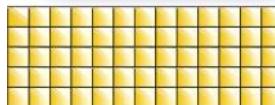
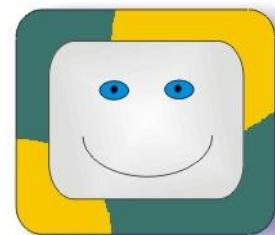




Visual design principles

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Outline

- Attention and scrolling
- Gestalt laws and interface design
- Introduction to information design

How to draw attention to a specific area?



Sąmonė ir pažinimas

Atminties procesai

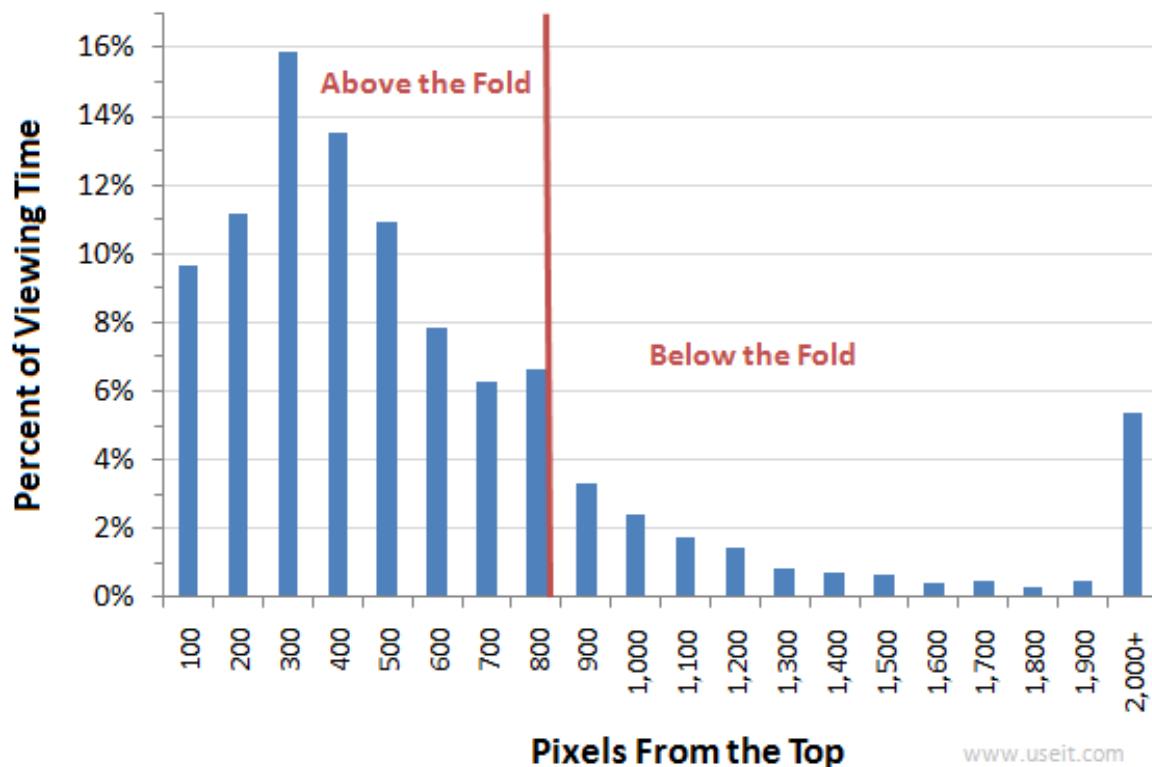
Attention and scrolling

- The first Web systems (1994-1996)
 - Users did not scroll
 - Later users acclimated to scroling
- Page fold
 - viewable information without scrollling
 - the important information should be visible

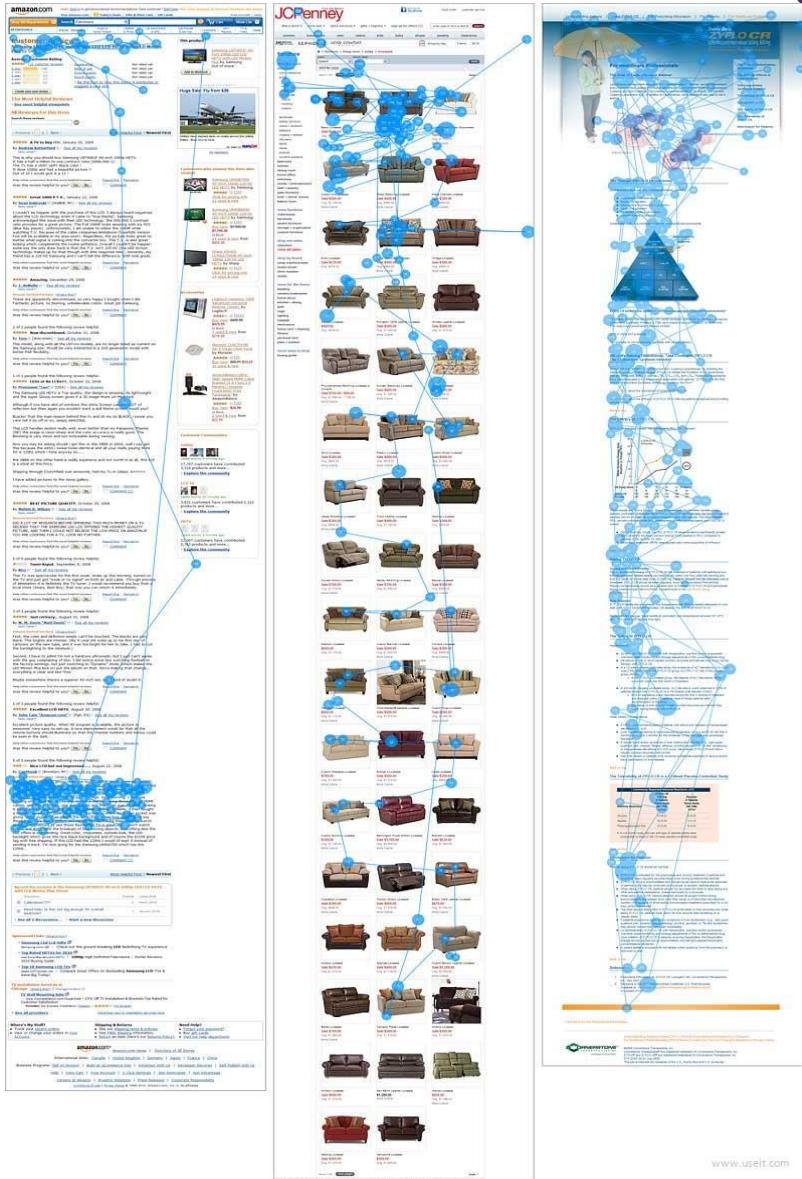
<http://www.useit.com/alertbox/scrolling-attention.html>

