Visualization

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Grasping the whole is a gigantic theme, intellectual history's most important. Ant vision is humanity's usual fate; but seeing the whole is every thinking person's aspiration.

David Gelernter, Mirror Worlds 1992

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- Overview first, zoom and filter, then details on demand.
- Storytelling, as a paradigm for information presentation.

data types

- 1-D linear data text, source code, word index
- 2-D map data floor plan, office layout
- 3-D world molecules, schematics, ...
- temporal data 1 D (start, finish)
- multi-dimensional data n-dimensional (information) space
- tree data hierarchical
- network data graph structure

tasks

- overview ...
- zoom ...
- \bullet filter ...
- details on demand ...
- \bullet relate ...
- history ...
- \bullet extract ...