Data Visualization

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Overview of Data Visualization

- Data visualization is the representation of data through the use of common graphics, such as charts, plots, infographics, and animations.
- Data visualization can be used for a variety of purposes, not just for data teams.
- In the world of Big Data, data visualization tools and technologies are essential to analyze massive amounts of information and make data-driven decisions.





4 Key Purposes of Data Visualization

. Idea Generation

a. Frequently leveraged during brainstorming sessions at the start of a project

2. Idea Illustration

- a. Assists in conveying an idea
- b. Used in learning settings like tutorials and courses

3. Visual Discovery

a. Helps data analysts, data scientists, and other data professionals identity patterns and trends within a dataset

4. Everyday Dataviz

a. Critical step in the data science process helping teams and individuals convey data more effectively to colleagues





Common Terms in Data Visualization

General Types of Visualizations

- Chart: information presented in a tabular, graphical form with data displayed along two axes
- > Table: a set of figures displayed in rows and columns
- Graph: a diagram of points, line segments, curves, or areas that represents certain variables in comparison to each other
- Geospatial: a visualization that shows data in map form using different shapes and colors to show the relationship between pieces of data and specific locations
- > Infographic: a combination of visuals and words that represent data
- Dashboards: a collection of visualizations and data displayed in one place to help analyzing the presenting data

More Specific Examples

- Gantt Chart: typically used in product management, a bar chart depiction of timelines and tasks
- Histogram: a type of bar that split a continuous measure into different bins to help analyze the distribution



Visualization Tools

Pros

- ✤ / High industry relevance
- Drag and drop user interface to create powerful visualizations and dashboards without coding
- Relatively easy to create simple visualizations
- Easy to share and embed results on web pages

Cons

- Not open source
- License required if results cannot be published
- Becomes more complicated and difficult when you need more advanced visualizations



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Visualization Libraries

Pros

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- High industry relevance
- Great expressive power and flexibility
- Thousands of examples and tutorials
- Open source
- Primarily suitable for implementing interactive web-based visualizations

Cons

- Steep learning curve
- Requires strong understanding of a variety of coding languages depending on the library
 - > JavaScript
 - ≻ CSS
 - Python

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Product Families + Business Context

Business Intelligence (BI) Tools **Olik**Sense أ Power B Charting Libraries and Frameworks matpletlib seab HIGHCHARTJ Dashboard Platforms Klipfolio geckoboard 🕑 mapbox **Geospatial Visualization Tools** Google Maps Datawrapper **Data Storytelling Platforms Observable** \mathbf{O} Data Exploration and Analytics Platforms 6 Looker SOL Server 😻 JasperReports Reporting Tools 🦉

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A Brief History

Time distribution of events considered milestones in the history of data visualization, shown by a rug plot and density estimate

Popular Applications Release Years

- Tableau 2003
- PowerBI 2015
- D3.js 2011
- Plotly.js 2013
- Vega-Lite 2015





Visualization Tools Features/Functions

- Dataset Hosting
- Automatic Visualization Creation
- Query Optimization
- Scalability
- Security and Governance
- AI Capabilities



Visualization Tool Features Example





Visualization Libraries Features/Functions

Data Input

- ✤ Manual Visualization Creation
- Flexibility
- Figure Exporting
- Support for 1 Language
- Integration with Other Libraries



Visualization Library Features Example



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Tools Comparison Chart

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	Power BI	Tableau	Qlik Sense	ThoughtSpot	Looker
Full-featured Free Version	Yes	Separate tool	Separate tool	No	No
Development Environment	Desktop	Desktop	Web Browser	Implementation	Cloud
R and Python Supported	Yes	Yes	Yes	R Only	Yes
Dynamic Cross-filtering	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Al-enabled Analytics	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Search Analytics with NLP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Data Prep Tools	Yes	Separate tool	Separate tool	Yes	No
Data Modeling Tools	Yes	Separate tool	Yes	Yes	Yes
Preferred Data Model	Star-schema	Flat	Snowflake	Star-schema	Flat
Database Independent	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Built in Row Level Security	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Mixed Model Types	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Third-party Data Model Access	Yes	No	No	No	No
Commenting & Collaboration	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Embedded Analytics	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Open-source Custom Visualizations	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Native Mobile App	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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Libraries Comparison Chart

