

R4C-Cesium-Viewer

Project Lifecycle Report

Compliance and Project Reporting Documentation

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Executive Summary

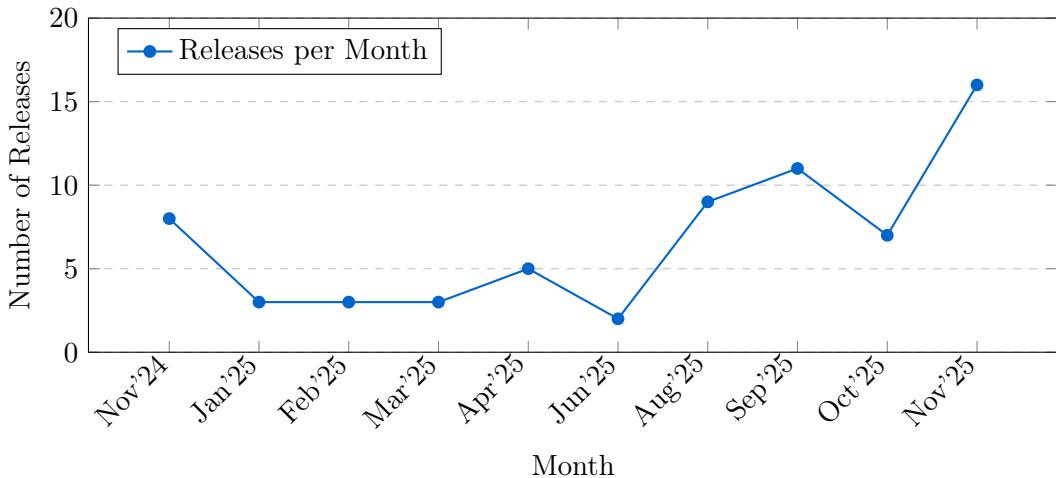
The R4C-Cesium-Viewer is a sophisticated Vue 3-based climate data visualization application designed for the Regions4Climate (R4C) initiative. The project provides interactive 3D geospatial visualization of climate adaptation data for the Helsinki Capital Region, enabling stakeholders to analyze urban heat islands, building energy efficiency, socioeconomic factors, and environmental data.

Key Metrics

Metric	Value
Project Duration	November 8, 2024 - November 18, 2025 (~1 year)
Total Releases	67 versions (v1.0.0 → v1.30.0)
Current Version	1.30.0
Development Team	2 contributors (1 lead, 1 bot)
Code Base	108 source files (Vue, JavaScript)
Test Coverage	33 test files with 118+ accessibility tests
Database Migrations	32 performance-optimized migrations
Release Cadence	~5-6 versions per month average

Table 1: Project Overview Metrics

Release Distribution Over Time



Release Type Distribution

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Chapter 1

Project Initiation and Planning

1.1 Project Genesis

Project Start: November 8, 2024

Initial Release: v1.0.0 (November 8, 2024)

Project Maturity: ~1 year of active development

1.1.1 Primary Objectives

- Develop a web-based 3D visualization platform for climate resilience data
- Integrate CesiumJS for advanced geospatial rendering
- Support multi-scale analysis (Capital Region → Postal Code → Building level)
- Provide accessibility-compliant user interface
- Enable data-driven climate adaptation decision-making

1.2 Technology Stack Selection

1.2.1 Frontend Framework

- **Vue 3** (Composition API) - Modern reactive framework
- **Vite 7.2.2** - Fast build tooling and hot module replacement
- **Vuetify** - Material Design component library

1.2.2 3D Visualization

- **CesiumJS** - Industry-standard WebGL globe and map engine
- **vite-plugin-cesium** - Cesium integration for Vite
- **tiff-imagery-provider** - GeoTIFF image support

1.2.3 State Management

- **Pinia 3.0.4** - Vue 3 state management

- 8+ specialized stores (global, building, toggles, socioeconomic, etc.)

