Alex told me using Excel in my class might be a bad idea due to its limitations. I didn’t listen. He was right. This forced me to find free online tools for use in my class. Common Online Data Analysis Platform (CODAP) is free educational software for data analysis. This web-based data science tool is designed as a platform for developers and as an application for students in grades 6-14. I’ll talk about some of the advantages and limitations of using CODAP in my class. If there’s time – I’ve also been using the NY Times “What’s Going On in This Graph?” to build statistical literacy amongst my students this semester. I’d like to share how I’ve been using it and receive any suggestions for improvement.

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