

# **SANSA Catalogue Documentation**

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 The CSIR

This project has been carried out for the CSIR Satellite Applications Center, near Johannesburg, South Africa. The CSIR is the 'Council for Science and Industrial Research' - it is the main national science foundation of the country. They are a big organisation with many divisions of which SAC (Satellite Applications Center) is one.

## 1.2 SAC

SAC is a satellite ground station. This means they have a big campus with many antennas and collect information from satellites as they pass over our sky window they also do satellite tasking (telling satellites where to go and what to do) and satellite / space craft telemetry (tracking space vehicle orbit information etc).

SAC has two divisions:

1. Telemetry command and control where they do tracking, tasking etc.
2. EO (Earth Observation) where the focus is more software based to do remote sensing and generate products from imagery downloaded from satellites

SAC-EO is the client for this project.

## 1.3 SANSA Takover

South Africa is busy creating its own space agency - SANSA (South African National Space Agency). SANSA will aggregate space technology from various gov, parastatal, non-gov organisations to form a new organisation funded by the state. SAC-EO is scheduled to become part of SANSA as of 1 April 2011 and will become SANSA-EO.

## 1.4 The project

SAC-EO has been building for the last 3 or 4 years an integrated system before this project (of which we form a small part), the processing of imagery was done manually and ad-hoc which is not very efficient and prone to difficulty if an expert leaves.

Thus they have started to build an integrated system called SAEOS (pronounced 'sigh-os'). The purpose of SAEOS is to create an automated processing environment through all the steps of the EO product workflow i.e.:

- satellite tasking ('please programme spot5 to take an image at footprint foo on date X')
- image processing (level 1a through 3a/b)
- image analysis (level 4)

- image ordering ('can I please get a copy of that SPOT image you took on dec 4 2008 of this area')
- product packaging ('bundle up the stuff that was ordered using a DVD robot, placing on an ftp site, writing to an external HD etc')

To achieve this goal they have a number of software components.

The first components are the 'terminal software'. Terminal software are provided by satellite operators such as SPOT5 (I will use SPOT as an example a lot as its the pilot sensor for their project, eventually to incorporate many more sensors) The terminal software is typically a linux box with the operators own proprietary software on top that lets the operators do the tasking of satellites (to collect an image at a given place and time) and also to extract archived images from their tape library

The second component is 'SARMES'. SARMES is a collection of EASI scripts / routines. EASI is a programming language that runs on top of PCI / Geomatica a proprietary GIS tool that runs on windows and linux. SAC are busy porting SARMES to SARMES II which has the same functionality but uses python language bindings of PCI/Geomatica instead of EASI script. SARMES has all the logic to do things like:

- take a raw image and convert it to a common GIS format e.g. pix, gtiff etc.
- collect GCP's automatically using a reference image
- orthorectify an image using a dem, gcps and other reference data
- reproject the image into different coord systems (typically UTM 33S - UTM 36S in our area but others may apply too)
- perform atmospheric correction to remove effects of the stratosphere interference between lens and ground target
- perform sensor specific correction to e.g. remove effects of lens distortion on a specific camera (using published sensor models)
- perform mosaicking of images to create one big seamless colour corrected dataset
- perform pan sharpening (make a colour image higher resolution by merging it with a pan-chromatic / grey scale band)
- chop up images in various tile schemes (e.g. degree squares, quarter degree squares etc)

These jobs are run by manual process - creating config files, placing input files in a specific dir heirachy etc.

The third component is DIMS. DIMS is a software system running on top of linux written in java, corba, and using oracle or postgresql as a backend (at SAC they are using PostgreSQL). DIMS is proprietary software written by a german company called

WERUM. The same software is used by the German Space Agency and others. DIMS provides automated tool chain processing. Basically you set up work flows and run them using an 'operating tool'. Although DIMS uses postgresql, there is no third party access to that db and the whole system should be considered a black box except for a few specific entry and exit points.

DIMS is being extended and customised for SAC-EO including modifications so it will provide ogc interfaces. Before this had their own catalogue implementation and ordering system using very old standards or proprietary interfaces. So DIMS can process EO data and it builds up a catalogue of products that it has processed or 'knows about' - in its own silo. This catalogue is / will be accessible via CSW and for processing of ordering they are implementing the OGC

The OS4EO (ordering service for earth observation) is an ogc standard. The OS4EO standard is pretty simple and familiar. In essence it allows you to:

- get capabilities
- get quote
- place order

In DIMS it is implemented using SOAP rather than a RESTful service.

Along the process of creating the SAEOS project, SAC-EO have also been investing in high end hardware - particularly storage. They have a petabyte capable heirachical storage system that in short works as follows:

- data is written to local hard drives
- after a certain period of inactivity moved down to slower sata drives (nearline storage)
- and after that its migrated down onto a tape library

The tape library (offline storage) is treated as part of the file system. It has a robot arm that loads tapes automatically. When you browse the file system, it appears that all data is local since all inodes are present in online storage. When you try to read a file that is offline, the robot fetches it from tape and puts it online - typically in under a minute, though that depends on system load.

DIMS is integrated with this file system (this file system is SGI's HFS - Heirachical File System). HFS is also proprietary software running on top of Linux. One of the things DIMS will be doing is de-archiving from old manually loaded tapes and moving them into HFS. De-archiving historically collected raw satellite imagery that is. When DIMS is finished going through that there will be hundreds of thousands (probably millions) of raw images stored in HFS and accessible via DIMS.

Since DIMS integrates with SARMES so you can do things like:

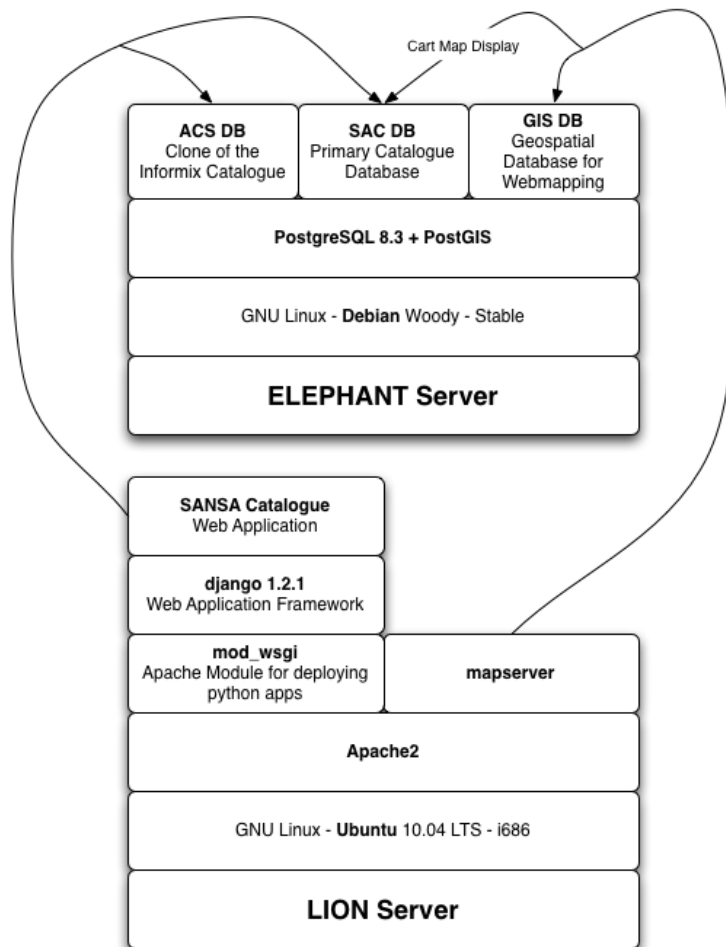
"Pull out that landsat 5 image from 2002, orthorectify it, correcto for atmospheric interference and lens distortions, reproject it to UTM 35S and clip it to this bounding box, then place the product on a dvd and write this label on it"

Thats the goal of the system - end to end automation with minimal operator intervention.

## 1.5 The Online Catalogue

Along side of these other packages, Linfiniti has been building a new web catalogue for SAC-EO. The catalogue is django + postgresql + all the other great FOSS tools we can use together to make a rich, interactive site.

### System Overview



Work on this started before any dms software was installed on site and the first major task was to migrate data and thumbnailss from a legacy, proprietary informix catalogue and get it into postgresql.

We also went through a few refactorings since the first version was almost a direct clone of the data model from the legacy informix system. Our current version uses the

concept of a 'generic product' for the data model.

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On the left / center part of the diagram you will see an entity name 'Generic product'. This is a generic representation of any product (e.g. optical, radar, atmospheric, derived (like landcover map) and in the future we want to tune this to cater for vector data too.

There are five inherited models:

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There are a bunch of small tables that provide foreign key dictionaries for the terms described in the models including:

- tables relating to ordering and tasking
- search and search record models are used to store user searches
- temporary tables used during product imports

The Online catalogue has the capability to deliver some products directly if they are held on local storage and also some basic capabilities for visitors to submit tasking requests.

Every time a search is made, its remembered, and the records the user is shown may be added to a cart and then assigned to an order To get started, first add an entry like this to your ssh config file in ~/.ssh/config:

```
Host linfiniti2
  Port 8697
  HostName 188.40.123.80
  FallBackToRsh no
```

## 1.6 Checkout Sources

Then setup a working dir and check out the sources (you can adapt dirs / paths as needed, using these paths will keep you consistent with all setup notes but its not required).

```
cd /home
sudo mkdir web
sudo chown -R <username>.<username> web
cd web
mkdir sac
git clone git@linfiniti2:sac_catalogue.git sac_catalogue
```

Then follow the instructions in README, skipping sections on informix, building gdal from source and source code checkout (you already checked it out if you have the readme :-)

## 1.7 Load a database dump

A recent database dump can be obtained from:

[http://196.35.94.243/sac\\_postgis\\_01February2011.dmp](http://196.35.94.243/sac_postgis_01February2011.dmp)

## 2 Working with Git

Each developer works on a remote branch, others can track a specific branch locally and try out implemented features. After approving implementation, branch is merged with HEAD. (possibly closed/removed from tree)

This commands are based on <http://www.eecs.harvard.edu/~cduran/technical/git/>

### 2.1 Getting a list of branches

For local branches do:

```
git branch -v
```

For remote branches do:

```
git branch -r -v
```

### 2.2 To create remote branch

For current versions of git (at least git 1.7 or better). Say we want to create a new branch called 'docs-branch':

```
git branch docs-branch
git push --set-upstream origin docs-branch
git checkout docs-branch
```

### 2.3 Working with a remote branch

To be able to work with a remote branch locally (if it already exists remotely), we must create local branch and setup tracking of remote branch.

```
git pull #your local repo must be up to date first
git branch --track new-branch origin/new-branch
git checkout new-branch
```

Now you can go on to do your work in that branch.

