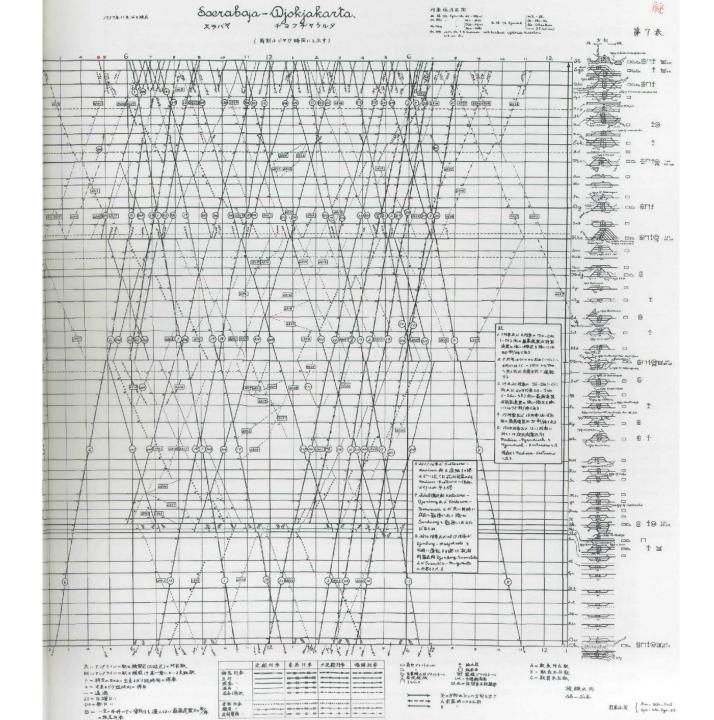
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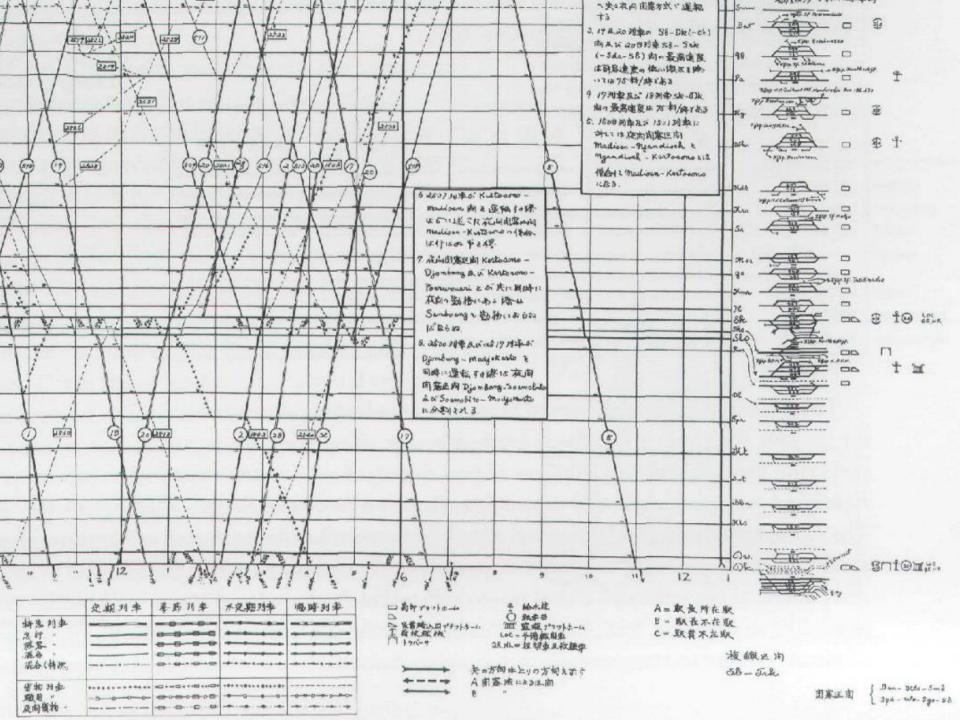
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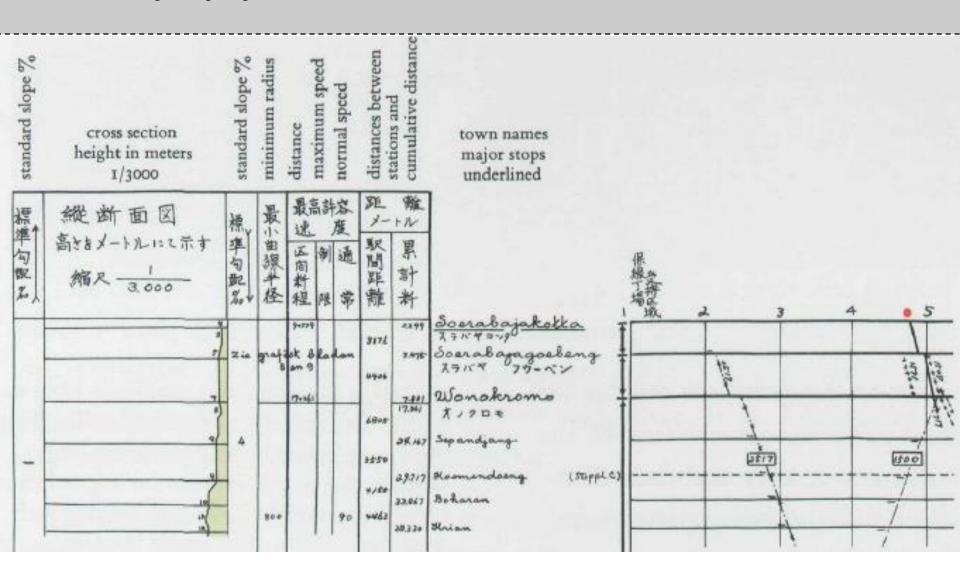


