CS 5630 / 6630 Project Peer Feedback

We presented our project and its proposal to a group. The group members were
1. Mattia de Grespan
2. Spencer

We splitted the time in two sessions of roughly 40 minutes and we explained our project and the proposal providing appropriate documentation and images.

The following is the transcript of the comments given by the reviewing team.

Spencer
1. Confusion regarding Map layout
2. The possible use of a Cartogram instead of the actual map layout in order to accommodate the clicking and visualization of smaller states
3. Comments about the use of GEOJson and the utility of semantic zooming.

Mattia
1. To provide a proper channel in order to encode the data that we were planning to display using the treemap.

The feedback was vital in a sense that it helped us to streamline the project and focus more on the pertinent aspects of the project.
It also helped us to iron out some choices regarding some charts and graphs.

After the session our team had an internal discussion amongst ourselves and the Teaching Assistant. The excerpts from the discussion were as follows.

1. We are opting to use the actual Map for the visualization. The concerns regarding the smaller states, we plan to draw arrows in order to facilitate easy clicking and navigation.
2. The TA suggested us to think about the placement of our charts and to make sure that we use the available area ergonomically.
3. The TA also told us to trim the amount of data to be shown and not clutter the visualization with number of charts.
4. To make the visualization more appealing, the TA suggested to use a fixed view which would allow the user to easily maneuver the page.