Lecture 3, InfoVis MiniCourse

Navigation/Zooming, Focus+Context, Graphs/Trees, Scalability, Task-Centered Design

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Mini-Course Outline

Perception
Frameworks
Color
Space/Order
Depth/Occlusion
High Dimensionality
Interaction
Navigation/Zooming
Focus+Context
Graphs/Trees
Scalability
Task-Centered Design

Spatial Navigation

real navigation only partially understood
- compared to low-level perception, JNDs
- 3D vs. 2D: we don't fly, we walk!

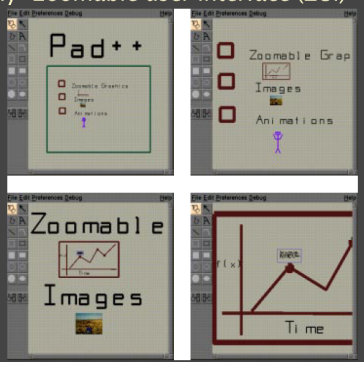
spatial memory / environmental cognition
- city: landmark/path/whole
- [The Image of the City, Kevin Lynch, MIT Press 1960]

synthetic vs. real displays
- even perception not always the same!

[Overestimation of heights in virtual reality is influenced more by perceived distal size than by the 2-D versus 3-D dimensionality of the display. Dixon and Proffitt. Perception, 31, 103-112, 2002]

Pad++

"infinitely" zoomable user interface (ZUI)



Space-Scale Diagrams

reasoning about navigation and trajectories

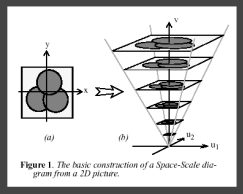


Figure 1. *The basic construction of a Space-Scale diagram from a 2D picture.*

[Space-Scale Diagrams: Understanding Multiscale Interfaces
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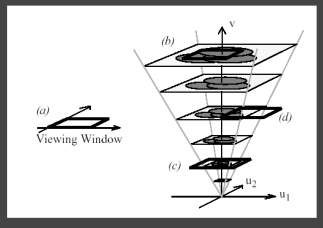
Viewing Window



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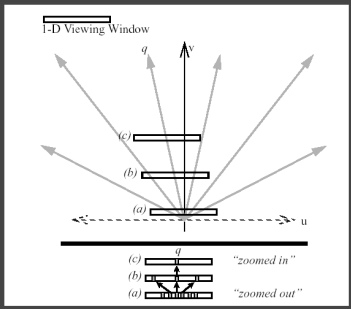

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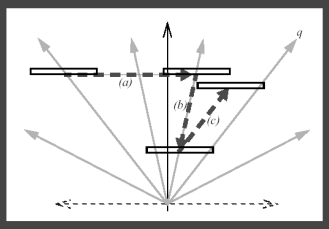
Pan-Zoom Trajectories



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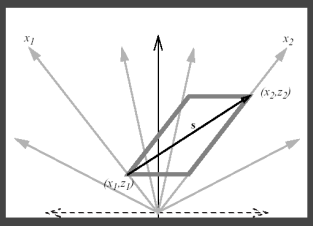
Joint Pan-Zoom Problem



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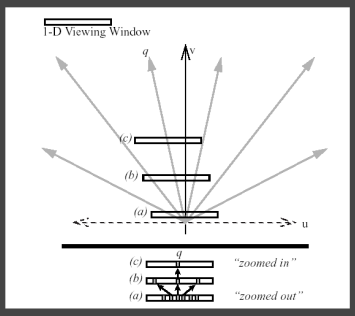
Shortest Path?



