

# **How to Map a Sequential Path or anything else.**

**Sleeper Ch. 33, 34**

**Sequential Path** is about displaying multiple destinations in sequential order, such as a viz to document travel between stops:  
<https://playfairdata.com/practical-tableau-3-creative-ways-use-dashboard-actions/>

The world's biggest connect the dots:  
<https://ideas.ted.com/how-do-you-make-the-worlds-biggest-connect-the-dots/>

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# Connect the Dots Pokemon



# Data Source for the Map

This example is connecting to the following data source:

Trip Name	Stop	Latitude	Longitude	City	Country
A. DeVos SBM Reunion in Orlando - October 2011	1	39.0997	-94.5783	Kansas City	United States
A. DeVos SBM Reunion in Orlando - October 2011	2	28.538	-81.379	Orlando	United States
A. DeVos SBM Reunion in Orlando - October 2011	3	29.8947	-81.3144	St. Augustine	United States
A. DeVos SBM Reunion in Orlando - October 2011	4	30.3369	-81.6614	Jacksonville	United States
A. DeVos SBM Reunion in Orlando - October 2011	5	28.538	-81.379	Orlando	United States
A. DeVos SBM Reunion in Orlando - October 2011	6	39.0997	-94.5783	Kansas City	United States

# How to Map a Sequential Path

Change your **Stop** field from a Measure to a Metric:

- Right-click on the **Stop** field > **Convert to Dimension**

Drag the following measures to create a map:

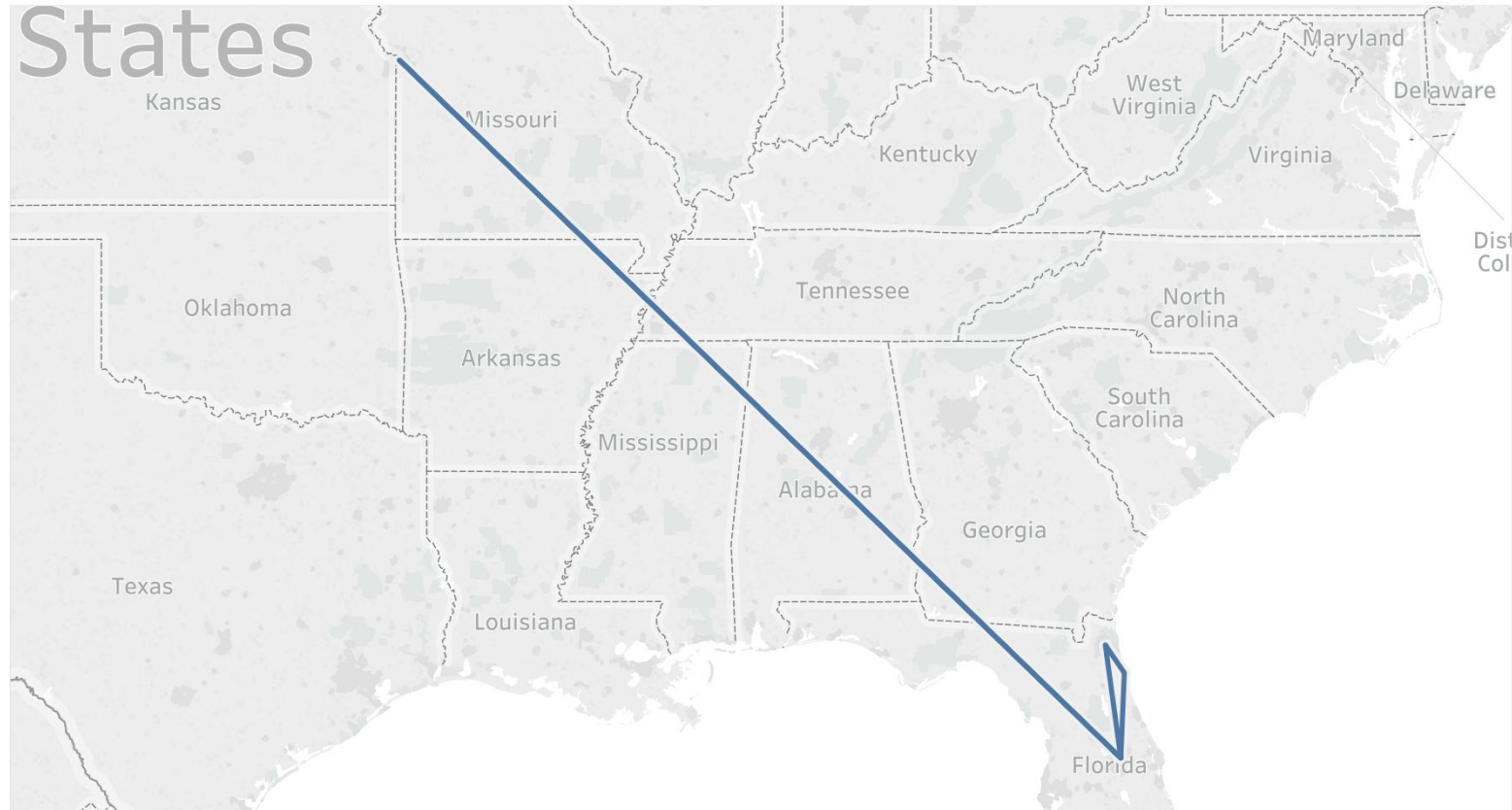
- Columns: **AVG(Longitude)**
- Rows: **AVG(Latitude)**