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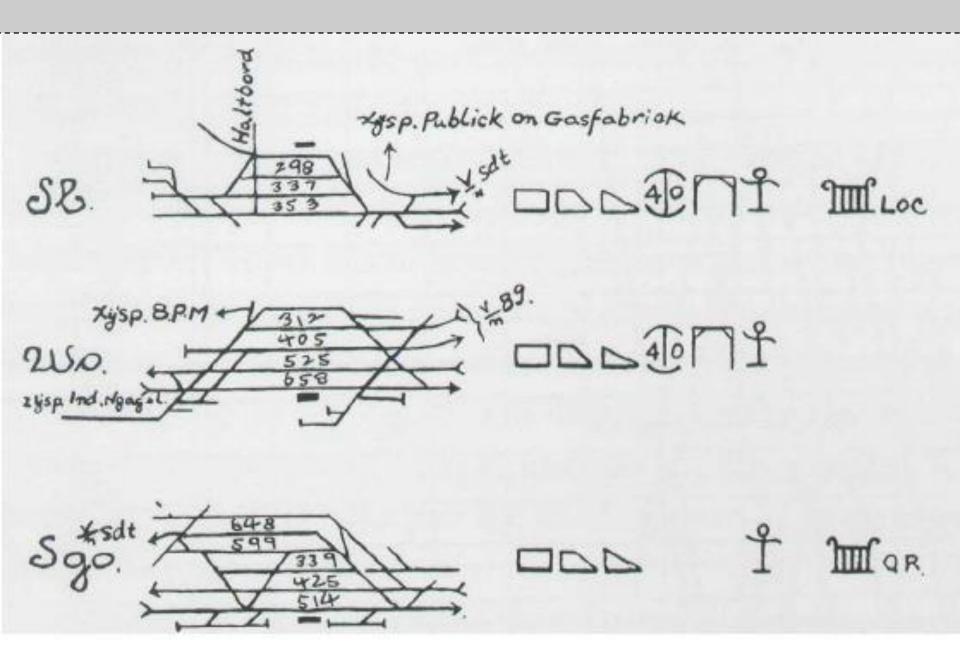
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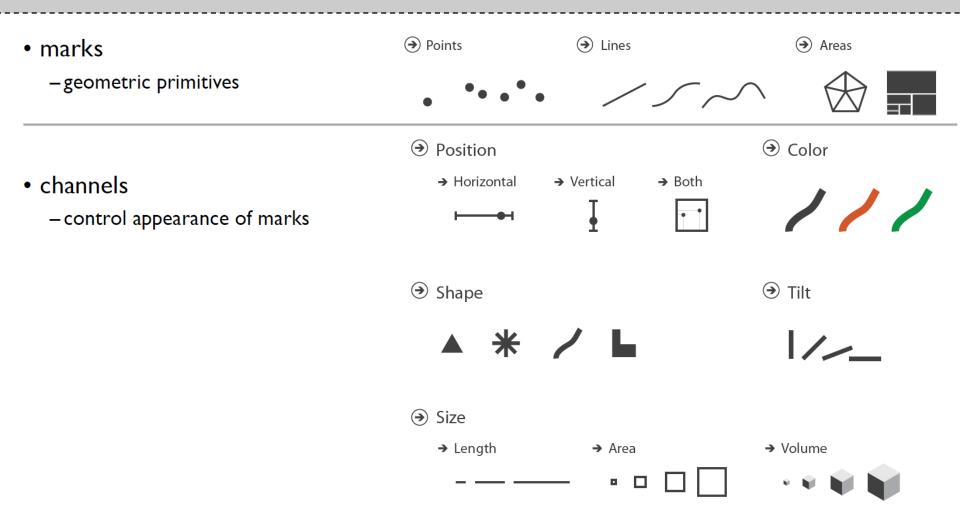
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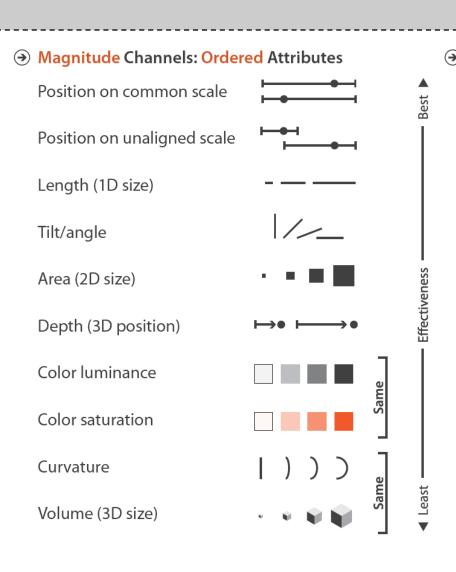


