

Representation & Visualization in GIS: Emerging Trends, New Methods

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Outline

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The future – disseminating spatial data in multimedia –



We will begin by

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Using Maps to Visualize Pictures



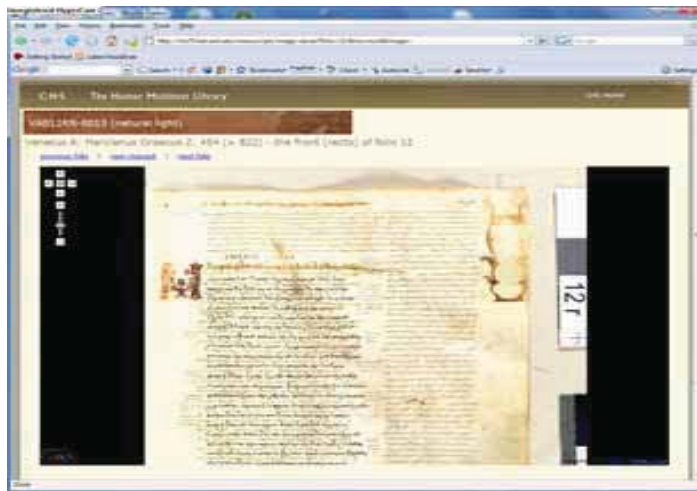


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One of my key points in this talk is that software being developed for a particular spatial application often easily generalises to a quite different one But let me first outline my talk before elaborating



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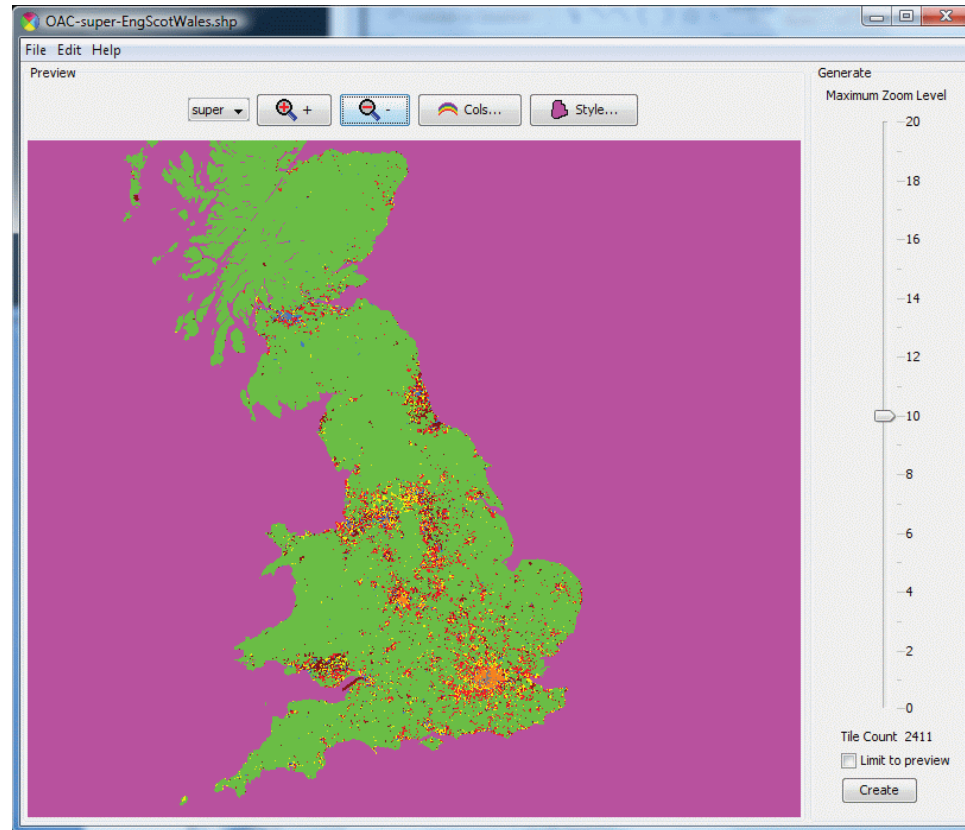


GMapCreator and ImageCutter

The **Google Map Creator** creates **Google Maps** websites from thematic data contained in shapefiles.

It effectively layers your map on top of a **Google Map** or the **Google Map**

For audiences other than yourselves, I always have to make the point that a map is not a picture – it is a bunch of vector geometries and a set of attributes – and a shape file is a proprietary but widely used format by ESRI

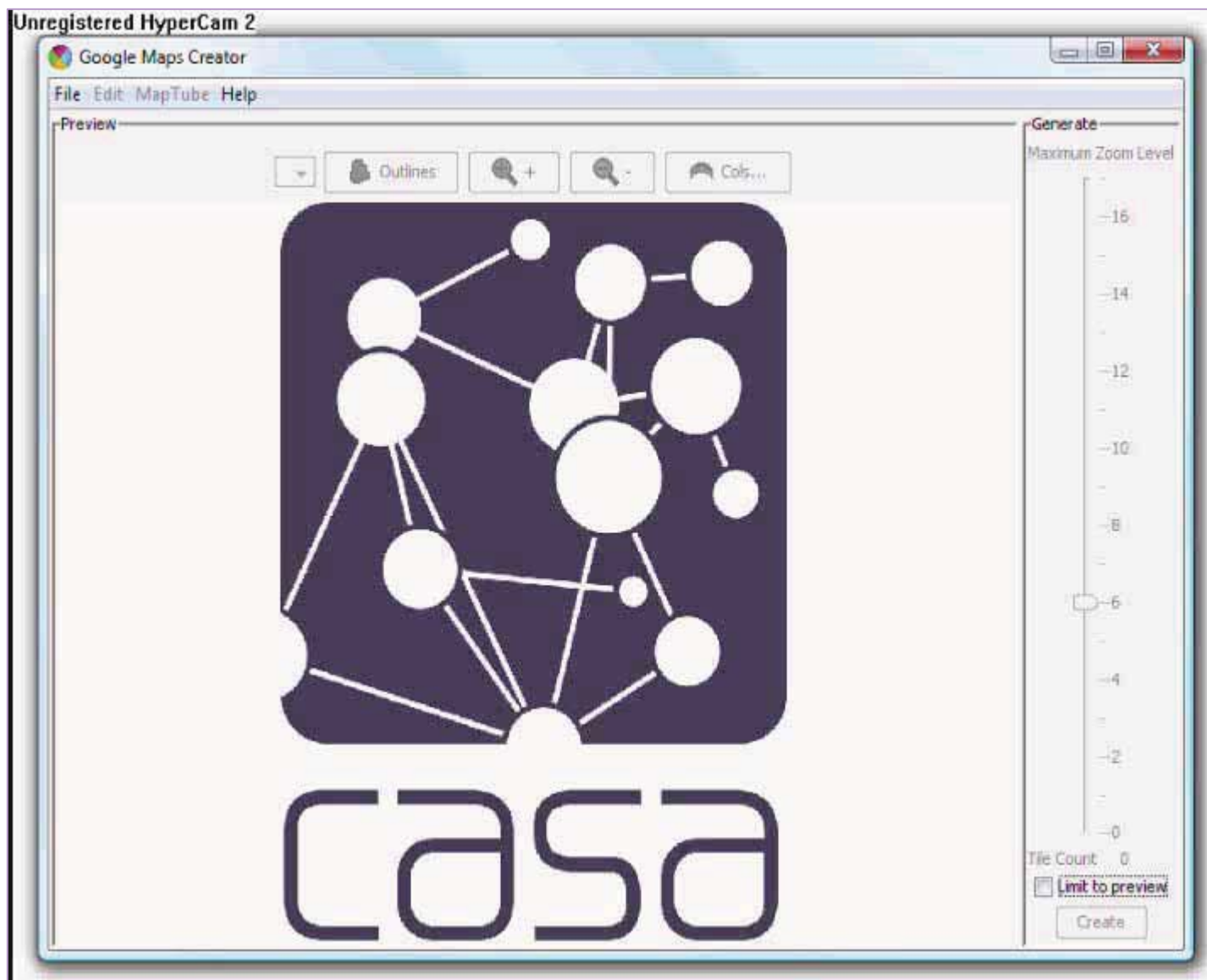


Let us see how it works



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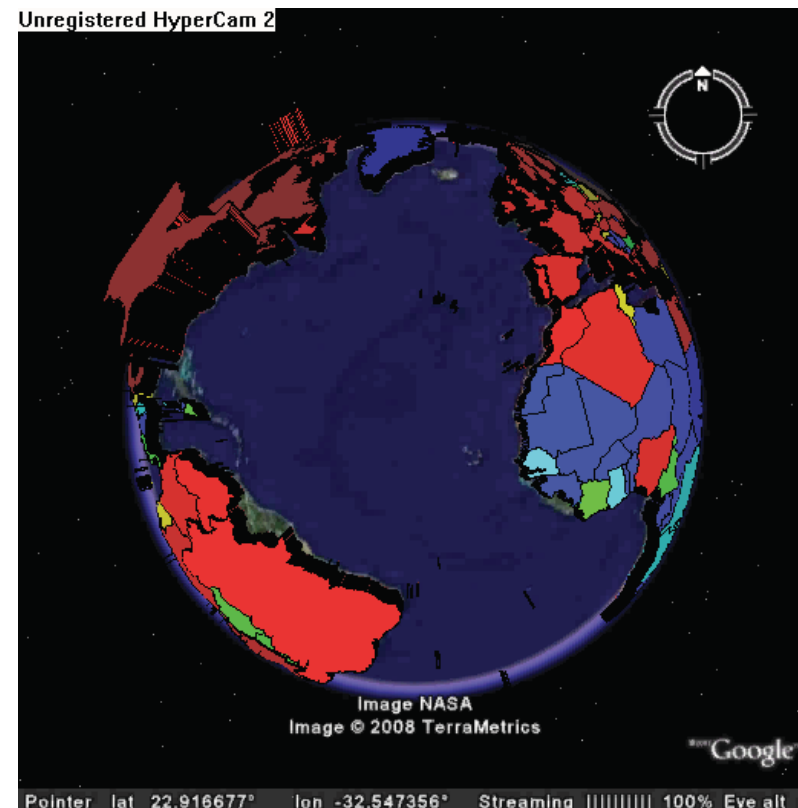




We can do the same sort of thing in 3D of course with ***GEarthCreator*** – the key is to convert the shapefiles to KML files – and there are many other maphacks using similar open map bases like ***Open Street Map***



From all of this we have devised an open resource for maps called ***MapTube***



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http://www.casa.ucl.ac.uk/software/gmapcreator.asp

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The GMapCreator

The GMapCreator is a freeware application designed to make thematic mapping using Google Maps. It takes a shapefile containing geographic areas linked with attributes and automatically generates a map. It does this by pre-creating all the necessary files and saving them into a directory. It is a matter of copying files onto a web server, allowing Google Maps to be used with the map.

 **Download version 1.31 now** (released 27 May 2008)

The following is an example produced using the application:



Carbon monoxide

- 1.0ppm
- 0.75ppm
- 0.5ppm
- 0.25ppm
- 0ppm

(parts per million)

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MapTube: a kind of **YouTube** + **Napster**

Let me explain: every time someone downloads our software, there is a high probability they make a map.

As it sits on a common base – a **Google Map** – if they create the map of some place and someone else creates another map of the same place, it would be nice if we or they could compare them as layers

However, in the UK map bases are copyrighted – you can't do for copying OS map data and it is serious –

So we ask the user not to put their map created from our software on our site, but to give us their URL where their map is and thus **MapTube** is a bunch of pointers to URLs - this is what it looks like with demo



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MAPTUBE
a place to put maps


Welcome to MapTube

MapTube is a free resource for viewing, sharing, mixing and mashing maps online. Created by UCL's Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis, users can select any number of maps to overlay and view.

Map of the Week

Big Mac Index

This map illustrates how the price of a Big Mac varies across the world. View the Big Mac Index here



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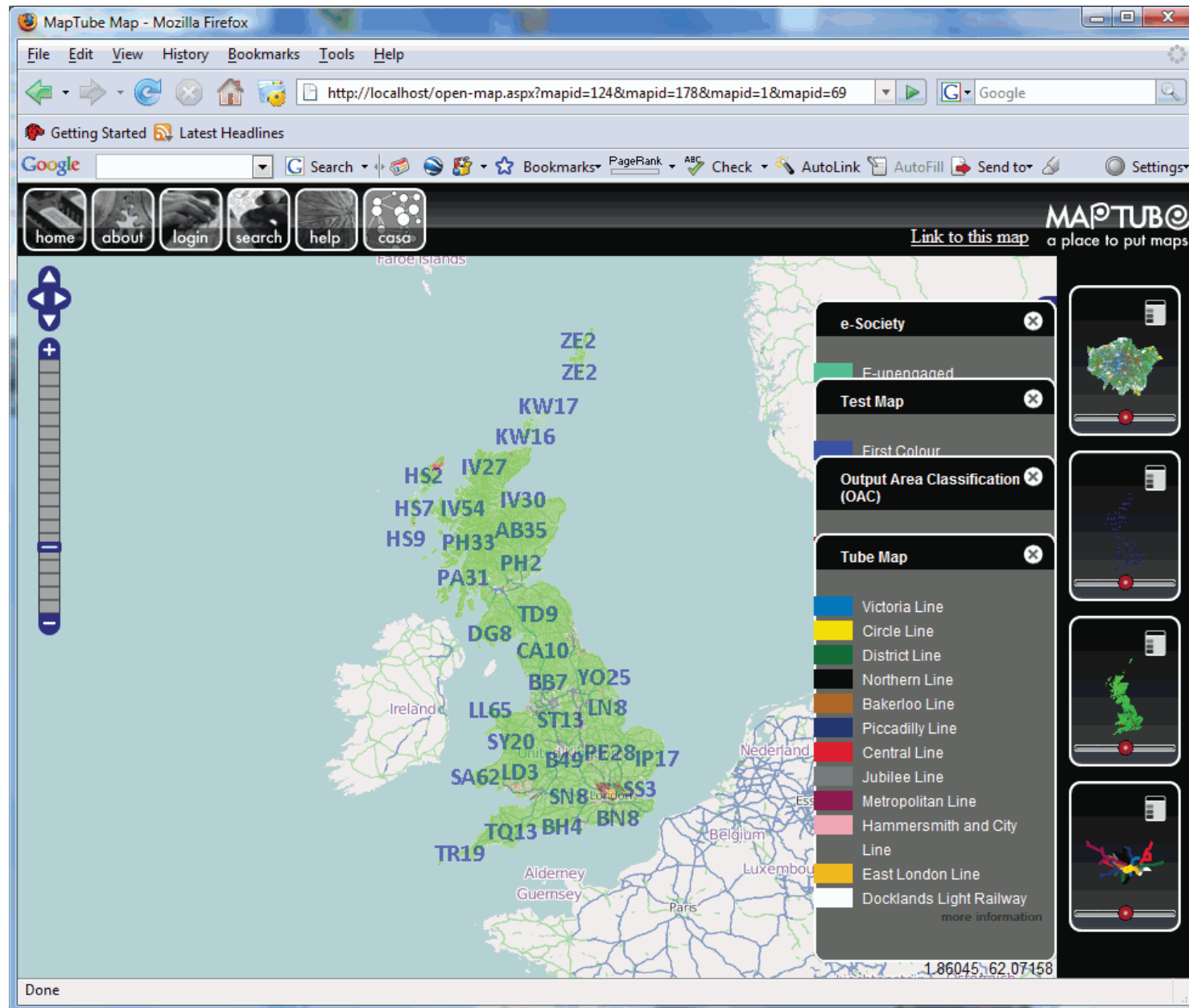
BBC Look East: Anti-social Behaviour

Mapping anti-social behaviour in the eastern counties in conjunction with BBC Look East.