Attention focus at the top

- Eye tracking studies: number of gaze fixations
 - 80% above the fold
 - Max 300-400 pixel
 - Last element



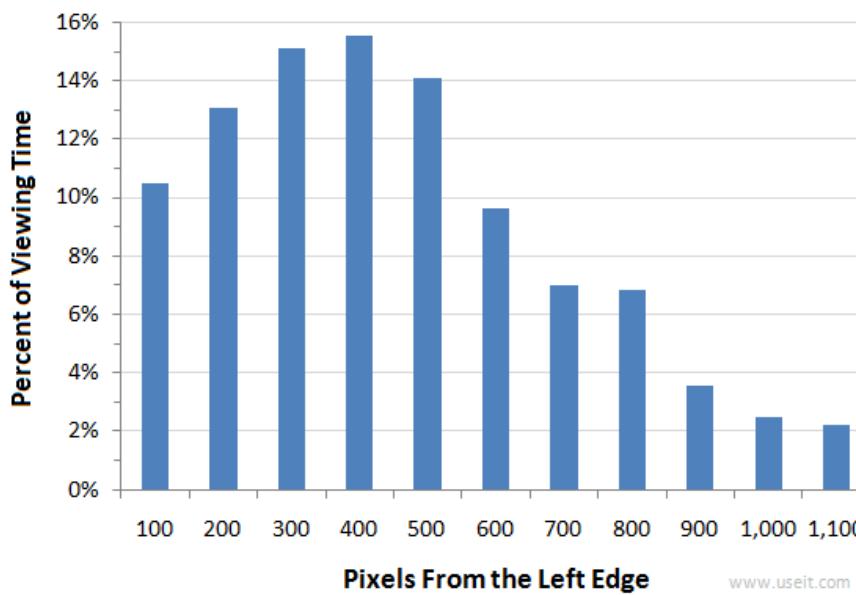
Scrolling behaviors



- Usually
 - Intense viewing on the top
 - Moderate in the middle
 - Superficial on the bottom
- Sometimes
 - Many fixation below the screen (first left picture)

Scrolling or paging?

Horizontal scrolling



- Maksimal attention
 - 300-500 pixels
- Two column layout
 - Left part: 69%
 - Right: 30%
 - Behing: 1%

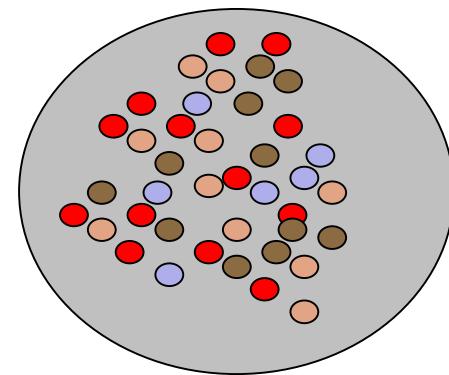
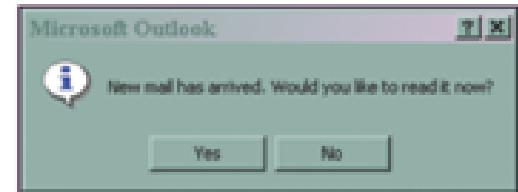
Drawing attention