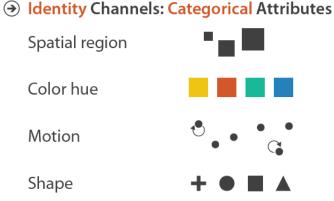
- o graphical elements in an image
- classified according to number of spatial dimensions required
 * adapted from Tamara Munzer's VAD book

Channels Rankings

Position on common scale Spatial region Color hue Position on unaligned scale Length (1D size) Motion Tilt/angle Shape Area (2D size) Depth (3D position) Color luminance Color saturation Curvature Volume (3D size)

Channels Rankings

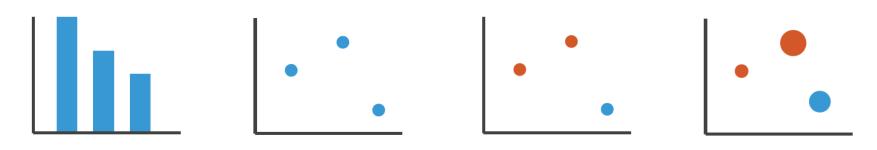




- effectiveness principle
- encode most important attributes with highest ranked channels
- expressiveness principle
- match channel and data characteristics

Encoding visually with marks and channels

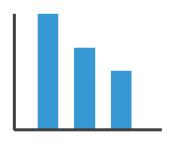
- analyze idiom structure
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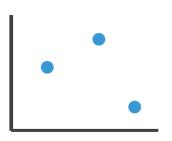


