

A workshop on generalisation web services was held at Ordnance Survey GB (Southampton, UK) on the 19th and 20th of November 2007. The aim was to discuss how the research done in this area can be transferred into a standard that can be used more widely to exchange generalisation related processes.

The main outcome of the workshop was the decision to redevelop the WebGen services as an OGC standard, based on WPS. It will also be extended with a richer description of the services.

A drafting team, composed M. Neun, J. Swan, T. Foerster and N. Regnauld has been created to write the service description specifications. This will be reviewed by FGI Helsinki, Intergraph and 1Spatial. IGN France will be the key tester; they will package some of their generalisation tools as services using the standard proposed.

A Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) will also be written to seek commitment from members of the generalisation community to support the development and use of the standard. A first draft will be written by N. Regnauld in December, reviewed by the other members of the workshop and then by the wider community. It should be ready for being presented at the ICA workshop on Generalisation and Multiple representations in Montpellier (France) in June 2007.

If you are interested in reviewing the draft, testing the future service, or simply being informed, please contact N. Regnauld.

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