



Geographic Information Systems and Science SECOND EDITION

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Overview

Evolution of GIS software Architecture of GIS software Building GIS software systems Types of software Example products GIS software use



GIS Software

- The geoprocessing engines of GIS
- Major functions
 - Collect, store, mange, query, analyze and present
- Key terms
 - Program collections of instructions to manipulate data
 - Package integrated collection of programs
 - Component self-contained, reusable software building blocks

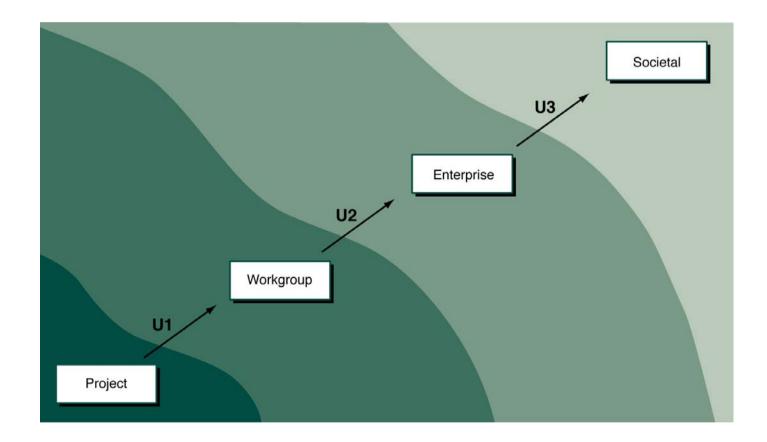


Evolution of GIS Software

- Sub-routine libraries (60s/70s)
 - Libraries of small programs (sub-routines)
 - Required advanced programming skills
- Tool box with CLI (70s/80s)
 - Basic package with Command Line Interface
 - Required advanced technical skills
- Task-oriented system (90s/00s)
 - Graphical User Interface (GUI)
 - Customization capabilities to create specificpurpose applications