Global MacDonalds Big Mac Prices 2007

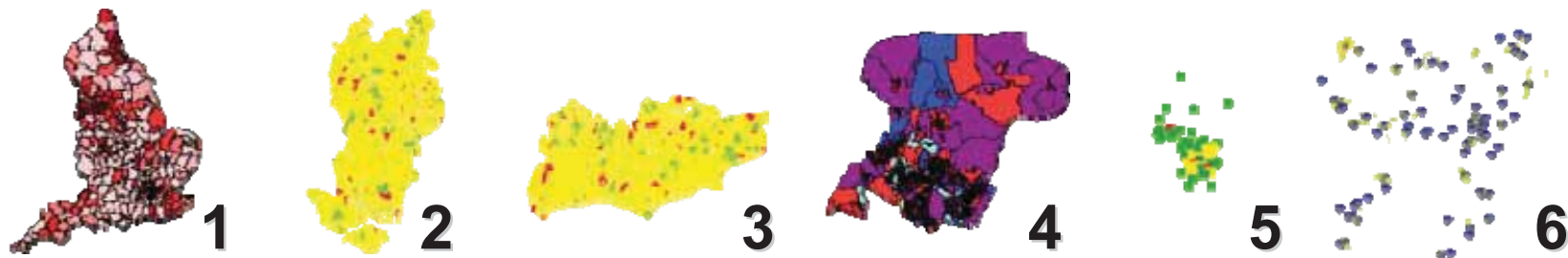
Illustrates the local price (in USD) of a MacDonalds BigMac in various countries round the world.



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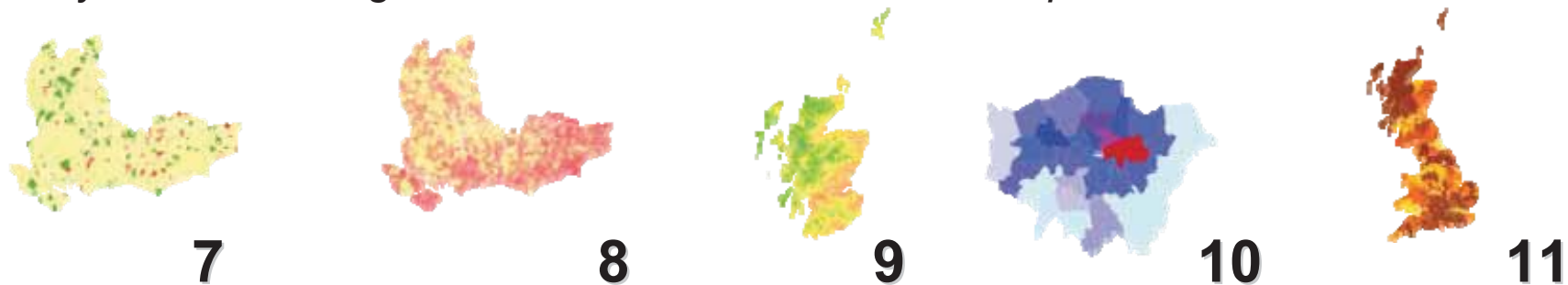


Here are some of the user map data in/on **MapTube**



1. Knife Crime Update, 2. SC IMD Score, 3. SEC IMD Score, 4. PCT Obesity, 5. NO₂ Bristol, 6. AGFC Wildlife

The data behind the knife crimes map (1) has been in the news the last few days after it emerged that the Government had manipulated the data.



7. Southeast IMD, 8. Southeast IMD (LSOA), 9. Wild Land Quality Scotland, 10. NSSeC L8 (never worked)%, 11. CO₂ index



Pulling pictures – pulling spatial data – crowd-sourcing

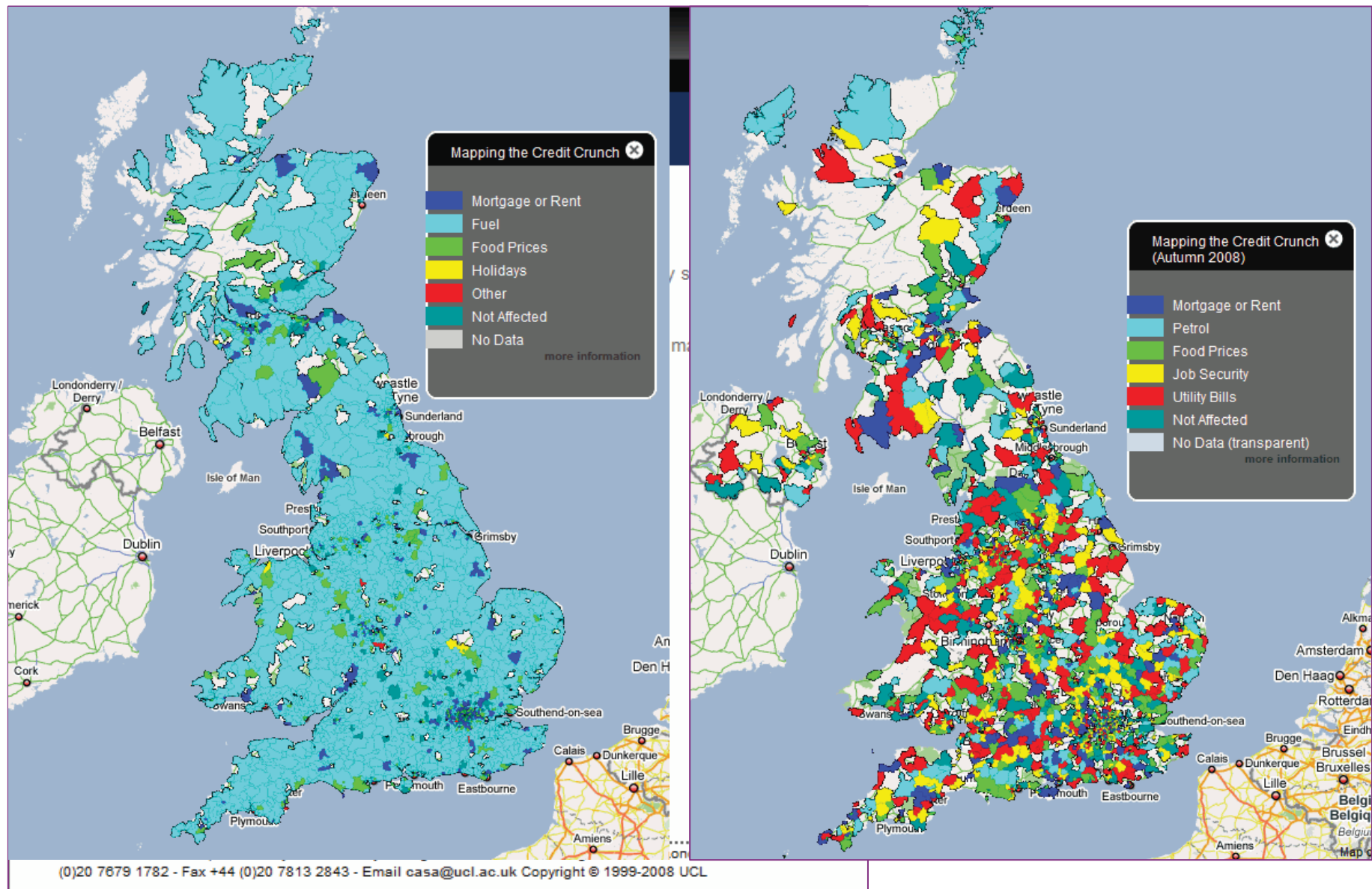
We have turned all this around and basically used the system to record spatial responses to topical questions

We broadcast the questions through TV and radio and then ask users to respond and key in their post code – 7 digit in UK but actually only record postcode sector – first three or four digits

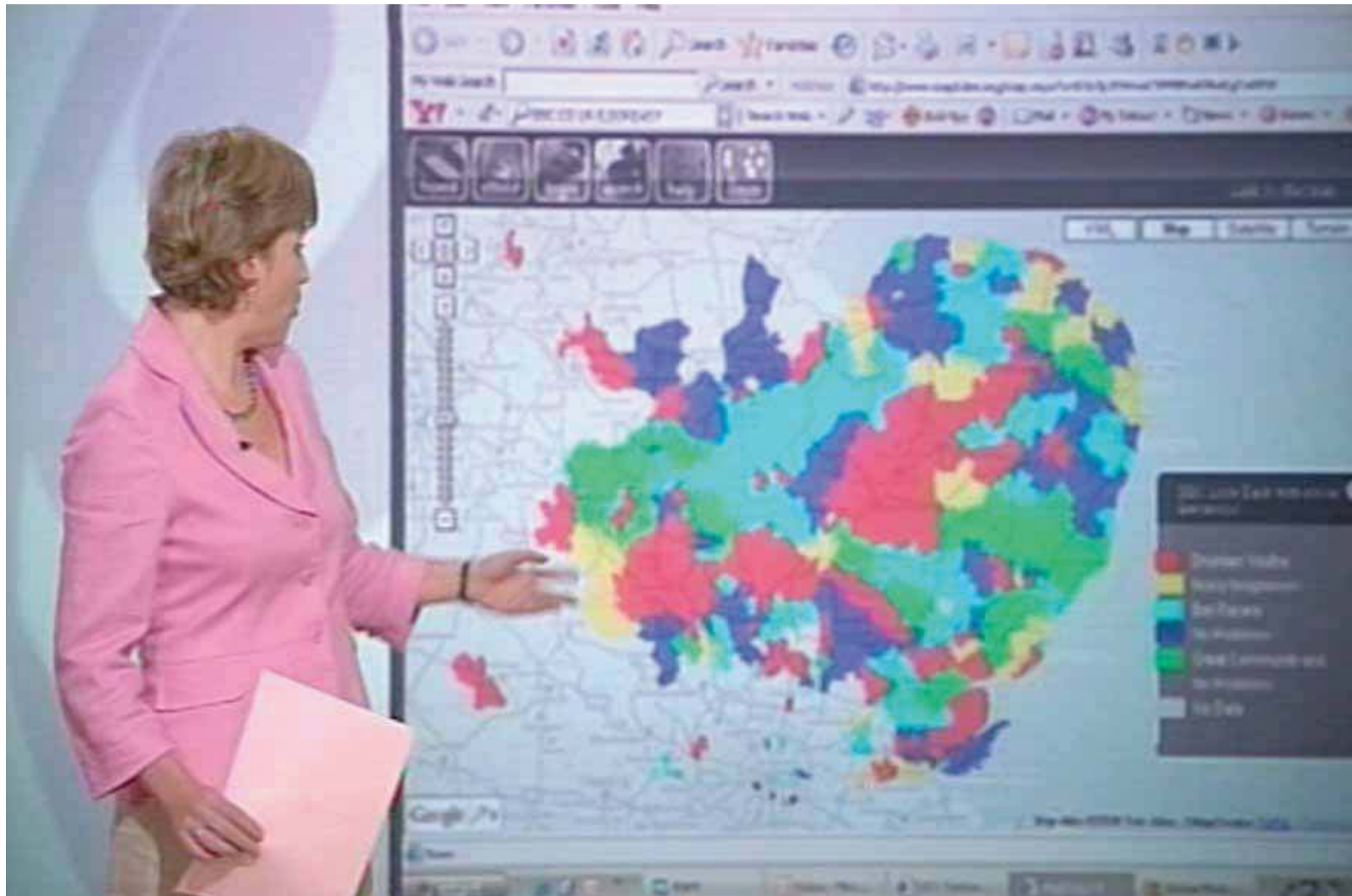
Then our server issues a request to scan the continually refreshed database and rebuilds the map on the fly so to speak, every half hour, using GMapCreator etc

We have so far looked at the credit crunch, antisocial behaviour and the Manchester road pricing proposal



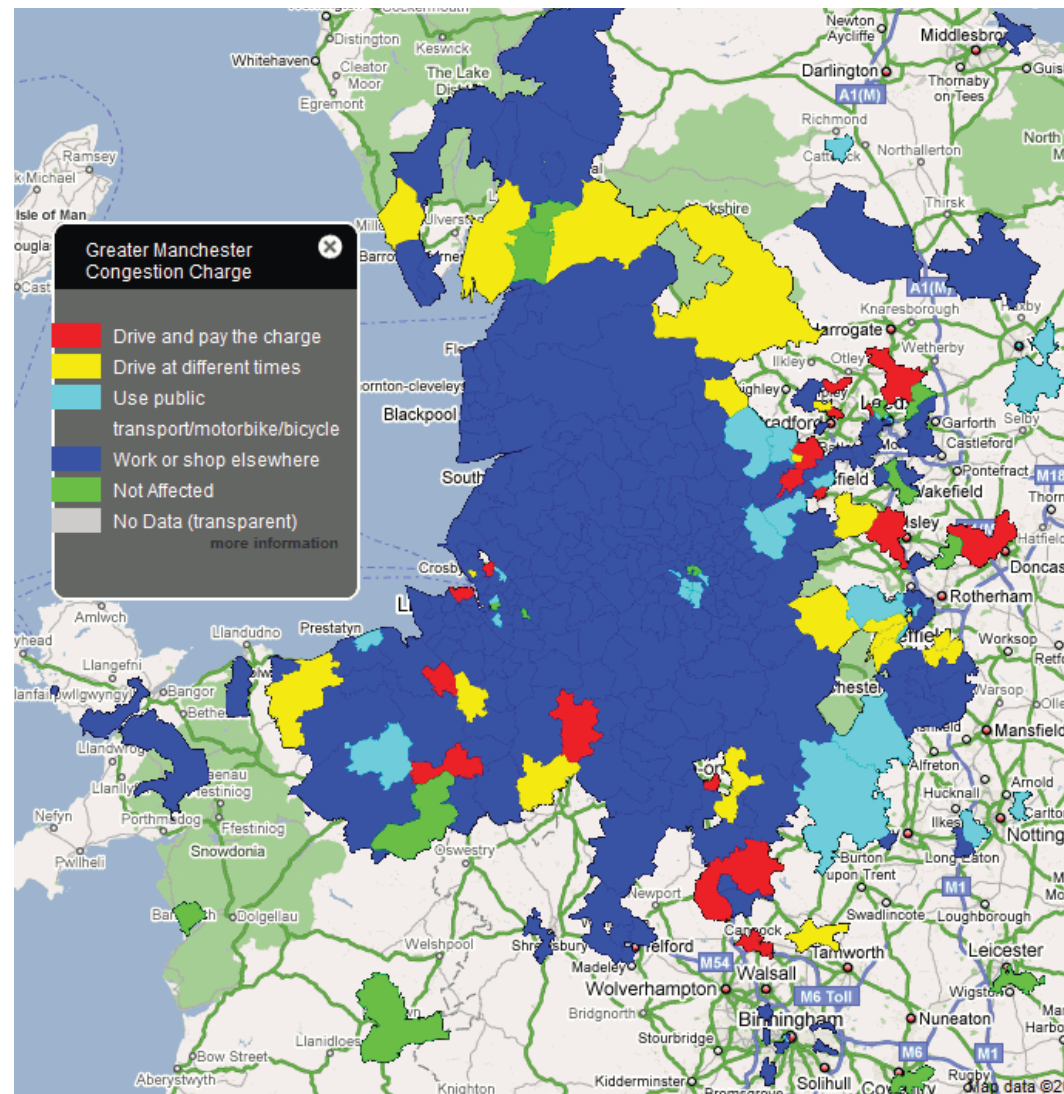


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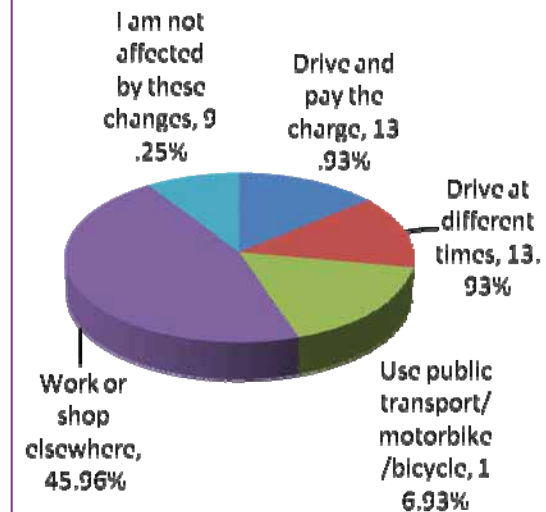


