M.Tech. Thesis Presentation



Geo-Service Portal

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Spatial data
is data containing Information about
the locations and shapes
of geographic features
and the relationships between them,
usually stored as coordinates and topology.

Motivation

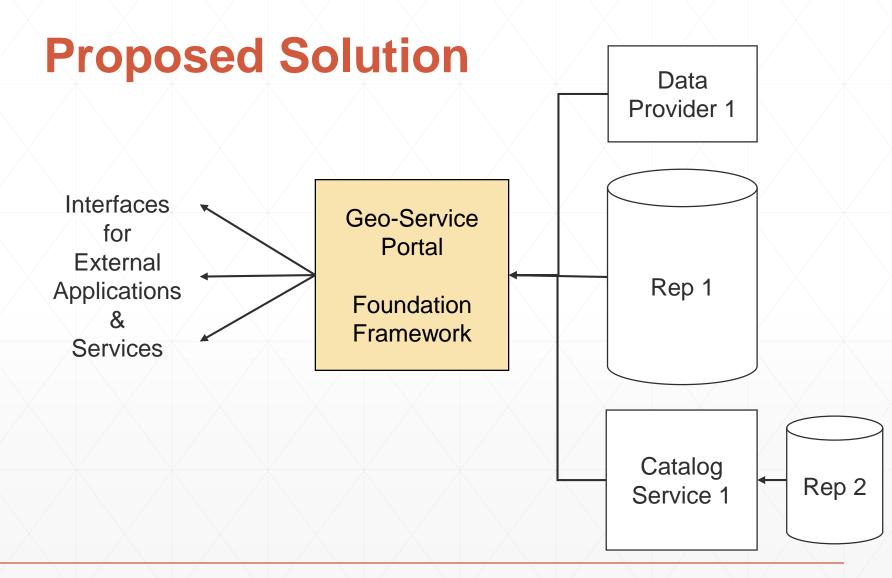
- Applications of spatial data Problems with currently available solution

Use Cases

- 1. Remote Sensing
- 2. Area affected by flood/disease
- 3. Spatio-Temporal analysis
- 4. Spatial data mining
- 5. Telecom & Network Services
- 6. Urban Planning and Hot spot analysis
- 7. Navigation
- 8. And many more...

Current Challenges

- General search engines are not good for searching spatial data.
- 2. Spatial data contains complex data types & operations.
- 3. Not all spatial data is publicly available.



Problem Statement

- Defining the problemDefining the solution objectives

Aim

Build a catalog service for web to crawl, store, maintain, and publish metadata information about spatial data and it's providers and to utilize this information to perform efficient query orchestration.

Objectives

- 1. Build a topical crawler to crawl the web and store geospatial metadata.
- 2. Build an OGC compliant catalog service to publish and search accumulated metadata.
- 3. Build Query orchestration service to perform real-time query with heterogeneous data sources and cost matrices associated with them.

