InfoCanvas: A Highly Personalized Elegant Awareness Display

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Personal Information

- Examples: news, financial, weather, traffic, personal communication, …
- Desire to maintain a level of awareness
- Information varies from person to person

Yahoo! Finance - ^IXIC - Netscape

File Edit View Go Communicator Help

Bookmarks Location: http://quote.yahoo.com/q?s=^IXIC&d=1d

Monday, March 26 2001 8:06am ET - U.S. Markets open in 1 hour a

NAS/NMS COMPSITE (NasdaqSC:^IXIC)- More Info: News - Ti

Last Trade	Change	Prev Cls	Volume
Mar 23 · **1928.68**	0.00 (0.00%)	1928.68	N/A
Day's Range	Bid	Ask	Open	Avg Vol
0.00 - 0.00	N/A			
52-week Range	Earn/Shr			
1794.21 - 5022.23	N/A			

1d | 5d | 3m | 1y | 2y | 5y | max

Compare

Basic | Moving Avg | ^IXIC

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To Do:
- Call Mother
- Write report
- Wash car
- Buy groceries
- Study
- Book flight
- Return movie

Netscape

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weather.com - Local Weather - Atlanta, GA (30309) - Netscape

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Bookmarks Location: http://www.weather.com/weather/local/30309 What's Related

34 °F
Fair
Feels Like 19 °F

Wind: From the North at 12 mph gusting to 20 mph
Dew Point: 13 °F
Humidity: 42 %
Visibility: Unlimited
Barometer: 30.17 inches and rising

UV Index
0
Minimal

Temperature Converter - Enter a number and click outside the box
F: C: reset

Averages and Records | Detailed Local Forecast | Hour by Hour Details | Regional Audio Forecast

10 Day Forecast

Atlanta, GA (30309)
Monday, March 26, at 7:34 AM Eastern Standard Time

		Hi (°F)	Lo (°F)
Today Mar 26	Partly Cloudy UV Index: 8 High	54 °F	30 °F
Tue Mar 27	Sunny UV Index: 8 High	55 °F	33 °F
Wed Mar 28	Partly Cloudy UV Index: 7 High	59 °F	44 °F
Thu Mar 29	Rain UV Index: 4 Low	60 °F	51 °F
Fri Mar 30	Showers UV Index: 5 Moderate	67 °F	50 °F
Sat Mar 31	Mostly Cloudy UV Index: 7 High	72 °F	52 °F
Sun	Mostly Cloudy	73 °F	55 °F

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Precipitation Intensity

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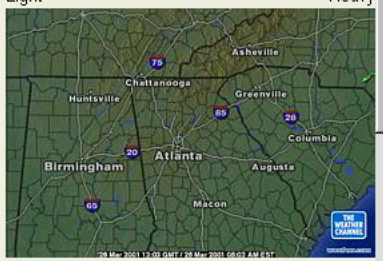

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Message Chat Call

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- doctorverne
- frauen1
- **gt8167c (Idle)**
- hrichter
- khai_truong

Yahoo! Help

Status I'm Available

Connected

Task | Persona | Status
Checking | <Domin... | Logging into

For Help, press F1

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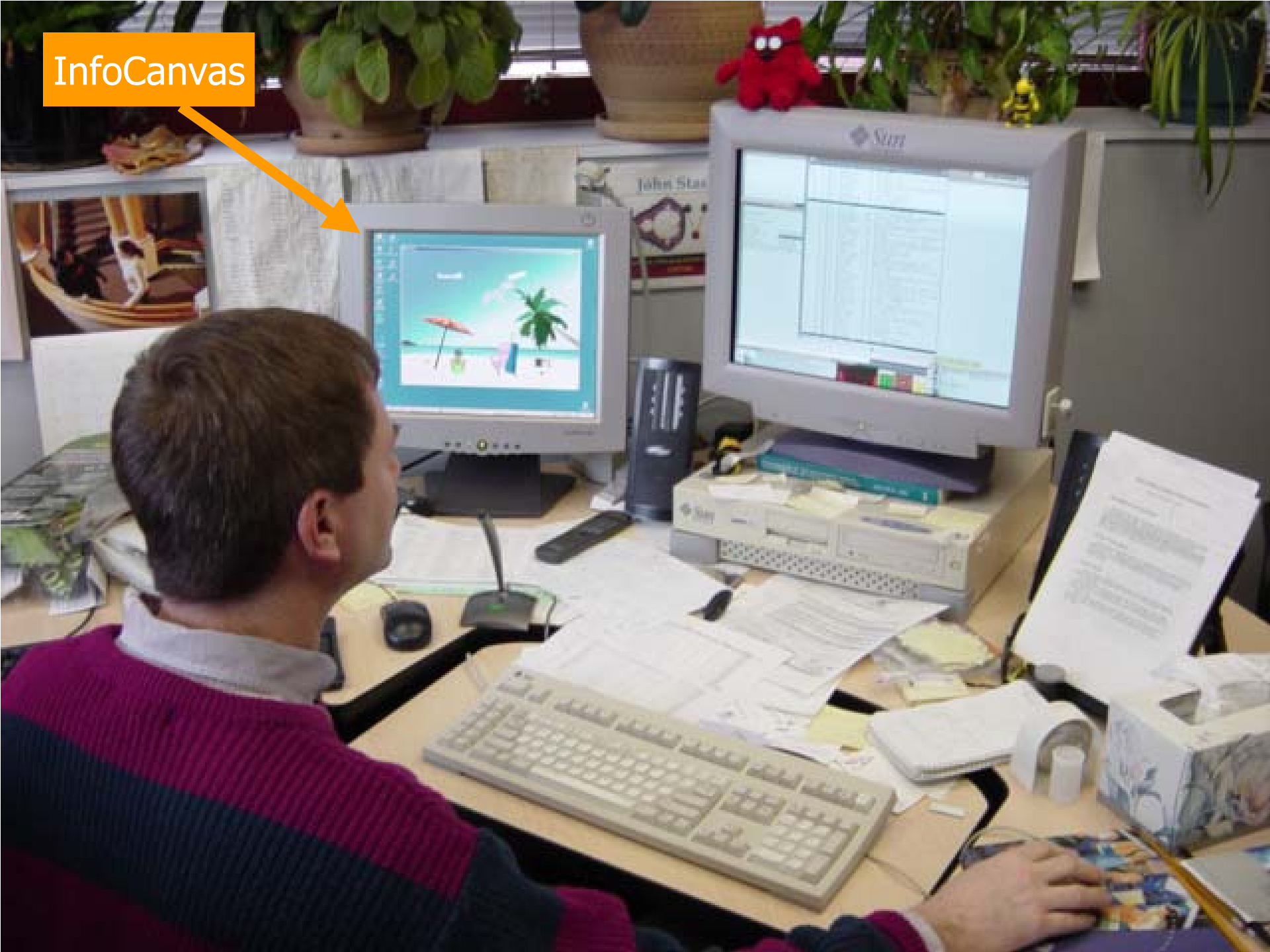
Our Goals & Design Principles