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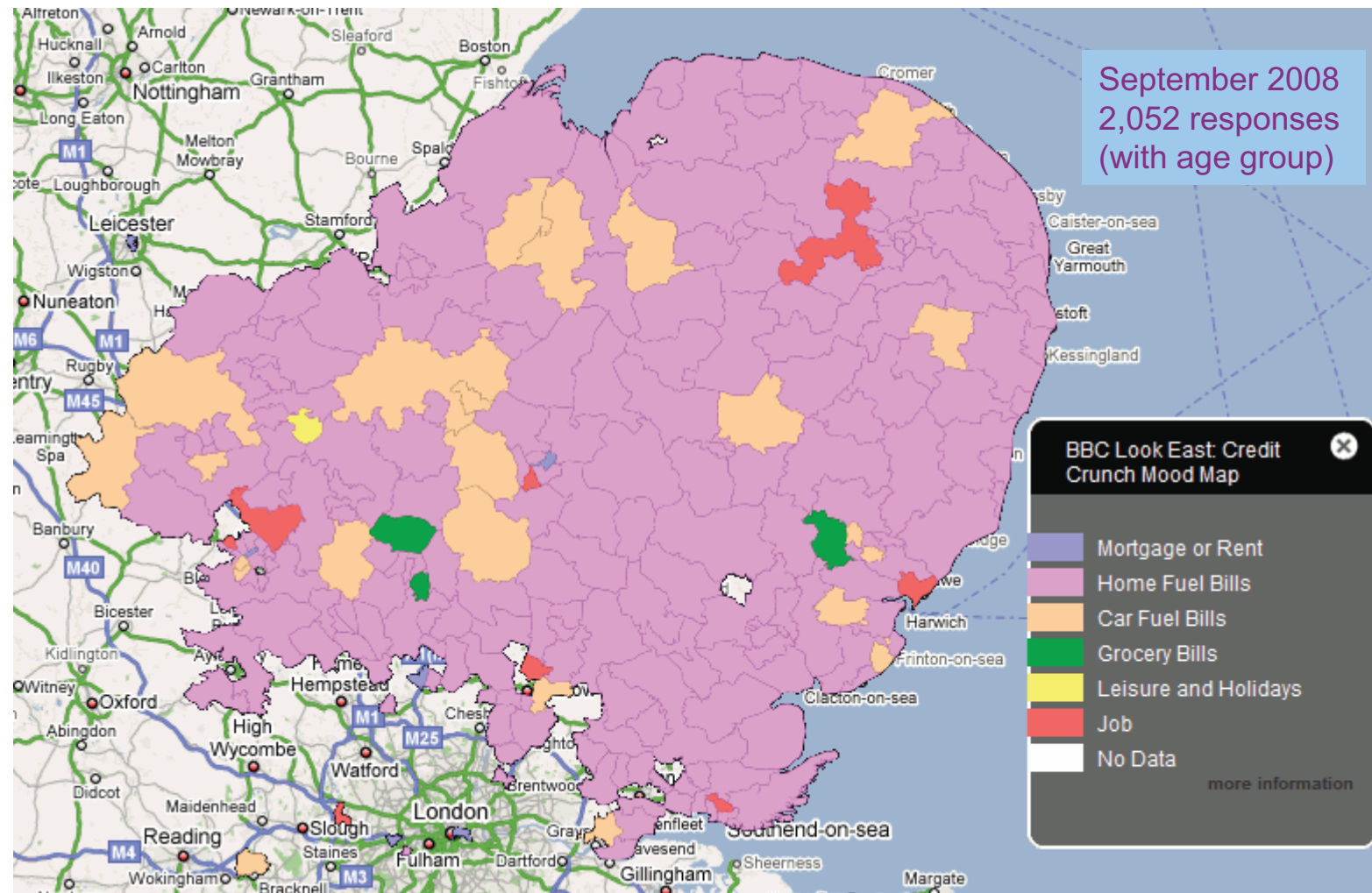
Manchester Congestion Charge



15,902 responses
October to December 2008



BBC Look East: Credit Crunch



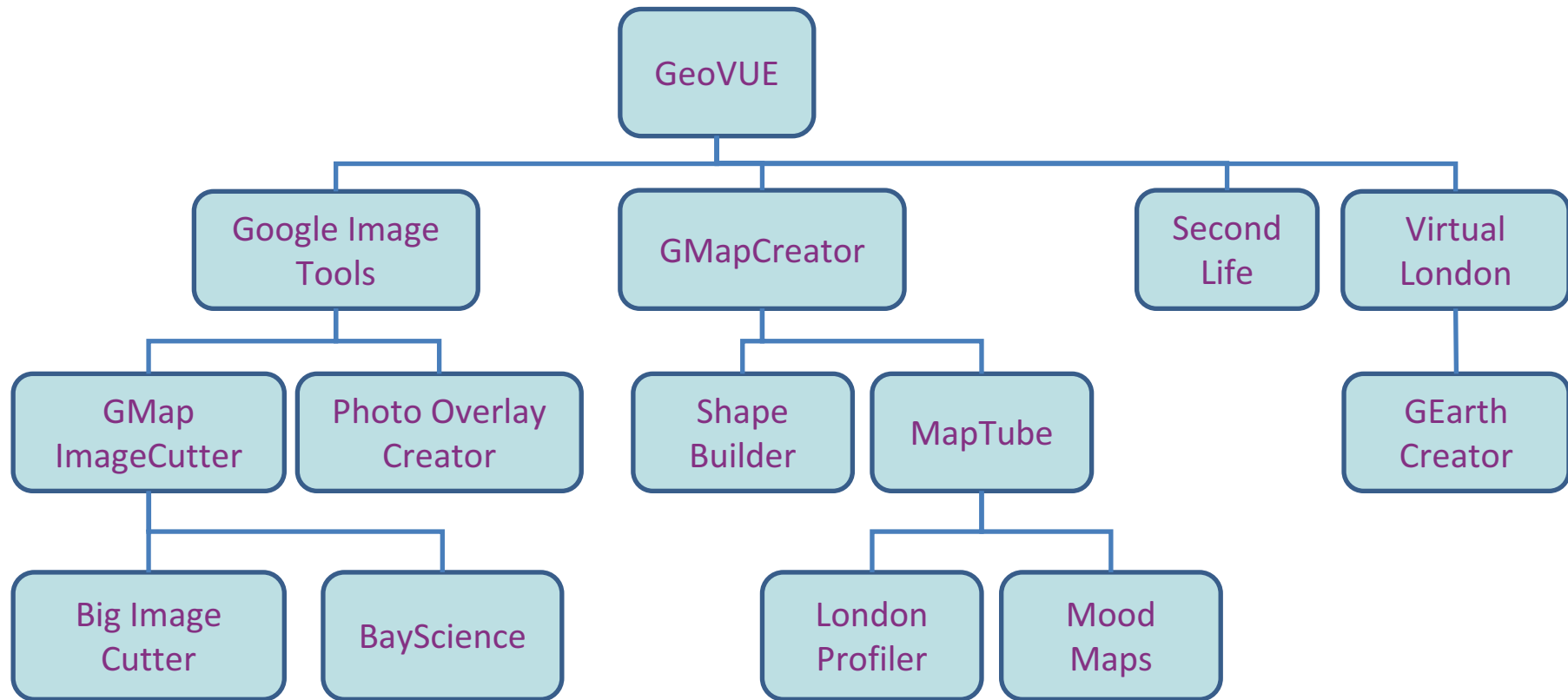
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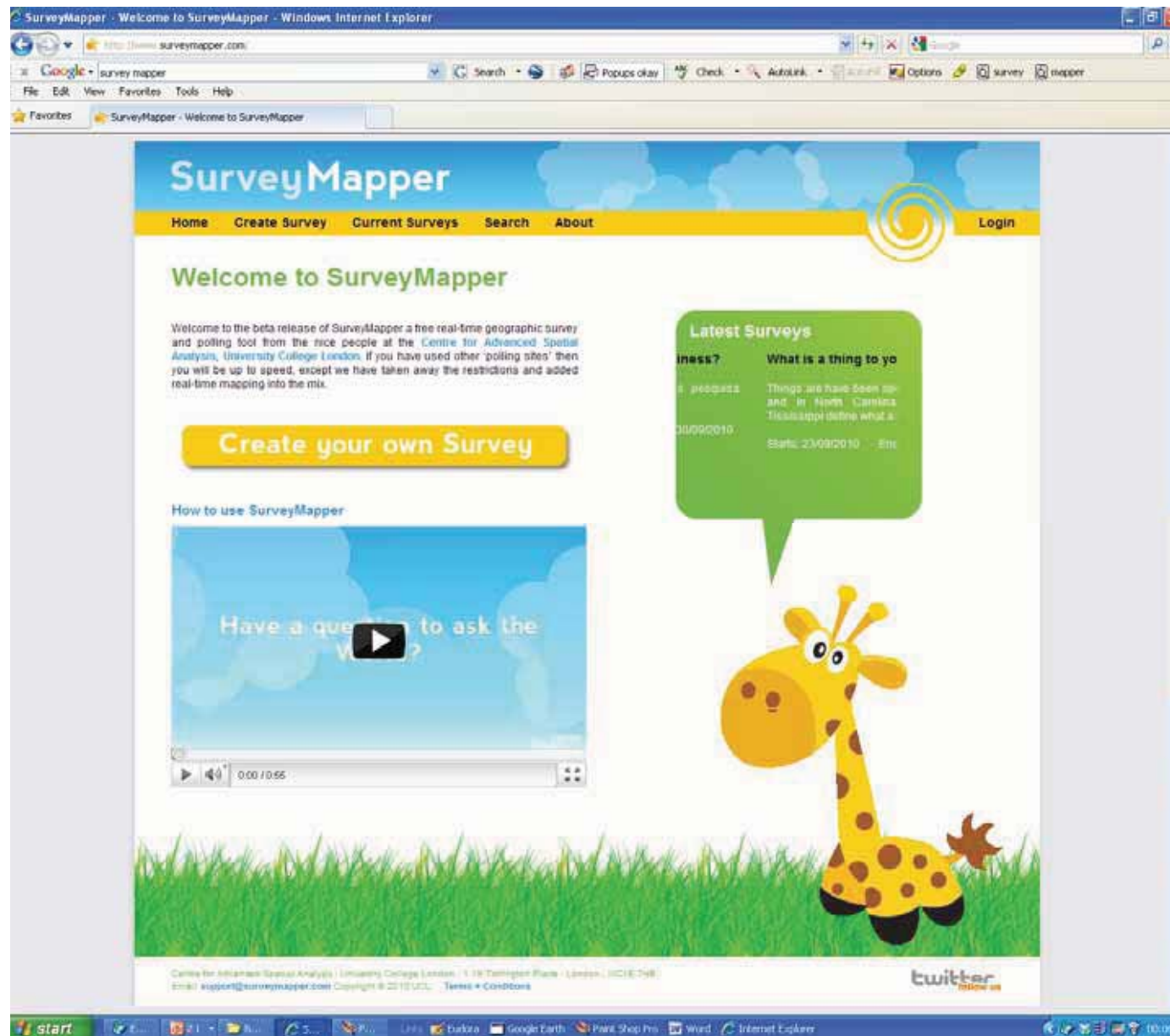


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GeoVUE Family Tree





Most Popular Live Surveys

CutsMap

There are a wide range of opinions about the "Cuts" that will be announced in the Comprehensive Spending Review. I want to discover whether there are any spatial or demographic patterns in the distribution of these opinions.
Started: 01/10/2010 Ends: 31/12/2010
89 views 47 responses

Safer Parks Survey

Making sure that our local parks are safe for everyone to use and enjoy is very important to us. Please take a few moments to tell us how you feel about your local park.
Started: 27/09/2010 Ends: 28/10/2010
58 views 17 responses

What is a thing to you?

Things have been spotted in London and in North Carolina. Help us at Tisissippi define what a thing is.
Started: 23/09/2010 Ends: 31/12/2010
47 views 14 responses

Most Popular Surveys (All time)

How Happy Are You?

Are you happy or sad?
Started: 15/06/2010 Ends: 31/08/2010
562 views 264 responses

Public Perceptions of Crime - Beta Testing Survey

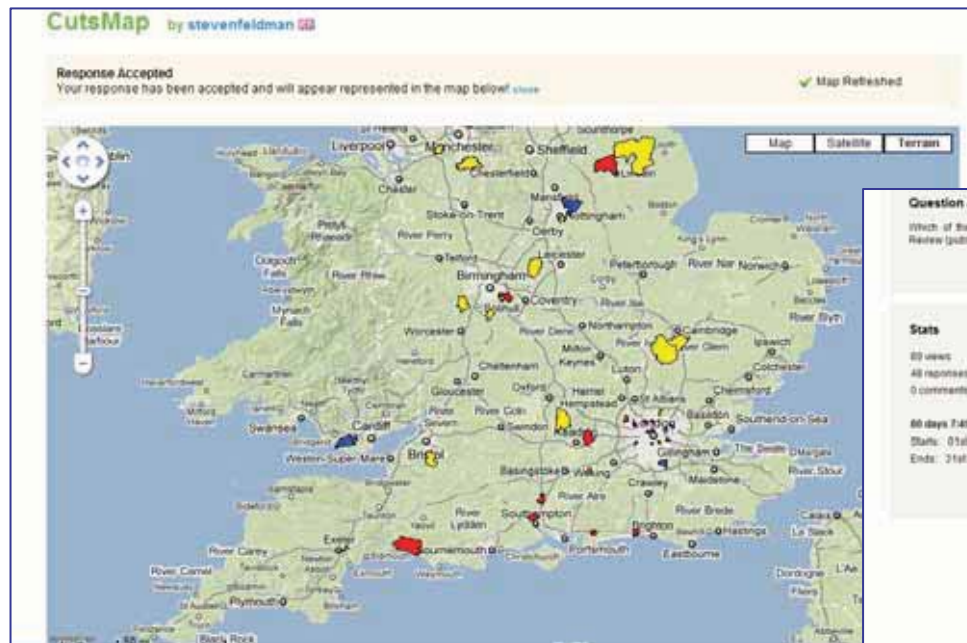
Survey to see perception of crime mapped to postcode
Started: 24/05/2010 Ends: 31/08/2010
533 views 3,106 responses

World Cup 2010

Who do you think is going to win the World Cup final?
Started: 08/07/2010 Ends: 11/07/2010
448 views 148 responses

Top Ten GeoCodes

GeoCode	Responses	Percentage
TW11	3	6.25%
DY10	2	4.17%
DT6	1	2.08%
CV13	1	2.08%
CR6	1	2.08%
CF71	1	2.08%
CB22	1	2.08%
BT5	1	2.08%
BS39	1	2.08%
BN15	1	2.08%



Question Asked

Which of the following statements about the Comprehensive Spending Review (public sector budget cuts) best describes your opinion?