Center vision

- Messages, colors

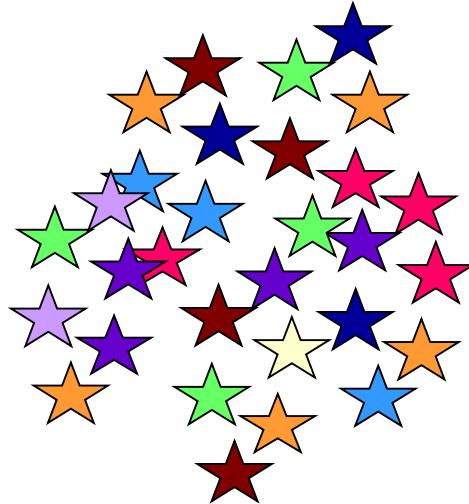
Side vision

- Changing big areas

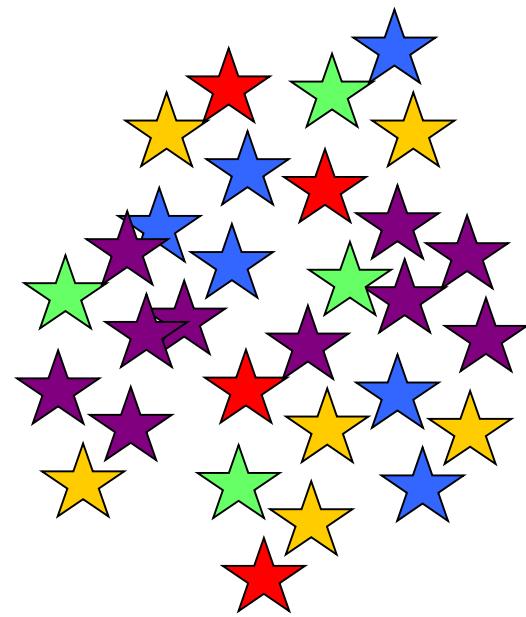


Distractions

- Visual clutter

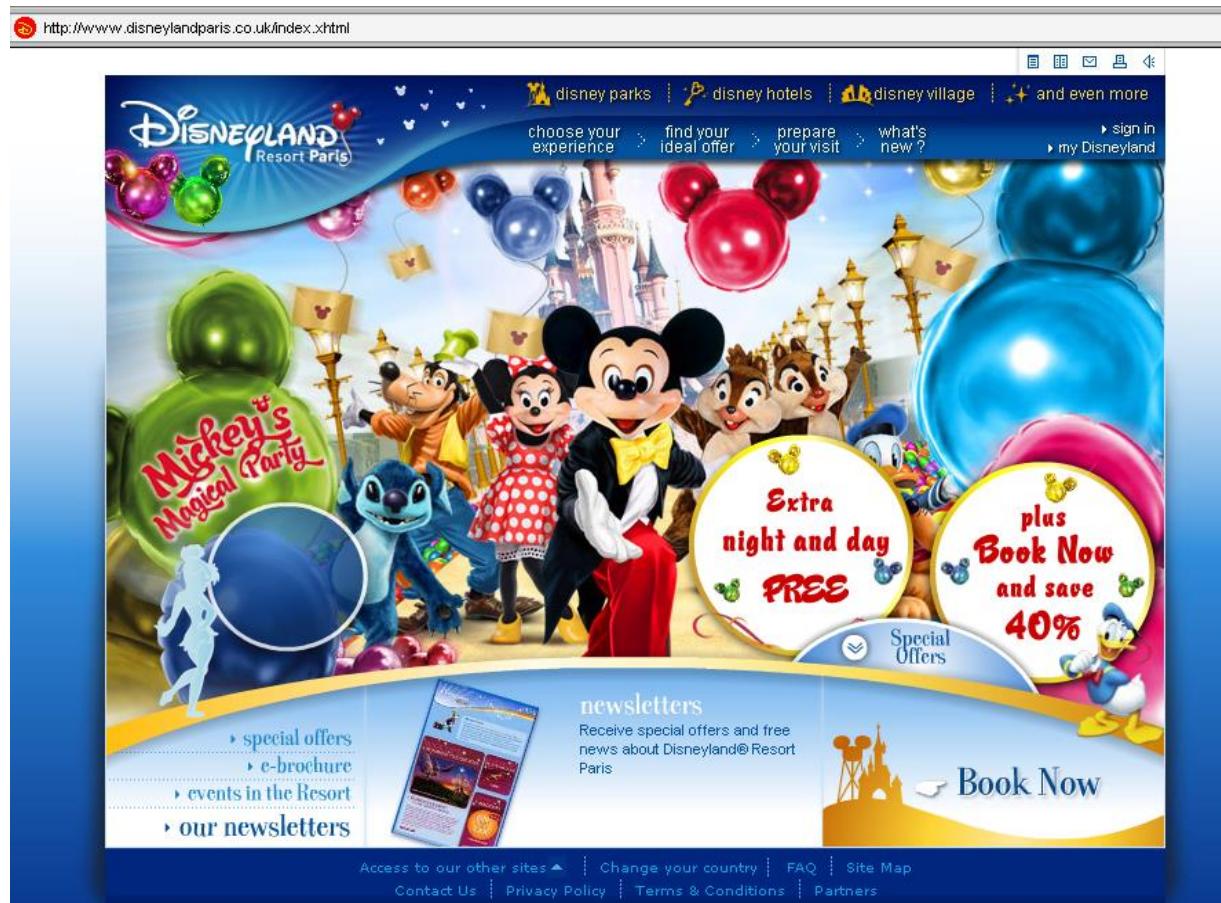


9 spalvos



5 spalvos

Visual clutter



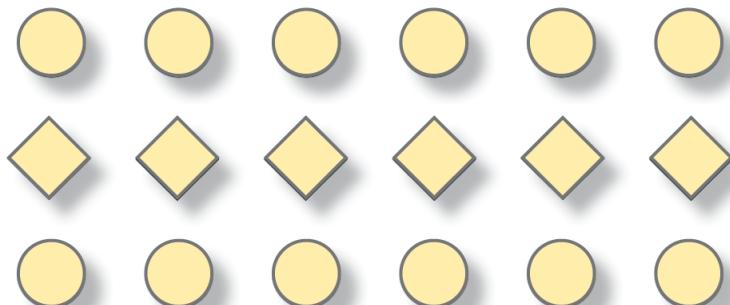
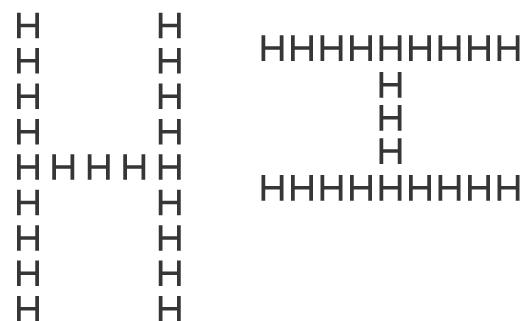
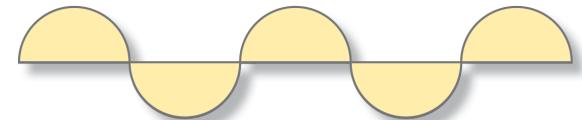
<http://www.disneylandparis.com/>

Gestalt principles

PSICOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES AND INTERFACE DESIGN

Intuitive perception guidelines: Gestalt laws

- Proximity
- Continuity
- Part-whole
- Similarity
- Closure
- Simplicity
- Symmetry
- Parallel



Gestalt laws

- Proximity



Darbai

- [Dizaino darbai](#)
- [Patogumo naudotis darbai](#)

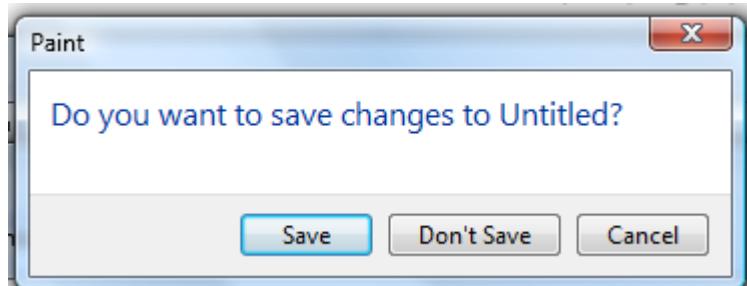
Paslaugos

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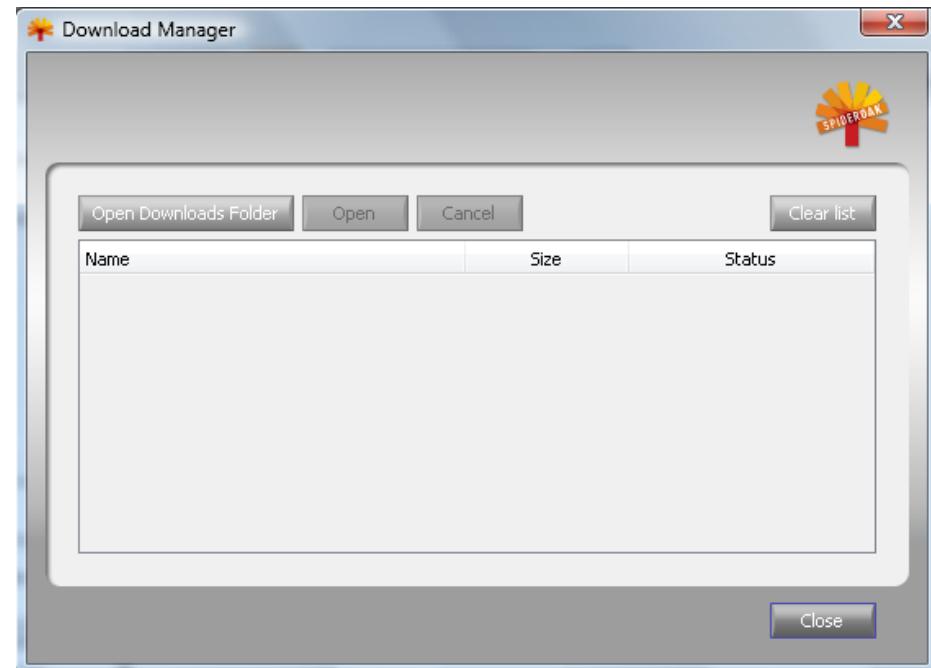
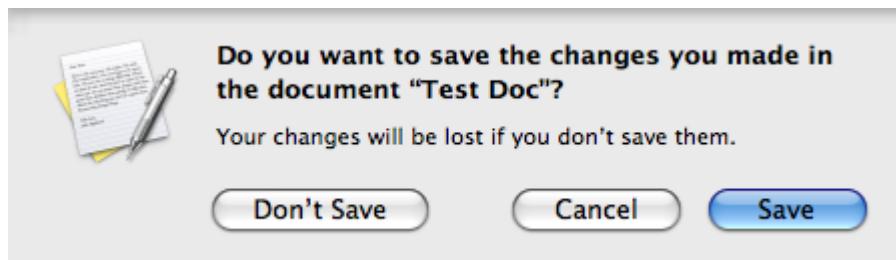
Kompanija

