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Tableau: Intro & Setup

What Are Dashboards:

- Dashboards act as a data visualization tool where users can easily analyze trends and statistics. It can be a powerful way of communicating results of a Data Science project.
- Examples: Dash by Plotly, Bokeh Dashboards, Google Data Studio, Tableau

About Tableau (Tableau Desktop):

- Pros: Makes the charts and interface almost seamlessly.
- Con: Getting used to the interface and functions.
- Con: Data cleaning/pre-processing easier in Python.

Setting up:

- 1-year free trial of Tableau Desktop for Students. (Paid differs by individual vs organization.)
- Tableau Public (create separate account); share data visualizations with global community.
- Introductory videos are a great resource; robust and go through examples in detail.



Tableau - Tableau Desktop (for Students)

Go to this link to try out a trial: https://www.tableau.com/academic/students

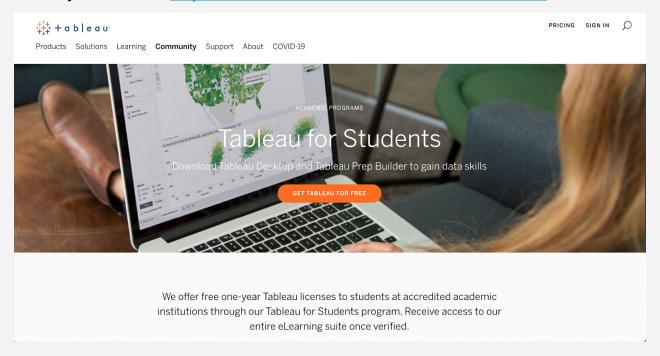
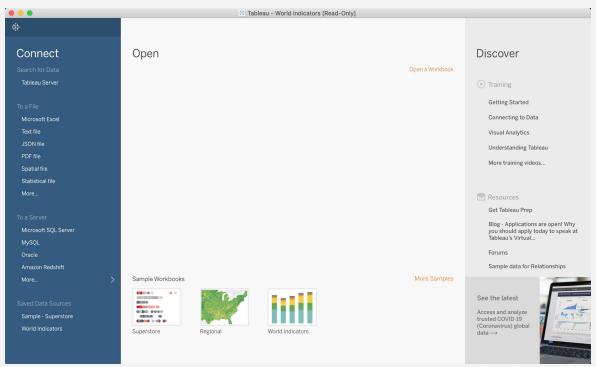




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When you download the Tableau Desktop Application (MacBook Pro):





Explore: No-Code Visualization Tools

Infogram: https://infogram.com/app/

- Web-based visualization environment; infographic environment.
- Multiple PDF/PNG or HTML-based templates; interactivity built-in.
- Paid version offers: Engagement analytics, team collaboration, consistent product branding.

Flourish: https://flourish.studio/examples/

- Another web-based visualization environment.
- Interest: Interface is pretty straightforward, and visualizations can be really interactive.
- Note: Best for spreadsheet junkies!

Datawrapper: https://www.datawrapper.de/

- Web-based visualization and map creation environment.
- Niche service, offers some powerful capabilities.
- Fact: Interesting workflow.



Visualization Tools Comparison

	Data import & usage	Viz options & customization	Free/paid features	More or less technical?
+++ +++ +ableau	- Can import from many data types Robust manipulation.	- Many graph options Experienced users understand benefit.	- Tableau Public - Tableau Desktop (1-Year free trial student)	- More technical due to interface and multitude of options.
infogr.am	- Can import from some data types Some manipulation.	- Many infographic visual options. - Drag & drop interface.	- Free w/ account; - Make publicly available PDF, PNG or HTML	- Less technical - No code; interface accessible to all.
Flourish*	- Import from Microsoft Excel, CSV, JSON. - Some manipulation.	- Graph, infographic and slide options Straightforward editing interface.	- Free w/ account; - Embed, PDF, PNG, or HTML.	- Less technical - No code; interface accessible to all.
Datawrapper	- Import from multiple sources Minimal manipulation.	- Static graph options Streamlined process of creating visualizations	- Free (no account need) - PDF, PNG, or HTML	- Less technical. - Frequently used by journalists/newspapers.