This survey is currently running!

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Stats

89 views
48 responses
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89 days 7:49:31 until the end of this survey
Starts: 01st October 2010 @ 7:58am
Ends: 21st December 2010 @ 7:04am

Map Key

The cuts are the only possible way to eliminate the budget deficit and profligate spending of the last government. We have to downsize the bloated public sector to avoid a Greek-style economic meltdown. It will be painful but it will be worth it.

Cuts are partly due to the credit crunch but the public sector has grown a bit too large. We can find efficiency savings without hurting services too much. I think the government response is a bit too severe. I hope that we can share the pain evenly.

The deficit is mainly due to the bankers. The cuts are ideologically driven to permanently downsize the welfare state & outsource public services to private and voluntary sectors & will hit the poor and needy hardest, the wealthy will be unhindered.

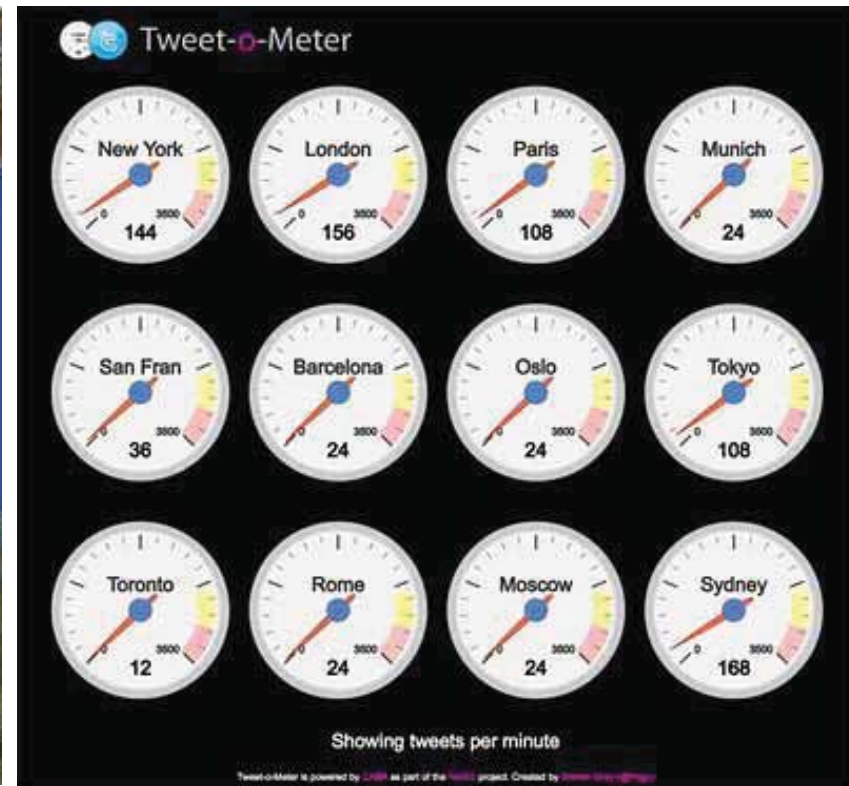
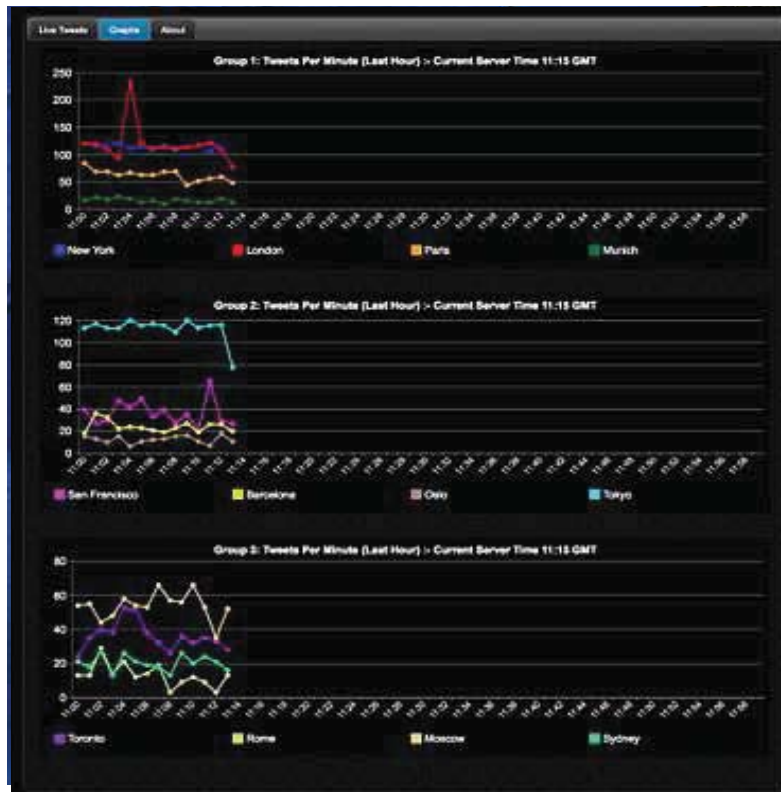
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Seriously Capturing and Scraping Data: Twitter and online streaming, London Bikes



10953 Dratted cold snap has killed the car battery..£70 for a new one...#uksnow

21/12/2009 22:53

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(pablothehat)

5788 Steady heavy snow in Chesham HP5 #uksnow

21/12/2009 15:57

iotaMEDIA
(Gordon O'Neill)

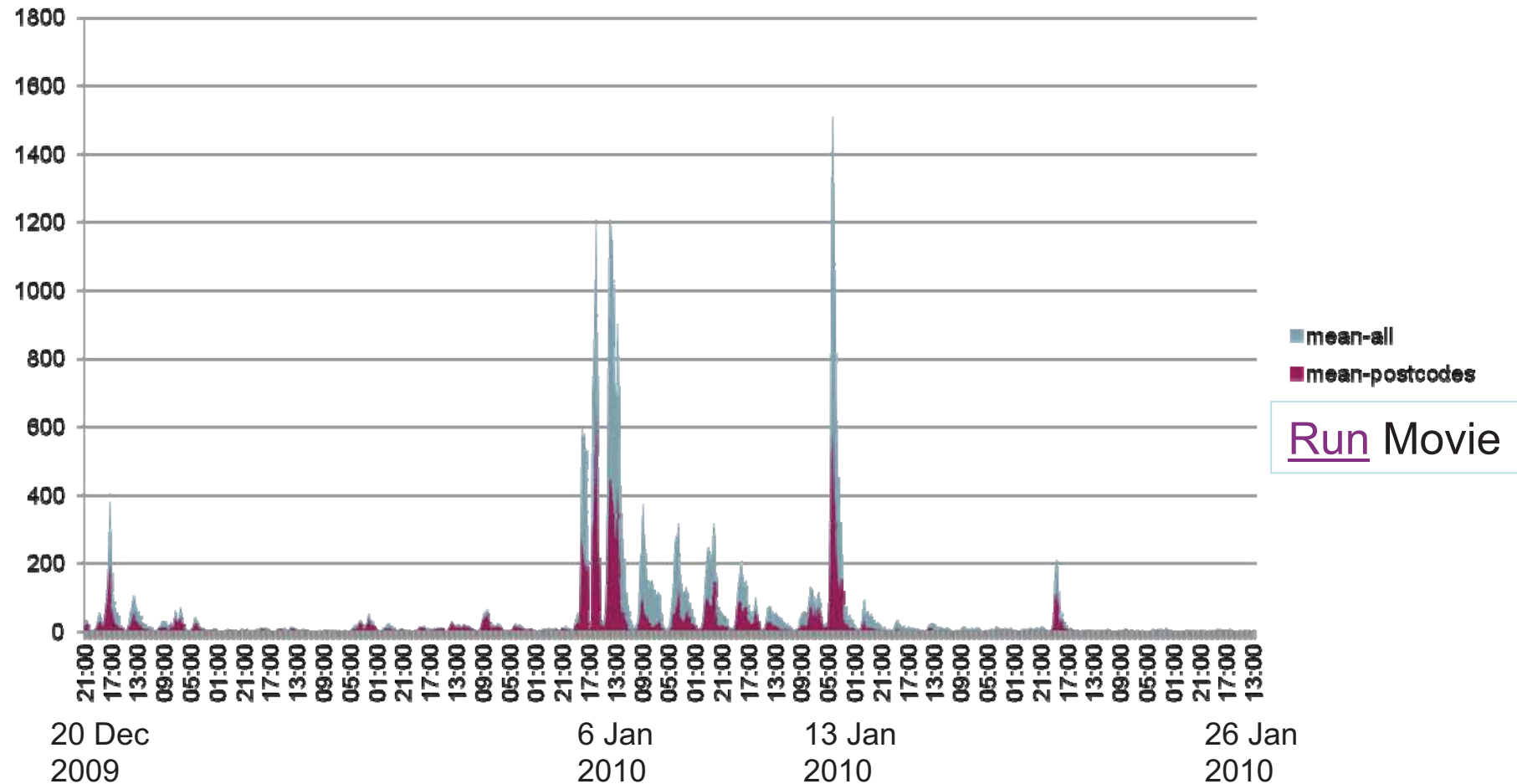
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Tweets Per Hour (#uksnow)



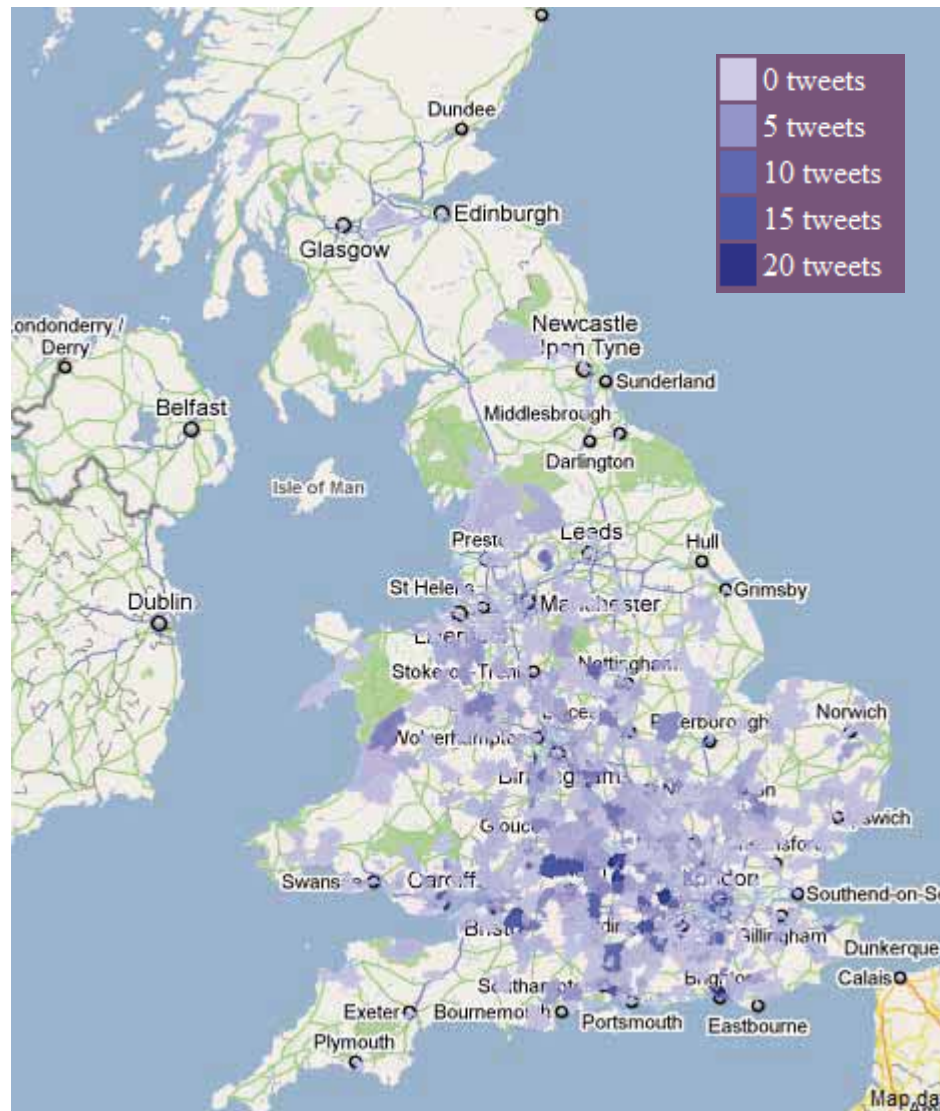
Tweets using the #uksnow tag shown as tweets (grey) and those containing a valid postcode (red)



