



Introduction to *gvSIG*

as desktop GIS/SDI client



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Company presentation



- Spanish company (Valencia)
- 17 years of experience in the GIS technology sector
- Co-author of open source “gvSIG” GIS tool, together with the Valencia Regional Ministry of Infrastructures and Transport.
- Technological developments subject to the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) standards for web-based spatial data consultation and exchange services
- Member of the Project Management and Technical Committee.
- 90 employees





Project origin

2003: Regional Government of Infrastructures and Transport of Generalitat Valenciana decides to migrate to *Free Software*.

Advantages:

- ◆ Technological **independence**
- ◆ **Quality industrial structure**
- ◆ **Freedom** to give solutions to our problems
- ◆ Capacity to develop **new functionalities** (required functionalities, users feedback)
- ◆ **No cost** for license
- ◆ **Unlimited** number of installations
- ◆ You pay for **service**
- ◆ Optimization of the **investment**





Origins of the project

No free advanced GIS was **available** at that moment.



Let's invent it.



Fast evolution: from LOCAL -----> to GLOBAL project





About gvSIG

Main characteristics

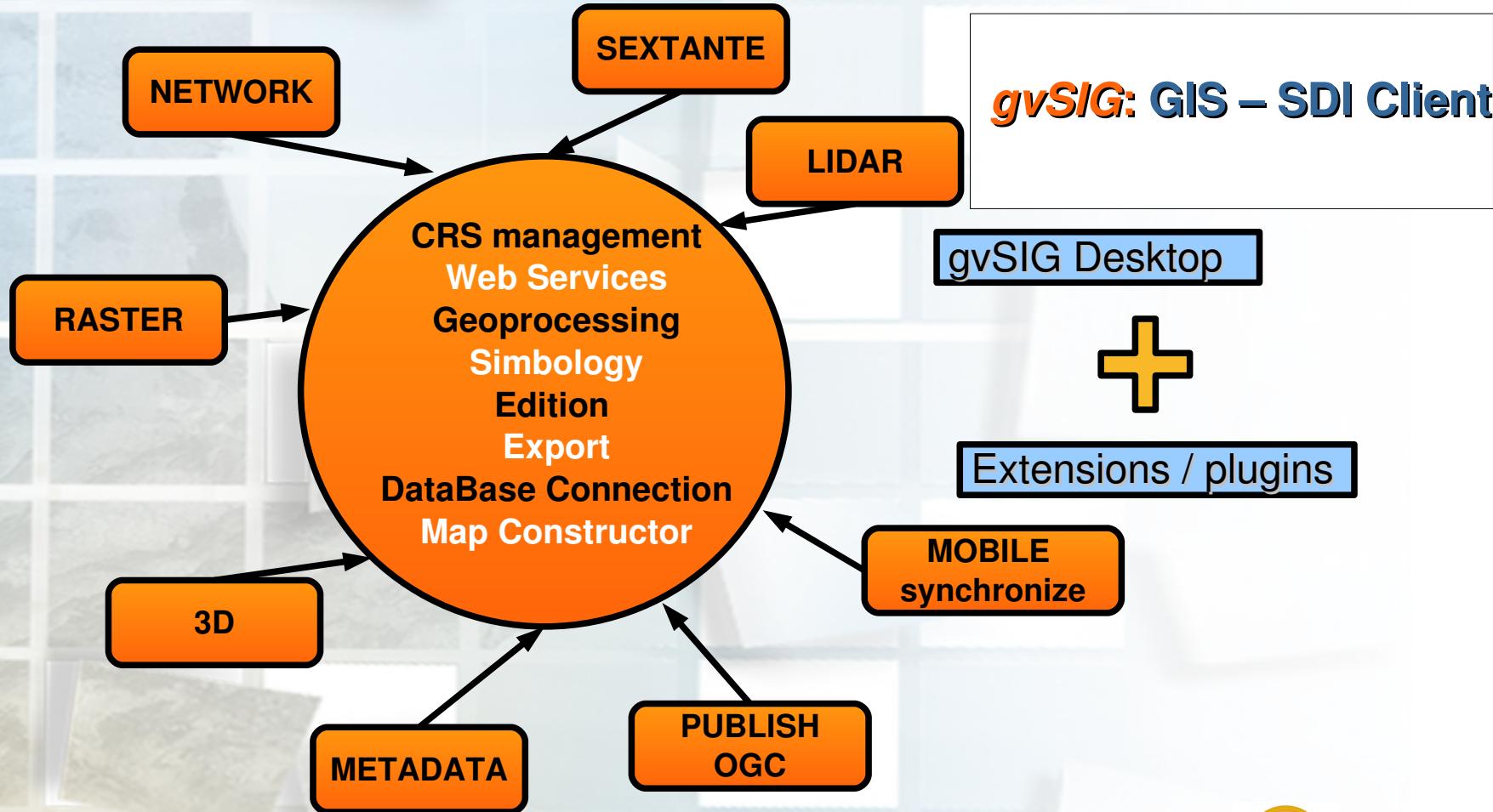
- ➊ Development language: **Java** (Multiplatform).
- ➋ Adheres to the guidelines of the European Union - **Inspire**.
- ➌ Free license (**GNU/GPL**).
- ➍ **Modular**, scalable, powerful.
- ➎ Simple interface: **user friendly**.
- ➏ **International**: GUI in **19 languages**, documentation in 7.

