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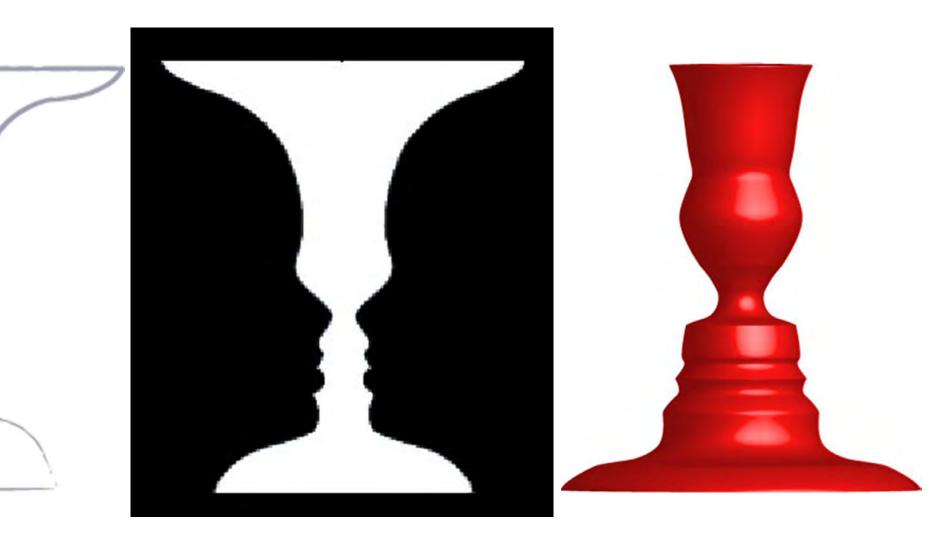
PART 1

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Understanding the Gestalt Principles of Visual Perception

RECOGNIZE SHAPES

Shape and Surface



Outline



ambiguous relationship

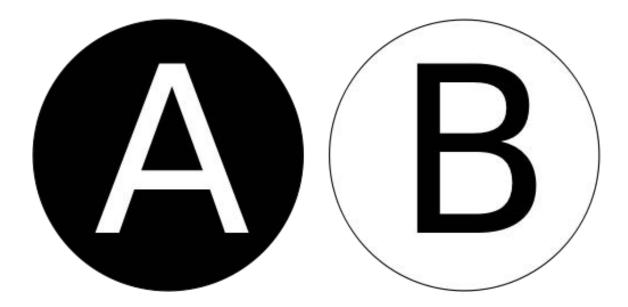
Texture

ORGANIZE SHAPES

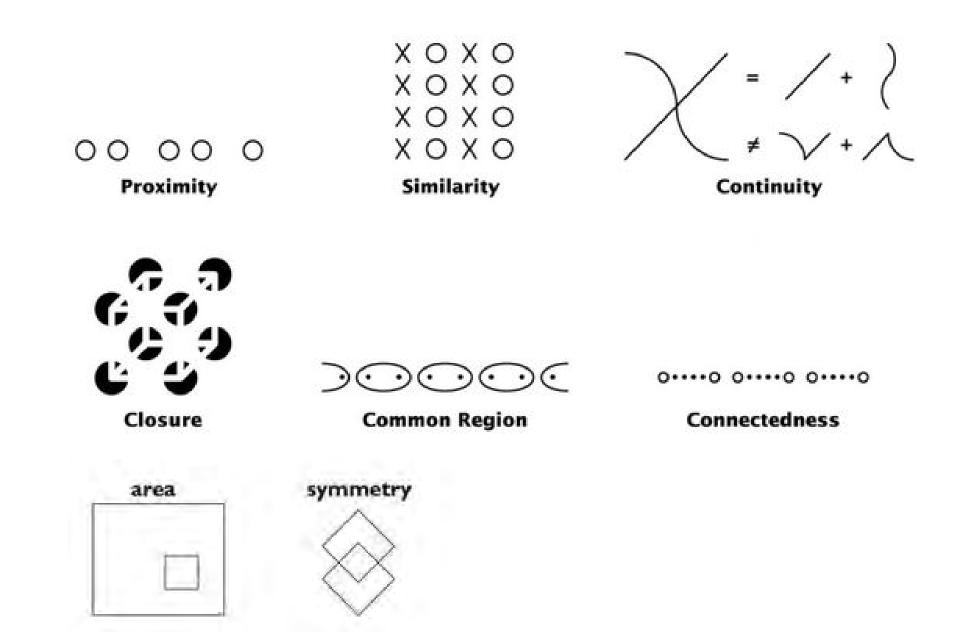
Search for RELATIONSHIP Search for PATTERN Search for STABILITY Search for ORDER Search for MEANING

