

D3 Introduction

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Topics

Motivation

DOM Manipulation

Scales

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Layouts

[Adapted from Mike Bostock's D3 Workshop]

Motivation

Visualization with Web Standards

Built on top of HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and SVG

Data → DOM Elements

D3: Data-Driven Documents

Benefits:

Expressivity

Developing and debugging tools

Documentation, resources, community

hello-world.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
</head>

<body>
  Hello, world!
</body>
</html>
```

hello-css.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <style>
    body { background: steelblue; }
  </style>
</head>

<body>
  Hello, world!
</body>
</html>
```

hello-svg.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <style> /* CSS */ </style>
</head>

<body>
  <svg width="960" height="500">
    <text x="10" y="50">
      Hello, world!
    </text>
  </svg>
</body>
</html>
```

hello-javascript.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <style> /* CSS */ </style>
</head>

<body>
  <svg width="960" height="500">
    <text x="10" y="50">
      Hello, world!
    </text>
  </svg>
  <script>
    console.log("Hello, world!");
  </script>
</body>
</html>
```

hello-d3.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <style> /* CSS */ </style>
</head>

<body>
  <script src="https://d3js.org/d3.v3.min.js"></script>
  <script>
    // JavaScript
  </script>
</body>
</html>
```

Local development

Run on a local server

```
> cd path/to/your/project
> python -m SimpleHTTPServer
```

<http://localhost:<port>>

DOM Manipulation

Selection

```
// select all SVG circle elements  
var circles = d3.selectAll("circle");
```

```
// set attributes and styles  
circles.attr("cx", 20);  
circles.attr("cy", 12);  
circles.attr("r", 24);  
circles.style("fill", "red");
```

```
// method chaining  
d3.selectAll("circle")  
  .attr("cx", 20)  
  .attr("cy", 12)  
  .attr("r", 24)  
  .style("fill", "red");
```

```
<html>  
...  
<svg>  
  <circle cx="10" cy="10" r="5" />  
  <circle cx="20" cy="15" r="5" />  
</svg>
```

Selection

```
var rect = d3.selectAll("rect")
  .attr("x", 20)
  .attr("y", 12)
  .attr("width", 24)
  .attr("height", 24);
```

```
var line = d3.selectAll("line")
  .attr("x1", 20)
  .attr("y1", 12)
  .attr("x2", 40)
  .attr("y2", 24);
```

```
var text = d3.selectAll("text")
  .attr("x", 20)
  .attr("y", 12)
  .text("Hello!");
```

```
var div = d3.selectAll("div")
  .text("Hello!");
```

```
var firstRect = d3.select("rect")
  .attr("x", 20)
  .attr("y", 12)
  .attr("width", 24)
  .attr("height", 24);
```

Selection.append

```
// select the <body> element
var body = d3.select("body");

// add an <h1> element
var h1 = body.append("h1");
h1.text("Hello!");
```

Selects one element, adds one element.

Selection.append

```
// select the <body> element
var sections = d3.selectAll("section");

// add an <h1> element
var h1 = sections.append("h1");
h1.text("Hello!");
```

Selects multiple elements, adds one element to each.

Data → elements

```
var data = [1, 2, 3, 5, 8];
```

```
var data = [
  { x: 10.0, y: 9.14 },
  { x: 8.0, y: 8.14 },
  { x: 13.0, y: 8.74 },
  { x: 9.0, y: 8.77 },
  { x: 11.0, y: 9.26 }
];
```

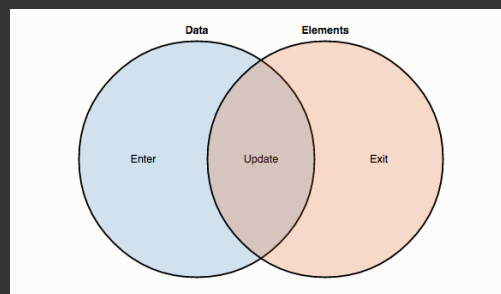

Data → elements

