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# On the Impact of the Medium in Visualizations for Software Comprehension

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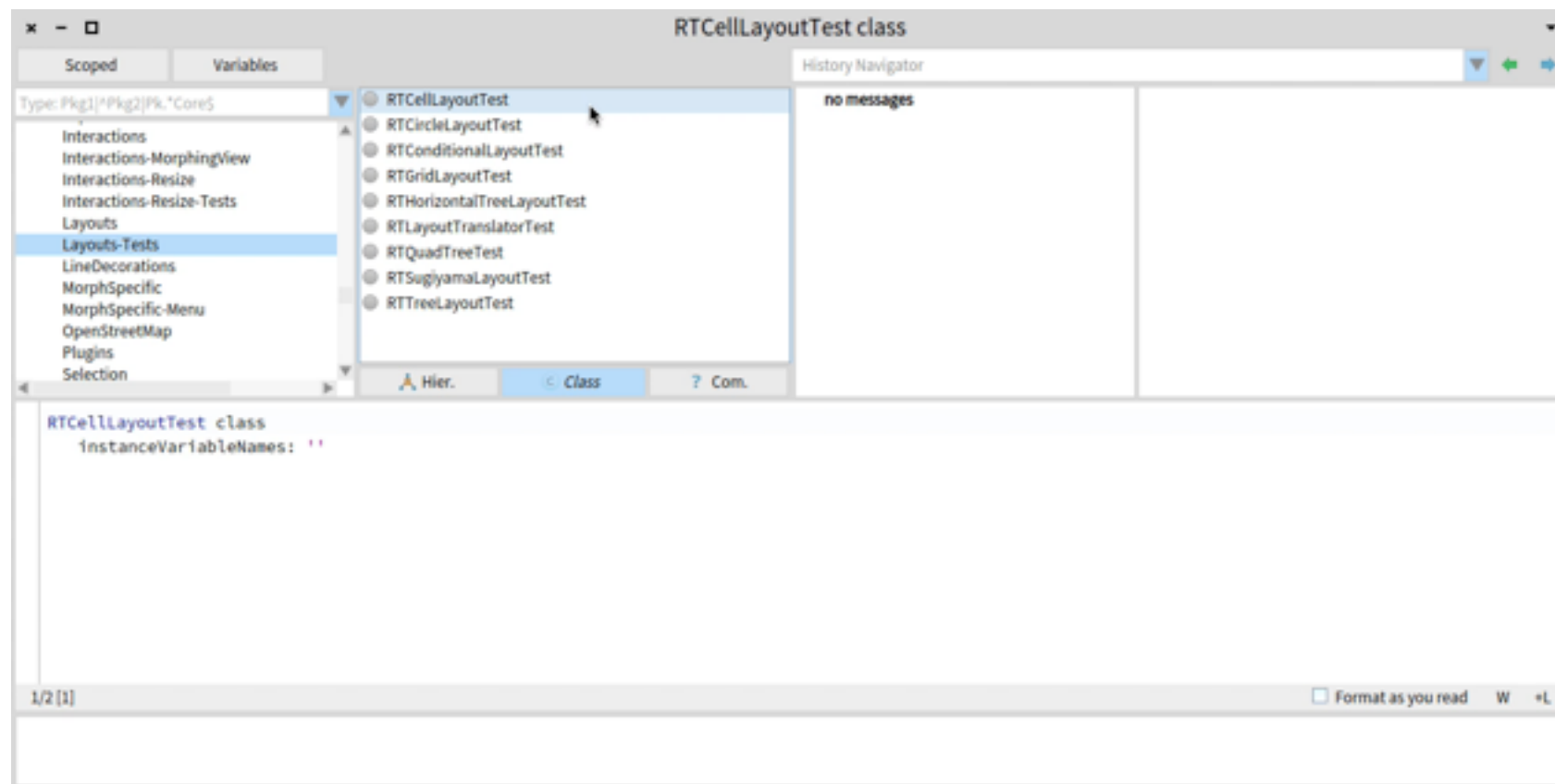
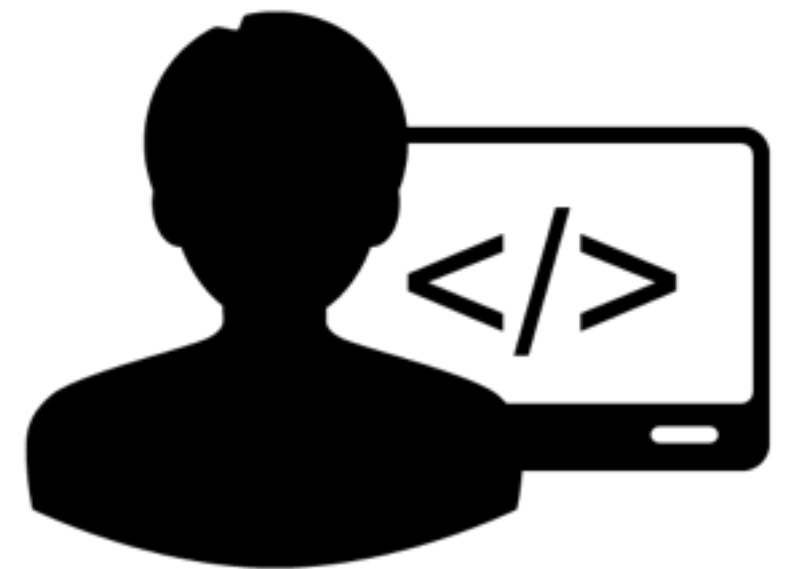
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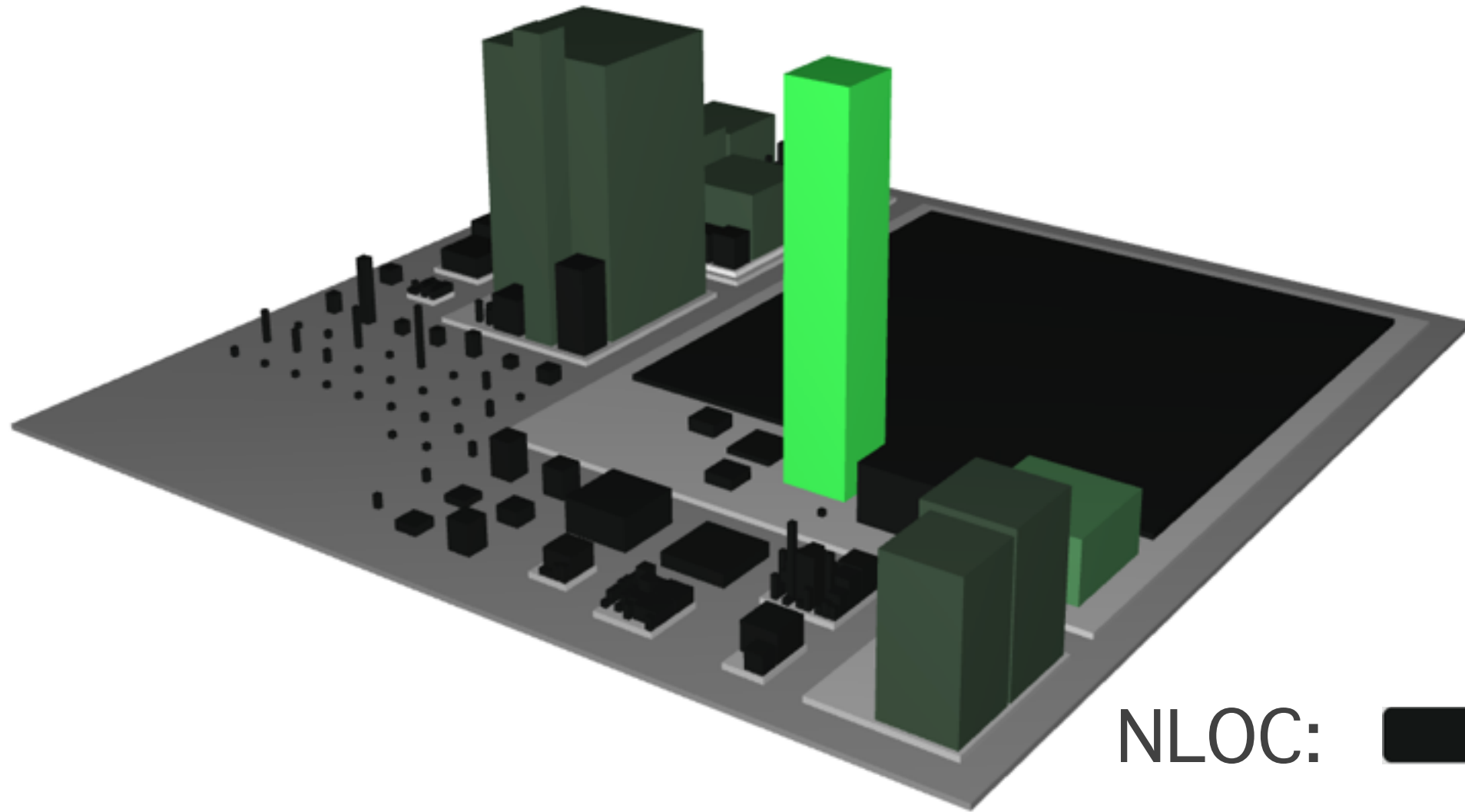
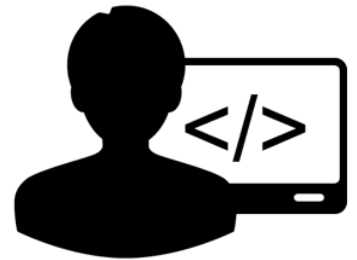
# Software Comprehension

