TxDOT's
Statewide Planning Map

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Introductions

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Map Purpose

• To quickly display a representation of traditional paper based mapping products in a browser
  ▪ Departmental Map
  ▪ Railroad Map
  ▪ Control Section Maps
  ▪ County Mapbook
• Provide a common point of reference between TxDOT districts, divisions and the public
Core Concepts

- DHTML, CSS (events and presentation)
- JavaScript (processing)
- AJAX (interaction)
- XML, KML (data storage)

- Client based
- Custom JavaScript library
- No map server or database
Content

• The map content is organized into the following sections
  ▪ Maps
  ▪ Overlays
  ▪ Tools
Maps

- Maps are created in ArcGIS (view license)
- Tiles are created for each zoom level at the following scales:
  - 1:5,350,750
  - 1:1,783,583
  - 1:594,528
  - 1:198,176
  - 1:66,059
  - 1:22,020
Map Tiles

- Tile size is 1056 x 1056 pixels
- Map tiles are .png’s
- Imagery tiles are .jpg’s
- Overlay tiles are .gif’s
- Naming convention for all tiles is x0y0z0
Tile Cache

- Total map tiles per map theme is 66,430
  - $z_0 = 1$ image
  - $z_1 = 9$ images
  - $z_2 = 81$ images
  - $z_3 = 729$ images
  - $z_4 = 6,561$ images
  - $z_5 = 59,049$ images
Tools

• The following tools were developed for the planning map
  ▪ Draw
  ▪ Identify
  ▪ LRS Data
  ▪ Measure
  ▪ Search
  ▪ View and Send
Draw

- The HTML5 Canvas tag is used to draw vector graphics on top of the map tiles
- Points, Lines, Polygon and Text items are supported
- Excanvas.js developed by Google is used for IE support (Text items are not supported in IE)
Identify

- Selected features in the map were indexed to the tile cache grid
- Click events are translated from Lat, Long to grid number \((x0y0z0)\)
- Features that intersect the grid number are stored in the index and returned as identify results
LRS Data

- This tool provides simple route events to user selected portions of roadways
- The begin and end points are selected and snapped to linework vertices
- Linework and attributes are clipped to the selected section
- Resulting attributes are drawn with a color theme and legend on the map
Measure

- The measure tool returns the great circle distance between selected points.
- Results are drawn as a vector line between clicked points.
- The following units are supported:
  - Meters
  - Kilometers
  - Feet
  - Miles
Search

- Search provides an interactive suggest style tool to locate features

- As the user types suggestions are pulled from the index and displayed in a list box

- When a result is selected the map theme is changed to the stored map, zoom level and coordinate for that feature
View and Send

- This set of links allows the user to jump out of the application and view a similar extent in mapping services like Google or Bing.
- It also allows the creation of geographic links that are sent via e-mail.
- A geographic link is a URL with variables that gets passed to the application and parsed.
- The variables are used to change the map, zoom level and extent.
Demonstration and Links

- Statewide Planning Map
- Past presentations
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