



State of GRASS GIS Project: 35 years is nothing!

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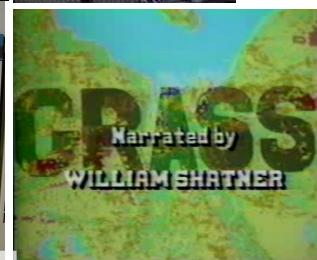




35+ years of GRASS GIS: from mainframe to desktop and cloud

GRASS GIS 101

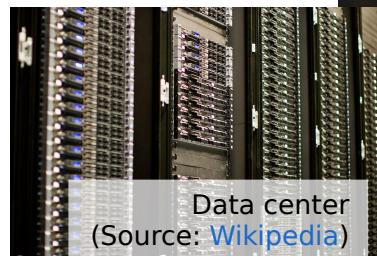
- GRASS = Geographic Resources Analysis Support System
- **modular and flexible** GIS and image processing software
- freedom: GNU General Public License 2+
 - 2D raster and 3D raster voxel processing
 - topological vector data functionality
 - image processing, time series analysis
 - visualization options
- **portable** software ("all" operating systems)
- graphical user interface and command line
- **cloud** ready: docker images available



1982: Vax 11/780
minicomputer



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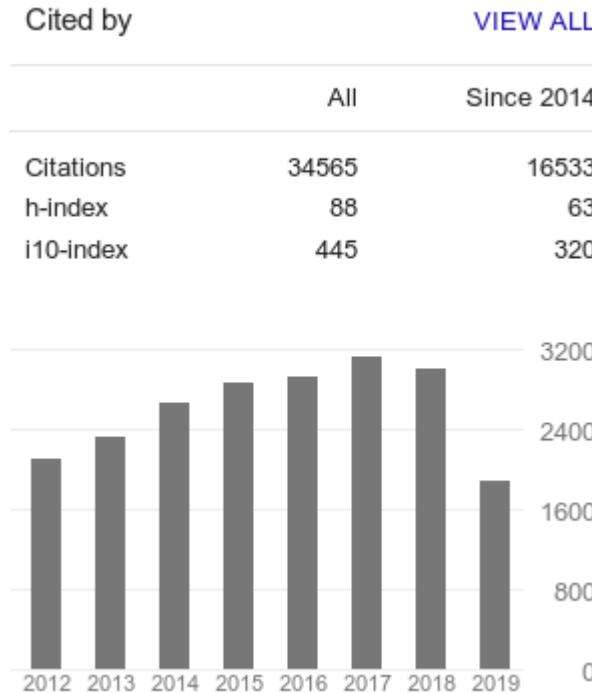
Data center
(Source: [Wikipedia](#))



GRASS GIS and the scientific community

GRASS GIS scientific reputation:

- 34528 citations
- H-index: 88
- i10-index: 444



<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=gJ0ZB0cAAAAJ>

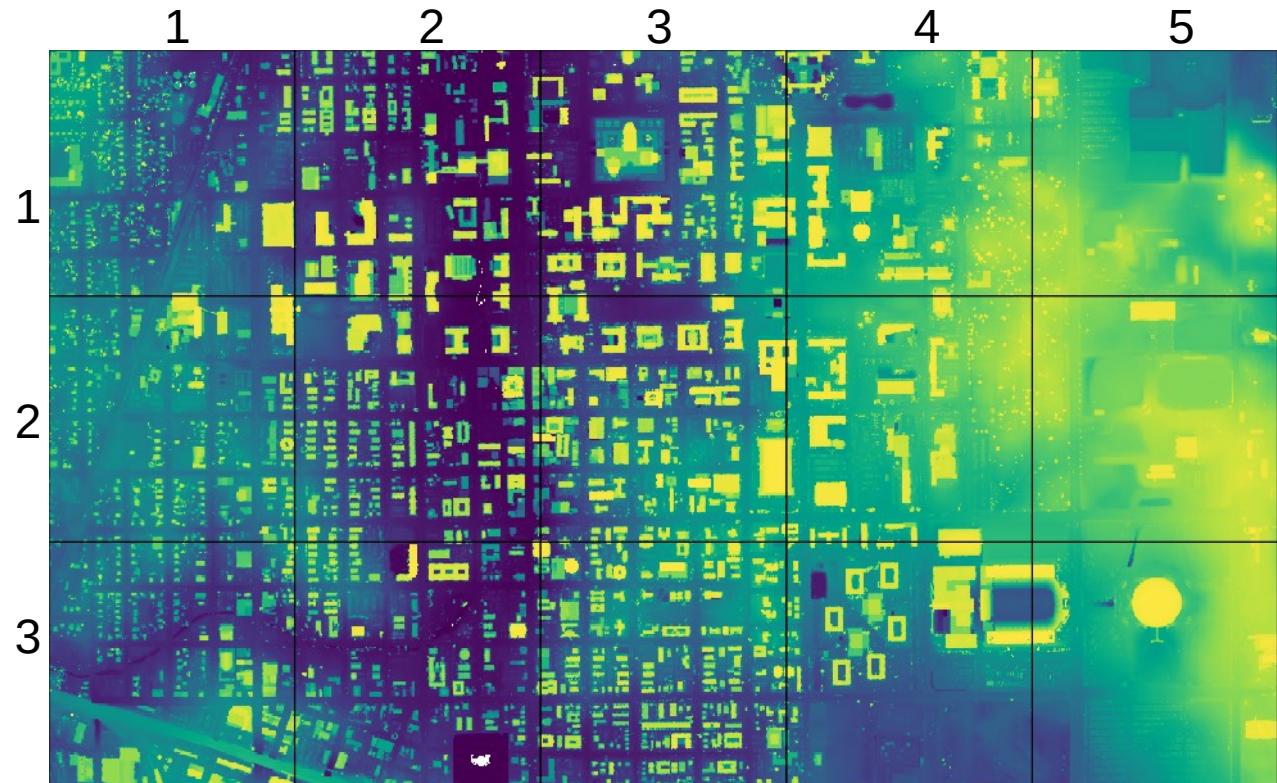


GRASS GIS is Big Data ready

Virtual raster tiles (VRT)

r.buildvrt - creates VRT layer from a list of input raster maps

Useful for tile based (cloud) computing or better management of mosaics



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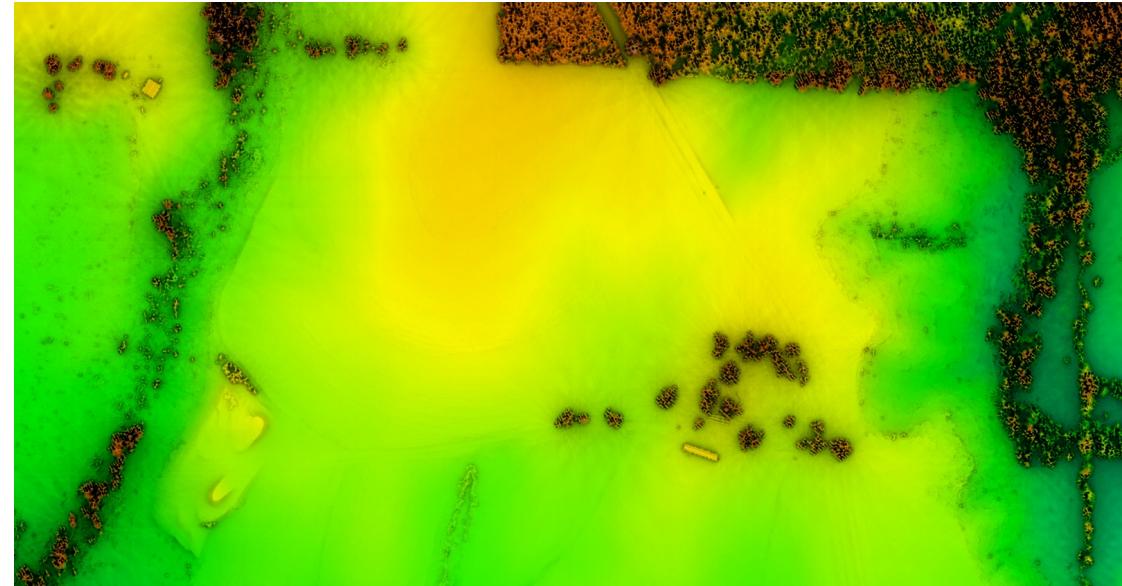
https://wenzeslaus.github.io/grass-gis-talks/ncgis2019_whats_new.html#/26



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New raster compression

ZSTD - an improvement over ZLIB (Deflate) method, providing both faster and higher rate of compression



Screenshot source:

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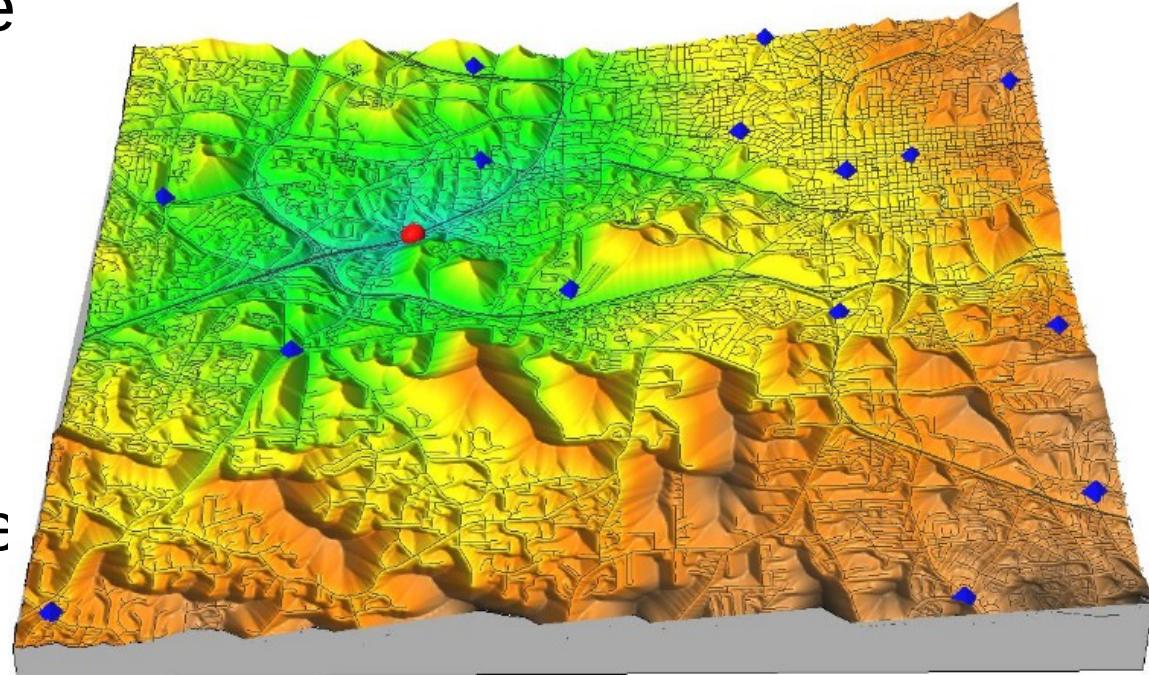


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Flexible memory handling:

- **all-in-memory** mode
- **disk cache** mode

The new all-in-memory cache offers faster cost path, point cloud binning, stream and flow computation, image segmentation, b-spline interpolation



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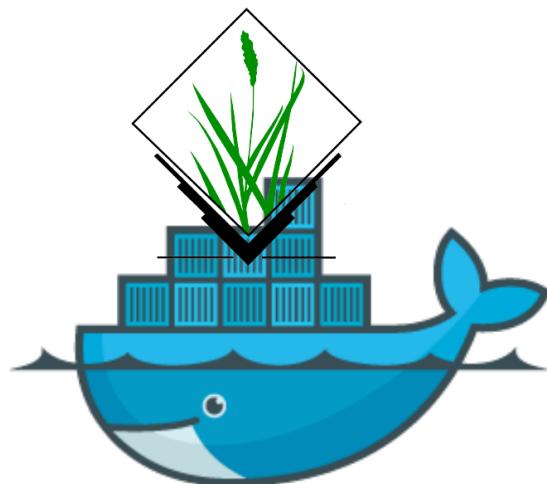


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Up-to-date docker images are available from