To pull changes from remote repo do:

```
git pull origin
```



## 2.4 Deleting branches

Once you are done with a branch, you can delete it. For a local branch do:

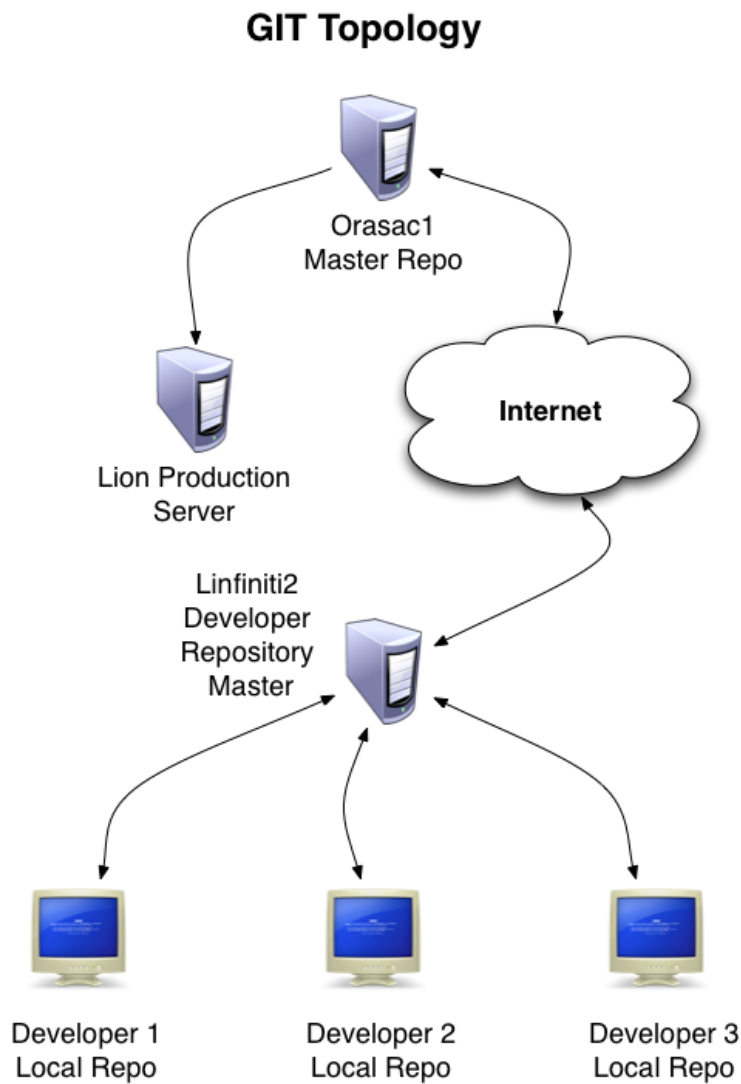
```
git branch -d new-branch
```

To delete a remote branch do (after first deleting it locally):

```
git push origin :new-branch
```

## 2.5 Distributed Git Repository Topology

The repositories are arranged like this:



The orasac master repo must pull from the linfiniti2 server at regular (e.g. weekly) intervals using a command like this:

```
cd /opt/git/sac_catalogue
git pull git@linfiniti2:sac_catalogue.git
```

If changes have happened on the SAC side and committed to the repository on orasac1, those changes should be pushed over to the catalogue on linfiniti2 so that the two repos are in sync:

```
cd /opt/git/sac_catalogue
git push git@linfiniti2:sac_catalogue.git
```

Note that orasac1 also has an entry in `/home/timlinux/.ssh/config` like this:

```
Host linfiniti2
  HostName 188.40.123.80
  User timlinux
  Port 8697
```

The lion live and test instances are cloned from the orasac1 repo like this:

```
git clone timlinux@orasac1:/opt/git/sac_catalogue sac_live
git clone timlinux@orasac1:/opt/git/sac_catalogue sac_test
```

The instance on linfiniti2 gitosis was cloned in the same way into `/opt/git/repositories/sac_catalogue`. For the Tim / Drazen / Alessandro clones, the clone was carried out as described in the first section of this doc.

## 2.6 Tracking branches from linfiniti with a master checkout from orasac

In this scenario, we want to be tracking master from orasac1 but occasionally pulling down branches from linfiniti2 to test them under `lion:/opt/sac_catalogue/sac_test`. Make sure you have a linfiniti2 entry in your `~/.ssh/config` as described further up in this document.

```
git remote add linfiniti2 git@linfiniti2:sac_catalogue.git
git fetch linfiniti2
```

You should see something like the output below showing you that the branches from the secondary remote repository:

```
The authenticity of host '[188.40.123.80]:8697 ([188.40.123.80]:8697)' can't be established.
RSA key fingerprint is cd:86:2b:8c:45:61:ae:15:13:45:95:25:8e:9a:6f:c4.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added '[188.40.123.80]:8697' (RSA) to the list of known hosts.
- -      - -      - -      -
```

```
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```

```
-- Authorized Access Only --
Enter passphrase for key '/home/timlinux/.ssh/id_dsa':
remote: Counting objects: 201, done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (150/150), done.
remote: Total 150 (delta 103), reused 0 (delta 0)
Receiving objects: 100% (150/150), 1.10 MiB | 47 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (103/103), completed with 28 local objects.
From linfiniti2:sac_catalogue
* [new branch]      ale      -> linfiniti2/ale
* [new branch]      ale_test  -> linfiniti2/ale_test
* [new branch]      map_resize -> linfiniti2/map_resize
* [new branch]      master    -> linfiniti2/master
* [new branch]      tim-model-refactor-off-ale -> linfiniti2/tim-model-refactor-off-ale
,
```

Now we are ready to check out the branch from there e.g.:

```
git branch map_resize linfiniti2/map_resize
git pull #not sure if needed
git checkout map_resize
sudo /etc/init.d/apache2 reload
```

When you want to get back to the original again do:

```
git checkout origin/master
```

### 3 System logic and rules

#### 3.1 Computation of `geometric_accuracy_mean`

The geometric accuracy of a product is calculated as the mean of its `geometric_resolution_x`, `geometric_resolution_y`.

The values for `geometric_resolution_x`, `geometric_resolution_y` will vary per sensor and per mode. According to the following table:

(SAC to provide required detail here).

—— TABLE PLACEHOLDER ——

#### 3.2 Sensor viewing angle

The sensor viewing angle

## 4 Updates and imports of products

```
vim /mnt/cataloguestorage/thumbnail_processing/thumb_blobs/lastblob.txt
    Set desired blob no in above file.
    python manage.py runscript --pythonpath=scripts -v 2 acs_importer
```

## 5 Installation Guide

### 5.1 Prepare your system

You need to be running Django  $\geq 1.2.1$  for the catalogue to work. Ubuntu Lucid and Debian Lenny ship with older versions so do a manual build. We walk through this setup using the python virtual environment system.

#### 5.1.1 Create working dir

```
cd /opt
mkdir sac
cd sac
```

#### 5.1.2 Setup python virtual environment

We install Python in a virtual environment on Ubuntu and Debian, to be able to install Django 1.2 separate from the "System Python" and avoid conflicts.

If you do not have the Python virtualenv software, get it with:

```
sudo apt-get install python-virtualenv
```

Now, start the Python virtual environment setup. We install Python in the "python" subfolder of the project directory and then activate the virtual environment.

```
virtualenv --no-site-packages python
source python/bin/activate
```

#### 5.1.3 Install some development dependencies

```
sudo apt-get install libpq-dev libpq4 libpqxx-dev
```

Install easy\_install so that we can use pip thereafter:

```
easy_install pip
```

#### 5.1.4 Informix DB Support

This is only needed on machines that will be doing updates from the legacy acs system.

You need to have the informix client sdk installed on the machine first.

Then make sure the virtual environment is active:

```
source ../python/bin/activate
```

Then extract the python informix client to tmp and install it into your venv.

```
cd /tmp/  
tar xzf /home/timlinux/Informix/InformixDBPython-2.5.tar.gz  
cd InformixDB-2.5/  
python setup.py build_ext  
python setup.py install
```

#### 5.1.5 GDAL Python Bindings

The gdal python bindings (which are installed using the REQUIREMENTS file in the section that follows) will not compile without swq.h header. On my production servers where I am using a hand-built gdal with ecw support, I copied the aforementioned header into /usr/local/include. The header file is available here:

<http://svn.osgeo.org/gdal/branches/1.7/gdal/ogr/swq.h>

#### 5.1.6 Install django and required django apps

To install django, django authentication etc into our virtual environment do:

```
pip install -r sac_catalogue/REQUIREMENTS.txt
```

Then make sure the appropriate settings from.djangodblog in settings.py.templ are deployed in your production settings.py

#### 5.1.7 Further info on django registration

You may also want to read this:

<http://devdoodles.wordpress.com/2009/02/16/user-authentication-with-django-registration/> if you want more info on how the registration stuff works.

\*Note:\* that you need to log in to the admin area of the site and change the domain name in the sites table from something other than 'example.com', otherwise the registration middleware will send the reminder with an incorrect url.

## 5.2 Source code Check out

Check out this folder using

```
svn co https://196.35.94.196/svn/trunk/sac_catalogue
cd sac_catalogue
```

Copy settings.py.template to settings.py and then modify settings.py as needed (probably you just need to set the eth adapter and db connection settings).

## 5.3 Database setup

Create the database using:

```
createlang plpgsql template1
psql template1 < /usr/share/postgresql-8.3-postgis/lwpostgis.sql
psql template1 < /usr/share/postgresql-8.3-postgis/spatial_ref_sys.sql
createdb sac
createdb acs
```

### 5.3.1 For an empty database:

Sync the model to the db (dont do this is you plan to restore an existing db as explained in the next section):

```
python manage.py syncdb --database=default
```

And if you have the legacy acs catalogue do:

```
python manage.py syncdb --database=acs
```

The django fixtures included with this project should populate the initial database when you run the above command.

### 5.3.2 Restoring an existing database

Nightly backups are made on lion at:

```
/mnt/cataloguestorage1/backups/YEAR/MONTH/DAY/
```

To restore the backup do:

```
pg_restore sac_postgis_30August2010.dmp | psql sac
pg_restore acs_postgis_30August2010.dmp | psql acs
```

## 5.4 Setup apache (mod\_python way)

**Note:** This will be deprecated in favour of mod\_wsgi (see next section)

Make sure you have mod\_expires and mod\_deflate installed.

The assumption is that you are using name based virtual hosts and that the catalogue will run at the root of such a virtual host. Add to you apache site config:

```
cd apache
cp apache-site-modpy.templ catalogue-modpy
```

Modify as appropriate your copied catalogue-modpy file the source tree then link it to apache.