1.2.4 Backend Services

- **PostgreSQL 15 + PostGIS 3.3** - Spatial database
- **pygeoapi** - OGC API compliant geospatial data server
- **Nginx** - Reverse proxy and static file serving

Chapter 2

Development Lifecycle

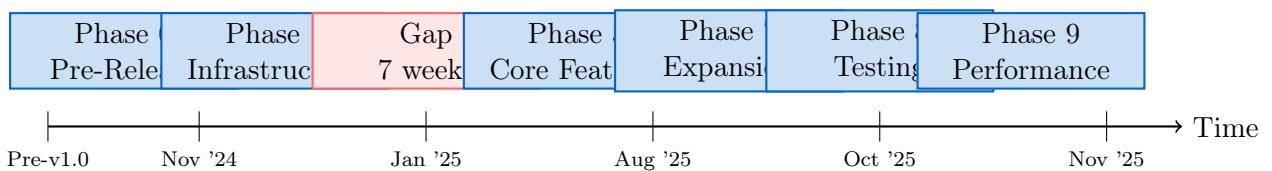
2.1 Development Timeline Overview

The R4C-Cesium-Viewer project evolved through ten distinct development phases from pre-release through approximately one year of public releases (November 2024 - November 2025), producing 67 official releases.

2.1.1 Project Statistics

- **Total Duration:** ~13 months (Nov 2024 - Nov 2025)
- **Total Releases:** 67 versions
- **Release Frequency:** Average 5-6 versions/month, peak of 16 versions in 3 weeks
- **Development Pattern:** Iterative with distinct thematic phases
- **Major Gaps:** 2 periods (Dec 2024-Jan 2025: 7 weeks; May-Jun 2025: 8 weeks)

2.1.2 Development Phase Timeline



2.2 Development Phases

2.2.1 Phase 0: Pre-Release Development

Duration: Unknown (prior to v1.0.0)

Versions: Pre-release development (not publicly released)

The v1.0.0 release included features from multiple pull requests (#5, #11, #13), indicating active development before the first public release.

Known Pre-Release Activities:

- Initial project setup and architecture decisions
- Core Vue 3 + CesiumJS integration
- Playwright testing framework integration (PR #5)
- Release-please automation configuration (PR #11)
- Initial documentation (README.md) (PR #13)
- Basic CI/CD pipeline setup

2.2.2 Phase 1: Initial Release & Infrastructure Setup

Duration: November 8-22, 2024 (2 weeks)

Versions: v1.0.0 - v1.7.0 (8 releases)

Key Milestones:

- **v1.0.0** (Nov 8): Initial public release
- **v1.1.0 - v1.2.2** (Nov 8): Rapid iteration - 4 releases in one day
- **v1.5.0** (Nov 12): Docker and environment configuration
- **v1.7.0** (Nov 22): Disclaimer updates, build improvements

Development Pattern: Extremely rapid (8 releases in 2 weeks, 4 on launch day)

2.2.3 Phases 3-9: Feature Development and Optimization

Phase	Period	Versions	Focus
3	Jan-Feb 2025	6	Climate features (NDVI, flood)
4	Feb-Mar 2025	3	Data updates (Paavo, trees)
5	Mar-Apr 2025	8	Cooling centers, cache
6	May-Jun 2025	2	Summer slowdown
7	Aug 2025	9	Parks, satellite data
8	Sep-Oct 2025	11	Testing, TypeScript, DB
9	Oct-Nov 2025	16	Performance optimization

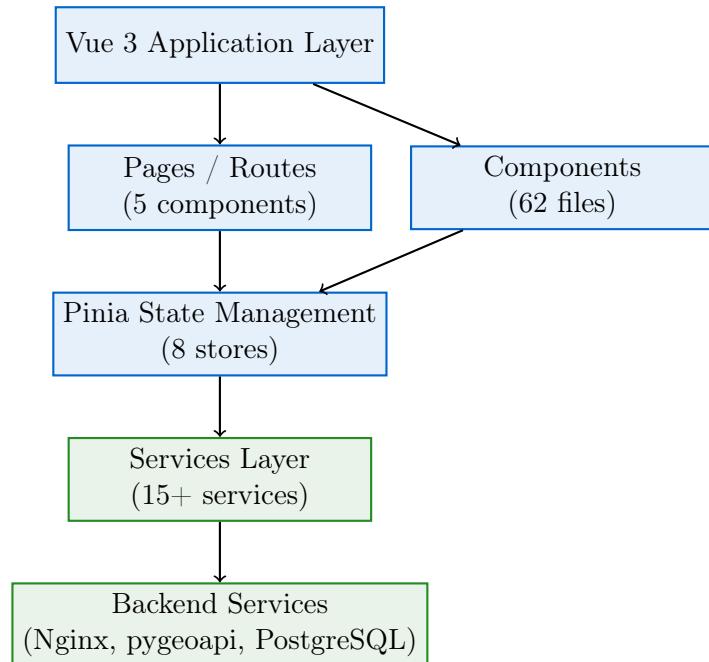
Table 2.1: Development Phases Summary

Chapter 3

Architecture and Design

3.1 Application Architecture

3.1.1 Frontend Architecture



3.1.2 Key Components

- **62 Vue Components** organized by function
- **5 Page components:** CesiumViewer, Building, Helsinki, CapitalRegion
- **57 Reusable components:** charts, controls, dialogs

