TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CLOUD!

Turning a Tedious Delivery Process into a Thing of Beauty

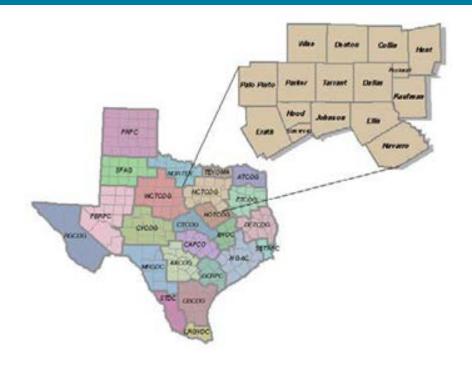
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What We Will Discuss

- 1. History of the NCTCOG Cooperative Data Project
- 2.Past Data Delivery Hurdles
- 3. Deciding on the Cloud in 2015
- 4. What Worked the First Time Around?
- 5. What Needs Improvement?
- 6.What's Next?

History of the NCTCOG Cooperative Data Project

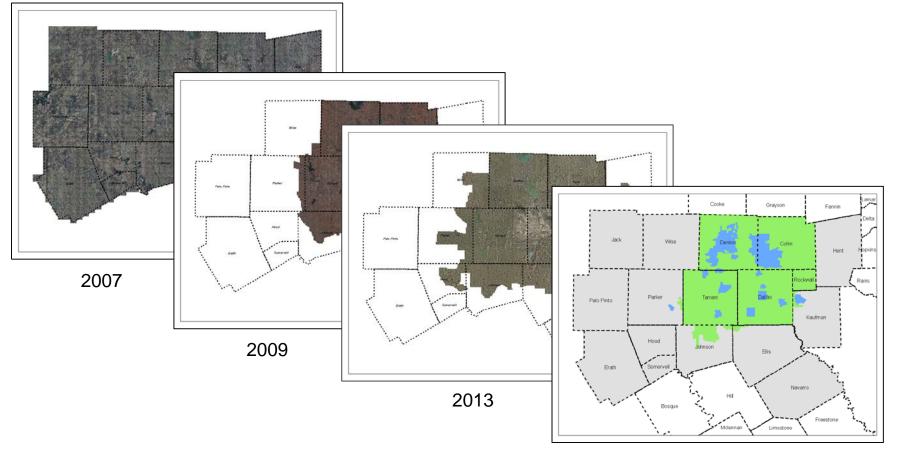
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Regional Spatial Data Cooperative Program



Cooperative purchase of High Resolution Orthophotography, LiDAR, Contours, Planimetrics & More!



Potential 2017

Past Data Delivery Hurdles

Discussion Topic

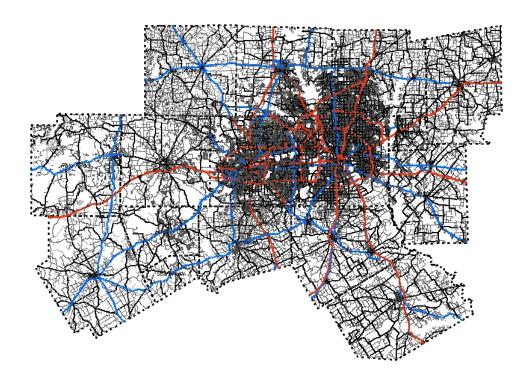
- Who was involved with the 2001 cooperative flight?
- What do you remember about the delivery?



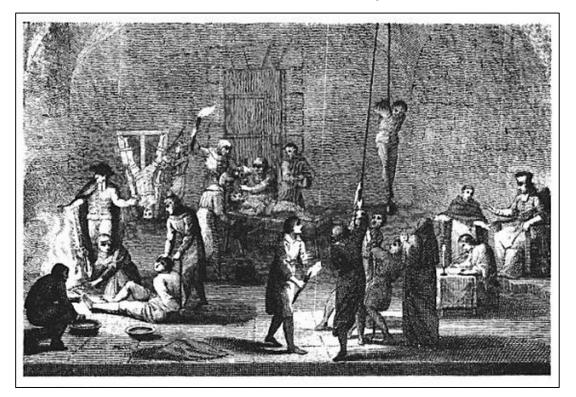
Copying Data - Batch by Batch

- Took an enormous amount of time
- Batch DVD burner/labelers are just fun (not!)
- Drives & cables everywhere
- Larger deliveries would take multiple drives (especially before the advent of the terabyte drive)
- Very easy to make mistakes

