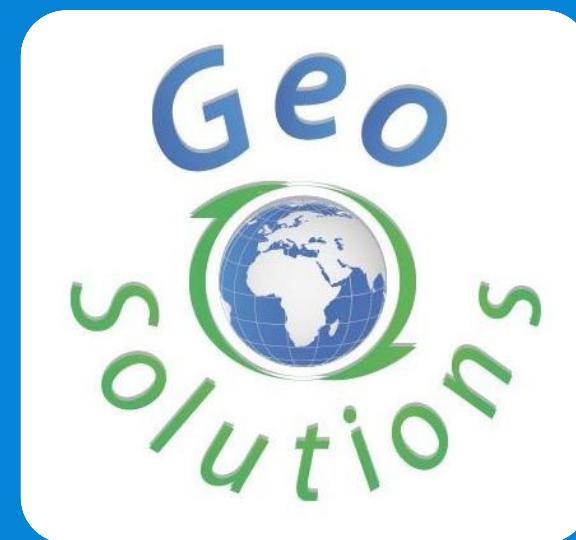


# GeoServer, the open source server for interoperable spatial data handling

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# Outline

- Who is GeoSolutions?
- Quick intro to GeoServer
- What's new in the 2.2.x series
- What's new in the 2.3.x series
- What's cooking for the 2.4.x series

# GeoSolutions

- Founded in Italy in late 2006
- Expertise
  - Image Processing, GeoSpatial Data Fusion
  - Java, Java Enterprise, C++, Python
  - JPEG2000, JPIP, Advanced 2D visualization
- Supporting/Developing FOSS4G projects
  - GeoTools, GeoServer
  - GeoNetwork, GeoBatch, MapStore
  - ImageIO-Ext and more: <https://github.com/geosolutions-it>
- Focus on Consultancy
  - PAs, NGOs, private companies, etc...

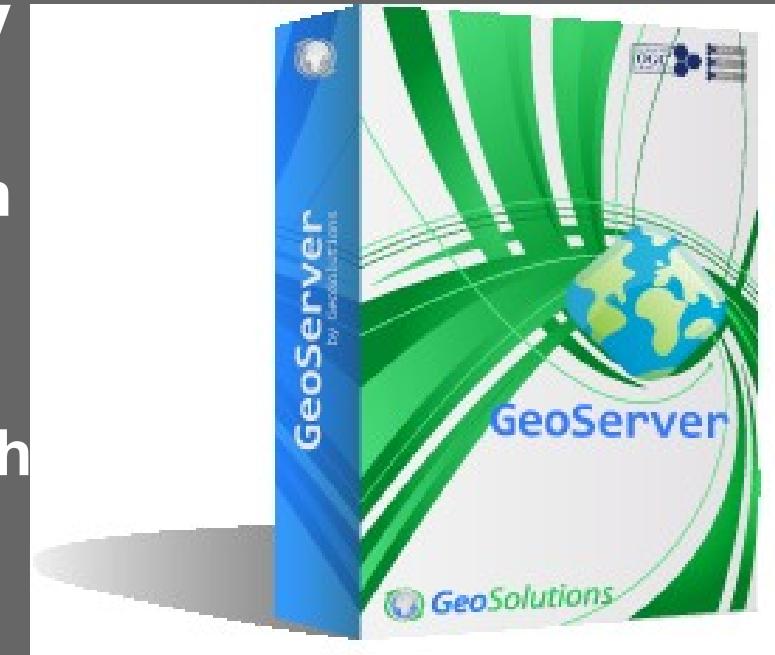




# GeoServer quick intro

# GeoServer

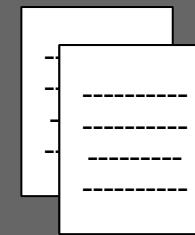
- **GeoSpatial enterprise gateway**
  - Java Enterprise
  - Management and Dissemination raster and vector data
- **Standards compliant**
  - OGC WCS 1.0, 1.1.1 (RI), 2.0 in the pipeline
  - OGC WFS 1.0, 1.1 (RI), 2.0
  - OGC WMS 1.1.1, 1.3
  - OGC WPS 1.0.0
- **Google Earth/Maps support**
  - KML, GeoSearch, etc..





# Formats and Protocols

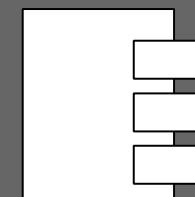
## Shapefile



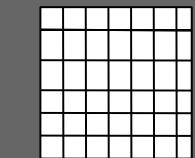
PostGIS  
Oracle  
H2  
DB2  
SQL Server  
MySQL  
Spatialite  
GeoCouch



ArcSDE  
WFS



GeoTIFF  
**WMS**  
ArcGrid  
GTopo30  
Img+world  
Mosaic  
MrSID  
JPEG 2000  
ECW, Pyramid, Oracle GeoRaster, PostGis Raster



Raster files

## GeoServer

**WMS**  
1.1.1  
1.3.0

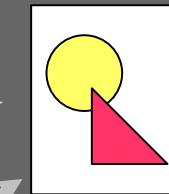
**Google**

**WFS**  
1.0, 1.1,  
2.0

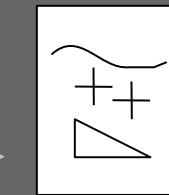
**WPS**  
1.0.0

**WCS**  
1.0, 1.1.1  
2.0.1

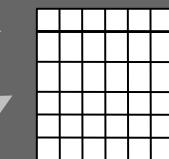
**GWC**  
(WMTS,  
TMS,  
WMS-C)



Styled maps



Raw vector data



Raw raster data

PNG, GIF  
JPEG  
TIFF,  
GeoTIFF  
SVG, PDF  
KML/KMZ

Shapefile  
**GML2**  
GML3  
GeoRSS  
GeoJSON  
CSV/XLS

GeoTIFF  
ArcGrid  
GTopo30  
Img+World

KML superoverlays  
Google maps tiles  
OGC tiles  
OSGEO tiles

# Administration GUI

The screenshot shows the GeoServer Administration interface. On the left, the 'Welcome' page displays a list of services and data stores. A modal dialog titled 'New Vector Data Source' is open in the center. This dialog contains fields for 'Basic Store Info' (Workspace: 'topp', Data Source Name: 'taz\_shapes', Description: empty, Enabled checked) and 'Connection Parameters' (Directory of shapefiles: 'file:data/example.extension', DBF files charset: 'ISO-8859-1', checkboxes for Create spatial index if missing, Use memory mapped buffers, and Cache and reuse memory map). To the right of the main window, a 'Service Availability' chart is visible, showing various service versions from WFS 1.0.0 to WPS 1.1. Below the chart, a file selection dialog lists several shapefiles in a table:

Name	Last modified	Size
tasmania_cities.shp	23-agosto-2010 10.21	164
tasmania_roads.shp	23-agosto-2010 10.21	8,3K
tasmania_state_boundaries.shp	23-agosto-2010 10.21	6,6K
tasmania_water_bodies.shp	23-agosto-2010 10.21	9K

Buttons for 'Save' and 'Cancel' are at the bottom of the dialog, along with 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons for the file selection dialog.

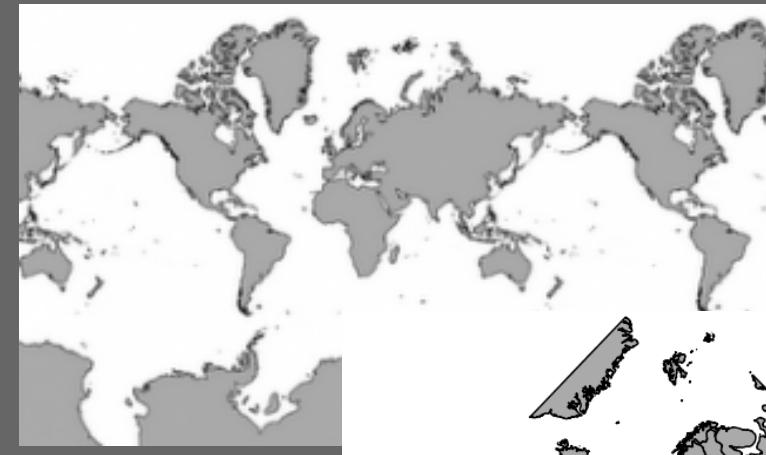
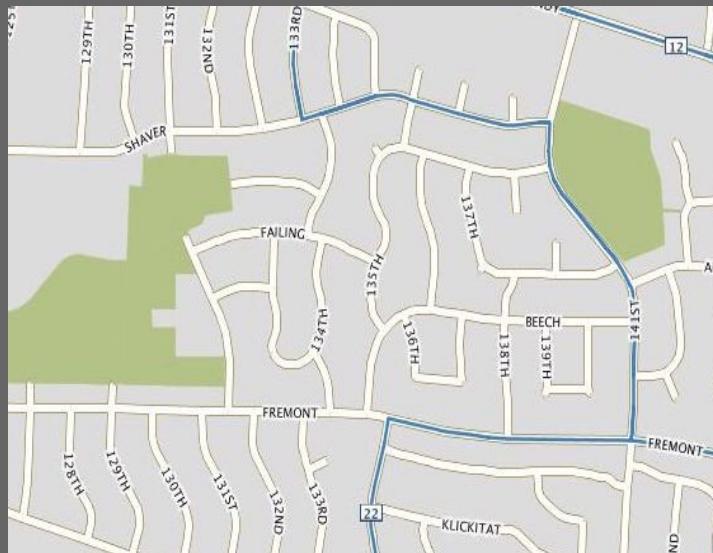
# RESTful Configuration

