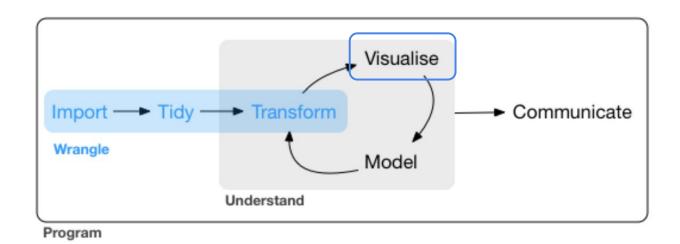
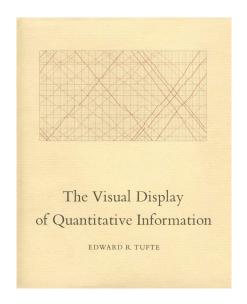
4.1 Visualization

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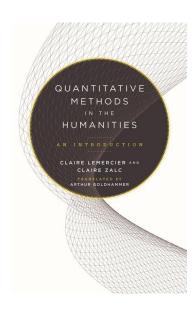
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Purpose(s)

The purpose of data visualization is to make **quantitative** data **legible**:

- for oneself → data exploration (know your data!)
- for others → communication of results

Data visualizations tell (fake) stories

Implications

All parts of the process (from creation of quantified information to producing visualizations) are acts of interpretation — *data* vs *capta*.

Basic principles

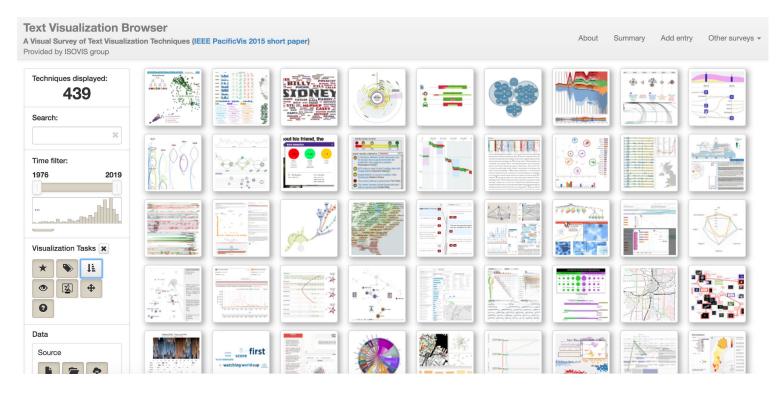
The graphic qualities of visualizations have a strong rhetorical force (different types of viz, different rhetoric).

Some visualizations are more suitable to a given dataset than others. In some cases a table works better than a diagram.

Keep it simple. Small multiples are useful when comparison matters. Complexity is broken down into small multiples.

Keep it true. Surfaces and lengths should be proportional to the quantity represented.

Breadth of text visualization types



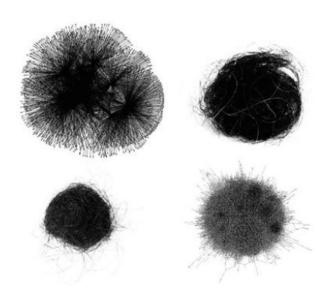
http://textvis.lnu.se/

Network data and hairballs

Graph visualization as an example of unlegible data representation/visualization

To overcome this:

- use alternative representations (adjacency matrix)
- remove data to show meaningful patterns

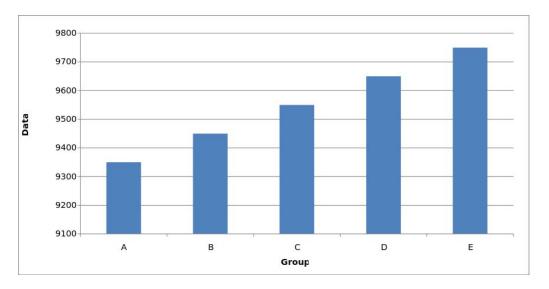


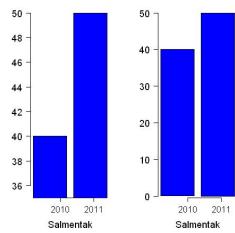
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Data visualization done wrong

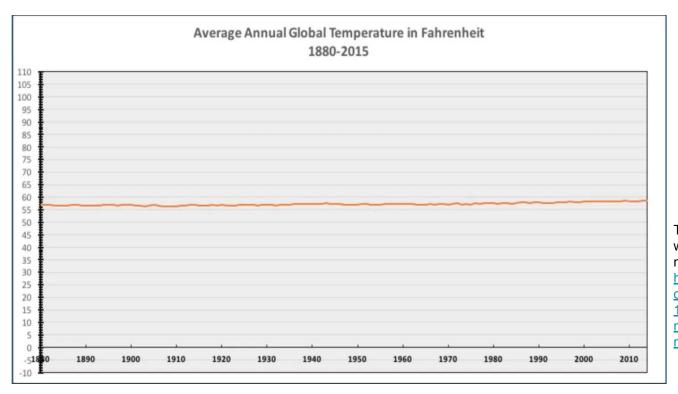
- 1. The y-axis
- 2. Binning
- 3. Unreadability
- 4. Missing proportionality
- 5. Improper scaling
- 6. Aberrations

