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Leveraging the ArcGIS Platform to Support your Mission

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Location Analytics

Mapping Platform for your entire Organization



Why Is Location So Compelling Now?

- Maps communicate
- Spatial analysis is powerful
- New technology is making location easier







....Better and Faster Decision Making ... Improved Communication ... Increased Efficiency

Accountability and Management Climate Change Science & Technology Business Infrastructure Location **Delivers** Value San Francisco

ArcGIS Is a Platform

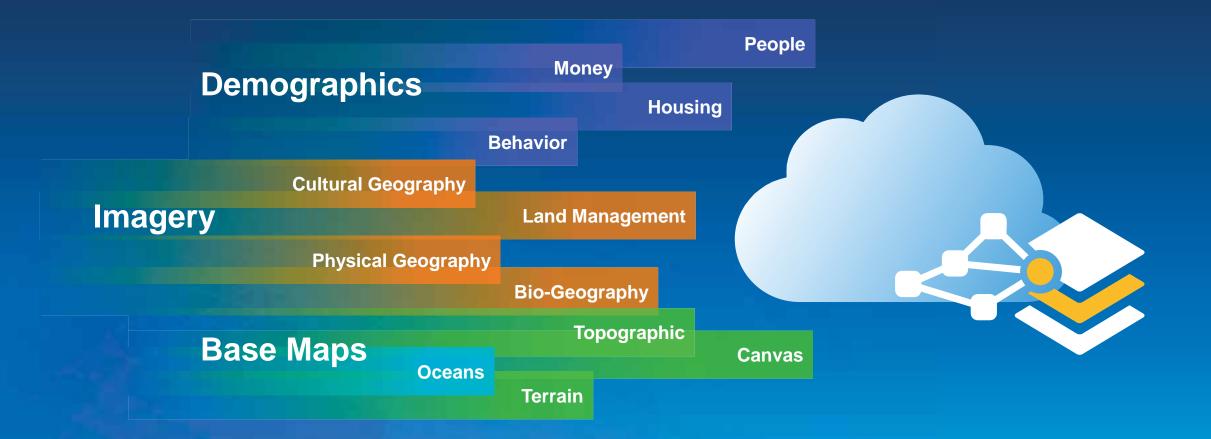
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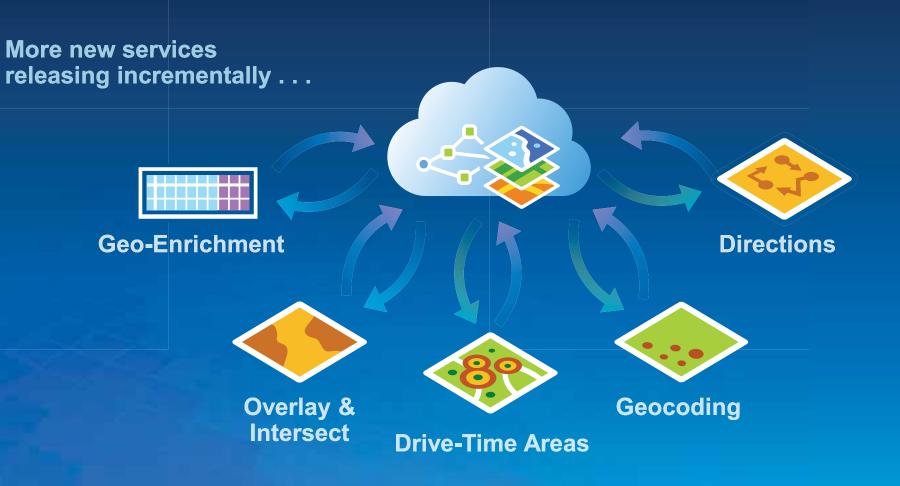
Available in the Cloud and On-Premises

Web GIS Includes Online Content Services



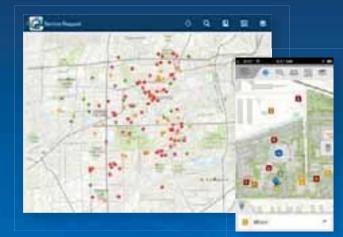
... Global maps available to all ArcGIS users