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Proximity to organize buttons

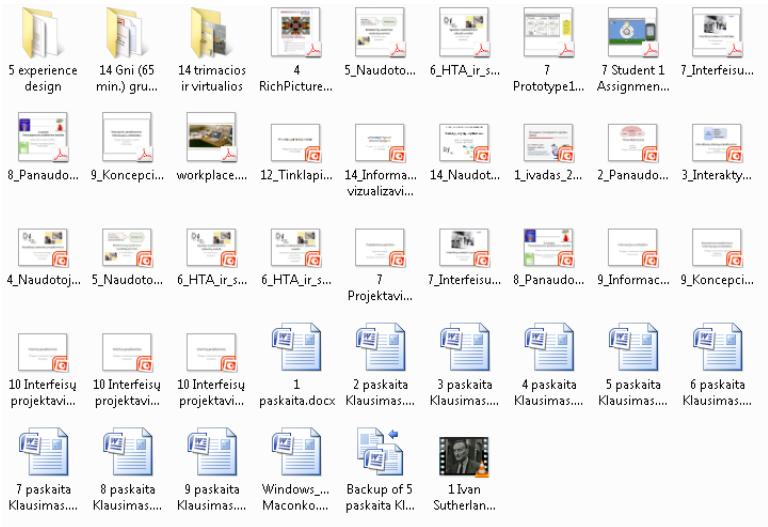


Equal distances in Windows Vista

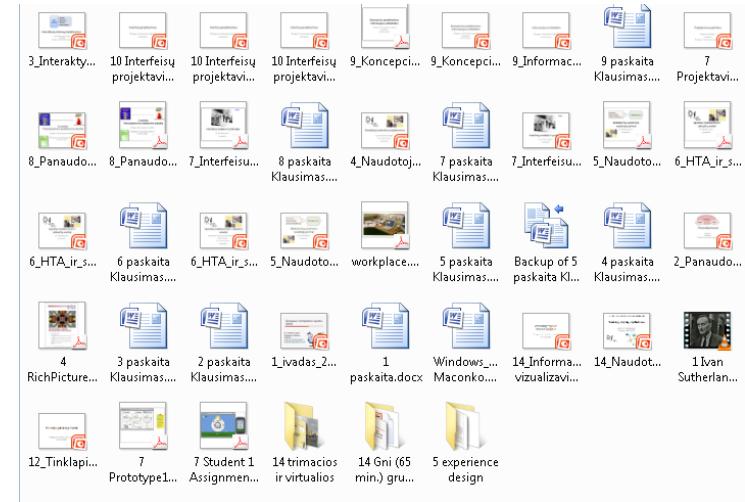


Buttons in OS X ir SpiderOak cloud

Similarity

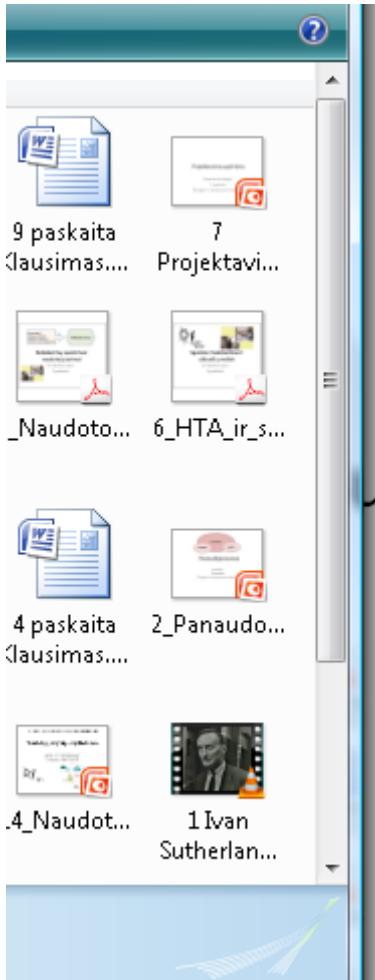


Similar type file as blocks



Unordered files – difficult to understand

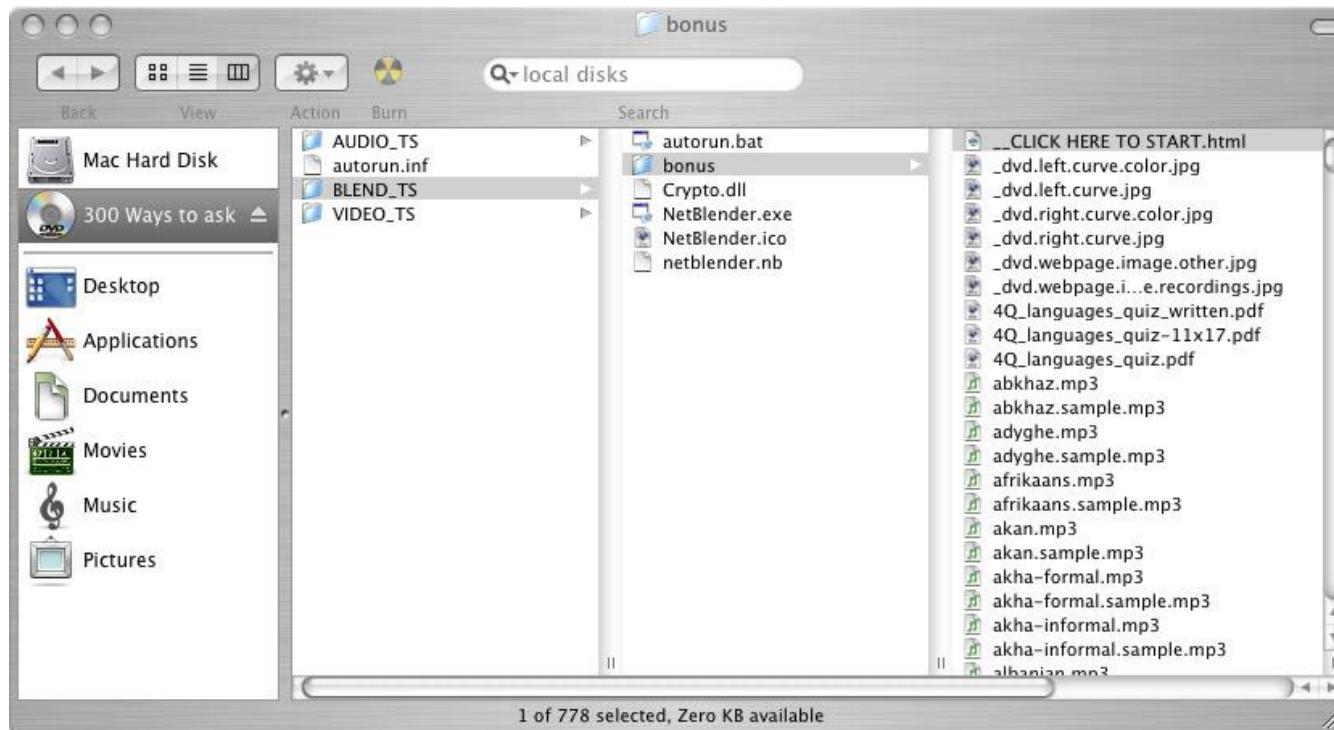
Continuity



- Scrollbar refers the **invisible part**
 - indicates that about 80% is visible

Closure

- we perceive as a connection
 - but it is not continuous



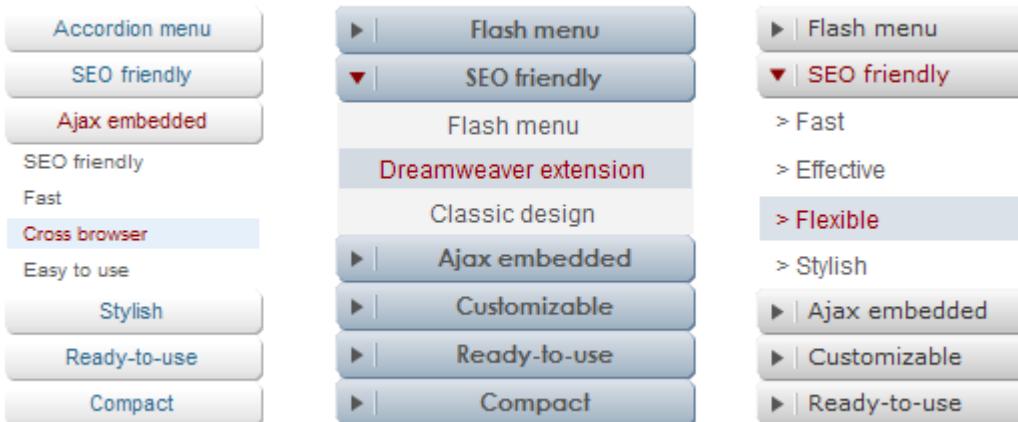
Paieškos langas OS X

Principles for memory and attention

- Short-term memory

- George Milleriae (1956):
 - short-time memory is limited to 7 ± 2 small chunks=
- Cowan (2002): 4 ± 1

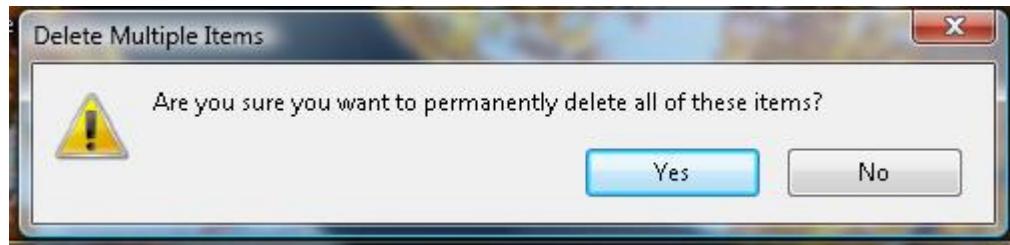
- Chunked dialogs



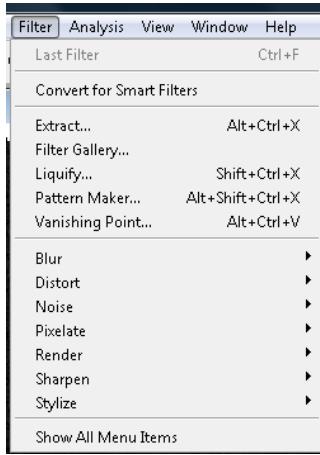
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- Time limitations

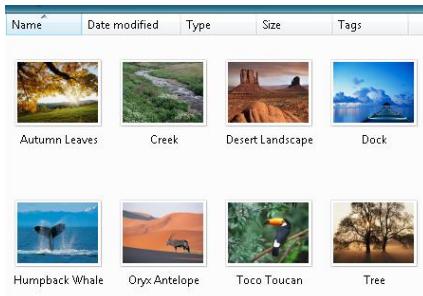
- memories in short-term memory persist for only 30 sec.,
- Important information should be more persistent