Developers spend most of their time understanding software systems





# Software Visualization

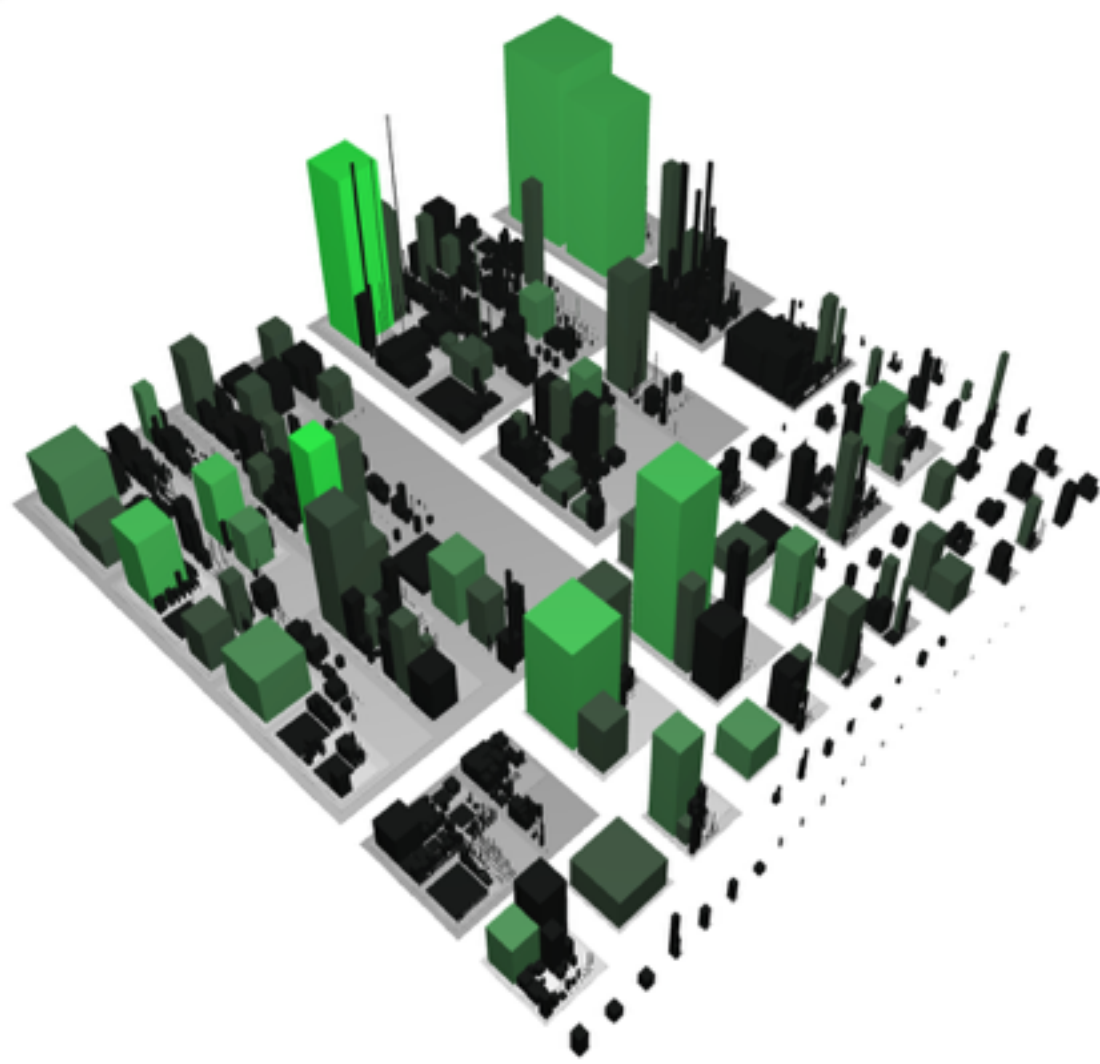
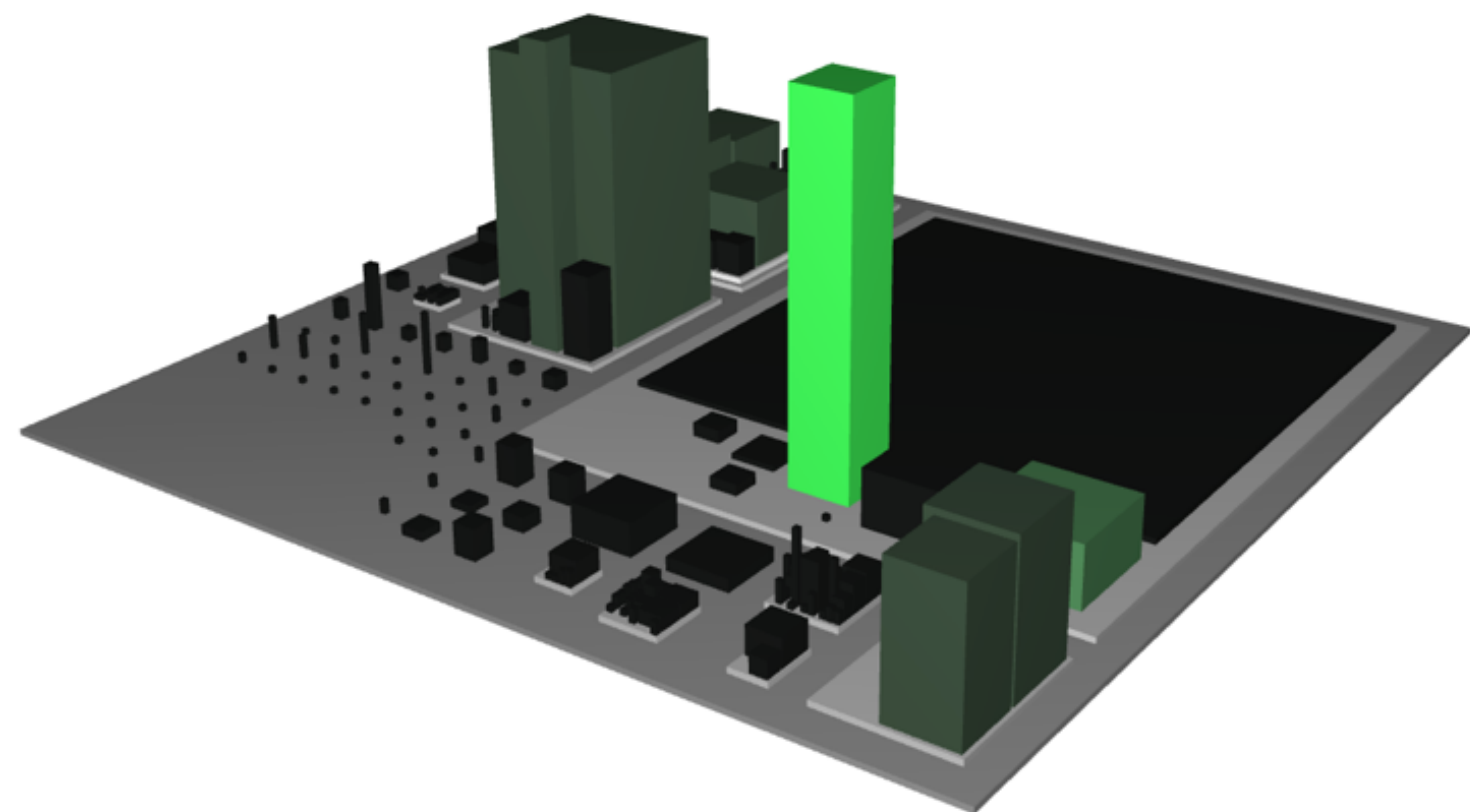
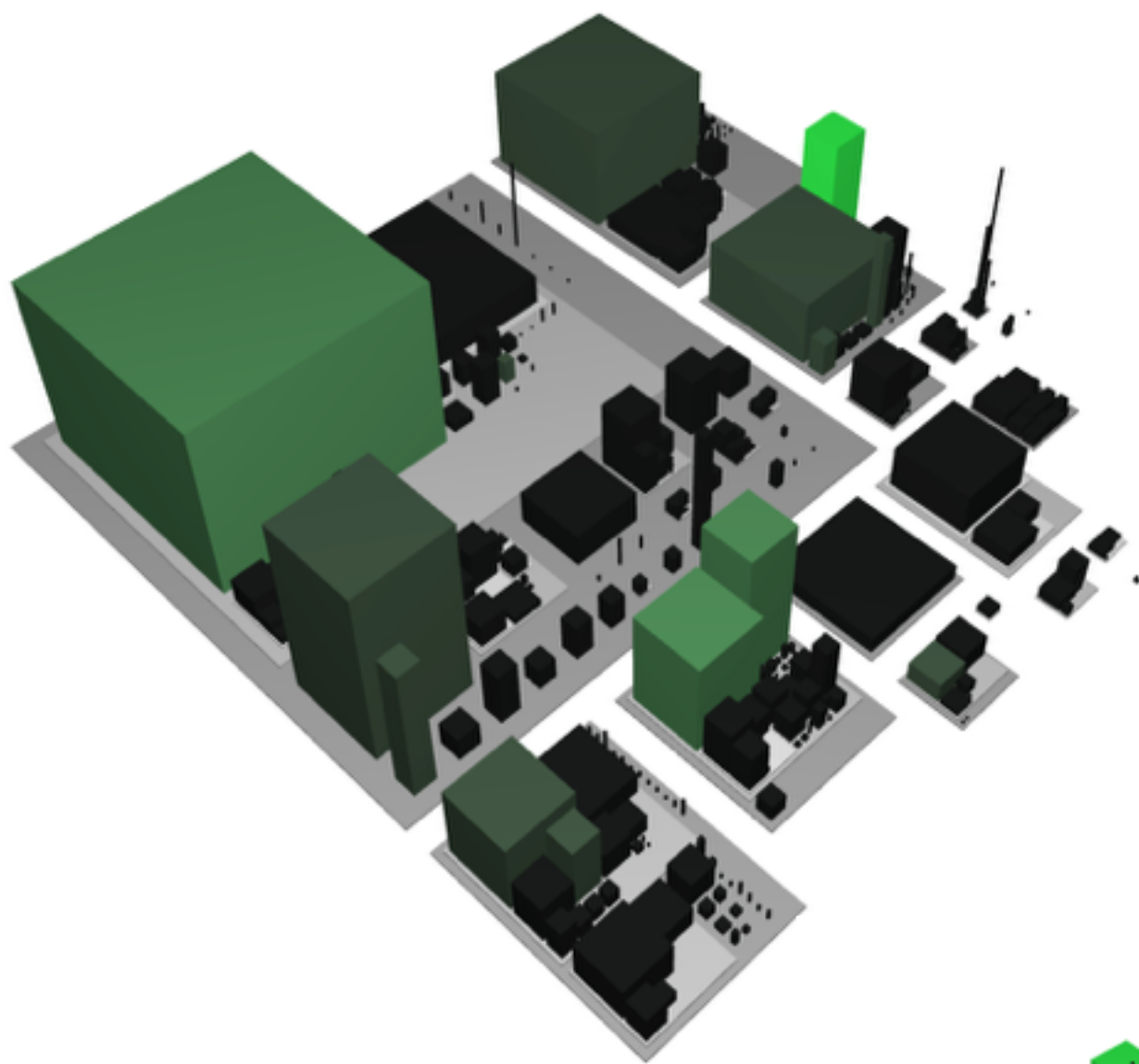
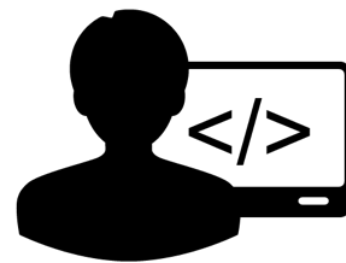


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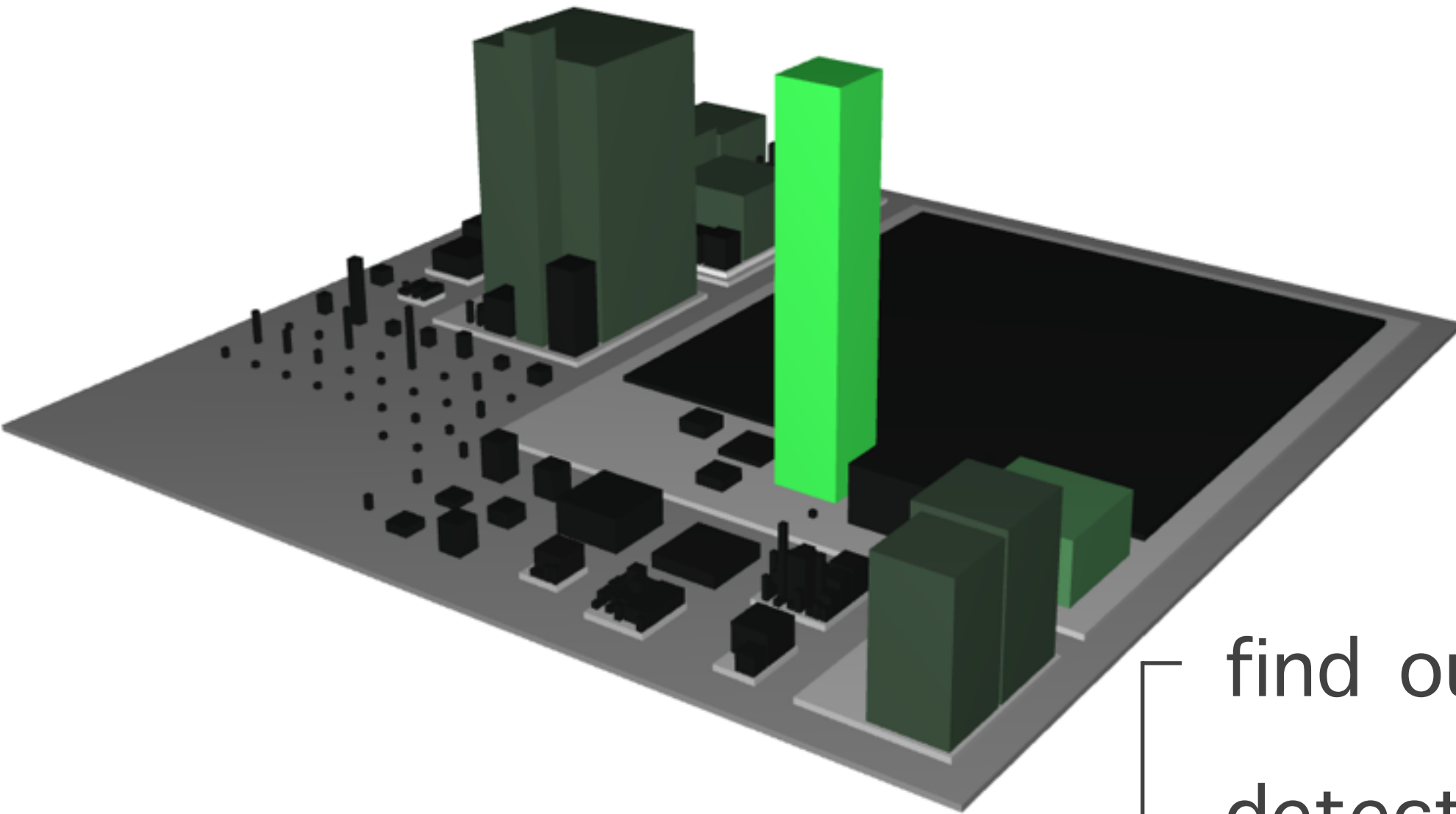
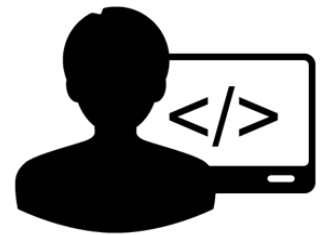
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# Overview



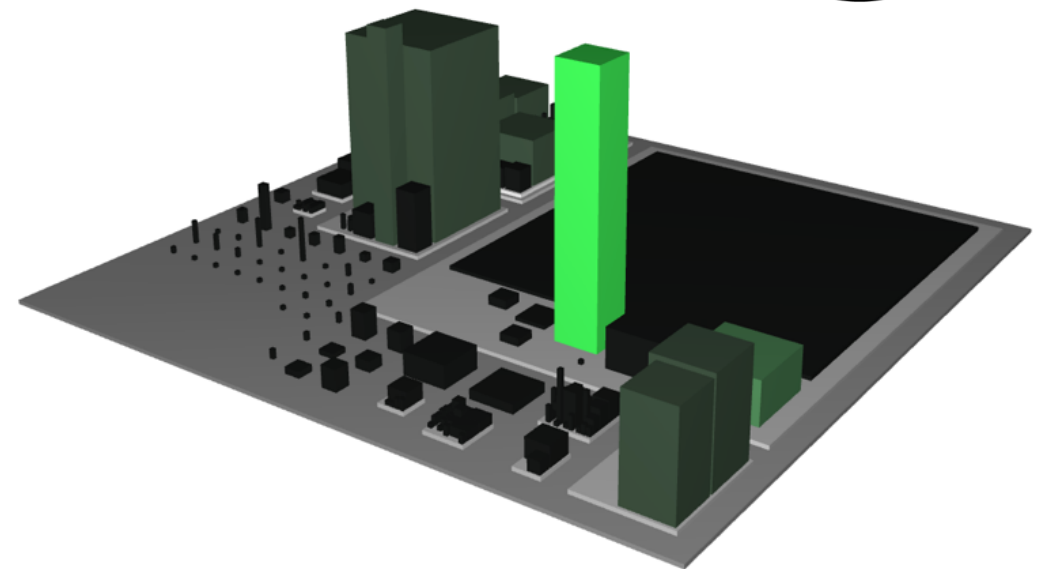
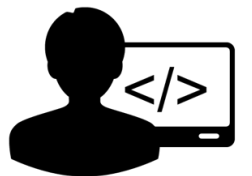
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quantify elements