Plot type	Matplotlib	seaborn	Plotly	Bokeh	ggplot
Line chart	+	+	+	+	+
Histograms	+	+	+	-	+
Bar	+	+	+	+	+
Scatterplots	+	+	+	+	+
Boxplot	+	+	+	-	-
Contures	+	+	+		
Filled polygons	+	-	+	+	-
Spectrogram	+	-	+	-	-
Violin plot	+	+	+		
Pairplot	-	+	-	-	-
Heatmap	-	+	+	+	-
Matrix clustermap (dendogram)	-	+	+	-	-
Regression plot	-	+	-	Ξ.	+
Joint plot	-	+	+		-
Polar plot	+	-	+	-	-
3D	+	-	+	-	-
Interactive graphs and animations	+	-	+	+	-
Others	+	+	+	+	-

wanted plot (for example, pairplot is possible to create with Matplotlib with several lines of code and a scatterplot)

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Tableau

- Founded in 2003, acquired by Salesforce in 2019
- User-friendly interface
- Key Features:
 - 1. Interactive dashboards
 - 2. Real-time data analysis
 - 3. Large dataset handling
 - 4. Integration with various data sources







Architecture of Tableau

- Tableau Desktop: Where visualizations and dashboards are created.
- Tableau Server: An on-premise solution for sharing and collaborating on dashboards.
- Tableau Online: A cloud-based platform offering similar functionalities to Tableau Server.
- Tableau Prep: Dedicated tool for data preparation tasks.







Data Connection in Tableau



Types of Data Connections

- Live Connection: Real-time querying, best for up-to-date data but can slow down with large datasets.
- Data Extract: Static snapshot for improved performance and offline access.

Supported Data Sources

- SQL Databases: Connect to databases like MySQL, PostgreSQL, and SQL Server.
- Cloud Databases: Access cloud storage like Amazon Redshift, Google BigQuery, and Azure SQL Database.
- Excel Files: Import data from Excel spreadsheets for quick analysis.
- Web Data Connectors: Fetch data from web-based APIs or HTML tables for online data integration.



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Creating Visualizations and Interactive Dashboards

Visualization Creation

- Drag-and-drop interface for easy visualization creation (bar charts, line graphs, maps).
- Čustomizable options for colors, labels, and tooltips.

Interactive Dashboards

- Combine multiple visualizations into a single dashboard.
- Interactive elements like filters and actions for dynamic analysis.
- Shareable dashboards for collaboration and presentation.





Tableau Used in the Business World

- Netflix: Optimizes content and gains customer insights for personalized recommendations.
- Amazon: Analyzes sales data and customer behavior to improve retail operations.
- Verizon: Utilizes data visualization for network performance monitoring and customer service improvement.
- Bank of America: Employs Tableau for financial analysis and risk management.
- Coca-Cola: Uses Tableau for supply chain optimization and market trend analysis.

How does my LOB compare to others by subcategory?







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Case Study: Netflix using Tableau - Content Optimization

- Content Performance Analysis: Uses
 Tableau to monitor key performance
 indicators (KPIs) for shows and movies.
- Personalized Recommendations: Analyzes
 viewing patterns to tailor recommendations
 for each user.
- A/B Testing: Employs Tableau to evaluate the effectiveness of different content recommendation algorithms.





Case Study: Netflix using Tableau - Data Integration/Impact

Big Data Integration: Combines

Tableau with big data platforms like Hadoop for comprehensive analysis.

- Real-Time Analytics: Utilizes Tableau for real-time monitoring of viewer engagement and content trends.
- Business Impact: Data-driven insights lead to informed decision-making, improved content strategy, and
 - enhanced user satisfaction.





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D3.js

- Data-Driven Documents
- JavaScript library for manipulating documents based on data
- Enables binding of data to DOM elements
- Offers powerful visualization components and a data-driven approach to DOM manipulation





Architecture of D3.js

- Selections: Manipulate elements in the document
- Data Binding: Associate data with DOM elements
- Scales: Convert data values to visual representation
- Axes: Generate SVG axes for graphs
- Transitions: Animate changes in the visualization



Ticks

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Data API Index

What is D3?

