DataJewel: Tightly Integrating Visualization with Temporal Data Mining.

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Database / Data Mining Visualization

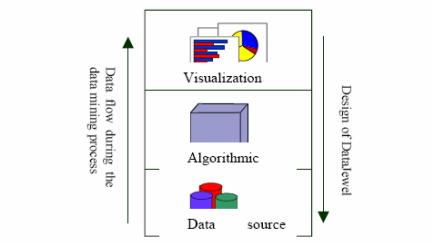
Temporal Data Mining

- Each record has a timestamp
- Databases evolve as a consequence of organizational need
- linking together two databases with respect to time can give us a powerful tool to explore the union of attributes

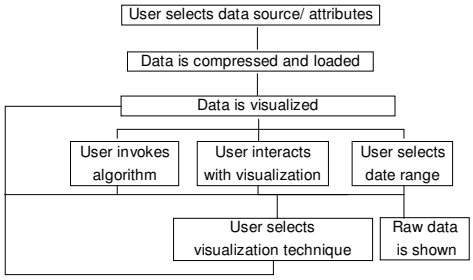
What is Data Mining ?

- **Data mining**, also known as **knowledge-discovery in databases (KDD)**, is the practice of automatically searching large stores of data for patterns.
- data mining uses computational techniques from statistics and pattern recognition.

Architecture

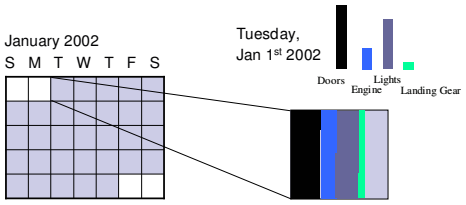


User-centric data mining



The Visualization Component

Time	Event type	Location	…
09/11/2001	Door broken	Seattle	…
09/12/2001	…	…	…



The Visualization Component

- Calendar View
  - Visual metaphor: Calendar.
  - Structure of data is represented along the event dates is the frequency of events.
  - Designed for domain experts – intuitive and versatile design
- If there are few events the visualization is powerful since human's pre-attentive perception is very efficient in looking for variety of patterns

The Temporal Mining Component

- Have algorithms that discover patterns
- Determine which events are involved in the patterns
- Automatically select colors based on the patterns
- Visualize not just data but also patterns
- Use of the same color assignment interface by user and algorithm.

The Visualization Component - interaction

- Selection – subset of dates
- Ascending/descending order frequency
- Interactive color assignment
- Zooming
- Detail on demand

The Database component

- Each event is stored in one record
- Data resides in tables in one or more relational databases
- Aggregate database events according to event date (using select count(*) … group by …)
- Access the raw data of all attributes

The Temporal Mining Component

- Discover one event of one event attribute
  - For example - highest variance, most interesting trend - give the event a unique color
- Discover multiple events of one event attribute
  - Set of events that together represent a pattern (for example - discovery of similar events) - each event that is part of the pattern receives a distinct color
- Discover one event for each event attribute
  - Look for patterns relating event attributes to each other instead of analyzing them separately. (for example – finding similar events across different event attributes) – update the color assignments of each event attribute accordingly.

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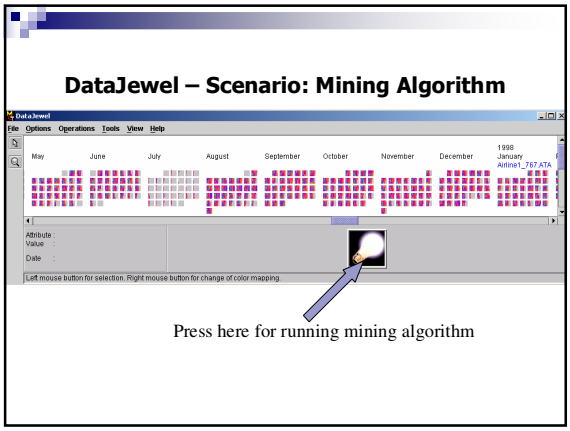

