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GIS Software as a Service for Business using Oracle in the cloud



Program Agenda

- Benefits of Geospatial cloud computing.
- The Challenge: GIS as Software as a Service to multi-user Businesses with complex needs
- Technical approach Oracle in the Cloud
- Experience of implementing this solution, Issues found & lessons learnt
- The result eSpatial OnDemand GIS



SaaS Economics

 Reverses Traditional Cost / Risk Models



 The Supplier takes on the risk of application development, IT costs, and deployment



The Customer pays only for use



Benefits of SaaS for GIS

using Cloud Computing

- Lower Total Cost of Ownership
- Faster time to value
- Scales to your needs
- Reduces risk
- Enhanced data security and business continuity
- Always having the latest software release



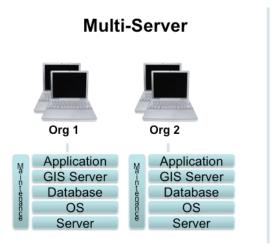
Challenge: Provide GeoSpatial Analytics as SaaS to Businesses

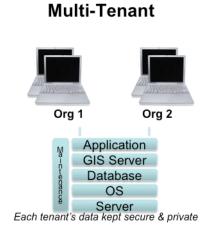
- "Business Data Mapping", not traditional GIS
 - Use is Data Analytics & Data Visualization Spatial
 - Complex spatial analysis for untrained business users
- 100% Web Delivered, including rich functionality
- Need to be able to scale
- Need to be cost-effective
- Very large Spatial databases
- Need to be Multi-Tenant



Need to be Multi-Tenant

Multi-Tenancy is how successful SaaS is built





- Costs per customer are much lower:
 - Share Server, License & IT costs
 - Eliminate customer Set-up & deployment time & costs
- Need Multi-Tenancy to deliver the benefits of Cloud / Saas



Why Multi-Tenancy?

Will change the GIS industry!

Old: Desktop → Server → Cloud-Hosted GIS

- Long, Costly, and Risky Enterprise GIS Projects
- Or very limited and inflexible web mapping

New: Multi-Tenant SaaS GIS in the Cloud

- Dramatically Lower costs Initial and Ongoing
- Faster Time to Value
- Instantly available On Demand
- Flexibility to scale from smallest to largest groups



Why Oracle Spatial?

Advantages of Oracle for Cloud Deployment

- Provides all spatial functionality required
- Already available on Amazon Cloud
- Highly scalable spatial DB For large numbers of customers X large volumes of data
- Exploits parallel load and query
- Seamless high availability HA and security support
- Performance is readily tuned for different scaling needs



Technical Approach



Technical Approach - Overview

- Oracle Database with Spatial
- Deploy on Amazon EC2
- J2EE Web Application Server
- Multi-tenant Multi-user 100% Web software for Mapping and analyzing business data
 - eSpatial OnDemand GIS

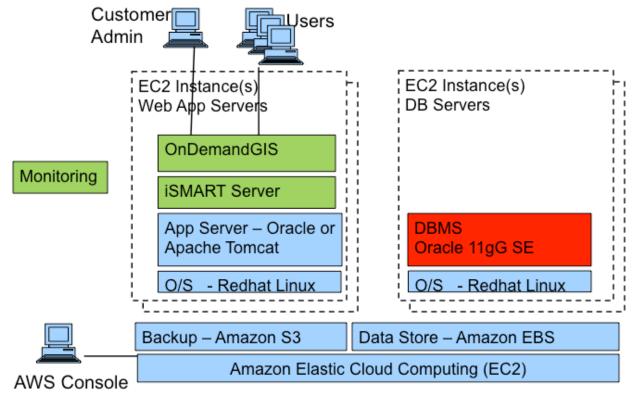


Amazon Overview

- Elastic Cloud Computing (EC2)
- Variety of Instance Types (CPU cores, memory...)
- Pre-configured Amazon Machine Instances (AMI's)
- Availability Zones...
- Elastic Block Storage EBS
- Simple Storage Service (S3)
- Elastic IP addresses
- Load Balancing & Scaling, More...



