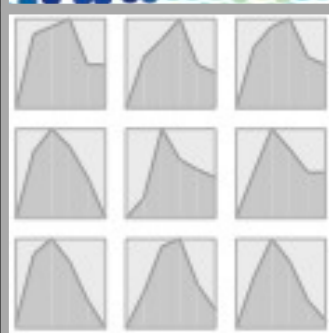
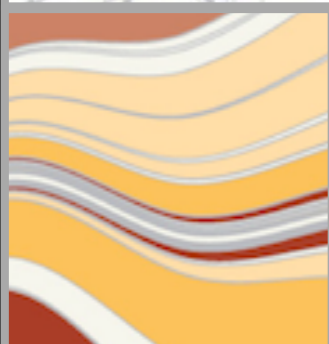
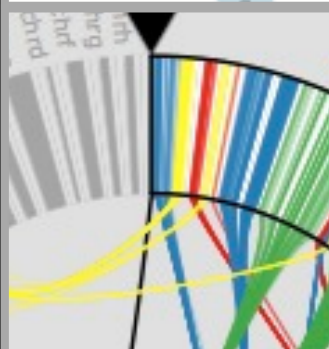
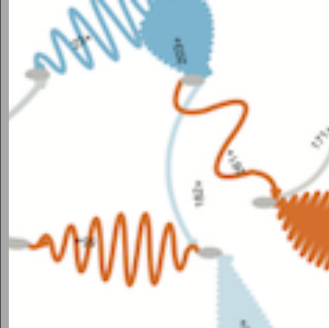


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TOOLKITS

Miriah Meyer
University of Utah



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feb 14-23 : proposal meetings

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The Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy

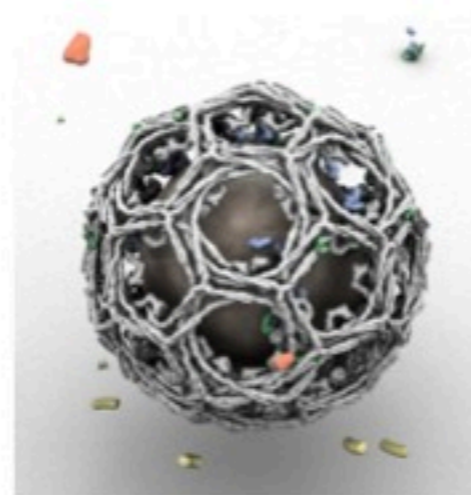
PRESENTS

Janet Iwasa, Ph.D.
Department of Cell Biology
Harvard Medical School

“Animating the Model Figure”

In recent years, there has been a rapid growth in the use of animation as a means to communicate complex biological processes to a wide range of audiences.

Using 3D animation software from the entertainment industry, we can now synthesize data from diverse data sources to create a coherent and contextualized view of how we think molecular and cellular systems operate. These visualizations have served not only to make molecular concepts more accessible to students and the public at large, but have also proven to be extremely useful for researchers seeking to build and refine their hypotheses.



Thursday, March 8, 2012

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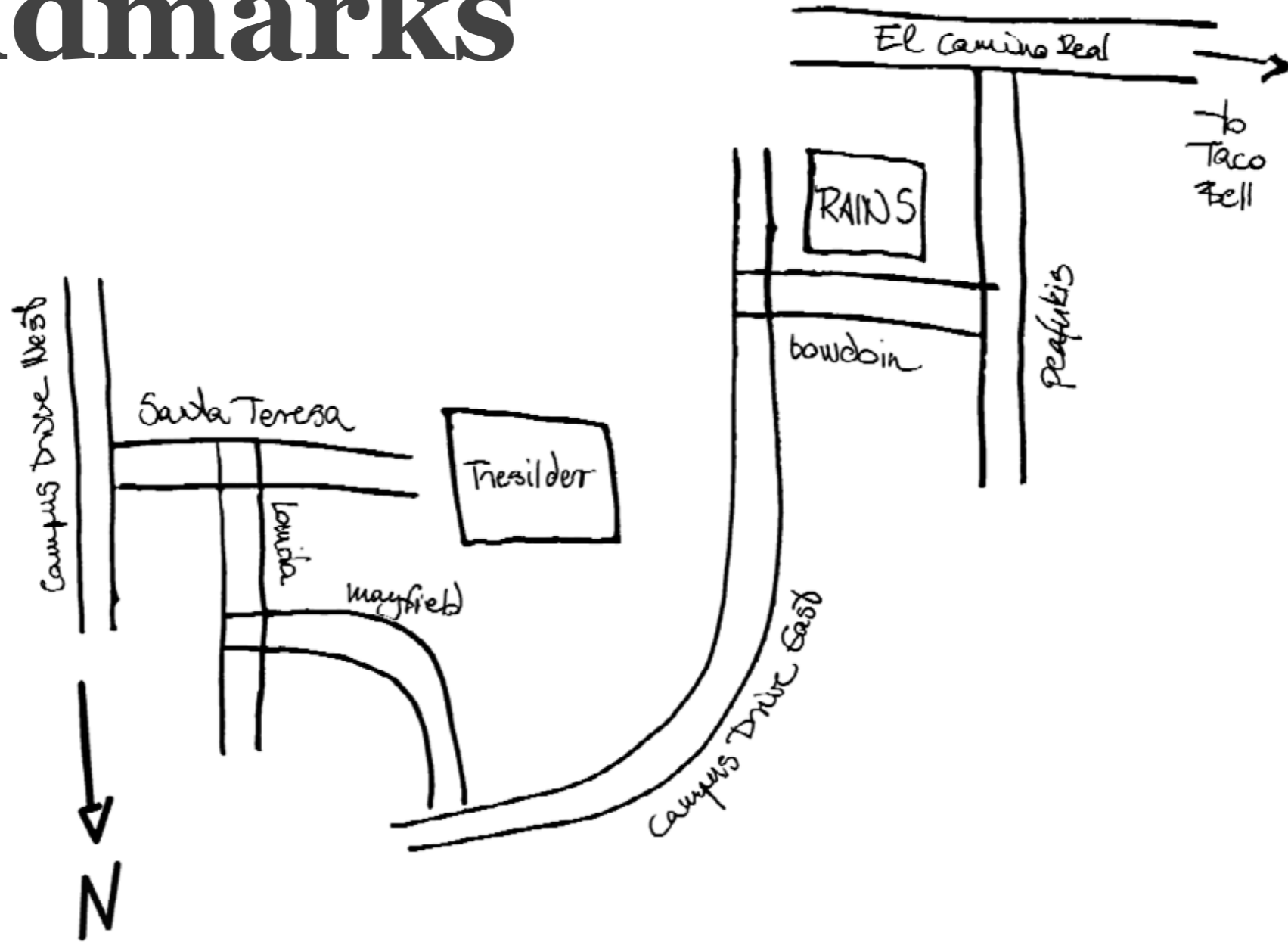
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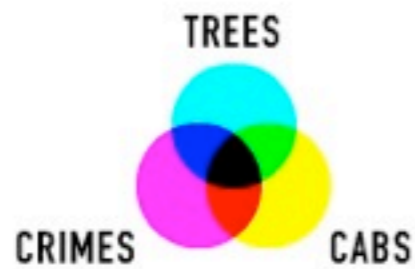
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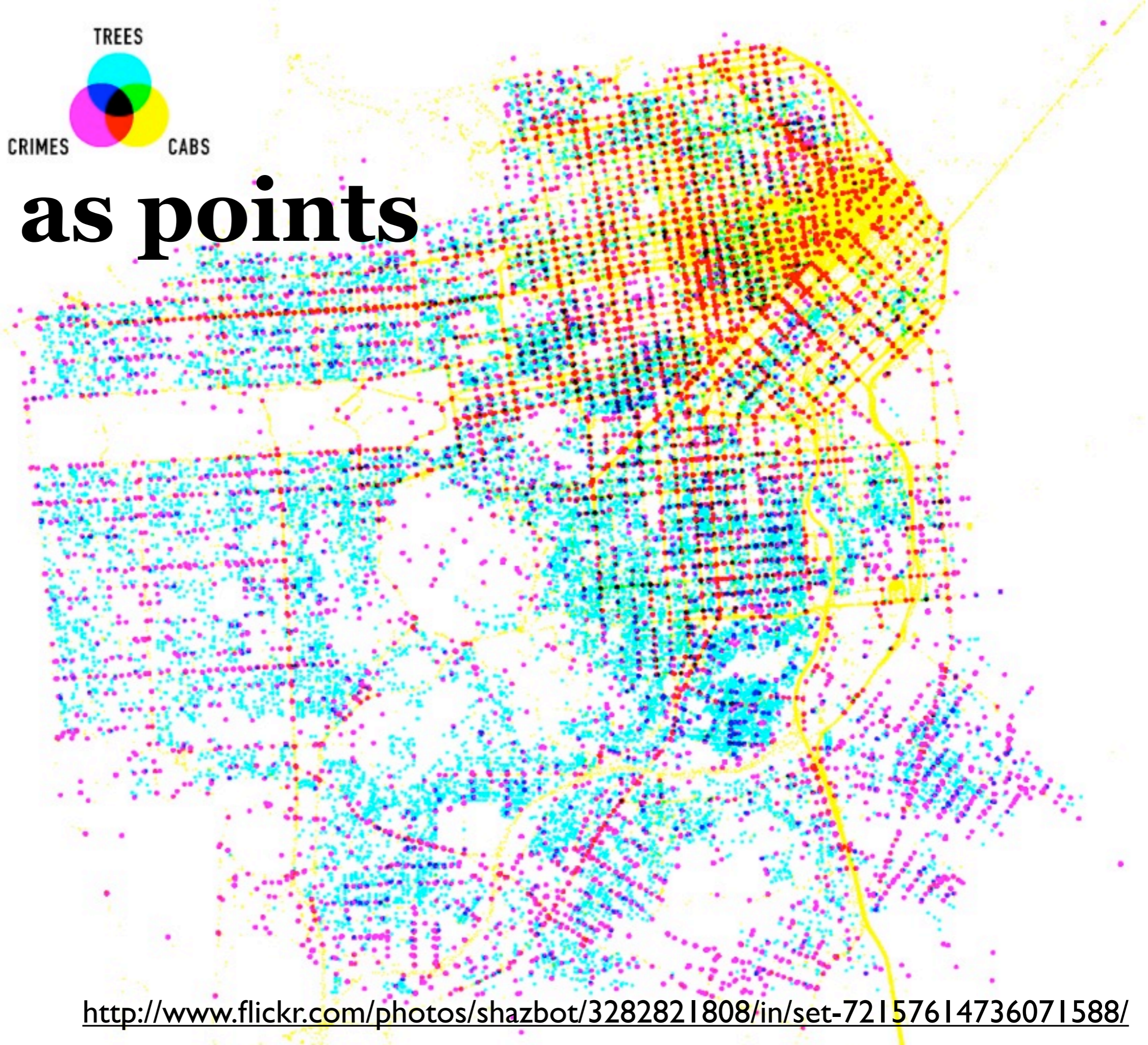
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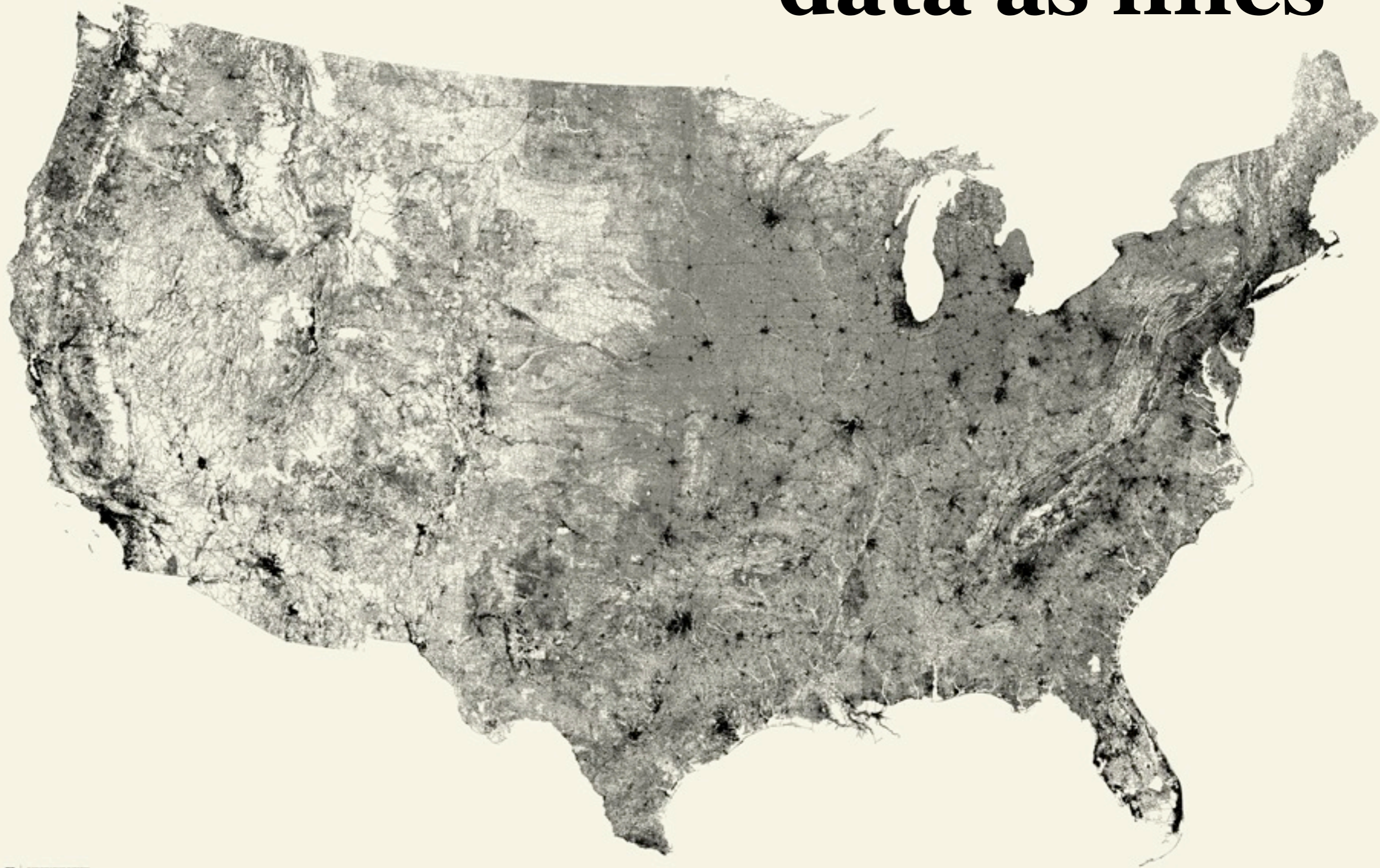