- Programmatic configuration of layers via REST calls
  - Workspaces, Data stores / coverage stores
  - Layers and Styles, Service configurations
  - Freemarker templates (incoming)
- Exposing internal configuration to remote clients
  - Ajax - JavaScript friendly
- Various client libraries available in different languages (Java, Python, Ruby, ...).
- Example, geoserver-manager:  
<https://github.com/geosolutions-it/geoserver-manager>

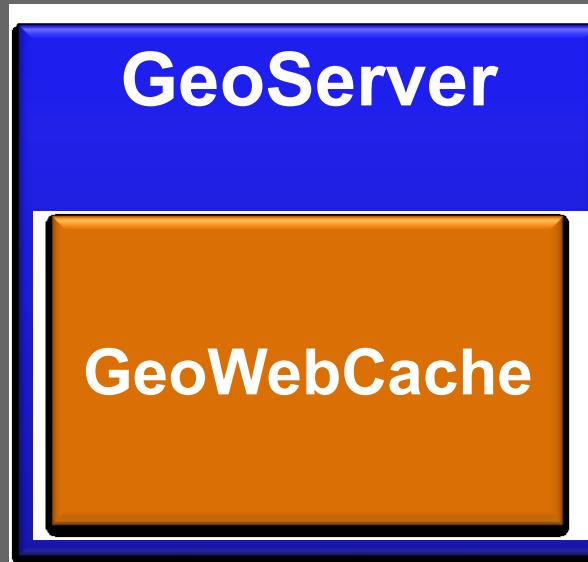
# WMS

- **Dissemination of Maps**
  - Fusing raster and vector data seamlessly
  - Rule/scale driven rendering
- **WMS 1.1.1 and 1.3 support**
- **SLD**
  - Basic support for SLD 1.1 and SE 1.1
  - Full support for SLD 1.0
- **CSS extension for compact styling**
- **Many rendering extensions available**

# Rendering



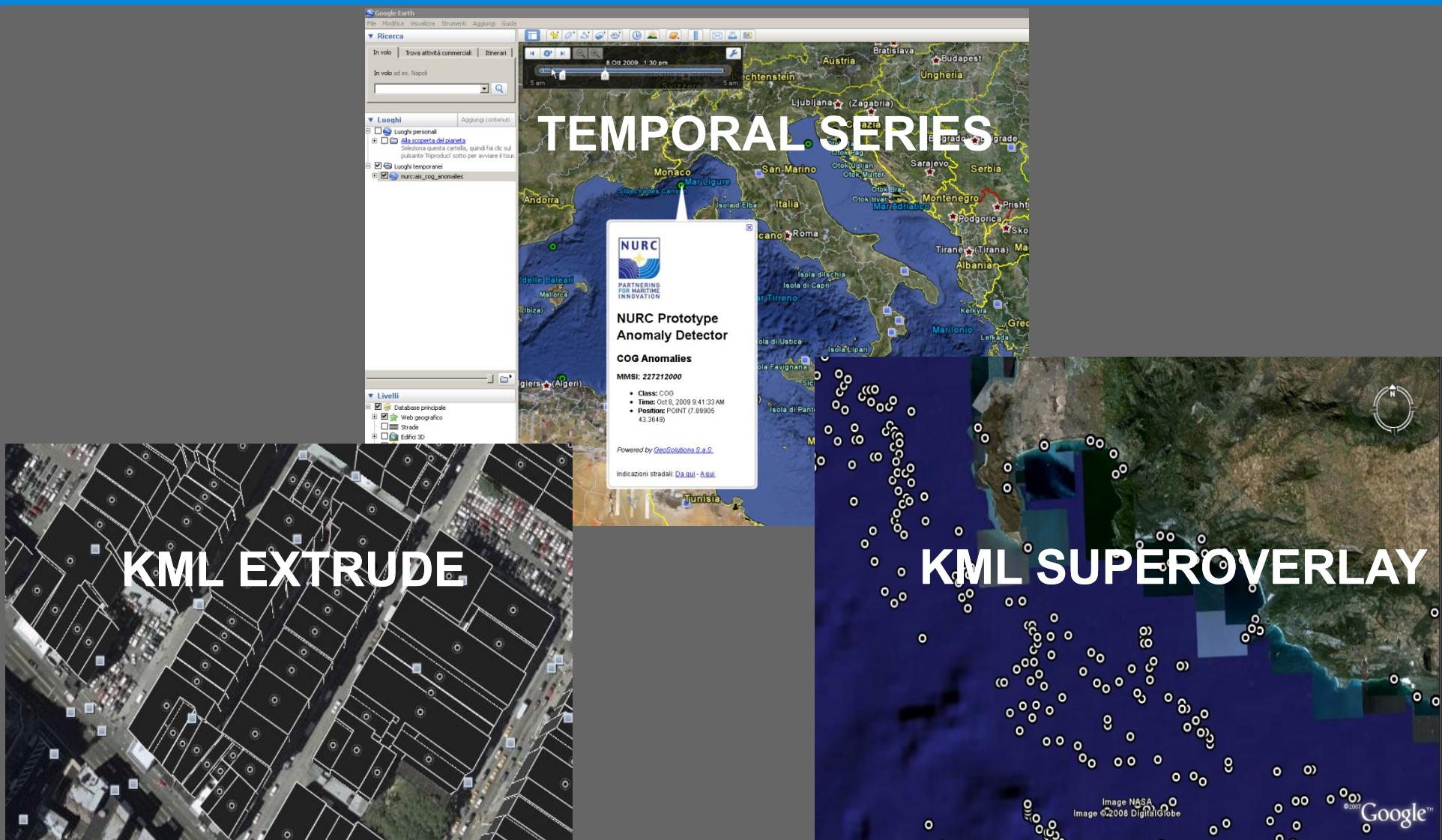
# GeoWebCache Integration



Persistent raster/KML  
tile cache

- Direct calls to GeoServer rendering engine
- Support for layers modified through WFS-T
- Support for various tile protocols
  - GMap, Gearth
  - OpenLayers, VEarth, Bing
- Speed-up factor 10/100
- Disk quota support

# KML/KMZ



# WFS

- Dissemination and filtering of vector data
- WFS 1.0, 1.1 and 2.0 (since 2.2.0)
- Transaction and paging available in all versions
- Simplified filtering via CQL
- Formats:
  - GML 2, 3.1 and 3.2
  - CSV, Excel spreadsheet, GeoRSS, GeoJSON
  - Shapefile (zipped)
  - Any other format supported by ogr2ogr (configurable)

# Complex Feature\*

- Application/community schemas
- Complex Features
  - Attributes as sub-features
  - Attributes as list of features
  - Tree-like structure
- Mixing in a single tree hererogeneous data sources

```
<wfs:featureCollection xmlns:wfs="http://www.opengis.net/wfs" xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml"
  xmlns:sco="http://webmap.socialchange.net/schema" maxFeatures="3">
  <gml:featureMember xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml">
    <sco:CANRI_CATALOGUE fid="95802" xmlns:sco="http://webmap.socialchange.net/schema">
      <sco:TITLE>Bushlands data of Eastern NSW 1991 - 93 - South</sco:TITLE>
      <gml:description>The data set is a digital representation of the coarse vegetation cover in
        the eastern plains, eastern slopes and tablelands (generally the eastern division of NSW).
        The data has been visually interpreted from 1:100 000 geo-rectified Landsat TM images in
        1991/92 and then converted to grid. Spatial and classification accuracy of the data is
        consistent and of acceptable quality.</gml:description>
      <sco:RESOURCEURL/>
      <sco:TYPE>WMSLAYER</sco:TYPE>
      <sco:BEGINDATE>1991-01-01 00:00:00.0</sco:BEGINDATE>
      <sco:ENDDATE>Current</sco:ENDDATE>
      <sco:CREATOR>hfreitag</sco:CREATOR>
      <sco:CREATEDATE>2000-05-24 00:00:00.0</sco:CREATEDATE>
      <sco:PREVIEWURL/>
      <sco:METADATATHMURL>http://canri.nsw.gov.au/nrdd/records/ANZNS020800011.html</sco:METADATATHMURL>
      <gml:boundedBy>
        <gml:Box>
          <gml:coordinates>140.0,-40.0 160.0,-20.0</gml:coordinates>
        </gml:Box>
      </gml:boundedBy>
      <sco:CLASSIFICATION>
        <sco:CODESPACE>ANZLIC_ID</sco:CODESPACE>
        <sco:VALUE>ANZNS020800011</sco:VALUE>
        <sco:READABLE_TERM>ANZNS020800011</sco:READABLE_TERM>
      </sco:CLASSIFICATION>
    </sco:CANRI_CATALOGUE>
  </gml:featureMember>
</wfs:featureCollection>
```