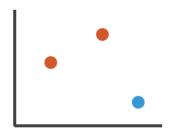
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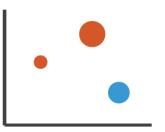
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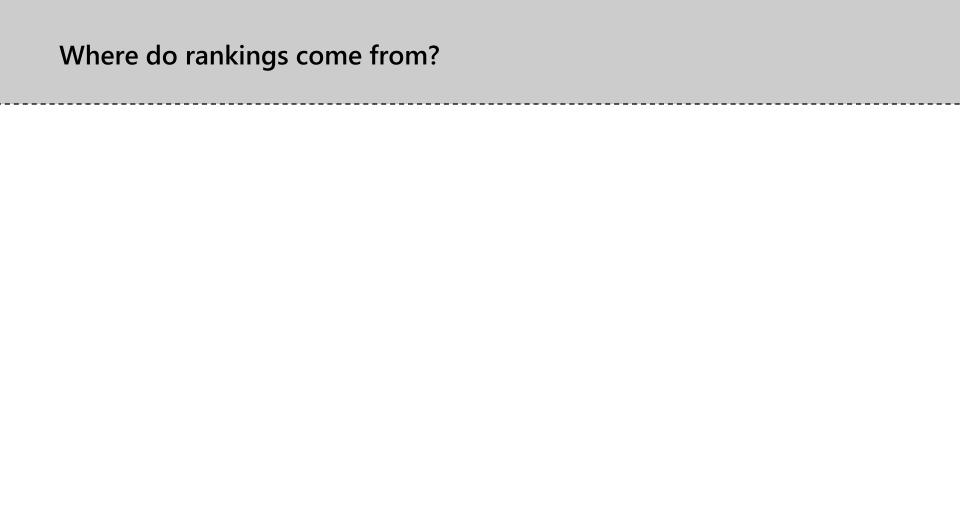
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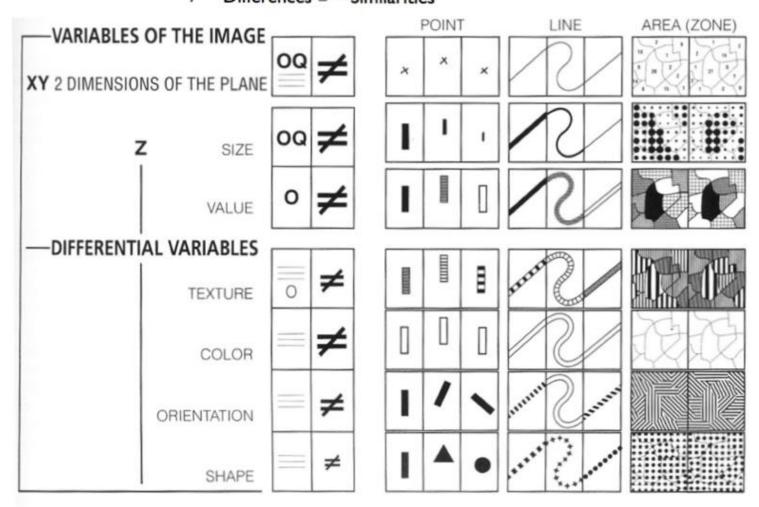
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Jacques Bertin 1967

O = Ordinal, Q = Quantitative = Differences = = Similarities



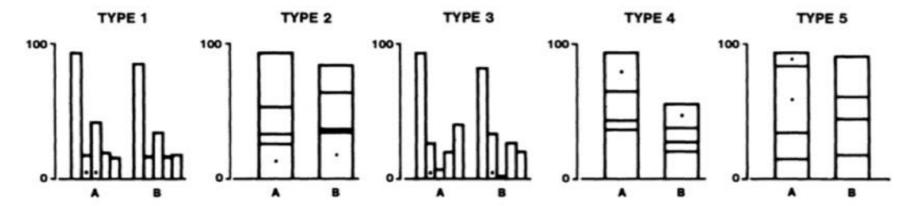


Figure 4. Graphs from position-length experiment.