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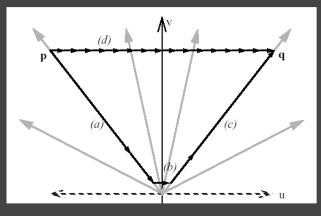

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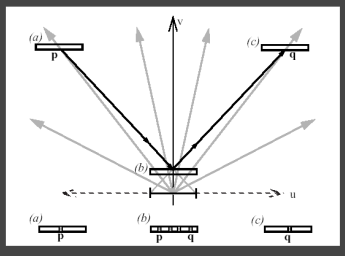
Shortest Path, Details



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Speed-Dependent Automatic Zooming

automatic zoom
- amount depends on how far to pan

[demo]
[www-ui.is.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp/~takeo/java/autozoom/autozoom.htm]

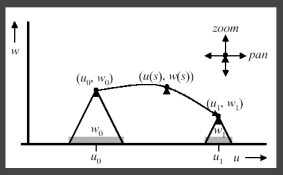
[video]

[www-ui.is.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp/~takeo/video/autozoom.mov]

[Speed-Dependent Automatic Zooming for Browsing Large Documents
Takeo Igarashi and Ken Hinckley, Proc. UIST'00, pp. 139-148.
www-ui.is.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp/~takeo/papers/uist2000.pdf]

Smooth and Efficient Zooming

uw space: u = pan, w = zoom
- horiz axis: cross-section through objects
- point = camera at height w above object
- path = camera path

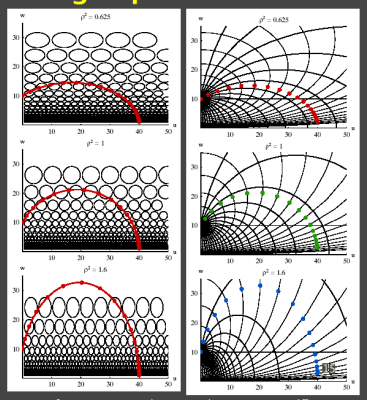


[Smooth and Efficient Zooming and Panning.
Jarke J. van Wijk and Wim AA Nuij. Proc InfoVis 2003.
http://www.win.tue.nl/~vanwijk/zoompan.pdf]

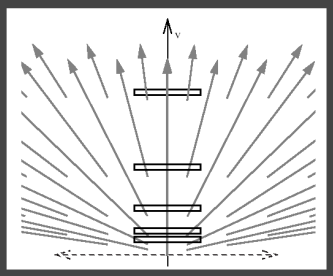
Optimal Paths Through Space

at each step, cross same number of ellipses

cross minimal number of ellipses total



Multiscale Display



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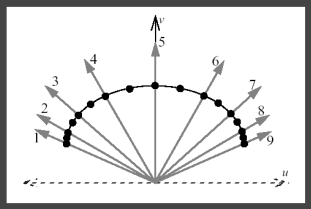
What's This?



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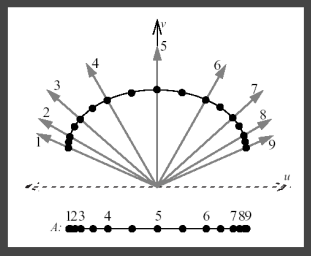
Fisheye Focus+Context View!



leads to next topic...

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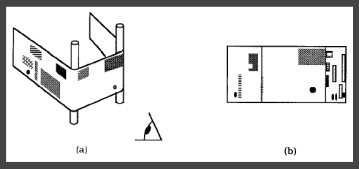
Intuition

move part of surface closer to eye



stretchable rubber sheet
borders tacked down

merge overview and detail into combined view

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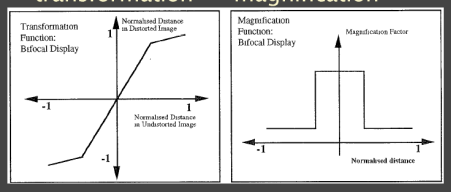
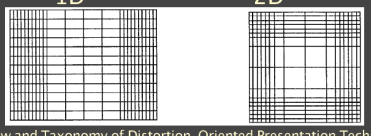
Leung and Apperley, www.ai.mit.edu/people/jimmylin/papers/Leung94.pdf]