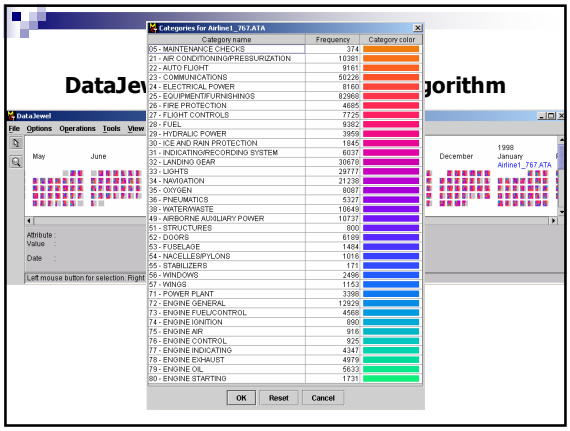

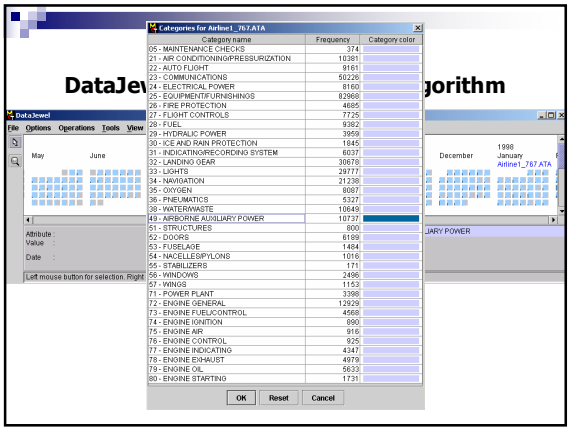

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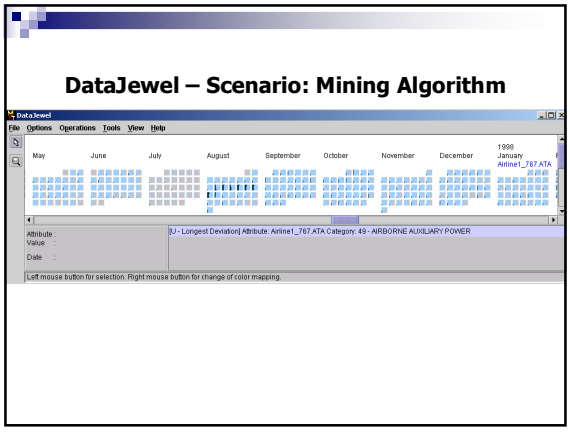

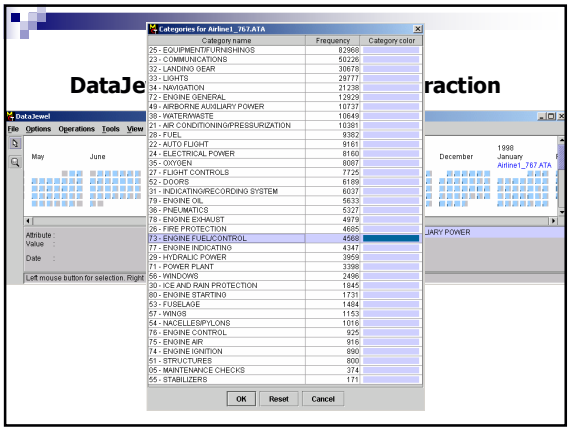

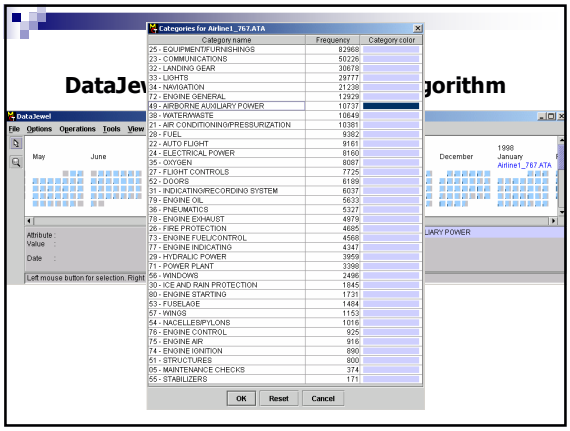

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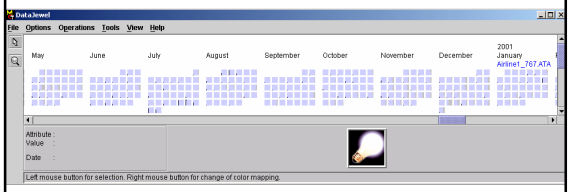

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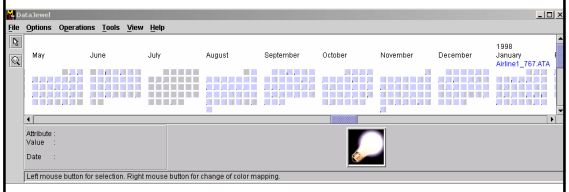

Critique (+)

- Combine data mining algorithms with visualization
- Can work with several databases
- Scalable – handles large databases
- Intuitive and easy to use – don't need a data mining expert

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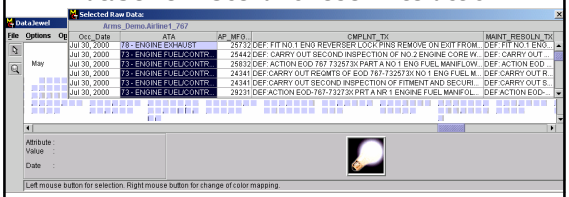


DE**Vise: Integrated Querying and Visual Exploration of Large Datasets**

Miron Livny, Raghu Ramakrishnan, Kevin Beyer, Guangshun Chen, Donko Donjerkovic, Shilpa Lawande, Jussi Myllymaki, and Kent Wenger. Proc. .SIGMOD 1997

Critique (-)

- Hard to see patterns over weeks or months or within a single day
- Only one event attribute for each calendar presentation
- Not easily transferable to other domains like author claims.
- Only for categorical attributes
- Does not handle other types of databases other than relational
- No user studies

Basic concepts

- Mapping each source data record to a visual symbol on screen

TData (Textual Data) – a collection of records with one or more attributes (along with a schema).

