Community Access to Natural Resources Information in a Distributed Environment

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CANRI - the vision

An open platform for information sharing to improve natural resource management by the whole community



Increasingly we need to...

- Use each other's data
- Seamlessly integrate & link our information products
- Maintain control of our data for security,
 Quality Control and updating

Whatever we do, it must be: adaptable - extensible - scalable



Custodianship principles

- Trusteeship
- Setting and use of data standards
- Collection & maintenance of information
- Authoritative source
- Accountability
- Maintain access



Technical principles

- Scalable, distributed model
- Separate data serving from presentation
- Data served once for multiple purposes
- Custodians serve their own data
- Domain-specific applications
- Focus on web mapping (spatial integration)
- Driving & implementing technical standards
- Establishing SCOTS software market

CANRI Program 2000-2004: \$4m/4 years - 10 agencies

- Co-ordination strategic, integrated
- Data spatially/Internet enabling
- Systems performance, functionality
- Standards "world best practice"
- Products multi-agency, integrated
- Communication community needs



High-level political support

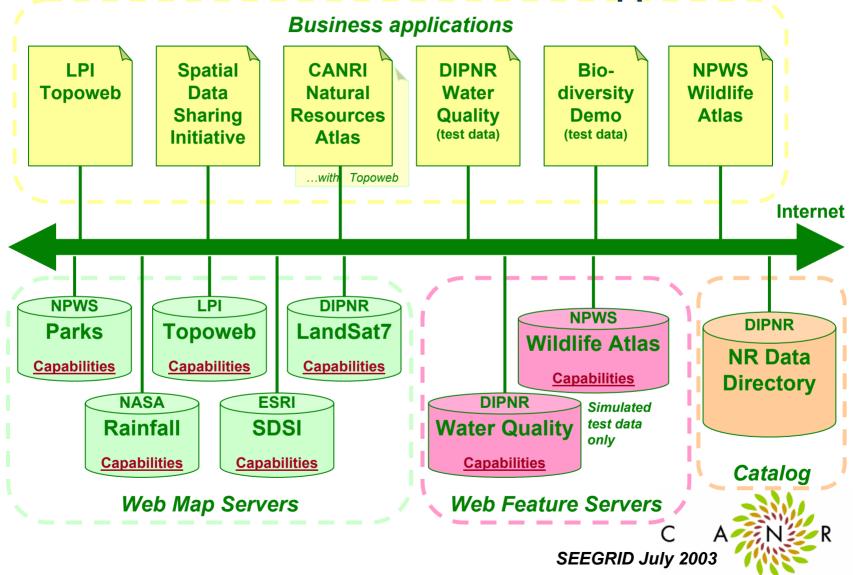
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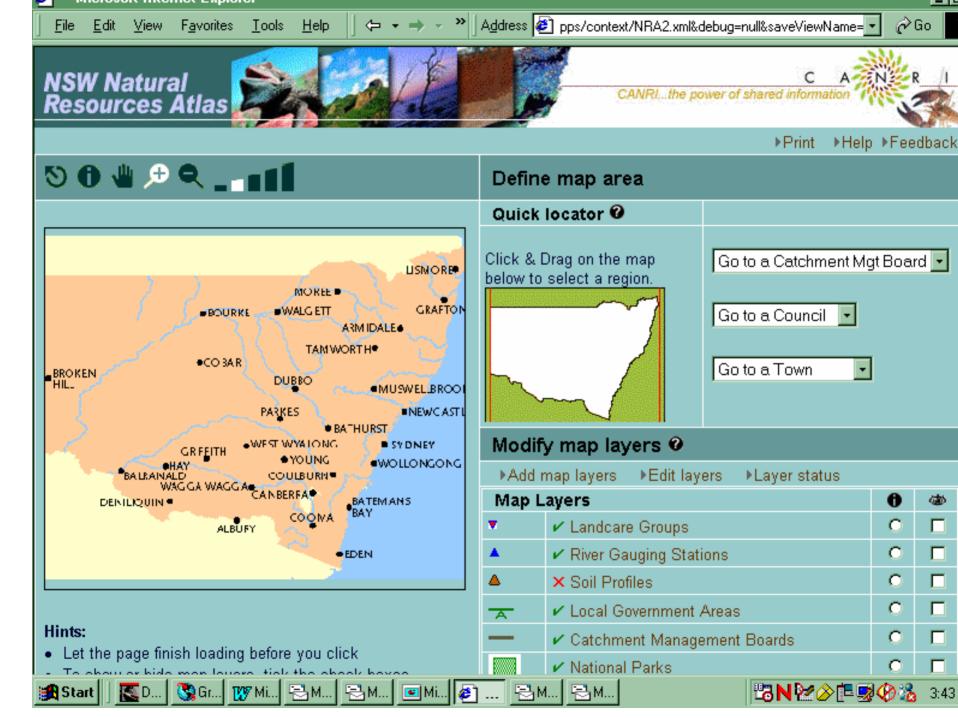
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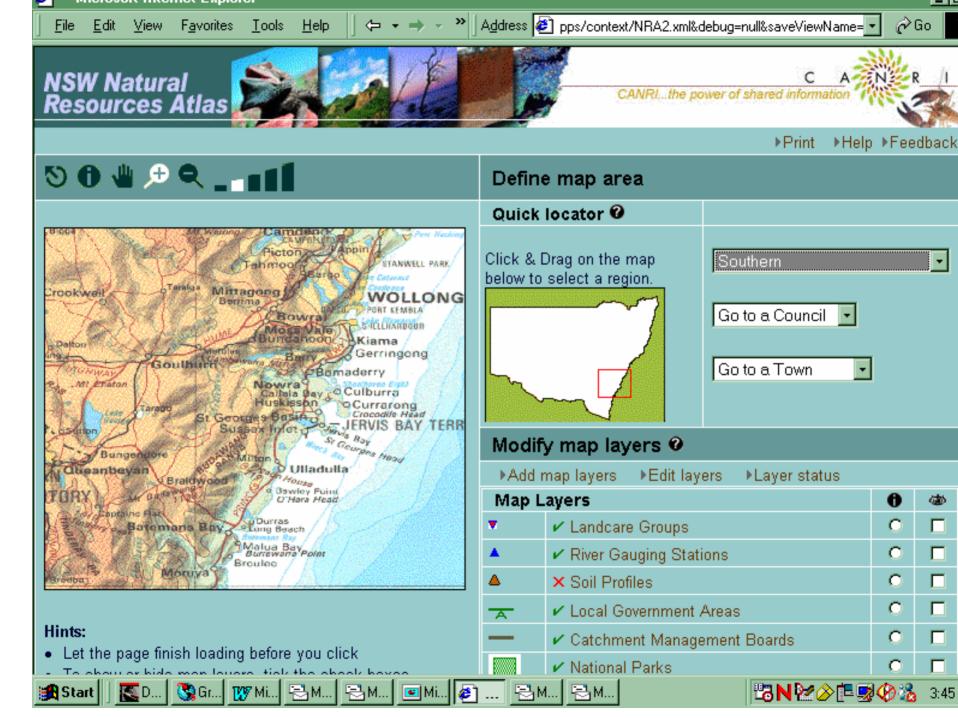


