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Not Just for Pretty Pictures: Using the Layering Feature of Vector Graphics Editors to Visualize Data

Abstract:

Historians often need to understand spatial relationships. Imagining how information traveled through complex networks or mapping past controversies can be difficult, especially when a project requires the management of large volumes of incomplete, heterogeneous data. This presentation demonstrates how the layering feature of vector graphics editors, such as Adobe Illustrator, CorelDRAW, and Inkscape, can be exploited to visualize relationships between variables.