# Software Visualization

Performance

- find outliers
- detect patterns
- quantify elements

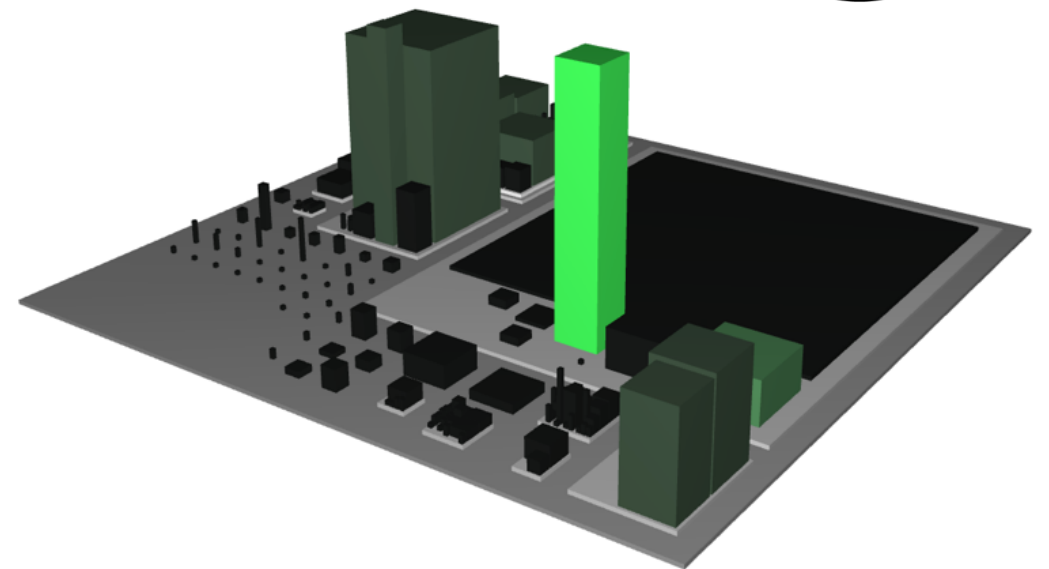
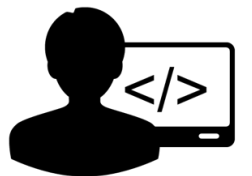


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Memorability





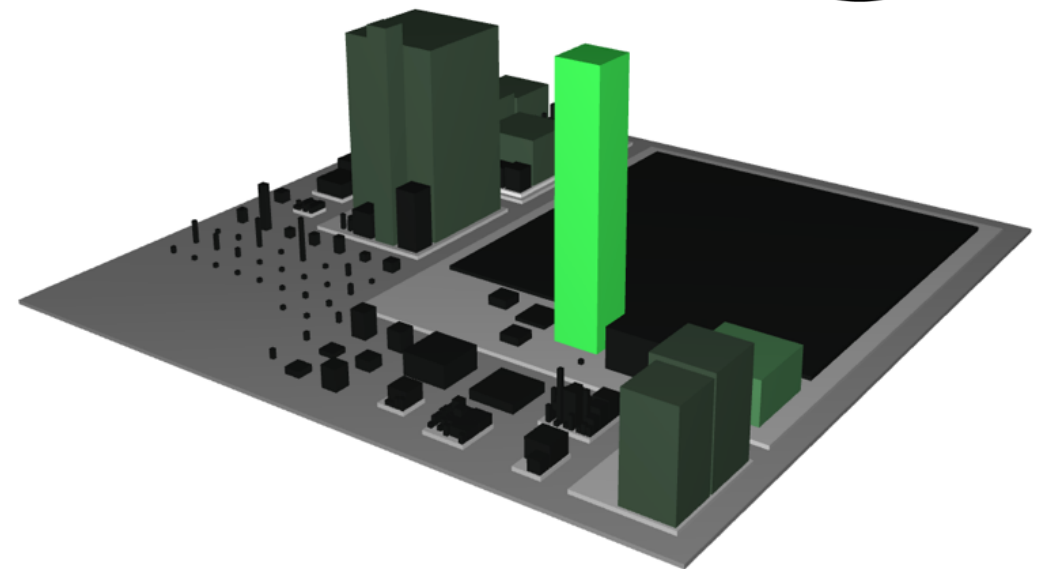
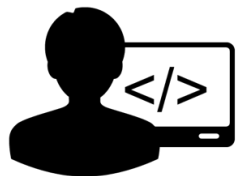
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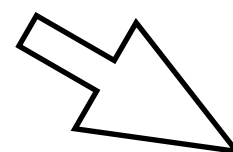
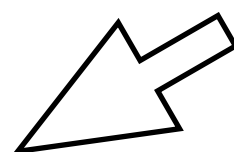
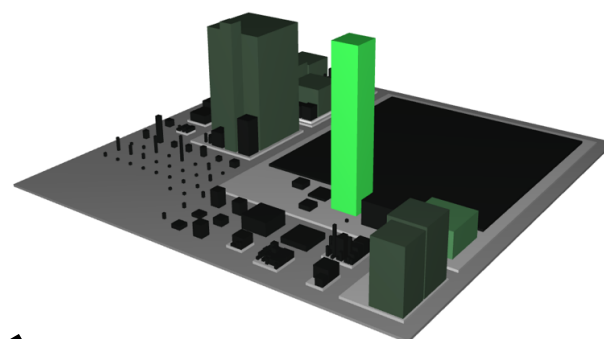
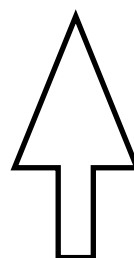
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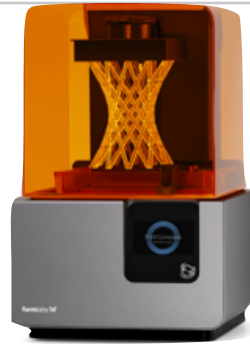
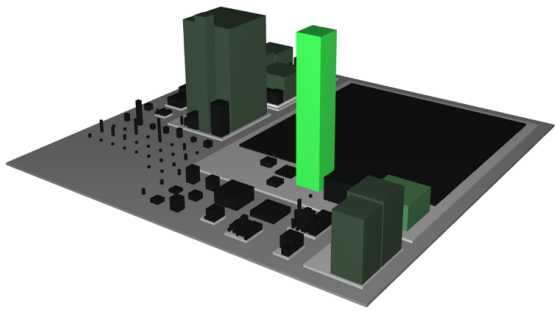
Experience







# The Impact of the Medium



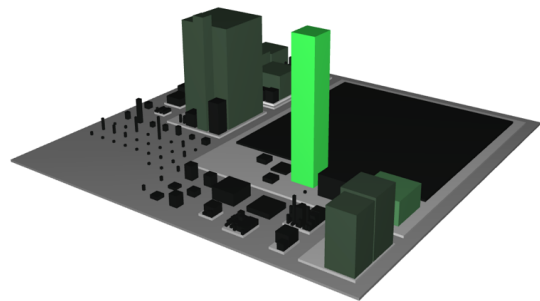
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User  
Experience



# Controlled Experiment



Performance



Memorability



Experience



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PostDoc/PhD/BA/MA  
28/8 years



Axion



Freemind



Azureus



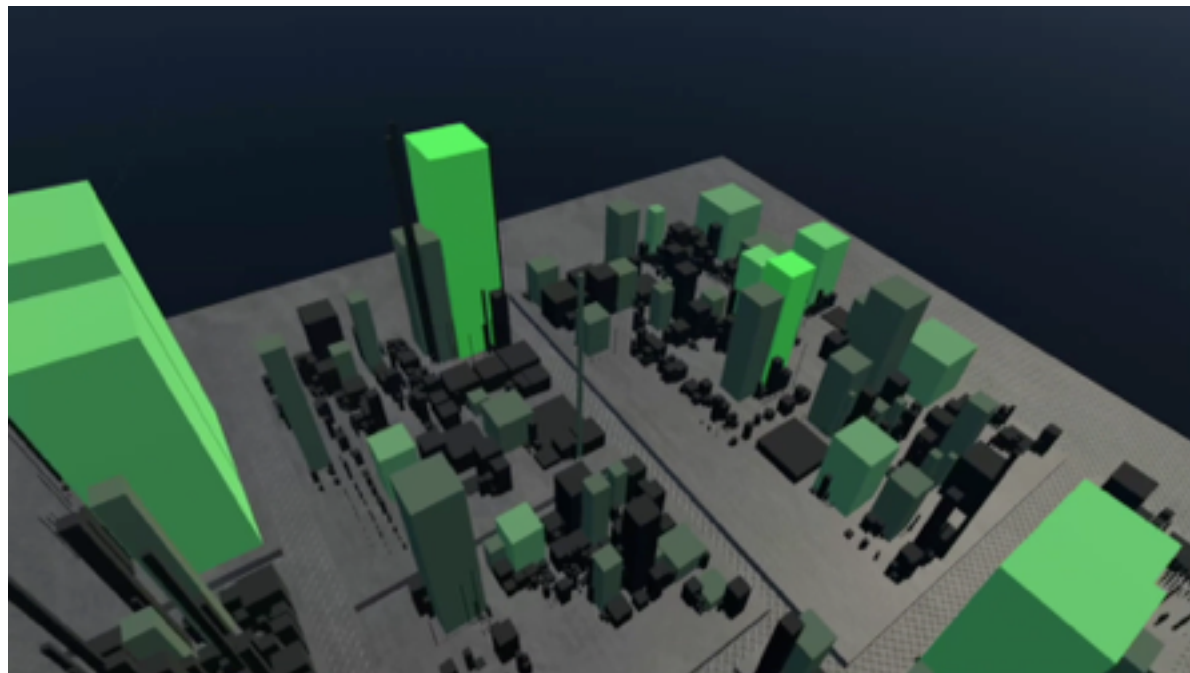


# Deployment: SCS



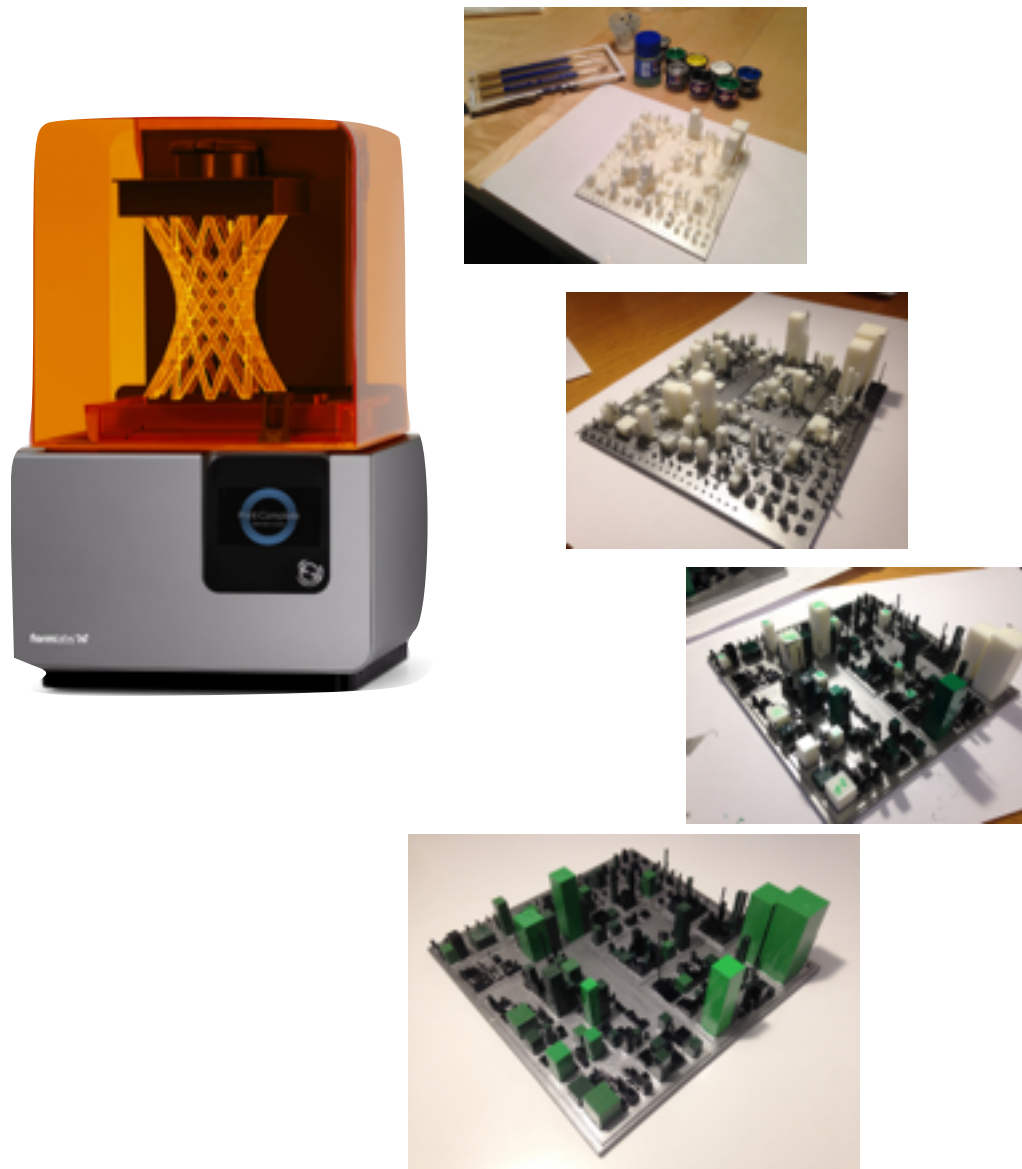
Visualization	CodeCity in Moose 5
Apparatus	Apple MacBook Pro with a resolution of 1440 x 900 pixels
Location	Konstanz (4) + Bern (5)
Participants	1 PostDoc, 3 BA/MA, 5 PhD
Subject	Axion, Freemind, Azureus

