

# Architecture

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# **Quick note about the rest of class**

**Wednesday (make up on Friday):** Interactive experience discussions

**Friday:** BART visualization

**Monday:** Interactive visualization extension (assigned today)

**May 14:** Final project (assigned on Wednesday)

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- **Example of level design.**
- Three architectures applied to data visualization from games.
- Revisiting the AFSC GAP visualization.
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## An example of level design / architecture



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# Architecture 3: Levels

You're looking at the sales overview. A pie chart reports the sales mix in a sadly equivalent manner. Near it, a few circles tell the somber regional mix of the company. Bar charts are everywhere like a steel blue forest.

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*If you decide to dive into the country analysis in a vain hope to discover how to exploit European desire for tasteful widgets, turn to page 173.*

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*If you decide to look at individual salesperson performance, knowing that the only real reason for slumping profits is that they've forgotten their ABCs, turn to page 14.*

You're in a **data dashboard** at the edge of the data platform. In front of you are several **Bar Charts** a **Pie Chart** and a **Weird Circle Chart**. Tabs lead to the **Sales View**, the **Country View**, **Annual Summary**, and **Period View**.

>inventory

You are carrying a **categorical insight** and a **time series anomaly**.

>examine bar charts

These are fine specimens of the wizard Playfair's (232 GUE) "barred" chart. A **threshold insight** is on one of them.

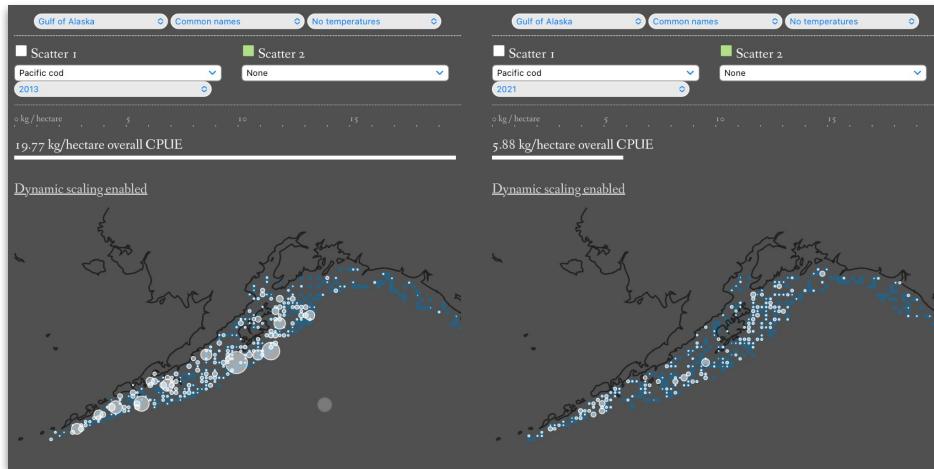
The above data dashboard, reimagined as a Choose Your Own Adventure (left) or Interactive Fiction (right) in the vein of Zork.

By viewing a dashboard as a thing having **space** and **artifacts**, you can think about how to optimize players moving through a complex world **collecting** insights. You can map how your users move through the dashboard to better design how they might. You can

**Levels:** Modulate what is visible to the user at any given moment in time, offer hints towards other areas.

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# Architecture 2: Hayashida Design

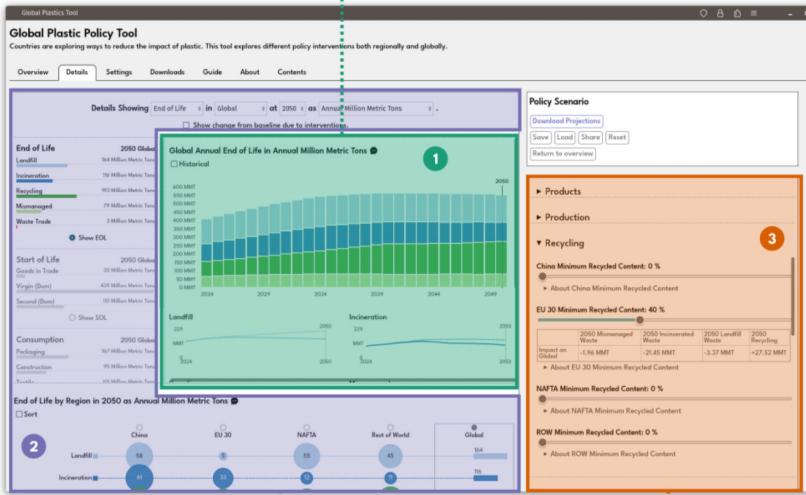


To support learning this UI, an optional introduction sequence tutorializes a “real” analysis via Hayashida design ([Brown, 2015](#); [Nutt & Hayashida, 2012](#)):

- **Introduction:** The tool shows information about Pacific cod with pre-filled controls used to achieve that analysis gradually fading in, asking the user for minor modifications.
- **Development:** Using the mechanics introduced moments prior, the tool invites the user to change the analysis to compare different regions.
- **Twist:** Enabling overlays on the same display, the user leverages mechanics they just exercised in a now more complex interface.
- **Conclusion:** The visualization invites the user to demonstrate skills acquired in a new problem.

# Architecture 3: Triangle Design

## 1. Valley: Current region shows deep detail / local landmarks



## 3. Mechanics impact whole world

## 2. Over the hill: Landmarks support quick insights and navigation

**Valleys and hills:** Modulate what is visible to the user at any given moment in time, offer hints towards other areas.

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Mario World 1-1

# Super Mario: Level 1-1



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