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Geopackage Hackathon

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Agenda

- Geopackage Hackathon
- Pragmatic examples and observations
- Further activities



Geopackage

- Main struggling: predefined download dataset vs. download services
- Working against INSPIRE?



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<http://www.geopackage.org/data/empty.gpkg>



Geopackage Hackathon AT

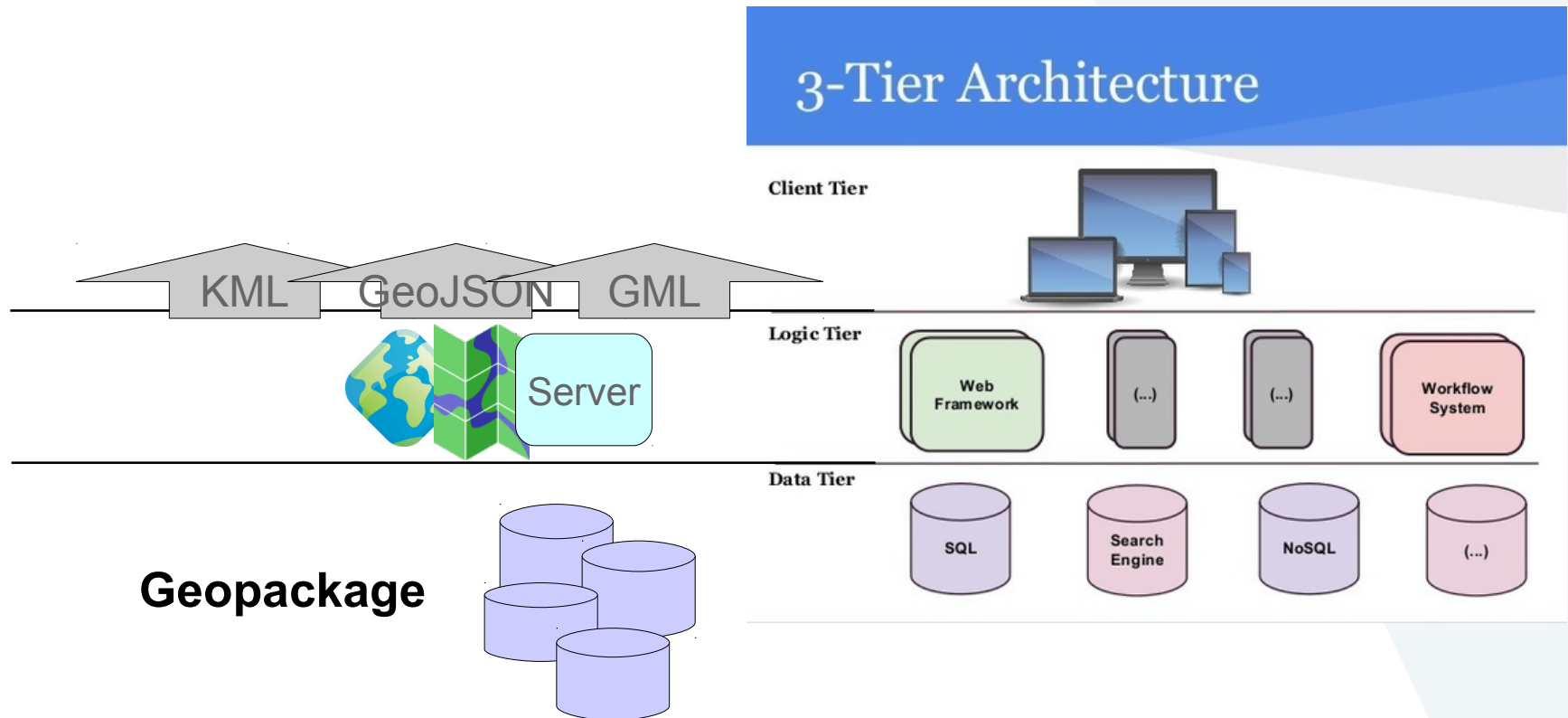
- alternative encoding for INSPIRE predefined packages
- 53 Austrian experts
- a full day of hands-on sessions
- creating a common view on a new technology





Geopackage

- Geopackage is a DB-file
- It does not stream data itself
- It can be used as source to stream data





Geopackage

- Austria is keen to promote the GeoPackage
- alternative format for data exchange
- on (open) data portals where GPKG is used to provide **large datasets** such as raster images and maps.
- The GIS division of the Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism has **replaced the shape file** in their internal workflows.
- INSPIRE harmonized AU in Austria are delivered as GPKG including a **flat view** for GIS