# WCS

- Raster data dissemination
  - Raw raster data useful for analysis, no maps!
  - Support for TIME and ELEVATION (via ImageMosaic plugin)
- WCS 1.0 and 1.1.1
- Output formats
  - GeoTiff, ArcGrid
  - GDAL based formats under discussion
- Extensions
  - ELEVATION as band management

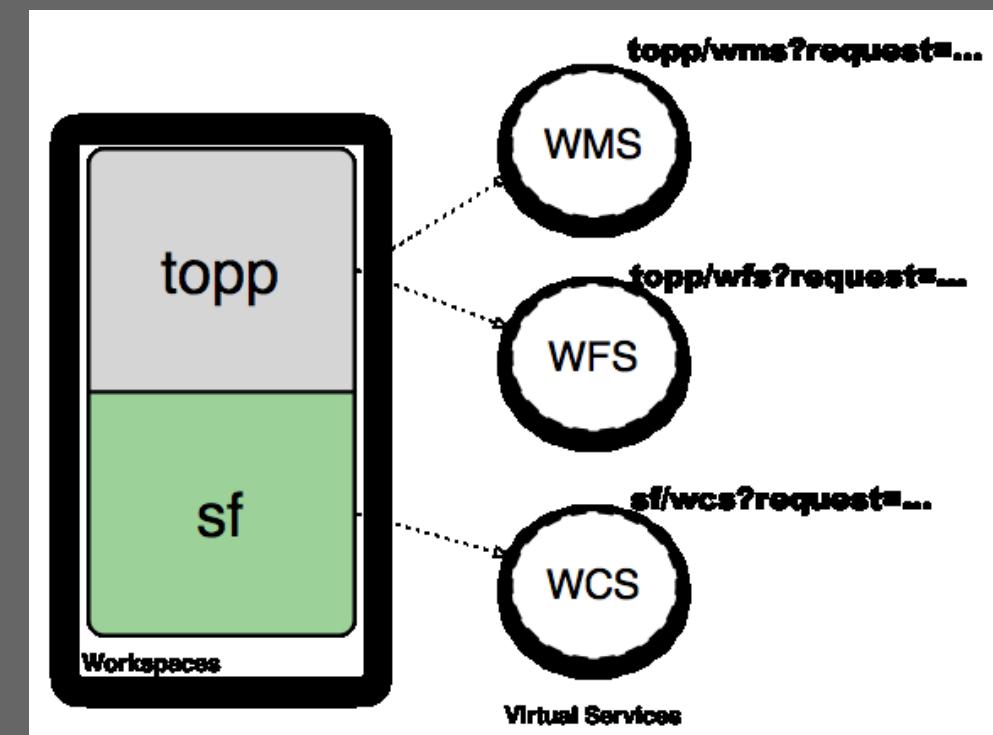
# WPS

- WPS 1.0
- Official Extension
- Raster and Vector data support
- High performance processes (raster/vector statistics, raster/vector format conversions and more)
- Integrated WPS
  - Direct access to data sources
  - Automatic publishing of results as new layers
  - Embedding processes into SLD styles (rendering transformation, since 2.2.0)

# What's new in 2.2.x

# Virtual services

- Expose different OGC services per workspace
- Styles and layer groups per workspace
- Have different administrators per workspace  
→ multi-tenancy



# Referencing news

- Support for NTv2 and NADCON grids → high accuracy datum transformations
- Test and inspect re-projection interactively:

Reprojection console

Simple coordinate reprojection tool

**Source CRS**  
EPSG:4326  EPSG:WGS 84...

**Target CRS**  
EPSG:32632  EPSG:WGS 84 / UTM zone 32N...

Show transformation details

**Source Geometry (x y, or a WKT geometry)**  
12 46

Forward Transform (source to target)

**Target Point (x y, or a WKT geometry)**  
732293.358481655 5098424.079644502

Backward Transform (target to source)

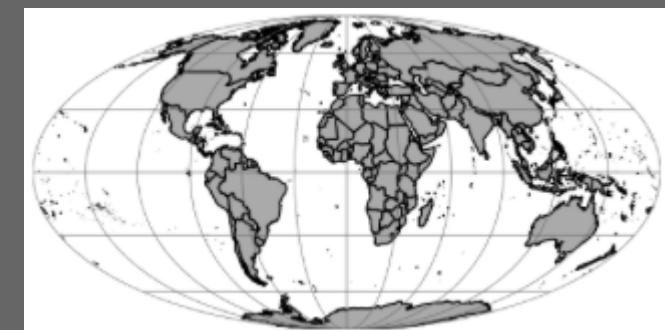
EPSG:4326 -> EPSG:32632

```
PARAM_MT["Transverse_Mercator",
PARAMETER["semi_major", 6378137.0],
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PARAMETER["central_meridian", 9.0],
PARAMETER["latitude_of_origin", 0.0],
PARAMETER["scale_factor", 0.9996],
PARAMETER["false_easting", 500000.0],
PARAMETER["false_northing", 0.0]]
```

