SIMDAT Elements for building the WIS

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Real-time data flow: From Observation to Numerical Weather Prediction to Decision Making







Current Situation: GTS

Global Telecommunications System (GTS)

- Observations
- Forecasts
- Warnings

Private Network

- Point to point network
- NOT an Internet





Current Situation: GTS



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Current Situation (cont.)



 At present, WMO Programmes do not offer appropriate response to such queries



WMO Information System - Vision

Real-time collection and dissemination:

- Real-time "push" through dedicated telecommunication for operation-critical data

• Timely delivery of data and products:

- Delayed mode "push" through dedicated telecommunication means and public data networks, especially the Internet

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Data discovery and retrieval service:

"Pull" through the Internet (HTTP, FTP,...)

Unified procedures

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- More efficient data exchange

Coordinated and standardized metadata

- Data interoperability between programmes
- Improved data management
- ISO 191xxx series



WMO Information System and VGISC

- The Fourteenth WMO Congress (2003) approved the concept of the WMO Information System (WIS)
 - *"a single, co-ordinated global infrastructure for the collection and sharing of information in support of all WMO and related international programmes"*
- The WIS defines three functional components:
 - National Centres (NC)
 - Data Collection or Production Centres (DCPC)
 - Global Information System Centres (GISC)
- DWD, Météo France and the UK Met Office have volunteered to collaborate on development of a virtual GISC (VGISC)
- ECMWF and EUMETSAT are included in the project as DCPCs.

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SIMDAT and the VGISC Project

- SIMDAT is a four years EU funded project under FP6
 - It started in 2004
- SIMDAT was an opportunity to fund to development of the VGISC
 - ECMWF is the project coordinator
 - Most of the developments are done at ECMWF
- The available budget is approximately 1.1 M€.
 - ECMWF: 84 person/months (2 consultants)
 - DWD: 36 person/months
 - UK Met Office: 6 person/months
 - Météo France: 6 person/months
 - EUMETSAT participates as a non-funded partner.



SIMDAT Project Aims

- To build an integrated and scalable framework for the collection and sharing of distributed data
 - Targeting meteorology, hydrology, climate and other environmental data
- To provide a unified view of all available data
- To provide a transparent access to distributed resources
 - Discovery service, Cataloguing service, Subscription service,...
- To implement a non-intrusive system
 - Provide access to existing local databases
 - Provide a global access control policy managed by the partners and integrated into their existing security infrastructure



The VGISC architecture



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Access to existing data repositories in a nonintrusive fashion





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Components: Portal

- Web based user Interface of the system
- Offers discovery facilities
 - Catalogue Browsing
 - Searching (keyword, time and space)
- Allows data selection and request submission
- Offers per user request management
 - Progress monitoring, ...
- Offers data download facility





Components: Catalogue Node

Provides connectivity between Partners

- Can reach any other Catalogue Node
- Holds the metadata catalogue
 - Provide discovery services to the Portal
- Implement peer-to-peer synchronization of metadata with other Catalogue Nodes
- Forward data requests
 - To its Data Repositories
 - To peer Catalogue Nodes
- Stream retrieved data between Data Repository and End User

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Catalogue No	de
\bigcirc	Discovery Service
Cache	Replication Service
\leq	Synchronisation Service
Catalogue	Harvesting Service
	Security Service
repos	ata itories
data	Local data bases



Components: Data Repository

- Provides a unified interface between the Catalogue Node and local databases
- Acts as a metadata provider
 - Publish metadata for harvesting by the Catalogue Node

Acts as a data provider

- Accept data requests from the Catalogue Node
- Translate data requests into request for local databases
- Implement asynchronous handling of data requests
 - Support for access to off-line data





Connectivity to another site via secure connection layer





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A scalable system: addition of new sites







Catalogue Synchronisation: each site has a copy of the global catalogue



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Data from anywhere can be accessed from everywhere







Datasets are indexed (text, location, time)

Simdat-VGISC

Search >

Login Home Search Onto-Search Directory Requests

Keyword search



CECMWF

Welcome

... to the SIMDAT portal running at the **European Centre for** Medium-Range Weather Forecasts







Datasets are categorised (browsing)



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Datasets are described using Metadata **CECMWF** Simdat-VGISC Q

Login Home Search Onto-Search Directory Requests

Keyword search

Metadata

Home > Metadata >

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Retrieve Data

Show XML

Please note:

This is an external dataset. If you which to retreive it, you will be redirected to another site.