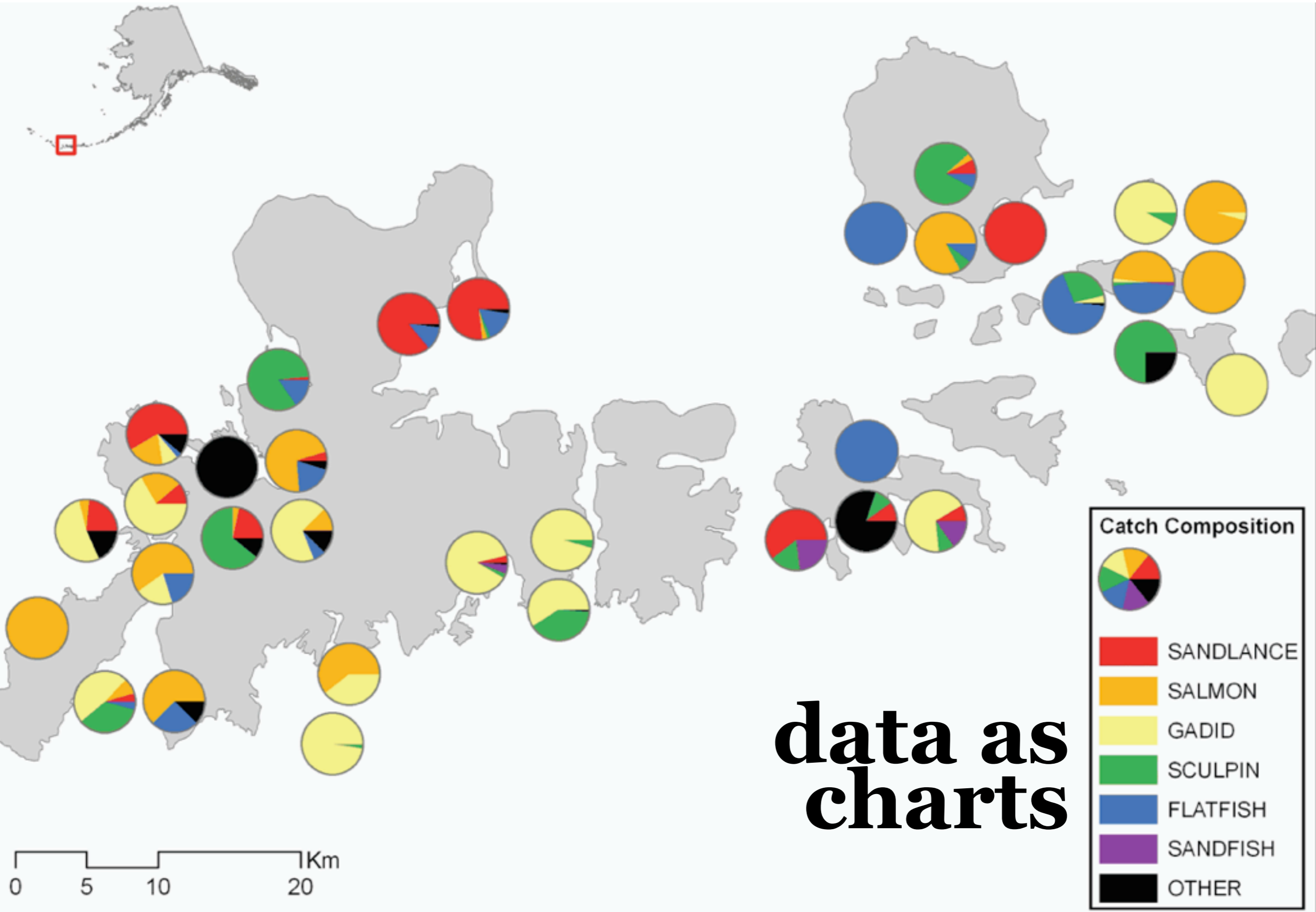


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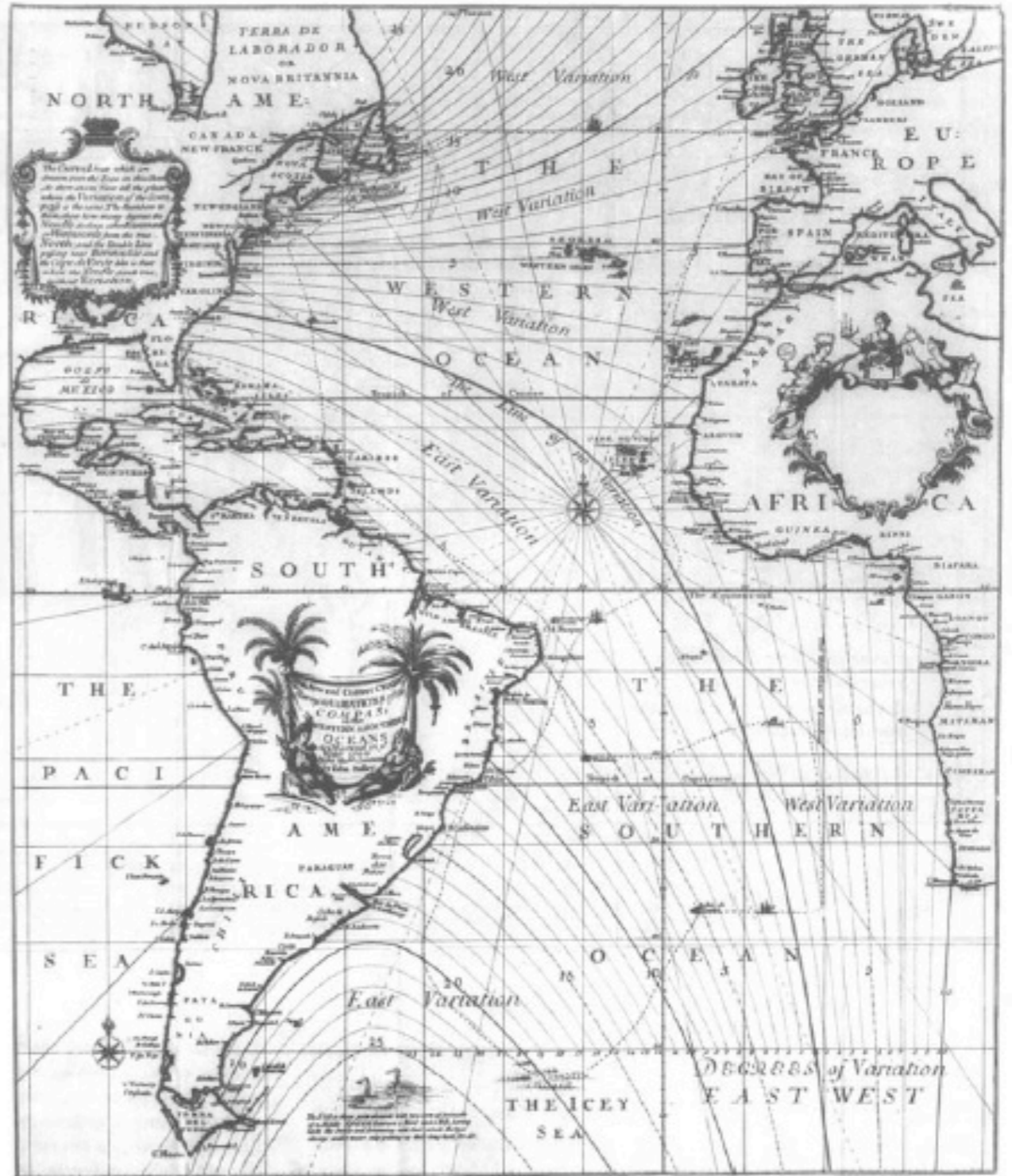




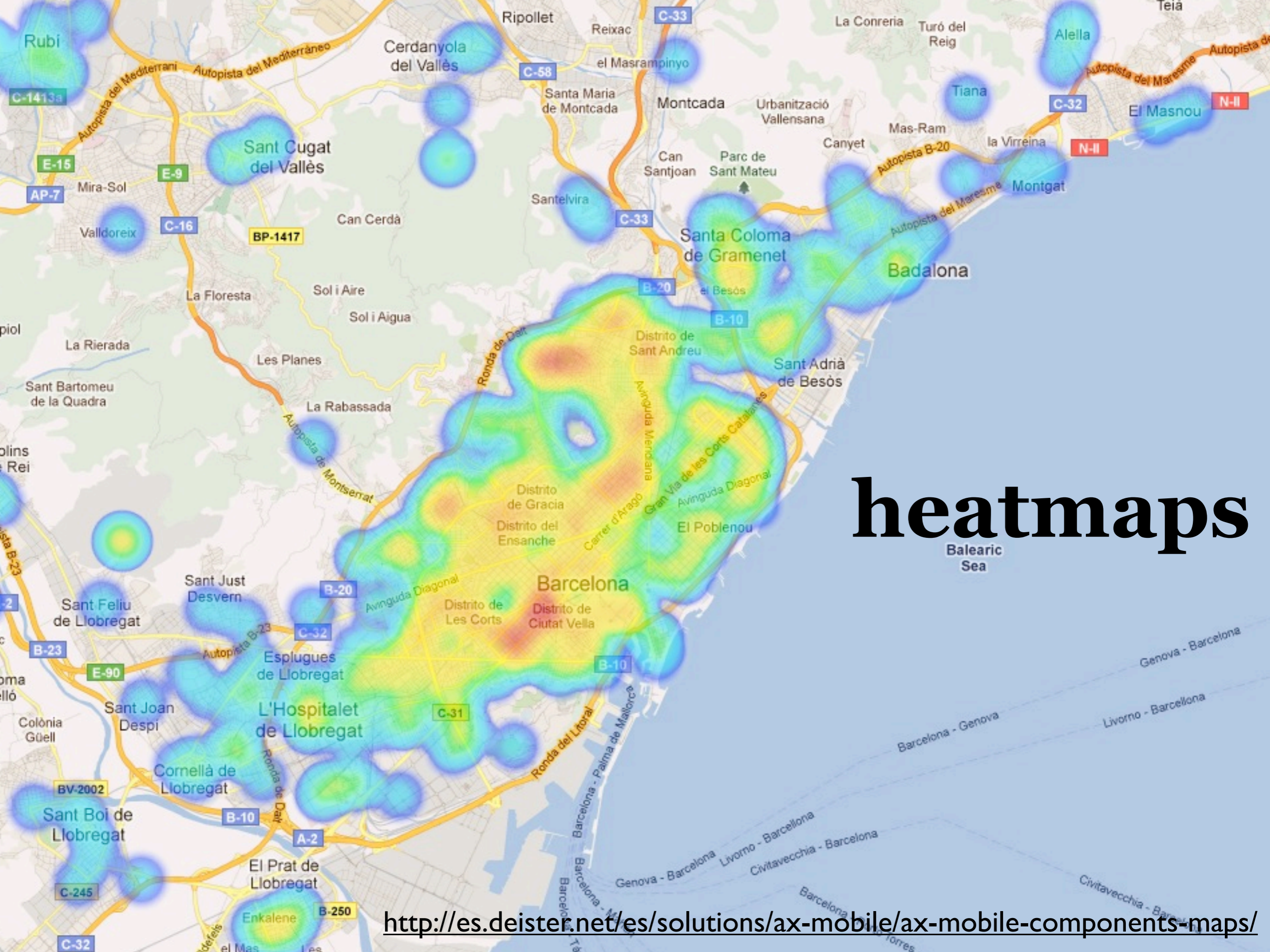
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Lines of Equal Magnetic Declination
first contour map

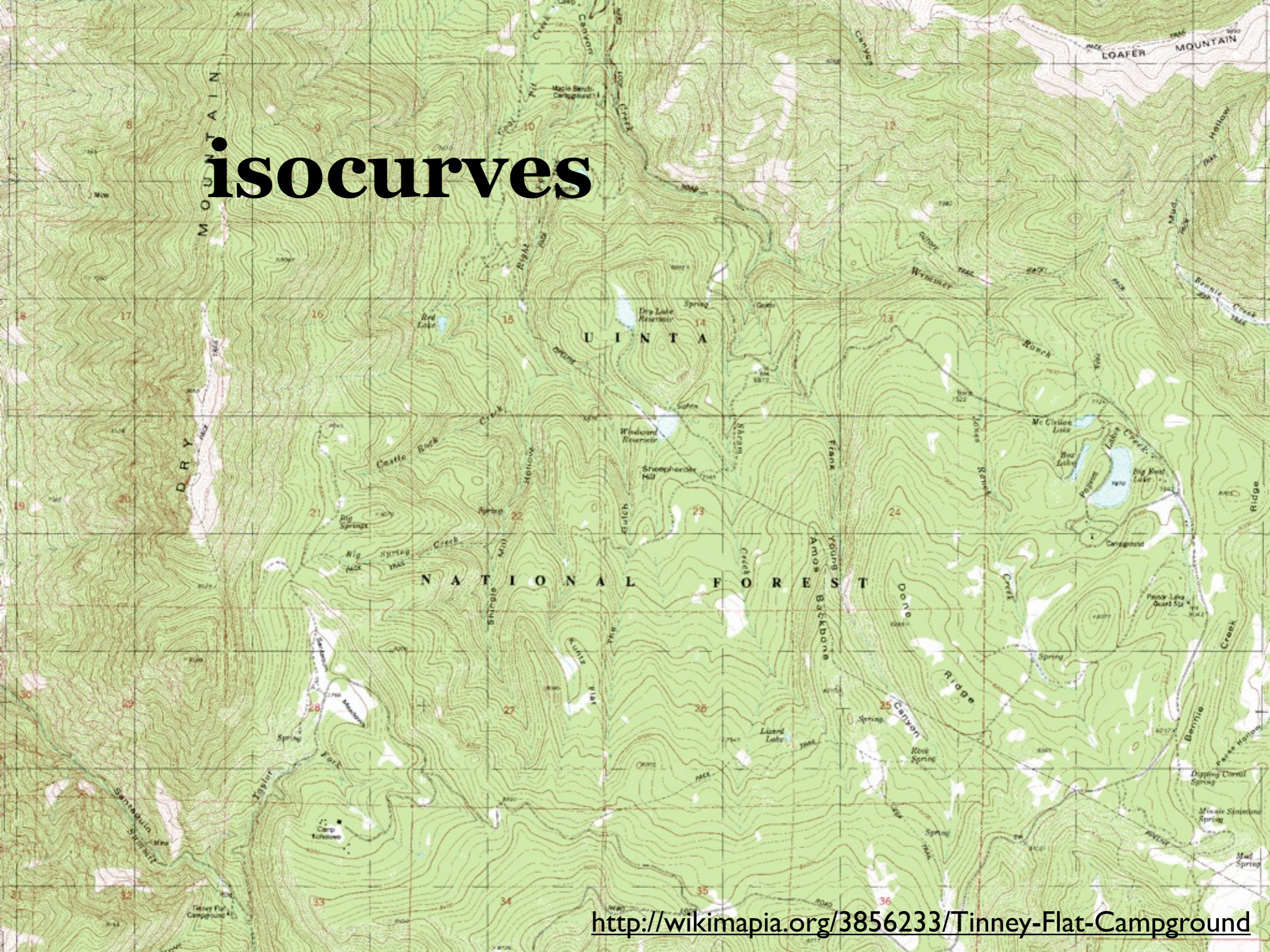


Edmond Halley, 1701



heatmaps

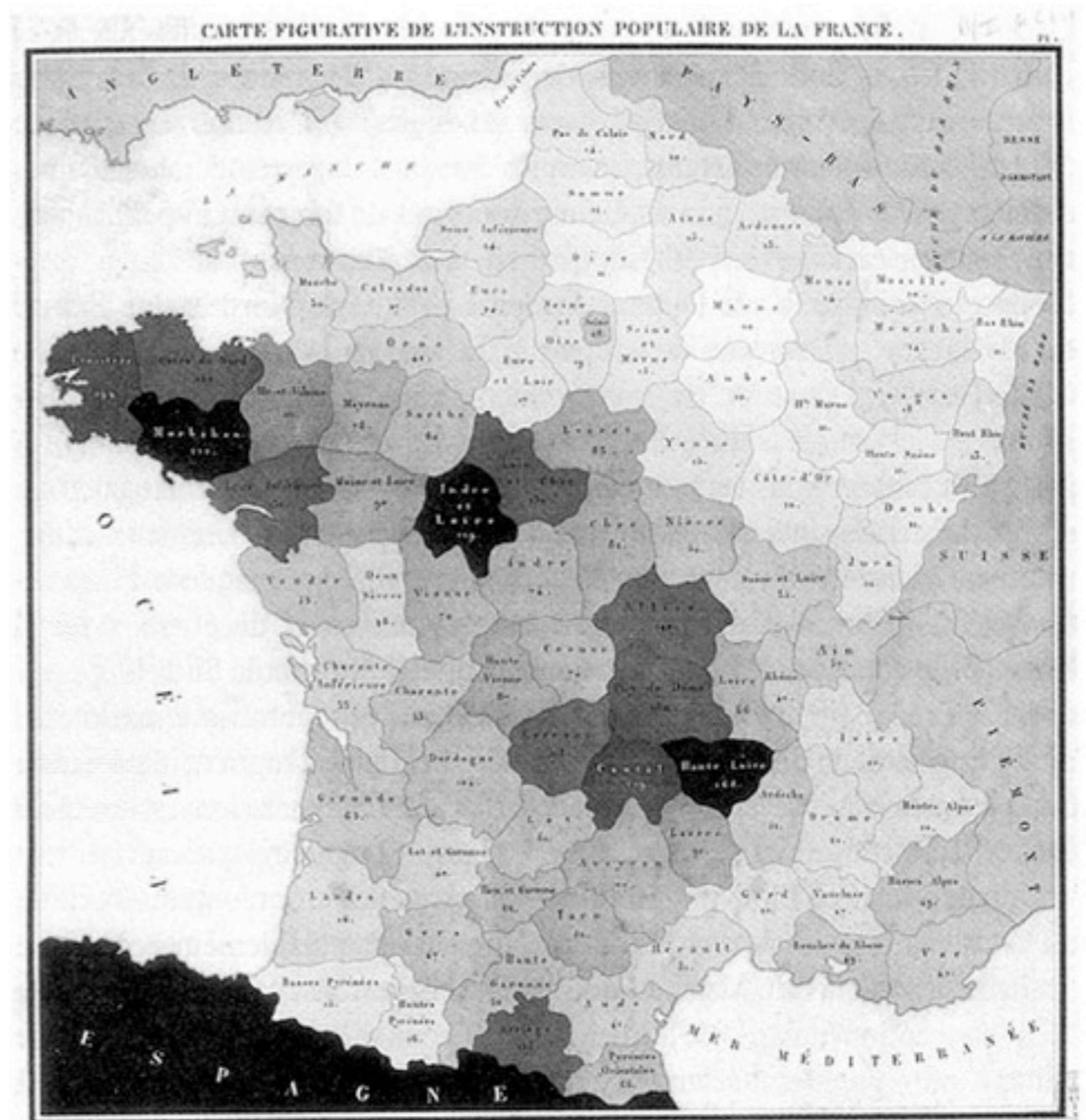
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choropleth

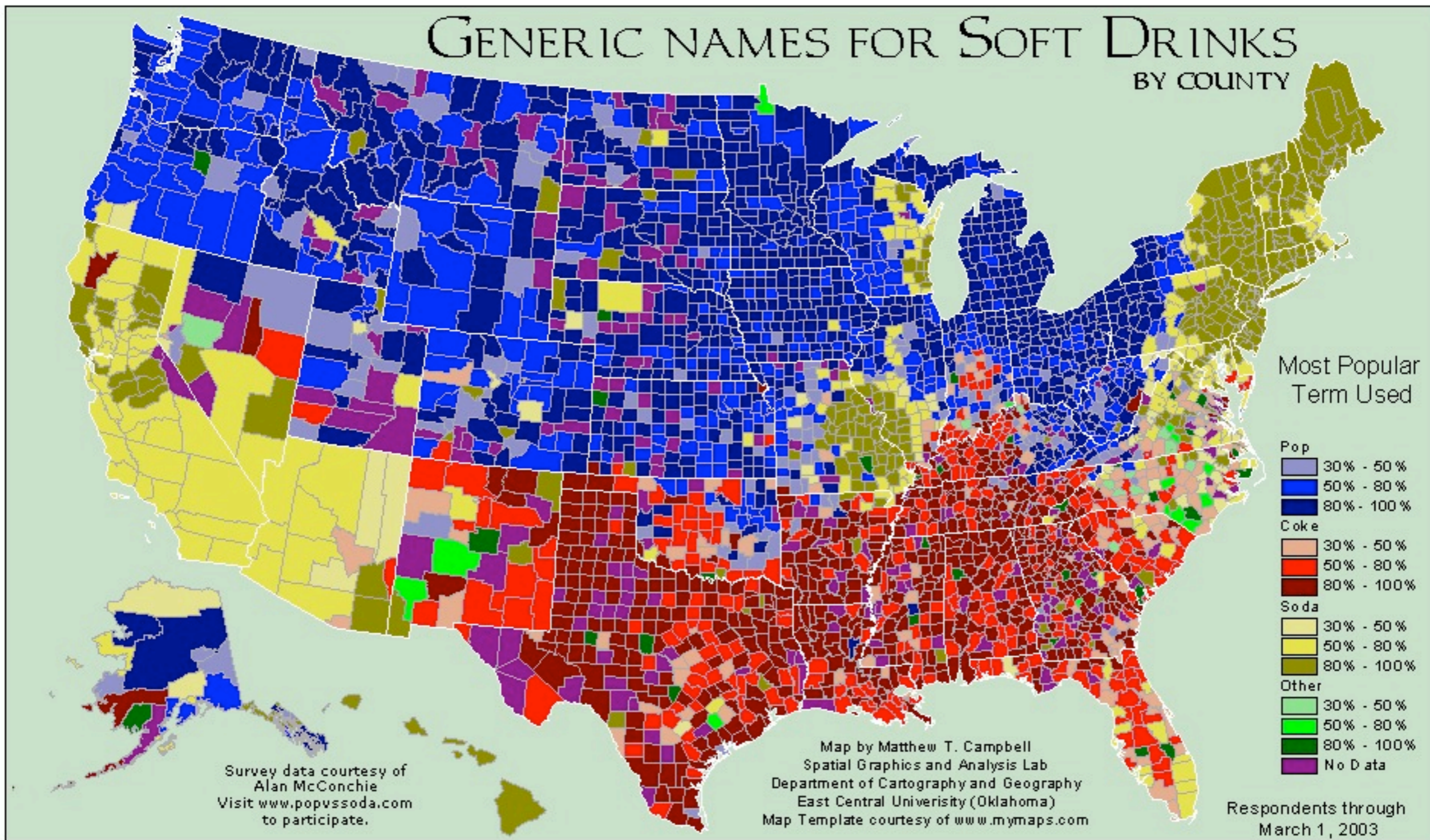
map in which areas are shaded, colored, or patterned relative to a data attribute value