Global aim

Give solutions to all needs related to the G.I. management
based on the integration of free technologies.



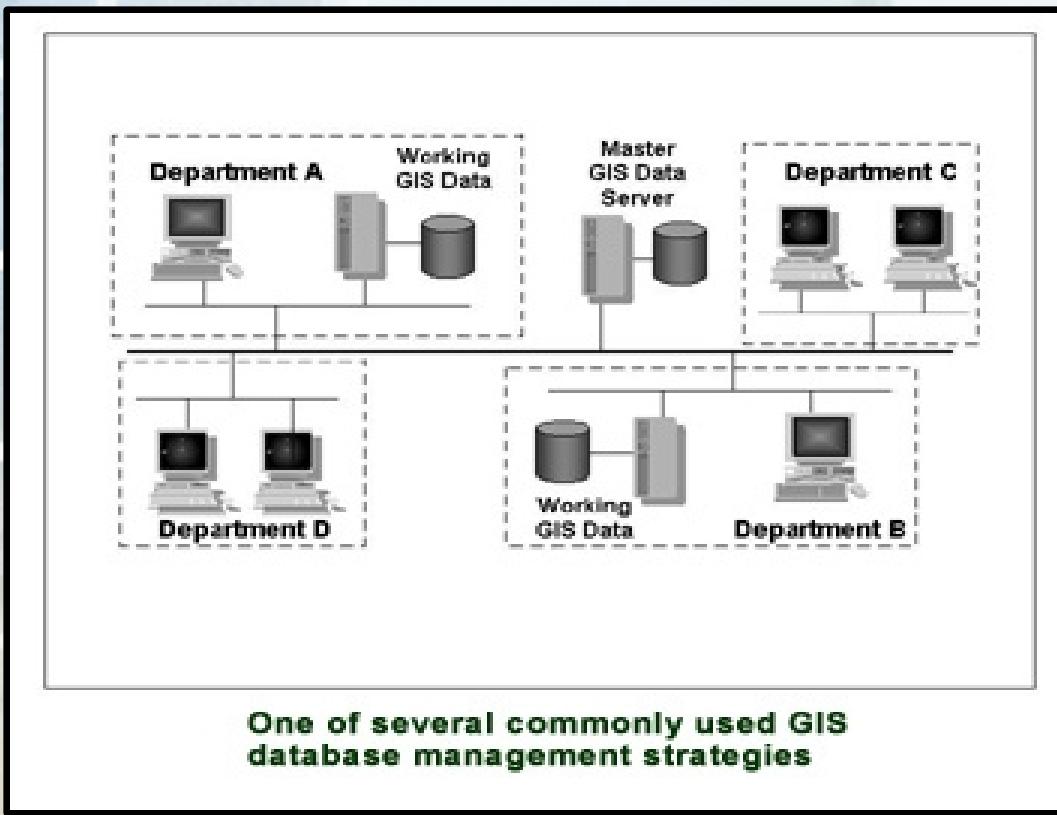
About gvSIG





Spatial Data Infrastructures

Old model (corporate GIS)