Solution Model

- Spatial Web Crawler Catalog Service Query Processing

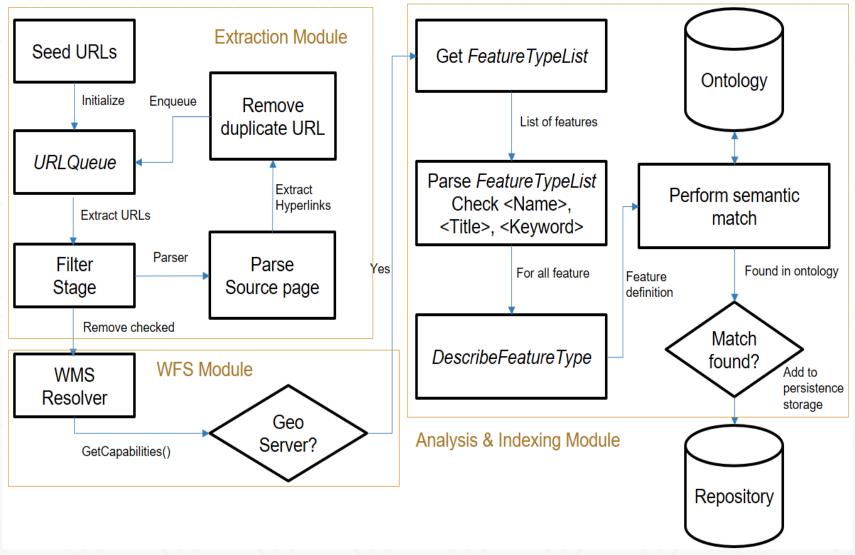
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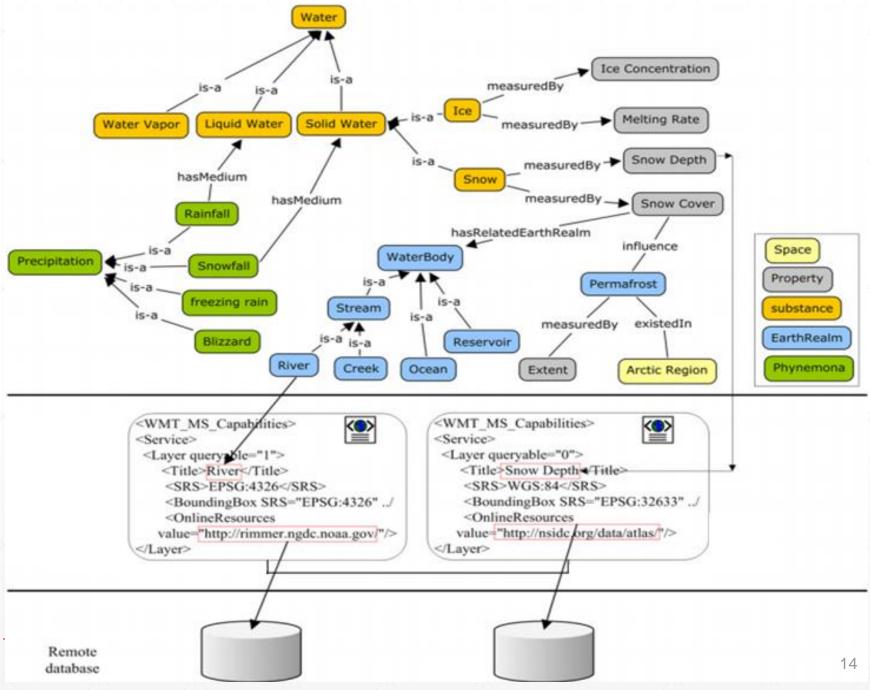


Spatial web crawler: Objectives

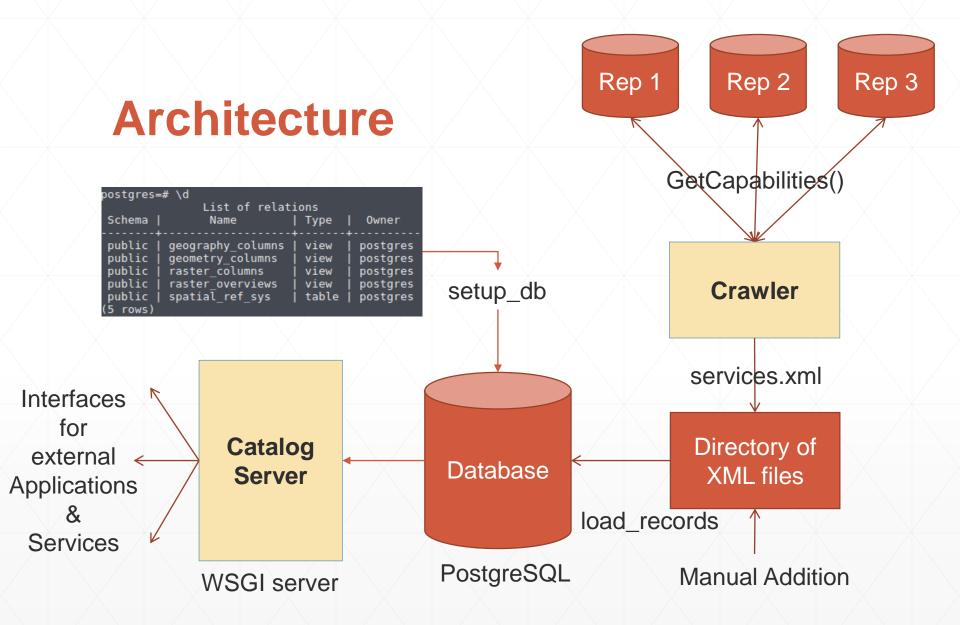
- 1. Build a spatial web crawler which crawlers through geoservers which offers WFS based OGC compliant services.
- 2. Build a domain specific vocabulary(ontology) for this features which can be helpful to compare found features with wanted features.
- 3. Perform semantic matching of found features from crawled web-pages with given ontology for filtering the correct features and storing them in the permanent repository.
- 4. Perform an evaluation of the given spatial web crawler using metrics and test URL seed sets.