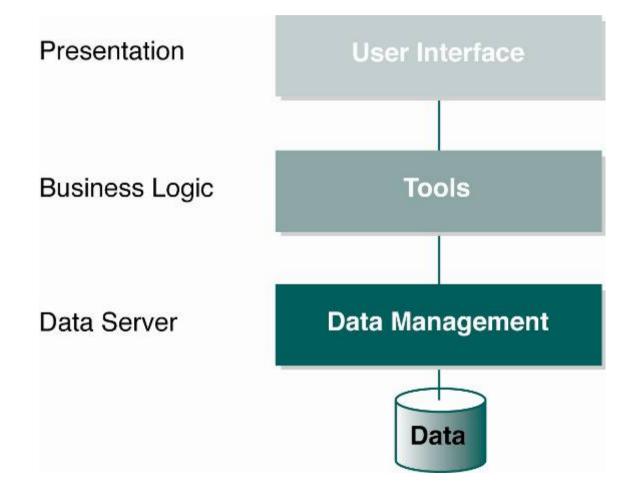


Types of GIS Implementation





Three-tier Architecture





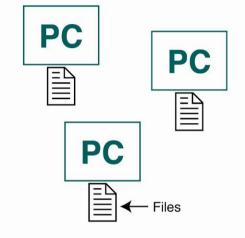
GS Software Architectures

Desktop
Client-server
Centralized
Desktop/Citrix
Server

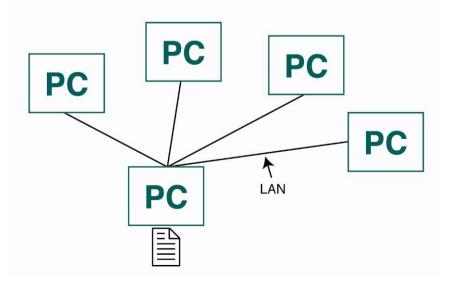


(A) Stand-alone desktop GIS on PCs each with own files

Desktop GIS

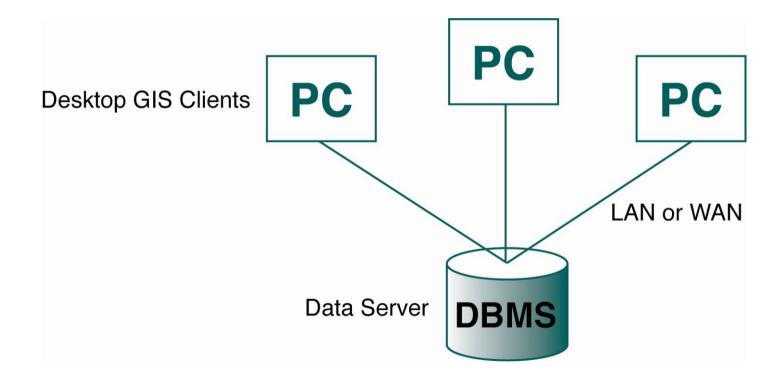


(B) Desktop GIS on PCs sharing files on a PC file server over a LAN



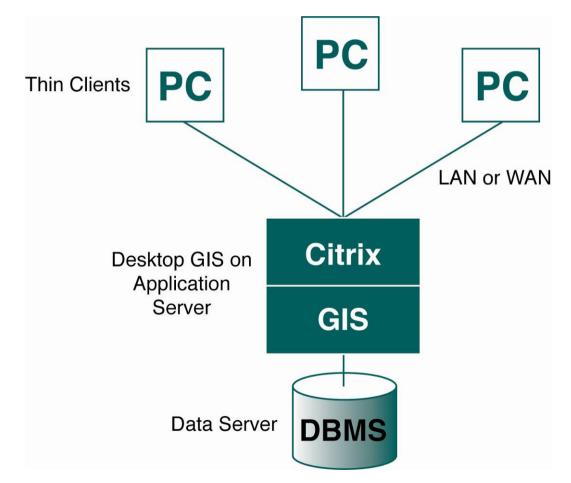


Client-server GIS



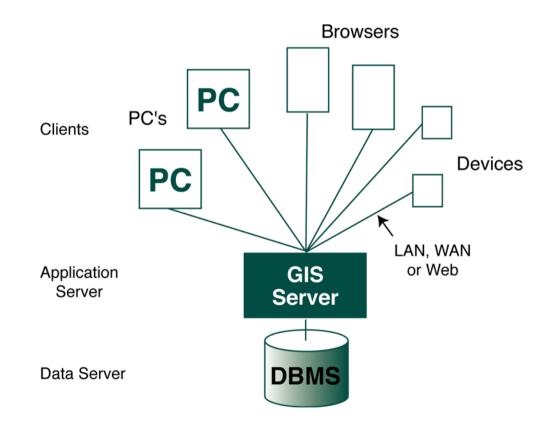


