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Module 2: C-READ CATALOGUE (CKAN)

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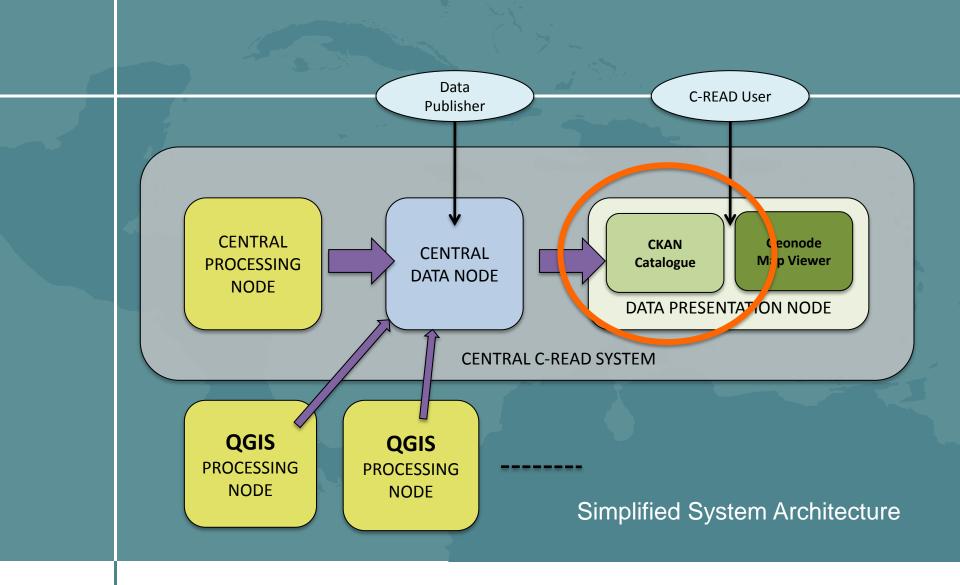


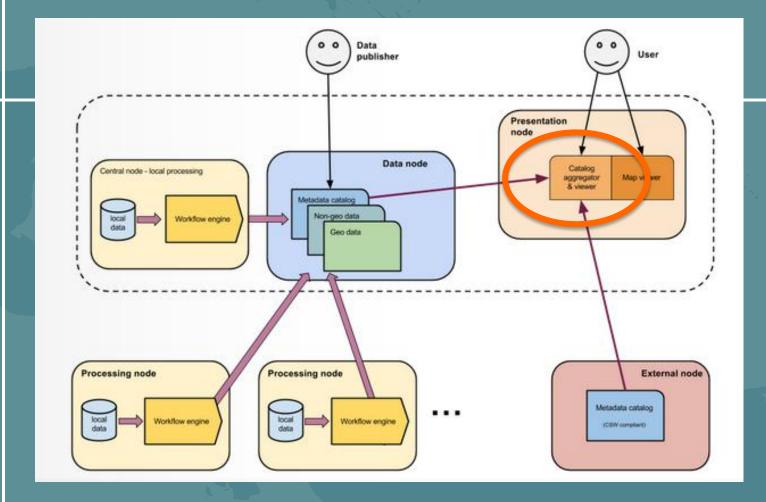
Purpose:

- The Catalogue (or Hub) is the central point of search and organization for data and meta data
- It is built in CKAN which is basically an open sourced web platform like WordPress, but for data
- CKAN helps to manage and publish sets of data
- CKAN is used by governments, research organizations and groups who collect a lot of data

Purpose:

- In the case of C-READ the Catalogue is an efficient and effective way of viewing a variety of data sets
- It organizes environmental data in a logical framework with the proper documentation to allow users to quickly find what they are looking for
- In C-READ, the Catalogue will be primarily a read-only tool as the majority
 of data integration will be through the data node (GeoNode and
 GeoServer)