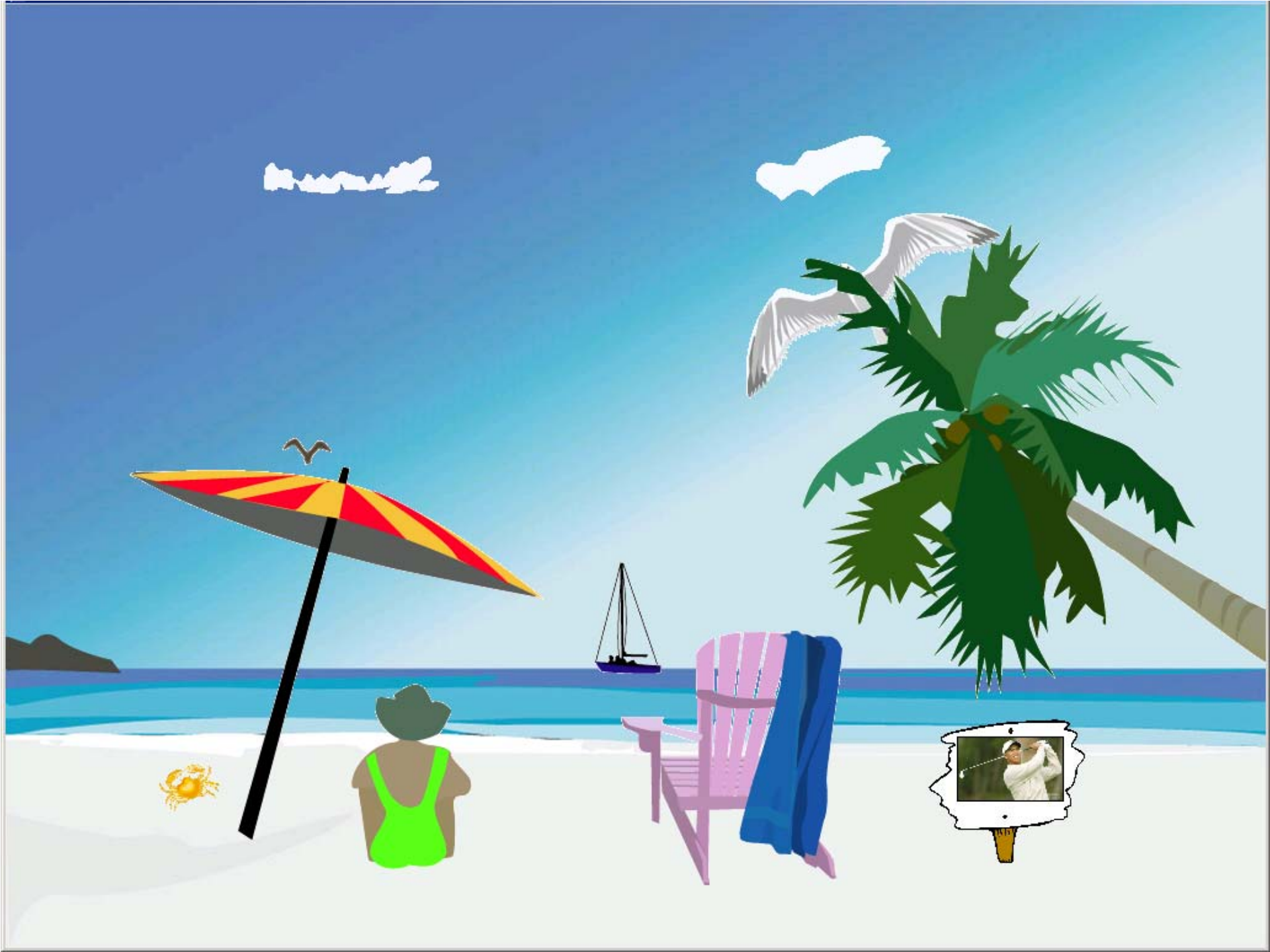
- Peripheral – Calm and not disruptive
- Personalized – Highly customizable
- Consolidated – Integrated view of all desired data
- Secure – Obscure personal data
- Elegant – Enhance a person's environment