```
<html>
...
<body>
<svg></svg>
</body></html>

var dataset = [10, 20, 30, 50, 80];

d3.select("svg") // select where to add new elements
.selectAll("circle") // select where to bind data, returns empty selection
.data(dataset) // define data mapping
.enter() // create new, data-bound placeholder elements
.append("circle") // create circle element
.attr("cx", 50) // static property
.attr("cy", function(d) { return d; }) // dynamic property
.attr("r", function(d) { return d / 10 + 1; }); // perform transformations
```

Data → multiple elements



3 sub-selections:

- *Enter*: New data, missing elements
- *Update*: Data points joined to existing elements
- *Exit*: Leftover unbound elements

Enter, update, exit

```
dataset = [10, 70, 120];

var circles = d3.select("svg")
  .selectAll("circle")           // select where to bind data
  .data(dataset);                // recompute the join

circles.exit().remove();         // remove surplus elements

circles.enter().append("circle") // add new elements
  .attr("cx", 50);

circles                           // update dynamic properties
  .attr("cy", function(d) { return d; })
  .attr("r", function(d) { return d / 10 + 1; });
```

Update pattern tutorial



abcgjmnpruxy

<https://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/3808218>

Setting up

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<meta charset="utf-8">
<style> /* CSS */</style>
<body>
<script src="https://d3js.org/d3.v3.min.js"></script>

<script>
var alphabet = "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz".split(""); // ['a', 'b', ...]

var width = 960,
    height = 500;

var svg = d3.select("body").append("svg")
    .attr("width", width)
    .attr("height", height)
    .append("g")
    .attr("transform", "translate(32," + (height / 2) + ")");
```

Update function

```
var update = function(dataset) {

    // data join
    var text = svg.selectAll("text")
        .data(dataset);

    // update
    text.attr("class", "update");

    // enter
    text.enter().append("text")
        .attr("class", "enter");

    // enter + update
    text
        .text(function(d) { return d; })
        .attr("x", function(d, i) { return i * 32; });

    // exit
    text.exit().remove();
};

<style>
text {
    font: bold 48px monospace;
}
.update {
    fill: green;
}
</style>
```

Initialize, update on interval

```
// The initial display.
update(alphabet);

// Grab a random sample of letters from the alphabet, in alphabetical order.
setInterval(function() {
  update(d3.shuffle(alphabet)
    .slice(0, Math.floor(Math.random() * 26))
    .sort());
}, 1500);

</script>
```

Key function

Unique identifier of each data entry
Defaults to index

```
var alphabet = [ "a", "b", ... ]

var update = function(dataset) {

  // data join
  var text = svg.selectAll("text")
    .data(dataset, function(d) { return d; });

  ...
}
```

<http://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/3808221>

Loading Data

d3.csv

stocks.csv

```
symbol,date,price
S&P 500,Jan 2000,1394.46
S&P 500,Feb 2000,1366.42
S&P 500,Mar 2000,1498.58
S&P 500,Apr 2000,1452.43
S&P 500,May 2000,1420.6
S&P 500,Jun 2000,1454.6
S&P 500,Jul 2000,1430.83
```

```
var format = d3.time.format("%b %Y"); //format generator for dates

d3.csv("stocks.csv", function(stocks) {
  stocks.forEach(function(d) { //array.forEach iterates over rows
    d.price = +d.price; //Coerce from strings
    d.date = format.parse(d.date);
  });
});
```

d3.json

stocks.json

```
[{"symbol": "S&P 500", "date": "Jan 2000", "price": 1394.46},  
{"symbol": "S&P 500", "date": "Feb 2000", "price": 1366.42},  
{"symbol": "S&P 500", "date": "Mar 2000", "price": 1498.58},  
{"symbol": "S&P 500", "date": "Apr 2000", "price": 1452.43},  
{"symbol": "S&P 500", "date": "May 2000", "price": 1420.6},  
{"symbol": "S&P 500", "date": "Jun 2000", "price": 1454.6},  
{"symbol": "S&P 500", "date": "Jul 2000", "price": 1430.83}...
```

```
var format = d3.time.format("%b %Y");
```

```
d3.json("stocks.json", function(stocks) {  
  stocks.forEach(function(d) { //array.forEach iterates over rows  
    d.date = format.parse(d.date);  
  });  
});
```

