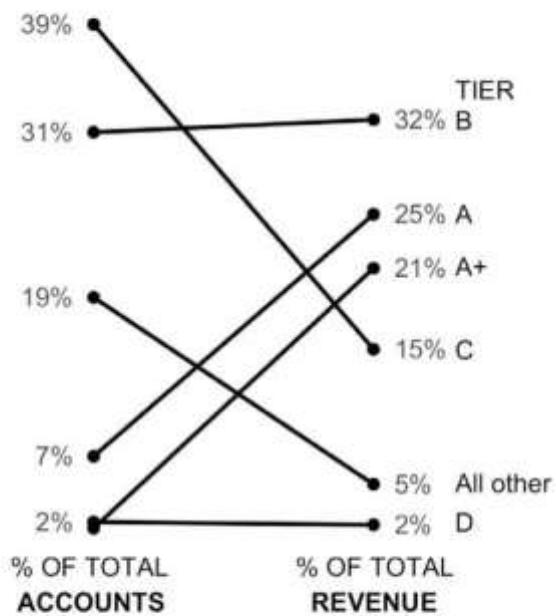


FIGURE 2.1k A slopegraph

Interactivity

In this exercise, the selected graph for interactivity is the simple vertical bar chart, without the lines.

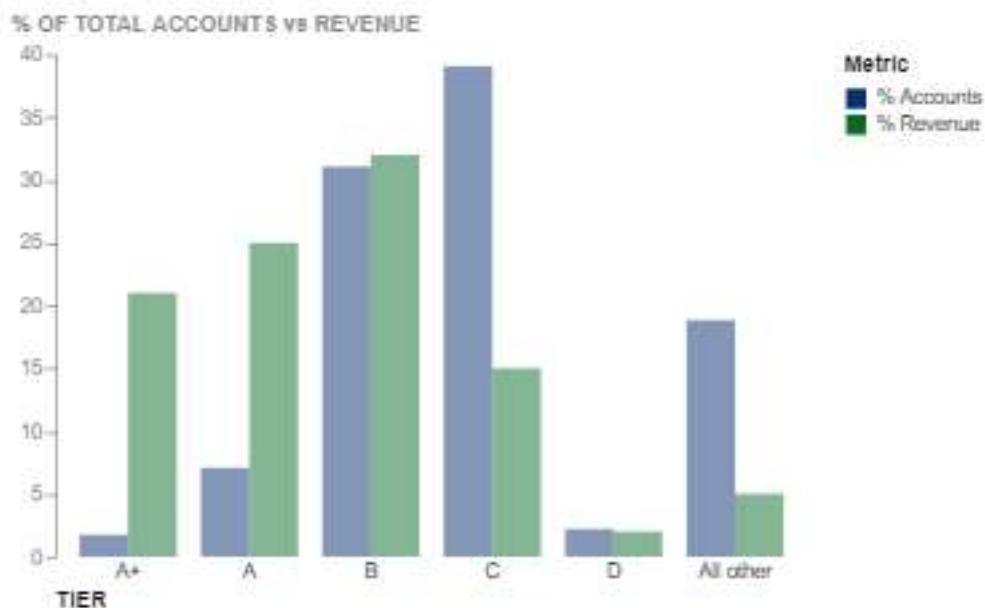
The chosen interactive features include a simple tooltip, revealing the precise values of each column upon hovering. Additionally, it shows the legend to provide further clarity about the corresponding data categories.

Finally, the columns are designed to highlight dynamically when the viewer hovers over them. Because of this feature, the color palette was changed, since the monochromatic version made the highlighted column and the not highlighted neighbor too similar.

```
In [35]: # Selection for interactive points on hover
hover = alt.selection_point(on='mouseover', nearest=True, empty=False)

# Bar chart configuration with interactivity
bar_interactive = alt.Chart(
    selected_rows,
    title = alt.Title('New client tier share', fontSize = 20, anchor = 'start')
).mark_bar().encode(
    x = alt.X(
        'Tier',
        axis = alt.Axis(title = 'TIER', labelAngle = 0, titleAnchor = "start", d
        sort = ['A+']
    ),
    y = alt.Y('Value', axis = alt.Axis(
        title = "% OF TOTAL ACCOUNTS vs REVENUE",
        titleAlign = 'left',
        titleAngle = 0,
        titleAnchor = 'end',
        titleY = -10,
        grid = False,
        labelColor = "#888888",
        titleColor = '#888888'
    )),
    color = alt.Color('Metric', scale = alt.Scale(range = ['#0a2f73', '#096b2b'])
    xOffset = 'Metric',
    opacity = alt.condition(hover, alt.value(1), alt.value(0.5)), # Set opacity
    tooltip = ['Value:Q', 'Metric'] # Show tooltip with specified fields
).properties(
    height = 250, width = 375
).add_params(hover) # Add the hover selection to the chart

# Configure view settings for the interactive bar chart
bar_interactive.configure_view(stroke=None)
```

Out[35]: **New client tier share**

Exercise 2.4 - Practice in your tool

This exercise proposes to display the same data in six different formats, hand-drawn by the author in the theoretical exercise 2.3. The purpose of the activity is to practice in our own tool, and while C. Nussbaumer uses Excel, we will proceed with Altair.

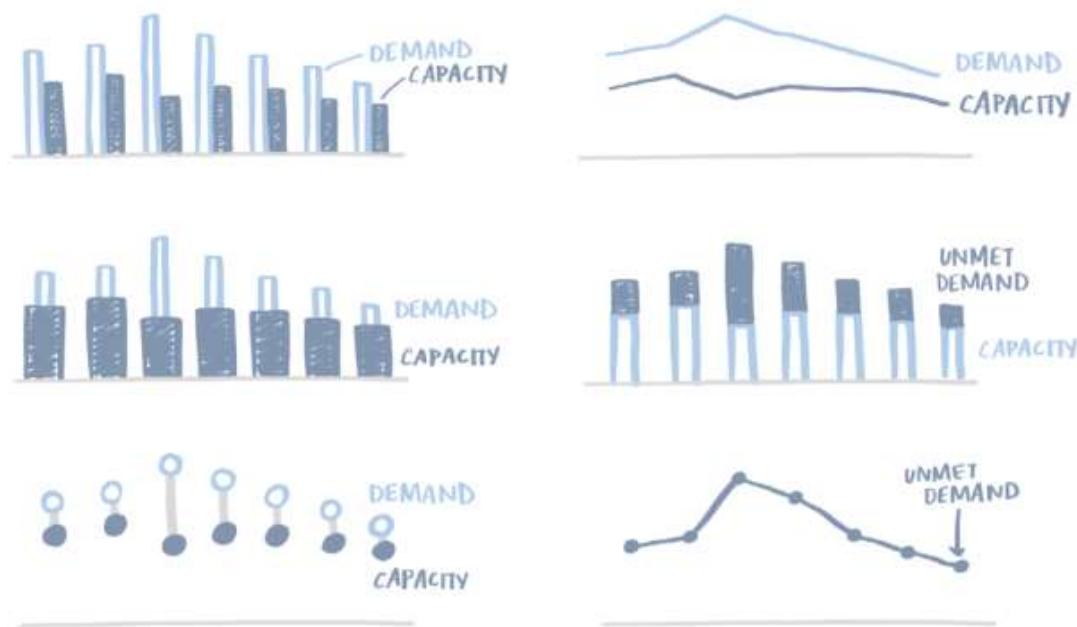


FIGURE 2.3b My data drawings

Loading the data

```
In [36]: # Loading considering the NaN caused by Excel formatting
table = pd.read_excel(r"Data\2.4 EXERCISE.xlsx", usecols = [1, 2, 3], header = 4
table
```

Out[36]:

	DATE	CAPACITY	DEMAND
0	2019-04	29263	46193
1	2019-05	28037	49131
2	2019-06	21596	50124
3	2019-07	25895	48850
4	2019-08	25813	47602
5	2019-09	22427	43697
6	2019-10	23605	41058
7	2019-11	24263	37364
8	2019-12	24243	34364
9	2020-01	25533	34149
10	2020-02	24467	25573
11	2020-03	25194	25284

In the graphs for this exercise, we require the inclusion of the "unmet demand" column, which is currently absent from the dataset. To obtain this value, we can calculate the difference between demand and capacity for each date.

In [37]:

```
# Calculate Unmet Demand
table['UNMET DEMAND'] = table['DEMAND'] - table['CAPACITY']

# Show only the first five Lines
table.head()
```

Out[37]:

	DATE	CAPACITY	DEMAND	UNMET DEMAND
0	2019-04	29263	46193	16930
1	2019-05	28037	49131	21094
2	2019-06	21596	50124	28528
3	2019-07	25895	48850	22955
4	2019-08	25813	47602	21789

Now we transform the data from the wide-format used in Excel to the long-format used in Altair.

In [38]:

```
# Transforming data into Long-format

melted_table = pd.melt(table, id_vars = ['DATE'], var_name = 'Metric', value_name
```

Out[38]:

	DATE	Metric	Value
0	2019-04	CAPACITY	29263
1	2019-05	CAPACITY	28037
2	2019-06	CAPACITY	21596
3	2019-07	CAPACITY	25895
4	2019-08	CAPACITY	25813
5	2019-09	CAPACITY	22427
6	2019-10	CAPACITY	23605
7	2019-11	CAPACITY	24263
8	2019-12	CAPACITY	24243
9	2020-01	CAPACITY	25533
10	2020-02	CAPACITY	24467
11	2020-03	CAPACITY	25194
12	2019-04	DEMAND	46193
13	2019-05	DEMAND	49131
14	2019-06	DEMAND	50124
15	2019-07	DEMAND	48850
16	2019-08	DEMAND	47602
17	2019-09	DEMAND	43697
18	2019-10	DEMAND	41058
19	2019-11	DEMAND	37364
20	2019-12	DEMAND	34364
21	2020-01	DEMAND	34149
22	2020-02	DEMAND	25573
23	2020-03	DEMAND	25284
24	2019-04	UNMET DEMAND	16930
25	2019-05	UNMET DEMAND	21094
26	2019-06	UNMET DEMAND	28528
27	2019-07	UNMET DEMAND	22955
28	2019-08	UNMET DEMAND	21789
29	2019-09	UNMET DEMAND	21270
30	2019-10	UNMET DEMAND	17453
31	2019-11	UNMET DEMAND	13101
32	2019-12	UNMET DEMAND	10121

	DATE	Metric	Value
33	2020-01	UNMET DEMAND	8616
34	2020-02	UNMET DEMAND	1106
35	2020-03	UNMET DEMAND	90

To simplify the data transformation process in the graphs, we will deviate from the "yyyy-mm" format for the date. Instead, we will create two separate columns, one for the year and another for the abbreviated name of the month. This adjustment will streamline our visualization efforts by reducing the need for extensive data transformations within the graphs themselves.

```
In [39]: # Transform the column into datetime format
melted_table['DATE'] = pd.to_datetime(melted_table['DATE'])

# Extracting year and month
melted_table['year'] = melted_table['DATE'].dt.year
melted_table['month'] = melted_table['DATE'].apply(lambda x: x.strftime('%b'))
```

```
In [40]: # The DATE column is no longer useful

melted_table.drop('DATE', axis = 1, inplace = True)
melted_table.head()
```

```
Out[40]:
```

	Metric	Value	year	month
0	CAPACITY	29263	2019	Apr
1	CAPACITY	28037	2019	May
2	CAPACITY	21596	2019	Jun
3	CAPACITY	25895	2019	Jul
4	CAPACITY	25813	2019	Aug

To further avoid data manipulation within the chart code, we will create auxiliary tables.

```
In [41]: # Making new sets of data

# Just 2019
table_2019 = melted_table[melted_table['year'].isin([2019])]

# Just Demand from 2019
demand_2019 = table_2019[table_2019['Metric'].isin(['DEMAND'])]

# Just Capacity from 2019
capacity_2019 = table_2019[table_2019['Metric'].isin(['CAPACITY'])]

# Just Unmet Demand from 2019
unmet_2019 = table_2019[table_2019['Metric'].isin(['UNMET DEMAND'])]

# Demand and Capacity from 2019
bar_table = table_2019[table_2019['Metric'].isin(['CAPACITY', 'DEMAND'])]

# Unmet Demand and Capacity from 2019
stacked_table = table_2019[table_2019['Metric'].isin(['CAPACITY', 'UNMET DEMAND'])]
```

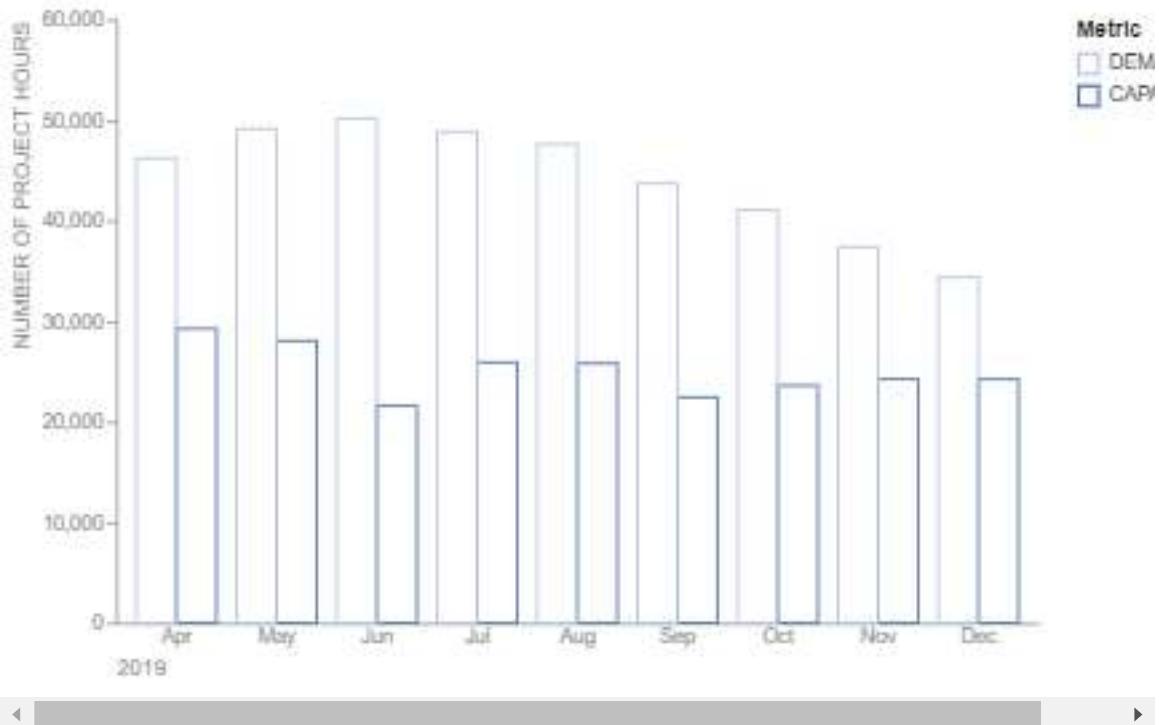
Bar chart

While the author deliberately filled the Capacity columns while leaving Demand only outlined in the attempt to visually distinguish between what can be fulfilled (Capacity) and the unmet portion of the requirement (Unmet Demand), Altair is not easily compatible with that choice.

The variable which dictates if the mark will be filled does not accept a condition as its value. Since the author itself admits the shortcomings of this approach ("*I find the outline plus the white space between the bars visually jarring*"), we chose to differentiate the data by color, as it is traditional.

```
In [42]: # Unfilled version
alt.Chart(
    bar_table,
    title = alt.Title(
        "Demand vs capacity over time", anchor = "start", offset = 20, fontSize
    ),
).mark_bar(filled = False).encode( # Filled = False makes the bars unfilled
    y = alt.Y(
        "Value",
        axis = alt.Axis(
            grid = False, # Removes grid
            titleAnchor = "end",
            labelColor = "#888888", # Changes the label color to gray
            titleColor = "#888888", # Changes the title color to gray
            titleFontWeight = "normal"
        ),
        scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 60000]), # y-axis goes from 0 to 60000
        title = "NUMBER OF PROJECT HOURS"
    ),
    x = alt.X(
        "month",
        sort = None,
        axis = alt.Axis(
            labelAngle = 0, # Makes Label horizontal
            titleAnchor = "start",
            labelColor = "#888888", # Changes Label and title color to gray
            titleColor = "#888888",
            titleFontWeight = "normal",
            ticks = False # Removes ticks from axis
        ),
        title = "2019"
    ),
    color = alt.Color( # Sets colors based on Metric (Demand and Capacity)
        "Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#b4c6e4", "#4871b7"]), sort = "des
    ),
    xOffset = alt.XOffset("Metric", sort = "descending") # Sets offset on the x-
).configure_view(
    stroke = None
) # Remove the chart border
```

Out[42]: Demand vs capacity over time



In [43]: # Filled version

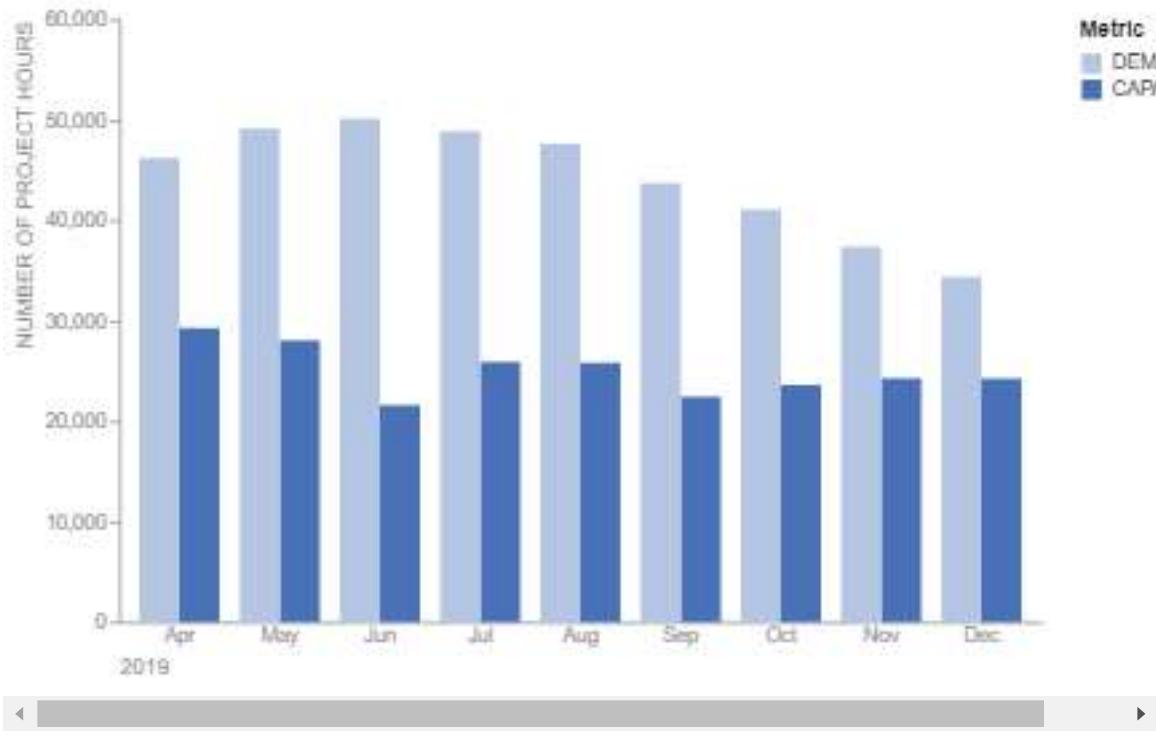
```

alt.Chart(
    bar_table,
    title = alt.Title(
        "Demand vs capacity over time", anchor = "start", offset = 20, fontSize
    ),
).mark_bar().encode( # Filled = True is default
    y = alt.Y(
        "Value",
        axis = alt.Axis(
            grid = False, # Removes grid
            titleAnchor = "end",
            labelColor = "#888888", # Changes the label color to gray
            titleColor = "#888888", # Changes the title color to gray
            titleFontWeight = "normal"
        ),
        scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 60000]), # y-axis goes from 0 to 60000
        title = "NUMBER OF PROJECT HOURS"
    ),
    x = alt.X(
        "month",
        sort = None,
        axis = alt.Axis(
            labelAngle = 0, # Makes Label horizontal
            titleAnchor = "start",
            labelColor = "#888888", # Changes Label and title color to gray
            titleColor = "#888888",
            titleFontWeight = "normal",
            ticks = False # Removes ticks from axis
        ),
        title = "2019"
    ),
    color = alt.Color( # Sets colors based on Metric (Demand and Capacity)
        "Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#b4c6e4", "#4871b7"]), sort = "des
    ),
)

```

```
xOffset = alt.XOffset("Metric", sort = "descending") # Sets offset on the x
).configure_view(
    stroke = None
) # Remove the chart border
```

Out[43]: Demand vs capacity over time



Visualization as depicted in the book:

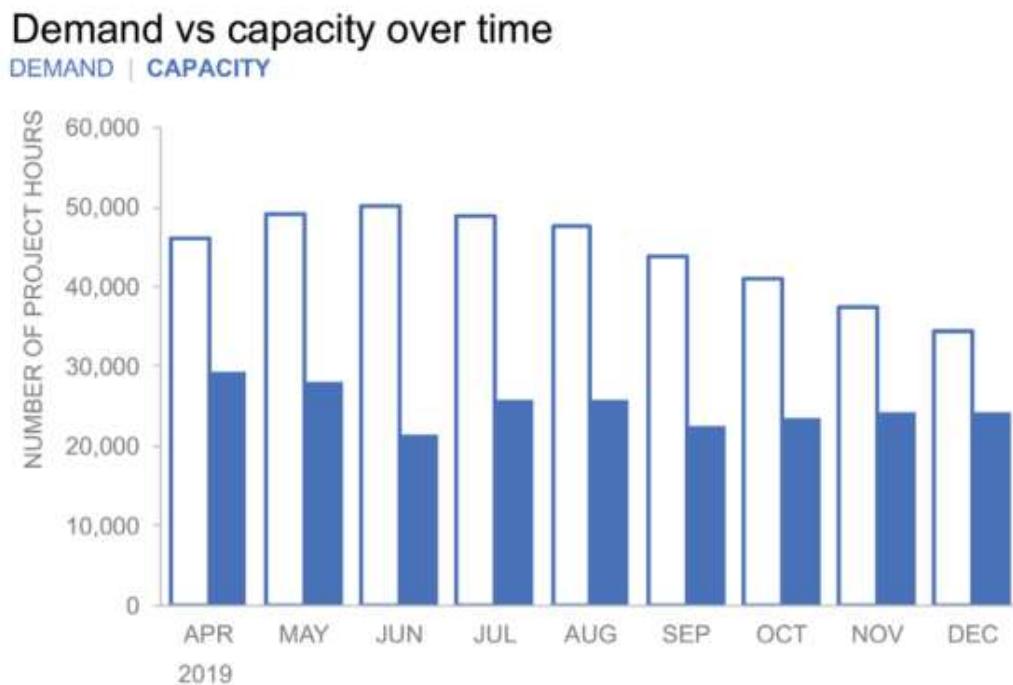


FIGURE 2.4a Basic bars

Line graph

Cleaner than the bar chart, the next step was to convey the data using the line graph, with the labeling beside each line, along with the final value of the year. This helps the

viewer to visualize the difference between the capacity and the demand.

```
In [43]: line = (
    alt.Chart(
        bar_table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Demand vs capacity over time",
            fontSize = 18,
            fontWeight = "normal",
            anchor = "start",
            offset = 10 # Offsets the title in the y-axis
        ),
    )
    .mark_line() # Using a Line mark for the chart
    .encode(
        y = alt.Y(
            "Value",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                titleAnchor = "end",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal"
            ),
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 60000]),
            title = "NUMBER OF PROJECT HOURS"
        ),
        x = alt.X(
            "month",
            sort = None, # Disabling sorting for better time representation
            axis = alt.Axis(
                labelAngle = 0,
                titleAnchor = "start",
                labelColor = "#888888", # Set colors to gray
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                ticks = False
            ),
            title = "2019"
        ),
        color = alt.Color(
            "Metric",
            scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#1f77b4", "#1f77b4"]),
            legend = None
        ),
        strokeWidth = alt.condition(
            "datum.Metric == 'CAPACITY'", alt.value(3), alt.value(1)
        ) # Adjusting Line thickness based on the metric
    )
    .properties(width = 350, height = 250) # Set size of the graph
)

# Adding labels
label = (
    alt.Chart(bar_table)
    .mark_text(align = "left", dx = 3)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X("month", sort = None, aggregate = "max"),
        y = alt.Y("Value", aggregate = {"argmax": "month"}),
        color = alt.Color("Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#1f77b4", "#1f77b4"]))
    )
)
```

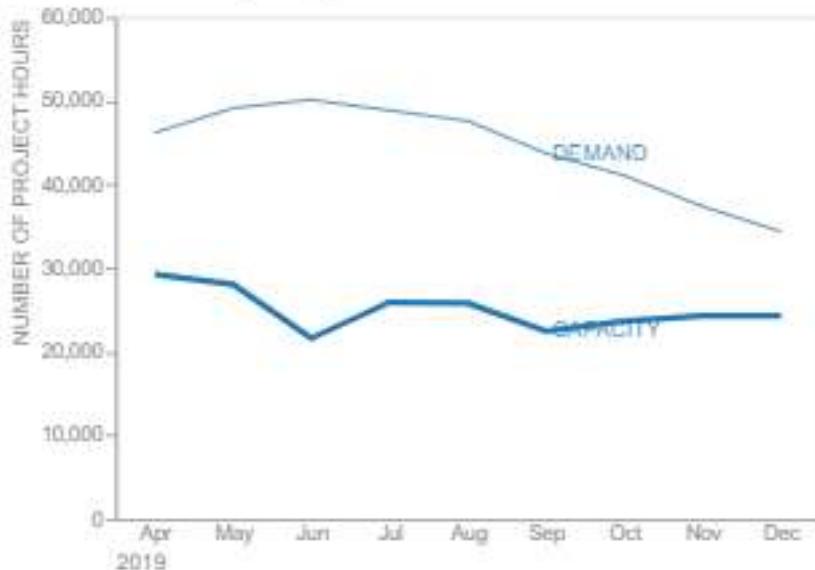
```

        text = alt.Text("Metric"), # The text itself is the Metric
        color = alt.Color("Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#1f77b4", "#1f77b4"]))
    )
)

# Combining the line chart and Labels
line + label

```

Out[43]: Demand vs capacity over time



As it is possible to notice, defining the label position as the maximum argument of the y-axis did not yield the intended result. This is because Altair is considering the values in an alphabetical order (making Sept the last month), even when setting `sort = None` in the x-axis.

Since documentation fixing this issue was not found, the next approach was adding the label manually. This also assist the process of adding the value next to the metric.

In [44]:

```

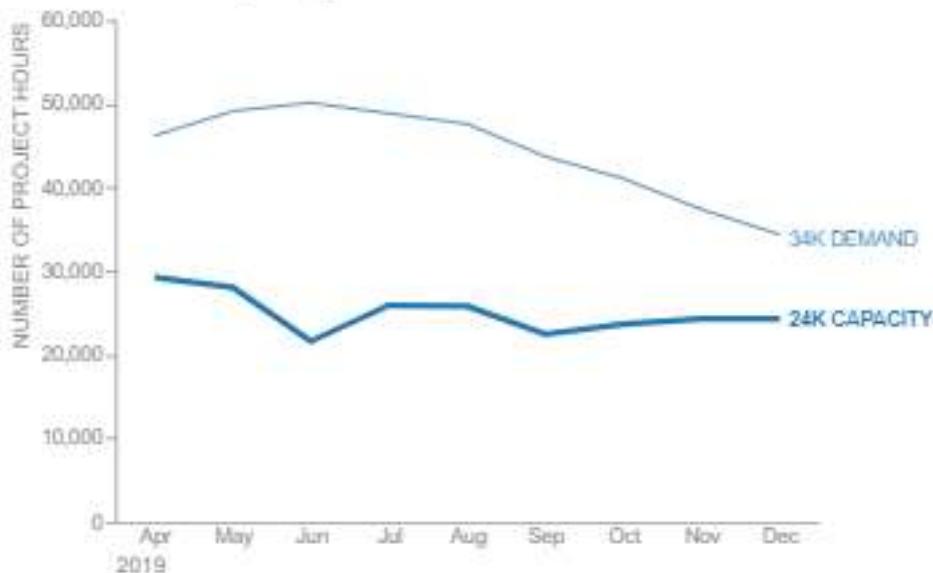
# Demand Label
label1 = alt.Chart({ "values": [
    {"text": ['34K DEMAND'] }
]}).mark_text(size = 10,
            align = "left",
            dx = 160, dy = -15,
            color = '#1f77b4' # Color it blue
).encode(text = "text:N")

# Capacity Label
label2 = alt.Chart({ "values": [
    {"text": ['24K CAPACITY'] }
]}).mark_text(size = 10,
            align = "left",
            dx = 160, dy = 25,
            color = '#1f77b4', # Color it blue
            fontWeight = 'bold'
).encode(text = "text:N")

```

```
line_final = line + label1 + label2
line_final.configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[44]: Demand vs capacity over time



Visualization as depicted in the book:

Demand vs capacity over time

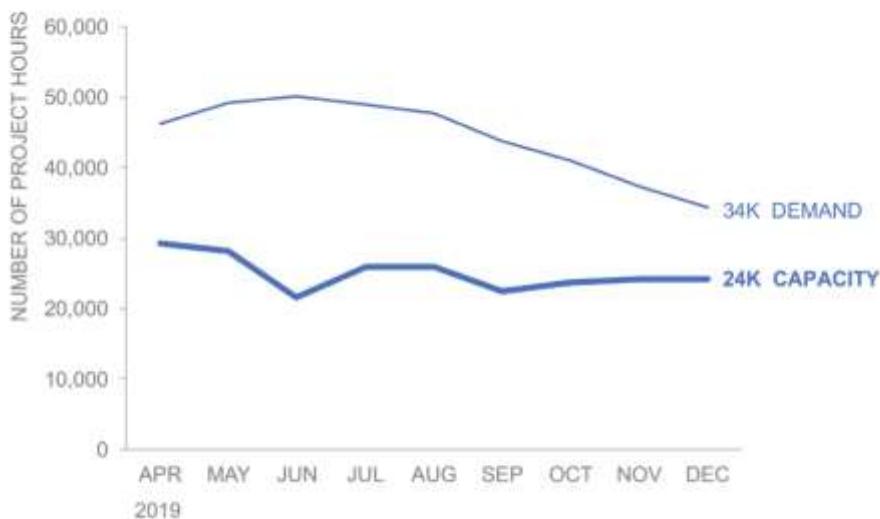


FIGURE 2.4b Line graph

Overlapping bars

The author now explores overlapping bars, wherein two bar graphs are positioned on top of each other, sharing the same axis. The Capacity data is displayed with transparency to prevent any potential confusion that might arise with a stacked bar chart.

In this particular graph, our choice was to emulate the column labeling using a title with different colors, despite Altair not providing a straightforward method for such customization. Unlike previous examples where the default legend effectively distinguished colors, the current data distinction — "opaque" or "transparent" — is

better conveyed by utilizing normal or bold text in the title instead of relying on a legend with colors.

```
In [45]: # Demand bar, with bigger spacing between them, unfilled
demand = (
    alt.Chart(
        demand_2019,
        width = alt.Step(40), # Defines the width of the bars (including distance)
        title = alt.Title(
            "Demand vs capacity over time",
            fontSize = 18,
            fontWeight = "normal",
            anchor = "start"
        )
    )
    .mark_bar(filled = False) # Unfilled
    .encode(
        y = alt.Y(
            "Value",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                titleAnchor = "end",
                labelColor = "#888888", # Gray label and title
                titleColor = "#888888"
            ),
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 60000]),
            title = "NUMBER OF PROJECT HOURS"
        ),
        x = alt.X(
            "month",
            sort = None,
            axis = alt.Axis(
                labelAngle = 0, # Horizontal label
                titleAnchor = "start",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                ticks = False
            ),
            title = "2019"
        )
    )
)

# Capacity bar, bigger size and more transparency
capacity = (
    alt.Chart(capacity_2019)
    .mark_bar(size = 30) # Makes the bar thicker but keeps the distance the same
    .encode(
        y = alt.Y(
            "Value",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                titleAnchor = "end",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal"
            ),
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 60000]),
            title = "CAPACITY VS DEMAND"
        )
    )
)
```

```

        title = "NUMBER OF PROJECT HOURS"
    ),
    x = alt.X(
        "month",
        sort = None,
        axis = alt.Axis(
            labelAngle = 0,
            titleAnchor = "start",
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            titleFontWeight = "normal",
            ticks = False
        ),
        title = "2019"
    ),
    opacity = alt.value(0.5) # Makes the bar transparent
)
)

# Labeling for subtitle
label1 = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["DEMAND | "]}]})
    .mark_text(size = 10, align = "left", dx = -235, dy = -120, color = "#1f77b4")
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

label2 = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["CAPACITY"]}]})
    .mark_text(size = 10, align = "left", dx = -177, dy = -120, color = "#1f77b4")
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

overlap = capacity + demand + label1 + label2

# Sets space (padding) between bands
overlap.configure_scale(bandPaddingInner = 0.5).configure_view(stroke=None).prop
    height = 200
)

```

Out[45]: Demand vs capacity over time



Visualization as depicted in the book:

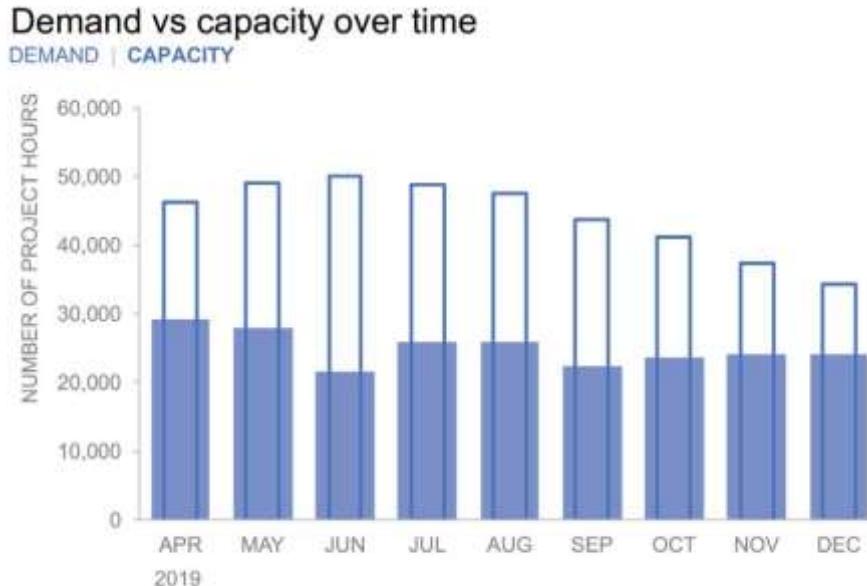


FIGURE 2.4c Overlapping bars

Stacked bars

In the stacked bars configuration, the Demand bar chart has been replaced with Unmet Demand (i.e., Demand - Capacity). This modification allows the stacking to represent the cumulative Demand value. Additionally, a color adjustment has been made, with Unmet Demand now rendered in a darker shade to emphasize its significance as a more meaningful metric.

```
In [46]: # Stacked bar
bars = (
    alt.Chart(
        stacked_table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Demand vs capacity over time",
            fontSize = 18,
            fontWeight = "normal",
            anchor = "start",
            offset = 10 # Offsets title in the y-axis
        )
    )
    .mark_bar(size = 25)
    .encode(
        y = alt.Y(
            "Value",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                titleAnchor = "end",
                labelColor = "#888888", # Sets title and Label to gray
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal"
            ),
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 60000]),
            title = "NUMBER OF PROJECT HOURS"
        ),
        x = alt.X(
            "month",
            sort = None,
            title = "Month"
        )
    )
    .properties(
        width = 600,
        height = 400
    )
)
```

```

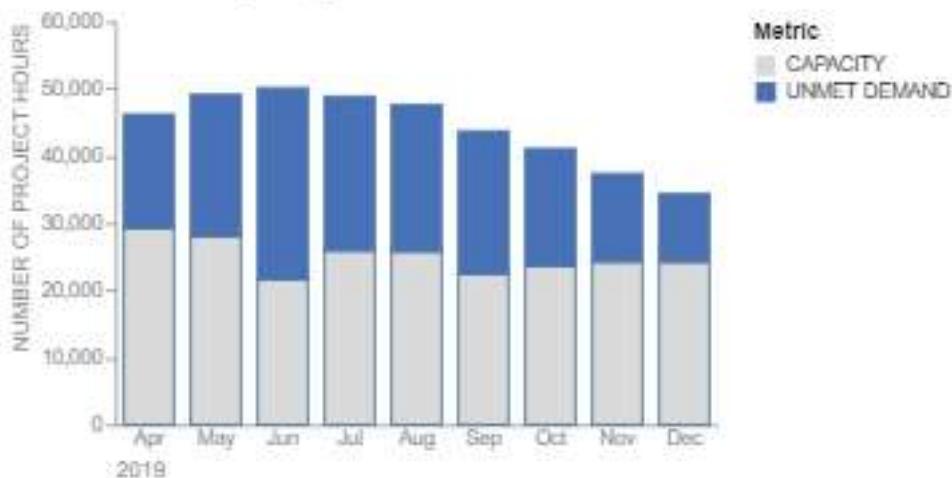
        axis = alt.Axis(
            labelAngle = 0,
            titleAnchor = "start",
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            titleFontWeight = "normal",
            ticks = False
        ),
        title = "2019"
    ),
    color = alt.Color("Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#d9dad9", "#4871
    order = alt.Order("Metric", sort = "ascending") # Unmet demand on top
)
)

# Border detail, makes the graph more visible
border = (
    alt.Chart(stacked_table)
    .mark_bar(size = 25, filled = False) # Makes an unfilled bar
    .encode(
        y = alt.Y(
            "Value",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                titleAnchor = "start",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888"
            ),
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 60000]),
            title = "NUMBER OF PROJECT HOURS"
        ),
        x = alt.X(
            "month",
            sort = None,
            axis = alt.Axis(
                labelAngle = 0,
                titleAnchor = "end",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                ticks = False
            ),
            title = "2019"
        ),
        order = alt.Order("Metric", sort = "ascending"),
    )
)

stacked = bars + border
stacked.configure_view(stroke = None).properties(width = 300, height = 200)

```

Out[46]: Demand vs capacity over time



Dot plot

For the next graph, a dot plot, the author reveals the challenges she had in Excel. To create the circles, she employed data markers from two line graphs, concealing the lines themselves. The region connecting the dots was achieved by employing a stacked bar of Unmet Demand, sitting on top of an transparent Capacity series.

This serves as a noteworthy example of the limitations of Excel when dealing with charts not inherently programmed into the tool. While certain graphs may be more straightforward in Excel, unconventional visualizations might demand intricate and obscure workarounds, while in Altair, where the approach to data visualization is more flexible, documentation for this graph was readily available.

```
In [47]: # Unfilled version
dots1 = (
    alt.Chart(
        bar_table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Demand vs capacity over time", # Set title
            fontSize = 18,
            fontWeight = "normal",
            anchor = "start",
            offset = 10
        )
    )
    .mark_circle(size = 600, opacity = 1) # Maximum opacity
    .encode(
        y = alt.Y(
            "Value",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleAnchor = "start",
                ticks = False,
                labels = False, # Removes labels from axis
                domain = False # Removes line from axis
            ),
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 60000]),
            title = "# OF PROJECT HOURS"
        )
    )
)
```

```

),
x = alt.X(
    "month",
    sort = None,
    axis = alt.Axis(
        labelAngle = 0,
        titleAnchor = "start",
        titleFontWeight = "normal",
        labelColor = "#888888",
        labelPadding = 10, # Makes label more distant to the axis
        titleColor = "#888888",
        ticks = False
),
title = "2019"
),
color = alt.Color("Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#4871b7"])), legend
)
.properties(width = 400, height = 250)
.transform_filter(alt.datum.Metric == "CAPACITY") # Alternative way to filter
)

dots2 = ( # Same graph but to Demand
    alt.Chart(
        bar_table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Demand vs capacity over time",
            fontSize = 18,
            fontWeight = "normal",
            anchor = "start",
            offset = 10
        )
    )
    .mark_circle(size = 600, opacity = 1, filled = False) # Unfilled
    .encode(
        y = alt.Y(
            "Value",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleAnchor = "start",
                ticks = False,
                labels = False,
                domain = False
            ),
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 60000]),
            title = "# OF PROJECT HOURS"
        ),
        x = alt.X(
            "month",
            sort = None,
            axis = alt.Axis(
                labelAngle = 0,
                titleAnchor = "start",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                labelPadding = 10, # Makes label more distant to axis
                titleColor = "#888888",
                ticks = False
            ),
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 60000])
        )
    )
)

```

```

        title = "2019"
    ),
    color = alt.Color("Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#b4c6e4"])), legend
)
.properties(width = 400, height = 250)
.transform_filter(alt.datum.Metric == "DEMAND")
)

# Lines between dots
line = (
    alt.Chart(bar_table)
    .mark_line(strokeWidth = 25, opacity = 0.25) # Sets width and transparency
    .encode(x = alt.X("month", sort = None), y = "Value", detail = "month") # detail
) # in

# Text inside the dots
text = (
    alt.Chart(bar_table)
    .mark_text()
    .encode(
        x = alt.X("month", sort = None),
        y = "Value",
        text = alt.Text("Value:Q", format = ".2s"), # Formats 10000 as 10k
        color = alt.condition(
            alt.datum.Metric == "DEMAND", alt.value("black"), alt.value("white")
        )
    )
)

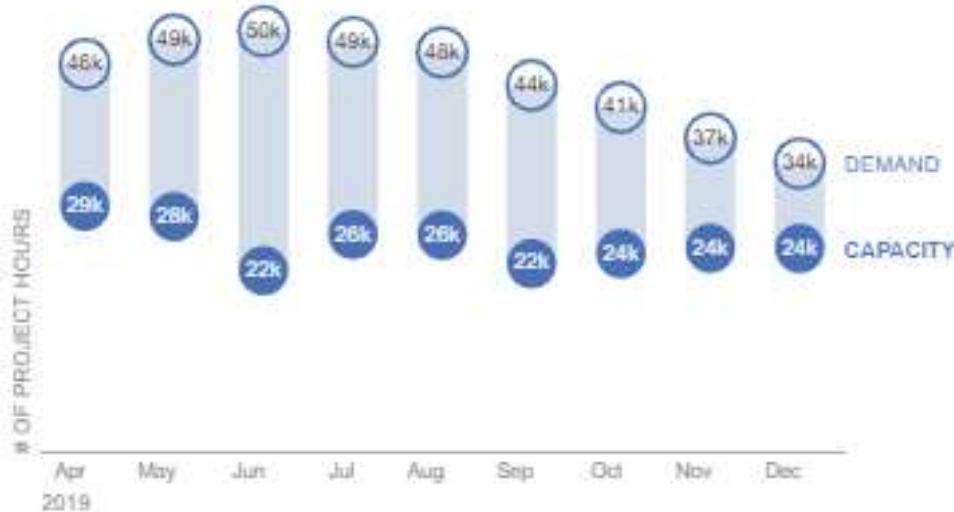
# Set Legend for Metric
label1 = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["DEMAND"]}]}))
    .mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = 200, dy = -17, color = "#4871b7")
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

label2 = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["CAPACITY"]}]}))
    .mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = 200, dy = 25, color = "#4871b7",
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

dot_plot = line + dots1 + dots2 + text + label1 + label2
dot_plot.configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[47]: Demand vs capacity over time



In [49]: # Dot plot, filled-only version

```

dots = (
    alt.Chart(
        bar_table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Demand vs capacity over time",
            fontSize = 18,
            fontWeight = "normal",
            anchor = "start",
            offset = 10
        ),
    )
    .mark_circle(size = 600, opacity = 1) # Max opacity, filled by default
    .encode(
        y = alt.Y(
            "Value",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleAnchor = "start",
                ticks = False,
                labels = False,
                domain = False
            ),
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 60000]),
            title = "# OF PROJECT HOURS"
        ),
        x = alt.X(
            "month",
            sort = None,
            axis = alt.Axis(
                labelAngle = 0,
                titleAnchor = "start",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                labelPadding = 10,
                titleColor = "#888888",
                ticks = False
            ),
        )
)

```

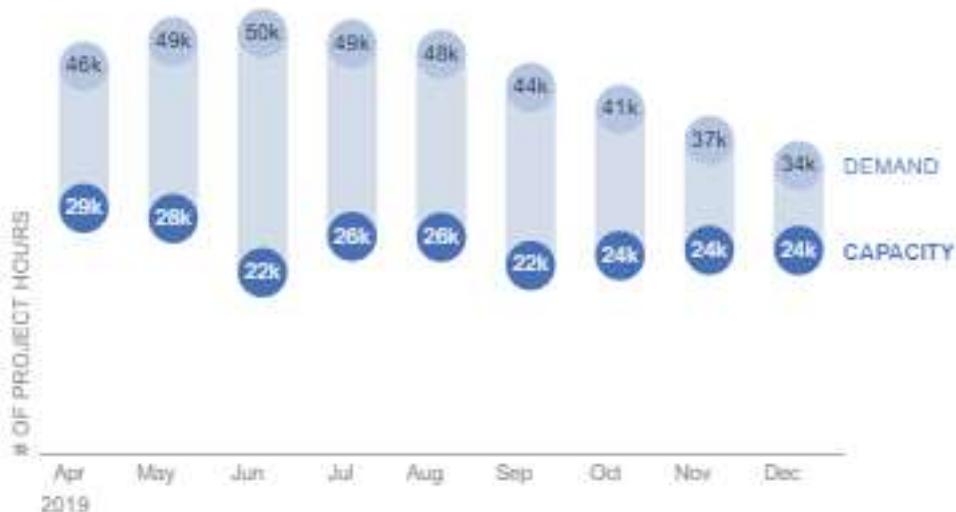
```

        title = "2019"
    ),
    color = alt.Color(
        "Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#4871b7", "#b4c6e4"]), legend
    )
)
.properties(width = 400, height = 250)
)

dot_plot = line + dots + text + label1 + label2
dot_plot.configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[49]: Demand vs capacity over time



Visualization as depicted in the book:

Demand vs capacity over time

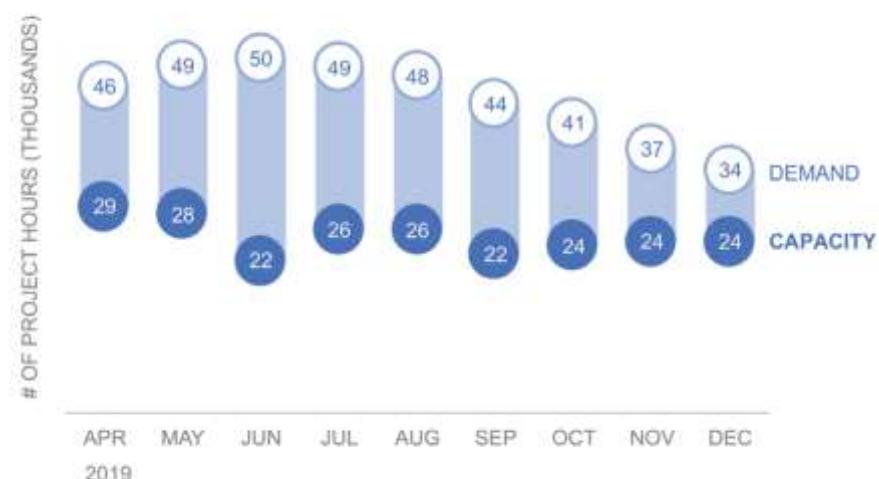


FIGURE 2.4e Dot plot

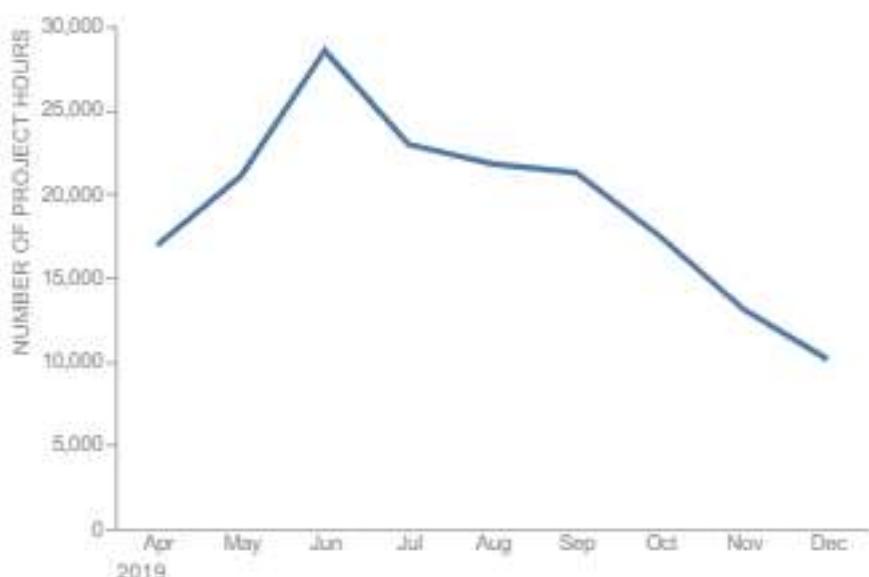
Graph the difference

For the final visualization, it was chosen a simple line plot representing the unmet demand. Although minimalist and clean, this choice occults data from the actual value of

demand and capacity.

```
In [48]: alt.Chart(
    unmet_2019,
    title = alt.Title(
        "Unmet demand over time",
        fontSize = 18,
        fontWeight = "normal",
        anchor = "start",
        offset = 10
    ),
).mark_line().encode(
    y = alt.Y(
        "Value",
        axis = alt.Axis(
            grid = False,
            titleAnchor = "end",
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            titleFontWeight = "normal"
        ),
        title = "NUMBER OF PROJECT HOURS"
    ),
    x = alt.X(
        "month",
        sort = None,
        axis = alt.Axis(
            labelAngle = 0,
            titleAnchor = "start",
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            titleFontWeight = "normal",
            ticks = False
        ),
        title="2019",
    ),
    strokeWidth = alt.value(3) # Set thickness of the line
).properties(
    width = 375, height = 250
).configure_view(
    stroke = None
)
```

Out[48]: Unmet demand over time

*Visualization as depicted in the book:*

Unmet demand over time

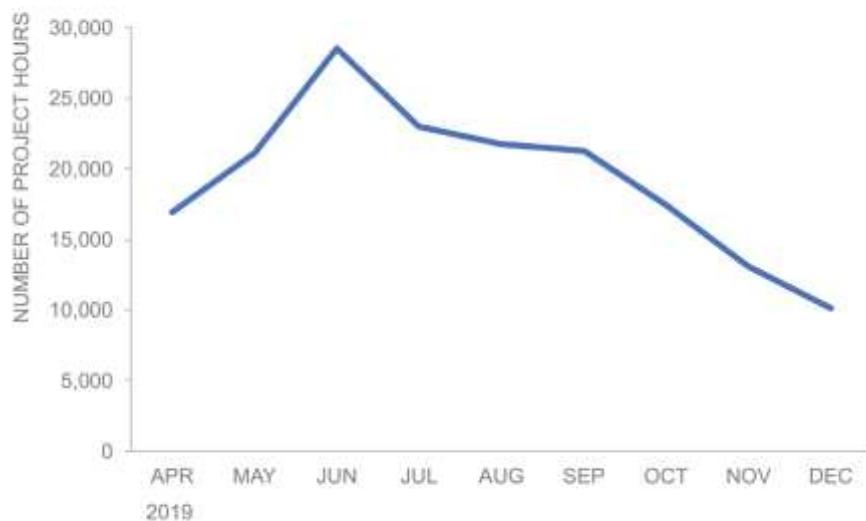


FIGURE 2.4f Graph the difference

Interactivity

The initial idea was to make an interactive version of the Overlapping graph where the opacity adjusts when the mouse is near the column, similarly to the one in Exercise 2.1. Despite the tooltip functioning correctly, the hover feature failed to identify all graphs in the layering. As a result, only the Demand bars were highlighted.

