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The right mindset

Network visualization is messy. You get into technical difficulties and have to search the internet and peoples minds for solutions. The data itself is often inconsistent and you need to find ways to still get insights from it. The whole process is full of trial and error with many dead ends. There is no undo for most actions in network visualization. If you like a specific view on the data, better export it, because with the press of a button it may look totally different and even if you start with the same file and do the same things, the result will probably look different. It is possible to re-create certain views, but it takes a lot of time.

Get ready to get your hands dirty and spend hours without getting anywhere and keep going or starting fresh the next day. Over time it gets better. You will learn other peoples tricks and develop your own to get faster to useful results. You will experience the bliss of data that finally makes sense and the satisfaction when you share a beautiful visualization with others.

Keep going, share your process, save often and have fun.