Web GIS Includes Online Analytic Services



. . Geocoding, analysis, and geo-enrichment functions

Web GIS Includes New Applications



Explorer & Collector for iOS, Android, Windows



Microsoft Office Add-In for Excel / PowerPoint



Operations Dashboard for MS Windows

... with your ArcGIS Desktop and ArcGIS Online

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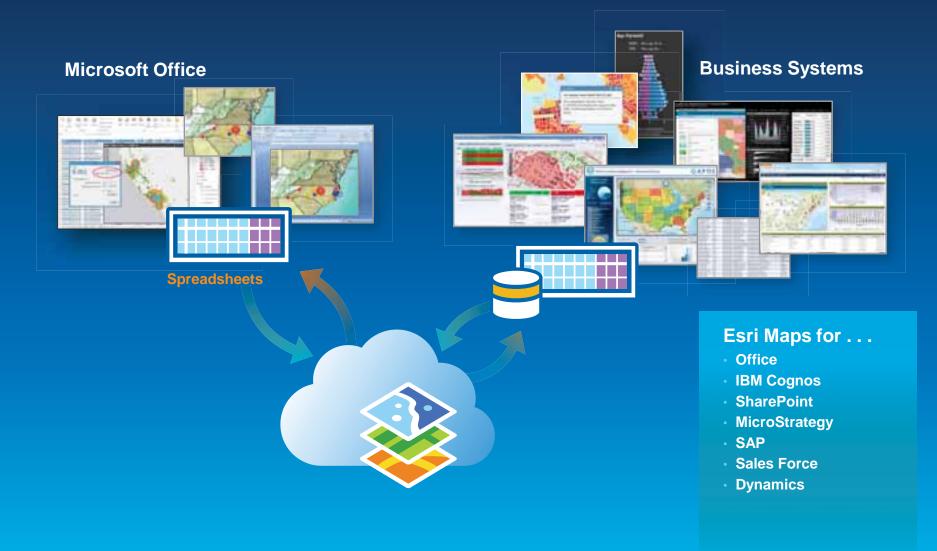
Leveraging the Platform

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The Platform Geo-enrichs Enterprise Systems

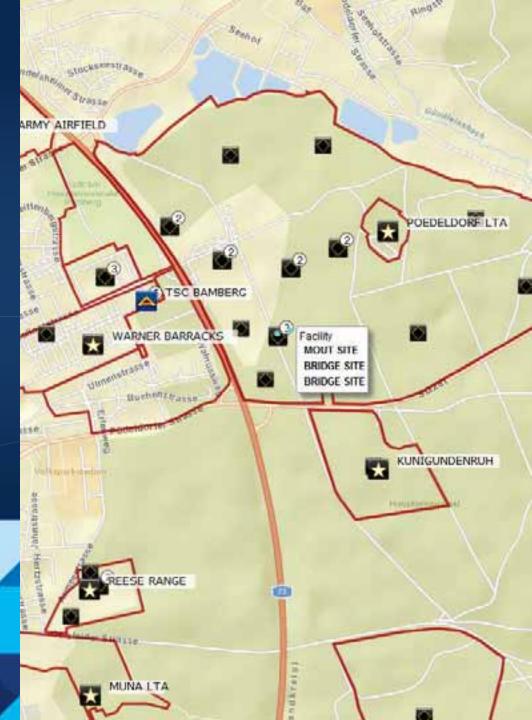
Providing Mapping, Spatial Analysis, and Reporting



Demo

U.S. Army Training Support Activity Europe (TSAE) – TAP IN

Kevin Knapp – Tierra Plan



Discovering US Army Europe Training Resources







The Map as a Data Interface

Army Overview





7th Army JMTC: the U.S. Army's largest overseas training command.

- Training Support Activity Europe (TSAE): A directorate of the JMTC.
 - JMTC provides realistic, tailor-made training solutions partner-nation units and leaders (*customers*).

to U.S., NATO and

 Customers becoming increasingly NATO / ISAF (International Security Assistance Force). TSAE needs tools for centralizing information and better service.

The TSAE Challenge

- Training resources (+800 facilities) geographically dispersed across Europe.
- Training related data is dispersed across IT systems.

TSAE needs solutions to make it as easy as possible to find training support information.

<u>Goal</u>

Identify, acquire, manage and sustain training planners to provide state-of-the-art training support

Make it as easy as possible to find the training support information training planners need.