Hand Delivery & Snail Mail



Redelivery



Deciding on the Cloud in 2015

Where We Are



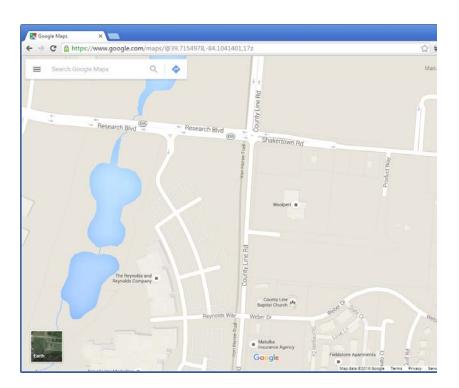
Where We Are Going

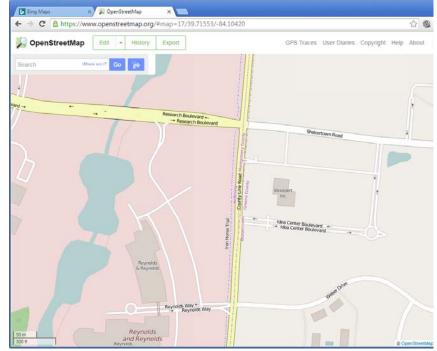
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Online Basemaps





Vector Data Hosting





Software as a Service (SaaS)In The Cloud

Move to host applications "in the cloud" Advantages:

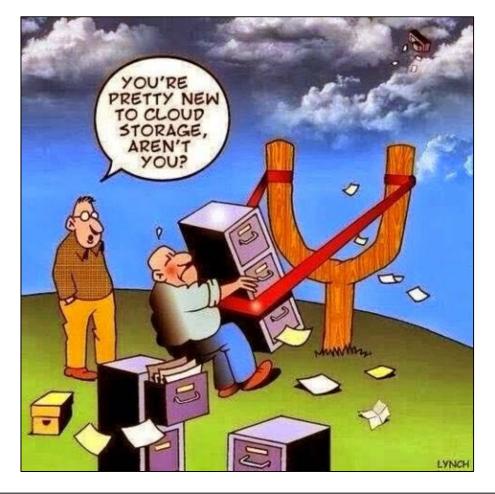
- Immediate release of new functionality
- No need for installation on each computer
- Easier to maintain

Disadvantages:

- Need to take browser versions into account. Older browsers may not support functionality.
- Need to take device into account.
 Phone? Tablet? Desktop computer?