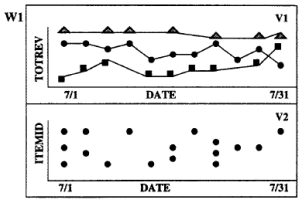
GData (Graphical Data) – high level representation of the screen (x, y, size, color, pattern, orientation, shape

Mapping – a function that is applied to the TData record to produce a GData record.

What is DEVise?

- A data exploration system that allows users to develop, browse, and share visual representations of datasets from several sources.
- A framework which describes a set of querying and visualization primitives that is combined to develop a visual presentation.

Visualization model



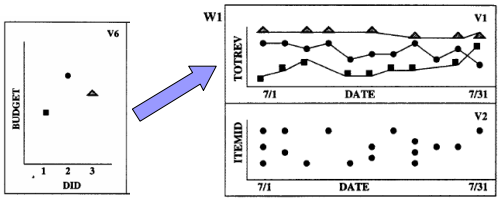
Overall_sales (date, Did, totRev)

Sales (date, itemid, custid, number)

Basic concepts - presentation

- **View** – basic display unit
  - TData
  - mapping
  - Background (title, axes)
  - data display
  - cursor display – additional data independent information
  - visual filter - set of selection (a query) on the GData of a view
- **Window** – collection of views
- **Visual presentation** – collection of windows

Record link example



Some more concepts…

- Cursors – allows the visual filter of one view to be seen as a highlight in another view
- Links – constraints that allows the contents of two views to be coordinated.
  - Visual – associate visual filters of two views
  - Record – the projection of the data in one view (on the linked attributes) will act as a filter on the TData of the other view
  - Operator
  - aggregate

Semantics of a visual display

A mapping function is applied from the TData record to produce a Gdata record:

$$< t_1, t_2, \cdots, t_m > \xrightarrow{\sigma_1} g_1$$
$$< t_1, t_2, \cdots, t_m > \xrightarrow{\sigma_2} g_2$$
$$\vdots$$
$$< t_1, t_2, \cdots, t_m > \xrightarrow{\sigma_n} g_n$$

A view can then be represented as: (B, σ^G, μ, T, C)

B – Background

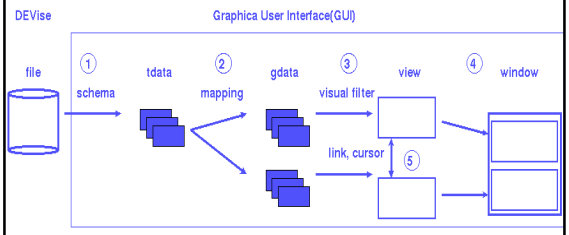
Sigma – visual filter

Mu – mapping

T – TData

C – cursor layer

DEVise Model



Achievements

- Visual presentation capabilities – users can render their data. Simple mapping between data and presentation
- Ability to handle large distributed databases (not limited to available memory)
- Collaborative data analysis
- Support for interactively exploring the data visually at any level of detail

Visual Queries and SQL

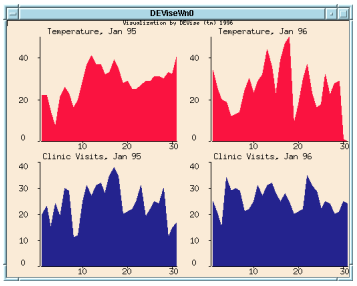
- Visual queries – user selection on visual attributes of a view. (zoom in/out, scroll, point selection)
- Can save and transfer a visual query
- Enables users to generate sophisticated SQL queries through intuitive graphical operations
- Can be used as an SQL front-end (but not only!)

Another Example:

- Input data: has information about deposits into various accounts at 2 different banks:
  - Account (bankNum, SSN, accNum, pic, …)
  - Deposit (accNum, date, amount)
- problem: We want to analyze the transactions to find out who has a suspiciously large number of transactions within a short period of time.

Example

Input two data sources: clinic information about number of visits, and information about temperature



critique

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- Very thorough well-defined framework
- Many examples of implementations in real application

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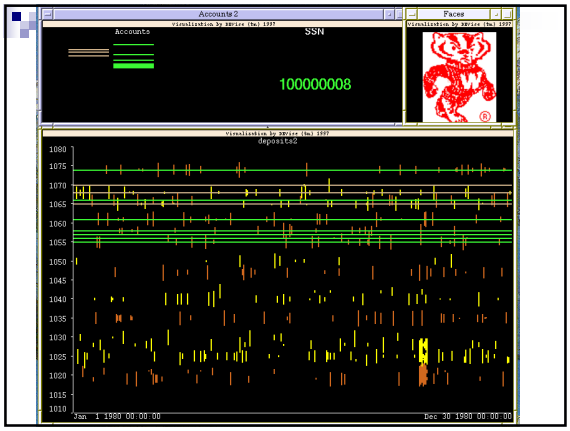
- Leaves the visualization decisions to the user (but that's the idea…)
- Some visualizations are very hard or impossible to do



Questions?