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Message from the Guest Editors

In today's world, it is harder than ever to understand the plethora of information continuously at our fingertips. In fact, we can now generate large amounts of data using a multitude of devices and applications. Alas, while generating such data is almost trivial, extracting actionable information from these data is anything but.

Additionally, the advent of mobile and wearable devices gave rise to the creation, implicitly or explicitly, of large amounts of personally relevant information. While this raises privacy issues, it also opens up new and interesting avenues of insight into ourselves and our activities. Still, the problem of achieving a cohesive, holistic understanding of this information remains, compounded by the need to include personal semantics in the mix.

A way to make sense of all this information is through the use of interactive systems in general and information visualization in particular. Through this, we can not only obtain a general view of our data, but can also navigate, filter and manipulate these data in rich and meaningful ways.

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