Illiteracy in France *first choropleth map*



Charles Dupin, 1826

GENERIC NAMES FOR SOFT DRINKS BY COUNTY



cartogram

map in which areas are scaled and distorted relative to a data attribute value

Land Area

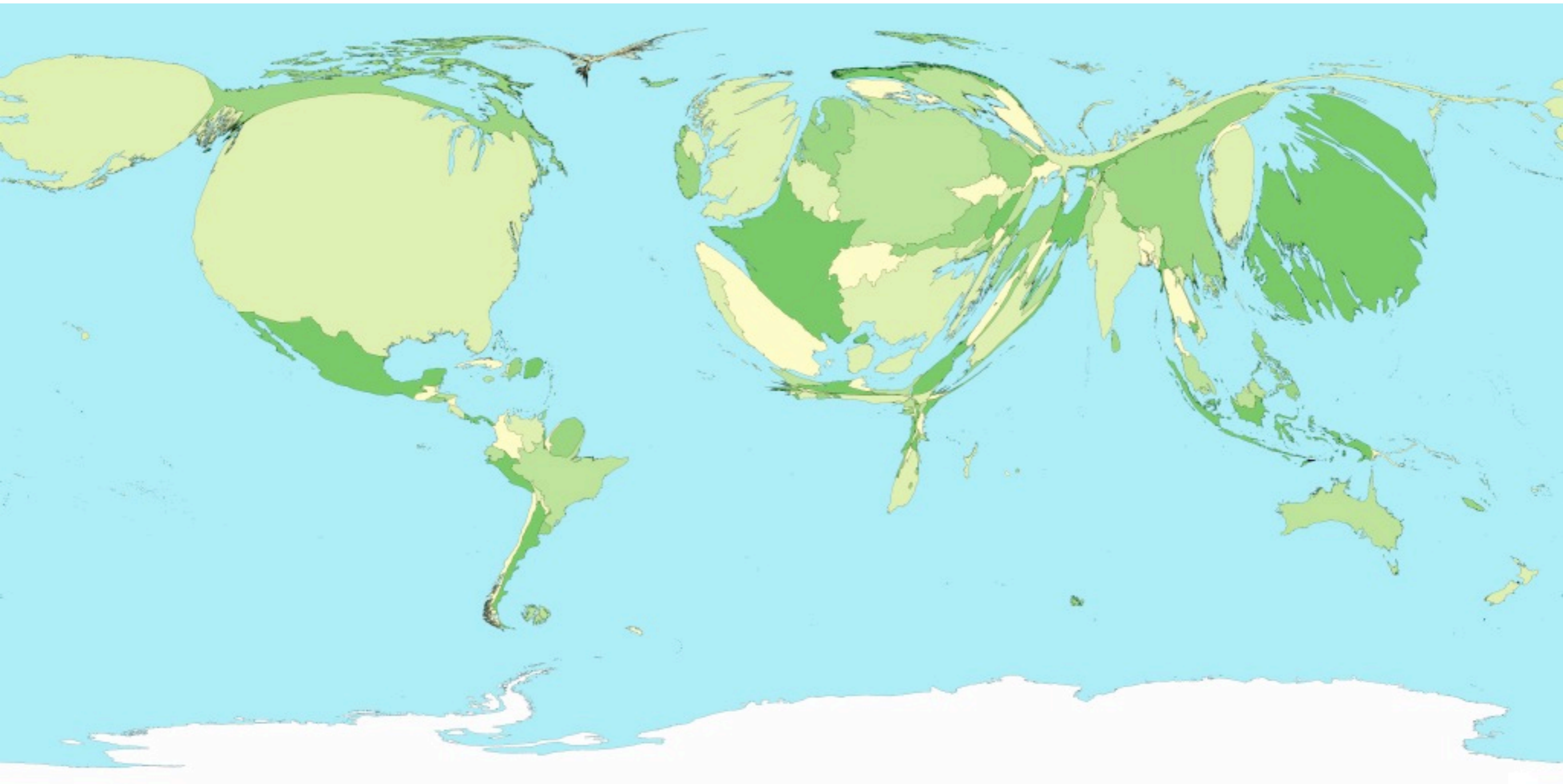
first cartogram

STATISTIQUE FIGURATIVE



Emile Levasseur, 1868

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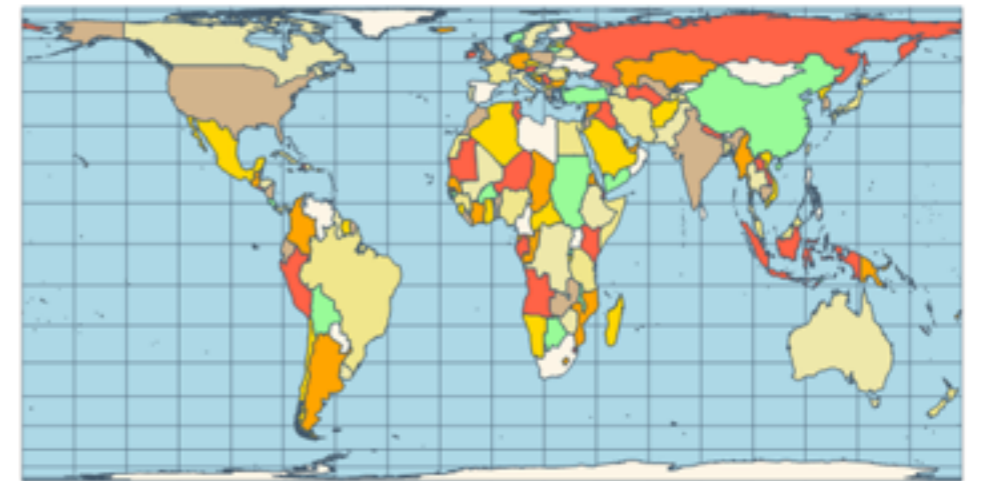


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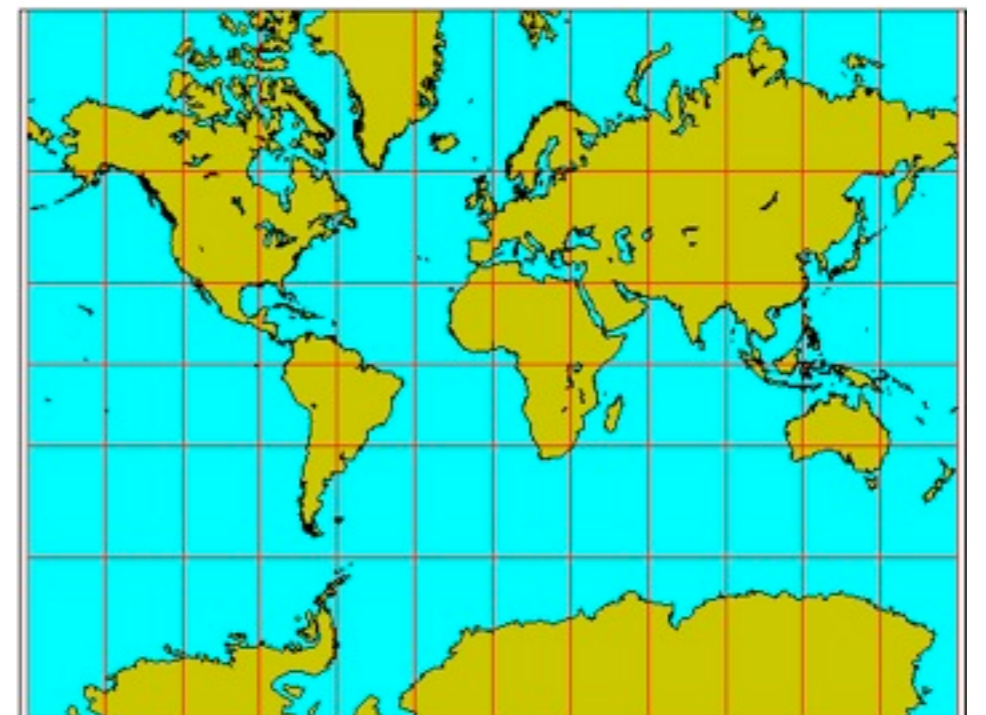
azimuthal
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equal-area
preserves area



conformal
preserves local shapes



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TABLEAU PUBLIC

- free version of Tableau**

 - publish visualizations to the web

- create interactive visualization dashboards**

- Tableau is a tool for visual analytics**

 - commercial predecessor of Polaris

HOW IT WORKS
see the magic happen

GALLERY
see what others visualized

COMMUNITY
join the conversation

 **DOWNLOAD**
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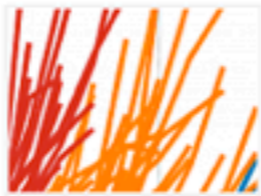
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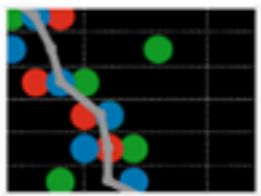
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Tools from the Pros #2: Joe Mako on Tableau

by ENRICO on SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

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Ok guys, here we are with a new interview of [Tools from the Pros](#), the series in which I interview data visualization professionals about their favorite tools. This time we have Joe Mako talking about his experience with Tableau. Before I start telling anything about Joe, let me tell you how I ended up interviewing him. I was looking for an expert to interview with proven experience in designing advanced visualizations with Tableau, so I decided to ask to some twitter friends. Result? Lots of names but only one always there: Joe Mako. If this is not enough give a look to the impressive [list of video tutorials](#) he has in his blog. Joe is employed at [S2 Statistical Solutions](#) where he does data integration and visualization. This is what Joe wrote when I asked him to send me a short bio:

I have used Tableau extensively since 2008, creating interactive viewpoints of data to enable people to get answers to their complex questions easily. Currently, I specialize in integrating complex databases from health insurance companies, hospital networks, and the government to enable better evidence-based decision making. I am active on the Tableau user forum, solving a variety of situations for many Tableau users ranging in skill from beginning to advanced.

I really enjoyed reading his interview. He provides lot of interesting references and links. If you are thinking about using Tableau I am sure his tips will help you a lot with your final decision.

How did you start using Tableau?

About three years ago in 2008, I had been reading [FlowingData](#) for a few months when I noticed Tableau was a sponsor and decided to check out their software to see if it could help with some projects I was working on. I felt like I was decent with formulas and VBA in Excel, but always had trouble making a

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D3

- domain-specific language for developing visualizations for the web**

- uses JavaScript**

- requires understanding

- JavaScript objects, functions, and the method-chaining paradigm of jQuery*

- SVG*

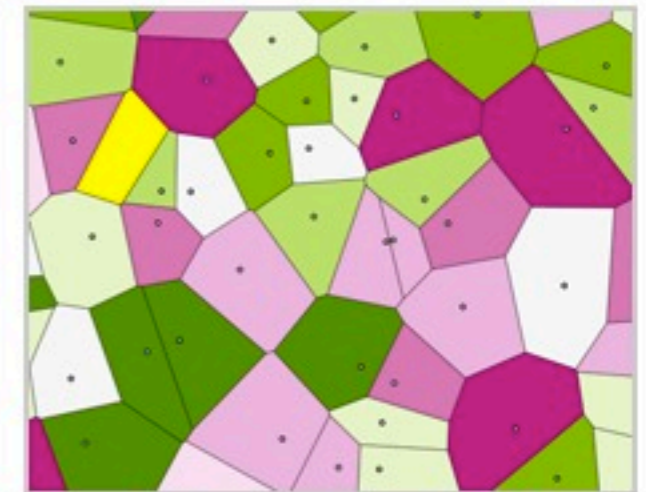
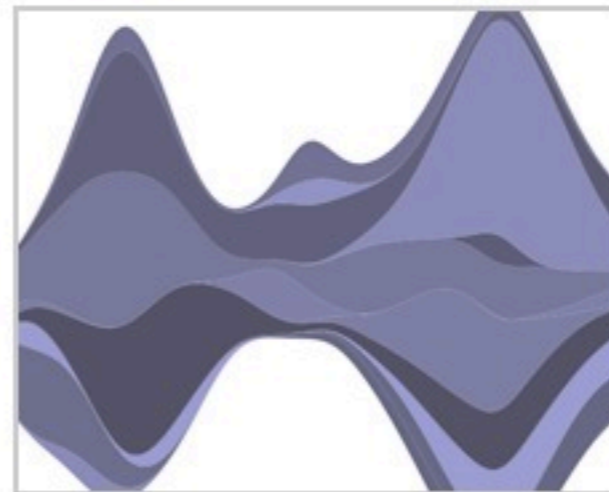
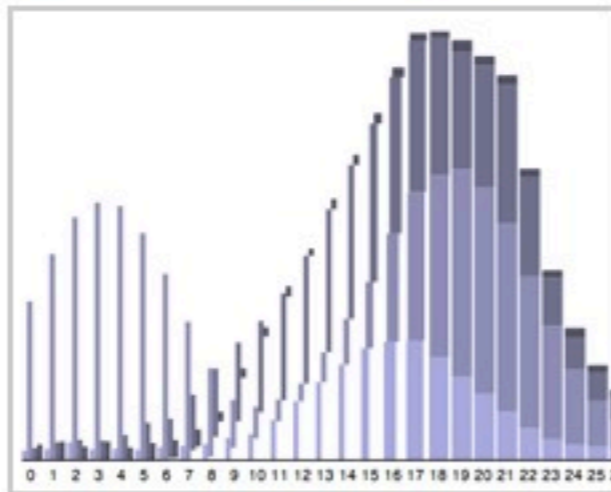
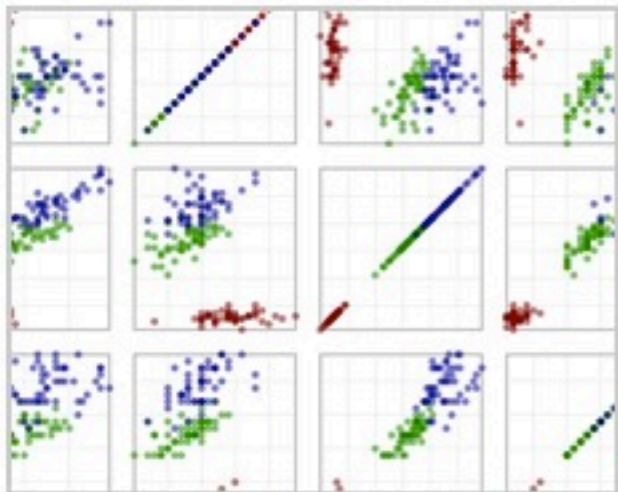
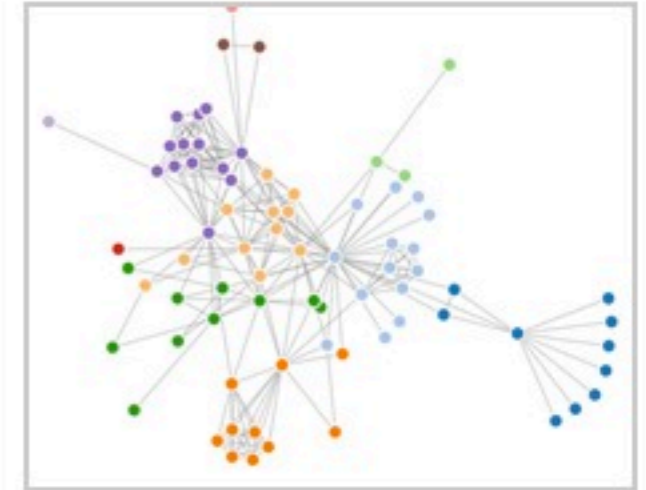
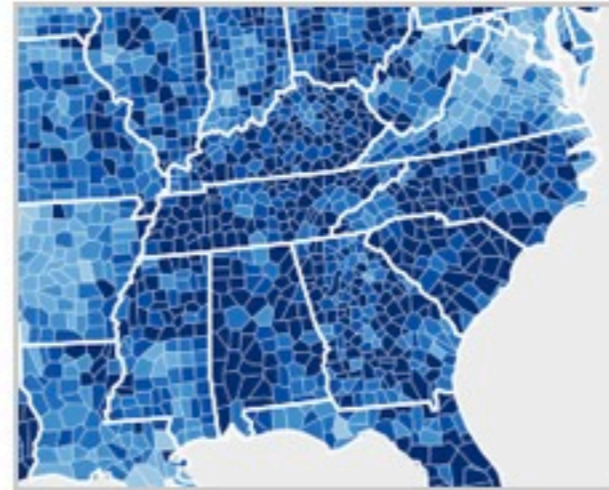
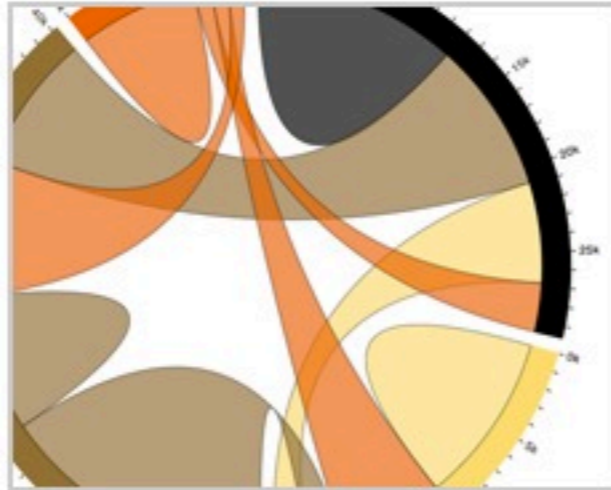
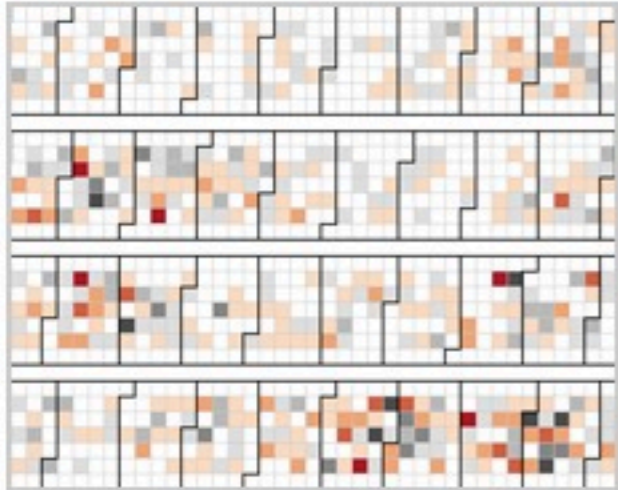
- replacement to Protovis**

- lots of built in methods and techniques**

d3.js

Data-Driven Documents

D3.js is a small, [free](#) JavaScript library for manipulating documents based on data.



 github.com/mbostock

 @mbostock

 Square

D3 for Mere Mortals

By [Luke Franci \(look@recursion.org\)](#), August 2011

[d3.js](#) is a data visualization library by [Mike Bostock](#), who is also the primary creator of [Protovis](#), which D3 is designed to replace.

D3 has a steep learning curve, especially if (like me) you are not used to the pixel-precision of graphics programming. To build a visualization with D3, you need to understand JavaScript objects, functions, and the method-chaining paradigm of jQuery; the basics of [SVG](#) and CSS; [D3's API](#); and the principles for designing effective infographics.

The pay off is that you can create some amazing visualizations with D3 (just look at [the examples!](#)).

I know very little about D3, but the best way to learn something is to teach it...so here is a very simple introduction to D3 from the beginning.

