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## Leveraging the ArcGIS Platform to Support your Mission

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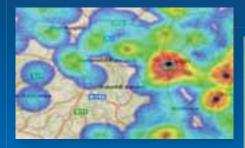
# **Location Analytics**

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

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#### **ArcGIS Is a Platform**

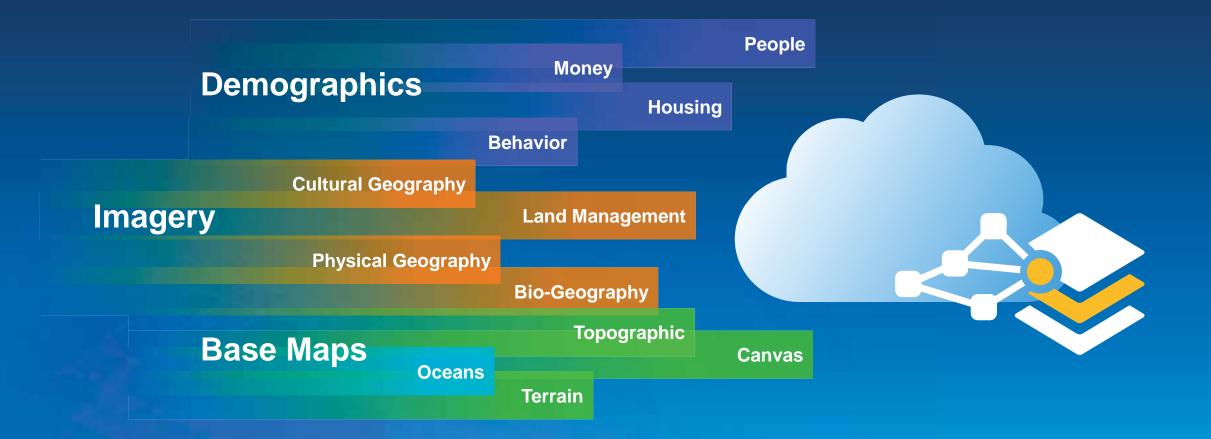
Enabling Web GIS Everywhere

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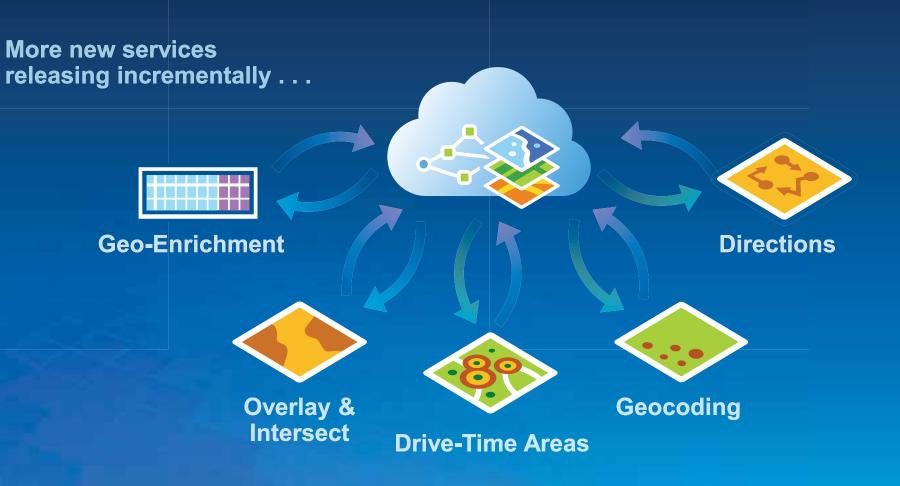
Available in the Cloud . . . . . . and On-Premises

#### Web GIS Includes Online Content Services



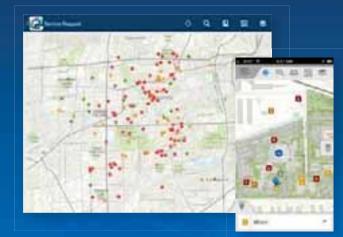
... Global maps available to all ArcGIS users