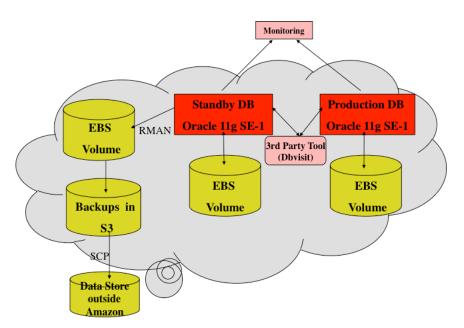
Application Deployment Overview





Oracle Deployment Overview

on Amazon



- Dedicated Database Server(s) with separate Web Application Servers
- AMI Oracle 11g DB & Redhat Fedora
- Database on an EBS volume
- ARCHIVELOG as normal archive to a separate EBS volume
- RMAN Backup to separate EBS volume
- Copy backups to Amazon S3
- EE & RAC or SE-1 with Standby DB
- Backup from Standby DB



eSpatial's Experience Implementing the Solution

- Have deployed eSpatial OnDemand GIS (early 2011)
- Using Oracle on Amazon
- 1000s of users. 10's 100 trying it each day



Challenges, Issues, Lessons learnt

- Challenges overcome
 - No knowledge of or physical access to the servers & storage
 - Backup
 - Security
 - Manage load on database that each user can generate (complex spatial analyses)

- Issues to be aware of
 - AMI's are not guaranteed to be permanent – cannot rely on their store
 - Amazon have a lot of \$ meters...
 - You are responsible for securing your servers
- Lessons learnt
 - Restrict Access to AWS
 - Secure your AMI's no telnet
 - Need to monitor & respond



Recommendations, Tools

- Build your own AMIs
- Restrict access to AMI's ssh
- Use AWS Identity & Access Management (IAM)
- Automatically Monitor Application Health
- Have a 24x7 response in place
- Build a Cost model
- Monitor usage of Amazon services + user activity

- Useful Tools:
 - Oracle Enterprise Manager ("reduced" in SE1)
 - AWS Management Console
 - Amazon CloudWatch
 - ElasticFox
 - Nagios



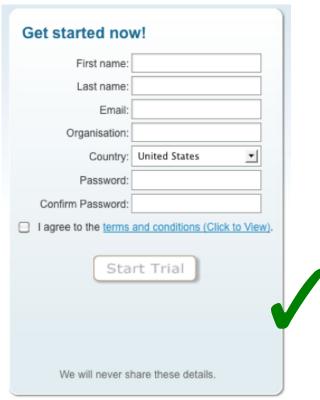
The eSpatial Solution

eSpatial OnDemand GIS

Live on-line + Free Trial



Start Instantly On-line



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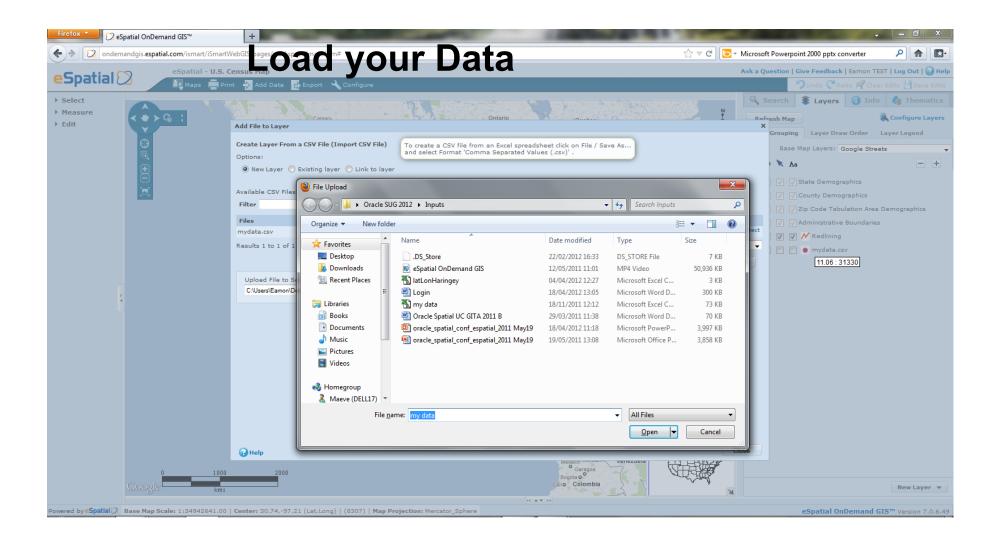
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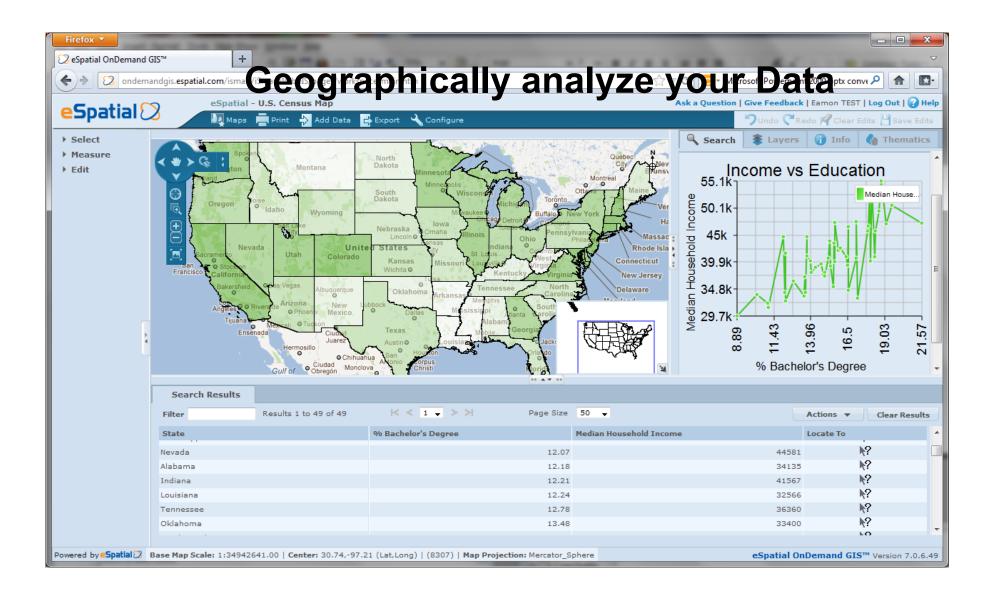
- 1. Get an Amazon Web Services (AWS) account*.
- Contact Customer Service and provide your AWS account information.
- 3. We'll provide you with ready-to-use GIS Server and enterprise database images in the Cloud.