Bifocal

transformation magnification



1D 2D



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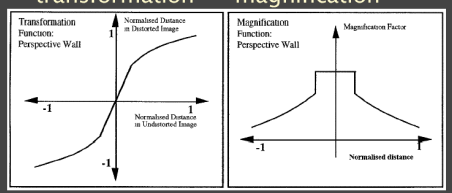
Perspective Wall

transformation magnification



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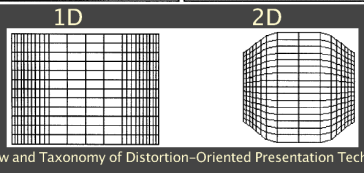

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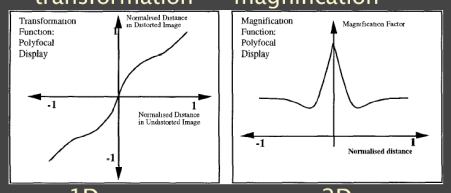
Polyfocal: Continuous Mag

transformation magnification



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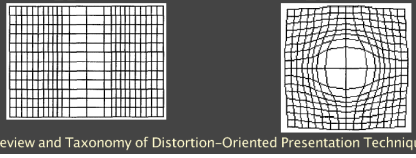

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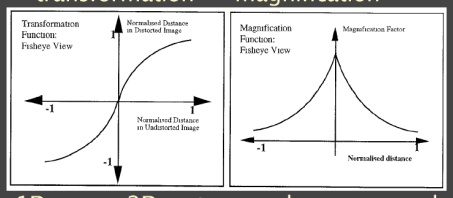
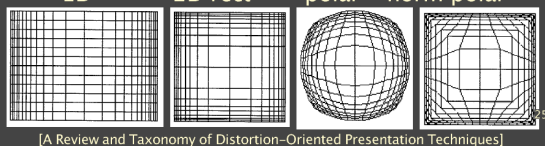
Fisheye Views: Continuous Mag

transformation magnification



1D 2D rect polar norm polar



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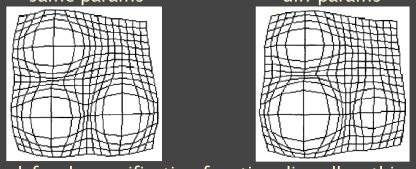
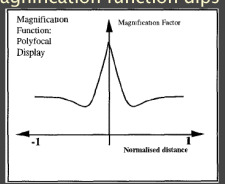
Multiple Foci

same params diff params



polyfocal magnification function dips allow this



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Nonlinear Magnification Functions

transformation
- distortion

magnification
- derivative of transformation

directionality
- easy: compute transformation given magnification derivative
- hard: compute magnification given transformation integration

new mathematical framework
- approximate integration, iterative refinement
- minimize "error mesh"

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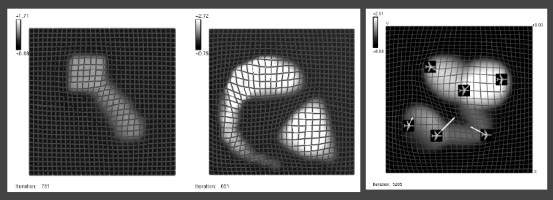
[Nonlinear Magnification Fields. Alan Keahey, Proc InfoVis 1997]

Expressiveness

magnification is more intuitive control

- allow expressiveness, data-driven expansion



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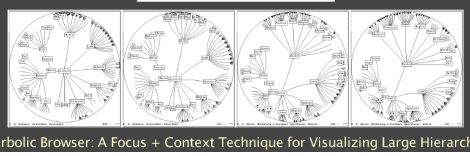
2D Hyperbolic Trees

fisheye effect from hyperbolic geometry



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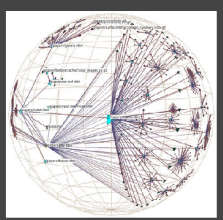
[The Hyperbolic Browser: A Focus + Context Technique for Visualizing Large Hierarchies. John

