Introduction to Data Visualization

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Agenda

- What is Data Visualization?
- Data Visualization Framework
- 3 Types of Data Visualization
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What is Data Visualization?

Data visualization is the graphical representation of information and data. By using visual elements like charts, graphs, and maps, data visualization tools provide an accessible way to see and understand trends, outliers, and patterns in data.

In the world of Big Data, data visualization tools and technologies are essential to analyze massive amounts of information and make data-driven decisions.

Data Visualization Framework
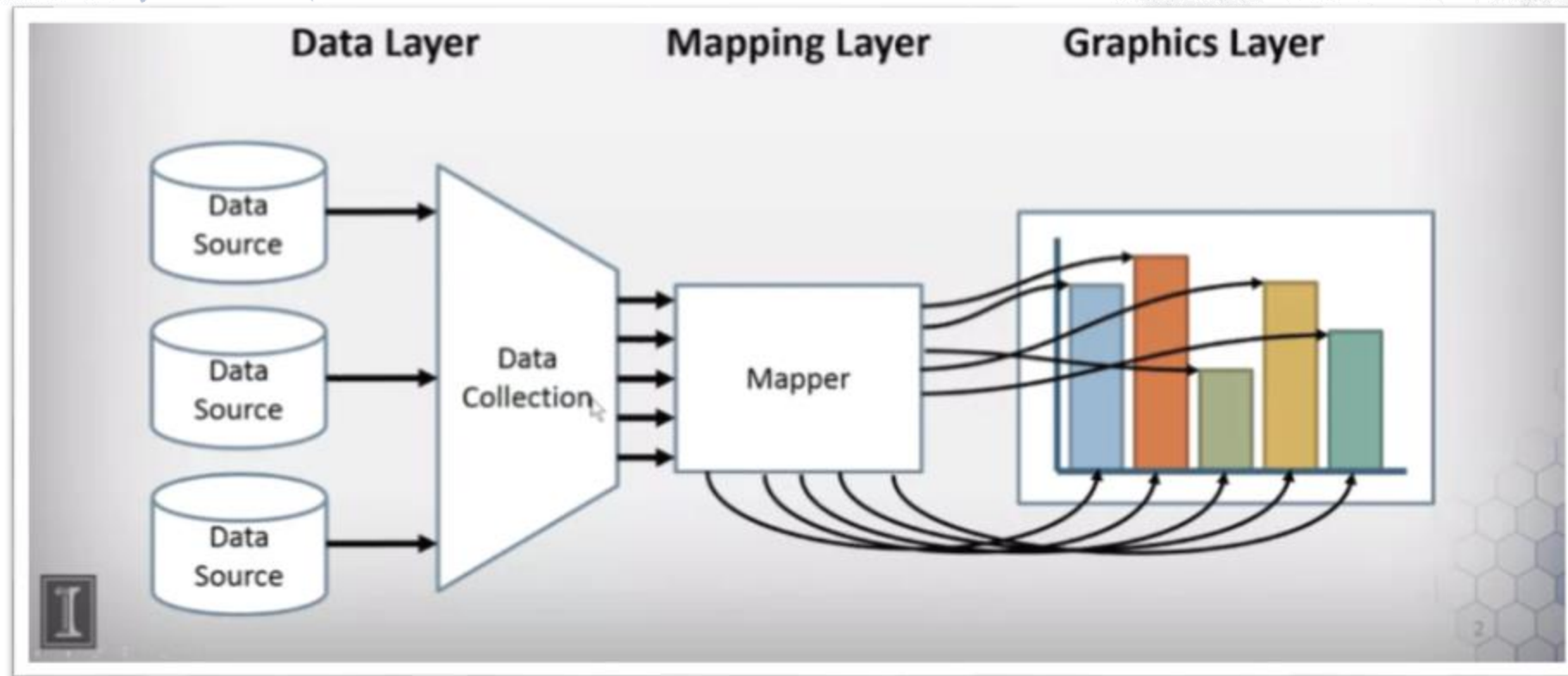
Data Layer

- Purposes:
  - Locating and obtaining data
  - Importing data in proper format
  - Relating data for proper correspondence
  - Data analysis and aggregation

- Data Types
  - Discrete vs Continuous
  - Ordered vs Unordered

	Discrete (no between values)	Continuous (values between)
Ordered (values are comparable)	Ordinal, e.g. size: S,M,L,XL,… Quantitative, e.g. counts: 1,2,3,…	Fields, e.g. altitude, temperature
Unordered (values not comparable)	Nominal, e.g. shape: □○△ Categories, e.g. nationality	Cyclic values, e.g. directions, hues

Mapping Layer

- Purposes
  - Associating appropriate geometry with corresponding data channels
  - Data analysis and algorithms

- Perceptual Accuracy

Quantitative	Ordinal	Nominal
Position	Position	Position
Length	Density	Hue
Angle	Saturation	Texture
Slope	Hue	Connection
Area	Texture	Containment
Volume	Connection	Density
Density	Containment	Saturation
Saturation	Length	Shape
Hue	Angle	Length
	Slope	Angle
	Area	Slope
	Volume	Area
		Volume

Graphics Layer

- Purposes:
  - Conversion of geometry into displayable image
  - Decorations
  - Managing interaction
- Common Charts
  - Bar Chart, Line Chart, Scatter Plots and Gantt Chart
- What to use?

		Nominal or Q. Discrete	Quantitative Continuous
Dep.	Quantitative Continuous	Bar	Line
	Quantitative Discrete	Bar	Bar
Ind.	Quantitative Continuous	Gantt	Scatter
	Nominal or Q. Discrete	Table	Gantt
		Nominal or Q. Discrete	Quantitative Continuous
		Independent	

3 Types of Data Visualization

- **Interactive Visualization**
  - Used for discovery
  - Intended for a single investigator or collaborators
  - Pre-renders based on input
  - Prototype quality
  - e.g. Tableau public
  - https://public.tableau.com/profile/wing.chan7063#!/vizhome/MoviesDashboard_15619067238430/Dashboard

- **Presentation Visualization**
  - Used for communication
  - Intended for large group or mass audience
  - Does not support user input
  - Highly polished
  - e.g. Electric cars sales
  - https://cleantechnica.com/2019/05/24/visualization-2012-2019-us-electric-car-sales-this-is-a-must-see/

- **Interactive Storytelling**
  - Presentations via interactive webpages
  - Narrative, using data to tell a story
  - Invites viewers to explore further
  - A medium for data journalism
  - e.g. The Economist: Big Mac Index
  - https://www.economist.com/news/2019/01/10/the-big-mac-index

Tableau Demo

- Tool: Tableau Public

- Data: Titantic Survival dataset from Kaggle
  - https://www.kaggle.com/c/titanic/data

- Demo: Titantic Survival Dashboard
  - https://public.tableau.com/profile/wing.chan7063#!/vizhome/TitanticDashboard/Dashboard

Questions?