Visual Analytics Challenge
A submission category of the IEEE VAST 2009 Symposium

If you think you can analyze JUST ONE of these data sets
- a social network with a geographical component
- suspicious internet traffic
- security video

Then we have DATA and REPRESENTATIVE TASKS for YOU!
You can submit a Mini-Challenge entry for any of these tasks.

If you can pull all that data together and analyze the overall situation
THEN you can submit to the Grand Challenge.

Entries will be judged on the ACCURACY of the answer (compared to
our ground truth scenario) and the SUBJECTIVE RATINGS given by
Visual Analytics peer reviewers and by professional analysts.

- The most deserving entries receive awards, have their two-page
  summary PUBLISHED in the PROCEEDINGS of the VAST 2009
  Symposium and may participate in a panel at the Conference.
- ALL submitted entries have their two-page summary, answers and
descriptive materials PUBLISHED on an archival website at NIST
(National Institute of Standards and Technology).
- Teams submitting an entry are invited to a Challenge WORKSHOP
to discuss the results of the Challenge, compare their experiences, and
influence next year's Challenge.

Important Dates
June 20
Submissions due
August 1
Results announced
October 10 - 16
Challenge Workshop
and VAST 2009 Symposium

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