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# **Achieving GIS Interoperability**

**Is Like Getting Pigs to Fly !**

**You Can Do It  
by Redefining a Few Terms**

# GIS Interoperability

## Outline

- Define (or redefine) “***GIS***”
- Define (or redefine) “***Interoperability***”
- Working Model of GIS Interoperability
- Opportunities, Constraints, and Solutions
- Q & A
- Closing Remarks



# GIS Interoperability

- Define (or redefine) “***G/S***”
  - Software centric approach
    - Software that creates, displays, analyzes, and manages geographic information
  - Data centric approach
    - An organized collection of geographic information

# GIS Interoperability

- Define (or redefine) “*Interoperability*”



- The ability of a system or a product to work with other systems or products without special effort on the part of the customer.

[www.education.tas.gov.au/wiseweb/appendices/glossary.htm](http://www.education.tas.gov.au/wiseweb/appendices/glossary.htm)

# GIS Interoperability

- Define (or redefine) “*Interoperability*”



- A condition that exists when the distinctions between information systems are not a barrier to accomplishing a task that spans multiple systems.

[www.gils.net/gilsappb.html](http://www.gils.net/gilsappb.html)

# GIS Interoperability

- Define (or redefine) “*Interoperability*”



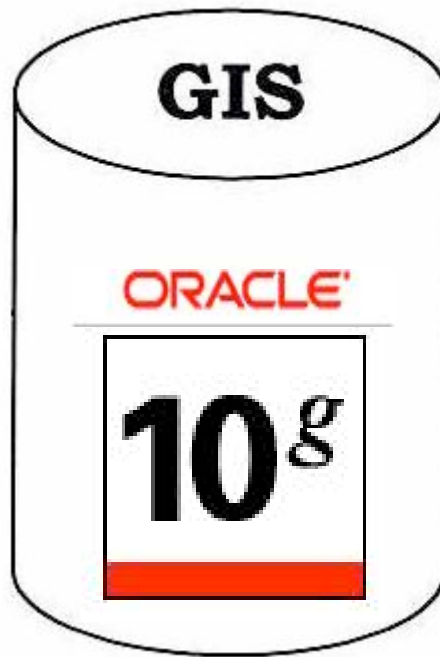
- The ability of various types of computers and programs to work together.

[www.dmreview.com/resources/glossary.cfm](http://www.dmreview.com/resources/glossary.cfm)