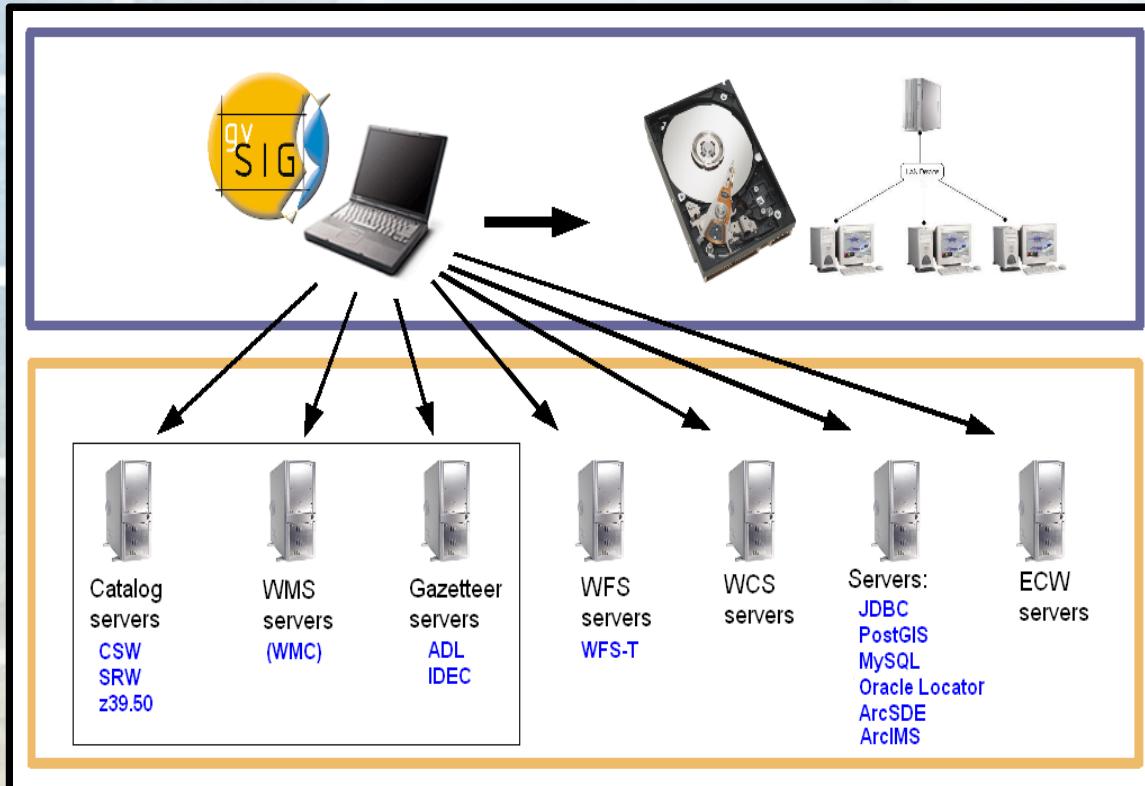


- A lot of map servers.
- Every server is optimized for “its users”.
- Creation of multiuser GIS information islands.



Spatial Data Infrastructures

New Model (SDI, distributed GIS):



- ◆ Objective: Making easy the access to the G. I.
- ◆ The system is the network (internet/intranet).
- ◆ Communication through standards (web services).
- ◆ Extended client-server model.
- ◆ Decentralized network of servers.



Main functionalities

gvSIG, Integrated management: vector GIS

Tool to manage geographic information, mapping edition, geoprocessing, advanced symbology and labelling, network, topology...

The screenshot displays the gvSIG software interface with several windows open:

- gvSIG: Untitled**: The main application window showing a map of Valencia with various layers selected, including "metro_line" (highlighted in red).
- Editor de propiedades de símbolo**: A dialog box for symbol properties, showing settings for line style (Symbolo de Línea simple), units (pixels), and endpoints (Capas).
- Gestor de proyectos**: A project manager window listing documents like "Terminus.shp", "vista.shp", and "aster HD722-IV.LT".
- Vista : Vista 1**: A view window showing a map with a legend and data layers.
- Identificar Resultados**: A results identification window displaying a table of data from "Terminus.shp":

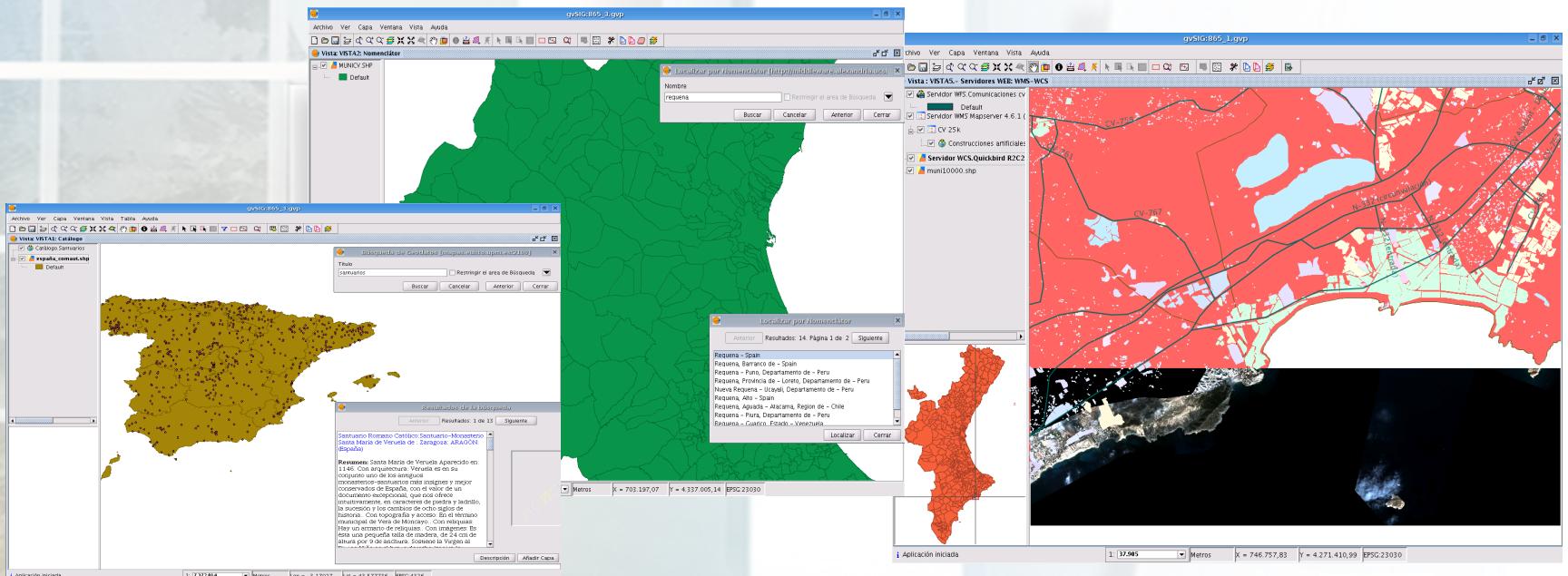
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Main functionalities