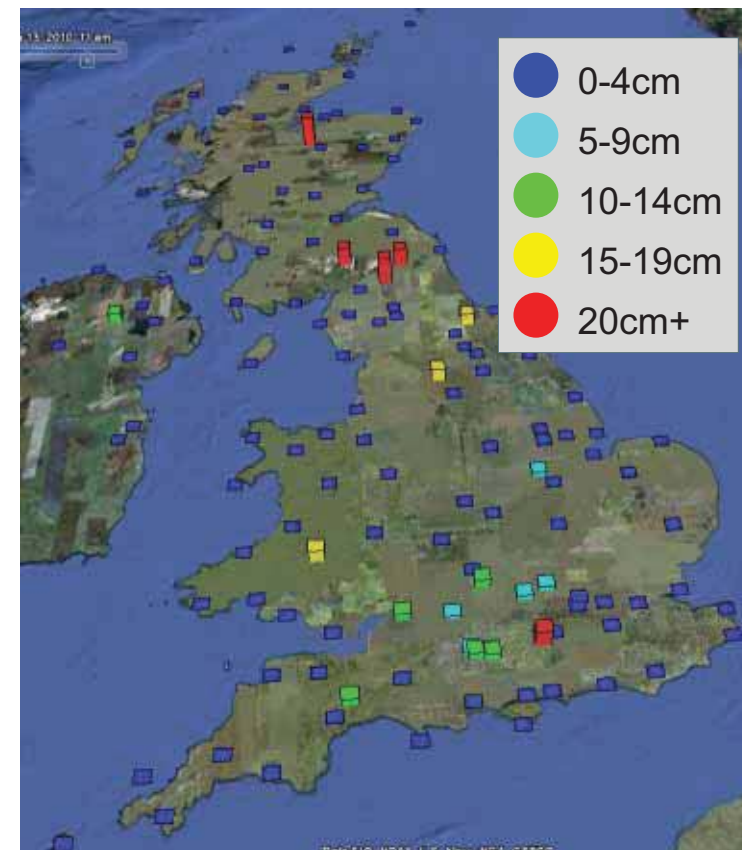
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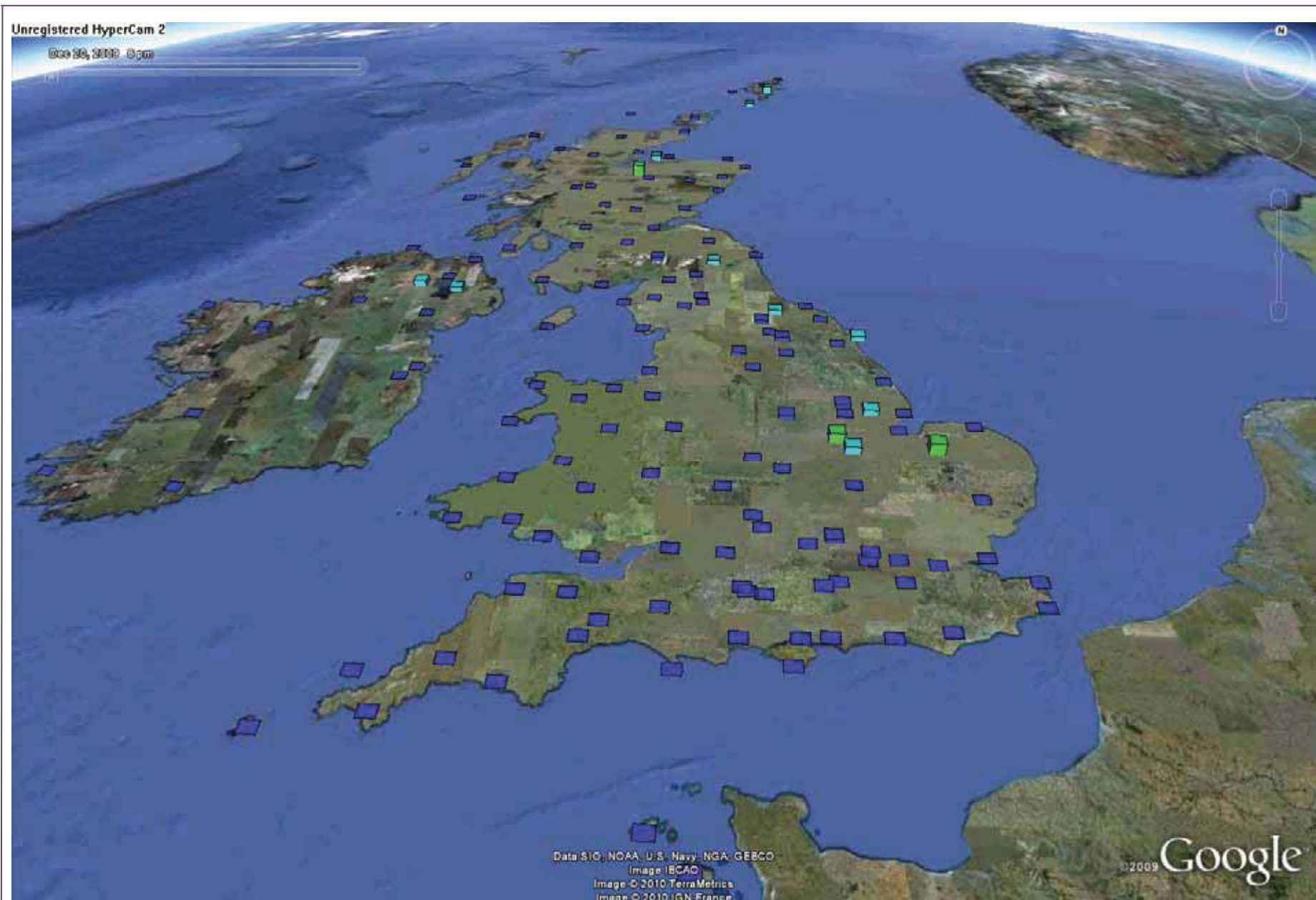


#uksnow tweets: Wed 13 January 2010



Tweets using the #uksnow tag for Wednesday 13th January 2010 plotted as a count by postcode for the whole day, compared to UKMO data for 12Z





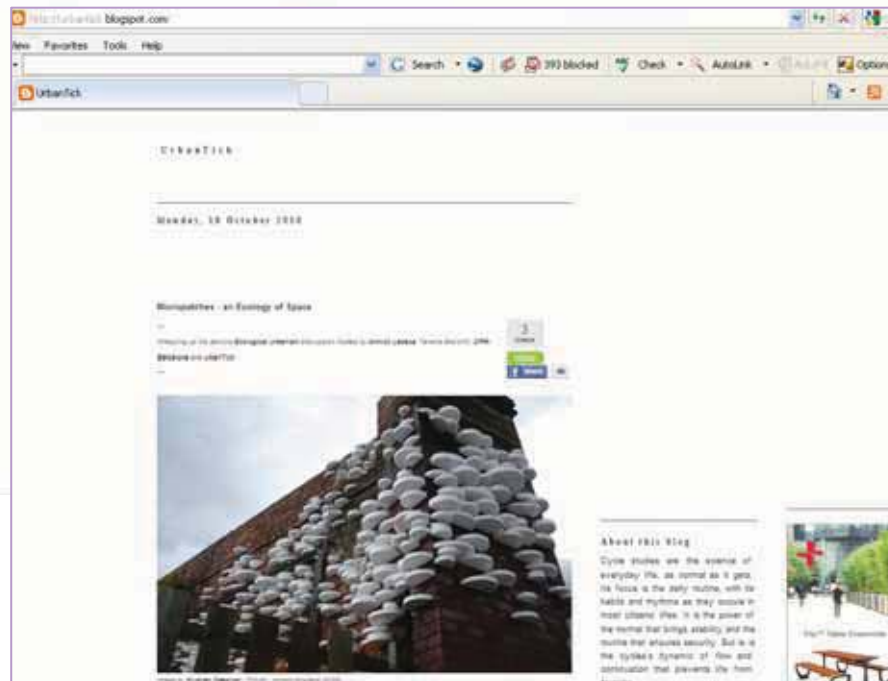
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Urban Tick

Urban Tick is a new blog which is written by Fabian Neuhaus who is studying rhythms and cycles in the city for his doctoral work. An important way of looking at cities is through the fast processes that define the functions of the urban environment of which local movement is key. Tracking individuals and relating their space time trajectories to their behaviours and the activities that they frequent and use is basic to the way cities are organised. We can begin to define spatial structures in terms of such movement and tracking individuals is fast becoming one of the ways in which such structures can be defined. Contemporary IT with embedded GPS is central to all of this and Urban Tick seeks to record what is moving and shaking this fast developing field.

<http://urbantick.blogspot.com>



About this blog

Cycle studies are the science of everyday life, as normal as it gets. Its focus is the daily routine, with its habits and rhythms as they occur in most citizens' lives. It is the power of the normal that brings stability and the routine that ensures security. But it is the cycles's dynamic of flow and continuation that prevents life from freezing.

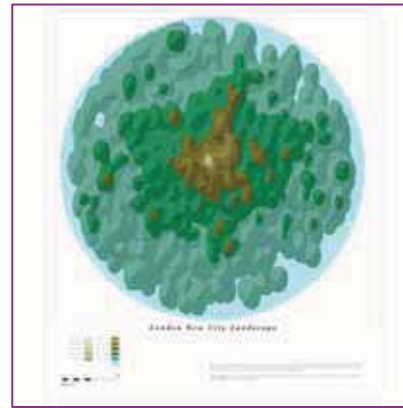
Cycles therefore stand for stability but are at the same time the engine of change.

With this blog the research on cycles and rhythms will be embedded in the most recent developments in technology, covering a range of areas with a focus on space-time related technologies.

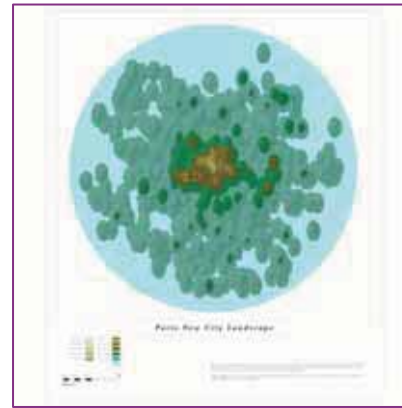




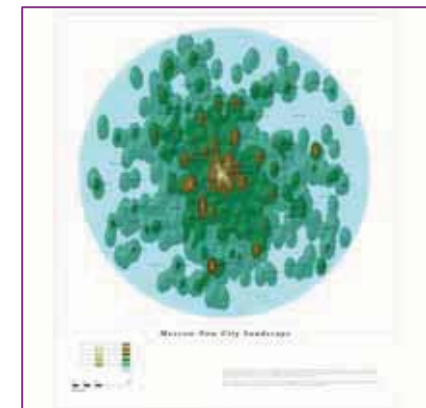
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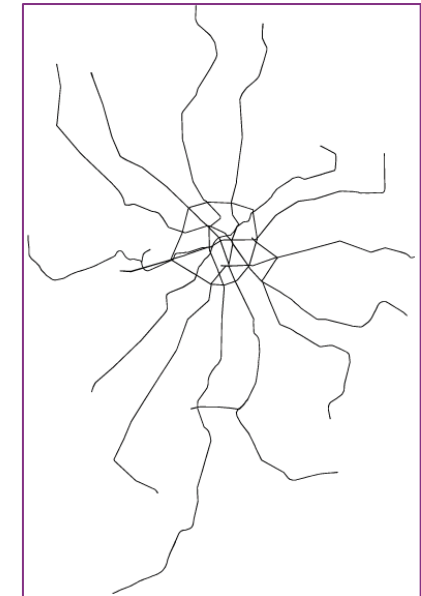
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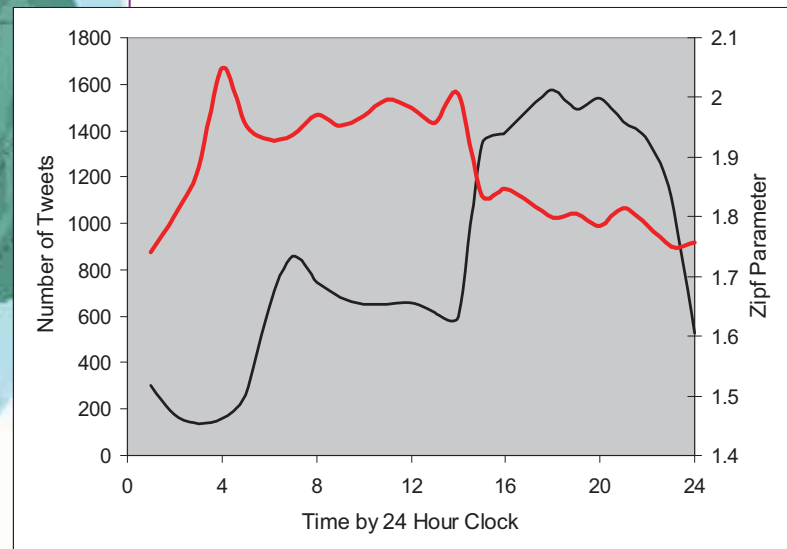
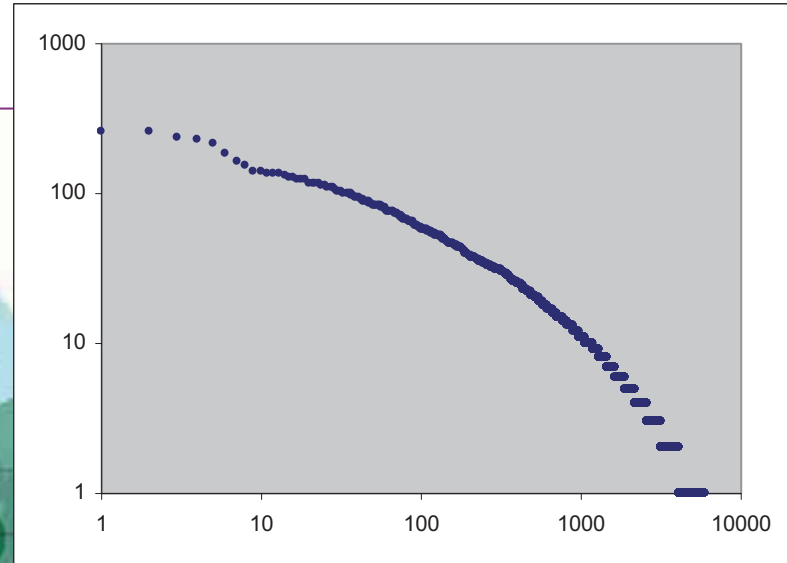
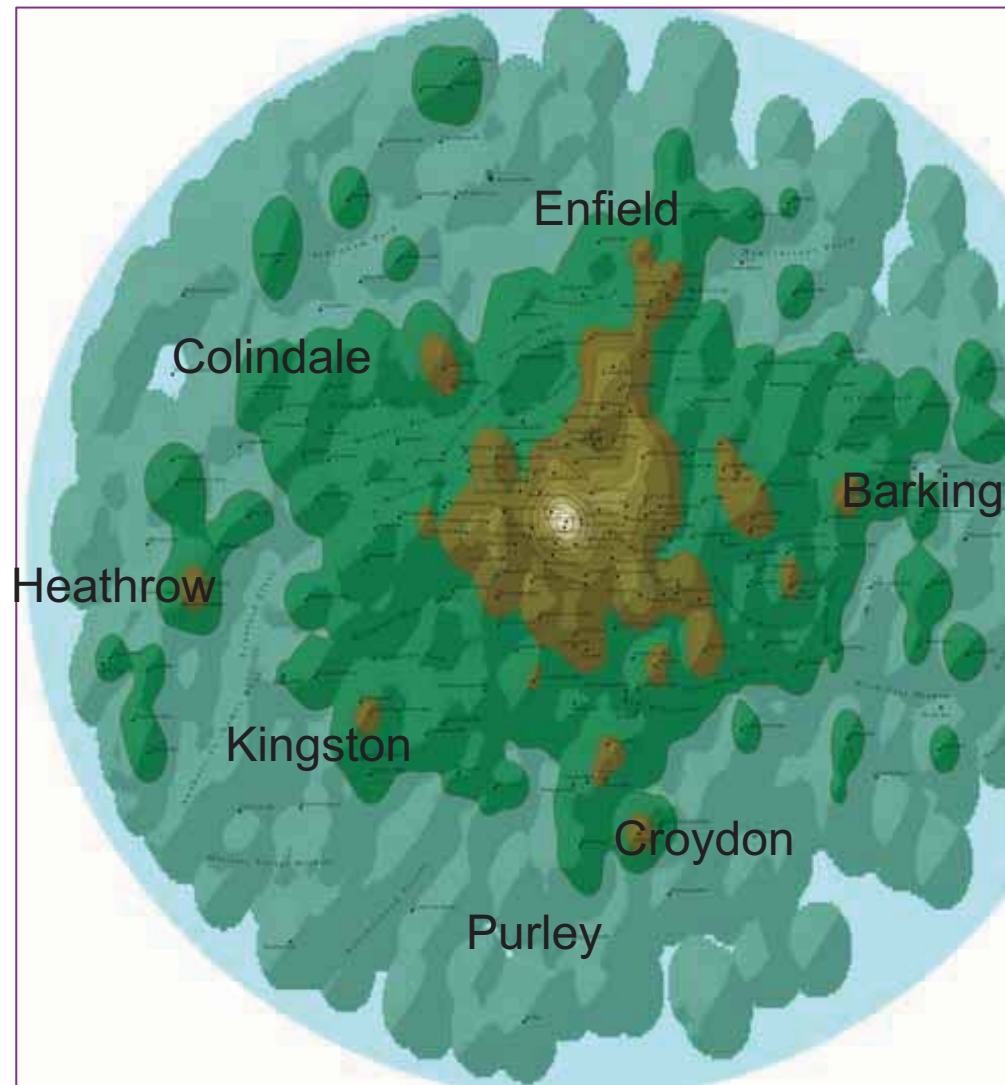
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London