Change the Marks Type from **Automatic** to **Line**.

Display the path:

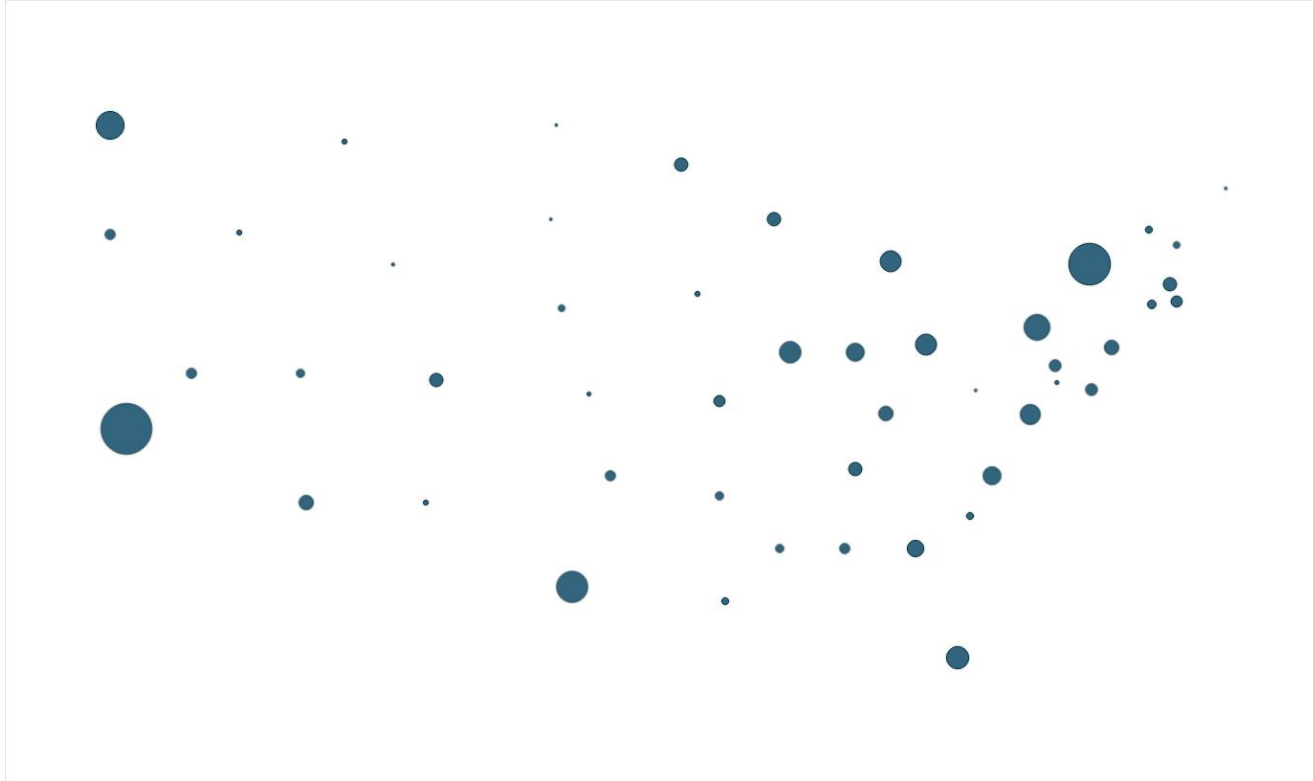
- Path Marks Card: **Stop**

## A Sequential Path Map

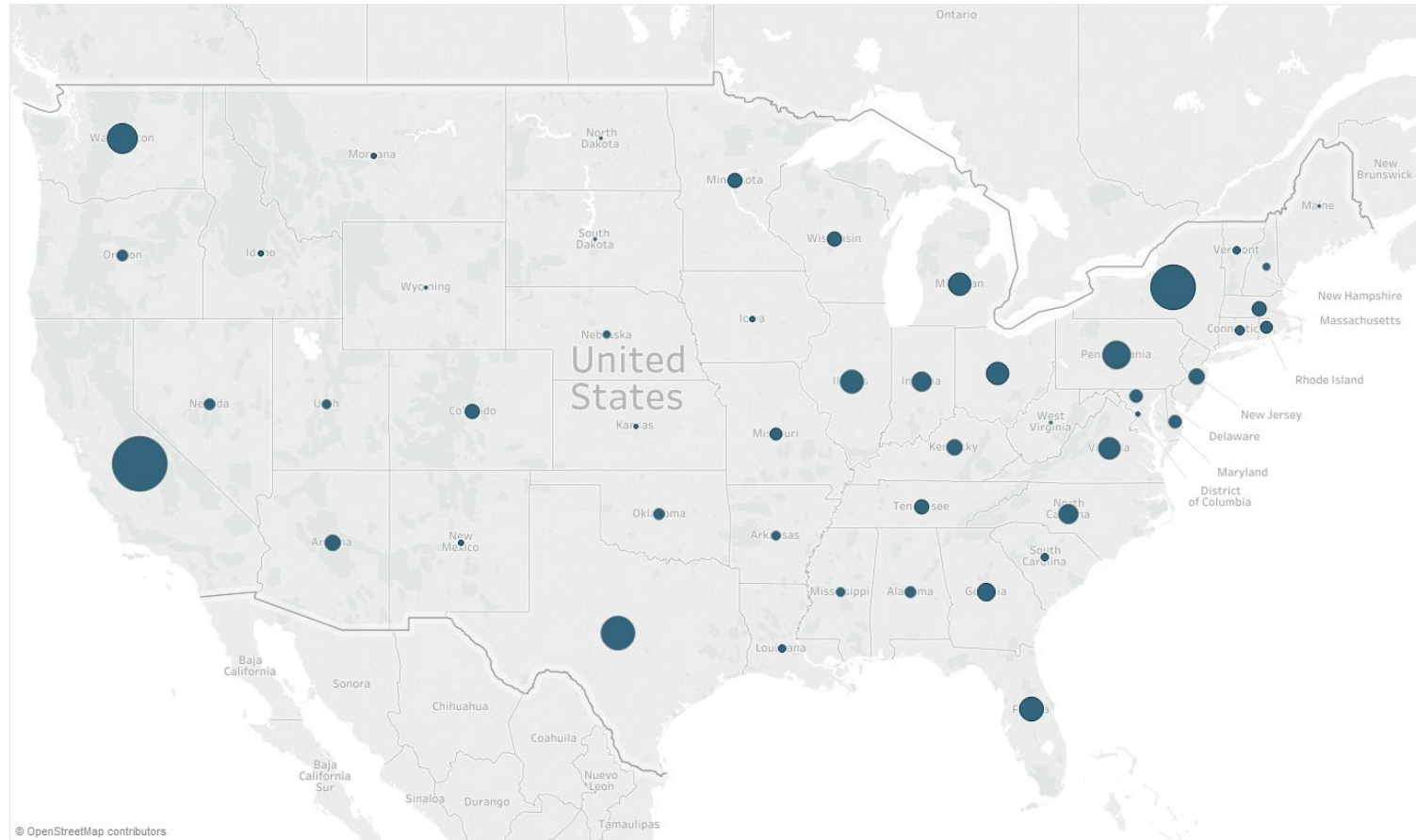


Map based on average of Longitude and average of Latitude.

Tableau maps are technically scatter plots on top of a background image.



Same scatterplot with the background image of the United States.





