

Design Studio partner: Mandy Tam

Overall She thinks it's a great project and I have a well thought out design: informative, clean, and attractive.

General Questions

Are the objectives interesting to the target audience?

Yes, interesting topic to a lay audience like herself (she said). For people with a keen interest in water consumption and cotton production, this is an engaging and interactive way for them to explore the data

Is the scope of the project appropriate? If not, suggest improvements.

Yes, she thinks it is appropriate

Is the split between optional and must-have features appropriate? Why?

It makes sense to her. The optional time slider (and perhaps animation) would be very nice to this set of data. Among the optionals she thinks that's the most useful one for this dataset.

Is the visualization innovative? Creative? Why?

She likes my thoughts about using either raindrop vs pie vs stacked bar to compare blue vs green water. It is wonderful that I have the full scale test sketches for those. That makes it so much easier to picture what the final product would look like. She agrees with me that the raindrop is a cool idea but it's more sugary then effective. She also agrees that either the bar/stacked bar is actually more effective. She also likes the icons under the country detail.

Does the visualization scale to the used dataset? Could it handle larger but similar datasets?

She said it seems like it will be a robust design to handle similar datasets.

Visual Encoding

Does the visualization follow the principles used in class?

Yeah, it is clean, no unnecessary elements

What is the primary visual encoding? Does it match to the most important aspect of the data?

The choropleth map for the cotton data plus the pie/stacked bar for water data and ratio.

What other visual variables are used? Are they effective?

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Is color sensibly used? If not, suggest improvements.

She thinks the color scheme is visually pleasing, makes sense (green for green water, blue for blue water). The 3 main color encodings (R, G, B) complement each other so they look like equal rather than having one stands out more than another.

Interaction and Animation

Is the interaction meaningful? If not, suggest improvements.

The interactive time scale is great and allows changes to be seen over time. The zoomed in detailed view is nicely designed. The type-in search bar is great in case someone doesn't know exactly where a particular country is on the map.

If multiple views, are they coordinated? If not, would it be meaningful?

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Is there any animation planned? Is it clear? Is it intuitive?

Yes, She thinks it's a wonderful idea. It is clear and intuitive.

How Will I address the feedback in future revisions

There is no critic so nothing to address.

I already implemented the optional feature of the time slider

Briefly comment on the quality of the feedback you received

I was good to hear only positive things but I think there is always something to criticize. It's always helpful to get positive feedback though.