# GIS Interoperability

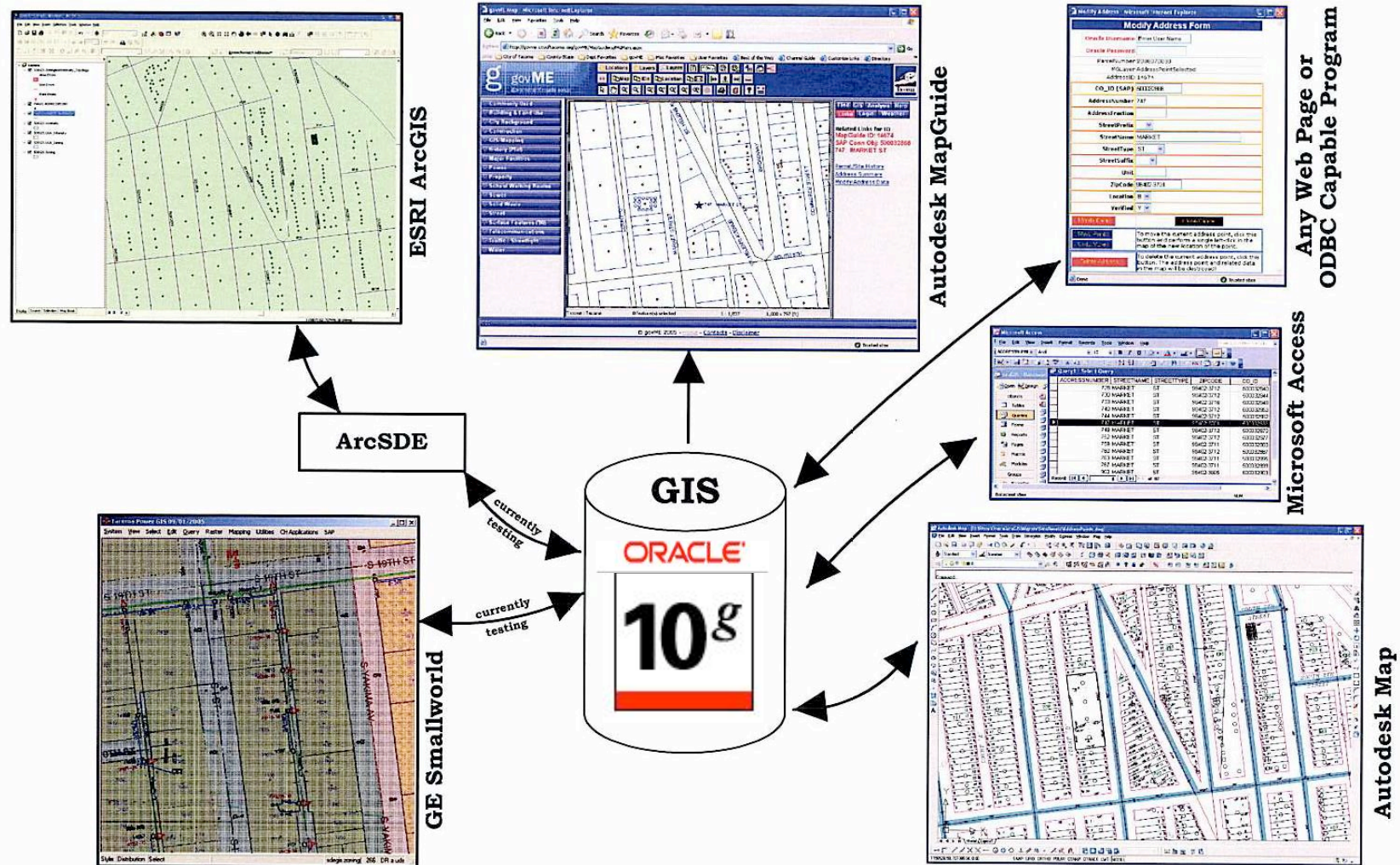
- Definition of “***GIS Interoperability***”  
(per City of Tacoma Public Works Dept)
  - An organized collection of real-time geographic information  
(*data centric*)
  - Accessed by various GIS desktop applications, databases, and web-based programs  
(*no barriers*)
  - Without special effort on the part of the end user  
(*functional for technical users – easy for non-intuitive users*)

