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Introduction to Geographic Information System



Defining GIS

A GIS is a computer system capable of capturing, assembling, storing, manipulating, analyzing and displaying geographically referenced information. With GIS, users can create interactive queries, analyze spatial information, edit data, integrate maps, and present the results of these tasks. GIS can be used to solve the location-based questions such as "What is located here" or Where to find particular features? GIS user can retrieve the value from the map, such as what proportion is the vegetation cover in a land use/ land cover (LULC) map. This can be done using query builder tools.



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GIS

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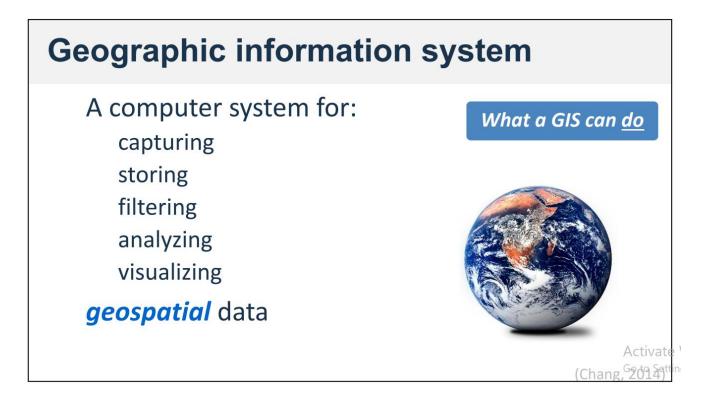
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Maps, in both interactive and printed forms, play a special role in GIS.	A geographic information system (GIS) is a system used to characterize the earth and other geographies for the purp analyzing spatially referenced information. This work is pri maps.	ose of visualizing and	visualizin
apediar fore in Gro.	The purpose of GIS is to create, share, and apply useful n products that support the work of organizations as well as the supporting geographic information.		analyzin
	Maps portray logical collections of geographic information provide an effective metaphor for modeling and organizing as a series of thematic layers. In addition, interactive GIS I user interface for using geographic information.		spatially
	How maps are used to apply GIS		reference
Maps are at the heart of how GIS is used.	A new kind of map is a GIS map, and each GIS map is m presentation. A GIS map is an interactive window into all and descriptive data, and into rich spatial analysis mode professionals.		
	GIS maps are:		
	 How you communicate and share GIS 		
	 How GIS content is compiled and maintained How geographic information is designed and organi 		

Defining GIS

A geographic information system (GIS) lets us visualize, question, analyze, and interpret data to understand relationships, patterns, and trends. (ESRI)

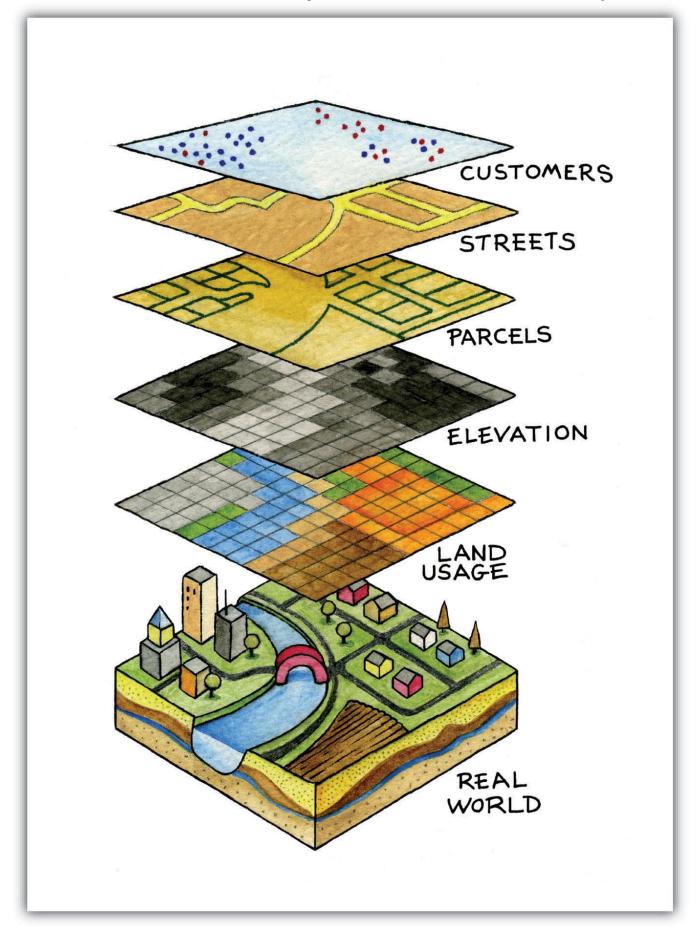
In the strictest sense, a GIS is a computer system capable of assembling, storing, manipulating, and displaying geographically referenced information (that is data identified according to their locations). (USGS).

