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Support to Arba Minch Town water utility and Municipality in the water & sanitation sector through capacity building and partnership development with Italian water organizations

Introduction to GIS

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Why a GIS?

Calculation of iso-distances with weights

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Why a GIS?

Calculation of salesman problem

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Why a GIS?

Simulation of possible scenarios



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Why a GIS?

Hydro- geomorphology





Why a GIS?

Complex volumetric calculations



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Why a GIS?

Water supply systems



What a GIS is not!

WebGIS - mostly publication of data

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What a GIS is not!

CAD - computer aided design



Building a soccer field



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Building a soccer field

- 1) DP asks an Italian engineer, which tells him to send him the map of the park, so he can design the field
- 2) DP asks his friend Adane Girma to create the plans for him
- 3) Adane draws the plans in AutoCAD and sends them to the Italian engineer



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4) the engineer imports the CAD drawing in the GIS, because it is the way to show territorial data

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A CAD has no geographic knowledge!

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5) the engineer asks explicitly for GIS data











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Vector Files: the shapefile

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GIS data types

Raster data





Difference between raster and vector





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6) Mr. Watsam knows what to do. He

- draws the park in the GIS

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- uses a known projection
- adds all needed information
- sends the **shapefile** to Italy



Why do we need them?

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Basically we need to do measurements and to do so we need to transform a spherical shape to fix on paper without too many distortions



The reference ellipsoid The **datum** is a mathematically defined reference surface from which measurements are made.



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Datums can be **local**ly orientated or cover the whole globe (designed to support satellitar measurements. The GPS uses the WGS84 global datum, code EPSG:4326 in uDiq.

The **projection** is the mathematical process to represent the earth on a flat piece of paper or screen

UTM - Universal Transverse Mercator



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UTM maps the Earth with a transverse cylinder projection using 60 different meridians, each of which is a standard "UTM Zone". By rotating the cylinder in 60 steps (six degrees per step, about 800Km) UTM assures that all spots on the globe will be within 3 degrees from the center of one of the 60 cylindrical projections.

uDig has a simple crs dialog to choose the projection if necessary



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7) Same as the first time the engineer imports the data in the GIS

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Mapping water supply systems

- 1) **survey** data with the GPS (EPSG:4326)
- 2) export data from the GPS as CSV (text file)
- 3) import data into the GIS

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- 4) modify/add info to the attributes table
- 5) save them as **shapefile**

If you can see the data in the GIS **properly positioned**, everyone will be able to work with them.