Scraping Data: The London Bikes Experiment

Locally called Boris's Bikes

Essentially a scheme to introduce public bike transport to central London to take people out of cars and trains and even buses and to promote sustainability, as well as counter obesity



4200 bikes, 340 stations, access via online registration or by paying on a credit card at the local bike station – so all online data

Ollie O'Brien in CASA has built an online resource to scrape the data continually – every few minutes of demand and supply of bikes – how full the bike stations are. From this you can assess where there is space and where there is congestion

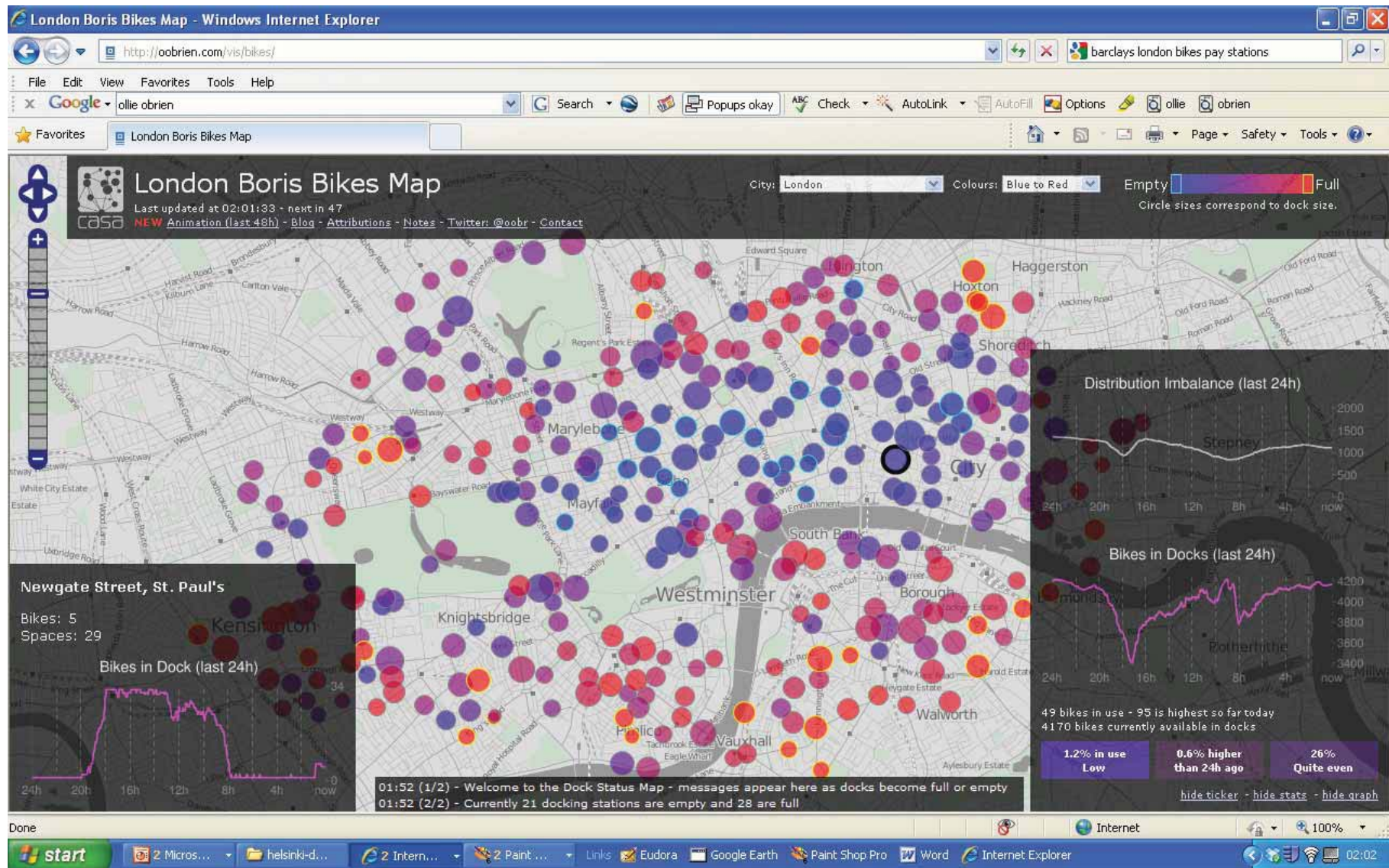
And he does this all the time, so if you log onto his web site – his blog in fact

<http://oobrien.com/vis/bikes/>

Then you will get all this data – let me show you some pictures of it – I may even log on and show it now live but it is slow in Explorer on this machine

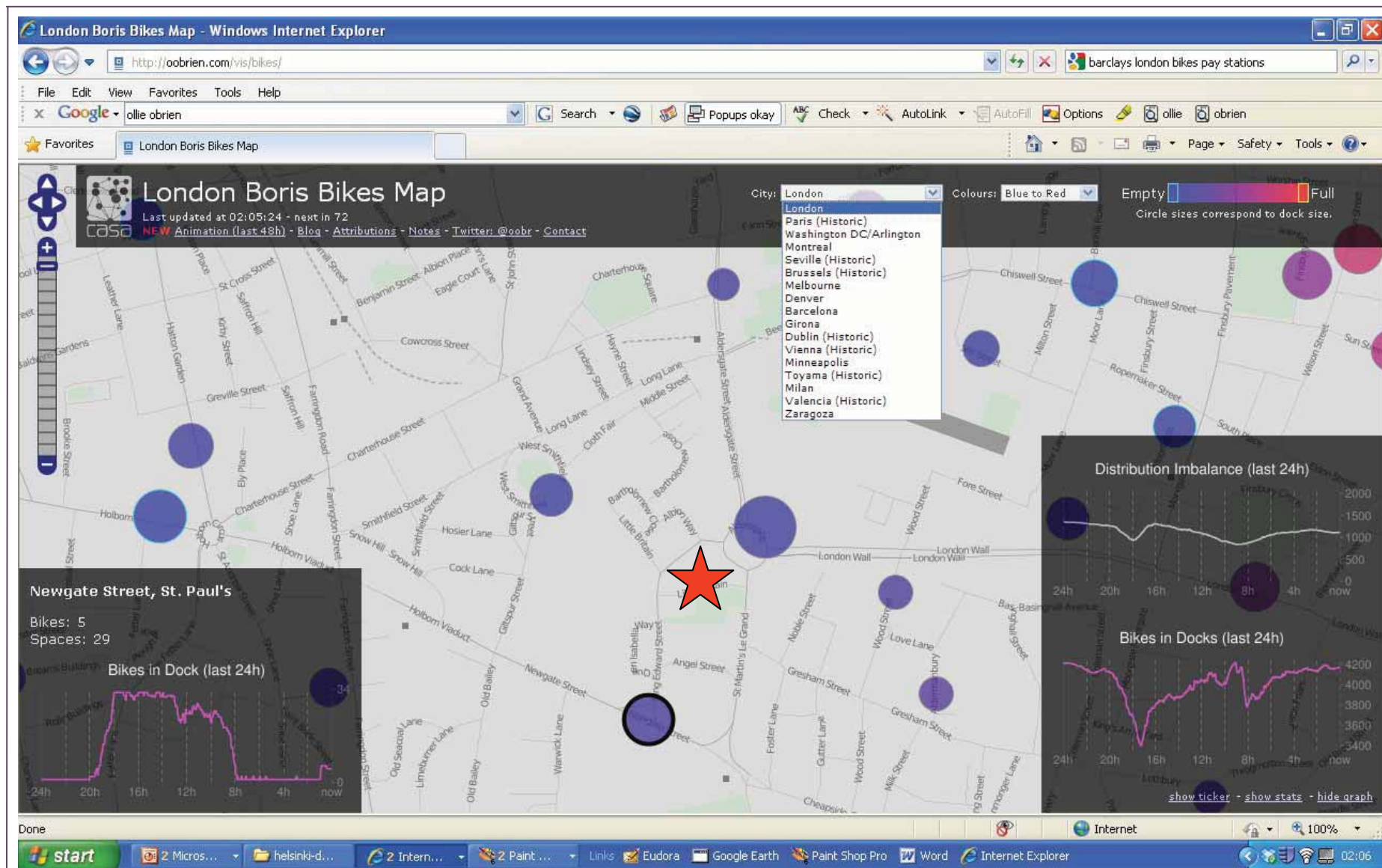
This is a great example of a real time demand supply management system which is powered by maps - OSM





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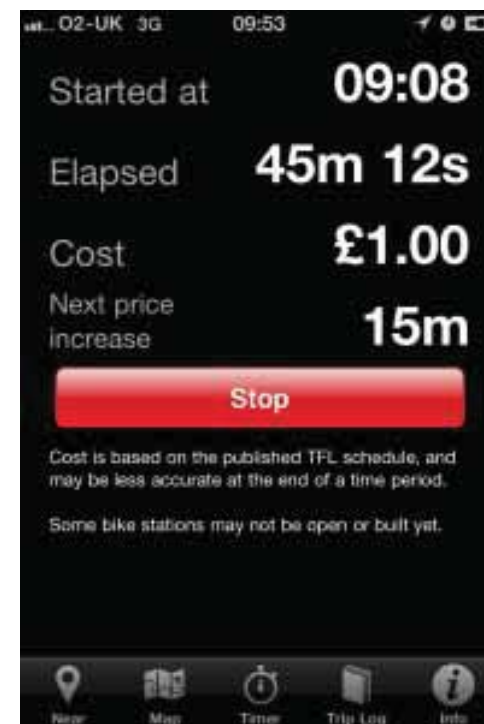
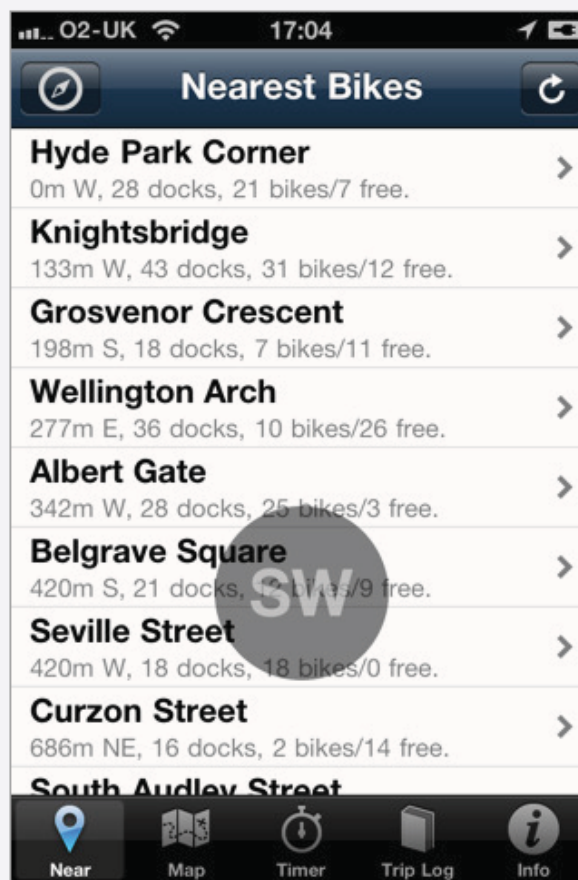
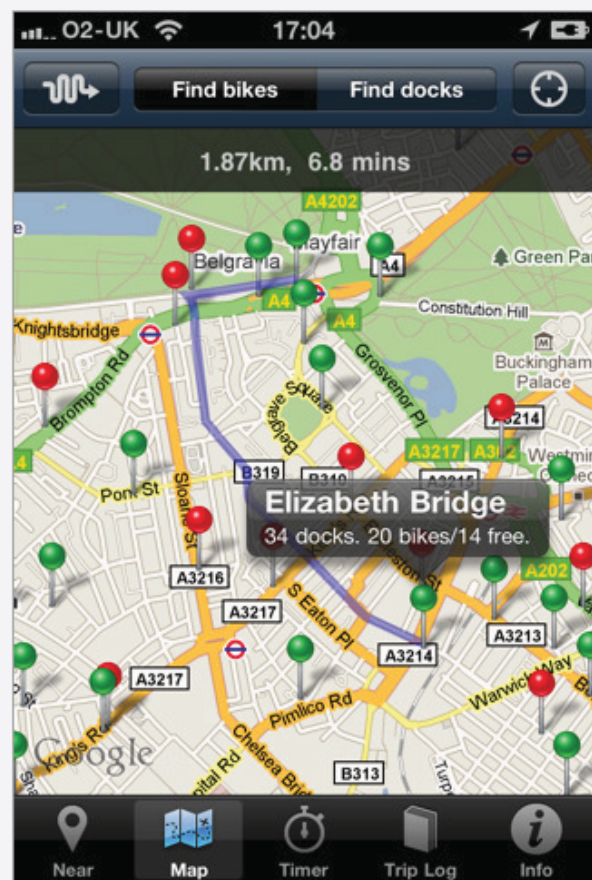
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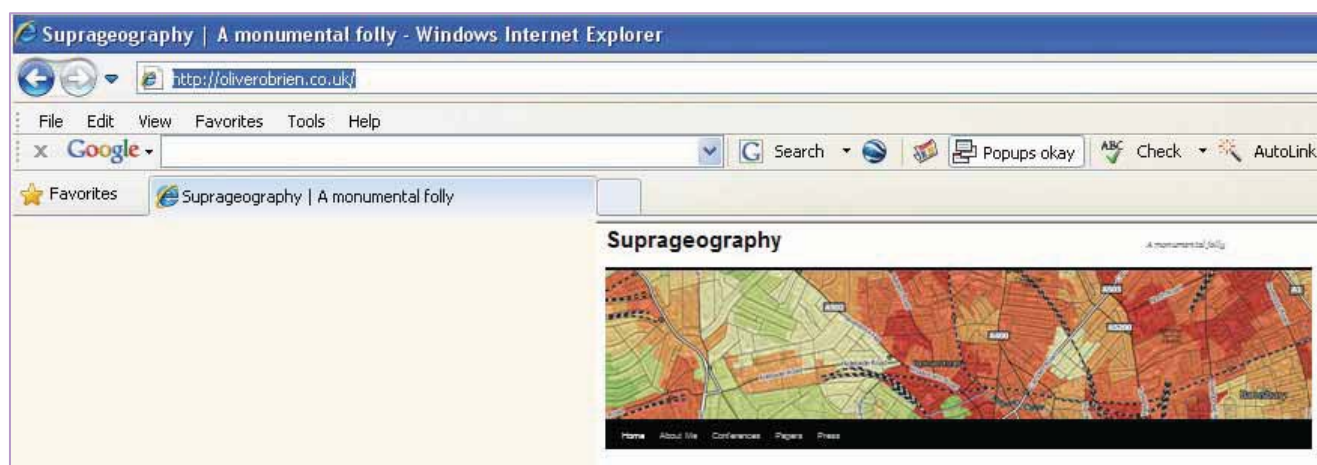


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Bike-o-Meter Now Without Paris/Dublin/Brussels/Valencia/Seville/Vienna and Toyama

The world of data is changing, vast amounts of free and open data are enabling innovative visualisations. Our new Bike-o-Meter could be seen as a case in point, it provides at a glance a view of how bicycle rental schemes in cities around the world are performing. It even allows you to view the percentage of hire bikes that would need to be redistributed to balance each scheme and here may lie the problem - it allows under performing cities to be clearly identified using their own data.