# A Background Image and A Datasource

You can download an image of a baseball diamond here:

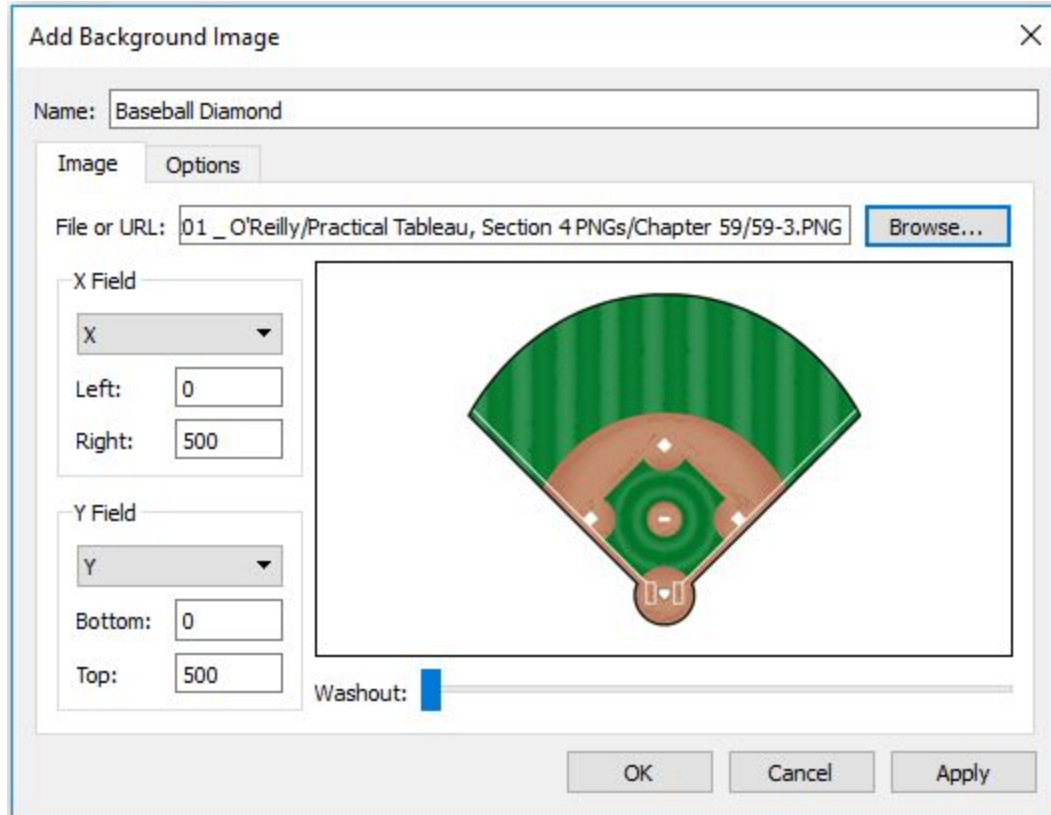
<https://playfairdata.com/how-to-map-any-background-image-in-tableau/>

Your datasource:

	A	B	C
1	Position	X	Y
2	Lookup	500	500
3	Pitcher		
4	Catcher		
5	First Base		
6	Second Base		
7	Shortstop		
8	Third Base		
9	Left Field		
10	Center Field		
11	Right Field		

