Design Studies

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Papers Covered

Cluster and Calendar based Visualization of Time Series Data.
Jarke J. van Wijk and Edward R. van Selow, pp 4-9
Proc. InfoVis 99.

Using Multilevel Call Matrices in Large Software Projects.
Frank van Ham,
Proc. InfoVis 2003, pp 227-232

Constellation: Linguistic Semantic Networks
Tamara Munzner,
Interactive Visualization of Large Graphs and Networks (PhD thesis) Chapter 5, Stanford University, 2000, pp 87-122

Design Study

describe task

justify solution

refine until satisfied

Design Study Definition

Design study papers explore the choices made when applying infovis techniques in an application area, for example relating the visual encodings and interaction techniques to the requirements of the target task. Although a limited amount of application domain background information can be useful to provide a framing context in which to discuss the specifics of the target task, the primary focus of the case study must be the infovis content. Describing new techniques and algorithms developed to solve the target problem will strengthen a design study paper, but the requirements for novelty are less stringent than in a Technique paper.

InfoVis03 CFP, [infovis.org/infovis2003/CFP]

Time-series Data Analysis

data: N pairs of (value, time)
- N large: 50K

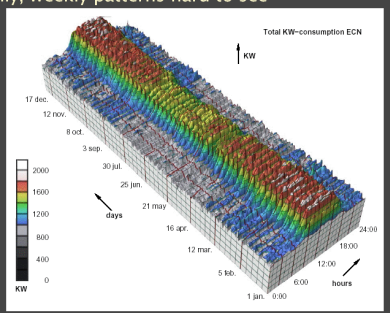
tasks
- find standard day patterns
- find how patterns distributed over year, week, season
- find outliers from standard daily patterns
- want overview first, then detail on demand

possibilities
- predictive mathematical models
  details lost, multiscale not addressed
- scale-space approaches (wavelet, fourier, fractal)
  hard to interpret, known scales lost
- 3D mountain: x hours, y value, z days

excellent example, emulate for project writeups!

3D Time-series Data

3D extrusion pretty but not useful
- daily, weekly patterns hard to see



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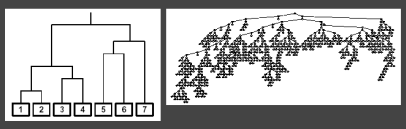
Hierarchical Clustering

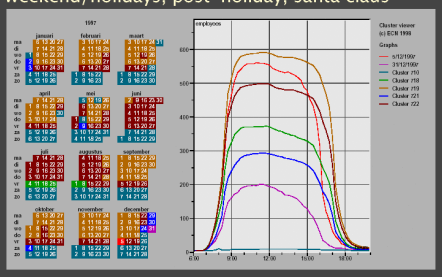
start with all M day patterns
- compute mutual differences, merge most similar: M-1
- continue up to 1 root cluster

result: binary hierarchy of clusters
choice of distance metrics
dendrogram display common
- but shows structure of hierarchy, not time distribution



Link Clusters and Calendar

2D linked clusters-calendars shows patterns
- number of employees:
- office hours, fridays in/and summer, school break
- weekend/holidays, post-holiday, santa claus



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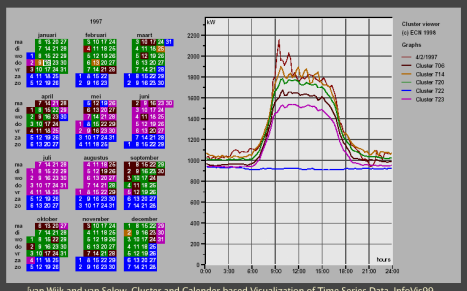
Power Consumption



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van Wijk Lessons

derived space: clusters
visual representation of time: calendar
- linked display
- interactive exploration

clear task analysis guided choices
- reject standard 3D extrusion
- reject standard dendrogram

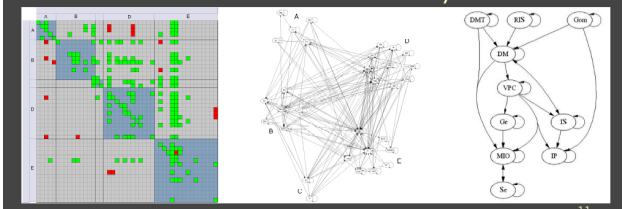
critique
- color choice not so discriminable
  especially legend