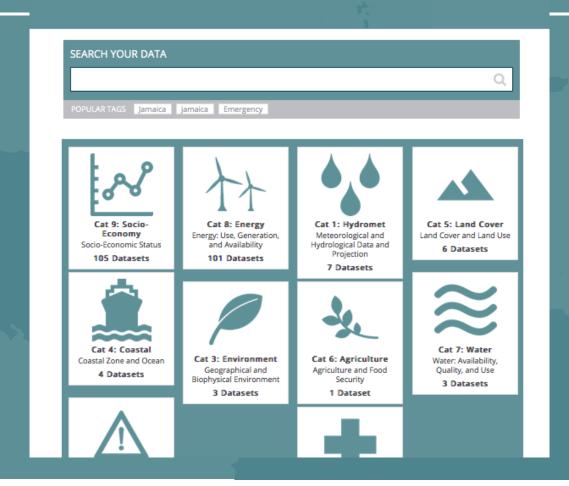


Full System Architecture

Interface:

- The interface is specifically designed to make information easy to access
- The functional hierarchy was drawn from the Gap Analysis
- http://hub.cread.geo-solutions.it





How do you use it? Searching

- Searching is performed by a combination of keywords
- Filters can be used to narrow down the results
- Geographic extent can be used on the map in order to focus on a specific area

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How do you use it? Searching

- You can focus on a particular organization by selecting 'Organizations' at top of the main page
- Each organization on C-READ Catalogue will be shown
- By selecting an organization you will see all datasets that are linked to it

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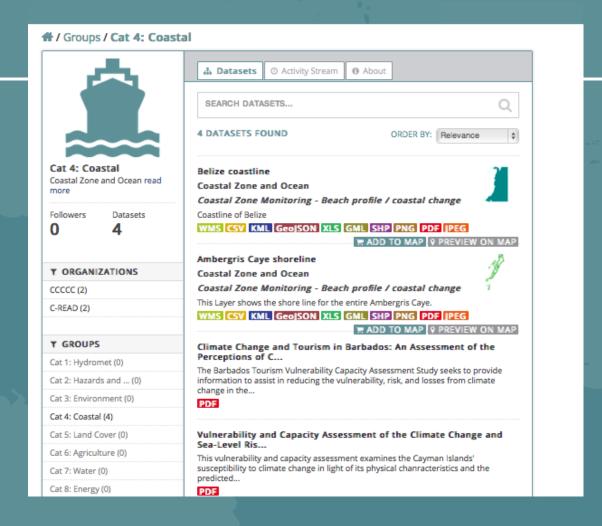
Datasets and Resources:

- In the C-READ catalogue data is published in units called 'datasets' which is essentially a parcel of data and
- Results of queries will be a list of datasets
- Datasets contain two things: (a) metadata (b) resources
- Metadata is data about data eg. Date, format, title, publisher, projection, etc.



Datasets and Resources:

- Resources are items that hold the data itself eg. .csv file, .pdf file, etc.
- Can be stored on the catalogue or be linked to another source on the web
- A dataset may have multiple resource eg. Data for different years, or data in different formats



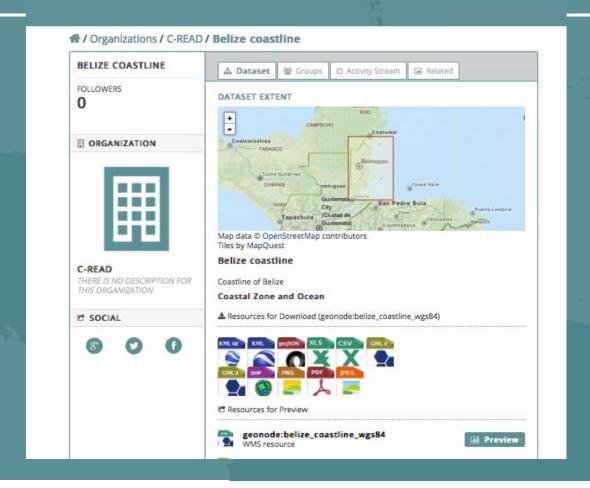
Viewing a Dataset

- When you find a dataset you are interested in you can click on it to get more information
- The dataset screen will show the geospatial footprint and will list the number of resources
- Additional information is listed