The InfoCanvas

Shannon Bauman, Julie Isaacs, Jehan Moghazy, Chris Plaue, Zach Pousman

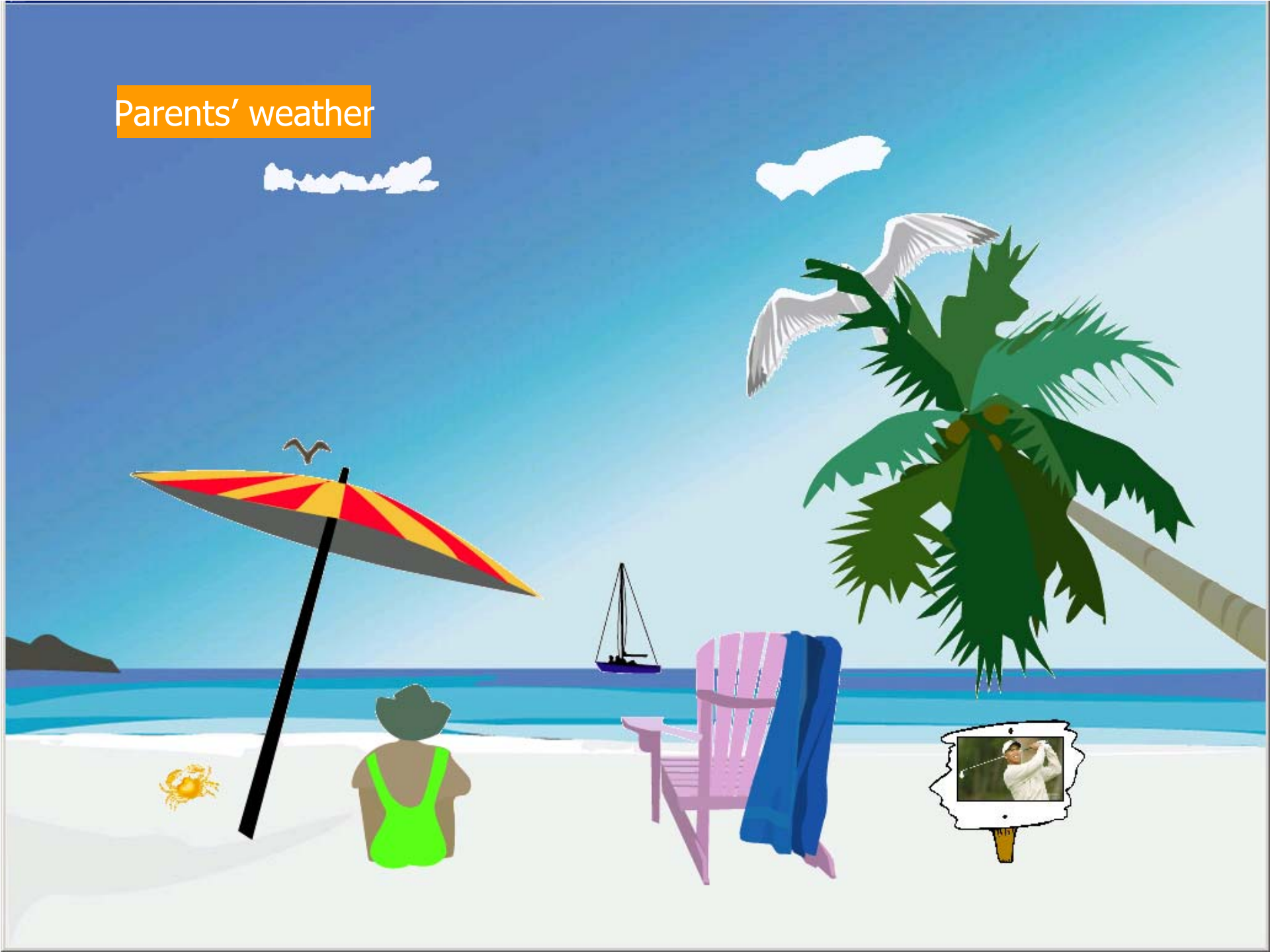
- "Information Art"
- An ambient LCD display
  - Like picture on desk or hung on wall
- Presents an eye-pleasing picture
- Elements of picture represent data and subtly change
- Allow the user to define both the information and its representation