```
In [49]: # Define hover
hover = alt.selection_point(on = "mouseover", nearest = True, empty = False)

demand = (
    alt.Chart(
        demand_2019,
        width = alt.Step(40),
        title = alt.Title(
```

```

        "Demand vs capacity over time",
        fontSize = 18,
        fontWeight = "normal",
        anchor = "start"
    )
)
.mark_bar()
.encode(
    y = alt.Y(
        "Value",
        axis = alt.Axis(
            grid = False,
            titleAnchor = "end",
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888"
        ),
        scale=alt.Scale(domain = [0, 60000]),
        title="NUMBER OF PROJECT HOURS"
),
x=alt.X(
    "month",
    sort = None,
    axis = alt.Axis(
        labelAngle = 0,
        titleAnchor = "start",
        labelColor = "#888888",
        titleColor = "#888888",
        ticks = False
),
title = "2019"
),
opacity = alt.condition(hover, alt.value(1), alt.value(0.5)), # Set opacity
tooltip = ["Value:Q", "Metric"]
)
.add_params(hover)
)

# Capacity bar, bigger size and more transparency
capacity = (
    alt.Chart(capacity_2019)
    .mark_bar(size = 30)
    .encode(
        y = alt.Y(
            "Value",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                titleAnchor = "end",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal"
            ),
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 60000]),
            title = "NUMBER OF PROJECT HOURS"
),
x = alt.X(
    "month",
    sort = None,
    axis = alt.Axis(
        labelAngle = 0,
        titleAnchor = "start",
        titleColor = "#888888"
),
title = "2019"
),
opacity = alt.condition(hover, alt.value(1), alt.value(0.5)),
)
.add_params(hover)
)

```

```

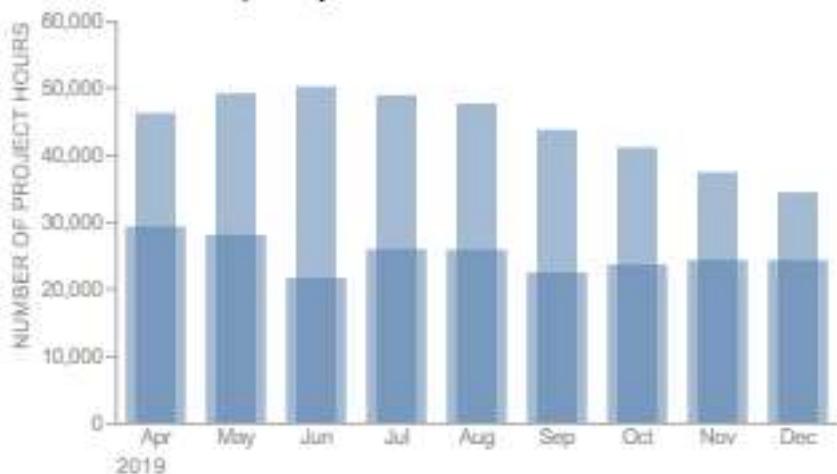
        labelColor = "#888888",
        titleColor = "#888888",
        titleFontWeight = "normal",
        ticks = False
    ),
    title = "2019"
),
opacity = alt.condition(hover, alt.value(1), alt.value(0.5)),
tooltip = ["Value:Q", "Metric"]
)
.add_params(hover)
)

overlap = demand + capacity

overlap.configure_scale(bandPaddingInner=0.5).configure_view(stroke=None).proper
height=200
)

```

Out[49]: Demand vs capacity over time



Due to a lack of documentation about interactivity in layered charts, no solution to this problem was found.

The final interactive graph for this exercise was the line graph. Rather than keeping the "Capacity and Demand" graph distinct from the "Unmet Demand" one, we opted for a consolidated approach with three lines.

Users can now choose the data to emphasize through a dropdown box. Additionally, each year features a tooltip marked by a point for enhanced clarity.

In [50]:

```

# Sorts so that the metrics in the tooltip aligns with the graphs order
custom_order = ["DEMAND", "CAPACITY", "UNMET DEMAND"]
sorted_metrics = [metric for metric in custom_order if metric in table_2019["Met"]

# Creates the dropdown
dropdown = alt.binding_select(options = list(sorted_metrics), name = "SELECT LINE")
selection = alt.selection_point(fields = ["Metric"], bind = dropdown)

line = (
    alt.Chart(
        table_2019,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Demand and capacity over time: unmet demand calculated", # Changes

```

```

        fontSize = 18,
        fontWeight = "normal",
        anchor = "start",
        offset = 10
    ),
)
.mark_line(point = True) # Create a point at each month
.encode(
    y = alt.Y(
        "Value",
        axis = alt.Axis(
            grid = False,
            titleAnchor = "end",
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            titleFontWeight = "normal"
        ),
        scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 60000]),
        title = "NUMBER OF PROJECT HOURS"
),
x = alt.X(
    "month",
    sort = None, # Disabling sorting for better time representation
    axis = alt.Axis(
        labelAngle = 0,
        titleAnchor = "start",
        labelColor = "#888888", # Set colors to gray
        titleColor = "#888888",
        titleFontWeight = "normal",
        ticks = False
),
title = "2019"
),
color = alt.Color(
    "Metric",
    scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#1f77b4", "#1f77b4", "red"]), # Unmet demand
    legend = None
),
opacity = alt.condition(
    selection, alt.value(1), alt.value(0.1)
), # Adjusting opacity based on the dropdown
tooltip = ["Metric", "month", "Value"] # Sets tooltip
)
.properties(width = 350, height = 250)
).add_params(selection)

# Demand Label
label1 = alt.Chart({ "values": [
    {"text": ['DEMAND']}
]}).mark_text(size = 10,
            align = "left",
            dx = 165, dy = -15,
            color = '#1f77b4', # Color it blue
            fontWeight = 700 # Bold font
).encode(
    text = "text:N",
    opacity = alt.condition(
        selection,

```

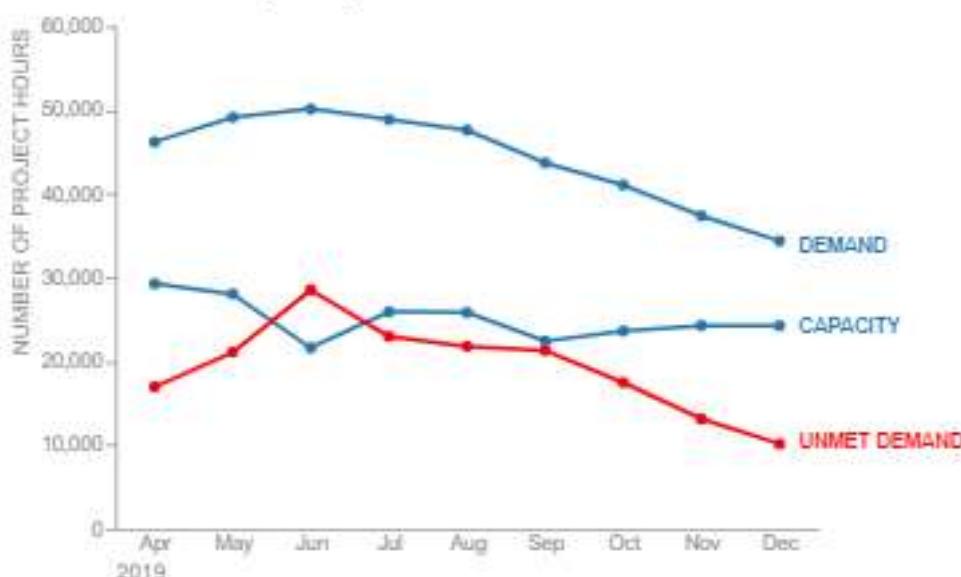
```
        alt.value(1),
        alt.value(0)
    ) # Label disappears when any line is
)

# Capacity Label
label2 = alt.Chart({"values": [
    {"text": ["CAPACITY"]}]
})
.mark_text(size = 10,
            align = "left",
            dx = 165, dy = 25,
            color = '#1f77b4', # Color it blue
            fontWeight = 700
).encode(
    text = "text:N",
    opacity = alt.condition(
        selection,
        alt.value(1),
        alt.value(0)
    ) # Label disappears when any line is
)

# Unmet demand Label
label3 = alt.Chart({"values": [
    {"text": ["UNMET DEMAND"]}]
})
.mark_text(size = 10,
            align = "left",
            dx = 165, dy = 82,
            color = 'red', # Color it blue
            fontWeight = 700
).encode(
    text = "text:N",
    opacity = alt.condition(
        selection,
        alt.value(1),
        alt.value(0)
    ) # Label disappears when any line is
)

line_final = line + label1 + label2 + label3
line_final.configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[50]: Demand and capacity over time: unmet demand calculated



SELECT LINE: DEMAND ▾

Alternatively, we can make a simple selection with a radio button, including an option for all lines.

```
In [51]: options = ['DEMAND', 'CAPACITY', 'UNMET DEMAND']
labels = [option + ' ' for option in options]

input_dropdown = alt.binding_radio(
    options = options + [None], # Create the option for all lines
    labels = labels + ['ALL'],
    name = 'SELECT LINE: '
)

# Create the selection
selection = alt.selection_point(
    fields = ['Metric'],
    bind = input_dropdown
)

line = (
    alt.Chart(
        table_2019,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Demand and capacity over time: unmet demand calculated", # Changes
            fontSize = 18,
            fontWeight = "normal",
            anchor = "start",
            offset = 10
        ),
    )
    .mark_line(point = True) # Create a point at each month
    .encode(
        y = alt.Y(
            "Value",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                titleAnchor = "end",
                ticks = []
            )
        )
    )
)
```

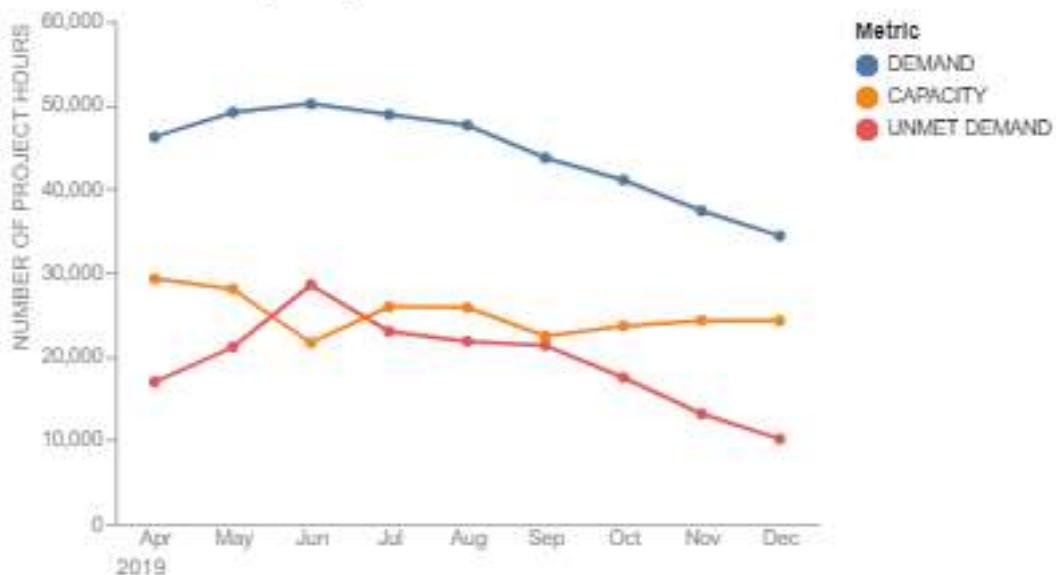
```

        labelColor = "#888888",
        titleColor = "#888888",
        titleFontWeight = "normal"
    ),
    scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 60000]),
    title = "NUMBER OF PROJECT HOURS"
),
x = alt.X(
    "month",
    sort = None, # Disabling sorting for better time representation
    axis = alt.Axis(
        labelAngle = 0,
        titleAnchor = "start",
        labelColor = "#888888", # Set colors to gray
        titleColor = "#888888",
        titleFontWeight = "normal",
        ticks = False
),
title = "2019"
),
color = alt.Color(
    "Metric",
    scale = alt.Scale(domain = options) # Instead of changing the opacit
), # in this example, we will limit the number of colors
tooltip = ["Metric", "month", "Value"] # Sets tooltip
)
.properties(width = 350, height = 250)
).add_params(selection).transform_filter(selection)

line_final = line
line_final.configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[51]: Demand and capacity over time: unmet demand calculated



SELECT LINE: DEMAND CAPACITY UNMET DEMAND ALL

Exercise 2.5 - How would you show this data?

This exercise shows a table and asks the viewer how would they show the data. We will replicate the visual answers given by the author.

Loading the data

```
In [52]: # Loading considering the NaN caused by Excel formatting
table = pd.read_excel(r"Data\2.5 EXERCISE.xlsx", usecols = [1, 2], header = 5)
table
```

Out[52]:

	Year	Attrition Rate
0	2019	0.0910
1	2018	0.0820
2	2017	0.0450
3	2016	0.1230
4	2015	0.0560
5	2014	0.1510
6	2013	0.0700
7	2012	0.0100
8	2011	0.0200
9	2010	0.0970
10	AVG	0.0745

First, we will drop the "AVG" (Average) column, as it will not be a data point in our graphs. It is better to calculate it separately when needed.

```
In [53]: table.drop(10, inplace = True)
```

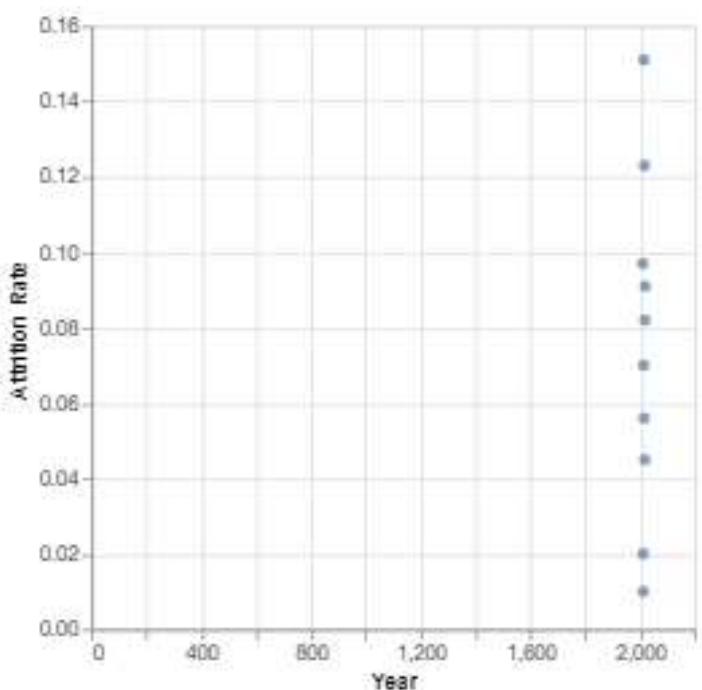
Dot plot

When attempting the first scatter plot, we realize that Altair incorrectly classifies the data type of the "Year" column. This can be fixed by specifying the correct date type (:O, as of, Ordinary).

```
In [54]: # Without data type

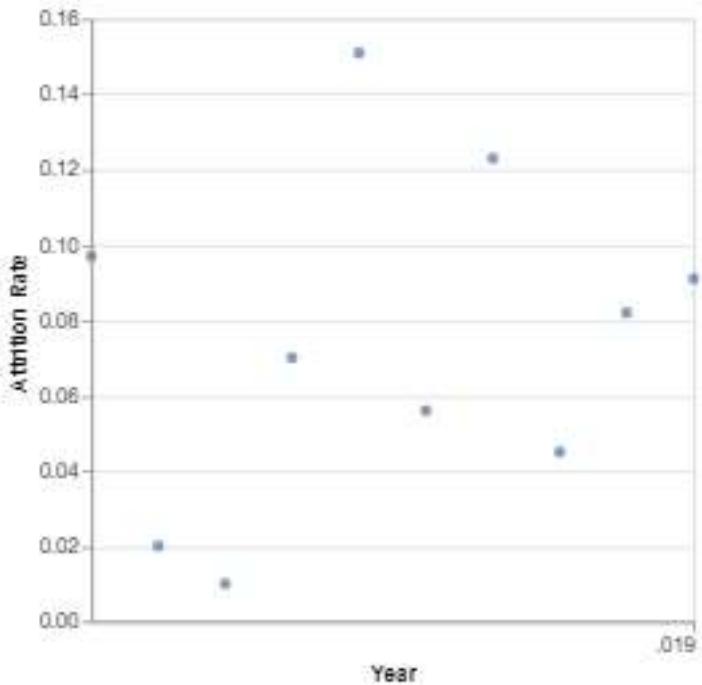
alt.Chart(table).mark_point(filled = True).encode(
    x = alt.X('Year'),
    y = alt.Y('Attrition Rate')
)
```

Out[54]:

In [55]: *# With data type equals temporal*

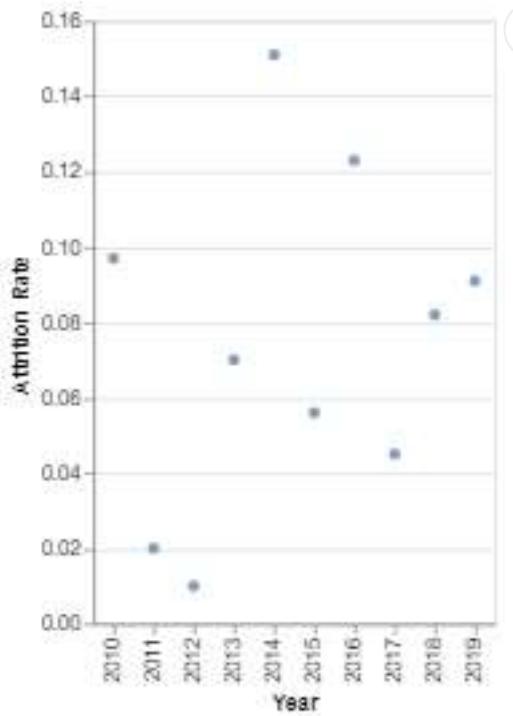
```
alt.Chart(table).mark_point(filled = True).encode(
    x = alt.X('Year:T'),
    y = alt.Y('Attrition Rate')
)
```

Out[55]:

In [56]: *# With data type equals ordinal*

```
alt.Chart(table).mark_point(filled = True).encode(
    x = alt.X('Year:O'),
    y = alt.Y('Attrition Rate')
)
```

Out[56]:



Initially, we will create a dot plot to visually represent the data over time, incorporating an average line to facilitate comparison.

In [57]:

```
# Create the base graph with title
base = alt.Chart(
    table,
    title = alt.Title(
        "Attrition rate over time",
        fontSize = 18,
        fontWeight = "normal",
        anchor = "start",
        offset = 10
    )
)

# Make the filled dots
dots = base.mark_point(filled = True, size = 50, color = "#2c549d").encode(
    x = alt.X(
        "Year:O",
        axis = alt.Axis(labelAngle = 0, labelColor = "#888888", ticks = False),
        title = None,
        scale = alt.Scale(align = 0) # Align the first dot with the y-axis (0 at
    ),
    y = alt.Y(
        "Attrition Rate",
        axis = alt.Axis(
            grid = False,
            titleAnchor = "end",
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            tickCount = 9, # Set fixed number of ticks (intervals)
            format = "%", # y-axis data is a percentage
            titleFontWeight = "normal"
        ),
        title = "ATTRITION RATE"
    ),
    opacity = alt.value(1) # Maximum opacity
)
```

```

)
# Makes a line at the average value
# strokeDash defines how dotted is the line
rule = base.mark_rule(color = "#2c549d", strokeDash = [3, 3]).encode(
    x = alt.value(0), x2 = alt.value(315), y = "mean(Attrition Rate)"
)

# Text above the average line
label = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["AVERAGE: 7.5%"]}]})
    .mark_text(size = 10, align = "left", dx = -170, dy = 0, color = "#2c549d",
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

final_dots = dots + rule + label
final_dots.properties(width=350, height=200).configure_view(stroke=None)

```

Out[57]: Attrition rate over time



Visualization as depicted in the book:

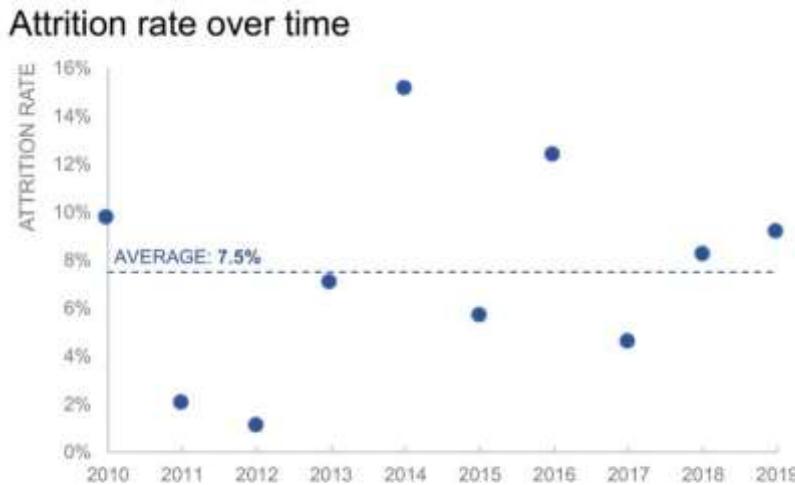


FIGURE 2.5b Dot plot

Line graph

Next, we will link the dots with a line, aiding in the comparison of value differences.

Once more, omitting the data type in the label specification causes the labels to accumulate on the right side of the graph.

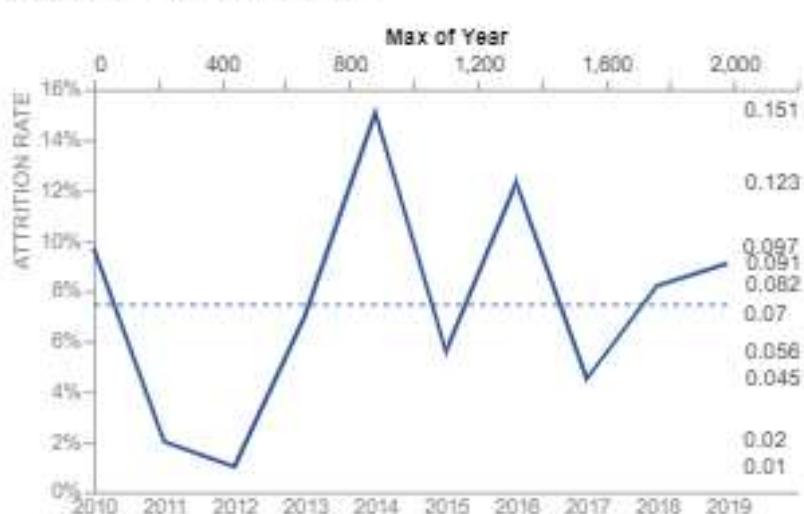
```
In [58]: line = base.mark_line(color = "#2c549d").encode(
    x = alt.X(
        "Year:0",
        axis = alt.Axis(labelAngle = 0, labelColor = "#888888", ticks = False),
        title = None,
        scale = alt.Scale(align = 0)
    ),
    y = alt.Y(
        "Attrition Rate",
        axis = alt.Axis(
            grid = False,
            titleAnchor = "end",
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            tickCount = 9,
            format = "%",
            titleFontWeight = "normal"
        ),
        title = "ATTRITION RATE"
    )
)

# Label without specifying data type
label = base.mark_text(alignment = "left", dx = 3).encode(
    x = alt.X("Year", aggregate = "max"),
    y = alt.Y("Attrition Rate", aggregate = {"argmax": "Year"}),
    text = alt.Text("Attrition Rate")
)

final_line = line + rule + label

final_line.properties(width = 350, height = 200).configure_view(stroke = None)
```

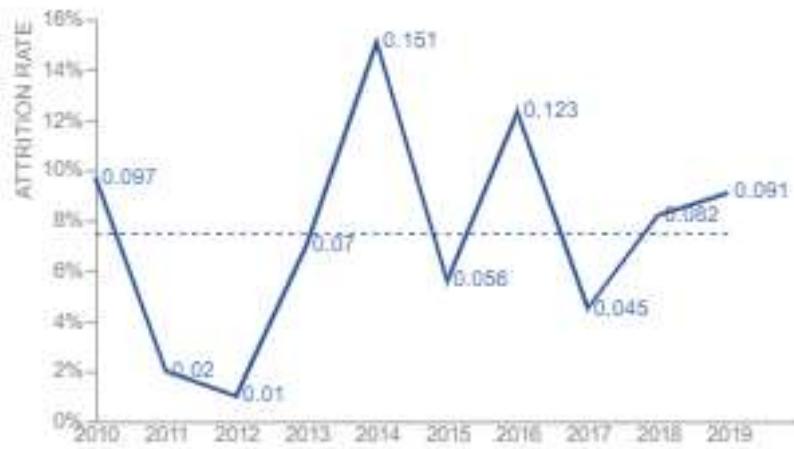
Out[58]: Attrition rate over time



```
In [59]: # With data type
label = base.mark_text(alignment = "left", dx = 3, color = "#2c549d").encode(
    x = alt.X("Year:0", aggregate = "max"),
    y = alt.Y("Attrition Rate", aggregate = {"argmax": "Year"}),
    text = alt.Text("Attrition Rate")
```

```
)  
  
final = line + rule + label  
  
final.properties(width=350, height=200).configure_view(stroke=None)
```

Out[59]: Attrition rate over time



The default method for placing the end label appeared ineffective, as it failed to filter out 2019 as the maximum value in the Year column. This issue can be rectified by straightforwardly filtering the entire dataset to encompass only values where "Year == 2019".

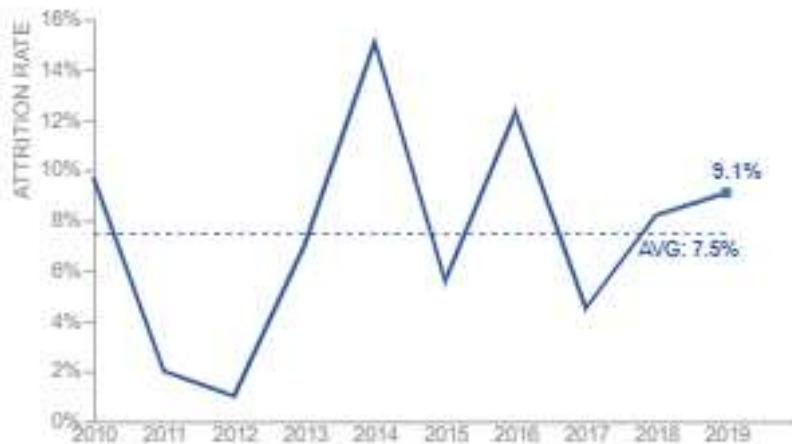
In [60]: # Filter 2019 manually

```
label = base.mark_text(align = 'left', dx = 3, color = '#2c549d', fontWeight = 'bold')  
    .x(alt.X('Year:0'))  
    .y(alt.Y('Attrition Rate'))  
    .text('Attrition Rate', format = ".1%")  
    .xOffset(-10) # Offsets slightly in the x and y-axis  
    .yOffset(-10)  
.transform_filter(# Filters  
    alt.FieldEqualPredicate(field = 'Year', equal = 2019))  
  
# Label for the Average  
label2 = alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["AVG: 7.5%"]}])  
    .mark_text(size = 10, align = "left", dx = 96, dy = 15, color = '#2c549d',  
              fontWeight = 'bold').encode(text = "text:N")  
  
# Filled point at the end of the line  
point = base.mark_point(filled = True).encode(  
    alt.X('Year:0'), alt.Y('Attrition Rate'),  
    opacity = alt.value(1)).transform_filter(  
    alt.FieldEqualPredicate(field = 'Year', equal = 2019))
```

```
final_line = line + rule + label + label2 + point

final_line.properties(
    width = 350,
    height = 200
).configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[60]: Attrition rate over time

*Visualization as depicted in the book:*

Attrition rate over time

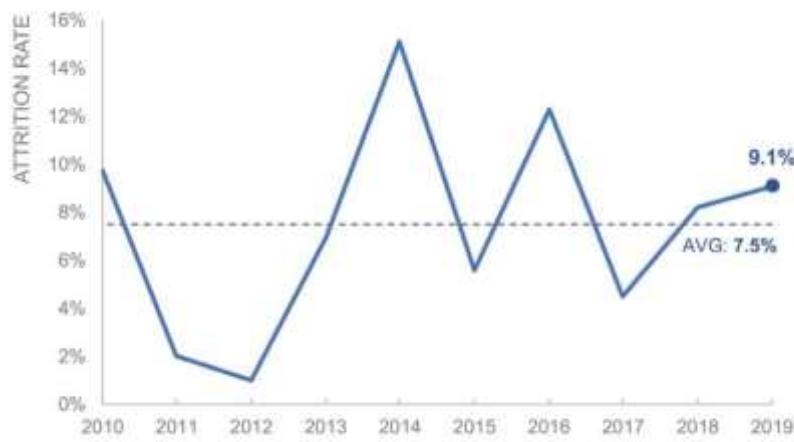


FIGURE 2.5c Line graph

Coloring below the average line may help highlight values below it.

```
In [61]: # Calculates average
avg = table['Attrition Rate'].mean()

# Creates a rectangle below the average line
rect = alt.Chart(pd.DataFrame({'y': [0], 'y2':[avg]})).mark_rect(
    opacity = 0.2
).encode(y = 'y', y2 = 'y2', x = alt.value(0), x2 = alt.value(315))

# Makes a different average Label, in lighter color
label2 = alt.Chart({"values": [
    {"text": ["AVG:", "7.5%"]}]
}).mark_text(size = 10,
```

```

        align = "left",
        dx = 113, dy = 15,
        color = '#9fb5db',
        fontWeight = 'bold'
    ).encode(text = "text:N")

final_line2 = line + rect + label + label2 + point

final_line2.properties(
    width = 350,
    height = 200
).configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[61]: Attrition rate over time



Visualization as depicted in the book:

Attrition rate over time



FIGURE 2.5d Line graph with shaded area depicting average

Area graph

An exploration using an area graph was undertaken; however, it conveys the impression that the area under the line holds significance, which is not the case for this dataset. This graph type may not be the most suitable choice for presenting this data.

Also, the decision was made to stray from the example given and connect the area to the y-axis. It is unclear if the decision to have it separated for this graph only was on purpose or an error.

In [62]:

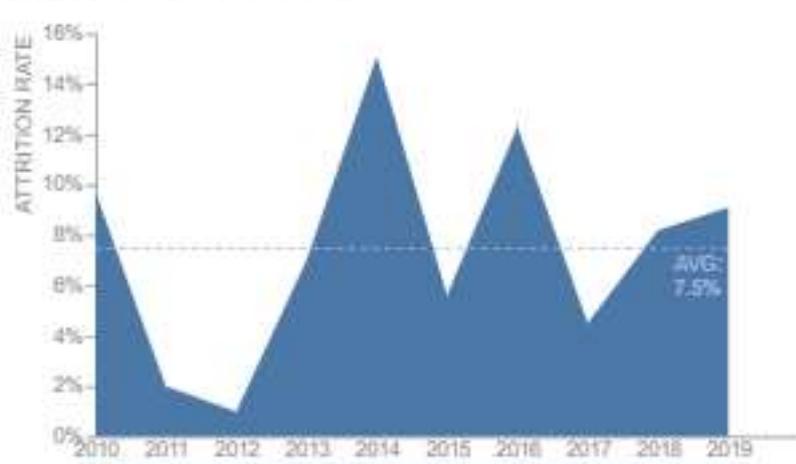
```
# Area graph
area = base.mark_area().encode(
    x = alt.X(
        "Year:0",
        axis = alt.Axis(labelAngle = 0, labelColor = "#888888", ticks = False),
        title = None,
        scale = alt.Scale(align = 0)
    ),
    y = alt.Y(
        "Attrition Rate",
        axis = alt.Axis(
            grid = False,
            titleAnchor = "end",
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            tickCount = 9,
            format = "%",
            titleFontWeight = "normal"
        ),
        title = "ATTRITION RATE"
    )
)

# Creates a lighter rule to contrast with area graph
rule_light = base.mark_rule(color = "#9fb5db", strokeDash = [3, 3]).encode(
    x = alt.value(0), x2 = alt.value(315), y = "mean(Attrition Rate)"
)

final_area = area + rule_light + label2
final_area.properties(width = 350, height = 200).configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[62]:

Attrition rate over time



Visualization as depicted in the book:

Attrition rate over time

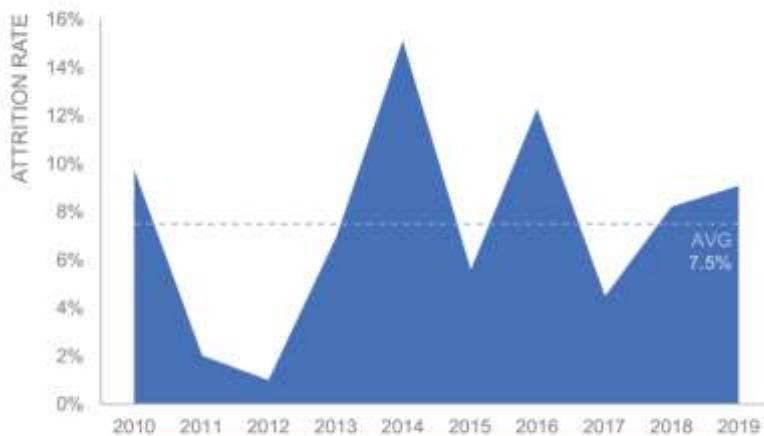


FIGURE 2.5e Area graph

Bar plot

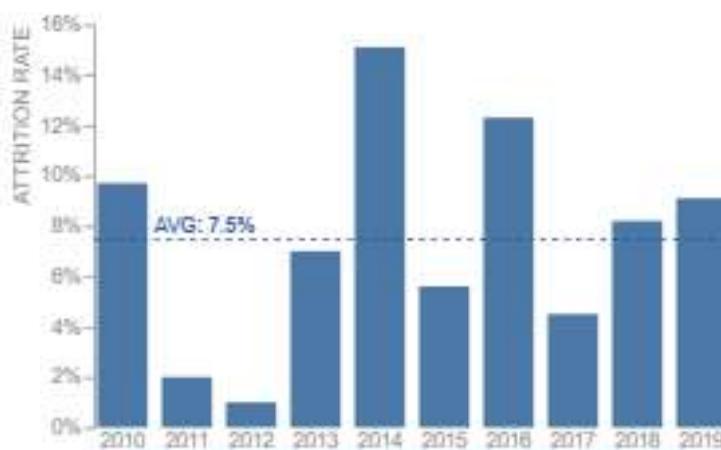
Finally, we can do a classic bar plot.

```
In [63]: # Bar plot
bar = base.mark_bar(size = 25).encode(
    x = alt.X(
        "Year:O",
        axis = alt.Axis(labelAngle = 0, labelColor = "#888888", ticks = False, title = None,
        scale = alt.Scale(align = 0)
    ),
    y = alt.Y(
        "Attrition Rate",
        axis = alt.Axis(
            grid = False,
            titleAnchor = "end",
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            tickCount = 9,
            format = "%",
            titleFontWeight = "normal"
        ),
        title = "ATTRITION RATE"
    ),
)

# Moves placement of average Label
label = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["AVG: 7.5%"]}])
    .mark_text(size = 10, align = "left", dx = -130, dy = 0, color = "#2c549d",
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

final_bar = bar + rule + label
final_bar.properties(width = 320, height = 200).configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[63]: Attrition rate over time

*Visualization as depicted in the book:*

Attrition rate over time

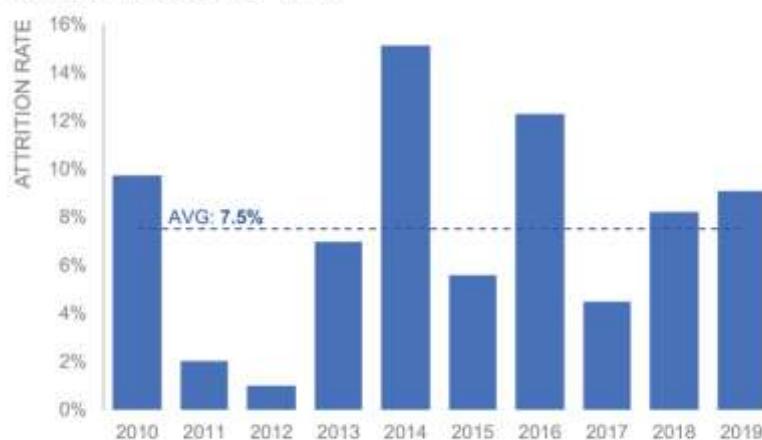


FIGURE 2.5f Bar graph

Interactive

For this interactive graph, the dot graph was selected. Inspired by the concept of the average line, we opted to create a "cut" line, allowing users to specify a value to partition the data. Dots falling below this threshold will be colored in red for enhanced visibility and focus.

```
In [64]: # Create the slider
slider = alt.binding_range(min = 0, max = 0.16, step = 0.005, name = "CUT: ")
selector = alt.param(name = "SelectorName", value = 0.03, bind = slider)

# Remove space from column name
table["AttRate"] = table["Attrition Rate"]

base = alt.Chart(
    table,
    title = alt.Title(
        "Attrition rate over time",
        fontSize = 18,
        fontWeight = "normal",
        anchor = "start",
    )
)
```

```

        offset = 10
    )
)

dots = (
    base.mark_point(filled = True, size = 50)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Year:O",
            axis = alt.Axis(labelAngle = 0, labelColor = "#888888", ticks = False,
            title = None,
            scale = alt.Scale(align = 0)
        ),
        y = alt.Y(
            "Attrition Rate",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                titleAnchor = "end",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                tickCount = 9,
                format = "%",
                titleFontWeight = "normal"
            ),
            title = "ATTRITION RATE",
        ),
        color = alt.condition( # Change Attrition Rate is Less than the slider
            alt.datum.AttRate < selector, alt.value("#ef476f"), alt.value("#118ab2")
        ),
        opacity = alt.value(1)
    )
    .add_params(selector)
)

# Normal Average Rule
rule = base.mark_rule(color = "#118ab2", strokeDash = [3, 3]).encode(
    x = alt.value(0), x2 = alt.value(315), y = "mean(AttRate)"
)

# "Cut" rule - moves based on the slider
rule2 = (
    base.mark_rule(color = "#ef476f", strokeDash = [3, 3])
    .encode(
        x = alt.value(0),
        x2 = alt.value(315),
        y = alt.value(200 - selector * 1250), # alt.datum did not work,
        opacity = alt.value(0.1)           # this converts pixel value into a
    )
    .add_params(selector)
)

label = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["AVERAGE: 7.5%"]}]}).mark_text(size = 10, align = "left", dx = -170, dy = 0, color = "#118ab2",
    .encode(text = "text:N"))
)

# "Cut" Label, moves along with rule2
label2 = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["CUT"]}]}))

```

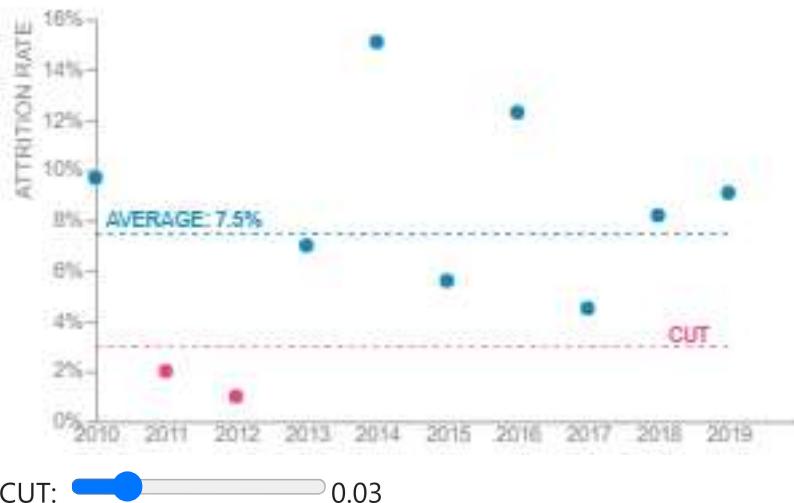
```

    .mark_text(size = 10, align = "left", dx = 110, color = "#ef476f", fontWeight = "bold")
    .encode(text = "text:N", y = alt.value(195 - selector * 1250))
    .add_params(selector)
)

final_interactive = dots + rule + label + rule2 + label2
final_interactive.properties(width = 350, height = 200).configure_view(stroke =

```

Out[64]: Attrition rate over time



Chapter 3 - Identify and eliminate Cluster

"This lesson is simple but the impact is huge: get rid of the stuff that doesn't need to be there" - Cole Nussbaumer Knaflic

Exercise 3.2 - how can we tie words to the graph?

The main focus of this exercise is to apply the Gestalt Principles of Visual Perception to declutter graphs. For principles will be demonstrated, and each of them will be clarified through the visualization employing it.

Loading the data

```
In [65]: # Loading considering the NaN caused by Excel formatting
table = pd.read_excel(r"Data\3.2 EXERCISE.xlsx", usecols = [1, 2, 3], header = 4
table
```

Out[65]:

	2019	Rate	# exits
0	JAN	0.0040	120
1	FEB	0.0010	30
2	MAR	0.0015	45
3	APR	0.0080	240
4	MAY	0.0030	90
5	JUN	0.0014	42
6	JUL	0.0044	132
7	AUG	0.0050	150
8	SEP	0.0022	66
9	OCT	0.0015	45
10	NOV	0.0005	15
11	DEC	0.0010	30

The column name for 2019 is currently an integer, which might pose issues in the future. To avoid potential complications, we will modify the column name to a string.

For example, trying to run the following code returns an error:

```
alt.Chart(table).mark_bar().encode(
    x = alt.X('2019'),
    y = alt.Y('Rate')
)
```

ValueError: Dataframe contains invalid column name: 2019. Column names must be strings

In [66]:

```
table.rename(columns = {2019:'Date'}, inplace = True)
```

Cluttered graph

In [67]:

```
# Graph with cluttered text

bar = (
    alt.Chart(
        table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate",
            fontSize = 15,
            anchor = "start",
            offset = 10,
            fontWeight = "normal"
        )
    )
    .mark_bar(size = 20, color = "#b0b0b0")
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
```

```

        "Date",
        sort = None, # Avoids alphabetical order
        axis = alt.Axis(
            labelAngle = 0,
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            ticks = False,
            titleAnchor = "start",
            titleFontWeight = "normal"
        ),
        title="2019"
    ),
    y = alt.Y(
        "Rate",
        axis = alt.Axis(
            grid = False,
            titleAnchor = "end",
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            titleFontWeight = "normal",
            format = "%", # y-axis is a percentage
            tickCount = 10 # Number of ticks (intervals) in axis
        ),
        scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 0.01]),
        title = "ATTRITION RATE"
    )
)
.properties(width = 300, height = 200)
)

# Text next to the graph
text = (
    alt.Chart(
        {
            "values": [
                {   # Each item is a Line
                    "text": [
                        "Highlights:",
                        " ",
                        "In April there was a",
                        "reorganization. No jobs",
                        "were eliminated, but many",
                        "people chose to leave.",
                        " ",
                        "Attrition rates tend to be",
                        "higher in the Summer",
                        "months when it is",
                        "common for associates",
                        "to leave to go back to",
                        "school.",
                        " ",
                        "Attrition is typically low in",
                        "November and December",
                        "due to the holidays."
                    ]
                }
            ]
        }
    )
    .mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dy = -20, dx = -10) # Size and placement
)

```

```

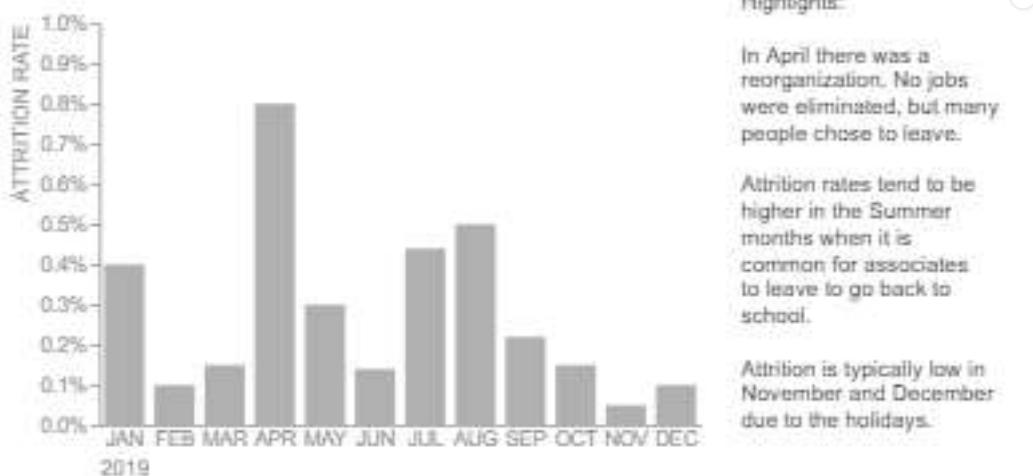
        .encode(text = "text:N")
    )

# Using the | symbols makes it so Altair unites the bar and the text next to each
final_cluttered = bar | text

final_cluttered.configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[67]: 2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate



Visualization as depicted in the book:

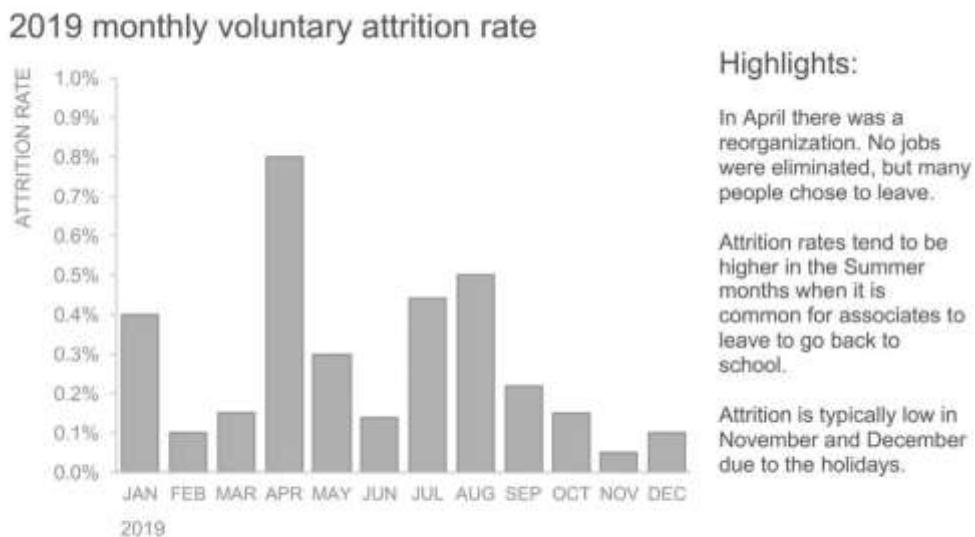


FIGURE 3.2a How can we visually tie the words to the graph?

Proximity

The "Proximity Principle" says that we tend to associate objects close to each other as being part of a single group. To apply this to our graph, we bring the texts near the data they represent.

In [68]: # The text now needs to be broken into parts

```

# First paragraph
text_april = (
    alt.Chart(

```

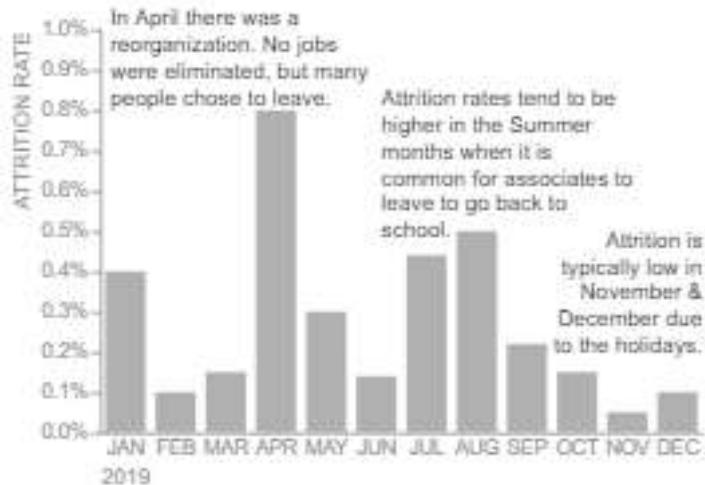
```
{  
    "values": [  
        {  
            "text": [  
                "In April there was a",  
                "reorganization. No jobs",  
                "were eliminated, but many",  
                "people chose to leave.",  
            ]  
        }  
    ]  
}  
.mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = -145, dy = -105)  
.encode(text="text:N")  
)  
  
# Second paragraph  
text_summer = (  
    alt.Chart(  

```

```
# Now we sum the graphs, so that the texts lie on top of the bar, instead of next
final_prox = bar + text_april + text_summer + text_nov_dec

final_prox.configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[68]: 2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate



Visualization as depicted in the book:

2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate

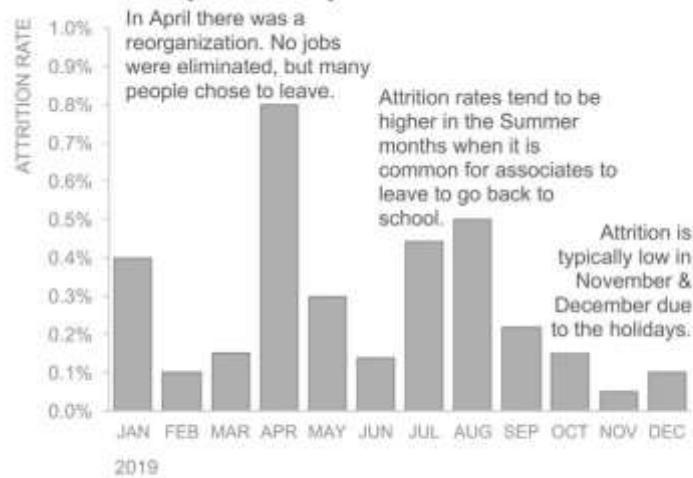


FIGURE 3.2b: Proximity

Proximity with emphasis

We can enhance the visual impact by emphasizing the bars and keywords.

Given that Altair does not support bold text within regular content, a strategy is to introduce blank spaces in the text and create a distinct object for the bold keywords.

```
In [69]: bar_highlight = (
    alt.Chart(
        table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate",
            fontSize = 15,
            anchor = "start",
            offset = 10,
            fontWeight = "normal"
        )
    ).add_selection(selection)
    .mark_bar()
    .encode(
        x=alt.X("month:O", title=""),
        y=alt.Y("rate:Q", title="Attrition Rate")
    )
    .properties(
        width=600,
        height=400
    )
)
```

```

        ),
    )
    .mark_bar(size = 20)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Date",
            sort = None,
            axis = alt.Axis(
                labelAngle = 0,
                titleX = 12,
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                ticks = False,
                titleAnchor = "start",
                titleFontWeight = "normal"
            ),
            title = "2019"
        ),
        y = alt.Y(
            "Rate",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                titleAnchor = "end",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                format = "%",
                tickCount = 10,
            ),
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 0.01]),
            title = "ATTRITION RATE"
        ),
        color = alt.Color(
            "Date",
            sort = None,
            scale = alt.Scale(
                range = [
                    "#b0b0b0",
                    "#b0b0b0",
                    "#b0b0b0",
                    "#666666", # It was also possible to color by condition
                    "#b0b0b0", # where Date == [list of highlighted months]
                    "#b0b0b0",
                    "#666666",
                    "#666666",
                    "#b0b0b0",
                    "#b0b0b0",
                    "#666666",
                    "#666666"
                ]
            ),
            legend = None
        ),
    )
    .properties(width = 300, height = 200)
)

# First paragraph with blank space
text_april_blank = (
    alt.Chart(

```

```
{  
    "values": [  
        {  
            "text": [  
                "In there was a",  
                "reorganization. No jobs",  
                "were eliminated, but many",  
                "people chose to leave.",  
            ]  
        }  
    ]  
}  
.mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = -145, dy = -105)  
.encode(text = "text:N")  
)  
  
# Second paragraph with blank space  
text_summer_blank = (  
    alt.Chart(  

```

```

# Bold "April" word
text_april_bold = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["April"]}]}))
    .mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = -133, dy = -105, fontWeight = 800)
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

# Bold "Summer" word
text_summer_bold = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["Summer"]}]}))
    .mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = 54, dy = -52, fontWeight = 800)
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

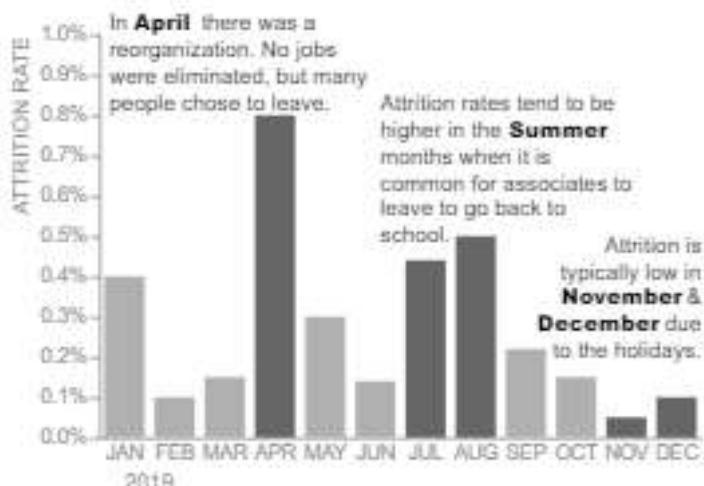
# Bold "November" word
text_nov_bold = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["November"]}]}))
    .mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = 80, dy = 31, fontWeight = 800)
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

# Bold "December" word
text_dec_bold = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["December"]}]}))
    .mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = 68, dy = 44, fontWeight = 800)
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

# Adds everything
final_prox_emph = (
    bar_highlight
    + text_april_blank
    + text_april_bold
    + text_summer_blank
    + text_summer_bold
    + text_nov_dec_blank
    + text_nov_bold
    + text_dec_bold
)
final_prox_emph.configure_view(stroke=None)

```

Out[69]: 2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate



Visualization as depicted in the book:

2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate

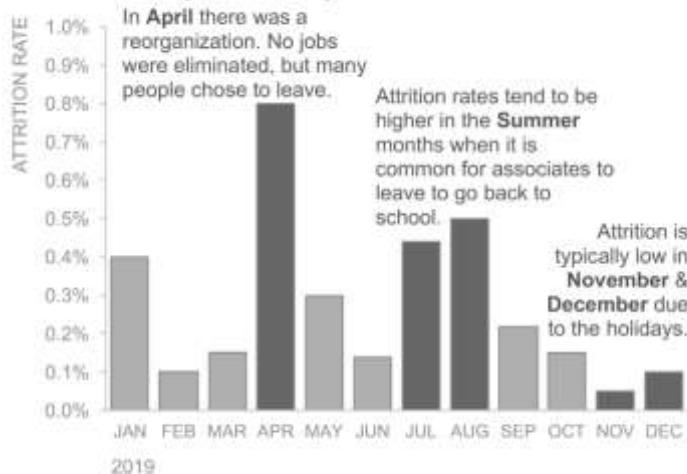


FIGURE 3.2c Proximity with emphasis

Similarity

The "Similarity Principle" pertains to our tendency to perceive objects as part of the same group when they share similar color, shape, or size. For this example, this means coloring the columns in the same shade as the chosen keywords.