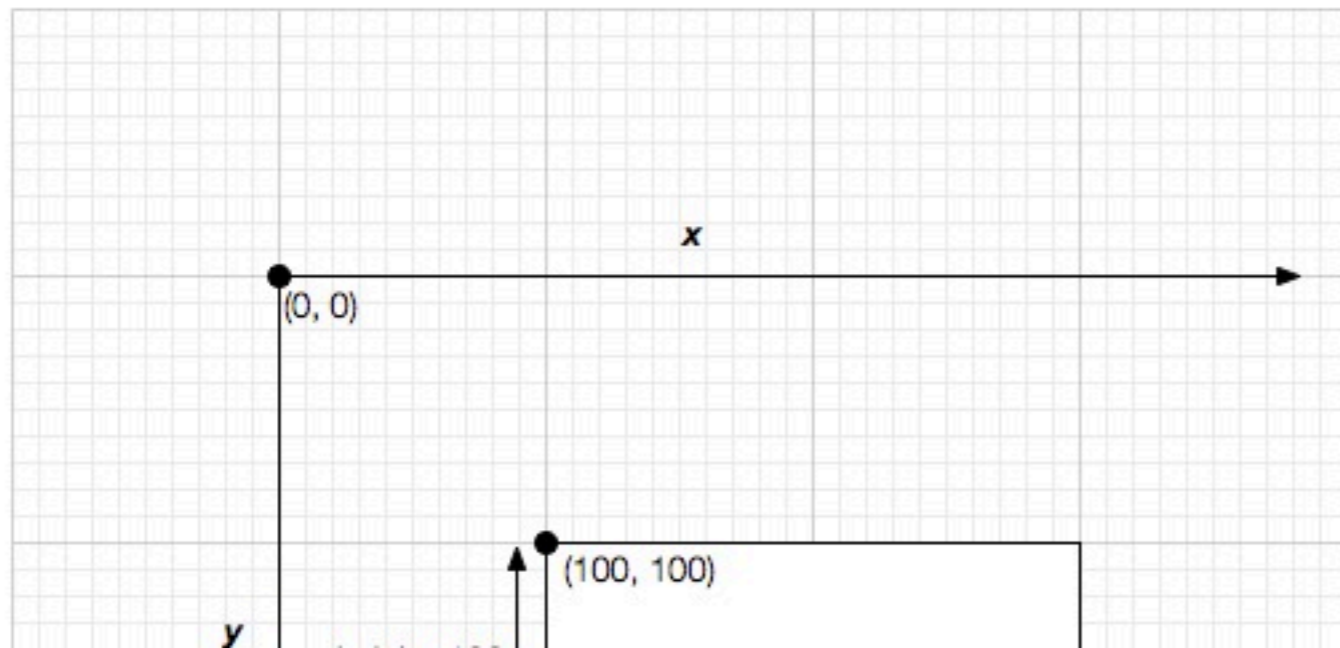
SVG

D3 shares similarities with its predecessor Protovis. However, instead of having its own graphical representation, D3 uses SVG (or HTML for simpler visualizations). This means that using D3 requires a fair amount of understanding of SVG. Fortunately, D3 provides a jQuery-like interface to the DOM, which means you will not have to endure the [XML situps](#).

SVG provides basic shape primitives like `line`, `rect`, and `circle` as well as `text` and `path` to build complicated lines and shapes. If you think about a bar chart, you can see how you could make one of lines and rectangles with text for labels. D3 provides an API to help you place your rectangles in the correct location on the canvas.

To place a rectangle on the canvas, you need to understand that the axis starts in the top left corner and counts up towards the bottom of the screen. An SVG `rect` is positioned from its top-left corner and has a width and height.

Here's a diagram of a rectangle positioned at (100, 100) with a height of 100 pixels and a width of 200 pixels.



Fell in Love with Data

Tools from the Pros #3: Jan Willem Tulp on D3 and Protovis

by ENRICO on OCTOBER 13, 2011
in GUIDES, INTERVIEWS

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When I saw for the first time a visualization developed by Jan, the [Ghost Counties](#), I was totally fascinated. It's brilliant. It took me a while to understand how it works, but once I got it I could not help but admiring the strange mix of complexity and simplicity it provides.

Despite he looks so serious in this picture on the left, he has a big smile and he is fun. I met him for the first time at [Visualizing Europe](#) and since then we exchanged many emails. Plus, he is a regular commenter here (and everywhere) and I love him for that.

I don't know how much I have to add to convince you his advice is a valuable one. Just give a look to his [portfolio](#) and judge yourself. He is IMO one of the most interesting [data visualization freelancers](#) recently appeared on the scene.

I know, by talking with him, he is proficient with several technologies but he has a passion for D3.

How did you start using Protovis/D3?

I've always been someone interested in the latest technologies. So, since I follow the data viz community very closely, I was aware of Protovis very early on, and I was aware of the development of D3 even before it was released to the public. I have a software development background, so I don't have too much trouble finding my way in new programming languages, and since it excites me to work with new technologies and frameworks, I just started playing with Protovis and D3 as soon as it became available.

What's the best and worst aspect of Protovis/D3?

The best aspect of Protovis is that it is a domain specific declarative language, which means that is fairly easy to start writing code, using visualization related keywords and functions. The best aspects of D3 is it's flexibility (more direct integration with SVG) and better performance. The worst aspect of both D3 and Protovis is that it's hard or impossible to get it working on older browsers, and the learning curve for D3 may be somewhat harder than for Protovis.

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INTRO TO PROCESSING

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What is Processing?

Where to get it?

How to use it?

What can I do with it?

Where to get help?

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What is Processing?

Where to get it?

How to use it?

What can I do with it?

Where to get help?

- domain-specific language for interactive visualizations**

- export applets and applications**

- built on top of Java**

 - requires understanding

 - *basic OO-methods*

 - *basic Java*

 - *simplified graphics pipeline*

- simplification of graphics programming (ie OpenGL)**

 - no built in methods or techniques

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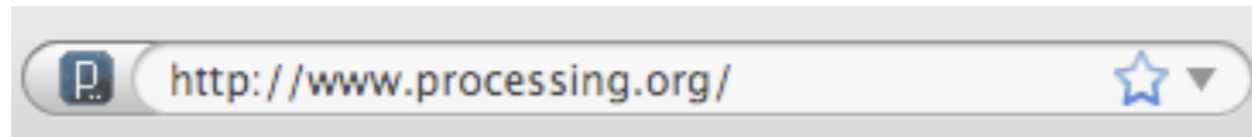
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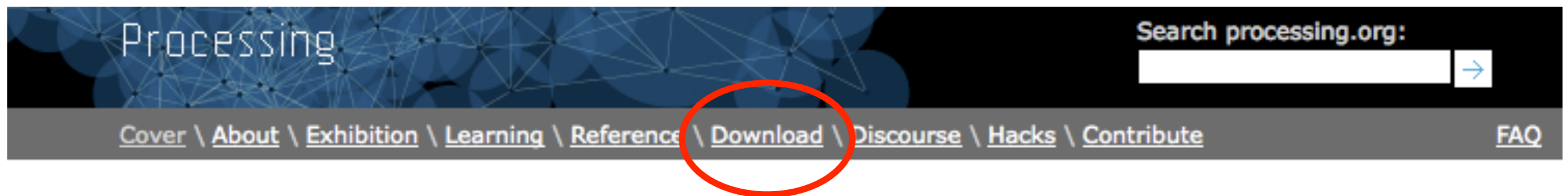
Where to get help?

Where to get it?

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↓ Windows (Without Java)*

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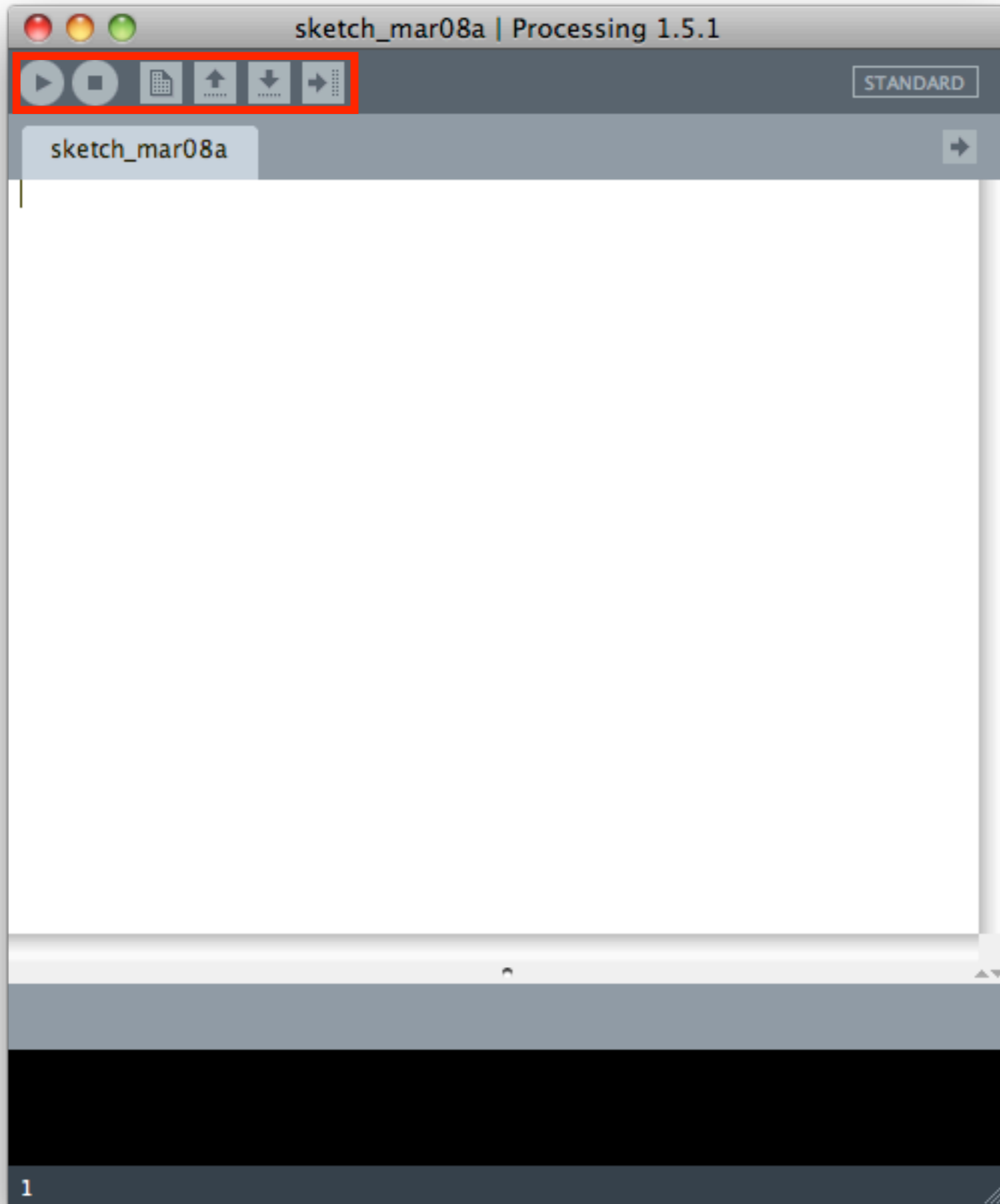
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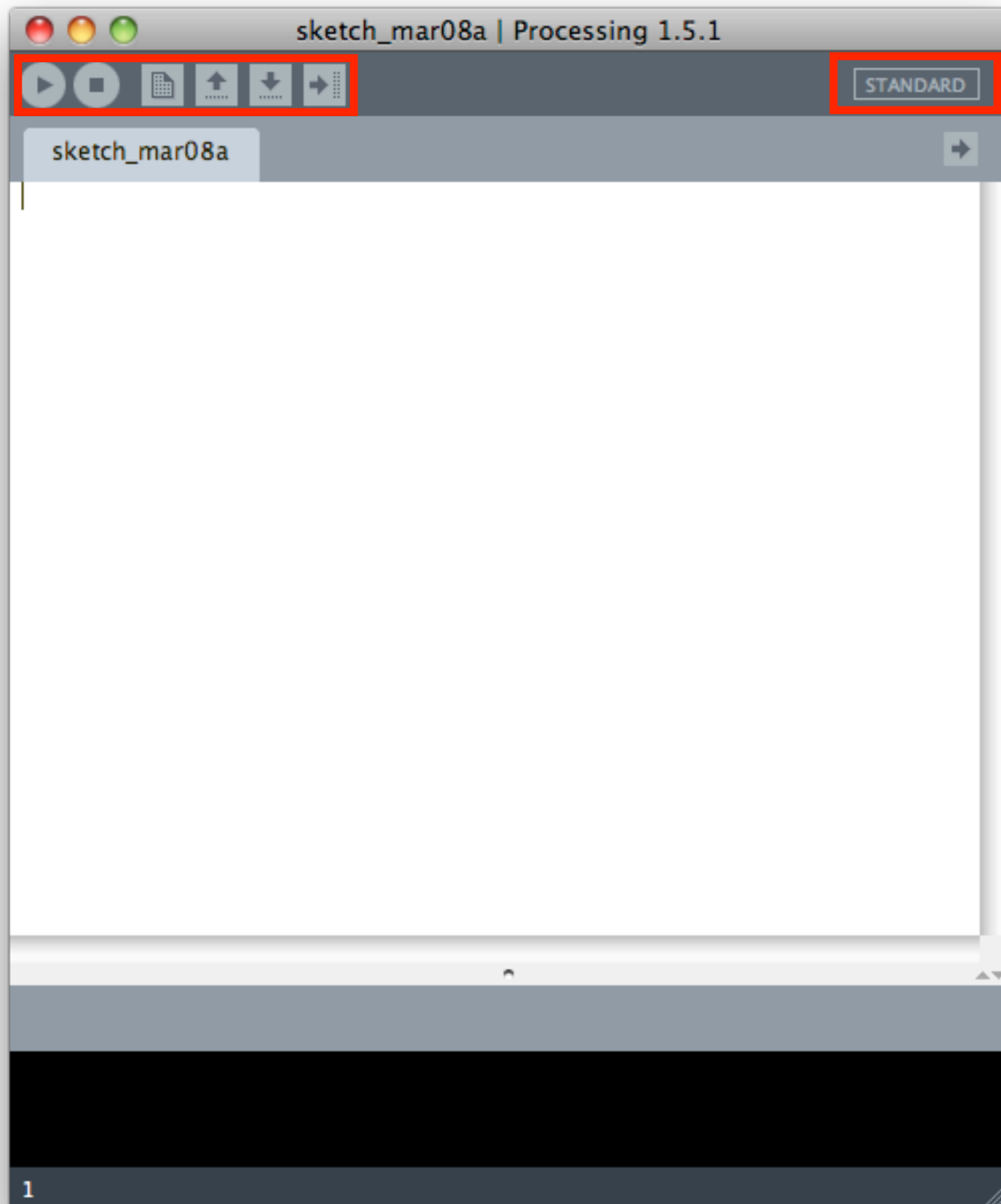
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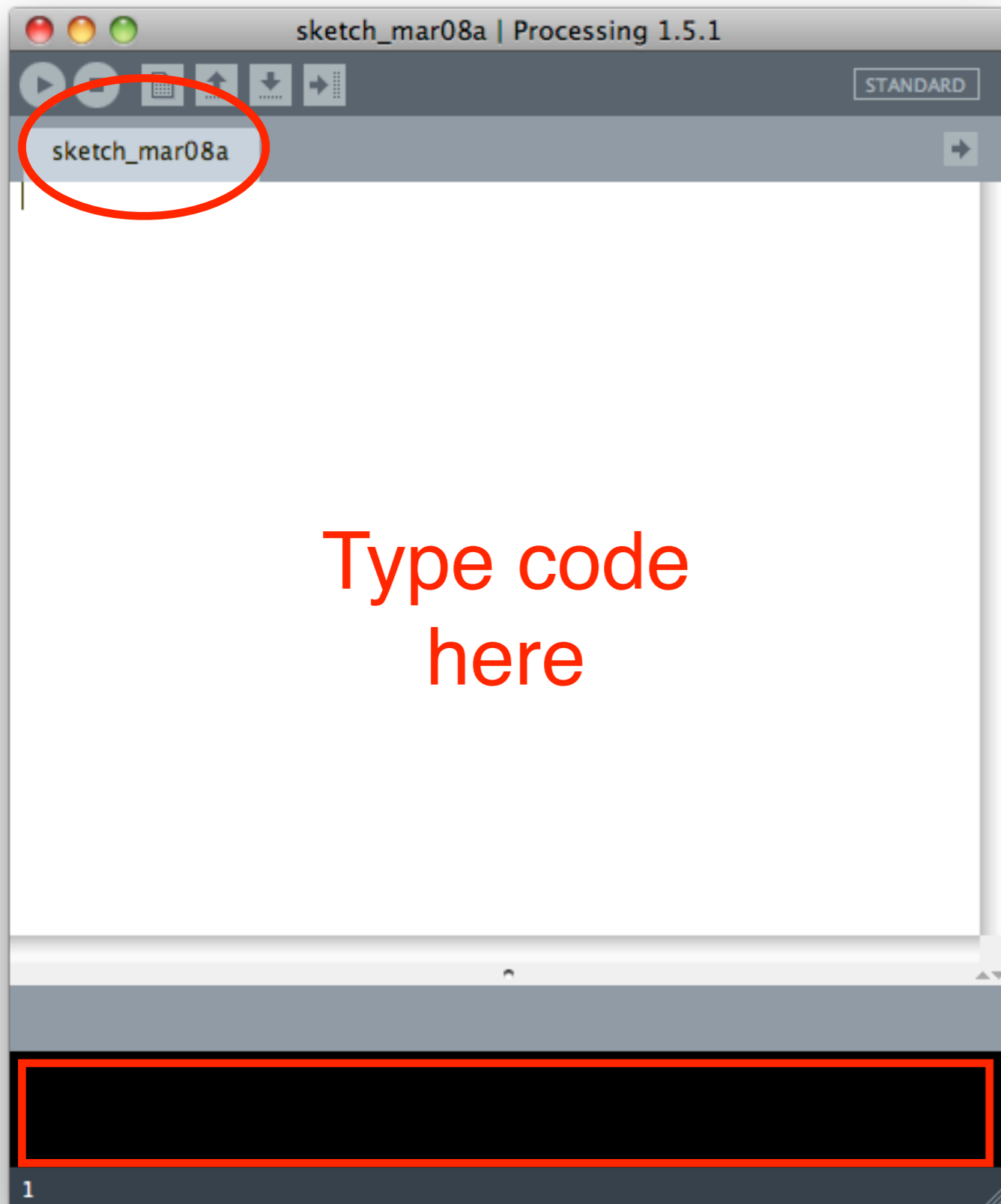
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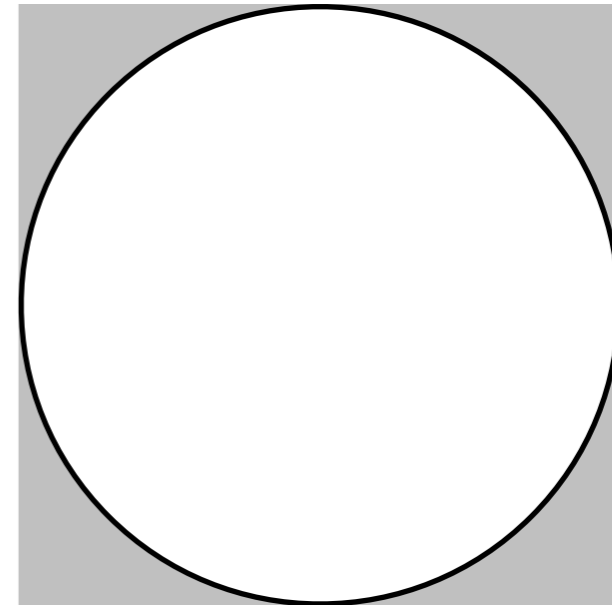
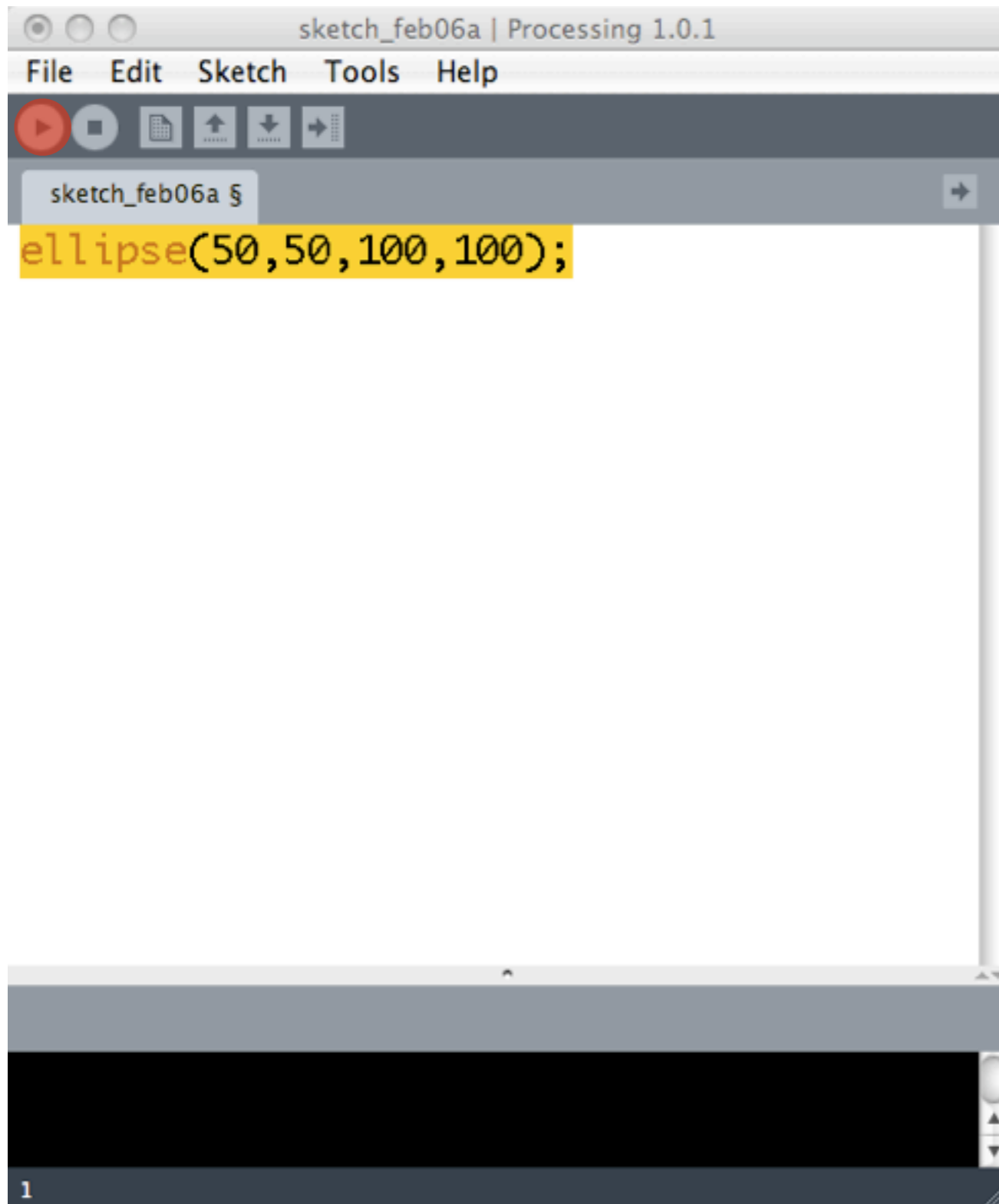
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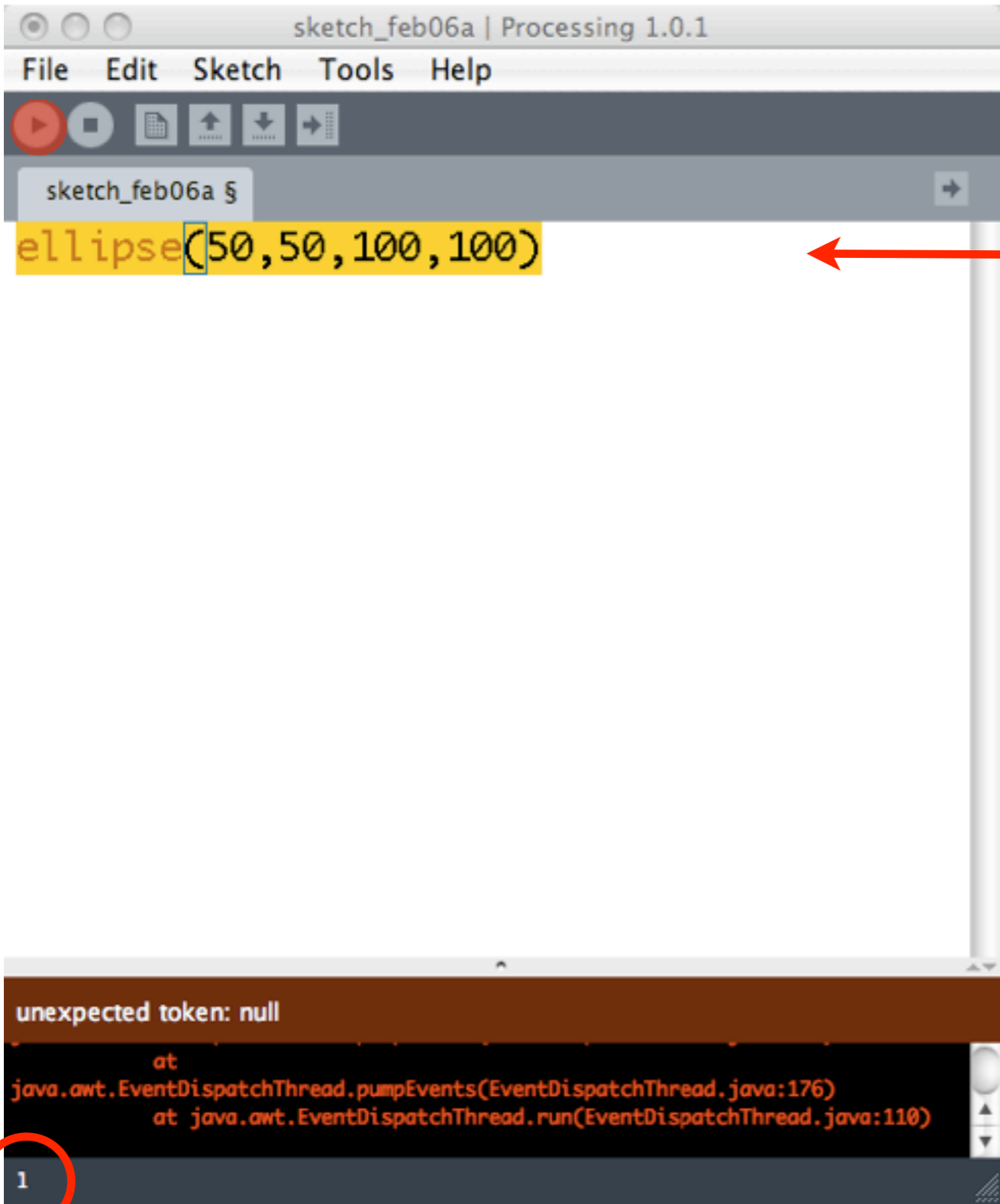
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name( arguments );
```

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ellipse( 50, 50, 100, 100 );
```