InfoCanvas

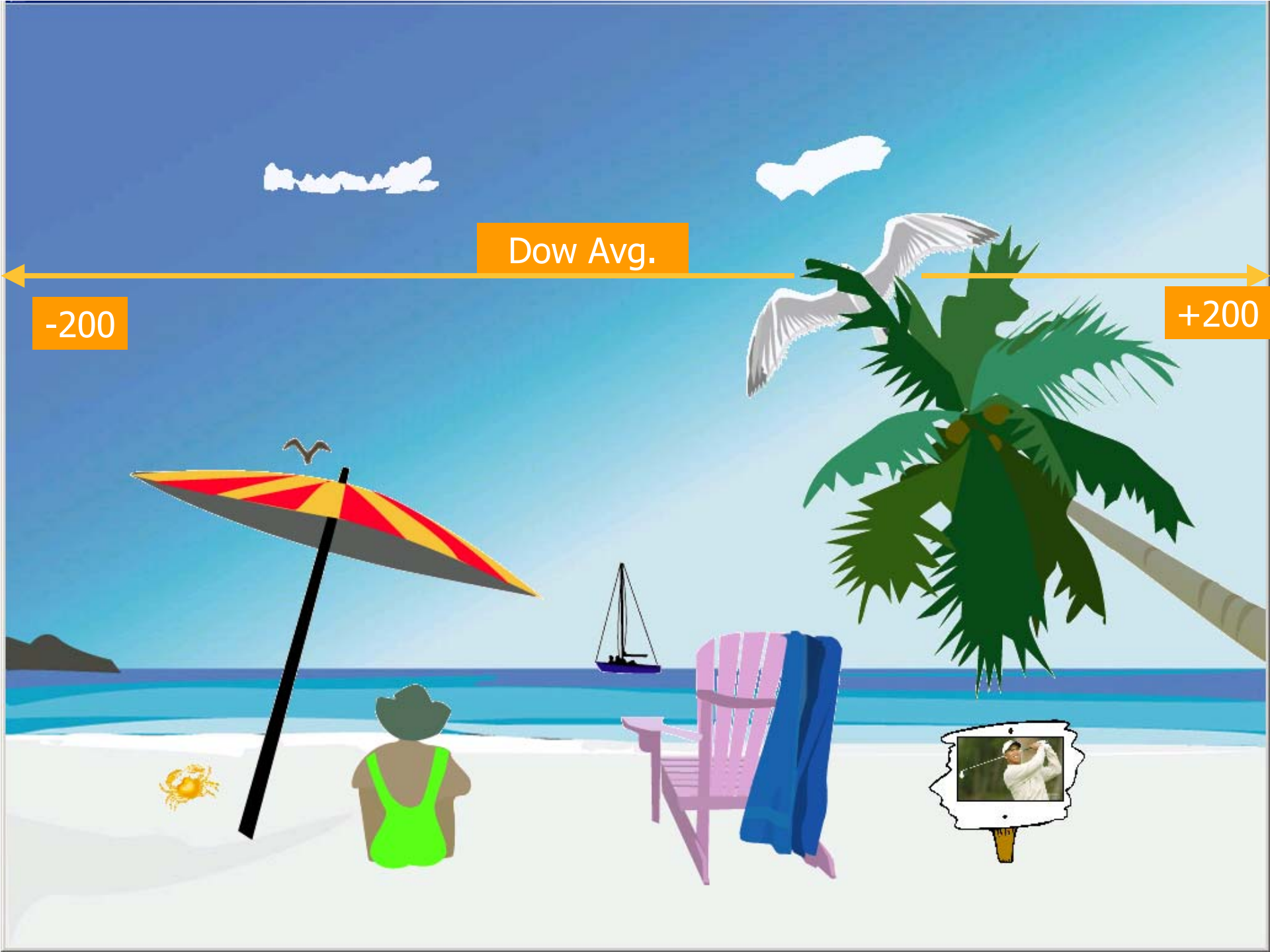


9 am
Time of day
6 pm

Parents' weather



50 degrees
Parents' temp
0 degrees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