```
In [70]: bar_highlight_color = (
    alt.Chart(
        table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate",
            fontSize = 15,
            anchor = "start",
            offset = 10,
            fontWeight = "normal"
        ),
    )
    .mark_bar(size = 20)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Date",
            sort = None,
            axis = alt.Axis(
                labelAngle = 0,
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                ticks = False,
                titleAnchor = "start",
                titleFontWeight = "normal"
            ),
            title = "2019"
        ),
        y = alt.Y(
            "Rate",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                titleAnchor = "end",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
            )
        )
    )
)
```

```

        titleFontWeight = "normal",
        format = "%",
        tickCount = 10
    ),
    scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 0.01]),
    title = "ATTRITION RATE"
),
color = alt.Color(
    "Date",
    sort = None,
    scale = alt.Scale(
        range = [
            "#b0b0b0",
            "#b0b0b0", # Since there are multiple colors
            "#b0b0b0", # set by condition would be harder
            "#ed1e24",
            "#b0b0b0",
            "#b0b0b0",
            "#ec7c30",
            "#ec7c30",
            "#b0b0b0",
            "#b0b0b0",
            "#5d9bd1",
            "#5d9bd1",
        ]
),
legend = None
)
)
.properties(width = 300, height = 200)
)

# Blank texts with different position
text_april_blank2 = (
    alt.Chart(
        {
            "values": [
                {
                    "text": [
                        "Highlights:",
                        " ",
                        "In           there was a",
                        "reorganization. No jobs",
                        "were eliminated, but many",
                        "people chose to leave."
                    ]
                }
            ]
        }
    )
    .mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dy = -25, dx = -10)
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

text_summer_blank2 = (
    alt.Chart(
        {
            "values": [
                {
                    "text": [

```

```

        "Attrition rates tend to be",
        "higher in the",
        "months when it is",
        "common for associates to",
        "leave to go back to",
        "school.",
    ]
}
]
}
)
.mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = -10, dy = 65)
.encode(text = "text:N")
)

text_nov_dec_blank2 = (
    alt.Chart(
        {
            "values": [
                {"text": ["Attrition is typically low in", " ", "due to the holi"]
            ]
        }
    )
    .mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = -10, dy = 155)
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

# Colored texts
text_april_color = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["April"]}]})
    .mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = 3, dy = 1, fontWeight = 800, colc
    .encode(text="text:N")
)

text_summer_color = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["Summer"]}]})
    .mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = 55, dy = 78, fontWeight = 800, cc
    .encode(text="text:N")
)

text_nov_dec_color = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["November & December"]}]})
    .mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = -10, dy = 168, fontWeight = 800,
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

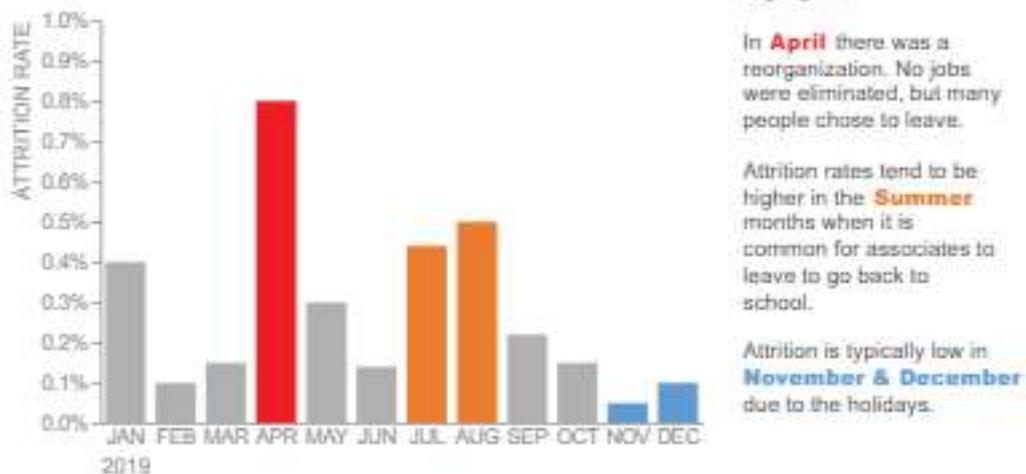
# While we could have used '&' to arrange the texts vertically,
# employing '+' provides greater flexibility in determining the layout of the te

final_sim = bar_highlight_color | (
    text_april_blank2
    + text_april_color
    + text_summer_blank2
    + text_summer_color
    + text_nov_dec_blank2
    + text_nov_dec_color
)

final_sim.configure_view(stroke=None)

```

Out[70]: 2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate



Visualization as depicted in the book:

2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate

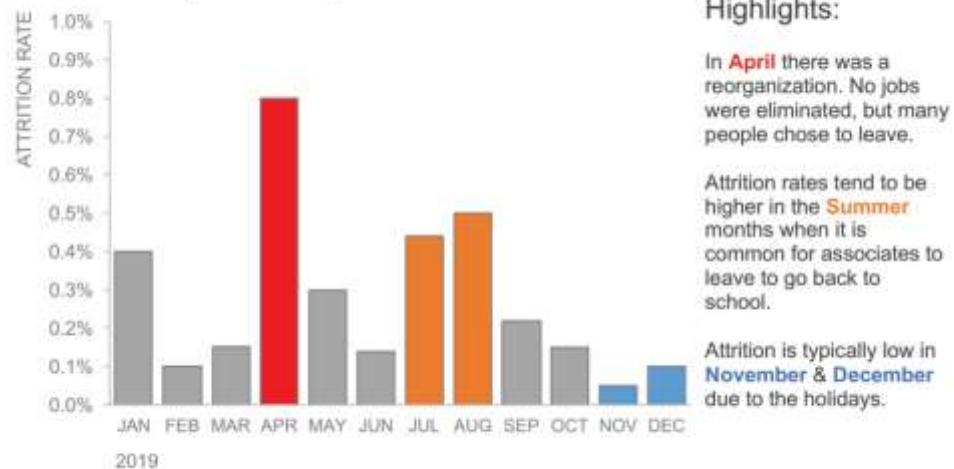


FIGURE 3.2d Similarity

Enclosure

The "Enclosure Principle" says simply that, when objects are enclosed together, we perceive them as belonging to the same group.

Attempting to combine charts using the expression `(bar | text) + rect_nov_dec + rect_summer + rect_april` results in an error:

Concatenated charts cannot be layered. Instead, layer the charts before concatenating.

The most straightforward way to solve this is to add the text to the bar using `bar + text`, but doing so means assigning another position (`dx, dy`) to the text.

```
In [71]: # Assign another position to text
text_enclosure = (
    alt.Chart(
        {
            "values": [
                {
                    "text": [
                        "In April there was a reorganization. No jobs were eliminated, but many people chose to leave."
                    ]
                }
            ]
        }
    ).encode(
        text=alt.Text("text", baseline="top", dx=10, dy=-10)
    ).properties(
        width=100,
        height=100
    ).rect()
)
```

```

        "Highlights:",
        " ",
        "In April there was a",
        "reorganization. No jobs",
        "were eliminated, but many",
        "people chose to leave.",
        " ",
        "Attrition rates tend to be",
        "higher in the Summer",
        "months when it is",
        "common for associates",
        "to leave to go back to",
        "school.",
        " ",
        "Attrition is typically low in",
        "November and December",
        "due to the holidays.",
    ]
}
]
}
)
.mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = 160, dy = -113)
.encode(text = "text:N")
)

# Defines the rectangles that are going to enclose the text
rect_nov_dec = (
    alt.Chart(pd.DataFrame({"y": [0], "y2": [0.0019], "x": [10], "x2": [8.4]}))
    .mark_rect(opacity = 0.2) # Low opacity
    .encode(y = "y", y2 = "y2", x = alt.X("x", axis = None), x2 = "x2")
)

rect_summer = (
    alt.Chart(pd.DataFrame({"y": [0.0023], "y2": [0.0063], "x": [10], "x2": [5.1]
    .mark_rect(opacity = 0.2)
    .encode(y = "y", y2 = "y2", x = alt.X("x", axis = None), x2 = "x2")
))

rect_april = (
    alt.Chart(pd.DataFrame({"y": [0.0068], "y2": [0.0095], "x": [10], "x2": [2.6]
    .mark_rect(opacity = 0.2)
    .encode(y = "y", y2 = "y2", x = alt.X("x", axis = None), x2 = "x2")
))

bar + text_enclosure + rect_nov_dec + rect_summer + rect_april

```

Out[71]: 2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate



Utilizing a DataFrame to define the rectangles seems to prevent them from reaching the text section. As a next step, we will explicitly define the coordinates of the rectangles in pixels.

```
In [72]: # Rectangles with position defined by pixels
rect_nov_dec = alt.Chart(pd.DataFrame({'values':[{}]})).mark_rect(opacity = 0.2,
    y = alt.value(5), y2 = alt.value(60), x = alt.value(75), x2 = alt.value(440)
)

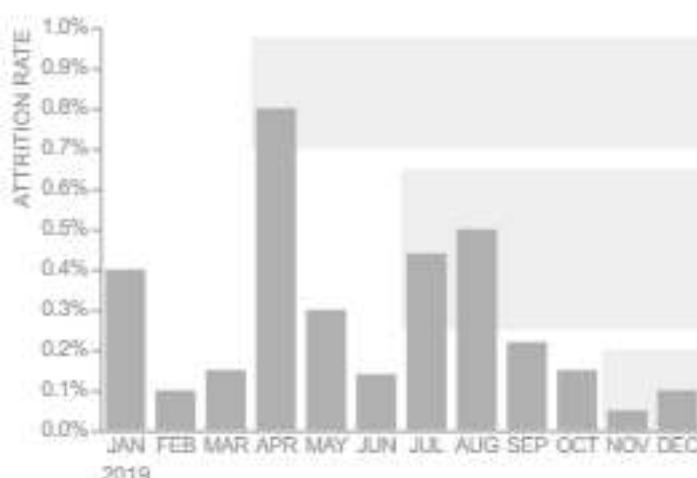
rect_summer = alt.Chart(pd.DataFrame({'values':[{}]})).mark_rect(opacity = 0.2,
    y = alt.value(70), y2 = alt.value(150), x = alt.value(150), x2 = alt.value(44
)

rect_april = alt.Chart(pd.DataFrame({'values':[{}]})).mark_rect(opacity = 0.2, c
    y = alt.value(160), y2 = alt.value(202), x = alt.value(250), x2 = alt.value(4
)

# The text_enclosure and bar comes after the rectangles so that they sit on top
final_enc = rect_nov_dec + rect_summer + rect_april + bar + text_enclosure

final_enc.configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[72]: 2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate



Visualization as depicted in the book:

2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate

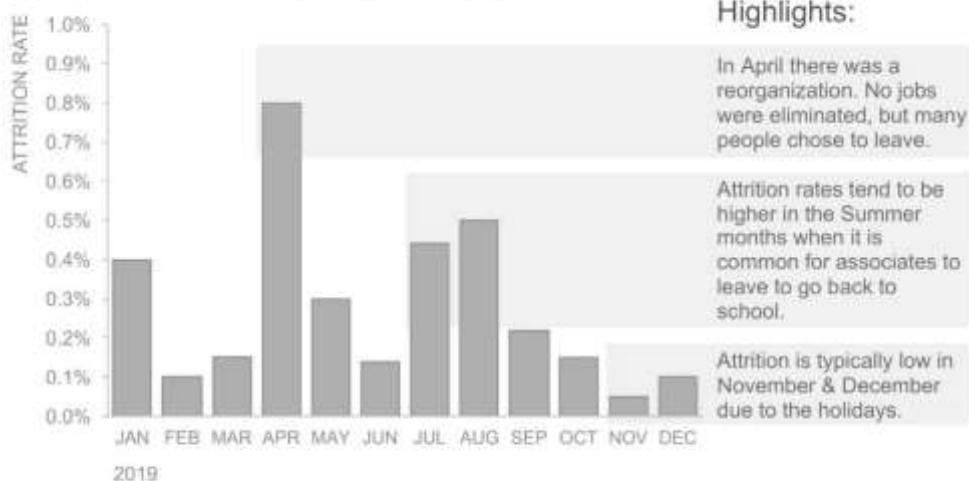


FIGURE 3.2e Enclosure

Enclosure with color differentiation

We can use color to emphasize the different enclosures.

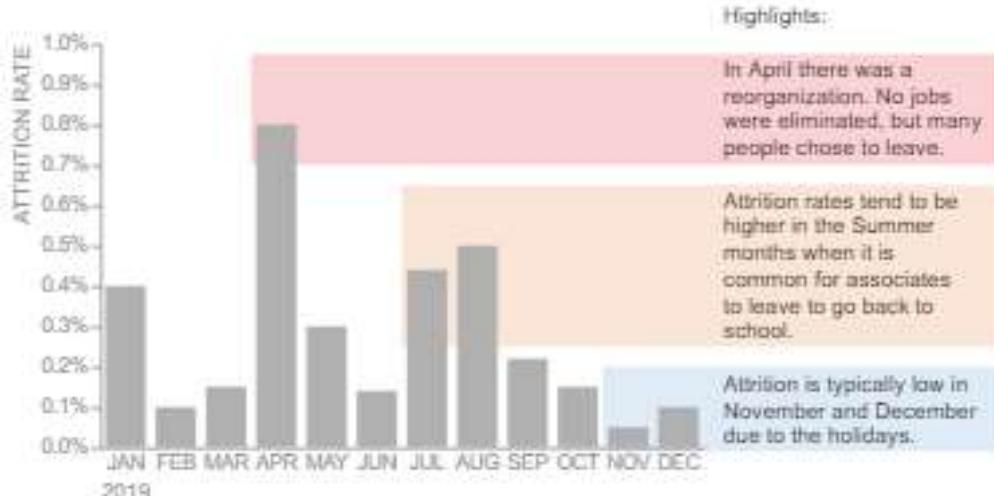
```
In [73]: # Colored rectangles
rect_nov_dec_color = (
    alt.Chart(pd.DataFrame({"values": [{}]}))
    .mark_rect(opacity = 0.2, color = "#ed1e24")
    .encode(y = alt.value(5), y2 = alt.value(60), x = alt.value(75), x2 = alt.value(100))
)

rect_summer_color = (
    alt.Chart(pd.DataFrame({"values": [{}]}))
    .mark_rect(opacity = 0.2, color = "#ec7c30")
    .encode(y = alt.value(70), y2 = alt.value(150), x = alt.value(150), x2 = alt.value(250))
)

rect_april_color = (
    alt.Chart(pd.DataFrame({"values": [{}]}))
    .mark_rect(opacity = 0.2, color = "#5d9bd1")
    .encode(y = alt.value(160), y2 = alt.value(202), x = alt.value(250), x2 = alt.value(280))
)

final_enc_color = rect_nov_dec_color + rect_summer_color + rect_april_color + base_rect
final_enc_color.configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[73]: 2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate



Visualization as depicted in the book:

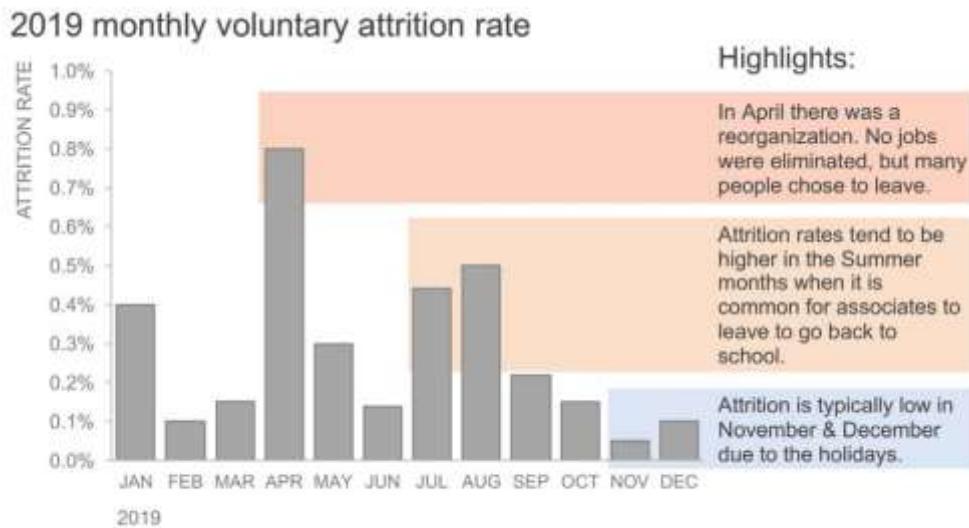


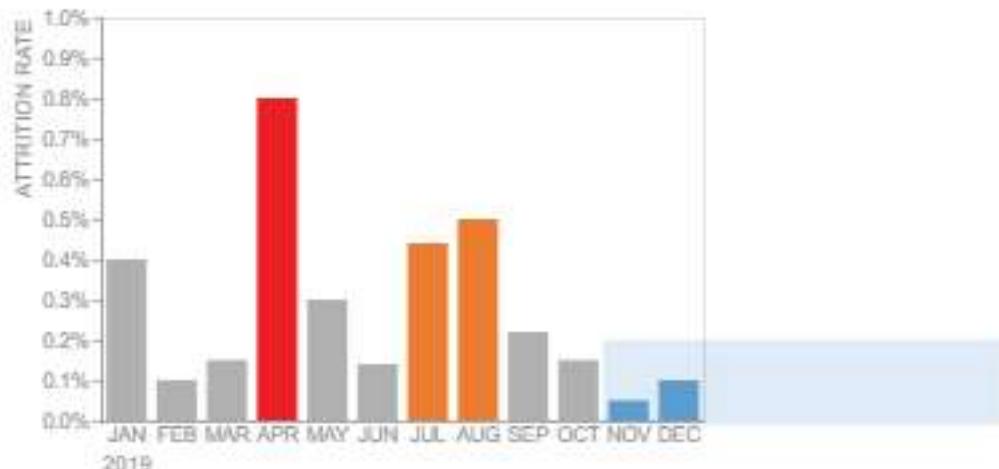
FIGURE 3.2f Enclosure with color differentiation

Enclosure + Similarity

We can make use of both Enclosure and Similarity principles. First, we will try to add already existing components.

```
In [74]: bar_highlight_color + rect_april_color | (text_april_blank2 + text_april_color
+ text_summer_blank2 + text_summer_color
+ text_nov_dec_blank2 + text_nov_dec_color)
```

Out[74]: 2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate



Highlights:

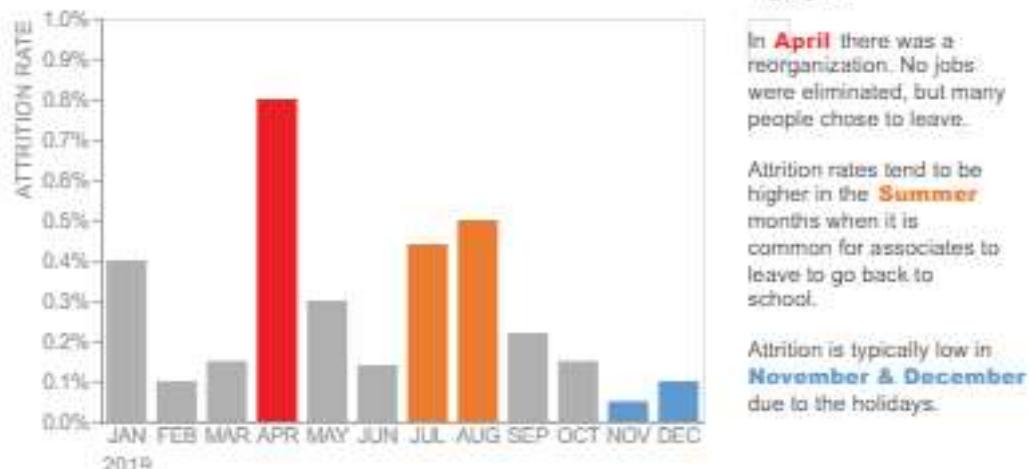
In **April** there were no job eliminations, but many people chose to leave.

Attrition rates are higher in the months when it is common for associates to leave to go back to school.

Attrition is typically low in **November & December** due to the holidays.

In [75]: bar_highlight_color | (text_april_blank2 + text_april_color + text_summer_blank2 + text_summer_color + text_nov_dec_blank2 + text_nov_dec_color) + rect_april_

Out[75]: 2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate



Highlights:

In **April** there was a reorganization. No jobs were eliminated, but many people chose to leave.

Attrition rates tend to be higher in the **Summer** months when it is common for associates to leave to go back to school.

Attrition is typically low in **November & December** due to the holidays.

Since attempting to layer only already assigned variables seems to be ineffective, we will recreate the texts using alternative positions to enable their addition using the + symbol.

In [76]: # Same texts, different dx and dy values

```
text_april_blank2_enclosure = (
    alt.Chart(
        {
            "values": [
                {
                    "text": [
                        "Highlights:",
                        "In April there was a",
                        "reorganization. No jobs",
                        "were eliminated, but many",
                        "people chose to leave."
                    ]
                }
            ]
        }
    )
)
```

```

        ]
    }
)
.mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = 160, dy = -113)
.encode(text = "text:N")
)

text_summer_blank2_enclosure = (
    alt.Chart(
        {
            "values": [
                {
                    "text": [
                        "Attrition rates tend to be",
                        "higher in the",
                        "months when it is",
                        "common for associates to",
                        "leave to go back to",
                        "school."
                    ]
                }
            ]
        }
    )
.mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = 160, dy = -21)
.encode(text = "text:N")
)

text_nov_dec_blank2_enclosure = (
    alt.Chart(
        {
            "values": [
                {"text": ["Attrition is typically low in", " ", "due to the holi"]
            ]
        }
    )
.mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = 160, dy = 68)
.encode(text = "text:N")
)

text_april_color_enclosure = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["April"]}]}))
.mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = 172, dy = -87, fontWeight = 800,
.encode(text = "text:N")
)

text_summer_color_enclosure = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["Summer"]}]}))
.mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = 225, dy = -8, fontWeight = 800,
.encode(text = "text:N")
)

text_nov_dec_color_enclosure = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["November & December"]}]}))
.mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = 160, dy = 82, fontWeight = 800,
.encode(text = "text:N")
)

final_enc_sim = (
    rect_nov_dec_color
)

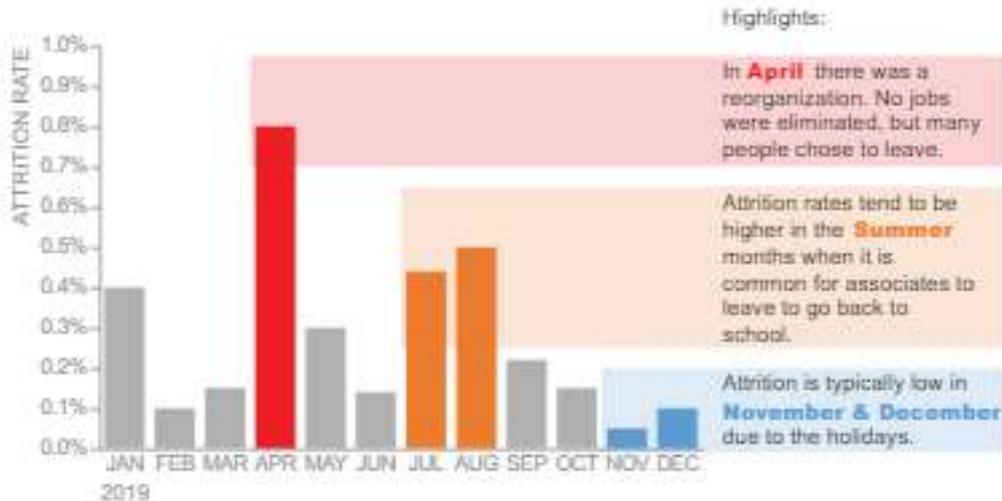
```

```

+ rect_summer_color
+ rect_april_color
+ bar_highlight_color
+ text_april_blank2_enclosure
+ text_summer_blank2_enclosure
+ text_nov_dec_blank2_enclosure
+ text_april_color_enclosure
+ text_summer_color_enclosure
+ text_nov_dec_color_enclosure
)
final_enc_sim.configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[76]: 2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate



Visualization as depicted in the book:

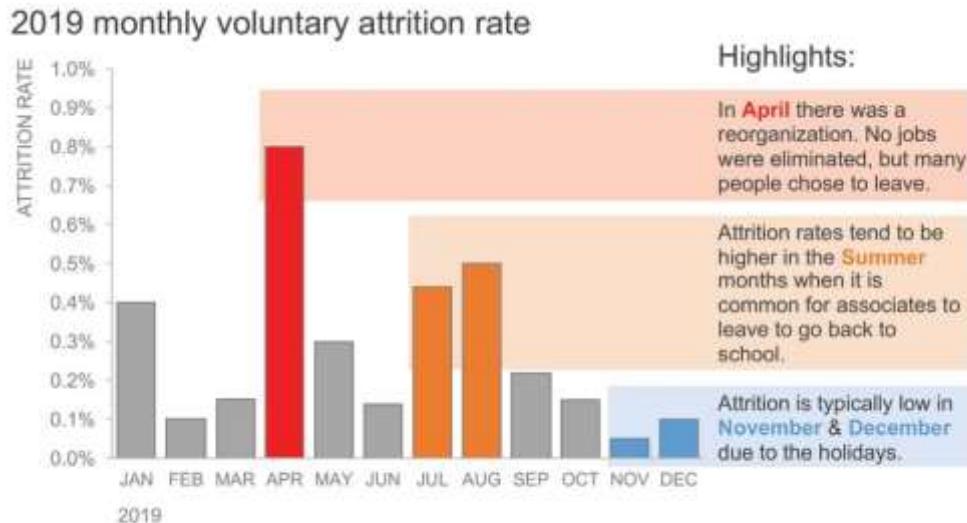


FIGURE 3.2g Enclosure plus similarity

Connection

The "Connection" relies on the fact that objects that are physically connected are often perceived as part of a single group. In this example, we will connect the texts and the data using a line.

```
In [77]: # Rules connecting text with bar
rule_april = (
    alt.Chart()
    .mark_rule(point={"fill": "gray"}) # With a dot at the end
    .encode(
        x = alt.value(102),
        y = alt.value(45),
        x2 = alt.value(300),
        strokeWidth = alt.value(0.5)
    )
)

rule_summer = (
    alt.Chart()
    .mark_rule(point = {"fill": "gray"})
    .encode(
        x = alt.value(202),
        y = alt.value(105),
        x2 = alt.value(300),
        strokeWidth = alt.value(0.5)
    )
)

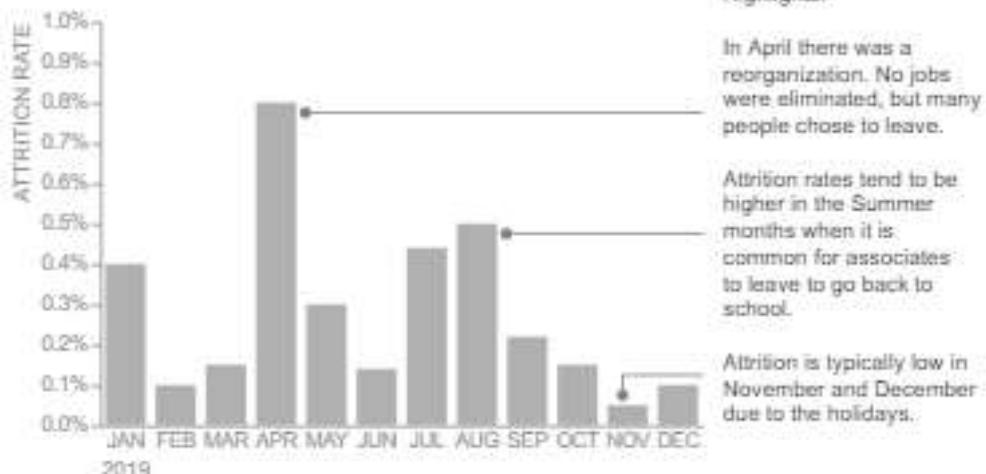
# Part one of the November/December rule
rule_nov_dec_1 = (
    alt.Chart()
    .mark_rule() # Without the dot
    .encode(
        x = alt.value(260),
        y = alt.value(175),
        x2 = alt.value(300),
        strokeWidth = alt.value(0.5)
    )
)

# Part two of the November/December rule
rule_nov_dec_2 = (
    alt.Chart()
    .mark_rule(point = {"fill": "gray"}) # With the dot
    .encode(
        x = alt.value(260),
        y = alt.value(185),
        y2 = alt.value(175),
        strokeWidth = alt.value(0.5)
    )
)

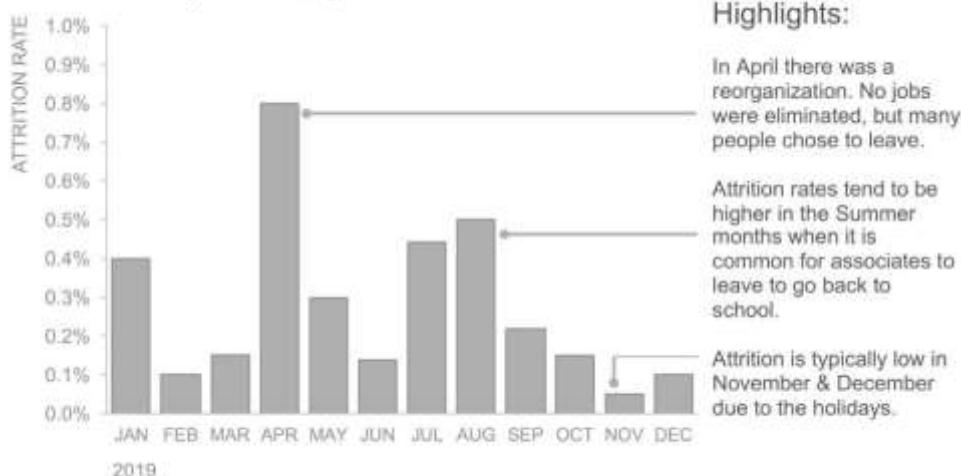
final_conn = (
    bar + text_enclosure + rule_april + rule_summer + rule_nov_dec_1 + rule_nov_dec_2
)

final_conn.configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[77]: 2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate

*Visualization as depicted in the book:*

2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate



Highlights:

In April there was a reorganization. No jobs were eliminated, but many people chose to leave.

Attrition rates tend to be higher in the Summer months when it is common for associates to leave to go back to school.

Attrition is typically low in November & December due to the holidays.

FIGURE 3.2h Connection

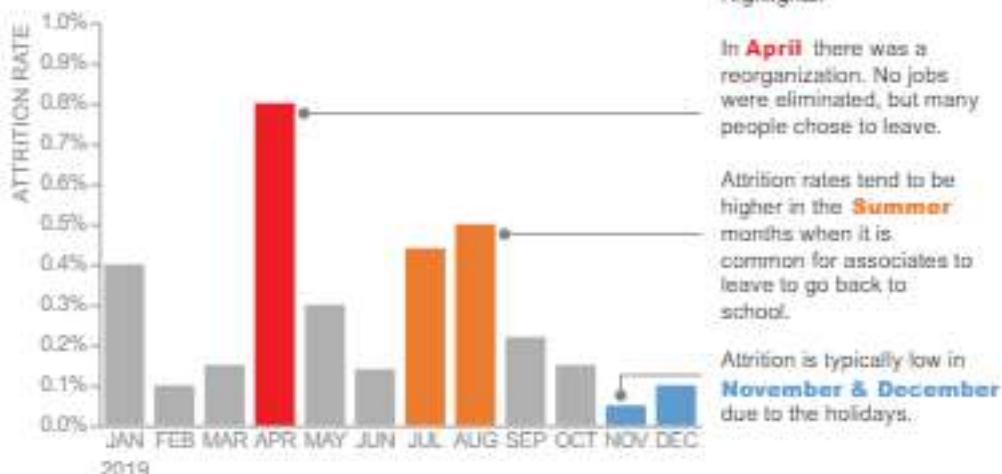
Connection + Similarity

Now we can use the connection and the similarity principles to connect highlighted texts with colored data.

```
In [78]: final_conn_sim = (
    bar_highlight_color
    +
    text_april_blank2_enclosure
    +
    text_summer_blank2_enclosure
    +
    text_nov_dec_blank2_enclosure
    +
    text_april_color_enclosure
    +
    text_summer_color_enclosure
    +
    text_nov_dec_color_enclosure
    +
    rule_april
    +
    rule_summer
    +
    rule_nov_dec_1
    +
    rule_nov_dec_2
)
```

```
final_conn_sim.configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[78]: 2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate



Visualization as depicted in the book:

2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate

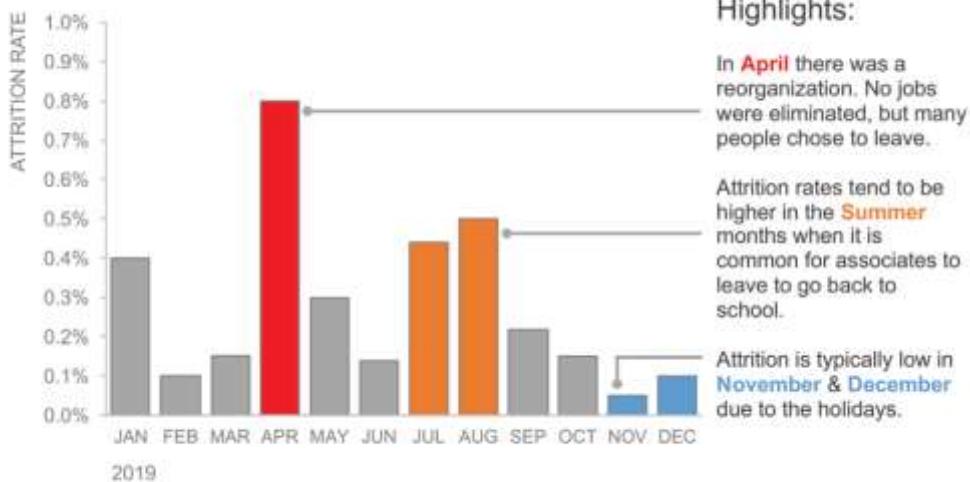


FIGURE 3.2i Connection plus similarity

Interactivity

In designing this interactive graph, we opted to apply the Gestalt Principle of Proximity for tooltips. Rather than displaying the text next to the bars it represents, the information will appear when the user hovers over the respective bars.

Having experimented with more sophisticated code solutions without achieving success, we opted for an alternative approach. We created a "base" bar in light gray without any tooltips. Subsequently, for each of the three groups of bars, we crafted distinct charts containing only the data relevant to the tooltips, in darker gray. Consequently, the final graph is composed of four charts added on top of each other.

```
In [79]: # Base graph
bar_base = (
    alt.Chart(
```

```

        table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate",
            fontSize = 15,
            anchor = "start",
            offset = 10,
            fontWeight = "normal"
        )
    )
    .mark_bar(size = 20)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Date",
            sort = None,
            axis = alt.Axis(
                labelAngle = 0,
                titleX = 12,
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                ticks = False,
                titleAnchor = "start",
                titleFontWeight = "normal"
            ),
            title = "2019"
        ),
        y = alt.Y(
            "Rate",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                titleAnchor = "end",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                format = "%",
                tickCount = 10
            ),
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 0.01]),
            title = "ATTRITION RATE",
        ),
        color = alt.Color( # Light gray
            "Date", sort = None, scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#b0b0b0"]), legend
        )
    )
    .properties(width = 300, height = 200)
)

# Graph for April
bar_apr = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar()
    .encode(
        x = alt.X("Date", sort = None),
        y = alt.Y("Rate", scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 0.01])),
        color = alt.value("#666666"), # Darker gray
        tooltip = alt.value(
            "In April there was a reorganization. No jobs were eliminated, but m
        ) # Text for April
    )
    .transform_filter(alt.FieldEqualPredicate(field = "Date", equal = "APR")) #
)

```

```

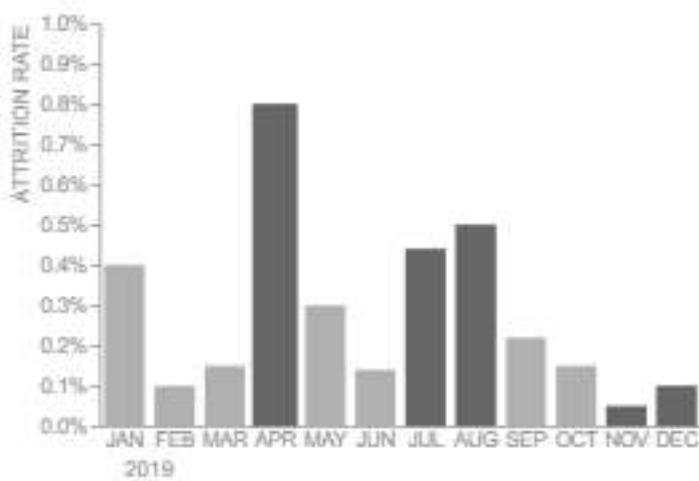
# Graph for summer
bar_jul_aug = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 20)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X("Date", sort = None),
        y = alt.Y("Rate", scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 0.01])),
        color = alt.value("#666666"), # Darker gray
        tooltip = alt.value(
            "Attrition rates tend to be higher in the Summer months when it is c"
        ) # Text for summer
    )
    .transform_filter(alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(field = "Date", oneOf = ["JUL", "AUG"]))
) # Filter summer data

# Graph for end of year
bar_dec_nov = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 20)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X("Date", sort = None),
        y = alt.Y("Rate", scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 0.01])),
        color = alt.value("#666666"), # Darker gray
        tooltip = alt.value(
            "Attrition is typically low in November and December due to the holi"
        ) # Text for the end of year
    )
    .transform_filter(alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(field = "Date", oneOf = ["NOV", "DEC"]))
)

final_tooltip = bar_base + bar_apr + bar_jul_aug + bar_dec_nov
final_tooltip.configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[79]: 2019 monthly voluntary attrition rate



Chapter 4 - Focus Attention

"Where do you want your audience to look?" - Cole Nussbaumer Knaflic

Exercise 2 - Focus on...

This exercise focuses on identifying what you want to highlight in a graph, the specific insights you wish the viewer to take from the visual presentation.

Loading the data

```
In [80]: # Loading table
table = pd.read_excel(r"Data\4.2 EXERCISE.xlsx", usecols = [1, 2, 3], header = 5)

# Fixing names
table['Brands'] = table['Unnamed: 1']
table['Change'] = table['$ Vol % change']

table.drop(columns = ['Unnamed: 1', '$ Vol % change'], inplace = True)
table
```

Out[80]:

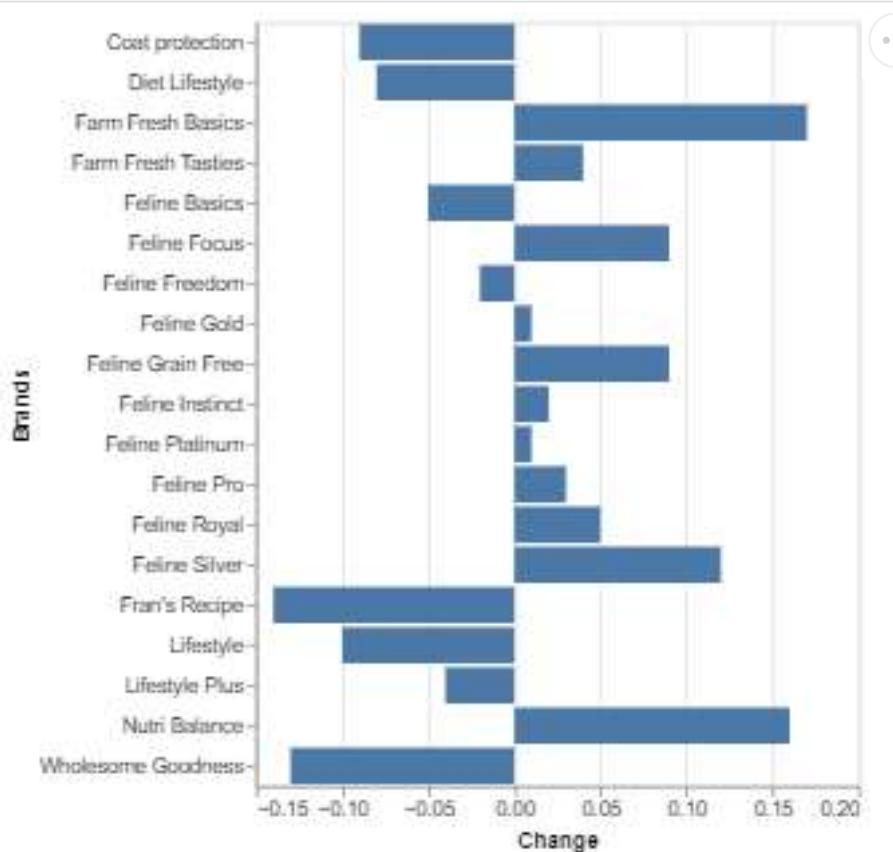
	spacing for dot plot	Brands	Change
0	0	Fran's Recipe	-0.14
1	1	Wholesome Goodness	-0.13
2	2	Lifestyle	-0.10
3	3	Coat protection	-0.09
4	4	Diet Lifestyle	-0.08
5	5	Feline Basics	-0.05
6	6	Lifestyle Plus	-0.04
7	7	Feline Freedom	-0.02
8	8	Feline Gold	0.01
9	9	Feline Platinum	0.01
10	10	Feline Instinct	0.02
11	11	Feline Pro	0.03
12	12	Farm Fresh Tasties	0.04
13	13	Feline Royal	0.05
14	14	Feline Focus	0.09
15	15	Feline Grain Free	0.09
16	16	Feline Silver	0.12
17	17	Nutri Balance	0.16
18	18	Farm Fresh Basics	0.17

Graph without highlights

Initially, we will show the graph in a light gray color. Notice that not using `sort = None` results in the brands being arranged in alphabetical order.

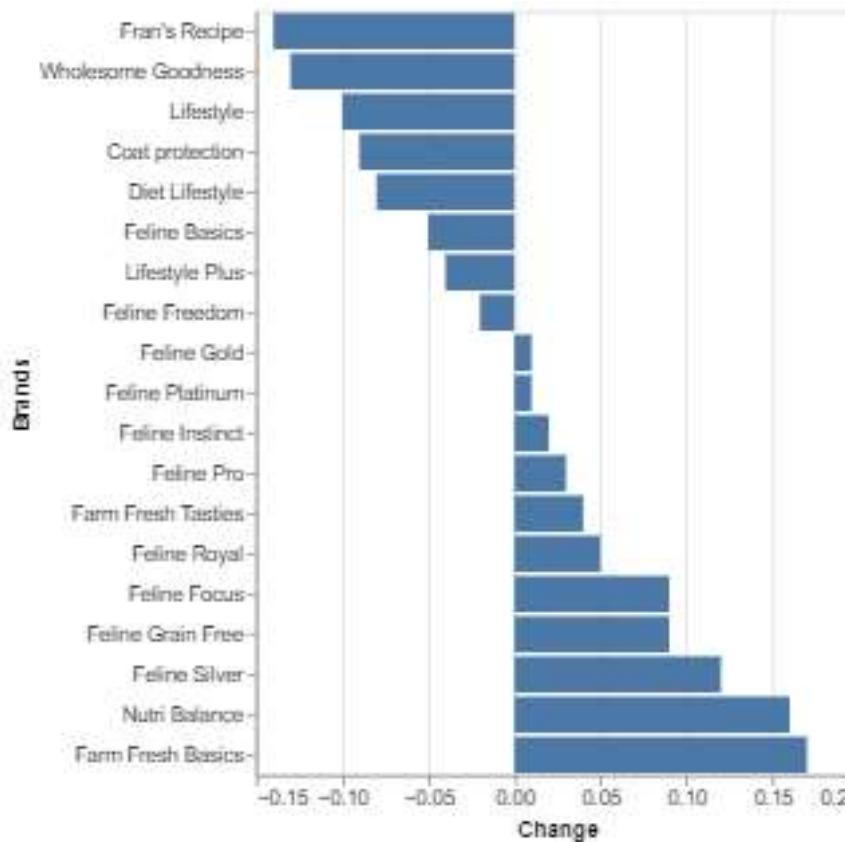
```
In [81]: # Brans in alphabetical order  
alt.Chart(table).mark_bar().encode(  
    x = "Change",  
    y = "Brands")
```

Out[81]:



```
In [82]: # "Not sorted" graph  
  
alt.Chart(table).mark_bar().encode(  
    x = "Change",  
    y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None))
```

Out[82]:



In [83]: # Customized graph

```

chart = (
    alt.Chart(
        table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Cat food brands: YoY sales change",
            subtitle = "% CHANGE IN VOLUME ($)", # Add subtitle
            color = "black",
            subtitleColor = "gray",
            offset = 10,
            anchor = "start",
            fontSize = 19,
            subtitleFontSize = 11,
            fontWeight = "normal"
        ),
    )
    .mark_bar(color = "#8b8b8b", size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]), # x-axis from -20% to 20%
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                orient = "top",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                format = "%"
            ),
            title = "DECREASED | INCREASED"
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None)
    )
)

```

```

)
# Brand names that go on the right
label1 = (
    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] < 0])
    .mark_text(align = "left", color = "#8b8b8b", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(x = alt.value(207), y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None), text = alt.Text
)

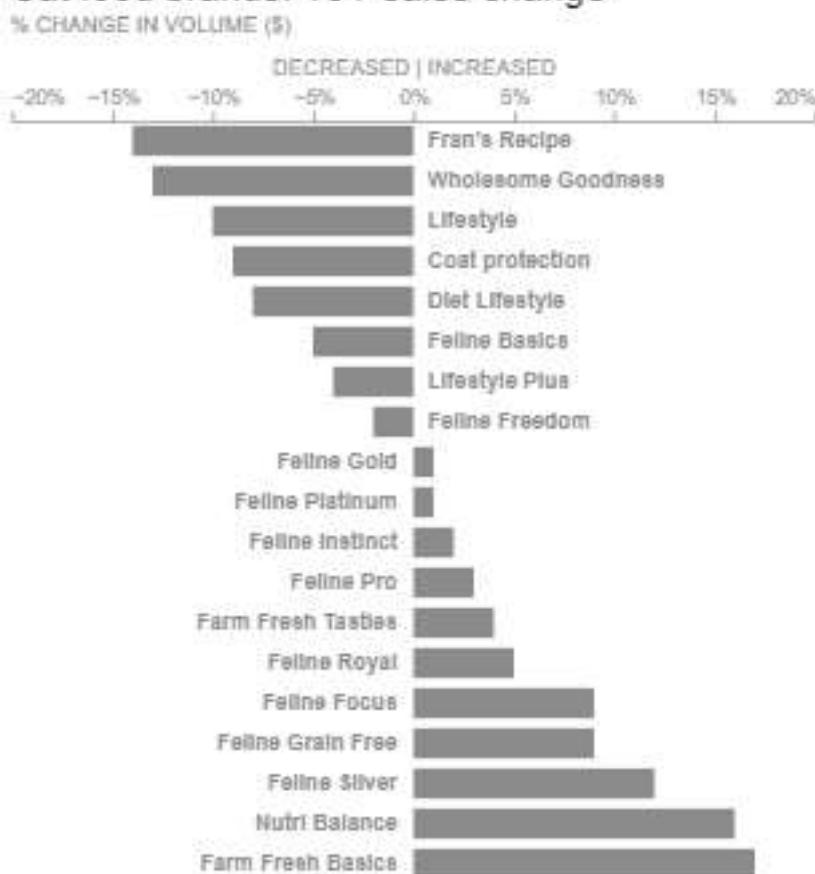
# Brand names that go on the Left
label2 = (
    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] > 0])
    .mark_text(align = "right", color = "#8b8b8b", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(x = alt.value(192), y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None), text = alt.Text
)

gray = chart + label1 + label2

gray.properties(width = 400).configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[83]: Cat food brands: YoY sales change



Visualization as depicted in the book:

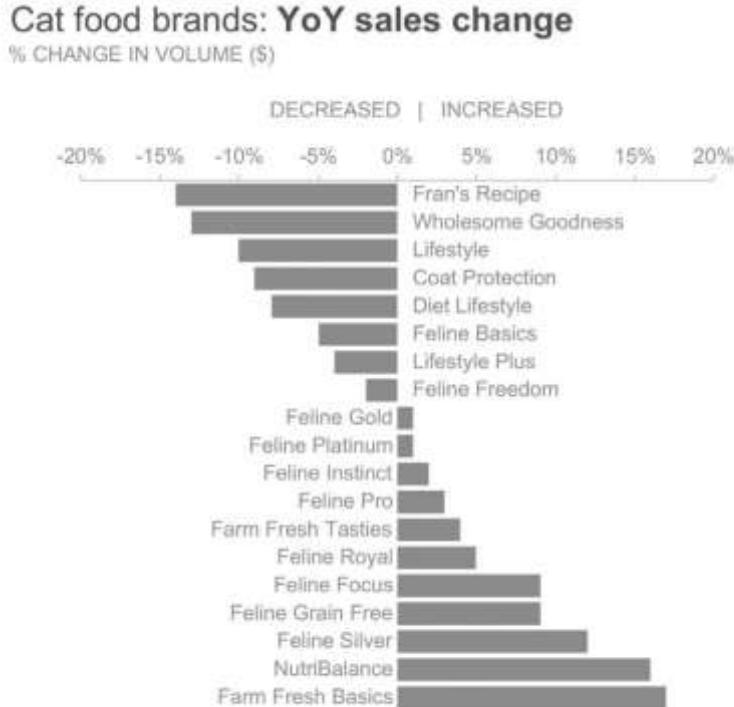


FIGURE 4.2a Let's focus attention in this graph

Highlighting the Lifestyle brands

Following this, the author suggests highlighting a specific brand of cat food, the Lifestyle line. All labels and bars associated with this brand will be colored black to captivate the viewer's attention.

```
In [84]: # Creates a list of brand in the Lifestyle line
conditions = [
    f'datum.Brands == "{brand}"' for brand in table["Brands"] if "Lifestyle" in
]
condition = f"({'}|'.join(conditions)})"

# Create the chart
chart = (
    alt.Chart(
        table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Cat food brands:", # Title
            subtitle = "YEAR-OVER-YEAR % CHANGE IN VOLUME ($)", # Subtitle
            color = "black", # Color
            subtitleColor = "gray", # Subtitle color
            anchor = "start", # Anchor
            fontSize = 19, # Font size
            subtitleFontSize = 11, # Subtitle font size
            fontWeight = "normal" # Font weight
        ),
    )
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change", # X axis label
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]), # X axis scale
            color = "black" # X axis color
        )
    )
    .properties(# Properties
        width = 600, # Width
        height = 400 # Height
    )
)
```

```

axis = alt.Axis(
    grid = False,
    orient = "top",
    labelColor = "#888888",
    titleColor = "#888888",
    titleFontWeight = "normal",
    format = "%"
),
title = "DECREASED | INCREASED"
),
y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
color = alt.condition( # If brand in Lifestyle, then color equals black
    condition,
    alt.value("black"),
    alt.value("#c6c6c6")
)
)
)

# Labels to the right
label1_bw = (
    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] < 0])
    .mark_text(align = "left", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(
        x = alt.value(207),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None),
        text = alt.Text("Brands"),
        # If brand in Lifestyle, then Label equals black
        color = alt.condition(condition, alt.value("black"), alt.value("#c6c6c6"))
    )
)

# Labels to the left
# There are no lifestyle brand line in this category
label2_bw = (
    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] > 0])
    .mark_text(align = "right", color = "#c6c6c6", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(x = alt.value(192), y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None), text = alt.Text("Lifestyle line brands decline"))
)

# Add bold part of the title separately
title_bw = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["Lifestyle line brands decline"]}]}))
    .mark_text(size = 19, align = "left", dx = 172, dy = -250, fontWeight = 700,
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

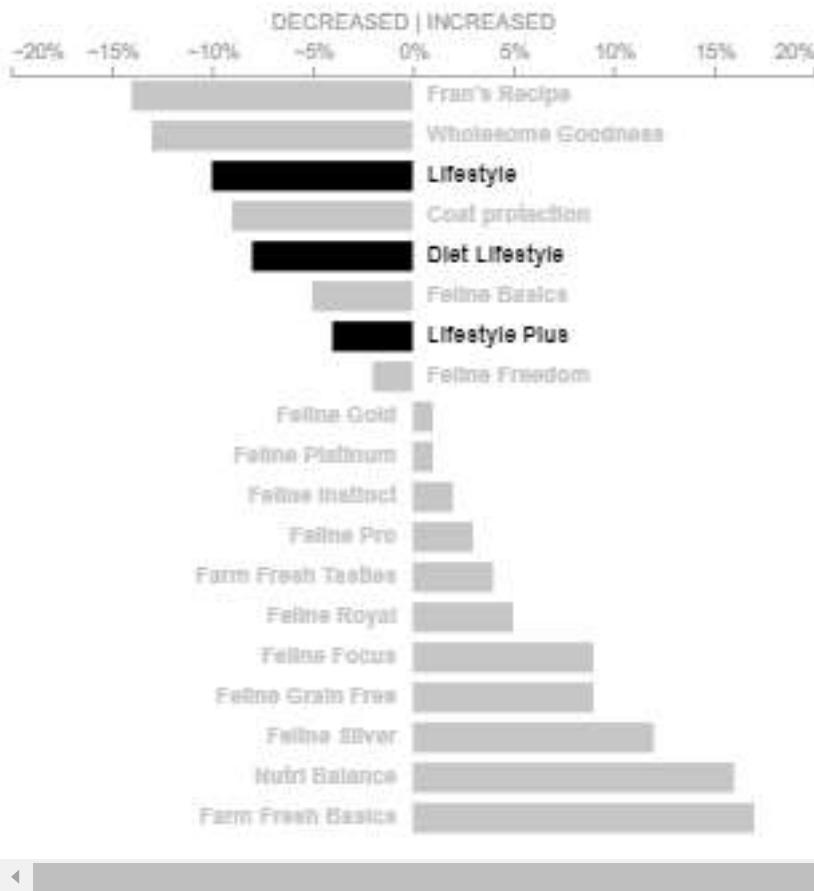
(chart + label1_bw + label2_bw + title_bw).properties(width = 400).configure_view(
    stroke = None
)

```

Out[84]: Cat food brands:

YEAR-OVER-YEAR % CHANGE IN VOLUME (\$)

Lifestyle line brands only



Given that incorporating the bold section of the title next to the chart's predefined title proved unsuccessful, we will proceed by generating the chart without a title. Subsequently, we will add both texts separately.