A First Sketch



Errors

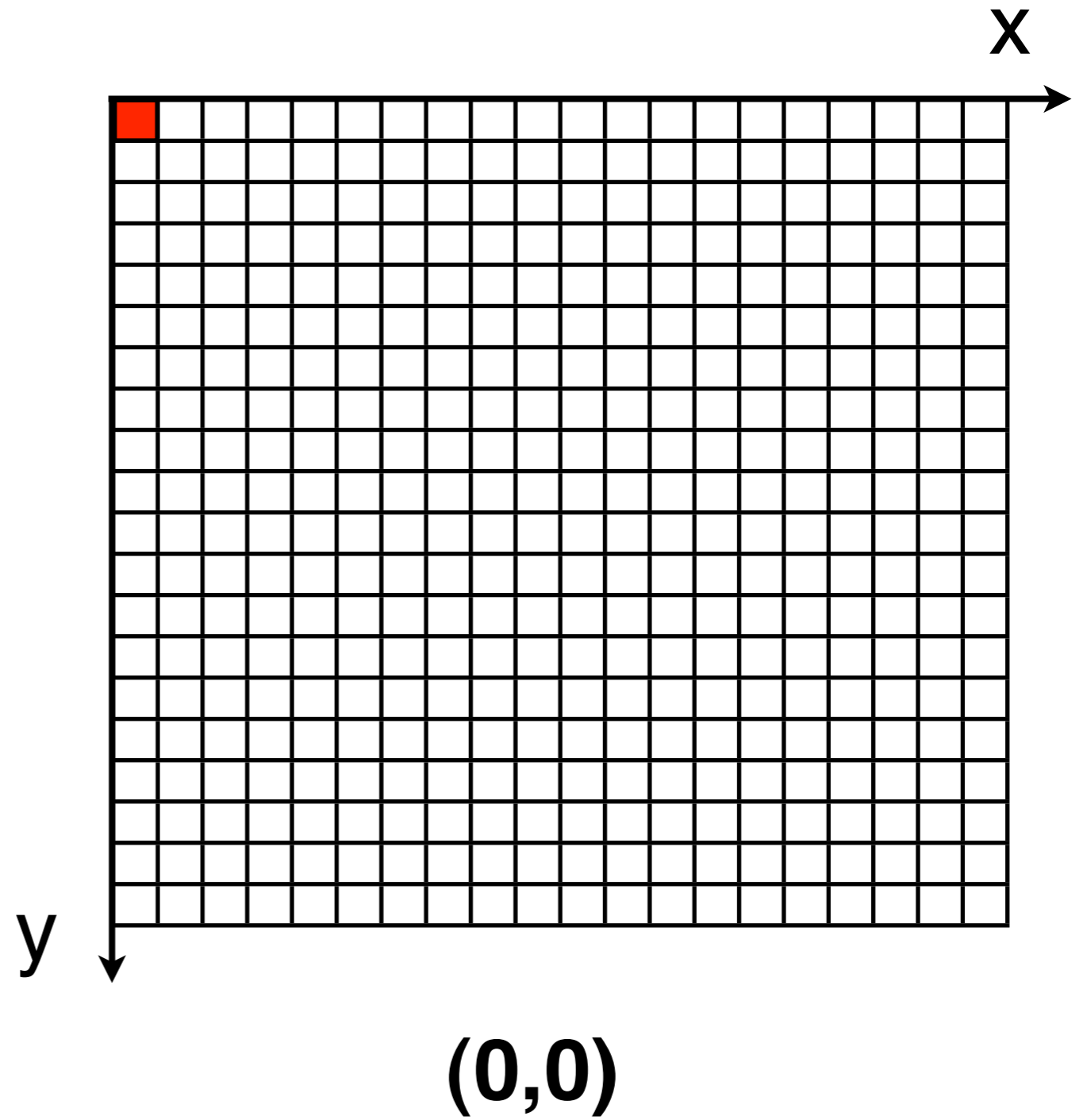
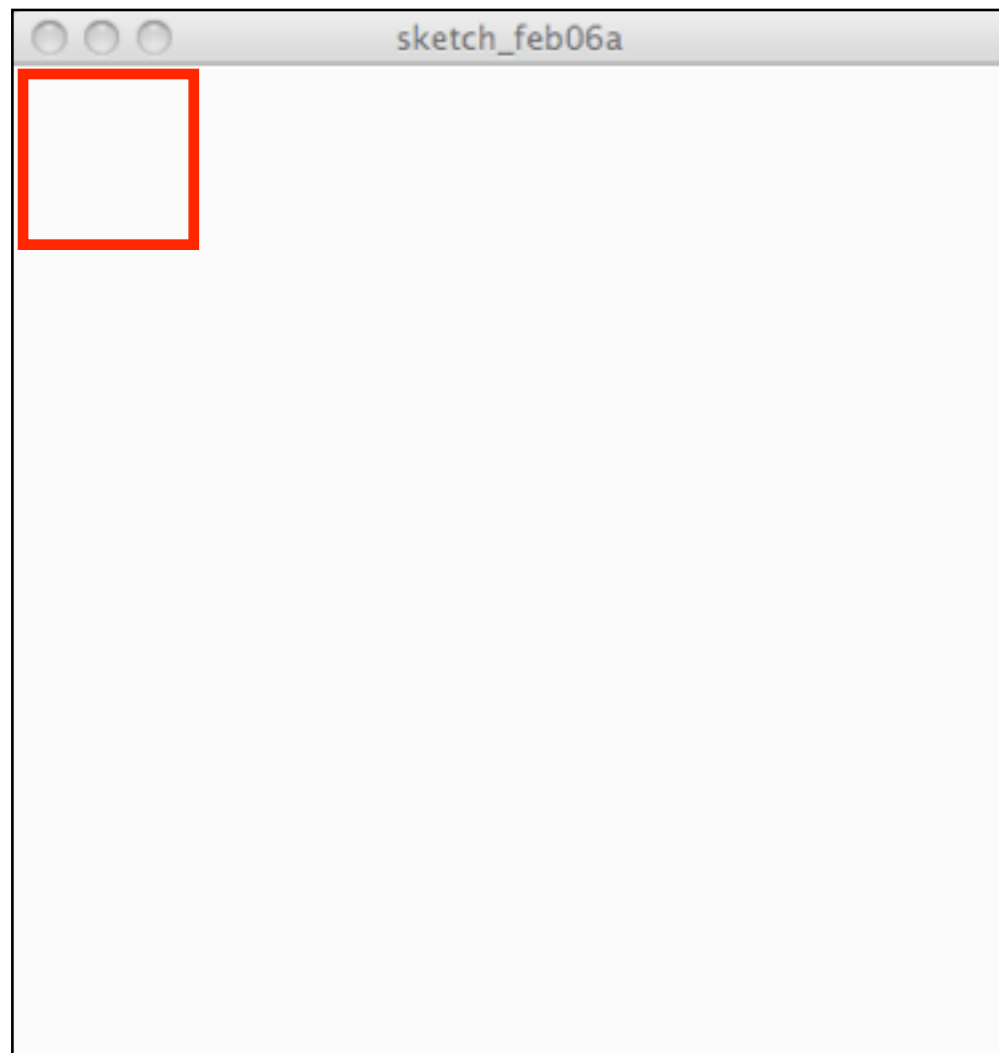


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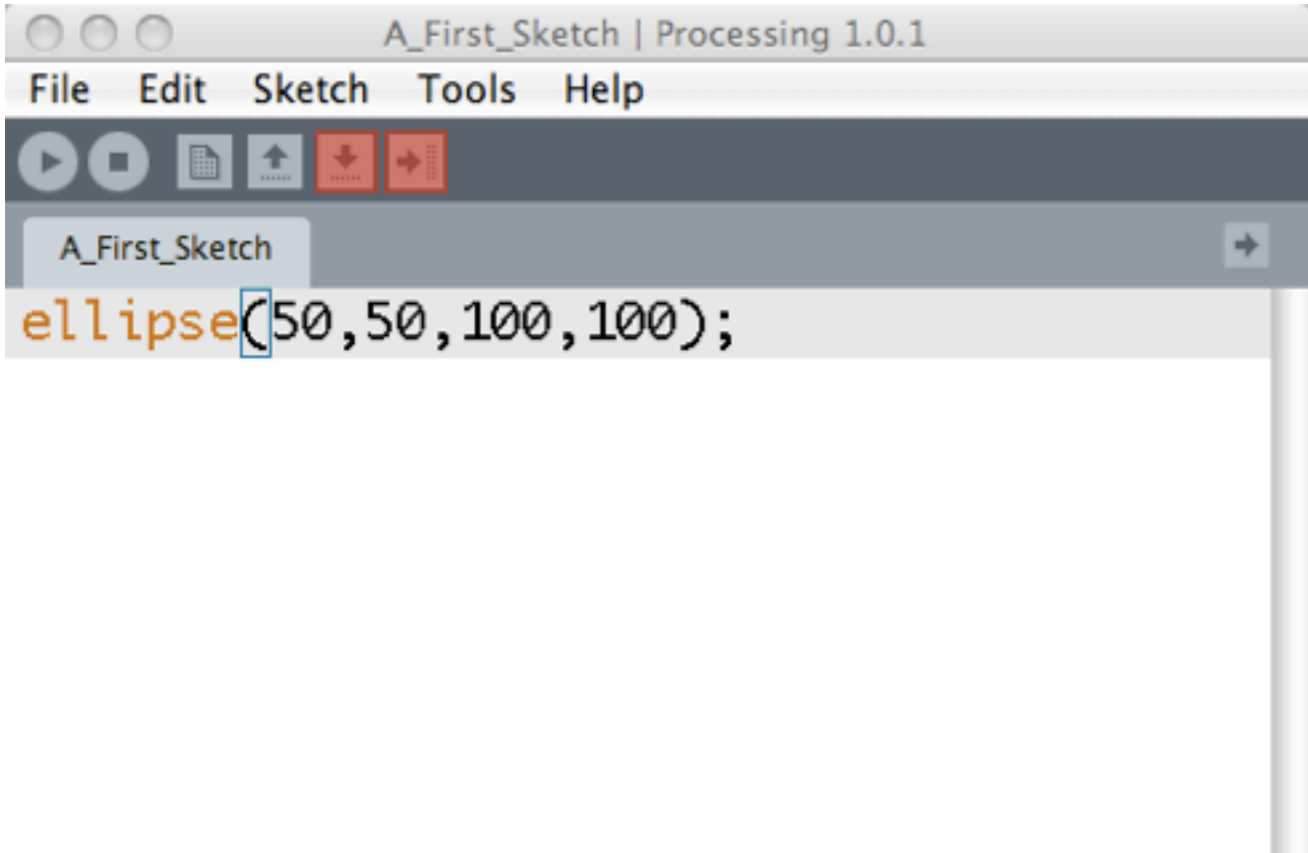
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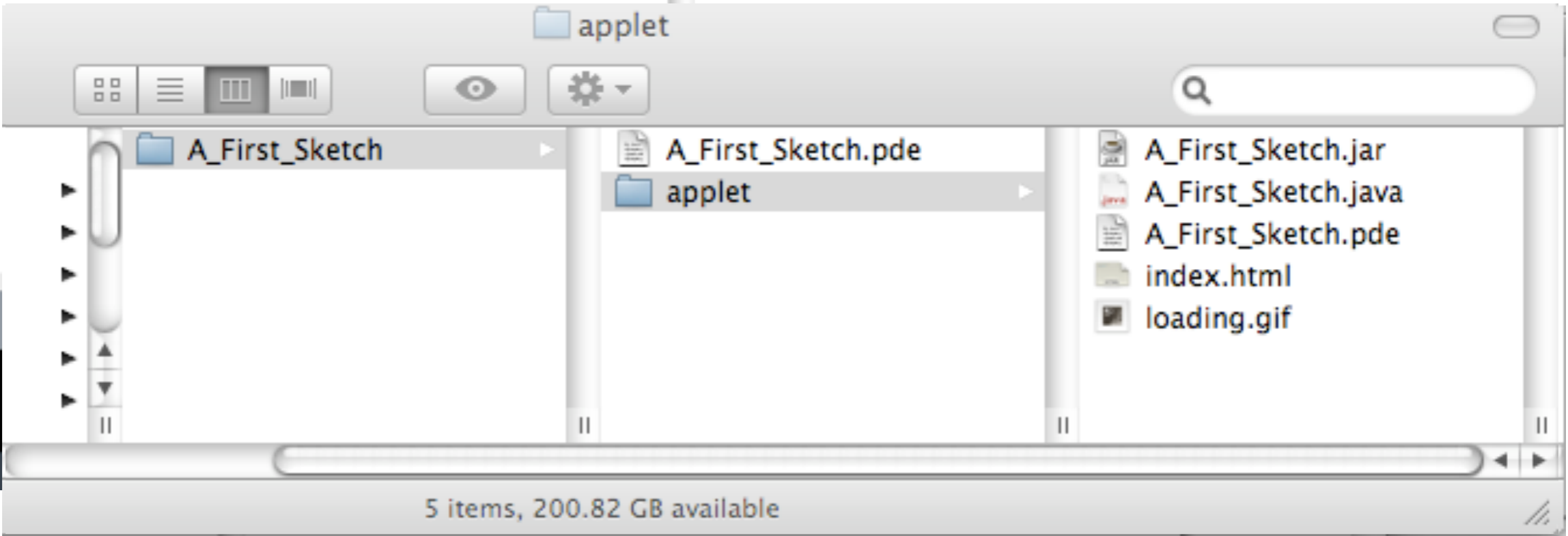
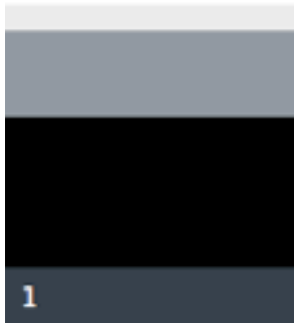


