Visualizing a SAP Network







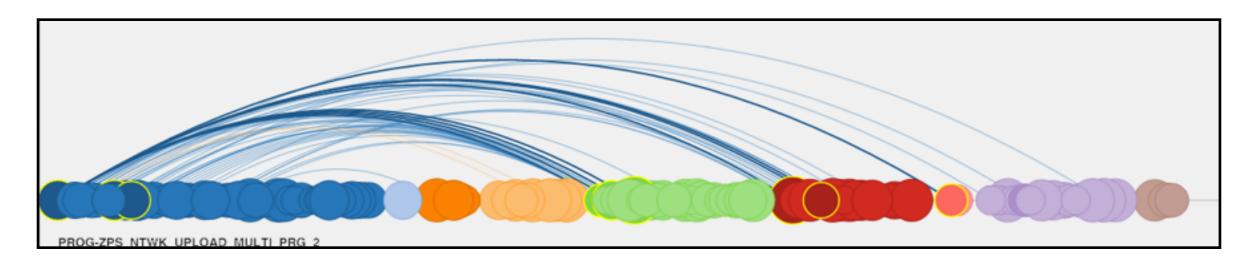




- Why: To help SAP developers understand the structure of their system in order to find inefficiencies and direct test suites.
- "What programs are underperforming?"
- "What programs will be affected if I change X?"
- "Is this duplicate code?"
- "What items haven't been used recently?"



- What: Network data with nodes, links, and attributes
- How: Interactive arc diagram
- "No unjustified 2D"









What: Data	Node/Link data; quantitative, ordinal and categorical attributes
Why: Tasks	Find extremum, find outliers, compare network topology, find similar items
How: Encode	Arc diagram layout, colour encodes type, size encodes user-selected quantitative attribute
How: Facet	Arc diagram faceted with a table and control panel
How: Reduce	Filtering
How: Manipulate	Zoom, pan, select
Scale:	~3000 nodes, ~15000 links
Technical	D3, Bootstrap, jQuery, DataTables.js, small widget packages



Lessons / Limitations

- Rapid prototyping vs performance vs elegance vs robustness
- Incomplete dataset
- Develop using dataset of correct scale...:/
- HTML5 Canvas vs SVG elements
- Lack of users

From here

- Integrate into existing CodeExcellence toolkit
- Test with real users and real data
- Clean up code and improve performance
- Scented widgets / improve search / arc direction
- Brush export