Reorganizing Around Web Services

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Mission:

 "Encouraging and facilitating the effective use of geospatial information and technology for Utah"

Activities:

- State Geographic Information Database (SGID)
- Geospatial Infrastructure for:
 - Data and Imagery Acquisition, Sharing, Distribution
 - Internet—enabled web and mapping services
 - Map-based web applications
 - GPS base station network
- Coordination of local government, state & federal agencies geospatial activities and resources for optimal ROI
- Hybrid Business Model
 - Cost Recovery & Appropriation



Web & Map Services

- Definition:
 - Web Service: "a software system designed to support interoperable machine-to-machine interaction over a network." (WC3)
 - Usually: Client Server (Request Response)
 - Good terms to know:
 - WSDL protocol describing how to use WS
 - UDDI Registry/Catalog of WS
 - Formats: SOAP, JSON, WMS, REST, etc
- WS/MS Intended Audience App developers
 - Web services run in the background of applications
 - Thin (browser) and Thick clients (ArcMap,etc)
 - GIS and Non-Spatial Audience
 - .NET, java, php, python, ruby, etc

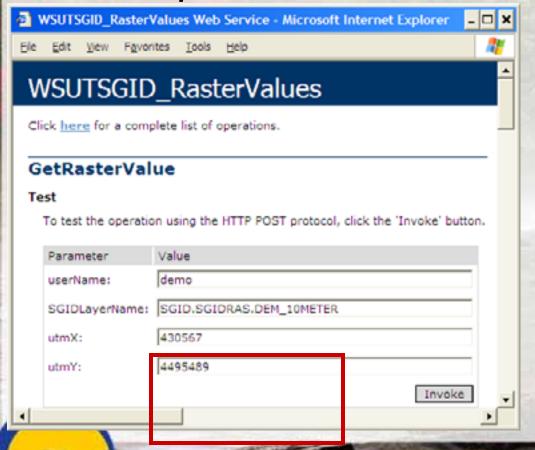




Example: Elevation lookup

Request: SGID Dataset Name, x, y

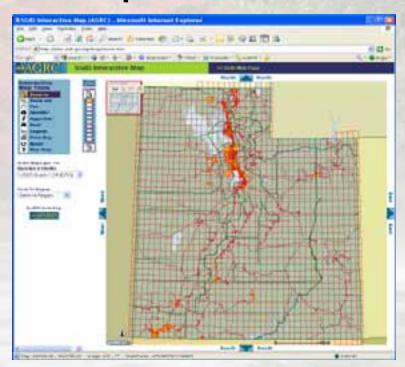
Response: Elevation



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Utah Map and Web Services:

From Exploration: ArcIMS 2000- 2007 (~15 services, ArcAXL)



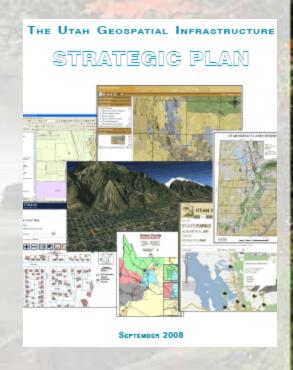


• To Business Solutions: ArcGIS Server, 2008 →



Utah Geospatial Infrastructure

- 2008 Strategic Plan Addresses Geospatial Services
 - Goal 4.2: "Services Are Effective, Accessible and Reliable".
 - Objectives:
 - Create a common infrastructure for delivering geospatial services
 - Create exemplary services
 - Develop services for data integration.
 - Adopt management and control processes





Utah SGID Data Reorganization

State Geographic Information Database

- SDE: 450+ Vector Layers

ImageServer: 20+ Raster Layers



 Services Focus and Geospatial Archiving Needs Drive Reorganization

ISO Topic Categories

Easy of update/maintenance

- Attributes for map & web services
 - Ease of use
 - Cartography
- Performance



- Bioscience Enviro
- Boundaries Geoscience
- Cadastre
 Health
- Economy
 History
 - Elevation Indice
 - Energy Location

