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Direct manipulation

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mv file.txt ./folder
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Ben Schneiderman, 1983



file.txt



folder

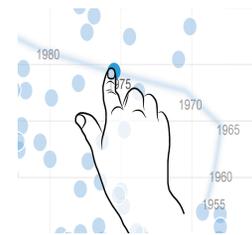
DimP: Direct Manipulation Player



Video Browsing by Direct Manipulation
Dragicevic, P., Ramos, G., Biblowitz, J.,
Nowrouzezahrai, D., Balakrishnan, R.,
and Singh, K. (CHI '08)



DimpVis



How: Manipulate – Change view over time

What: Any data with time as a key

Design guidelines

- ✓ Object-centric navigation
- ✓ Connectedness
- ✓ Flexibility
- ✓ Minimal visual change

Design challenges



stationary

overlapping

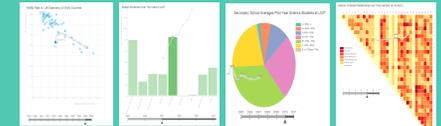
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How: Encode



scatterplot

histogram

pie chart

heatmap

2D

1D

0D

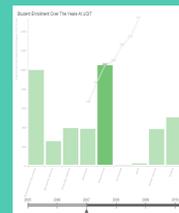


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Experiment

Why: Tasks

Lookup: *when does A equal this?*
Compare: *when is A greater than B?*

Characterize temporal distribution of A
Identify outliers

3 techniques

DimpVis

Time slider

Small multiples

Change over time

Facet

Results



Scatterplot: DimpVis ~ slider < small multiples

Histogram: DimpVis ~ slider ~ small multiples



Good points

- o idea
- o design principles
- o different types of visualization
- o new design to solve problems
- o controlled experiment
- o web prototype

Bad points

- o results are pretty bad
 - most favorable conditions
 - unfair comparison with slider
- o issues in their designs
 - too strict on design principles
- o multi-items tracking



That's all Folks!

Any questions?