Scales

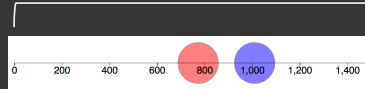
Data space → Visual space

```
var x = d3.scale.linear()
  .domain([0, 1500])
  .range([0, w])
```

```
//define your own
function x(d) {
  return d * 0.48;
}
```

```
var data = [{name: "A", price: 1009},
            {name: "B", price: 772}];
```

```
var w = 960;
```



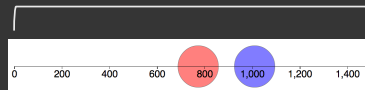
```
var circle = svg.selectAll("circle")
  .data(data)
  .enter()
  .append("circle")
  .attr("cx", function(d) { return x(d); })
  .attr("cy", 0)
  .attr("r", 50)
  .style("stroke", "black")
  .style("fill", function(d) { return col(d.name);})
  .style("opacity", 0.5);
```

Ordinal mappings

```
var col = d3.scale.ordinal()
  .domain(["A", "B"])
  .range(["blue", "red"]);
```

```
var data = [{name: "A", price: 1009},
            {name: "B", price: 772}];
```

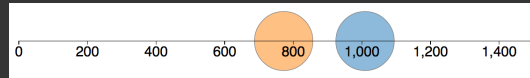
```
var w = 960;
```



```
var circle = svg.selectAll("circle")
  .data(data)
  .enter()
  .append("circle")
  .attr("cx", function(d) { return x(d); })
  .attr("cy", 0)
  .attr("r", 50)
  .style("stroke", "black")
  .style("fill", function(d) { return col(d.name);})
  .style("opacity", 0.5);
```

Categorical mappings

```
var col = d3.scale.category10()  
.domain(["A", "B"]);
```



```
var col = d3.scale.ordinal()  
.range(colorbrewer.Set1[9]);
```



Interpolators (quantitative scales)

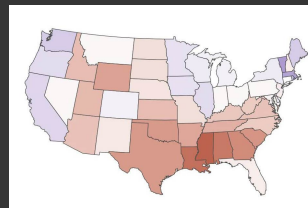
```
var x = d3.scale.linear()  
.domain([12, 24])  
.range(["steelblue", "brown"]);
```

```
x(16); // #666586
```

```
var x = d3.scale.linear()  
.domain([12, 24])  
.range(["0px", "720px"]);
```

```
x(16); // 240px
```

Diverging scale

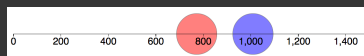


```
var col = d3.scale.linear()  
.domain([0, 50, 100])  
.range(["blue", "white", "red"]);
```


Axes

Creating and rendering an axis

```
var x = d3.scale.linear()  
  .domain([0, 1500])  
  .range([0, w])
```



Define axis element

```
var xAxis = d3.svg.axis()  
  .scale(x);
```

Render by calling a `<g>` selection

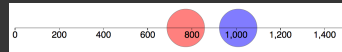
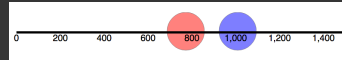
```
svg.append("g")  
  .attr("class", "x axis")  
  .call(xAxis);
```

Creating and rendering an axis

Customize using CSS

```
.axis path, .axis line {  
  fill: none;  
  stroke: #000;  
  shape-rendering: crispEdges;  
}
```

```
var xAxis = d3.svg.axis()  
  .scale(y)  
  .ticks(4);
```