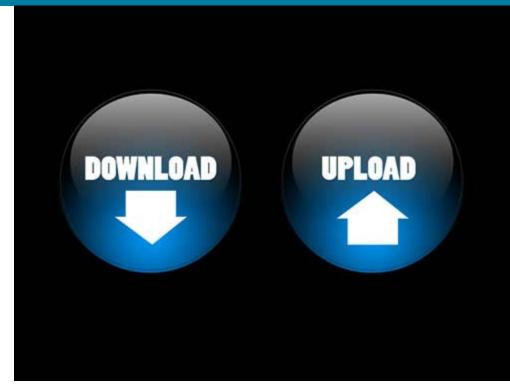




Platform as a Service

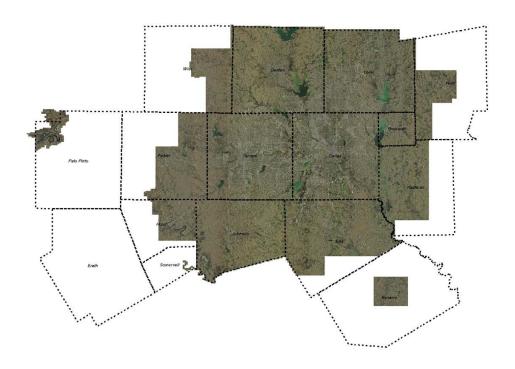
Amazon web Service (AWS) Download

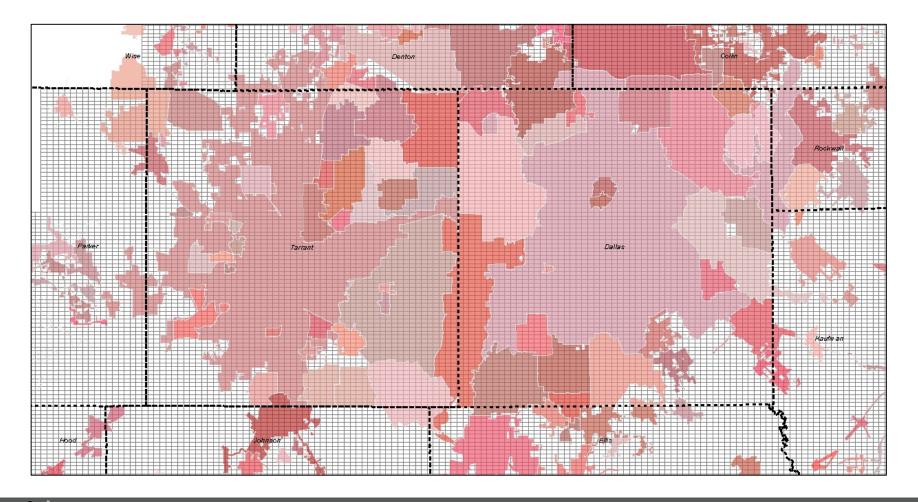
- Relatively easy to use
- Scaleable
- Command line driven
- Each entity given individualized access



What Worked the First Time Around?

The 2015 Delivery





Cloud Success Rate

85%

The Takeaway

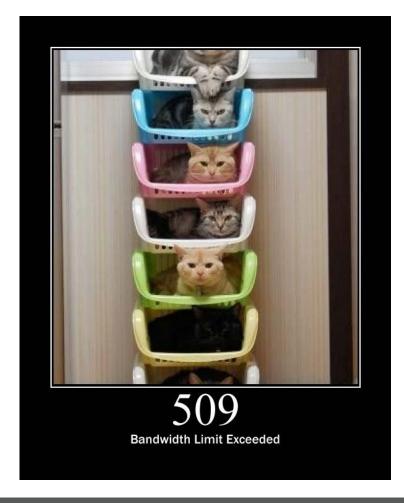
- Much, much faster! Cut delivery time from months to weeks.
- Saved NCTCOG money both in terms of man hours, gas and shipping and purchasing physical drives
- Made the participants happy. They got their data faster, had control of the process and learned a new technology.



Communication

Need to improve the method and effectiveness of communication between Vendor/Client/SubClient

- One point of contact for each project participant
- Centralized discussion platform
- User verification of coverage area and file type prior to download
- Create Frequently Asked Questions document of known issues/fixes



Ortho Imagery Download Instructions

This document is intended to be a comprehensive walkthrough of setting up the Amazon Web Services (AWS) Command Line Interface (CLI), authenticating to the AWS Simple Storage Service (S3), and downloading one or more imagery datasets to your local computer.

Preparing to download imagery

Before you can download your imagery dataset from the Amazon Cloud there are a few quick steps that you must perform in order to prepare your computer to talk to the Amazon Simple Storage Service [S3].

Installing the Amazon AWS Client tools

In order for your computer to communicate with S3, you need to download and install the AWS CLI provided by Amazon at the following link: http://aws.amazon.com/cli/.



Everything you need to install the CLI can be found on this page.

Configuring the Amazon CLI

Once you have the CLI installed, you must configure it using the Access Key ID and Secret Access Key provided to you in a separate email. An example access key set is as follows:



To configure the CLI, please follow the steps below:

Open up the command prompt on your PC.

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- 2. Enter the following command: "aws configure"
- 3. When prompted for your AWS Access Key ID enter: <the shorter of the two keys>
- When prompted for your AWS Secret
 Access Key enter: <the longer of the two
- Leave the next two prompts blank, <just press enter>.

Once you've successfully authenticated you can enter the following command to get a directory listing: "aws 31s". Please do this now to ensure you are properly authenticated.



You should see list of buckets, one of which is labeled "nctcog"... If you don't, please contact Ion Downey.