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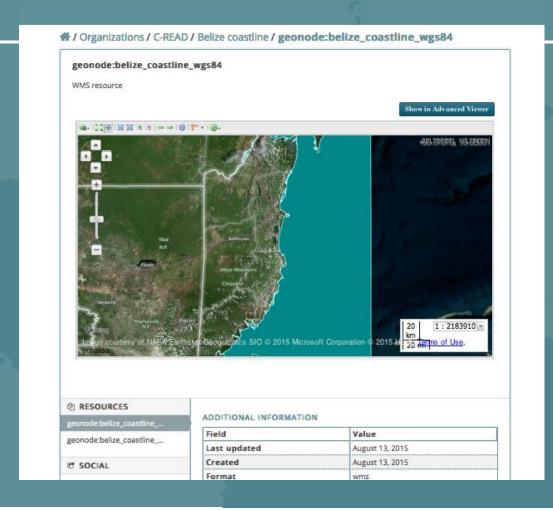


Viewing Resources in a Dataset

- In each dataset there will be one or more resources
- Links and descriptions for each resource are provided
- Preview options are provided for the resources

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Activity Streams / Related

- For each dataset you can see the history of things that have happened to it with the Activity Stream
- Related items can also be identified

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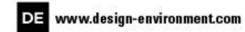
Previewing Data

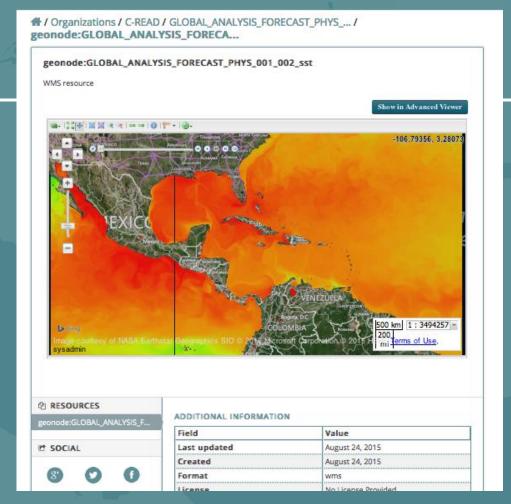
- The table data can be previewed by looking at it in grid, graph, or map form (such as a CSV file)
- Data is often previewed on the map (spatially explicit data)
- Multiple layers can be added to the map for preview
- GeoNode is the web platform for viewing geospatial data
- The Catalogue and GeoNode are closely related as viewing platforms.



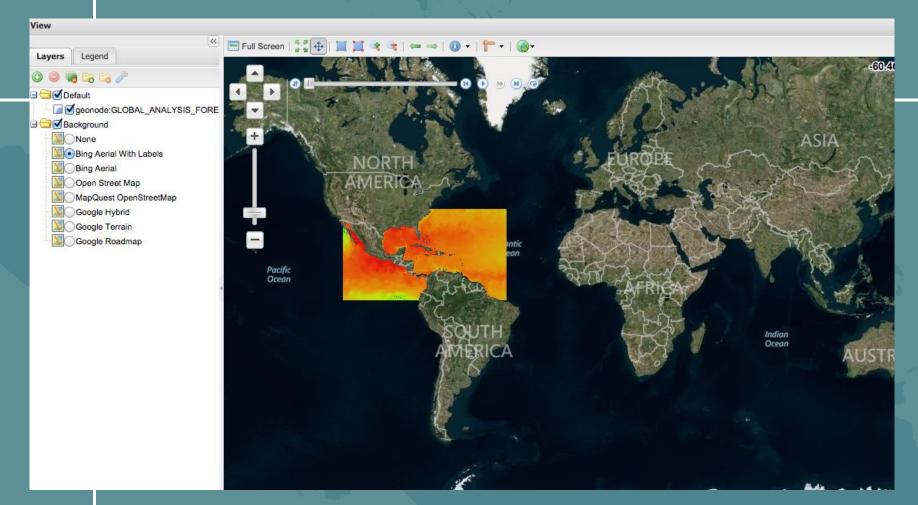
Previewing Data – Catalogue Map Preview

Maps of data can be previewed either on the platform itself, or via an advanced viewer (via mapstore)





Map view of SST on Catalogue



Advanced View of SST on Mapstore

Previewing Data – Catalogue Map Preview

- Maps that are previewed on the Catalogue can be downloaded
- Multiple resources can be combined on the map
- This part of C-READ is read-only and none of the maps can be saved for later use
- The individual resources can be downloaded
- Geonode is the part of the C-READ where new datasets are created



Thank You

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