# GIS Interoperability



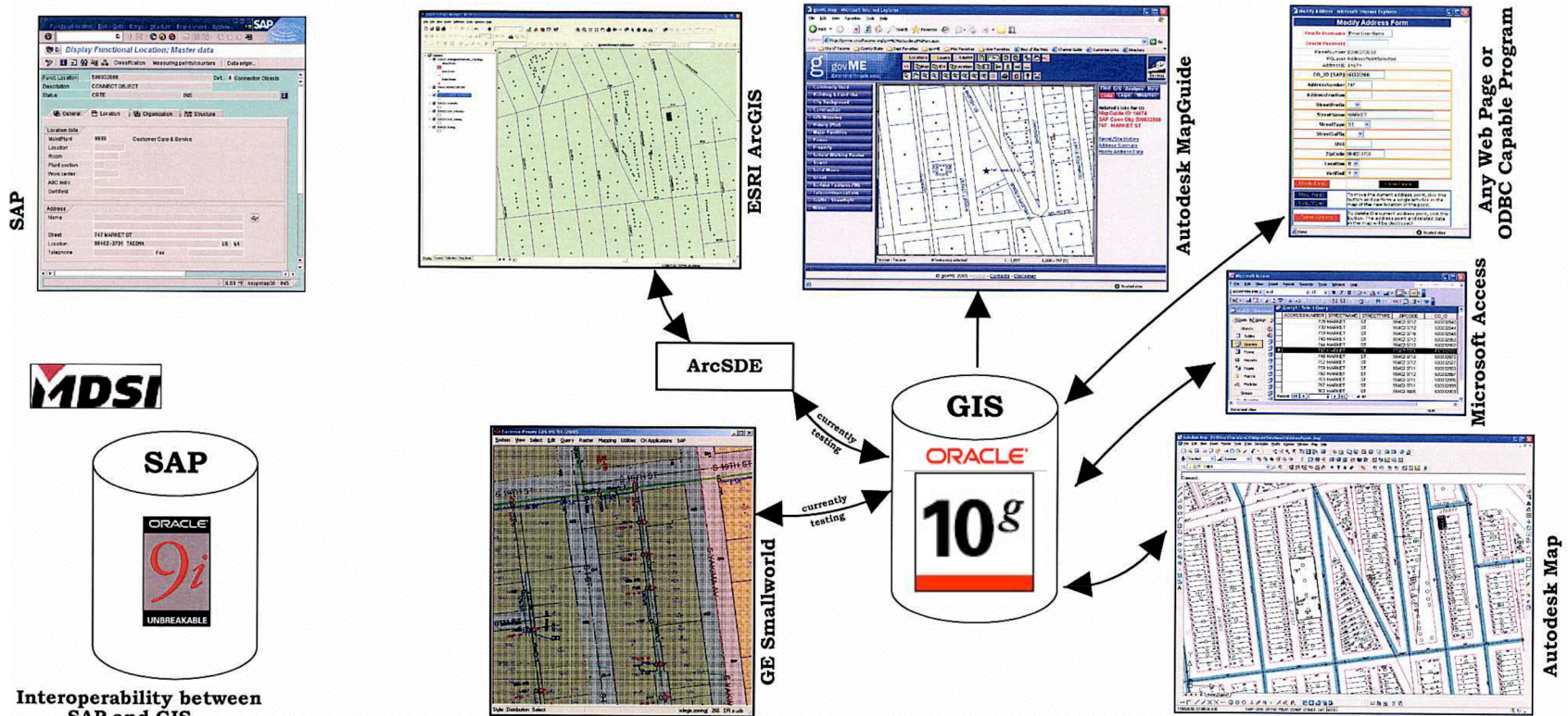
Data centric using Oracle

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# GIS Interoperability



Interoperability between  
SAP and GIS...  
Oracle is the  
common denominator

Interoperability with a Central GIS Database

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# GIS Interoperability

- **Opportunities**, Constraints, and Solutions
  - Wide selection of GIS “tools”
    - ESRI ArcGIS – Planning focus
    - Autodesk Map 3D – Engineering focus
    - GE Smallworld – Utility focus
    - Autodesk MapGuide – Internet delivery
    - Oracle SQL – “On-the-fly” spatial queries
    - Microsoft Access – Attribute updates (Call2Haul)

# GIS Interoperability

- **Opportunities**, Constraints, and Solutions
  - Suitable for a wide range of GIS users
    - GIS staff
    - Engineers and technicians
    - Permitting, land use, and code compliance staff
    - Field crews for maintenance and utility locates
    - Solid waste and recycling staff
    - John Q. Public

# GIS Interoperability

- **Opportunities**, Constraints, and Solutions
  - Real-time data for end users
    - govME – **government Made Easy**

**<http://www.govME.org/Map>**



# GIS Interoperability

- Opportunities, Constraints, and Solutions
  - Not for the weak-hearted
    - Thorough understanding of GIS concepts
    - Expertise with GIS desktop products
    - Intimate knowledge of Oracle concepts
    - Ability to obtain executive support
    - Ability to rally the troops – technical and non-technical