# Deployment: I3D



Visualization	Custom development in Unity 5.5
Apparatus	HTC Vive VR Headset with a 2160 x 1200 combined resolution, 90 Hz refresh rate and 110° field of view
Location	Konstanz (9)
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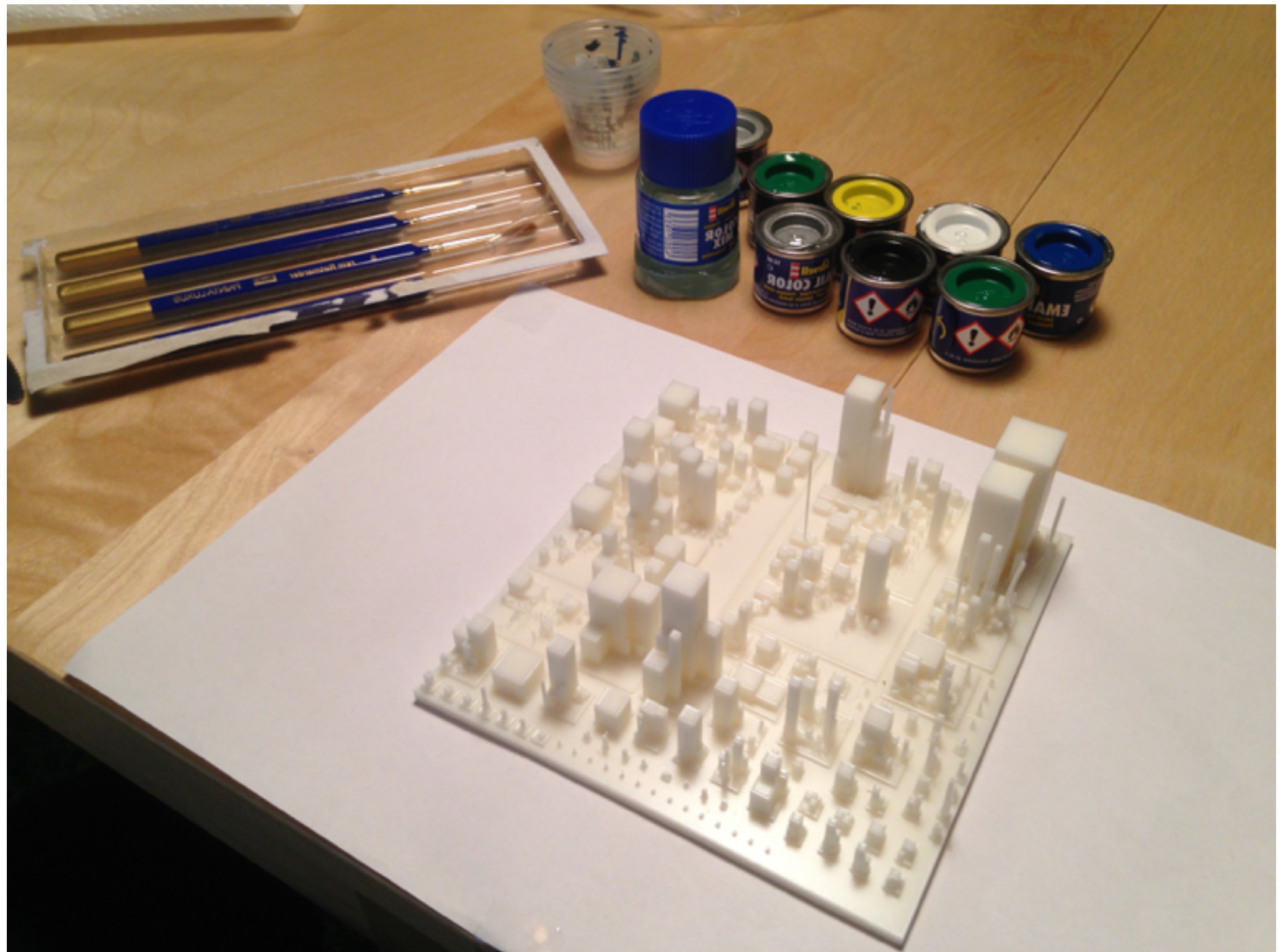
# Deployment: P3D



Visualization	Model exported to the Stereo Lithography (STL) format from the I3D implementation (in Unity)
Apparatus	Form 2 3D printer by form- labs based on stereolithography (SLA) technology
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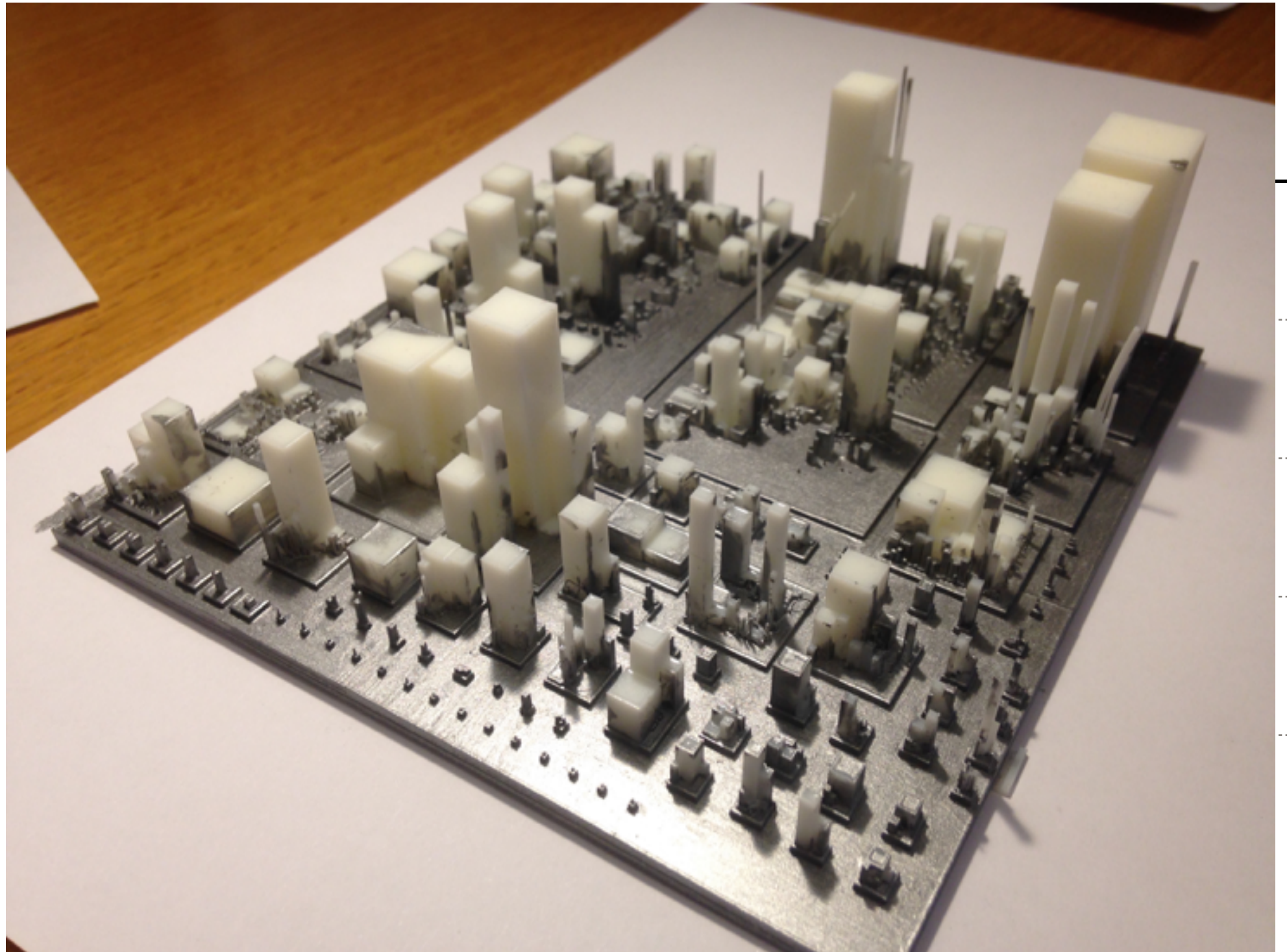


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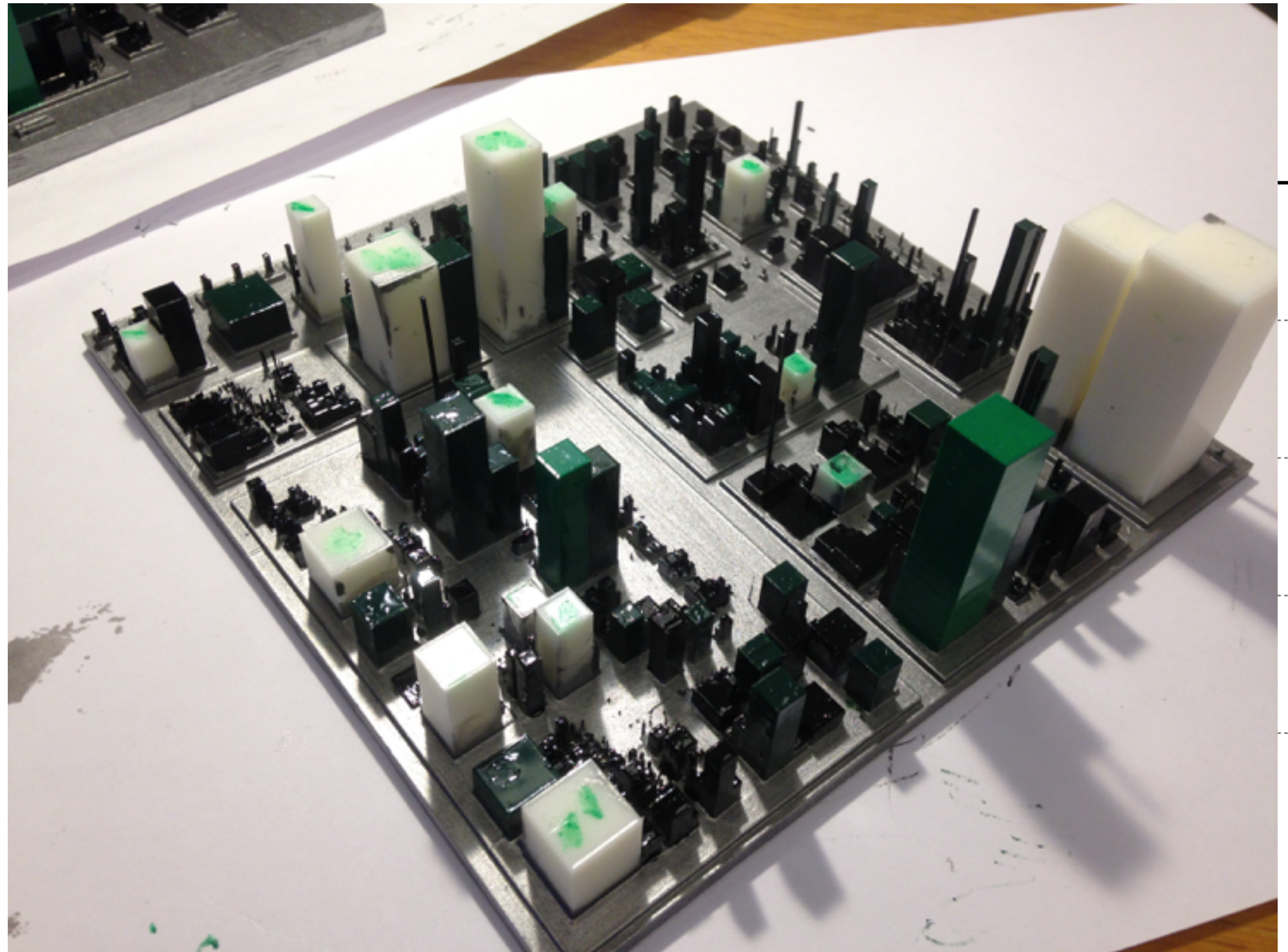


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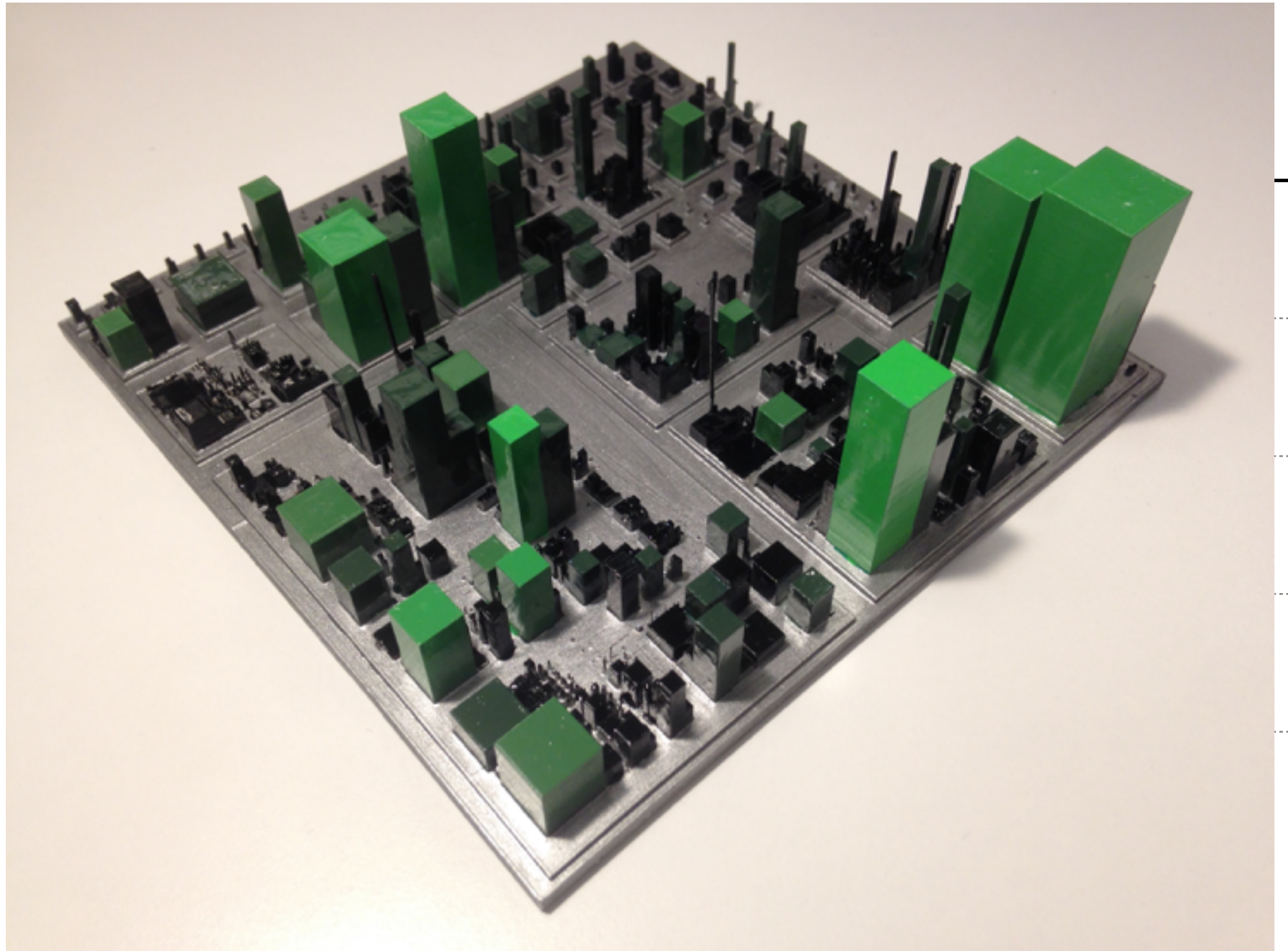