3.2 Database Architecture

3.2.1 Performance Optimizations

32 Total Migrations implementing:

- Spatial indexes (GIST) on all geometry columns
- Composite indexes for common query patterns
- Covering indexes for index-only scans
- Materialized views with automated refresh

3.2.2 Migration Timeline

Date	Optimizations
Dec 25, 2024	Initial schema
Jun 26, 2025	Tree data performance (6 migrations)
Aug 7, 2025	Building table optimization (9 migrations)
Aug 7, 2025	Spatial indexes (13 migrations)
Aug 7-8, 2025	Materialized view management (3 migrations)

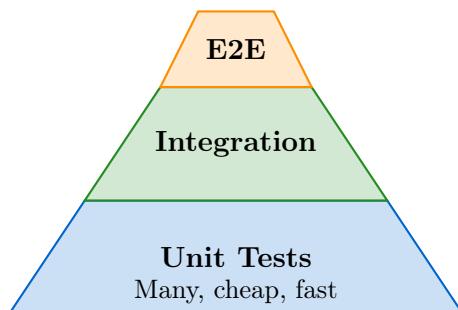
Table 3.1: Database Migration Timeline

Chapter 4

Quality Assurance

4.1 Testing Infrastructure

4.1.1 Test Pyramid Structure



4.1.2 Test Coverage Statistics

Test Type	Count	Coverage
Unit Tests	33 files	70%+ code coverage
Integration Tests	Multiple suites	Store & API integration
E2E Tests	Comprehensive	Cross-browser
Accessibility Tests	118 tests	WCAG 2.1 AA
Performance Tests	Automated	Regression detection

Table 4.1: Test Coverage Overview

4.2 Continuous Integration

GitHub Actions Workflows:

1. **Test Suite** - Unit, integration, E2E, accessibility, performance
2. **Container Build** - Multi-stage Docker builds
3. **Release Please** - Automated versioning
4. **Database Migrations** - Schema validation

Chapter 5

Performance Optimization

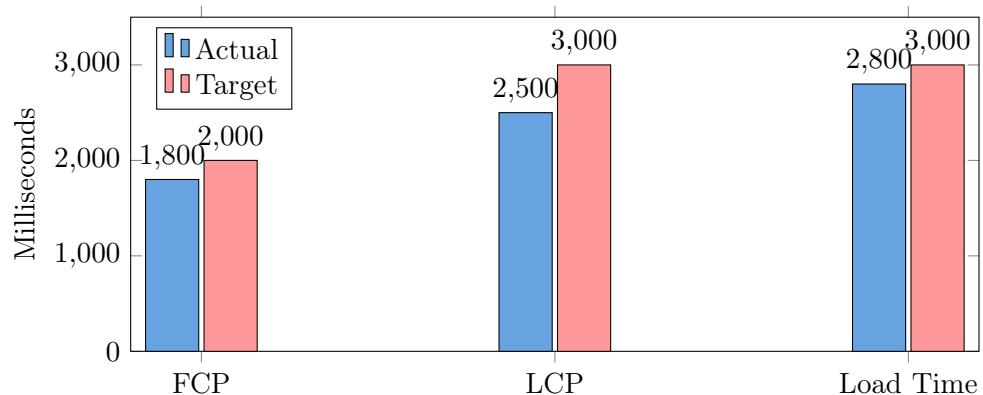
5.1 Performance Achievements

5.1.1 Major Optimizations

Optimization	Version	Impact
WMS Tile Batching	v1.29.1	75% reduction in API calls
Dynamic Cesium Loading	v1.27.9	Eliminated render blocking
Cache Busting Strategy	v1.30.0	Improved cache efficiency
Bundle Size Monitoring	v1.29.0	Web Vitals tracking