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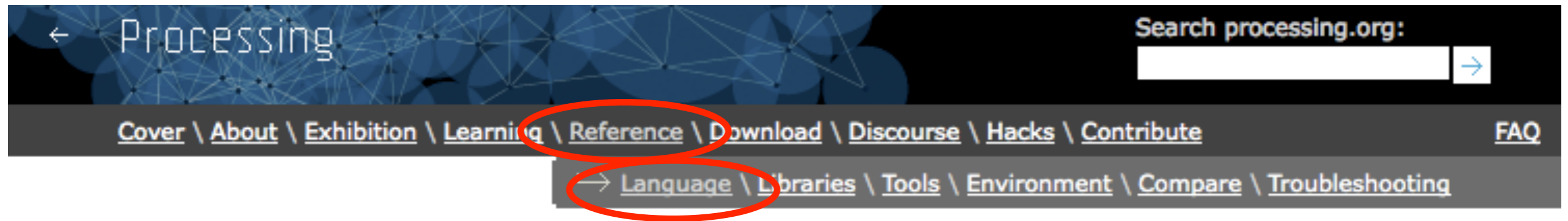
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Language and Libraries



Shape, Color, Image, Text, Interaction, ...



Video, Network, PDF, Audio, ...

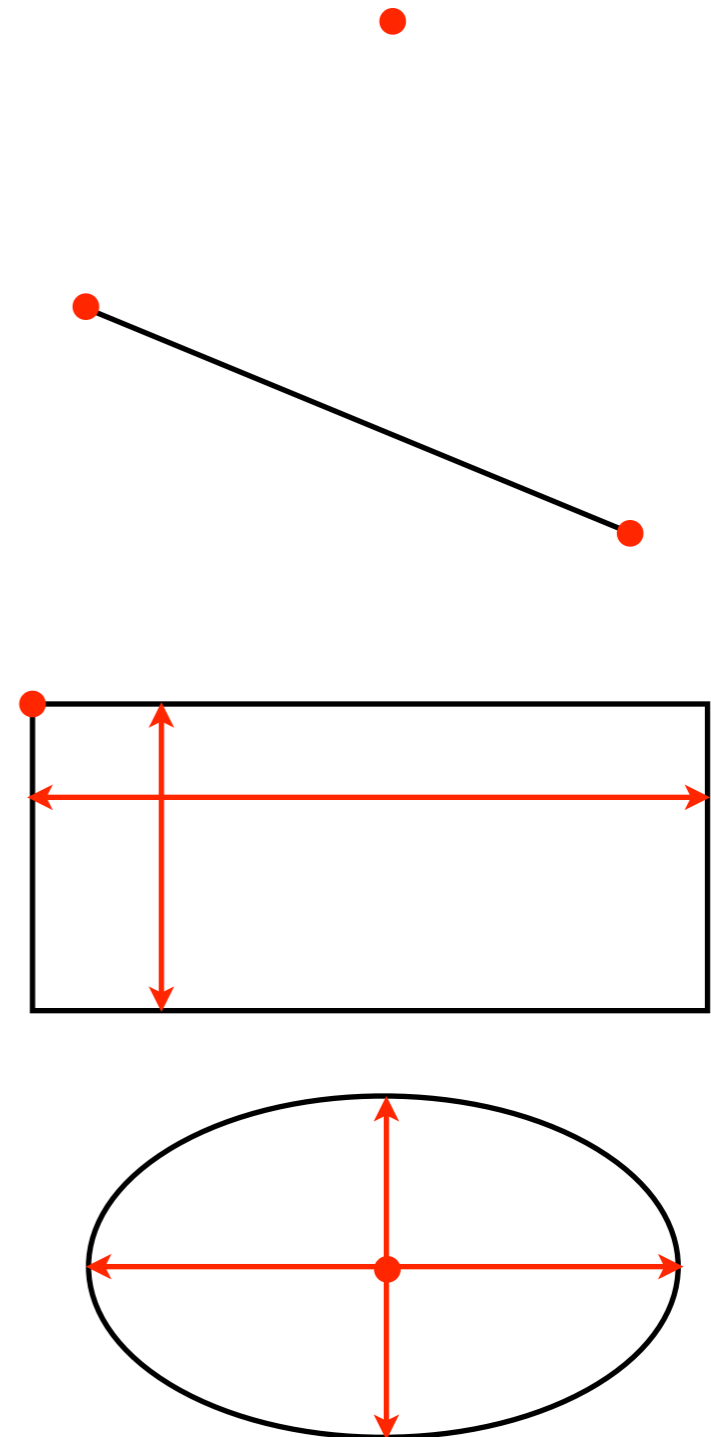
Simple Shapes

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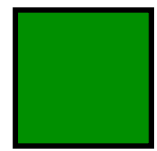
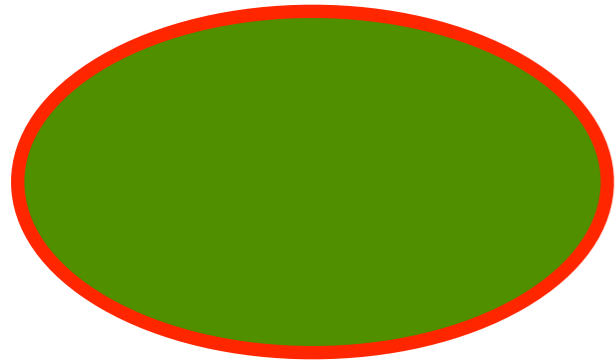
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line(x1, y1, x2, y2);
```

```
rect(x, y, width, height);
```

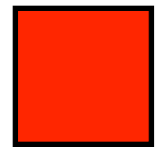
```
ellipse(x, y, width, height);
```



Colors



fill color



stroke color

```
stroke(red, green, blue);
```

```
stroke(grey);
```

```
noStroke();
```

```
fill(red, green, blue);
```

```
fill(grey);
```

```
noFill();
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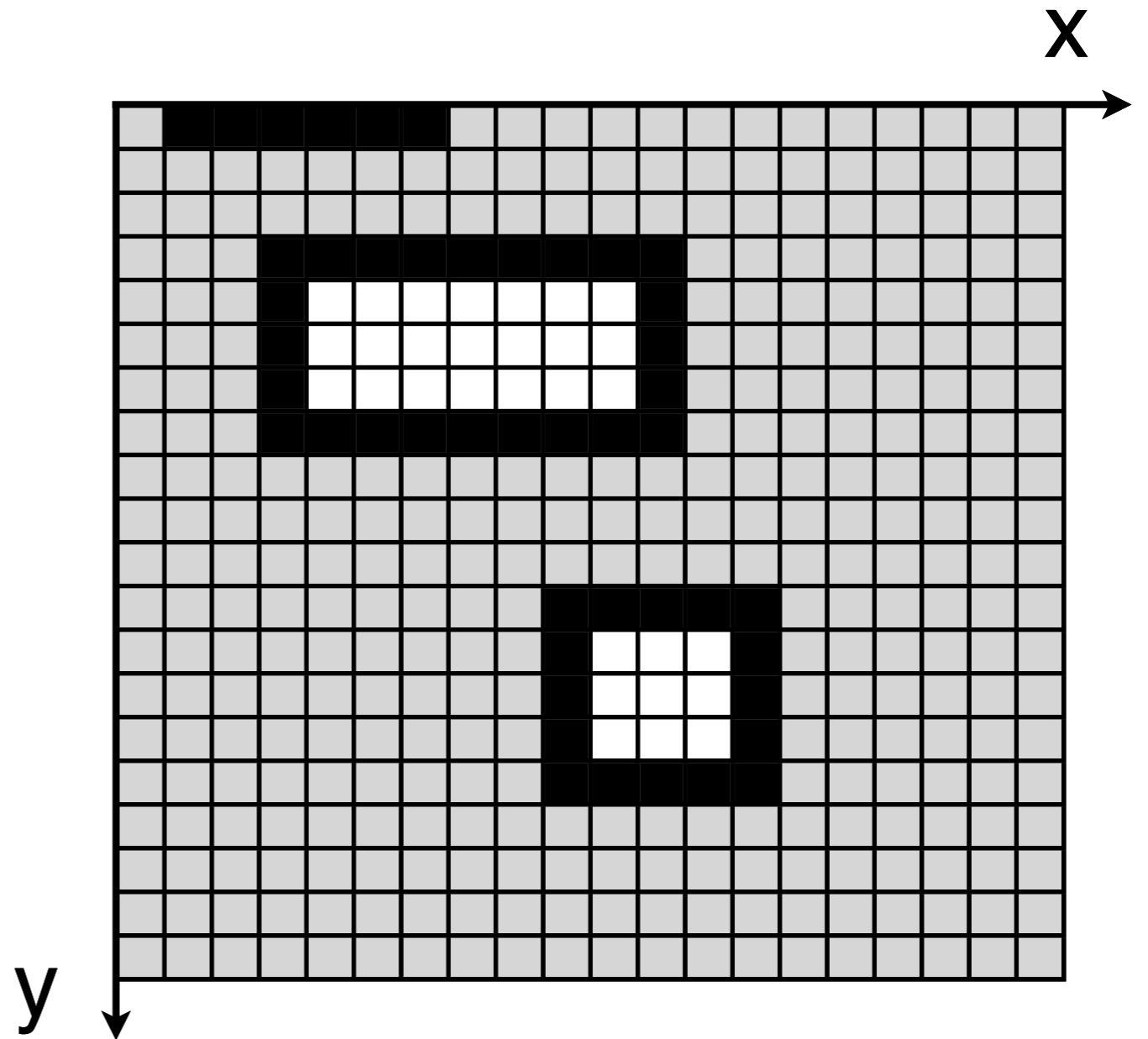
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red, green, blue, grey in [0, 255]
```

Example

```
line(1,0,6,0);
```

```
rect(3,3,9,5);
```

```
rect(9,11,5,5);
```



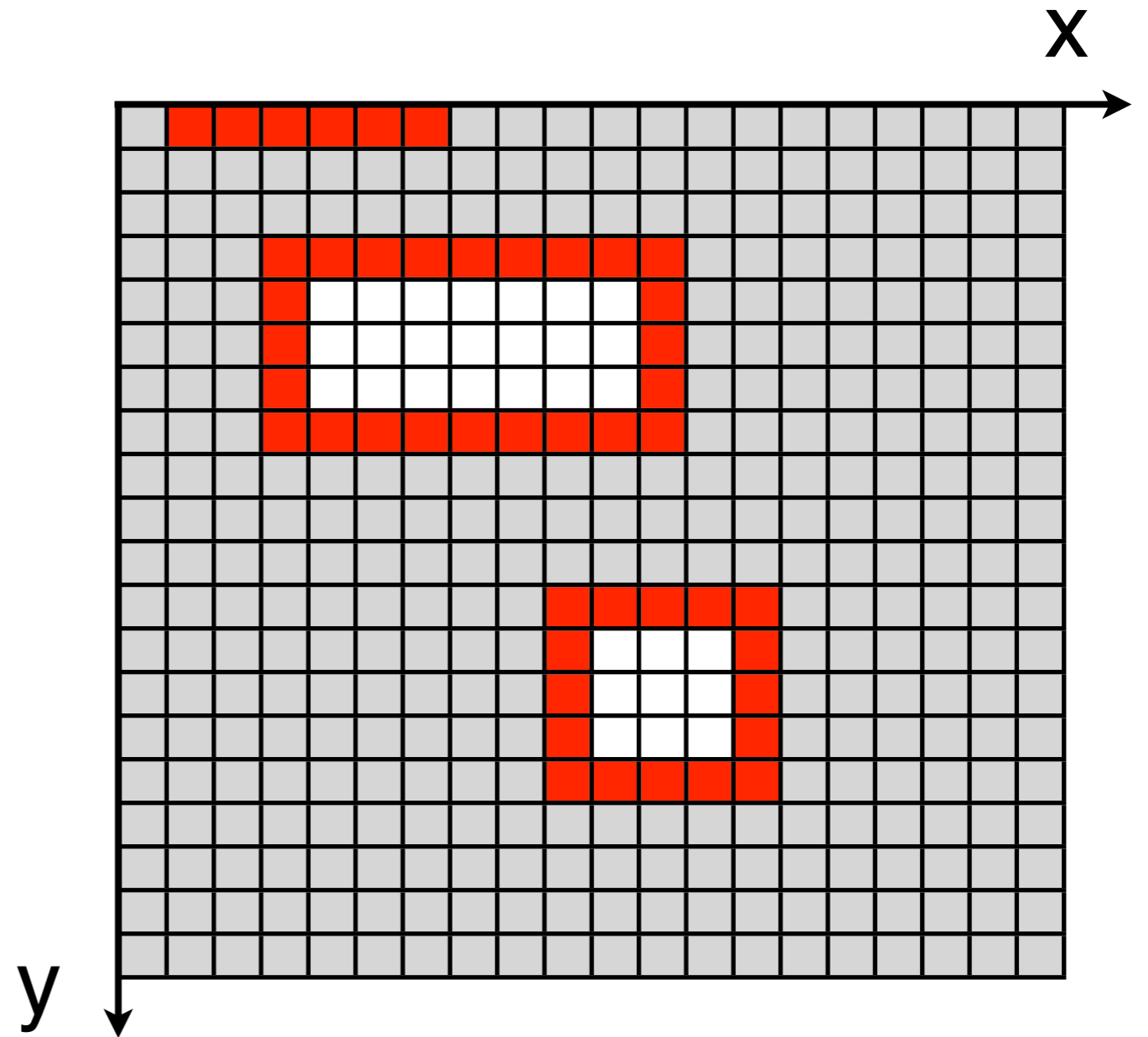
Example

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stroke(255,0,0);
```

