Rapid Pen-Centric Authoring of Improvisational Visualizations with NapkinVis

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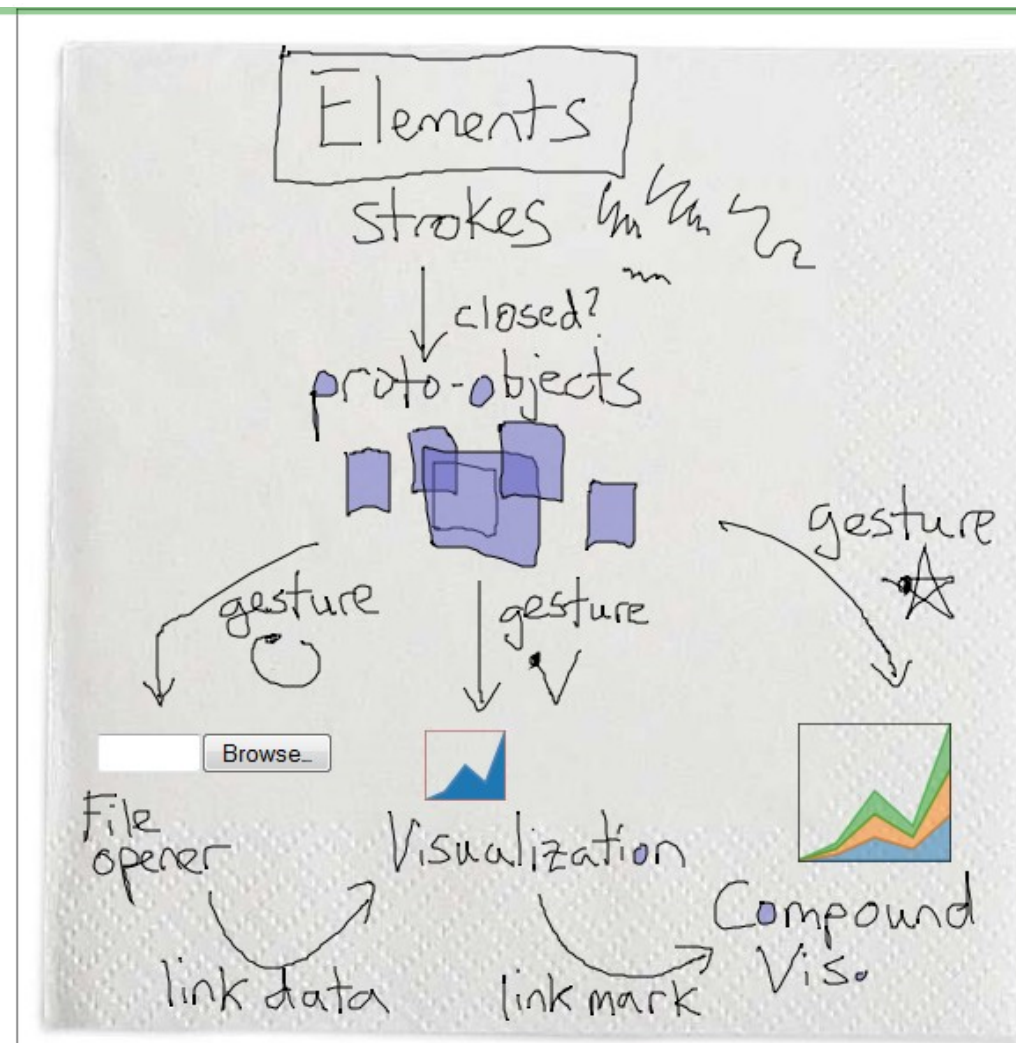University of British Columbia

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Motivations

- Create visualizations without code
- Approach toolkit flexibility
- Adapt to current sketch and gesture devices