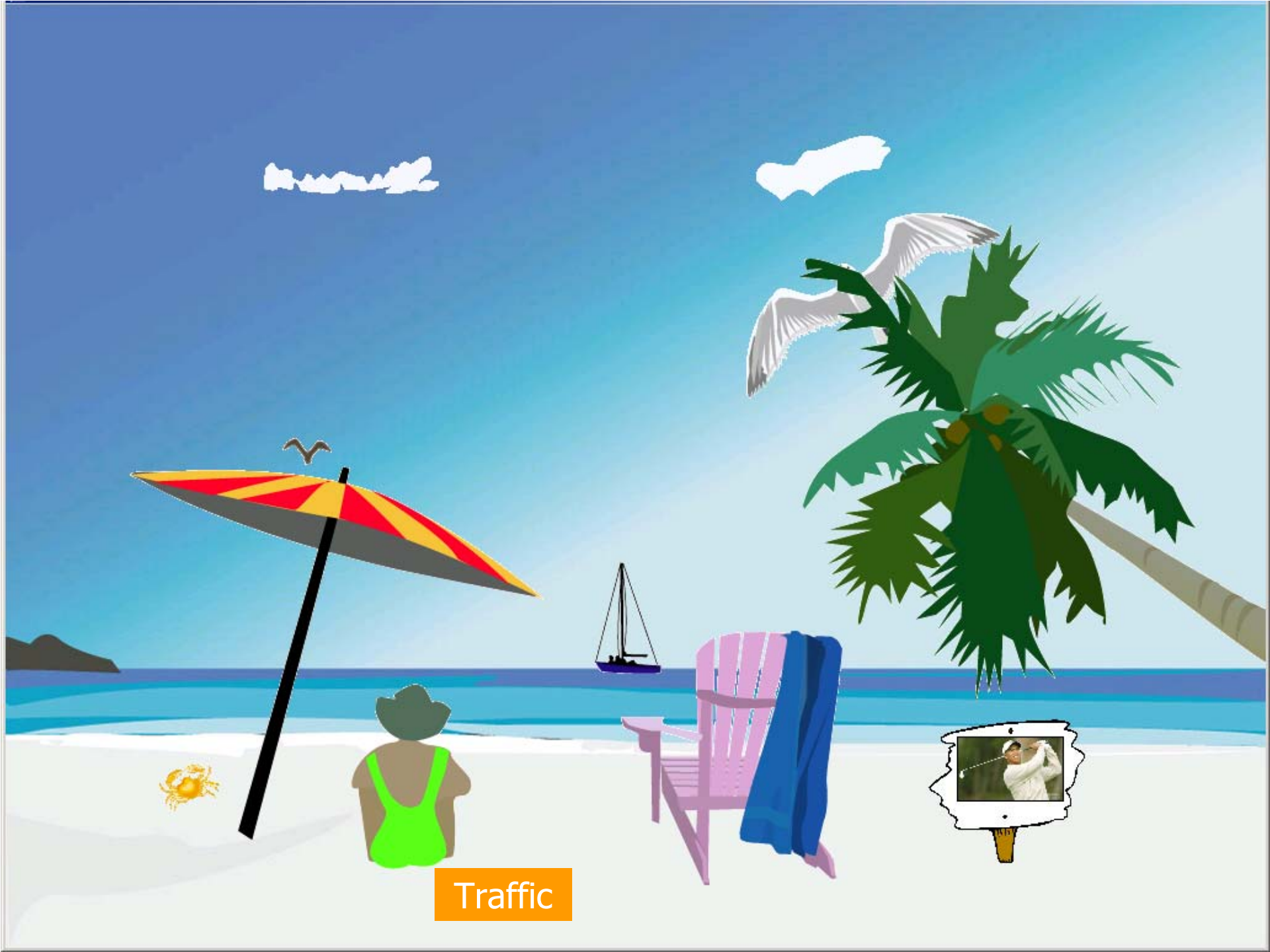
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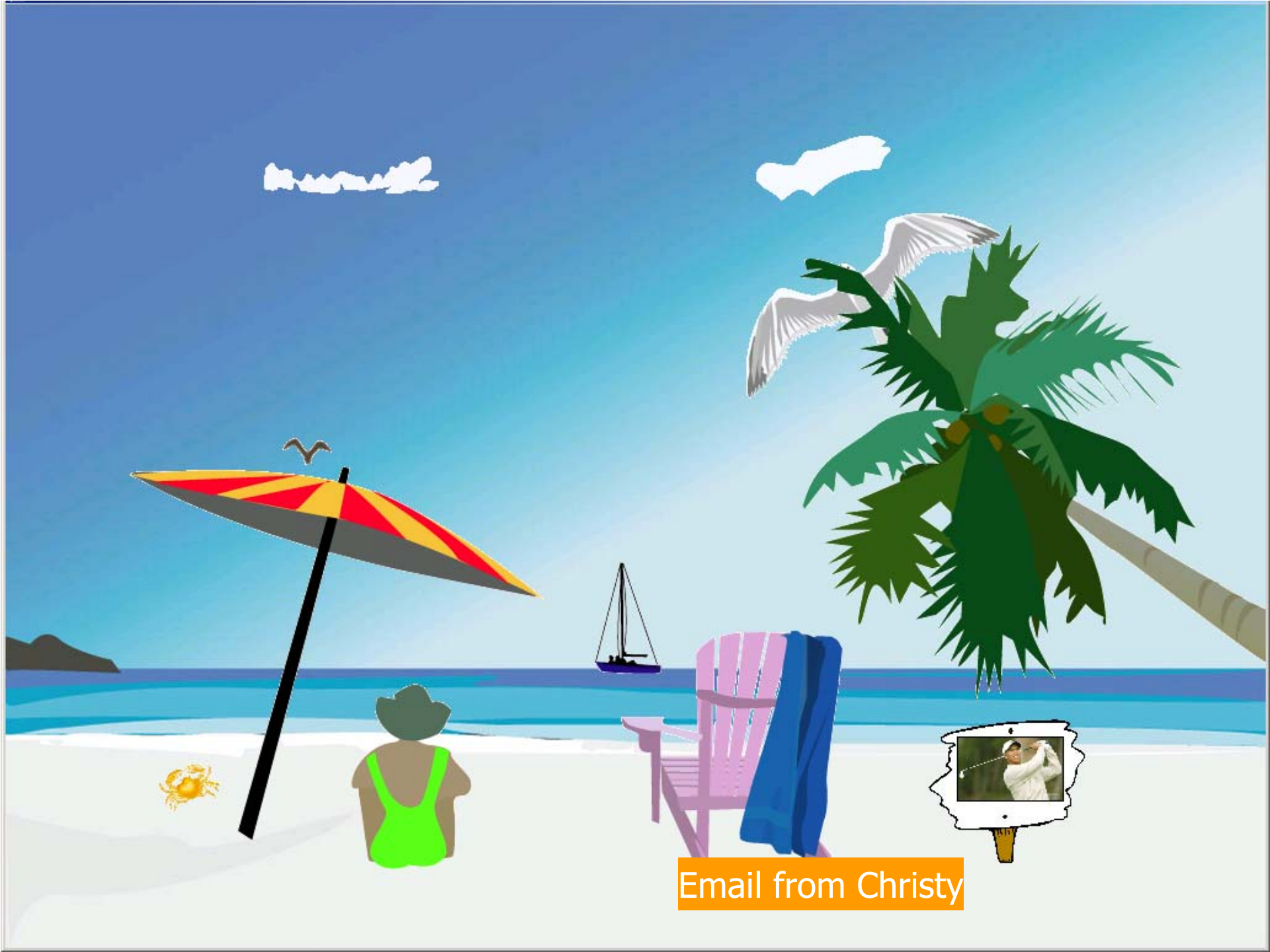
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