Multilevel Call Matrices, van Ham

large software project, implementation vs. spec

link matrix vs. node network

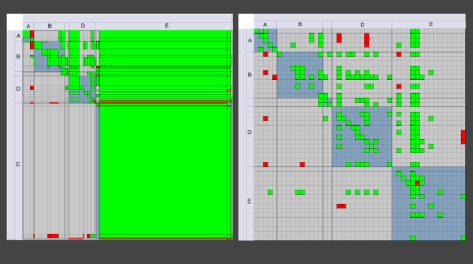
matrix | force-directed | layered subset



Matrices

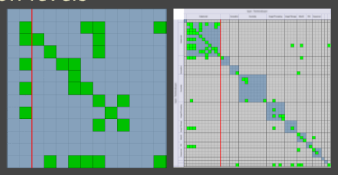
uniform, recursive, stable

subdivide by
total component count | visible subcomponent count



Zooming

abstraction levels



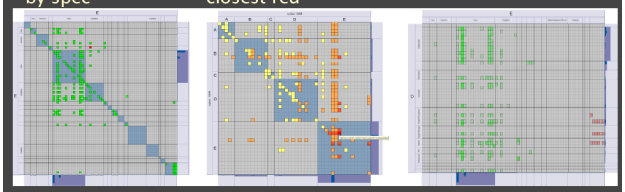
linear interpolation plus crossfade
trajectories: will read van Wijk 03 in week 6

Additional Encoding

color:
call allowed
by spec

color:
local region
closest red

transparency:
call density



histograms: size distribution

Tasks Succesfully Supported

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

previous summary shown to be incomplete

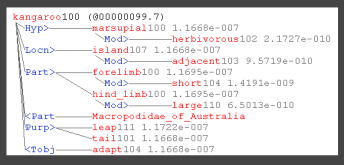
spotting unwanted calls

determining component dependencies

Linguistic Networks, Munzner

data: MindNet query results

definition graph
- dictionary entry sentence
- nodes: word senses
- links: relation types



Semantic Network

definition graphs used as building blocks

unify shared words

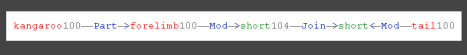
large network
- millions of nodes
- grammar checking now, translation future
- global structure known: dense

probes return local info

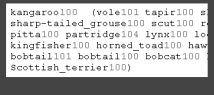
Path Query

best N paths between two words

words on path itself



definition graphs used in computation



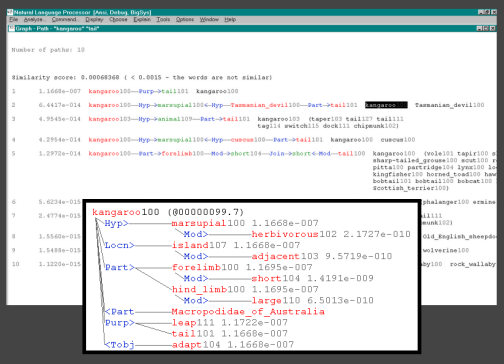
Task: Plausibility Checking

paths ordered by computed plausibility

researcher hand-checks results

- high-ranking paths believable?
- believable paths high-ranked?
- are stop words all filtered out?

Top 10 Paths Kangaroo->Tail



Goal

create a unified view of relationships between paths and definition graphs

- shared words are key
- thousands of words (not millions)

special purpose algorithm debugging tools

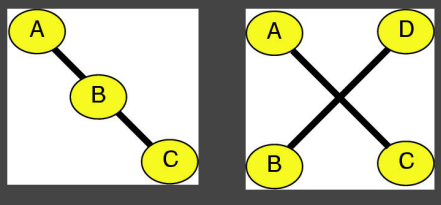
- not understand structure of English

Constellation Video

Traditional Layout

avoid crossings

reason: avoid false attachments

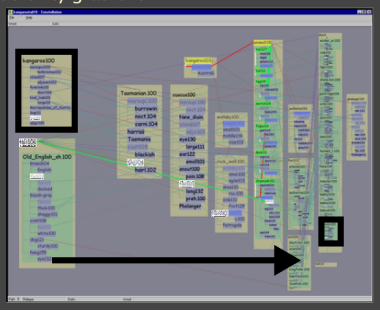


ambiguity artifact salience

Information Visualization Approach

spatial position is strongest perceptual cue

- encode domain specific attribute
- plausibility gradient



Constellation Semantic Layout

novel layout algorithm

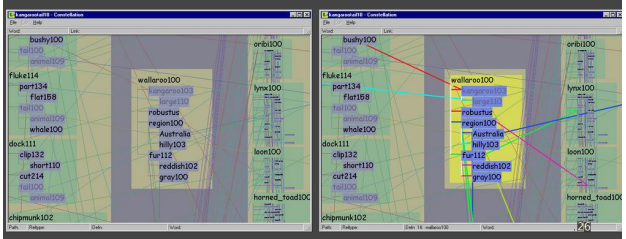
- paths as backbone, definition graphs attached
- curvilinear grid
- iterative design for maximum semantics with reasonable information density