Figure & Ground

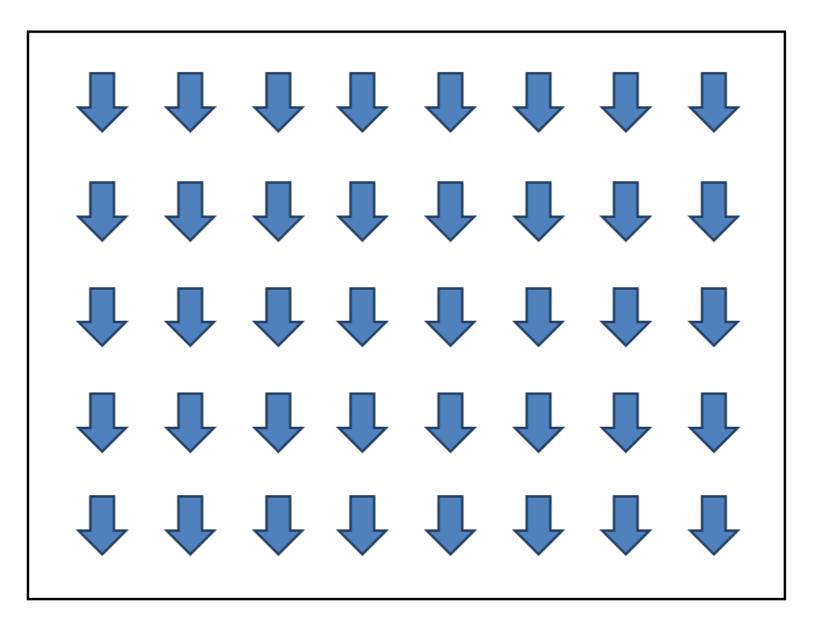
foreground-background positive-negative solid-void interior-exterior public-private