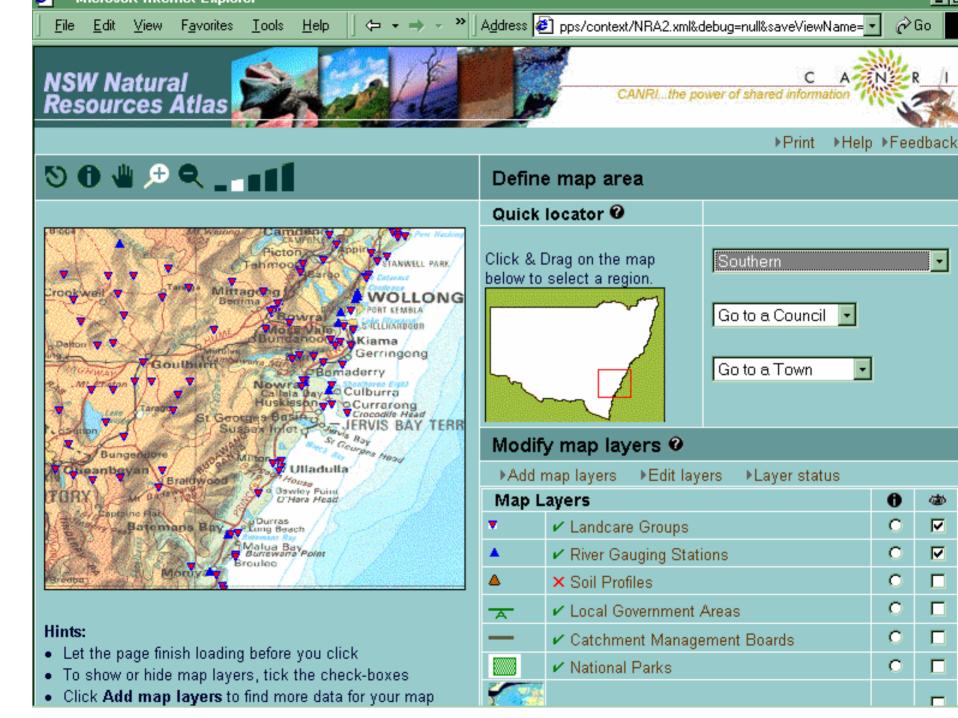
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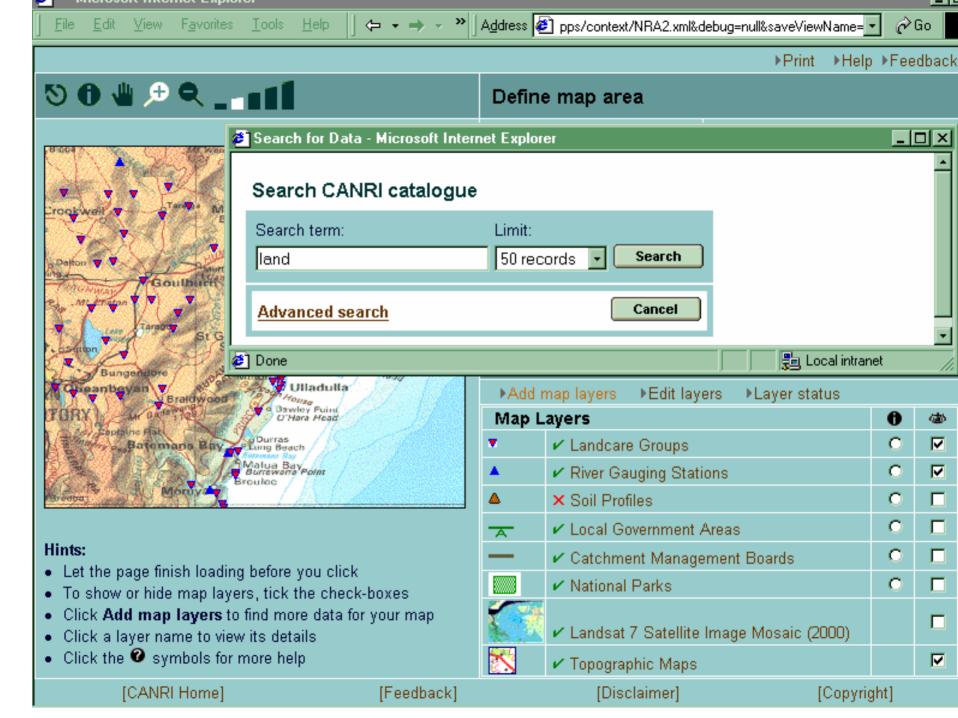
to link data services into business applications