Also cf. http://callingbullshit.org/tools.html



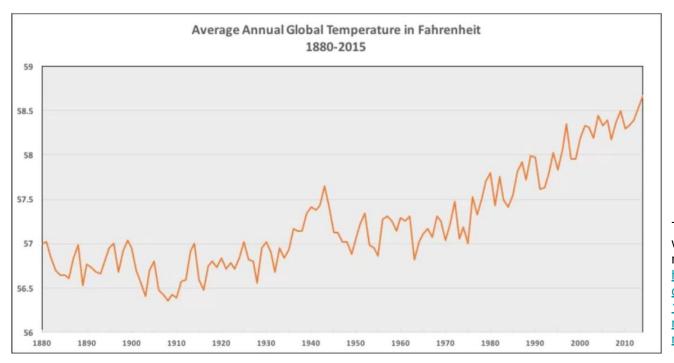


The y-axis



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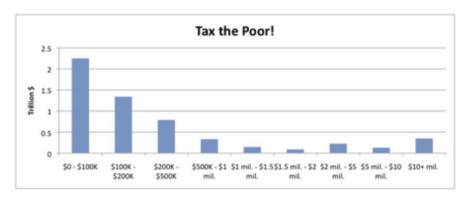
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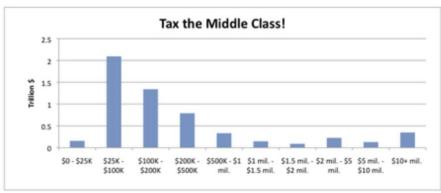
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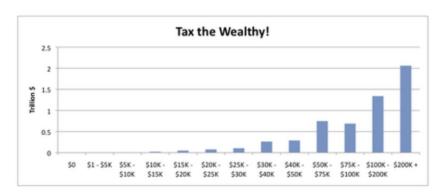
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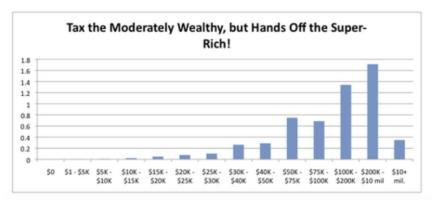
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Binning