# More Projections



Robinson



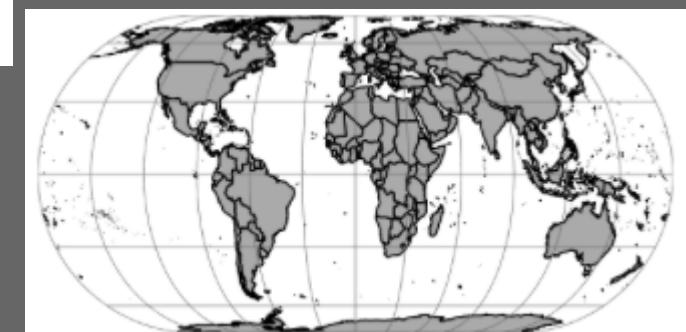
Mollweide



Winkel Tripel



Winkel Tripel



Eckert IV

# Advanced Projection Handling

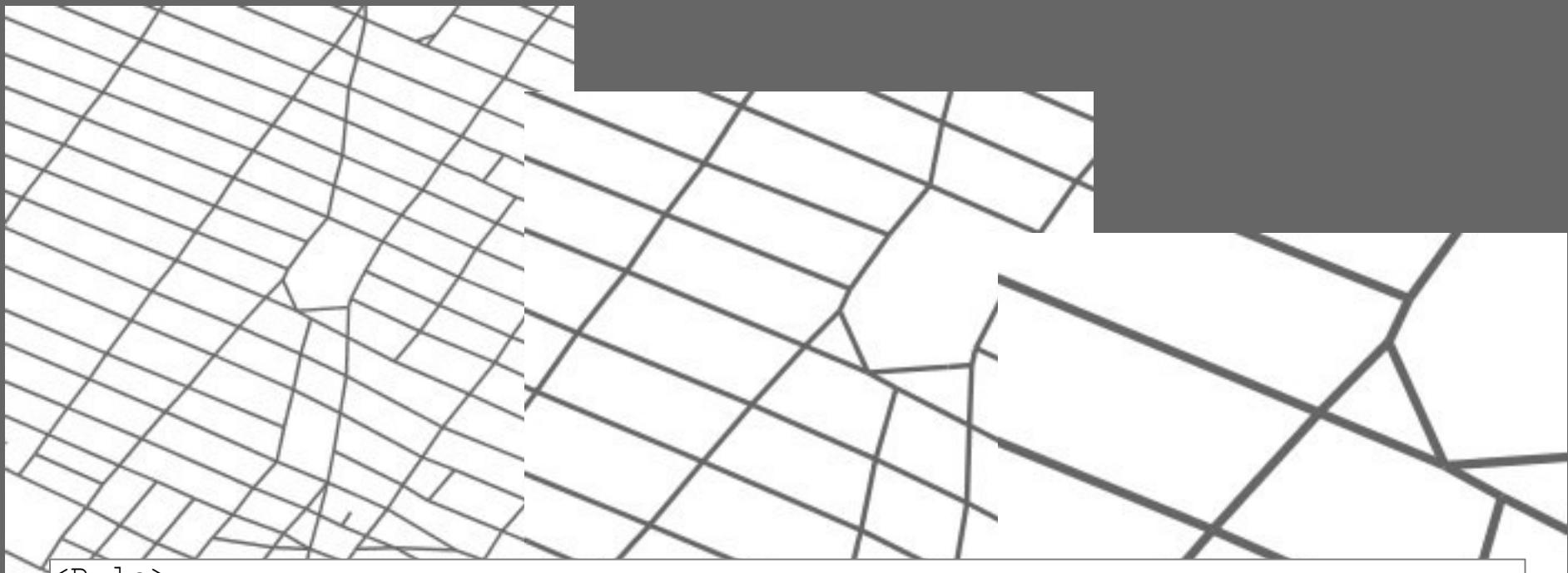


Management of dateline  
Change and  
map-wrapping



Cutting un-reprojectable  
geometries

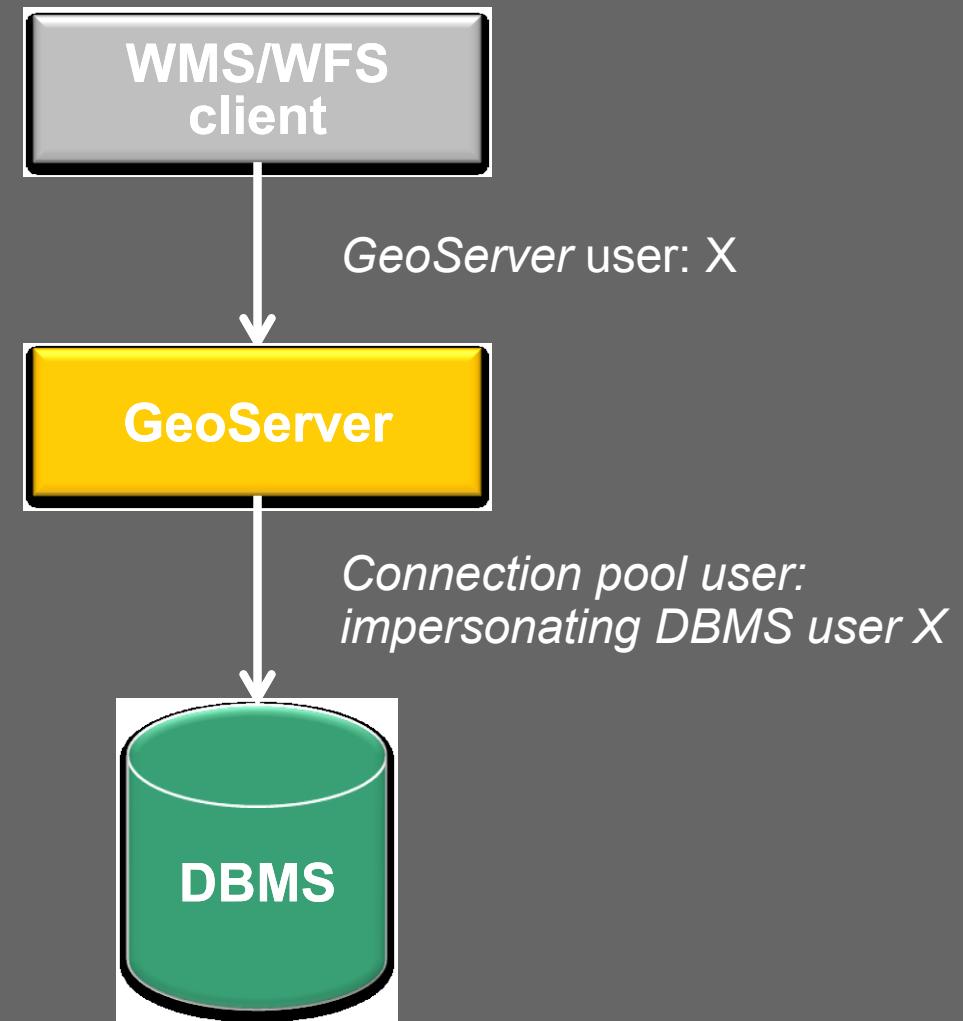
# Rendering: real world units



```
<Rule>
  <LineSymbolizer uom="http://www.opengis.net/se/units/metre">
    <Stroke>
      <CssParameter name="stroke-width">
        <ogc:Literal>5</ogc:Literal>
      </CssParameter>
    </Stroke>
  </LineSymbolizer>
</Rule>
```

# Impersonation in data access

- Use the current GeoServer user to access DBMS contents
- Tighten security also at the DBMS level
- Useful for high security setups



# WMS: PNG8 with alpha

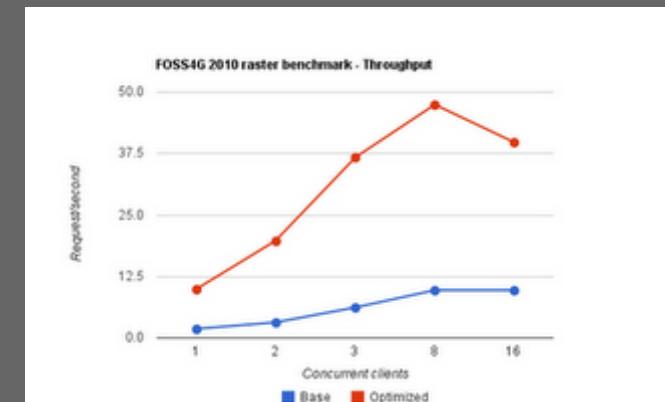
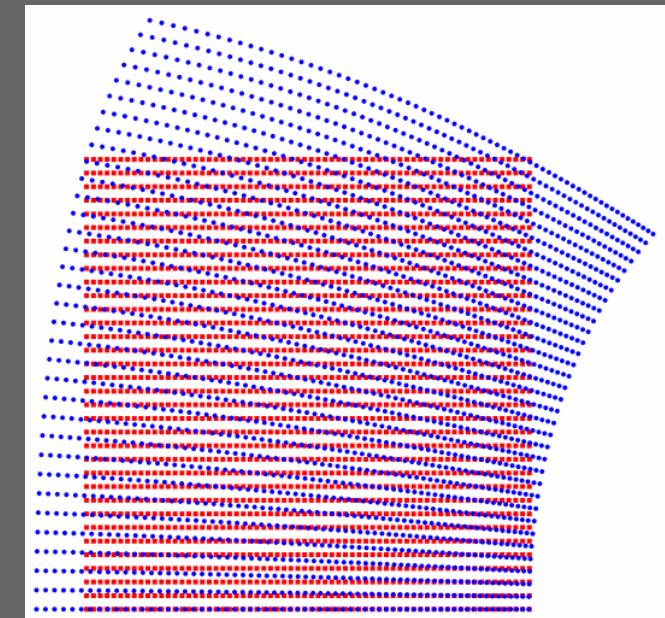
- Support for paletteted PNG with alpha transparency
- Best of both worlds: compact but good looking
- Good quality, yet usable in interactive setups



# Improved Raster Reprojection



- Raster reprojection → complex process
- Idea:
  - *try to approximate the overall transformation with a simpler one, either a single affine transformation or a piecewise composition of them (grid warp)*
- Ability to specify threshold for error acceptance
- Iterative approach (local optimization)
- Trade off between speed and precision



# WMS: TIME and ELEVATION

TIME = 20100512T0000000Z  
ELEVATION = 0.0

The screenshot shows a WMS interface with a map of pressure contours (isobars) and a FeatureType Editor panel.

**Map View:** The left side displays a map of pressure contours (isobars) labeled with values like 100510.2, 100614.2, 100717.5, etc. A legend at the bottom left indicates a scale of 1:4M, PRMSL, FID GRAY\_INDEX, and a value of 100609.0. A table at the bottom lists PRMSL-CONTOUR data with columns: FID, ELEVATION, ELEV, BASETIME, and RUNTIME. One row is shown: PRMSL-contour.60 0.0 100614.2 12-mag-2010 2.00.000.

**FeatureType Editor:** The right side contains a FeatureType Editor panel with the following sections:

- Bounding Boxes:** Native Bounding Box with Max Y values of 49.721 and 49.721.
- Dimensions:** TIME Dimension Attribute set to basetime (circled in red), and ELEVATION Dimension Attribute set to elevation (circled in red).
- Feature Type Details:** A table showing properties and their details:
 

Property	Type	Nillable	Min/Max Occurrences
the_geom	MultiLineString	true	0/1
elevation	Double	true	0/1
elev	Double	true	0/1
basetime	Timestamp	true	0/1
runtime	Integer	true	0/1

