EnvSci 360 – Computer and Analytical Cartography

> Lecture 9 Web Mapping





Main Types of Web Maps

🗯 Static images

- Pre-made maps exported to web-compliant formats (JPG, PNG, GIF, PDF)
- Interactive/Dynamic applications
 - Similar to desktop platform maps
 - May include real-time data
 - May be customizable with JavaScript, Silverlight, Flash, etc.



http://www.mass.gov/anf/docs/itd/services/massgis/coq2008-09-index.pdf



http://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=153c17de00914039bb28f6f6efe6d322

See http://kartoweb.itc.nl/webcartography/webmaps/classification.htm



Cartography and Web Mapping

- You still have to follow the conventions and techniques used in "traditional" cartography – i.e., proper use of:
 - Colors
 - Good contrast
 - Labels
 - Easy to read
 - Often larger than on printed maps
 - Symbolization
 - Can't be too complex



See http://kartoweb.itc.nl/webcartography/webbook/ch07/ch07.htm http://www.esri.com/news/arcuser/0612/designing-great-web-maps.html

EnvSci 360 - Lecture 9

Cartography and Web Mapping

- You still have to follow the conventions and techniques used in "traditional" cartography – i.e., proper use of:
 - Data classification
 - Layout
 - Where to put legend and other marginalia?
 - Scale
 - Projections
 - Etc. ...



See http://gis.stackexchange.com/questions/3087/what-makes-a-map-be-classed-as-badly-designed http://cartastrophe.wordpress.com/

EnvSci 360 - Lecture 9

Advantages of Web Maps

- # Browser-based
 - Cross platform and multiple OS
 - Easy distribution
 - "let the user do the work"
- Can serve up-to-date, real-time data
 - Election results
 - Weather
 - Traffic
 - Tourism





Advantages of Web Maps

- Interactive, dynamic nature
- Allow for collaboration and mash-ups
 - Combines content from more than one source into an integrated experience.
- Can use open standards (KML, JavaScript, e.g.) and free software (SketchUp, e.g. for 3-D mapping)
- Include hyperlinks
- * Don't need to be printed



Disadvantages of Web Maps

- Limited screen space
- Web access may be interrupted
- ***** Bandwidth may be inadequate
- 💥 Data may be unavailable
- May require advanced programming skills
- Infrastructure and software may be costly
- Privacy concerns
- Hardware and network infrastructure may be insufficient



esri,layers.ArcGISTiledMapServiceLayer ("http://server.arcgisonline.com/ArcGIS/rest/services/ESRI_StreetMap_world_2D/MapServer"); myMap.addLayer(myTiledMapServiceLayer);

dojo.addonLoad(init);
</script>

Example - Web Soil Survey



EnvSci 360 - Lecture 9

Example - City of Stuttgart



EnvSci 360 - Lecture 9

BOSTON

Example – Crime Mapping

EnvSci 360 - Lecture 9

Example – Disease Mapping

Example – Renew Boston Solar

EnvSci 360 - Lecture 9

OSTO

Example – Recovery Act in Oregon

Example – Netherlands Weather

MASS. DSTON

Keys to Good Web Maps

- Simple, intuitive design don't make it look like a GIS
- Properly-sized labels and features
- * Distinguishable colors
- Remember to include supporting elements
- * Caching for speed
- Scale limits
 - Layers
 - Labels

Often, you design a web map to be displayed at specific scales

Images from htttp://maps.google.cor

Guide to Scale and Mapping

- * You can use the ScaleMaster site to see how different features look at different scales
 - http://www.personal.psu.edu/mzs114/ScaleMaster/ScaleMasterv0.html

Scale Limits in ArcMap

- Set maximum and minimum scale thresholds for both layers and labels (i.e., at what scale will these first appear on your map) – carry over in ArcGIS Server published maps
 - May require you to use different versions of a layer and label classes, all based on scale

Behind the Scenes – Dynamic Web Mapping

- 🗯 Data
- Mapping software (ArcGIS Server, GeoServer, etc. ...)
- Application code (provides tools)
- Metwork (Internet or intranet)
- Client (browser, other software)

From http://www.territorial-intelligence.eu/index.php/eng/What%27s-new/Editorials/caENTI-Interactive-Map-%E2%80%93-application-of-the-web-mapping-technology-in-socio-economic-studies

See http://kartoweb.itc.nl/webcartography/webbook/ch06/ch06.htm

ESRI and Web Mapping

*** ArcGIS Online**, according to Esri:

- Cloud-based geospatial content management system for storing and managing maps, data, and other geospatial information. Built on Esri's cloud infrastructure, it gives you access to geographic content shared and registered by Esri and GIS users around the world.
- A website for working with maps and other types of geographic information. (C)reate maps; find and use maps, applications, and tools; edit data; and share maps and applications with others.

http://doc.arcgis.com/en/arcgis-online/reference/what-is-agol.htm http://www.esri.com/software/arcgis/arcgisonline http://www.arcgis.com/features/index.html

***** Organizational accounts – Users, groups Web maps, apps, templates #Map services, feature services, image services *Caching; tiled maps <u>massgis.maps.arcgis.com</u> #umb.maps.arcgis.com

Open Source Web Mapping

Example: MassGIS' OLIVER

- Browser-based viewer
- Written in Java
- Uses GeoServer as map server, with ArcSDE data
- Users can mix and match datasets and export/download shapefiles
- http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/map_ol/oliver.php

liver

Other Resources

<u>https://carto.com/</u>

- 🗯 Importing GIS data into Google Earth
 - http://earth.google.com/outreach/tutorial_importgis.html
- SketchUp
 - http://www.sketchup.com/
- 💥 Web Cartography
 - http://kartoweb.itc.nl/webcartography/webbook/index1.htm
- Open Source Web Mapping Links http://www.maptools.org/