Spatial web crawler: Architecture





source: Li, W., et al. Computers & Geosciences, 2011.



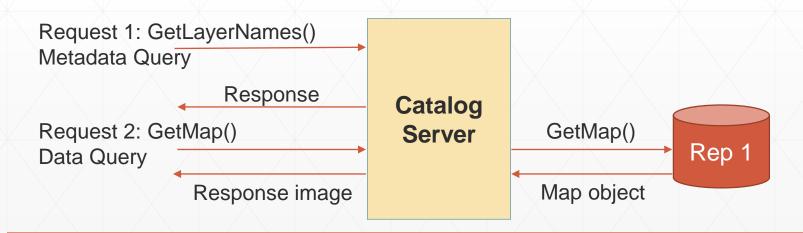
Database Setup

- First extend the database for Geo-spatial operations and data structure support. < create extension postgis; >
- Setup tables and their schema. < setup_db >
- Services xml files are used to populate the database. Import data from xml files using < load_records > command.

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Query Processor

- Database holds all metadata information about the data available from repositories.
- Type of queries
 - Metadata Query
 - Request for the data object



Results

List of available Layers:

- kgp:POPULATION
- kgp:bnk block boundary
- kgp:bnk block hq
- ☐ kgp:bnk district boundary
- kgp:bnk drainage
- □ kgp:bnk grampanchayat boundary
- ☐ kgp:bnk mouza boundary
- kgp:bnk road

List of available Operations

- GetCapabilities
- GetMap
- GetFeatureInfo
- DescribeLayer
- GetLegendGraphic
- GetStyles



GetMap

GetMap returns a map image of the layer(s) in available formats.

Options:

- ☐ Layers=kgp:bnk_road
- ☐ Width=768
- ☐ Height=679
- ☐ Format=image/png



DrawMap

DrawMap Overlays different map images on top of each other.

Useful to find affected area.

Options:

- Layers = {
 kgp:bnk_road,
 kgp:bnk_block_hq,
 kgp:bnk_block_boundary }
- □ Width = 768
- ☐ Height = 679
- ☐ Format = image/png

* This image shows population density in India, without any information on boundaries.

Information about specific layer *

- ☐ Title | POPULATION
- Name | kgp:POPULATION
- ☐ Is Queryable | 1
- ☐ Is Opaque | 0
- □ Bounding Box |
- □ minx | 68.52669525146484
- □ miny | 8.086045265197754
- □ maxx | 97.3387680053711
- □ maxy | 35.8697509765625

Conclusion

- Geo-service portal acts as a underlying framework or foundation for various kind of higher level use cases.
- Building an OGC compliant web service catalog can also be beneficiary as already available software and services can use the registry for various kinds of services with little to no modification of their original code-base.

Future Work

- Build a cloud based implementation for the spatial web crawler, catalog service and query processing.
- Build interfaces and implementation for more complex queries.
- Provide parallel query processing for same data occurring in multiple repositories.
- Implement model for ranked retrieval.

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