#### 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

Demo

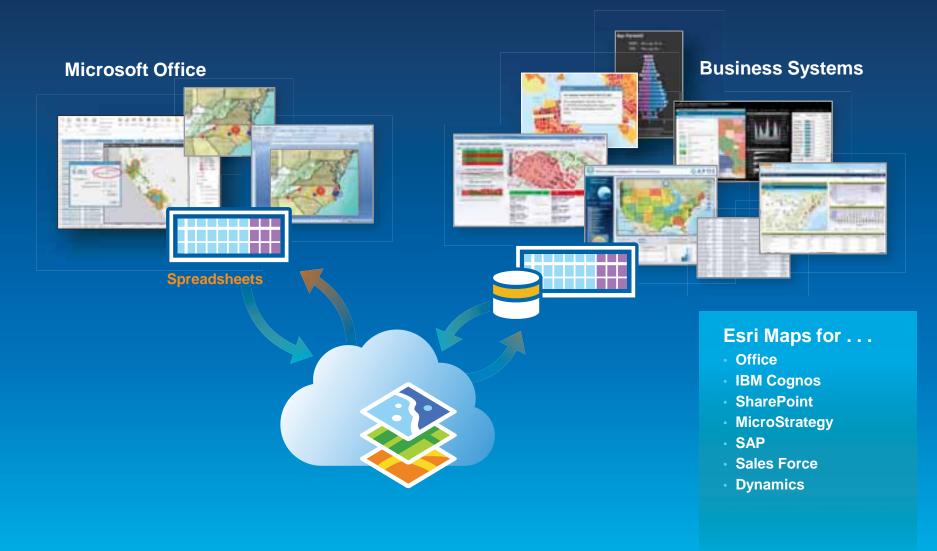
# Leveraging the Platform

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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

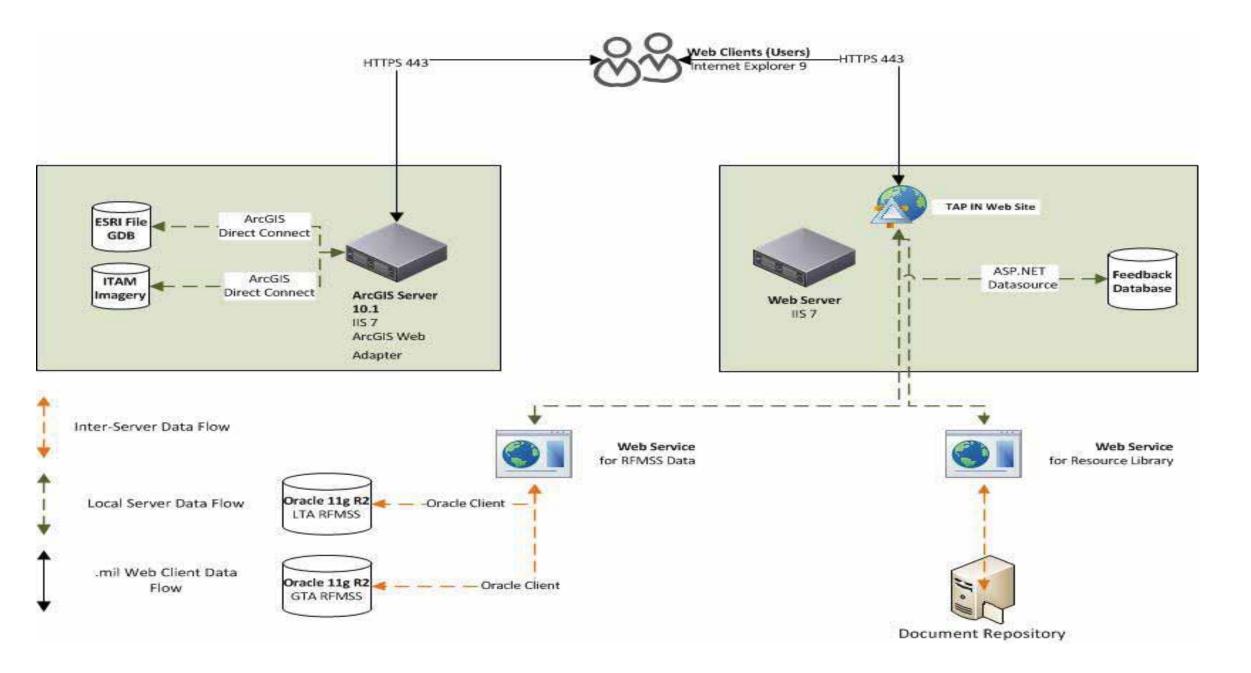
- Service Oriented Approach
  - ArcGIS Server for map data and imagery services
  - JSON and SOAP Web services for Oracle data and document repository
- User Interface
  - ESRI JavaScript API
    - Most scalable API, gives us fine grained control over map content.
    - Plugins are restrictive in Army 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