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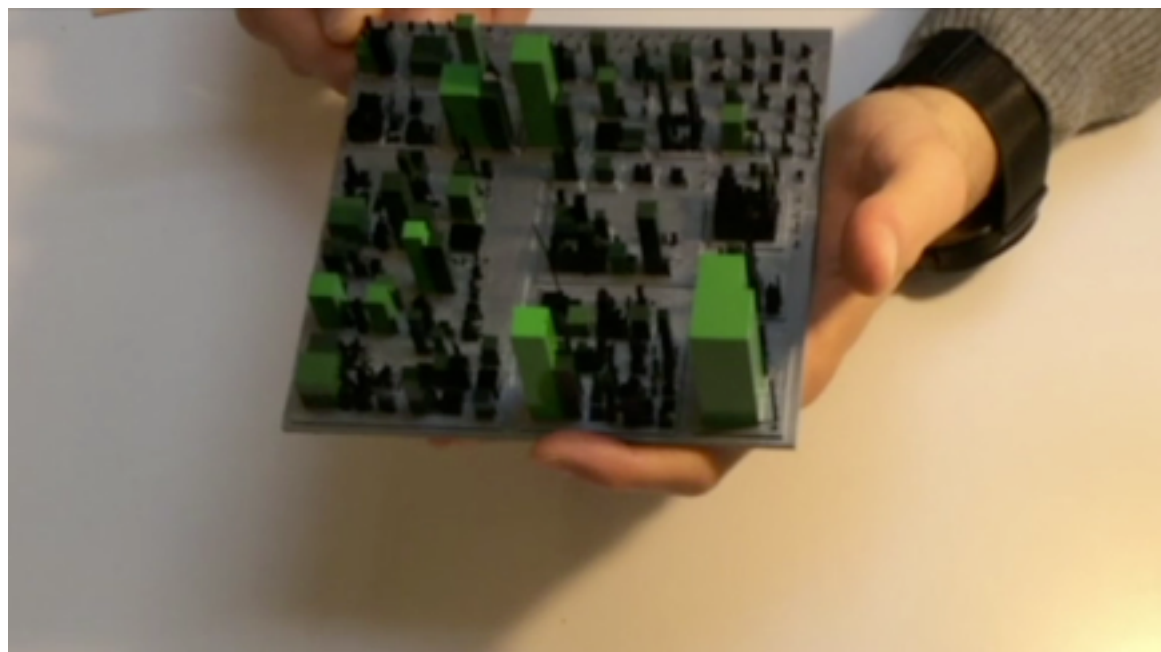
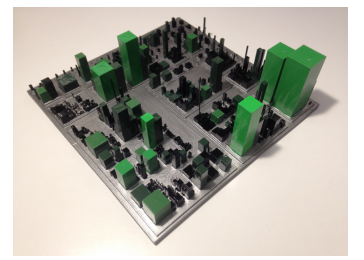
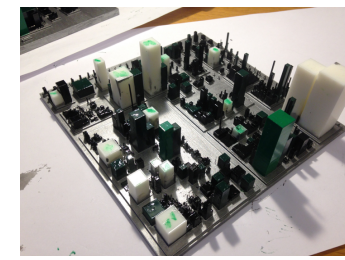
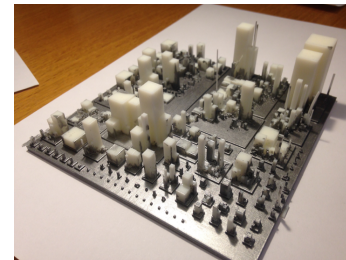
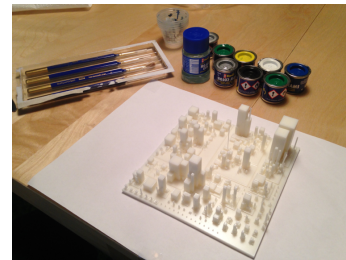




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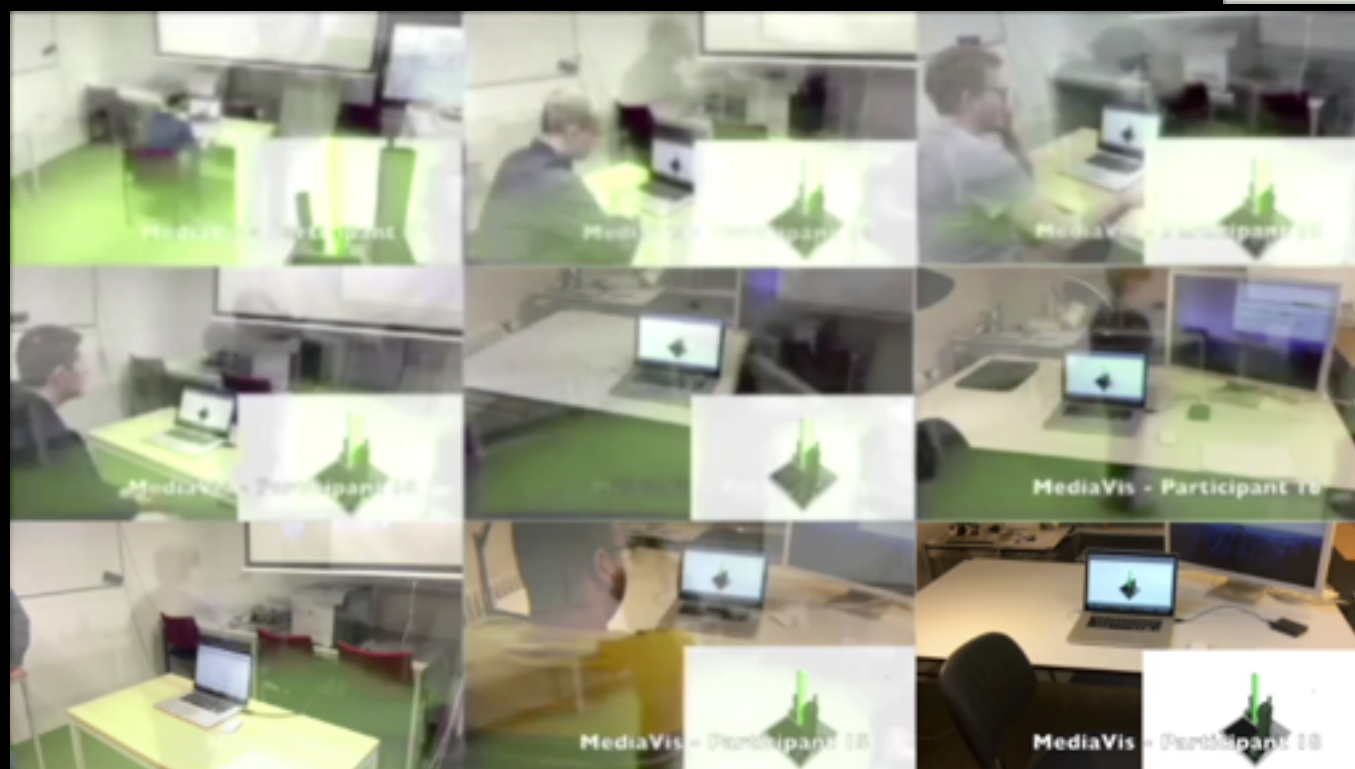
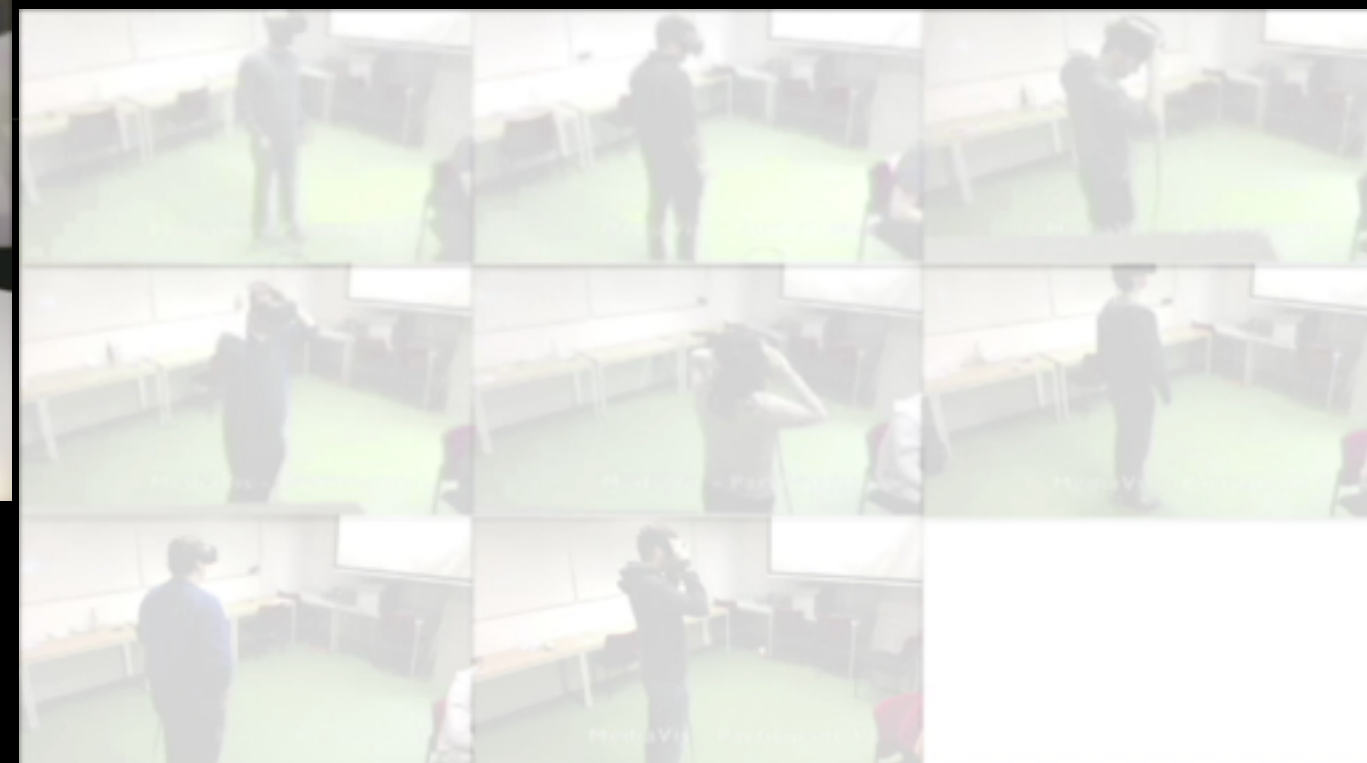


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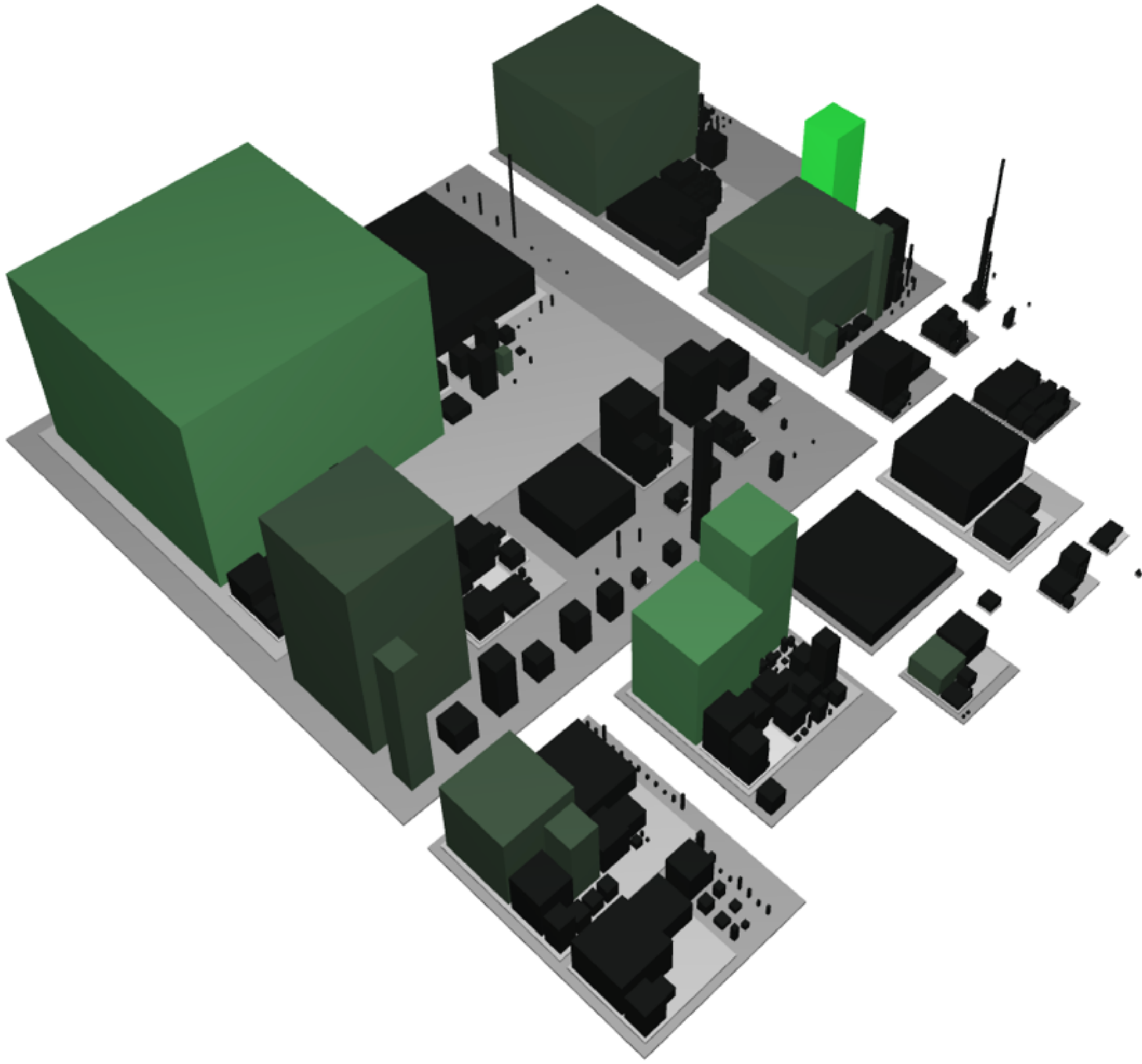
00' | Axion

