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Leica Solutions for Census Management

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Agenda

- Leica's Commitment
- Overview of GIS and IT Issues
- Where Leica ADE Technology and Solutions Fit In
- Example US Census Bureau

Summary



Commitment to Standards

ISO

- Editor / Project Leader of ISO-19000 specifications (TC211) (19128, 19139, 19134, ...)
- Head of Belgium delegation at ISO TC211 (Vincent Dessard, Ionic Software)
- Liaison officer between ISO TC211 and United Nations (UNGIWG) (Vincent Dessard, Ionic Software)



Commitment to Standards

Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC)

- Technical Member since 1999, Principal Member since 2007
- Co-author of multiple OGC specifications (WMS, WFS, WCS, Catalog, Context, GML, ...)
- Seat at OGC Management & Planning Committee since 2002 (Vincent Dessard, Ionic Software)
- Co-Chair of the OGC Forum (ex-SIG) since 2003 (Vincent Dessard, Ionic Software)
- Member of the OGC Board Of Directors since 2005 (Chris Tucker, Ionic Enterprise)
- Member of the OGC Board Of Architecture since 2006 (Bernard Snyers, Ionic Software)



Leica's Response to the Enterprise Market



Market Positioning



Defense

- Geospatial Intelligence
- Security / Surveillance
- Homeland Security



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Space

- Ground Segment Application
- Earth Observation
- Imagery Libraries



DIGITALGLOBE

Government

- Spatial Data Infrastructures
- E-Gov & Geo-Portals
- Disaster management
- Public Safety



Enterprise

- Geo-enabled Systems
- Location Based Services
- New Mobility
- Geo Business Component



Mercedes-Benz





Leica ADE Enterprise Suite







Leica ADE Enterprise IT Architecture



Leica ADE Architecture



- when it has to be **right**

Geosystems

Legacy Architecture vs. Leica ADE Enterprise Architecture



Database (including Spatial) used as a commoditized file system

Database design and data analysis beholden to GIS

No easy (or inexpensive) way to create custom applications or usage workflows

Must upkeep licenses for many servers etc.



Legacy Architecture vs. Leica ADE Enterprise Architecture



Same database, same database design, same queries

Flexible and scalable architecture

Inexpensive and easy to develop custom applications and workflows (XML, Java, JSP, WMS APIs)

Part of the IT architecture

- Inherently integrated into CRM, ERP and other IT-centric solutions
- Can integrate common geospatial data types such as shape files



Leica ADE Technologies



Leica ADE Enterprise



Develop Once – Deploy Everywhere

- Single code base for all platforms
- Common API
- Manages Oracle Spatial and attribute data in real time via the web
- Utilizes the entire Oracle enterprise architecture
 - Not legacy
 - Not proprietary
- Deploy to ANY J2EE application server on ANY OS platform:
 - Microsoft, Unix, Linux...



Leica ADE Remote



- Rich, secure, flexible spatial and asset management for desktops, laptops and tablet PCs
 - ANY OS Platform!
- Supports enterprise business rules (including topology) *in real-time and disconnected* modes
- Ensures clean data (no data cleansing/reconciliation processes required)
- Data changes made in the field are valid (no post processing of data is required)
- Dramatically reduces data maintenance costs – one update process, lower labor costs, lower application costs (web versus desktop)



Leica ADE Mobile





- Real-time and disconnected access to spatial and non-spatial information via handheld, global positioning systems (GPS) and wireless devices.
- Supports enterprise business rules (including topological) in real-time and disconnected modes
- Ensures clean data (no data cleansing required)
- Data changes made in the field will be topologically valid (no post processing of data is required)
- Enables business, spatial data and mobile application to be written to an SD card – simply inserting the SD card into the device and launching the application - a user is not restricted by the limitations of the hardware device



Solution Case Studies



United States Census Bureau

Enterprise IT and Topology Management Solution



Location-enabling the Enterprise with Oracle Spatial and Leica ADE Enterprise - US Census Bureau

Problem:

- USCB utilizing legacy architecture and solution -MAF/TIGER
- Was state-of-the art when created, but is over 20 years old
- NO web-based capability
- NOT a multi-user environment
- VERY hard to maintain and extend





Location-enabling the Enterprise with Oracle Spatial and Leica ADE Enterprise - US Census Bureau

Solution:

- Oracle Spatial and ADE Enterprise enable seamless management of data and core business rules
- Oracle Spatial topology model
- Scalable across the enterprise
- Centrally business rules and validations
- MAF and TIGER data seamlessly integrated into a National data set







An Intranet-Based Data Editor for Oracle Spatial 10g Topology, Built Around Leica ADE Technology

GATRES U.S. Census Bureau



What is GATRES?

- GATRES Geographic Acquis-based Topological Real-time Editing System
- A web-based data editor for the MAF/TIGER database (Oracle 10g and 10g Spatial Topology)
- Highly customized Leica ADE Enterprise
- Part of a heterogeneous processing environment that includes the Oracle, ESRI, other COTS software and in-house developed software
- Part of the MAF/TIGER Enhancements Program and MAF/TIGER Redesign project





Requirement : Census is incorporated into the Constitution of the United States*

Used for:

- Congressional apportionment
- Electoral college voting
- Government program funding



*Article 1, Section 2: "The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such manner as they shall by law direct."



MAF/TIGER



US Census

To help with its constitutionally mandated role, Census developed the MAF/TIGER system

- Master Address File (MAF)
- Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing (TIGER)





US Census

Master Address File (MAF)

- List of all known living quarters in the US, Puerto Rico, and associated islands
 - Address
 - If no address, maintains description of location
- Census Geographic Location
- Source and history information
- Currently has no geospatial component





US Census

Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing (TIGER)

- Street center-line geographic database system of the entire US, Puerto Rico, and associated island areas
- Based on street features and names

TIGER system also includes many other feature classes with attribute information stored in a topologically consistent format

Hydrographic information (lakes and streams)





US Census: Other TIGER features

- Geopolitical boundaries, names, and codes (states, counties, census tracts, census blocks, etc)
- Housing unit locations (for certain areas)
- Key geographic locations (airports, schools, etc.)
- ZIP Codes and address ranges (for streets with city-style addresses)

Over forty different feature classes

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MAF/TIGER – Mission Critical

- MAF/TIGER provides storage, processing, products and services that support agency's statistical programs
 - Geocoding
 - Maps
 - Residential Address Lists
- Continually updated with new address and geographic information
- Wide public use of geographic information





MAF/TIGER Redesign

MAF/TIGER was an innovative state-of-the-art system when developed

- Utilized persistent topology
- Automated production of digital mapping products
- Allowed batch processing for automated updates
- Provided for efficient retrieval
 - Included spatial indexing





MAF/TIGER Redesign

MAF/TIGER is now over 20 years old...

- Does not integrate well with current commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) tools
- Pre-existed Web technology
- Cumbersome to change
- Difficult to learn for new developers
- Not integrated into a single national data set
- No multi-user access (one person per county)
- Not accessible via a standard query language
- MAF and TIGER completely separate





Foundations of GATRES: Oracle Spatial and Leica ADE



MAF/TIGER Redesign

In June 2000 US Census decided it was time to make a fundamental change in the way they manage their business...

Made the following decisions:

- New system had to be based on a highly functional commercial DBMS
 - Security, scalability, performance, replication, administration, etc.
- MAF and TIGER data had to be integrated
- Can recruit developers with appropriate skill set
- Create and use a seamless national data set
- Improved concurrency (read and write)
- Open, interoperable environment
- Web-based tools, editing, and dissemination



First Decision: Use Oracle Spatial as the Foundation

The Oracle Spatial Topology Data Model met the US Census requirements:



- Oracle's model stores the nodes, edges, and faces that features are composed of (persistent topology)
- Oracle's model includes vertical topology, so multiple feature layers can share the same primitives
- Oracle's model includes topology hierarchies
- Oracle's database infrastructure enables merging of the MAF and TIGER data sets into a single enterprise model
- Oracle provides scalability and performance features such as partitioning and the Application Server