In [85]:

```
# Graph without title
chart_bw = alt.Chart(table).mark_bar(
    size = 15
).encode(
    x = alt.X(
        "Change",
        scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
        axis = alt.Axis(grid = False, orient = "top",
                        labelColor = "#888888", titleColor = '#888888',
                        titleFontWeight = 'normal', format = "%"),
        title = "DECREASED | INCREASED"
    ),
    y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
    color = alt.condition(
        condition,
        alt.value('black'), alt.value('#c6c6c6')
    )
)

# Part one of title
title_bw = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["Cat food brands:"]}]}).mark_text(
```

```

        size = 16, align = "left", dx = -200, dy = -270, fontWeight = "normal",
    )
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

# Part two of title
title_bw_bold = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["Lifestyle line brands decline"]}]})
    .mark_text(size = 16, align = "left", dx = -78, dy = -270, fontWeight = 700,
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

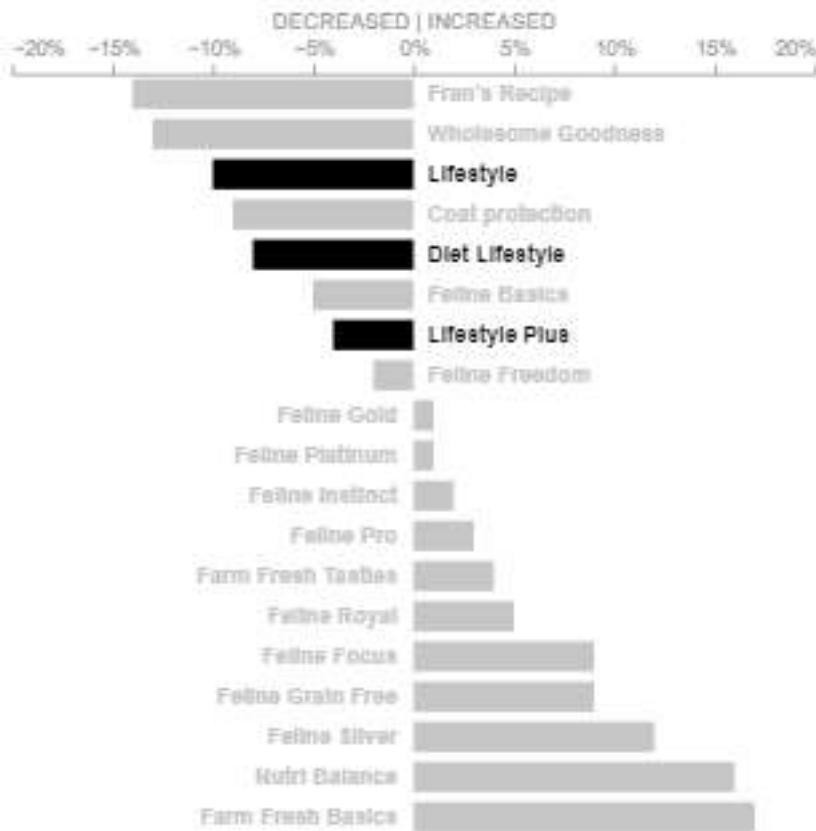
# Subtitle
subtitle_bw = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["YEAR-OVER-YEAR % CHANGE IN VOLUME ($)"]}]})
    .mark_text(
        size = 11, align = "left", dx = -200, dy = -250, fontWeight = "normal",
    )
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

lifestyle = chart_bw + label1_bw + label2_bw + title_bw + title_bw_bold + subtitle_bw

lifestyle.properties(width = 400).configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[85]: Cat food brands: Lifestyle line brands decline



Visualization as depicted in the book:

Cat food brands: **Lifestyle** line brands declined

YEAR-OVER-YEAR % CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME (\$)

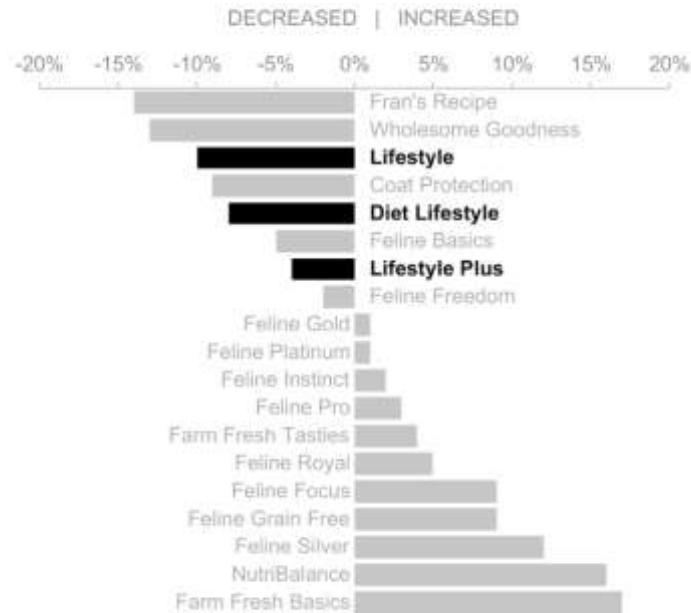


FIGURE 4.2b Focus on Lifestyle brand line

Highlighting the Feline brand

In the next step, our focus is on highlighting the Feline brand line. The difference is that we have the information that the brand uses a purple logo, and therefore, we can incorporate this color into our design.

```
In [86]: # Set condition to list of Feline products
conditions = [
    f'datum.Brands == "{brand}"' for brand in table["Brands"] if "Feline" in brand]
condition_purple = f"({'}|'.join(conditions)})"

# Highlights Feline products with purple color
chart_purple = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                orient = "top",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                format = "%"
            ),
            title = "DECREASED | INCREASED"
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
        color = alt.condition(
```

```

        condition_purple, alt.value("#713a97"), alt.value("#c6c6c6")
    )
)
)

# Labels to the right
label1_purple = (
    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] < 0])
    .mark_text(align = "left", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(
        x = alt.value(207),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None),
        text = alt.Text("Brands"),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_purple, alt.value("#713a97"), alt.value("#c6c6c6")
        )
    )
)

# Labels to the left
# Now we need to add condition as there are Feline products in this
label2_purple = (
    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] > 0])
    .mark_text(align = "right", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(
        x = alt.value(192),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None),
        text = alt.Text("Brands"),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_purple, alt.value("#713a97"), alt.value("#c6c6c6")
        )
    )
)

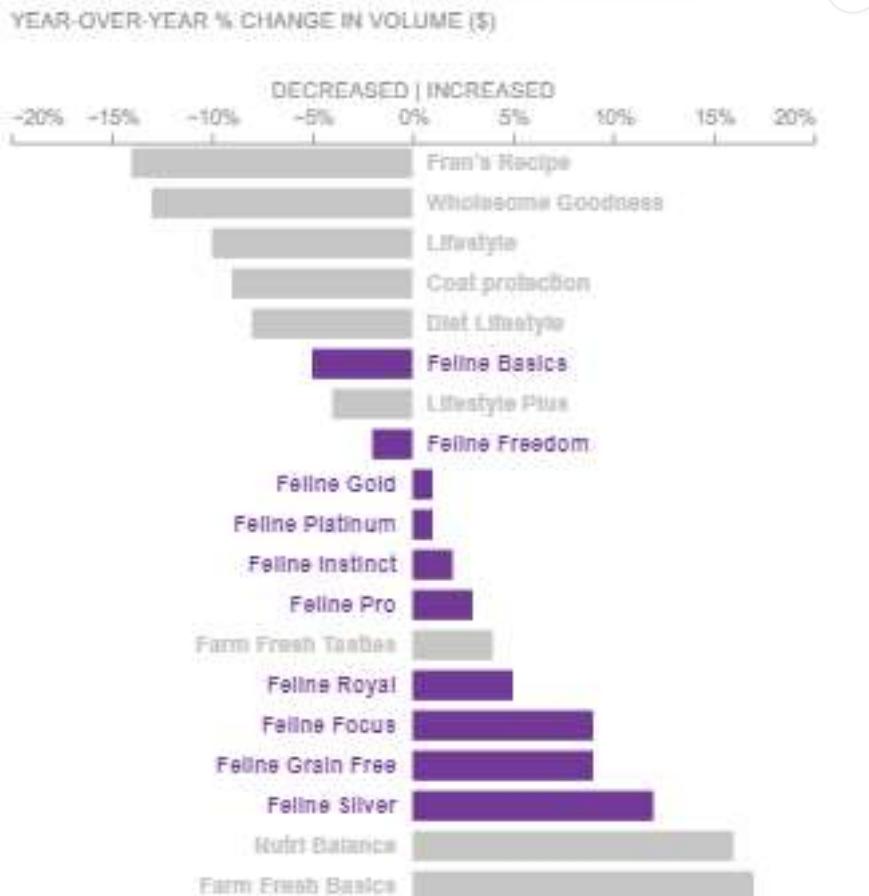
# Second title in purple
title_purple = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["most in Feline line increased"]}]}))
    .mark_text(size = 16, align = "left", dx = -78, dy = -270, fontWeight = 700,
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

feline = (
    chart_purple + label1_purple + label2_purple + title_bw + title_purple + sub
)

feline.properties(width = 400).configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[86]: Cat food brands: most in Feline line increased



Visualization as depicted in the book:

Cat food brands: most in Feline line increased

YEAR-OVER-YEAR % CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME (\$)

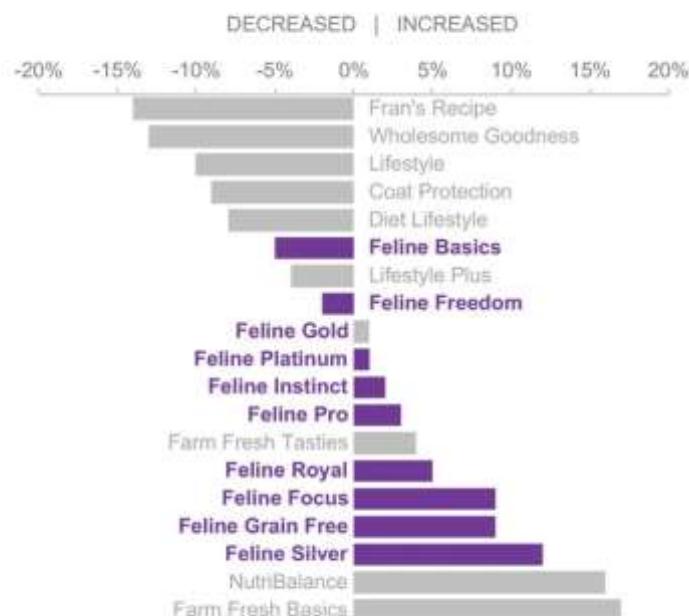


FIGURE 4.2c Focus on Feline brand line

In the displayed chart from the book, there is an error where the bar corresponding to "Feline Gold" cat food appears light gray instead of the correct purple, consistent with

the labeling. A request for information on the process of formally submitting an erratum has been made.

Highlighting brands that declined

Moving forward, we will selectively color the brands that experienced a decline in sales. Recognizing the accessibility challenges associated with the conventional red and green combination, the author suggests using orange and blue to cater to individuals with colorblindness.

```
In [87]: # Condition based on negative values of Change
condition = "datum.Change < 0"

# Chart with orange color
chart_orange = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                orient = "top",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                format = "%"
            ),
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
        color = alt.condition(condition, alt.value("#ec7c30"), alt.value("#c6c6c6"))
    )
)

# The right label is for decreased brands
# so we will color all of it with orange
label1_orange = (
    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] < 0])
    .mark_text(align = "left", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(
        x = alt.value(207),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None),
        text = alt.Text("Brands"),
        color = alt.value("#ec7c30")
    )
)

# There is no need to create labeling for the left
# it will all be gray and we already have that variable

# Second title in orange
title_orange = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["8 brands decreased in sale"]}]})
    .mark_text(size = 16, align = "left", dx = -78, dy = -270, fontWeight = 700,
              encode(text = "text:N"))
)
```

```

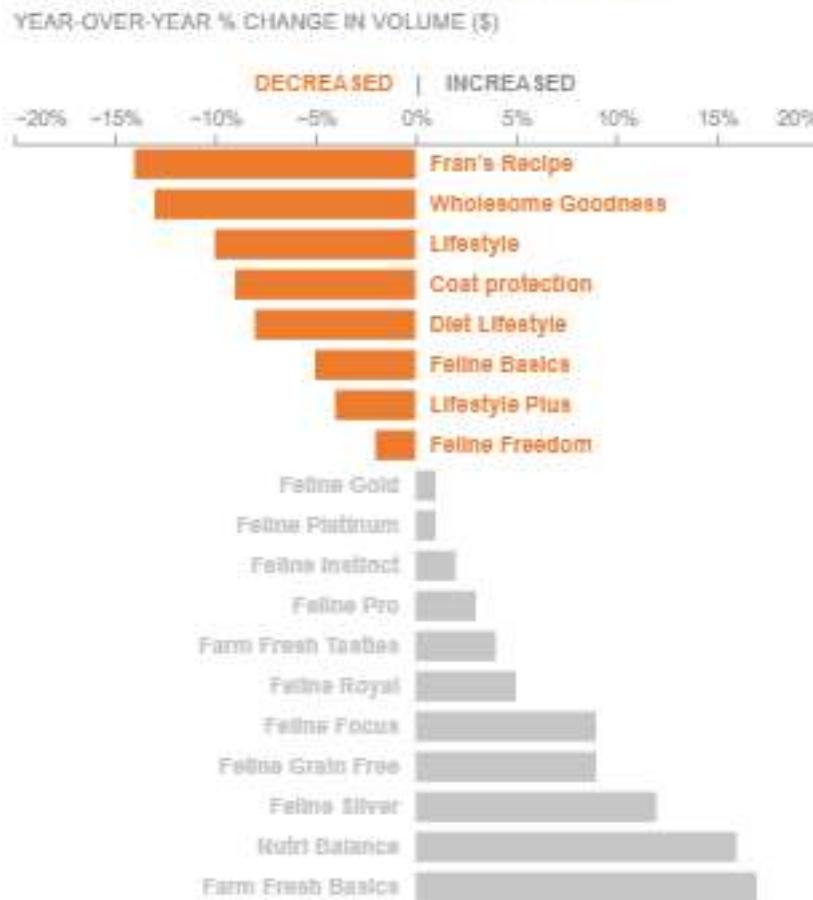
# "DECREASED" text in orange, serves as a label
decreased_orange = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["DECREASED"]}]})
    .mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = -80, dy = -220, fontWeight = 700,
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

# "INCREASED" text in gray
increased_gray = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["| INCREASED"]}]})
    .mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = -0, dy = -220, fontWeight = 700,
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

decreased = (
    chart_orange
    + label1_orange
    + label2_bw
    + title_bw
    + title_orange
    + subtitle_bw
    + decreased_orange
    + increased_gray
)
decreased.properties(width = 400).configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[87]: Cat food brands: 8 brands decreased in sale



Visualization as depicted in the book:

Cat food brands: 8 brands decreased in sales

YEAR-OVER-YEAR % CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME (\$)

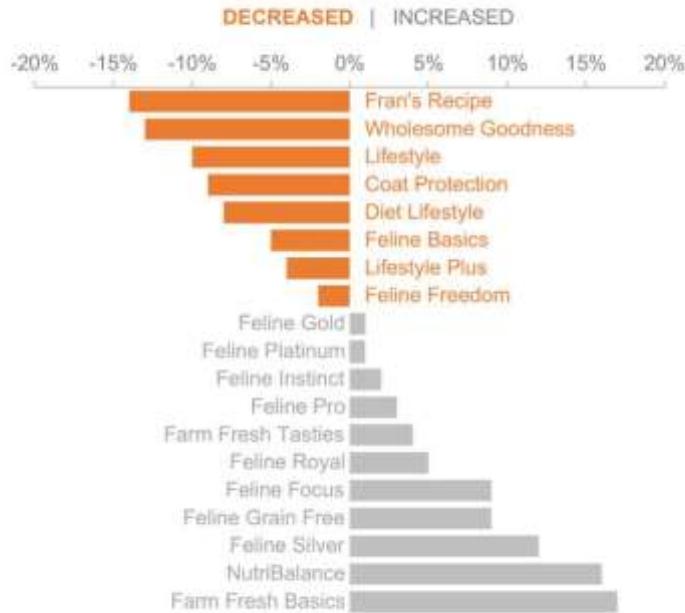


FIGURE 4.2d Focus on decreasing brands

Highlighting the two brands that decreased the most

To achieve this, the author has opted to maintain the coloration of all brands that experienced a decrease while placing additional emphasis on the two with the most significant declines by using a brighter shade of orange compared to the others.

```
In [88]: # Create a list of brands that decreased the most
decreased_most = table.nsmallest(2, "Change")
brands_decreased = decreased_most["Brands"].tolist()

# Create a condition based on that list
conditions = [f'datum.Brands == "{brand}"' for brand in brands_decreased]
condition = f"({'|'.join(conditions)})"

# Create a list of brands with positive changes for auxiliary graph
positive_brands = table.loc[table["Change"] > 0, "Brands"].unique()
positive_brands_list = positive_brands.tolist()

# Chart of brands that decreased
chart_oranges = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                orient = "top",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                format = "%"
            )
        )
    )
    .transform_filter(condition)
)
```

```

        ),
        title = None
    ),
    y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
    # If the Brand is in the list of decreased most,
    # color it orange - else, color it light orange
    color = alt.condition(condition, alt.value("#ec7c30"), alt.value("#efb28"))
)
)

# Auxiliary graph with gray bottom
chart_oranges2 = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    # Color equals gray
    .mark_bar(size = 15, color = "#c6c6c6", opacity = 1)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                orient = "top",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                format = "%"
            ),
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None)
    )
    .transform_filter( # Only positive brands
        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(field = "Brands", oneOf = positive_brands_list)
    )
)
)

# Label to the right
label1_oranges = (
    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] < 0])
    .mark_text(align = "left", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(
        x = alt.value(207),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None),
        text = alt.Text("Brands"),
        # Color it orange or Light orange
        color = alt.condition(condition, alt.value("#ec7c30"), alt.value("#efb28"))
    )
)
)

# Again, no need for new labels for the left

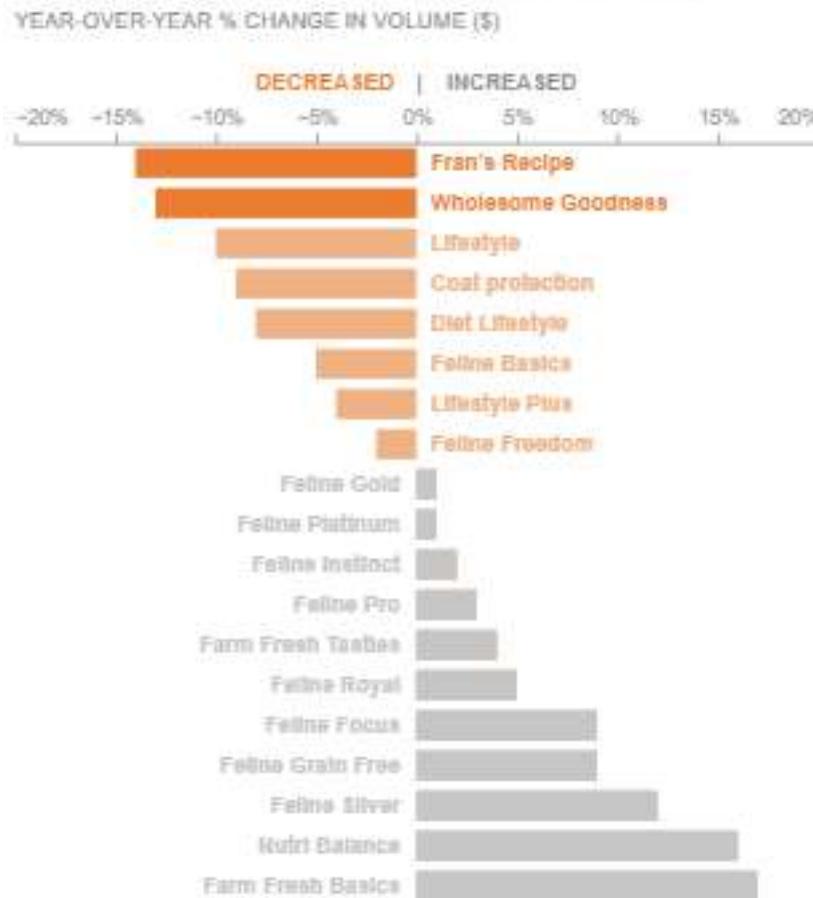
# Second title in orange
title_oranges = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["2 brands decreased the most"]}]})
    .mark_text(size = 16, align = "left", dx = -78, dy = -270, fontWeight = 700,
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)
)

decreased2 = (
    chart_oranges
)

```

```
+ chart_oranges2
+ label1_oranges
+ label2_bw
+ title_bw
+ title_oranges
+ subtitle_bw
+ decreased_orange
+ increased_gray
)
decreased2.properties(width = 400).configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[88]: Cat food brands: 2 brands decreased the most



Visualization as depicted in the book:

Cat food brands: 2 brands decreased the most

YEAR-OVER-YEAR % CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME (\$)

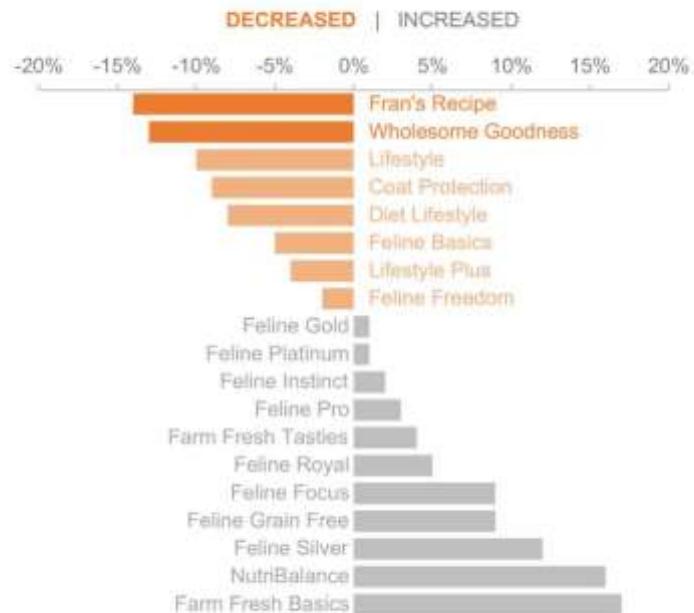


FIGURE 4.2e Focus on the brands that most decreased

Highlighting brands that increased

This code closely resembles the one used to highlight all brands that experienced a decrease, with modifications made to the condition and color, now blue.

```
In [89]: # Change signal of condition from < to >
condition = "datum.Change > 0"

# Graph highlighting increased brands
chart_blue = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                orient = "top",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                format = "%"
            ),
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
        # If brand increased, color it blue, else, color it gray
        color = alt.condition(condition, alt.value("#4772b8"), alt.value("#c6c6c6"))
    )
)

# Create Labels to the Left
label2_blue = (
```

```

    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] > 0])
    .mark_text(align = "right", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(
        x = alt.value(192),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None),
        text = alt.Text("Brands"),
        color = alt.condition(condition, alt.value("#4772b8"), alt.value("#c6c6c6"))
    )
)

# This time there is no need to create labels on the right

# Second title in blue
title_blue = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["11 brands flat to increasing"]}]})
    .mark_text(size = 16, align = "left", dx = -78, dy = -270, fontWeight = 700,
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

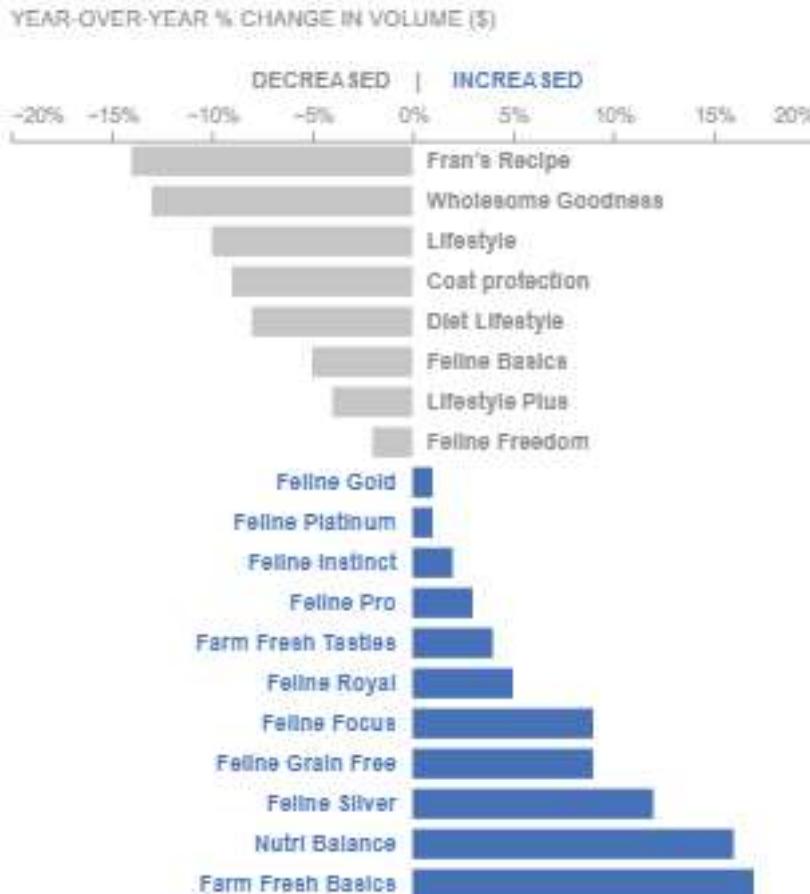
# "DECREASED" text in gray
decreased_gray = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["DECREASED      |"]}]}
    .mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = -80, dy = -220, fontWeight = 700,
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

# "INCREASED" text in blue
increased_blue = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["INCREASED"]}]})
    .mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = 20, dy = -220, fontWeight = 700,
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

increased = (
    chart_blue
    + label1
    + label2_blue
    + title_bw
    + title_blue
    + subtitle_bw
    + decreased_gray
    + increased_blue
)
increased.properties(width = 400).configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[89]: Cat food brands: 11 brands flat to increasing



Visualization as depicted in the book:

Cat food brands: 11 brands flat to increasing

YEAR-OVER-YEAR % CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME (\$)

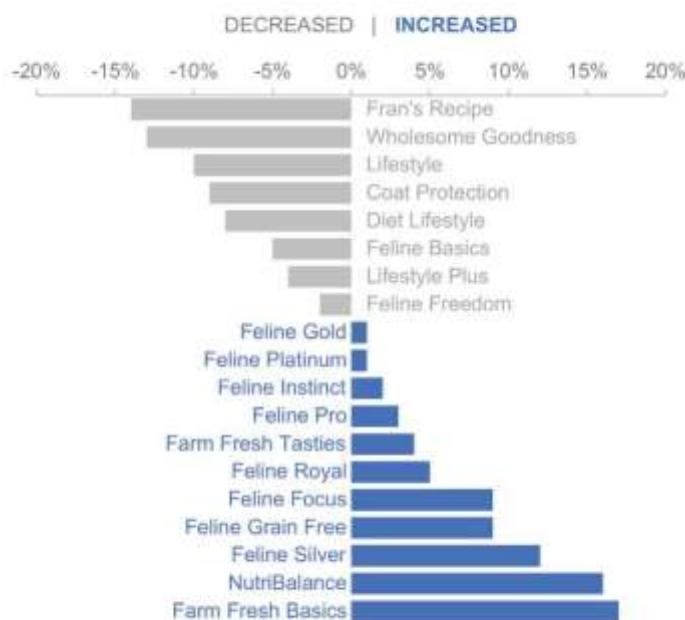


FIGURE 4.2f Focus on increasing brands

Final view with all highlights

For the last question, the author explores the creation of a conclusive slide that highlights all the points discussed above. For this, we will create two graphs, one with both Feline and Lifestyle Brands and one showcasing increased and decreased sales. The author initially paired the visualizations with text, but as the manual labor-intensive method has already been explored, we will abstain from incorporating additional textual elements.

```
In [90]: # Graph with both brands

# Lifestyle brand
chart_bw2 = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                orient = "top",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                format = "%"
            ),
            title = "DECREASED | INCREASED"
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
        color = alt.value("black") # Color black with no condition
    )
    .transform_filter( # Filter to be only Lifestyle products
        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Brands", oneof = ["Lifestyle", "Lifestyle Plus", "Diet Lifestyle"]
        )
    )
)

# We can reuse the Left Labeling for the Lifestyle brand

# Second title in black
title_bw_bold_2 = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["mixed results in sales year-over-year"]}]})
    .mark_text(size = 16, align = "left", dx = -78, dy = -270, fontWeight = 700,
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

# Creates list of all brands that are not Lifestyle
not_lifestyle = table[
    ~table["Brands"].isin(["Lifestyle", "Lifestyle Plus", "Diet Lifestyle"])
]
not_lifestyle = not_lifestyle["Brands"].tolist()

# Create the Labeling in the right for the Feline brand in purple
# If we reuse the one we already have, it will overwrite the labels in black
label1_purple_2 = (
    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] < 0])
    .mark_text(align = "left", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(
```

```

x = alt.value(207),
y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None),
text = alt.Text("Brands"),
color = alt.condition(
    condition_purple, alt.value("#713a97"), alt.value("#c6c6c6")
)
)
# Filter out the Lifestyle brand so that it is not overwritten
.transform_filter(alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(field = "Brands", oneOf = not_life
)

)

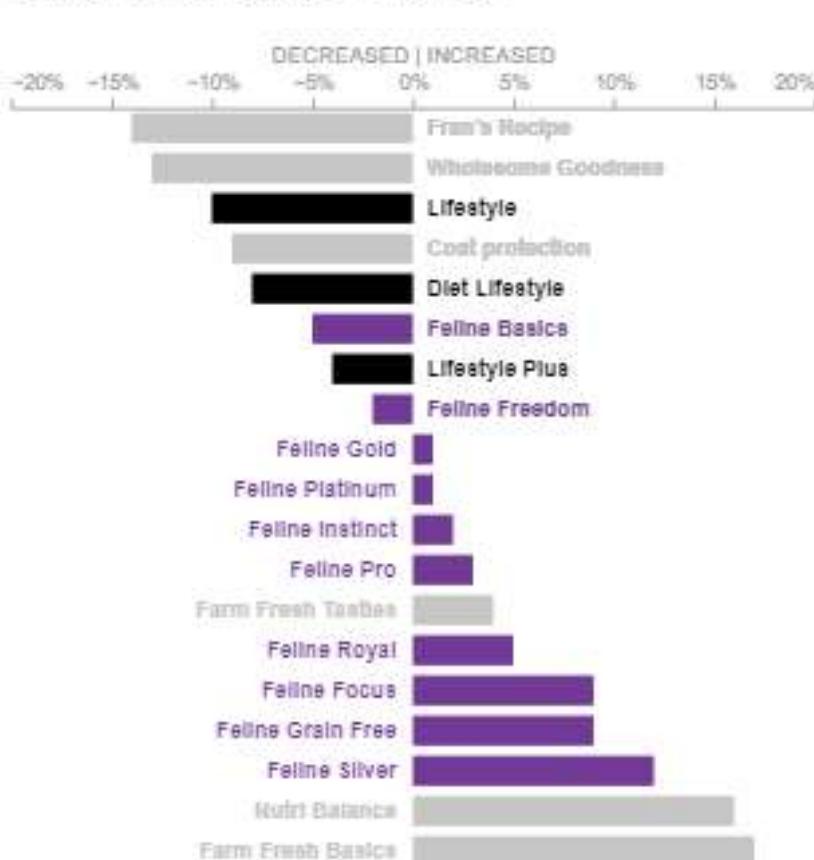
# Since there are no Lifestyle brand Labeling on the left,
# there is no need to create a new left labeling for Feline

mixed = (
    chart_purple
    + chart_bw2
    + label1_bw
    + label1_purple_2
    + label2_purple
    + title_bw
    + title_bw_bold_2
    + subtitle_bw
)
)

mixed.properties(width = 400).configure_view(stroke = None)

```

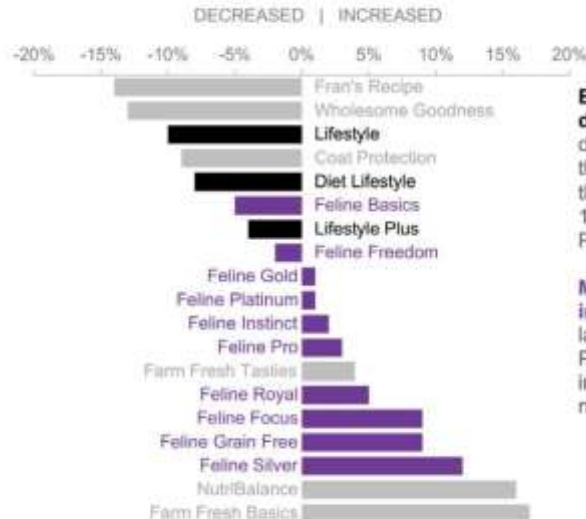
Out[90]: Cat food brands: mixed results in sales year-over-year ...



Visualization as depicted in the book:

Cat food brands: mixed results in sales year-over-year

YEAR-OVER-YEAR % CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME (\$)



Brands in the Lifestyle line all decreased year-over-year, mainly due to a marketing shift away from these products. Classic Lifestyle had the biggest decrease in sales, down 10% year-over-year, while Lifestyle Plus had the smallest decrease (4%).

Most brands in the Feline line increased in sales year-over-year, largely due to the partnership with PetFriends retailers that we entered into mid-year. We anticipate continued momentum in the coming year.

FIGURE 4.2g Comprehensive slide #1: Lifestyle and Feline brands

```
In [91]: # Create a list to the most increased and most decreased brands
decreased_most = table.nsmallest(2, "Change")
increased_most = table.nlargest(2, "Change")

brands_decreased = decreased_most["Brands"].tolist()
brands_increased = increased_most["Brands"].tolist()

# Create a condition for brands that increased and decreased
conditions_decreased = [f'datum.Brands == "{brand}"' for brand in brands_decreased]
condition_decreased = f"({'}|{'.join(conditions_decreased)})"

conditions_increased = [f'datum.Brands == "{brand}"' for brand in brands_increased]
condition_increased = f"({'}|{'.join(conditions_increased)})"

# Create a gray graph representing middle brands
chart_gray = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(color = "#c6c6c6", size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                orient = "top",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                format = "%"
            ),
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None)
    )
)

# Labels on the right for those middle brands
label1_gray = (
```

```

    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] < 0])
    .mark_text(align = "left", color = "#c6c6c6", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(x = alt.value(207), y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None), text = alt.Text("Decreased"))
)

# Labels on the left for those middle brands
label2_gray = (
    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] > 0])
    .mark_text(align = "right", color = "#c6c6c6", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(x = alt.value(192), y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None), text = alt.Text("Increased"))
)

# Graph for decreased values
chart_oranges_mix = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                orient = "top",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                format = "%"
            ),
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
        color = alt.condition(
            # If on top 2 decreased, bright orange
            # Else, light orange
            condition_decreased, alt.value("#ec7c30"), alt.value("#efb284")
        )
    )
    # Filter to only the five most decreased brands
    .transform_filter(
        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Brands",
            oneOf = list(table["Brands"][:5])
        )
    )
)

# Labeling on the right for decreased brands
label_oranges = (
    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] < 0])
    .mark_text(align = "left", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(
        x = alt.value(207),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None),
        text = alt.Text("Brands"),
        color = alt.condition(
            # If on top 2 decreased, bright orange
            # Else, light orange
            condition_decreased, alt.value("#ec7c30"), alt.value("#efb284")
        )
    )
)

```

```

        .transform_filter(
            alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
                field = "Brands",
                oneOf = list(table["Brands"][0:5])
            )
        )

# Graph for increased values
chart_blue_mix = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                orient = "top",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                format = "%"
            ),
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
        color = alt.condition(
            # If on top 2 increased, color blue
            # Else, color it light blue
            condition_increased, alt.value("#4772b8"), alt.value("#91a9d5")
        )
    )
    # Filter to only increased brands
    .transform_filter(
        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Brands",
            oneOf = list(table["Brands"][14:19])
        )
    )
)

# Labeling on the left for increased brands
label_blue = (
    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] > 0])
    .mark_text(align = "right", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(
        x = alt.value(192),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None),
        text = alt.Text("Brands"),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_increased, alt.value("#4772b8"), alt.value("#91a9d5")
        )
    )
    .transform_filter(
        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Brands",
            oneOf = list(table["Brands"][14:19])
        )
    )
)

```

```

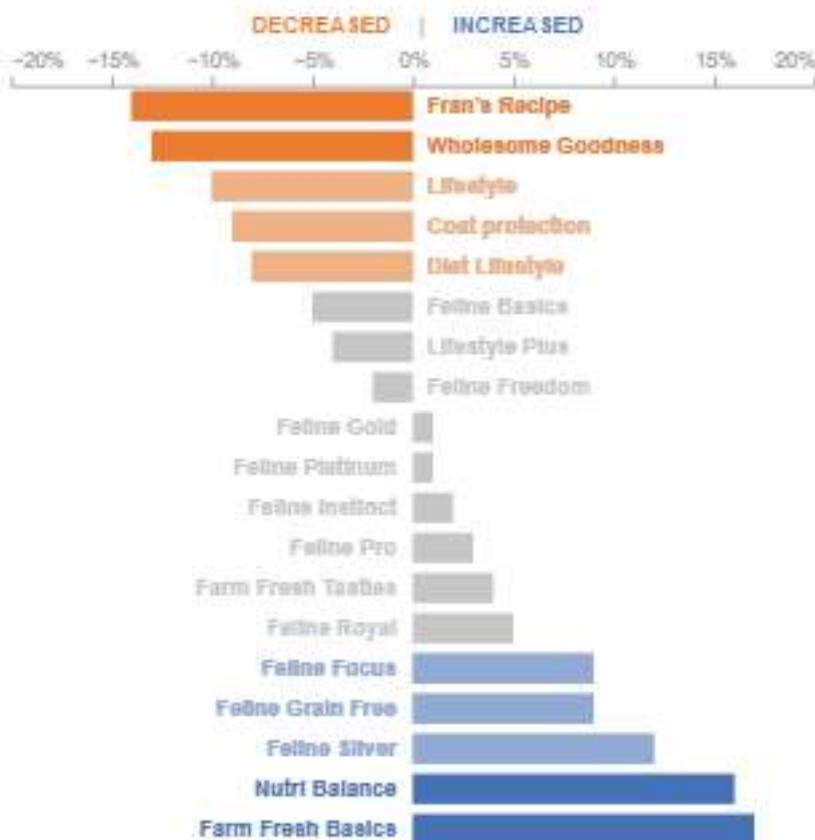
)
# We will unite the "DECREASED" orange with the "INCREASED" blue
# So we will create the "/" separation in gray
separation = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["|"]}]}).mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = 3, dy = -220, fontWeight = 700, color = "gray").encode(text = "text:N")
)

mixed2 = (
    chart_gray
    + chart_oranges_mix
    + chart_blue_mix
    + label1_gray
    + label2_gray
    + label_oranges
    + label_blue
    + title_bw
    + title_bw_bold_2
    + subtitle_bw
    + decreased_orange
    + increased_blue
    + separation
)
mixed2.properties(width = 400).configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[91]: Cat food brands: mixed results in sales year-over-year ...

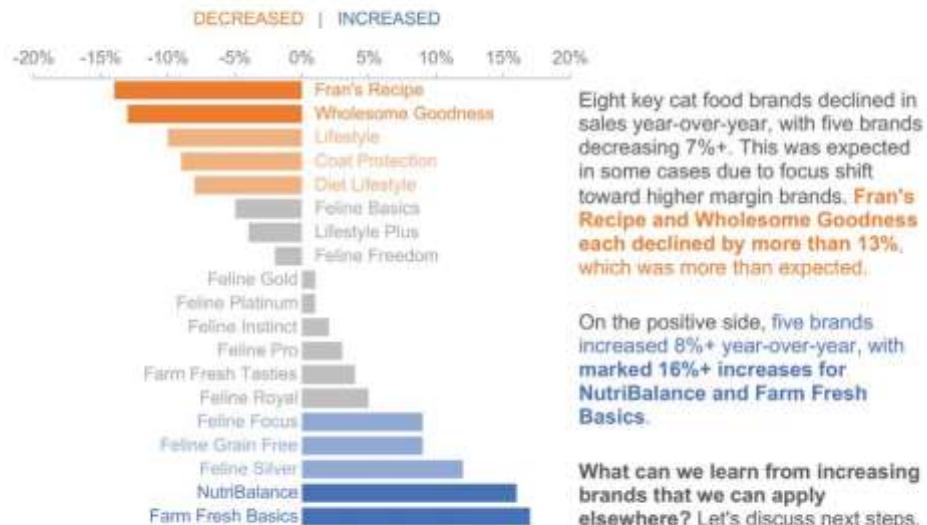
YEAR-OVER-YEAR % CHANGE IN VOLUME (\$)



Visualization as depicted in the book:

Cat food brands: mixed results in sales year-over-year

YEAR-OVER-YEAR % CHANGE IN SALES VOLUME (\$)



Eight key cat food brands declined in sales year-over-year, with five brands decreasing 7%+. This was expected in some cases due to focus shift toward higher margin brands. **Fran's Recipe and Wholesome Goodness each declined by more than 13%**, which was more than expected.

On the positive side, five brands increased 8%+ year-over-year, with **marked 16%+ increases for NutriBalance and Farm Fresh Basics**.

What can we learn from increasing brands that we can apply elsewhere? Let's discuss next steps.

FIGURE 4.2h Comprehensive slide #2: decreasing and increasing brands

Although this exercise does not have an interactive version of the graph, we will discuss the color palette of it in a [subsequent exercise](#). There, an interactive version relating to the colors will be demonstrated.

Exercise 3 - Direct attention many ways

While the last visualizations was about highlighting key elements with color, in this exercise we will explore other ways to bring the viewer's attention, such as contrast and size.

Loading the data

```
In [97]: # Load Excel file
table = pd.read_excel(r"Data\4.3 EXERCISE.xlsx", usecols = [1, 2, 3, 4], header
table
```

Out[97]:

	YEAR	Total	Organic	Referral
0	2005	0.087	0.033	0.054
1	2006	0.083	0.035	0.048
2	2007	0.086	0.037	0.049
3	2008	0.089	0.036	0.053
4	2009	0.084	0.034	0.050
5	2010	0.086	0.031	0.055
6	2011	0.075	0.032	0.043
7	2012	0.072	0.035	0.037
8	2013	0.069	0.032	0.037
9	2014	0.074	0.038	0.036
10	2015	0.066	0.035	0.031
11	2016	0.080	0.045	0.035
12	2017	0.073	0.041	0.032
13	2018	0.070	0.042	0.028
14	2019	0.063	0.038	0.025

In [98]:

```
# Transform into the Long format
melted_table = pd.melt(table, id_vars = ['YEAR'], var_name = 'Metric', value_name = 'Value')
melted_table["Metric"] = melted_table["Metric"].str.upper()

melted_table
```

Out[98]:

	YEAR	Metric	Value
0	2005	TOTAL	0.087
1	2006	TOTAL	0.083
2	2007	TOTAL	0.086
3	2008	TOTAL	0.089
4	2009	TOTAL	0.084
5	2010	TOTAL	0.086
6	2011	TOTAL	0.075
7	2012	TOTAL	0.072
8	2013	TOTAL	0.069
9	2014	TOTAL	0.074
10	2015	TOTAL	0.066
11	2016	TOTAL	0.080
12	2017	TOTAL	0.073
13	2018	TOTAL	0.070
14	2019	TOTAL	0.063
15	2005	ORGANIC	0.033
16	2006	ORGANIC	0.035
17	2007	ORGANIC	0.037
18	2008	ORGANIC	0.036
19	2009	ORGANIC	0.034
20	2010	ORGANIC	0.031
21	2011	ORGANIC	0.032
22	2012	ORGANIC	0.035
23	2013	ORGANIC	0.032
24	2014	ORGANIC	0.038
25	2015	ORGANIC	0.035
26	2016	ORGANIC	0.045
27	2017	ORGANIC	0.041
28	2018	ORGANIC	0.042
29	2019	ORGANIC	0.038
30	2005	REFERRAL	0.054
31	2006	REFERRAL	0.048
32	2007	REFERRAL	0.049

	YEAR	Metric	Value
33	2008	REFERRAL	0.053
34	2009	REFERRAL	0.050
35	2010	REFERRAL	0.055
36	2011	REFERRAL	0.043
37	2012	REFERRAL	0.037
38	2013	REFERRAL	0.037
39	2014	REFERRAL	0.036
40	2015	REFERRAL	0.031
41	2016	REFERRAL	0.035
42	2017	REFERRAL	0.032
43	2018	REFERRAL	0.028
44	2019	REFERRAL	0.025

Graph without highlights

First, we will create the graph without bringing attention to any specific data.

```
In [99]: # Line graph
line_simple = (
    alt.Chart(
        melted_table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Conversion rate over time",
            fontWeight = "normal",
            anchor = "start",
            fontSize = 17
        )
    )
    .mark_line(strokeWidth = 3) # Set thickness of the line
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "YEAR:O", # Inform that Year is an Ordinal data
            axis = alt.Axis(
                labelAngle = 0,
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleAnchor = "start",
                titleFontWeight = "normal"
            ),
            title = "FISCAL YEAR",
            scale = alt.Scale(align = 0) # Align horizontally
        ),
        y = alt.Y(
            "Value",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                titleAnchor = "end",
                labelColor = "#888888",

```

```

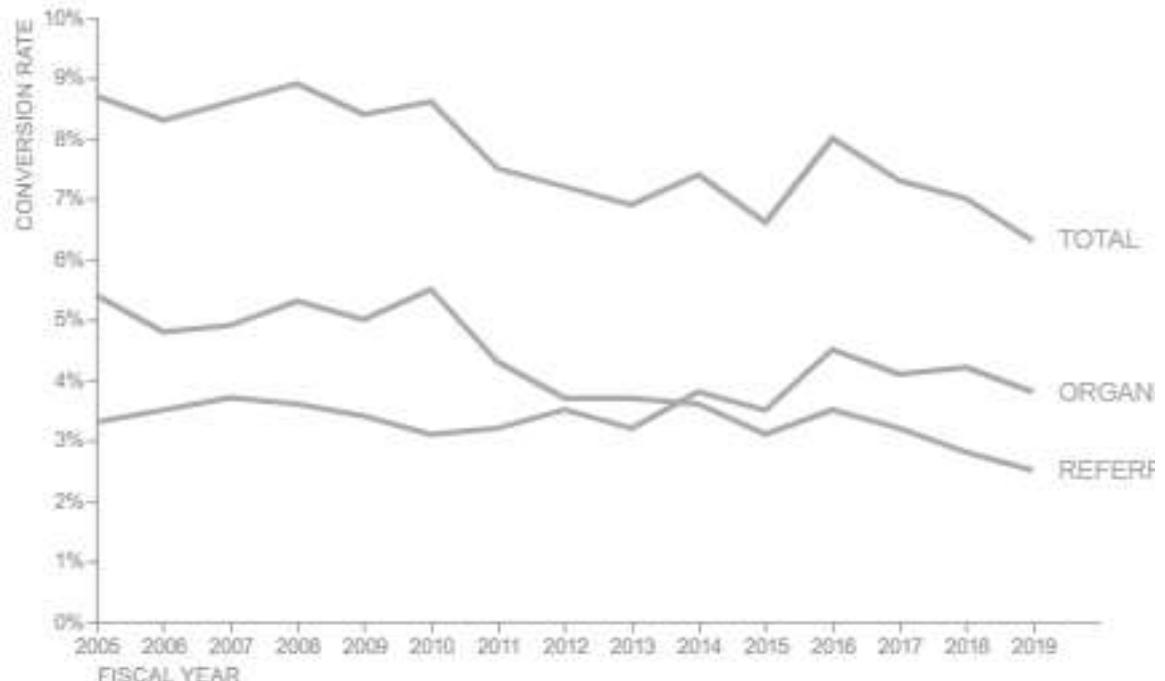
        titleColor = "#888888",
        titleFontWeight = "normal",
        format = "%"
    ),
    title = "CONVERSION RATE",
    scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 0.1]) # y-axis goes from 0 to 0.1
),
color = alt.Color("Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#aaaaaa"])), legend
)
.properties(width = 500)
)

# Labeling for the lines
text_simple = (
    alt.Chart(melted_table)
    .mark_text(align = "left", dx = 20, size = 13, color = "#aaaaaa")
    .encode(
        # Place text at the end of the line
        x = alt.X("YEAR", aggregate = "max", axis = None),
        y = alt.Y("Value", aggregate = {"argmax": "YEAR"}),
        text = "Metric"
    )
)

gray_line = line_simple + text_simple
gray_line.configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[99]: Conversion rate over time



Visualization as depicted in the book:

Conversion rate over time

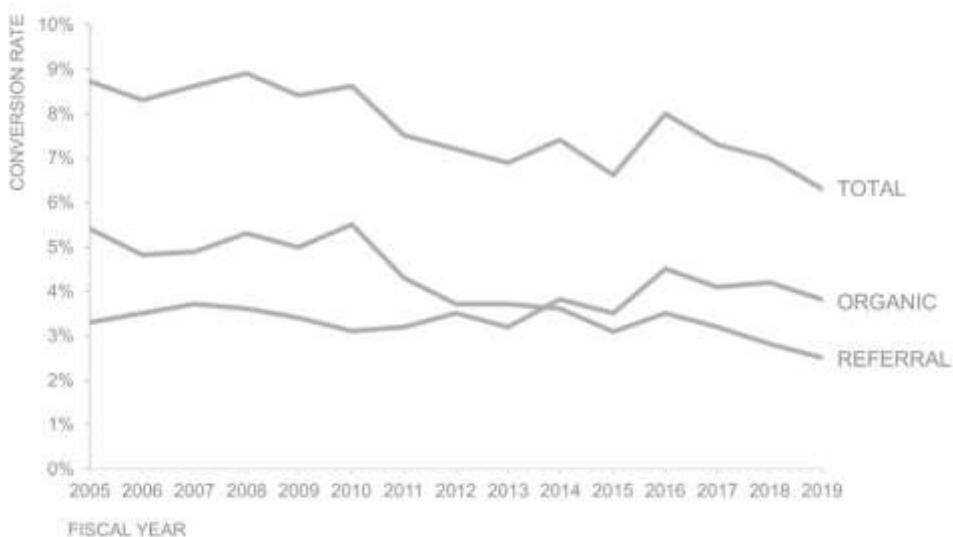


FIGURE 4.3a How could we focus attention on the Referral line in this graph?

Not implemented versions

Before initiating the generated graphs, it is important to acknowledge that two highlight options—Arrows and Circles—were ultimately not implemented for this project. These versions are: Arrows and Circles. The decision not to include them stemmed from the challenges associated with their execution in Altair and their perceived lack of effectiveness in conveying the intended information, as the author herself admits by calling them "brute force options".

Arrow highlight in the book:

Conversion rate over time

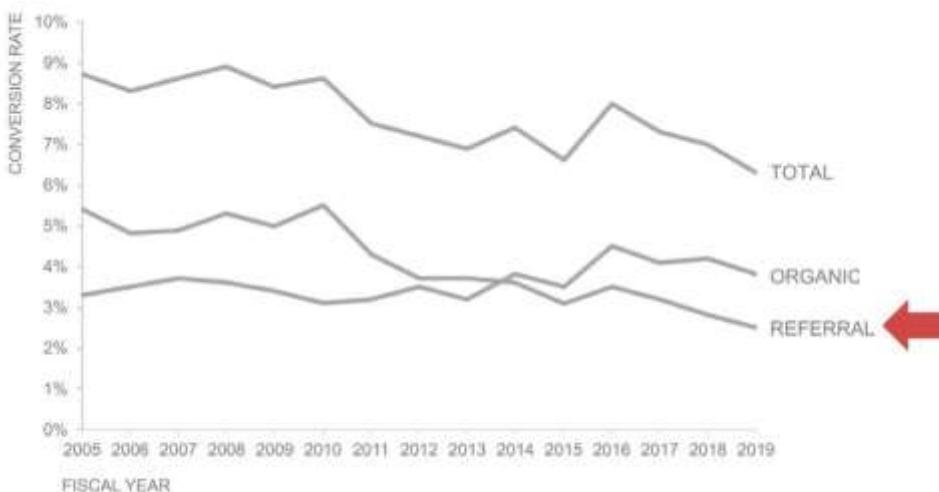


FIGURE 4.3b The "look here" arrow

Circle highlight in the book:

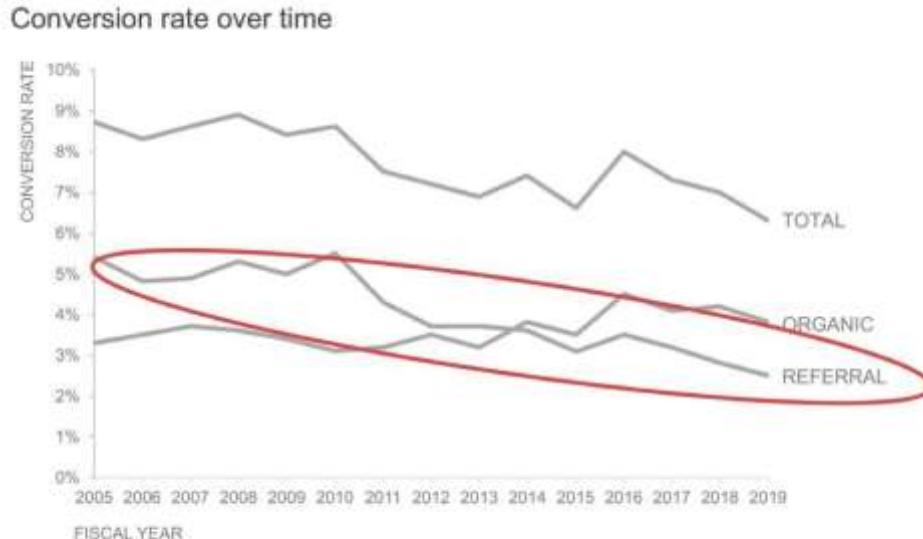


FIGURE 4.3c Circle the data

Transparent white boxes

In constructing this graph, the author employed transparent white boxes to obscure lines other than Referral, aiming to reduce their visibility and emphasize the desired data. However, a more elegant approach in Altair involves achieving the same effect by simply adjusting the opacity of each line.