<https://grass.osgeo.org/download/software/docker-images/>

→ <https://hub.docker.com/>



 mundialis/grass-py3-pdal By mundialis • Updated 8 days ago GRASS GIS 7.8 (release branch, grass78) with python3 and PDAL Container Linux x86-64	8.3K Downloads 2 Stars
 mundialis/grass-gis-stable By mundialis • Updated 6 days ago GRASS GIS 7.6 release branch (grass76) Container Linux x86-64	306 Downloads 2 Stars
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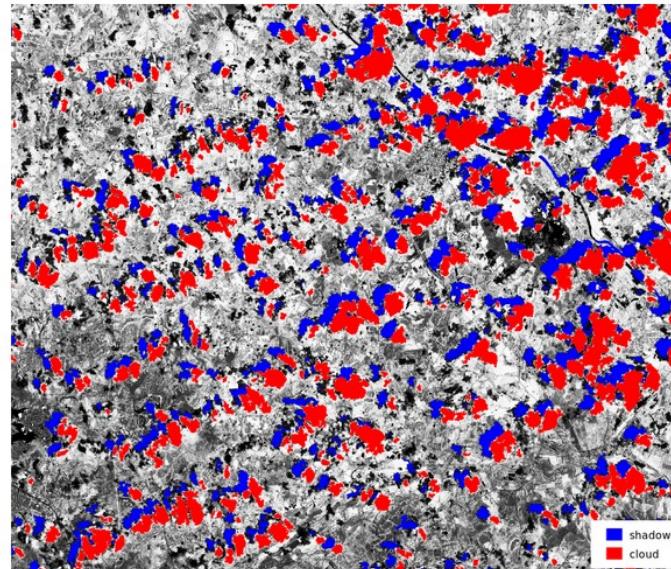
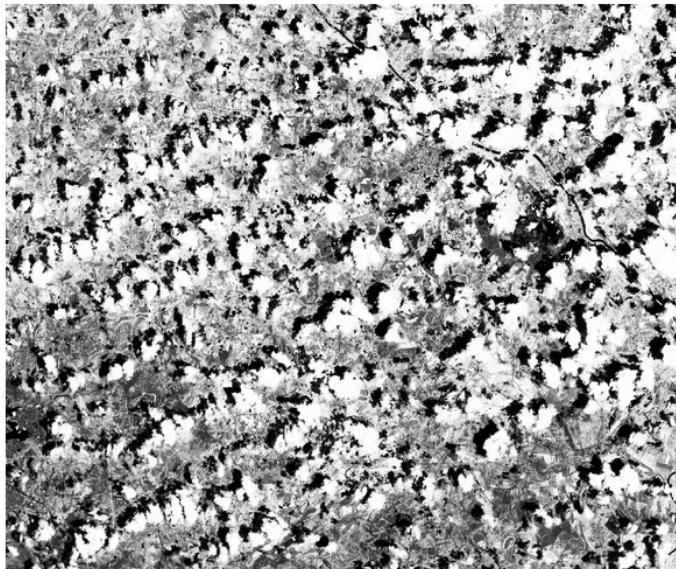


GRASS GIS is Copernicus-ready

New toolset for processing Sentinel-2 data

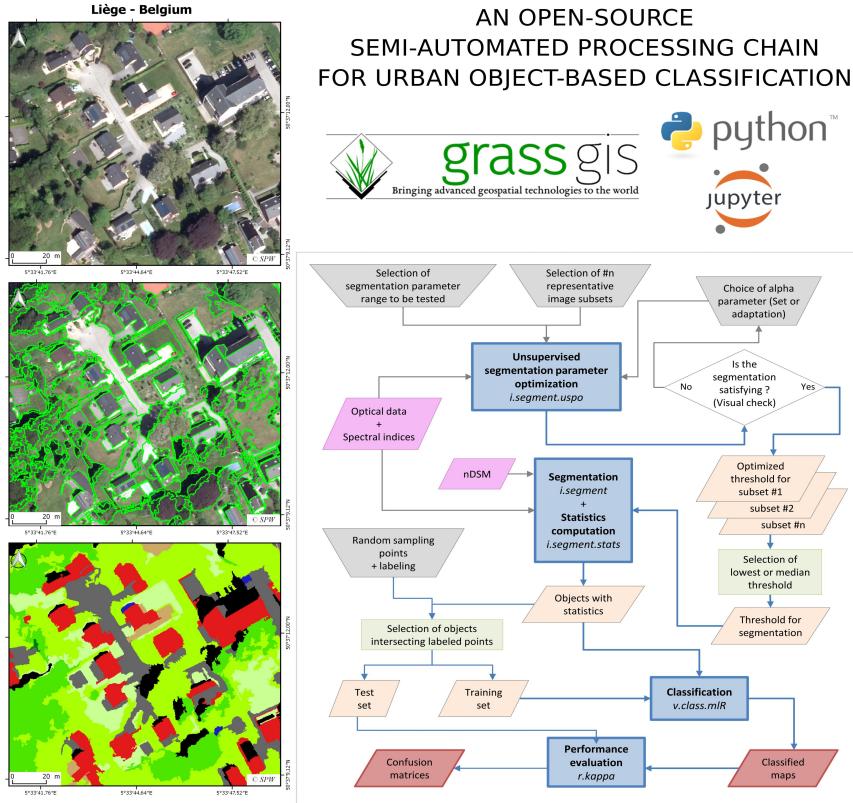
<https://grass.osgeo.org/grass7/manuals/addons/i.sentinel.html>