**Layer XML Definition:**

```

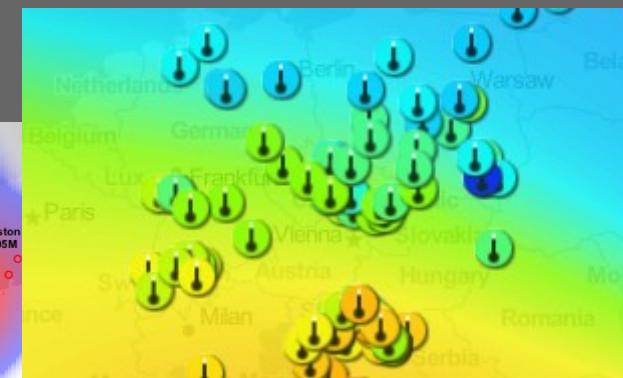
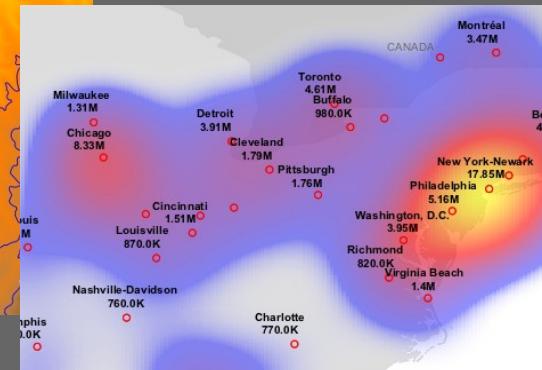
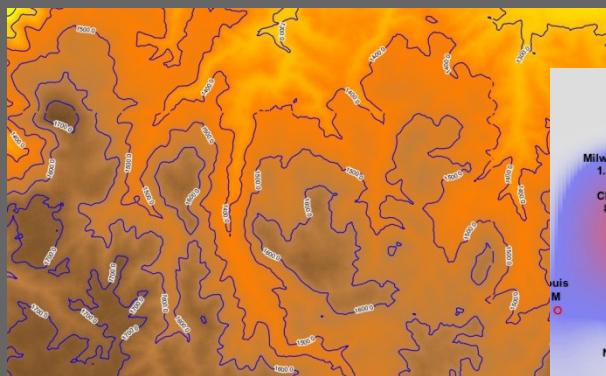
<Layer queryable="1">
  <Name>it.geosolutions:Pressure_reduced_to_MSL_contour</Name>
  <Title>Pressure_reduced_to_MSL_contour</Title>
  ...
  <LatLonBoundingBox minx="0.04" miny="34.96" maxx="21.96" maxy="49.721"/>
  <BoundingBox SRS="EPSG:4326" minx="0.04" miny="34.96" maxx="21.96" maxy="49.721"/>
  <Dimension name="time" units="ISO8601"/>
  <Dimension name="elevation" units="EPSG:5030"/>
  <Extent name="time" default="current">2010-05-12T00:00:00.000Z</Extent>
  <Extent name="elevation" default="0.0">0.0</Extent>

```

A red oval highlights the bounding box definitions, and another red oval highlights the dimension and extent definitions.

# WMS: Rendering Transformations

- On-the-fly data transformations
- Calling spatial analysis processes from SLD docs
- Optimized for performance
- Examples: on the fly contour lines, heat maps, point clustering, point interpolation, GCP based image rectification



# Improved GWC integration

## Edit Layer

Edit layer data and publishing

**topp:tasmania\_roads**

Configure the resource and publishing information for the current layer



### Data Publishing Dimensions Tile Caching

#### Tile cache configuration

- Create a cached layer for this layer
- Enable tile caching for this layer

#### Metatiling factors

4 tiles wide by 4 tiles high

#### Gutter size in pixels

0

#### Tile Image Formats

- image/png
- image/png8
- image/jpeg
- image/gif

#### Parameter Filters

- Create a separate cache for each STYLE
- Create a separate cache for the TIME WMS parameter
- Create a separate cache for the ELEVATION WMS parameter

#### Available gridsets

Gridset	Published zoom levels	Cached zoom levels	Grid subset bounds
EPSG:4326	Min ▾ / Max ▾	Min ▾ / Max ▾	Dynamic <span style="color: red;">-</span>
EPSG:900913	Min ▾ / Max ▾	Min ▾ / Max ▾	Dynamic <span style="color: red;">-</span>

Add grid subset: Sceglierne uno +

- Custom gridset definition

## Gridsets

Manage the available gridsets or create a new one

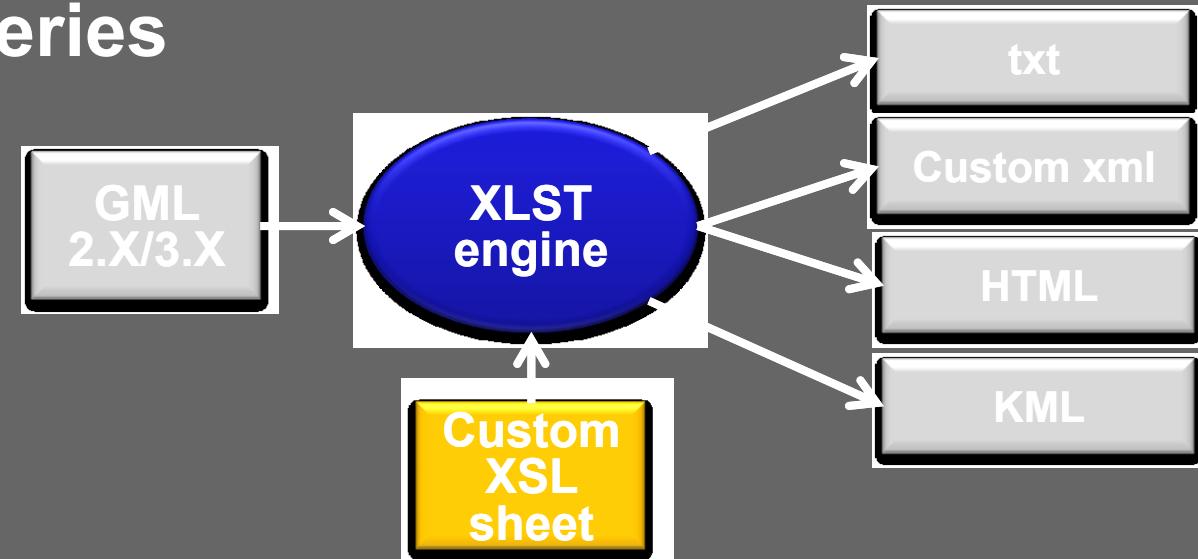
- + Create a new gridset
- Remove selected gridsets

Gridset	CRS	Tile Dimensions	Zoom levels	Disk Usage	Action
GlobalCRS84Scale	EPSG:4326	256 x 256	21	0,0 B	Create a copy
EPSG:4326	EPSG:4326	256 x 256	22	0,0 B	Create a copy
GoogleCRS84Quad	EPSG:4326	256 x 256	19	0,0 B	Create a copy
EPSG:900913	EPSG:900913	256 x 256	31	0,0 B	Create a copy
GlobalCRS84Pixel	EPSG:4326	256 x 256	18	0,0 B	Create a copy

- Per layer caching configuration

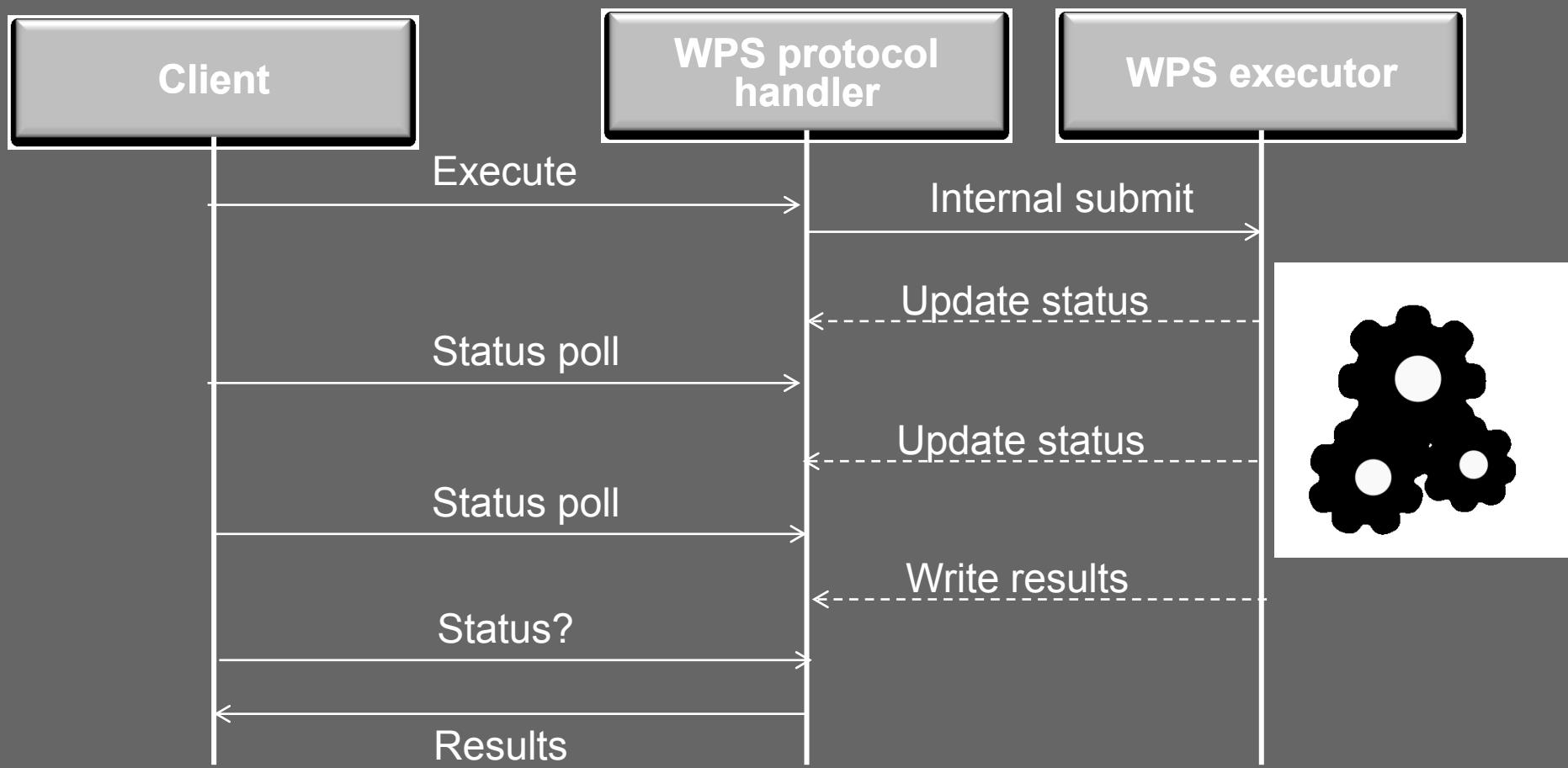
# WFS: 2.0 and XSLT

- WFS 2.0
  - GML 3.2
  - Paging (back-ported to other versions)
  - Joins (scalar, temporal, spatial) between feature types
  - Stored queries
- XSLT output format:



# WPS: asynchronous calls

- Asynchronous WPS support for long running processes



# Security: Authentication

- Pluggable user sources, available out of the box:
  - LDAP, DBMS
- Pluggable authentication mechanisms, available out of the box:
  - BASIC/DIGEST HTTP, CAS
- Possible to integrate with other mechanisms and in-house solutions
- Available since 2.2.0, before only basic HTTP auth + simple text file for users

# Image Server\*

- Turning GeoServer into an Image Server
  - Serving pure Imagery
  - No geo-reference need/available/(would make sense!)
- Special Coordinate Reference Systems defined
  - Interoperability with WMS clients
  - Respecting EPSG conventions
    - EPSG:404000
    - See [here](#)
- Improved support for data with bad/missing geo-reference!



# Aggregating data store

- N layers, remote or local, sharing the same structure
- Aggregating store puts them together dynamically, the client will think there is just one layer
- Parallel data fetching
- Can be configured to tolerate temporarily unreachable data sources

Edit and existing aggregated feature type

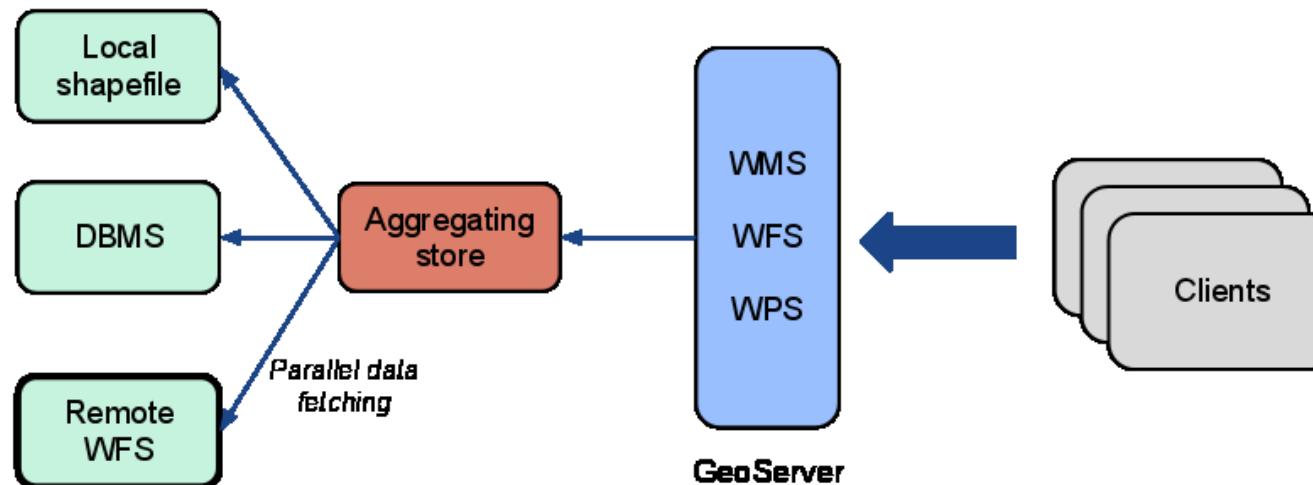
Modify the name or the sources of an aggregated feature type

Name: province

Sources:

Store: Scegliere uno Type: Scegliere uno Add source

Source type	Default	Make default	Remove
.provrt	true	Make default	Remove
.provrt1	false	Make default	Remove
.provrt2	false	Make default	Remove



# What's new in 2.3.x

# Database configuration backend

- Pluggable configuration backends
- In-memory implementation + XML storage (current one)
- Database based implementation (as a community module)
- Pluggable, add your own (any takers for a NoSQL elastic implementation?)

GeoServer config and catalog

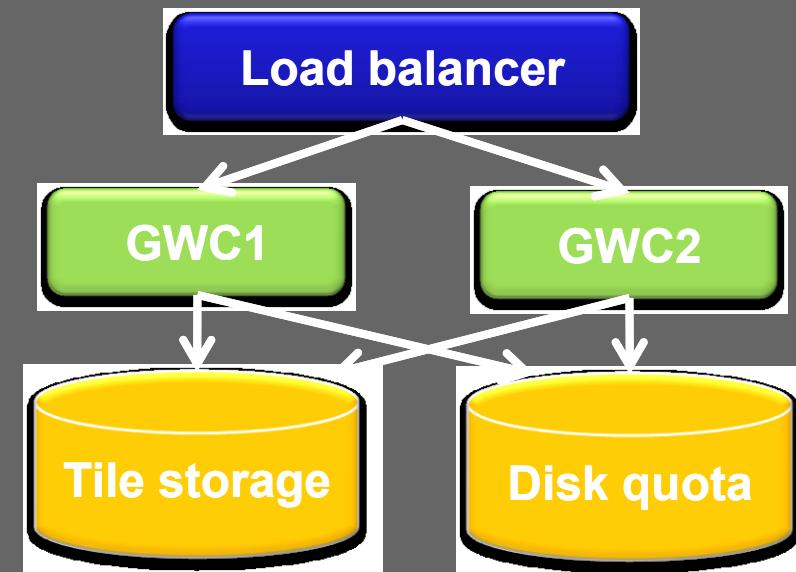
In-memory

DBMS

NoSQL?

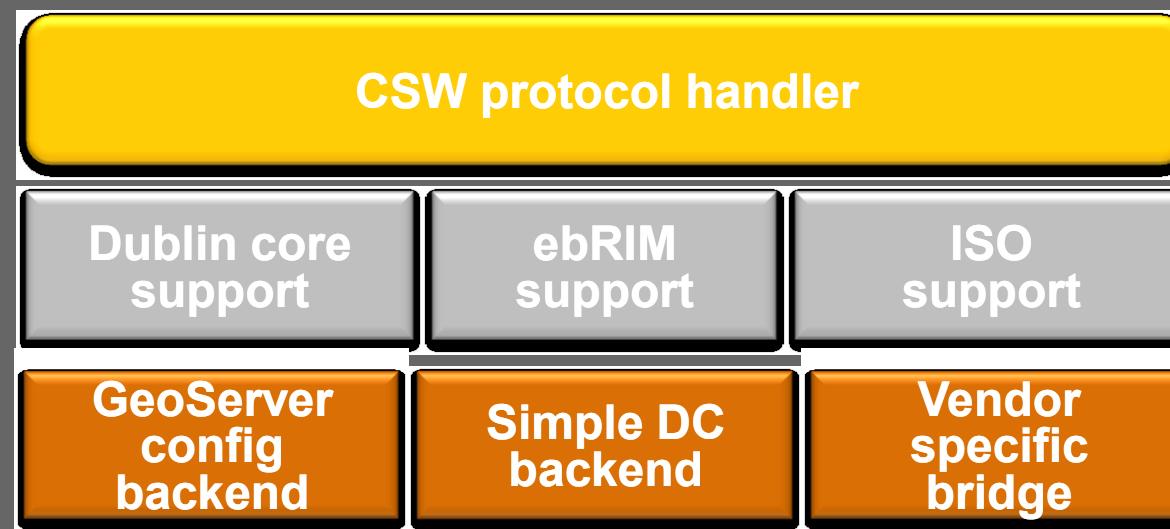
# GWC clustering

- Improved clustering for GWC in 1.4.x:
  - Metastore removed
  - Disk quota can work off a central DBMS
  - Distributed locks, avoid concurrent computation of same tile at the same time
- Active/active clustering of GWC now possible



# CSW 2.0.2

- Wow, catalogue services in GeoServer!
- Catalog Service for the Web 2.0.2
- Pluggable record backend
- Pluggable record type support
- Not a replacement for a full-fledged GeoNetwork  
(not at the moment, at least)



# CSW 2.0.2

- Current implementation
  - Demo backend with Dublin Core record support, passes CITE certifications tests
  - ISO + Dublin core backend reporting layers in the GeoServer configuration, in development
  - ebRIM (Earth Observation profile) implementation plus proxy to a in-house, vendor specific catalog (proxy front-end model)
- Currently a community module
  - will be graduated to extension once the ISO backend over the GeoServer own config is completed