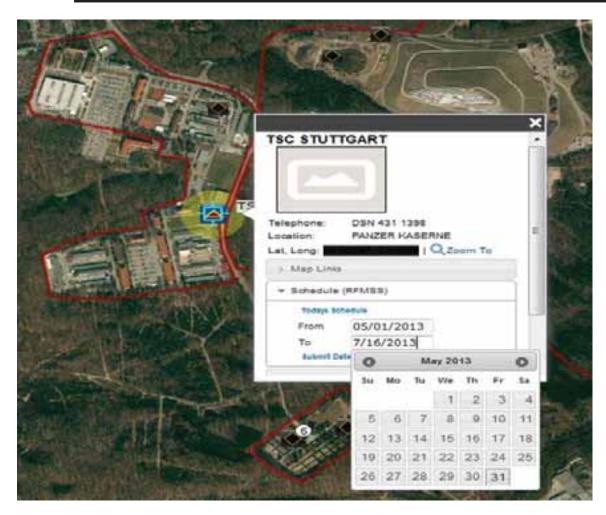
## **Data Integration**

- 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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#### **Oracle Scheduling Reports (RFMSS)**



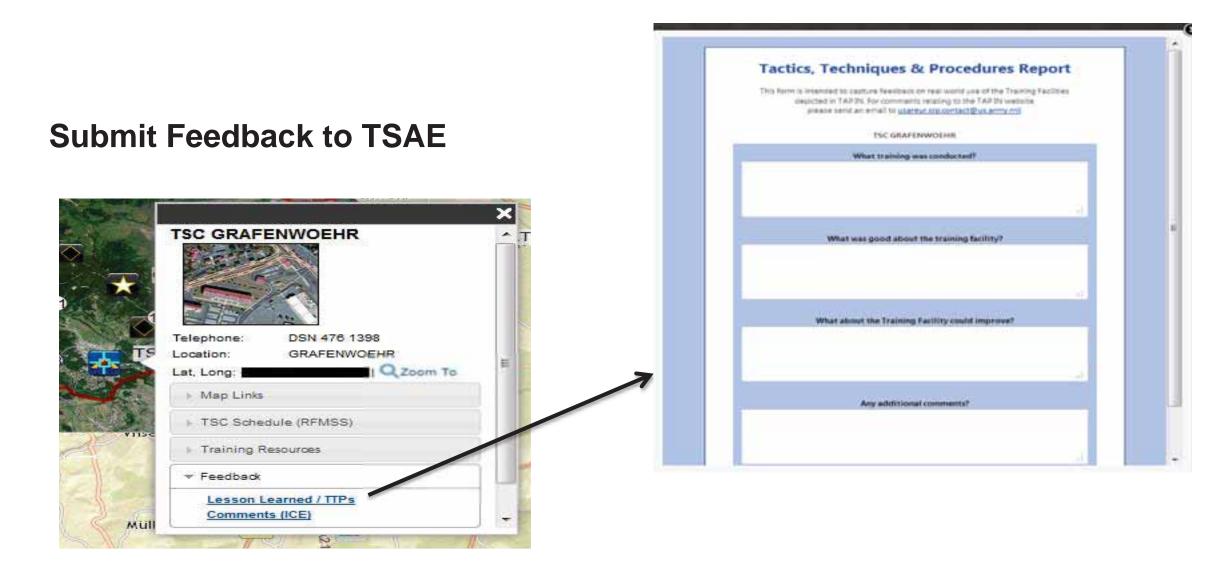
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Information Windows with search tool and dynamic content