gvSIG, Integrated management: SDI Client

Display and query services (WMS, WCS, WFS, WMC, ArcIMS servers), searching services (Catalogue client) and location services (Gazetteer client). Publishing and Metadata extensions.

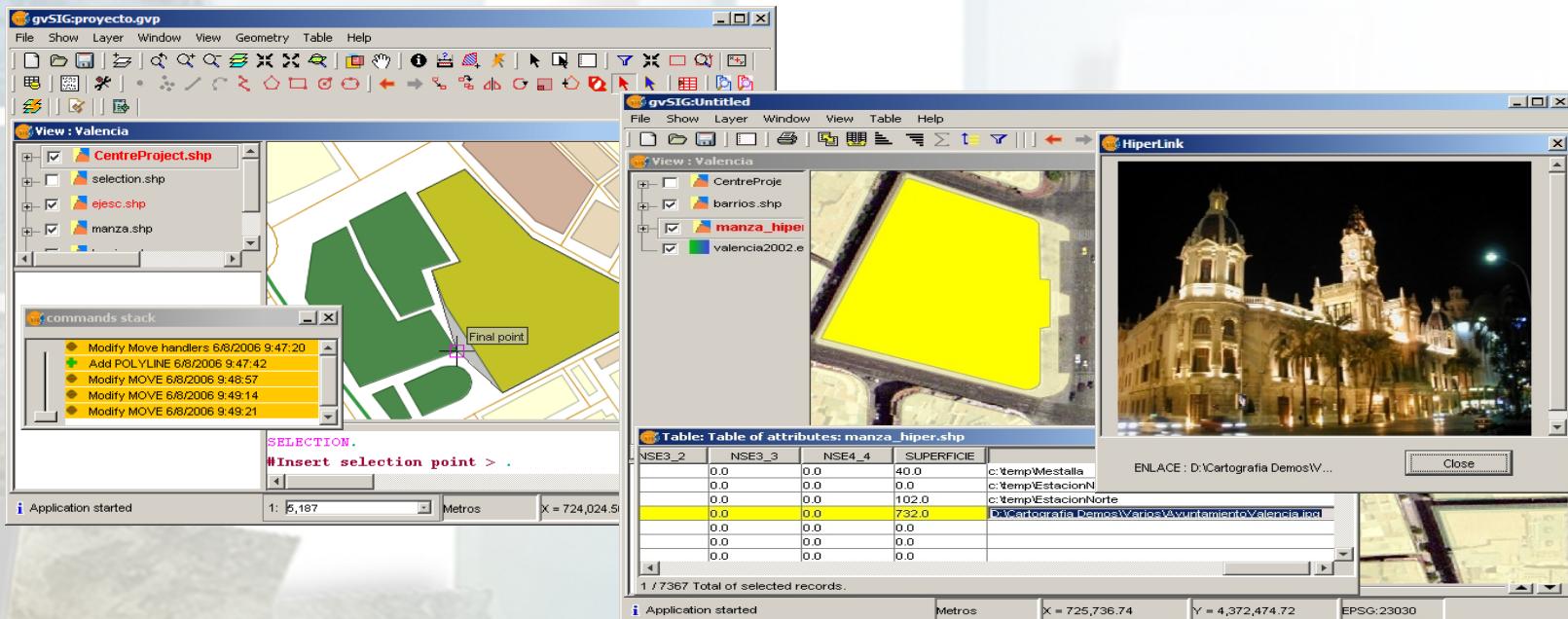




Main functionalities

gvSIG, Integrated management: CAD editing

Tool for advanced vector editing: drawing geometries, snapping, explode and join, editing vertex, ...