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rect(9,11,5,5);
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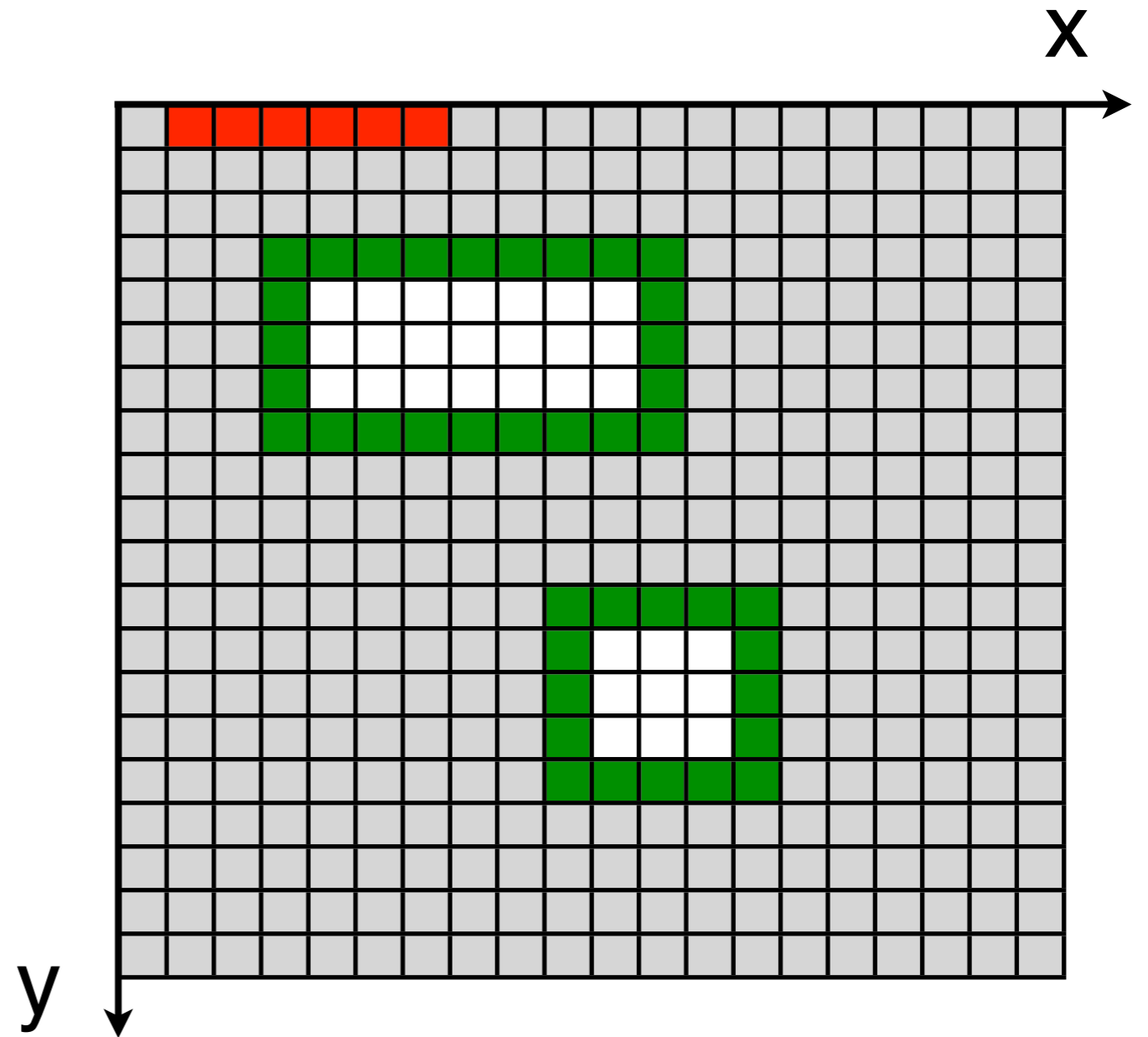
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stroke(255,0,0);
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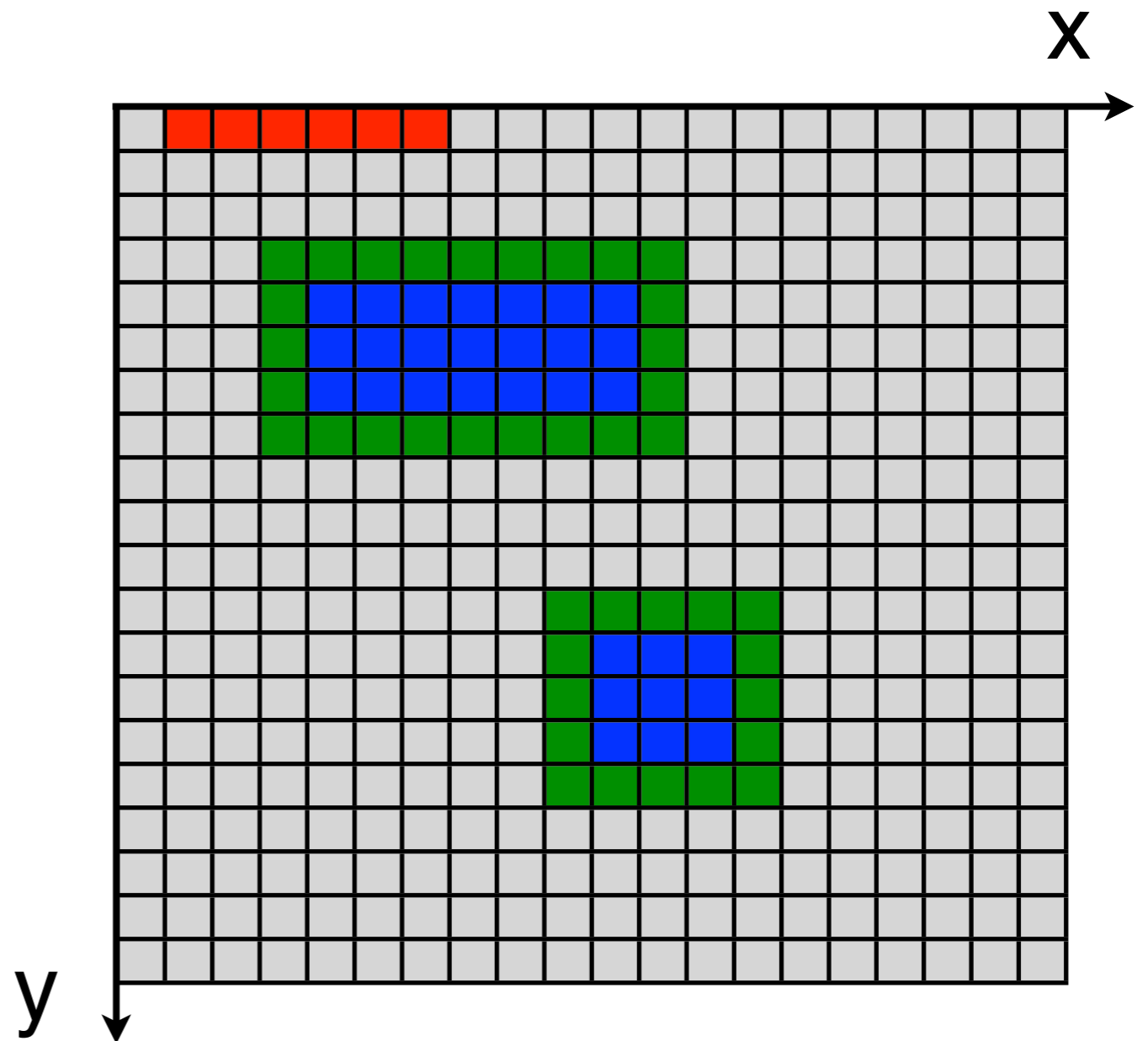
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fill(0,0,255);
```

```
rect(3,3,9,5);
```

```
rect(9,11,5,5);
```



Example

```
stroke(255,0,0);
```

```
line(1,0,6,0);
```

```
stroke(0,255,0);
```

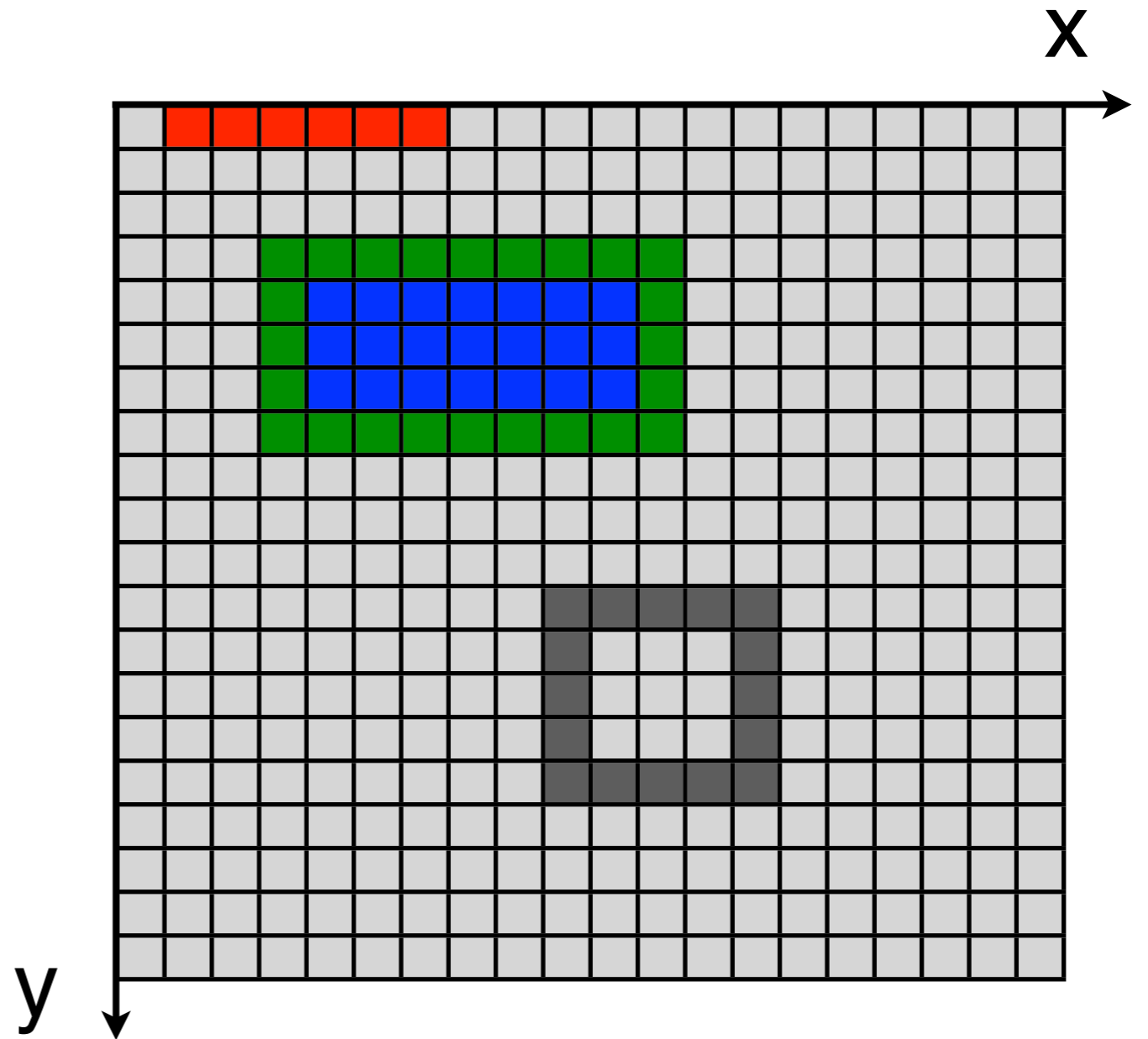
```
fill(0,0,255);
```

```
rect(3,3,9,5);
```

```
noFill();
```

```
stroke(20);
```

```
rect(9,11,5,5);
```



Example

```
A_Second_Sketch | Processing 1.0.1
File Edit Sketch Tools Help
A_Second_Sketch
void setup() {
  size(200,200);
}
void draw() {
  background(255);
  stroke(0);
  fill(255,0,0);
  rect(mouseX,mouseY,50,50);
}
Done Saving.
12
```

set window size

set background color

(mouseX, mouseY)

mouse position

Interaction

```
mouseX, mouseY
```

current mouse position

```
void mousePressed() {  
    // handle event  
}
```

called when **mouse** is
pressed

```
void keyPressed() {  
    // handle event  
}
```

called when a **key** is
pressed

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A_Third_Sketch
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  background(255);
}

void draw() {
}

void mousePressed() {
  stroke(0);
  fill(255,0,0);
  rect(mouseX,mouseY,16,16);
}

void keyPressed() {
  background(255);
}

Done Saving.
18
```

**draw red rectangle
when mouse is
pressed**

**clear window when a
key is pressed**

Displaying Text

- `text()` - draw text to the screen
- `createFont()` - load a system font (slow!)
- `loadFont()` - load a font from a file (slow!)
- `textSize()` - set font size, in points

Outline

What is Processing?

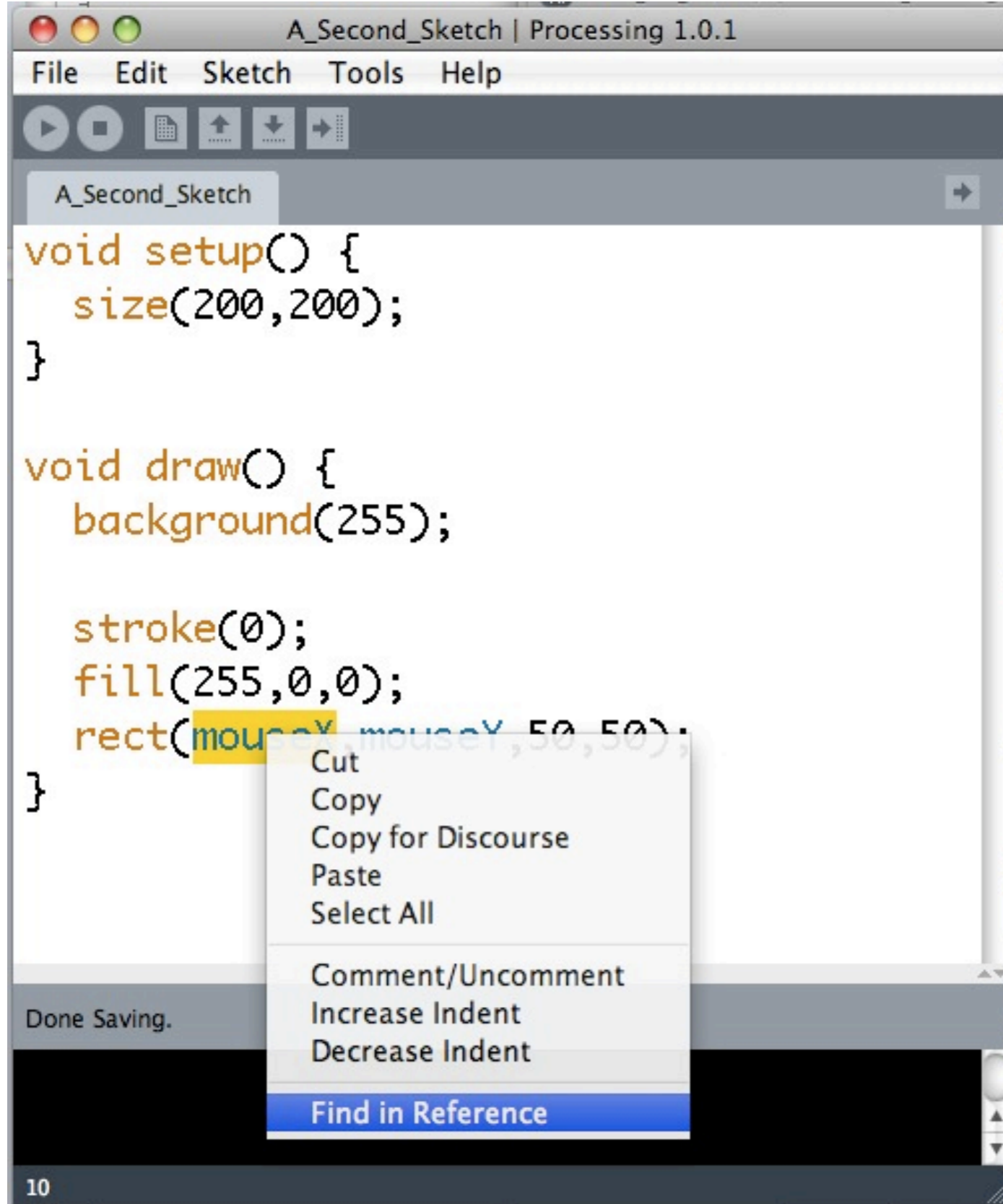
Where to get it?

How to use it?

What can I do with it?

Where to get help?

