Creating a Distributed **NATional CARBon Sequestration Database** and Geographic Information System (NATCARB)



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Goals

- Distributed National Database of Carbon Sequestration
 - MIDCARB ==> NATCARB
- Federation of Map Servers
 - Distribute the management
 - Distribute the computer resources/activity
 - Distribute the metadata
- Intelligent Portal
 - Interoperability through web mapping services
 - Tools to access and analyze the distributed data
- Partners
 - Increased synergy and communication among regions



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Original MIDCARB Consortium



The MIDCARB (Midcontinent Digital Carbon Atlas and Relational DataBase) Carbon Sequestration Project www.midcarb.org



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MIDCARB Project Goals

- Characterize Major CO₂ Sources
 Quantity, Quality, Location
- Characterize Potential Sequestration Sites
 Geology and Reservoir Characteristics
- Develop Relational/Spatial Databases
 Local and Regional Reporting Levels
- Supply this data to the public
 - For use as tools in cost/feasibility analyses, etc.







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- 125 different layers from five different databases.
- No background database of metadata. The database was the AXL file.
 Hard to incorporate dynamic tools.
 Table of contents, Graphing.
- - Built on lists of codes in intrascript parameters file.
- Requests to multiple bitsite databases for spatial data can be a performance bottleneck!
 - Performance heavily dependant on the off-site network speed for
- SDE/ODBC Connections through a firewall problematic.



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National Database For Carbon Sequestration







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Federation of Web Mapping Services

What are the advantages of a distributed national database?

- De-centralization of metadata and data
- Local control over data layers (maintain, enhance, add)
- Portal is easily customized
- Data requests & structures are driven by XML (IMS-XML)
- Server Resources are split among different computers
- Portal can request data in a multithreaded fashion
- Portal can be interoperable with different databases in different formats
- Interaction among GIS/IT personnel across partnerships
- By incorporating and cooperating now we can answer national scale questions in the future



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Metadata

- Portal serves as a central metadata repository and catalog:
 - Spatial information and data types are driven by local IMS servers
 - Repository allows for detailed information about models/datasets/calculations to be entered by the user and stored in the portal
- Regional partner requirements:
 - Publish data through ArcIMS
 - or Open GIS Consortiums (OGC) Web Mapping Service (WMS) and Web Feature Service (WFS)
 - Metadata publishing is pushed to the partnerships
- Distribute the management of the system to each partnership



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Interoperability Through Web Mapping Services

How does the portal communicate in real-time with the other Regional Partnerships?

- 1. A series of requests are generated based on the client input to the map portal. For example, the client would like to see the following:
 - Potential CO_2 storage in petroleum fields in Kansas,
 - Kansas and Illinois CO₂ sources,
 - Illinois net coal thickness
- 2. The portal simultaneously issues a request to the regional map servers to create an image of the data.
- 3. The portal stores the requested images locally and creates a world file for each image (so that the images can be georeferenced).
- 4. The portal IMS server creates a national map with the stored georeferenced images.



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Intelligent Portal

- Use the metadata catalog to build "Intelligent" requests (XML) to the federation of loosely coupled map services.
- The map table of contents is a dynamic system that runs off the metadata catalog.



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National Sequestration Database

- Tools help answer technical and policy questions.
- Provides tools to access non-spatial data in a spatial way.
 - Emissions analysis for one power plant (identify) or many power plants (select all in a region).
 - Sequestration potential over multiple depths and datasets within a particular region (buffer around a power plant).
- Integrated but Distributed
 - Across Regions
 - Across Data Types



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Partners

- DOE
- DOE-EIA
- EPA (Database on Emissions)
- Department of Agriculture
- USGS
- Partnerships
- Industry
- Universities

National Databases - Partnerships can correct, update, enhance and pass corrections back to the source.



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Conclusions

- Distributed National Database of Carbon Sequestration
 - National databases and local databases
- Federation of IMS Servers
 - Distribute management
 - Distribute computer resources
 - Distribute metadata
- Intelligent Portal
 - IMS Interoperability
 - Tools that can access/analyze/display distributed data
- Partners
 - Increased synergy and communication

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