Introduction to Environmental and Ecological Science Data Center for West China (Westdc)

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Outline

- Background
 - Why NSFC China funded this data center?
- Components
 - Four platforms: Data Sharing platform, Knowledge Repository platform, Experience Exchange platform, and Data Science platform
- Implementation
 - Technical
 - Metadata profile: based on ISO 19115
 - User services: full & open data policy
 - Long archiving: save expertise with Knowledge Repository platform
- Summary
 - From data to knowledge



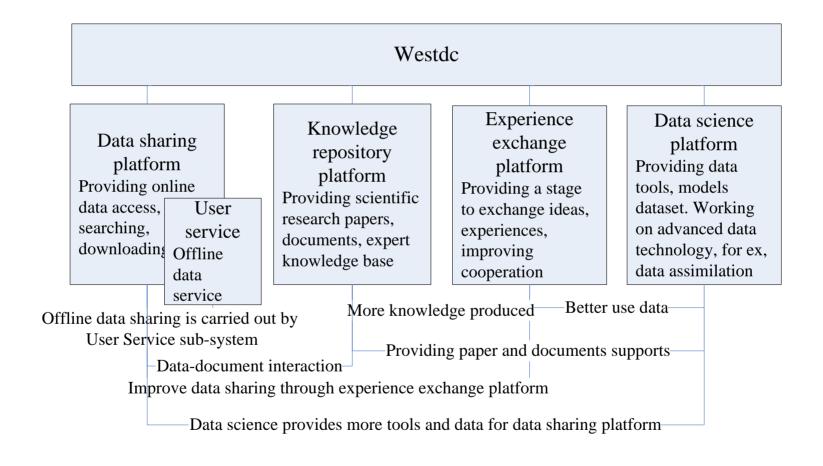


1. Background

- West Plan initiated by NSFC of China has collected and produced numerous precious scientific data about ecology and environment science in Western China
- Rich data center experience in CAREERI
 - Running 4 state-level data centers: WDC-D snow and ice subcenter, Data Sharing Network northwest center, Digital Heihe, Environmental resource data center
- CAREERI has over 40 years experience on environmental and ecological research
 - Experience on how to effectively use data



2. System components





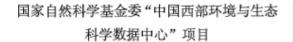


2.1 Data sharing platform

- Functionality:
 - Online data access
 - Advanced data searching
 - Data collecting
- Including a specialized data service component, providing offline data service.
 - Some data cannot be online due to China's data policy restriction
- Each data could be associated with documents describing them or research papers using them. Such relationship is dual-way.
 - Documents are managed by Knowledge Repository platform.
- Data catalogue
 - Providing a general data classification, as well as a custom data cataloguing mechanism allowing users define their own classification
- A series of specifications & regulations to regulate data preparation and use have been created
 - Data sharing specification, use terms, specification for dataset creation



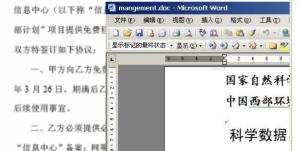




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Some specifications and regulations created for Westdc

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Data available at present stage

Earth observing data

- MSS, TM, ETM+ imageries (1970s, 1990s, 2000s);
- ASTER image (2002)
- AVHRR-NDVI data (1982 to 2004);
- Daily NOAA AVHRR data for northwest China, 2002, with resolution 1km
- SPOT Vegetation data (1998 to 2005)
- MODIS data products (2001-2004)
- SSMR、SSM/I数据(1978-2004)

Meteorological and hydrological datasets

- Daily meteorological monitoring data from 1955 (all meteorological stations in West China)
- Hydrological stations observing data in Heihe River Basin since 1980s

Thematic data

- DEM (1:250 000 for most Western areas, partially 1:100 000);
- Land use data of West China, 1:100 000
- Soil data 1: 1000 000 and soil erosion data
- 1:1 000 000 vegetation classification data
- 1:100 000 glacial database
- 1: 1 000 000 desert, wet land, and lake data
- 1:250 000 geological and hydro-geological maps