# GIS Interoperability

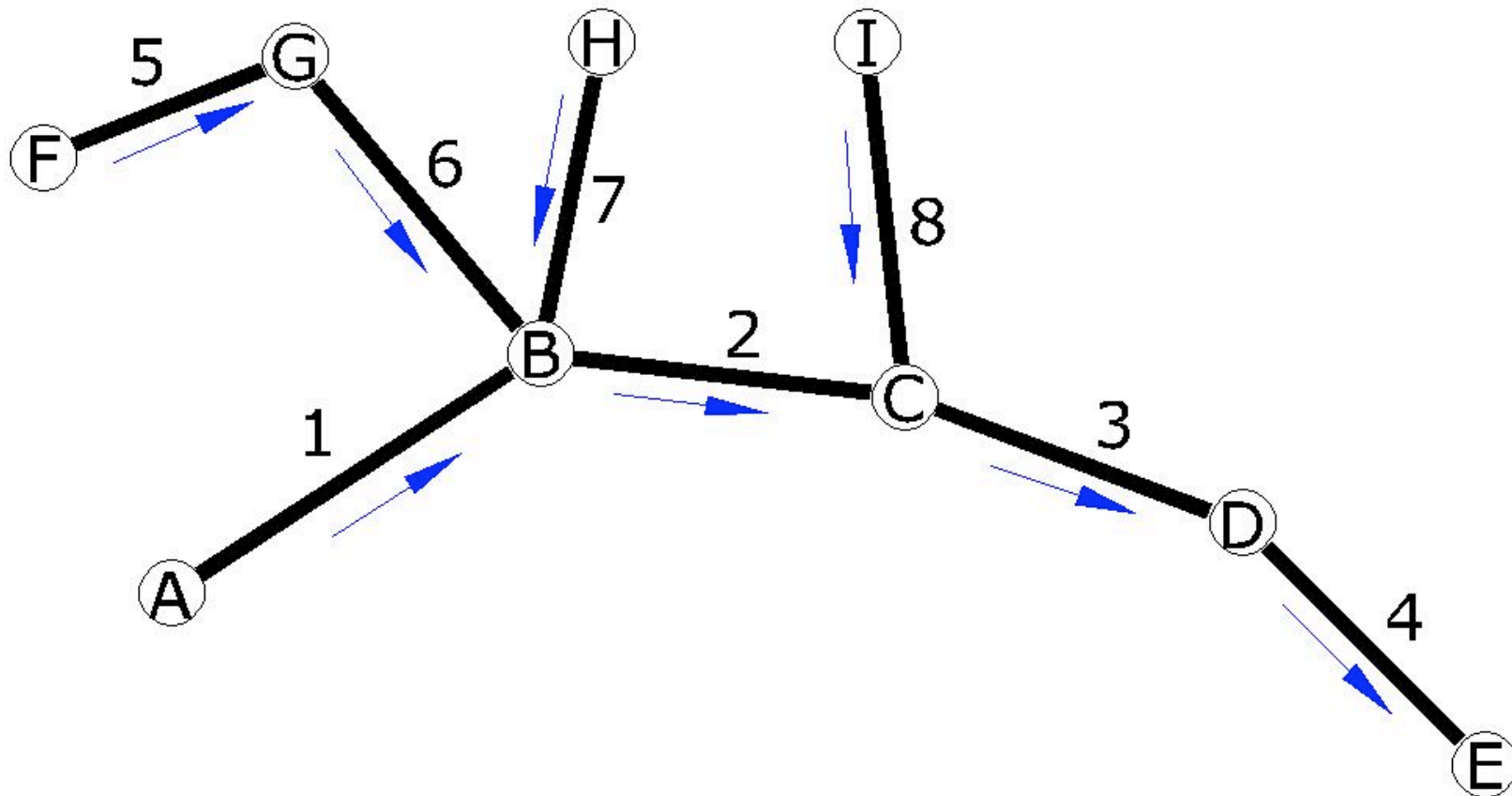
- Opportunities, Constraints, and Solutions
  - OGC compliance for spatial objects is not enough
  - Vendor-specific differences in storage strategies
    - Autodesk – x, y, z with multiple SDO\_Geometry
    - ESRI – x, y with one and only one SDO\_Geometry
    - GE Smallworld – x, y with multiple SDO\_Geometry
  - Autodesk – ADMP columns and metadata tables
  - ESRI – SDE schema with many metadata tables
  - GE Smallworld – InSync

# GIS Interoperability

- Opportunities, Constraints, and **Solutions**
  - One GIS product per theme selected as “master”
  - Oracle triggers used to “mirroring” the data
  - One way synchronization
  - Analysis via SQL and Oracle spatial functions