Geopackage

- ability to store vector and raster data in a database along with its MIME encoded metadata
- spatial indexing and R-Trees to enhance the performance
- possibility to be extended to host other data types
- Out of the box spatial functions that allow for working directly with the data (without GIS)
- does not require being zipped/unzipped (it is one single file already, but zipping will reduce file size)
- maximum file size of around 140 TB
- additional data types can be stored via extensions (e.g. 'Tiled Gridded Coverage Data' extension enables to work with elevation data)



Geopackage Applikationen

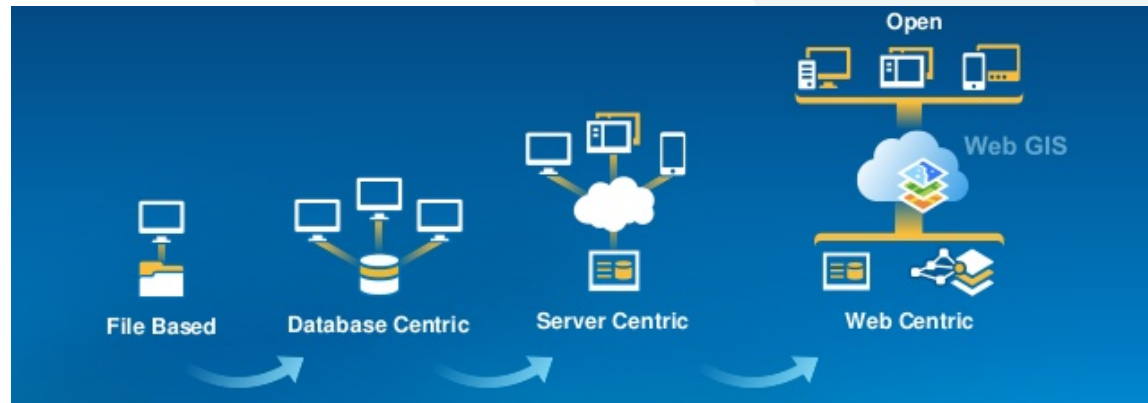
- **GDAL, Geoserver**
- **QGIS,**
- **ESRI ArcGIS for Desktop 10.2.2**
- Hexagon LuciadMobile and LuciadFusion products
- SpatiaLite
- Safe Software FME Desktop
- GeoTools
- TerraGo
- OpenJump Plus
- Pitney Bowes Software MapInfo Pro, MapXtreme, Manifold

<http://www.geopackage.org/implementations.html>



Geopackage Implementation Evaluation

- The level of implementation is changing rapidly
- it's recommended to work with the most current versions
- FME Desktop (v.2019) there are separate OGC GeoPackage and OGC GeoPackage Tiles Writers and Readers available
- Accessing GeoPackage via Office applications (MS Office, Libre Office) is possible
 - requires an ODBC driver and the SpatiaLite DLLs
 - creating and working with GeoPackage via GDAL/OGR is efficient for both, raster and vector data





Geopackage in ArcGIS

- In ArcGIS (10.6.) and ArcGIS Pro (2.3) reading and writing GeoPackages is well implemented
- function to create a new GeoPackage is 'hidden' in the 'Create SQLite Database' Tool
- In ArcGIS, tables without geometry are not displayed
- it is possible to create Views, the required entries in the geometry metadata tables are not set
- the software will recognize well-defined Views if they are available





Geopackage in QGIS

- In version 3 of QGIS there have been many improvements regarding the GeoPackage
- Reading and writing is very similar to other data formats so that no additional functions are needed
- Database Manager to load and edit data
- creating of Views is lacking
- metadata tables are only shown if the connection is made through the SpatiaLite driver
- saving and loading styles as well as defining default styles, which means that the data is loaded in the correct style (this is a QGIS specific characteristic)





Geopackage in Geoserver

- In Geoserver GeoPackage can be used as a data store
- extension to use it as an output format for WFS/WMS services
- it is not possible to automatically read SLD styles (the ones stored in the GPKG file; requires copy and paste into geoserver SLD)





Geopackage Hackathon Responses

- A few examples of successful implementation of GeoPackage were shown.
 - included raster integration with the national base map,
 - application for the national water department in order to test routines for hazardous areas,
 - Office and mobile applications
- Feedback from the participants was **overwhelmingly positive**
- Hackathon opened the **interest for testing the GeoPackage's potential**
- Strengthened the idea of **using GPKG as a Shape file substitute**
- presenters encouraged the audience to actively get involved with **further development** on this data format



Geopackage – further activities in AT

- Development of a geopackage writer for hale studio
- Development of the data model for at least one INSPIRE topic
- Automated writing of a geopackage database (without a template file) based on the INSPIRE target schema
- Use the model transformation rule developed for the GeoJSON Encoding Rule, where appropriate