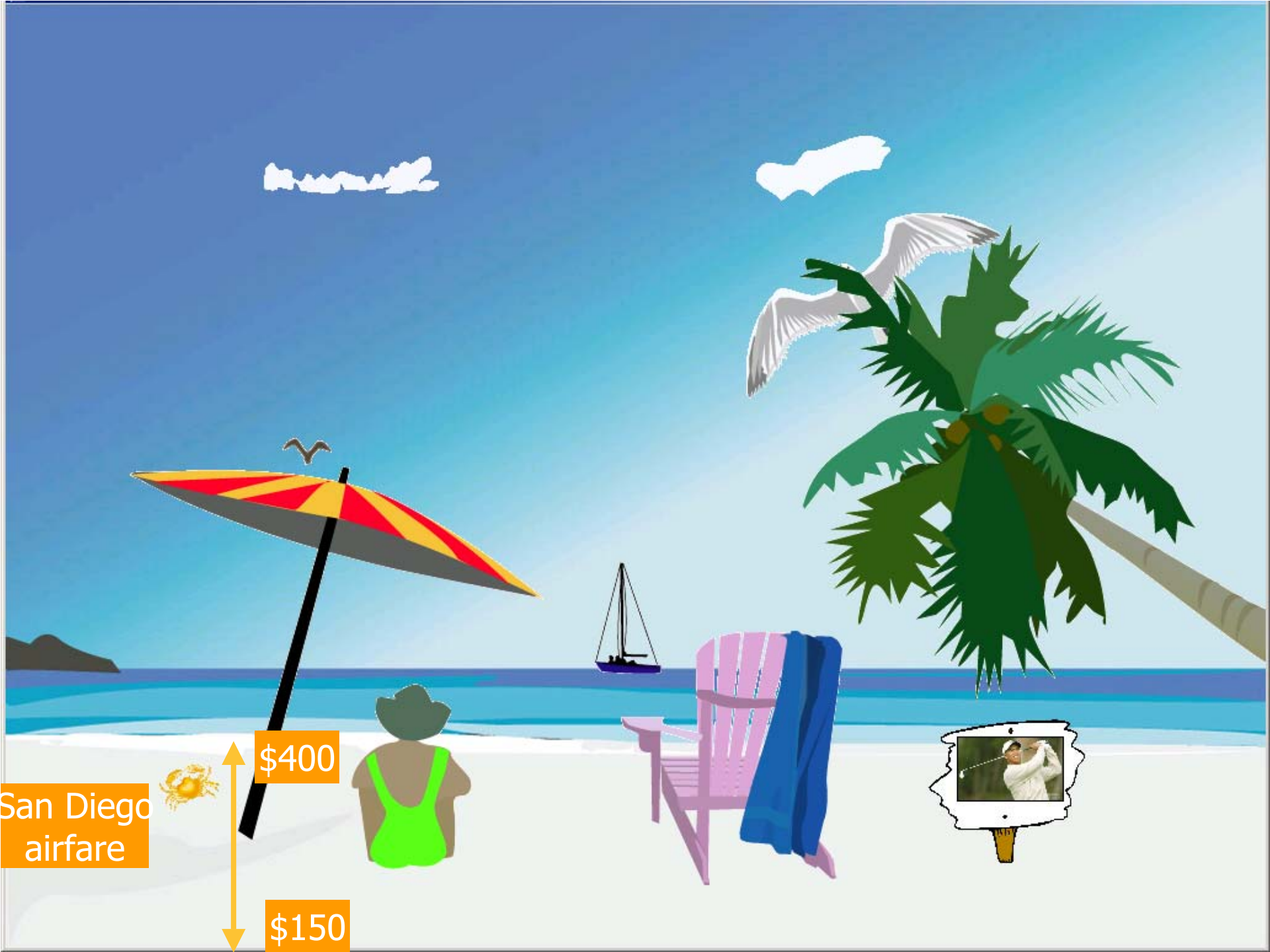
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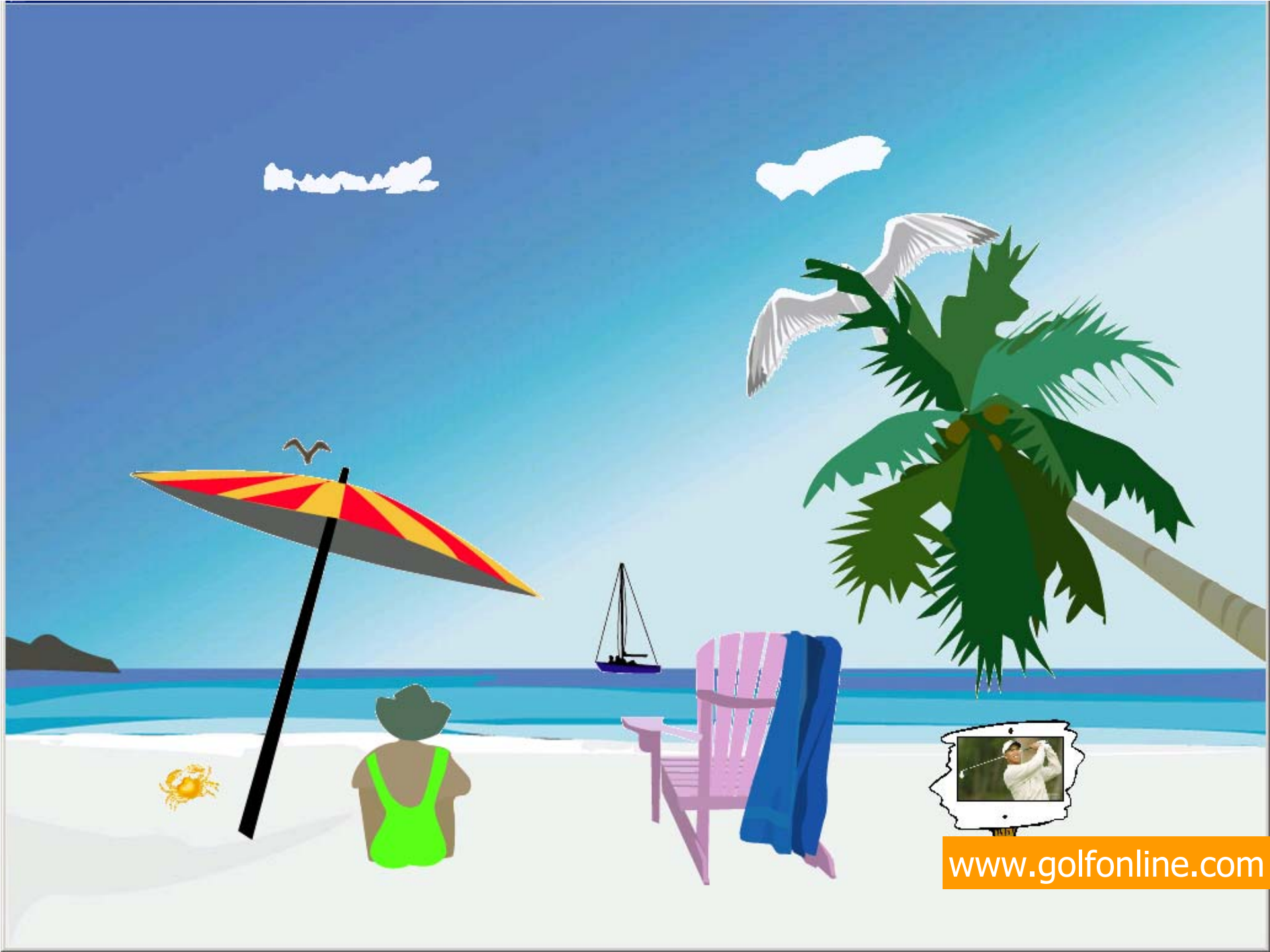
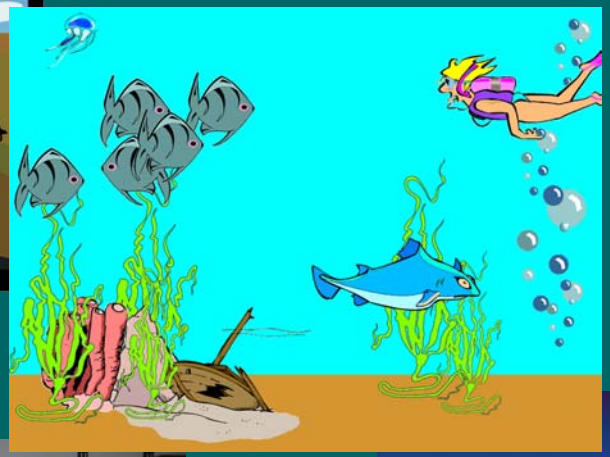
$150