```
In [100...]: # Create line graph
line = (
    alt.Chart(
        melted_table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Conversion rate over time",
            fontWeight = "normal",
            anchor = "start",
            fontSize = 17
        )
    )
    .mark_line(strokeWidth = 3)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "YEAR:O",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                labelAngle = 0,
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleAnchor = "start",
                titleFontWeight = "normal"
            ),
            title = "FISCAL YEAR",
            scale = alt.Scale(align = 0)
        ),
        y = alt.Y(
            "Value",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                titleAnchor = "end",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888"
            )
        )
    )
)
```

```

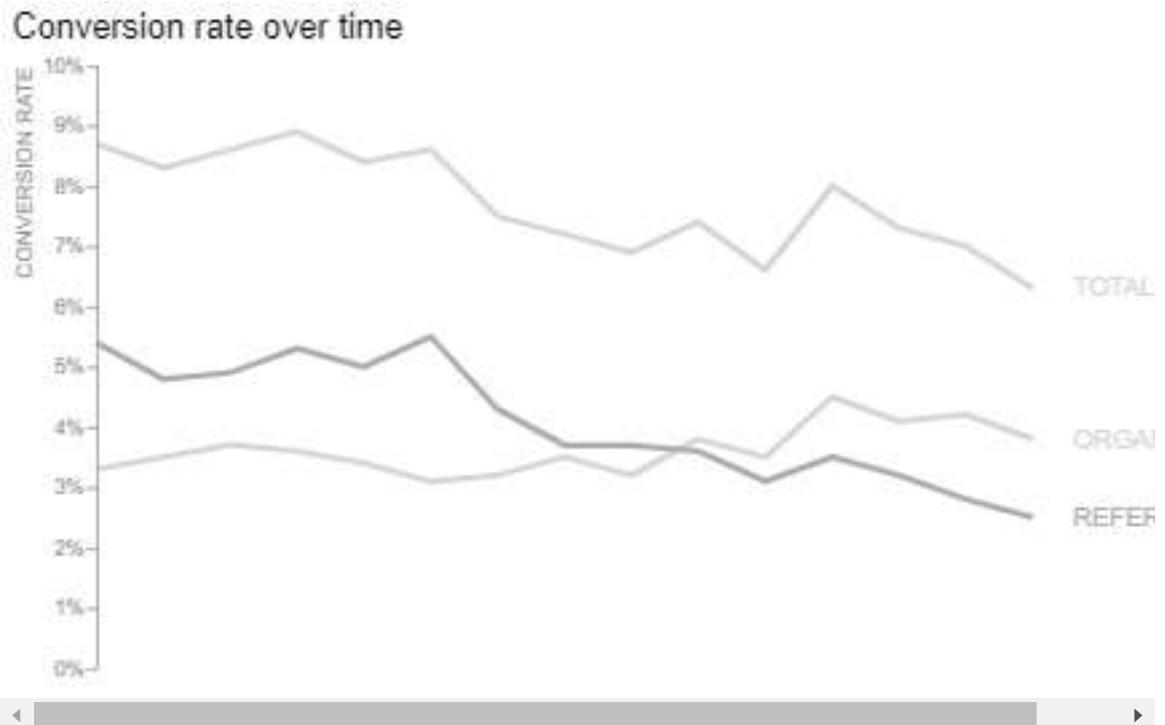
        titleColor = "#888888",
        titleFontWeight = "normal",
        format = "%",
    ),
    title = "CONVERSION RATE",
    scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 0.1])
),
color = alt.Color("Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#aaaaaa"])), legend
opacity = alt.condition(
    # If Metric equals Referral, it has maximum opacity
    # Otherwise, it is slightly transparent
    alt.datum["Metric"] == "REFERRAL", alt.value(1), alt.value(0.5)
),
),
),
.properties(width = 500)
)

# Text for the end of each Line
text = (
    alt.Chart(melted_table)
    .mark_text(align = "left", baseline = "middle", dx = 20, size = 13, color =
    .encode(
        x = alt.X("YEAR:O", aggregate = "max", axis = None),
        y = alt.Y("Value", aggregate = {"argmax": "YEAR"}),
        text = "Metric",
        opacity = alt.condition(
            # If Metric equals Referral, it has maximum opacity
            # Otherwise, it is slightly transparent
            alt.datum["Metric"] == "REFERRAL", alt.value(1), alt.value(0.5)
        )
    )
)
)

final_boxes = line + text
final_boxes.configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[100...]



Visualization as depicted in the book:

Conversion rate over time

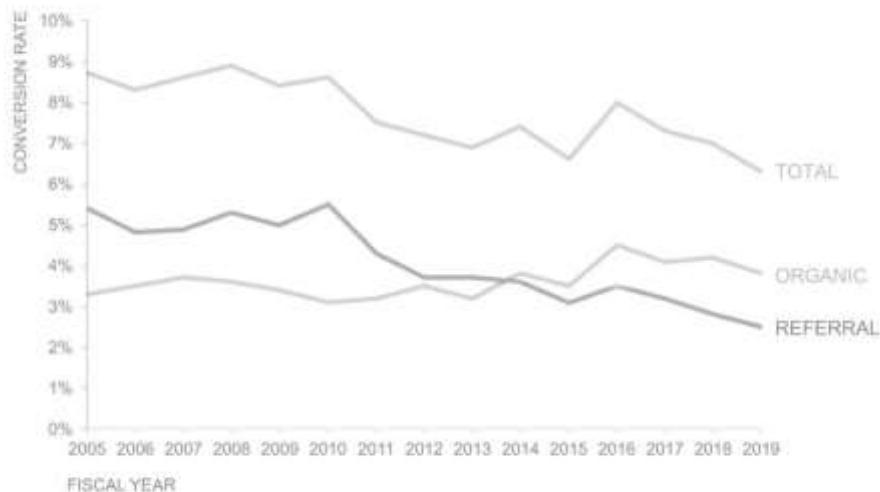


FIGURE 4.3d Cover everything else up with transparent white boxes

White boxes created by the author:

Conversion rate over time

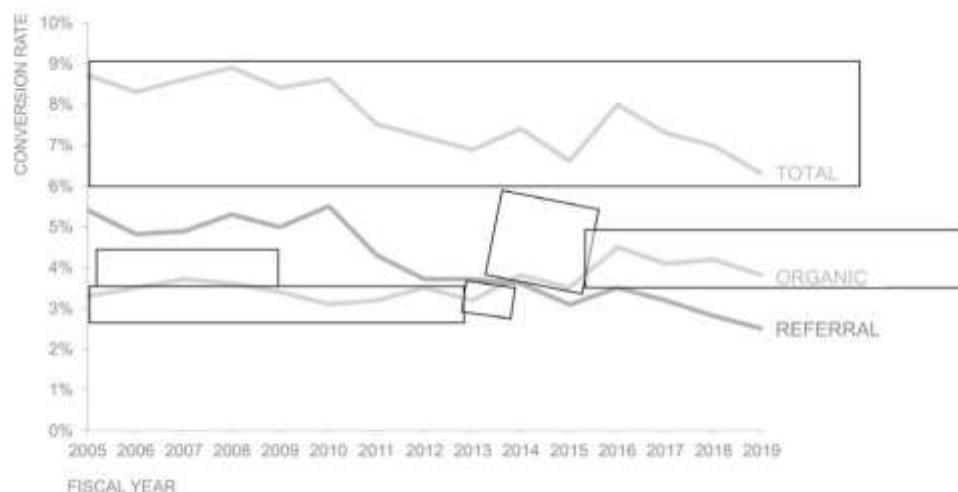


FIGURE 4.3e Highlighting the transparent white boxes

Thicken the line

Next, we will increase the thickness of the Referral line to draw greater attention to it.

```
In [101]: # Line graph with thicker Line
line = (
    alt.Chart(
        melted_table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Conversion rate over time",
            fontWeight = "normal",
            anchor = "start",
            fontSize = 17
        )
    )
    .mark_line()
    .encode(
```

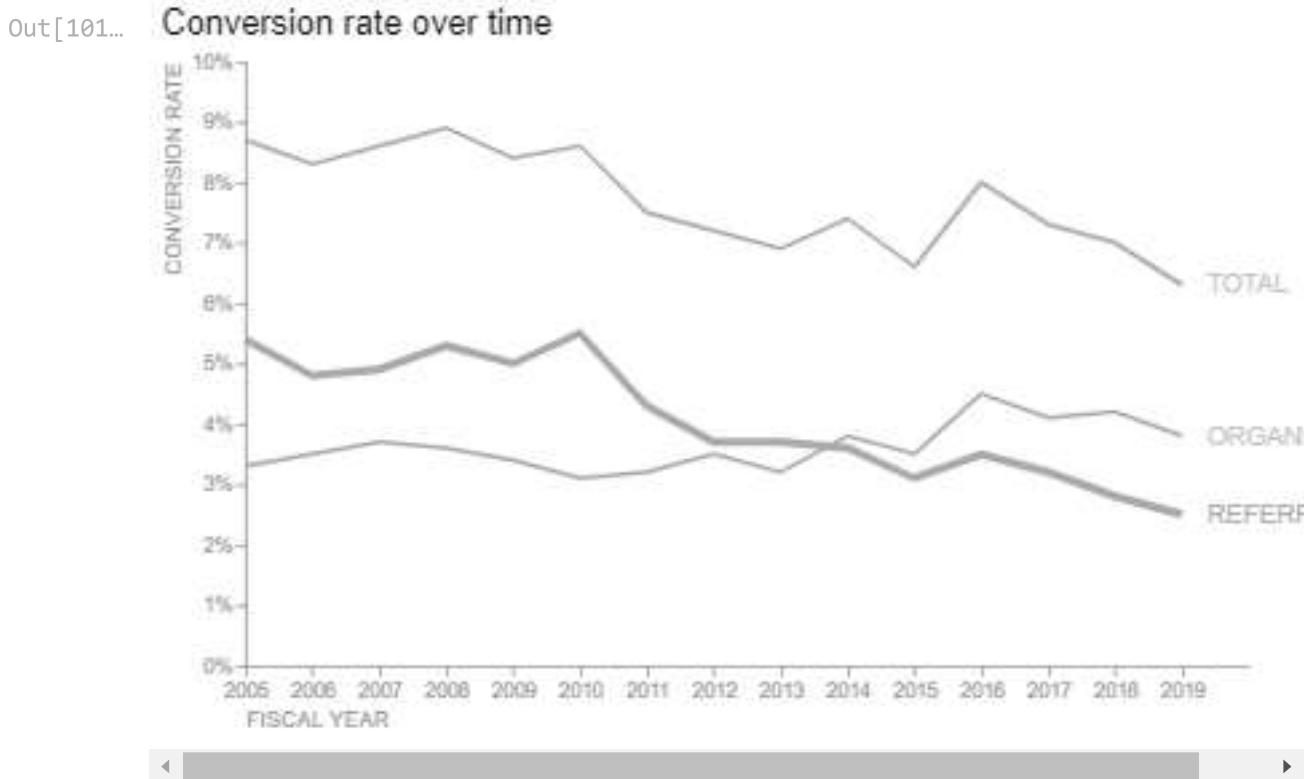
```

x = alt.X(
    "YEAR:O",
    axis = alt.Axis(
        labelAngle = 0,
        labelColor = "#888888",
        titleColor = "#888888",
        titleAnchor = "start",
        titleFontWeight = "normal"
    ),
    title = "FISCAL YEAR",
    scale = alt.Scale(align = 0)
),
y = alt.Y(
    "Value",
    axis = alt.Axis(
        grid = False,
        titleAnchor = "end",
        labelColor = "#888888",
        titleColor = "#888888",
        titleFontWeight = "normal",
        format = "%"
    ),
    title = "CONVERSION RATE",
    scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 0.1])
),
color = alt.Color("Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#aaaaaa"])), legend = alt.Legend(),
strokeWidth = alt.condition(
    # Make Referral Line thicker
    alt.datum["Metric"] == "REFERRAL", alt.value(4), alt.value(2)
)
),
.properties(width = 500)
)

# Text at the end of the line
text = (
    alt.Chart(melted_table)
    .mark_text(align = "left", baseline = "middle", dx = 20, size = 13, color = "black")
    .encode(
        x = alt.X("YEAR", aggregate = "max", axis = None),
        y = alt.Y("Value", aggregate = {"argmax": "YEAR"}),
        text = "Metric",
        opacity = alt.condition(
            # Make Referral Line more opaque
            alt.datum["Metric"] == "REFERRAL", alt.value(1), alt.value(0.7)
        )
    )
)

final_thick = line + text
final_thick.configure_view(stroke = None)

```



Visualization as depicted in the book:

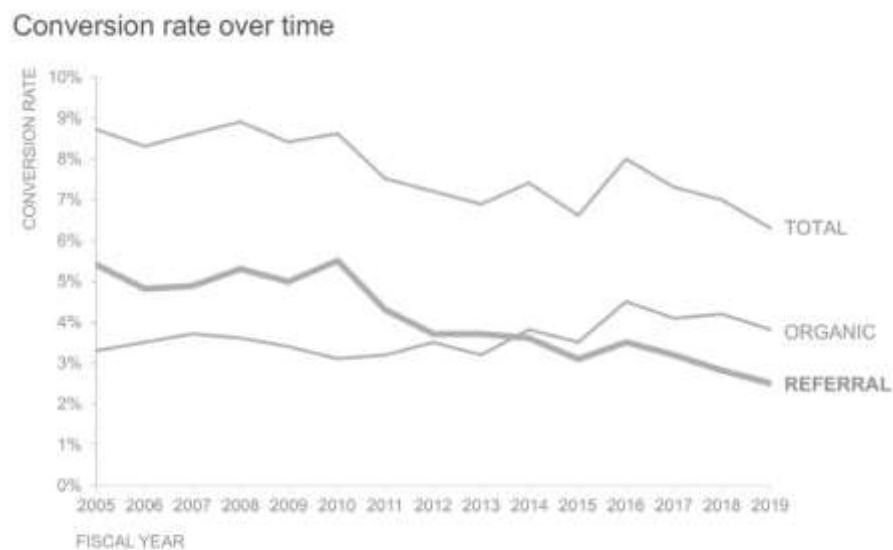


FIGURE 4.3f Thicken the line

Change line style

We can change the Referral line to a dashed line, while maintaining other continuous. This type of highlight is recommended when you are representing some type of uncertain data, such as a prediction or goal.

```
In [102...]
# Line chart
line = (
    alt.Chart(
        melted_table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Conversion rate over time",

```

```

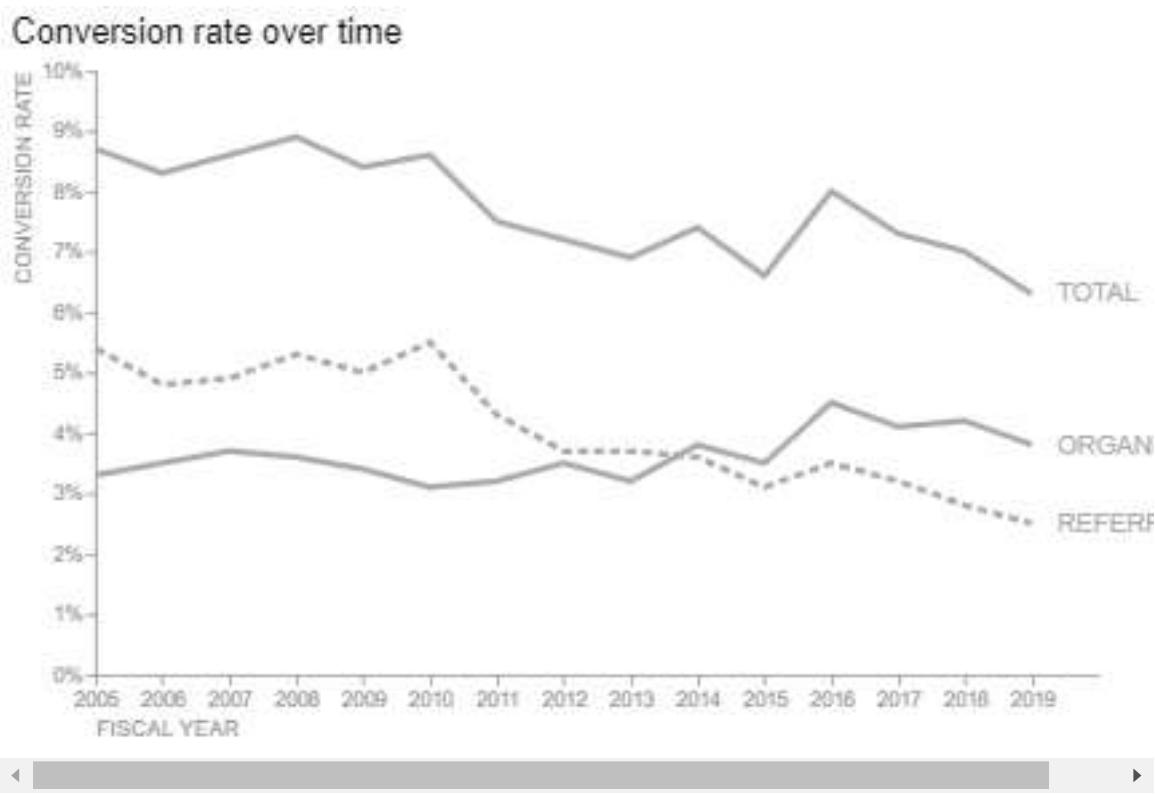
        fontWeight = "normal",
        anchor = "start",
        fontSize = 17
    )
)
.mark_line(strokeWidth = 3)
.encode(
    x = alt.X(
        "YEAR:O",
        axis = alt.Axis(
            labelAngle = 0,
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            titleAnchor = "start",
            titleFontWeight = "normal"
        ),
        title = "FISCAL YEAR",
        scale = alt.Scale(align = 0)
    ),
    y = alt.Y(
        "Value",
        axis = alt.Axis(
            grid = False,
            titleAnchor = "end",
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            titleFontWeight = "normal",
            format = "%"
        ),
        title = "CONVERSION RATE",
        scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 0.1])
    ),
    color = alt.Color("Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#aaaaaa"])), legend
strokeDash = alt.condition(
    # Define dash based on condition if equal referral
    alt.datum["Metric"] == "REFERRAL", alt.value([5, 3]), alt.value([1,
    1]))
)
.properties(width = 500)
)

# We will use the same text as the original version of the graph

final_dashed = line + text_simple
final_dashed.configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[102...]



Visualization as depicted in the book:

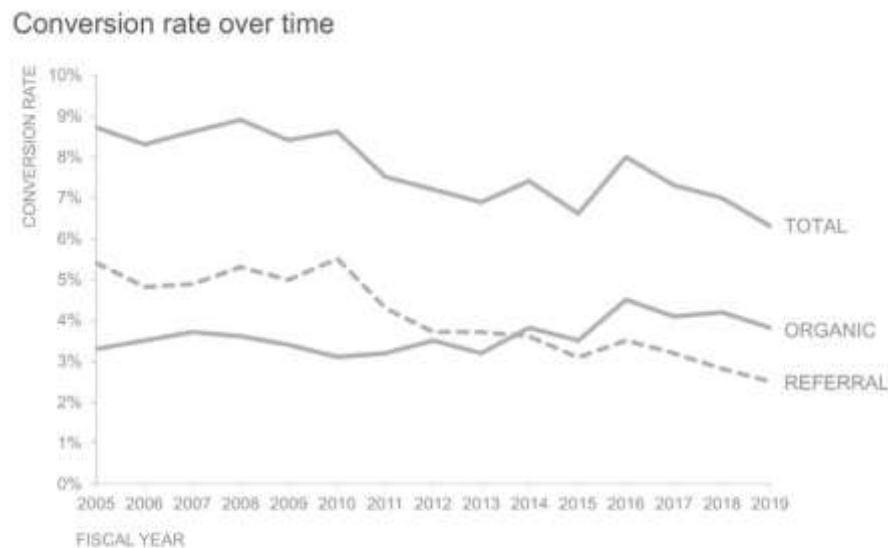


FIGURE 4.3g Change the line style

Leverage intensity

In the opposite idea of making the other lines slightly transparent, we can make the referral line darker in color.

Since the next part of the exercise is to cover the Referral line on visually top of the others and the default behavior Altair already does that, we will undertake the task of intentionally positioning the Referral line below for now. This will be achieved by creating the Referral line separately and adding it as the initial layer in the graph.

In [103...]

```
# Line only for referral
line_referral = (
```

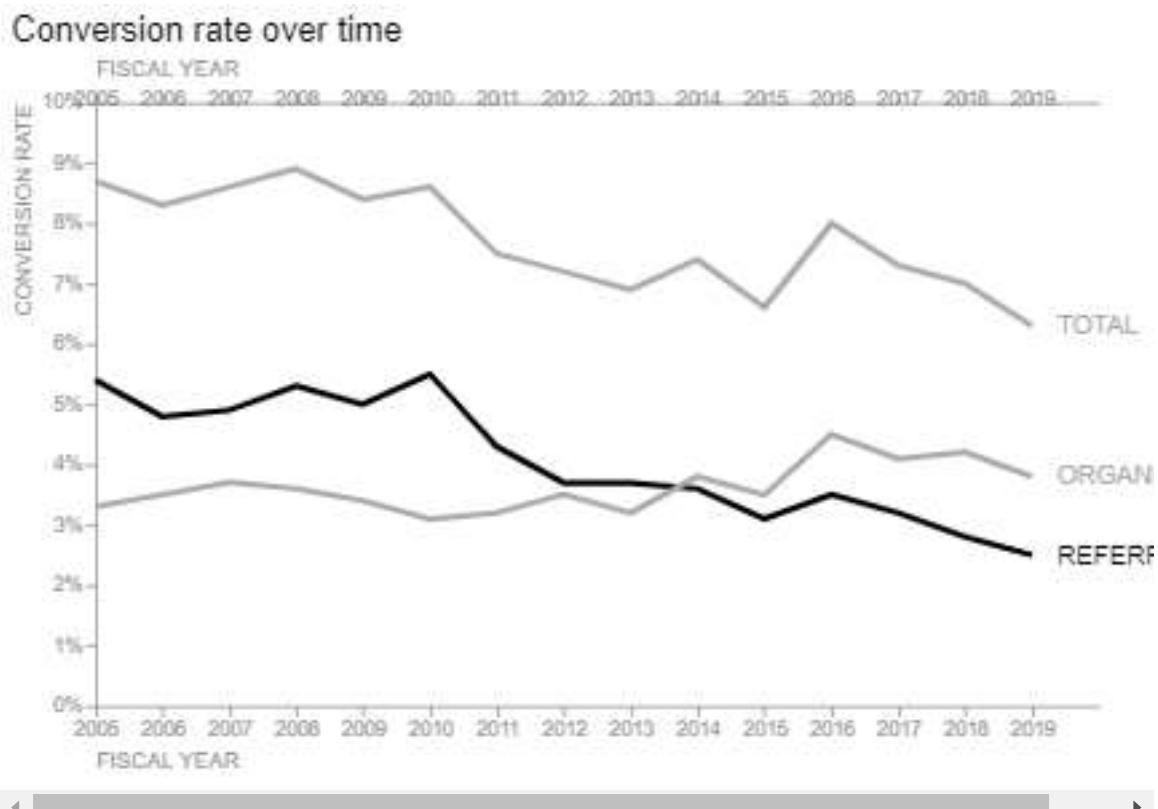
```
alt.Chart(melted_table)
    .mark_line(strokeWidth = 3)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "YEAR:O",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                labelAngle = 0,
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleAnchor = "start",
                titleFontWeight = "normal"
            ),
            title = "FISCAL YEAR",
            scale = alt.Scale(align = 0)
        ),
        y = alt.Y(
            "Value",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                titleAnchor = "end",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                format = "%"
            ),
            title = "CONVERSION RATE",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 0.1])
        ),
        color = alt.value("black"), # Color it black
        opacity = alt.value(1) # Maximum opacity
    )
    .properties(width = 500)
    # Filter out other lines
    .transform_filter(alt.FieldEqualPredicate(field = "Metric", equal = "REFERRA"))
)

# Other lines
line_rest = (
    alt.Chart(
        melted_table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Conversion rate over time",
            fontWeight = "normal",
            anchor = "start",
            fontSize = 17
        )
    )
    .mark_line(strokeWidth = 3)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "YEAR:O",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                labelAngle = 0,
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleAnchor = "start",
                titleFontWeight = "normal"
            ),
            title = "FISCAL YEAR",
            scale = alt.Scale(align = 0)
        )
)
```

```
        ),
        y = alt.Y(
            "Value",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                titleAnchor = "end",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                format = "%"
            ),
            title = "CONVERSION RATE",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 0.1])
        ),
        # Gray color
        color = alt.Color("Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#aaaaaa"])), legend = None,
        opacity = alt.value(1) # Maximum opacity
    )
    .properties(width = 500)
    # Filter referral out
    .transform_filter(alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(field = "Metric", oneOf = ["ORGANIC", "REFERRAL"]))
    .encode(
        alt.X("YEAR", aggregate = "max", axis = None),
        alt.Y("Value", aggregate = {"argmax": "YEAR"}),
        alt.Text("Metric"),
        alt.condition(
            alt.datum["Metric"] == "REFERRAL", alt.value("black"), alt.value("#a5a5a5")
        )
    )
)

final_darker = line_referral + line_rest + text_highlight
final_darker.configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[103...]



Adding the text created an undesired axis on top, that we could not remove by setting `Axis = None`. To solve this issue, we will define each word by pixel value.

In [104...]

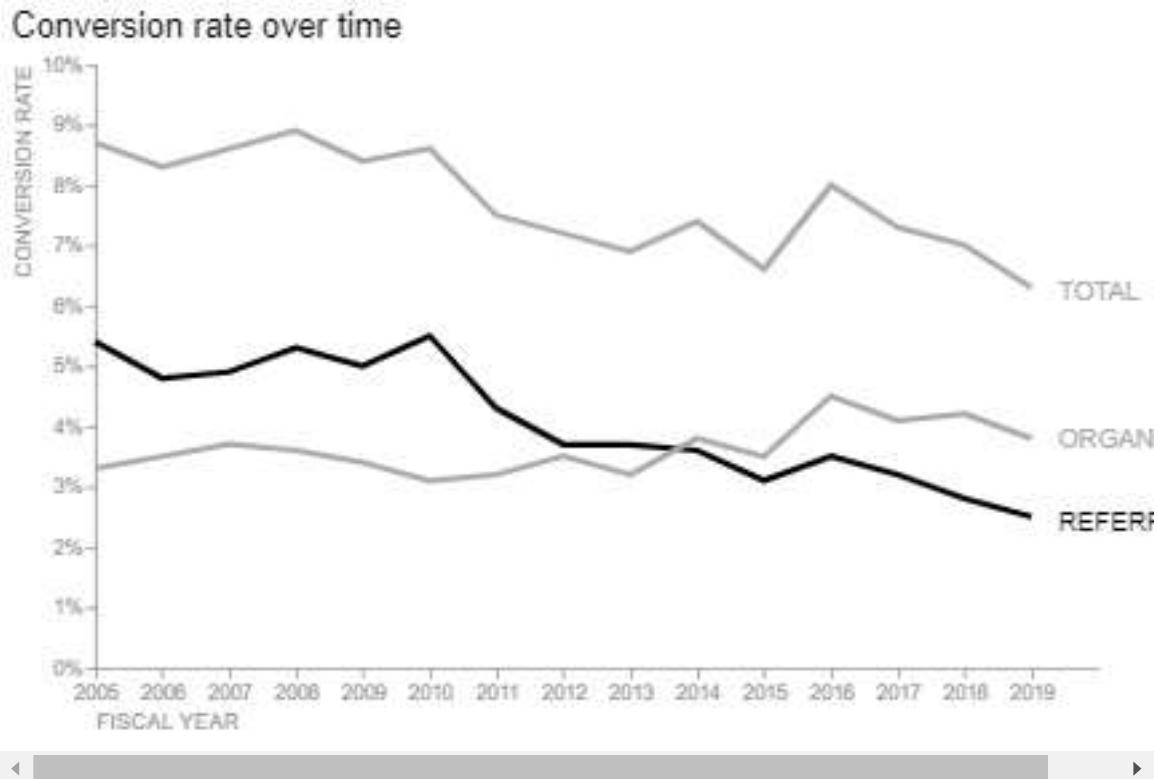
```
# Text for Total
text_total = alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ['TOTAL']}])
    .mark_text(size = 13,
              align = "left",
              dx = 230, dy = -37,
              color = '#aaaaaa')
    .encode(text = "text:N")

# Text for Organic
text_organic = alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ['ORGANIC']}])
    .mark_text(size = 13,
              align = "left",
              dx = 230, dy = 37,
              color = '#aaaaaa')
    .encode(text = "text:N")

# Text for Referral
text_referral = alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ['REFERRAL']}])
    .mark_text(size = 13,
              align = "left",
              dx = 230, dy = 78,
              color = 'black')
    .encode(text = "text:N")
```

```
final_darker = line_referral + line_rest + text_total + text_organic + text_referral
final_darker.configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[104...]



Visualization as depicted in the book:

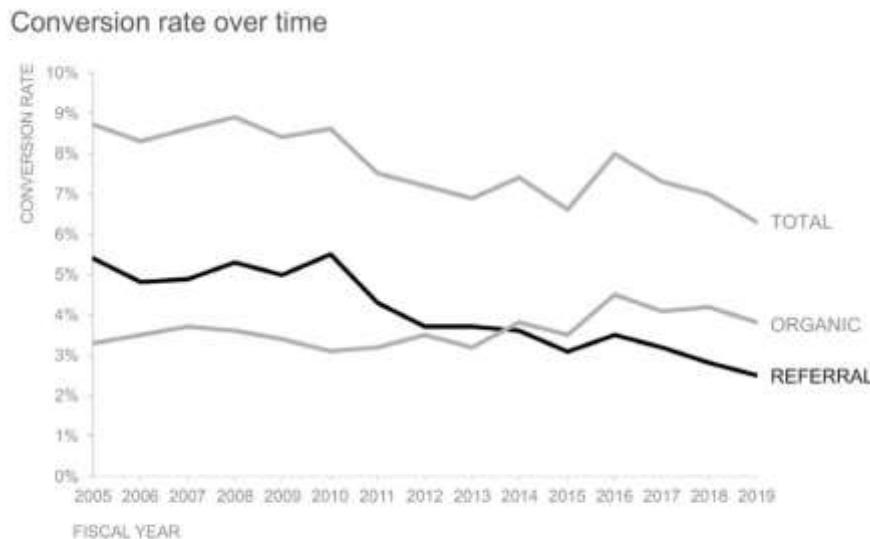


FIGURE 4.3h Make it darker

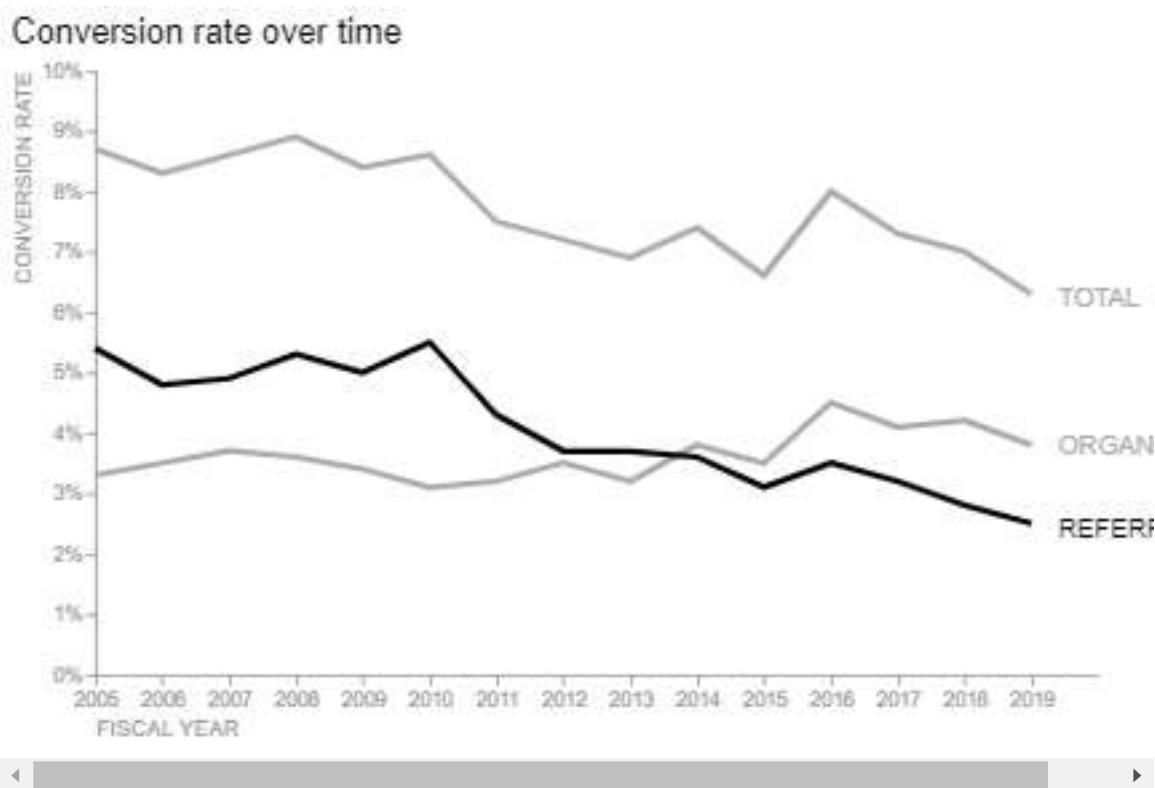
Position Referral on top of other lines

We can create this effect by simply making a line graph where the color has a condition for `Metric == Referral`, or a scale with range [gray, black, gray]. However, since we already have the visualizations from above, we can just change the order we add them so that the line referral is on top of the others.

In [105...]

```
final_top = line_rest + line_referral + text_total + text_organic + text_referral
final_top.configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[105...]



Visualization as depicted in the book:

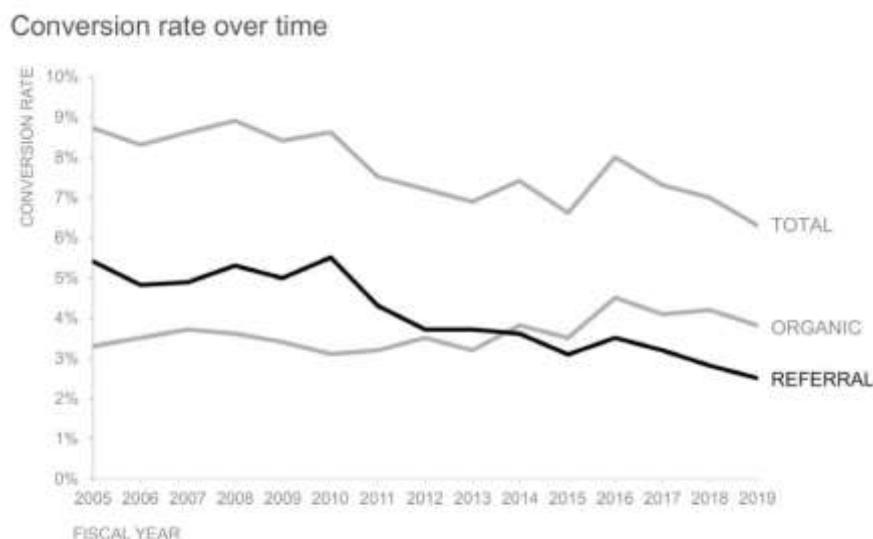


FIGURE 4.3i Position in front of other data

Change the hue

Similarly to setting the highlighted line to black, we can change it to other colors such as red.

In [106...]

```
# Create a red referral line
line_red = (
    alt.Chart(
        melted_table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Conversion rate over time",
            fontWeight = "normal",
            anchor = "start",
        )
    ).add_selection(
        alt.selection_single(
            type = "single",
            on = "mouseover",
            nearest = True,
            as_ = "hover"
        )
    ).encode(
        alt.X("Year:T", scale = alt.Scale(domain = [2005, 2019])),
        alt.Y("Rate:P", scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 10]))
    ).properties(
        width = 600,
        height = 300
    ).transform_filter(
        alt.datum.Year >= alt.datum.Year
    ).mark_line()
)
```

```

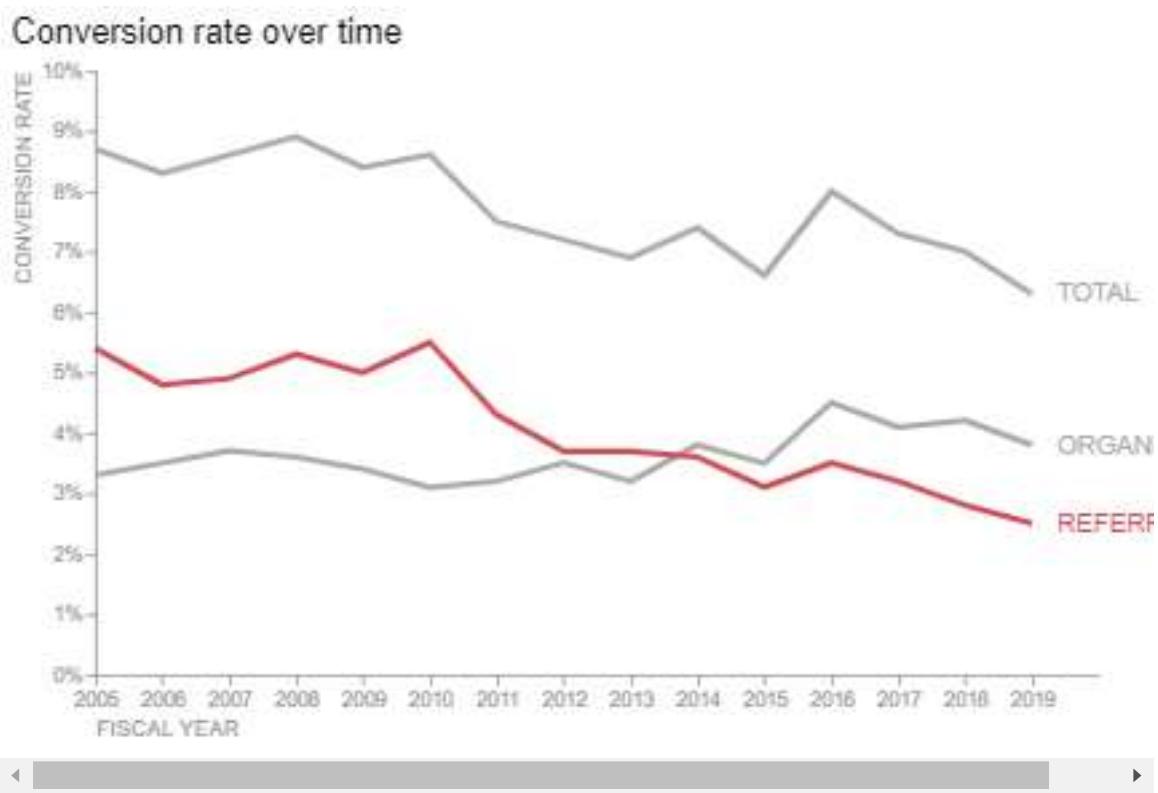
        fontSize = 17
    )
)
.mark_line(strokeWidth = 3)
.encode(
    x = alt.X(
        "YEAR:O",
        axis = alt.Axis(
            labelAngle = 0,
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            titleAnchor = "start",
            titleFontWeight = "normal"
        ),
        title = "FISCAL YEAR",
        scale = alt.Scale(align = 0)
    ),
    y = alt.Y(
        "Value",
        axis = alt.Axis(
            grid = False,
            titleAnchor = "end",
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            titleFontWeight = "normal",
            format = "%"
        ),
        title = "CONVERSION RATE",
        scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 0.1])
    ),
    color = alt.Color(
        "Metric",
        # The hex code in the middle corresponds to the referral line
        scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#aaaaaa", "#d24b53", "#aaaaaa"]),
        legend = None
    )
)
.properties(width = 500)
)

# Create a referral red text
text_red = (
    alt.Chart(melted_table)
    .mark_text(align = "left", baseline = "middle", dx = 20, size = 13)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X("YEAR", aggregate = "max", axis = None),
        y = alt.Y("Value", aggregate = {"argmax": "YEAR"}),
        text = "Metric",
        color = alt.Color(
            "Metric",
            # Set referral color to red
            scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#aaaaaa", "#d24b53", "#aaaaaa"]),
            legend = None
        )
    )
)

final_red = line_red + text_red
final_red.configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[106...]



Visualization as depicted in the book:

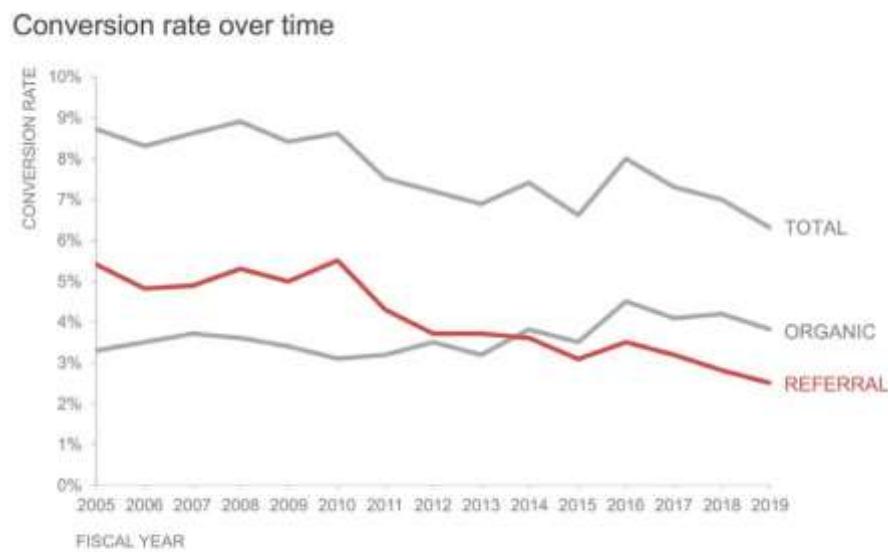


FIGURE 4.3j Change the hue

Use words

For this example, we will add a second part for the title.

In [107...]

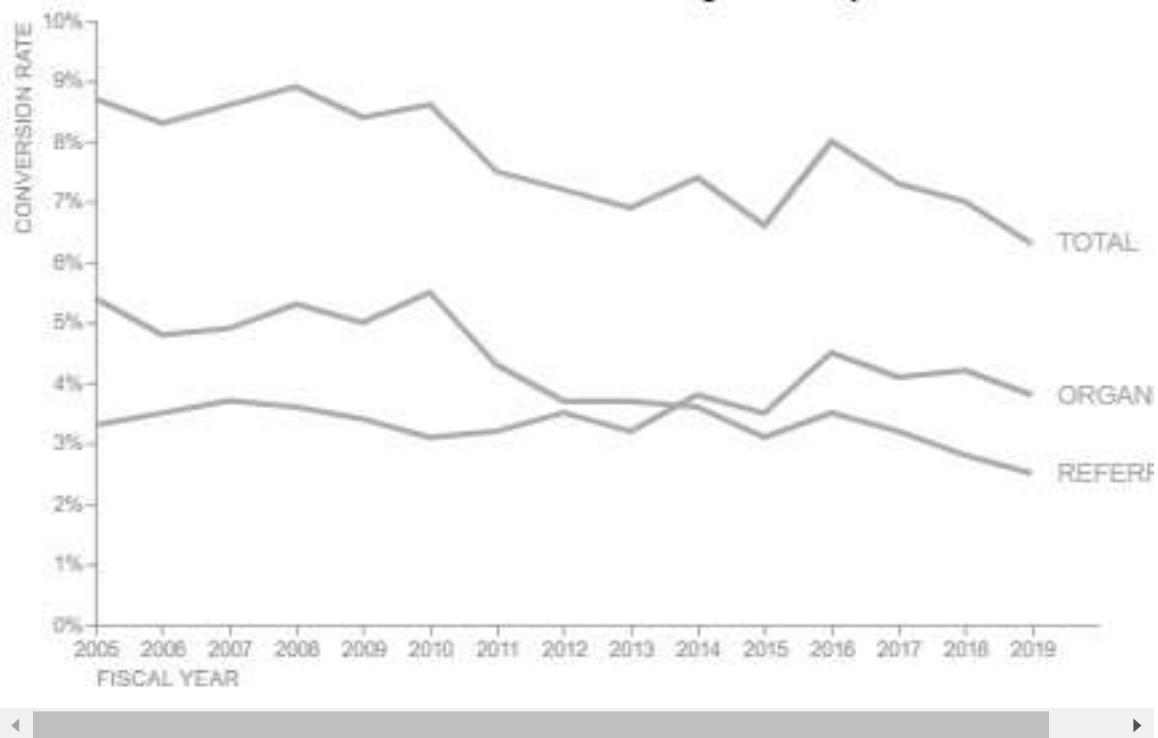
```
# Same graph as the one without highlights
# but with a bigger title
line = (
    alt.Chart(
        melted_table,
        title = alt.Title(
            # Add more explicit title
            "Conversion rate over time: Referral decreasing markedly since 2010",
            fontWeight = "normal",
        )
    ).line(
        "Year", "Rate", color="red"
    ).line(
        "Year", "Source", color="grey"
    ).line(
        "Year", "Type", color="black"
    )
)
```

```
        anchor = "start",
        fontSize = 17
    ),
)
.mark_line(strokeWidth = 3)
.encode(
    x = alt.X(
        "YEAR:0",
        axis = alt.Axis(
            labelAngle = 0,
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            titleAnchor = "start",
            titleFontWeight = "normal"
        ),
        title = "FISCAL YEAR",
        scale = alt.Scale(align = 0)
),
y = alt.Y(
    "Value",
    axis = alt.Axis(
        grid = False,
        titleAnchor = "end",
        labelColor = "#888888",
        titleColor = "#888888",
        titleFontWeight = "normal",
        format = "%"
    ),
    title = "CONVERSION RATE",
    scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 0.1])
),
color = alt.Color("Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#aaaaaa"])), legend
)
.properties(width = 500)
)

final_text = line + text_simple
final_text.configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[107...]

Conversion rate over time: Referral decreasing markedly since 2010

*Visualization as depicted in the book:*

Conversion rate over time: Referral decreasing markedly since 2010

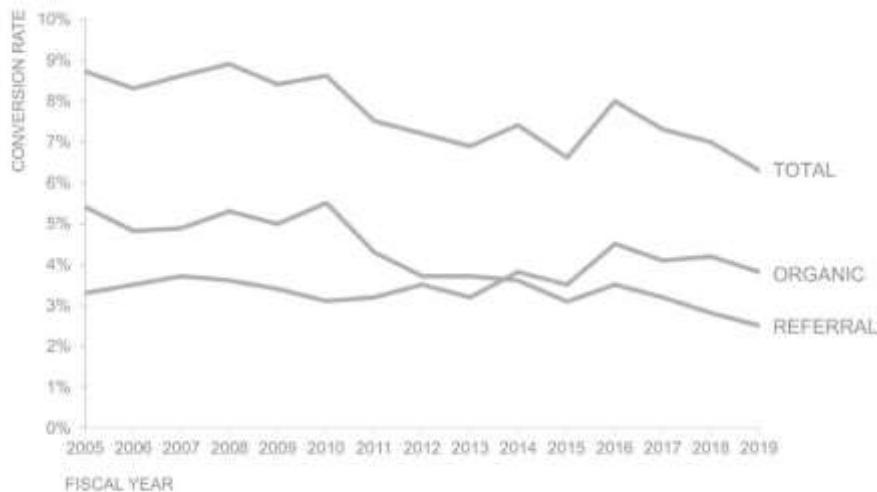


FIGURE 4.3k Use title words to prime audience

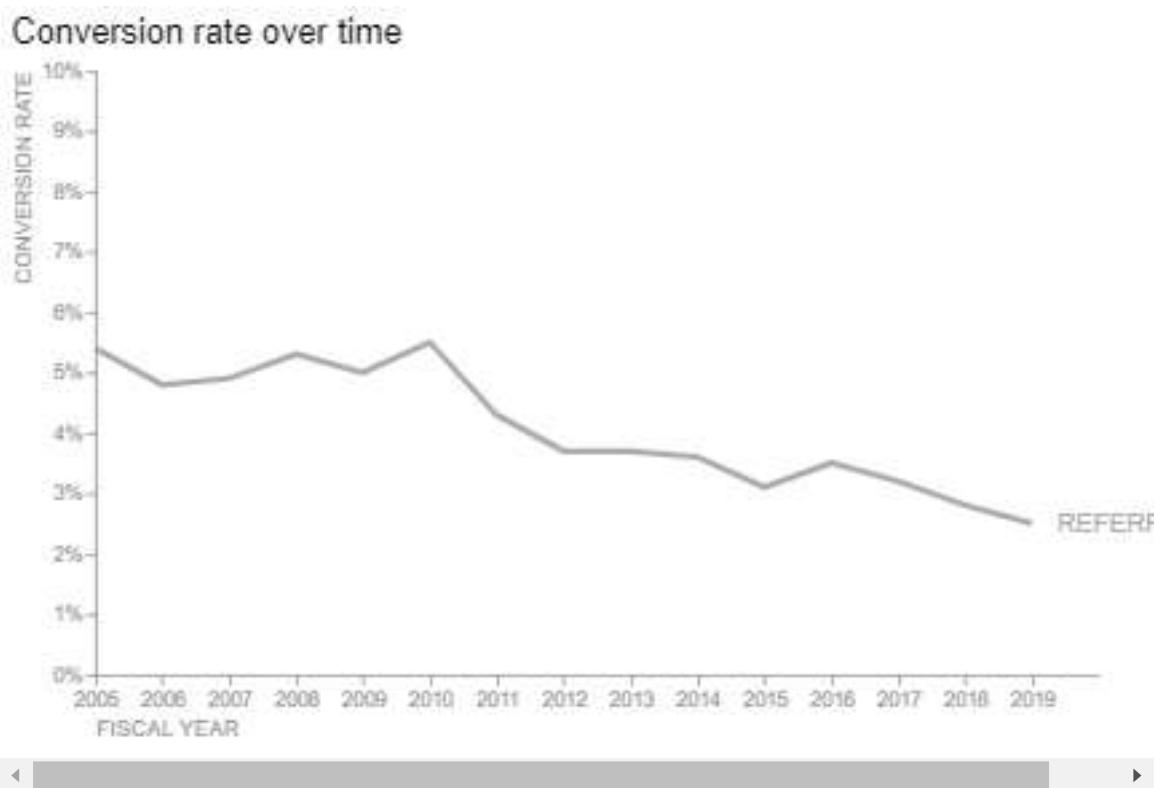
Eliminate other data

For this, we will only display the pertinent data.