30' | Freemind

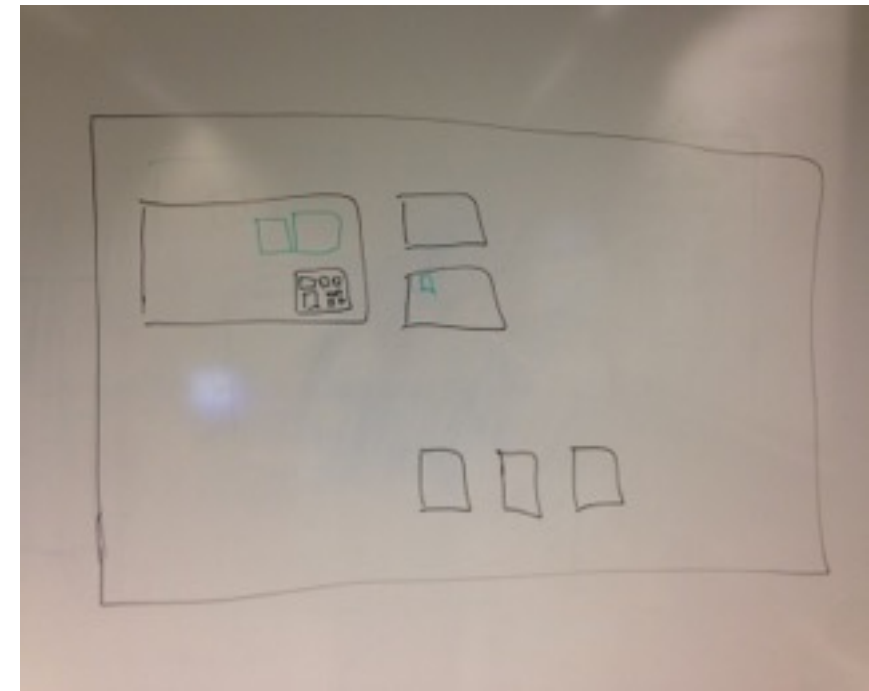
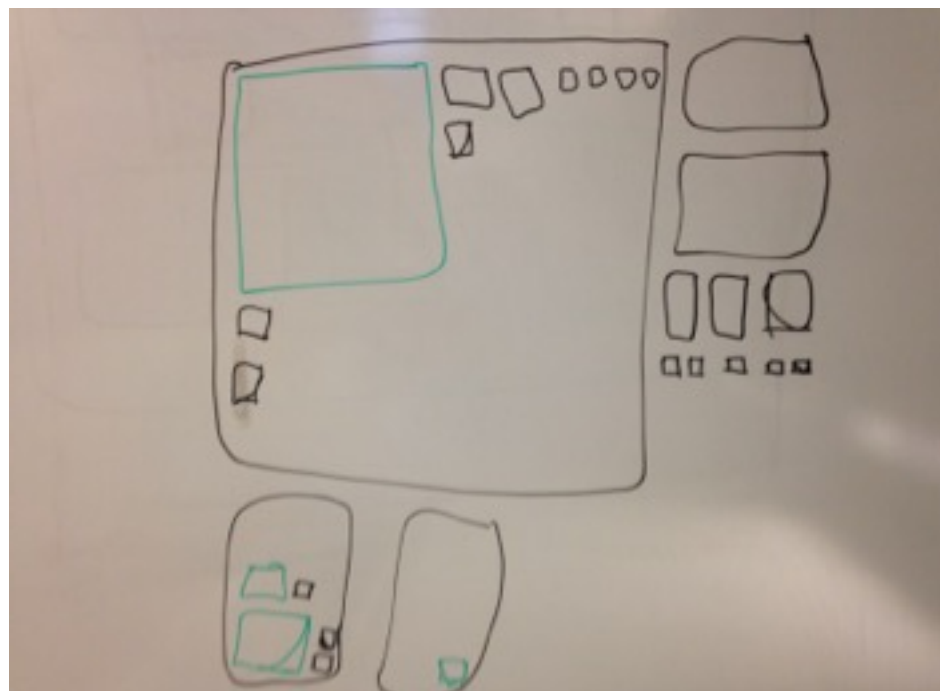
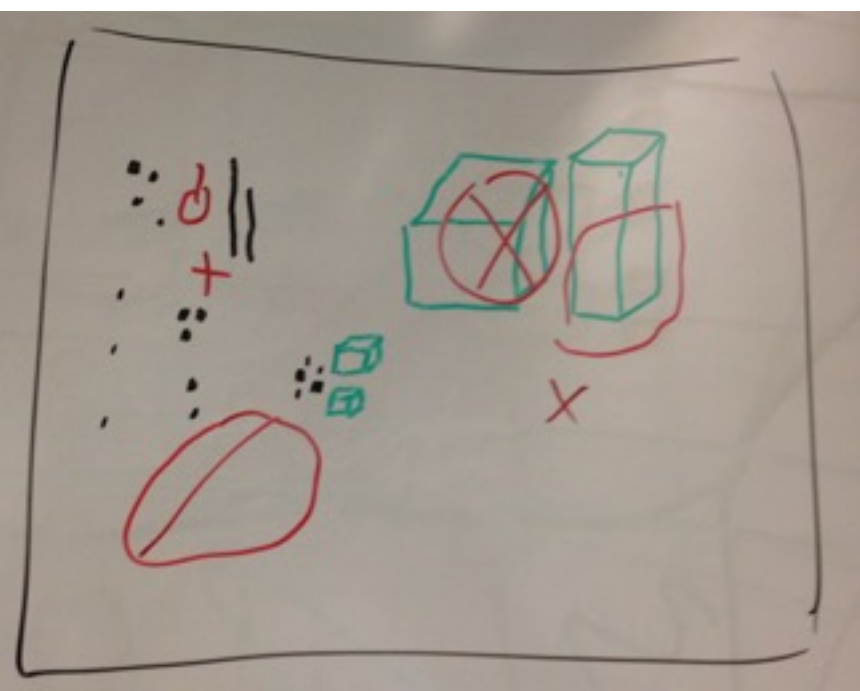
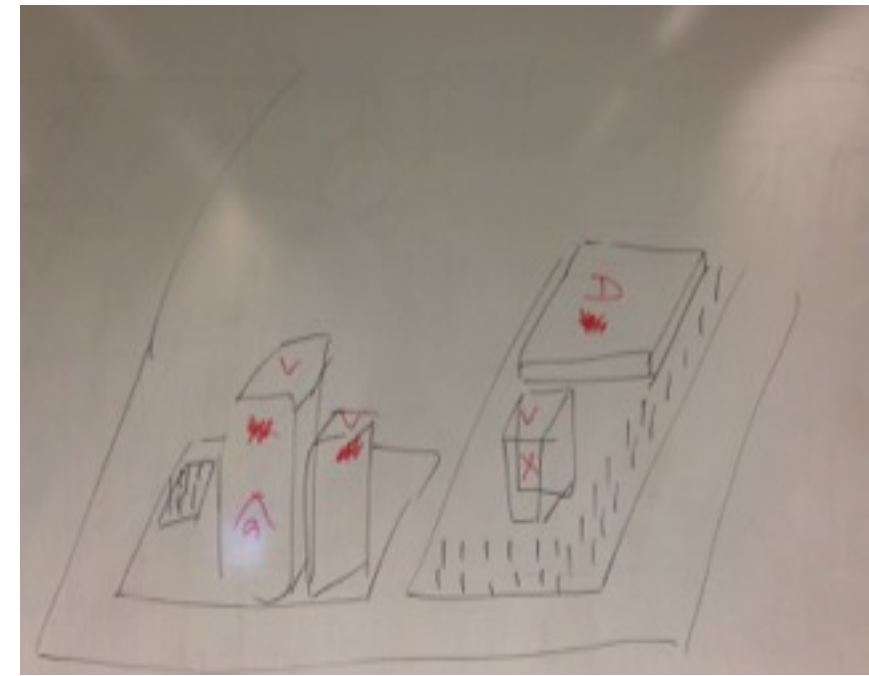
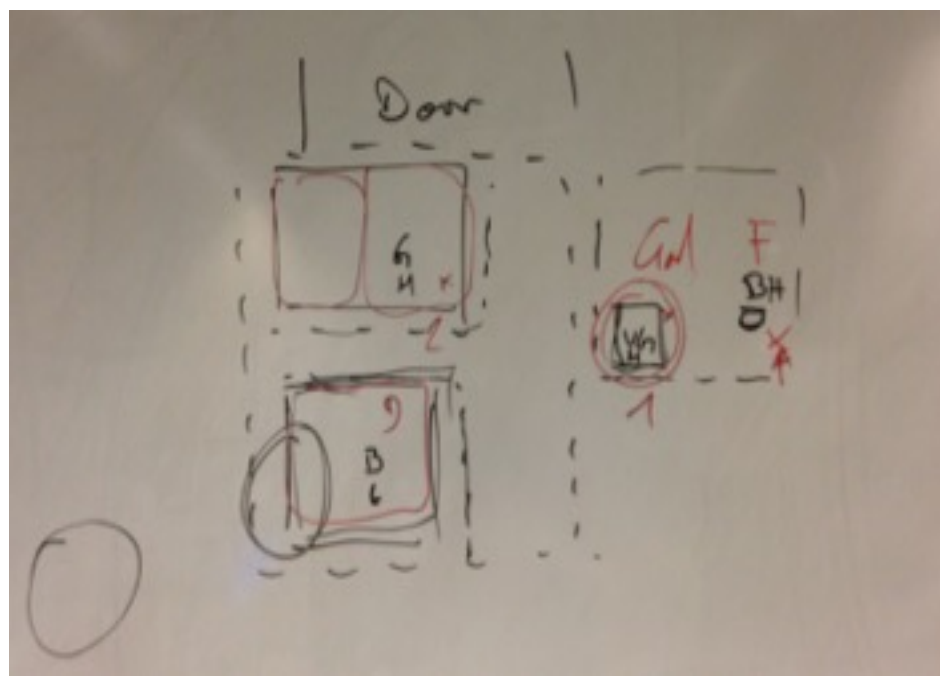
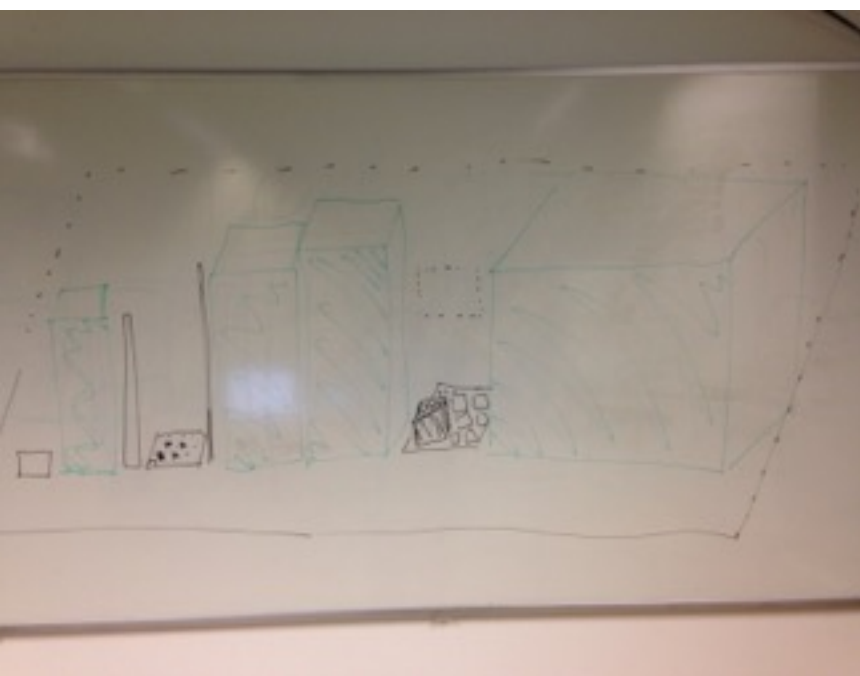
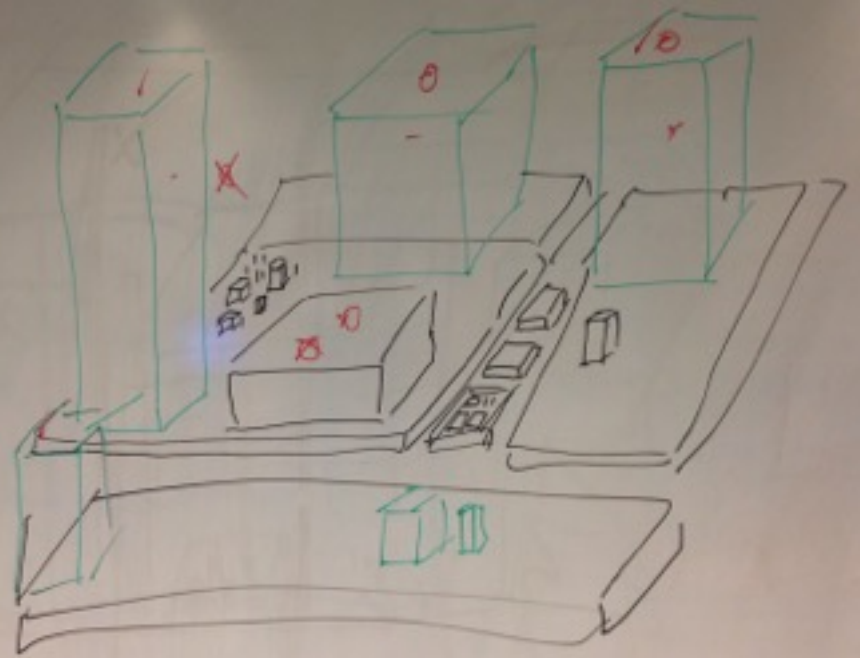
60' | Azureus



