Collaborative Editing and Analysis of Alternatives using ArcGIS Server, Java Server Faces, and SOA

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Problem Domain:

Integrated Planning, Simulation, and Analysis

Use multiple, cross-domain analyses and simulations to assess possible outcomes of plans

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Collaborative Web-based Decision Support



Encroachment and Land Use Simulation



NEPA Analysis for Range Siting



Deployment Process Studies









Airborne Plume Modeling

Facility Siting

Critical Electrical Infrastructure Critical Water Infrastructure



- Many simulation and analysis applications require geospatial data
- Need a way for stakeholders to create, modify, and assess alternative courses of action on the web → to collaborate
 - (Without the need for highly skilled GIS professionals to make each change)
- Need a protocol for decision support systems to initialize, track, and get results from analysis and simulation software
- Simulation software needs to be able to gain access to geospatial data for each alternative



Approach

- Use a Service-Oriented Architecture
- Set up services to:
 - Perform decision support: manage studies, alternatives, data, and results
 - Manage geospatial data for alternative Courses of Action (COA)
 - collaboratively edit geospatial and other data
 - Manage other types of data
 - Perform analysis and simulation



Approach

- Define system endpoints
- Determine data requirements for common DSS
- Create abstract control and data schema
- Create communication protocol
- Conduct proof-of-concept test of protocol and schema using a simple DSS with multiple simulation systems.

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System Endpoints

- SOAP-based communication
- Asynchronous messaging protocol





Abstract Concepts

- Study
- Stakeholder
- Scenario
- Event
- Dataset
- Alternative
- Action
- Plugin
- Goal
- Criterion
- Criterion Value





Simulation System Meta-data

- Simulations register with DSS using XML
- DSS can call PluginAdapter methods
- PluginAdapter has access to study data
- PluginAdapter formats input for sim, controls execution, and retrieves results using SOAP & XML
- DSS compares criteria and alternatives





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PluginAdapter Methods and Protocol

- For each remote plugin and study, DSS uses SOAP call to:
 - Initialize service to run a job for all alternatives
 - Create inputs
 - Including preparing geospatial data
 - Start jobs
 - Get status
 - Get results
 - Tell service to delete data
- Optional
 - Abort all or each job







- Configure Data Sets
- Create study
- Invite Stakeholders
- Set up scenario
 - Narrative
 - Select Data Sets for study
- Create alternatives
 - Edit alternatives
 - ArcIMS and Map Objects Java Webstart
 - ArcGIS Server and Java Server Faces
 - Run Simulations
 - Collect results
 - Compare alternatives
 - Iterate



Setting Up Datasets

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Setting Goals and Criteria

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Associate Datasets with Study

Edit Study Data Sets





Setting Up Alternatives

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Deployment Alternatives Editor – MapObjects Version





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- Spiral 1: MapObjects thick client approach
 - used ArcIMS to provide data
 - too slow too much data to download
 - Java Webstart worked, but introduced authentication/authorization difficulties.
- Spiral 2: Web server-based editing
 - Adopted ESRI ADF with ArcGIS 9.1
 - ArcGIS Server uses ArcSDE
 - DSS web application only communicates with ArcGIS Server (not directly with ArcSDE)
 - Alternative edits stored on dedicated edit layers, identified by unique alternative GUID
 - Baseline geospatial data not changed.



Road Editor





Facilities Editor

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Water System Editor



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Power System Editor





Managing Simulations

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Running Simulations

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Viewing Simulation Results

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Sample from Spiral 1. Spiral 2 simulation service in progress



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Protocol Supports Simulation-Specific Results

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Total resources available	1
Max resources used in a time step	1
Max entities processed in a time step	1
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	Air Quality	1	0.931			
	Noise	0.893	0.902			
	Water Quality	0.891	0.902			
	Wetlands	0.814	0.824			
	Water Body Modifications	0.823	0.833			
	Floodplain	0.814	0.824			
	Coastal Zone	0.929	0.945			
	Wildlife and Vegetation Alterations	0.814	0.824			
	Threatened and Endangered Species / Sensitive Species	0.814	0.824			
	Socio-Economic and Long-term Productivity	0.817	0.826			
	Hazardous Materials / Hazardous Waste	0.29	0.303			
	Visual Effects	0.826	0.835			
	Cultural Resources	0.817	0.826			
	Energy Use	0.899	0.909			
	Estimated Total Cost of Mitigation	0	0			





Range Risk Matrix																		
	Land Use and Traffic Patterns	Air Quality	Noise	Water Quality	Wetlands	Water Body Modifications	Floodplain	Coastal Zone	Wildlife and Vegetation Alterations	Threatened and Endangered Species / Sensitive Species	Socio-economic and Long-term Productivity	Hazardous Materials / Hazardous Waste	Visual Effects	Cultural Resources	Energy Use	Physical Impact:	Management and Externalities	Cumulative
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2 Operations & Maintenance	0.943	1.000	0.982	0.984	0.956	0.956	0.956	0.994	0.956	0.958	0.959	0.683	0.959	0.959	0.988	0.429		
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d. Re-use	0.901	1.000	0.945	0.940	0.911	0.921	0.911	0.955	0.911	0.911	0.911	0.635	0.921	0.911	0.940	0.220	0.770	0.312
Cumulative	0.773	1.000	0.893	0.891	0.814	0.823	0.814	0.929	0.814	0.814	0.817	0.290	0.826	0.817	0.899	0.309		
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- Proof of concept for a DSS-Simulation protocol was successful
- Collaborators were able to edit alternatives over the network
- Results of editing provided as data to simulation services
- XML-based registration could be made more dynamic using WSDL
- Protocol could be incorporated into the Military Scenario Definition Language (MSDL) as meta-control language
- With pluggable architecture, new simulations can be added at any time, and different simulations can be run within the same study



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