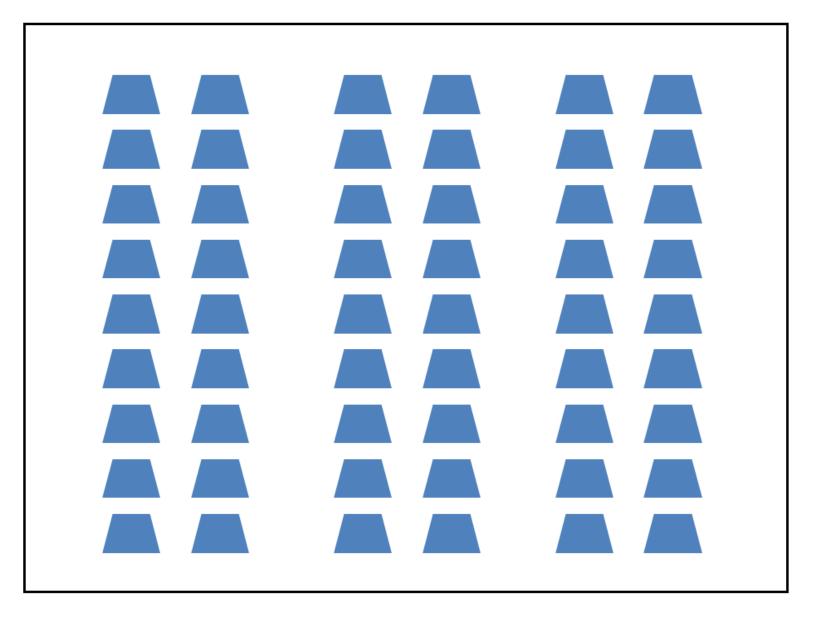




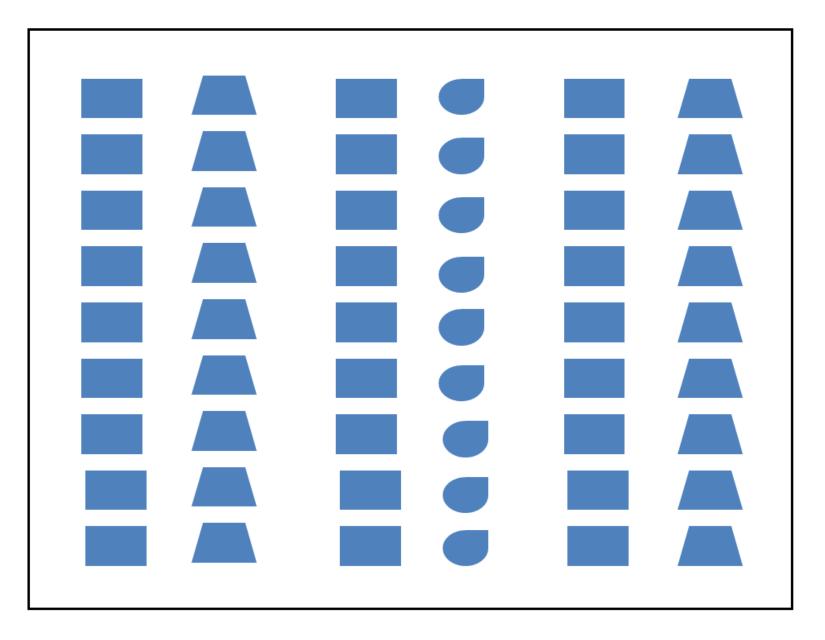
Proximity

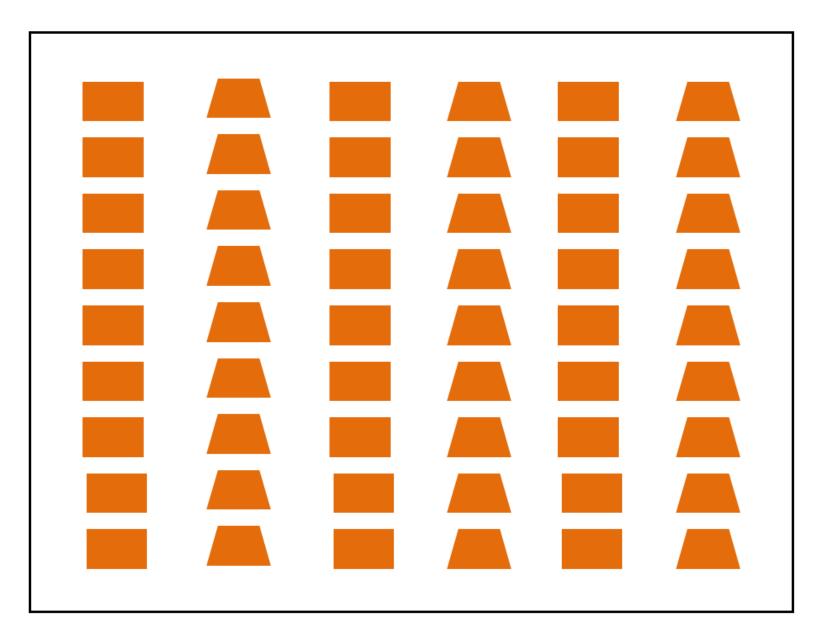


