Conceptual model of an Information System for Studies of Sustainability of a Region

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Motivation

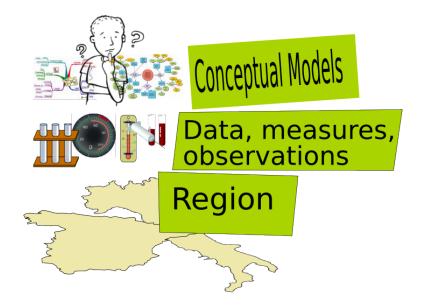
Data harvest

- one of most time consuming and thankless jobs.
- efforts are repeated on each annual report.
- done by different people at different times (coordination, error-prone, ...)
- We use the software tool we all know: spreadsheet.
 - All-in-one: presentation, database, calculations,
 - But spreadsheets are not easy to maintain and share:
 - who has the latest? is yours the same as mine? can you incorporate the last changes I made in my local copy?

Objectives

- Information system to support studies on sustainability.
- > Primary users: researchers on sustainable development.
- Generic enough as to be used in many contexts.
 - Different regional organizations.
 - Data, measures and observations obtained from disperse data sources.
 - Use different Conceptual models.

Three information layers

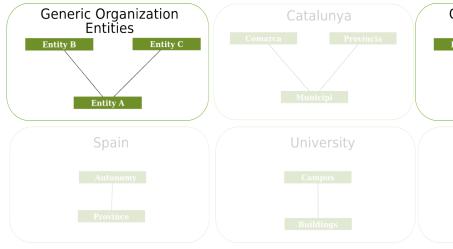


Data, measures and observations

- The researcher defines the variables, indicators and indexes: Name, description, data type & units.
- Data types can be numeric, text, logical, URL, ...
- Each value of a variable is referenced to:
 - Data source.
 - Date.
 - ► Territory.
- Time series from any variable.

Regional organization

- Generic territorial groups.
- Different subdivisions can be defined.



Conceptual Models

- Models conceptualize the main dimensions.
- Models select and group indicators differently.
- A Model is a logical structure that allows to organize indicators.

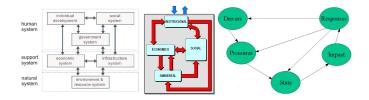


Figure: Models: Bossel, Gallopín, DPSIR

System

- Information System resident in an Internet server.
- Access through a web browser. No local installation.
- Access control via username.
- Anonymous access option.



Conceptual Models

As a researcher, you can:

- Use a previously defined conceptual model.
- Define your team conceptual model.
- Use your own model. Try a new model.
- Use them simultaneously.

Variables: Calculated values

- You can define variables or indicators that are calculated from other variables at run time.
- Must be able to write the formula in one line.
- Example Gender Unemployment Index:

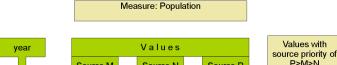
 $GenderUnemployment = rac{WomenUnemployed + 1}{MenUnemployed + 1}$

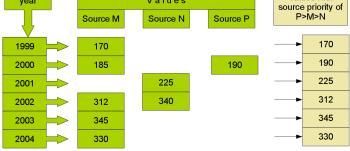
• You can use the new variable as any other variable.

Variables: Repeated values

- A variable or indicator can have more than one value at the same time and place. Hows that? different equipment calibration, applied rules, calculation methodologies, etc.
- These "repeated" values are acceptable as long they come from different data sources.
- To manage the data:
 - Data sources are associated to a priority value.
 - User can select data sources to be used.

Variables: Repeated values





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You can ..

- Create your own values for experimentation,
- Assign them as you own data source, …

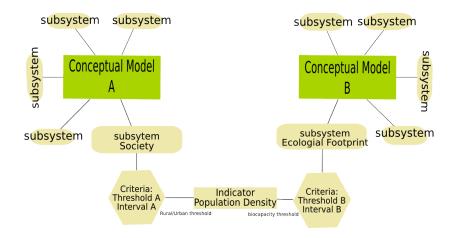
then

- Simulate different data scenarios
- Create future scenarios ...

Sustainability criteria

Reference values to inform or highlight some relevant feature

Each conceptual model can specify different criteria values: threshold values, rank semaphores, etc.

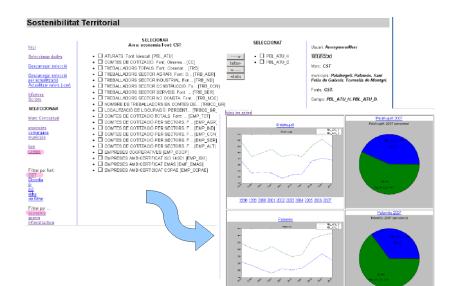


Working with data

- Daily work with data is done preferably with spreadsheets (excel, calc,)
- You can download data of any selection of indicators and regions.
- > You can filter and select data by:
 - Conceptual model
 - Indicators of subsystem of a conceptual model
 - Regional subdivisions
 - Data sources

Data visualization

Select any combination of indicators, regions and data sources Visualize time series and pies of the selected data.