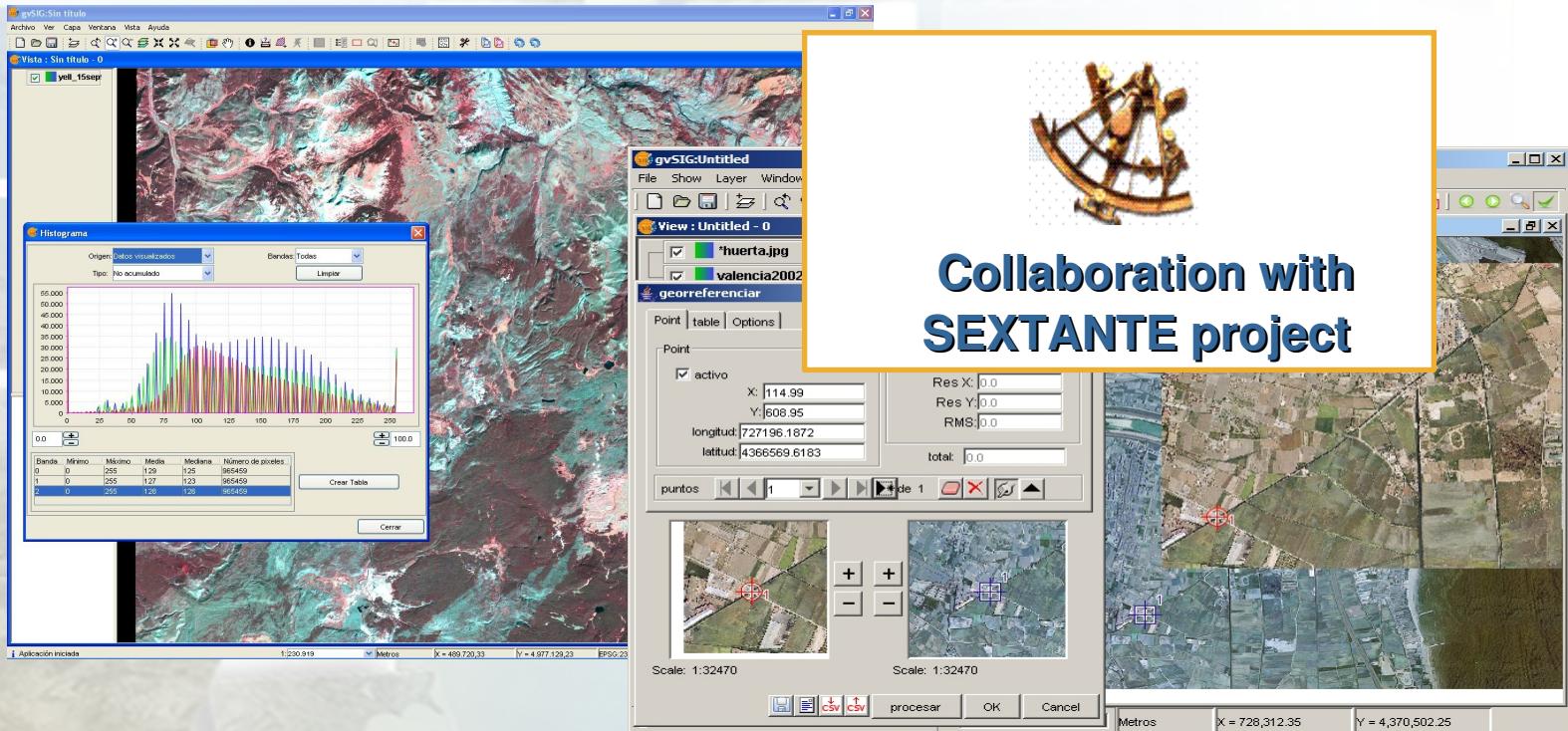




Main functionalities

gvSIG, Integrated management: Raster analysis

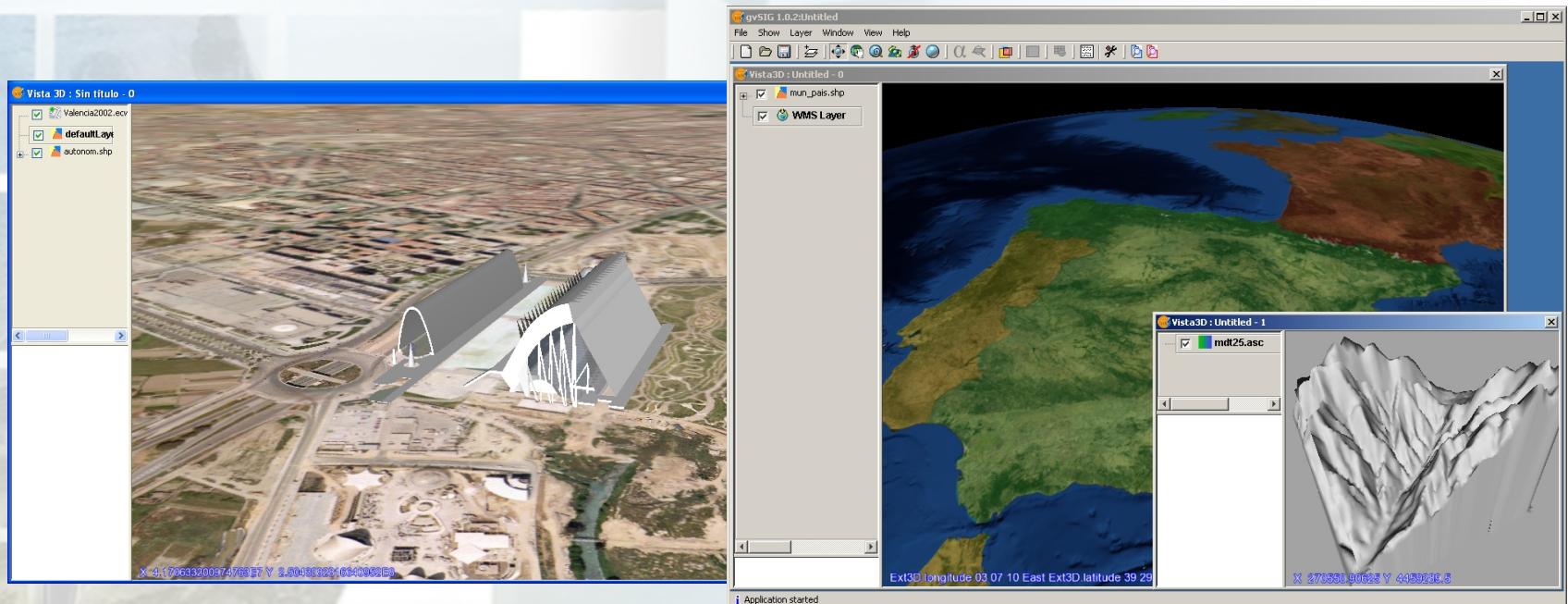
Georeferencing, Histogram view, Remote sensing, ...





Main functionalities

gvSIG, Integrated management: 3D