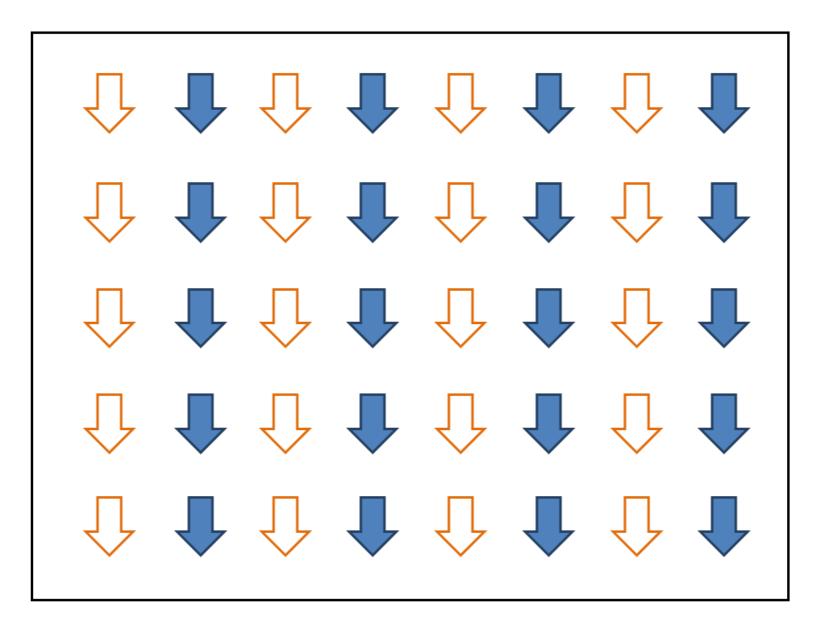
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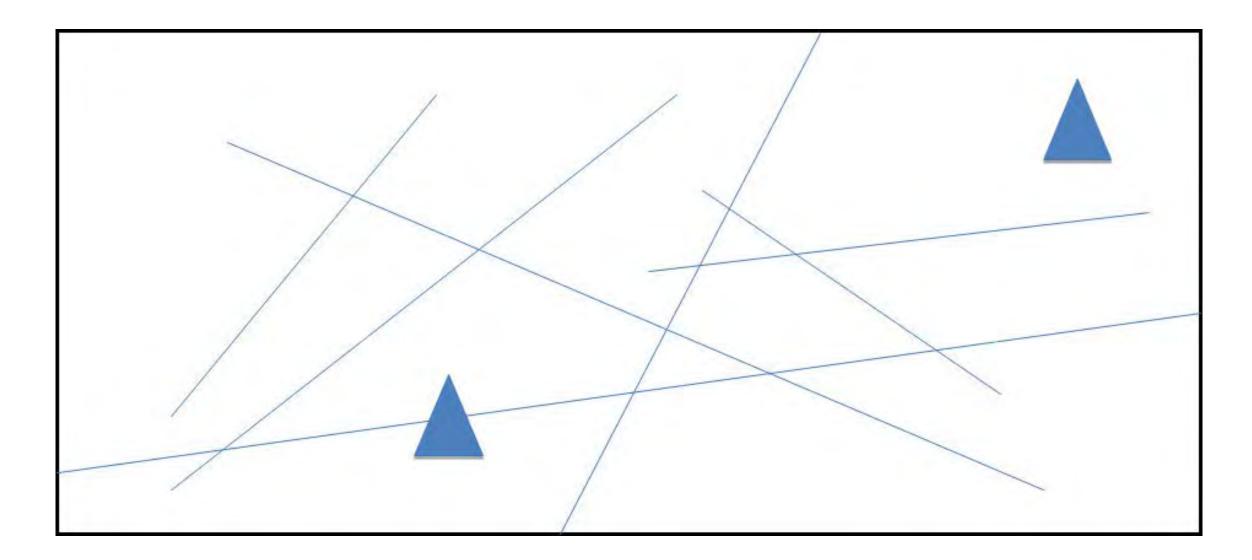