S-2 download, import, atmospheric and topographic correction, cloud detection, and masking





Remote sensing in GRASS GIS: object-based image analysis (OBIA)



- Complete toolchain from segmentation to classification
- including
 - SLIC superpixel creation
 - image segmentation and parameter optimization
 - Machine Learning (`r.learn.ml`, `v.class.mlR`)
 - Deep learning (`i.ann.*`)

Source : <http://dx.doi.org/10.3390/rs9040358>



GRASS GIS and Python: a long-lasting love story

Python 3 support is available!

- started in 2018 as a Google Summer of Code project
- a notable amount of code needed to be revisited:



First release candidate (7.8.0 RC1) in August 2019

<https://github.com/OSGeo/grass/releases/tag/7.8.0RC1>



Try GRASS GIS online!

Try GRASS GIS in Jupyter Notebook with Python

 launch binder



<https://github.com/wenzeslaus/try-grass-in-jupyter>

Jupyter Notebook for trying GRASS GIS in *Binder*.

Try GRASS GIS in Jupyter Notebook with Bash

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Jupyter zonal-of-watersheds (autosaved)

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Not Trusted | Python 2

In [4]:

```
gs.parse_command('g.region', raster="elevation", flags='pg')
gs.parse_command('r.relief', input="elevation", output='shade')

gs.run_command('d.erase')
gs.run_command('d.rast', map="elevation")
#gs.run_command('d.legend', raster="lakes_buff", range=(2, 5), at=(80, 100, 2, 10))
Image(filename="map.png")

gs.run_command("r.watershed", elevation="elevation", basin="watersheds", threshold=80000)

#gs.run_command("r.colors", map="watersheds", color="haxby")

gs.run_command('d.erase')
gs.run_command('d.shade', color="watersheds", shade="shade")
Image(filename="map.png")
```

Out[4]:



actinia: GRASS GIS with REST API

actinia

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actinia

Actinia is an open source REST API for scalable, distributed, high performance processing of geographical data that uses GRASS GIS for computational tasks. Users can process satellite images, time series of satellite images, and also arbitrary raster and vector data with geographical relations.

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<https://www.osgeo.org/projects/actinia/>

Actinia is a REST service to process geographical data that can be managed by the GRASS GIS software system. The software is designed to expose a GRASS GIS database and many GRASS GIS [1] processing tool as REST service [2]. This REST interface allows to access, manage and manipulate the GRASS GIS database via HTTP GET, PUT, POST and DELETE requests and to process vector, raster and time series data located in a



actinia: GRASS GIS with REST API

```
GRASS 7.8.dev (nc_spm_08):~ >
v.buffer input=mypoint output=mybuffer distance=42 --json
{
  "module": "v.buffer",
  "id": "v.buffer_1804289383",
  "inputs": [
    { "param": "input", "value": "mypoint" },
    { "param": "layer", "value": "-1" },
    { "param": "type", "value": "point,line,area" },
    { "param": "distance", "value": "42" },
    { "param": "angle", "value": "0" },
    { "param": "scale", "value": "1.0" }
  ],
  "outputs": [
    { "param": "output", "value": "mybuffer" }
  ]
}
```

https://github.com/mundialis/actinia_core/

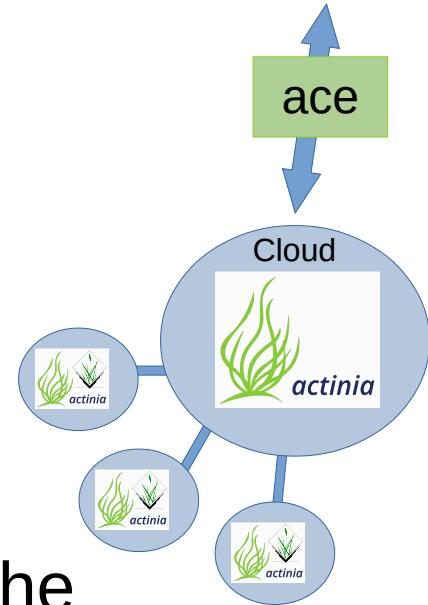
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“ace” tool – actinia command execution

ace allows to work with actinia REST services:

- execution of **single** or **lists** of GRASS GIS commands (i.e., process chains)
- ... the actinia job management will distribute the requests to multiple compute nodes in the cloud



Tutorial incl. download of “ace” tool:

https://github.com/mundialis/actinia_core/tree/master/scripts



SVN to git migration: GRASS GIS 7.x

<https://github.com/OSGeo/grass>

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.github	added .github/FUNDING.yml	3 months ago
.travis	Travis-CI: enable ccache for faster builds	3 months ago
db	svn refs changed to git (#93)	13 days ago
demolocation	GRASS_DB_ENCODING is environmental variable	5 years ago
display	change Python shebang to python3 (#82)	19 days ago
doc	Cleanup .swp files too (#97)	11 days ago
docker	remove now unneeded Python 3 shebang trick (#90)	14 days ago
general	change Python shebang to python3 (#82)	19 days ago
gui	svn refs changed to git (#93)	13 days ago
imagery	svn refs changed to git (#93)	13 days ago
include	svn refs changed to git (#93)	13 days ago



SVN to git migration: 1987 – 2016 v3.2 ... v6.x

<https://github.com/OSGeo/grass-legacy>

Screenshot of the GitHub repository page for OSGeo/grass-legacy.

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Repository Information:

- OSGeo / grass-legacy
- Unwatched (8), Unstarred (3), Forked (0)

Navigation:

- Code, Pull requests (0), Security, Insights, Settings

Description:

Legacy code repository of GRASS GIS versions 3.2, 4.x, 5.x, 6.x (1987-2016) <https://grass.osgeo.org>

Topics:

- legacy-code, grass-gis, Manage topics

Statistics:

- 24,035 commits, 14 branches, 84 releases, 30 contributors, View license

Branch Selection:

- Branch: developbranch_6
- New pull request

Commit History:

Author	Message	Date
neteler	progman: point to http://grass.osgeo.org/programming7/	Latest commit 2734c86 on Sep 19, 2015
db	sync devbr6 to relbr6	6 years ago
debian	git-core pkg renamed to just 'git'	6 years ago
demolocation/PERMANENT	removed legacy files; updated to current vector format (trac https://trac.osgeo.org/grass)	12 years ago
display	d.vect.chart: backport bugfixes	5 years ago
doc	updated supporting docs	5 years ago
gem	compress png images with 'optipng -o5'; svn props	5 years ago
general	user message harmonization update (partial backport of https://trac.osgeo.org/grass)	5 years ago
gui	wxGUI: added v.vect.stats to menu (fixes https://trac.osgeo.org/grass)	5 years ago
imagery	i.landsat.toar: minor file cosmetics	5 years ago
include	fix makefile (rfc directory has been removed)	5 years ago
lib	Vlib: sync 64, 65	5 years ago

Annotation:

GRASS GIS Addons were also moved to GH:
<https://github.com/OSGeo/grass-addons/>



A true software archive: back to GRASS GIS v 3.2 from 1987

<https://github.com/OSGeo/grass-legacy>

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Branch: **releasebranch_...** New pull request Create new file Upload files Find File Clone or download

This branch is 7978 commits ahead, 24035 commits behind **develbranch_6**. Pull request Compare

grass-svn2git and Markus Neteler added ... i.e. the old v6.5! Latest commit a3c282d on Jan 28, 1991



Community activities: Code Sprint 2019 in Berlin



- Focus on SVN to GitHub migration
- Discussions on “image collections” (now available as pull request for discussion)
- WIP: support for PROJ 6

May 2019



New Web site upcoming!

The screenshot shows the GRASS GIS website homepage. At the top left is the "GRASS GIS" logo. At the top right are navigation links: DOWNLOAD, LEARN ▾, CONTRIBUTE ▾, and ABOUT ▾. The main header features a large, semi-transparent image of green grass. Overlaid on this image is the GRASS GIS logo, which consists of a stylized green grass plant inside a diamond shape, with the word "GRASS" in bold black letters and "GIS" in a smaller sans-serif font below it. A white horizontal bar contains the tagline "Bringing advanced geospatial technologies to the world". Below the header, the text "Geographic Resources Analysis Support System" is displayed. The page is divided into three main sections: "Download" (with a download icon), "Learn" (with a book icon), and "Contribute" (with a person icon). Each section has a brief description and a link.

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Contribute

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Thanks for your attention – and join us!



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