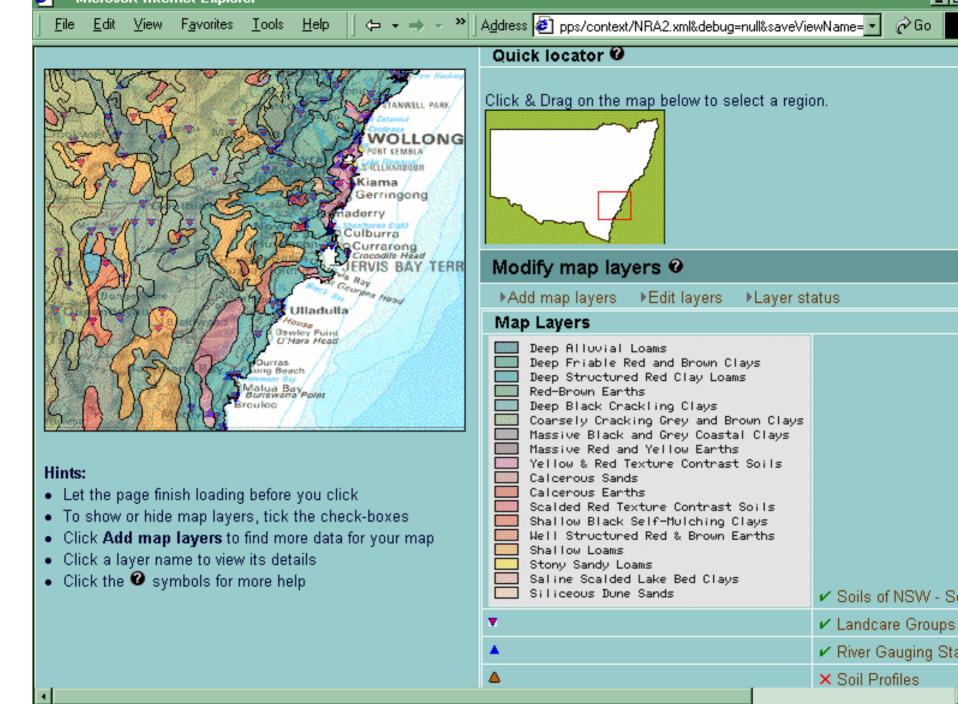
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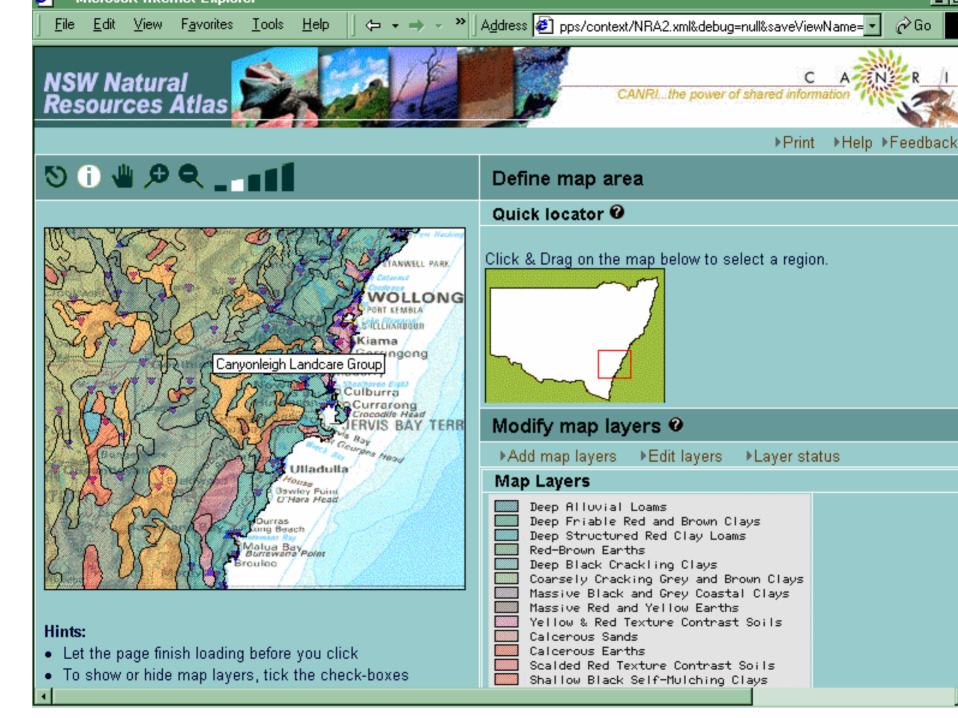
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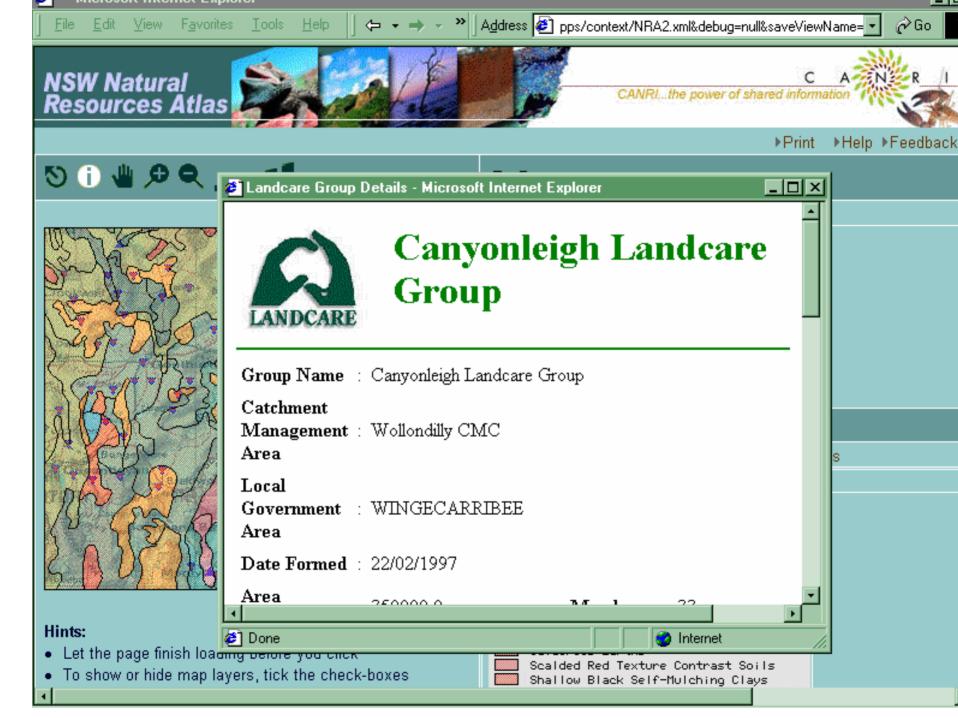
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Layer Capabilities (at current scale)

