## Not Your Grandfather's Map

A Brief Discussion of the History, Driving Forces, Impediments, Opportunities and Future Directions of GIS Technology's Evolution/Revolution

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#### Estes Park, Colorado

#### **GeoGathering 2007**

#### **Historical Setting and GIS Evolution**

#### Geotechnology (GPS, GIS, RS) DIGITAL

**Computer Mapping** automates the cartographic process (70s)

**Spatial Database Management** links computer mapping techniques with traditional database capabilities (80s)

**Map Analysis** representation of relationships within and among mapped data (90s)

**Multimedia Mapping** full integration of GIS, Internet and visualization technologies (00s) Manual Mapping for 8,000 years



ANALOG







## Desktop Mapping Framework (Vector, Discrete)











**Points, Lines and Polygons** 



ArcView GIS 3.2 - 8 × **Spatial** File Edit View Theme Graphics Window Help Table 332,116.04 ↔ 6,271,027,47 ± Scale 1: \_ 🗆 × 🕺 View1 Local Roads Dominant Species: Ouerv Aw= Amen 🖌 1st Dominant Speci **Object ID** Bw=White birch **Builder** P=Pine X,Y Рb Pb=Balsam popla: Sb Sb=Black spruce Sw X,Y Sw=White spruce Tree Height (m) ... identify tall 0 • 5 X,Y 11 - 18 17 - 21 aspen stands 22 - 28 Age (years) 0 - 26 🍭 1st Dominant Species \_ 🗆 × Tomber Productivity Attribute Values Fields G=Good M=Medium Table 16 [Cc] and ۰ F=Fair 17 [Heiaht] >or >=[Sp1] 18 Feature **Species** etc. 19 [Sp1num] not  $\leq$ <= 20 [Sp1per] ()Ŧ [Sp2] 21 **Object ID** Aw Update Values [Sp2num] ([Sp1] = "Aw") and ([Height] > 20) New Set Add To Set Discrete, irregular map features (objects) Select From Set

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### MAP Analysis Framework (Raster, Continuous)

Click on...

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Slope map



**Points, Lines, Polygons and Surfaces** 

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## Map Analysis Evolution (90s, Revolution)

#### **Traditional GIS**



Forest Inventory Map

- Points, Lines, Polygons
- <u>Discrete Objects</u>
- Mapping and Geo-query

#### <u>Spatial Analysis</u>



Slope Map Surface

- Cells, Surfaces
- <u>Continuous Geographic Space</u>
- Contextual Spatial Relationships

#### **Traditional Statistics**





Maximum= 103.0 ppm Mean= 22.4 ppm StDEV= 15.5

- Mean, StDev (Normal Curve)
- <u>Central Tendency</u>
- Typical Response (scalar)

#### Spatial Statistics



Spatial Distribution (Surface)

- Map of Variance (gradient)
- Spatial Distribution
- Numerical Spatial Relationships

## **Travel-Time for Our Store to Everywhere**



## **Travel-Time for Competitor Stores**



Travel-Time maps from several stores treating highway travel as four times faster than city streets.

Blue tones indicate locations that are close to a store (estimated <u>twelve minute drive or less</u>). Customer data can be appended with travel-time distances and analyzed for spatial relationships in sales and demographic factors.

#### Travel-Time Surfaces (Our Store & Competitor #4)

Blue tones indicate locations that are close to a store (estimated twelve minute drive or less). The green through red tones form a <u>bowl-like surface</u> with larger travel-time values identifying locations that are farther away.



### Competition Map (Store #111 & Competitor #4)

## The travel-time surfaces for two stores can be compared (subtracted) to identify the relative access advantages throughout the project area.

Zero values indicate the same travel-time to both stores (equidistant travel-time) ...yellow tones identifying the <u>Combat Zone</u> ; green Store #111 advantage; red Competitor #4 advantage



## **Power and Pipeline Routing** (Least cost path)

...see <u>www.innovativegis.com</u> Online Papers, "A Consensus Method Finds Preferred Routing"



Global routing solution identifying... Optimal Route Optimal Corridor



Infusing stakeholder perspectives into Calibration and Weighting

...<u>Engineering</u> considerations, <u>Natural Environment</u> consequences and <u>Built Environment</u> impacts



...see <u>www.innovativegis.com</u> Online Papers, "Identifying and Evaluating Alternative Pipeline Routes and Corridors "

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#### **Traditional Statistics**



0.653 -3s - 2s - 1s MEAN + 1s + 2s + 3s Minimum= 5.4 ppm

Maximum= 3.4 ppm Maximum= 103.0 ppm Mean= 22.4 ppm StDev= 15.5

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#### Spatial Interpolation (Spatial Distribution)