Solution = TAP IN

GIS web application that provides a user-friendly means of locating and exploring training resources and facility scheduling data.

What is TAP IN?

- Web based map portal for discovering all USAREUR training support resources (e.g. ranges, simulators, devices)
- *Locate* training resources and locations
- *Find* SOPs, handbooks, access maps, directions
- Search scheduling calendars for training facilities across USAREUR (RFMSS)
- Share Lessons Learned, Tactics, Techniques & Procedures with training community

Architecture

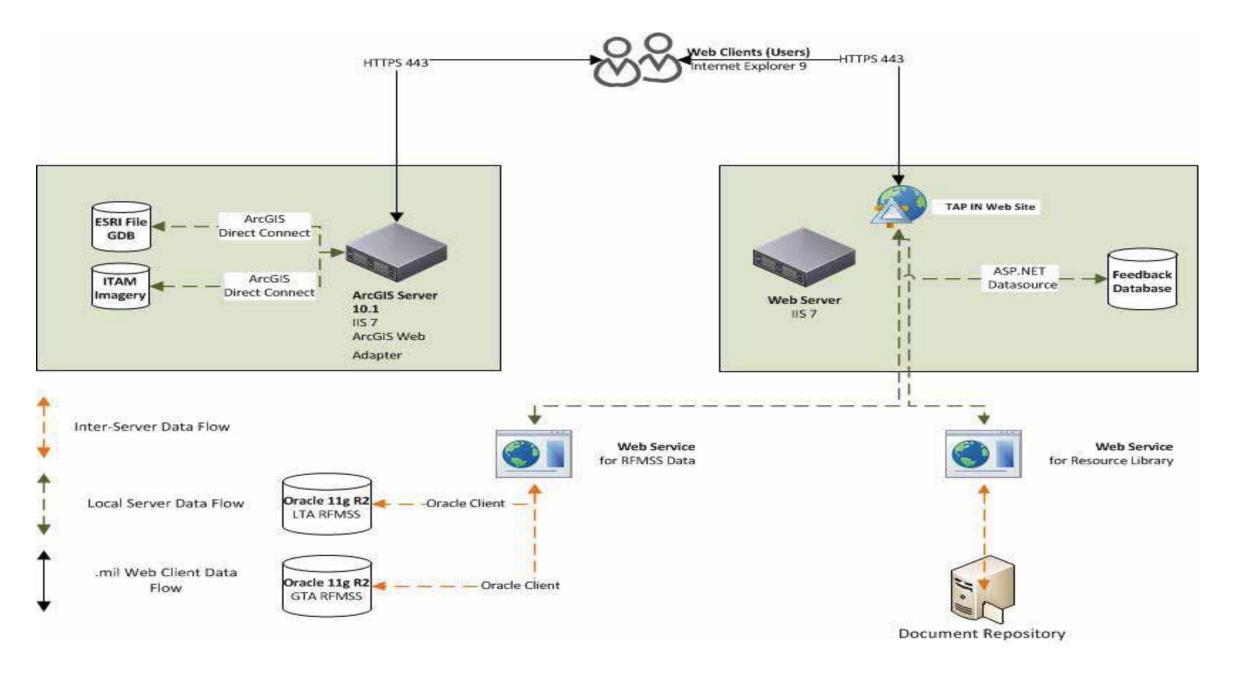
- Service Oriented Approach
 - ArcGIS Server for map data and imagery services
 - JSON and SOAP Web services for Oracle data and document repository
- User Interface
 - ESRI JavaScript API
 - Most scalable API, gives us fine grained control over map content.
 - Plugins are restrictive in Army network.
 - ASP.NET: leverage hybrid server side and client side platforms
 - jQuery for rich user experience, improved performance
- Application mobility: deployable to other .mil networks and groups within the JMTC.