```
sudo ln -s catalogue-modpy /etc/apache2/sites-available/catalogue-modpy
```

Also do:

```
sudo apt-get install libapache2-mod-python
```

Now deploy the site:

```
sudo a2ensite catalogue-modpy
sudo /etc/init.d/apache reload
```

## 5.5 Setup apache (mod\_wsgi way)

The assumption is that you are using name based virtual hosts and that the catalogue will run at the root of such a virtual host. Add to you apache site config:

Modify as appropriate a copy of the apache-site-wsgi.templ file found in the apache dir in the source tree then link it to apache.

```
cd apache
cp apache-site-wsgi.templ catalogue-wsgi
```

Now create a symlink:

```
sudo ln -s catalogue-wsgi /etc/apache2/sites-available/catalogue-wsgi
```

Also do:

```
sudo apt-get install libapache2-mod-wsgi
```

Now deploy the site:

```
sudo a2ensite catalogue-wsgi
sudo /etc/init.d/apache reload
```

## 5.6 Copy over the ribbon

There is a ribbon image that displays in the top left corner of the site that is used to convey version numbers etc. Since this may vary from deployment to deployment, you should copy over an appropriate ribbon e.g.:

```
cp media/images/ribbon_template.png media/images/ribbon.png
```

## 5.7 Install GEOIP data

GeoIP is used to resolve IP addresses to Lon/Lat. This directory needs the GeoIP lite dataset in it:

```
cd geoup_data
wget http://www.maxmind.com/download/geoip/database/GeoLiteCity.dat.gz
gunzip GeoLiteCity.dat.gz
```

## 5.8 Check settings.py!

Go through settings.py (after first copying it from settings.py.templ if needed) and check all the details are consistent in that file.

## 5.9 Install proxy.cgi - note this will be deprecated

Some parts of this site use cross site XMLHttpRequests. This is not allowed in the spec (to prevent cross site scripting attacks) so to get around this you need to install a proxy cgi on the django hosting server \*if the mapserver instance is on a different physical server\*.

```
cd /usr/lib/cgi-bin
sudo wget -O proxy.cgi \
http://trac.openlayers.org/browser/trunk/openlayers/examples/proxy.cgi?format=raw
sudo chmod +x /usr/lib/cgi-bin/proxy.cgi
```

Once you have installed the proxy.cgi you need to configure it to tell it the list of allowed servers it can proxy for. This is to prevent it becoming an open relay on the internet. Edit /usr/lib/cgi-bin/proxy/cgi and change line 18 to look like this:

```
allowedHosts = [ '196.35.94.243', 'lion', ]
```

I also changed line 32 to look like this:

```
url = fs.getvalue('url', "http://196.35.94.243")
```

so that the default proxy url is our wms server.

See <http://faq.openlayers.org/proxyhost/all/> for more info...



## 5.10 Creating branches

**Note:** This section uses svn commands and should be updated to use git equivalents.

When the code gets stabilised to a certain point you should create a branch to mark that stable code base and then deploy it on the live server. To create the branch do e.g.:

```
svn cp https://196.35.94.196/svn/trunk/sac_catalogue \  
      https://196.35.94.196/svn/branches/catalogue_v1_beta3
```

Where: **v1** = version 1 **beta3** = the current status of that major version

## 5.11 Backup of the web server

```
sudo dd if=/dev/sdb | ssh definiens4 "dd of=/cxfs/dd_backups/orasac1/orasac1_sdb_`date +%Y%m%d_%H%M%S`.img" &  
sudo dd if=/dev/sda | ssh definiens4 "dd of=/cxfs/dd_backups/orasac1/orasac1_sda_`date +%Y%m%d_%H%M%S`.img" &
```

## 5.12 Creation of the ReadOnly db user

This should be done on the database server i.e. elephant

This user is required for mapserver access to some of the tables.

```
sudo su - postgres  
createuser -S -D -R -l -P -E -e readonly  
exit  
psql sac  
grant select on vw_usercart to readonly;  
grant select on visit to readonly;  
grant select on sensor to readonly;  
\q
```

## 5.13 Optimal database configuration

To support the large number of recs tweak /etc/postgresql/8.3/main/postgresql.conf

```
# Changed by Tim as the sac db required more  
max_fsm_pages = 500000
```

Then restart the db

```
sudo /etc/init.d/postgresql restart
```

## 5.14 set some file permissions

Apache user needs write access in avatars:

```
sudo chgrp www-data media/avatars  
sudo chmod g+w media/avatars
```

## 5.15 ER Diagram

You can generate an ER diagram for the application using the django command extensions:

To generate the graph use:

```
python manage.py graph_models catalogue > docs/catalogue_diagram.dot
cat docs/catalogue_diagram.dot | dot -Tpng -o docs/catalogue_diagram.png ; \
    display docs/catalogue_diagram.png
```

## 5.16 SVN Ignoring files

Please read this:

<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/116074/how-to-ignore-a-directory-with-svn>

so that files that do not belong in svn are not shown in the status list.

## 5.17 Troubleshooting

### 5.17.1 settings.py not found

This is usually a symptom that one of the imports withing settings.py failed. Test by doing:

```
python
```

Then at the python prompt do

```
import settings
```

The error you obtain there (if any) will be more descriptive.

## 6 Catalogue Reporting tools

The catalogue provides numerous interactions for users and is continually being updated with new metadata records. It is useful to produce reports that allow SANSA staff to obtain the pulse of the system. These reports cover 4 main areas:

1. Data holdings
2. Search activities
3. Visitor statistics
4. Order and tasking activities

The reports can be obtained in one of two ways:

1. Visiting the 'staff' area of the web site and selecting from the reports presented there
2. By direct email. Here staff can nominate which reports they wish to receive, and with which frequency they receive them

**Note:** Only 'staff' members are eligible to receive reports.

Reports sent by email will be in either rich html format, or as pdf attachments.

## 6.1 Order summaries

### 6.1.1 Order summary table

The order summary table is accessible from the **Staff -> Orders list** and for individual users from **Popular Links -> My orders**. For individual users, only their own orders will be listed. In all other respects, both tables are the same. The table contains the following headers:

Id	Date	Status	Placed by	View
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When clicked, the headers will set the sort order for the table.

Above the table is a chart which displays total orders by status. For individual users, this chart shows only their own orders.

The summary report link on the summary table will return the user an on-the-fly created order summary report in pdf format as described below.

### 6.1.2 Order summary report

The order summary report will be sent to nominated users at chose interval of daily, weekly or monthly. It can also be generated on-the-fly from the staff admin interface.

The orders summary report contains the following information:

- How many orders have been created in the reporting month
- How many orders have been closed in the reporting month
- A break down of all open orders by status (accepted etc.)
- A break down of all open orders by age
- A break down of all orders by customer

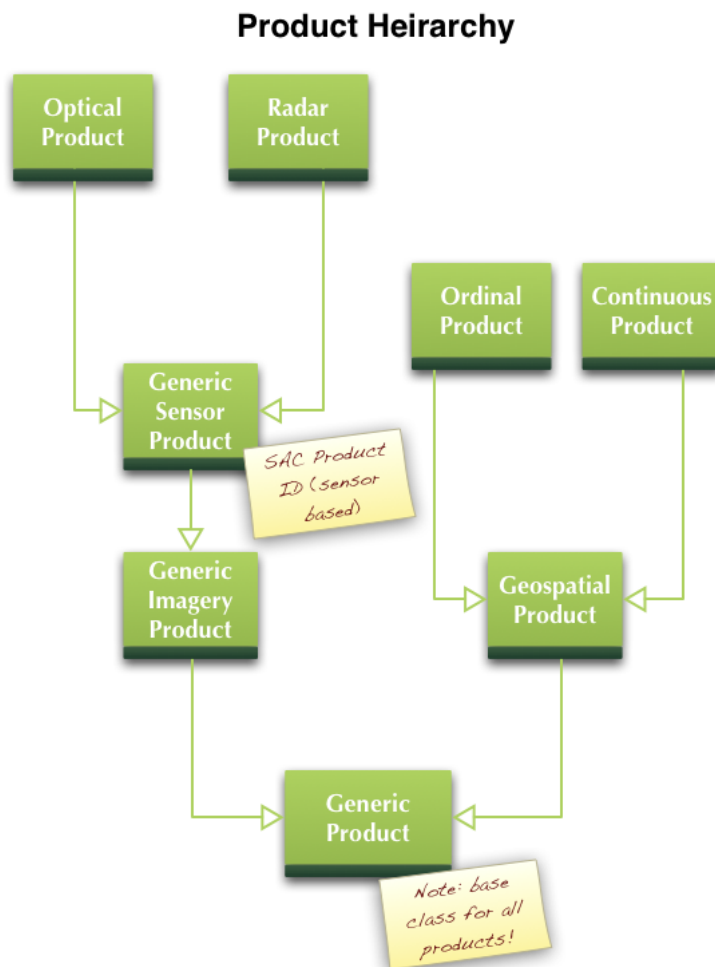
Format : pdf

## 7 Catalogue Schema : Products

The working unit of the catalogue is a product. A product can be any of a range of different type of geodata:

- satellite imagery
- processed imagery
- other satellite products e.g. radar data
- derived products e.g. pan sharpened imagery
- composite products (and composite derived products) e.g. mosaics
- vector and raster data of an ordinal nature (where the data is arranged in discrete classes) e.g. landcover maps
- vector and raster data of a continuous nature (where the data are arranged within a numeric scale) e.g. rainfall monitoring points

The catalogue implements a model (see figure below) that caters for these different types of product and tries to deal with them in a consistent way, and groups them in a manner that cross cutting properties and behaviours can be assigned to any given product based on the family of products to which it belongs.



This is the revised schema for version 2 of the online catalogue's product model.

In this chapter we delve into the various subtypes of product and explain the operational rules governing each type.

## 7.1 Generic Products

**Synopsis:** Abstract Base Class for all products.

**Concrete or Abstract:** Abstract (A product must be a subclass of Generic Product)

The generic product is the base class of all products (sensor based or derived / surveyed geospatial data). The purpose of the generic product is to define common properties applicable to **any** product regardless of type. A number of data dictionaries (as described in the next section) are used to ensure data consistency for properties relating to a product.

### 7.1.1 Product ID Naming Scheme

All generic products can be identified by a 'nearly unique' product id. The product id seeks to normalise the naming conventions used by different satellite operators such that a common naming scheme can be universally applied.

The naming scheme used for products depends on where the product falls in the model heirarchy. Each product type (Generic, Imagery, Sensor, Geospatial etc.) can overload the `getSacProductId` method in order to apply model specific logic as to how these product Ids should be assigned.

These will be discussed more fully in the sections that follow.

Since this is an abstract class, it has no direct naming scheme of its own.

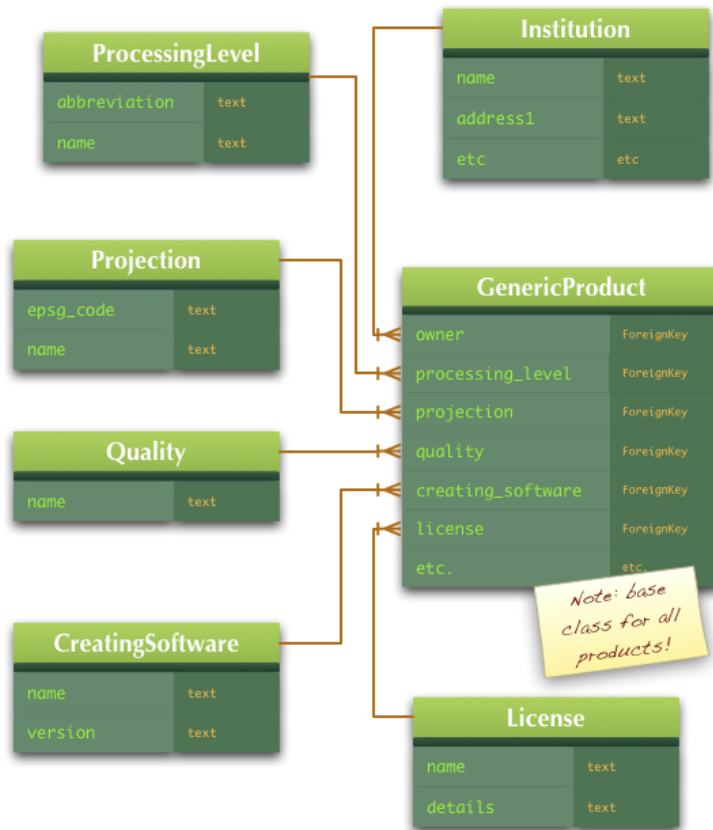
————— **Note:** As per discussion with Wolfgang on 17 Feb 2011, the SAC Product Id will apply only to sensor based products and a different, as yet undefined, identification scheme will be used for GeoSpatial products.

**Note:** See CDSM naming scheme for vector products.

### 7.1.2 Dictionaries

Generic product properties that are used repeatedly are described using foreign key joins to various dictionary tables. These can be visualised in the following diagram:

## Generic Product Dictionaries



These dictionaries are described in details in the sub-sections that follow.

### Institution

The institution (linked to the **GenericProduct** table on the owner field) indicates the organisation from which the product can be obtained.

As at the time of writing this document, only one record exists in this table, and all new products are assigned to this institution:

ID	Name	Address1	Address2	Address3	Post Code
1	Satellite Applications Centre	Hartebeeshoek	Gauteng	South Africa	0000

**Note:** Wolfgang verify that we won't be storing the original data owner (e.g. Spot Image) here.

### Processing Level

Products may have been processed by software to improve the product. For example, a level 1a product is a 'raw' image with no georeferencing, format conversion etc. In order for a product to be usable by mainstream users, it generally needs to be converted into a popular image format (e.g. geotiff), georeferenced (so that it appears in the correct place on a map), orthorectified (to adjust the image based on distortions introduced by terrain variance) and so on.

Processing levels are expressed as a four letter code e.g.:

**L1Aa**

This code can be deconstructed as:

- **L** Abbreviation for 'level'
- **[1-4]** A numeral representing the major level wher
  - **1** Raw imagery
  - **2** Unreferenced imagery in a common format e.g. tiff
  - **3** Rectified and imagery cleaned for atmospheric disturbance, lens irregularities etc.
  - **4** Derived products
- **[A-C]** A single upper case character representing product class (derivative,raster, vector)
- **[a-z]** A single lower case character representing class-type (see below)

**Note:** The 'L' prefix is not stored in the database tables.  
Some commonly used codes include:

Code	Description
2A/B	(L1G)
3Aa	(L1T) Orthorectified DN values
3Ab	At sensor/TOA reflectance
3Ac	Atmospherically corrected/TOC reflectance
3At	Topographic correction
4A*	Derivatives/products
4B*	Pixel-based classification
4C*	Vector/object classification

Some common values for class type include:

Code	Description
a	Ancillary data eg. Relief shadow, hydrology
b	Bare or built-up indices
m	Maths transformation
s	Statistical calculations
t	Texture
v	Vegetation indices
w	Water/moisture indices
x	Time-series or metrics
f	Spectral Rule based Features including indices
r	L1 Spectral Rule based layers
c	L2 Spectral Rule based layers classification spectral categories

The following processing levels are listed in the database.



ID	Abbreviation	Name
1	2A	Level 2A
2	1A	Level 1A
3	1Ab	Level 1Ab
4	1Aa	Level 1Aa
12	3Aa	Level 3Aa
13	3Ab	Level 3Ab
14	3Ac	Level 3Ac
15	3Ad	Level 3Ad
16	3Ba	Level 3Ba
17	3Bb	Level 3Bb
18	4	Level 4

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**Note:** These should be updated to include a proper description with each in a new description col. TS

## Projection

The projection (or more accurately the coordinate reference system (CRS)) model contains a dictionary of CRS identifiers and human readable names. The identifiers are expressed in the numbering system of the European Petroleum Survey Group (EPSG). The list included is not comprehensive - at the time of writing it contains only 84 or the *circa* 3000+ entries available in the official EPSG CRS list.

The EPSG name is a more user friendly and easily recognisable representation of the EPSG code. For reference, an extract of the entries is provided in the table below:

ID	Epsg Code	Name
1	32737	UTM37S
2	32733	UTM33S
3	32738	UTM38S
4	32734	UTM34S
5	32732	UTM32S
6	32735	UTM35S
7	32629	UTM29N
8	32731	UTM31S

## Quality

The quality is intended to provide a well defined dictionary of terms for qualitative assessment of products. Different product vendors use different schemes for describing product quality.

For example Spot Image describes quality in terms of an imaginary grid overlaid (and bisecting the image into equal sized units). Each grid cell is then given a ranking e.g. "AABBAAAABB".

Currently only one entry exists:

ID	Name
1	Unknown

This presence of a quality indicator is mandatory for GenericProduct, but the fact that all records are currently assigned a ranking of 'Unknown' makes this attribute largely meaningless.

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**Note:** Wolfgang - we need to define a standard of quality description and a strategy for populating existing and new records with an appropriate quality indicator.

## Creating Software

It is useful in understanding a dataset to know which software package was used to create it. At time of writing this document, only two software packages are available:

ID	Name	Version
1	Unknown	None
2	SARMES1	Sarmes1

Sarmes2 will be added to this list in the future, and other additional packages as needed.

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**Note:** Wolfgang - do we need to include other software here, and if so which products should have this applied?

## License

Each product should have a license associated with it. The license will detail any restrictions on redistribution or useage that applies for the product.

Currently, only one license is defined, and all products have been assigned this license.

ID	Name	Details
1	SAC License	SAC License

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**Note:** Wolfgang - we need to define more completely the SAC License, or several variants of it, and add any other licenses that may apply. We would also need rules descibing how to select products which should have which license applied.

## 7.2 Generic Imagery Products

**Synopsis:** Base Class for *imagery* products.

**Concrete or Abstract:** Concrete (instances of this class can be created and stored).

**GenericImageryProduct** is the model that all sensor based products inherit from. In addition, concrete instances of **GenericImageryProduct** are used to lodge sensor based aggregate data. For example when an image is created that is a combination of a 'J' and a 'T' image, we can no longer canonically state which acquisition mode etc was used for that image. In this case the DAG (Directed Acyclical Graph) implementation will be used to provide backpointers to the original images used to create this record (and those backpointers will be to Sensor based product records).

### 7.2.1 Product ID Naming Scheme

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**Note:** Wolfgang to define or we must devise something

### 7.2.2 Imagery product Properties

A GenericImageryProduct extends the generic product model with these properties:

- geometric\_resolution
- geometric\_resolution\_x
- geometric\_resolution\_y

### 7.2.3 Imagery Product Aggregation Rules

In the DAG (Directed Acyclical Graph) that maps relationships between products and their downstream constituent products, ImageryProducts can be made of:

- Generic Imagery Products
- Generic Sensor Products
- Optical Products
- Radar Products
- Geospatial Products and subclasses of Geospatial products

**Note:** Self referencing is not allowed. That is, a Imagery product may not include itself in any leaf node.

**Note:** Generic Imagery Products will always be composite (derived from one or more other products).

### 7.2.4 Dictionaries

No additional dictionaries are introduced with this class.

## 7.3 Generic Sensor based products

**Synopsis:** Base Class for *Sensor* products.

**Concrete or Abstract:** Abstract (instances cannot be directly created and stored).

Generic sensor product is an Abstract Base Class that all other sensor based products inherit from. It inherits from Generic Imagery product.

### 7.3.1 Product ID Naming Scheme

The following scheme is used for assigning product id's for sensor based products:

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Single scene file names:

SSS\_sss\_ttt\_mmmm\_pppp\_ps\_rrrr\_rs\_ymdd\_hhmmss\_LLLL\_PPPPP

e.g. L7\_ETM\_HRF\_SAM-168-00\_077-010530-L3Ab\_UTM36S

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Composite files -mosaics:

QQQQQQ\_SSS\_sss\_ttt\_mmmm\_pppp\_ps\_rrrr\_rs\_yymmdd\_hhmmss\_LBLL\_PPPPPP

Use central scene for date and time

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Composite files - time series:

MT\_yymmdd\_yymmdd\_SSS\_sss\_ttt\_mmmm\_pppp\_ps\_rrrr\_rs\_yymmdd\_hhmmss\_LBLL\_PPPPPP

Use central time scene for date and time

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The following key can be used to decode the above:

Code	Description
SSS	satellite (mission) name e.g. L5-; S5-
sss	sensor (mission sensor) e.g. TM-; ETM
ttt	type (sensor type) eg. HRF; HPN; HPM
mmmm	bumper (acquisition) mode eg. SAM- BUF-
pppp	path
ps	path shift
rrrr	row
rs	row span
yymmdd	date
hhmmss	time
LLLL	processing Level code eg. L2A; L4Ab
PPPPPP	Projection eg. UTM35S; LATLON; ORBIT-
QQQQQQ	1:50000 topographic map name eg 3425CD
MT_yymmdd_yymmdd	multi-temporal time span: start date to end date

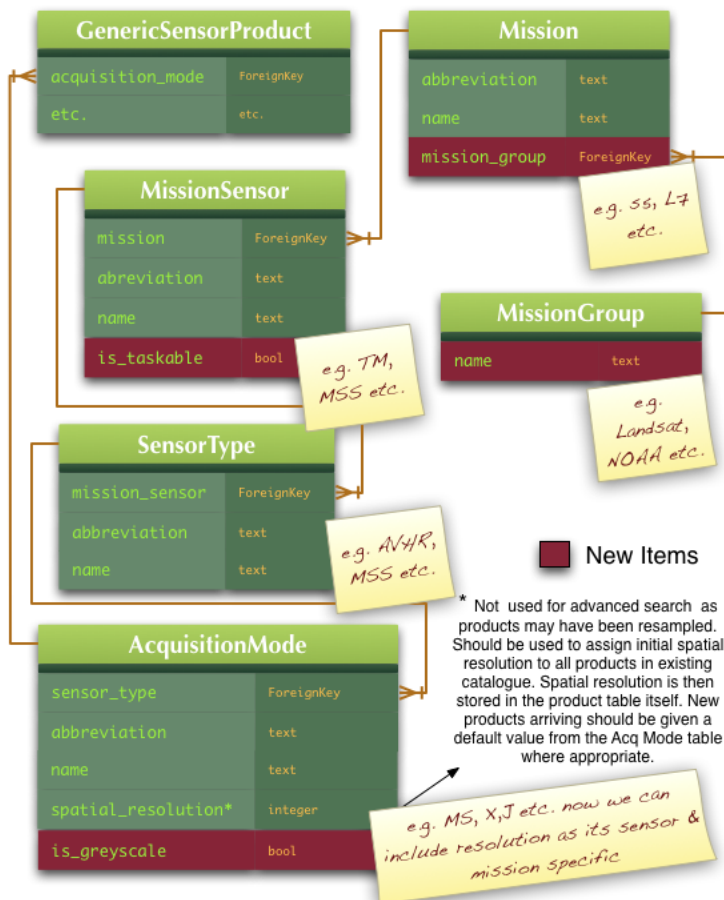
### 7.3.2 Generic Sensor Product Aggregation Rules

Since this is an abstract class it may not be a node in a product aggregation tree.

### 7.3.3 Sensor Product Dictionaries

Several domain lists are implemented for sensor based products. These can be visualised in the following diagram:

## Generic Sensor Product Dictionaries



These dictionaries and their interrelationships are described in more detail in the text below.

### Mission

A mission is the name for the particular space vehicle on board of which one or more sensors are deployed. The catalogue hosts metadata entry for a number of different sensors - at time of writing this list looked like the table below.

ID	Abbreviation	Name
1	N14	Noaa 14
2	N16	Noaa 16
3	N11	Noaa 11
4	N9	Noaa 9
5	N17	Noaa 17
6	N12	Noaa 12
7	N15	Noaa 15
8	E2	E-Ers 2
9	E1	E-Ers 1
10	L5	Landsat 5
11	L7	Landsat 7
12	L2	Landsat 2
13	L3	Landsat 3
14	L4	Landsat 4
15	S2	Spot 2
16	S4	Spot 4
17	S1	Spot 1
18	S5	Spot 5
19	ZA2	Sumbandilasat
20	C2B	CBERS
21	S-C	SAC-C

**Note:** Wolfgang we are using ZA2 instead of SS here.

**Note:** RE - RapidEye needs to be added to this list

## Mission Sensors

On board each space vehicle receiving EO data will be one or more sensors. Although the sensor may be nominally the same between two different missions (e.g. MSS), the specific properties of these sensors will vary between missions, and even between identical sensors on the same mission. A sensor is basically a camera or other equipment capable of performing distance observation of the earth.

ID	Abbreviation	Name	Description	Has Data	Mission
1	AVH	NOAA AVHRR		t	NOAA
2	AMI	ERS AMI SAR		t	ERS
3	TM	Landsat 4 TM		t	L4
4	TM	Landsat 5 TM		t	L5
5	MSS	Landsat 1 MSS		t	L1
6	MSS	Landsat 2 MSS		t	L2
7	MSS	Landsat 3 MSS		t	L3
8	MSS	Landsat 4 MSS		t	L4
9	MSS	Landsat 5 MSS		t	L5
10	ETM	Landsat 7 ETM+		t	L7
11	Xs1	Spot 1 HRV Xs		t	S1
12	Xs2	Spot 2 HRV Xs		t	S2
13	Xs3	Spot 3 HRV Xs		t	S3
14	Xi	Spot 4 G,R,NIR,SWIR		t	S4
15	M	Spot 4 Pan		t	S4
16	Pan	Spot 1 HRV Pan		t	S1
17	Pan	Spot 2 HRV Pan		t	S2
18	Pan	Spot 3 HRV Pan		t	S3
19	HRG	Spot 5 HRG	Spot 5 HRG	t	S5
20	CCD	CBERS CCD		t	C2B
21	MRS	SACC MRS		t	S-C
22	SMS	Sumbandilasat MSS		t	ZA2

**Note:** Ale, I would like to get rid of the has data field if poss. It is used to restrict the display of sensors to users to only those with data associated to them. Is there a cleaner way to do it? At minimum we need to automate updating this field as data is added to and removed from the system.

Sensors TM - Thematic Mapper ETM - Enhanced thematic mapper MSS Multi-spectral

**Note:** A one-to-many relationship will be created between mission sensor entities and their related mission - as illustrated here:

```

+-----+
| Mission Sensor |>-----| Mission |
+-----+

```

**Relationship in plain english:** Each mission can have one or more mission sensors associated with it. Each mission sensor shall be associated to only one mission.“

The Abbreviation will **not** be unique per sensor. Note that the 4 letter name space does not allow for many permutations and readers of the abbreviation should do it in context of a specific mission, sensor type etc. (for example by always presenting the mission abbreviation at the same time).

In some cases, no specific mission sensors will exist for a mission. In these cases, a placeholder mission sensor should be created, named directly after the mission e.g.

ID	Abbreviation	Name	Description	Has Data	Mission
1	ERS	ERS	ERS	t	ERS

Above assumes the pre-existence of a mission 'ERS'.

## Sensor Types

The sensor type describes a mission sensor. 'High end' satellites may use a custom sensor type with its own specific properties. 'Cheaper' satellites may use simple CCD (charge coupled device) style sensors.

ID	Abbreviation	Name	Mission Sensor
1	AVHR	Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer	
2	AMI	AMI	
3	MST	Multispectral + Thermal	
4	CAM2	Spot Camera 2	
5	CAM1	Spot Camera 1	
6	R3B	R3B	
7	MSS	Multispectral	
8	RT	RT	

**Note:** Wolfgang please populate the related mission sensor(s) per id above.

Each mission sensor should have at least one sensor type associated with it. When a mission sensor exists with no associated sensor type, a default sensor type matching the mission sensor abbreviation should be created e.g.

ID	Abbreviation	Name	Mission Sensor
7	MSS	Multispectral - Landsat 1	Landsat 1 MSS
8	MSS	Multispectral - Landsat 2	Landsat 2 MSS
9	MSS	Multispectral - Landsat 3	Landsat 3 MSS
10	MSS	Multispectral - Landsat 4	Landsat 4 MSS
11	MSS	Multispectral - Landsat 5	Landsat 5 MSS

The Abbreviation will **not** be unique per sensor type. Note that the 4 letter name space does not allow for many permutations and readers of the abbreviation should do it in context of a specific mission-sensor, acquisition mode etc. (for example by always presenting the mission abbreviation at the same time).

**Note:** A one-to-many relationship will be created between mission sensor entities and their related mission - as illustrated here:

```

+-----+
| Sensor Type |>-----| Mission Sensor |
+-----+

```

**Relationship in plain english:** Each mission sensor can have one or more sensor types associated with it. Each sensor type shall be associated to only one sensor.

## Acquisition Modes

Each sensor can operate in one or more modes. Thus there the list of acquisition modes should include at least one entry per sensor type. Where such an entry does not exist, a default one (named after the sensor type) shall be created. Acquisition modes table example:

ID	Abbreviation	Name	Geom Resolution	Band Count	Sensor Type
1	MS	Multispectral	0	0	
2	VV	Vertical / Vertical Polarisation	0	0	
3	HRT	Multispectral and Thermal	0	0	
4	X	X	0	0	
5	I	I	0	0	
6	M	M	0	0	
7	P	P	0	0	
8	J	Multispectral	0	0	
9	B	Panchromatic	0	0	
10	A	Panchromatic	0	0	
11	FMC4	FMC4	0	0	
12	3BG	3BG	0	0	
13	5BF	5BF	0	0	
14	3BP	3BP	0	0	
15	HR	HR	0	0	

**Note:** Wolfgang to populate sensor type. Entries should be duplicated for each sensor type that has that mode e.g.

ID	Abbreviation	Name	Geom Resolution	Band Count	Sensor Type
1	MS	Multispectral - Landsat 1	0	0	Multispectral - Landsat 1
2	MS	Multispectral - Landsat 2	0	0	Multispectral - Landsat 2

**Todo:** Check this list from Wolfgang is represented:

Mode	Description
HRF	Multi-spectral bands
HPN	Panchromatic bands
HTM	Thermal bands
HPM	Pan-sharpened multi-spectral

**Note:** A one-to-many relationship will be created between mission sensor entities and their related mission - as illustrated here:

```

+-----+
| Acquisition Mode |>-----| Sensor Type |
+-----+

```

**Relationship in plain english:** Each sensor type can have one or more acquisition mode associated with it. Each acquisition mode shall be associated to only one sensor type.



The Abbreviation will **not** be unique per acquisition mode. Note that the 4 letter name space does not allow for many permutations and readers of the abbreviation should do it in context of a specific sensor type. (for example by always presenting the sensor type, mission type and mission abbreviations at the same time).

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**Note:** The geometric resolution and band count columns in this table need to be populated by Wolfgang.

**Logic Rules:** The additional columns in the acquisition mode are used to provide implicit values for products if they are created without implicit values. In particular:

1. The geometric resolution will be used to populate the GenericSensorProduct fields of `geometric_resolution`, `geometric_resolution_x` and `geometric_resolution_y`. This is implemented by first populating the `geometric_resolution` field (NULL) when assigning acquisition mode, and then assigning the same value to both `geometric_resolution_x` and `geometric_resolution_y`.
2. The `band_count` in acquisition mode will be assigned to the `GenericSensorProduct.band_count` (formerly called `spectral_resolution`) if NULL at the moment of assignment.

## Mission Group

The mission group model will be an addition to the schema that will allow virtual groupings of mission sensors. In simple search and other places designated by the client, mission groups will be used to select a family of missions (satellites) to search on e.g. all Landsat missions.

+-----+	+-----+
Mission  >-----	Mission Group
+-----+	+-----+

**Relationship in plain english:** Each mission group can have one or more missions associated with it. Each mission shall be associated to only one mission group.“

The mission group should be populated as follows:

When a new mission is added, it should always be assigned to an existing mission group (with the mission group being created first if needed).

### 7.3.4 Notes on the proposed schema changes

The proposed schema change will bring about the following advantages:

- less attributes stored on generic sensor (simplification is always good)
- easier to understand the relationship between these entities

- remove the risk of ambiguous entries (e.g. MSS applying to multiple different sensors)
- we can now effectively store resolution on acquisition table as its unambiguous as to which sensor & mission it applies
- product id 'drill down searches will be more efficient

**Note:** We need to get the mappings from Wolfgang for which mission sensors are associated with each mission etc.

Because the schema changes introduce a strict heirarchy and also introduce a requirement that acquisition mode through to mission be defined for a sensor based product, assigning these entities to derived products will not be meaningful. Because of this composite products (e.g. a pan sharpened SPOT image) will not be modelled under generic sensor products but rather belong to a sub class GenericImageryProduct.

### 7.3.5 Resolving the metadata to explicit records

The input metadata we receive will be ambiguous for acquisition mode, sensor type, mission sensor. It is only with the presence of a mission abbreviation that these can be correctly resolved. For example:

L7-ETM-HRF-SAM-168-00-077-010530-----L3Ab-UTM36S  
SSS-sss-ttt-mmmm-pppp-ps-rrrr-rs-yymmdd-hhmmss-LLLL-PPPPPP

Code	Description
SSS	satellite (mission) name e.g. L5-; S5-
sss	sensor (mission sensor) e.g. TM-; ETM
ttd	type (sensor type) eg. HRF; HPN; HPM
mmmm	bumper (acquisition) mode eg. SAM- BUF-

So we can see from this example, we have the following:

||Satellite | Mission Sensor | Sensor Type | Acquisition Mode |

L7	ETM	HRF	SAM
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In cases where the entries for these dictionary terms do not exist, new records should be added to the tables using the following logic:

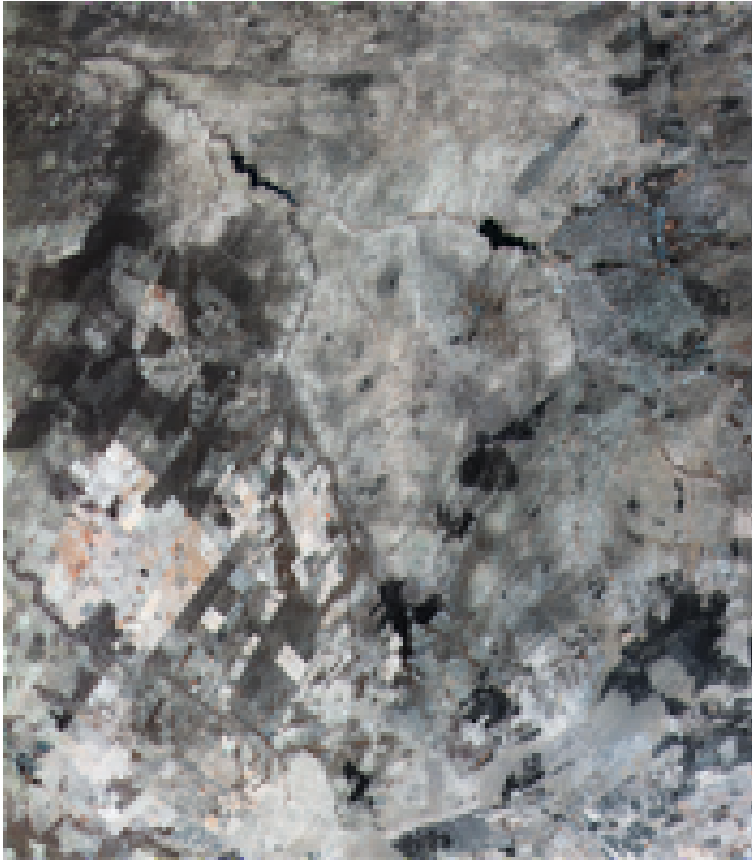
1. Add L7 to the mission table and note the PKEY of the new record
2. Add abbreviation ETM, description ETM:Landsat 7, mission PKEY from above to the mission sensor table and note the PKEY of the new record
3. Add abbreviation “ HRF, description “‘HRF:ETM:Landsat 7, mission\_sensor PKEY from above to the sensor type table and note the PKEY of the new record
4. Add abbreviation SAM, description SAM:HRF:ETM:Landsat 7, sensor\_type PKEY from above to the acquisition mode table.

## 7.4 Optical products

**Synopsis:** Vector and Raster products where data are grouped into discrete classes.

**Concrete or Abstract:** Concrete

Optical products are a specialisation of Generic Sensor Products. An Optical Product is a concrete class (i.e. one that should not be treated as abstract). The Optical Product model is used to represent any sensor originated product that has been taken using an optical sensor. It may cover non-visible parts of the spectrum and consist of one or more bands, each covering a different part of the spectrum. Generally the bands (in multiple band images) are co-aligned - meaning they cover the same geographical footprint. In some cases however, the bands are offset from each other, creating an opportunity to super-sample the image and improve its native resolution.



#### 7.4.1 Ordinal Product Properties

#### 7.4.2 Product ID Naming Scheme

#### 7.4.3 Ordinal Product Aggregation Rules

#### 7.4.4 Optical Product Aggregation Rules

In the DAG (Directed Acyclical Graph) that maps relationships between products and their downstream constituent products, **OpticalProducts** may **not** be aggregates. This is because each sensor product has an explicit acquisition mode, sensor type etc. and such relationships are not mappable for aggregate products. In the case that you have two **OpticalProducts** forming a new image, the new image should be modelled as a **GenericImageryProduct**.

### 7.5 Radar Products

#### 7.5.1 Radar Product Aggregation Rules

In the DAG (Directed Acyclical Graph) that maps relationships between products and their downstream constituent products, **RadarProducts** may **not** be aggregates. This is because each sensor product has an explicit acquisition mode, sensor type etc. and such relationships are not mappable for aggregate products. In the case that you have two **RadarProducts** forming a new image, the new image should be modelled as a **GenericImageryProduct**.

#### 7.5.2 Product ID Naming Scheme

Follows the same scheme as defined in OpticalProduct documentation.

### 7.6 Geospatial Products

GeoSpatial products are pure abstract (they cannot exist on their own, only as a subclass).

#### 7.6.1 Product ID Naming Scheme

Follows the same scheme as defined in OpticalProduct documentation.

### 7.7 Ordinal Products

**Synopsis:** Vector and Raster products where data are grouped into discrete classes.

**Concrete or Abstract:** Concrete

#### **7.7.1 Ordinal Product Properties**

#### **7.7.2 Product ID Naming Scheme**

#### **7.7.3 Ordinal Product Aggregation Rules**

#### **7.7.4 Ordinal Product Dictionaries**

#### **7.7.5 Dictionaries**

### **7.8 Ordinal Products**

**Synopsis:** Vector and Raster products where data are grouped into discrete classes.

**Concrete or Abstract:** Concrete

#### **7.8.1 Ordinal Product Properties**

#### **7.8.2 Product ID Naming Scheme**

#### **7.8.3 Ordinal Product Aggregation Rules**

#### **7.8.4 Ordinal Product Dictionaries**

#### **7.8.5 Dictionaries**

### **7.9 Continuous Products**

**Synopsis:** Vector and Raster products where data are *not* grouped into discrete classes, but rather along a continuous value range.

**Concrete or Abstract:** Concrete

#### **7.9.1 Continuous Product Properties**

#### **7.9.2 Product ID Naming Scheme**

#### **7.9.3 Continuous Product Aggregation Rules**

#### **7.9.4 Continuous Product Dictionaries**

#### **7.9.5 Dictionaries**

## **8 Catalogue Schema : Orders**

**Note:** Before reading this section please read & understand the products schema notes.



- When listing utm zones, only the zone in which the image centroid falls, and the two zones to either side of that are shown.
- EPSG:4326 Geographic is always listed
- EPSG:900913 Google Mercator is always listed

## 9 Informix SPOT Catalogue Notes

This section is broken up into the following parts:

1. a description of the ACS port and data migration process
2. technical information on how to connect to informix from python
3. miscellaneous tips and tips relating to using the informix database

### 9.1 Overview of the data migration process

The process of data migration seeks to largely clone the informix ACS catalogue into a postgresql database, and then use that as the basis of running various import steps in order to migrate key parts of the ACS database into the SAC Catalogue.

There are two things to consider here:

1. migration of metadata
2. migration of product thumbnails

Metadata records are defined in a complex of different tables which need to be queried in order to be able to obtain all the data related to a specific product. The informix acs catalogue stores all thumbnails as whole segments within blobs inside the database and these need to be extracted, georeferenced and clipped into individual scenes.

### 9.2 Technical notes for informix access via python

This section covers the installation and setup process for the informix python client so that you can connect to the server from a separate linux box using python.

Download the InformixDB driver for python from:

[http://sourceforge.net/project/showfiles.php?group\\_id=136134](http://sourceforge.net/project/showfiles.php?group_id=136134)

And the Informix client sdk from:

[http://www14.software.ibm.com/webapp/download/preconfig.jsp?id=2007-04-19+14%3A08%3A41.173257R&S\\_TACT=104CBW71&S\\_CMP=](http://www14.software.ibm.com/webapp/download/preconfig.jsp?id=2007-04-19+14%3A08%3A41.173257R&S_TACT=104CBW71&S_CMP=)

(write the above url on a single line)

If the above link doesnt work for you (it seems to contain a session id), go to the

<http://www14.software.ibm.com>

website and search for

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using the search box near the top right of the page. Downloading requires an IBM id etc. which you can sign up for if you dont have one.

**Note:** You will need to get the appropriate download for your processor type. For Lion, which is running ubuntu server x86\_64, I downloaded the sdb bundle called:

IBM Informix Client SDK V3.50.FC4 for Linux (x86) RHEL 4, 64bit  
clientsdk.3.50.FC4DE.LINUX.tar (72MB)

**Note 2:** Even though it says Red Hat Enterprise Edition (RHEL) you can use it on ubuntu servers too.

After you have downloaded the client sdk do the following to install (below is a log of my install process).

