Elements of GIS planning

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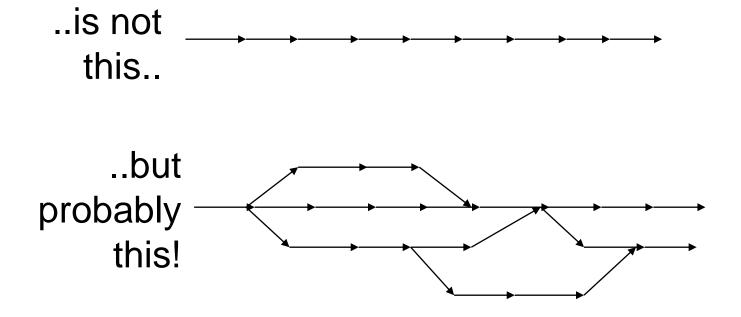
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..whether you are working with an existing system or creating a GIS from scratch, you must integrate sufficient planning into the development of your GIS. If you don't, chances are you'll end up with a system that doesn't meet your expectation. [Roger Tomlinson]

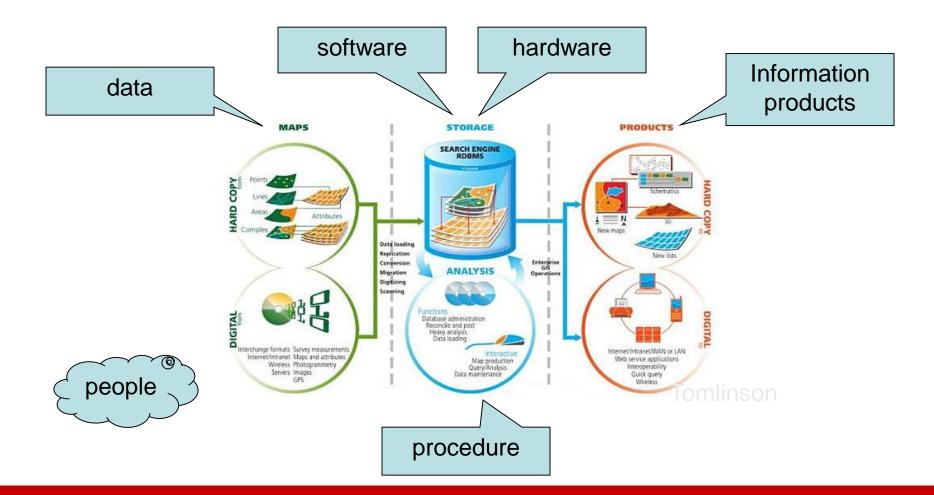
The key undertaking of planners is to understand their business and identify the GIS information products that would benefit their business. This understanding leads to identification of the data needed and the issues of tolerances and concepts of databases



...because a tipical GIS project flow..



GIS is a complex system of interconnected parts based on 6 major components:





no recipe for the GIS implementation no cookie-cutter formula..

..but

there are general procedures and processes which can help..

..and do not forget the **KISS** principle

Questions:

- Will it be a one-time project or an ongoing program?
- Will it be used for all the office's spatial data handling or for only a specific subset of task, such as for a given specie, disease, etc.?
- Will most people in the organization use it or will users be limited in number or job function?

Questions (continue):

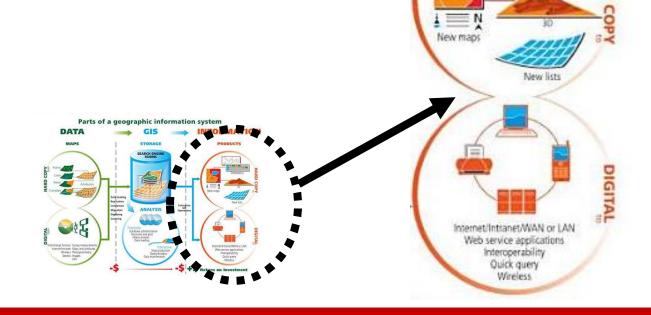
- Will this GIS activity be part of a **larger** GIS effort such as data collection, webGIS, etc.?
- Will spatial data and technology be integrated with the organization's other data and systems?
- Will GIS change the way the organization does business or will its impacts be limited?

The **Information Products** are the desired output from the GIS

<u>Requirements analysis</u>: the process of determining user expectations for a new or modified product

Output may take the form of:

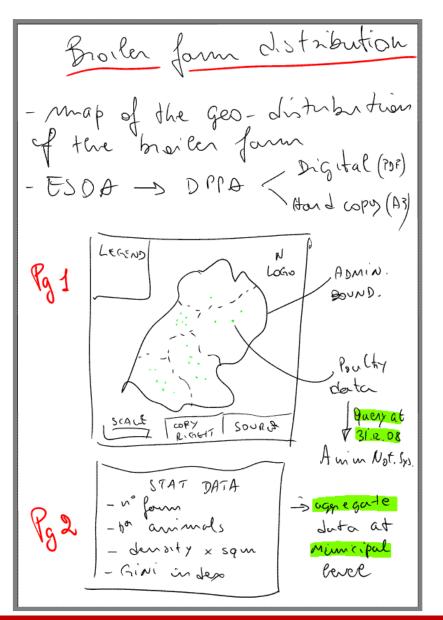
- 1) maps,
- 2) reports,
- 3) graphs
- 4) list



To describe the **information products**:

- 1) title
- 2) easy to understand synopsis of the IP needed and its purpose
- 3) map requirements (hand-drawn sketch)
- 4) tabular data required (attribute)
- 5) text document / image requirements

an information product is **not** always a map it could also include a list of figure, table or a graph report



Other requirements:

1) Describe the GIS function you need and the sequence of the process

2) The frequency of use

- 3) Data quality both for attribute and geographical data:
 - completeness
 - missing values
 - temporal accuracy
 - positional accuracy (scale)

4) Type of GIS

GIS for presentation The maps should be easy to read and interpret in order to encourage an open exchange of information, and dialogue among stakeholders

GIS for decision makers result of a set of process and analysis in order to support the decision making process

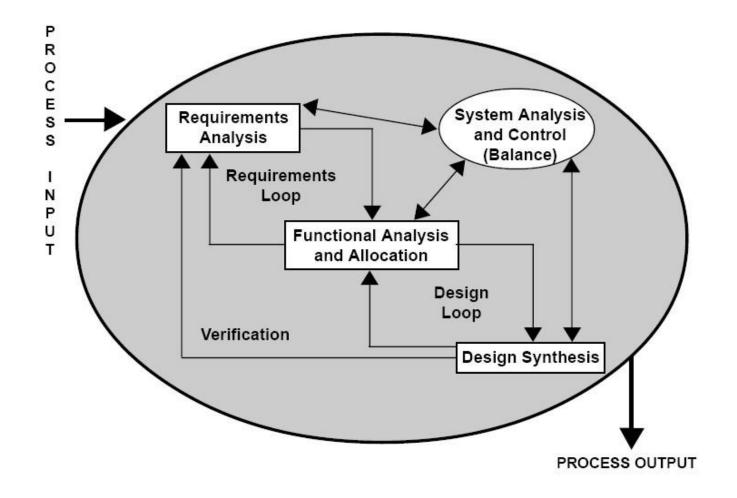
• GIS for coordination A GIS system that allows mutual access to and interaction among public and private sectors. Benefits:

- Savings from elimination of redundancy;
- More resources available;
- Ease of access which encourages more, and possibly new, uses;

- etc.

Take home message # 1

Requirements analysis determines the needs or conditions to meet for a new or modified product.



Feature with geometry – Shape file

Questions?