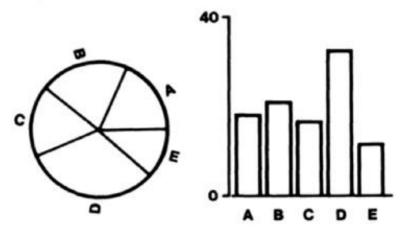
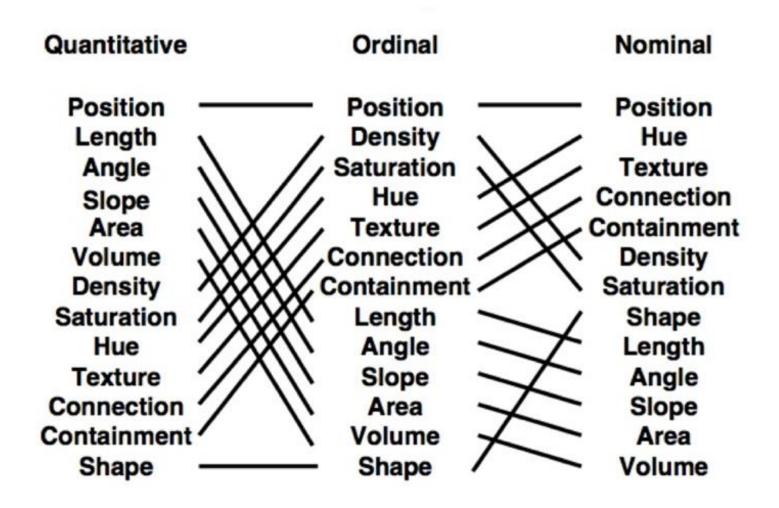


Figure 3. Graphs from position-angle experiment.



Jeffrey Heer and Michael Bostock 2010

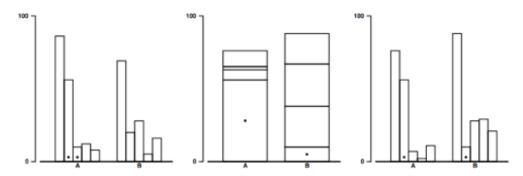


Figure 1: Stimuli for judgment tasks T1, T2 & T3. Subjects estimated percent differences between elements.

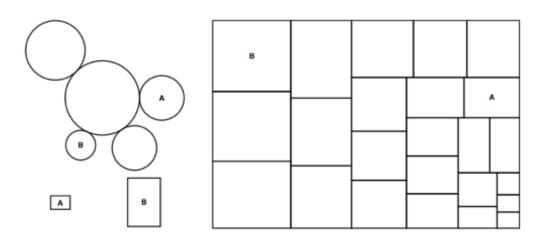


Figure 2: Area judgment stimuli. Top left: Bubble chart (T7), Bottom left: Center-aligned rectangles (T8), Right: Treemap (T9).

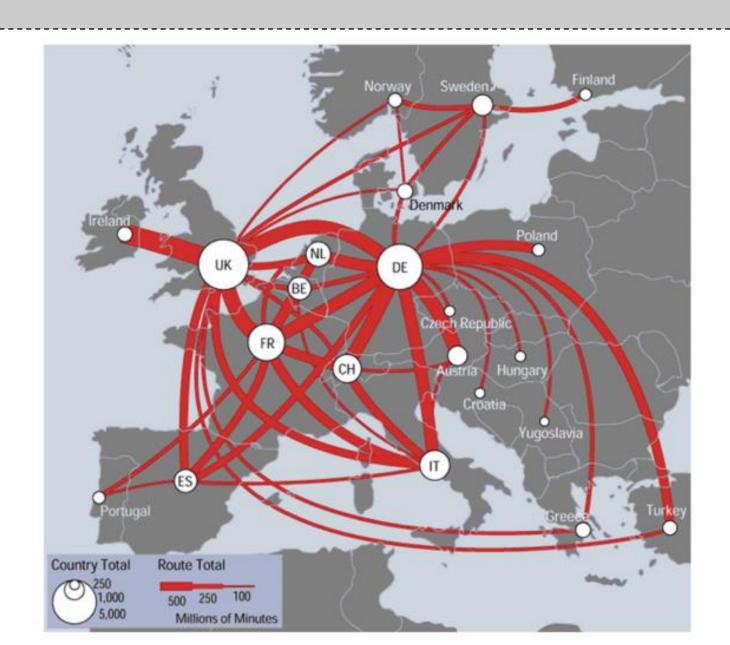
Crowdsourcing Graphical Perception: Using Mechanical Turk to Assess Visualization Design. Jeffrey Heer, Michael Bostock. ACM Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI), 2010.

