Web Mapping & Analysis Dashboards

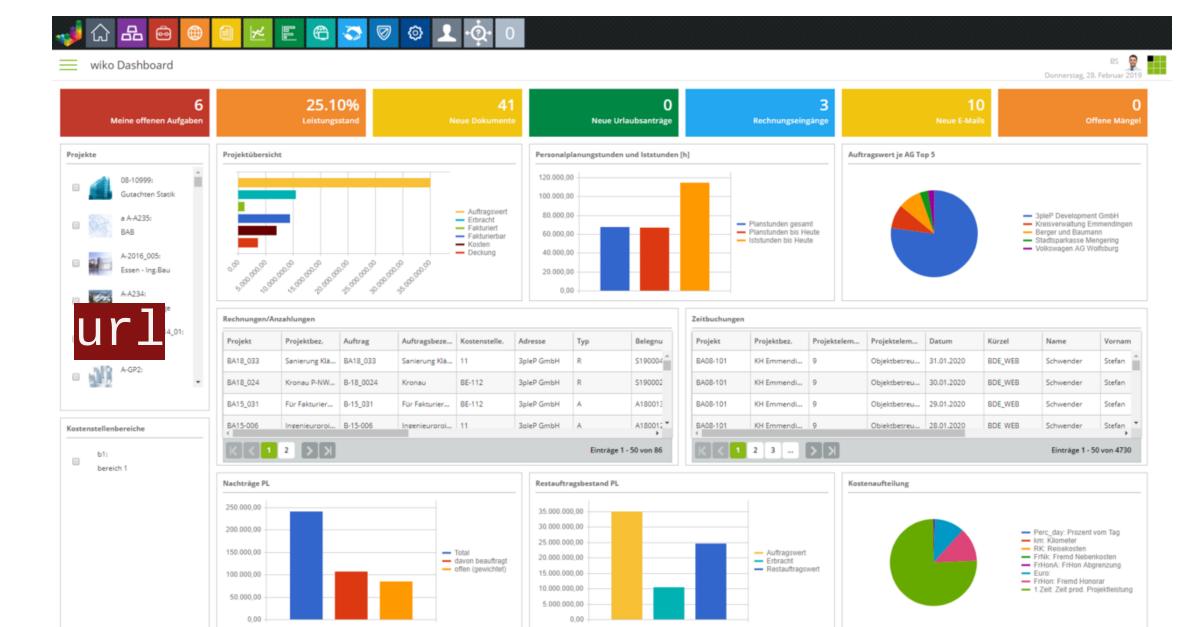
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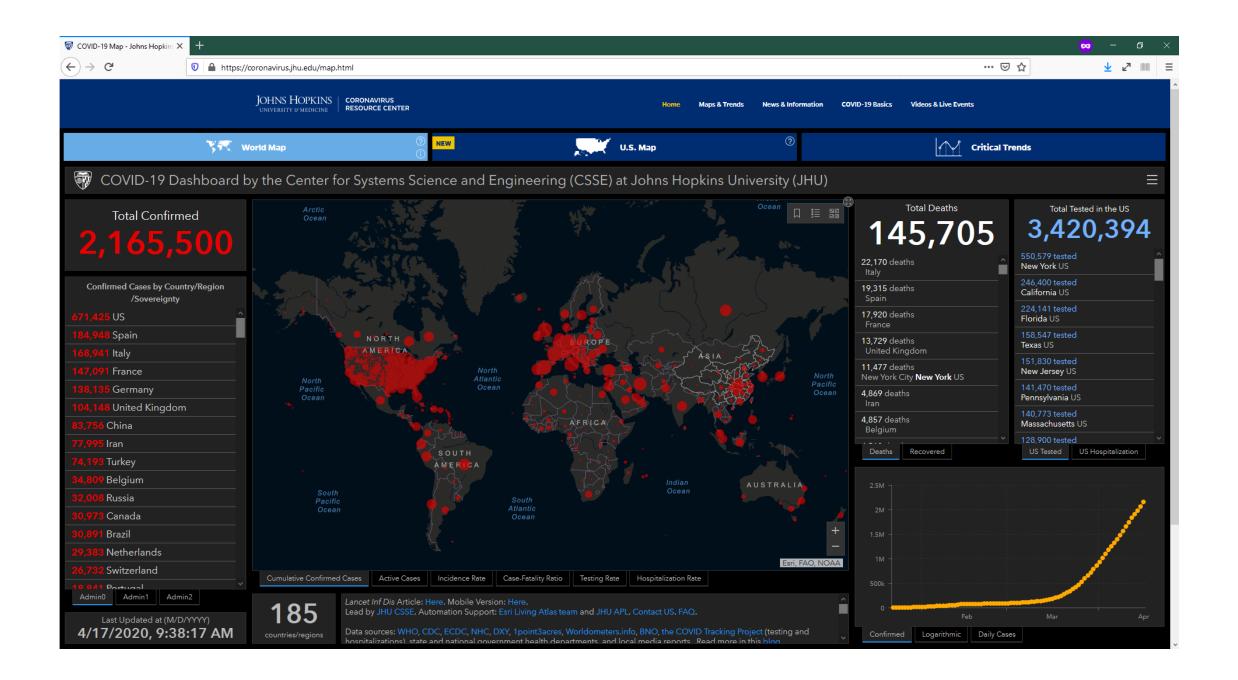
Today

- What?
- Why?
- How?