Map Centric Interface



User Interface

- Leveraged jQuery for enhanced user experience and efficient design
- Combine jQuery components with the ESRI JS API and ASP.NET
 - Slideout panels
 - Info Window controls
 - Keyword search using jQuery smart search plugin
 - Header tools Resources, Basemaps
- Highly configurable via administrative interface



Platforms

- Enterprise GIS
 Data
 - ESRI ArcGIS Server
 - ArcGIS JavaScript API
 - ArcGIS Desktop
 - Enterprise geospatial databases installation data aerial imagery

Non-Spatial Enterprise Data

- Oracle databases
- Document repository (file databases)
- Information Feedback

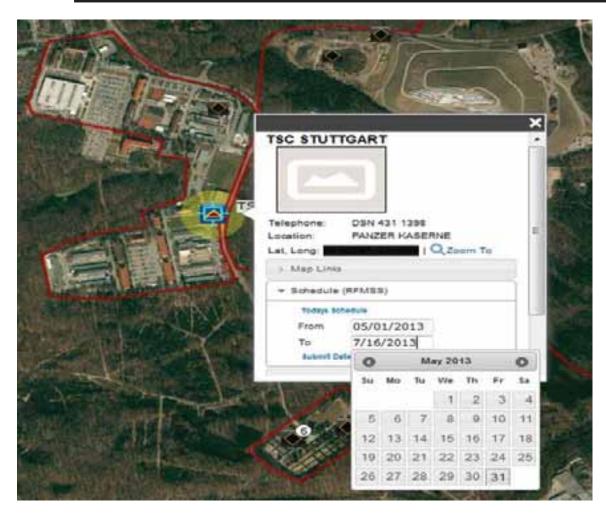
Data Integration

- Spatial data
 - Dynamic vector map services
 - Feature layers
 - Graphics layers
 - Clustered graphic layers
 - Image service layers
- Non spatial data
 - Oracle DB scheduling system (RFMSS)
 - Document repositories (maps, SOPs, and more)



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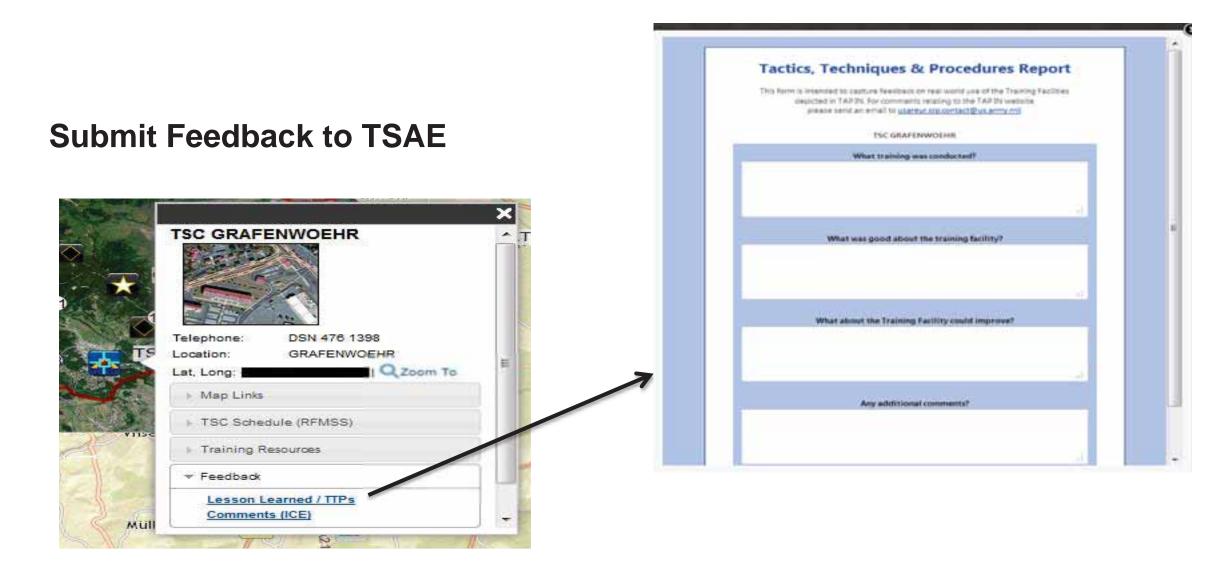
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Information Windows with search tool and dynamic content

Oracle Scheduling Reports (RFMSS)