# WCS 2.0

- WCS 2.0 implementation with extensions:
  - Range subsetting
  - Scaling and interpolation
  - CRS (reprojection)
  - GeoTiff & NetCDF encoding
- Earth Observation profile support
  - Temporal series
  - Exposing mosaic structure
  - EO metadata describing sensors
- NetCDF support as both input and output
- Sponsors
  - DLR (German spatial agency)
  - EUMETSAT (European operational satellite agency for monitoring weather, climate and the environment)

# Layer Groups

Generate Bounds

Mode

- ✓ Single
- Named Tree
- Container Tree**
- Earth Observation Tree

**Add Layer...**

**Add Layer Group...**

Position	Layer	Default Style
↓	ne:ne_physical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
↑	ne:ne_cultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<< < 1 > >> Results 1 to 2 (out of 2 items)

## Capabilities Tree

## Nesting

Layers

**Add Layer...**

**Add Layer Group...**

Position	Layer	Default Style
	ne:ne_physical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<< < 1 > >> Results 1 to 2 (out of 2 items)

# Other Enhancements

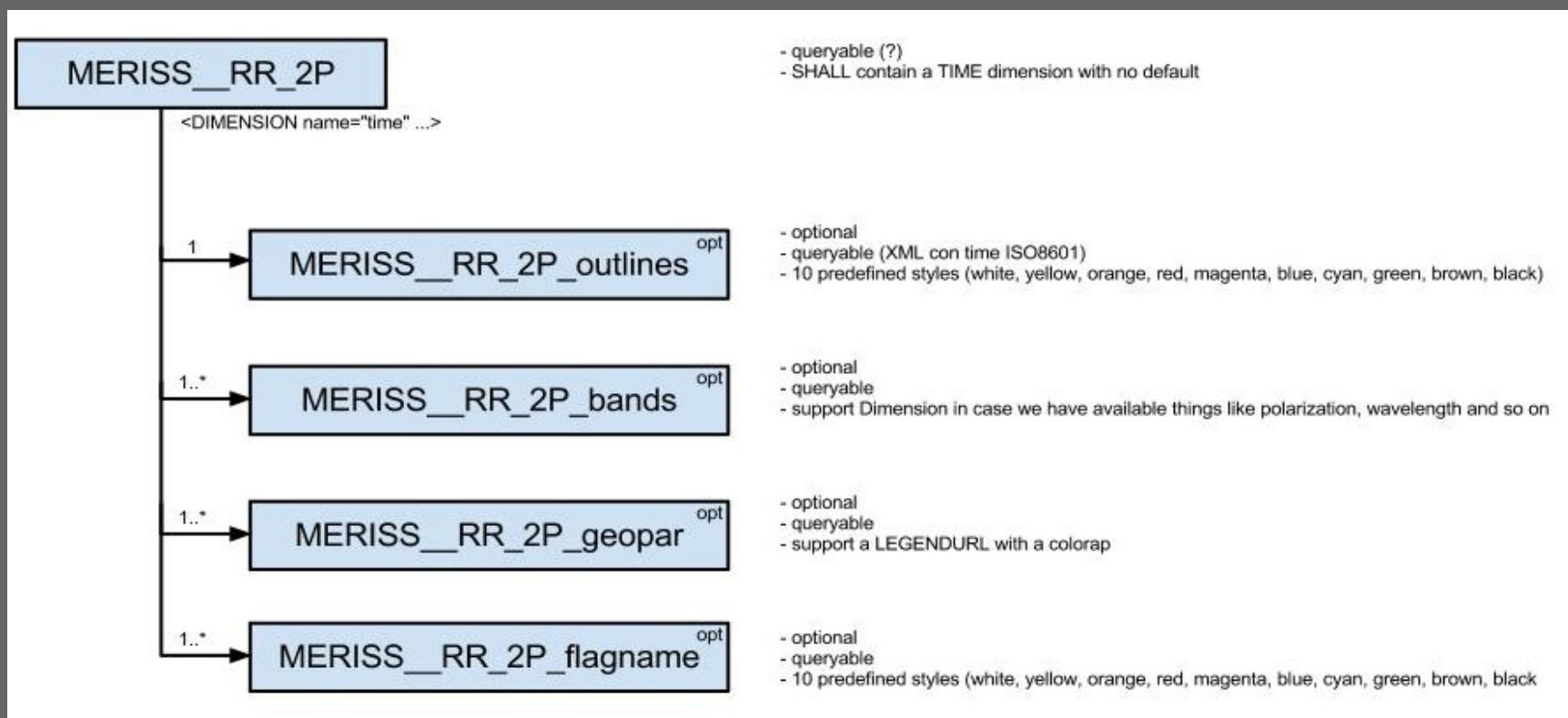
- WPS Process Selection
- WMS Additional Dimensions
- More INSPIRE
- Monitoring Extension
- Extensive JSONP Support
- Security Subsystem Improvements



# What's cooking for 2.4.x (plus wish list ☺ )

# WMS EO

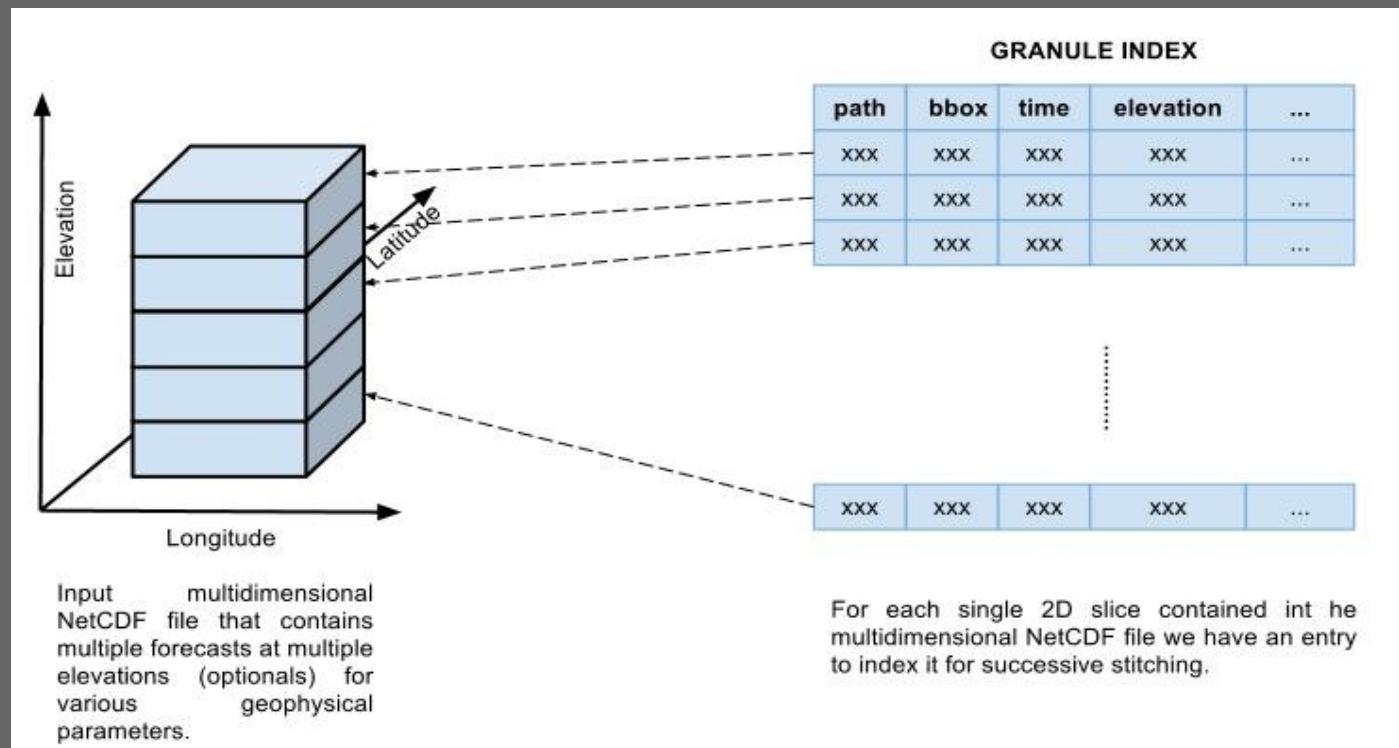
- Earth Observation profile support
  - Temporal series
  - Exposing mosaic structure
  - EO metadata describing sensors