allow crossings for long-distance proxy links

Selective Emphasis

highlight sets of boxes and edges
- interaction
- additional perceptual channels

avoid perception of false attachments



Hidden State

avoid hidden state

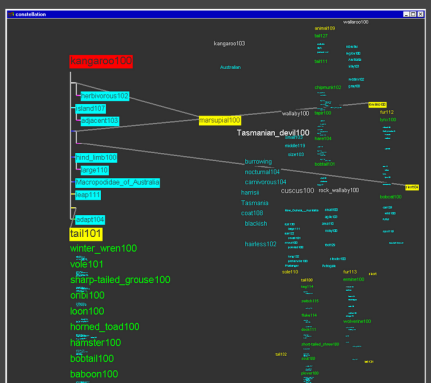
- change salience instead of toggle drawing

why? closed world assumption

- implicit assumption: if not visible, doesn't exist
- easy to forget previous actions

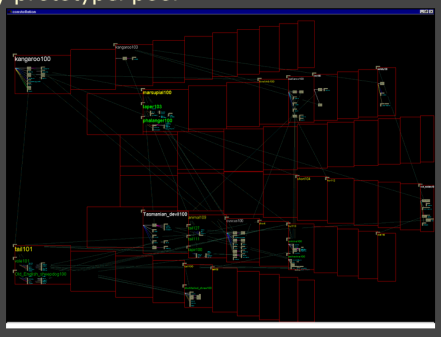
  draw false negative conclusions

Single vs. Multiple Word Instances



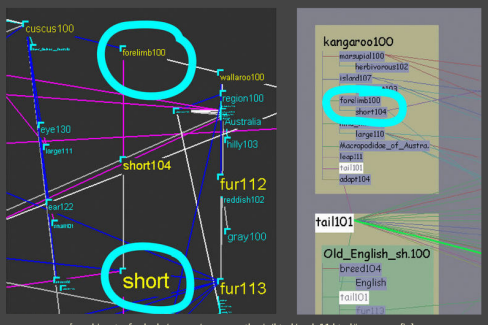
Information Density

early prototype: poor



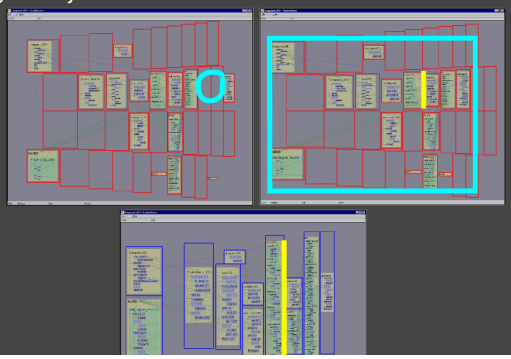
Information Density

design tradeoff with visual salience



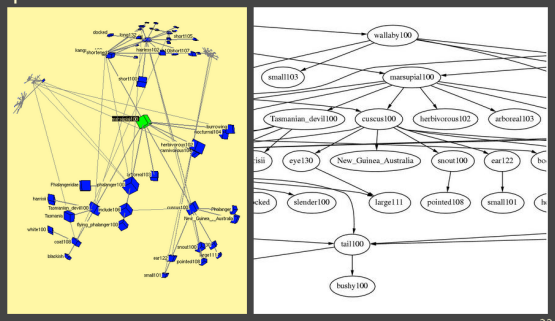
Information Density

grid adjustment



Task-oriented design

previous methods



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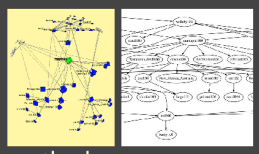
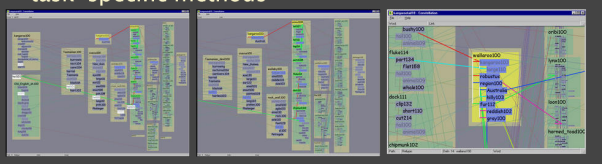


task-specific methods



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