Properties and Best Uses of Visual Encodings

Example	Encoding	Ordered	<u>Useful values</u>	Quantitative	Ordinal	Categorical	Relational
•	position, placement	yes	infinite	Good	Good	Good	Good
1, 2, 3; A, B, C	text labels	optional (alphabetical or numbered)	infinite	Good	Good	Good	Good
	length	yes	many	Good	Good		
. • •	size, area	yes	many	Good	Good		
/_	angle	yes	medium/few	Good	Good		
	pattern density	yes	few	Good	Good		
	weight, boldness	yes	few		Good		
	saturation, brightness	yes	few		Good		
	color	no	few (< 20)			Good	
	shape, icon	no	medium			Good	
	pattern texture	no	medium			Good	
	enclosure, connection	no	infinite			Good	Good
	line pattern	no	few				Good
*	line endings	no	few				Good
	line weight	yes	few		Good		



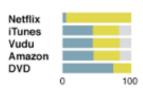
Discriminability: Can channel differences be discerned?



Streaming the Box Office

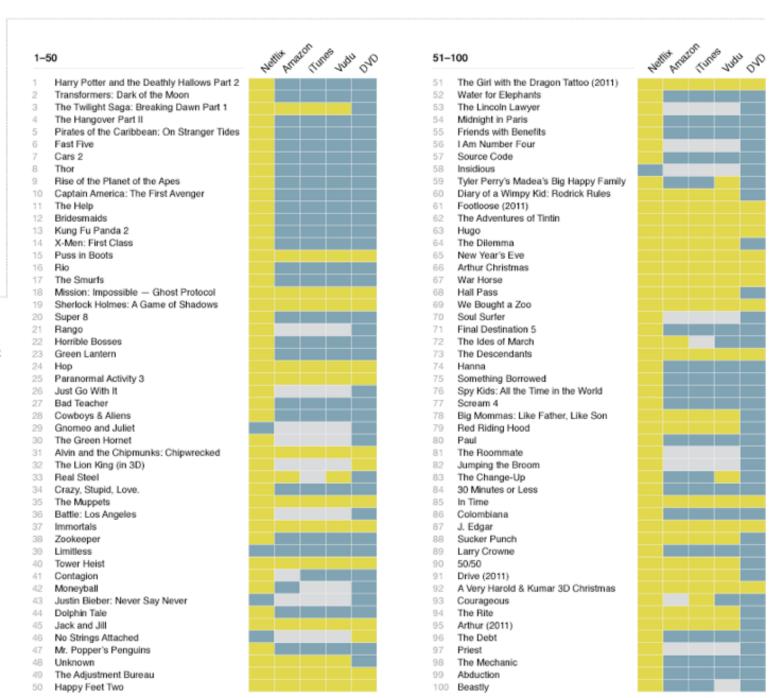
Top 100 in 2011



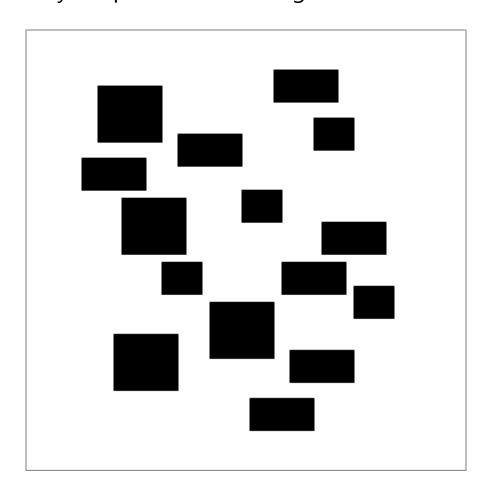


Tristan Louis compiled a list of the top 100 movies at the box office, according to Box Office Mojo, that were available streaming. This is a graphical version of that list.