www.golfonline.com

Current System

- Do canvas design informally
- Hand-implement mappings
- Full-featured run-time system

Canvas Themes



User Study

- Purchased second monitors and video cards
- Working with three initial participants
- They choose
  - Data to monitor
  - Canvas theme
  - Data representations and positions

Today's weather

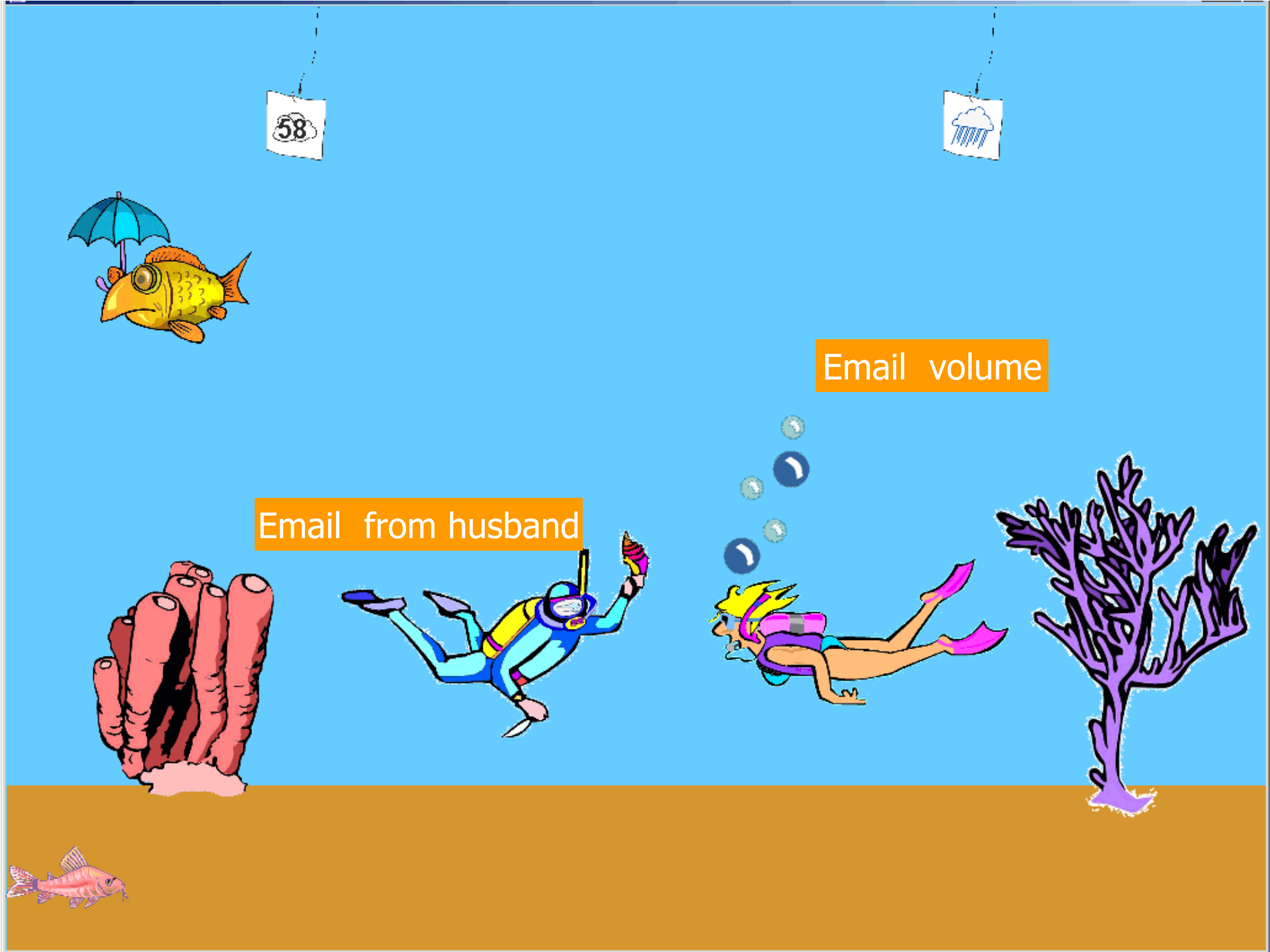
Tomorrow's weather

Coke stock

Mexico fare <$300

Temperature

"Evolution" on NY Times Sci page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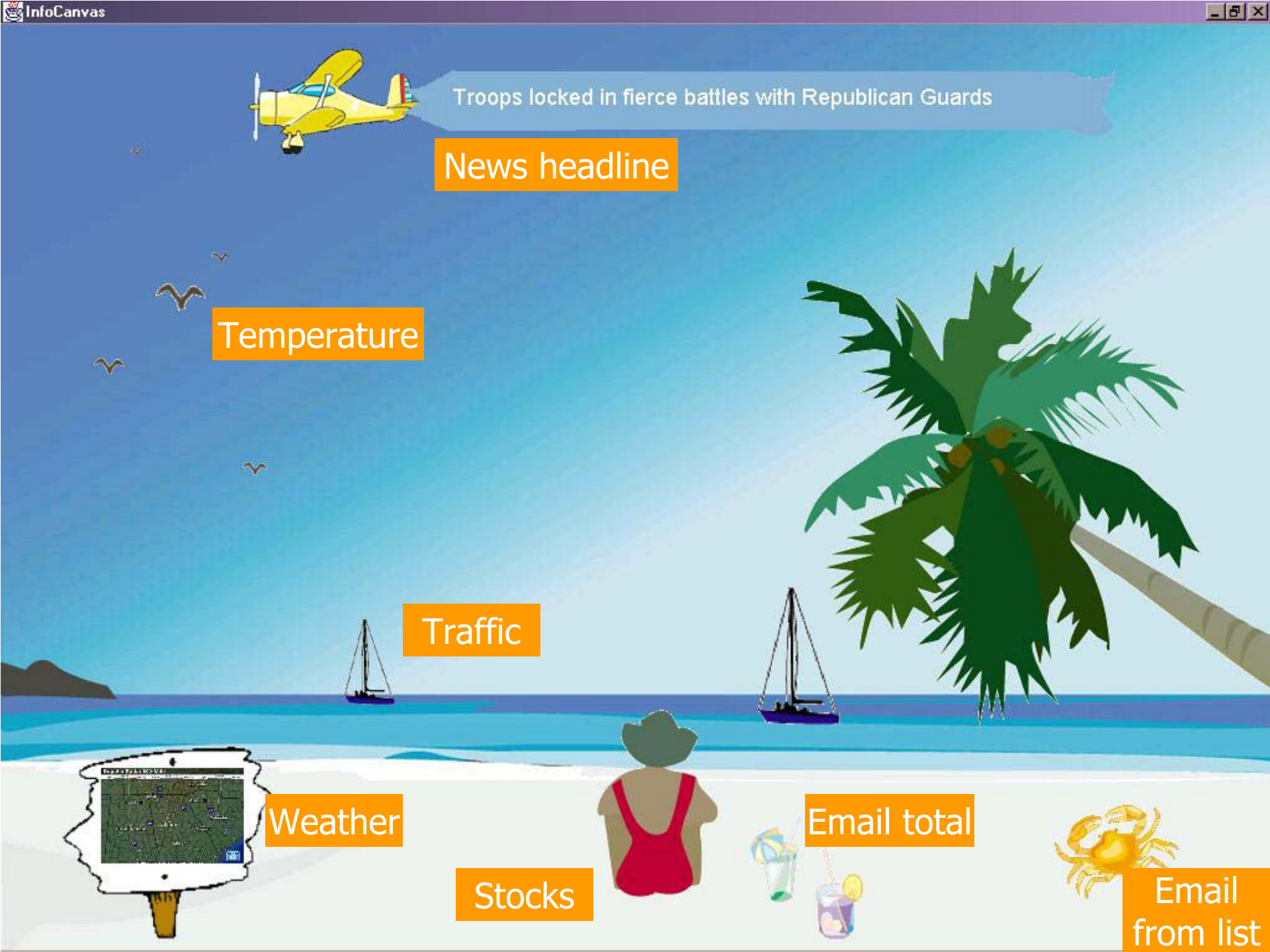
Email volume
Email from husband