In [108...]

```
# Filter other data out of the original graph
final_referral = gray_line.transform_filter(alt.FieldEqualPredicate(field = "Met")
final_referral.configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[108...]



Visualization as depicted in the book:

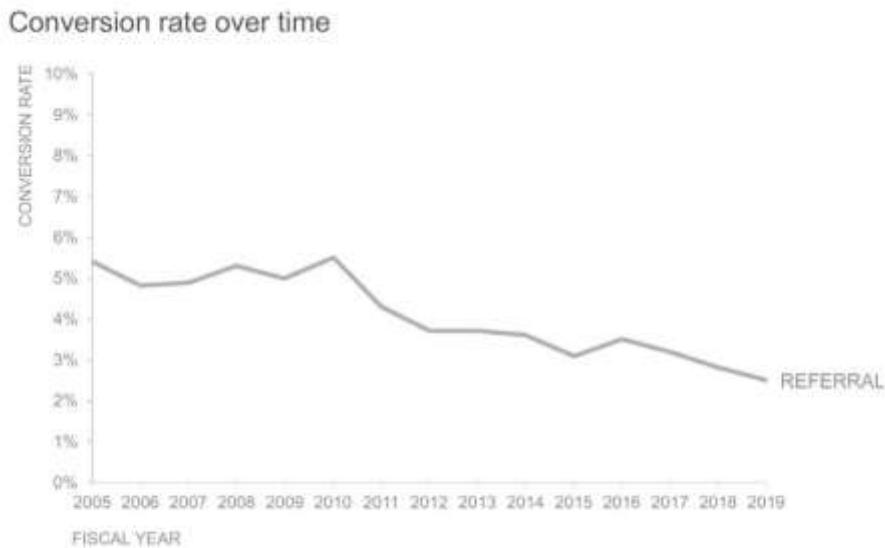


FIGURE 4.3I Eliminate the other data

Animate to appear

This option is only described in the book and not visually demonstrated due to its static nature. The idea of the author is to animate in such a way that one line appears at a time. We will double this section as our interactive graph and display a visualization where users can click on the legend to reveal the desired line. Holding down the Shift key while clicking will enable the selection of multiple lines.

In [109...]

```
# Define an interactive selection
metric_selection = alt.selection_point(fields = ["Metric"])

# Base Line chart
```

```

line = (
    alt.Chart(
        melted_table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Conversion rate over time: Referral decreasing markedly since 2010",
            fontWeight = "normal",
            anchor = "start",
            fontSize = 17
        )
    )
    .mark_line(strokeWidth = 3)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "YEAR:O",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                labelAngle = 0,
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleAnchor = "start",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
            ),
            title = "FISCAL YEAR",
            scale = alt.Scale(align = 0)
        ),
        y = alt.Y(
            "Value",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                titleAnchor = "end",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                format = "%"
            ),
            title = "CONVERSION RATE",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 0.1])
        ),
        color = alt.Color("Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#aaaaaa"])),
        # Maximum transparency if not selected
        opacity = alt.condition(metric_selection, alt.value(1), alt.value(0))
    )
    .add_params(metric_selection)
    .transform_filter(metric_selection)
    .properties(width = 500)
)

# Text chart
text = (
    alt.Chart(melted_table)
    .mark_text(align = "left", baseline = "middle", dx = 20, size = 13)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X("YEAR", aggregate = "max", axis = None),
        y = alt.Y("Value", aggregate = {"argmax": "YEAR"}),
        text = "Metric",
        color = alt.Color("Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#aaaaaa"])), legend
        # Maximum transparency if not selected
        opacity = alt.condition(metric_selection, alt.value(1), alt.value(0))
    )
    .add_params(metric_selection)
    .transform_filter(metric_selection)
)

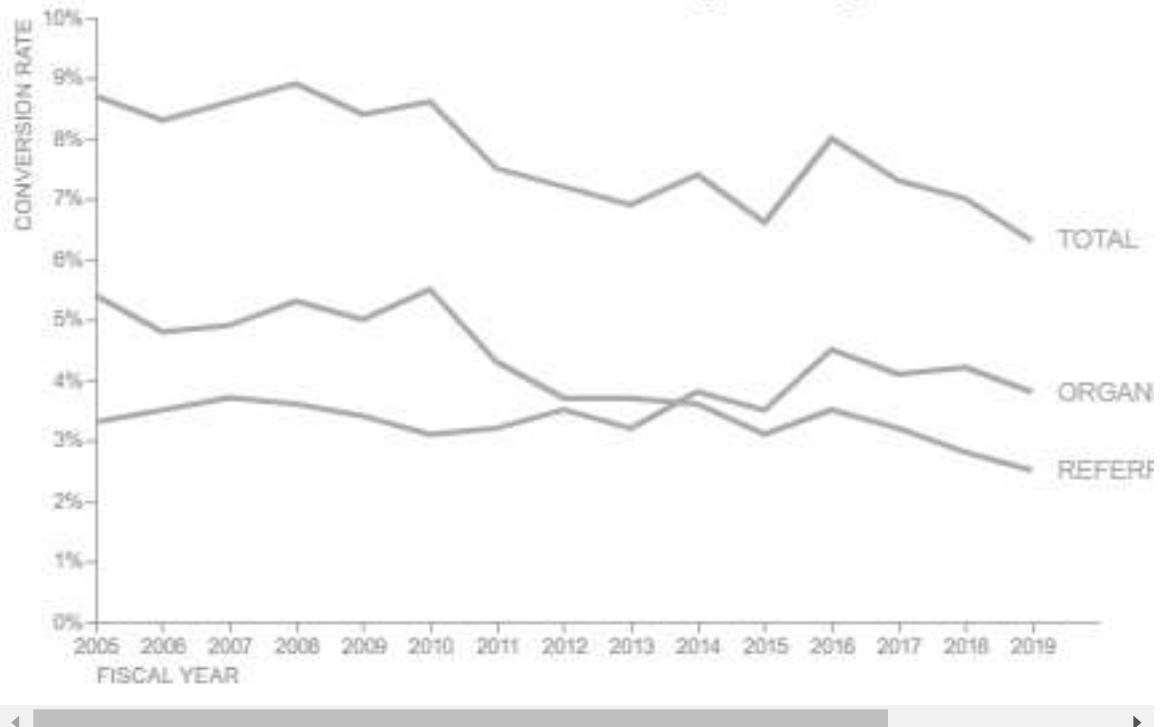
```

```

)
# Clickable legend
legend = (
    alt.Chart(melted_table)
    .mark_point()
    .encode(
        alt.Y("Metric").axis(orient = "right"),
        color = alt.condition(
            metric_selection, alt.value("#aaaaaa"), alt.value("lightgrey")
        )
    )
    .add_params(metric_selection)
)
final_interactive = line + text | legend
final_interactive.configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[109...]: Conversion rate over time: Referral decreasing markedly since 2010



Add data markers

We can add data markers simply by defining `point = True` in the line mark.

In [110...]:

```

# Referral Line with markers
line_referral_markers = (
    alt.Chart(melted_table)
    .mark_line(strokeWidth = 3, point = True)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "YEAR:O",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                labelAngle = 0,
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleAnchor = "start",
                titleFontWeight = "normal"
            ),

```

```

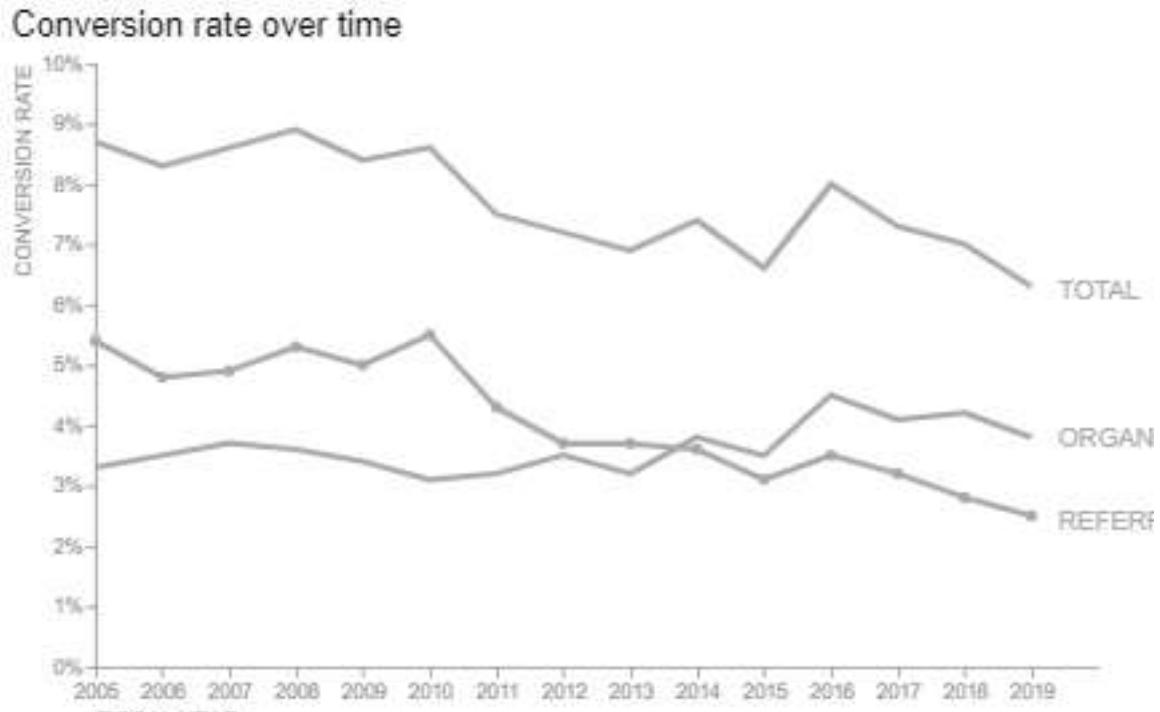
        title = "FISCAL YEAR",
        scale = alt.Scale(align = 0)
    ),
    y = alt.Y(
        "Value",
        axis = alt.Axis(
            grid = False,
            titleAnchor = "end",
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            titleFontWeight = "normal",
            format = "%"
        ),
        title = "CONVERSION RATE",
        scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 0.1])
    ),
    color = alt.value("#aaaaaa"),
    opacity = alt.value(1)
)
.properties(width = 500)
.transform_filter(alt.FieldEqualPredicate(field = "Metric", equal = "REFERRA")
)

# Text only for referral in gray color
# since adding the "text_simple" results in top axis
text_referral_gray = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["REFERRAL"]}]})
    .mark_text(size = 13, align = "left", dx = 230, dy = 78, color = "#aaaaaa")
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

final_markers = (
    line_rest + line_referral_markers + text_total + text_organic + text_referra
)
final_markers.configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[110...]



Visualization as depicted in the book:

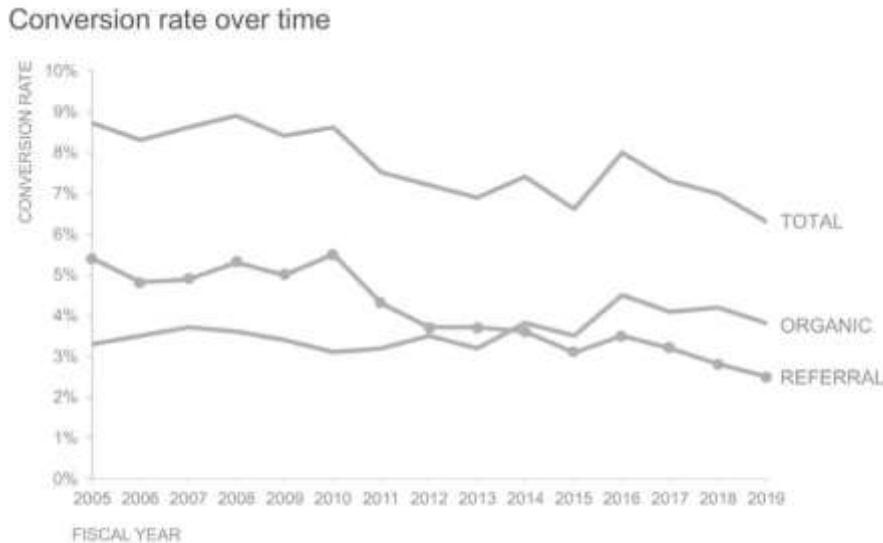


FIGURE 4.3m Add data markers

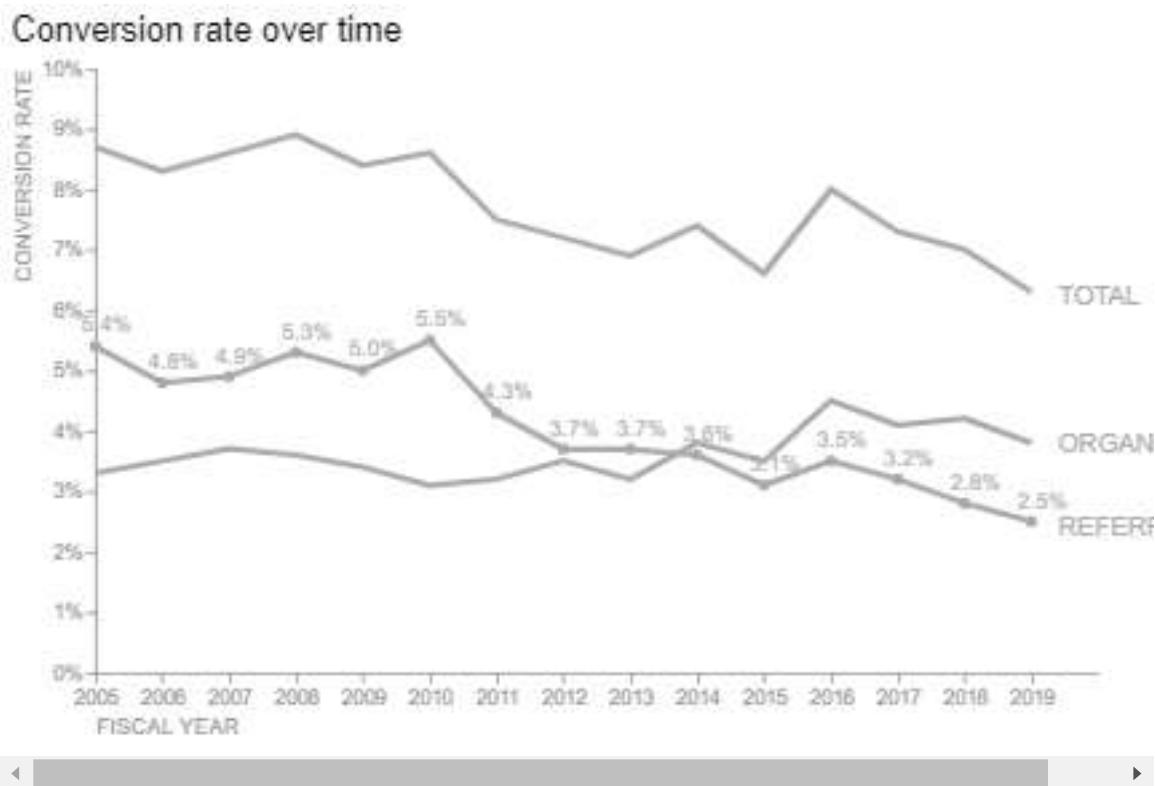
Add data labels

In addition to the markers, we can also add labels.

```
In [111]: # Coding for the Labels
label = alt.Chart(melted_table).mark_text(align = 'left', dx = 3, color = '#aaaaaa',
    x = alt.X('YEAR:O'),
    y = alt.Y('Value'),
    text = alt.Text('Value', format = ".1%"),
    x0Offset = alt.value(-10),
    y0Offset = alt.value(-10)
).transform_filter(
    alt.FieldEqualPredicate(field = 'Metric', equal = "REFERRAL")
)

final = line_rest + line_referral_markers + text_total + text_organic + text_ref
final.configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[111...]



Visualization as depicted in the book:

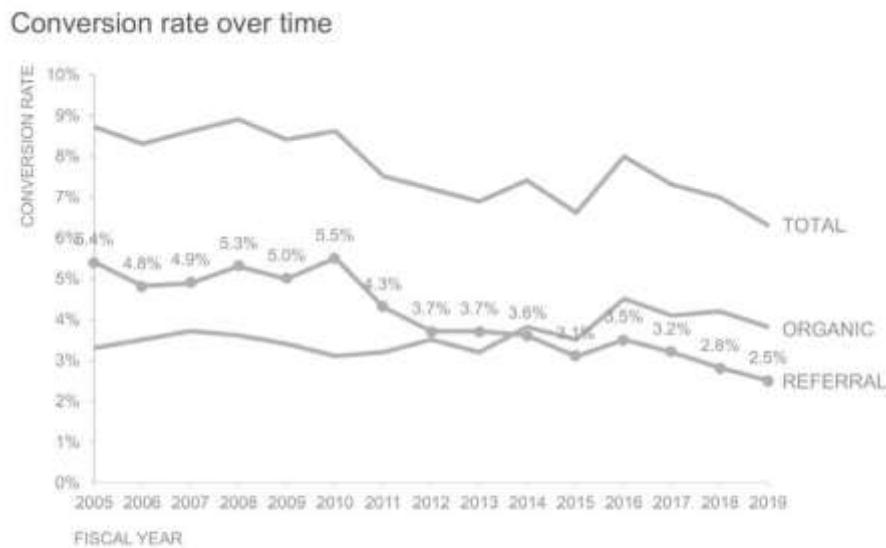


FIGURE 4.3n Add data labels

Add end markers and labels

Instead of adding a marker and label to every data in Referral, we can add it only to the end of each line.

In [112...]

```
# Text with the Metric
text = (
    alt.Chart(melted_table)
    .mark_text(align = "left", baseline = "middle", dx = 55, size = 13)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X("YEAR", aggregate = "max", axis = None),
        y = alt.Y("Value", aggregate = {"argmax": "YEAR"}),
        text = "Metric",
```

```

        color = alt.Color("Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#aaaaaa"])), legend
    )
)

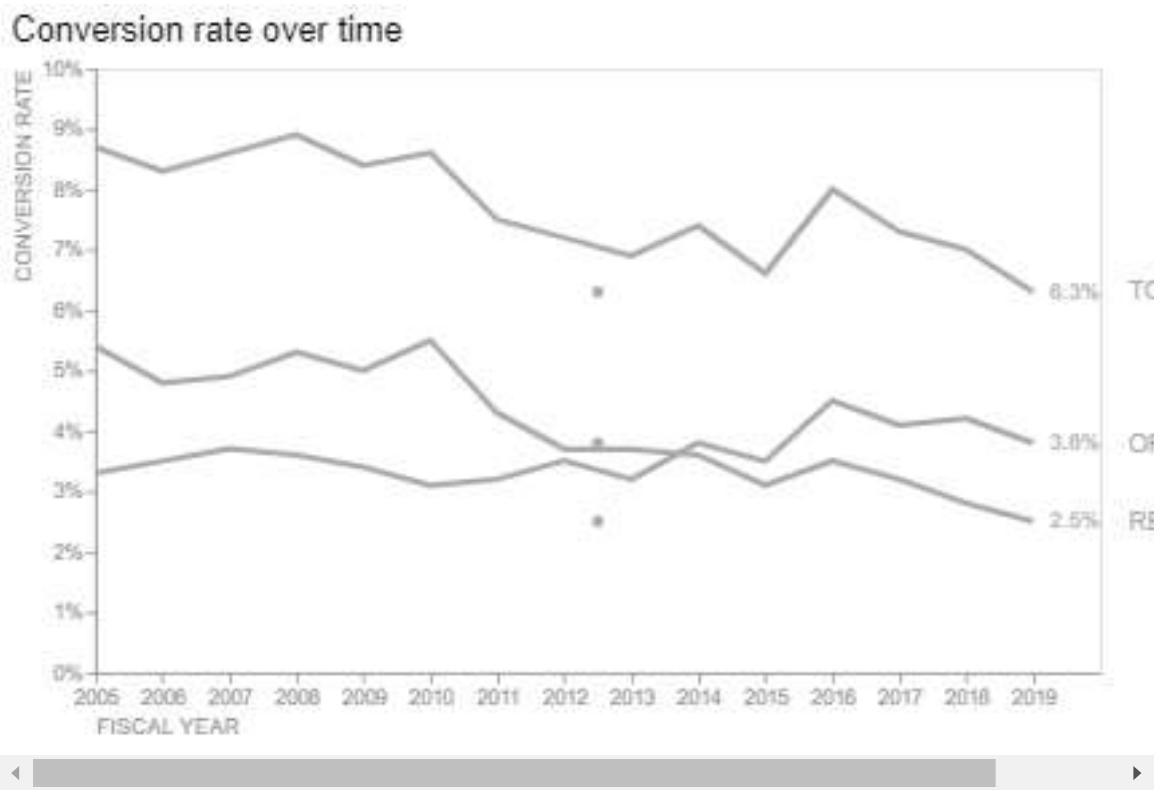
# Text with the Value
text2 = (
    alt.Chart(melted_table)
    .mark_text(align = "left", color = "#aaaaaa")
    .encode(
        x = alt.X("YEAR:O", axis = None),
        y = alt.Y("Value"),
        text = alt.Text("Value", format = ".1%"),
        xOffset = alt.value(225)
    )
    .transform_filter(alt.FieldEqualPredicate(field = "YEAR", equal = 2019))
)

# Add end point
point = (
    alt.Chart(melted_table)
    .mark_point(filled = True, color = "#aaaaaa")
    .encode(x = alt.X("YEAR:O", axis = None), y = alt.Y("Value"), opacity = alt.value(0.5))
    .transform_filter(alt.FieldEqualPredicate(field = "YEAR", equal = "2019"))
)

line_simple + text + text2 + point

```

Out[112...]



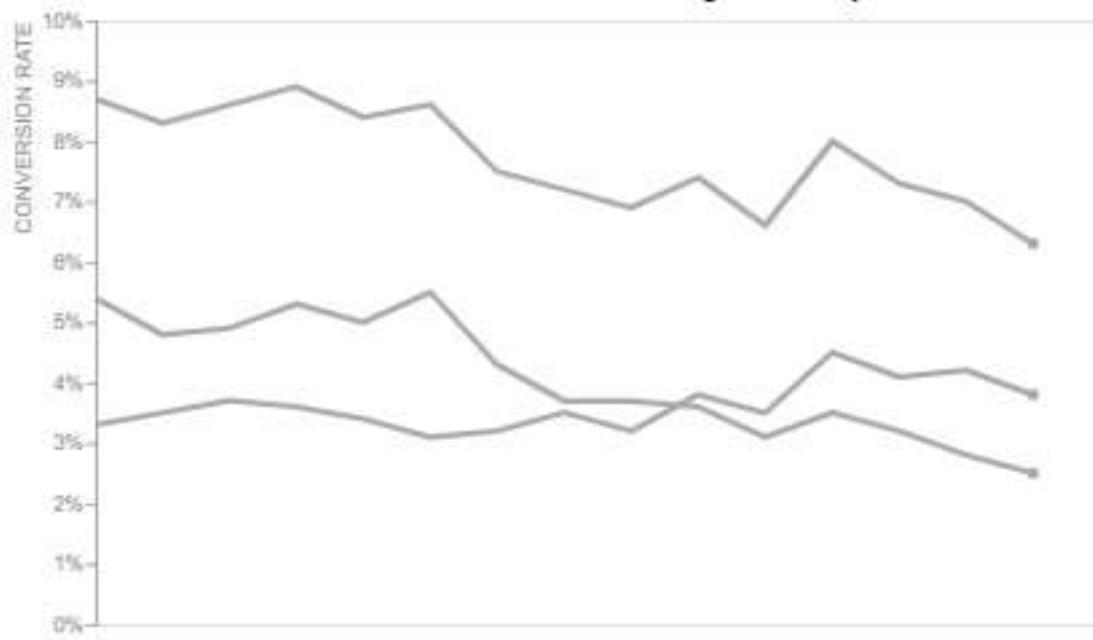
The points appear to be in the incorrect location on the x-axis. Interestingly, running the visualization without the text elements seems to alter their positions.

In [113...]

line + point

Out[113...]

Conversion rate over time: Referral decreasing markedly since 2010



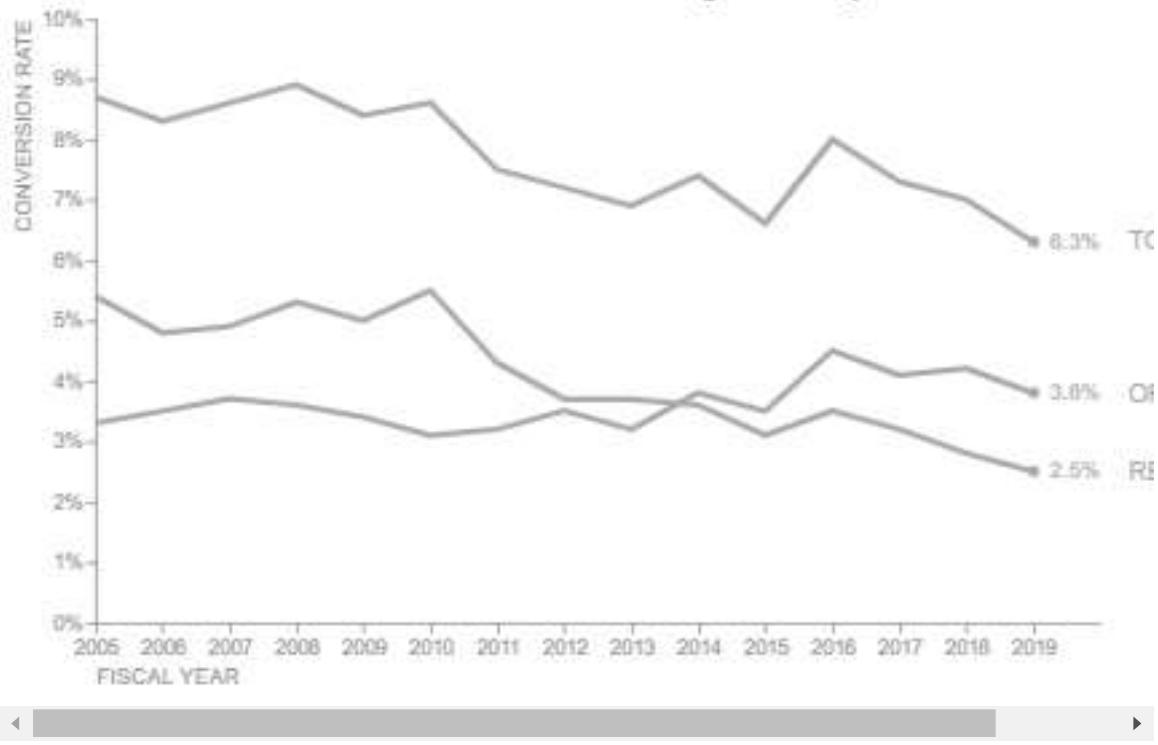
To solve this issue, we will simply offset the point in the axis until they are in the right place.

In [114...]

```
point = alt.Chart(melted_table).mark_point(filled = True, color = '#aaaaaa').enc
    x = alt.X('YEAR:O', axis = None),
    y = alt.Y('Value'),
    opacity = alt.value(1),
    # Offset points in the x-axis
    xOffset = alt.value(217)
).transform_filter(
    alt.FieldEqualPredicate(field = 'YEAR', equal = '2019')
)

final = line + text + text2 + point
final.configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[114...]: Conversion rate over time: Referral decreasing markedly since 2010



Visualization as depicted in the book:

Conversion rate over time

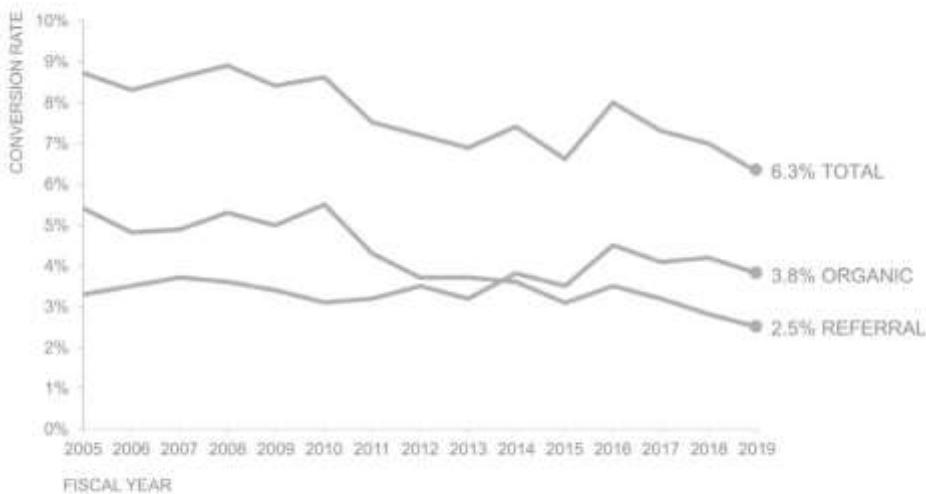


FIGURE 4.3o Employ end markers and labels

Combine

To conclude the exercise, we will combine some attributes into one single graph. We will make a thicker colored line, with data markers and data labels, along with tied texts.

In [115...]:

```
# Red and thicker referral Line
line_red_thicker = (
    alt.Chart(
        melted_table # We need to add the title separately
    )
    .mark_line()
    .encode(
        x = alt.X('
```

```

    "YEAR:0",
    axis = alt.Axis(
        labelAngle = 0,
        labelColor = "#888888",
        titleColor = "#888888",
        titleAnchor = "start",
        titleFontWeight = "normal"
    ),
    title = "FISCAL YEAR",
    scale = alt.Scale(align = 0)
),
y = alt.Y(
    "Value",
    axis = alt.Axis(
        grid = False,
        titleAnchor = "end",
        labelColor = "#888888",
        titleColor = "#888888",
        titleFontWeight = "normal",
        format = "%"
    ),
    title = "CONVERSION RATE",
    scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 0.1])
),
color = alt.Color(
    "Metric",
    # The hex code in the middle corresponds to the referral line
    scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#aaaaaa", "#d24b53", "#aaaaaa"]),
    legend = None
),
strokeWidth = alt.condition(
    # Make Referral Line thicker
    alt.datum["Metric"] == "REFERRAL", alt.value(4), alt.value(2)
)
),
.properties(width = 500)
)

# Red text with Metric
text_red = (
    alt.Chart(melted_table)
    .mark_text(align = "left", baseline = "middle", dx = 55, size = 13)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X("YEAR", aggregate = "max", axis = None),
        y = alt.Y("Value", aggregate = {"argmax": "YEAR"}),
        text = "Metric",
        color = alt.Color(
            "Metric",
            scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#aaaaaa", "#d24b53", "#aaaaaa"]),
            legend = None
        )
    )
)

# Red text with Value
text2_red = (
    alt.Chart(melted_table)
    .mark_text(align = "left")
    .encode(
        x = alt.X("YEAR:0", axis = None),

```

```

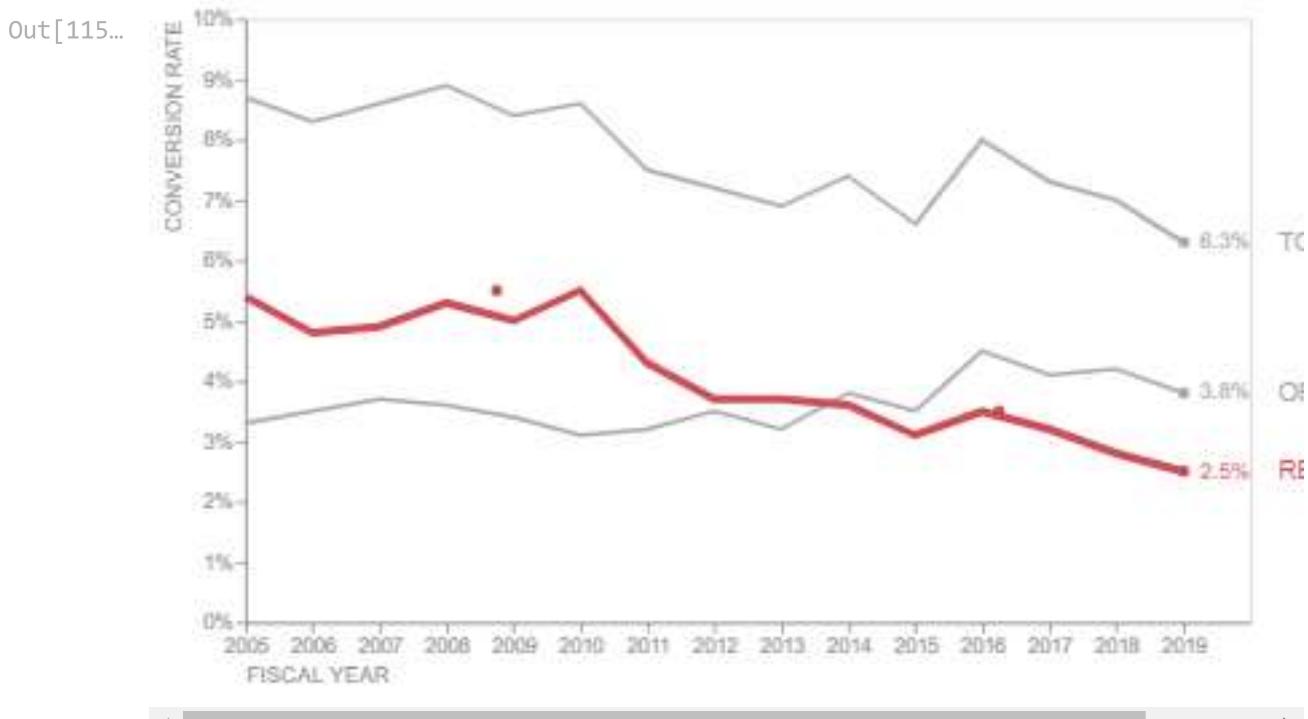
y = alt.Y("Value"),
text = alt.Text("Value", format = ".1%"),
xOffset = alt.value(225),
color = alt.Color(
    "Metric",
    scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#aaaaaa", "#d24b53", "#aaaaaa"]),
    legend = None,
),
),
)
.transform_filter(alt.FieldEqualPredicate(field = "YEAR", equal = 2019))
)

# Red points
point_red = (
    alt.Chart(melted_table)
    .mark_point(filled = True)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X("YEAR:0", axis = None),
        y = alt.Y("Value"),
        opacity = alt.value(1),
        xOffset = alt.value(217),
        color = alt.Color(
            "Metric",
            scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#aaaaaa", "#d24b53", "#aaaaaa"]),
            legend = None
        )
    )
    .transform_filter(alt.FieldEqualPredicate(field = "YEAR", equal = "2019"))
)

# End points
other_points = (
    alt.Chart(melted_table)
    .mark_point(filled = True, color = "#d24b53")
    .encode(
        x = alt.X("YEAR:0", axis = None),
        y = alt.Y("Value"),
        opacity = alt.value(1)
    )
    .transform_filter(alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(field = "YEAR", oneOf = ["2010", "2011"]))
    .transform_filter(alt.FieldEqualPredicate(field = "Metric", equal = "REFERRA"))
)

line_red_thicker + text_red + text2_red + point_red + other_points

```



Since rationally positioning the red points failed, we will manually insert the x and y values for each of them.

```
In [116...]: # Red point from 2010
point2010 = (
    alt.Chart(melted_table)
    .mark_point(filled = True, color = "#d24b53")
    .encode(
        x = alt.X("YEAR:0", axis = None),
        y = alt.Y("Value"),
        opacity = alt.value(1),
        xOffset = alt.value(-84)
    )
    # Filter only Referral 2010
    .transform_filter(alt.FieldEqualPredicate(field = "YEAR", equal = "2010"))
    .transform_filter(alt.FieldEqualPredicate(field = "Metric", equal = "REFERRAL"))
)

# Red point for referral 2016
point2016 = (
    alt.Chart(melted_table)
    .mark_point(filled = True, color = "#d24b53")
    .encode(
        x = alt.X("YEAR:0", axis = None),
        y = alt.Y("Value"),
        opacity = alt.value(1),
        xOffset = alt.value(117)
    )
    .transform_filter(alt.FieldEqualPredicate(field = "YEAR", equal = "2016"))
    .transform_filter(alt.FieldEqualPredicate(field = "Metric", equal = "REFERRAL"))
)

# Line connecting 2016 point with text
rule2016 = (
    alt.Chart()
    .mark_rule()
    .encode(
```

```

        x = alt.value(367),
        y = alt.datum(0.034),
        y2 = alt.datum(0.013),
        color = alt.value("#aaaaaa")
    )
)

# Line connecting 2010 point with text
rule2010 = (
    alt.Chart()
    .mark_rule()
    .encode(
        x = alt.value(166),
        y = alt.datum(0.054),
        y2 = alt.datum(0.022),
        color = alt.value("#aaaaaa")
    )
)

# Red part of text for 2010
text2010red = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["2010: all time referral conversion high"]}]}
    .mark_text(size = 10, align = "left", dx = -87, dy = 93, fontWeight = "bold"
    .encode(text = "text:N"))
)

# Red part of text for 2016
text2016red = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["2016: new campaigns"]}]})
    .mark_text(
        size = 10, align = "left", dx = 115, dy = 118, fontWeight = "bold", colc
    )
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

# Rest of text for 2010
text2010gray = (
    alt.Chart(
        {
            "values": [
                {
                    "text": [
                        "(5.5%). Strong partnerships historically",
                        "meant steady conversions. Entry of",
                        "competitor ABC has markedly impacted",
                        "referral quality: fewer are buying."
                    ]
                }
            ]
        }
    )
    .mark_text(
        size = 10, align = "left", dx = -87, dy = 105, fontWeight = "bold", colc
    )
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

# Rest of text for 2016
text2016gray = (
    alt.Chart(

```

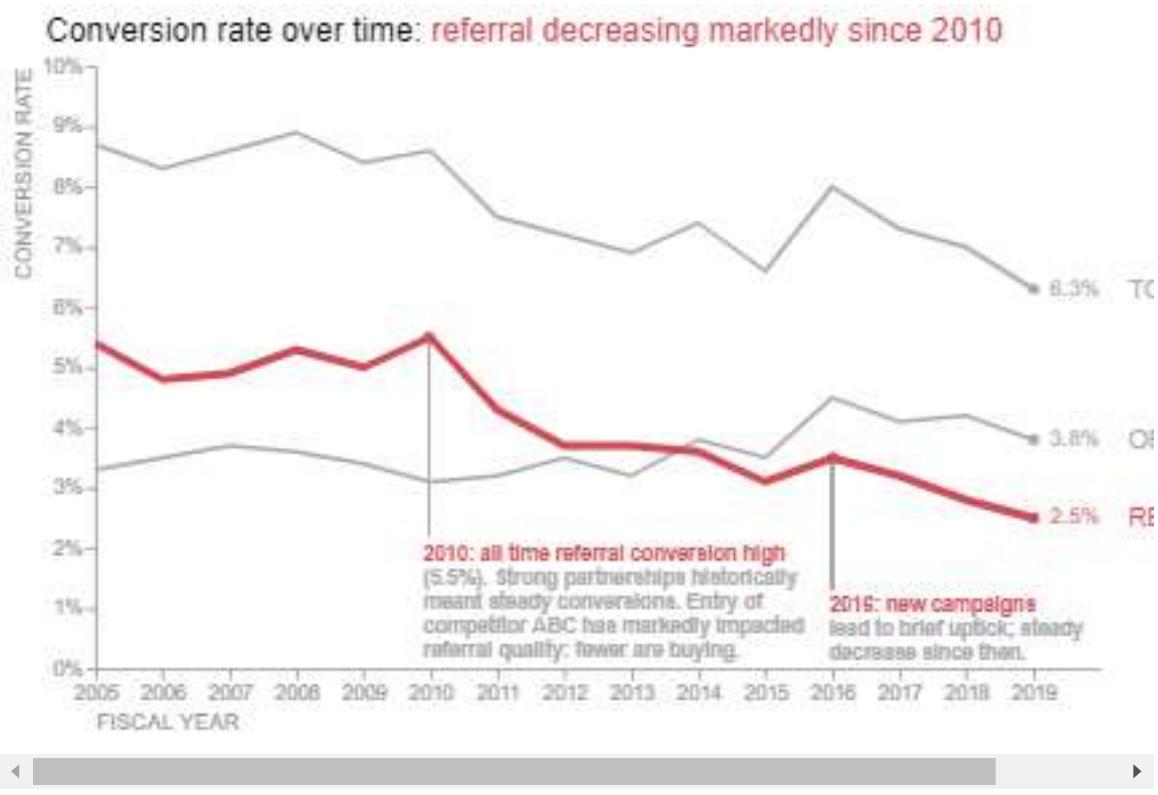
```
        {"values": [{"text": ["lead to brief uptick; steady", "decrease since th"]}),
      .mark_text(
        size = 10, align = "left", dx = 115, dy = 130, fontWeight = "bold", color = "#d24b53")
    ).encode(text = "text:N")
  )

# First half of title
title_black = (
  alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["Conversion rate over time: "]}]})
  .mark_text(size = 16, align = "left", dx = -275, dy = -168, color = "black")
  .encode(text = "text:N")
)

# Second half of title
title_red = (
  alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["referral decreasing markedly since 2010"]}]}
  .mark_text(size = 16, align = "left", dx = -83, dy = -168, color = "#d24b53")
  .encode(text = "text:N")
)

final_combined = (
  line_red_thicker
  + text_red
  + text2_red
  + rule2010
  + rule2016
  + point_red
  + point2010
  + point2016
  + text2010red
  + text2016red
  + text2010gray
  + text2016gray
  + title_black
  + title_red
)
final_combined.configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[116...]



Visualization as depicted in the book:

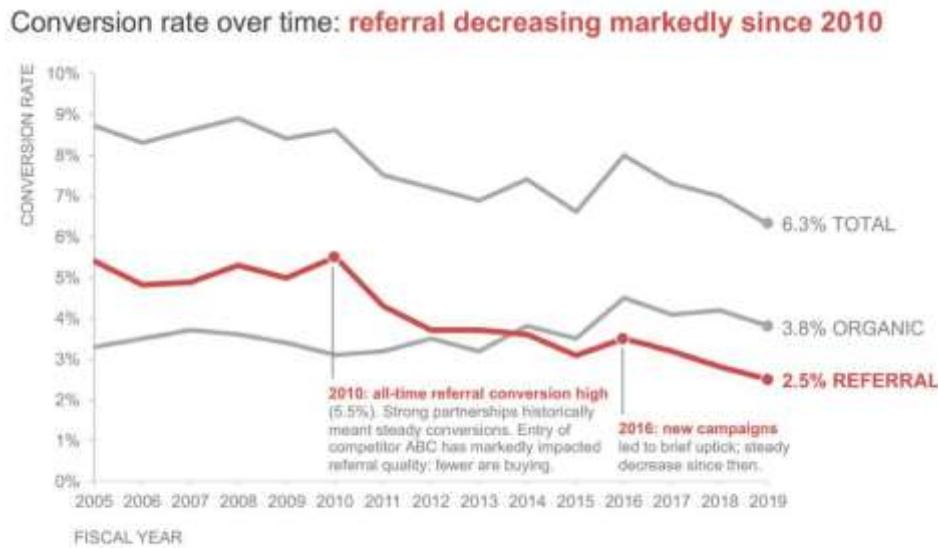


FIGURE 4.3p Combine multiple preattentive attributes

Chapter 5 - Think like a designer

"Where do you want your audience to look?" - Cole Nussbaumer Knaflic

Exercise 4 - Design in style (Inspired)

This exercise revolves around integrating brand design into graphs. While the author in the book focuses on creating a graph with a Coke and Light Coke theme, our approach takes it a step further. We will delve into various color inspirations using the most colorful graph thus far, which is the one from exercise 4.2.

We will separate the exercise into four categories: Accessibility, Branding, Paintings, and Nature.

Loading data

This is the same data as exercise 4.2.

```
In [117...]: table = pd.read_excel(r"Data\4.2 EXERCISE.xlsx", usecols = [1, 2, 3], header = 5)
table['Brands'] = table['Unnamed: 1']
table['Change'] = table['$ Vol % change']

table.drop(columns = ['Unnamed: 1', '$ Vol % change'], inplace = True)
table
```

Out[117...]:

	spacing for dot plot	Brands	Change
0	0	Fran's Recipe	-0.14
1	1	Wholesome Goodness	-0.13
2	2	Lifestyle	-0.10
3	3	Coat protection	-0.09
4	4	Diet Lifestyle	-0.08
5	5	Feline Basics	-0.05
6	6	Lifestyle Plus	-0.04
7	7	Feline Freedom	-0.02
8	8	Feline Gold	0.01
9	9	Feline Platinum	0.01
10	10	Feline Instinct	0.02
11	11	Feline Pro	0.03
12	12	Farm Fresh Tasties	0.04
13	13	Feline Royal	0.05
14	14	Feline Focus	0.09
15	15	Feline Grain Free	0.09
16	16	Feline Silver	0.12
17	17	Nutri Balance	0.16
18	18	Farm Fresh Basics	0.17

The original graph

```
In [118...]: decreased_most = table.nsmallest(2, "Change")
increased_most = table.nlargest(2, "Change")

brands_decreased = decreased_most["Brands"].tolist()
brands_increased = increased_most["Brands"].tolist()
```

```
conditions_decreased = [f'datum.Brands == "{brand}"' for brand in brands_decreased]
condition_decreased = f"({'|'.join(conditions_decreased)})"

conditions_increased = [f'datum.Brands == "{brand}"' for brand in brands_increased]
condition_increased = f"({'|'.join(conditions_increased)})"

chart_gray = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(color = "#c6c6c6", size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                orient = "top",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                format = "%"
            ),
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None)
    )
)

chart_oranges_mix = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                orient = "top",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                format = "%"
            ),
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_decreased, alt.value("#ec7c30"), alt.value("#efb284")
        )
    )
    .transform_filter(
        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Brands",
            oneOf = [
                "Fran's Recipe",
                "Wholesome Goodness",
                "Lifestyle",
                "Coat protection",
                "Diet Lifestyle",
            ]
        )
)
```

```

        )
    )

chart_blue_mix = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                orient = "top",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                format = "%"
            ),
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_increased, alt.value("#4772b8"), alt.value("#91a9d5")
        )
    )
    .transform_filter(
        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Brands",
            oneOf = [
                "Feline Focus",
                "Feline Grain Free",
                "Feline Silver",
                "Nutri Balance",
                "Farm Fresh Basics"
            ]
        )
    )
)

label1_gray = (
    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] < 0])
    .mark_text(align = "left", color = "#c6c6c6", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(x = alt.value(207), y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None), text = alt.Text("Decreased"))
)

label2_gray = (
    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] > 0])
    .mark_text(align = "right", color = "#c6c6c6", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(x = alt.value(192), y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None), text = alt.Text("Increased"))
)

label_oranges = (
    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] < 0])
    .mark_text(align = "left", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(
        x = alt.value(207),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None),
        text = alt.Text("Decreased"),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_increased, alt.value("red"), alt.value("blue")
        )
    )
)

```

```

        condition_decreased, alt.value("#ec7c30"), alt.value("#efb284")
    )
)
.transform_filter(
    alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
        field = "Brands",
        oneOf = [
            "Fran's Recipe",
            "Wholesome Goodness",
            "Lifestyle",
            "Coat protection",
            "Diet Lifestyle"
        ]
)
)
)

label_blue = (
    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] > 0])
    .mark_text(align = "right", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(
        x = alt.value(192),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None),
        text = alt.Text("Brands"),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_increased, alt.value("#4772b8"), alt.value("#91a9d5")
        )
    )
    .transform_filter(
        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Brands",
            oneOf = [
                "Feline Focus",
                "Feline Grain Free",
                "Feline Silver",
                "Nutri Balance",
                "Farm Fresh Basics"
            ]
        )
    )
)
)

title_bw = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["Cat food brands:"]}]}))
    .mark_text(
        size = 16, align = "left", dx = -200, dy = -270, fontWeight = "normal",
    )
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

title_bw_bold = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["Lifestyle line brands decline"]}]}))
    .mark_text(size = 16, align = "left", dx = -78, dy = -270, fontWeight = 700,
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

title_bw_bold_2 = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["mixed results in sales year-over-year"]}]}))
    .mark_text(size = 16, align = "left", dx = -78, dy = -270, fontWeight = 700,

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```
        .encode(text = "text:N")
    )

subtitle_bw = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["YEAR-OVER-YEAR % CHANGE IN VOLUME ($)"]}]})
    .mark_text(
        size = 11, align = "left", dx = -200, dy = -250, fontWeight = "normal",
    )
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

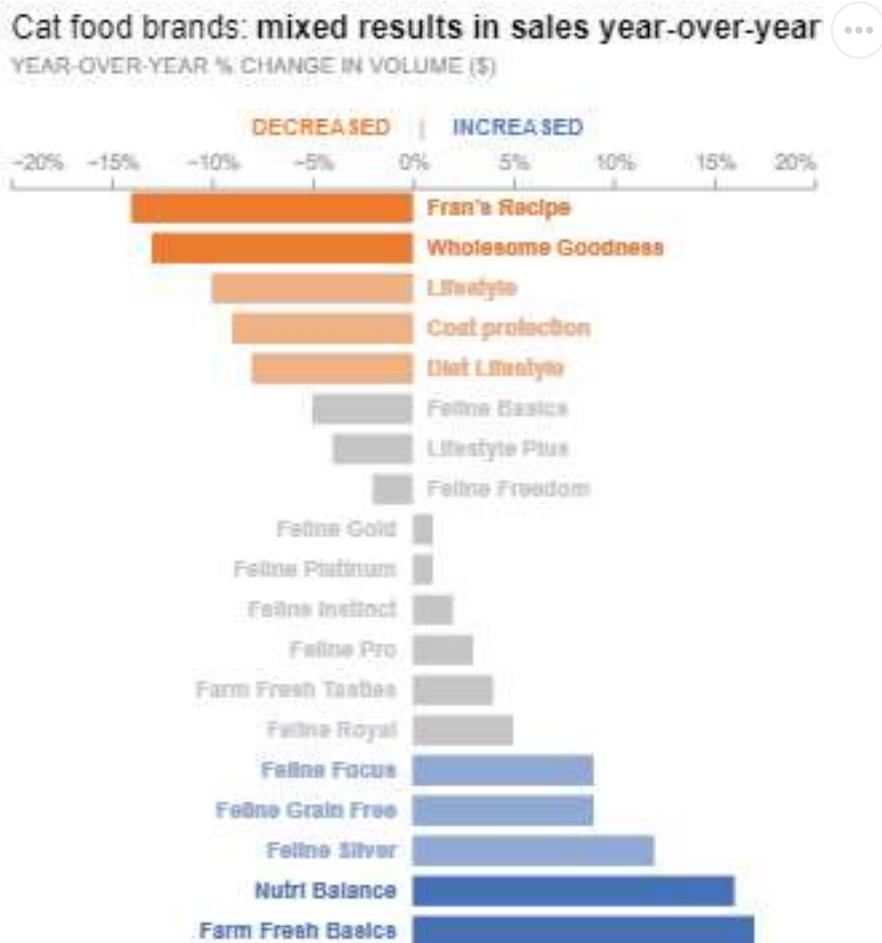
decreased_orange = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["DECREASED"]}]}))
    .mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = -80, dy = -220, fontWeight = 700,
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

increased_blue = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["INCREASED"]}]}))
    .mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = 20, dy = -220, fontWeight = 700,
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

separation = (
    alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["|"]}]}))
    .mark_text(size = 11, align = "left", dx = 3, dy = -220, fontWeight = 700,
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

original = (
    chart_gray
    + chart_oranges_mix
    + chart_blue_mix
    + label1_gray
    + label2_gray
    + label_oranges
    + label_blue
    + title_bw
    + title_bw_bold_2
    + subtitle_bw
    + decreased_orange
    + increased_blue
    + separation
)
original.properties(width = 400).configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[118...]



Accessibility

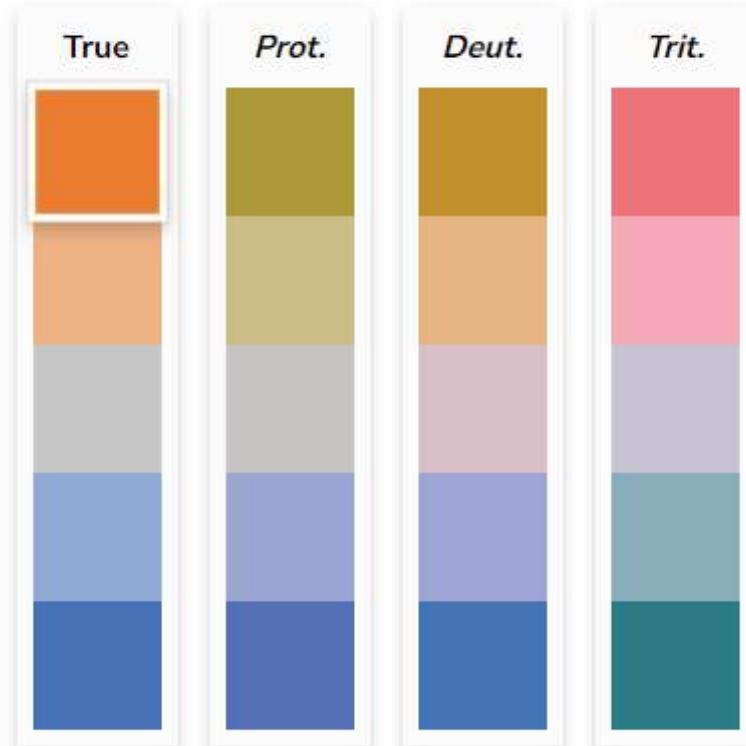
How do we assess the accessibility of the graph palette?

Colorblind

First, we can start by checking if the original colors are accessible to people with color blindness. The online tool [Coloring for Colorblindness](#) helps simulate how your selected color palette appears to viewers with protanopia, deutanopia (both being the inability to tell the difference between red and green), and tritanopia (inability to tell the difference between blue and green, purple and red, and yellow and pink), respectively.

The image below shows that our initial palette can be distinguished by those with these visual deficiency. The website also offers some famous colorblind friendly palette, such as the [Wong palette](#).

Color Palette

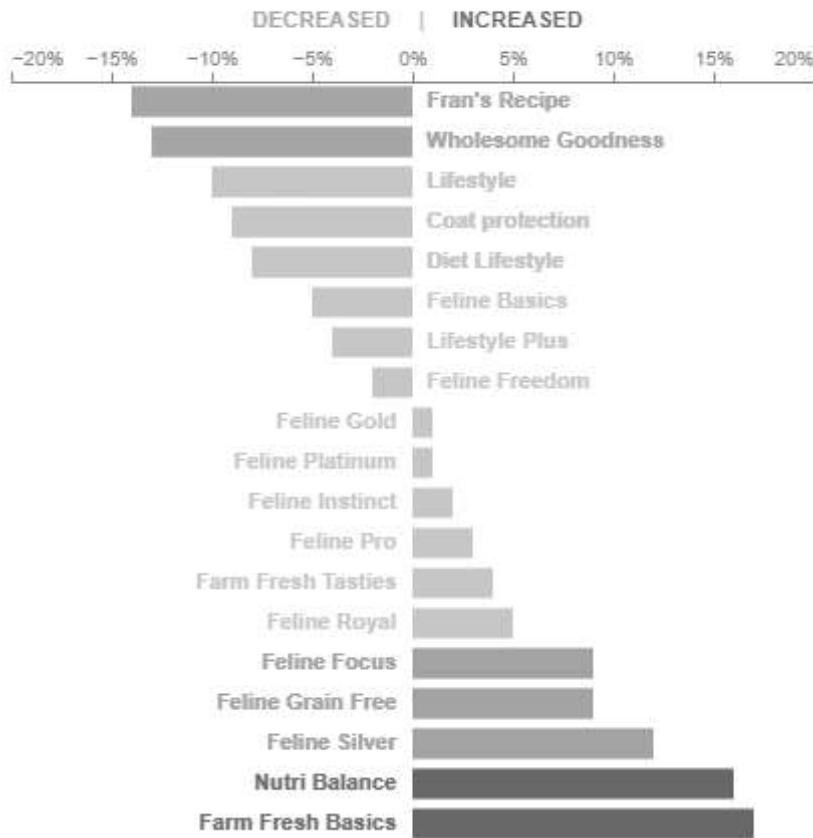


Black and White

Although the complete inability to distinguish colors is very rare, having a black and white version of your graph can be beneficial in certain situations, such as when intending to print it in a newspaper or an article. By using the Microsoft Photos App, we can preview how our visualization would appear without colors.

Cat food brands: mixed results in sales year-over-year

YEAR-OVER-YEAR % CHANGE IN VOLUME (\$)



Since the top and bottom colors can not be distinguished easily, we can create a new black and white palette.