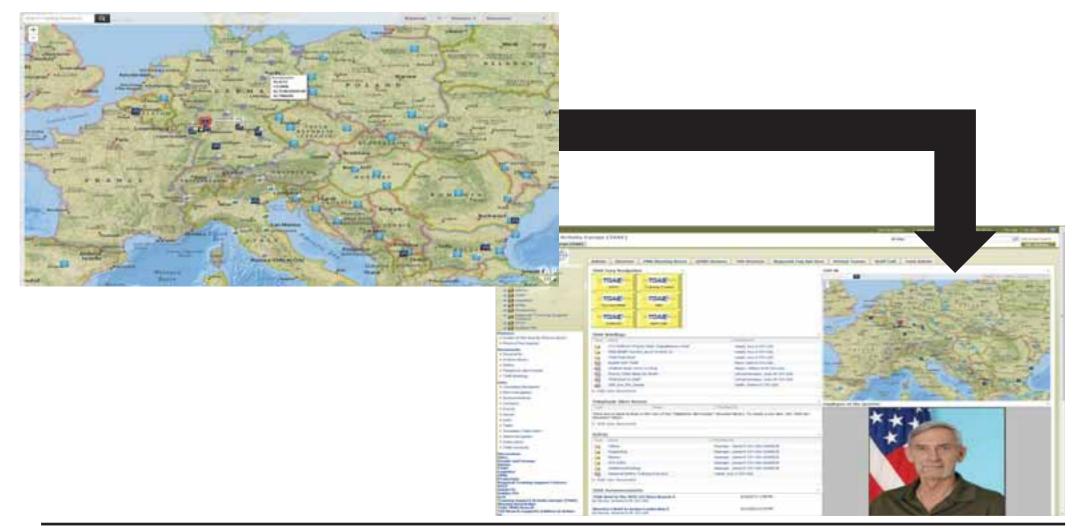
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User Feedback



TAP In & SharePoint

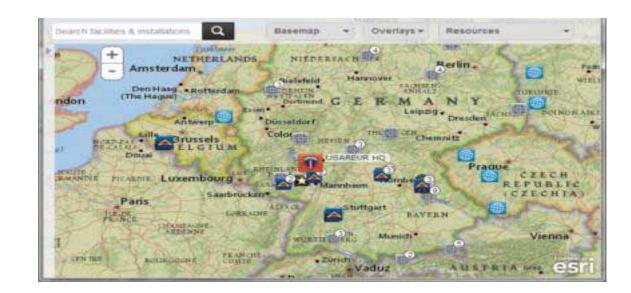
TAP IN is designed to be easily embedded in a unit's own SharePoint site



Design

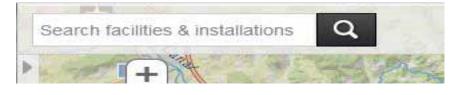
Clean design

- Limited inputs
- Focus on map
- Enhances user experience
 Simplicity = more dev work
 but better for user
 Design Elements
- Simple search
- Slide-outs
- Transparency
- Clean map graphics



- jQuery Integration
- Keyword Search
- Point Clustering
- Graphic Labeling
- Extending the Popup
- Custom Tooltips
- Image Services
- Security/Encryption

Search is single text box...



...with auto-suggest

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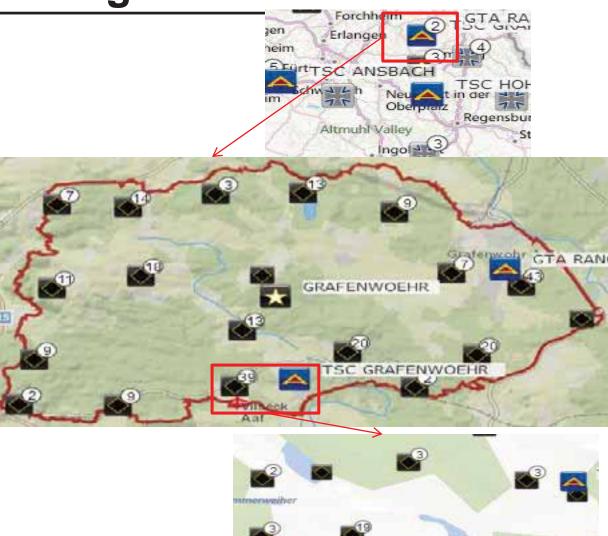
Point Clustering

Eliminates clutter, avoids overlapping features

- Multiple layers are clustered
- Hierarchical Layers
- Cluster features + clustered info window
- Dynamic cluster "count"