SVG Coordinate System

SVG Coordinates

origin

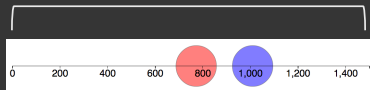


Use transforms on `<g>` to define a new origin (e.g., plotting area)

Axis example

```
var data = [{name: "A", price: 1009, Value: 500},  
            {name: "B", price: 772, Value: 900}];
```

```
var w = 960;
```



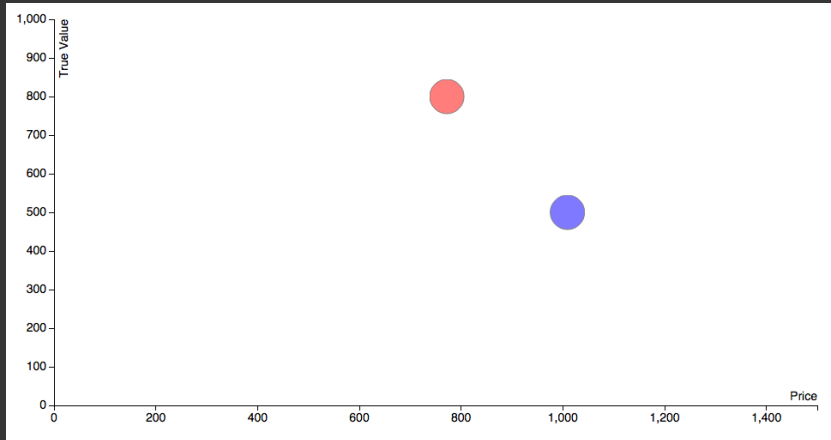
```
var x = d3.scale.linear()  
  .domain([0, 2000])  
  .range([0, w])
```

```
var circle = svg.selectAll("circle")  
  .data(data)  
  .enter()  
  .append("circle")  
  .attr("cx", function(d) { return x(d); })  
  .attr("cy", 0)  
  .attr("r", 50)  
  .style("stroke", "black")  
  .style("fill", function(d) { return col(d.name);})  
  .style("opacity", 0.5);
```

```
var xAxis = d3.svg.axis()  
  .scale(x);
```

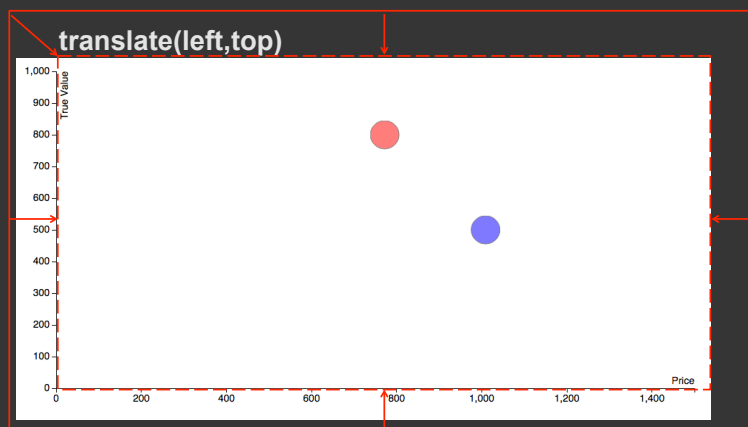
```
svg.append("g")  
  .attr("class", "x axis")  
  .call(xAxis);
```

Let's make this!



Transform on `<g>` attribute

origin



Define a new origin for plotting area
Axes appear in margin

Transform on <g> attribute

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<meta charset="utf-8">
<style> /* CSS */</style>
<body>

<script src="http://d3js.org/d3.v3.min.js"></script>
<script>

var margin = {top: 20, right: 20, bottom: 30, left: 50},
    w = 960 - margin.left - margin.right,
    h = 500 - margin.top - margin.bottom;

var svg = d3.select("body").append("svg")
    .attr("width", w + margin.left + margin.right)
    .attr("height", h + margin.top + margin.bottom)
    .append("g")
    .attr("transform", "translate(" + margin.left + "," + margin.top + ")");
```

Create the axes, marks