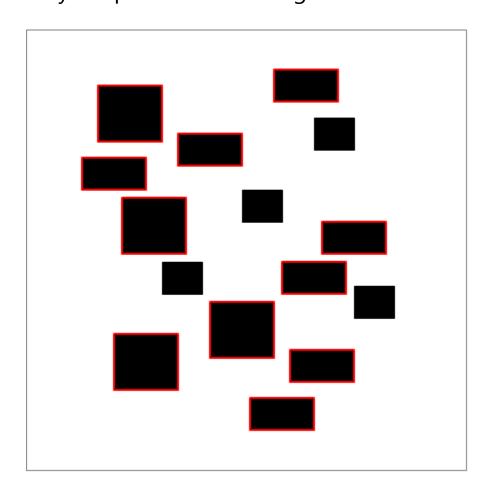
Source: Tristan Louis By: Nathan Yau



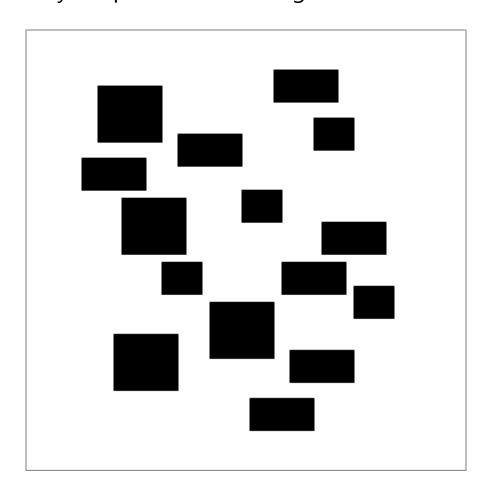
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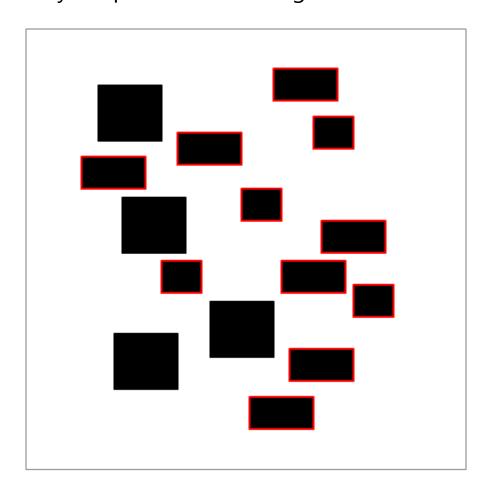
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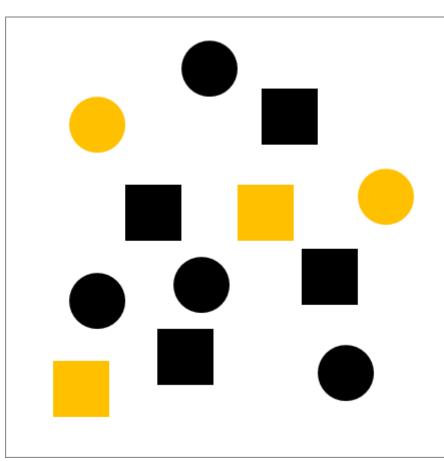
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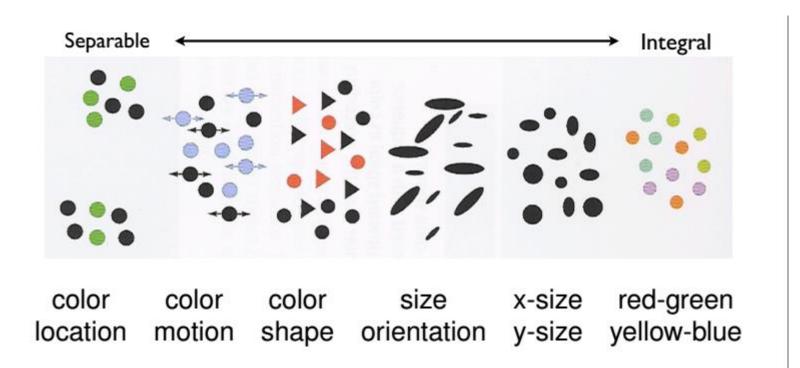