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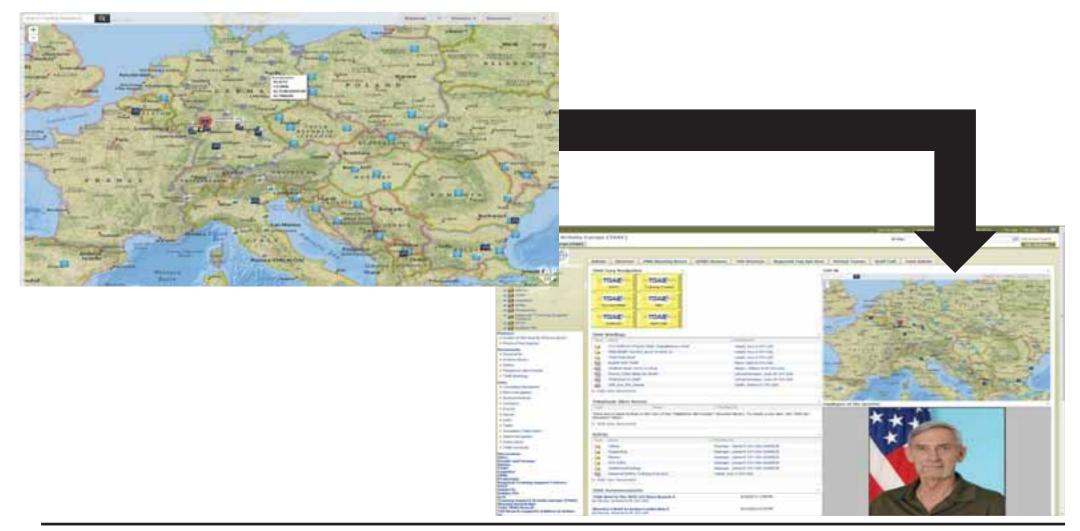
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#### **User Feedback**



#### **TAP In & SharePoint**

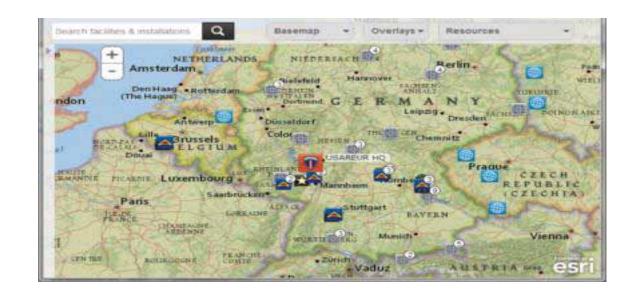
TAP IN is designed to be easily embedded in a unit's own SharePoint site



## Design

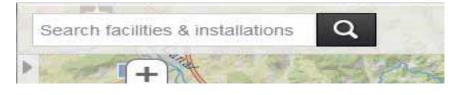
#### **Clean design**

- 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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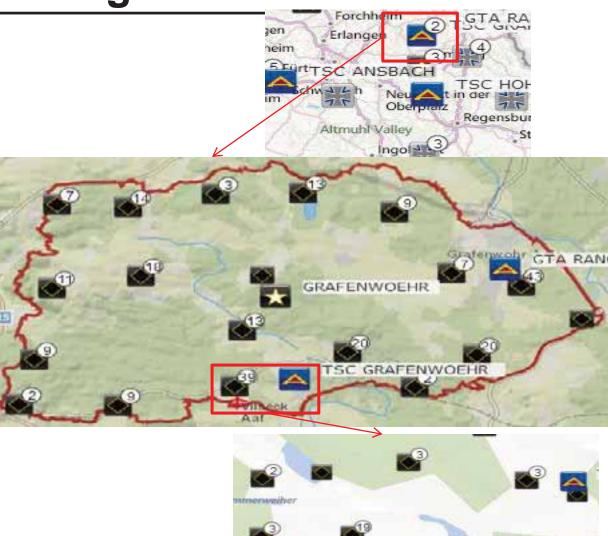
## **Point Clustering**

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**

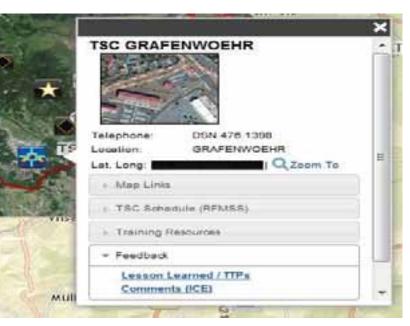
- Challenge to put labels on cluster (graphics) layers
- No native support
- Created extra graphics layer
  - Copy of graphics geometry
  - Added white backing
  - Added text
  - Scale dependency
  - Labels are clickable

