



IEEE VAST 2007 Visual Analytics CONTEST

“Blue Ignanodon”

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Important Dates

- **July 13th**
Deadline for submission
- **Mid August**
Acceptance notification
- **Oct 30th / Nov 1st 2007**
VAST Symposium
Sacramento, CA

The VAST Contest is a participation category of the IEEE VAST 2007 Symposium. Its purpose to promote the development of benchmarks for visual analytics and establish a forum to advance evaluation methods.

The dataset consists mostly of news stories and blog entries, along with some multimedia materials and background information. This year a preprocessed version of the data set is also made available

Contest Chairs

- **Georges Grinstein**
U. of Massachusetts Lowell
- **Catherine Plaisant**
University of Maryland
- **Jean Scholtz**
PNNL

Participants are to investigate a major law enforcement/counter-terrorism scenario, form their hypotheses, and collect supporting evidence. Participants have several months to prepare their submissions. Selected entries will present at the conference, and some teams will be invited to participate in a closed door session before the conference, during which professional analysts will interact with the winners' systems and provide personal feedback.

