

Homework 3: Commercial Information Visualization

Due date: March 18 11am

Purpose: to give you exposure to existing commercial information visualization systems.

Please download a free 30 day trial version of Tableau from:

<http://www.tableausoftware.com/trial>

or the free Tableau from:

<http://www.tableausoftware.com/public/download>

Your tasks:

1. Learn how to use the system.
2. Load a dataset into the system. The datasets can be your own datasets or example datasets provided by the system.
3. Explore the dataset and report 10 “interesting” features of the system and 3 patterns you find from the dataset, using pictures when necessary.
4. Write a few paragraphs to criticize the system.

Submission:

Please turn in one hardcopy of your assignment on March 18 in the class. No email submissions or late submissions are accepted.

Grading:

Interesting, insightful pictures and critiques will lead to higher scores.