Next important feature of GIS is the capability to combine different layers to show new information. For example, you can combine elevation data, river data, land use data and many more to show information about the landscape of any area. From map, you can tell where is high land or where is the best place to build house, which has the river view. GIS helps to find new information.





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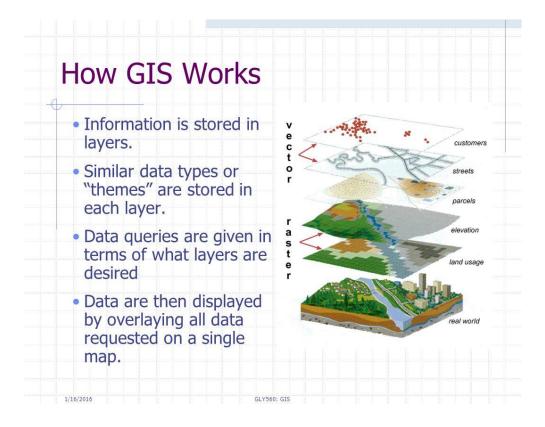
How GIS Works

Visualizing Data: The geographic data that is stored in the databases are displayed

in the GIS software.

Combining Data: Layers are combined to form a map of desire.

Building Query: To search the value in the layer or making a geographic query.



History of GIS

Modern GIS has seen series of development. GIS has evolved with the computer system.



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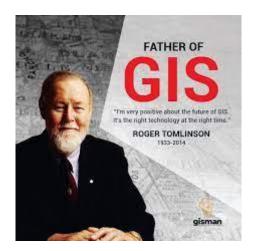
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Department of Environmental Science and Disaster Management, DIU Year 1854 – The term GIS that used scientific method to create maps was used by John Snow in 1854. He used points on London residential map to plot outbreak of Cholera.

Year 1960 – Modern computerized GIS system began in the year 1960.

Year 1962 – Dr. Roger Tomlinson created and developed Canadian Geographic Information System (CGIS) to store, analyze and manipulate data that was collected for the Canada Land Inventory (CLI). This software had the capacity to overlay, measurement and digitizing (converting scan hardcopy map to digital data). It is never provided in commercial format but Dr. Tomlinson is the father of GIS.

Year 1980 – This period saw rise of commercial GIS software's like M&S Computing, Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) and Computer Aided Resource Information System (CARIS). These all software were similar to CGIS with more functionality and user-friendliness. Among all the above the most popular today is ESRI products like ArcGIS, ArcView which hold almost 80 % of global market.





Components of a GIS

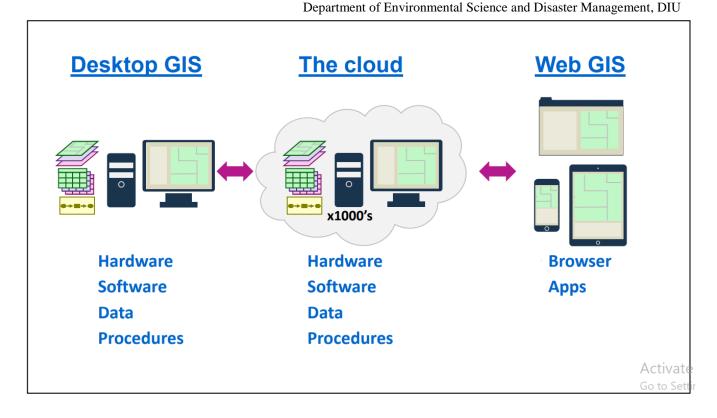
Hardware

Software

- Geospatial data
- Procedures (data management and analysis)
- People.