Principles for memory and attention

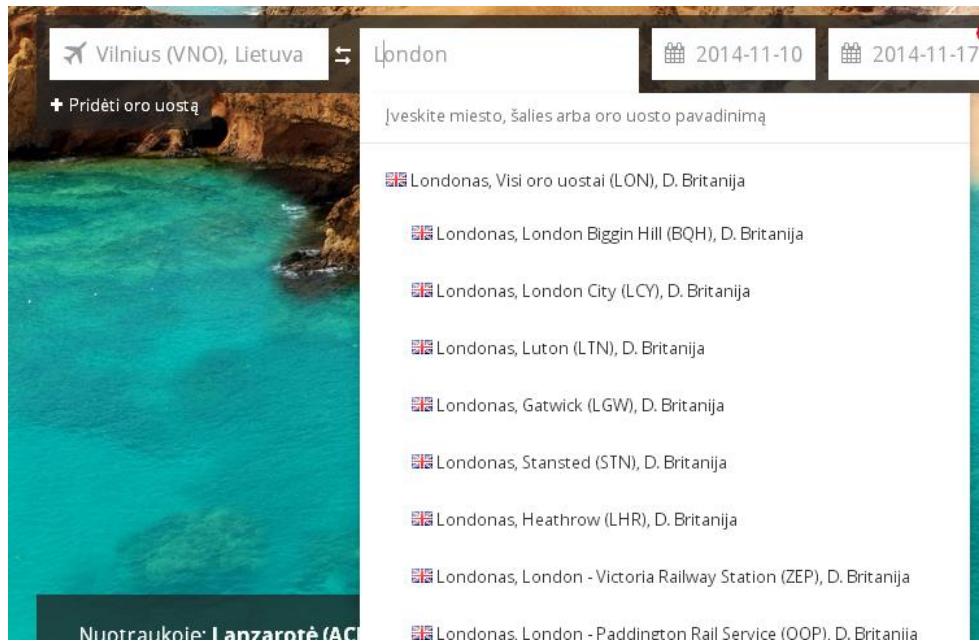


- **Recognition**
 - menu shows available options
 - images help selection



Principles for memory and attention

- Recall
 - autocomplete help to recall the names
 - airports



Principles for memory and attention



- colours

- maximum 5 + 2
- use central and peripheral colours
- do not use simultaneous high-chroma, spectral colours
- Use familiar consistent codings with appropriate references



Information design

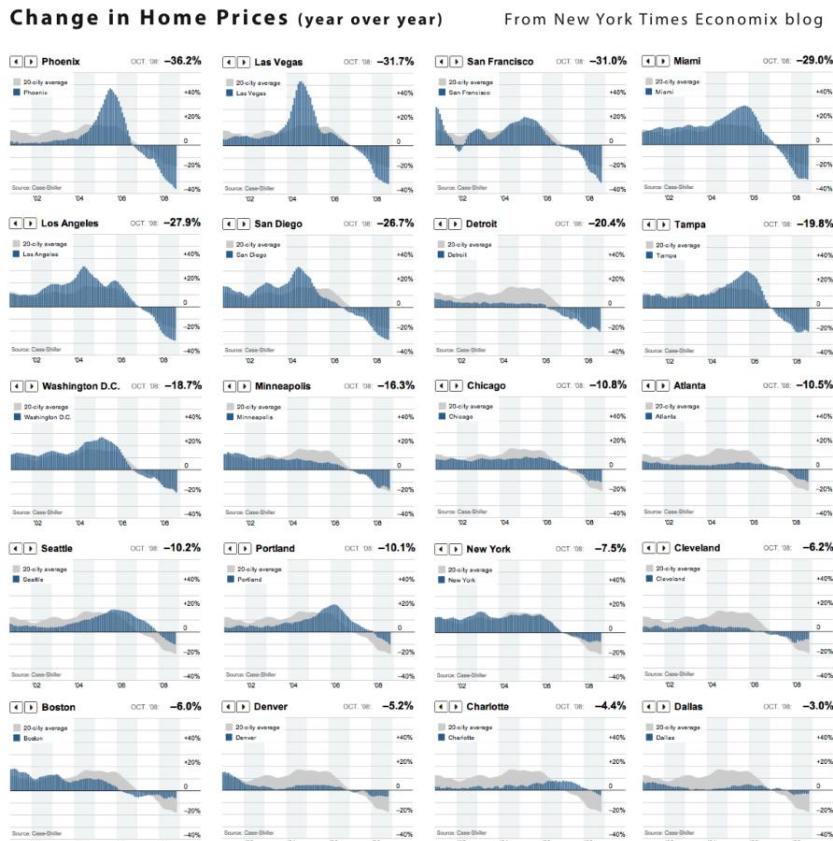
- Goal – present large amount of data in easily understandable form
 1. Sir Edward Playfair (XVII a.), Jacques Bertin (1981)
 - the proper representation helps to solve the problem

Harry Beck's London underground rail network

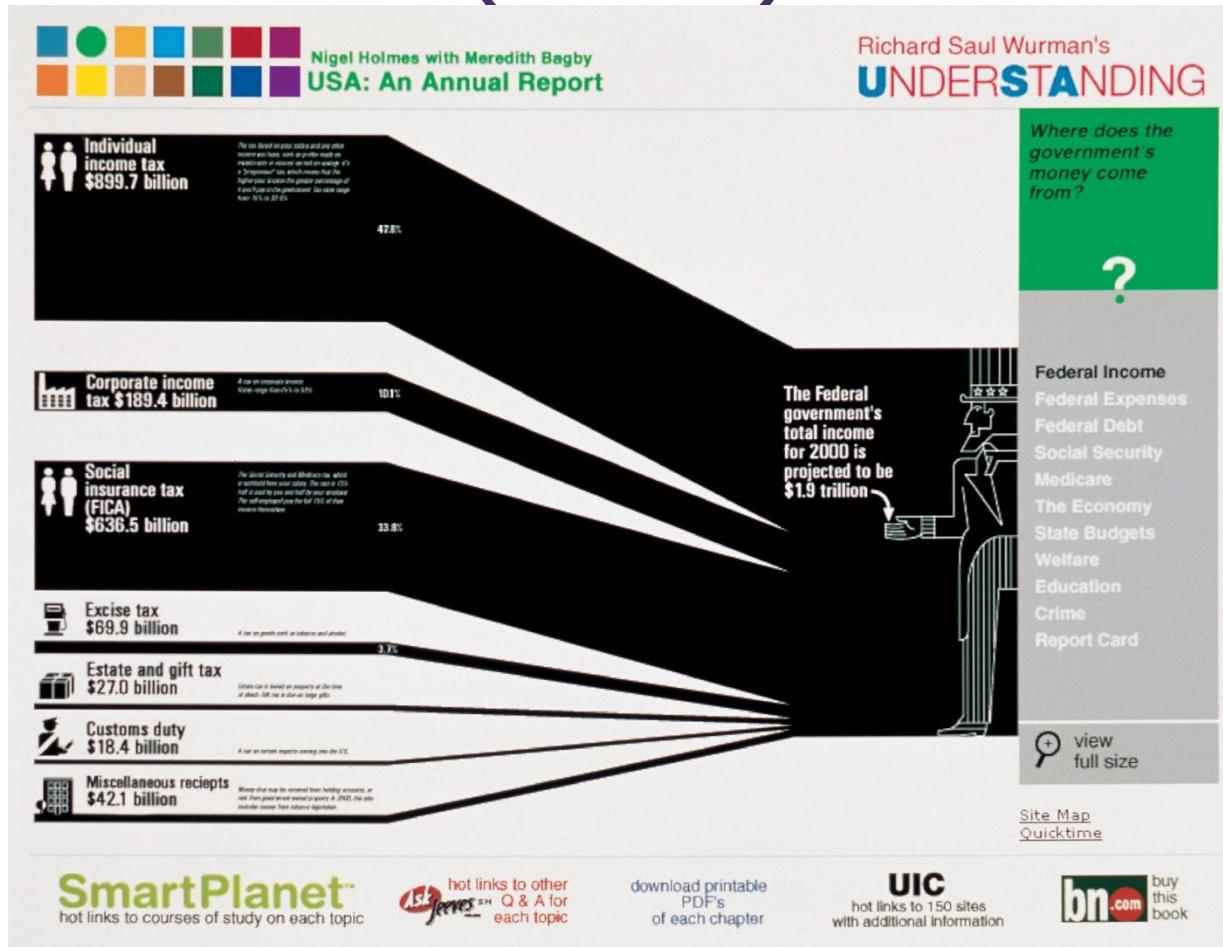


Information design

- gestalt laws



Wurman, Understanding USA (2000)