Overview

- The elements of NapkinVis, drawn in the NapkinVis interface
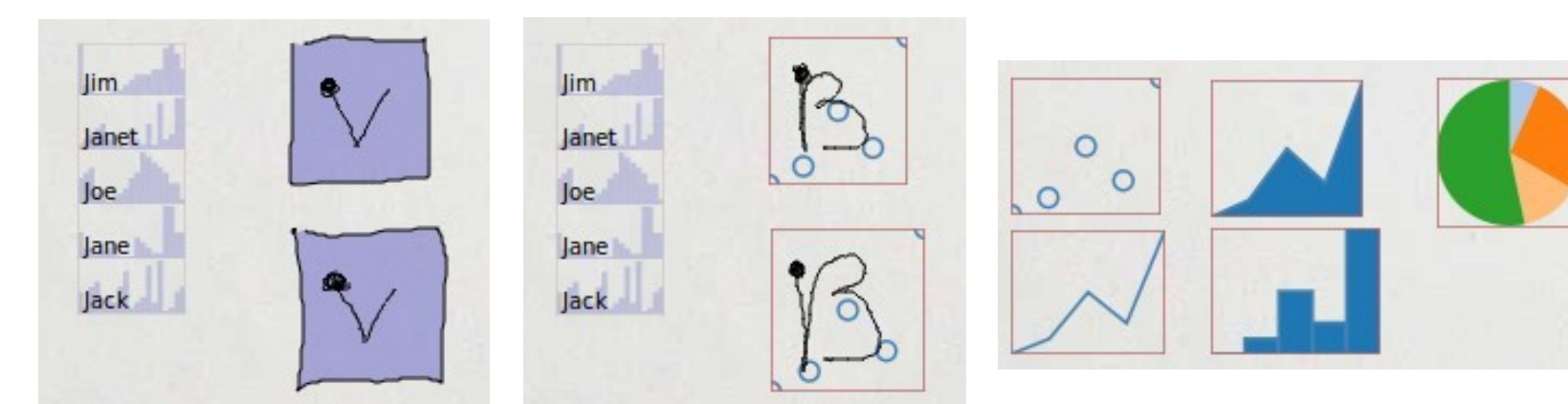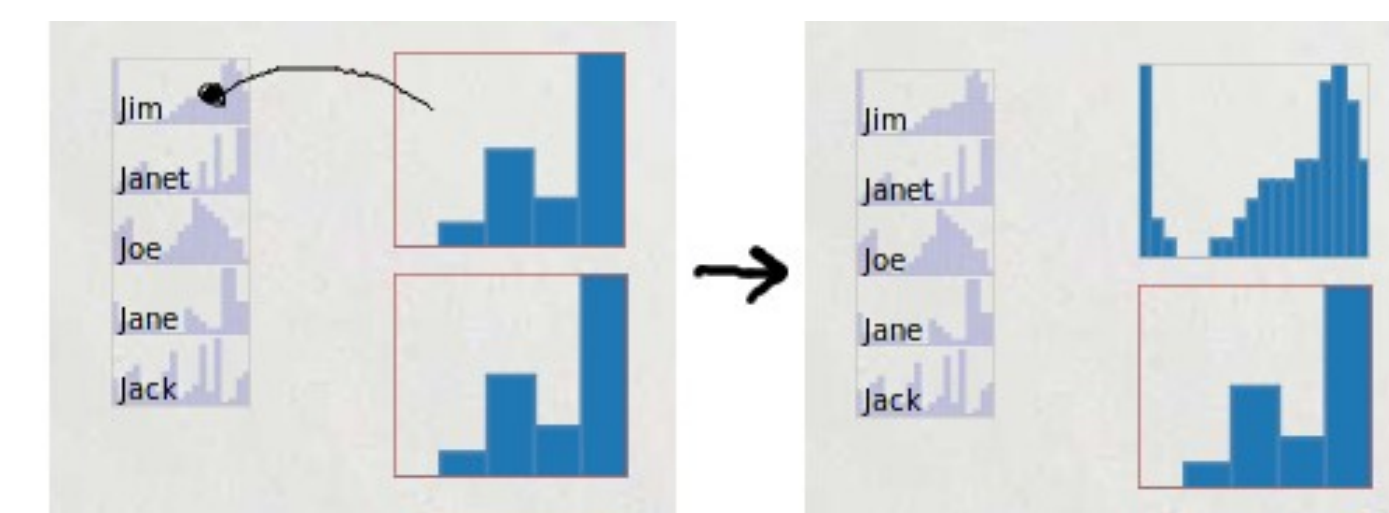

How to Use

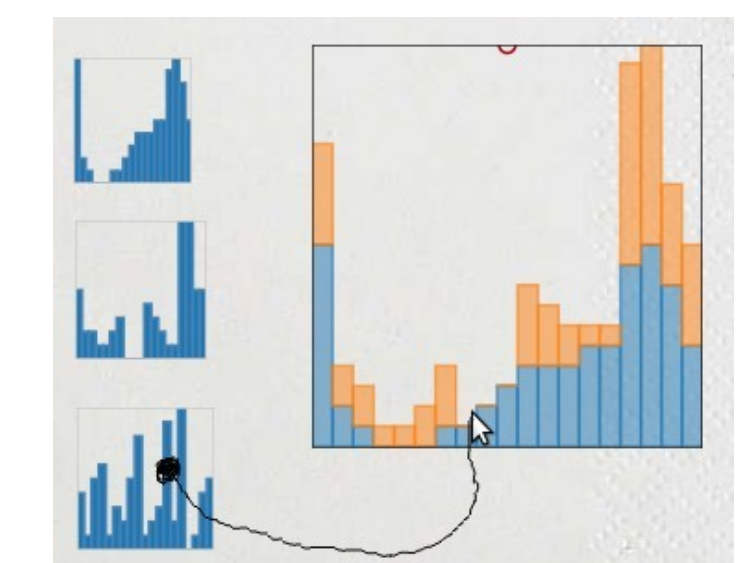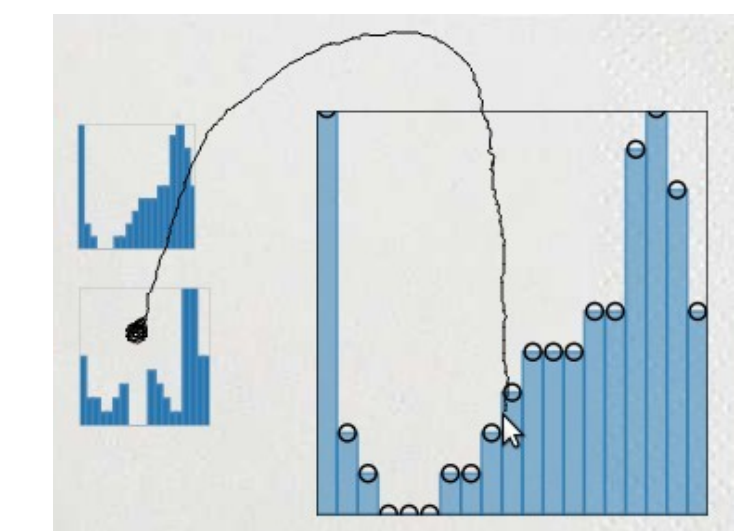### 1. draw

2. import data

3. pick marks

4. link data

5. combine marks

Implementation

- Sketch and gesture based
- Front end to Protovis
- Web application
- Anchors used to position marks
- Authored visualizations can be reused

Future Work

- Support more Protovis functionality
- Support more data formats
- Add formatting such as tick marks, automatic labels, and more
- Explore more advanced sketch-based interactions

Examples

- A few examples of visualizations created with NapkinVis

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