Title: MEGAN (Model of Emissions of Gases and Aerosols from Nature)

Abstract: MEGAN is a modeling system for estimating the net emission of gases and aerosols from terrestrial ecosystems into the atmosphere. It is driven by landcover, weather, and atmospheric chemical composition. MEGAN is a global model with a base resolution of ~ 1 km. It can run as a stand-alone model for generating emission inventories but is also being incorporated as an on-line component of chemistry/transport and earth system models.

The MEGAN collection is currently being updated to version 2.0 so these data are not currently available. This notice will be removed when the update is complete. You may email cdp@ucar.edu if you have further questions.

Bounding Box: 84°N 180°E 57°S -0°W



Categories: EARTH SCIENCE > Atmosphere > Air Quality > Emissions > EARTH SCIENCE > Atmosphere > Air Quality > Volatile Organic Compounds > EARTH SCIENCE > Atmosphere > Air Quality > Nitrogen Oxides > EARTH SCIENCE > Atmosphere > Atmospheric Chemistry > Trace Gases/Trace Species > 18 more...

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On Line Source: https://cdp.ucar.edu/getCatalog.do?ID=ucar.ncar.acd.software.megan





Multiple data types support



Stationname: Aachen

Date	Value	QualityLevel	Latitude	Longitude	Altitude	
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2006-09-24	23.8	high	50.7839	6.095	2021298	82

<u>Home</u> > <u>Your requests</u> > Request test.ecmwf_1161186647548 >

ECMWF Analysis VT:Sunday 1 September 1957 12UTC Surface: 2 metre temperature



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Status: 11 sites connected



Status and Plans

Status

- The prototype has been deployed in a large worldwide test bed (11 sites)
- Provides discovery capabilities
- Allows data retrieval
- Support a wide variety of data types
- Implements user management and data policies
- The software is available under an Open Source Licence

Plans

- Ingestion of GTS data
- Offer subscription services
- Follow the development of the INSPIRE directive



New Release with support for VO

• We want security

- Users needs to be authenticated (who are they?)

We want to enforce data policies

- Can this user access this data?
- Users have "roles", e.g. this user is a "researcher"
- Data have "policies", e.g. this data is accessible by "researchers".

• These issues have to be solved in a distributed environment

- Non centralised solution: user may login at one site (authenticated)...
- ... to get data from another (authorized)

Problems

- How to we make sure that all sites have the same understanding of roles and policies (e.g. what is a "researcher")
- How do we solve technically the fact that authentication and authorisation do not take place at the site.





Virtual Organisations: Domains & Trust



- A domain represents a group of organisations with a common data access policy.
- Organisations within a domain trust each other to authenticate users

Authorization is performed by the Site hosting the data



Project successes

• With the EU

- The achievements of the meteorological activity of SIMDAT have been acknowledged by EU reviewers
- With the WMO community
 - The software was presented during expert team meetings
- Evaluation copies of the software
 - Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Finland, Japan, Korea, Morocco, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Sweden, Zimbabwe
- Other communities are interested
 - Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES)
 - EUMETNET OPERA project
 - International Polar Year (IPY)



Conclusion

SIMDAT is a virtual distributed database

- Fully decentralised and all sites have equal rights
- Decentralised user and data policies management
- Integrated catalogue and data retrieval functions (one-stop-shop)
- Designed for operational use
- Interfacing with any existing data repositories
 - Without any impact on the local infrastructure or disruption of operational activities

- Support for any data types (GTS bulletins, Model outputs, Satellite images, climate time-series,)
- Generates interest in meteorology and other environmental communities



http://code.ecmwf.int/trac/vmc

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