Getting started
 d3-axis

Introduction.e

Working with Data in D3.js

- Loading Data: CSV, JSON, XML, etc.
- Binding Data to Elements: Enter, Update, Exit pattern
- Dynamic Updates: Responding to user interactions and data changes

- Setting up the SVG container
- Scaling and mapping data to visual elements
- Adding axes and labels
- Customizing styles and adding interactivity

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```
// Add Y axis
var y = d3.scaleLinear()
  .domain([0, 500000])
  .range([ height, 0]);
svg.append("g")
  .call(d3.axisLeft(y));
// Add dots
svg.append('a')
  .selectAll("dot")
  data(data)
  .enter()
  .append("circle")
    .attr("cx", function (d) { return x(d.GrLivArea); } )
    .attr("cy", function (d) { return y(d.SalePrice); } )
    .attr("r", 1.5)
    .style("fill", "#69b3a2")
```

Advanced Features of D3.js

- Creating complex visualizations like force-directed graphs and choropleth maps
- Leveraging D3.js modules for specialized tasks
- Integrating with other web technologies for interactive applications





Companies Using D3.js

The New York Times: Interactive journalism and data storytelling

- **Uber:** Visualizing urban mobility and geospatial data
- Airbnb: Data-driven decision making for property listings and market trends
- **Netflix:** User engagement analytics and content performance visualization



Case Study: New York Times

Objective: To provide a dynamic and interactive visualization of the 2020 presidential election results

Implementation: Used D3.js to create a map that displayed real-time election results with detailed state-by-state breakdowns

Features: Zoomable map, tooltip information on hover, color-coded states based on party affiliation



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Impact and User Engagement

- Enhanced Reader Engagement: Interactive visualizations led to increased time spent on the site
- Improved Understanding: Readers could explore data at their own pace,
 leading to a deeper comprehension of election dynamics
- Positive Feedback: The visualization received widespread acclaim for its innovative approach to data presentation



Visualization Tools Marketing Data

- Tableau 2022 Revenue: \$2.1 billion
- Power Platform 2022 Revenue: >\$2 billion
- Domo 2022 Revenue: \$258 million
- ThoughtSpot 2022 Revenue: \$150 million
- Looker 2019 Revenue: ~\$140 million





Visualization Libraries Marketing Data

Libraries are primarily open-source and free to use

 Some companies offer paid platforms with more features and customer support

Download statistics not publicly available



Market Share By Product

Product	Customers	Market Share
Power Bl	80,621	16.00%
Tableau	76,493	15.18%
D3.js	43,965	8.73%
Grafana	19,826	3.93%
Heap Analytics	19,087	3.79%
Others	263,874	52.37%



Current Relevant Problems

- Data Overload and Clutter
 Balancing Aesthetics and Functionality
- Accessibility and Inclusivity
- Misinterpretation and Misrepresentation
- Integration with Emerging Technologies







Competitors & Emerging Technology

- AI-Driven Visualization Tools
- Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual
 Reality (VR)
- Real-Time Data Visualization
 Platforms
- Alternative Visualization Libraries











Future Prognosis

- User Experience and Storytelling
- Predictive and Prescriptive
 - Visualizations
- Integration with IoT and Big Data Analytics
- Ethical Considerations and Data Privacy





Ongoing Research & Literature Insights

- Adoption of Natural Language
 Processing (NLP)
- Evolution of Data Democratization
- Emphasis on Ethical Design and Data Privacy
- Ongoing Research Highlights



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Timing & resource issues are top reasons we aren't submitting/winning proposals







Conclusion

- Overview of Data Visualization and Its Importance
- Key Purposes and Common Terms in Data Visualization
- Features and Functions of Visualization Tools and Libraries
- Product Families and Business Context
- Current Relevant Problems and Competitors in Data Visualization
- Future Prognosis and Insights from Literature
- Ongoing Research Highlights



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