InfoCanvas
Troops locked in fierce battles with Republican Guards
News headline
Temperature
Traffic
Weather
Stocks
Email total
Email from list

Today's forecast

Analysts' View: Where Is Saddam's R

News headline

Tomorrow's forecast

Email

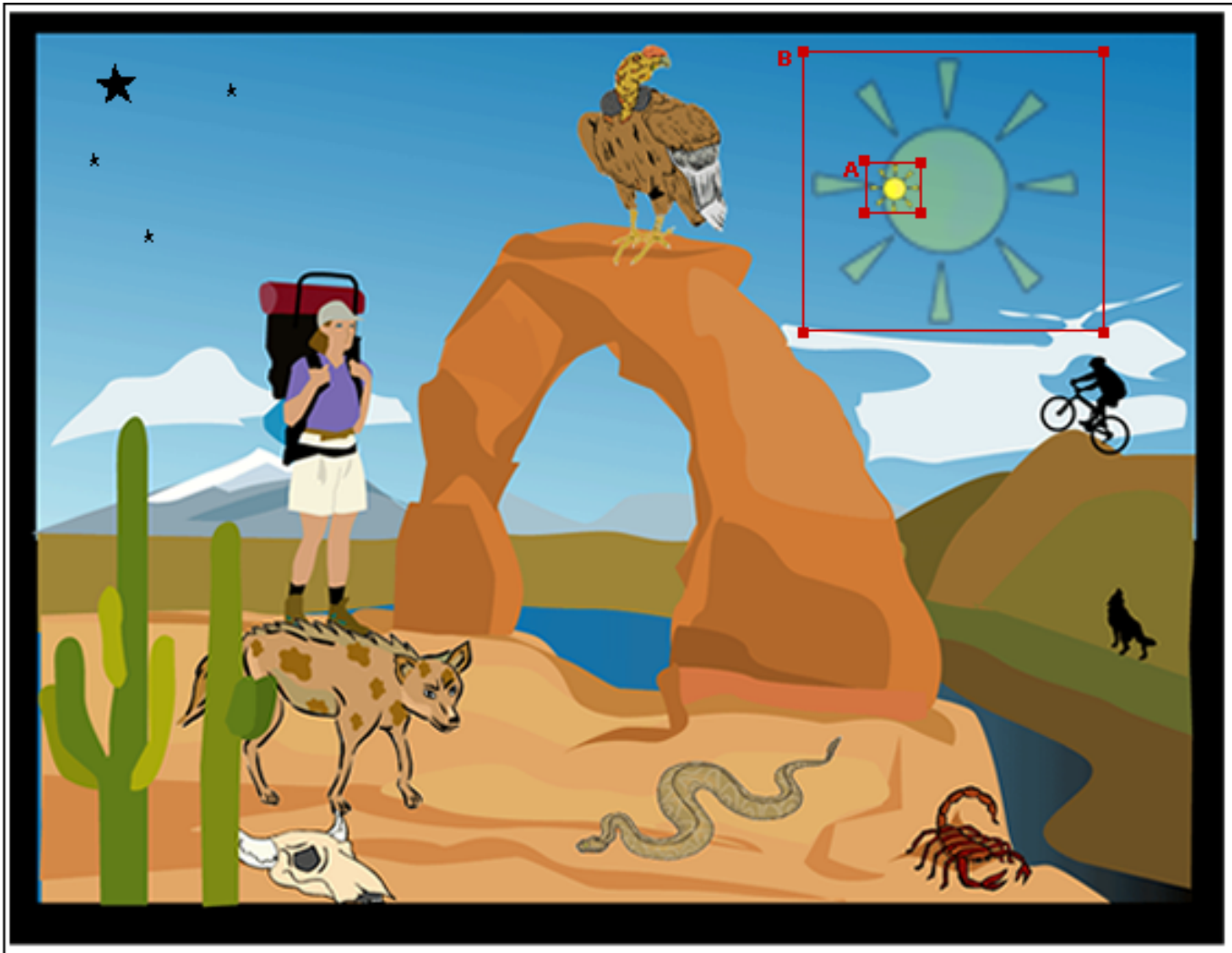
Email

Mutual fund price

Time

Ongoing Efforts

- "Glanceability" study
  - In ~7 seconds, do I get more info from
    - InfoCanvas
    - MyYahoo
    - Pure text
    - Sideshow
- Design tool



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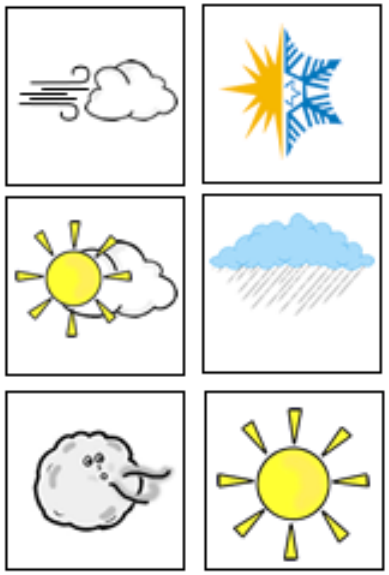
Weather



1 Data

Banking/Finance
Email
Traffic
Weather
Web Images
Web Text

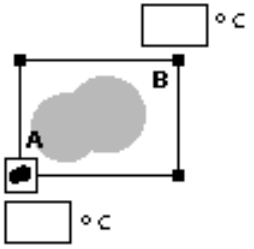
Current Conditions
Current Condition
Tomorrow Temp
Tomorrow Condition
Storm Warning

2 Data Details

Zipcode to monitor:

30032

Measure temperatures in ● °C ○ °F

3 Transformation

● Grow (Scale)
○ Move (Slide)
○ Set value ranges