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PCI Geomatics Profile

Privately held Canadian corporation

A world leading geomatics technology developer

More than 10,000 licenses installed in over 100 countries

80+ resellers worldwide
Complete geospatial processing tool package, including

- Image Processing
- Photogrammetry
- GIS
- Cartography
  - Web Information Services
Solution Challenges

Requirements in Distributed Processing Production Environments:

- Heterogeneous OS & Hardware Platforms
- Heterogeneous Application Environment
- Heterogeneous Data Environment

- Unified Information Access
- Workflow-oriented Function Delivery
EO Data supports Decision Making & Planning:

- EO data complements existing data sets for update, validation or analysis purposes
- High-resolution EO data can provide a basis for topographic infrastructure inventories where base line surveying data is missing, outdated or not obtainable
- Wealth of New Satellite imagery 17 one metre resolution or better planned by 2006
- Additional 5-6 medium resolution platforms to be launched
Key Industry Trends

Geomatics supports Mainstream IT:

- Vertical Integration:
  Data-centric to Information-oriented

- One-Stop-Shopping Solutions =
  Needs oriented Solutions

- IT Infrastructure Integration

- Information need accelerates connection to
  enterprise wide solutions and enabling technologies
OpenGIS Provides Interoperability

- OpenGIS Specifications have been agreed to by a broad swath of the community and are supported by most of the geoprocessing software vendors.

- OpenGIS links geographic data with mainstream IT via the geospatial architecture in which geospatial components from multiple sources can plug-and-play through standard interfaces.

- OpenGIS maintains a leading technical architecture made up of the suite of interfaces for the benefit of the industry and its customers and works to minimize greed, parochialism, and lethargy in the market.

- Vendor implementation in products enables the customer to directly access and use data produced by programs from many vendors -- not just one.
Driving Interoperability through Standardisation:

- Founding sponsor of the OpenGIS Consortium
- Dr. Robert Moses, President of PCI, is a Member of the OGC Board of Directors
- Strong working relationship with OGC Europe
- PCI is dedicated to OpenGIS engineering approaches
- Significant on-going research and development efforts
- Leading developer for raster aspects of interoperability
- Participation in the ISO TC211 working groups
Our Commitment to Standards

PCI Interoperability Projects Involvement:

- Open Map Server Testbed & OMS 1.0 to 1.2,
- Critical Infrastructure Protection Initiatives
- GeoConnections Canada Critical Infrastructure Portal
- GeoConnections Canada OMS, WFS, WCS
- Operational demonstration for Police and Local Government in UK.
- Prototyping of Topographic Mapping, Disaster Management and Environmental Monitoring for Canadian Government
OGC & ISO

Standards support geospatial IT integration:

- OGC supports interoperability through consensus based definition of interface specification supported by user and industry groups
- OGC develops & validates specifications through the Interoperability Program and Testbed and Pilot Initiatives
- ISO provides long-term stability through standardisation of core specifications
- ISO standards help to bridge the spatial and non-spatial aspects of overall IT solutions
OGC & ISO

OGC adopted ISO Standards:

- ISO 19119 on Service Architecture
- ISO 19115 on Metadata
- ISO 19107 on Feature Geometry
- ...

OGC Topics Forwarded to ISO for Consideration:

- Web Mapping Services 1.2
- GML 3.0
- Web Feature Services
- ...

PCI Geomatics
Committed to GEO-intelligence solutions
PCI maintains and develops the following services based on OGC Specifications:

- Web Map Server
- Web Feature Server
- Web Coverage Server
- Web Annotation Server
- Web Catalogue Server
OGC Web Map Service:

A Web Map Service (WMS) produces maps of georeferenced data. We define a “map“ as a visual representation of geodata; a map is not the data itself. This specification defines three WMS operations:

- **GetCapabilities** returns service-level metadata, which is a description of the service's information content and acceptable request parameters;

- **GetMap** returns a map image whose geospatial and dimensional parameters are well-defined;

- **GetFeatureInfo** (optional) returns information about particular features shown on a map.
OGC Web Feature Service:

The WFS Implementation Specification defines interfaces for describing data manipulation operations on geographic features using HTTP as the distributed computing platform. Data manipulation operations include the ability to:

1. Create a new feature instance
2. Delete a feature instance
3. Update a feature instance
4. Get or Query features based on spatial and non-spatial constraints

A Web Feature Service request consists of a description of query or data transformation operations that are to be applied to one or more features. The request is generated on the client and is posted to a web feature server using HTTP. The web feature server then reads and (in a sense) executes the request.
OGC Web Coverage Service:

The WCS supports the networked interchange of geospatial data as "coverages" containing values or properties of geographic locations.

Unlike the Web Map Service (WMS), which filters and portrays spatial data to return static maps (server-rendered as pictures), the Web Coverage Service provides access to intact, unrendered geospatial information, as needed for client-side rendering, multi-valued coverages, and input into scientific models and other clients beyond simple viewers.
OGC Web Catalogue Service:

Defines a common interface that enables diverse but conformant applications to perform discovery, browse and query operations against distributed and potentially heterogeneous catalogue servers.
The Value of Standards

Customer Benefits:

• Improve Sustainability of Investments
• Enable full-scale IT Integration
• Gain Vendor Independence
• Improve Process Efficiency
• Increase Liquidity
800+ Organisations responded to a Delphi Group survey in June 2003.

There is a clear and sudden shift in attitudes towards software standards. The climate of economic constraint and risk aversion along with the mandate to integrate systems on both sides of the firewall has created a sea change in the sense of imperative to adopt software standards.

Standards = Liquidity
Which of the following do you believe to be the single greatest benefit offered by approved standards in software development?

- Allows the portability of data (26%)
- Decreases the long-term cost of ownership for applicable software investments (12%)
- Expands choices for software vendor alternatives (9%)
- Enables vertical industry segments to unify trading practices (7%)
- Provides a benchmark for software design (5%)
- Enables leverage of existing skill-sets (i.e., does not require proprietary training) (5%)
- Enables approval of projects otherwise threatened by concerns over proprietary system lock-in (5%)

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Thank You!

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