Visual Vocabulary of Systems wins top-tier IIID Award

The *Visual Vocabulary of Systems* has been awarded a Gold/Distinction* at the *International Institute for Information Design* (IIID) *Awards*, held at *Design Forum* in Vienna, Austria on May 26, 2023. This is the first major prize granted to the SystemViz Project. The award is an important validation of the project for two reasons. First, much of the SystemViz Project involves applying information-design ideas towards improving the interdisciplinary study of systems. Second, the information-design community is particularly well qualified to scrutinize the technicalities of the vocabulary's visual schema, as outlined in the syntax specifications. Thus, this nod from design peers is doubly encouraging. An overview of the *Visual Vocabulary* has been published in the IIID's award book (the page spread is shown on the left). An exhibition featuring all award winners will go on a 10-country world tour, including to Tokyo, where much of the *Visual Vocabulary* was written. The design community has been the biggest supporter of the project and greater exposure among information designers is a welcome promotional boost. A humble thanks go to the IIID and the award jury for this honor.

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* In the 2023 Awards, the top-tier award is designated as "Distinction," in contrast to previous years where it was called "Gold." The IIID admits the renaming has caused confusion, so recipients are permitted to refer to their award using the older designation. To avoid any further confusion, this award is referred to "Gold/Distinction" on the SystemViz site.