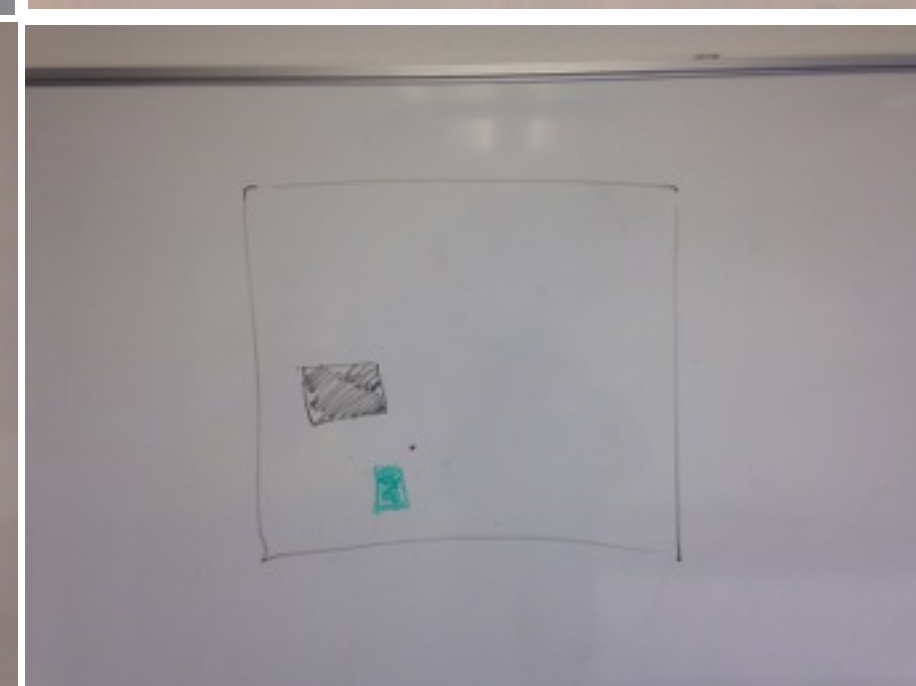
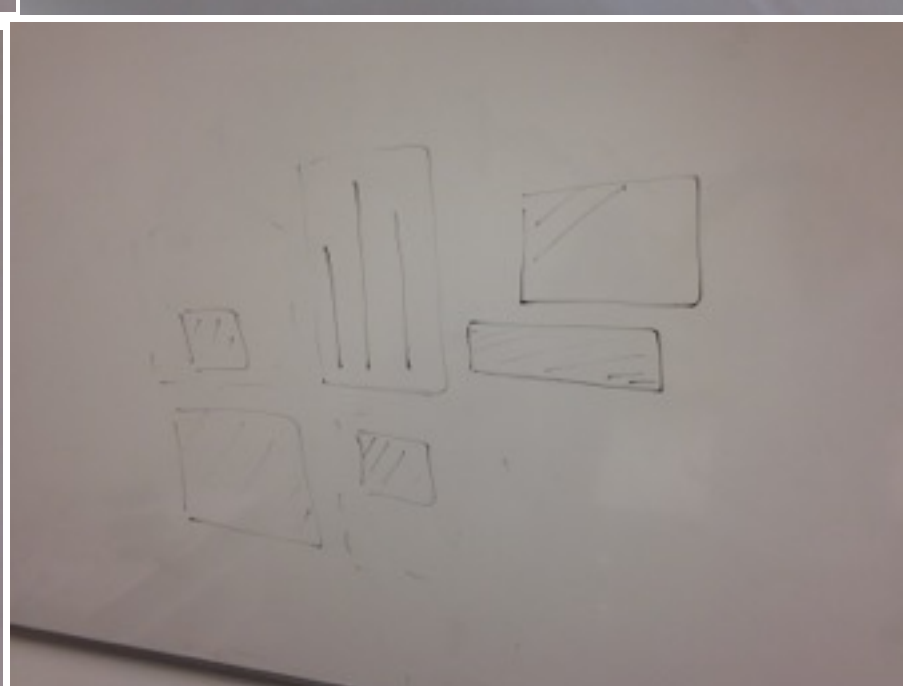
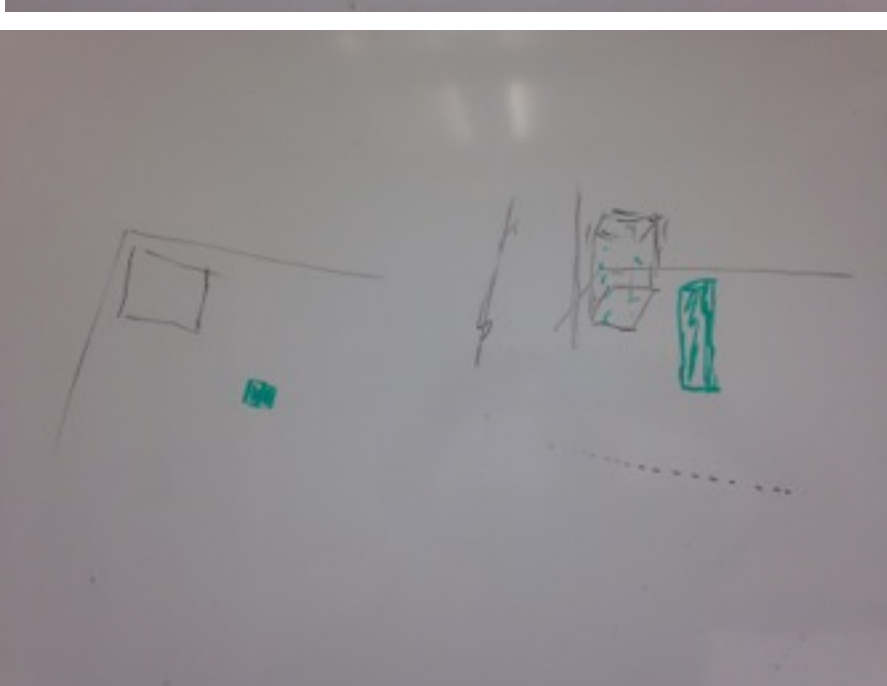
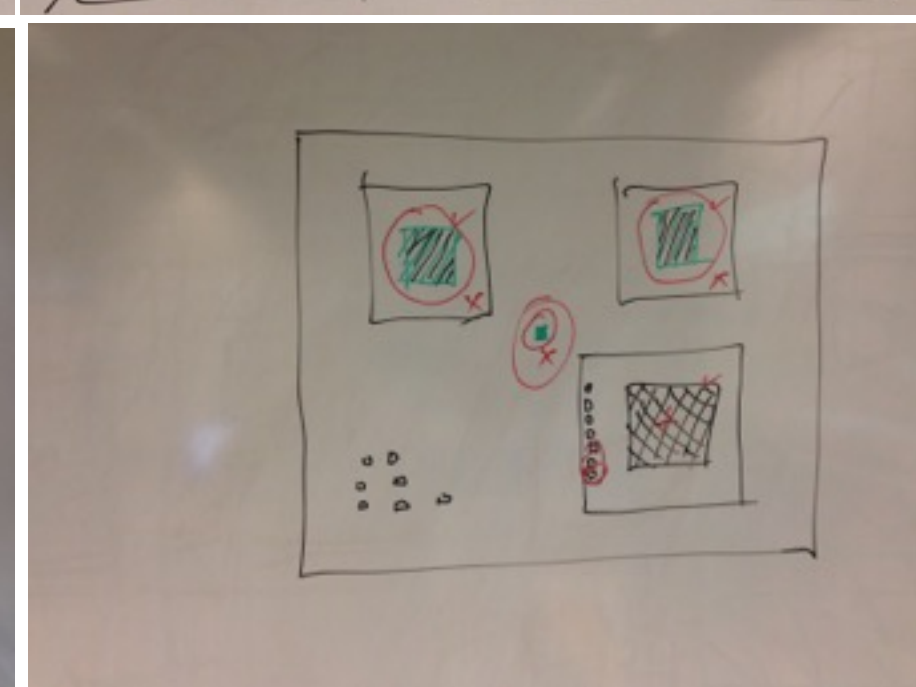
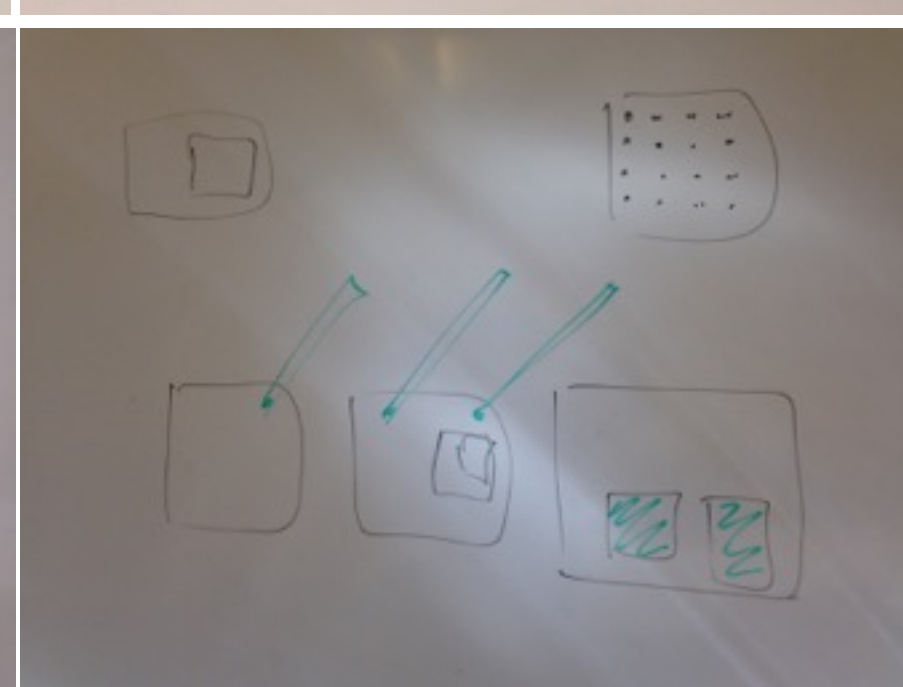
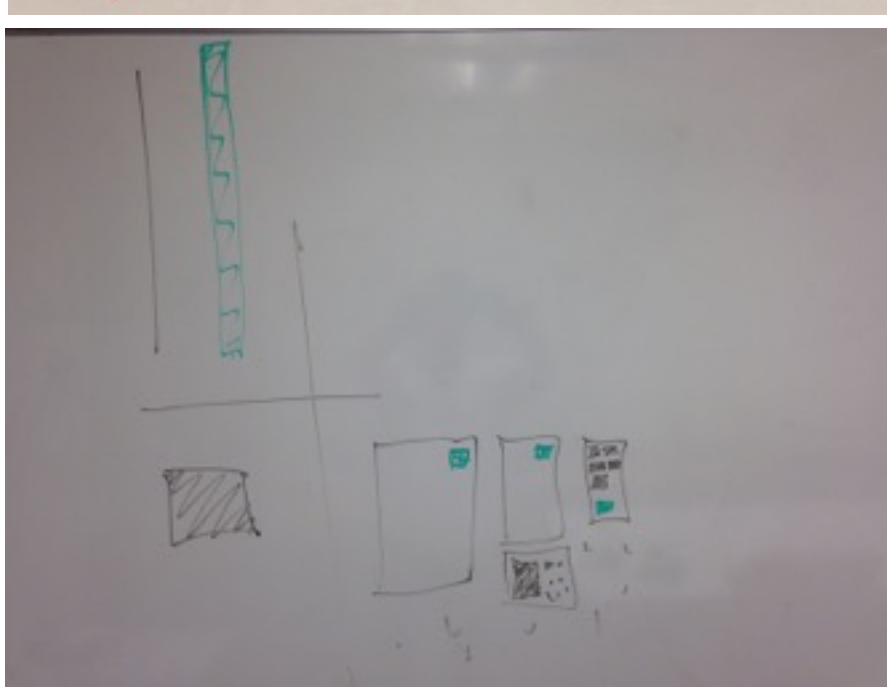
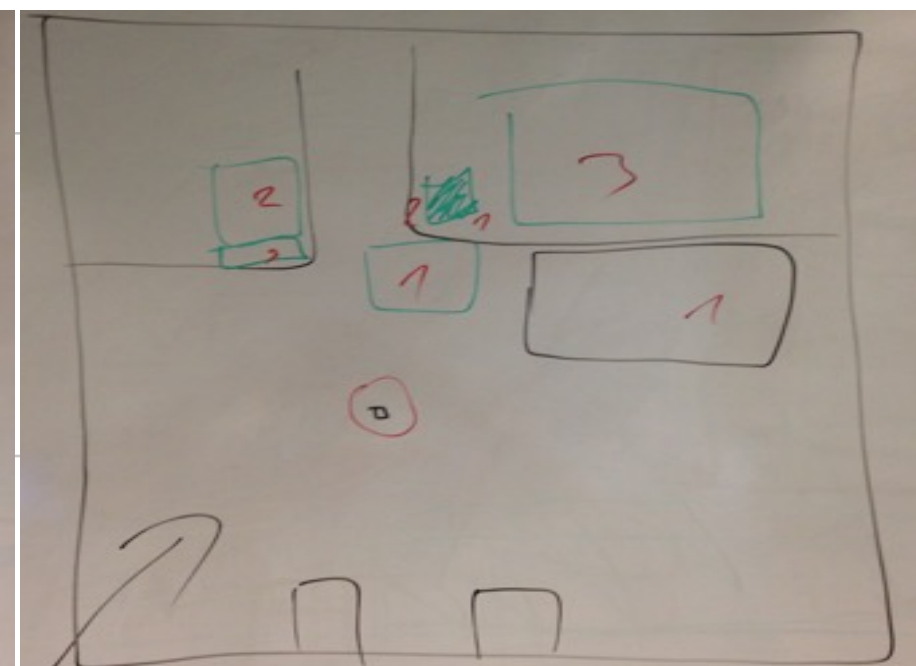
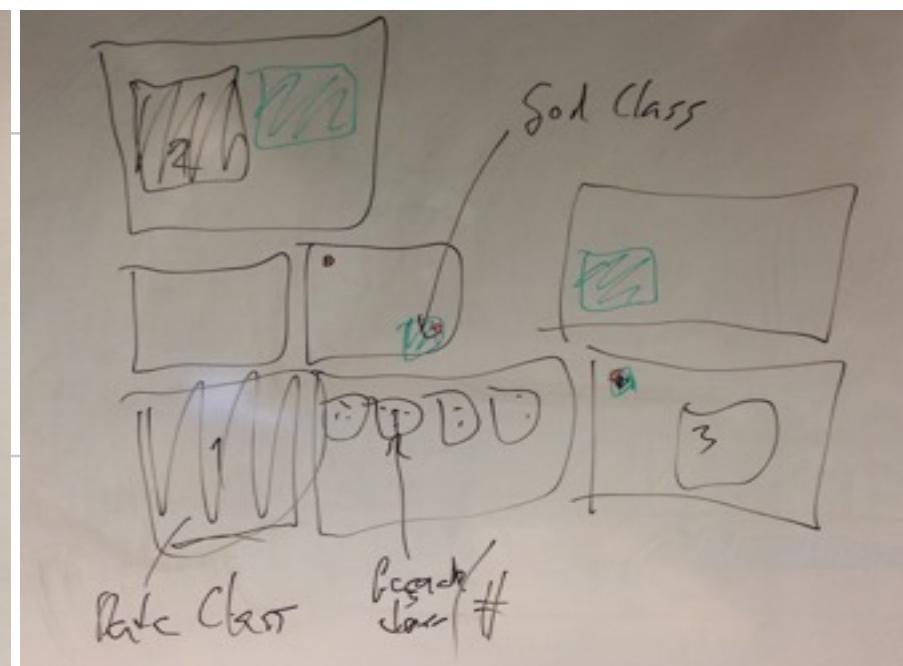
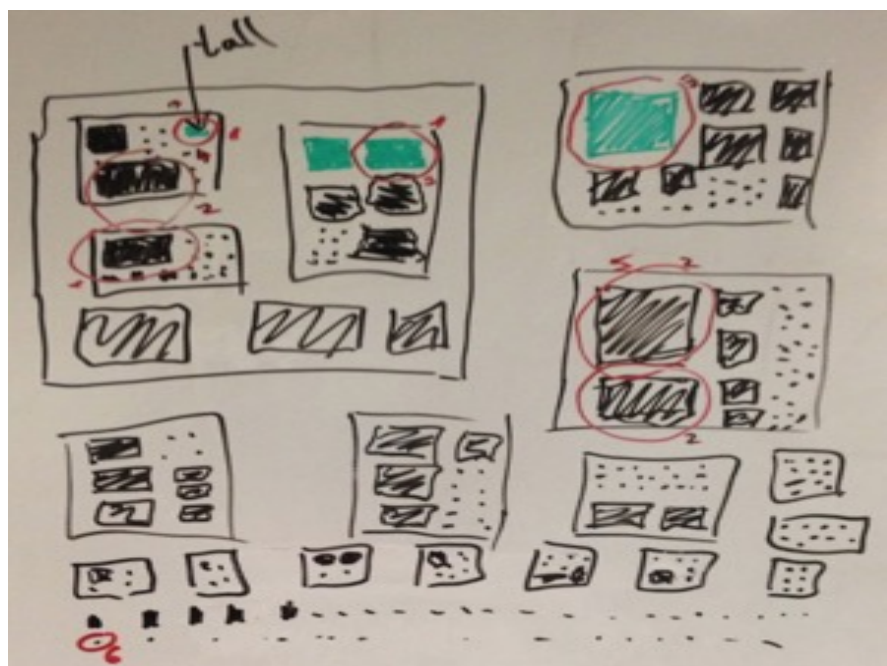