```
In [119...]: # Same graph as before, but
# with colors in the black and white spectrum

chart_gray = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(color = "#666666", size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                orient = "top",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                format = "%"
            ),
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None)
    )
)

chart_light_gray_mix = (
    alt.Chart(table)
```

```
.mark_bar(size = 15)
.encode(
    x = alt.X(
        "Change",
        scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
        axis = alt.Axis(
            grid = False,
            orient = "top",
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            titleFontWeight = "normal",
            format = "%"
        ),
        title = None
    ),
    y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
    color = alt.condition(
        condition_decreased, alt.value("#bbbbbb"), alt.value("#999999")
    )
)
.transform_filter(
    alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
        field = "Brands",
        oneOf = [
            "Fran's Recipe",
            "Wholesome Goodness",
            "Lifestyle",
            "Coat protection",
            "Diet Lifestyle"
        ]
    )
)
)

chart_black_mix = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                orient = "top",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                format = "%"
            ),
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_increased, alt.value("black"), alt.value("#333333")
        )
    )
    .transform_filter(
        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Brands",
            oneOf = [

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```

        "Feline Focus",
        "Feline Grain Free",
        "Feline Silver",
        "Nutri Balance",
        "Farm Fresh Basics"
    ]
)
)
)

label1_gray = (
    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] < 0])
    .mark_text(align = "left", color = "#666666", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(x = alt.value(207), y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None), text = alt.Text("Change"))
)

label2_gray = (
    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] > 0])
    .mark_text(align = "right", color = "#666666", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(x = alt.value(192), y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None), text = alt.Text("Change"))
)

label_light_gray = (
    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] < 0])
    .mark_text(align = "left", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(
        x = alt.value(207),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None),
        text = alt.Text("Brands"),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_decreased, alt.value("#bbbbbb"), alt.value("#999999")
        )
    )
    .transform_filter(
        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Brands",
            oneOf = [
                "Fran's Recipe",
                "Wholesome Goodness",
                "Lifestyle",
                "Coat protection",
                "Diet Lifestyle"
            ]
        )
    )
)

label_black = (
    alt.Chart(table.loc[table["Change"] > 0])
    .mark_text(align = "right", fontWeight = 700)
    .encode(
        x = alt.value(192),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None),
        text = alt.Text("Brands"),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_increased, alt.value("black"), alt.value("#333333")
        )
    )
    .transform_filter(

```

```

        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Brands",
            oneOf = [
                "Feline Focus",
                "Feline Grain Free",
                "Feline Silver",
                "Nutri Balance",
                "Farm Fresh Basics"
            ]
        )
    )
)

title_bw = (
    alt.Chart({ "values": [ { "text": ["Cat food brands:" ] } ] })
    .mark_text(
        size = 16,
        align = "left",
        dx = -200,
        dy = -270,
        fontWeight = "normal",
        color = "black"
    )
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

decreased_light_gray = (
    alt.Chart({ "values": [ { "text": ["DECREASED"] } ] })
    .mark_text(
        size = 11,
        align = "left",
        dx = -80,
        dy = -220,
        fontWeight = 700,
        color = "#999999"
    )
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

increased_black = (
    alt.Chart({ "values": [ { "text": ["INCREASED"] } ] })
    .mark_text(
        size = 11,
        align = "left",
        dx = 20,
        dy = -220,
        fontWeight = 700,
        color = "black"
    )
    .encode(text = "text:N")
)

black_and_white = (
    chart_gray
    + chart_light_gray_mix
    + chart_black_mix
    + label1_gray
    + label2_gray
    + label_light_gray
    + label_black
)

```

```

+ title_bw
+ title_bw_bold_2
+ subtitle_bw
+ decreased_light_gray
+ increased_black
+ separation
)

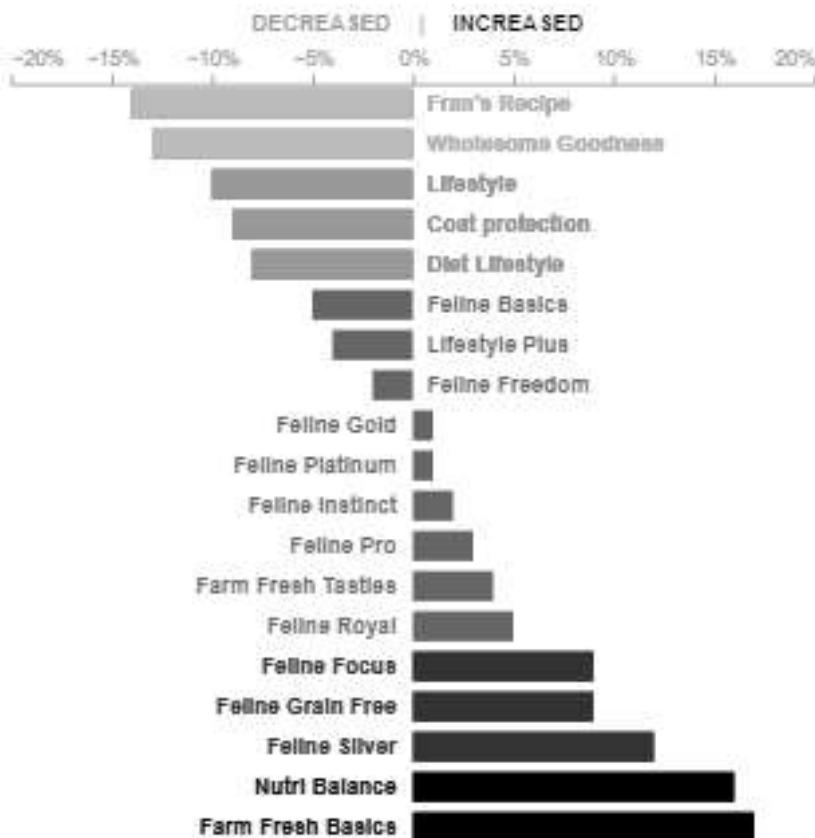
black_and_white.properties(width = 400).configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[119...]

Cat food brands: mixed results in sales year-over-year

YEAR-OVER-YEAR % CHANGE IN VOLUME (\$)



Branding

Branding is a really important aspect of marketing. Most companies have set color palettes, logos and design. Tools such as [Image Color Picker](#) and [Adobe Color](#) can help you extract and implement those official palettes into themed data visualizations. For the following graphs, we will not use labeling or titles, as it will not represent the cat food brands and be used only as a canvas for the palettes.

Cookie Clicker

[Cookie Clicker](#) is an idle game created by the French programmer Orteil, and it has been open in a separate tab baking and accumulating cookies throughout the entirety of this project. Hence, it only seems fitting to pay homage with a dedicated color palette!

In [120...]

```
# Orange middle (for the orange milk in the game)
chart_middle = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(color = "#ee8241", size = 15)
```

```

    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = None,
            title = None),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None)
    )
)

# Dark brown top (for the chocolate chips)
chart_up = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = None,
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_decreased, alt.value("#4a251d"), alt.value("#64433a")
        )
    )
    .transform_filter(
        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Brands",
            oneOf = [
                "Fran's Recipe",
                "Wholesome Goodness",
                "Lifestyle",
                "Coat protection",
                "Diet Lifestyle"
            ]
        )
    )
)

# Light brown bottom (for the cookie dough)
chart_down = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = None,
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_increased, alt.value("#81532d"), alt.value("#c0a681")
        )
    )
    .transform_filter(
        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Brands",
            oneOf = [

```

```
"Feline Focus",
"Feline Grain Free",
"Feline Silver",
"Nutri Balance",
"Farm Fresh Basics"
]
)
)
)

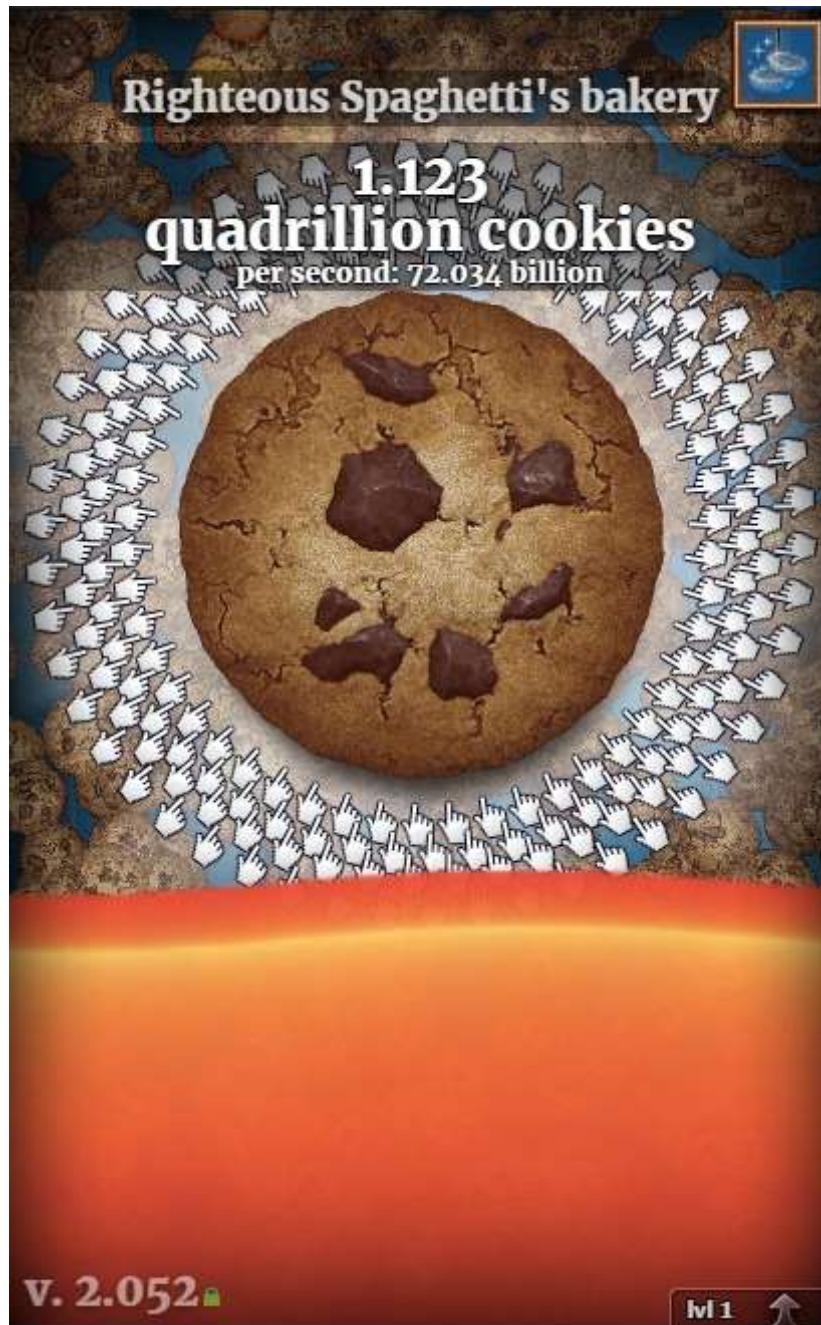
cookie_clicker = chart_middle + chart_down + chart_up

cookie_clicker.properties(width = 400).configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[120...]



Game screenshot that inspired the color palette:



Google Maps

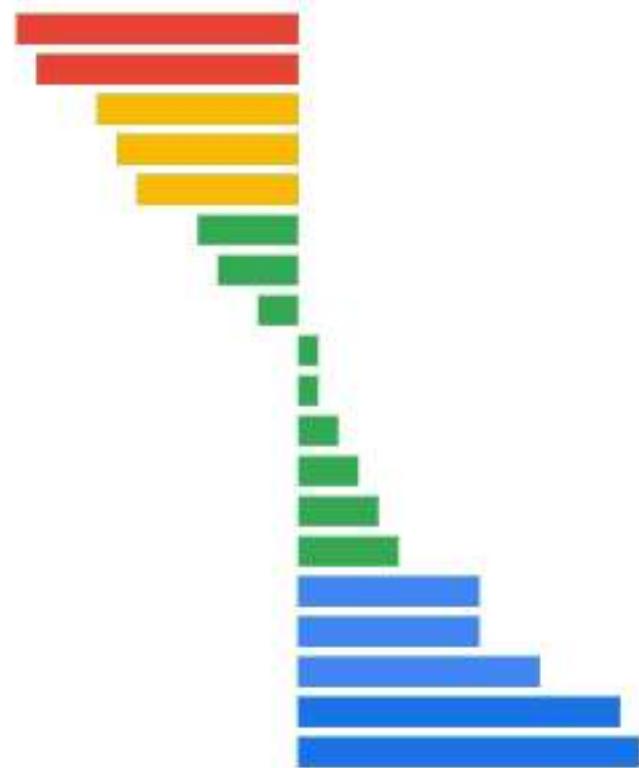
One of the most distinctive brand designs is the vibrant Google palette, widely employed in various apps associated with the company. Inspired by the Google Maps logo, which features precisely five colors, we will demonstrate how our graph looks when incorporating this design.

```
In [122...]: # Green middle
chart_middle = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(color = "#34A852", size = 15)
    .encode(
        x=alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = None,
            title = None),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None))
```

```
)  
)  
  
# Red and yellow top  
chart_up = (  
    alt.Chart(table)  
    .mark_bar(size = 15)  
    .encode(  
        x = alt.X(  
            "Change",  
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),  
            axis = None,  
            title = None),  
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),  
        color = alt.condition(  
            condition_decreased, alt.value("#EA4335"), alt.value("#FABB04"))  
    )  
)  
.transform_filter(  
    alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(  
        field = "Brands",  
        oneOf = [  
            "Fran's Recipe",  
            "Wholesome Goodness",  
            "Lifestyle",  
            "Coat protection",  
            "Diet Lifestyle"  
        ]  
    )  
)  
)  
  
# Blue and light blue bottom  
chart_down = (  
    alt.Chart(table)  
    .mark_bar(size = 15)  
    .encode(  
        x = alt.X(  
            "Change",  
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),  
            axis = None,  
            title = None),  
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),  
        color = alt.condition(  
            condition_increased, alt.value("#1A73E8"), alt.value("#4285F4"))  
    )  
)  
.transform_filter(  
    alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(  
        field = "Brands",  
        oneOf = [  
            "Feline Focus",  
            "Feline Grain Free",  
            "Feline Silver",  
            "Nutri Balance",  
            "Farm Fresh Basics"  
        ]  
    )  
)
```

```
google = chart_middle + chart_down + chart_up  
google.properties(width = 400).configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[122...]



Google maps logo used for reference:



Paintings

Artist spend their lives dedicated to the study of colors and how we as humans perceive them. We can draw inspiration from their work when searching to evoke a specific emotion through our visualizations.

Starry Night by Vincent Van Gogh

In [123...]

```
# Light blue middle
chart_middle = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(color = "#7B95A6", size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = None,
            title = None),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None)
    )
)

# Yellow tones top for the stars
chart_up = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = None,
            title = None),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_decreased, alt.value("#A65D05"), alt.value("#D9B13B")
        )
    )
    .transform_filter(
        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Brands",
            oneOf = [
                "Fran's Recipe",
                "Wholesome Goodness",
                "Lifestyle",
                "Coat protection",
                "Diet Lifestyle"
            ]
        )
    )
)

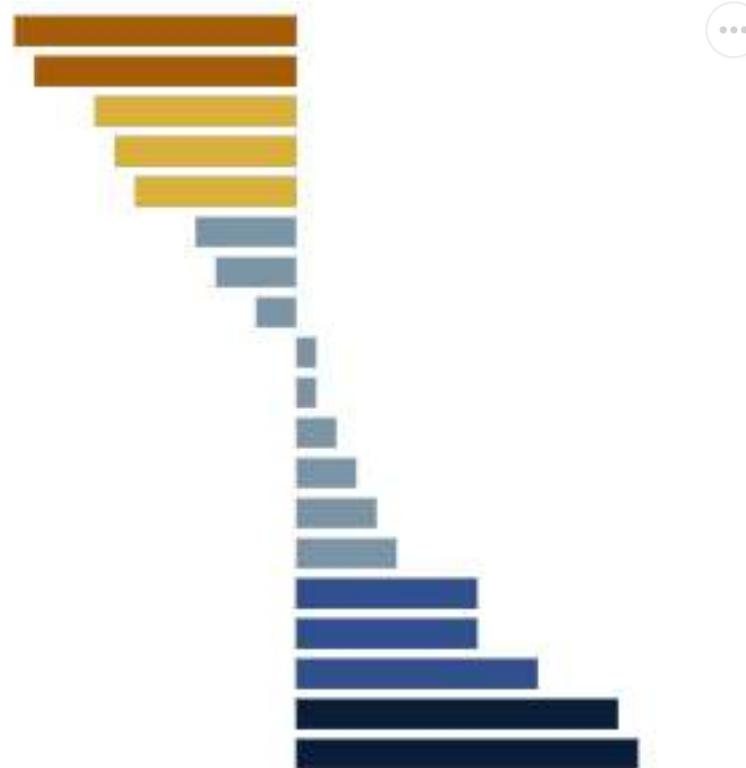
# Blue tones bottom for the sky
chart_down = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = None,
            title = None)
```

```
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_increased, alt.value("#0B1E38"), alt.value("#304F8C")
        )
    )
    .transform_filter(
        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Brands",
            oneOf = [
                "Feline Focus",
                "Feline Grain Free",
                "Feline Silver",
                "Nutri Balance",
                "Farm Fresh Basics"
            ]
        )
    )
)

starry_night = chart_middle + chart_down + chart_up

starry_night.properties(width = 400).configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[123...]



Painting that inspired the palette:



A Cuca by Tarsila do Amaral

In [124...]

```
# Green middle for the plants
chart_middle = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(color = "#034001", size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = None,
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None)
    )
)

# Blue and green top for the plants and pond
chart_up = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = None,
            title = None),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_decreased, alt.value("#0339A6"), alt.value("#067302")
        )
    )
)
```

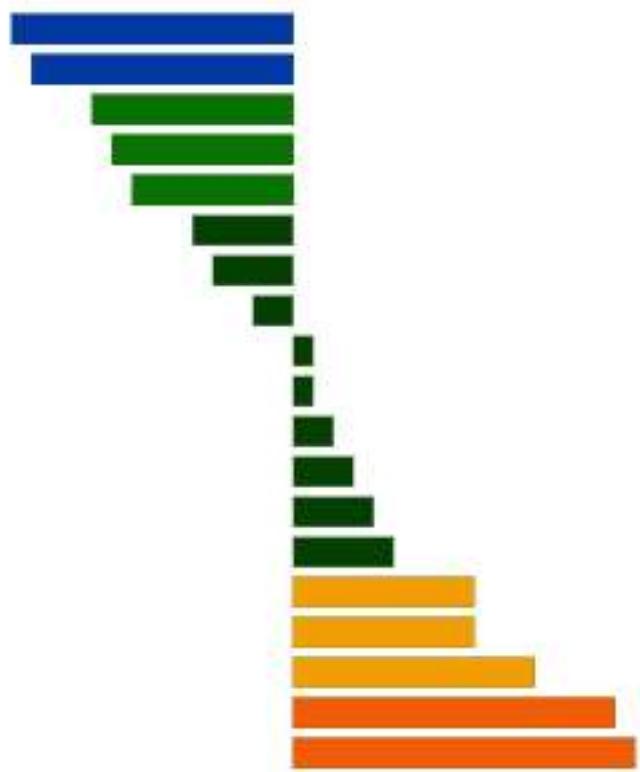
```
.transform_filter(
    alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
        field = "Brands",
        oneOf = [
            "Fran's Recipe",
            "Wholesome Goodness",
            "Lifestyle",
            "Coat protection",
            "Diet Lifestyle"
        ]
    )
)
)

# Yellow and orange bottom for the Cuca
chart_down = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = None,
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_increased, alt.value("#F25C05"), alt.value("#F29F05")
        )
    )
    .transform_filter(
        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Brands",
            oneOf = [
                "Feline Focus",
                "Feline Grain Free",
                "Feline Silver",
                "Nutri Balance",
                "Farm Fresh Basics"
            ]
        )
    )
)
)

cuca = chart_middle + chart_down + chart_up

cuca.properties(width = 400).configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[124...]



Painting that inspired the palette:



The Great Wave Off Kanagawa by Hokusai

In [125...]

```
# Light blue for the waves
chart_middle = (
    alt.Chart(table)
        .mark_bar(color = "#8FBABF", size = 15)
```

```

    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = None, title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None)
    )
)

# Beige top for the sky and boats
chart_up = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = None,
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_decreased, alt.value("#E0C6A3"), alt.value("#D9B779")
        )
    )
    .transform_filter(
        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Brands",
            oneOf = [
                "Fran's Recipe",
                "Wholesome Goodness",
                "Lifestyle",
                "Coat protection",
                "Diet Lifestyle"
            ]
        )
    )
)

# Darker blue for the waves
chart_down = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = None,
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_increased, alt.value("#010326"), alt.value("#010B40")
        )
    )
    .transform_filter(
        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Brands",
            oneOf = [

```

```
"Feline Focus",
"Feline Grain Free",
"Feline Silver",
"Nutri Balance",
"Farm Fresh Basics"
]
)
)
)

wave = chart_middle + chart_down + chart_up

wave.properties(width = 400).configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[125...]



Painting that inspired the palette:



Nature

Inspired by the use of imagery of roses in the works of [Theresa-Marie Rhyne](#), we will extract the color palette from pictures of nature.

Sunset

This picture was taken by Sergio Mena Ferraira and can be found [here](#).

In [126...]

```
# Bright orange middle for the sun
chart_middle = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(color = "#FF9200", size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = None,
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None)
    )
)

# Purple tones top for the sky
chart_up = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = None,
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None)
    )
)
```

```

        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_decreased, alt.value("#AA4650"), alt.value("#FD4044")
        )
    )
    .transform_filter(
        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Brands",
            oneOf = [
                "Fran's Recipe",
                "Wholesome Goodness",
                "Lifestyle",
                "Coat protection",
                "Diet Lifestyle"
            ]
        )
    )
)

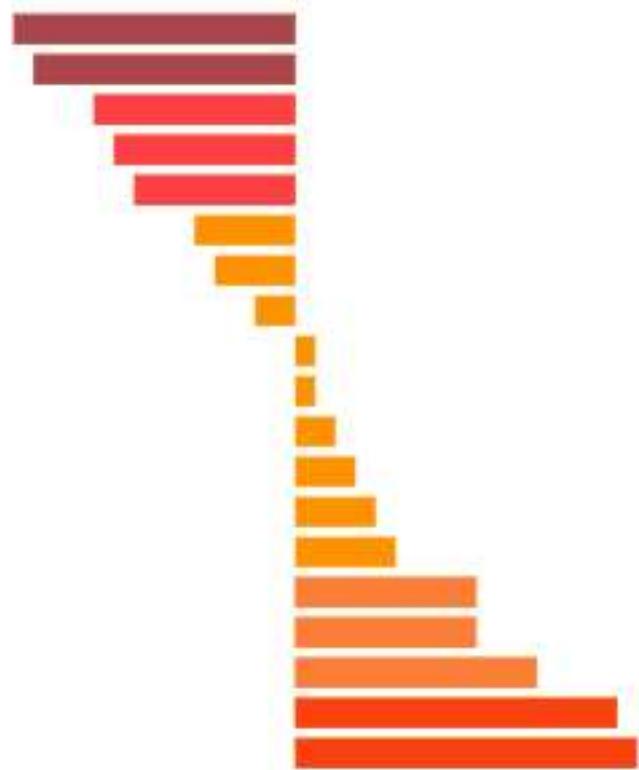
# Orange tones bottom for the sky
chart_down = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = None,
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_increased, alt.value("#FA4210"), alt.value("#FD7E37")
        )
    )
    .transform_filter(
        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Brands",
            oneOf = [
                "Feline Focus",
                "Feline Grain Free",
                "Feline Silver",
                "Nutri Balance",
                "Farm Fresh Basics"
            ]
        )
    )
)

sunset = chart_middle + chart_down + chart_up

sunset.properties(width = 400).configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[126...]



Picture that inspired the palette:



Forest

This picture was taken by Sam Abell and can be found [here](#).

In [127...]

```
# Light green middle from Leaves
chart_middle = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(color = "#5C7346", size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
```

```

        "Change",
        scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
        axis = None,
        title = None
    ),
    y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None)
)
)

# Lighter green top from Leaves
chart_up = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = None,
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_decreased, alt.value("#ABD9A9"), alt.value("#83A66A")
        )
    )
    .transform_filter(
        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Brands",
            oneOf = [
                "Fran's Recipe",
                "Wholesome Goodness",
                "Lifestyle",
                "Coat protection",
                "Diet Lifestyle"
            ]
        )
    )
)

# Dark green and brown bottom from Leaves and tree trunk
chart_down = (
    alt.Chart(table)
    .mark_bar(size = 15)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Change",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
            axis = None,
            title = None
        ),
        y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
        color = alt.condition(
            condition_increased, alt.value("#140F09"), alt.value("#3B401B")
        )
    )
    .transform_filter(
        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Brands",
            oneOf = [
                "Feline Focus",

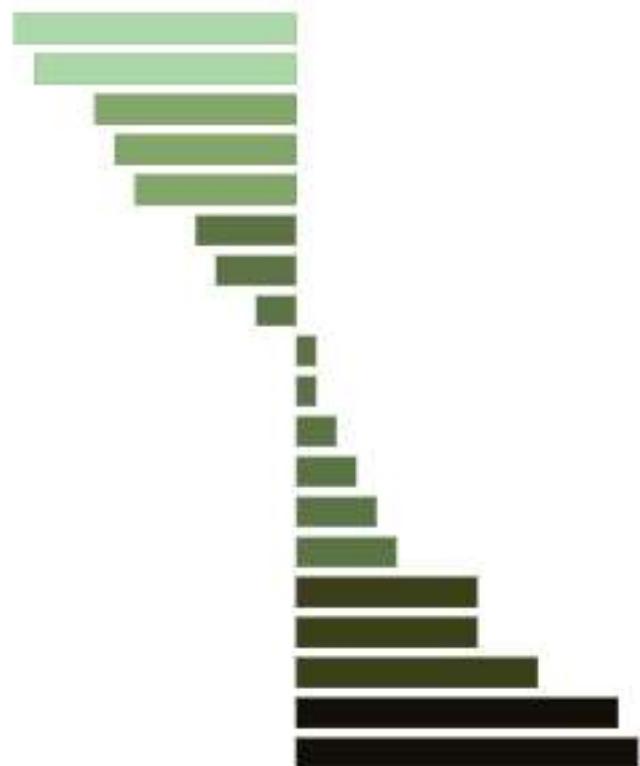
```

```
"Feline Grain Free",
"Feline Silver",
"Nutri Balance",
"Farm Fresh Basics"
]
)
)
)

forest = chart_middle + chart_down + chart_up

forest.properties(width = 400).configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[127...]



Picture that inspired the palette:



Interactivity

For interactivity, we will empower the user to customize the palette of the graph without requiring any knowledge of Altair.

We have devised five charts, each representing a distinct color in this visualization.

Additionally, we've provided a space where the viewer can select the hue in the spectrum or input the RGB, HSL or the hex code for each chart.

In [128...]

```
# Create the color parameters, with default in the original graph
color_one = alt.param(value = "#ec7c30", bind = alt.binding(input = 'color', name = 'color_1'))
color_two = alt.param(value = "#efb284", bind = alt.binding(input = 'color', name = 'color_2'))
color_three = alt.param(value = "#c6c6c6", bind = alt.binding(input = 'color', name = 'color_3'))
color_four = alt.param(value = "#91a9d5", bind = alt.binding(input = 'color', name = 'color_4'))
color_five = alt.param(value = "#4772b8", bind = alt.binding(input = 'color', name = 'color_5'))

# First two bars
chart_one = alt.Chart(table).mark_bar(
    size = 15
).encode(
    x = alt.X(
        "Change",
        scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
        axis = None,
        title = None
    ),
    y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
    color = color_one
).transform_filter(
    alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(field = 'Brands', oneOf = list(table['Brands'][0:2]))
).add_params(
    color_one
)

# Three next bars
```

```

chart_two = alt.Chart(table).mark_bar(
    size = 15
).encode(
    x = alt.X(
        "Change",
        scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
        axis = None,
        title = None
    ),
    y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
    color = color_two
).transform_filter(
    alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(field = 'Brands', oneOf = list(table['Brands'][2:5]))
).add_params(
    color_two
)

# Middle bars
chart_three = alt.Chart(
    table
).mark_bar(size = 15).encode(
    x = alt.X(
        "Change",
        scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
        axis = None,
        title = None
    ),
    y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
    color = color_three
).transform_filter(
    alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(field = 'Brands', oneOf = list(table['Brands'][5:14]))
).add_params(
    color_three
)

# Three bars after the middle
chart_four = alt.Chart(
    table
).mark_bar(size = 15).encode(
    x = alt.X(
        "Change",
        scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
        axis = None,
        title = None
    ),
    y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
    color = color_four
).transform_filter(
    alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(field = 'Brands', oneOf = list(table['Brands'][14:17]))
).add_params(
    color_four
)

# Last two bars
chart_five = alt.Chart(
    table
).mark_bar(size = 15).encode(
    x = alt.X(
        "Change",
        scale = alt.Scale(domain = [-0.20, 0.20]),
        axis = None,
        title = None
    ),
    y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
    color = color_five
)

```

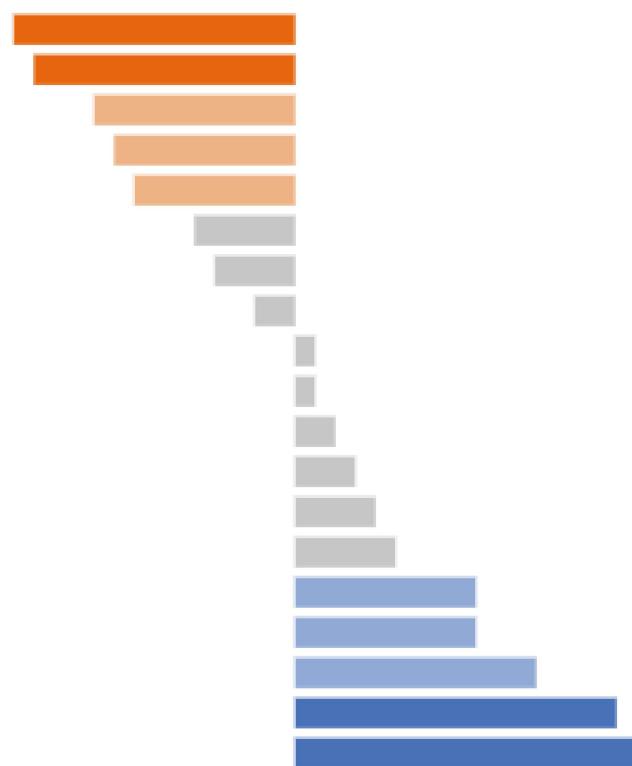
```

        axis = None,
        title = None
    ),
    y = alt.Y("Brands", sort = None, axis = None),
    color = color_five
).transform_filter(
    alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(field='Brands', oneOf = list(table['Brands'][17:19])
).add_params(
    color_five
)

interactive_colors = chart_one + chart_two + chart_three + chart_four + chart_fi
interactive_colors.properties(width = 400).configure_view(stroke = None)

```

Out[128...]



- First color:
- Second color:
- Third color:
- Fourth color:
- Fifth color:

Chapter 6 - Tell a story

"Data in a spreadsheet or facts on a slide aren't things that naturally stick with us — they are easily forgotten. Stories, on the other hand, are memorable." - Cole Nussbaumer Knaflic

Exercise 6 - Differentiate between live & standalone stories

The objective of this exercise is to know how to create visualizations depending in the situation you are going to present them, being that a live presentation or a printed

graph. Here, we will be creating a series of charts ready to be in a slide show, demonstrating the ideas step by step.

There is one standalone graph at the end, but the texts will not be inserted due to that process being presented earlier.

Loading the data

In [129...]

```
# Loading the table considering Excel formatting
table = pd.read_excel(r"Data\6.6 EXERCISE.xlsx", usecols = [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7], header=0)
```

Out[129...]

	Unnamed: 2	Unnamed: 3	Internal	External	Overall	Goal
0	Jan	2019-01-01	47.6	44.8	45.05	60
1	Feb	2019-02-01	37.9	48.5	47.25	60
2	Mar	2019-03-01	17.6	49.5	46.15	60
3	Apr	2019-04-01	18.6	55.2	50.35	60
4	May	2019-05-01	40.6	56.5	55.55	60
5	Jun	2019-06-01	28.8	60.7	53.85	60
6	Jul	2019-07-01	27.1	44.2	42.85	60
7	Aug	2019-08-01	36.9	29.0	31.15	60
8	Sep	2019-09-01	37.1	61.2	59.15	60
9	Oct	2019-10-01	25.9	44.9	41.55	60
10	Nov	2019-11-01	51.2	76.6	71.85	60
11	Dec	2019-12-01	40.6	34.7	36.15	60

In [130...]

```
# Rename columns
table.rename(columns = {'Unnamed: 2': 'Month', 'Unnamed: 3': 'Date'}, inplace = True)

# Drop useless information
table.drop(columns = ['Date', 'Goal', 'Overall'], inplace = True)

# Create Long-format version
melted_table = pd.melt(table, id_vars = ['Month'], var_name = 'Metric', value_name = 'Value')
melted_table
```

Out[130...]

	Month	Metric	Value
0	Jan	Internal	47.6
1	Feb	Internal	37.9
2	Mar	Internal	17.6
3	Apr	Internal	18.6
4	May	Internal	40.6
5	Jun	Internal	28.8
6	Jul	Internal	27.1
7	Aug	Internal	36.9
8	Sep	Internal	37.1
9	Oct	Internal	25.9
10	Nov	Internal	51.2
11	Dec	Internal	40.6
12	Jan	External	44.8
13	Feb	External	48.5
14	Mar	External	49.5
15	Apr	External	55.2
16	May	External	56.5
17	Jun	External	60.7
18	Jul	External	44.2
19	Aug	External	29.0
20	Sep	External	61.2
21	Oct	External	44.9
22	Nov	External	76.6
23	Dec	External	34.7

The graph

First, we will plot the normal graph.

In [131...]

```
# Line chart
line = (
    alt.Chart(
        melted_table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Time to fill",
            fontSize = 18,
            fontWeight = "normal",
            anchor = "start",
        )
    ).mark_line()
)
```

```

        offset = 10
    )
)
.mark_line()
.encode(
    x = alt.X(
        "Month",
        sort = None,
        axis = alt.Axis(
            labelAngle = 0,
            titleAnchor = "start",
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            titleFontWeight = "normal",
            ticks = False
        ),
        title = "2019"
),
y = alt.Y(
    "Value",
    axis = alt.Axis(
        grid = False,
        titleAnchor = "end",
        labelColor = "#888888",
        titleColor = "#888888",
        titleFontWeight = "normal"
    ),
    title = "TIME TO FILL (DAYS)",
    scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 90]) # y-axis goes from 0 to 90
),
color = alt.Color(
    "Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["black"]), legend = None
)
)
.properties(width = 500)
)

# Goal Line
goal = alt.Chart().mark_rule(
    strokeDash = [4, 4] # Dashed
).encode(
    x = alt.datum("Jan"), # From January
    x2 = alt.datum("Dec"), # To December
    y = alt.datum(60) # At value 60
)

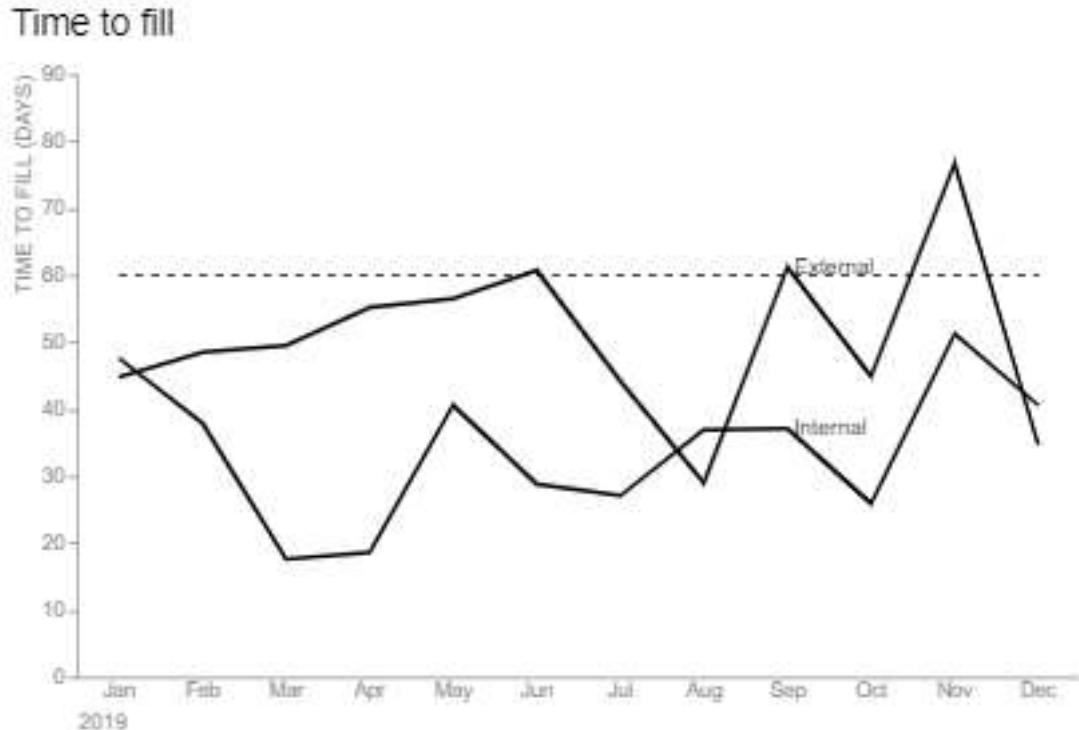
# Label at the end of the Line
label = alt.Chart(melted_table).mark_text(
    align = "left",
    dx = 3
).encode(
    alt.X("Month", aggregate = "max", sort = None),
    alt.Y("Value", aggregate = {"argmax": "Month"}),
    alt.Text("Metric")
)

final = line + goal + label

```

```
final.configure_view(stroke=None)
```

Out[131...]



Once again, we encounter the challenge of Altair considering September as the maximum value for months, given its alphabetical order, even when using `Sorted = None`. We will solve this by defining x as December and filtering the data.

In [132...]

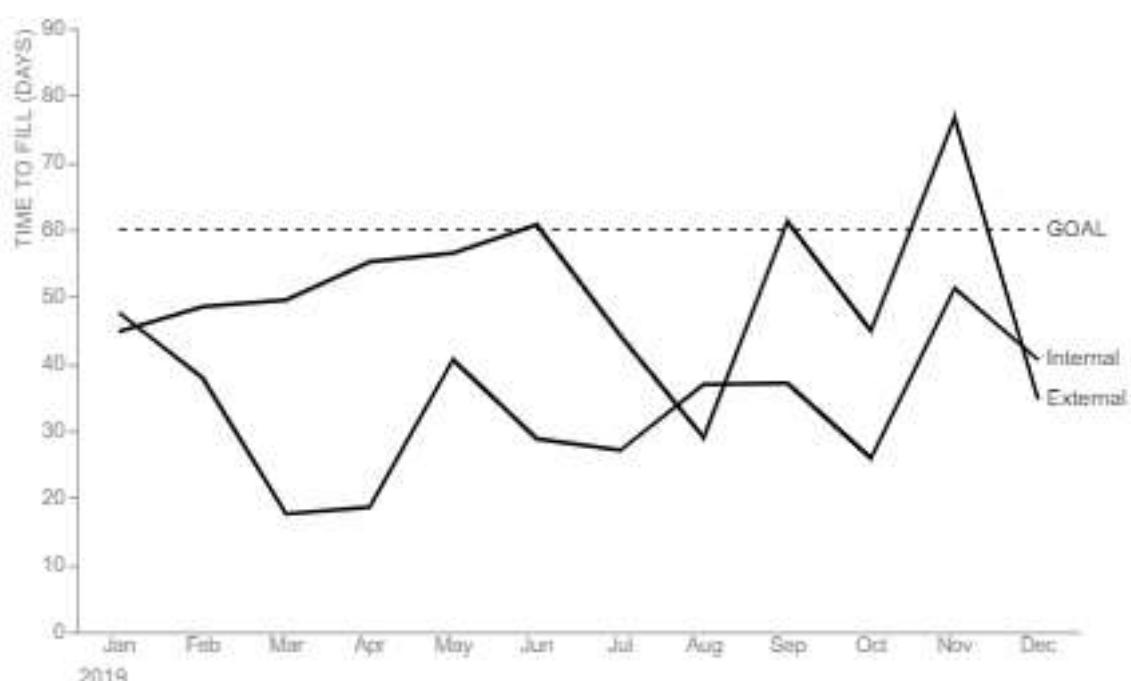
```
# Updated Label
label = alt.Chart(melted_table).mark_text(align = 'left', dx = 4).encode(
    x = alt.datum('Dec'),
    y = alt.Y('Value'),
    text = alt.Text('Metric'))
.transform_filter(
    # Only December values
    (alt.datum.Month == 'Dec')
)

# Label for the goal line
label_goal = alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": ["GOAL"]}]}).mark_text(align = 'left',
    x = alt.datum('Dec'),
    y = alt.datum(60),
    text = "text:N"
)

final_original = line + goal + label + label_goal
final_original.configure_view(stroke = None)
```

Out[132...]

Time to fill



Visualization as depicted in the book:

Time to fill

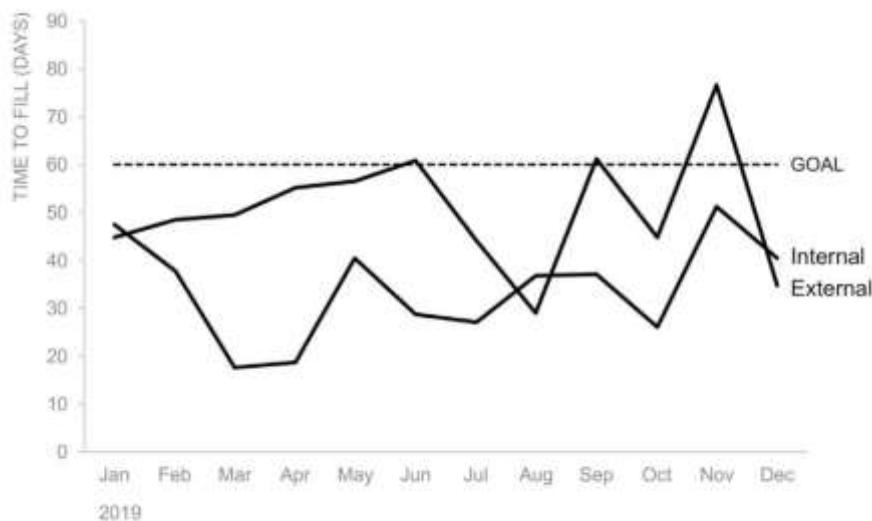


FIGURE 6.6a Time to fill

Empty graph

We can start our presentation with only the skeleton of our visualization.

In [133...]

```
# Create a graph with full transparency
empty = (
    alt.Chart(
        melted_table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Time to fill",
            fontSize = 18,
            fontWeight = "normal",
            anchor = "start",
        )
    ).mark_line()
    .encode(
        x=alt.X("month:O", scale=alt.Scale(domain="time"))
    )
)
```

```
        offset = 10
    )
)
.mark_line(opacity = 0) # Minimum opacity
.encode(
    x = alt.X(
        "Month",
        sort = None,
        axis = alt.Axis(
            labelAngle = 0,
            titleAnchor = "start",
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            titleFontWeight = "normal",
            ticks = False,
            title = "2019"
        )
),
y = alt.Y(
    "Value",
    axis = alt.Axis(
        grid = False,
        titleAnchor = "end",
        labelColor = "#888888",
        titleColor = "#888888",
        titleFontWeight = "normal",
    ),
    title = "TIME TO FILL (DAYS)",
    scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 90])
)
)
.properties(width = 500)
)

graph_1 = empty.configure_view(stroke = None)
graph_1
```

Out[133...]

Time to fill



Visualization as depicted in the book:



FIGURE 6.6b Skeleton graph

Add the goal line

We can do this by adding already existing graphs.

```
In [134...]: graph_2 = (empty + goal + label_goal).configure_view(stroke = None)
graph_2
```



Visualization as depicted in the book:

Time to fill



FIGURE 6.6c Introduce goal

Create the first data point

```
In [135...]: # Point for january
point_jan = alt.Chart().mark_point(filled = True, color = 'black', size = 50, opacity = 1)
x = alt.datum('Jan'),
y = alt.datum(melted_table["Value"][12])))

# Create opaque versions of the goal line and label
goal_opaque = alt.Chart().mark_rule(strokeDash = [4,4]).encode(
    x = alt.datum('Jan'),
    x2 = alt.datum('Dec'),
    y = alt.datum(60),
    opacity = alt.value(0.4)
)

label_goal_opaque = alt.Chart({"values": [{"text": "GOAL"}]}).mark_text(alignment = "right", baseline = "middle", dx = -5, dy = 0, fontWeight = "bold", opacity = 1)
x = alt.datum('Dec'),
y = alt.datum(60),
text = "text:N",
opacity = alt.value(0.4)
)

graph_3 = (empty + goal_opaque + label_goal_opaque + point_jan).configure_view(strokeWidth = 1)
graph_3
```

Out[135...]



Visualization as depicted in the book:



FIGURE 6.6d First point of external line

Updating for the first half of the year

In [136...]

```
# Create the line until June
partial_line1 = (
    alt.Chart(
        melted_table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Time to fill",
            fontSize = 18,
            fontWeight = "normal",
            anchor = "start",
            offset = 10
        )
    ).mark_line()
    .encode(
```

```

x = alt.X(
    "Month",
    sort = None,
    axis = alt.Axis(
        labelAngle = 0,
        titleAnchor = "start",
        labelColor = "#888888",
        titleColor = "#888888",
        titleFontWeight = "normal",
        ticks = False
    ),
    title = "2019",
    scale = alt.Scale(
        # We need to set all months as a domain
        # to make sure they appear in the axis
        domain = [
            "Jan",
            "Feb",
            "Mar",
            "Apr",
            "May",
            "Jun",
            "Jul",
            "Aug",
            "Sep",
            "Oct",
            "Nov",
            "Dec"
        ]
    )
),
y = alt.Y(
    "Value",
    axis = alt.Axis(
        grid = False,
        titleAnchor = "end",
        labelColor = "#888888",
        titleColor = "#888888",
        titleFontWeight = "normal"
    ),
    title = "TIME TO FILL (DAYS)",
    scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 90]),
),
color = alt.Color(
    "Metric", scale=alt.Scale(range=["black"]), legend = None
)
),
.properties(width = 500)
.transform_filter(
    # Filter only half of the year
    alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
        field = "Month", oneOf = ["Jan", "Feb", "Mar", "Apr", "May", "Jun"]
    )
)
)

# Point for June
point_jun = (
    alt.Chart()
    .mark_point(filled = True, color = "black", size = 50, opacity= 1 )
)

```

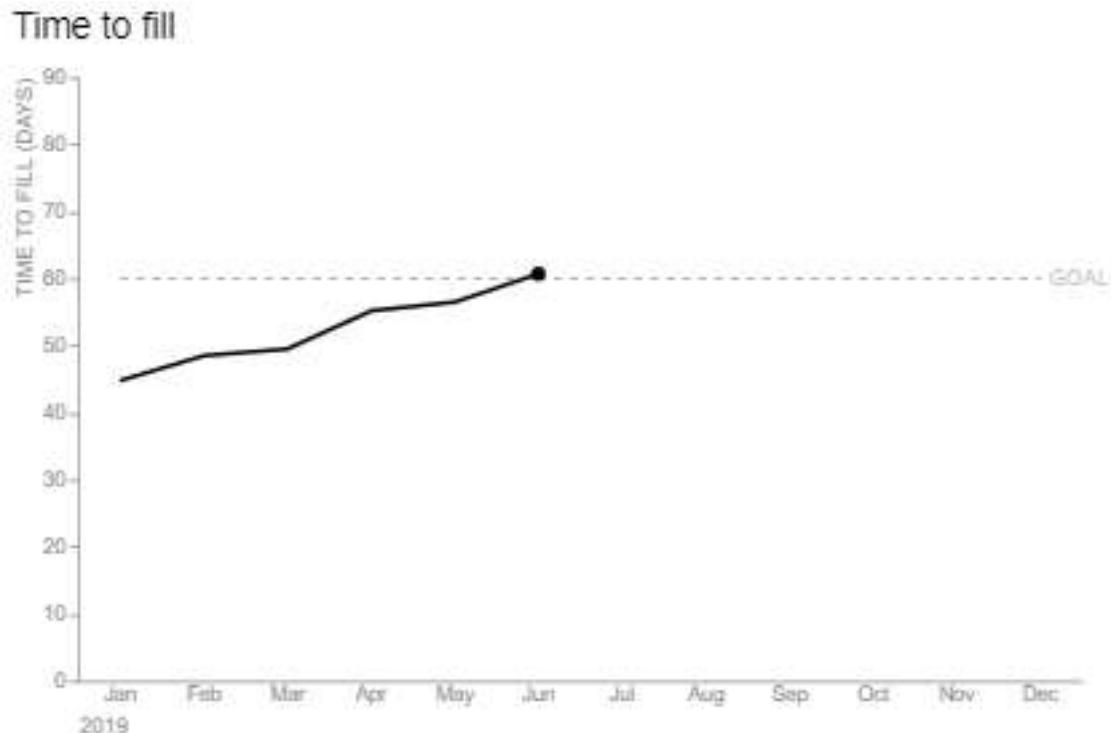
```

        .encode(x = alt.datum("Jun"), y = alt.datum(melted_table["Value"][17]))
    )

graph_4 = (
    partial_line1.transform_filter(alt.datum.Metric == "External")
    + goal_opaque
    + label_goal_opaque
    + point_jun
).configure_view(stroke=None)
graph_4

```

Out[136...]



Visualization as depicted in the book:

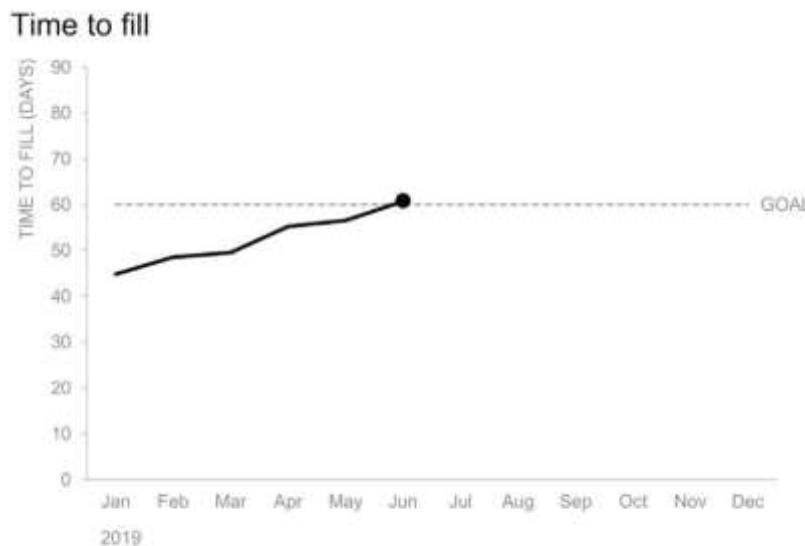


FIGURE 6.6e External time to fill increased in first half of year

Rest of the year with points

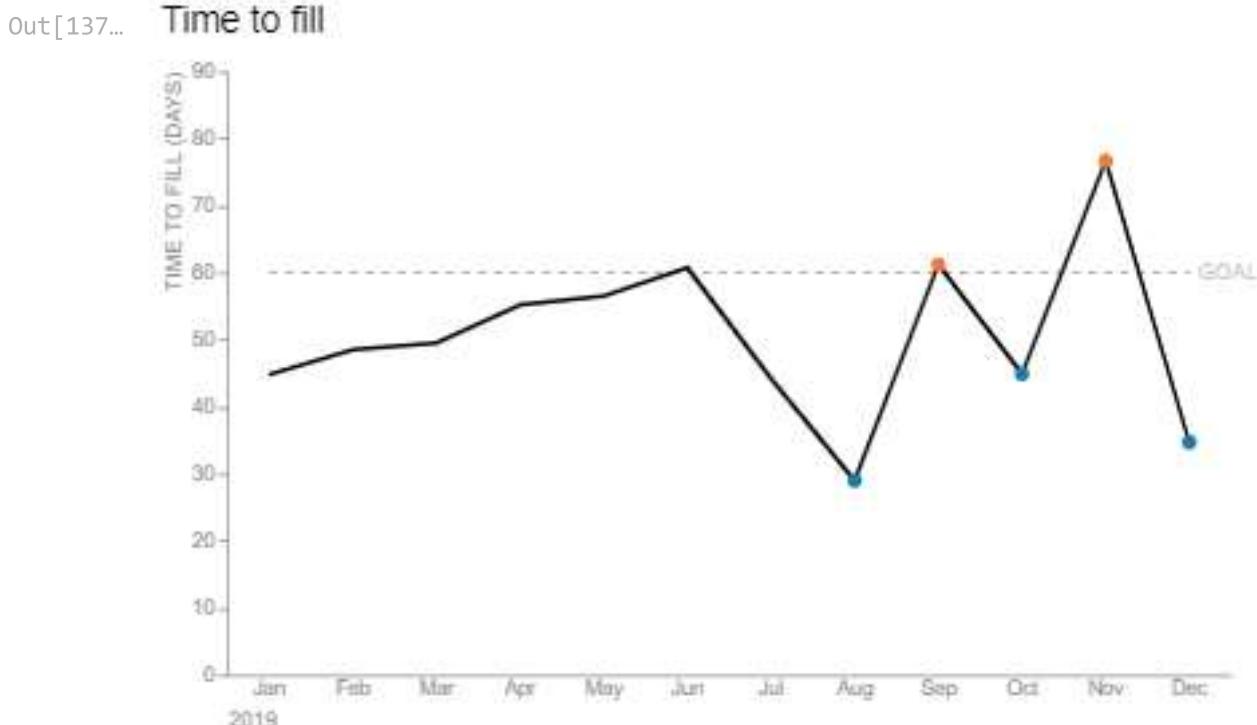
We will complete the line for the rest of the year, highlighting some points.