```
var x = d3.scale.linear()
    .domain([0, 1500])
    .range([0, w]);

var xAxis = d3.svg.axis()
    .scale(x)
    .orient("bottom");

var y = d3.scale.linear()
    .domain([0, 1000])
    .range([h, 0]);

var yAxis = d3.svg.axis()
    .scale(y)
    .orient("left");

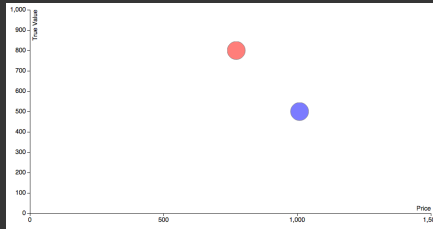
var col = d3.scale.ordinal()
    .domain(["A", "B"])
    .range(["blue", "red"]);

var data = [{name: "A", price: 1009, tValue: 500},
    {name: "B", price: 772, tValue: 900}];

var circle = svg.selectAll("circle")
    .data(data)
    .enter()
    .append("circle")
    .attr("cx", function(d) { return x(d.price); })
    .attr("cy", function(d) { return y(d.tValue); })
    .attr("r", 50)
    .style("stroke", "black")
    .style("fill", function(d) { return col(d.name); })
    .style("opacity", 0.5);
```

Add the axes

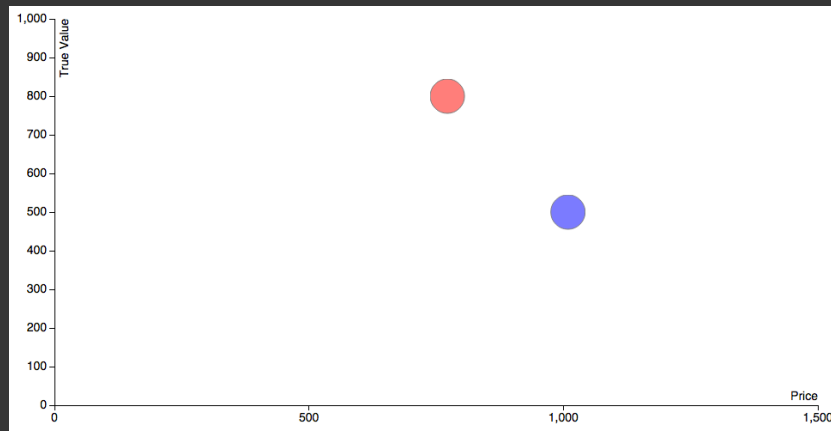
```
svg.append("g")
  .attr("class", "x axis")
  .attr("transform", "translate(0, " + h + ")")
  .call(xAxis);
.append("text")
  .attr("class", "label")
  .attr("x", w)
  .attr("y", -6)
  .style("text-anchor", "end")
  .text("Price");
```



```
svg.append("g")
  .attr("class", "y axis")
  .call(yAxis)
.append("text")
  .attr("class", "label")
  .attr("transform", "rotate(-90)")
  .attr("y", 6)
  .style("text-anchor", "end")
  .text("True Value");
```

```
</script>
```

Voila!



Path Generators

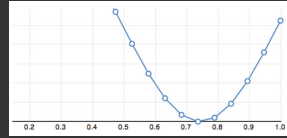
```
<path d="M152.64962091501462,320.5600780855698L133.88913955606318,325.4363177123538L134.96890954443046,330.37917634921996L131.19348249532786,331.158393614812L98.56681109628815,335.53933807857004L91.14450799488135,333.79662025279L72.1880101321918,333.74733970068166L69.51723455785742,332.8569681440152L62.37313911354066,333.2100666843387L62.248334309137434,335.3677272708405L58.843440998888326,335.0574959605036L53.97667317214221,331.36075125633175L56.30952738
```

d3.svg.line

Path defined by x and y