3D Hyperbolic Graphs: H3

3D hyperbolic geometry, tree as backbone

[video]
[graphics.stanford.edu/videos/h3]



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[H3: Laying Out Large Directed Graphs in 3D Hyperbolic Space.
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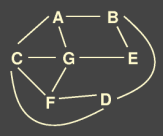
Layout

problem
- general problem is NP-hard



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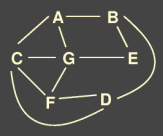

solution
- tractable spanning tree backbone
- match mental model
  "quasi-hierarchical"
- use domain knowledge to construct
  select parent from incoming links

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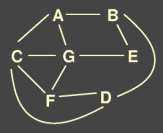

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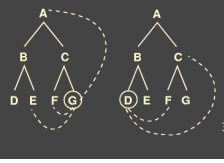
- non-tree links on demand

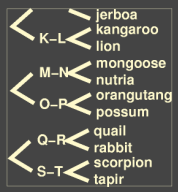


Avoiding disorientation

problem
- maintain user orientation when showing detail
- hard for big datasets

exponential in depth: node count, space needed

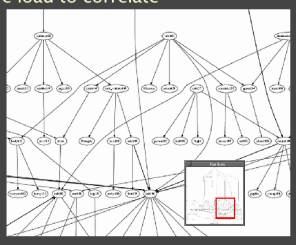
global overview



local detail

Overview and detail

two windows: add linked overview
- cognitive load to correlate

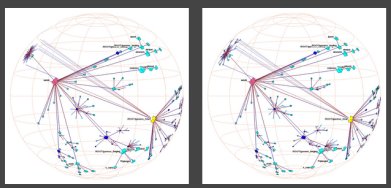


solution
- merge overview, detail
- "focus+context"

Progressive rendering

want fast update during user interaction
- fill in details when user is idle

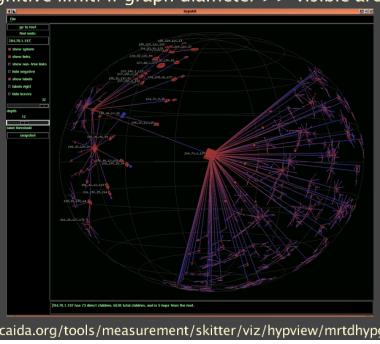
guaranteed frame rate algorithm



[Drawing Large Graphs with H3Viewer and Site Manager. Tamara Munzner Proc. Graph Drawing 98, http://graphics.stanford.edu/papers/h3draw]

H3 discussion: scalability

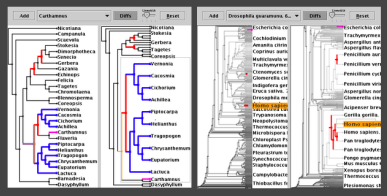
focus+context layout
- cognitive limit: if graph diameter >> visible area



[http://www.caida.org/tools/measurement/skitter/viz/hypview/mrtdhypgui_hires.gif]

TreeJuxtaposer

keep root, landmark locations visible
- move from local F+C to global F+C
- rubber sheet with borders tacked down
- guaranteed visibility
- [demo]



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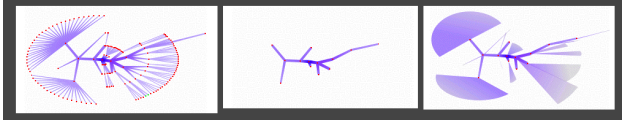
Hermann survey

true survey, won't try to summarize here

nice abstraction work by authors
- Strahler skeletonization
- ghosting, hiding, grouping