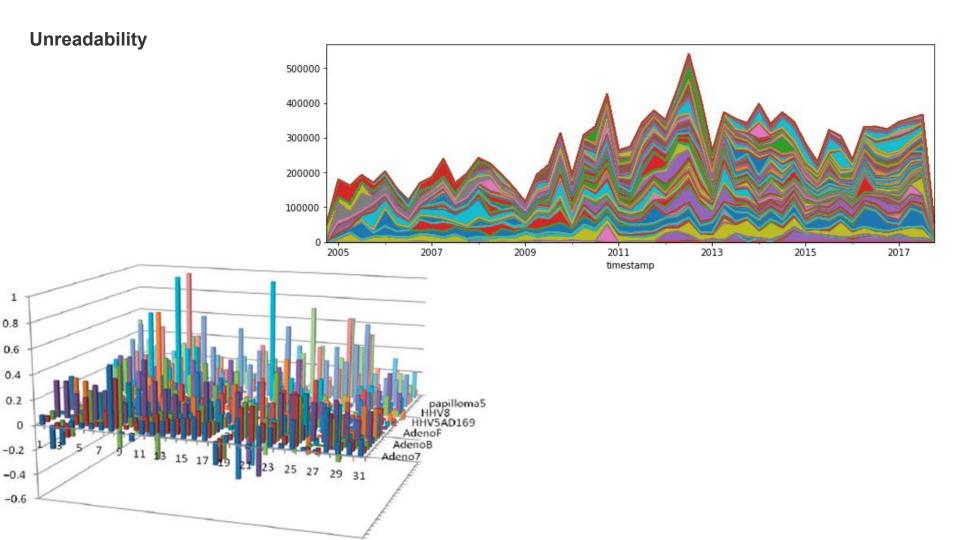




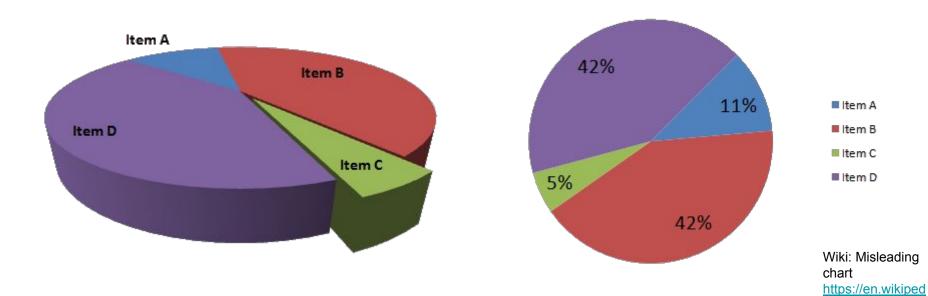




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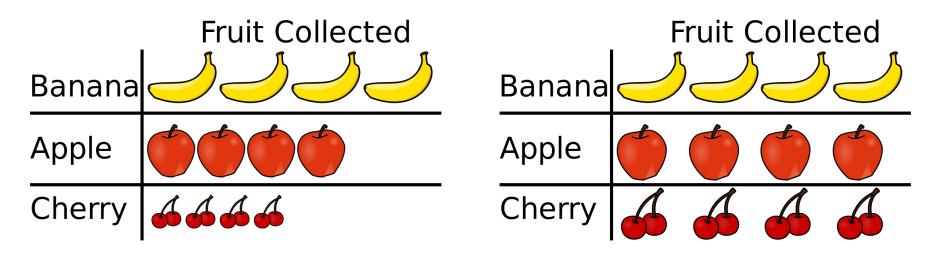


Missing proportionality



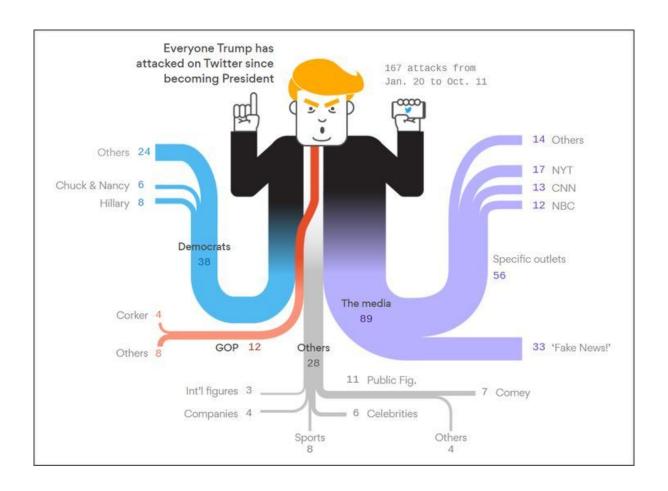
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Improper scaling

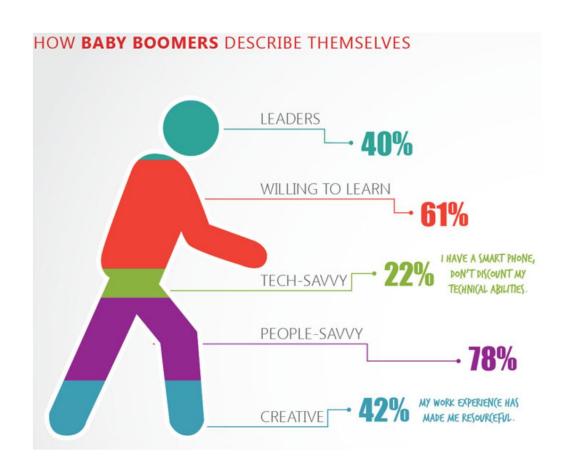


Wiki: Misleading chart https://en.wikiped ia.org/wiki/Misleading graph

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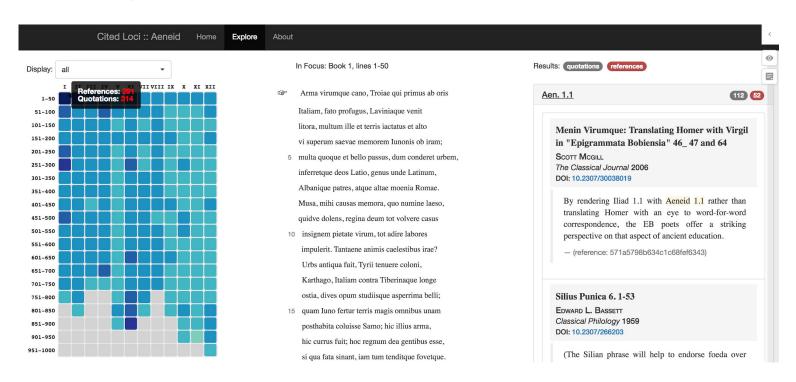
Tools, libraries, frameworks

(GUI) Palladio, Tableau Exploration

(Python, static) matplotlib, seaborn Scientific communication

(JS libraries) d3.js, ecc. Viz embedded in web applications

From static to dynamic visualization



https://mromanello.github.io/Aeneid_in_JSTOR/

A final example