Access to 3D characteristics, animation (video), ...

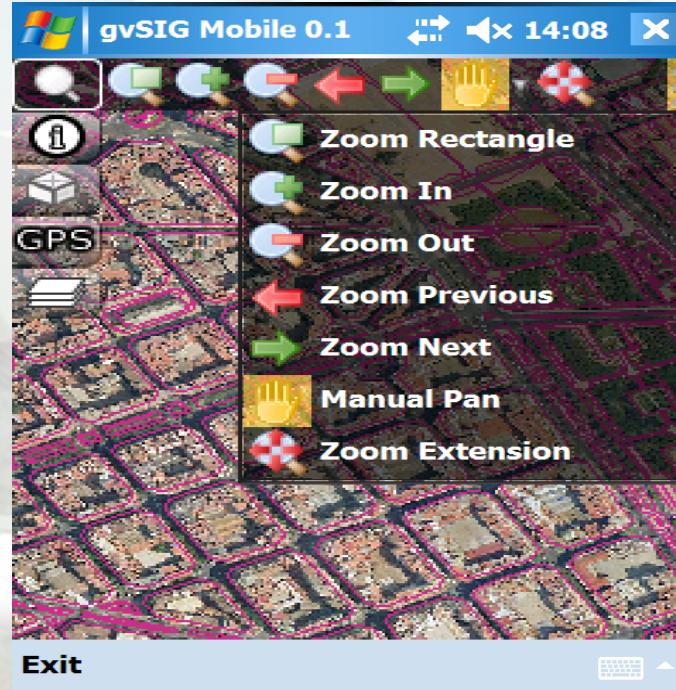




Main functionalities

gvSIG, Integrated management: **Mobile devices**

Integration of gvSIG into mobile devices: Cell phones, PDA, Tablet PC...