# Add the Background Image

Navigate to **Map > Background Images > Add Image...**



# Lookup X and Y positions for each coordinate

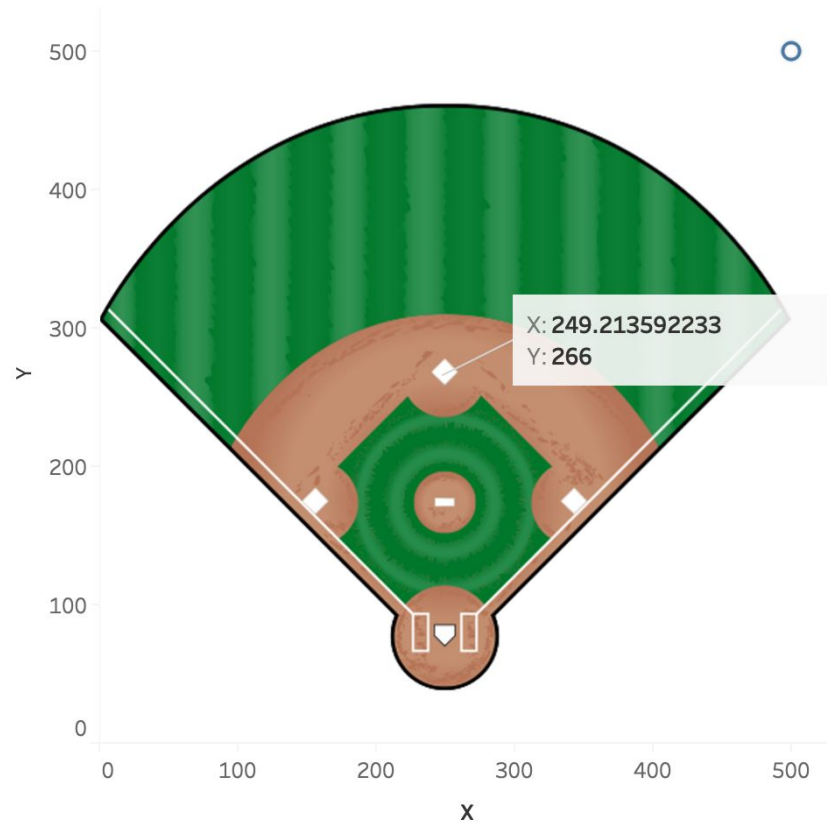
Drag:

- Columns:  $\text{Sum}(X)$
- Rows:  $\text{Sum}(Y)$

Edit X-Axis and Y-Axis if you must to display a range from 0 to 500 for both axis.

In order to look up the x and y coordinates for each position player, right-click the view, hover over **Annotate**, and click **Point**.

## A Baseball Diamond



Sum of X vs. sum of Y.

# X and Y Coordinates for Each Player Position

	A	B	C
1	Position	X	Y
2	Lookup	500	500
3	Pitcher	249	173
4	Catcher	250	79
5	First Base	344	173
6	Second Base	250	268
7	Shortstop	180	256
8	Third Base	155	173
9	Left Field	113	344
10	Center Field	250	400
11	Right Field	380	344

# Create a New Workbook

You have the option to either refresh the map you have just created or create a new workbook. If creating a new workbook, the steps to recreate will be the same:

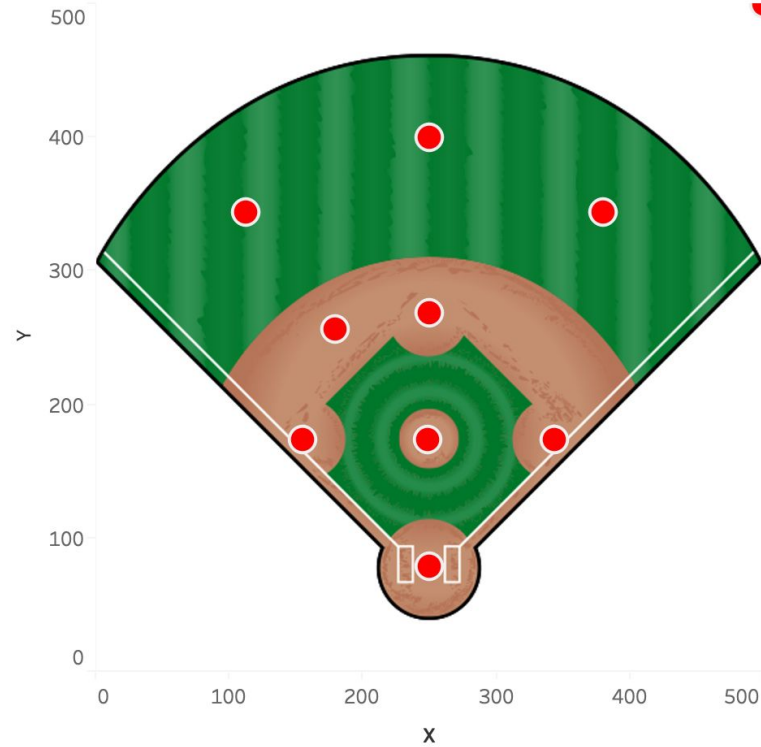
Drag:

- Columns: `Sum(X)`
- Rows: `Sum(Y)`

Edit X-Axis and Y-Axis if you must to display a range from 0 to 500 for both axis.

Drag **Position** to the **Detail Marks Card**

## A Baseball Diamond and nine player positions.



Sum of X vs. sum of Y. Details are shown for Position.