Centralized Desktop GIS

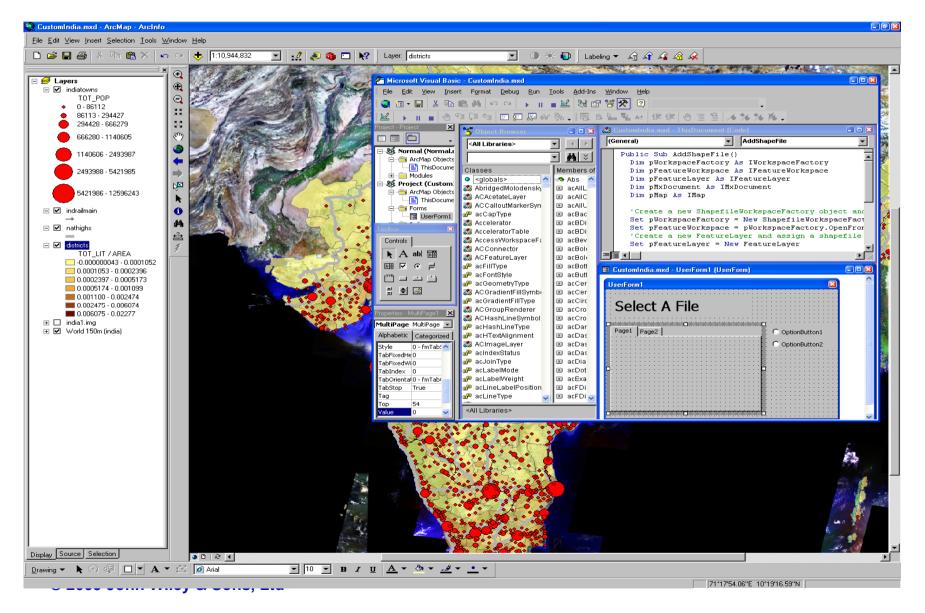




Centralized Server GIS

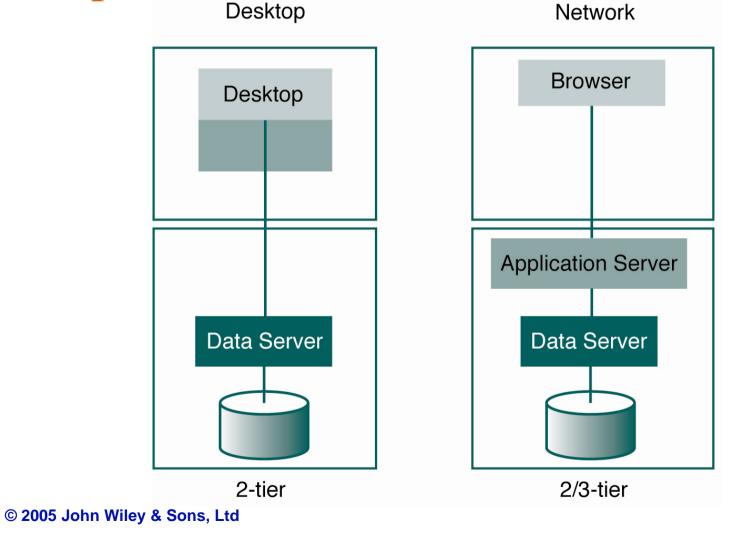








Desktop and Network GIS



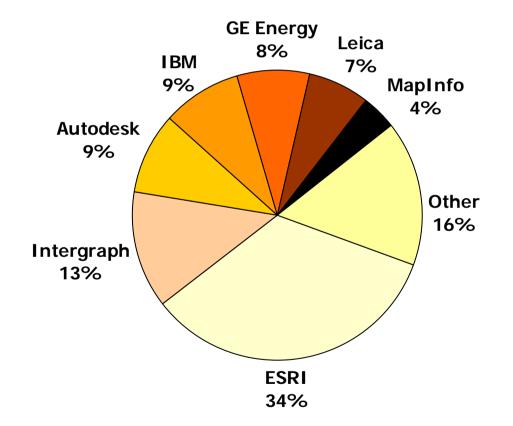


Desktop and Internet GIS

Feature	Desktop	Network
Client Size	Thick	Thin
Client platform	Windows	Browser
Server size	Thin/thick	Thick
Server platform	Windows/Unix/ Linux	Windows/Unix/ Linux
Network	LAN/WAN	Internet



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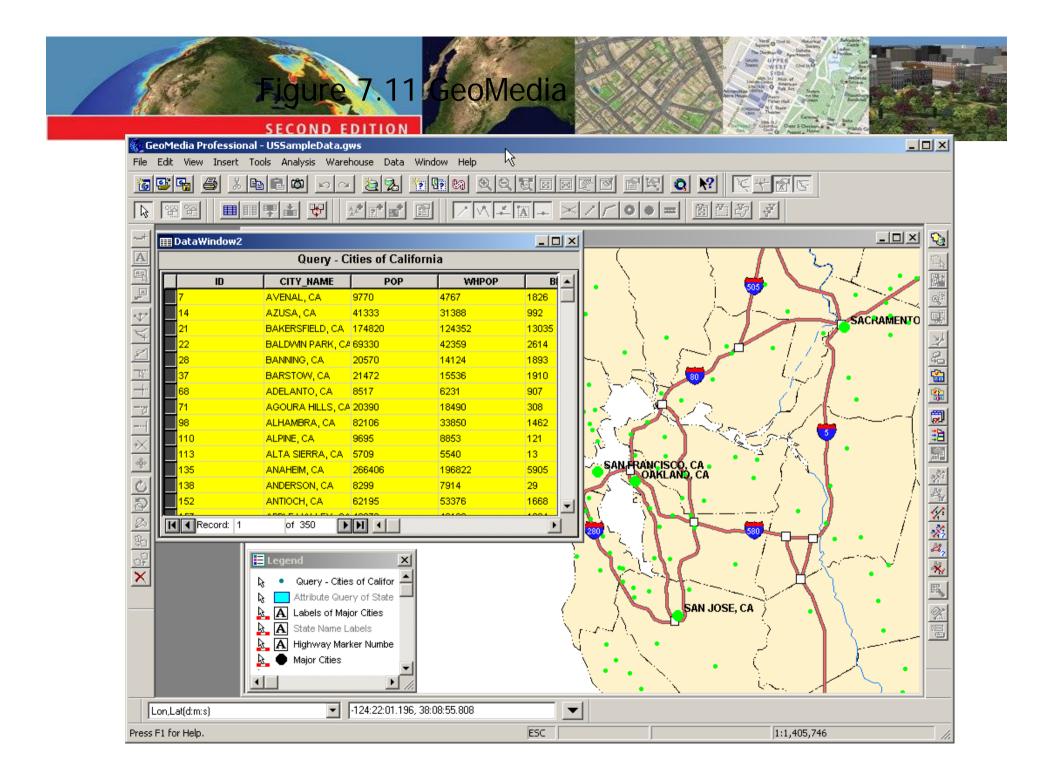