Behind the scenes

- Extend JS API GraphicsLayer
- Mouse over shows singles and tooltips
- Offset cluster count in graphic
- Separate graphics layer for singles



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Graphic Labeling

- Challenge to put labels on cluster (graphics) layers
- No native support
- Created extra graphics layer
 - Copy of graphics geometry
 - Added white backing
 - Added text
 - Scale dependency
 - Labels are clickable

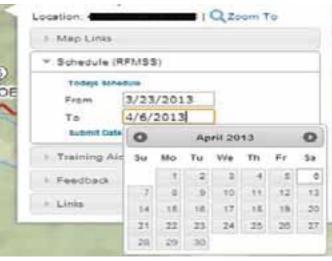




Extending the Pop Up

- Custom popup style templates and sprite
- jQuery integration accordions, calendar date picker
- Integration with the clustered points
- Popup content is configurable and dynamic





Custom Tooltips

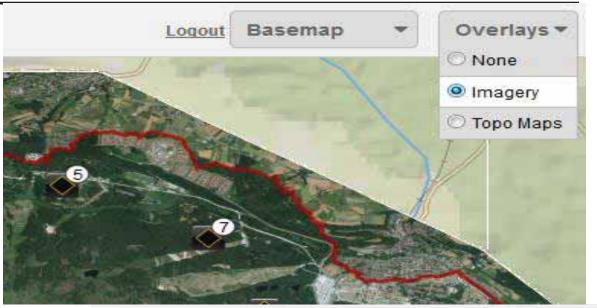
- Mouse over shows a small "maptip" (not the same as popup window)
- Used custom element for tooltips (maptips)
- Roll over a cluster and see names of all facilities in cluster
- Used onmouseover event
 - Set content
 - Set position
 - Avoid edges



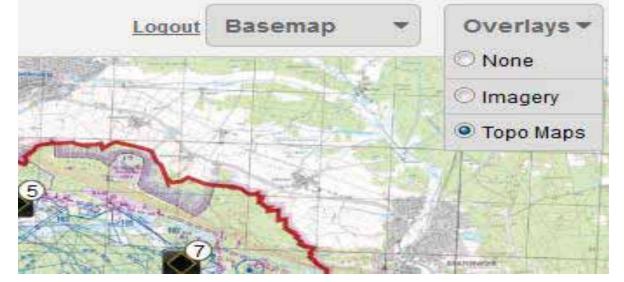


Image Services

- TSAE has historical aerial imagery and topo maps.
- ArcGIS Image Server: mosaic dataset overviews.



- Overlays tool toggle imagery layers.
- Image layers between base map and vector layers.



Challenges

- Design
- STIG Compliance
- Encryption SSL (https)
- SiteMinder SSO Integration
- Implementation on Army network
- Foreign Disclosure, Copyright / Distribution
- Operational Security
- Network Access

Intuitive design is difficult...

... because it's a deal breaker for user adoption

- Limited inputs
- Map Centric
- Simplicity = more dev work but better for user
- Simple search
- Slide-outs
- Transparency
- Clean map graphics

Security/Encryption...

STIG Compliance

- Coding standards
- .NET and system configuration
- Server hardening and group policies
- Software Assurance
- Internet Explorer only (yuk)!

Everything must run over SSL (https)

- ArcGIS and Web Adapter SSL
- All API references SSL
- Web services over SSL
- Basemap toolbar thumbnails... yep SSL



- ESRI widgets cause mixed content error in IE
 - Custom controls to avoid http requests content from ArcGIS online.
- ESRI JS API, jQuery all hosted in-house to avoid cross-site scripting issues.
- ArcGIS Server configuration lessons learned for STIG and CoN

What's Next?