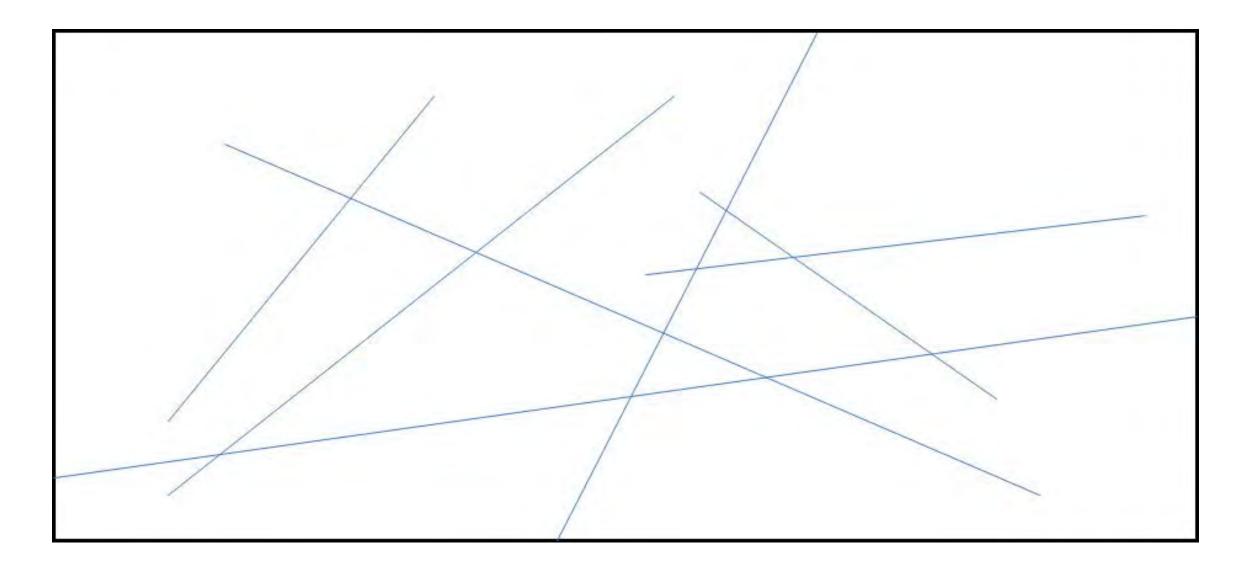
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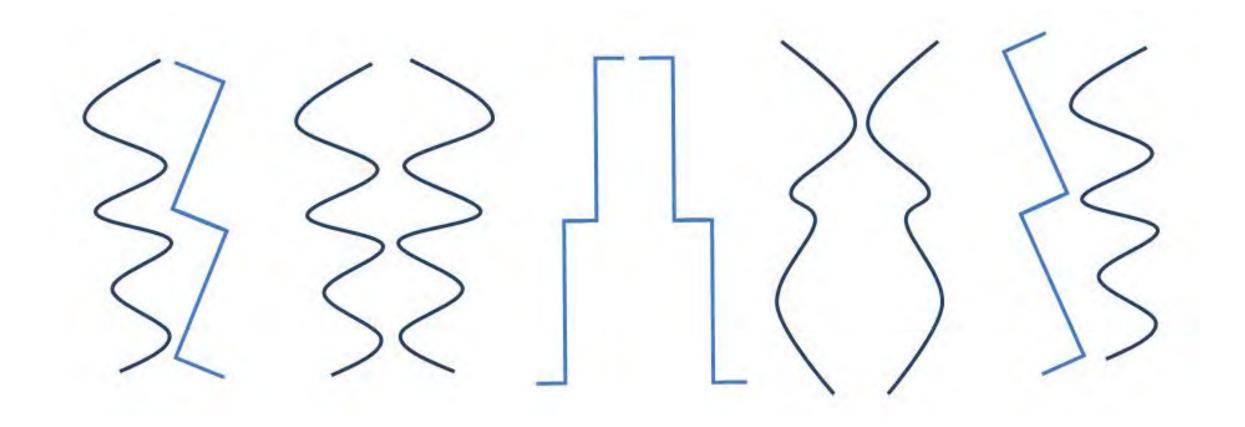
Closure Searching stability