The "iterative smoothing" process is similar to slapping a big chunk of modeler's clay over the "data spikes," then taking a knife and cutting away the excess to leave a <u>continuous surface</u> that encapsulates the peaks and valleys implied in the original field samples ...<u>mapping the Variance</u>



(digital slide show <u>SSTAT</u>)

## Visualizing Spatial Relationships





...groups of "floating balls" in data space identify locations in the field with similar data patterns- data zones

#### **Spatial Data Mining**



...other techniques, such as Level Slicing, Similarity and Map Regression, can be used to discover relationships among map layers ...map-ematics/statistics

#### The Precision Ag Process (Fertility example)

As a combine moves through a field it 1) uses GPS to check its location then 2) checks the yield at that location to 3) create a continuous map of the



Step 4)

On-the-Fly Yield Map

Farm dB



**Map** Analysis

412.0

45c.18

177.0

32.9

yield variation every few feet. This map is
4) combined with soil, terrain and other maps to derive 5) a "Prescription Map" that is used to
6) adjust fertilization levels every few feet in the field (variable rate application).



Prescription Map Step 5)



Variable Rate Application Step 6)

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**Interactive Maps** 





**Animated Maps** 

#### 3) Visualization





#### Maps with Integrated

- Photos
- Video
- Audio
- Text
- Data

#### **Rendered Scenes**



**GPS/GIS Enabled Devices and Internet Mapping** 



#### Google Earth (Killer App of 2005)

**Vessel for Mapped Data**— has brought geotechnology to the masses; not a GIS but digests map data for 3D display with satellite imagery of the globe as backdrop



## **3-D** Visualization Approaches (Mega-Trend #2)

**Image Draping** -- is an established technique in GIS. Draping a topographic or thematic map onto a 3-D terrain surface is effective but relies on abstract colors, shading and symbols.

"Map Abstraction"



# Landscape Visualization (Rendering Technique)

"Laying the Carpet"



Step 1) 3-D Terrain Surface

Step 4) Tree Objects



"Pouring the Trees"



Step 2) Polygon Containers Step 5) Final Composition





Step 3) Surface Texture Step 6) Atmospheric Effects



## Visualizing Landscape Impacts (GIS Rendering)



## Visualizing Landscape Impacts (Clear cut)



## Visualizing Landscape Impacts (Water retention cut)



## Visualizing Landscape Conditions

... changing the landscape's carpet and objects to simulate different conditions



**Before Fire** 



After Fire



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## Geospatial Multimedia (Mega-Trend #4)



...take pictures with a digital camera or video recorder while carrying a GPS with 'track logging' then link the Lat/Lon with each picture.



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Pictures are "posted and linked" to a map



(See http://www.geoplace.com/gw/2001/0501/0501map.asp for more information)

<u>Digital Camera</u> ✓ <u>What (picture)</u> ✓ When (time)

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**GPS Unit** 

Where (X,Y)



MediaMapper GeoVideo Software

Red Hen Systems, <u>http://www.redhensystems.com/</u>

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## A Peek at the Bleeding Edge (2010 and beyond)



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## Traditional Geographic Referencing (Cartesian)



#### Cartesian Coordinate System (X, Y, and Z)

- **Discrete Spatial Objects** (vector) *Point* (*X*,*Y*) as fundamental unit
  - Continuous Surfaces (grid) Cell (Col,Row) as fundamental unit

# Alternative Geographic Referencing

#### **Geographic Space**

... Nested Hexagons as alternative to Traditional Square Grid (Cartesian)







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#### Abstract Space

...Attribute Value (A) replacing Z Geographic Coordinate



#### **Re-tooling Analytics** (and beyond)

... the new geo-referencing and data structures will spawn new analytic algorithms (e.g., 3D flows)

Regular hexahedron, 6 squares cube Regular 12 dodecahedron pentagons

#### Geo-referencing (2010)

- Nested Hexagons (2D hexagon grid)
- Continuous Surfaces (3D polyhedral grid)
- Space/Time Continuum (4D ????)



**Animated Maps** 

#### Where Have We Been...

The US Department of labor identifies <u>Geotechnology</u> as one of the "three most important emerging and evolving fields" (along with Biotechnology and Nanotechnology)



**GeoGathering 20** 

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Map Analysis

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• Spatial Statistics— "<u>numerical</u>" relationships

<u>Wultimedia Mapping</u> full integration of GIS, Internet and visualization technologies (2000s)

- Map Delivery/Devices— Internet & Devices
- 3D Visualization Draping & Virtual Reality
- Map Display— Interactive & Animated Maps
- Multimedia Mapping— GPS/Photos & Video
- Google Earth—New Vessel for Mapped Data

Geo-referencing (2010s) — Re-tooling Analytics (2020s) 🚺