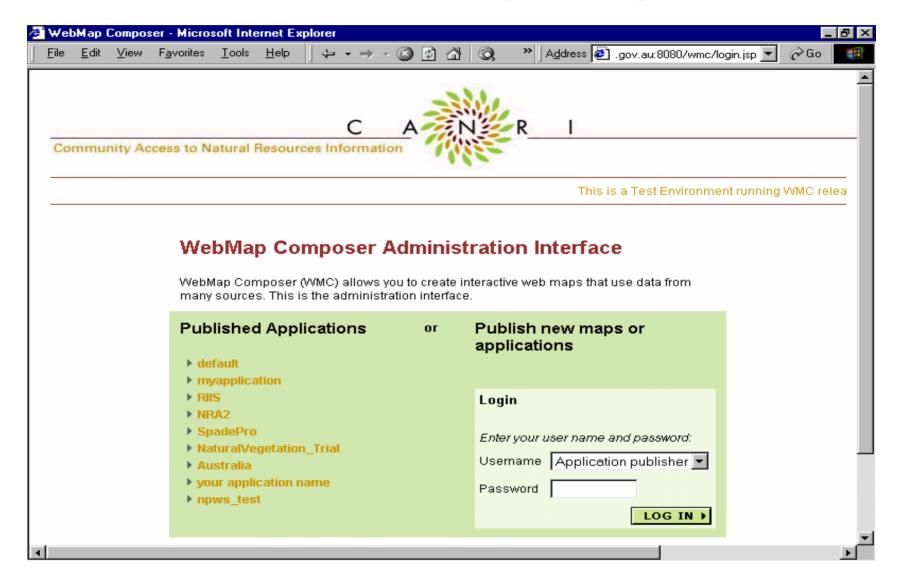
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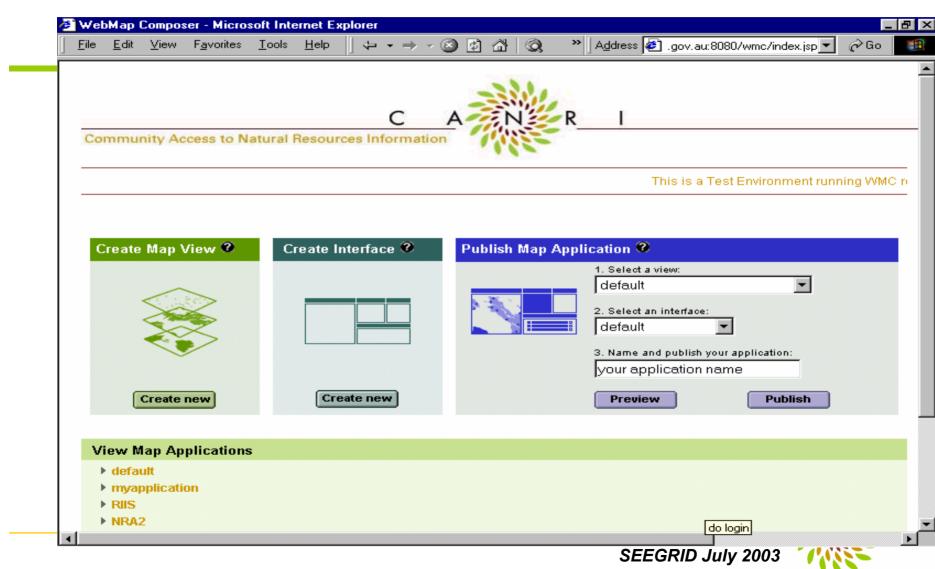