OR

Talk to your local sales representative and discuss your options





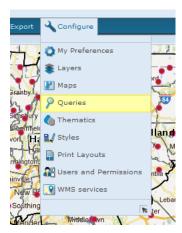


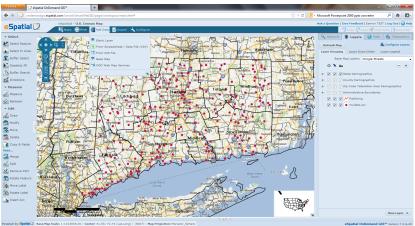


Do More

Rich set of functionality

- Style Maps
- Define Queries & Reports
- Add more users for your organization + control access
- Share internally & externally
- Load business & GIS data
- + Compare data to demographic and other data from eSpatial







Some Customers







eSpatial OnDemand GIS



Where Next?

Continuing to grow the Service

Will Provide:

- Richer Analysis functionality
- Improved Ease of Use
- Access for Developers
- Vertical Applications



eSpatial's Experience

eSpatial OnDemand GIS

- Business Mapping is Not GIS
 - New Users, New Uses, New Expectations
- Want solution for a Task Not a General-purpose tool
- Wide variety of Business Tasks
 - Configure what's provided BUT hide this from the user
 - Need rich set of functionality
- Includes complex spatial analysis of business data
- Want it to be Easy Intuitive
- Want it On Demand
- Want to Share it with Everyone High load peaks



Conclusion

- There is a demand for GIS as an On Demand service to organizations ranging from individuals to thousands of users, at low cost.
- The requirements for this are very different from traditional GIS, and are very challenging.
- Can deploy Oracle in the cloud on Amazon EC2 to achieve this.

Q&A



Thank You

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eSpatial OnDemand GIS

OVERVIEW

- Central database in the cloud for SaaS mapping service
- Multi-tenant SaaS Incorporates 1000s and growing number of multi-user accounts, each with sub-groups of users
- Supports Customers (Tenants), User-Groups, Users

CHALLENGES / OPPORTUNITIES

- · Need scalability, security for multiple customers' data
- · Customers can load disparate data sets
- · Geo-code address data and also load GIS data
- Customers can define arbitrary spatial reports and queries
- Customers can define arbitrary maps

SOLUTIONS

- Oracle in the cloud on Amazon
- Oracle SaaS for ISVs licensing
- Oracle Database
 - Oracle Locator
- Replica database





RESULTS

- Business Mapping SaaS based on Oracle in the cloud
- Large number of customers' data in central repository
- Disparate business and GIS datasets for each customer
- Standard GIS and other (such as demographic) datasets provided to all customers
- Provide Customers with ability to understand their activities in context of location
- Geo-code customer business data to allow for locationbased analysis
- Customer ability to define maps, queries, and reports to analyze their data





Cloud Computing, Software as a Service (SaaS)

Cloud Computing

- Computing Infrastructure from the Internet "the Cloud"
 - Generally virtual Servers
- Scale Dynamically "On Demand Servers"

Software as a Service - SaaS

- Subscribe to an <u>application</u> for use On Demand
- The application is often run in the cloud