```
In [137...]: # Condition for External points
points_condition = (alt.datum.Metric == "External") & (
    (alt.datum.Month == "Aug")
| (alt.datum.Month == "Sep")
| (alt.datum.Month == "Oct")
| (alt.datum.Month == "Nov")
| (alt.datum.Month == "Dec")
)

# Define the points
points = (
    alt.Chart(melted_table)
    .mark_point(filled = True, size = 50, opacity = 1)
    .encode(
        x = alt.X("Month", sort = None),
        y = "Value",
        color = alt.condition(
            # Color depends if it achieved the Goal
            alt.datum.Value > 60, alt.value("#f6792c"), alt.value("#187cae")
        )
    )
    # Only for the points in the condition
    .transform_filter(points_condition)
)

graph_5 = (
    # We can filter the line directly
    line.transform_filter(alt.datum.Metric == "External")
    + goal_opaque
    + label_goal_opaque
    + points
).configure_view(stroke = None)

graph_5
```



Visualization as depicted in the book:

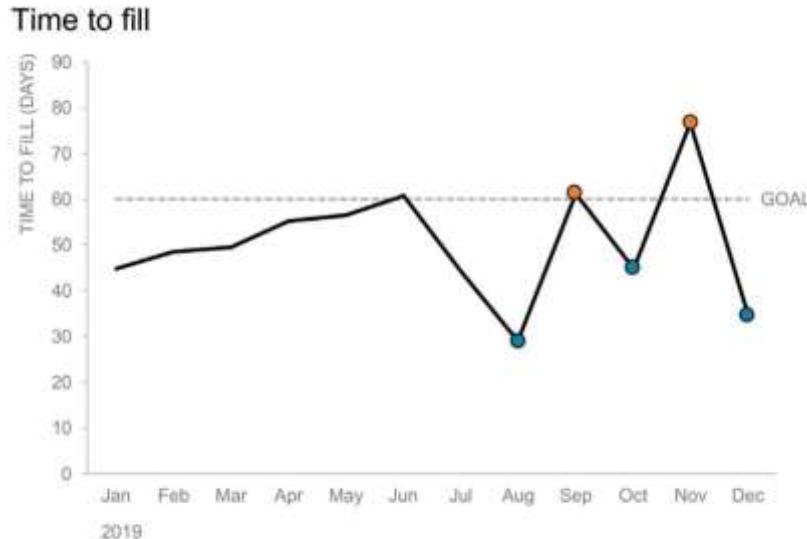


FIGURE 6.6f External time to fill varied in second half of year

Focus on the internal

Now we will lighten the external line to bring focus on the internal data.

```
In [138...]: # External line with less opacity
external_opaque = alt.Chart(
    melted_table,
    title = alt.Title(
        "Time to fill",
        fontSize = 18,
        fontWeight = "normal",
        anchor = "start",
        offset = 10
    )
).mark_line().encode(
x = alt.X(
    "Month",
    sort = None,
    axis = alt.Axis(
        labelAngle = 0,
        titleAnchor = "start",
        labelColor = "#888888",
        titleColor = "#888888",
        titleFontWeight = "normal",
        ticks = False
),
title = "2019"
),
y = alt.Y(
    "Value",
    axis = alt.Axis(
        grid = False,
        titleAnchor = "end",
        labelColor = "#888888",
        titleColor = "#888888",
        titleFontWeight = "normal"
),
title = "TIME TO FILL (DAYS)",
scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 90])
)
```

```

),
color = alt.Color(
    "Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range=["black"]), legend = None
),
opacity = alt.value(0.4) # Set transparency
).properties(width = 500
# Filter data
).transform_filter(alt.datum.Metric == "External")

# Label with less opacity
label_opaque = (
    alt.Chart(melted_table)
    .mark_text(align = "left", dx = 4)
    .encode(
        x = alt.datum("Dec"),
        y = alt.Y("Value"),
        text = alt.Text("Metric"),
        opacity = alt.value(0.4)
    )
    .transform_filter((alt.datum.Month == "Dec"))
    .transform_filter(alt.datum.Metric == "External")
)

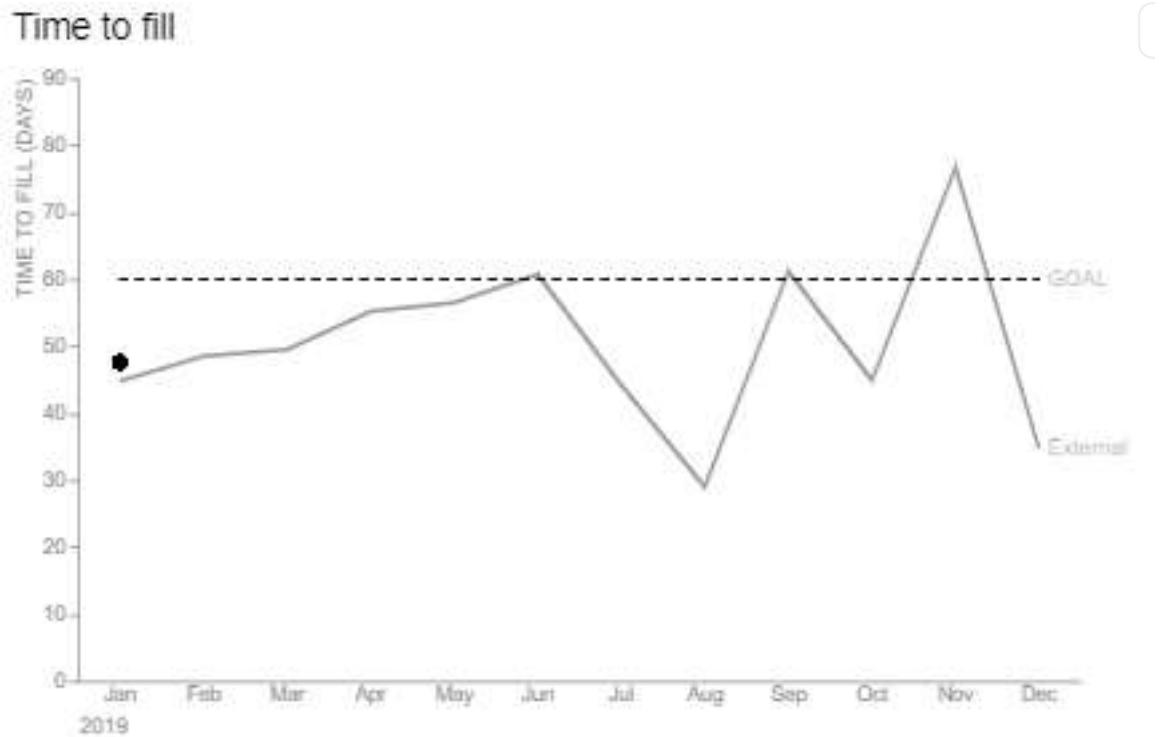
# Point for January in the Internal Line
point_jan2 = (
    alt.Chart()
    .mark_point(filled = True, color = "black", size = 50, opacity = 1)
    .encode(x = alt.datum("Jan"), y = alt.datum(melted_table["Value"])[0])
)

graph_6 = (
    external_opaque + label_opaque + goal_opaque + label_goal_opaque + point_jan2
).configure_view(stroke=None)

graph_6

```

Out[138...]



Visualization as depicted in the book:

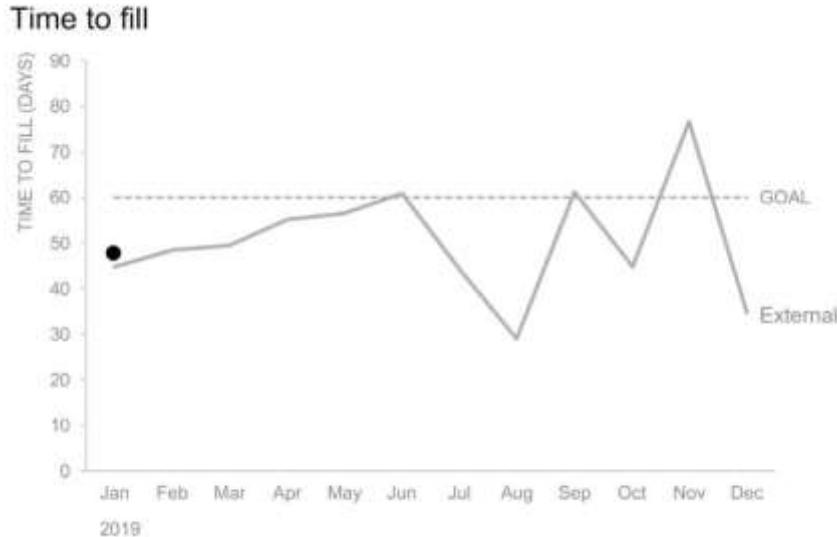


FIGURE 6.6g Add first point of internal line

First months of the year

Similarly to the External line, we will plot the first months for Internal - this time stopping at April.

In [139...]

```
# Line for the first four months
partial_line2 = (
    alt.Chart(
        melted_table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Time to fill", fontSize = 18, fontWeight = "normal", anchor = "start"
        ),
    )
    .mark_line()
    .encode(
        x=alt.X(
            "Month",
            sort = None,
            axis = alt.Axis(
                labelAngle = 0,
                titleAnchor = "start",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                ticks = False
            ),
            title = "2019",
            scale = alt.Scale(
                domain = [
                    "Jan",
                    "Feb",
                    "Mar",
                    "Apr",
                    "May",
                    "Jun",
                    "Jul",
                    "Aug",
                ]
            )
        )
    )
)
```

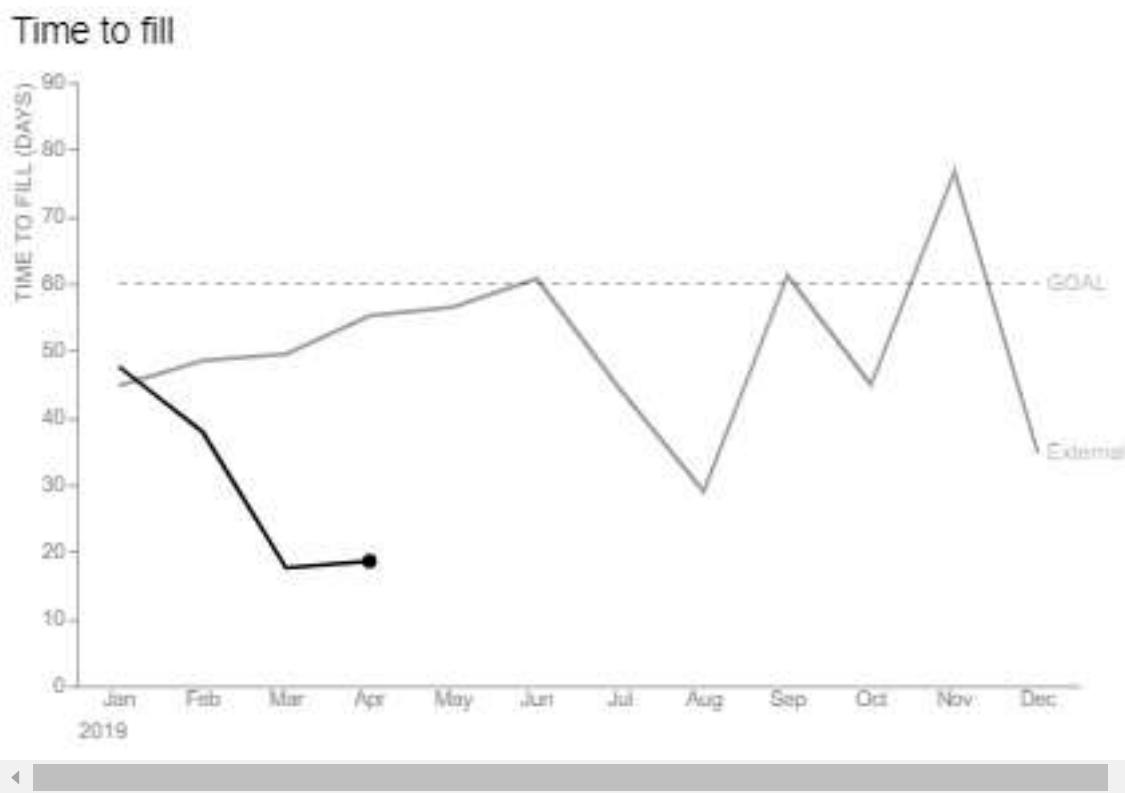
```
        "Sep",
        "Oct",
        "Nov",
        "Dec"
    ],
),
y = alt.Y(
    "Value",
    axis = alt.Axis(
        grid = False,
        titleAnchor = "end",
        labelColor = "#888888",
        titleColor = "#888888",
        titleFontWeight = "normal"
    ),
    title = "TIME TO FILL (DAYS)",
    scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 90]),
),
color = alt.Color(
    "Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["black"]), legend = None
)
)
.properties(width = 500)
.transform_filter(
    alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(field = "Month", oneOf = ["Jan", "Feb", "Mar", "Apr"])
)

# Point for April
point_apr = (
    alt.Chart()
    .mark_point(filled = True, color = "black", size = 50, opacity = 1)
    .encode(x = alt.datum("Apr"), y = alt.datum(melted_table["Value"][[3]]))
)

graph_7 = (
    partial_line2.transform_filter(alt.datum.Metric == "Internal")
    +
    goal_opaque
    +
    label_goal_opaque
    +
    point_apr
    +
    external_opaque
    +
    label_opaque
).configure_view(stroke = None)

graph_7
```

Out[139...]



Visualization as depicted in the book:

Time to fill

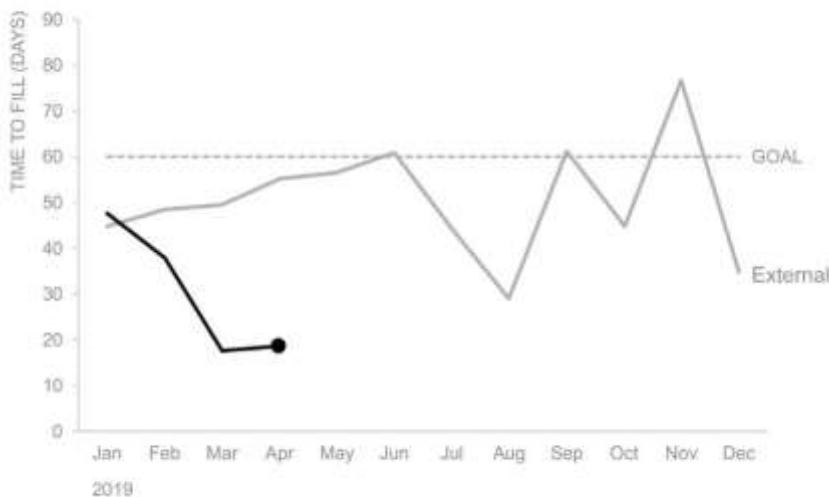


FIGURE 6.6h Internal time to fill low first few months of year

Add May

After showing the decrease in time to fill in the first months, we can now add the next one (May) to show an increase.

In [140...]

#Line with May added

```
partial_line3 = (
    alt.Chart(
        melted_table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Time to fill", fontSize = 18, fontWeight = "normal", anchor = "start"
        )
)
```

```

)
.mark_line()
.encode(
    x = alt.X(
        "Month",
        sort = None,
        axis = alt.Axis(
            labelAngle = 0,
            titleAnchor = "start",
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            titleFontWeight = "normal",
            ticks = False
        ),
        title = "2019",
        scale = alt.Scale(
            domain = [
                "Jan",
                "Feb",
                "Mar",
                "Apr",
                "May",
                "Jun",
                "Jul",
                "Aug",
                "Sep",
                "Oct",
                "Nov",
                "Dec"
            ]
        )
),
y = alt.Y(
    "Value",
    axis = alt.Axis(
        grid = False,
        titleAnchor = "end",
        labelColor = "#888888",
        titleColor = "#888888",
        titleFontWeight = "normal"
    ),
    title = "TIME TO FILL (DAYS)",
    scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 90])
),
color = alt.Color(
    "Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["black", "black"])), legend = None
)
.properties(width = 500)
.transform_filter(
    alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
        field = "Month", oneOf = ["Jan", "Feb", "Mar", "Apr", "May"]
    )
)
)

# Point for May
point_may = (
    alt.Chart()
    .mark_point(filled = True, color = "black", size = 50, opacity = 1)
)

```

```

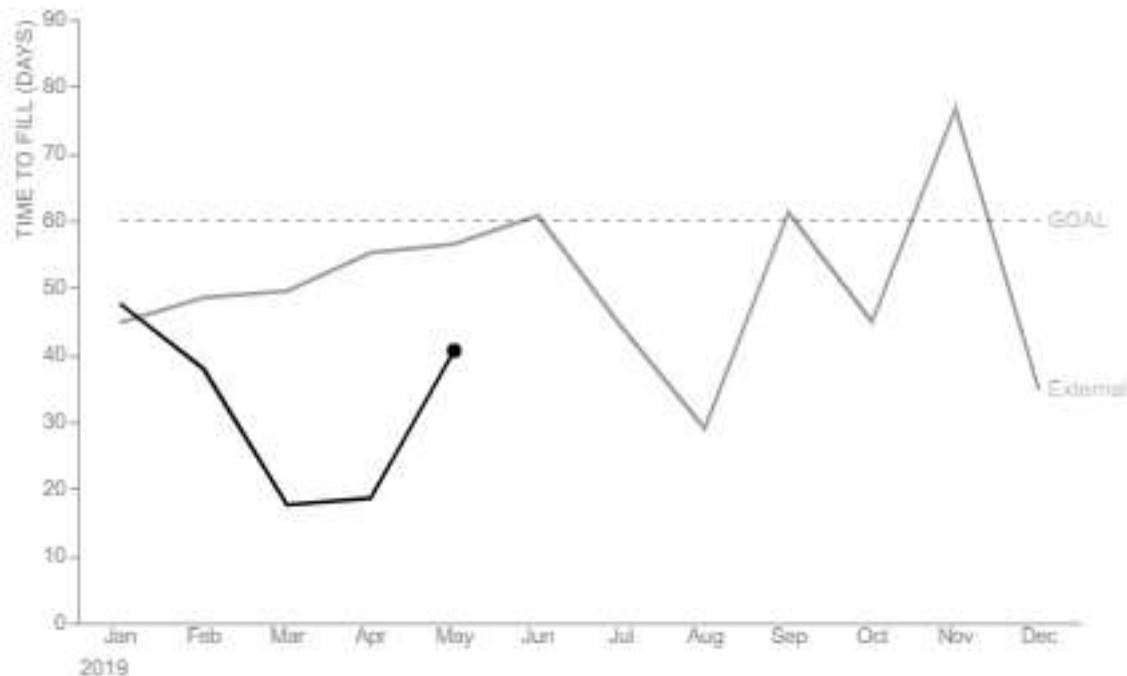
        .encode(x = alt.datum("May"), y = alt.datum(melted_table["Value"][[4]]))
    )

graph_8 = (
    partial_line3.transform_filter(alt.datum.Metric == "Internal")
    + goal_opaque
    + label_goal_opaque
    + point_may
    + external_opaque
    + label_opaque
).configure_view(stroke = None)
graph_8

```

Out[140...]

Time to fill



Visualization as depicted in the book:

Time to fill

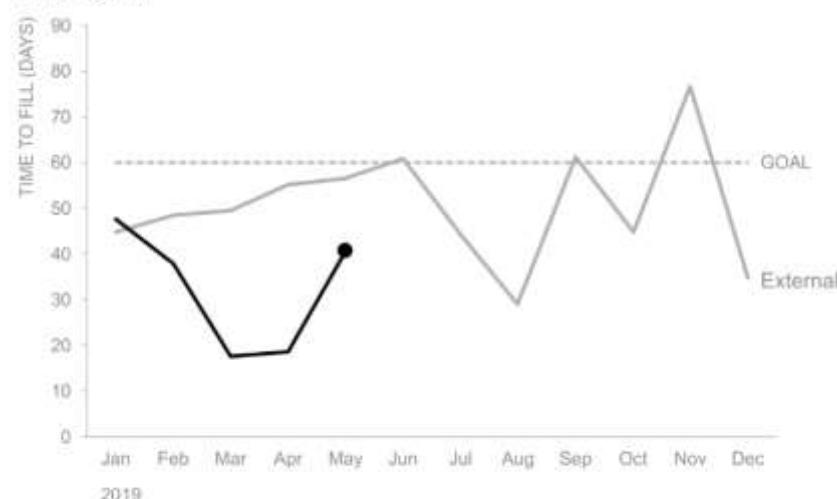


FIGURE 6.6i Increased April to May

Add months until September

Here we can see a small dip, before the data rising again.

```
In [141...]: # Line until September
partial_line4 = (
    alt.Chart(
        melted_table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Time to fill", fontSize = 18, fontWeight = "normal", anchor = "start"
        )
    )
    .mark_line()
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Month",
            sort = None,
            axis = alt.Axis(
                labelAngle = 0,
                titleAnchor = "start",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                ticks = False
            ),
            title = "2019",
            scale = alt.Scale(
                domain = [
                    "Jan",
                    "Feb",
                    "Mar",
                    "Apr",
                    "May",
                    "Jun",
                    "Jul",
                    "Aug",
                    "Sep",
                    "Oct",
                    "Nov",
                    "Dec"
                ]
            )
        ),
        y = alt.Y(
            "Value",
            axis = alt.Axis(
                grid = False,
                titleAnchor = "end",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal"
            ),
            title = "TIME TO FILL (DAYS)",
            scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 90])
        ),
        color = alt.Color(
            "Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["black"]), legend = None
        )
    )
    .properties(width = 500)
    .transform_filter(
```

```

        alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
            field = "Month",
            oneOf = ["Jan", "Feb", "Mar", "Apr", "May", "Jun", "Jul", "Aug", "Sep"]
        )
    )

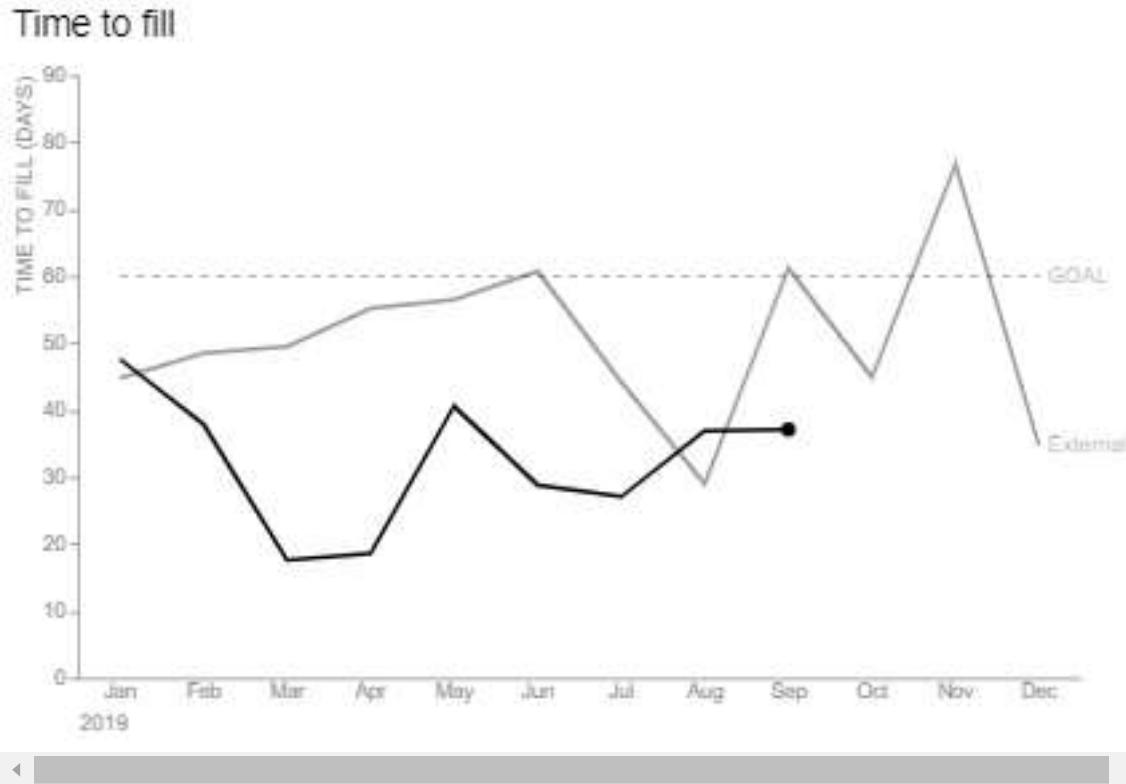
# Point for September
point_sep = (
    alt.Chart()
        .mark_point(filled = True, color = "black", size = 50, opacity = 1)
        .encode(x = alt.datum("Sep"), y = alt.datum(melted_table["Value"][8]))
)

graph_9 = (
    partial_line4.transform_filter(alt.datum.Metric == "Internal")
    + goal_opaque
    + label_goal_opaque
    + point_sep
    + external_opaque
    + label_opaque
).configure_view(stroke = None)

graph_9

```

Out[141...]



Visualization as depicted in the book:

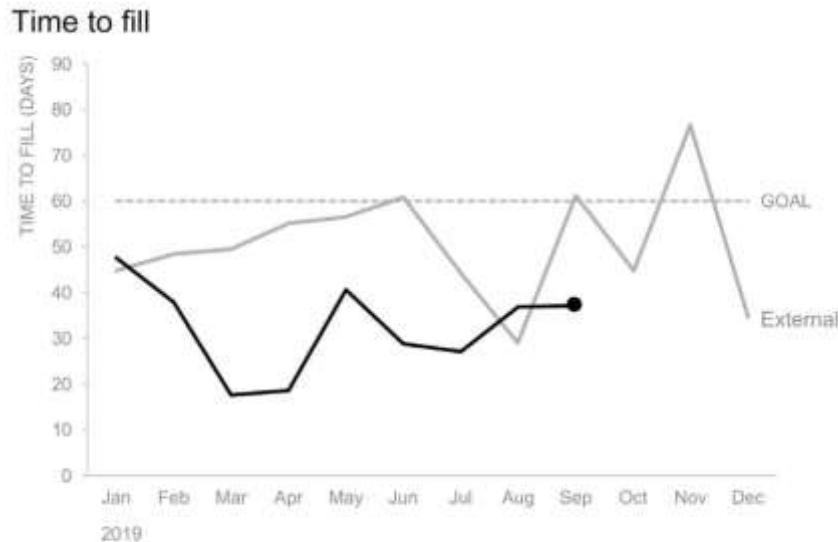


FIGURE 6.6j Another dip and increase

Add November

Here we can see another increase.

```
In [142...]: # Create Line until November
partial_line5 = (
    alt.Chart(
        melted_table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Time to fill", fontSize = 18, fontWeight = "normal", anchor = "start"
        ),
    )
    .mark_line()
    .encode(
        x = alt.X(
            "Month",
            sort = None,
            axis = alt.Axis(
                labelAngle = 0,
                titleAnchor = "start",
                labelColor = "#888888",
                titleColor = "#888888",
                titleFontWeight = "normal",
                ticks = False
            ),
            title = "2019",
            scale = alt.Scale(
                domain = [
                    "Jan",
                    "Feb",
                    "Mar",
                    "Apr",
                    "May",
                    "Jun",
                    "Jul",
                    "Aug",
                    "Sep",
                    "Oct",
                    "Nov",
                    "Dec"
                ],
                range = [0, 90]
            )
        )
    )
    .properties(
        title = alt.Title("Time to fill", fontStyle = "italic", color = "#888888"),
        width = 600,
        height = 400
    )
)
partial_line5
```

```

        "Dec"
    ]
),
y = alt.Y(
    "Value",
    axis = alt.Axis(
        grid = False,
        titleAnchor = "end",
        labelColor = "#888888",
        titleColor = "#888888",
        titleFontWeight = "normal"
    ),
    title = "TIME TO FILL (DAYS)",
    scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 90])
),
color = alt.Color(
    "Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["black"]), legend = None
),
)
.properties(width = 500)
.transform_filter(
    alt.FieldOneOfPredicate(
        field = "Month",
        oneOf = [
            "Jan",
            "Feb",
            "Mar",
            "Apr",
            "May",
            "Jun",
            "Jul",
            "Aug",
            "Sep",
            "Oct",
            "Nov"
        ]
    )
)
)

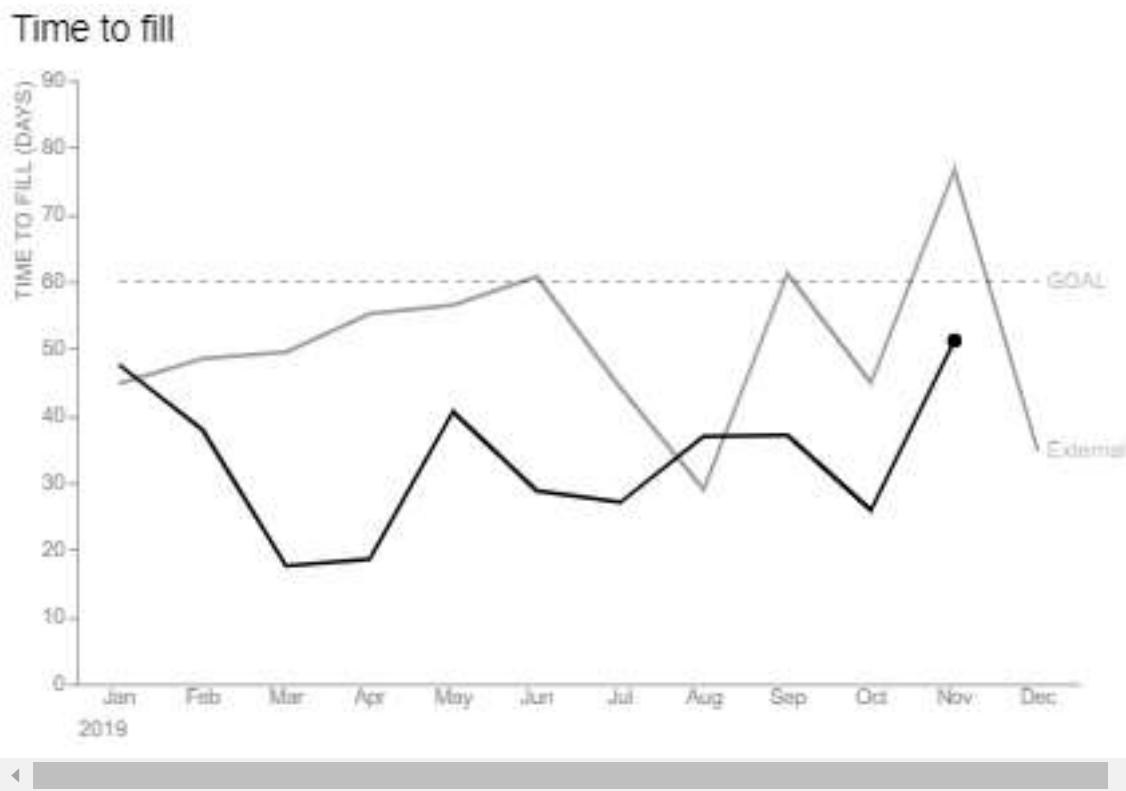
# Point for November
point_nov = (
    alt.Chart()
    .mark_point(filled = True, color = "black", size = 50, opacity = 1)
    .encode(x = alt.datum("Nov"), y = alt.datum(melted_table["Value"][10]))
)

graph_10 = (
    partial_line5.transform_filter(alt.datum.Metric == "Internal")
    + goal_opaque
    + label_goal_opaque
    + point_nov
    + external_opaque
    + label_opaque
).configure_view(stroke = None)

graph_10

```

Out[142...]



Visualization as depicted in the book:

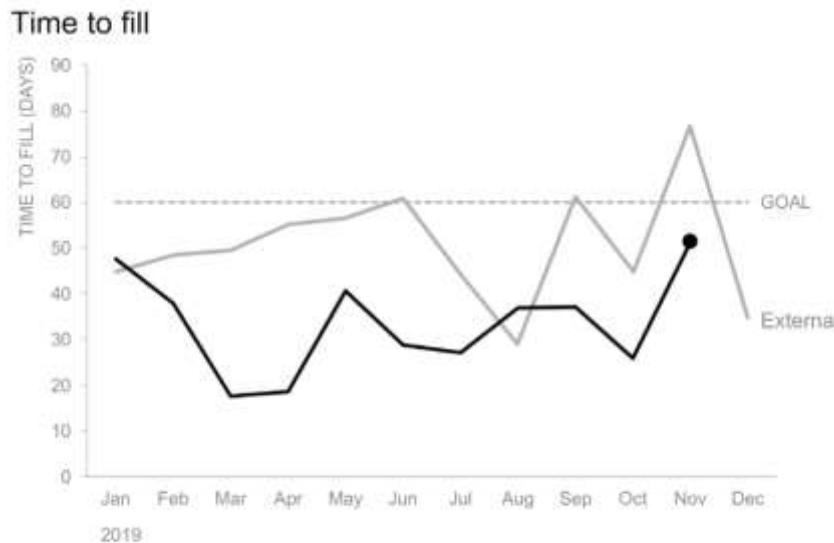


FIGURE 6.6k Yet another dip and increase

Add December

Adding the final month we can see that, despite having a last dip, the Internal time to fill finished the year higher than the External.

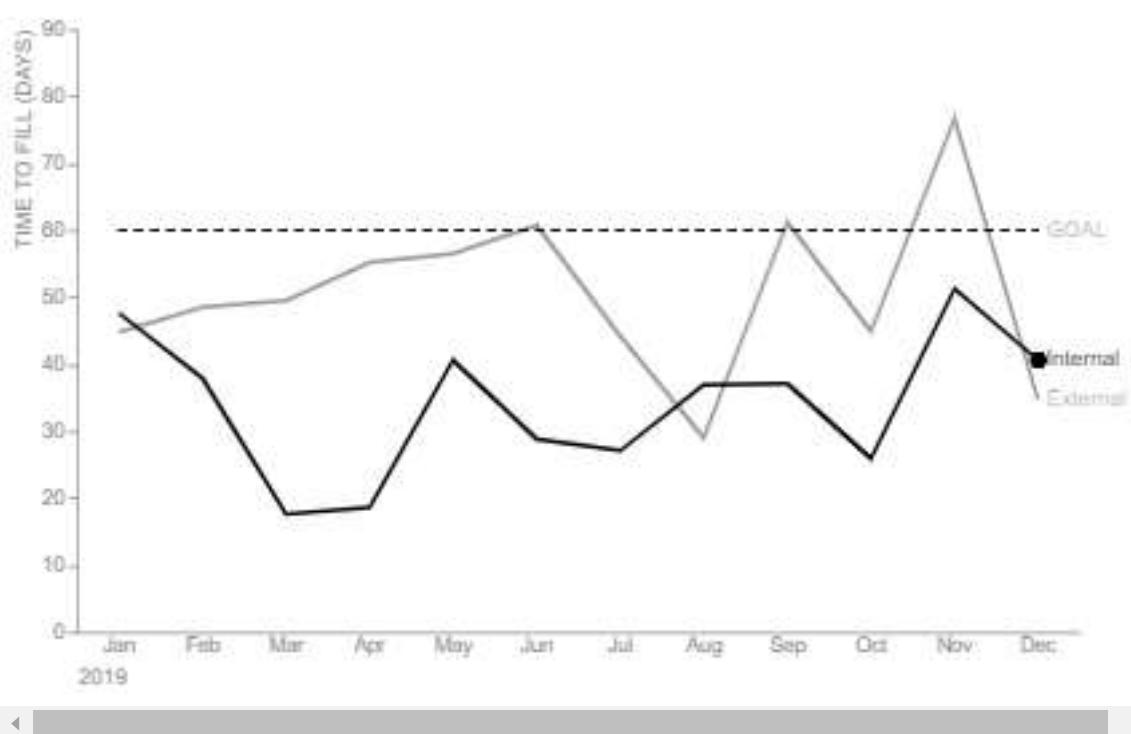
In [143...]

```
# Define point for December
point_dec = alt.Chart().mark_point(filled = True, color = 'black', size = 50, op
    x = alt.datum('Dec'),
    y = alt.datum(melted_table["Value"][11]))

# Add existing graphs
graph_11 = (line.transform_filter(alt.datum.Metric == 'Internal') + label_transf
    goal_opaque + label_goal_opaque + point_dec +
```

```
external_opaque + label_opaque).configure_view(stroke = None)
graph_11
```

Out[143...]



Visualization as depicted in the book:

Time to fill

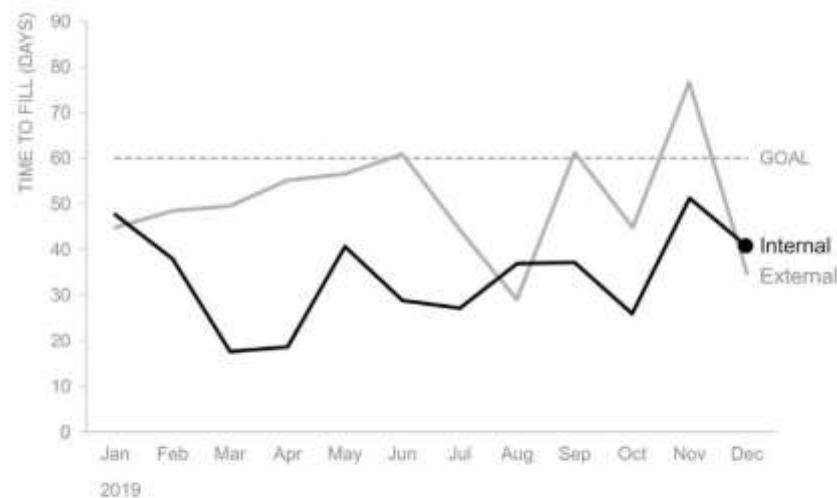


FIGURE 6.61 Internal ends the year above external

Final graph

We can now exhibit a final graph with all the values and the External lines colored blue.

In [144...]

```
# Line chart with External colored blue
line_color = (
    alt.Chart(
        melted_table,
        title = alt.Title(
            "Time to fill", fontSize = 18, fontWeight = "normal", anchor = "start"
        )
)
```

```

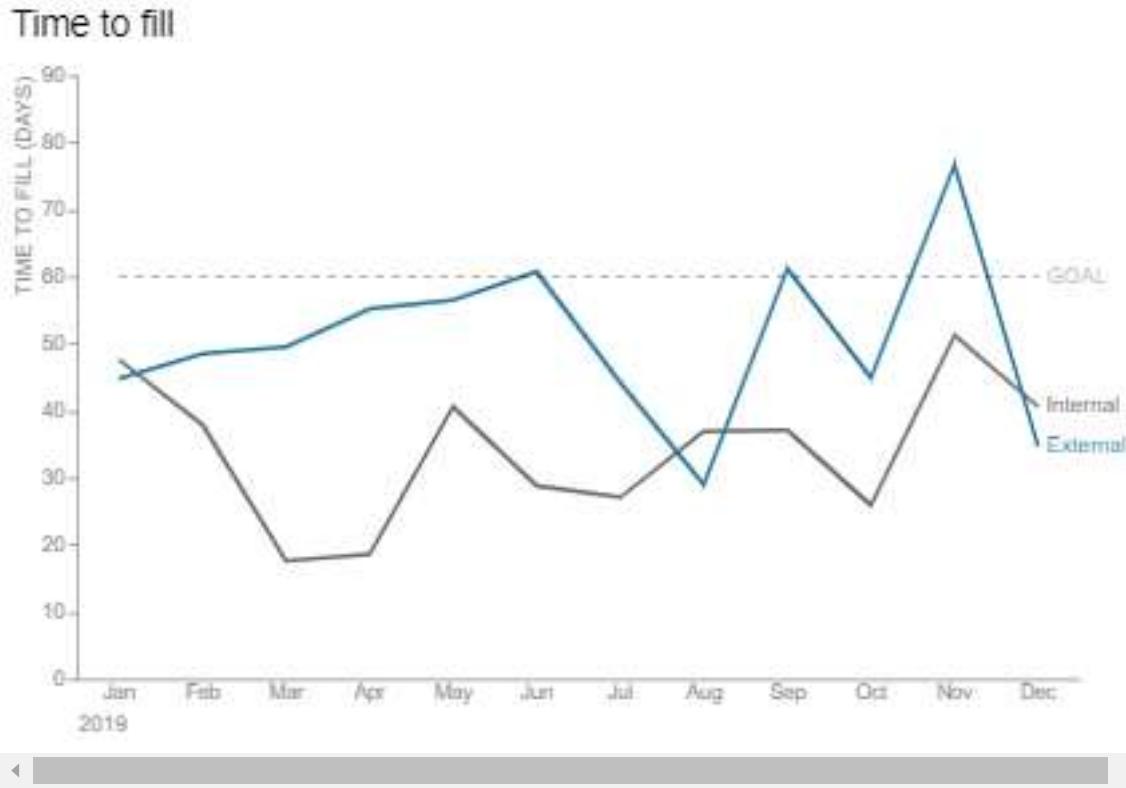
)
.mark_line()
.encode(
    x = alt.X(
        "Month",
        sort = None,
        axis = alt.Axis(
            labelAngle = 0,
            titleAnchor = "start",
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            titleFontWeight = "normal",
            ticks = False
        ),
        title = "2019"
    ),
    y = alt.Y(
        "Value",
        axis = alt.Axis(
            grid = False,
            titleAnchor = "end",
            labelColor = "#888888",
            titleColor = "#888888",
            titleFontWeight = "normal"
        ),
        title = "TIME TO FILL (DAYS)",
        scale = alt.Scale(domain = [0, 90])
    ),
    color = alt.Color(
        "Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#1d779c", "#676767"]), legend
    )
)
.properties(width = 500)
)

# Labeling with External colored blue
label_color = (
    alt.Chart(melted_table)
    .mark_text(align = "left", dx = 4)
    .encode(
        x = alt.datum("Dec"),
        y = alt.Y("Value"),
        text = alt.Text("Metric"),
        color = alt.Color(
            "Metric", scale = alt.Scale(range = ["#1d779c", "#676767"]), legend
        )
    )
    .transform_filter((alt.datum.Month == "Dec"))
)

graph_12 = (line_color + goal_opaque + label_goal_opaque + label_color).configure(
    stroke = None
)
graph_12

```

Out[144...]



Visualization as depicted in the book:

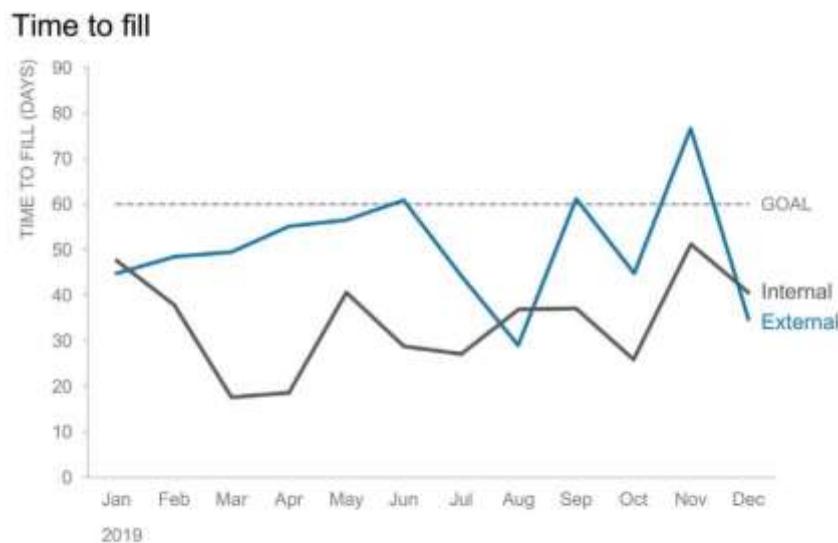


FIGURE 6.6m Let's discuss the implications looking forward

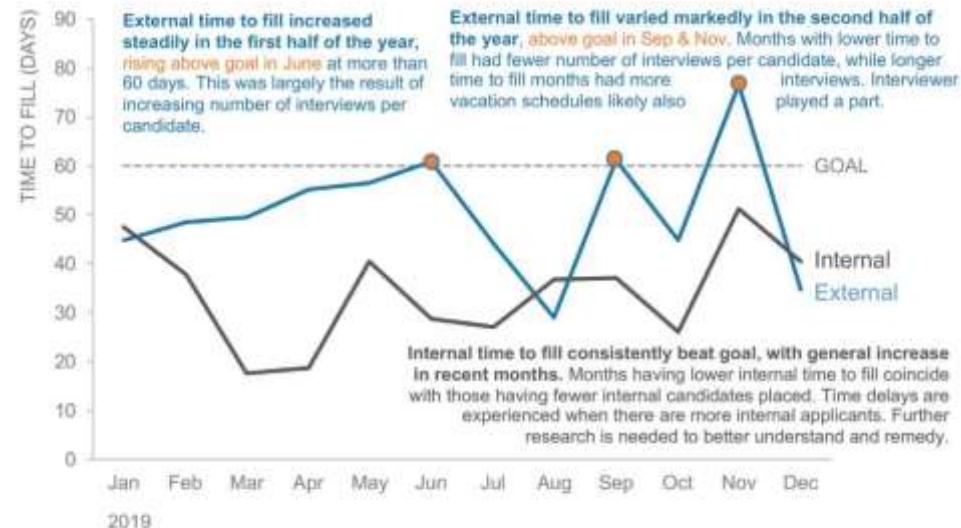
The exercise still presents a graph to be used as a summarization of the ones above. However, instead of replicating it, we will focus on creating an animation with the visualizations we already have.

Last graph from the book:

Time to fill role discussion needed: where do we go from here?

Both **External** and Internal time to fill have varied in the past year. Understanding contributing factors—number of interviews, vacation schedules, and current internal transfer volume constraints—can help us better plan for the future.

Time to fill



LET'S DISCUSS: Should we put stricter guidelines around maximum number of interviews? How can we keep vacation schedules from impacting time to hire? What can we do to improve efficiency of internal transfer process in order to better handle higher volumes?

FIGURE 6.6n Fully annotated view to be distributed

Animation

For our animation, we will leave Altair and use `ipywidgets`. The code is as follows.

```
In [145...]: # List of the graphs
graphs = [graph_1, graph_2, graph_3, graph_4, graph_5, graph_6, graph_7, graph_8]

# Create function
def demo(i):
    clear_output(wait = True)
    if 0 <= i < len(graphs):
        chart = graphs[i]
    else:
        chart = None
    display(chart)

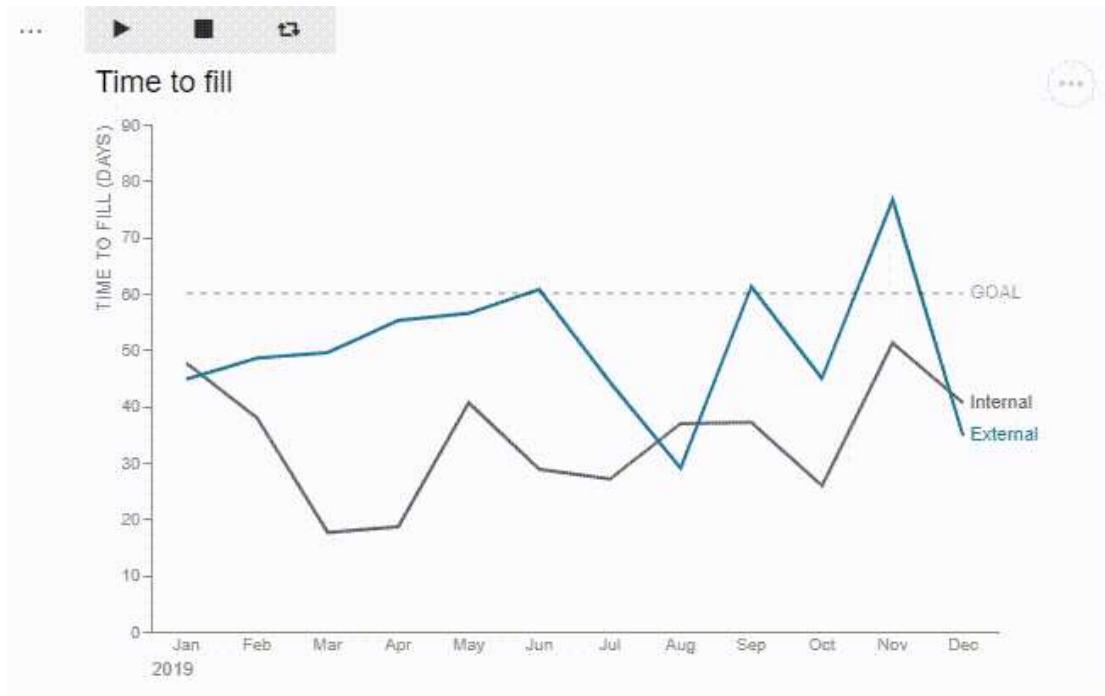
# Create the animation
interact(demo, i = widgets.Play(
    value = 0,
    min = 0,
    max = 11,
    step = 1,
    description = "Press play",
    interval = 2000))

interactive(children=(Play(value=0, description='Press play', interval=2000, max=11), Output()), _dom_classes=...
```

Out[145...]: <function __main__.demo(i)>

It is important to note, however, that the application above only works in Live Kernels (therefore not running on an HTML file). For that reason, we will upload a GIF of a screen recording.

GIF for the animation:



The end :)

Cell to create the .html

This code was created by Søren Fuglede Jørgensen and can be found [here](#). Please make sure any changes are saved before running this cell.

```
In [ ]: with open('index.ipynb') as nb_file:
    nb_contents = nb_file.read()

    # Convert using the ordinary exporter
    notebook = nbformat.reads(nb_contents, as_version=4)

    # HTML Export
    html_exporter = nbconvert.HTMLExporter()
    body, res = html_exporter.from_notebook_node(notebook)

    # Create a dict mapping all image attachments to their base64 representations
    images = {}
    for cell in notebook['cells']:
        if 'attachments' in cell:
            attachments = cell['attachments']
            for filename, attachment in attachments.items():
                for mime, base64 in attachment.items():
                    images[f'attachment:{filename}'] = f'data:{mime};base64,{base64}

    # Fix up the HTML and write it to disk
    for src, base64 in images.items():
```

```
body = body.replace(f'src="{src}"', f'src="{base64}"')

# Write HTML to file
with open('index.html', 'w') as html_output_file:
    html_output_file.write(body)
```