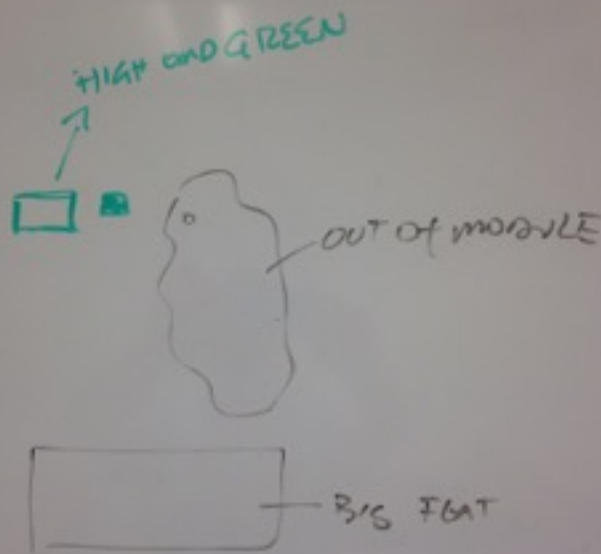
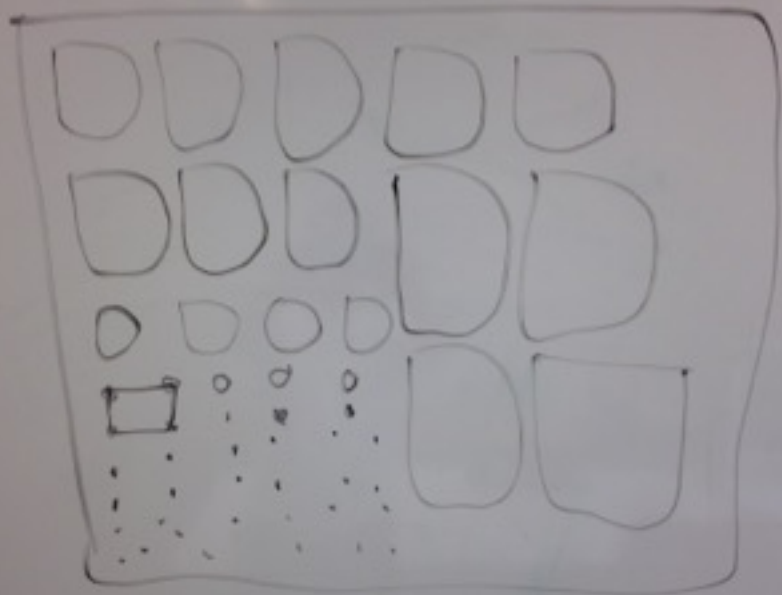
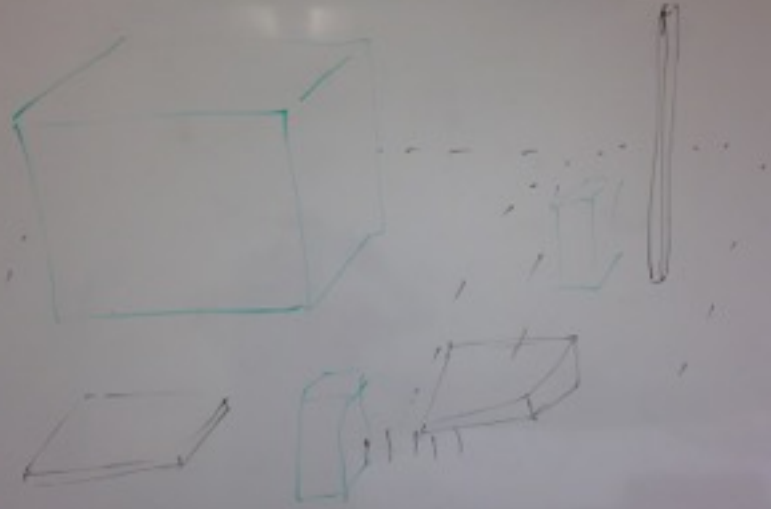














### COOL

understanding increased free confidence  
free confident free confident  
thoughtful subtle thoughtful sophisticated

### TRAP

justice cheerful lively wonderful  
glad sincere thoughtful important  
delighted fortunate go magnificent  
happy great lucky lucky  
children joyful nice

### SLICE

imagine generous clever majestic  
flourish order playful magnificent  
wonderful optimistic applied free

### UNCOMFORTED

surface concerned surprised fortunate  
strange free surprised magnificent  
astonished affected shocked

### COOL

blissful bright free cool help grin  
happy magnificent funny clever  
amazing it's nice weird nice  
pleasant comfortable graceful wonderful  
renew

### PROUD

best enthusiastic eager serene  
agreement success determined brave  
team daring excited team  
challenged confident inspired hopeful  
involvement

### WINNING

unique certain dynamic serene  
hardy intelligent free negative  
captivate rich

### LIVE

serene close deeply loved confident  
devoted affectionate respectfully spring  
effortless warm touched tender  
considerate loved attracted passionate

### COMFORTED

relating sense serene graceful  
understand considering understanding passionate  
described inspire go best  
astonished calm strong graceful  
imperfect elegant fortunate

### COMFORTED

discouraged best influence described  
grace astonished remarkable admirable  
disappointing incredible a sense of loss terrible  
improvement noble love disappointed  
gentle in despair degradable

### ALICE

valued brave essential elegant  
admirable searching feeling robust  
loser harmful open elegant  
aggressive funny won increased  
cute efficient sophisticated provided  
worked up informed

### HELPLESS

perky in a state drops downward  
relax social dominated inferior  
frustrated alone frigid vulnerable  
overwhelm pathetic empty  
hesitant tragic useful

### SPREAD

highlighted shared justice serene  
sustained stars guiding discomfort  
serene scuffed serene study  
total instantly magnificent beautiful  
described shared gentle

### SCOTT SCOTT

dull blessed serene green-eyed  
inward hard weary masterpiece  
determined innovative odd

### FLY

vacuumed heartbroken acting inspired  
affixed wronged beautiful dejected  
attracted rejected sentenced offended  
dejected speechless furious elegant  
crushed pained

### RAIL

wonderful miserable grief fearful  
pained desperate passionate grieved  
unhappy lonely dramatic disappointed  
enough



A word cloud featuring various adjectives in different sizes and shades of green and yellow. The word 'CURIOUS' is the largest and most prominent, located in the upper center. Other large words include 'interested', 'uncertain', 'unsure', 'fascinated', 'challenged', 'playful', 'excited', 'doubtful', 'encouraged', and 'free'. Smaller words are scattered around, including 'satisfied', 'hesitant', 'confused', 'cheerful', 'animated', 'inspired', 'fatigued', 'confident', 'shy', 'quiet', 'alone', 'absorbed', 'skeptical', 'determined', 'suspicious', 'lonely', 'brave', 'accepting', 'dynamic', 'intrigued', 'optimistic', 'eager', 'overwhelm', 'inquisitive', 'amazed', 'enthusiastic', 'bold', 'clever', 'calm', 'nervous', 'unique', 'attracted', and 'indecisive'.

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challenged  
indecisive

excited interested  
frustrated  
hesitant optimistic  
draw lousy challenged calm confused  
certain dull concerned satisfied  
clever relaxed positive playful  
easy toward indecisive reliable determined comfortable  
perplexed overwhelm content sure  
uncertain joyous pleased encouraged enthusiastic  
inspired cheerful  
attracted re-enforced free lost unsure  
keen understanding delighted neutral  
annoyed

A word cloud featuring various emotional states and adjectives. The words are arranged in a horizontal, cloud-like shape, with some words being significantly larger than others. The colors used are primarily shades of green and brown. The words include:

- doubtful
- challenged
- lost
- hesitant
- uncertain
- anxious
- curious
- frustrated
- optimistic
- comfortable
- calm
- interested
- delighted
- absorbed
- confident
- impulsive
- playful
- joyous
- easy
- powerless
- paralyzed
- animated
- surprised
- touched
- stupefied
- pleased
- good
- encouraged
- attracted
- peaceful
- skeptical
- reliable
- keen
- intrigued
- confused
- unsure
- dissatisfied
- satisfied
- fearful
- hopeful
- sensitive
- certain
- re-enforced
- reserved
- clever
- overwhelm
- indecisive
- nervous
- dull
- stayed



# Results

			Freemind (600 classes)			Azureus (6600 classes)		
			Best	Medium	Worst	Best	Medium	Worst
Performance	Finding outliers	Time to completion	P3D	SCS	I3D			
		Accuracy	P3D=SCS=I3D					
	Finding patterns	Time to completion	SCS	I3D	P3D			
		Accuracy	SCS	P3D=I3D				
	Location and Quantification	Time to completion	I3D	P3D	SCS			
		Accuracy	SCS	I3D	P3D			
	Memorability							
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Memorability			I3D	SCS	P3D			
User Experience			I3D	SCS	P3D	SCS	I3D	P3D