```
sudo adduser informix
Adding user 'informix' ...
Adding new group 'informix' (1003) ...
Adding new user 'informix' (1003) with group 'informix' ...
Creating home directory '/home/informix' ...
Copying files from '/etc/skel' ...
Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
Changing the user information for informix
Enter the new value, or press ENTER for the default
Full Name []: Informix
Room Number []:
Work Phone []:
Home Phone []:
Other []:
Is the information correct? [Y/n] Y
[linfiniti:timlinux:DownloadDirector] sudo ./installclientsdk
```



Initializing InstallShield Wizard.....  
Launching InstallShield Wizard.....

---

Welcome to the InstallShield Wizard for IBM Informix Client-SDK Version 3.50

The InstallShield Wizard will install IBM Informix Client-SDK Version 3.50 on your computer.

To continue, choose Next.

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IBM Informix Client-SDK Version 3.50 Install Location

Please specify a directory or press Enter to accept the default directory.

Directory Name: [/opt/IBM/informix] /usr/informix

Press 1 for Next, 2 for Previous, 3 to Cancel or 4 to Redisplay [1] 1

-----  
Choose the setup type that best suits your needs.

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The program will be installed with the suggested configuration.  
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-----  
IBM Informix Client-SDK Version 3.50 will be installed in the following location:

/usr/informix

with the following features:

Client

Messages

Global Language Support (GLS)

for a total size:

91.8 MB

Press 1 for Next, 2 for Previous, 3 to Cancel or 4 to Redisplay [1] 1

Installing IBM Informix Client-SDK Version 3.50. Please wait...

```
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
0%       25%       50%       75%       100%
||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||
```

Creating uninstaller...

Performing GSKit installation for Linux ...

Branding Files ...

Installing directory .  
Installing directory etc  
Installing directory bin  
Installing directory lib  
Installing directory lib/client  
Installing directory lib/client/csm  
Installing directory lib/esql  
Installing directory lib/dmi  
Installing directory lib/c++  
Installing directory lib/cli  
Installing directory release  
Installing directory release/en\_us  
Installing directory release/en\_us/0333  
Installing directory incl  
Installing directory incl/esql  
Installing directory incl/dmi  
Installing directory incl/c++  
Installing directory incl/cli  
Installing directory demo  
Installing directory demo/esqlc  
Installing directory demo/c++  
Installing directory demo/cli  
Installing directory doc  
Installing directory doc/gls\_api  
Installing directory doc/gls\_api/en\_us  
Installing directory doc/gls\_api/en\_us/0333  
Installing directory tmp  
Installing directory gsk  
Installing directory gsk/client  
Installing directory gskit  
Installing directory gsk

Installing directory gsk/client

IBM Informix Product: IBM INFORMIX-Client SDK

Installation Directory: /usr/informix

Performing root portion of installation of IBM INFORMIX-Client SDK...

Installation of IBM INFORMIX-Client SDK complete.

Installing directory etc

Installing directory gls

Installing directory gls/cm3

Installing directory gls/cv9

Installing directory gls/dll

Installing directory gls/etc

Installing directory gls/lc11

Installing directory gls/lc11/cs\_cz

Installing directory gls/lc11/da\_dk

Installing directory gls/lc11/de\_at

Installing directory gls/lc11/de\_ch

Installing directory gls/lc11/de\_de

Installing directory gls/lc11/en\_au

Installing directory gls/lc11/en\_gb

Installing directory gls/lc11/en\_us

Installing directory gls/lc11/es\_es

Installing directory gls/lc11/fi\_fi

Installing directory gls/lc11/fr\_be

Installing directory gls/lc11/fr\_ca

Installing directory gls/lc11/fr\_ch

Installing directory gls/lc11/fr\_fr

Installing directory gls/lc11/is\_is

Installing directory gls/lc11/it\_it

Installing directory gls/lc11/ja\_jp

Installing directory gls/lc11/ko\_kr

Installing directory gls/lc11/nl\_be

Installing directory gls/lc11/nl\_nl

Installing directory gls/lc11/no\_no

Installing directory gls/lc11/os

Installing directory gls/lc11/pl\_pl

Installing directory gls/lc11/pt\_br

Installing directory gls/lc11/pt\_pt

Installing directory gls/lc11/ru\_ru

Installing directory gls/lc11/sk\_sk

```
Installing directory gls/lc11/sv_se
Installing directory gls/lc11/th_th
Installing directory gls/lc11/zh_cn
Installing directory gls/lc11/zh_tw
```

```
IBM Informix Product:      Gls
Installation Directory: /usr/informix
```

Performing root portion of installation of Gls...

Installation of Gls complete.

```
Installing directory etc
Installing directory msg
Installing directory msg/en_us
Installing directory msg/en_us/0333
```

```
IBM Informix Product:      messages
Installation Directory: /usr/informix
```

Performing root portion of installation of messages...

Installation of messages complete.

---

The InstallShield Wizard has successfully installed IBM Informix Client-SDK  
Version 3.50. Choose Finish to exit the wizard.

Press 3 to Finish or 4 to Redisplay [3]

Note that trying to install it to another directory other than /usr/informix will cause the db adapter build to fail (and various other issues). So dont accept the default of /opt/IBM/informix and rather use /usr/informix

Now build the python informix db adapter:

```
cd /tmp/InformixDB-2.5
python setup.py build_ext
sudo python setup.py install
```

Now ensure the informix libs are in your lib search path:

```
sudo vim /etc/ld.so.conf
```

And add the following line:

```
/usr/informix/lib/  
/usr/informix/lib/esql
```

Then do

```
sudo ldconfig
```

### 9.2.1 Making a simple python test

First you need to add a line to informix's sqlhosts file:

```
sudo vim /usr/informix/etc/sqlhosts
```

And add a line that looks like this:

```
#catalog2 added by Tim  
#name, protocol, ip, port  
catalog2      onsocket      196.35.94.210  1537
```

Next you need to export the INFORMIXSERVER environment var:

```
export INFORMIXSERVER=catalog2
```

I found out that it is running on port 1537 by consulting the /etc/services file on the informix server. Now lets try our test connection. This little script will make a quick test connection so you can see if its working:

```
#!/usr/bin/python
```

```
import sys  
import informixdb # import the InformixDB module  
  
# -----  
# open connection to database 'stores'  
# -----  
conn = informixdb.connect('catalogue@catalog2', user='informix', password='')  
  
# -----  
# allocate cursor and execute select  
# -----  
cursor1 = conn.cursor(rowformat = informixdb.ROW_AS_DICT)  
cursor1.execute('select * from t_file_types')  
  
for row in cursor1:
```

```

# -----
# delete row if column 'code' begins with 'C'
# -----
print "%s %s" % (row['id'], row['file_type_name'])
# -----
# commit transaction and close connection
# -----
conn.close()

sys.exit(0);

```

Note that the documentation for the python InformixDB module is available here:

<http://informixdb.sourceforge.net/manual.html>

And the documentation for the Informix SQL implementation is here:

<http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/idshelp/v10>

## 9.3 Trouble shooting and general tips

### 9.3.1 WKT representation of GeoObjects

Informix uses its own representation of geometry objects. There are two extensions for informix that deal with spatial data : Geodetic and Spatial. It seems we have only geodetic extension at SAC and thus can't use ST\_foo functions to work with geometry fields. For Geodetic we need to alter a value in the GeoParam table in order to change what formats are output / input. From the manual:

Converting Geodetic to/from OpenGIS Formats

Geodetic does not use functions to convert data to a specific format.

Instead, the GeoParam metadata table manages the data format for transmitting data between client and server. If the "data format" parameter is set to "OGC", then binary i/o is in WKB format and text i/o is in WKT format. (For specific details, see Chapter 7 in the Informix Geodetic DataBlade Module User's Guide).

You can override the representation type that should be returned so that you get e.g. WKT back instead. Consider this example:

```

-- set output format to 3
update GeoParam set value = 4 where id =3;
-- show what the format is set to now

```

```

select * from GeoParam where id = 3;
-- display a simple polygon
select first 1 geo_time_info from t_localization;
-- revert it to informix representation
update GeoParam set value = 0 where id =3;
-- display the polygon back in native informix representation
select first 1 geo_time_info from t_localization;
--verify that the format is reverted correctly
select * from GeoParam where id = 3;

```

Which produces output like this:

```

id          3
name        data format
value       4
remarks     This parameter controls the external text & binary format of GeoObjects.
              It is not documented in the 3.0 version of the user's guide.  See release
              notes for more info.

```

```

geo_time_info  POLYGON((28.73 -15.35, 28.969999 -13.79, 27.34 -13.55, 27.1 -15.
                    11, 28.73 -15.35))

```

```

geo_time_info  GeoPolygon(((((-15.35,28.73),(-13.79,28.969999),(-13.55,27.34),
                    (-15.11,27.1))),ANY,(1987-04-26 07:34:45.639,1987-04-26
                    07:34:45.639))

```

```

id          3
name        data format
value       0
remarks     This parameter controls the external text & binary format of GeoObject
              s.  It is not documented in the 3.0 version of the user's guide.  See
              release notes for more info.

```

### 9.3.2 When things go wrong on the informix server

#### Record Lock Issues



If the client does not cleanly disconnect it can leave records locked. You may see a message like this from dbaccess when trying to do an interactive query:

```
244: Could not do a physical-order read to fetch next row.
107: ISAM error:  record is locked.
```

There are probably solutions that are better than this, but the most robust way of dealing with the issue is to restart the informix database:

```
ssh informix@informix
cd /home/informix/bin
onmode -k
```

You will then get prompted like this:

```
This will take Informix Dynamic Server 2000 OFF-LINE -
Do you wish to continue (y/n)? y
```

```
There are 1 user threads that will be killed.
Do you wish to continue (y/n)? y
```

Afterwards, you can bring up the database like this:

```
oninit
```

The record locks should have been cleared at this point.

### **DBAccess Unresponsive**

Collect diagnostics:

```
[101] catalog2:/home/informix> onstat -V Informix Dynamic Server 2000 Version
9.21.UC4 Software Serial Number AAD#J130440
[101] catalog2:/home/informix> onstat -a
```

### **Nightly Informix Compact Job**

```
ssh informix@informix
crontab -l
[101] catalog2:/home/informix> crontab -l
no crontab for informix
```

So now we make a little bash script:

```
#!/bin/bash
```

```
# A simple bash script to be invoked by CRON on a nightly basis
# To enable add to your crontab like so:
```

```
#
```

```
# -----
```

```
#
```

```
# Run informix stats update nightly to keep responsiveness good
```

```
# Job will run 5 min after midnight
```

```
# 5 0 * * * /home/informix/nightly_cron.sh
```

```
#
```

```
# -----
```

```
#
```

```
# Actual script follows:
```

```
#
```

```
# Tim Sutton, May 2009
```

```
#
```

```
# Update the db stats on a nightly basis:
```

```
date >> /tmp/informix_stats_update_cron_log.txt
```

```
echo "Nightly stats update running" >> \
```

```
    /tmp/informix_stats_update_cron_log.txt
```

```
echo "update statistics high;" | \
```

```
    dbaccess catalogue >> /tmp/informix_stats_update_cron_log.txt
```

And then set up a nightly cronjob to run it:

```
crontab -e
```

Now add this:

```
# Added by Tim for others to see how crontab works
```

```
##      *      *      *      *      *  command to be executed
```

```
##-    -      -      -      -
```

```
##|    |      |      |      |
```

```
##|    |      |      |      +----- day of week (0 - 6) (Sunday=0)
```

```
##|    |      |      +----- month (1 - 12)
```

```
##|    |      +----- day of month (1 - 31)
```

```
##|    +----- hour (0 - 23)
```

```
##+----- min (0 - 59)
```

```
# Run a test command every minute to see if crontab is working nicely
```

```
# comment out when done testing
*/1 * * * * date >> /tmp/date.txt

# Run informix stats update nightly to keep responsiveness good
# Job will run 5 min after midnight
5 0 * * * /home/informix/nightly_cron.sh
```

### 9.3.3 File System

```
root@informix's password:
Last login: Tue Sep  9 12:57:53 2008 from :0
[root@catalog2 /root]# mount
/dev/sda6 on / type ext2 (rw)
none on /proc type proc (rw)
usbdevfs on /proc/bus/usb type usbdevfs (rw)
/dev/sda2 on /boot type ext2 (rw)
/dev/sda10 on /home type ext2 (rw)
/dev/sda8 on /tmp type ext2 (rw)
/dev/sda5 on /usr type ext2 (rw)
/dev/sda9 on /var type ext2 (rw)
none on /dev/pts type devpts (rw,gid=5,mode=620)
/dev/sdb1 on /mnt/disk1 type ext2 (rw)
/dev/sdc1 on /mnt/disk2 type ext2 (rw)
automount(pid458) on /misc type autofs (rw,fd=5,pgrp=458,minproto=2,maxproto=3)
```

### 9.3.4 Schema dump of informix databases

Its useful to be able to see the schema of databases so you can understand how it was put together. The following command will dump the catalogue2 (SAC Production database) schema to a text file. **Note:** No data is dumped in this process.

```
dbschema -t all -d catalogue catalogue_schema.sql
```

### 9.3.5 Listing system and user functions

To see what functions are installed in the database do:

```
select procname from sysprocedures;
```

To see full details of a function:

```
select * from sysprocedures where procname="lotofile";
```

### 9.3.6 Problems running functions

If you try to run a function that you know exists, but you get an error message like this:

```
_informixdb.DatabaseError: SQLCODE -674 in PREPARE:
IX000: Routine (lotofile) can not be resolved.
```

It probably means you passed the incorrect number or type of parameters to the function.

### 9.3.7 Accessing the server Interactively

```
ssh 196.35.94.210 -l informix
```

Interactive database access:

```
dbaccess
```

## 9.4 Command line batch processing

Add some sql commands to a text file:

```
vim /tmp/tim.sql
```

Some commands:

```
select geo_time_info from ers_view;
```

Save and run, redirecting output to another text file:

```
dbaccess catalogue < /tmp/tim.sql >> /tmp/tim.out
```

### 9.4.1 Command line processing using echo

Handy for quickly running once off commands or from bash scripts.

```
echo "select * from t_file_types" | dbaccess catalogue
```

### 9.4.2 Changing geotype to wkt

For batch export to the django catalogue the geometries need to be exported as wkt (well known text) which is not the type used internally for the spot catalogue.

```
echo "update GeoParam set value = 0 where id =3;" | dbaccess catalogue
```

### 9.4.3 Reverting geotype to informix format

To set geometry output back informix representation and restoring normal catalogue functioning do:

```
echo "update GeoParam set value = 4 where id =3;" | dbaccess catalogue
```

### 9.4.4 Informix environment preparation

```
export INFORMIXSERVER=catalog2
```

from the shell to make sure you have the informix env set up

```
Superclasses - OK 3 Records
DataMode - OK 3 Records
EllipsoidType - OK 2 Records
ErsCompMode - OK 2 Records
FileType - OK 18 Records
HeaderType - OK 7 Records
Satelllte - OK 9 Records
Satellite - OK 15 Records
SpotAcquisitionMode - OK 3 Records
Station - OK 110 Records
Medium - OK: 157277 Records, Failed:0 Records.
Localization - OK: 1179257 Records, Failed:0 Records.
SegmentCommon - OK: 157277 Records, Failed:0 Records.
```

**Note:** Also probably no longer needed!

## 9.5 Backup and Restore of the postgres ACS clone

To backup the ACS postgres database do:

```
pg_dump -f acs-'date +%a%d%b%Y'.sql.tar.gz -x -0 -F tar acs
```

To restore the postgres database do:

```
pg_restore -F t acsThu21May2009.sql.tar.gz |psql acs
```

## 10 Procedures for importing data from various sources into the catalogue

Note: This document should be considered compulsory reading before you attempt to import any data into the catalogue.

Note2: This document *must* be kept up to date when you make changes to import scripts etc.

The catalogue system provides search access to metadata describing acquisitions that have taken place from a variety of sensors. This metadata needs to be lodged in the database in one way or another. Different sensors have different entry points into the system - and this document tries to cover the various permutations and procedures for lodging data into the database.

## 10.1 Legacy ACS System

## 10.2 SPOT Image Data

## 10.3 Sumbandilasat

For sumbandilasat the procedure for import at the moment boils down to this:

- Wolfgang / other SAC staffer performs initial L1Ab processing of imagery
- Products are placed on the SAC storage array and an email is sent to Tim detailing the names of the new product directories. (Typically they will be under `/cxfs/SARMES/S/INT/RI/SS1/`)
- The products are copied over to LION into `/mnt/cataloguestorage/imagery_processing/sumbandilasat` e.g. `rsync -ave ssh cheetah:/cxfs/SARMES/S/INT/RI/SS1/2* .`
- Before rsyncing, it would be worth noting which products are already processed e.g. “20100409-20100712 20100801-20100830 20100901-20100910 20100901-20100922 20100927-20101014 20101018-20101108 20101109-20101112 20101116-20101119”
- The .shp project file is then imported into the sac database in the import schema to the 'sumb' table
- The scripts/`sort_sumb_imagery.py` script is then run. This converts the sumb pix images to tif and then files them under imagery master copies in the L1Ab folder as shown below.

```
imagery_mastercopies
+-- C2B      <-- CBERS
|   +-- 1Aa
|   +-- 1Ab
+-- S-C      <-- SACC
|   +-- 1Ab
+-- ZA2      <-- sumbandilasat
    +-- 1Aa
    +-- 1Ab
```

- The scripts/`sort_sumb_raw_imagery.py` script is then run. This archives the raw folder and files it into the L1Aa folder as shown above. Note: This step will be merged with the above step for convenience.

After this process the new data should be searchable in the catalogue, thumbnails should be available, and the raw products should be downloadable.

### 10.3.1 Copying the product folder over to LION

Currently we pull the data over from the storage array to LION. This is carried out using rsync. Here is an example of copying a DIMS project folder over:

```
cd /mnt/cataloguestorage/imagery_processing/sumbandilasat
rsync -ave ssh cheetah:/S/INT/RI/SS1/20100901_20100910 .
```

The copied over project file should have a structure something like this:

```
20100801_20100830
+-- imp
|   +-- Thn1
+-- raw
    +-- I0049
    +-- I0085
    ...etc
```

So the data in imp will be converted from pix into tif and made available as L1Ab products. The data in Thn1 will be imported as product thumbnails or 'quicklooks'. The folders under raw will be archived using a filename that matches their sac product ID and made available as downloads.

### 10.3.2 Importing the report file

Once the project folder has been carried over to LION, you need to import the report file into the database. To do this the report file needs to be copied over to ELEPHANT (the database server), the temporary sumb import table cleared and the new report file brought in to populate that table.

There is a django model called 'Sumb' which maps to this temporary import table

- it is not used for anything besides data import and can be safely removed if you do not use Sumbandilasat on your catalogue deployment.

The report file comes in two forms, a Geomatica 'PIX' file and a 'Shapefile' (which is actually a collection of a number of files).

```
SARMES_SS1_20100409-20100712_rep.dbf
SARMES_SS1_20100409-20100712_rep.pix
SARMES_SS1_20100409-20100712_rep.prj
SARMES_SS1_20100409-20100712_rep.shp
SARMES_SS1_20100409-20100712_rep.shx
```

To move these files (the name will differ by product folder so this is just an example) to elephant we do:

```
scp -P 8697 SARMES_SS1_20100409-20100712_rep.* elephant:/tmp/
```

You will need login credentials for elephant of course. Once the files are transferred, you need to log in to elephant (196.35.94.197), clear the import.sumb temporary table and import the report file:

```
ssh -p 8697 elephant
cd /tmp
```

Now open a db session and clear the sumb temporary table:

```
psql sac
delete from import.sumb;
\q
```

Now load the report shapefile into the temporary table (lines wrapped for readability):

```
shp2pgsql -a -s 4326 -S \
/tmp/SARMES_SS1_20100409-20100712_rep.shp \
import.sumb | psql sac
```

If you have a batch of report files to import in one go you can do it with a bash one liner like this:

```
for FILE in *.shp; do shp2pgsql -a -s 4326 -S $FILE import.sumb | psql sac; done
```

After importing, you can verify that all product records were loaded in the metadata table like this:

```
psql sac
sac=# select count(*) from import.sumb;
\q
```

Which should output something like this:

```
count
-----
352
(1 row)
```

Now log out of elephant and we will continue with the import on LION.



### 10.3.3 Unified product migration

Our goal here is to convert the Sumbandilasat data into the SAC Unified Product Model (UPM). The purpose of the UPM is to use a common product table for all sensor types - it includes only cross cutting attributes and does not try to model sensor specific attributes of a product. There are a few UPM specialisations - UPM-O for optical products, UPM-R for radar products and UPM-A for atmospheric products. Since Sumbandilasat is an optical product, metadata records will be lodged as UPM-O.

```
cd /opt/sac_catalogue/sac_live
```

now edit 'scripts/sumb\_importer.py' and at the bottom of the file populate the list of project folders to process. Also make sure that 'mSourcePath' at the top of the file is correct (you would typically not need to change it).

Now run the script by typing:

```
python manage.py runscript sumb_importer
```

To achieve this we will run a python script that will do the work for us.

### 10.3.4 Downloadable Products

## 10.4 CBERS

## 10.5 SACC