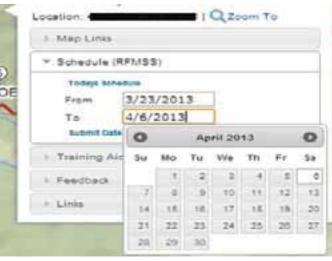




## **Extending the Pop Up**

- 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**

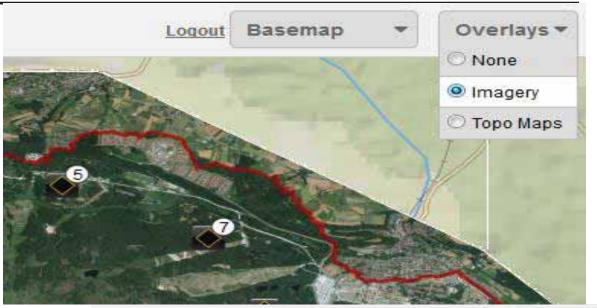
- Mouse over shows a small "maptip" (not the same as popup window)
- Used custom element for tooltips (maptips)
- Roll over a cluster and see names of all facilities in cluster
- Used onmouseover event
  - Set content
  - Set position
    - Avoid edges



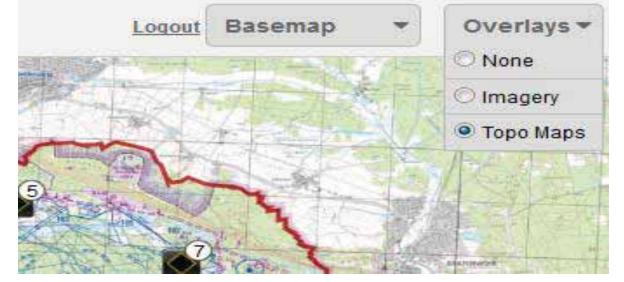


## **Image Services**

- 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**

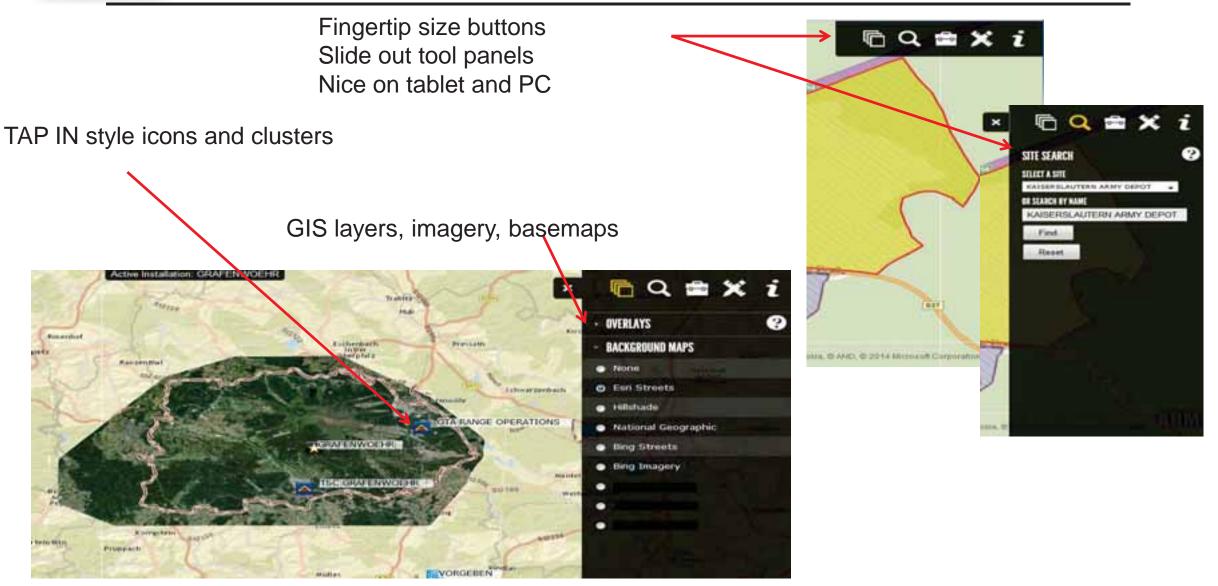
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# **Army Range Mapper**

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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.