Next Decision: Use Leica ADE for Interactive Updates

- The only web-based product to natively update data in the Oracle Spatial Topology Data Model
- Leica ADE Enterprise supports concurrent editing of the same feature
 - Special capabilities when adding/deleting primitives
- Easily Customizable
 - Geography Developers use standard code to support the specific requirements of the Census Bureau Users
- Highly scaleable platform
 - Maximizes Oracle's proven data management capabilities both at database and application server

Ease of Deployment

No software required other than a web browser




Interactive Updates at US Census

An integral part of the requirements at US Census is the Interactive Update Application

After an evaluation of available products the US Census selected Leica ADE Enterprise as the topology editing tool in the MAF/TIGER Redesign

 Leica ADE Enterprise is the only product designed from the ground up for viewing and editing data in Oracle's Topology Data Model





MAF/TIGER INTERACTIVE UPDATE SOFTWARE

U.S. Census Bureau

"...the government knows of only one product: *ADE R2* that meets the Government's functional requirements offered by the following source: *LEICA INCORPORATED, SILICON VALLEY*..."



Additional Benefits of Leica ADE

- Automated topology loading
 - Directly import shape files into topology model processing, all topology rules followed
- Full disconnected topology editing capability
 - All topology capabilities are available in Leica ADE Enterprise, Leica ADE Desktop, and Leica ADE Mobile
- Highly customizable with open APIs
 - All Acquis functionality is highly customizable with open, published APIs
- Develop Once Deploy Anywhere
 - Identical code base for ADE Enterprise, ADE Desktop and ADE Mobile means that functionality customized for any application can run in all



Update System Design (simplified)





Topology Management (simplified)

Topology Management (Manages primitive attributes and tracking)

- Gets update permission
- Checks to ensure update allowed in the context of all census topology business rules
 - Legal values
 - Rules repository
- Checks how change effects features
- Understand relationships to other primitives
- Assigns ID
- Use Oracle's topology update routines



Feature Management (simplified)

Feature Management Spatial and non-spatial features

- Feature standardization
 - Addresses
 - Feature names
- Geocoding/address matching
- Census business rules ensure feature update valid
 - Legal values
 - Business Rules repository
- Update metadata
- Understand/manage relationships to primitives



Session and Metadata Management

Session and Metadata Management

- Manages operational history
 - Adds
 - Deletes
 - Updates
- Manages Global Metadata
 - Data: How collected, when was updated, by whom
- Provides session metadata
 - Business rules for update
 - Don't override GPS collected data with hand digitized data



Database Design

Other interesting facets of the database design:

Includes feature to master address file (MAF) relationship table

Gives a spatial component to the MAF data

There are over 40 tables related to the different geographic entities

One of the reasons vertical topology is so important

Each feature appears 5x to keep some historical information on-line and available

- 2000 census
- 2000 census corrected
- etc.



User Interface and Business Rules



Navigation Module

•Clicking "Outline" retrieves a map of the geographic area





Navigation Module









Main User Interface

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Editing and Core API





Editing and Core API









Attribute Info Dialogs

🖉 U.S. Census Bureau MAF/TIGER Interactive Update System - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Vector /Georaster Display





High Resolution Georaster Display



Leica Geosystems

Offline Demo

Remote Polygon Editing



Future Plans...



Leica ADE Future Projects

- Orthophoto backgrounds through in-house or external imagery web service
- Scanned paper map backgrounds for heads up digitizing and editing
- Workflow integration with "Northbound" (Harris Corp.) TIGER editing process



Summary

Geospatial data is simply data in an enterprise IT infrastructure

Integrate geospatial data into business applications to turn geospatial data into geospatial information

Using Location-enabled enterprise IT architectures and effective tools has a TREMENDOUS effect on IT efficiency and budget

Leica can help

- Enterprise Products and Services
- Based on Oracle's Enterprise Technologies and Application Platform
 - Oracle Spatial Development Partner
 - Oracle Certified Partner
 - Oracle Approved Education Center for Spatial Courses



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