# Geospatial Data and the Semantic Web The GeoKnow Project

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# About the project
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# $\stackrel{\text{\tiny Low}}{=}$ The Spatial Data Web



#### Status

- Semantic technologies for exposing, sharing, and connecting pieces of data on web using RDF
- Large Spatial Databases (OpenStreetMaps, Google Maps etc.) and GIS systems required for many applications

#### Goal

 Enhance the Web as a global, distributed platform for data, information and knowledge integration by combining GIS and semantic technologies





# The Spatial Data Web



#### The story so far

- $\blacksquare$  Extension of the Web with a data commons (> 50 Billion facts) including  $\approx 20\%$  geospatial data sets
- Emerging spatial data web research community
- Standardisation activities (e.g. GeoSPARQL, W3C & OGC Standardisation Group started Jan 2015)
- More Spatial Triple Stores (e.g. Strabon)
- Linked Data allows combining geo services and formats (e.g. INSPIRE, OGC)
   with other structured information





# Geo The Spatial Data Web



#### Challenges

- Big Data: Large volumes of frequently updated data
- Oata Integration: Relatively few, expensively maintained links
- Quality: partly low-quality data and varying coverage
- Data Consumption: large-scale processing, schema mapping and data fusion
- Standard Support/Compliance: standards not fully implemented yet



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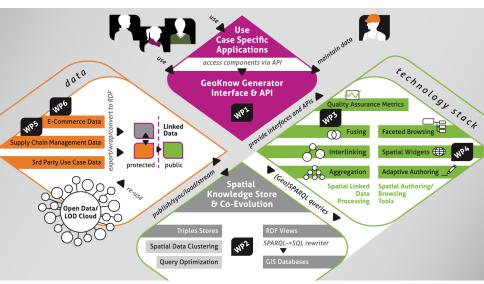






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WP7: Dissemination & Exploitation

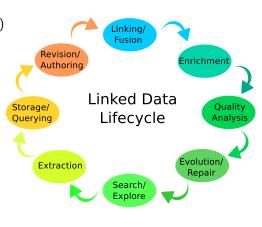
WP8: Management



### Achievements - Linked Data Stack



- Originated in LOD2 Project
- Linked Data Stack
   (http://stack.linkeddata.org)
   provides a consolidated repository
   of such tools
- Lightweight integration between tools via common vocabularies and standards, e.g. (Geo)SPARQL
- Each tool is a Debian package
  - 38 GeoKnow packages
  - 87 packages in Linked Data Stack (including other projects)
  - RPM packages
  - Nightly builds
  - Planned stack use in Big Data Europe, HOBBIT, GEISER etc. research projects





### Achievements - GeoKnow Generator UI



- Common interface and integration of geospatial Linked Data Stack tools
  - Guided demo tour on the website
  - Co-evolution support
  - Supply chain data extraction
  - Commercial adoption at State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)
     Switzerland within LINDAS project





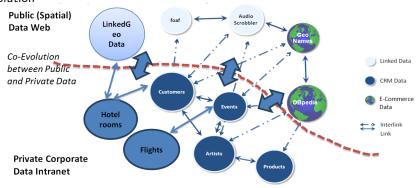
# WP4: Spatial-semantic Browsing, Visualizatio ut



#### Public-private spatial data co-evolution

Goal: Identify types of enterprise RDF data synchronization workflows, define and implement tools that support them. This will include ETL processes, query federation, transformation/patching of data and change set propagation.

Achieved by: Named Graph Sets with changeset tracking, versioning and conflict resolution





# Achievements - Benchmarking



- Intensive work on benchmarking geospatial systems
- Benchmark project started: https://github.com/GeoKnow/GeoBenchLab

 Validation of component scalability across different lifecycle phases (and detection of potential regression)

- Current benchmarks:
  - Slippy map benchmark
  - Datacube query benchmark
  - Interlinking benchmark
  - Fusion benchmark
  - Enrichment benchmark
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  - Facet Browsing Library benchmark
  - RDB2RDF benchmark





### Virtuoso by OpenLink Software



- Triplestore development in GeoKnow
  - ullet Initial analysis for Triple Stores performed (Virtuoso, uSeekM, Parliament, AllegroGraph, OWLIM-SE, Strabon + Oracle Spatial 11g, PostGIS as reference) using fragments of OSM and Ordnance Survey data
  - Improved GeoSPARQL compliance (after tests with various stores: uSeekM, Parliament, AllegroGraph, OWLIM-SE, Strabon)
  - Continuous benchmarking of Virtuoso throughout the project (detailed in D1.3 and WP2)
  - Characteristic set support in Virtuoso relational materialisation of related structures to improve query performance (started in Year 2, finished in Year 3)
  - Graph analytics inside Virtuoso e.g. for route planning



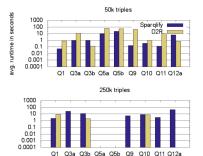
Linked Data Lifecycle



# Achievements - Sparglify



- http://aksw.org/Projects/Sparqlify
- Rewrites SPARQL SELECT queries to a single SQL query allowing the underlying database to perform optimizations
- Support for using geospatial RDBMS (PostGIS) functions
- Web interface with syntax highlighting and live data generation for easy mapping creation
- Docker image now available