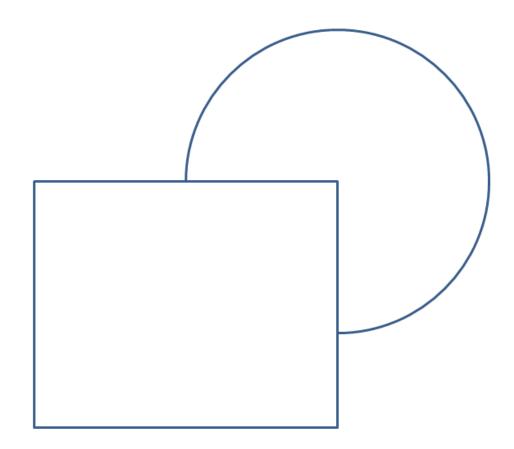
Oscar Muñoz, Re/trato, 2003

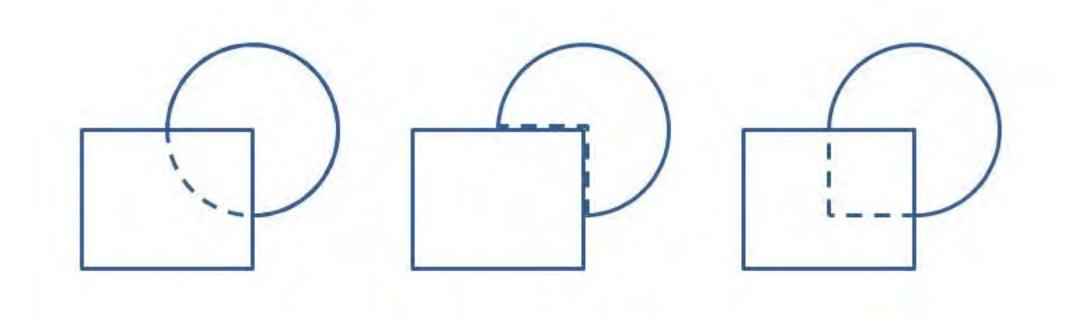
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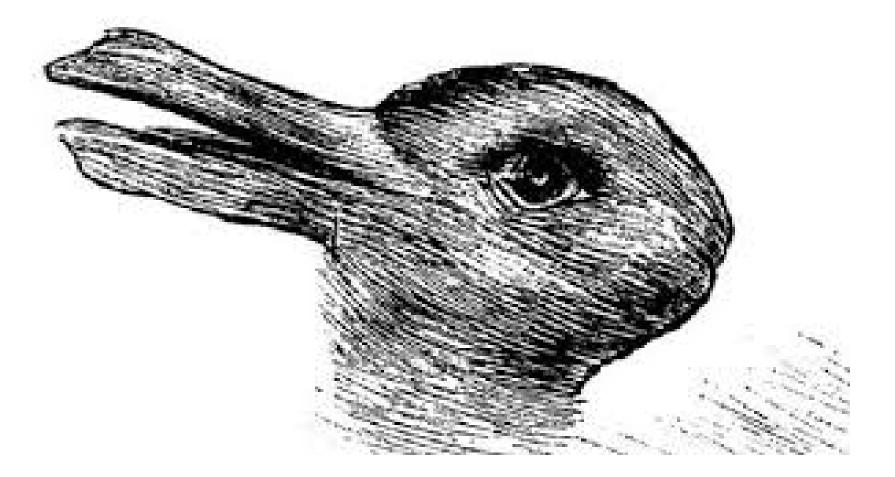
Prägnanz

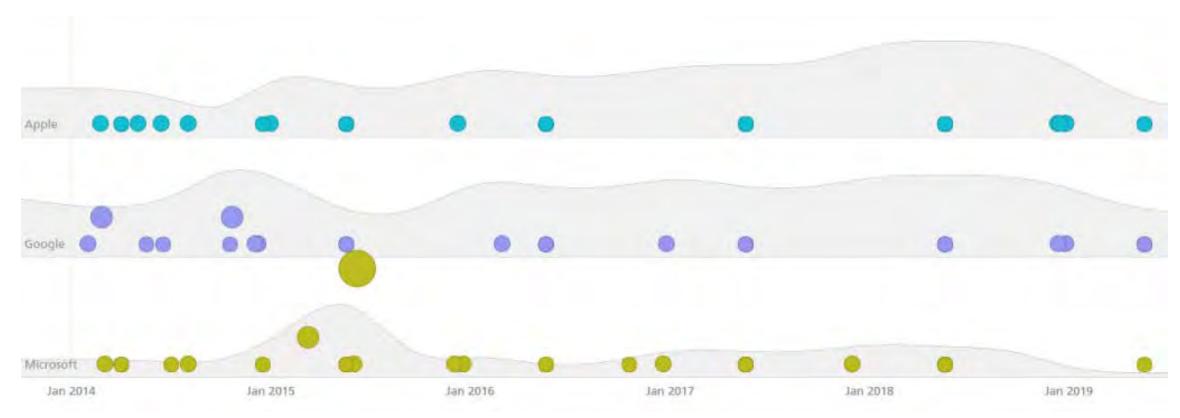
Simplicity, Order





Projection





This visualization compares the mentions of Apple, Google, and Microsoft across the web over the next five years.