Current and future developments

- gvSIG 4D (temporal GIS)
- Connection with sensors
- Surveying
- Stereo

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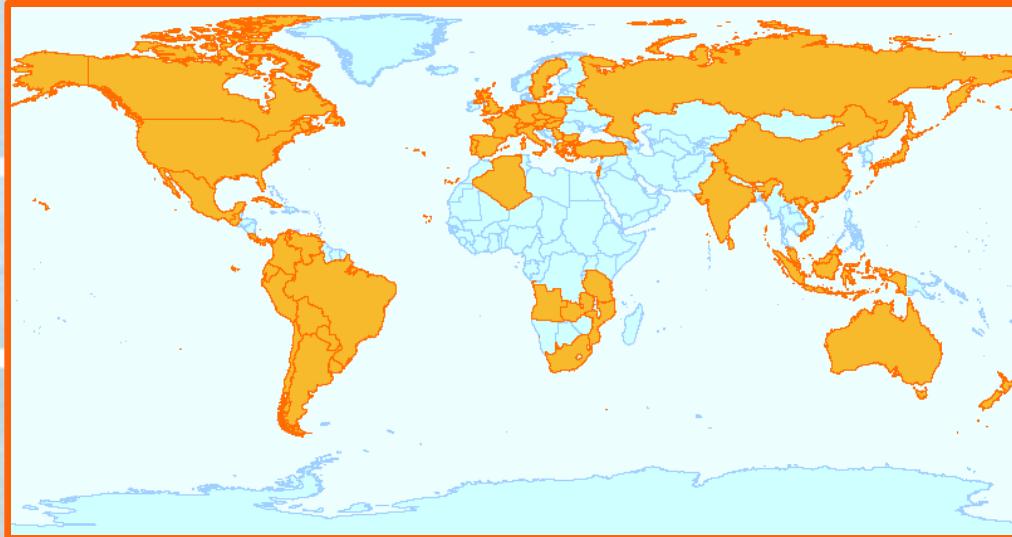
- *Community contributions*



“gvSIG is a way that we can build together”



Dimension of the project



gvSIG Mailing lists:

- Users list: 1374
- Developers list: 660
- International list: 584
- Italian list: 184

gvSIG Known countries with registered users: 44

gvSIG Known countries where gvSIG has been downloaded: 61

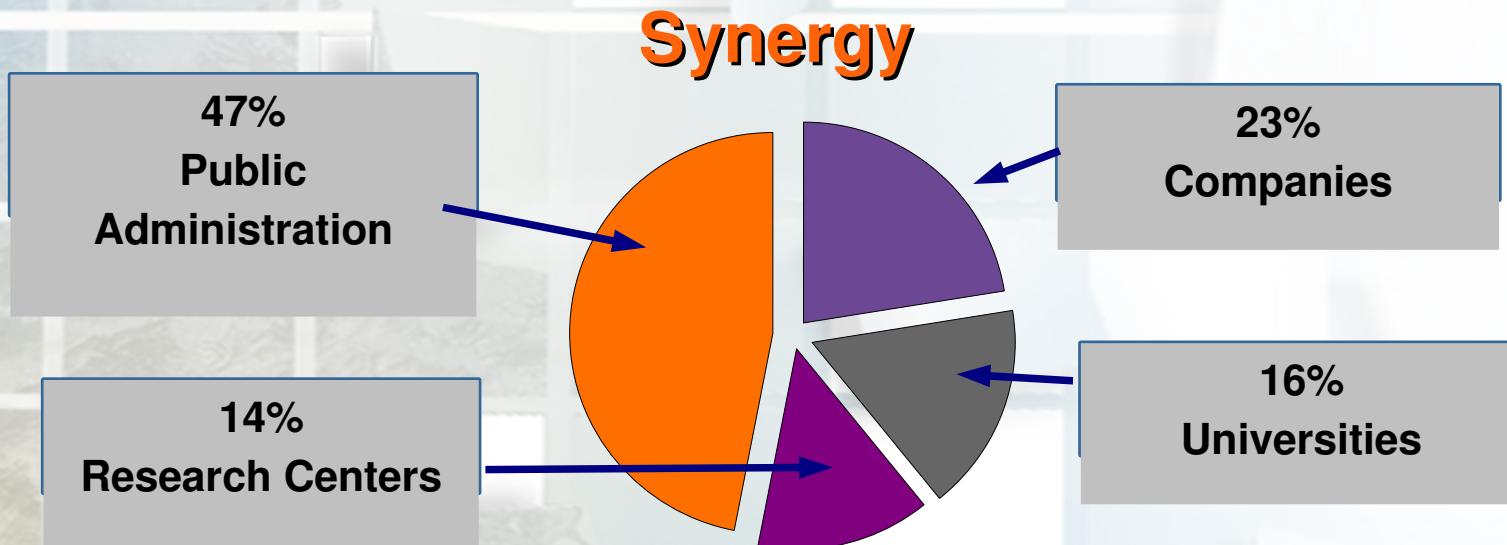




Dimension of the project

Collaborations:

More than 100 public and private organizations, from Spain, Europe and LatinAmerica.