# GIS Interoperability

Analysis Example: Tracing Sewer pipes downstream



# GIS Interoperability

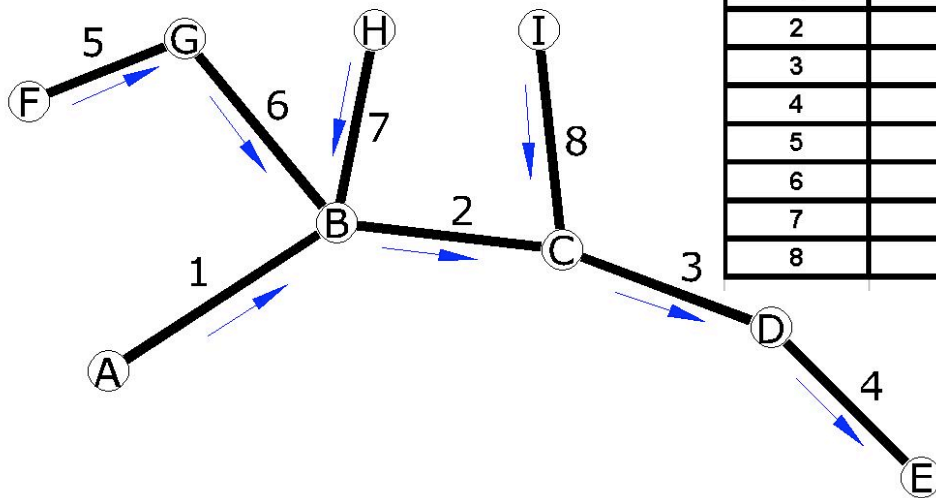
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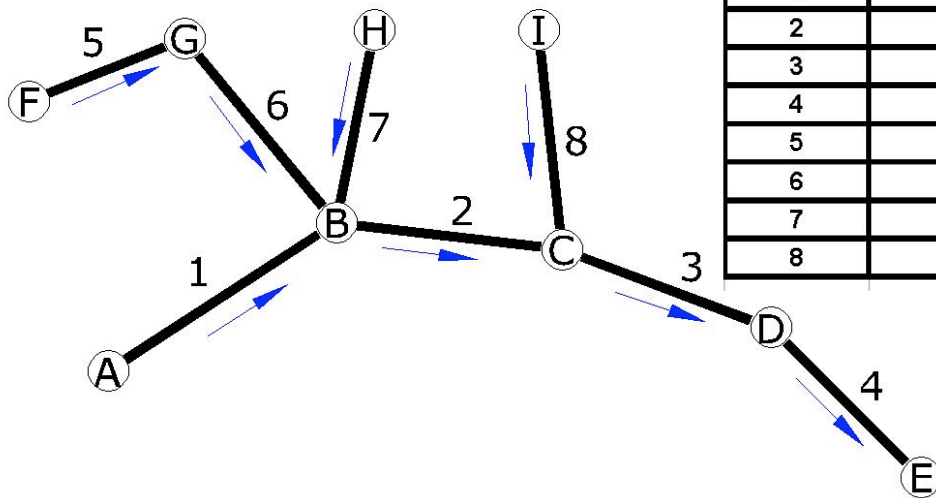
GIS, SQL  
or spatial solution?



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Tracing Sewer pipes  
downstream via SQL