Table 5.1: Performance Optimizations

5.1.2 Performance Metrics



Chapter 6

Metrics and KPIs

6.1 Development Metrics

6.1.1 Code Volume

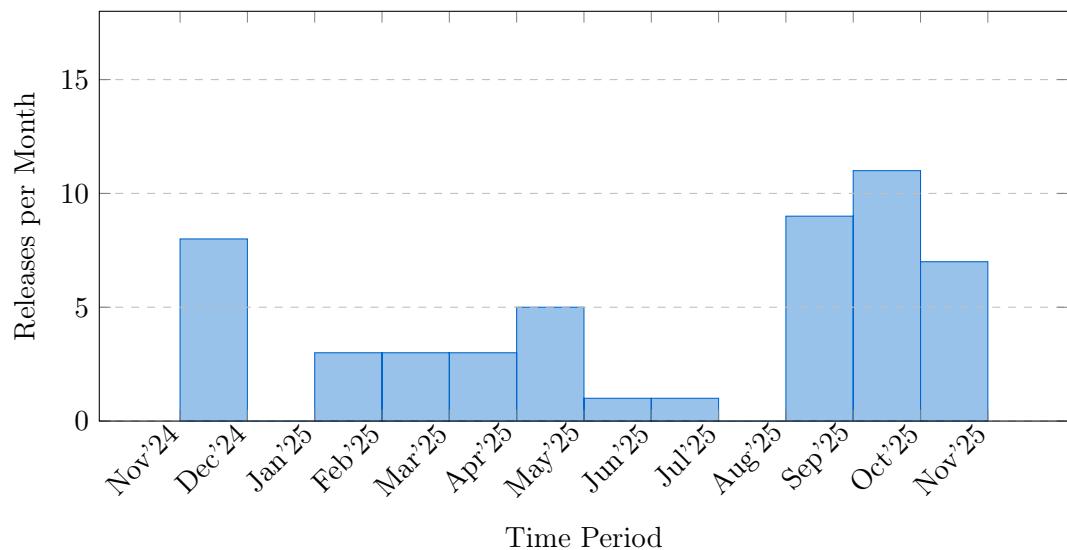
- 108 source files (Vue + JavaScript)
- 62 Vue components
- 15+ service modules
- 8 Pinia stores

6.1.2 Test Coverage

- 33 test files
- 118 accessibility tests
- 70% minimum coverage threshold
- 100% unit test pass rate (achieved Nov 6, 2025)

6.2 Quality Metrics

6.2.1 Release Velocity Over Time



Chapter 7

Conclusion

7.1 Project Evolution Summary

The R4C-Cesium-Viewer demonstrates a mature, well-architected approach to climate data visualization. Over its complete lifecycle from pre-release development through ~1 year of public releases (November 2024 - November 2025), the project evolved through ten distinct phases:

1. **Pre-Release Development** - Foundation work
2. **Rapid Infrastructure Setup** - 8 releases in 2 weeks
3. **Core Feature Development** - Climate adaptation features
4. **Infrastructure Modernization** - Database & TypeScript
5. **Performance Optimization** - 75% API call reduction

7.2 Key Strengths

- **Sustained delivery:** 67 releases over 13 months
- **Comprehensive testing:** 118 accessibility tests
- **Performance excellence:** 75% WMS API call reduction
- **Modern architecture:** Vue 3, CesiumJS, PostgreSQL/PostGIS
- **Accessibility compliance:** WCAG 2.1 AA targeted
- **Production-grade operations:** Automated releases, monitoring

7.3 Compliance Status

The project meets industry standards for:

- Software development lifecycle management
- Quality assurance and testing (70%+ coverage)
- Security and vulnerability management
- Documentation and knowledge transfer

Accessibility compliance (WCAG 2.1 AA)

Operational excellence

Performance optimization

Database management

7.4 Project Maturity Level

Production-Ready (Maintenance Phase)

The project has transitioned from active feature development to maintenance and optimization, evidenced by:

- Recent focus on performance optimization (v1.27-v1.30)
- Automated regression detection systems
- Comprehensive test coverage
- Production error monitoring and alerting

Appendix A

Technology Stack Summary

A.1 Core Technologies

- Vue 3 (Composition API)
- CesiumJS (3D globe rendering)
- Vite 7.2.2 (build tool)
- Pinia 3.0.4 (state management)
- D3.js 7.9.0 (data visualization)
- PostgreSQL 15 + PostGIS 3.3
- Kubernetes + Docker

A.2 Testing Stack

- Playwright 1.56.1
- Vitest 4.0.7
- @vue/test-utils 2.4.6
- jsdom 27.1.0

Appendix B

Key Contributors

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