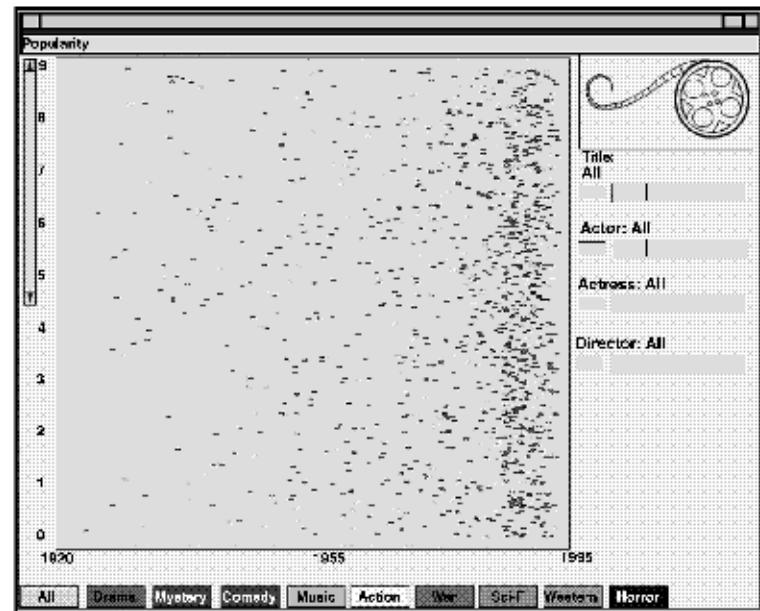
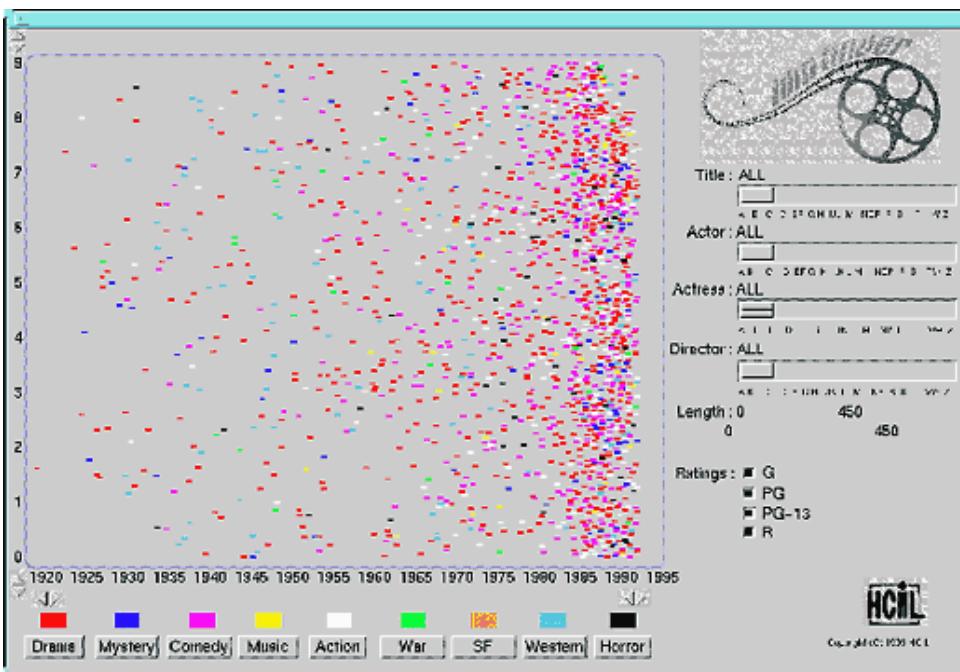


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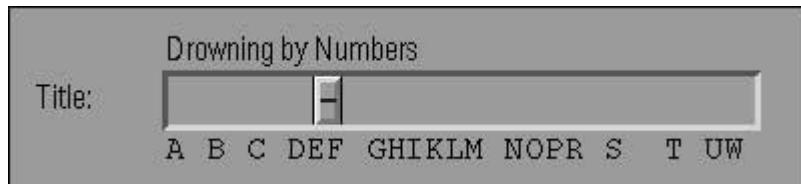
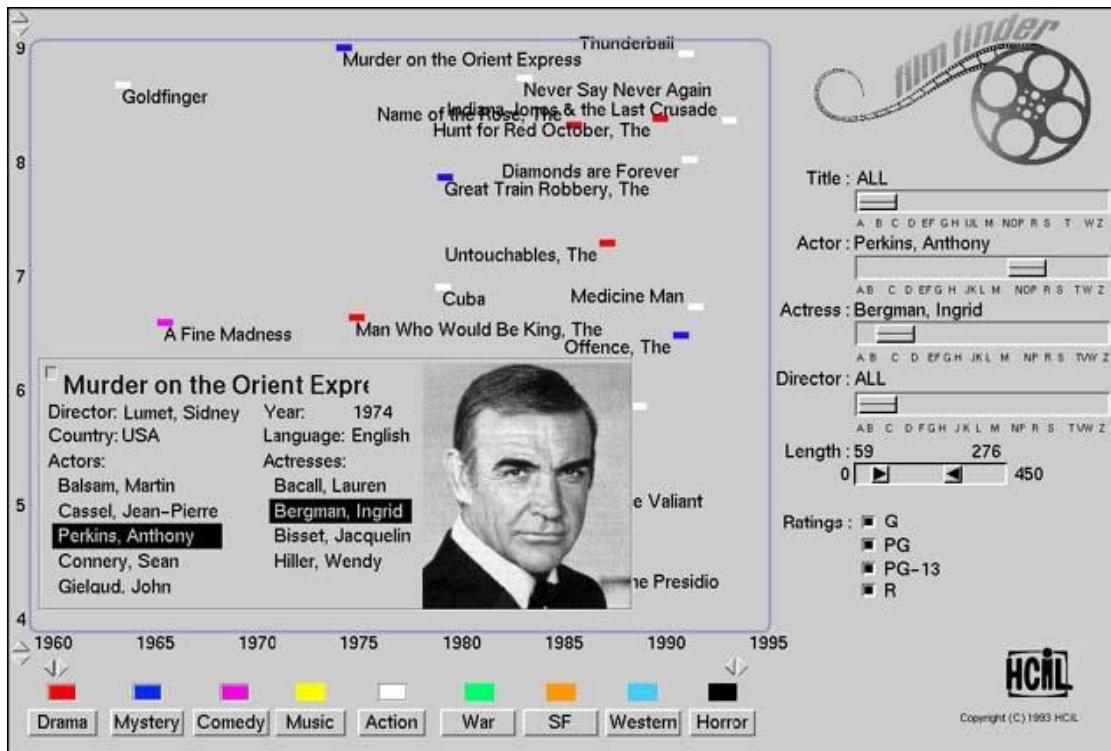
Interaktive visualizations