# Spatiotemporal Raster Management

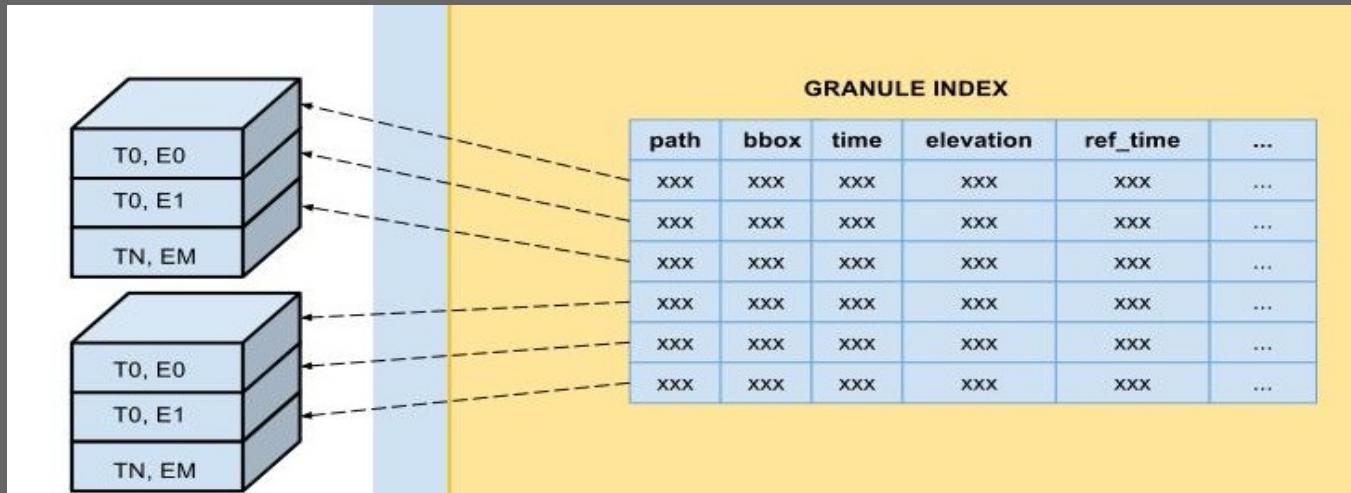
- **NetCDF support**

- Improve existing NetCDF/CF input format, support CF convention and make sure the samples provided by DLR/EUMETSAT can be read
- Expose NetCDF internal data as a set of 2D slices
- Write new NetCDF/CF output format for GeoServer



# Spatiotemporal Raster Management

- Add REST support to expose a image mosaic internal structure
  - Dimensions
  - Granules
- **Dimensions: list, edit, create, remove**
  - /workspaces/<ws>/coveragestores/<cs>/coverages/<mosaic>/dimensions
  - /workspaces/<ws>/coveragestores/<cs>/coverages/<mosaic>/dimensions/<dimension>[.format]
  - TODO paging and query of dimension domain
- **Granules: list, edit, create, remove**
  - /workspaces/<ws>/coveragestores/<cs>/coverages/<mosaic>/index
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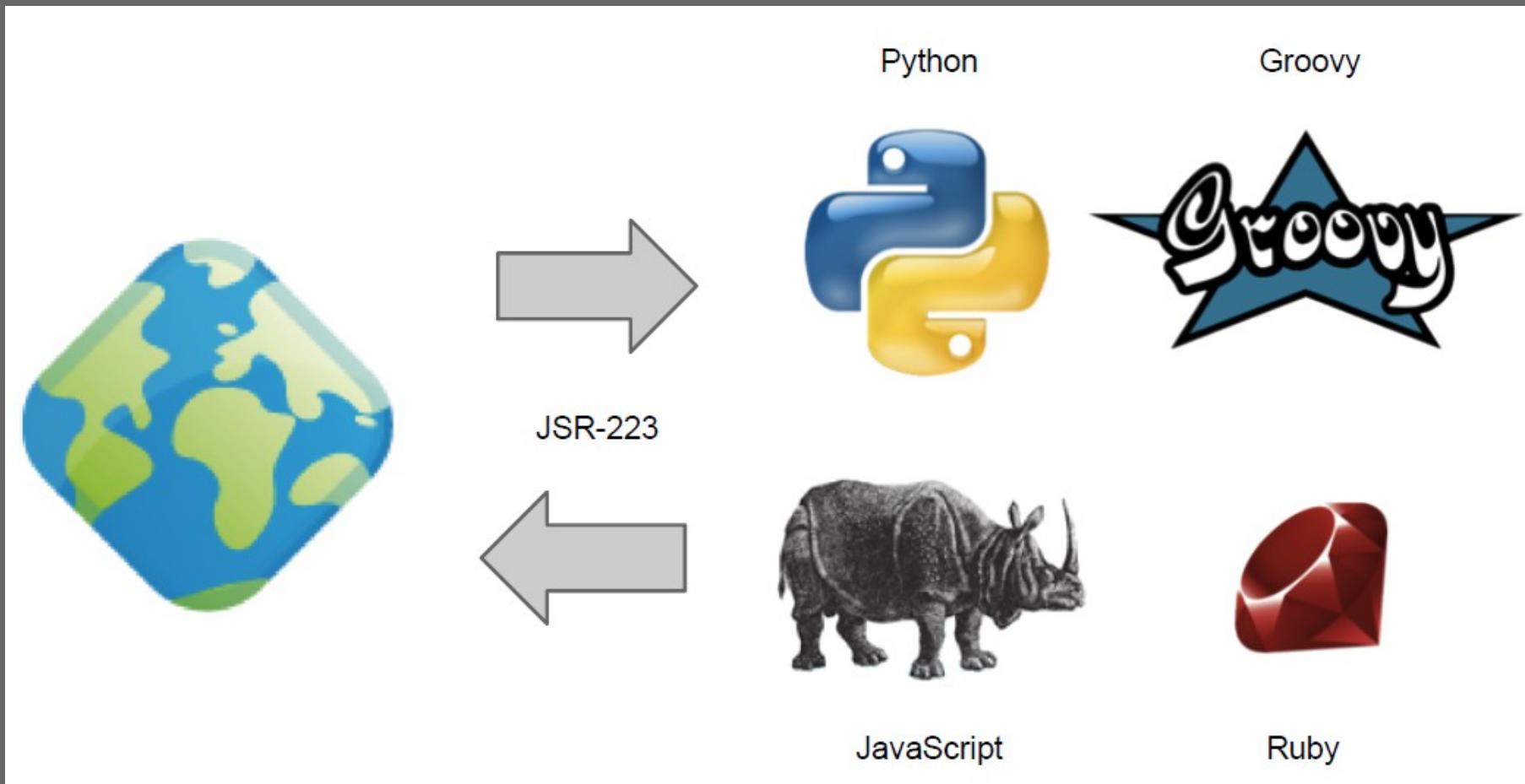
# Importer

- Graphical Workflow for preprocessing data
- Copy over, optimize, publish and style

The screenshot displays three windows from the GeoServer Importer interface:

- Importa una directory**: A window for importing shapefiles. It shows a workspace dropdown set to "geosolutions", a name field, a description field, and a "Continue" button.
- Importa dei GeoTIFF**: A window for importing GeoTIFF files. It includes fields for "Default SRS", "Directory of input", "Type of compression", "Rapporto di compressione", "Ricrea il file all'immagine generata", "Larghezza del file", "Altezza del file", "Preserva i file se già esistenti", "Aggiungi gli overview all'immagine generata", "Passo del sotto-campionamento", "Algoritmo di sotto-campionamento", "N. di overview", "Usa gli overview esterni", "Preservo le overview se già esistenti", "Copia immagine nella directory dei dati", and "Directory of output". A modal dialog titled "Scgli la directory che contiene GeoTIFF (o un singolo file)" lists several directories with their last modified dates and sizes.
- Crea una connessione PostGIS**: A window for creating a PostGIS connection. It shows a sidebar with "About & Status", "Data" (Layer Preview, Workspaces, Stores, Layers, Layer Groups, Styles), "Services" (WCS, WFS, WMS), and "Settings". The main area is titled "Crea una connessione PostGIS" and includes fields for "Nome", "Descrizione", "Parametri di connessione" (set to "Default"), and a "Nome" dropdown set to "geosolutions".

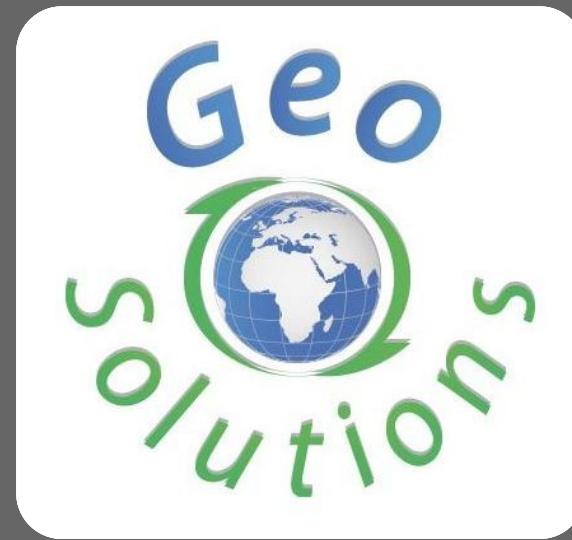
# Scripting Processing (WPS)



# More...

- QGIS Integration
- Vector Data Attribute Remapping
- Advanced Authorization Subsystem
- Circular Arc Support

# The End



## Questions?

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