Built with WebMap Composer



Roll your own application



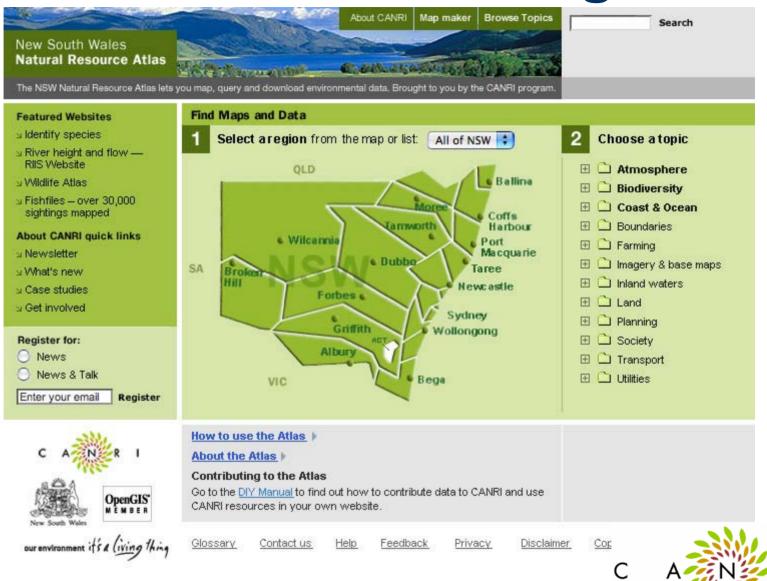
Planning for sustainability

Focus in CANRI's 4th & final year

- Consolidate systems
 - SCOTS software
 - Usability and completeness of product range
 - Improve range and depth of data access
- Promote products
- Seek future funding



CANRI site redesign



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Some emerging issues

- SDI governance
- Quality of service
- Common conceptual model
- Shared registry
- Shared access management



