Building a Custom Data Chart

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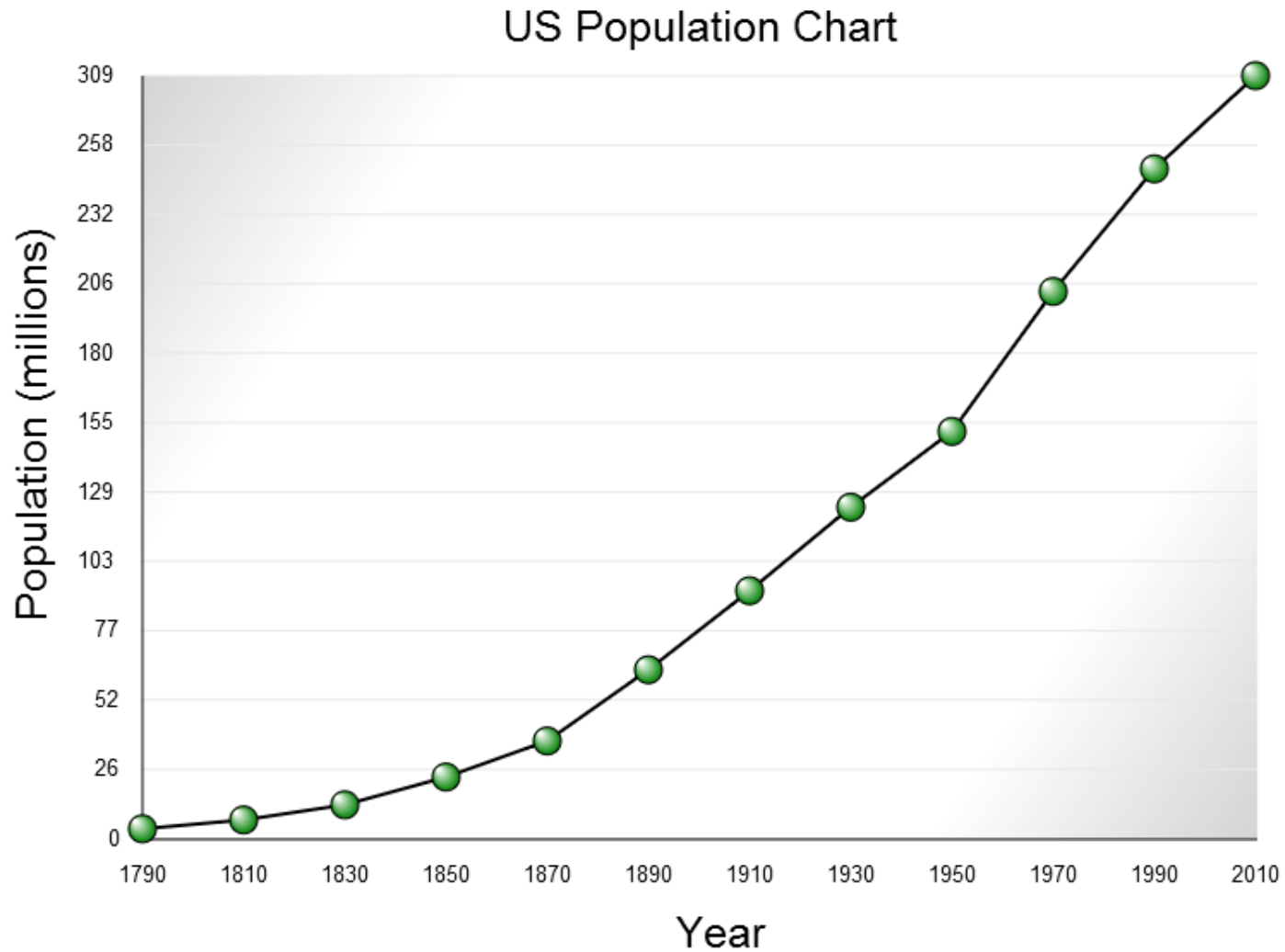http://weblogs.asp.net/dwahlin

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CanvasChart Object

US Population Chart

CanvasChart Features

- **Features found in the CanvasChart object:**
  - Render lines and points
  - Display text on x and y axes
  - Use of gradients
  - Built-in animations as chart loads
  - Mouse interactions
  - Dynamic data overlay
  - Settings object that allows control over how the chart renders
  - Script follows the Revealing Module Pattern

CanvasChart API

- **CanvasChart has the following public API:**

  render(canvasID, dataObj)
    - Initializes the overlay div
    - Locates the canvas and creates the 2d context
    - Calculates chart maximums and ratio based on data
    - Kicks off the rendering process by calling private functions

  renderType
    - Property that allows the type of chart rendering to be defined (lines and/or points)

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