Other

- Datasets for four counties of Gansu Province, ie., Dingxi, Tongwei, Weiyuan, and Longxi counties, including land use in 1:100 000, DEM and remote sensing data
- Re-analysis meteorological data in Heihe River Basin, West China
- Seismologic inventory data
- Stalagmite data provided by Prof. Tang, etc



Featured dataset

Featured disciplinary dataset

- Cryoshperic datasets
 - National wide glacier inventory data, glacier and ice lake data from neighboring countries, including India, Nepal, Pakistan, etc
 - site observation data of West China, national wide snow distribution map, and snow water equivalent data
 - Frozen soil data, 1:4 000 000 permafrost distribution data of China, permafrost map for Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, along Qinghai-Tibet railway, etc
 - Snow depth data of China
- Arid region data resource
 - 1: 100 000 China deserts distribution map
- Regional thematic data
 - Heihe river basin
 - Remote sensing, observation, thematic, and field experiment data
 - Shiyanghe River Basin
 - Remote sensing, thematic, and field experimental data
 - Soil profiles
 - Background data along the Qinghai-Tibet railway
 - Other areas
 - South Asia, Central Asia
- Assimilation data (re-analysis datasets)
 - Re-analaysis meteorological datasets.









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2.2 Knowledge Repository platform

Functionality

- Repository of research papers related to environmental and ecological research in West China, especially those used dataset provided by Westdc.
- Repository of documents describing a kind of data, for ex. MODIS data, and manuals of data tools
- Advanced data mining research
- Link data from Data Sharing platform to literature
- Link tools from Data Science platform to documents
- OAIS model based
- Right screenshot shows the mobile bibliography service
 - With installation of Netkite, a proxy client for bibliographic query, scholar can access literature and documents FREELY, without the restriction of IP address.
 - This service is free of charge for West Plan projects



2.3 Experience Exchange platform

- Functionality:
 - Share ideas, exchange data between individuals, improve cooperation between individuals
- Forum (BBS)
- mailList
 - subscribe online
- Forum <->mailList
 - Enable senior scientists, who are generally not interested to use forum, to join discussion
- Blog for developers
 - http://westdc.westgis.ac.cn/blog/





2.4 Data Science platform

- Developing data tools
- Sharing model datasets
 - SWAT datasets for Heihe River basin, etc
 - Datasets ready to run without any change.
- Providing live map and webservices
 - WMS, Web-services, etc
- Advanced data technology
 - Data assimilation
 - Datasets produced by data assimilation
 - Etc
- Right screenshot shows a tool to clip GIMMS dataset with specifying spatial extent



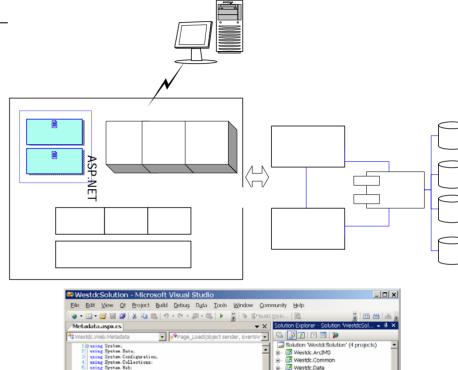
A data subsetting utility for GIMMS data, available through the Data Science platform





3. Implementation

- Metadata standard
 - Iso 19115 with extension
- Metadata server
 - ArcIMS 9
- Web programming language
 - Asp.net 2.0 (c#)
- Web Server
 - IIS 6 under windows 2003 server
- Database
 - Sql Server 2k sp4



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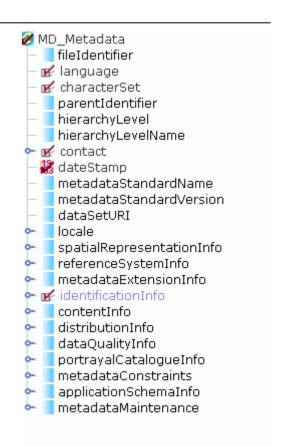
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3.1 Metadata profile

- ISO 19115 based
- ESRI ISO profile with extension
 - Extension in terms of field observation data, such as field description, learning from the GB metadata standard for Ecological data
- Why choose ESRI ISO profile with extension method?
 - ISO 19115 is an international metadata standard, effective especially for spatial data. Most of data in Westdc is spatial
 - We are familiar with ESRI products
 - ESRI ISO profile can be easily implemented by ArcIMS md server
 - ArcCatalog has an excellent ISO metadata editor, which can be used as metadata input method. (sure, has to be customized, for ex. to add more pages)
 - ESRI ISO different from ISO 19139 in xml implementation, but easy to build a metadata crosswalk.