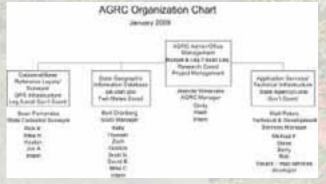
- Planning
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Utilities
- Water



AGRC Office Reorganization

- Organizational
 - Preexisting Model
 - Horizontal
 - Project Focus
 - 1 Supervisor
 - New Model
 - Operational Groups, 4 Section Managers
 - Administration
 - SGID Data
 - Cadastral
 - Tech/App Development (Web/Map Services)
- Physical
 - Designed for collaboration:
 - by group
 - shared spaces
 - low walls







Core Web Services:

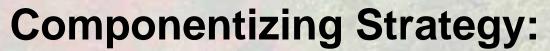
- Address Location
 - Address/Zip
 - Address/Placename
 - Milepost/Route
- Features At/Near Point
- Get Feature Attributes
- Elevation Lookup
- Keyword lists
 - Cities, placenames, GNIS
- Base Map Services

About:

- mapserv.utah.gov
- SOAP, JSON, Map services info
- User accounts
 - Track usage
 - Communicate with users

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- 1st Gen: Design web service to specific use
 - District Lookup
 - Address → legislators, tax districts, etc.
 - Easy for application developers





Response:

Request: GeocodeAddress Test To test the operation using the HTTP POST protocol, click the 'Invoke' button. Parameter Value userName: demo streetAddress: 2473 S Nantucket Dr zipCodeOrCity: Cottonwood Heights Invoke

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- 2nd Gen: Design services as building blocks
 - District Lookup
 - Address Locator + Feature At Point
 - Application develops have to chain services
 - First find address location
 - Then find districts at address location
 - Faster, easier to maintain, more flexible



Web Service Advantages

- Get more from investment, reach wider audience
- Application Developers don't need to maintain own geospatial infrastructure, licenses, & data
- Contract with end user defined by request and response definitions
 - Frontend Input/Output parameters must stay the same
 - Backend methodology & data can be changed without breaking contract
- Custom handling of tasks
- Example: Address Locator



Ex. Address Locator Web Service

- Seamless updates: no files, data, parameters, software to be managed by application developers
- Customized Location Methods:
 - Backend is all zipcode-based geocoding
 - But place name input is also allowed
 - Place name to zipcode alias table
 - Three levels of street name aliasing

- Milepost/Route handled by same service

- Next? NENA DB direct GC



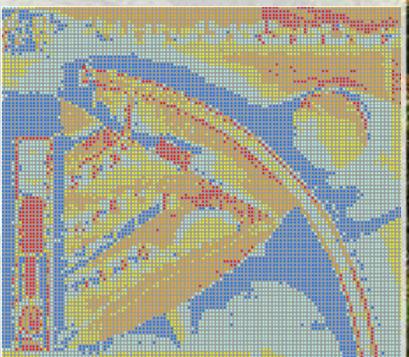
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JTSGID GeoLocator

Ex. Solar Energy Web Service

- Input: Polygon (list of coordinate pairs)
 Returns Monthly Averages
 - Solar Energy (watts)
 - Sunlit Hours
- 400 million points each w/ 24 preprocessed attributes derived from LIDAR data w/ ESRI solar tools & custom scripts
 - 1 meter resolution, extent =Salt Lake City
 - Custom python, VBA scripts:
 - Tiled solar tools processing
 - Aggregating tiles & layers