Dashboards: what?







(Digital) Dashboards

[...] single-screen display of the most important information people need to do a job, presented in a way that allows them to monitor what's going on in an instant

Few (2006)

(Digital) Dashboards

- "Centralisers" of data
- Not only about maps
- Up-to-date (dynamic/real time)

Dashboards: why (not)?

Why?

- *Mo'data, mo'problems*: need to access streams effectively
- Dynamic data requires dynamic mediums
- Decision-driven views: focus on "key indicators"

Useful features

- "Useful model" distilling the essential in one place
- Powerful, yet accessible (client/server model)
- Enable "designed" analysis

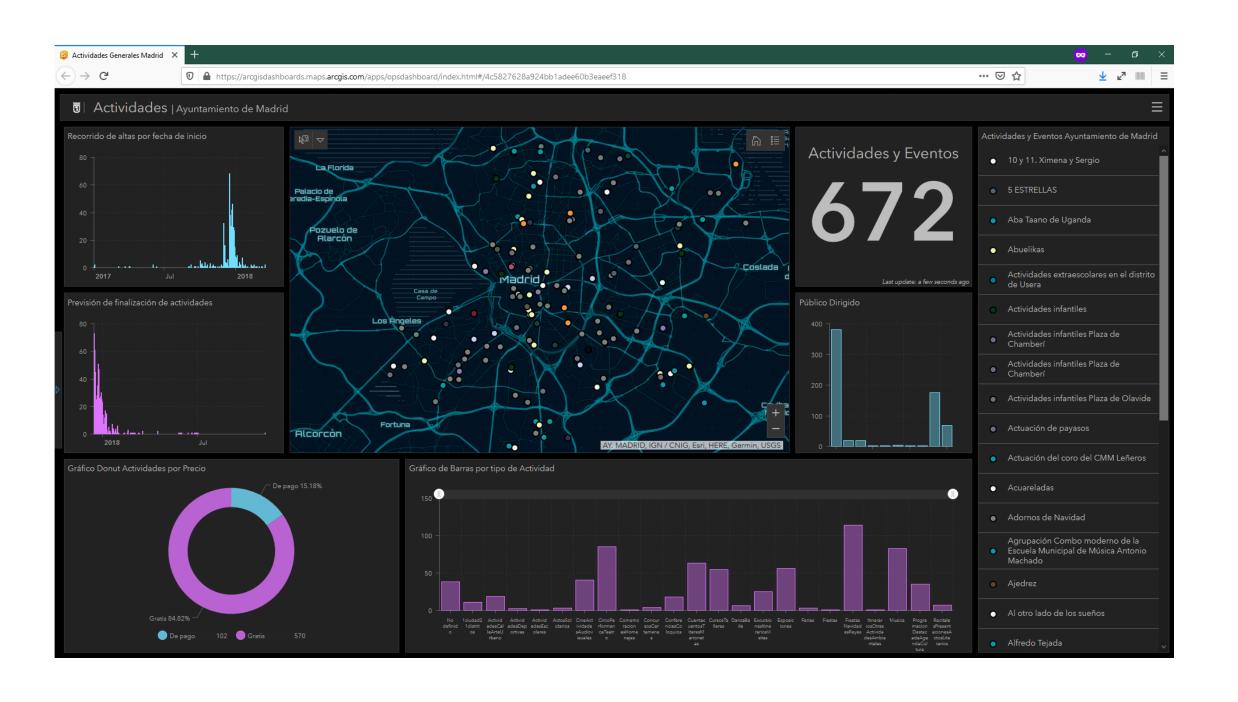
Why not?

Critical considerations

- Mechanistic view of complex/human systems
- Reductionist: Focus only on what can (and is) be measured
- Bias: What is measured? What is left out?

Map-based dashboards

- At least one view is a map, but may combine with other views
- Organise information presented through space/geography
- Limited but focused analysis through interactivity ("GIS on a browser")



Dashboards: how?

How to design a dashboard

- Purpose first, technology next
- One rule fits all
- Learning by (others') mistakes

Thirteen mistakes in Dashboard Design (Few, 2006)

Thirteen mistakes... (1-3)

- 1. Exceeding a single screen
- 2. Supplying inadequate context for the data
- 3. Excessive detail/precision

Thirteen mistakes... (4-6)

- 4. Choosing a deficient measure
- 5. Inappropriate display media
- 6. Meaningless variety

Thirteen mistakes... (7-9)

- 7. Poorly designed display media
- 8. Inaccurate encoding of quantitative data
- 9. Poor arrangement

Thirteen mistakes... (10-13)

- 10. Highlighting important data ineffectively
- 11. Display cluttering/decoration
- 12. Color mis/overuse
- 13. Unattractive visual displays

Enabling analysis

- Not only display of information
- Interactivity fits more into one screen
- "Purpose-built GIS"



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