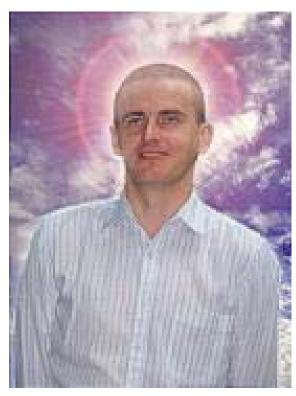
InfoVis is from Venus – SciVis from Mars

Robert Kosara



InfoVis is from Heaven ...





... SciVis from Hell!

Let me count the ways ...

- Technical Soundness
- Theory
- Process
- Abstraction
- Interdisciplinary Work
- Women



Technical Soundness

SciVis

- Deep into technical detail
- Implementation specifics
- Tends to get lost in technicalities
- Very specific and sometimes short-lived

InfoVis

- Light on details
- Implementation? Huh?
- Broader idea of problem and solution

Theory

- SciVis
 - New Things
 - New Things
 - New Things
- InfoVis
 - Model papers, design studies
 - Attempts at theory
 - (and also new things)



Theory

Rethinking Visualization: A High-Level Taxonomy

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On the Death of Visualization¹

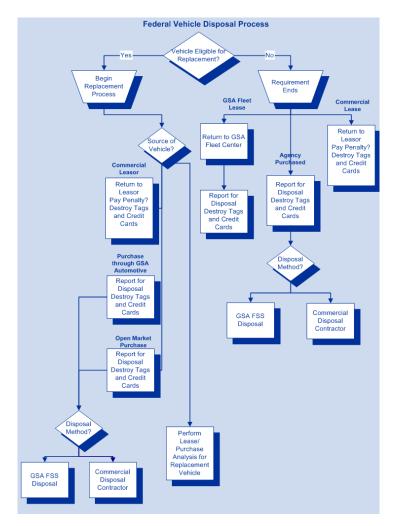
Can It Survive Without Customers?

Bill Lorensen

Introduction

Process

- InfoVis
 - Artistic Papers
 - Design studies
 - Tufte
 - Etc.
- SciVis
 - Hmmm ...



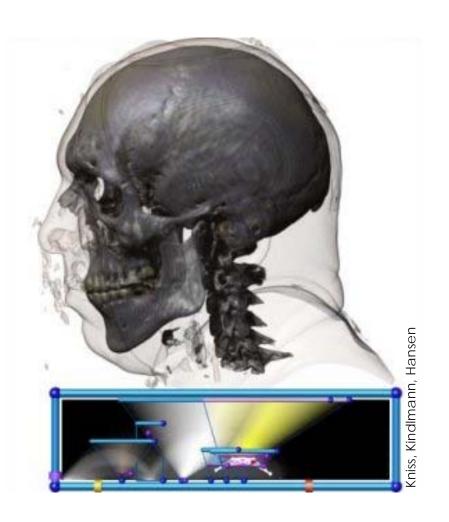
Abstraction

- SciVis
 - What does a bone look like?
 - What does a kidney look like?
- InfoVis
 - How do you show
 - a bank account?
 - a 6-dimensional cluster in 15-dim data?
 - three million highly classified, unstructured, entirely unintelligible intelligence reports?



Interdisciplinary Work

- InfoVis
 - Art
 - Psychology
 - User studies
 - Illustration
 - Communication
 - Etc.
- SciVis
 - Hmmm ...



Women



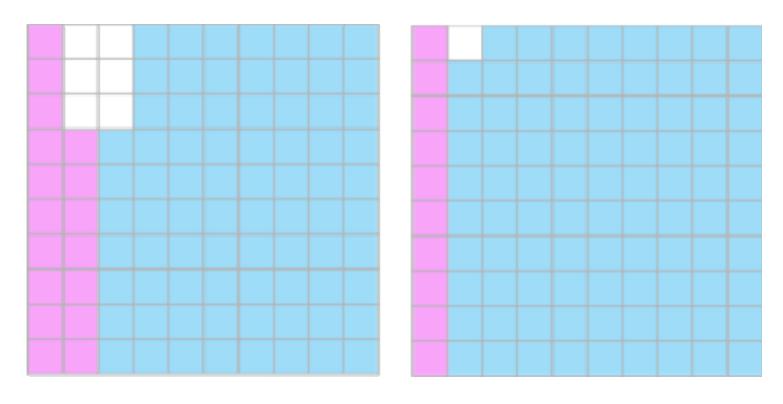
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Women

- Where are they?
- SciVis
 - Nope
 - Okay: few, but constant
- InfoVis
 - Well, a few
 - More than SciVis ... until now



Women in InfoVis



InfoVis MMIV, MMV

InfoVis MMVI

Women in InfoVis and Vis