Figure & ground

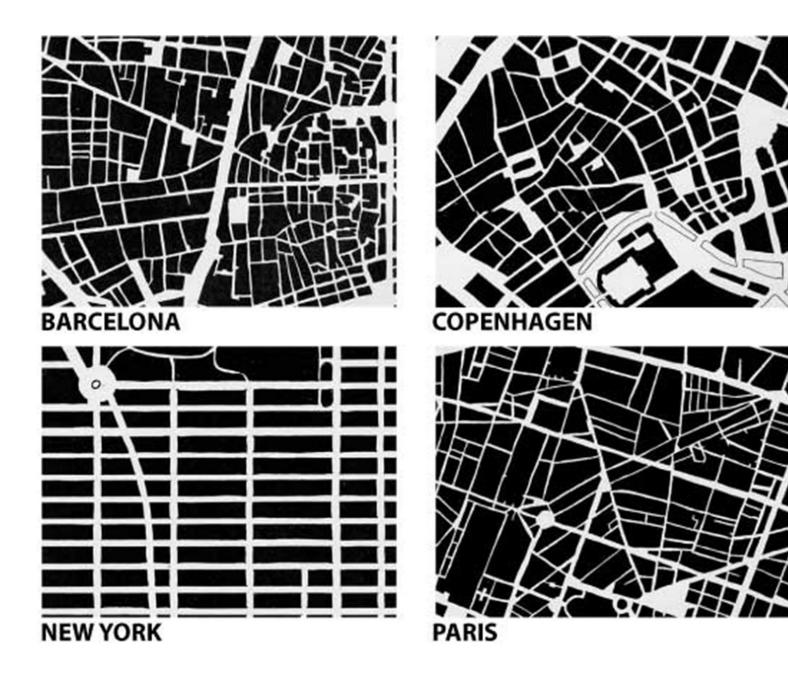
The first thing you notice when looking at this visualization is that the bubbles stand out against the backdrop of the area charts. This is appropriate considering the designer wants the viewer to explore deeper information that's embedded within the bubbles. The area chart which is grayed out simply shows the trend over time, and isn't meant to be explored.