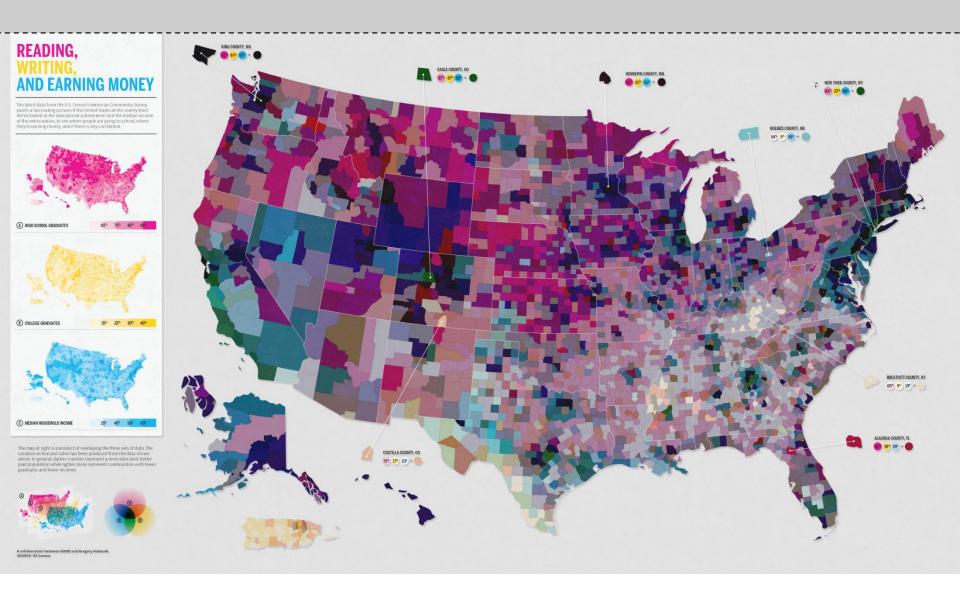
On the contrary, you can more easily spot yellow or black dots. And you can also spot circles or squares. Shape and colour are more separable than width and height.



- The choice of which visual features are used in conjunction to encode the various data features greatly affects the way their are perceived
- All features influence each other to some extent but some more than others. For instance, if you use colour and size to encode two data variables, the way colour is perceived will be affected by the size of the object
- Two data variabes are integral when they are perceived holistically, that is, it's hard to visually decode the value of one independently from the other

Colin Ware ordered the dimensions from the most separable on the left, to the most integral on the right

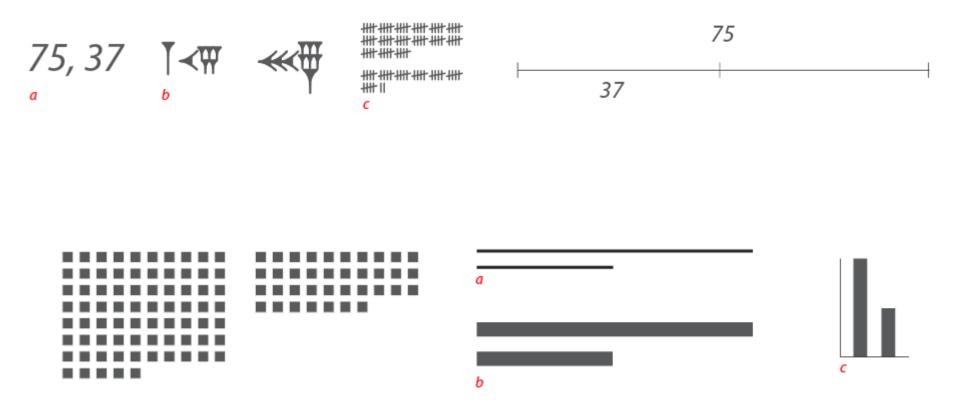




Encoding semantics

Graphical Code	Semantics
Small shapes defined by closed contour, texture, color, shaded solid.	Object, idea, entity, node.
Spatially ordered graphical objects.	Related information or a sequence In a sequence the left-to-right ordering convention borrows from the western convention for written language.
Graphical objects in proximity.	Similar concepts, related information.
Graphical objects having the same shape, color, or texture.	Similar concepts, related information.
Size of graphical object Height of graphical object.	Magnitude, quantity, importance.
Shapes connected by contour.	Related entities, path between entities.
Thickness of connecting contour.	Strength of relationship.
Color and texture of connecting contour.	Type of relationship.
Shapes enclosed by a contour, or a common texture, or a common color.	Contained entities. Related entities.
Nested regions, partitioned regions.	Hierarchical concepts.
Attached shapes.	Parts of a conceptual structure.

Class exercise: Communicate Two Quantities - 75 and 37



45 Ways to Communicate Two Quantities - Santiago Ortiz

Class exercise: Encode

- o Small, medium, large
- o 10, 20, 30, 15, 30, 45 (Rupees)
- o Coffee, Tea
- o Hot, Cold
- o With sugar, without sugar
- o With milk, without milk