Solar Results

SolarValues

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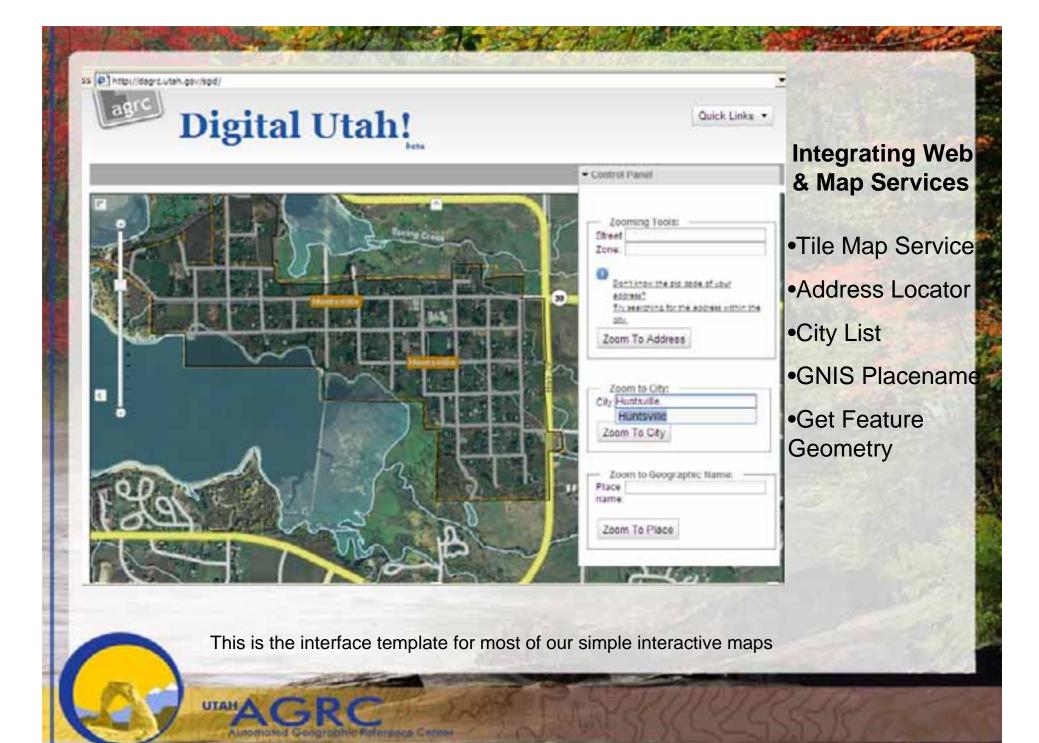
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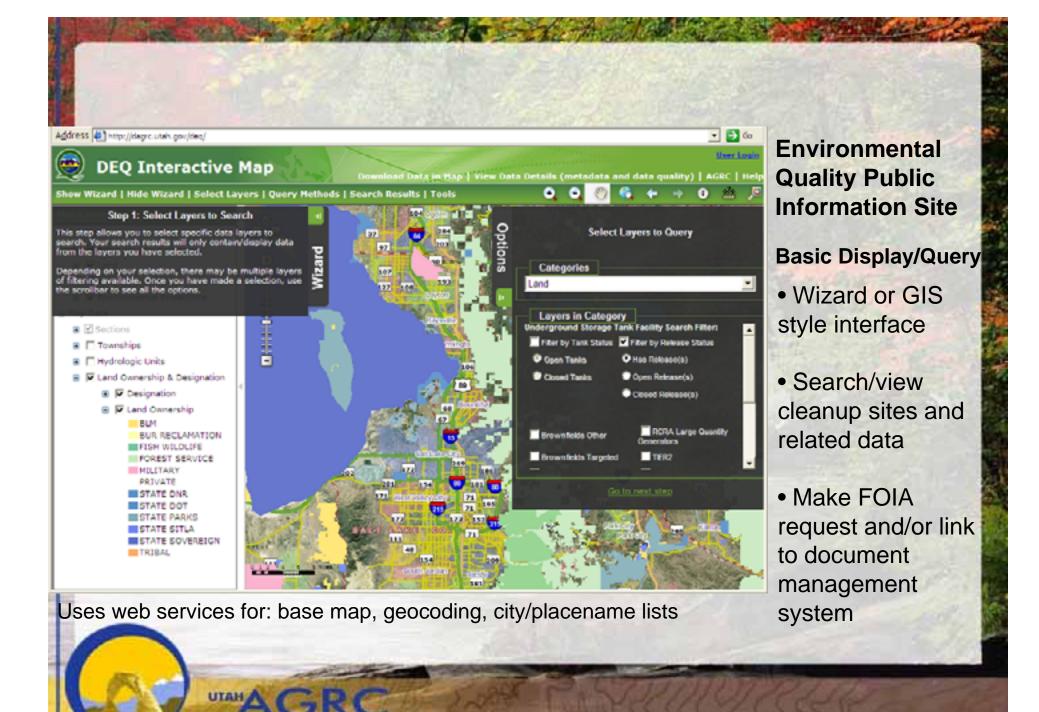