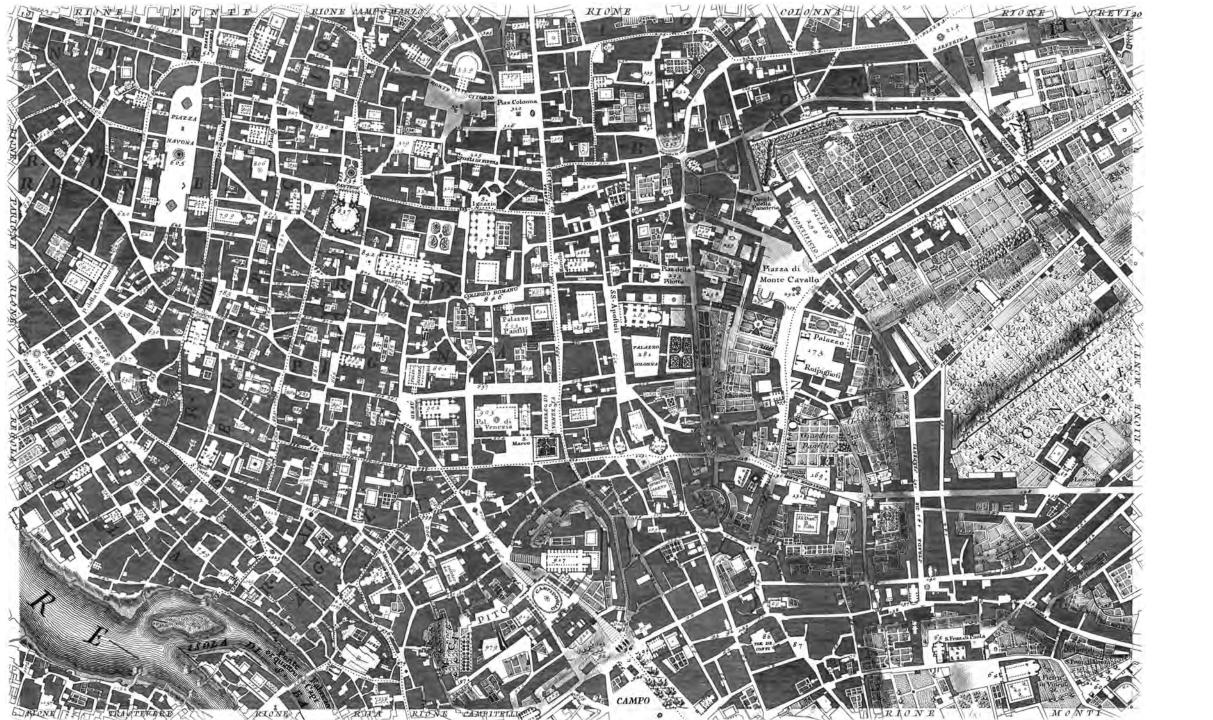
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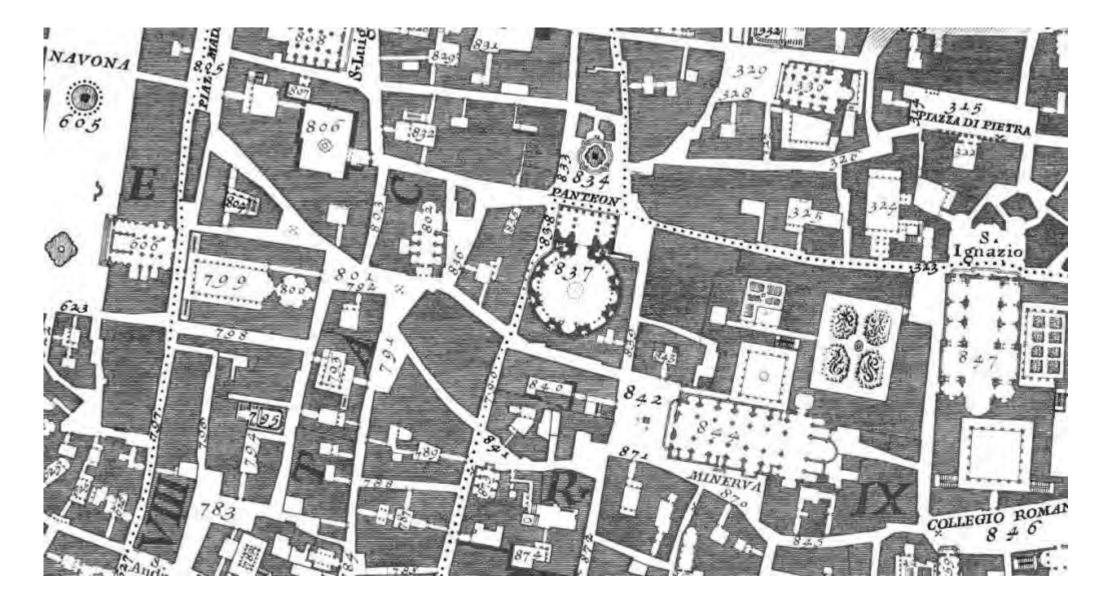
The bubbles are organized in 3 distinct groups along the horizontal line. We can identify the 3 groups of bubbles easily because of how close they are to each other. Notice that enough space is given between each group to make them distinct. This uses the principle of Proximity.

Similarity

Further, we notice that the bubbles are of three colors – green, purple, and blue. This Similarity brings out the grouping even more clearly.







Part of Nolli's drawing of Rome, engraved in 1748.

In the Nolli map it is not just the streets and squares which are left white but also the interiors of churches and other major public buildings. As such, what the figure-ground is revealing is the relationships between public and private space.