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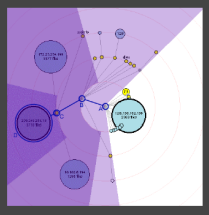
Animated Radial Layouts

static radial layouts: known algorithm



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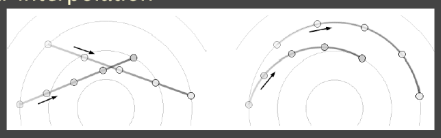
little previous work
- DynaDAG [North, Graph Drawing 95]
- DA-TU [Huang, Graph Drawing 98]

minimize visual changes
stay true to current dataset structure

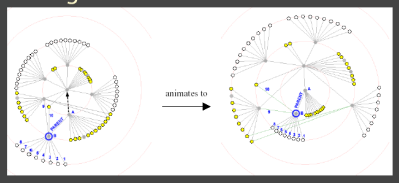
[video]

Animation

polar interpolation



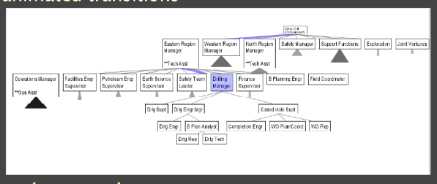
maintain neighbor order



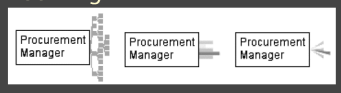
[http://bailando.sims.berkeley.edu/papers/infovis01.htm]

SpaceTree

focus+context tree
- animated transitions



semantic zooming

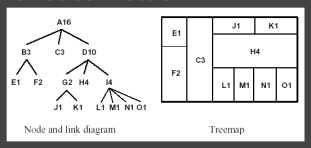


[demo]

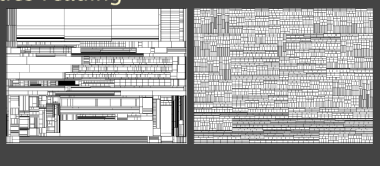
[SpaceTree ftp://ftp.cs.umd.edu/pub/hcil/Reports-Abstracts-Bibliography/2002-05html/2002-05.pdf]

Treemaps

containment not connection

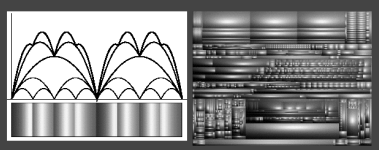


difficulties reading



Cushion Treemaps

show structure with shading
- scale parameter controls global vs. local



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Cushion Treemaps

application
- SequoiaView, Windows app
- hard drive usage
- http://www.win.tue.nl/sequoiaview/

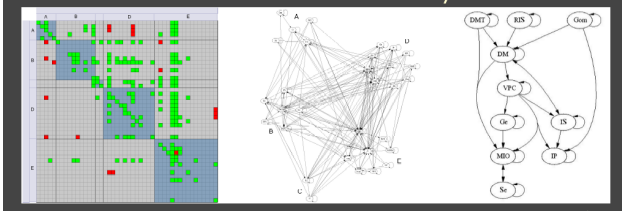
treemap strength
- showing an attribute

Graphs: Matrix vs. Node-Link

large software project, implementation vs. spec

link matrix vs. node network

matrix force-directed layered subset



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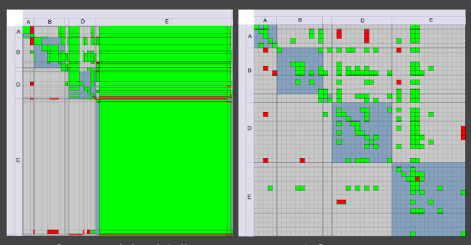
Matrices

uniform, recursive, stable
subdivide by
total component count visible subcomponent count



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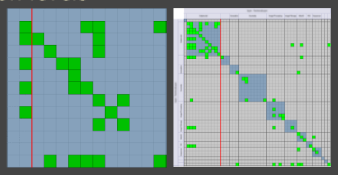
Zooming

abstraction levels



linear interpolation plus crossfade
trajectories: will read van Wijk 03 in week 6