- Integration with other TSAE Web Sites
 - Army Range Mapper (ARM)
 - TSAE Catalog
- ArcGIS Online Portal
- Multiple JMTC deployments
- Mobile version CAC Enabled mobile devices
- TAP IN features finding their way to ARM
 - Clustering
 - Search
 - **Responsive design**

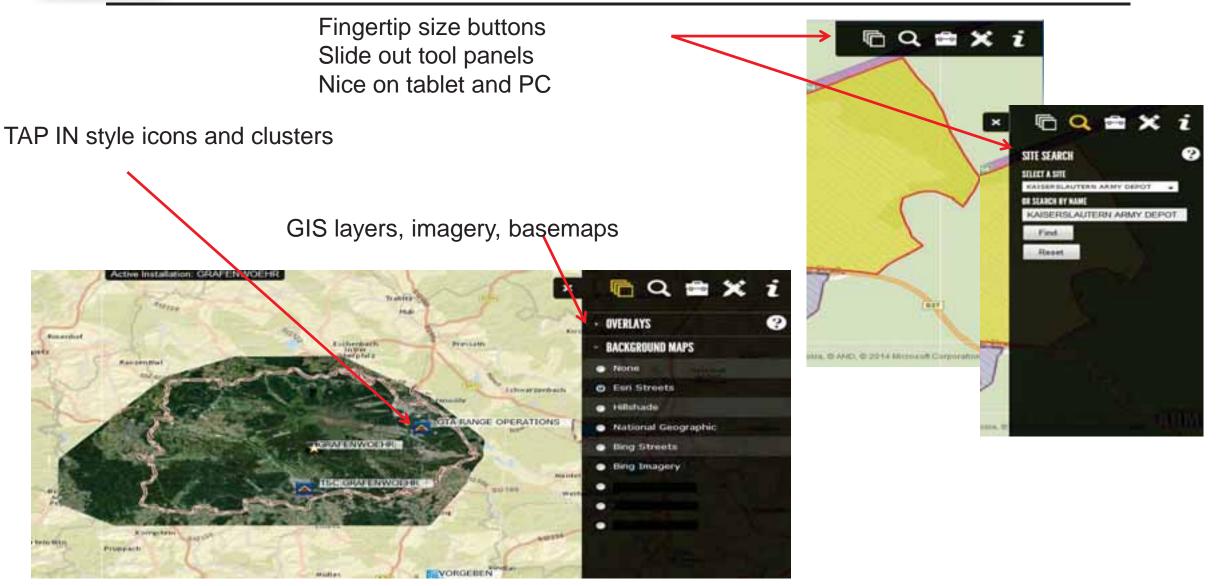
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User Feedback

Beta testing

Dedicated 1 – 2 hour classroom sessions Facilities, participants coordinated through local Training Support Centers 10 – 15 soldiers, leaders (event planning, execution)

Sessions

Initial orientation – intent of system, access Questionnaires – walkthroughs, "Treasure hunts" (map, calendar, product content), closed & open ended questions Post-session Q&A

Lessons learned

Bugs, data gaps & updates Simplify workflow, map clutter In-system guidance – tooltips, help Avoid acronym overload Energy industry is competitive and data heavy.

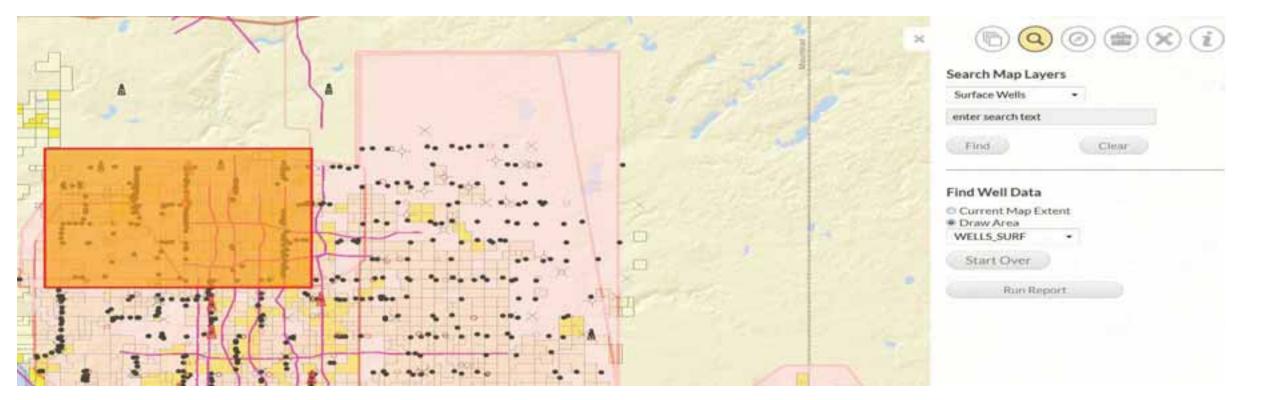
Exploration and Pipeline sectors mine multiple data sources.