Core Statewide Map Services:

- Publish once, integrate into applications
 - WMS base map services
 - Imagery (via Image Server)
 - Imagery/Streets Hybrid (tile cache)
 - ImageServer
 - Aerial Photography, CIR, (vintages available)
 - Scanned Maps
 - USGS topo series
 - Geology base maps
 - Hillshades







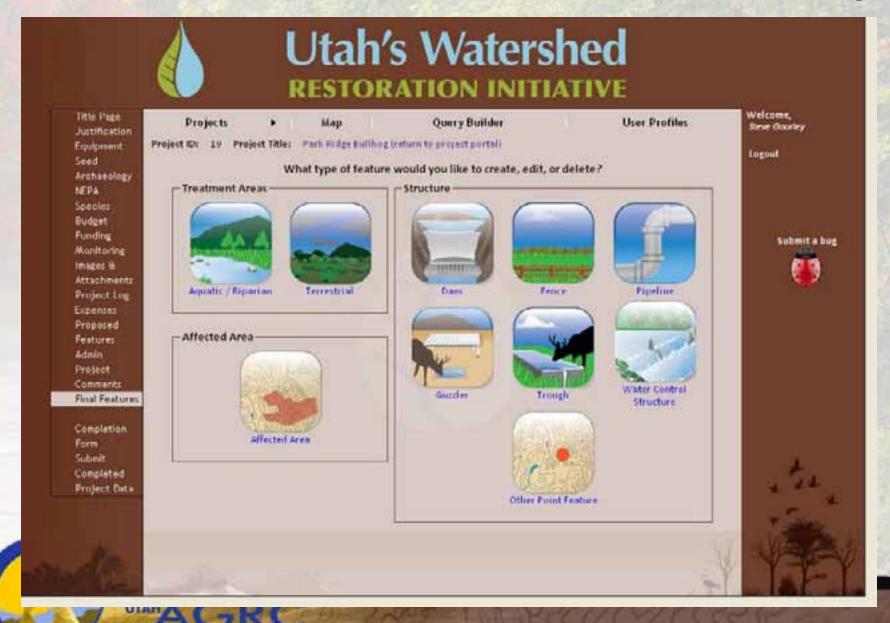


Utah's Watershed

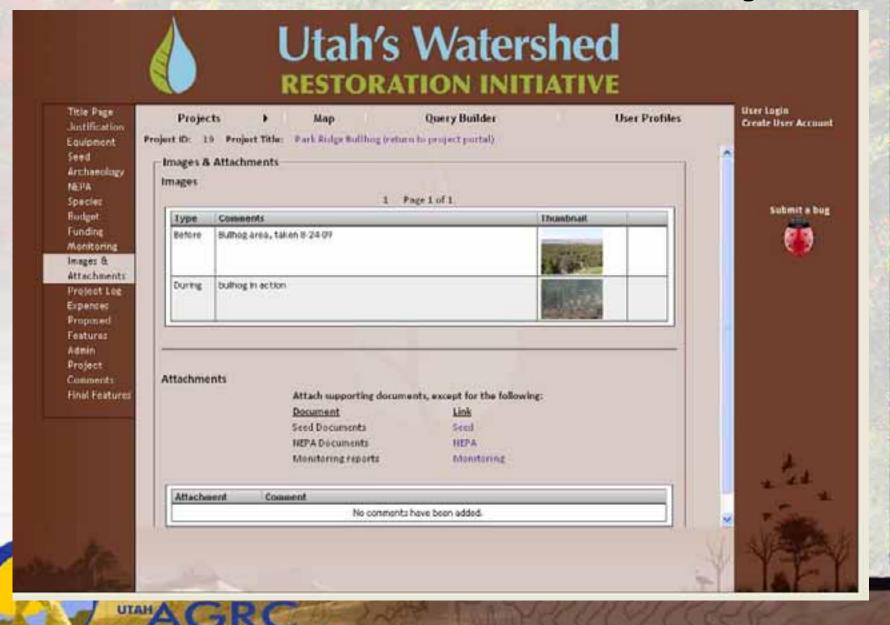


DNR Watershed Restoration Initiative: Web-Based Feature Editing

Automated Geographic Paferseca Center

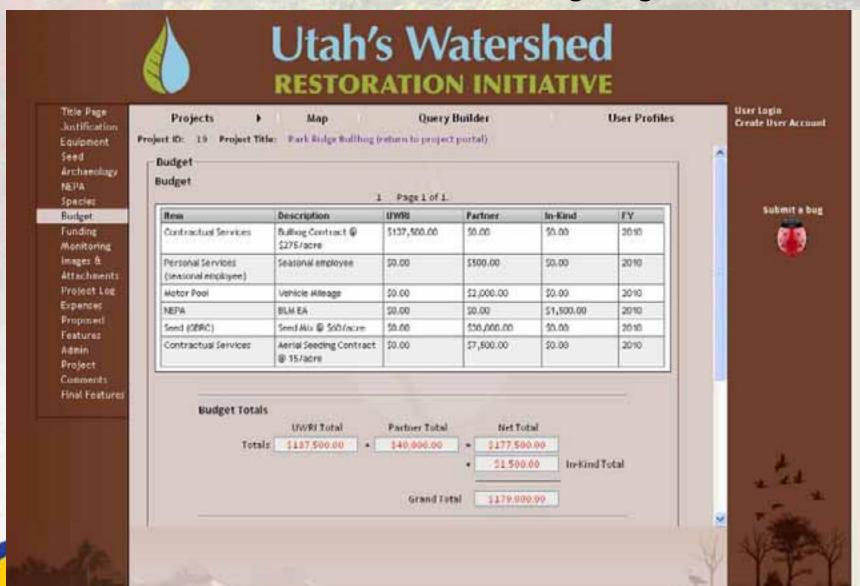


DNR Watershed Restoration Initiative: Document Management



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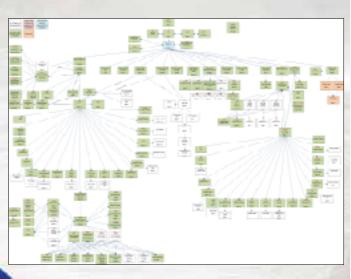
DNR Watershed Restoration Initiative: Budget Mgmt Interface



New technical requirements:

 Enterprise apps require skill sets, specializations database design, use cases, flow diagramming

 CS/IT skill set can quickly become more important than geospatial





What's next:

- Refine management processes for web/map services
- More core web & map services
- Outreach to developers
- App Dev Projects
 - Agriculture salinity
 - Oil & Gas
 - Biotics T & E species
 - Regional 3 fish DB
 - Health info integration (IBIS, flu)



Summary: SSDI Geospatial Web Services

- Extend benefits of geospatial investment
- Takes commitment, forethought, resources
- Important focus areas
 - Geography → CS, IT
 - Industry standards
 - Performance orientation, focus can't be on the size of the data pile
 - Reaching non-GIS audiences with GIS data and maps





Where have we been?

We have all been building databases

Geospatial Database are primarily used by Geospatial folks

You must have certain software/hardware to interact with the data

We needed to develop core services/components so we could build once and use many times

Rely on existing data already developed and stored in a database

AGRC needed to look at its personnel structure and decide what the focus should be

Refer to strategic plan.....does this fit



The Problem

You need to have good data, bad data really shows up bad!

The value of a data set is a direct porportion to the amount of use it gets

Deq screen shots

WRI Screen Shots (3 Slides)

Or 5 or six slides with functionality