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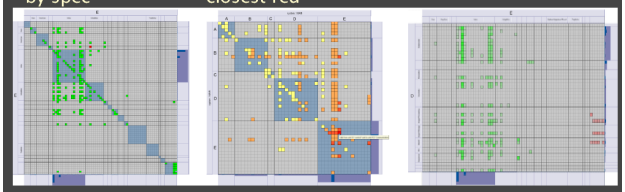
Additional Encoding

color: call allowed by spec

color: local region closest red

transparency: call density



histograms: size distribution

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Tasks Succesfully Supported

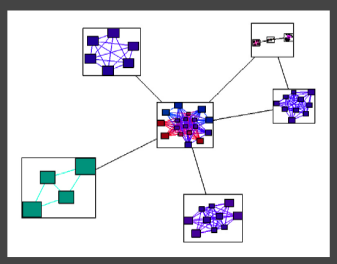
visual categorization
- i.e. libraries with mostly incoming calls

previous summary shown to be incomplete

spotting unwanted calls

determining component dependencies

Multiscale Small-World Graphs



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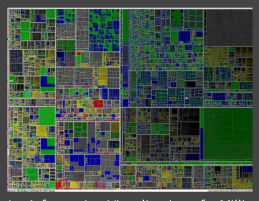
Million Items Viz

scaling up treemaps
- 1600x1200 pixels, million items

item
- atomic object displayed as distinguishable contiguous area using one viz technique



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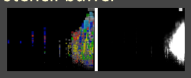
Rendering Techniques

shading not outline
- visually distinguish items with less pixels

show overlap
- calculate with stencil buffer



transparency, stereo
- only for interactive/transient exploring

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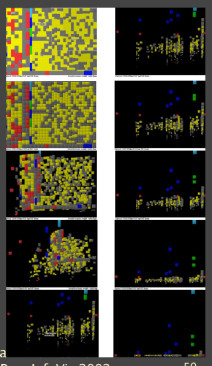
Interaction Techniques

flipping/blinking
dynamic queries
- assign depth
- change Z-buffer with slider

excentric labels

animated transitions
- stabilized layouts
- separate translation, scaling
- switching representations

[no video]



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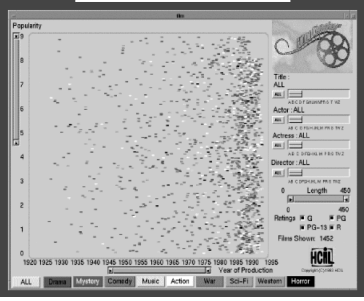
Incremental Dynamic Queries

dynamic queries: user-controlled slider



Data Structures

setup
- data set

selection
- picking particular range slider

querying
- moving the slider

maximum hit set
- state of other sliders
- extreme range of this slider
- precompute bins in the range so slider movement fast

Critique

good: complexity analysis

bad: far too little detail to replicate

- nothing on incremental rendering
- insufficient on computation data structures

More Reading

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Task Analysis

what is the user's general job?
how might infovis help - specific tasks?

do humans need to keep model of complex data inside head?
- if small dataset, maybe don't need infovis
- if humans don't need to directly understand, automate instead of visualize!

working directly with users very helpful
- driving problems keeps you honest
- they know tasks
- you know design possibilities

Methodology

iterative refinement
- user is not always right
- initial discussion is start, not end

scenario
- exactly how would tool be used
- detailed examples

mockup
- sketch on paper what interface would look like
- much less work than programming
- can try and discuss several alternatives

cognitive walkthrough
- think about places where users might make mistakes

Evaluation

- adoption
  - is it used?
- anecdotal
  - did somebody discover something?
- formal user studies
  - large groups for statistical significance
  - show it was XX% faster or YY% fewer errors
  - cannot design good experiment without training!
  - collaborate with psychologist, HCI
- informal usability evaluations
  - generally much faster
- justify design given conceptual framework
  - visual encoding given task and data

More Reading

Task-Centered User Interface Design
Clayton Lewis and John Rieman

entire short book available online as shareware
http://hcibib.org/tcuid/