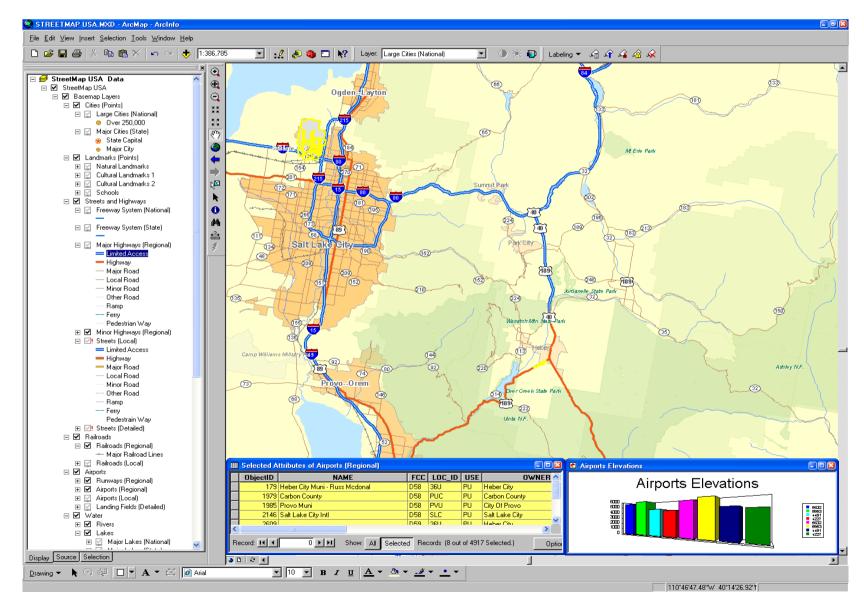
Desktop GIS

- Data exploitation
- Data access
- Query
- Spatial Analysis
- Simple editing

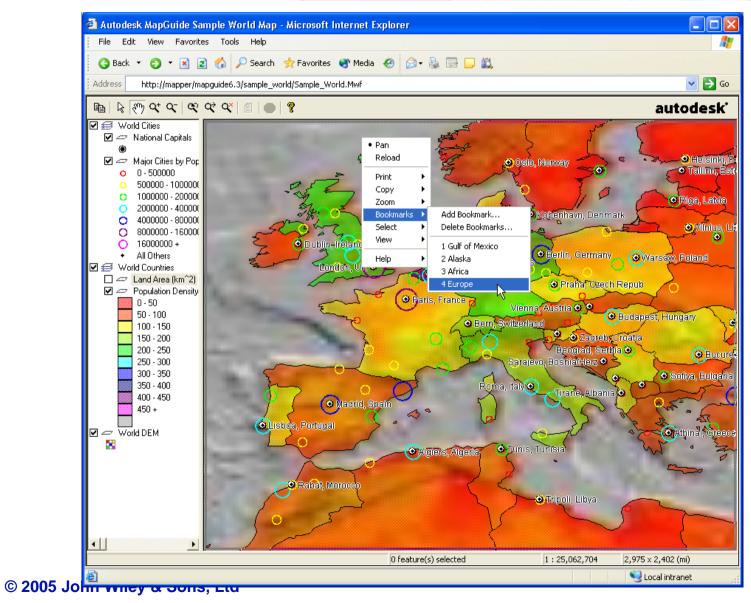
- Visualization
- Mapping
- Customization
- •\$1500













Server GIS

Centralized GIS
 Deploy multi-user desktop
 Internet GIS
 Enterprise GIS Servers
 Manage/deploy centrally
 Low cost of ownership
 Good for data exploitation



Hand-held

Field-based GIS

- Lightweight hardware
- Extension of desktop
- Limited capabilities
- Data collection
- Mobile mapping

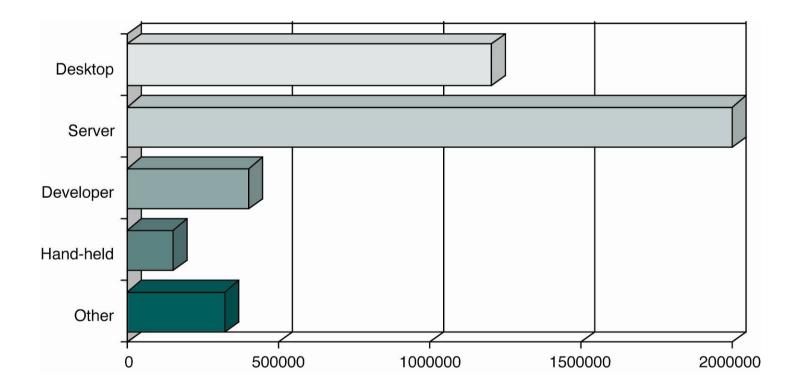
•\$500







Estimated GIS Users





Summary

- GIS software is developing fast
- Consistent GIS architecture
- Major development areas
 - Internet
 - Hand-held
- Increasingly standards-based
- Very wide ranging
- Rationalization of vendors