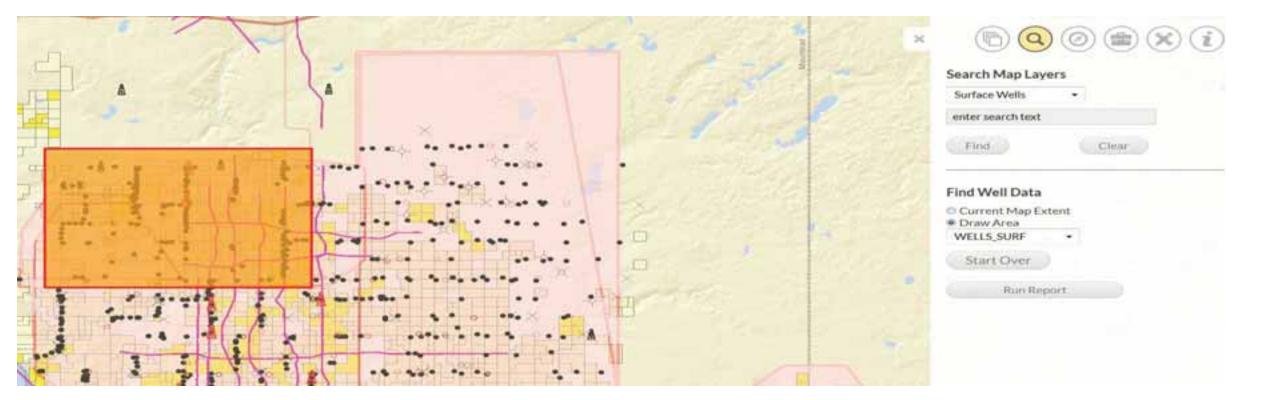
**Exploration and Pipeline sectors mine multiple data sources.** 

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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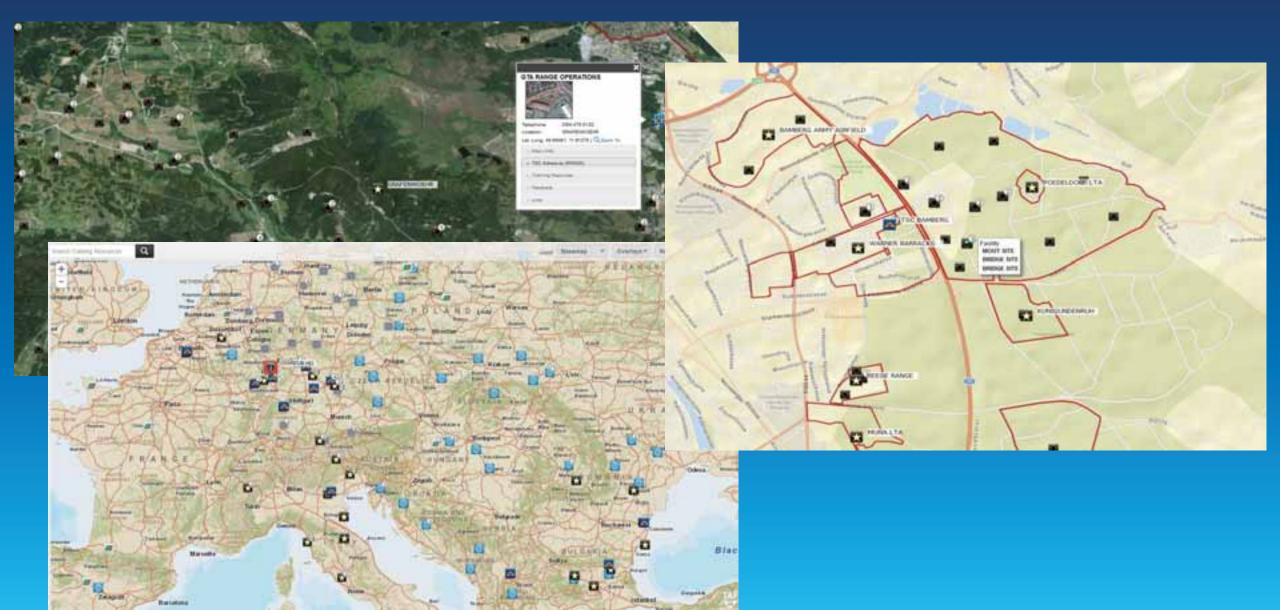
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#### Implementing Location Across The Enterprise

**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
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