SDI needs good governance

- Lead agency & champion
- Consensus between sectors
- Clear business drivers
- Data custodianship principles
- Interoperability principles
- Open technology standards



Quality of (web) service

Service level agreements

- Reusable web services
- For business-critical applications
- Core business for the information age

Conformance testing

- IT standards
- SDI framework

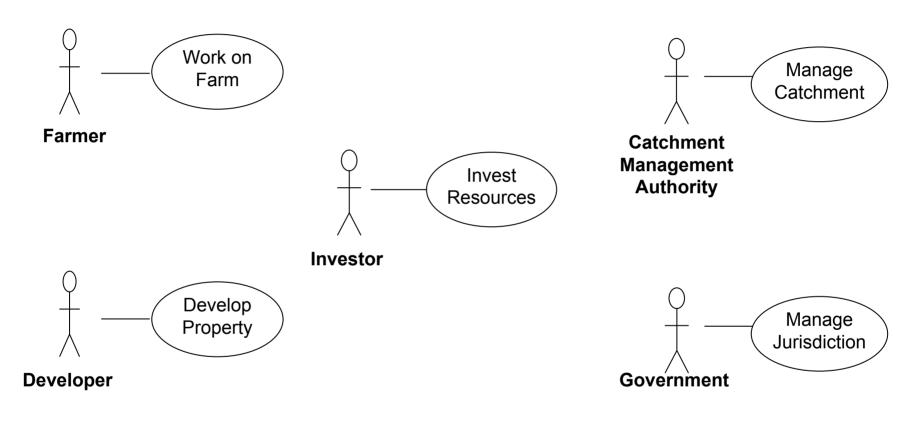


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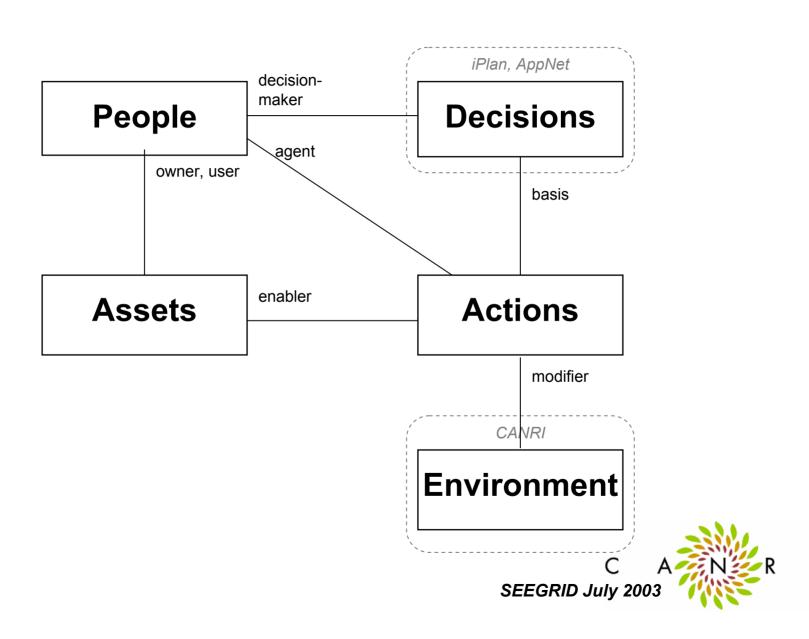
Common conceptual model

- End-users
- Data custodians
- Product managers
- System administrators

End users & use cases



Information classes



Online registry

Lynchpin of the SDI

- Not just data, but services, data models, symbology, ...
- Whole-of-government responsibility
- Standards still emerging



Web access management

- Sharing sensitive resources
- Single-sign-on
- Cost-effective central user repository
- WAM pilot funded through connect.nsw and CANRI



Uses for GRID computing

- Distributed-source geoprocessing
- Visualisation
- GIS supported conferencing



Limiting factors

Not technology

- Sparsity of data
- Requirements definition
- Management clarity / political will willingness to collaborate



...the power of shared information

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