Dear Many Eyes developers,

First, I wish to convey my appreciation for the incredible software you designed, and generously made publicly available. I find the software much friendly, easy to use and yet powerful in its abilities. I specifically liked the option of sharing datasets and visualizations with other users of Many Eyes, and likewise, browsing through the rich collection of existing datasets.

One of my favorite features of Many Eyes, is the ability to present geographic data on a map, using the country or state name only. Other tools I previously worked with (as TransCad, GeoVista and more) require a shape or boundary definition for geographic attributes, which makes the use of such software rather intricate. Another very unique feature you provide is sorting plots by day-of-week and month. I did not see this feature in other tools I am using.

There are few suggestions that I would like to bring up. The current available attribute data types are String and Number. I believe that Date is a very important data type, especially when considering time series analysis. Another useful feature would be to enable conversion of numeric fields to categorical and vice-versa (since you treat them differently in the visualizations).

One of the options that I was missing when exploring my dataset, is the ability to filter plots by non-displayed variables. I believe that the option to filter data is very beneficial when exploring a high dimensional, large dataset. Another missing option that I lacked was to present self-arcs in network displays.

Lastly, I would like to report one bug I have noticed when using the matrix chart to display my data. In the following plot the number of unique types of wine is 10, yet only 7 types are actually displayed:
http://services.alphaworks.ibm.com/manyeyes/view/SmAgULsOtha6ey0Dw_LsL2-

Unfortunately, as I write this summary, most of the modules do not work (I cannot see my previous datasets or create new visualizations), and therefore I cannot explore the software further.

Again, thank you for making this fabulous software publicly available,
Best,
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