```
var x = d3.scale.linear(),  
    y = d3.scale.linear();
```

```
var line = d3.svg.line()  
  .x(function(d) { return x(d.x); })  
  .y(function(d) { return y(d.y); });
```



```
var objects = [(0.47,0.55), (0.52,0.4), ...]
```

Append closepath (Z) to close

```
svg.append("path")  
  .datum(objects)  
  .attr("class", "line")  
  .attr("d", line);
```

```
g.append("path")  
  .attr("d", function(d) { return line(d) + "Z"; });
```

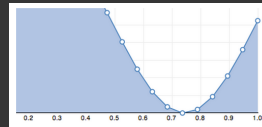
Linear, step, and basis interpolation

d3.svg.area

Path defined by x , y_0 , and y_1

```
var x = d3.scale.linear(),  
    y = d3.scale.linear();
```

```
var area = d3.svg.area ()  
  .x(function(d) { return x(d.x); })  
  .y0(height)  
  .y1(function(d) { return y(d.y); });
```



For non-stacked area charts, y_0 is constant

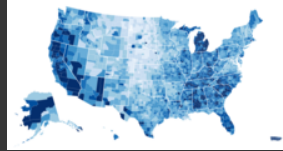
d3.geo.path

Like d3 line

GeoJSON/TopoJSON format

```
var projection = d3.geo.albersUsa()  
  .scale(1280)  
  .translate([width / 2, height / 2]);
```

```
var path = d3.geo.path()  
  .projection(projection);
```

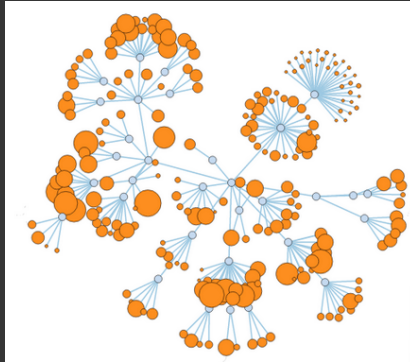


Other path generators

- *d3.svg.line* - create a new line generator
- *d3.svg.line.radial* - create a new radial line generator
- *d3.svg.area* - create a new area generator
- *d3.svg.area.radial* - create a new radial area generator
- *d3.svg.arc* - create a new arc generator
- *d3.svg.symbol* - create a new symbol generator
- *d3.svg.chord* - create a new chord generator
- *d3.svg.diagonal* - create a new diagonal generator
- *d3.svg.diagonal.radial* - create a new radial diagonal generator

Network layout

d3.layout.force



Resources

D3 API Documentation at <https://github.com/mbostock/d3/wiki>,
D3 wiki, D3 google group

Example code

- Mike Bostock
- Also Scott Murray, Jerome Cukier

YouTube tutorials

- D3.js tutorial series

Interaction Resources for D3

Write functions to update the visualization on mouse events

```
var circle = svg.selectAll("circle")
  .data(data)
  .enter()
  .append("circle")
  .attr("cx", function(d) { return x(d.price); })
  .attr("cy", function(d) { return y(d.tValue); })
  .attr("r", 50)
  .style("stroke", "black")
  .style("fill", function(d) { return col(d.name);})
  .style("opacity", 0.5)
  .on("mouseover", function(d,i){ showDetails(i); })
  .on("mouseout", function(d,i){ hideDetails(i); });
```

CSS can simplify simple interactions

```
.circle:hover {
  fill: yellow;
}
```

Interaction Resources for D3

Use HTML inputs or JavaScript widgets as needed

- e.g., <http://www.d3noob.org/2014/04/using-html-inputs-with-d3js.html>

See d3.behaviors for drag and zoom

- Zoom example: <http://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/9656675>
- Drag + zoom: <http://bl.ocks.org/mbostock/6123708>

Use transition() for smooth animations between states

- <http://blog.visual.ly/creating-animations-and-transitions-with-d3-js/>

```
circle.transition()
  .attr("r",40)
  .duration(1000)
  .delay(100)
```