What a GIS is <u>made of</u>

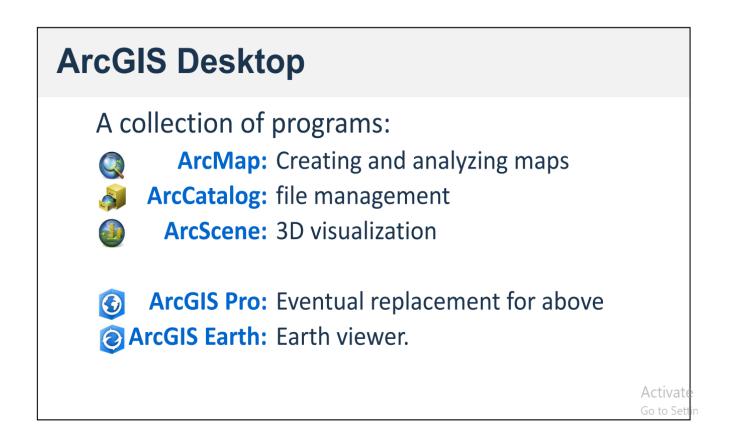
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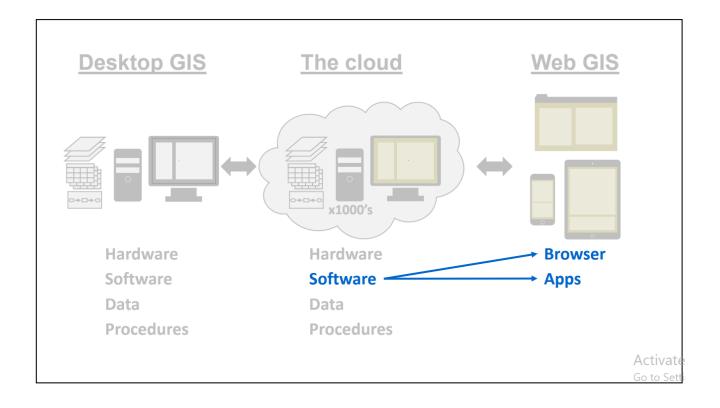


Components of GIS

Hardware: Hardware is the physical component of the computer and GIS runs on it. Computer can be standalone called desktop or server based. GIS can run on both of them.

Software: GIS Software provides tools and functions to input and store spatial data or geographic data. It provides tool to perform geographic query, run analysis, model and display geographic data in the map form. GIS software uses Relational Database Management System (RDBMS) to store the geographic data. Software talks with the database to perform geographic query.

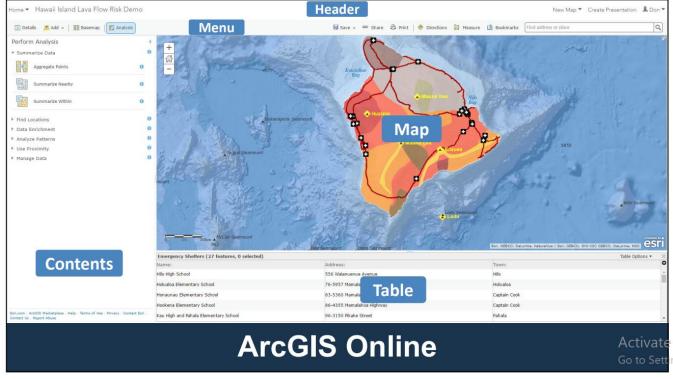




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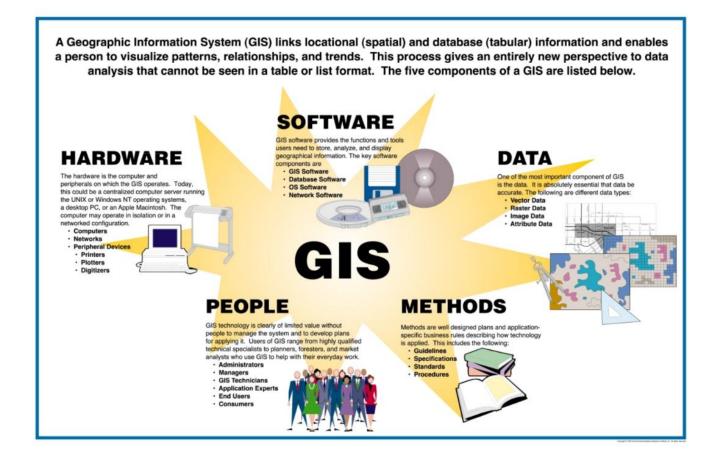


Data: Data are the fuel for the GIS and the most important and expensive component. Geographic data are the combination of physical features and it's

information which is stored in the tables. These tables are maintained by the RDBMS.

People: People are the user of the GIS system. People use all above three components to run a GIS system.

Method: Analysis in GIS platform always follow a standard method to achieve the desired goals and to solve spatial problems.



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