Data management

Data management is done via spreadsheet.

- 1. Select your data
- 2. Download the spreadsheet
- 3. Modify, add o delete data on the spreadsheet
- 4. Upload the spreadsheet
- 5. System compares spreadsheet and database data, and changes the database accordingly



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Download spreadsheet

Add, modify and delete data

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Upload spreadsheet. Accept changes Experimental prototype: Girona comarques

Conceptual model with 6 subsystems:

 Territorial and ecological matrix, Infrastructure and mobility, Ecological footprint, Economy, Society and Governance.

Data:

- 216 variables and indicators
- 142.000 values
- 1980-2008 time extension
- Region:
 - 9 comarques
 - 221 municipalities

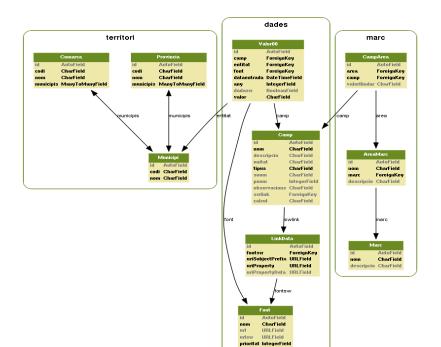
Software Development

Only Free Software in the development and deployment.

 The end application will have a free software license.

Software Development

- Web framework: django
- Relation database: Sqlite, Postgres o Mysql.
- Development language: python
- Graphical library: matplotlib
- Disk used by the application, with prototype database: 16Mb.



Conclusions

- Adaptable Information System.
- Researcher oriented.
- Integrates Territory, Data, Data sources and Conceptual models.
- The use of spreadsheets facilitates the use and management of data.
- Free software.

Future work

- Integrate GIS data (geodjango)
- Integrated script/programs management (python)
- Integrated statistical and graphics tools and software (ie sagemath, R, ...)
- Semantic web integration (rdf, owl, ...)

Municipality data. Tab for each subsystem.

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Sostenibilitat Territorial Girona

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municipi de Pals, comarca de Baix Empordà, provincia de Girona

Seleccionar dades

Administració General Gestió de valors

- generar full per canvis o altes (cal tenir una <u>selecció</u> feta)
- 2. Actualitzar

Consultes

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dades web semàntica:

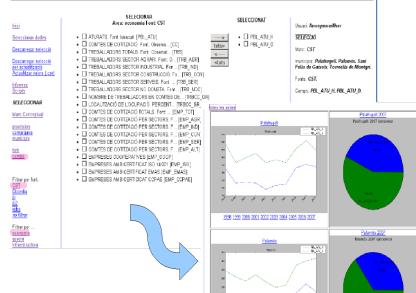
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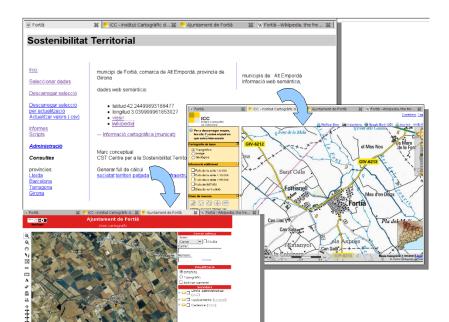
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Data selection. Time series and pie views.

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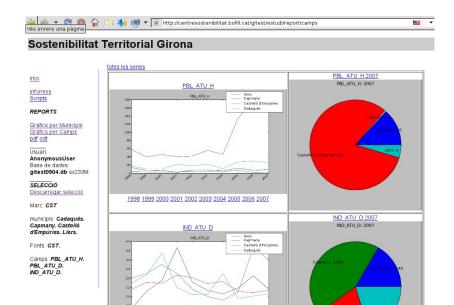


Links to external GIS applications



Indicator/Municipalities series

Men unemployment and Gender unemployment index, in 4 municipalities.



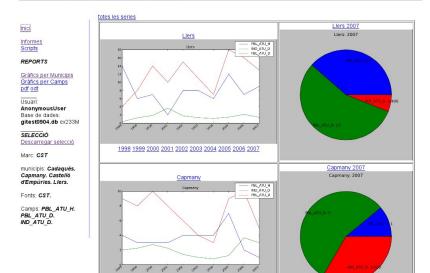
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