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Bike-o-Meter

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Paris NaN 02:22 PM

Dublin NaN 01:22 PM

Brussels NaN 02:22 PM

Sadly a number of cities, run by a common provider, have requested that we no longer use their data, stating use protection under the harmonised sui generis database right, as provided under Directive 96/9/EC: Chapter III Article 7 (1) and (2).

Real Life Tweet-o-Meters

Posted on 2010-10-18 by 2010



I was at the [British Library](#) yesterday for the launch of the [Growing Knowledge](#) exhibition of innovative research techniques. One installation has been built by Steve and Ben at CASA and is a real-life version of the [Tweet-o-Meters](#) (which were also the inspiration and technology for the [Bike-o-Meters](#) I mentioned yesterday.)

The installation has dials for nine cities around the world, showing the current level of Twitter activity (i.e. geo-located tweets) in these locations.

I love the "1930s retro" design of the installation. It is notable that all the other installations in the exhibition involve computer screens, in several cases these are used to display old maps (e.g. the New York Public Library rectification service) or historical paintings (using a Microsoft Surface screen.) I love the irony that the exhibition that is showing the data right now, i.e. coming live off Twitter from around the world, is the one which doesn't involve any computer screens at all - although they are of course computer-controlled

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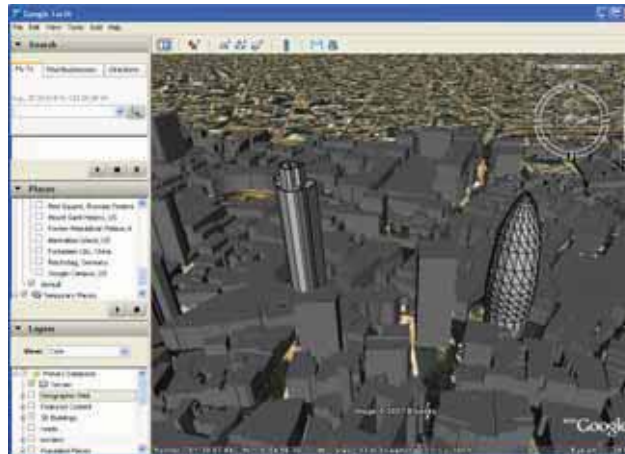
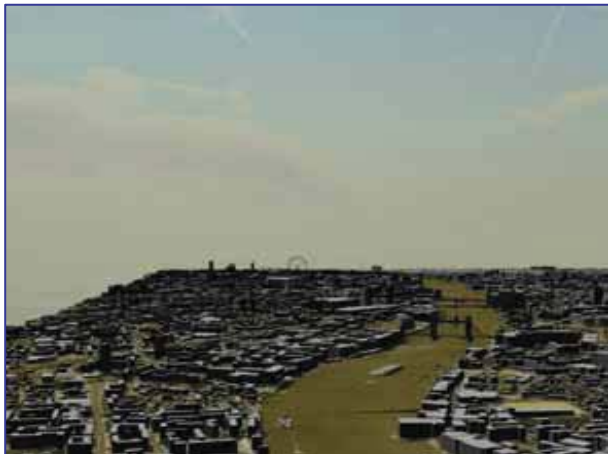
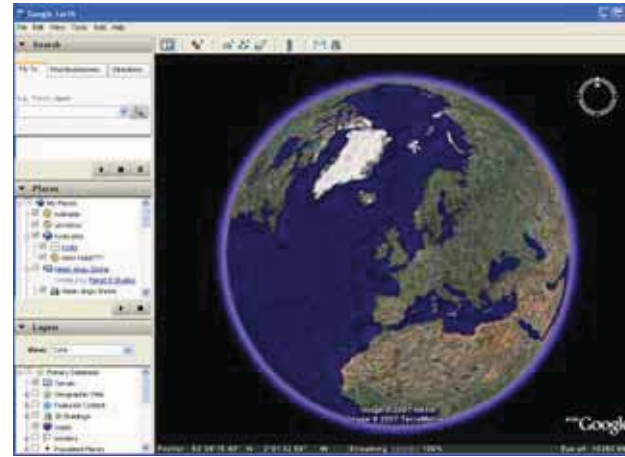
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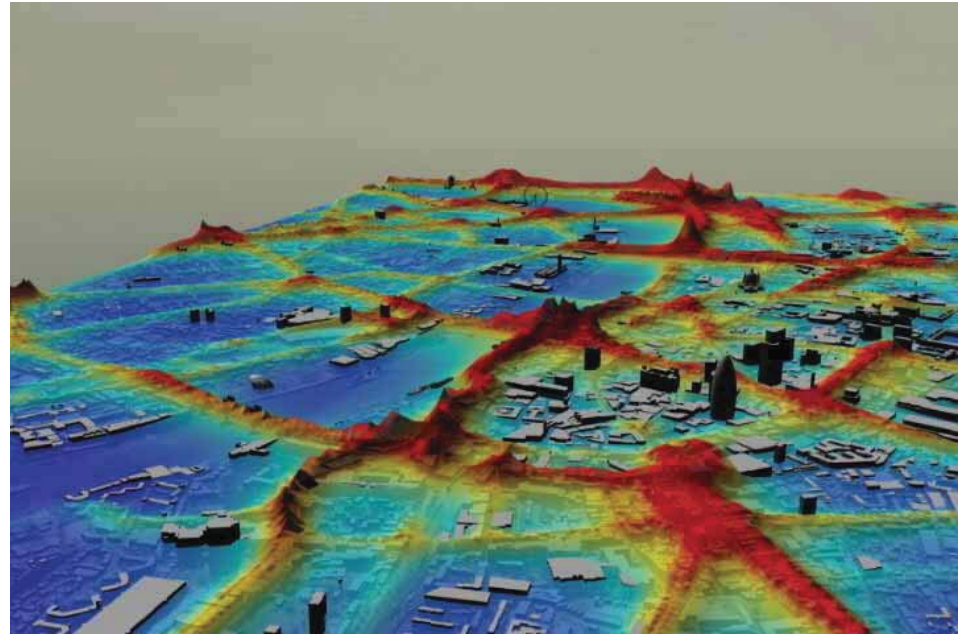
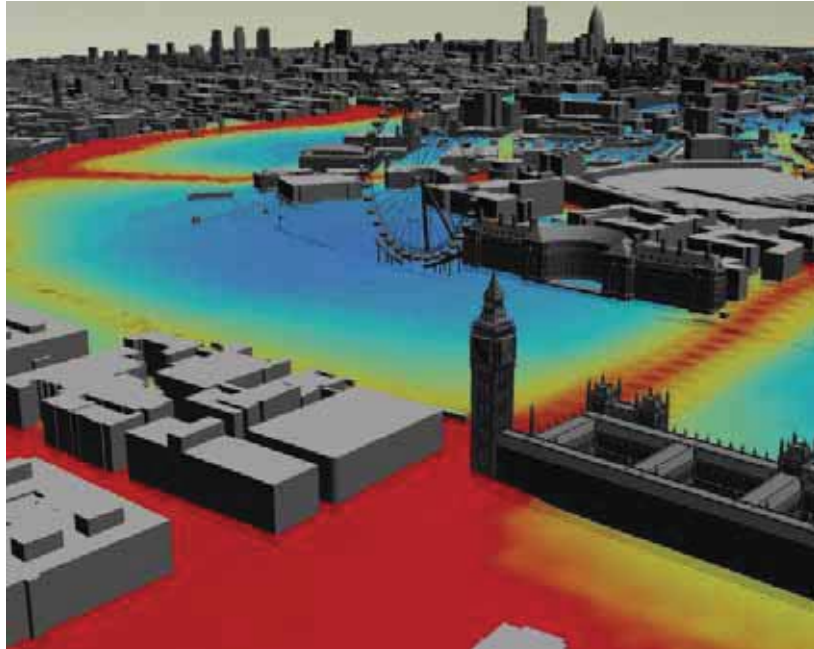


2D to 3D: GIS to CAD and back and on the web



We are attempting to integrate much of this data with more conventional spatial information

And to construct and make this available in various kinds of multimedia from 3-D GIS to CAD to movies to virtual exhibition spaces based on virtual worlds



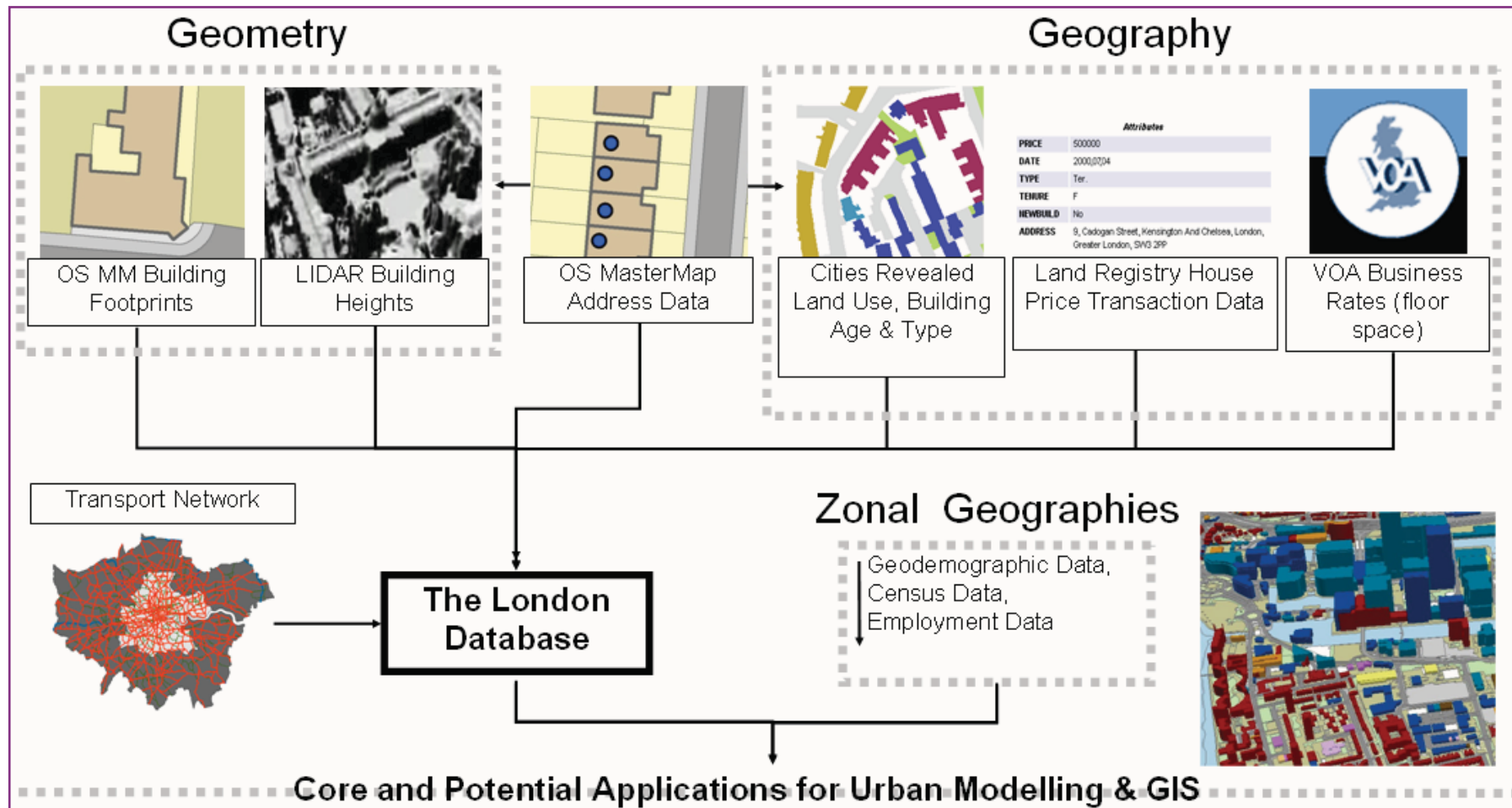
The key issue for us is to populate this data base of 3.6 million building blocks with socio-economic data