- Ben Shneiderman
 - overview first
 - zoom and filter
 - then details on demand

Film finder, Ahlberg, Shneiderman (1994)

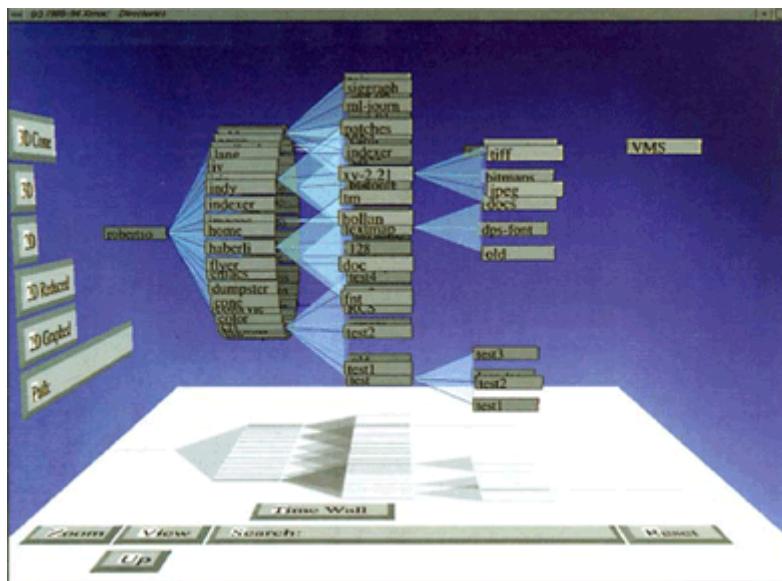


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ConeTree

- 3D file system tree

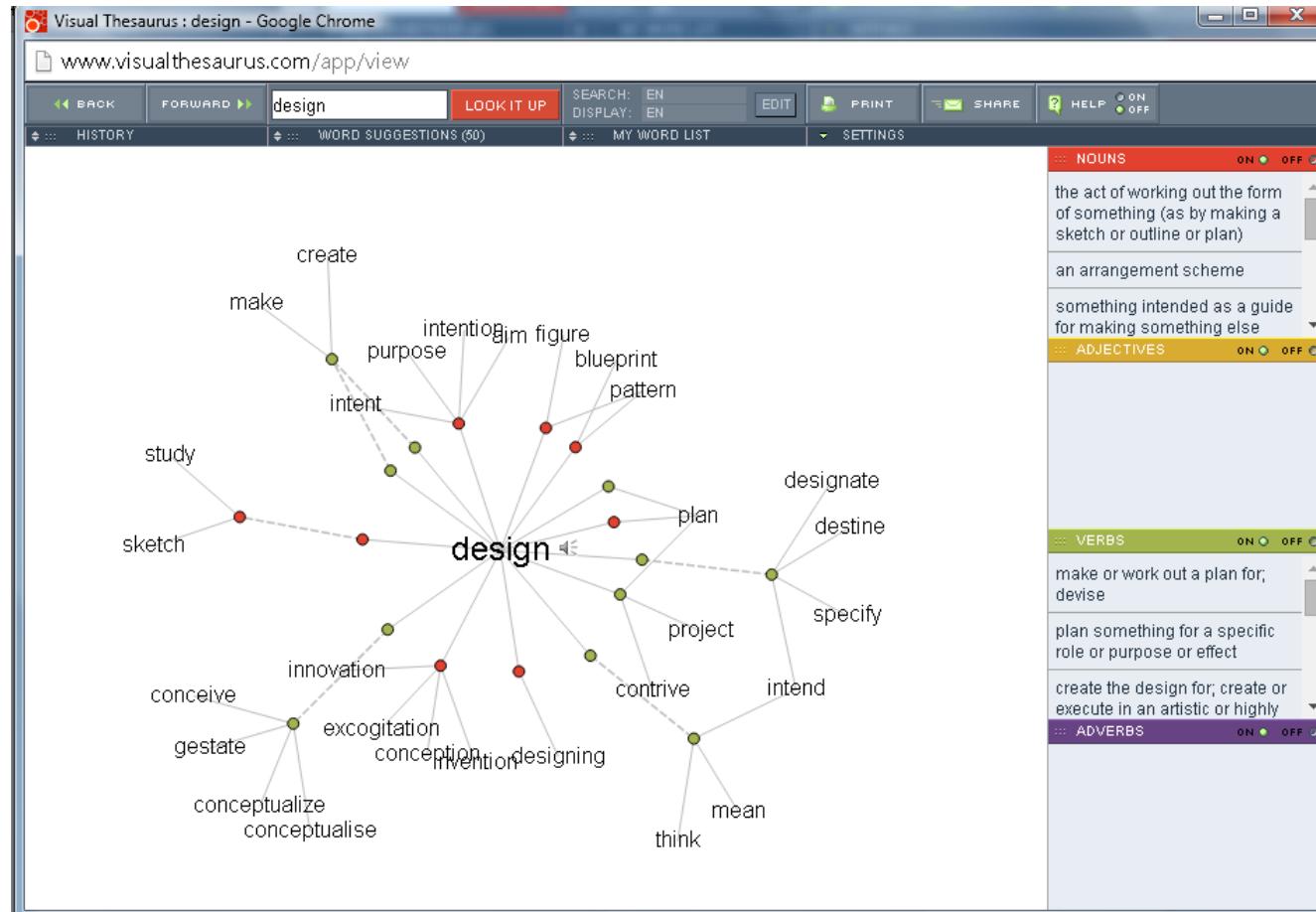


smartMoney.com



- stock market
- colours – changes in values
- blocks – companies
- mousing over the block
 - shows name,
- clicking
 - details

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<http://www.visualthesaurus.com/>

Reading

- David Benyon. Designing Interaction Systems: A comprehensive guide to HCI and interaction design.
 - in second edition: chapter 14. Interface design: visual aspects