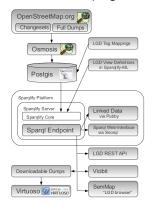




### Achievements - LinkedGeoData



- LinkedGeoData conversion simplified to a set of SQL files and Sparqlify Mapping Definitions
- New full release (January 2016) with more than 1.2 billion triples based on the OpenStreetMap planet file from 2015-11-02 is now online!
- Updated/new interlinks with Wikidata, DBpedia, Wikimapia, Geonames, Natural Earth in progress



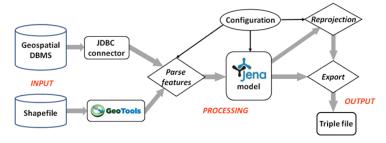




# Achievements - TripleGeo



- Converts shapefiles, spatial DBMS output to RDF
- Input: ESRI shapefiles, Oracle Spatial, PostGIS, MySQL, IBM DB2, INSPIRE-aligned GML (Geography Markup Language) data for seven Data Themes (in Annex I)
- $\bullet \ \, \text{Output: GeoSPARQL WKT, WGS84} + \text{several RDF serialisations supported} \\$
- Support for EU INSPIRE directive added, in particular INSPIRE-aligned GML (Geography Markup Language) data for seven Data Themes (Annex I): Addresses, Administrative Units, Cadastral Parcels, GeographicalNames, Hydrography, Protected Sites, and Transport Networks (Roads)

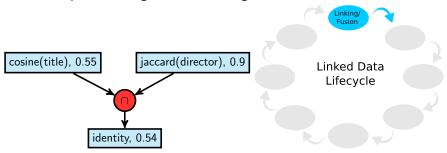




### Achievements - LIMES



- Orthodromic distance only supported by LIMES and SILK
- Linking algorithm ORCHID for geospatial data in LIMES
- Reduces number of comparisons of resources in datasets which should be integrated
- Linking papers at ESWC'13 (linking in the cloud, best paper award) and ISWC'13 (ORCHID algorithm) and ISWC'14 ORCHID
  - Between 1 and 2 orders of magnitude scalability improvement on geospatial data
  - Large-scale evaluation of ORCHID including industrial settings
  - Improved caching and load balancing





### Achievements - FAGI



- Geospatial transformations and fusion
- Merges geospatial data using several configurable fusing actions
  - Map interactive geospatial transformations
  - Higher efficiency
  - 2 orders of magnitude performance improvements
  - Extended set of fusion actions





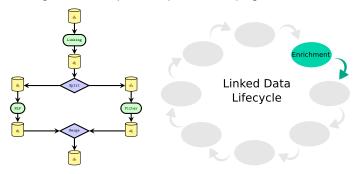
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### Achievements - DEER



- Goal: enrich RDF datasets with (spatial) information
- Modular pipeline approach for dereferencing, linking and NLP extraction
- Progress:
  - Machine learning techniques for learning DEER specifications using desired input-output pairs
  - Learning of more complex ML specs work in progress





### Achievements - Facete 1



- Generic faceted browser for HTTP SPARQL endpoints
- Vocabulary abstraction layer for support of arbitrary geo vocabularies (e.g. GeoSPARQL, WGS)
- Automatically finds map data for entities
- Nested facets and client side pagination without pre-processing
- Client side querying with support for  $\approx 100 \text{k sps}^{+1}$  objection Goal in to work with DBpedia/LGD

Linked Data Lifecycle

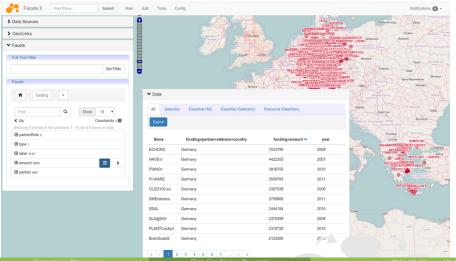




### Row Achievements - Facete 2



- RDF authoring support
- Implicit support for tracking changes
- Support for explicitly registering Changesets using the Co-Evolution API





## Geo Achievements - GEM



 Mobile spatial exploration - extended with better routing, authoring, recommendations







# Supply Chain Management Use Case



Mobile dashboard developed:



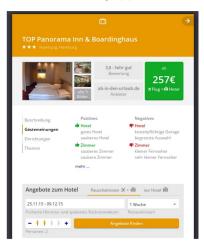
- Integration of prototype with Xybermotive commercial Web-EDI system
- On-the-fly calculation of metrics, for example weather influences and news aggregation (see demo)
- Distributed metrics calculation via Apache Spark



#### E-Commerce Use Case



- Motive based search prototype
- Internal evaluation and crowdsourcing approach on BlueKiwi web application





# Achievements - Development Activity



main repository: https://github.com/GeoKnow

#### Software components:

- DataCubeValidation quality assessment for statistical data
- DEER annotates existing RDF datasets with geospatial information
- ESTA-LD spatiotemporal analysis tool
- FAGI a tool for fusion and aggregation of geospatial information
- GEM mobile geospatial exploration and filtering
- Jassa a JavaScript library for SPARQL-based applications
- LDViewer Linked Data presentation and browsing
- Lodtenant RDF/SPARQL workflow toolkit
- Mappify allows to create simple geospatial web applications
- TripleGeo converts shapefiles and other geospatial structures to triples
- Sparqlify SPARQL-2-SQL rewriter
- LinkedGeoData RDF version of OpenStreetMap
- Facete (2) a generic, facet-based RDF browser
- LIMES framework for RDF data integration
- Virtuoso triple store and middleware







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