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CONNECT BY PRIOR DownstreamNode = UpStreamNode
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SELECT Pipe_ID FROM SewerPipes  
WHERE LEVEL <= 5  
START WITH Pipe_ID = 1  
CONNECT BY PRIOR DownstreamNode = UpStreamNode
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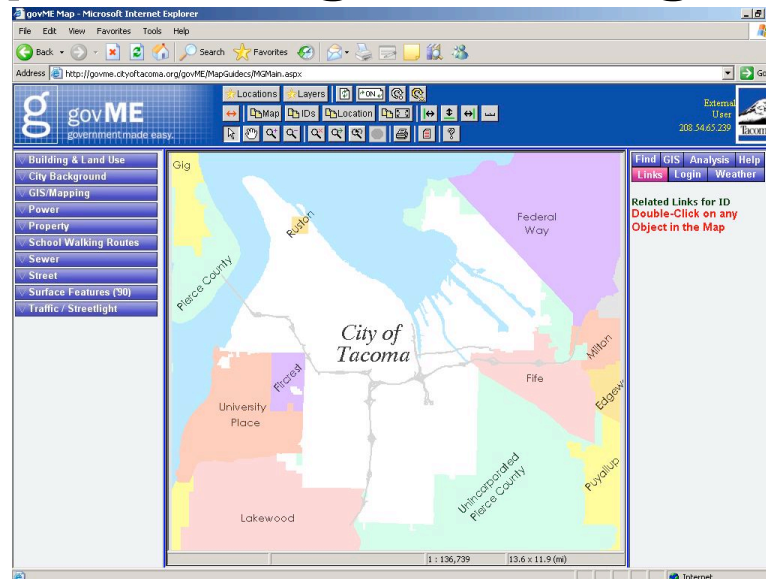
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SELECT Pipe_ID FROM SewerPipes  
WHERE LEVEL <= 20  
START WITH Pipe_ID = 4  
CONNECT BY PRIOR UpstreamNode = DownstreamNode
```

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- Opportunities, Constraints, and **Solutions**

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Sewer  
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Traffic / Streetlight

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Pierce County Unincorporated Pierce County

City of Tacoma

1 : 136,739 13.6 x 11.9 (mi)

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5 Number of levels.

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Map showing streets (e.g., 3RD STREET N.E., 52ND STREET N.E., NORTHSHORE PARKWAY, BROWNS POINT BLVD.) and a highlighted sanitary sewer line trace.



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**9710000601**  
[County Assessor Data](#)  
[Parcel Summary](#)

PARCEL SUMMARY - Apr 26, 2006  
--- Parcel 9710000601 ---  
Address (in SAP): 3637 S Warner St  
Business: Star Moving & Storage  
Habitat Zone: 3.68% Parcel Coverage  
Inspector-Bldg: Rich McDonald, 253-591-5026  
Inspector-Cnst: Mike Fears, 253-377-2374  
Inspector-Mech: Allan Braedt, 253-591-5309  
Legal Documents: Easement E-2434  
Legal Documents: Easement E-2480  
Legal Documents: Vacation V-23293  
Parcel Area: 1.39 acres  
Parcel Area: 60,479 sq ft  
Solid Waste Call-2-Haul: Tuesday  
Solid Waste Collection Route: Fri-Fb5  
Solid Waste Garbage Pick Up: Friday Apr 28, 2006  
Solid Waste Recycling Pick Up: Friday May 05, 2006  
Solid Waste Supervisor: CG  
Tax Assessed Impr Value: \$965,900  
Tax Assessed Land Value: \$228,400  
Tax Assessed Total Value: \$1,194,300  
Taxpayer: Star Moving & Storage Inc  
Wind Zone: 85 mph (Kzt 1.00)  
Zoning: UCX - Urban Center Mixed-Use  
Zip Code: Tacoma 98409

Parcel : 9710000601 1 'Parcel' selected 1 : 5,162 2,716 x 2,371 (ft)



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FROM GIS.AddressPoint a, GIS.ParcelPoly b
WHERE
SDO_AnyInteract(a.Geometry, b.Geometry) = 'TRUE'
AND b.Tax_Parcel = '9710000601'
UNION
SELECT 'Zoning: ' || a.ZoningCode
FROM SDEGIS.Zoning a, GIS.ParcelPoly b
WHERE
SDO_AnyInteract(a.Shape, b.Geometry) = 'TRUE'
AND b.Tax_Parcel = '9710000601'
```

Q & A

# This Year.... GIS Interoperability

**P**roductive **I**nteroperable **G**eospatial **S**ystem

***P.I.G.S.***

*Data Centric with Oracle at the Core  
(it's Flying !!!)*

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# Next Year.... GIS Interoperability

**R**egional **A**utomated **M**apping **A**nd  
**L**ocal **A**rea **M**odeling, **A**nalyzed  
**D**igital **I**nformation, **N**ew **G**eospatial  
**D**ata, **O**racle **N**etworked **G**raphics

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