GIS is a growing part of the enterprise.

But... GIS data and traditional data are not connected!

GIS & Data Integration in Energy

Use the map to select locations...



GIS & Data Integration in Energy

... get data from six disparate systems.

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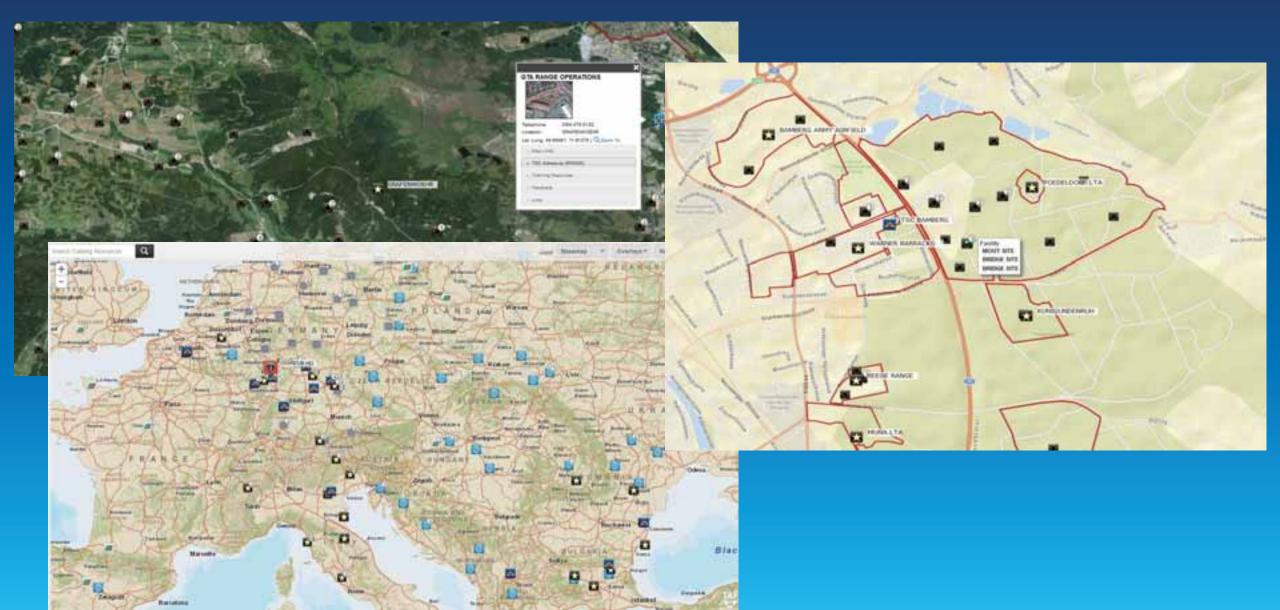
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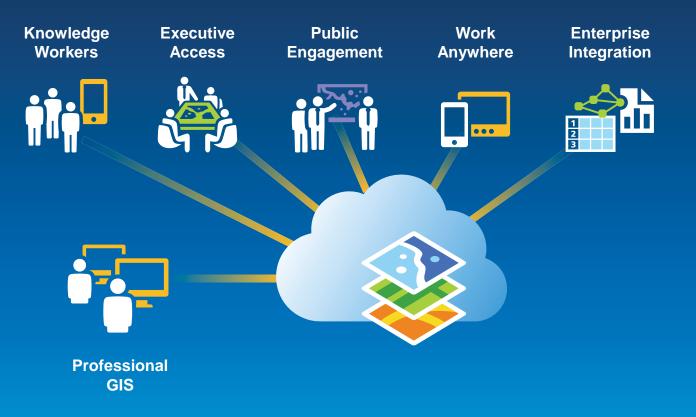
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Implementing Location Across The Enterprise

Requires More Than Technology

- Vision and Leadership
- Understanding How Location Contributes
- Planning and Governance
- Apps That Are Engaging
- Good People



- Ensure that location is included in your data set
- Create dashboards using Web or Desktop
- Register for 30 day free trial for Esri data
 - ArcGIS Online (arcgis.com)
 - Esri Maps for Office
- Tierra Plan Contact:
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