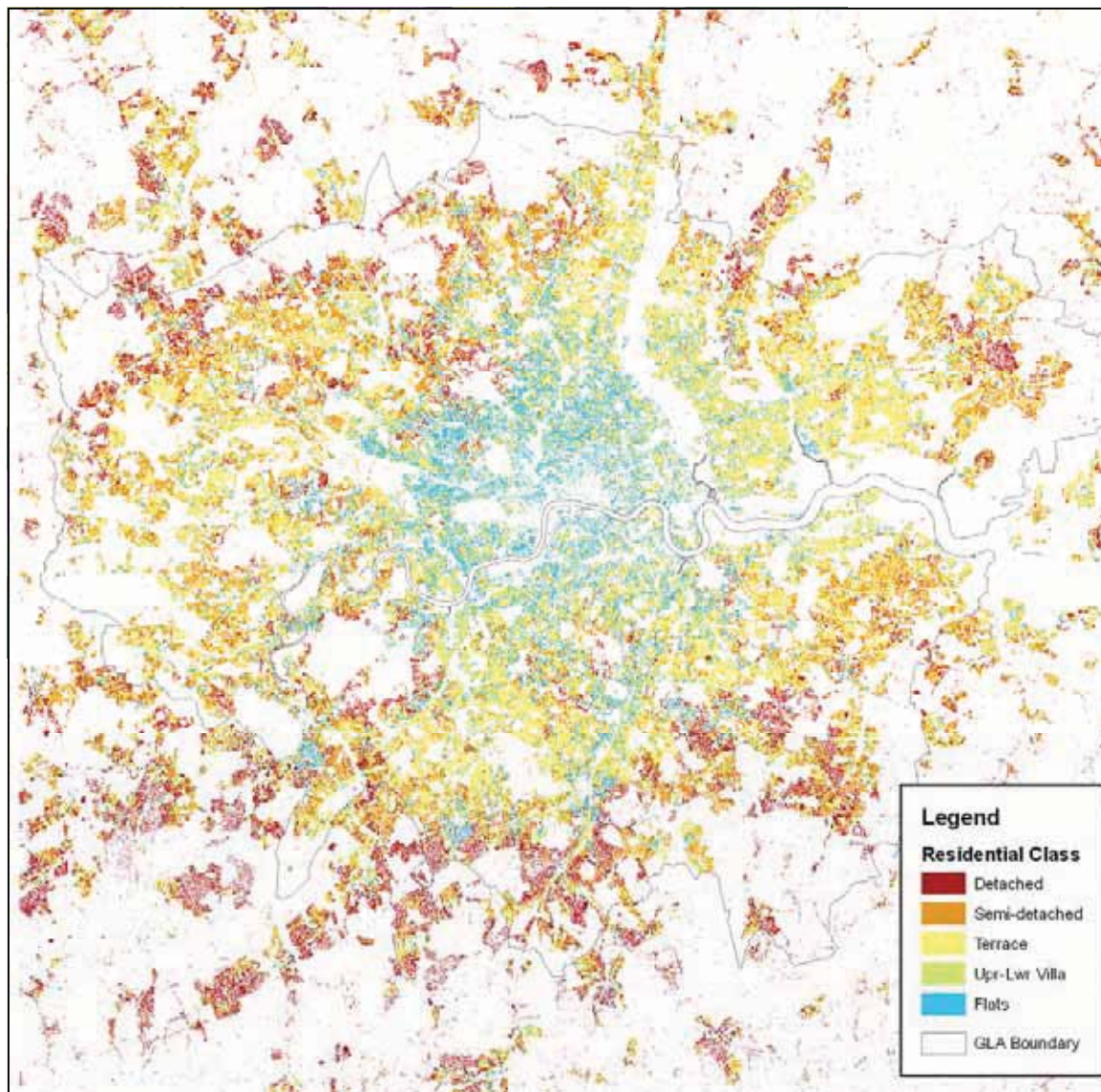
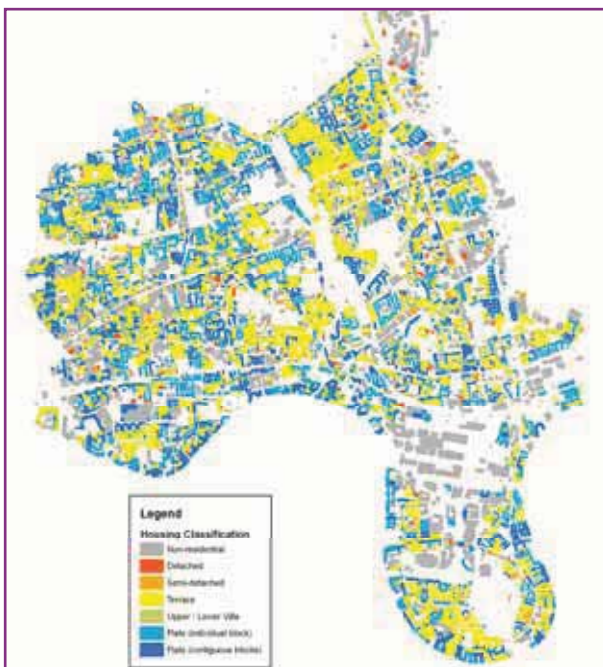
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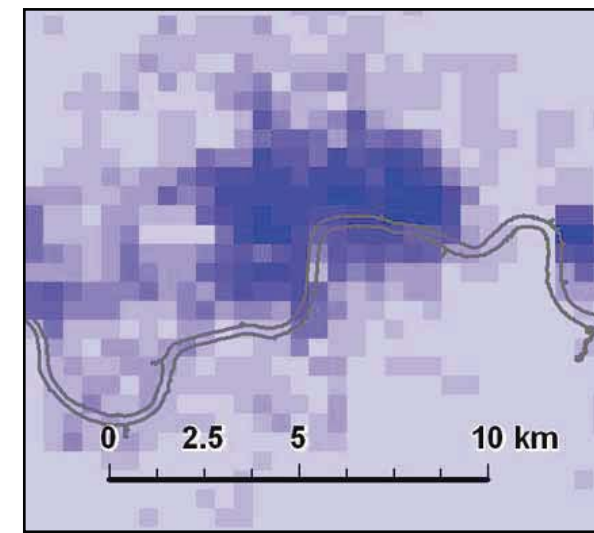
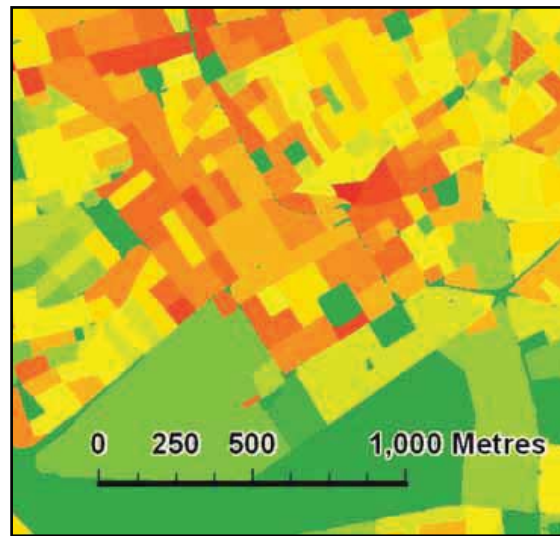
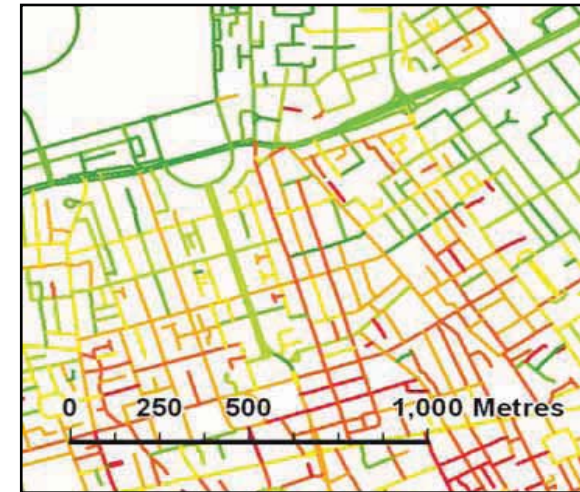
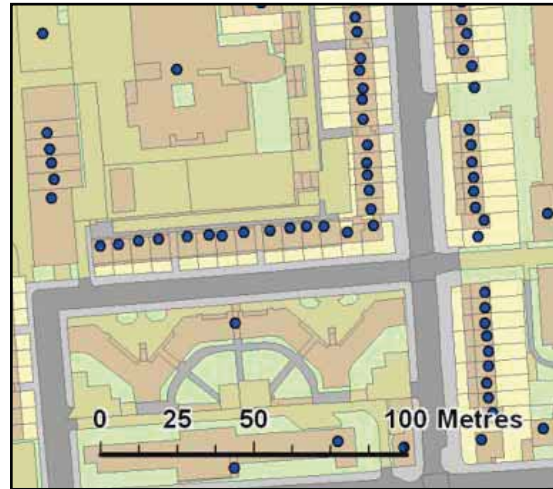
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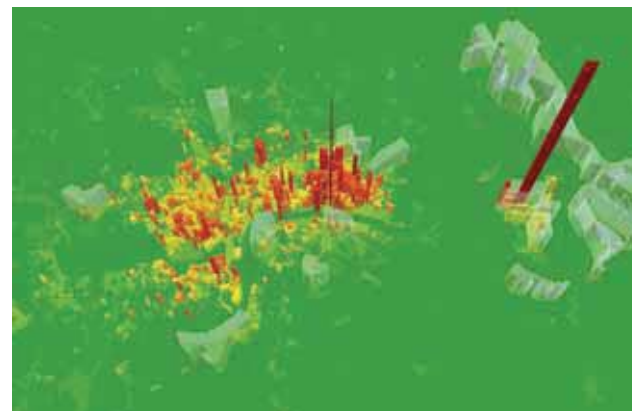
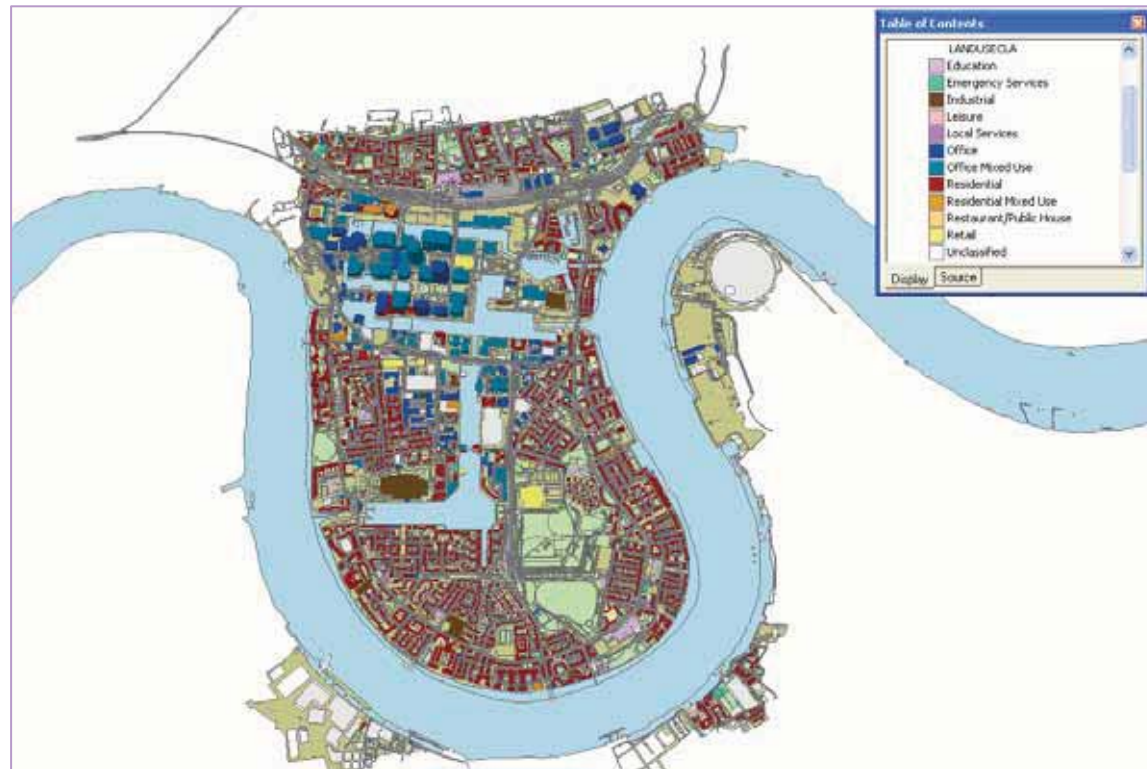
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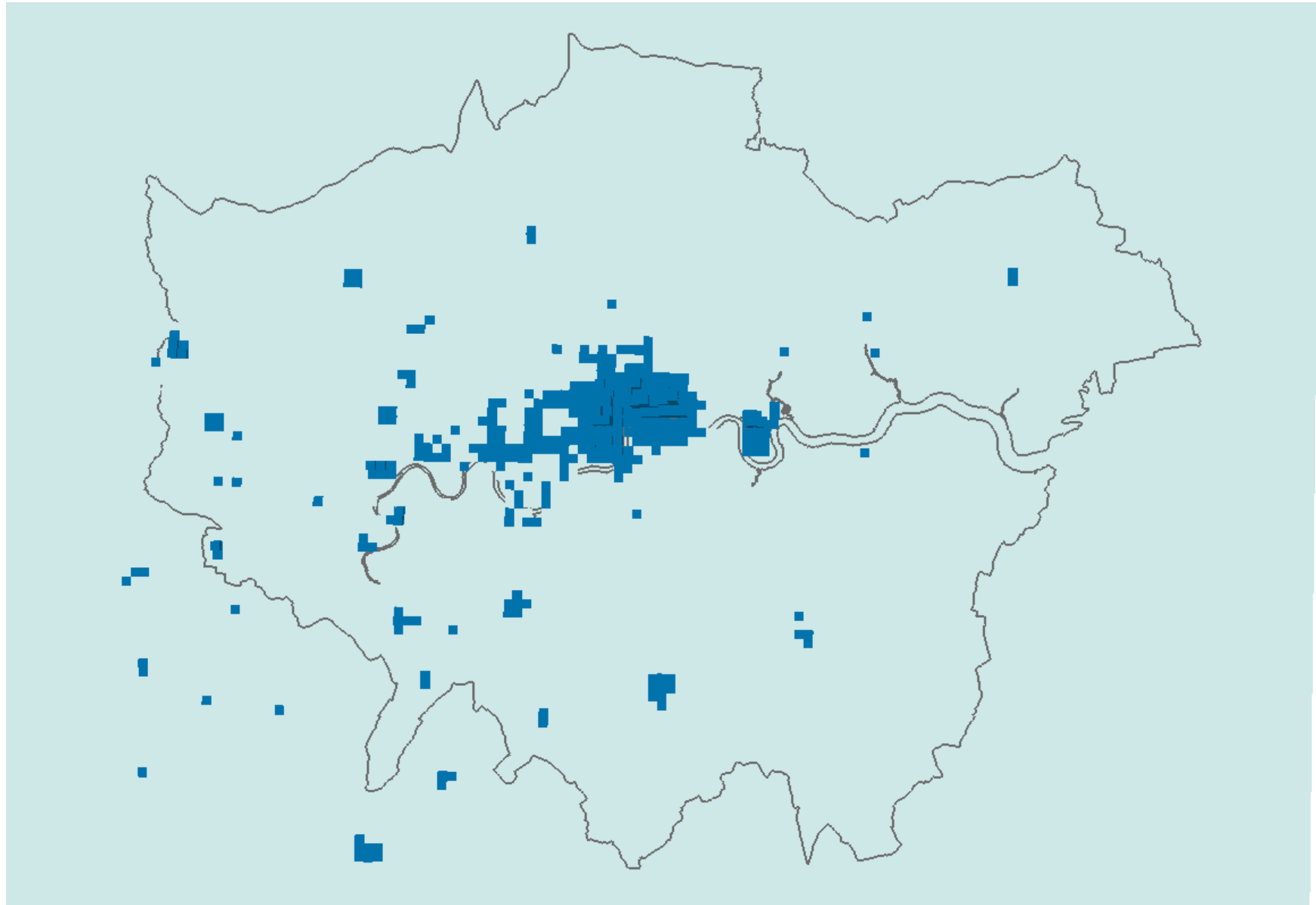






Adding Land Use, Transport and Populations and Aggregating Scales





Part of this future is disseminating spatial data in multimedia – games and virtual worlds



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