Find in Reference

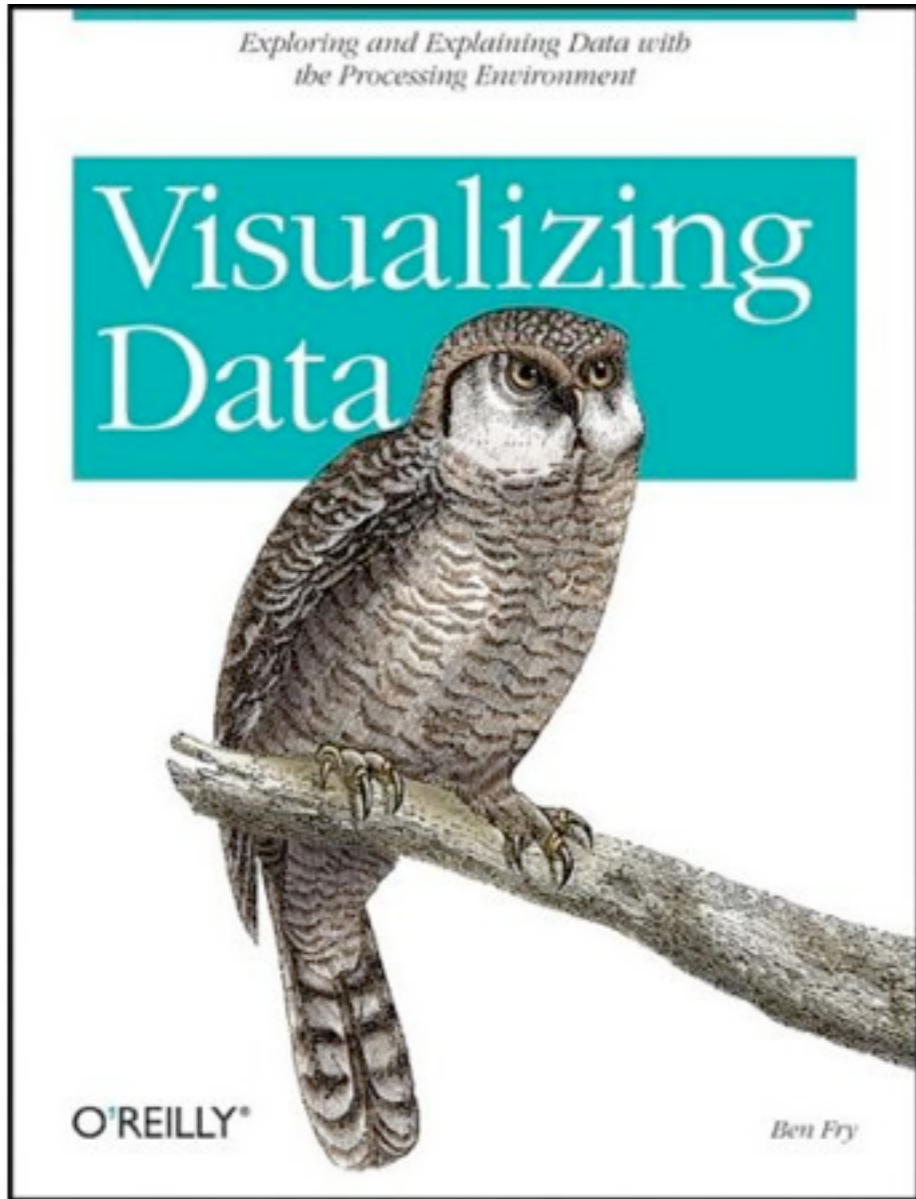


1. **Mark**

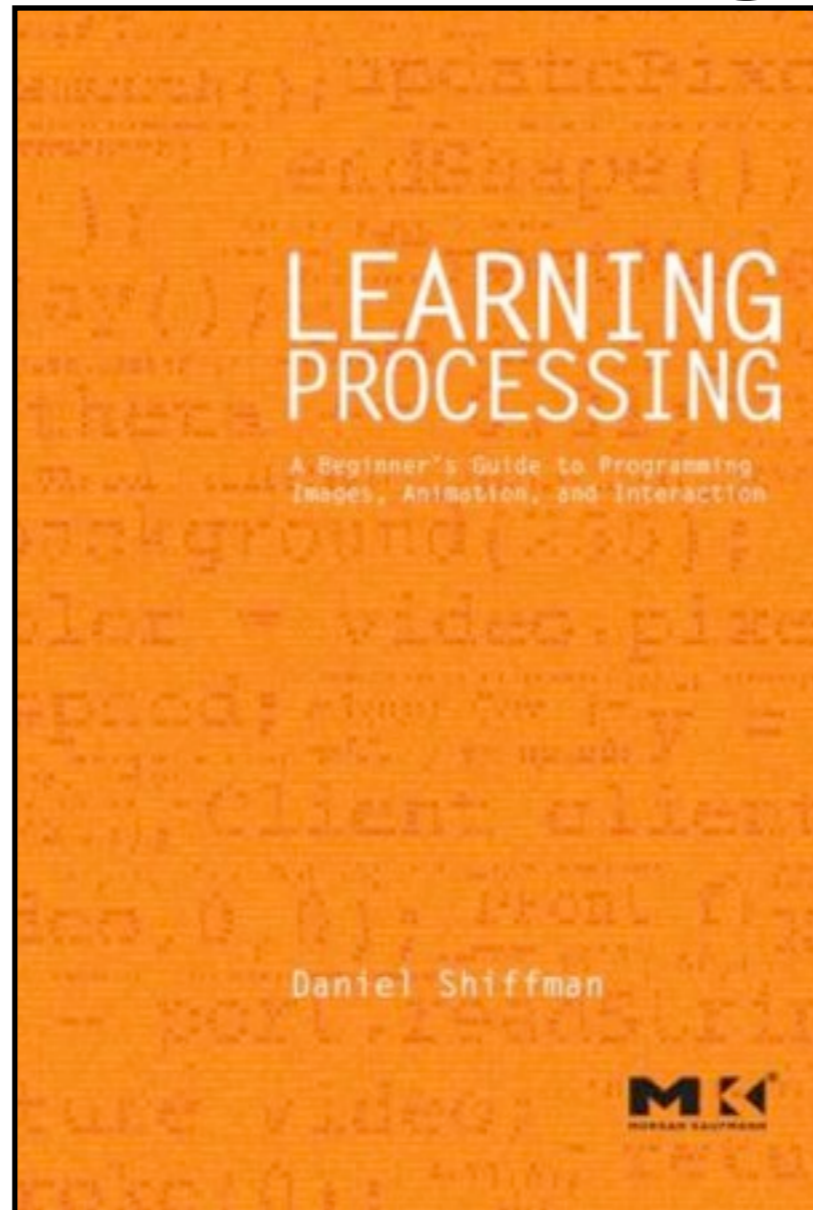
2. **Right Click**

3. *Find in Reference*

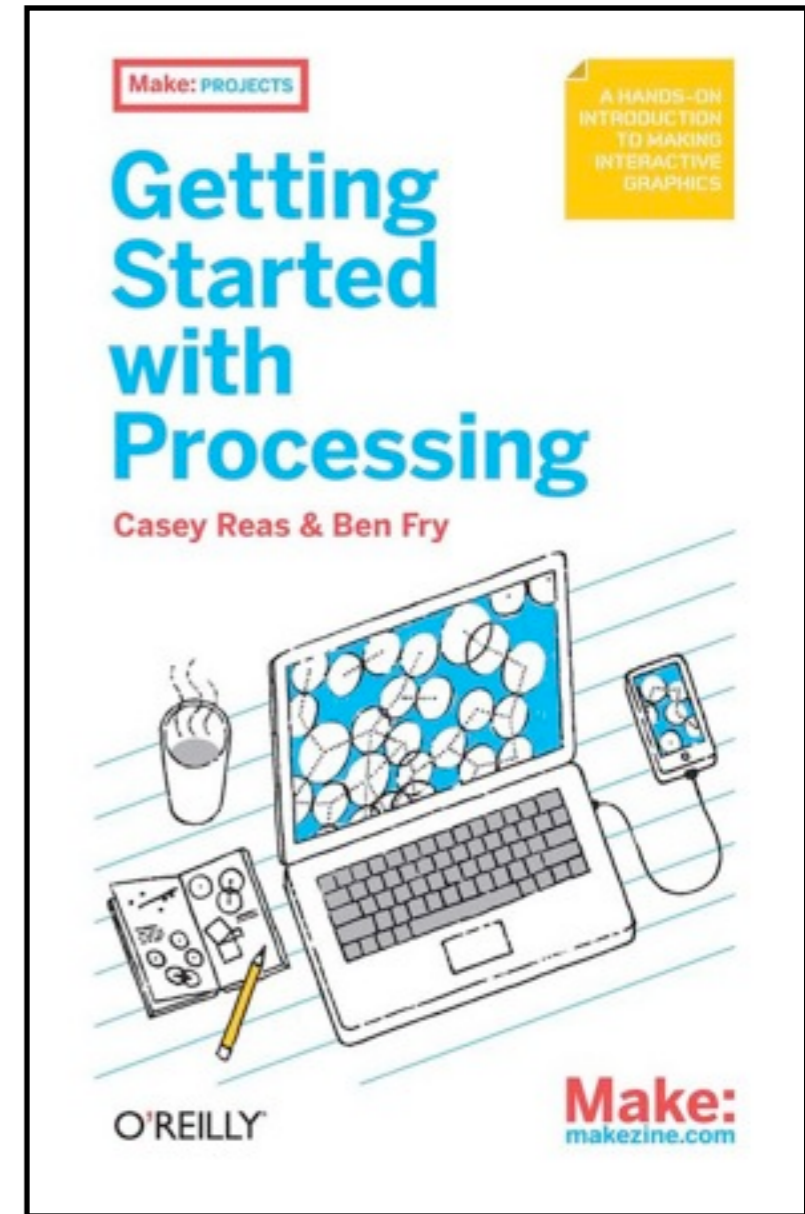
examples



how to program via Processing



quick start



HOW TO GIVE A TALK

How to Give an Academic Talk, v4.0



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School of Information
University of Michigan
pne.people.si.umich.edu

RECOMMENDED READING

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-great ideas are worthless if you keep them to yourself

-good papers and talks are a fundamental part of research excellence

-invest time

-learn skills

-practice

THINGS TO ASSUME ABOUT YOUR AUDIENCE

- they don't know who you are
- they have never heard of the subject you are speaking on
- they just ate lunch and are ready for a nap
- wake them up and get them excited!

PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE TALKS

- communicate your arguments and evidence**
- persuade your audience they are true**
- be interesting and entertaining**

<i>USUALLY BETTER</i>	<i>USUALLY WORSE</i>
Talk	Read
Stand	Sit
Move	Stand still
Vary the pitch of your voice	Speak in a monotone
Speak loudly, facing the audience	Mumble, facing downward
Make eye contact	Stare at your laptop
Focus on main points	Get lost in details
Use outlines, images, and charts	Have no visual aids
Finish within your time limit	Run overtime
Rehearse	Don't practice because you're too busy working on the slides
Summarize your main points at the beginning and end	Start without an overview; trail off without a conclusion
Notice your audience and respond to its needs	Ignore audience behavior
Emulate excellent speakers	Emulate your advisor, even if s/he gives lousy talks

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-move around

- easier to keep focus on someone that is moving
- shows enthusiasm
- but, don't overdo it

-vary the pitch of your voice

- monotones are sleep-inducing
- voice or video record yourself

-speak loudly and clearly, and face the audience

- most people don't realize how softly they speak
- give your talk to the audience, not your slides
- minimal text on your slides helps with this
- make eye-contact with the whole audience

-summarize your talk at the beginning and end

- tell 'em what you're gonna tell 'em
- tell 'em
- tell 'em what you told 'em

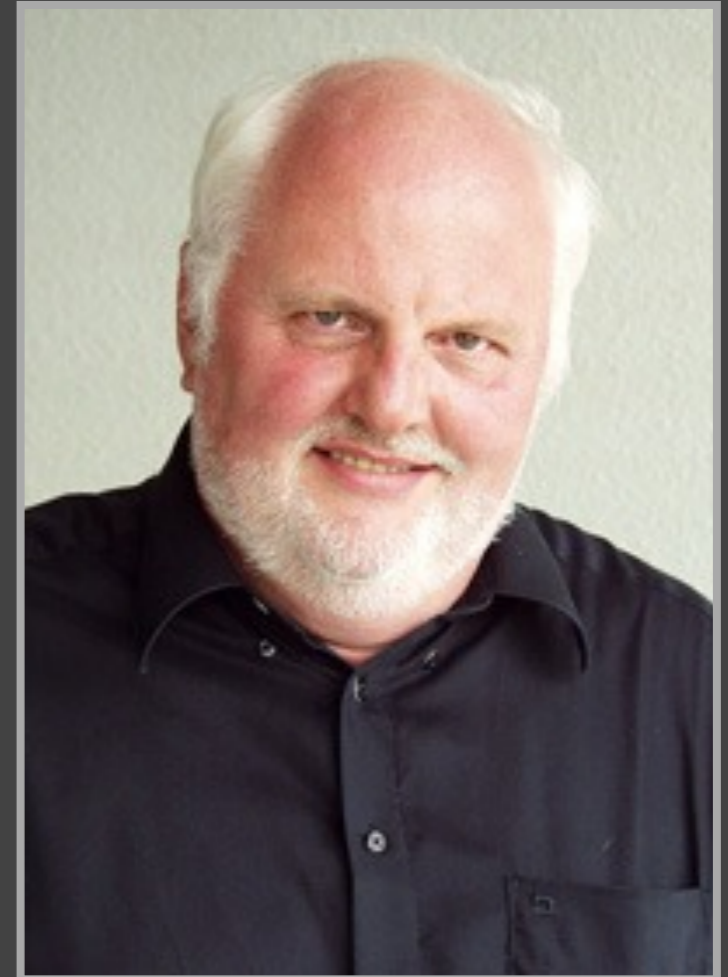
-finish within your time limit

- practice the entire talk
- use a timing device
- decide in advance what you can skip
- rule-of-thumb is 1.25 minutes per slide
 - *18 minute presentation is ~14 slides*

-practice, practice, practice

-don't plan to improvise, rehearse everything

DEALING WITH NERVES



Hans Hagen

NUTS & BOLTS



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Nancy Duarte: The secret structure of great talks

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STRUCTURE

-rule-of-thumb: you have 2 minutes to engage your audience before they doze off

- Why should I stay awake for this talk?
- What is the problem?
- Why is it an interesting problem?

-starting with the outline is a waste of time

STRUCTURE

- talk about the problem**
- talk about the solution**
- talk about where this will lead us**

- repeat**

SLIDES

-background

- choose solid color, preferable white or black
- don't let the background compete with the foreground

-avoid too much text

- no full sentences

-keep the text readable

- rule-of-thumb: nothing smaller than 28 pt font

-save animation for emphasis

Williams's design principles

C
R
A
P

Williams's design principles

Contrast

Repetition

Alignment

Proximity

PRINCIPLE OF CONTRAST

If two items are not exactly the same, then make them different. Really different.

Don't be a wimp.

ANOTHER NEWSLETTER!

J a n u a r y F i r s t 2 0 0 5

Exciting Headline

Wants pawn term dare worsted ladle
gull hoe hat search putty yowler coils
debt pimple colder Guilty Looks. Guilty
Looks lift inner ladle cordage saturated
adder shirt dissidence firmer bag
florist, any ladle gull orphan aster
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buyer shelf.

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fur oblivious raisins, colled "Brewing"),
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cordage, ticking ladle baskings, an
hat gun entity florist toe peck block-
barriers an rash-barriers. Guilty Looks
ranker dough ball; bought, off curse,
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gull win baldly rat entity beer's horse!

Boring Subhead

Honor tippie inner darning rum, stud
tree boils fuller sop—wan grade bag
boiler sop, wan muddle-sash boil, an
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boil-bushy spurted art inner hoary!

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PRINCIPLE OF REPETITION

Repeat some aspect of the design throughout the entire piece.

Terence English

- Stratford-upon-Avon, England

Objective

- To make money

Education

- Stratford Grammar School, I think
- Definitely not University

Employment

- Actor
- Play broker
- Shareholder of Globe Theatre

Favorite Activities

- Suing people for small sums
- Chasing women

References available upon request.

REPETITIONS

bold typeface

light typeface

square bullets

indents

spacing

alignments

PRINCIPLE OF ALIGNMENT

Nothing should be placed on the page arbitrarily. Every item should have a visual connection with something else.

Ralph Roister Doister

(717) 555-1212

Mermaid Tavern

1027 Bread Street

London, NM

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strength of edge gives
strength to the layout

PRINCIPLE OF PROXIMITY

Group related items together . . . physical closeness implies a relationship.

Correspondences

Flowers, herbs, trees, weeds
Ancient Greeks and Romans
Historical characters

Quotes on motifs

Women

Death

Morning

Snakes

Language

Iambic pentameter

Rhetorical devices

Poetic devices

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FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- analysis of the methods and papers**

- use the language and framework discussed in class

- critique of the methods and papers**

- have an opinion!
- argue your point based on what we've been talking about this semester

VISUALIZATION FRAMEWORK CHEAT SHEET

DATA TYPES

- tabular
- networks
- text

DATA ATTRIBUTE TYPES

- categorical
- ordinal
- quantitative (sequential / diverging)

SPECIAL DATA / ATTRIBUTE SEMANTICS

- spatial / abstract
- temporal / static
- continuous / discrete
- independent / dependent

VISUALIZATION ANALYSIS TASKS

- retrieve value
- filter
- compute derived data
- find extremum
- sort
- determine range
- characterize distribution
- find outliers
- cluster
- correlate

CLASSES OF INTERACTION

- changing selection
- changing highlighting
- changing view | navigation
- changing spatial ordering | sorting

VISUAL LAYERING

- global compositing
- item-level stacking

LINKING

- linked highlighting
- linked navigation

VIEW CHOICES

- encoding: multiform
- dataset: small multiple
- data: overview + detail
- conditioning

ZOOMING

- geometric
- semantic

FOCUS + CONTEXT

- selective filtering
- geometric distortion
- selective highlighting | suppression

L18: Design studies

REQUIRED READING

Visual exploration and analysis of historic hotel visits

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Abstract

Understanding the spatial and temporal characteristics of individual and group behavior in social networks is a critical component of visual tools for intelligence analysis, emergency management, consumer analysis, and human geography. Identification and analysis of patterns of recurring events is an essential feature of such tools. In this paper, we describe an interactive visual tool for exploring the visitation patterns of guests at two hotels in central Pennsylvania from 1894 to 1900. The centerpiece of the tool is a wrapping spreadsheet technique, called reruns, that reveals regular and irregular periodic patterns of events in multiple overlapping artificial and natural calendars. Implemented as a coordinated multiple view visualization in *Improvise*, the tool is in ongoing development through an iterative process of data collection, transcription, hypothesis, design, discovery, analysis, and evaluation in close collaboration with historical geographers. Numerous discoveries have driven additional data collection from archival newspaper and census sources, as well as plans to enhance analysis of spatial patterns using historic weather records and railroad schedules. Distributed online evaluations of usability and usefulness have resulted in feature and design recommendations that are being incorporated into the tool.

Information Visualization (2007) **6**, 89–103. doi:10.1057/palgrave.ivs.9500145

Keywords: Geovisual analytics; exploratory visualization; historical geography; coordinated multiple views; social behavior analysis; serial periodic data

Introduction

Promoting the development of integrated software for visual data analysis is a key facet of the research and development agenda for visual analytics.¹ In both information and geographic visualization, an important goal is

MizBee: A Multiscale Synteny Browser

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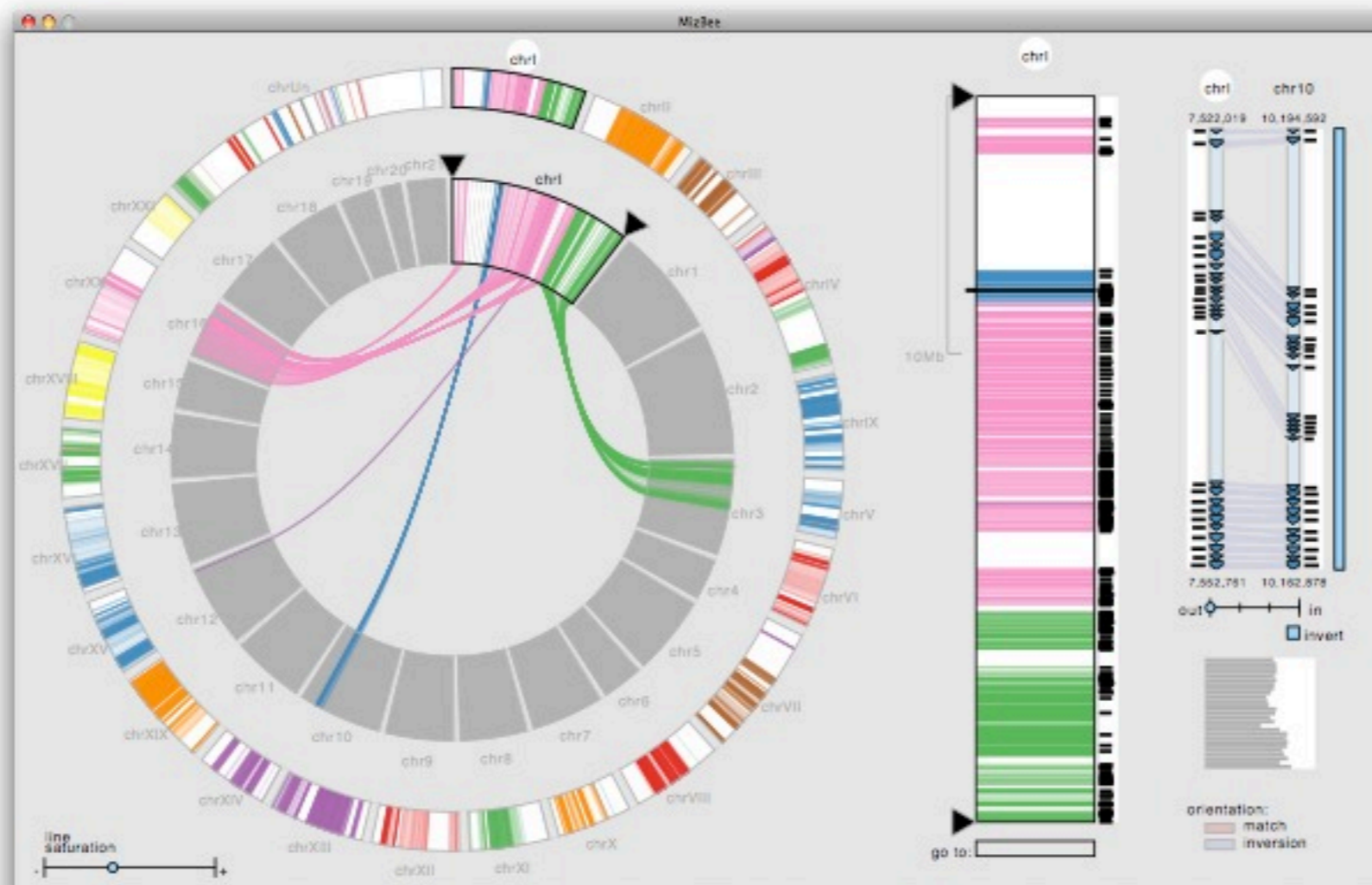


Fig. 1. The multiscale MizBee browser allows biologists to explore many kinds of conserved synteny relationships with linked views at the genome, chromosome, and block levels. Here we compare the genomes of two fish, the stickleback and the pufferfish.

Abstract—In the field of comparative genomics, scientists seek to answer questions about evolution and genomic function by comparing the genomes of species to find regions of shared sequences. Conserved syntenic blocks are an important biological data abstraction for indicating regions of shared sequences. The goal of this work is to show multiple types of relationships at multiple scales in a way that is visually comprehensible in accordance with known perceptual principles. We present a task analysis for this domain where the fundamental questions asked by biologists can be understood by a characterization of relationships into the four types of proximity/location, size, orientation, and similarity/strength, and the four scales of genome, chromosome, block, and genomic feature. We also propose a new taxonomy of the design space for visually encoding conservation data. We present MizBee, a multiscale synteny browser with the unique property of providing interactive side-by-side views of the data across the range of scales supporting exploration of all of these relationship types. We conclude with case studies from two biologists who used MizBee to augment their previous automatic analysis work flow, providing anecdotal evidence about the efficacy of the system for the visualization