Getting ready to download your dataset

As part of your deliverable you should receive the following two files (at a minimum) in a separate email:

- · s3download.bat
- files.txt

The set of files you receive will be dependent on your deliverable. You will receive a pair of files for each deliverable to be downloaded. The names may be different.

These two files are exclusively for your use and should not be shared with others users within your organization or with other organizations who wish to have access to your data.

Before you get started downloading your imagery you need to create a folder on your computer to store your imagery in. Just make sure your folder has enough storage space to store all of your data. Once you have your new folder created, place the files your received (above) inside of that folder. For example, we created our "myimagery" folder in the

"d:\temp\myimagery" location on our hard drive and placed our s3download.bat and files.txt files inside it.



If you are receiving more than one deliverable, you can make sub-directories to keep your deliverables organized. Just make sure to put a single pair of file in each sub-directory.

Discussion Topic

- Any thoughts on the 2015 delivery?
- What did you love?
- What didn't work for you?





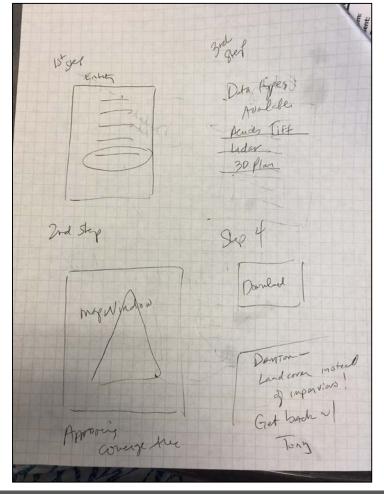
Cloud Delivery Priorities - Woolpert

- Data is secure
- Load functionality must be easy to use
- Clients download only their data
- Client has his/her own login
- Client can download data via the web.
- Download raster data by tile
- Efficient upload process so PMs can upload data
- Desktop client for bulk downloads
- Hosting the data as a Web Mapping Service through the cloud.

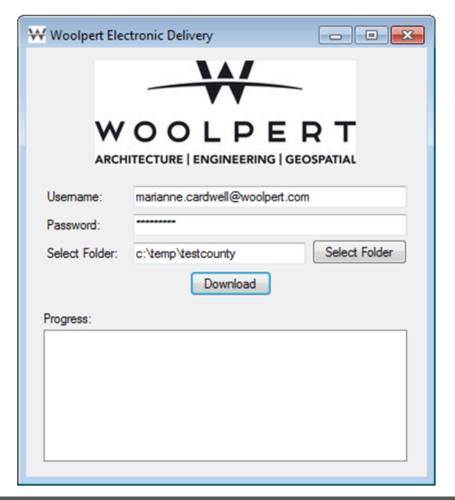


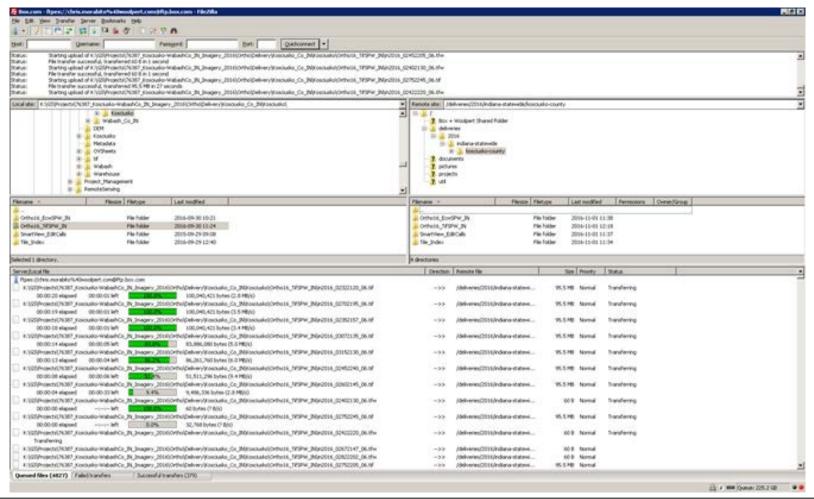
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- New interface with drop down menu simplify the steps into just a few clicks
- Ability to download multiple products not just rastar based (LiDAR, contours, etc.) & formats
- More user-friendly



This is what Shelley wants!





Discussion Topic

What do you want?

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