IEEE VAST 2008
Visual Analytics Challenge

Important Dates
- July 11th: Submissions due
- Mid August: Feedback provided
- October 19th - 24th: VAST Symposium and Challenge Workshop

Challenge Chairs
- Georges Grinstein
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- Catherine Plaisant
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The VAST Challenge is a participation category of the IEEE VAST 2008 Symposium (part of VisWeek 2008).

The VAST Challenge continues in the footsteps of the VAST 2006 and 2007 contests with the purpose of pushing the forefront of visual analytics tools using benchmark data sets and establishing a forum to advance visual analytics evaluation methods.

The VAST Challenge offers an overall Grand Challenge as well as several smaller Mini Challenges. ALL teams submitting an entry to a VAST Challenge will be invited to present their work during a Challenge Workshop. Certificates of excellence in a number of categories will be given to deserving entries, who will also be eligible to have a short paper published in the symposium materials.

Entries will be judged on both the correctness of the analysis (based on ground truth) and tool utility in conducting the analysis. Representatives of deserving entries will be invited to participate in a panel at the symposium. Grand Challenge teams will be eligible to participate in an interactive session to work with and learn from professional analysts.

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