Project Website

www.gvsig.gva.es

The screenshot shows the gvSIG project website. At the top, there's a banner for the Conselleria de Infraestructuras y Transporte. The main navigation menu includes 'Correo', 'Contacto', 'Mapa web', 'Valencia', 'English', and a search bar. On the left, a sidebar lists links such as 'Saludo del conseller', '¿Qué es gvSIG?', 'Conoce el proyecto', 'Descargas', 'Documentación', 'Espacio de comunicación', 'FAQ's - Preguntas más frecuentes', 'Boletín de noticias', 'Enlaces de interés', 'Glosario', and 'gvPONTIS: Proyecto de Migración a Software Abierto'. The central content area features a large gvSIG logo, a 'Destacado' section with a link to 'Última versión estable. gvSIG 1.0', and a 'Noticias' section with a link to 'lunes, 04 diciembre 2006'. To the right, there's a 'SERVICIOS' sidebar with links to 'Artículos y ponencias', 'Colaboraciones', 'Descarga de gvSIG', 'I Jornadas de gvSIG', 'Manuales', 'Notas de versión', and 'Requisitos previos'. Below this is a box for the 'PROYECTO COFINANCIADO POR LA UNIÓN EUROPEA FONDO EUROPEO DE DESARROLLO REGIONAL'. It shows statistics: 'Número de accesos: 3216085 (desde 3/8/2004)'. Logos for 'gvPONTIS', 'Conselleria de Infraestructuras y Transporte', and '2as Jornadas SIG' are also present.

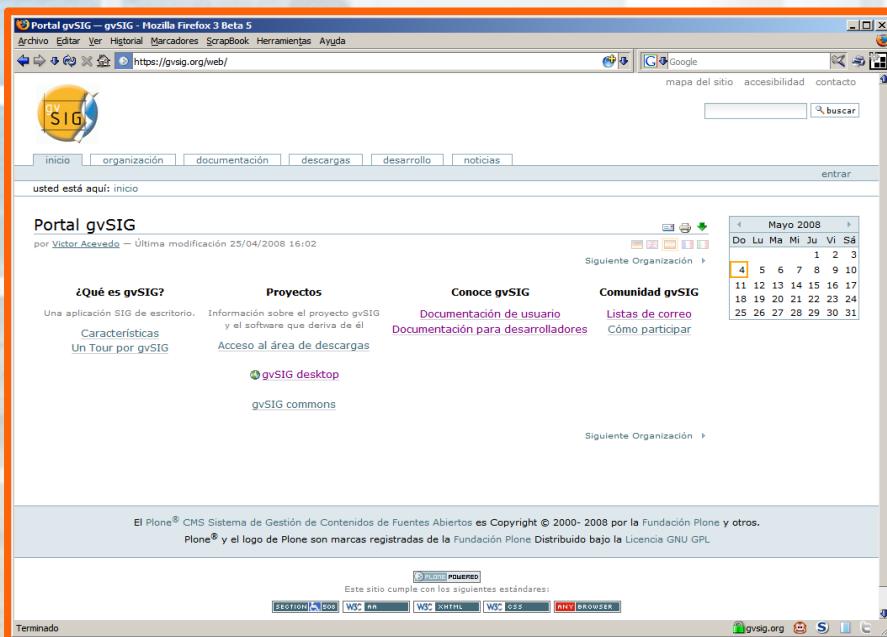
- Downloads of gvSIG Desktop and gvSIG Mobile
- Courses and tutorials
- Reports
- Lists of distribution
- Road map



Towards an open organization

Put the project in the hands of the **community**:

www.gvsig.org



A screenshot of the gvSIG website homepage as it appears in Mozilla Firefox 3 Beta 5. The page features a header with the gvSIG logo and navigation links for inicio, organización, documentación, descargas, desarrollo, and noticias. Below the header, there's a main content area with sections for '¿Qué es gvSIG?', 'Proyectos', 'Conoce gvSIG', and 'Comunidad gvSIG'. A sidebar on the right shows a calendar for May 2008. At the bottom, there's footer information about Plone CMS and a footer bar with various links and icons.

- User & technical documentation available
- Plugin repository for the community
- All the builds in development available
- Mailing lists for the community
- Collaborative testing
- Open subversion repository:

<http://subversion.gvsig.org/gvSIG/>





Conclusions

- ◆ Great power and versatility of the *OGC web services*.
- ◆ Great added value given by a *mature Desktop GIS/SDI* client like *gvSIG*.
- ◆ *Easy extension and improvement* of the application.
- ◆ The *community* is growing.



Thanks for your attention!!



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