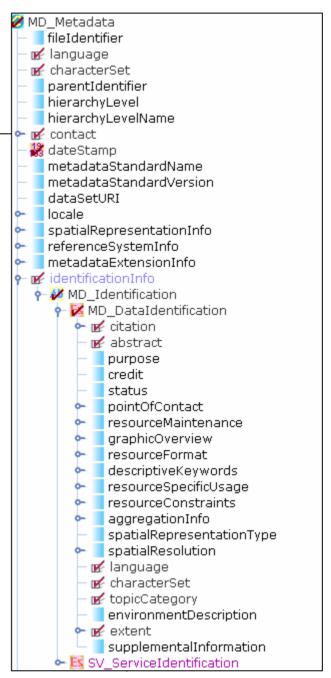






Minimum metadata for Westdc

- Dataset title
- Dataset reference date (citation.date)
- Dataset language/character set
- Topic category
- Abstract
- Metadata point of contact (metadata author)
- Metadata date stamp
- Metadata language/character set
- Geo-location of the dataset

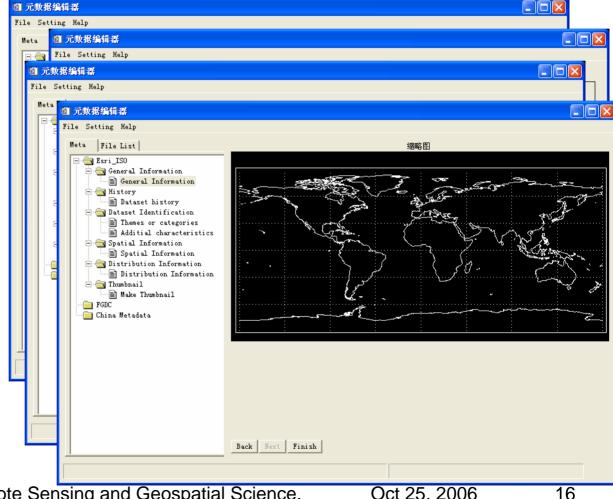






Customized ISO editor

- IDL required to run
- **Features**
 - Batch processing documents
 - Get information from files automatically
 - For ex., proj, thumbnail, etc
 - Template support







3.2 User service

- What user cares?
- **!!DATA!!** How many and how easily can they obtain data from this data center?
- Insist in full & open data policy
 - Data freely available for every body
 - Anybody can access the data center equally (try to do, but due to data policy in China, actually we cannot really reach this purpose)
- A dedicated user service group
 - Dedicated persons responsible for this group
- Quarterly newsletter (paper and electronic)



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3.3 Long-term data archiving

Technically

- Make use of latest technology
- Hardware assurance: disk array,
- Using unique data identifier
 - Both this identifier and associated metadata will be not changed even if the data becomes obsolete
- Make detailed metadata, associate data and documents to save necessary information to use this data many years later. SAVE EXPERTISE/KNOWLEDGE on the Knowledge Repository platform
- Data science platform will carry out data science research activity, for ex., to develop data tools to convert different formats.

Institutionally

- Establish regulations for metadata creation and improvement. Metadata should be created and complemented as detailed as possible.
- Consideration about the long term data archiving problems, and try to find a way out.





5. Summary

- Westdc consists of 4 components. Each component functions separately and interacts with others.
- Data is the kernal of a data center; data center should really serve users. Westdc has carried out many measures to realize this principle.
- Full and open is Westdc's pursuing, although there are many obstacles. To achieve this purpose, a dedicated user service group has been established. Data specifications and regulations are created.
- Technology will be updated very soon, system and service should use those technology in time.
- As for the trend of from data to knowledge, we built Knowledge Repository platform and data science platform, try to link data to literature and improve understanding. Long term data archiving problems have been considered. Westdc has done some tentative works.





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