# **Activities Bridging the Information Domains of Architecture Engineering Construction and Facilities Management**

with

## **Geospatial Information Infrastructure**

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## **Open Information Models for Campus Modeling**

In the future, designers administrators, planners and the public will be able to access up-to-date city models that incorporate building interior spaces and fixtures; each element being served directly from the most authoritative sources.

This information will be accessible through a wide variety of tools: for design, visualization, query, building management, seamless indoor outdoor location-based services, planning analysis, emergency preparedness and response.

This will be made possible in part, by consensusbased open standards for interoperable data exchange

## **Outline**

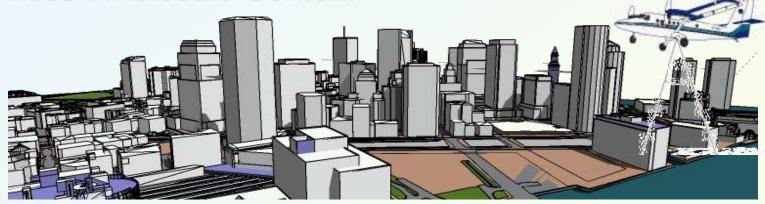
- An overview of integrating BIM with Geospatial **Information Architecture**
- Some problems of developing detailed City/Campus models, and why open standards for interoperability are critical.
- How the open standards development process works, and some of the most common exchange standards for building information.
- Why developing applications around open standards is simpler than many people think.
- Two case studies for integration of Building information with Geospatial Information Infrastructure

## **Integrating Architectural and Building Operation Information models with Geospatial Information Architecture**

## **Bridging CAD GIS and BIM Domains**

**Geospatial Information Infrastructure** 

**Provides Wholesale Context** 



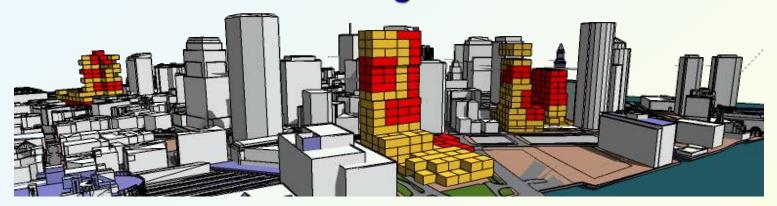
**Building Information Models Should be Georeferenced** 

(Design, Construction, Operation)



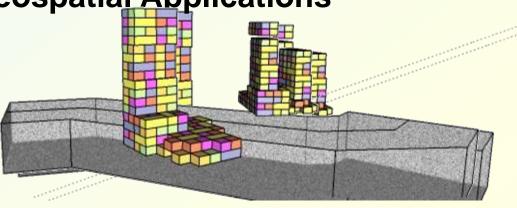
## Bridging CAD, GIS, and BIM Domains

## **Geospatial Information Infrastructure** Will Include Detailed Building Information



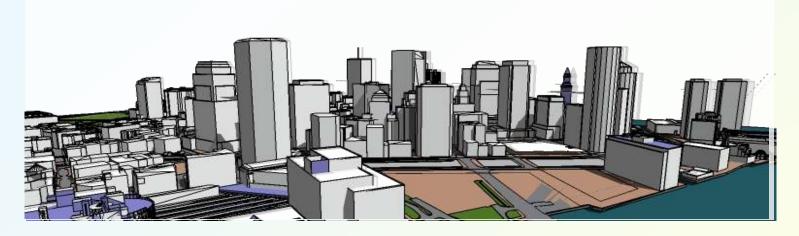
**Building Modeling Tools will Create Model Views for Geospatial Applications** 





## Bridging CAD, GIS, and BIM Domains

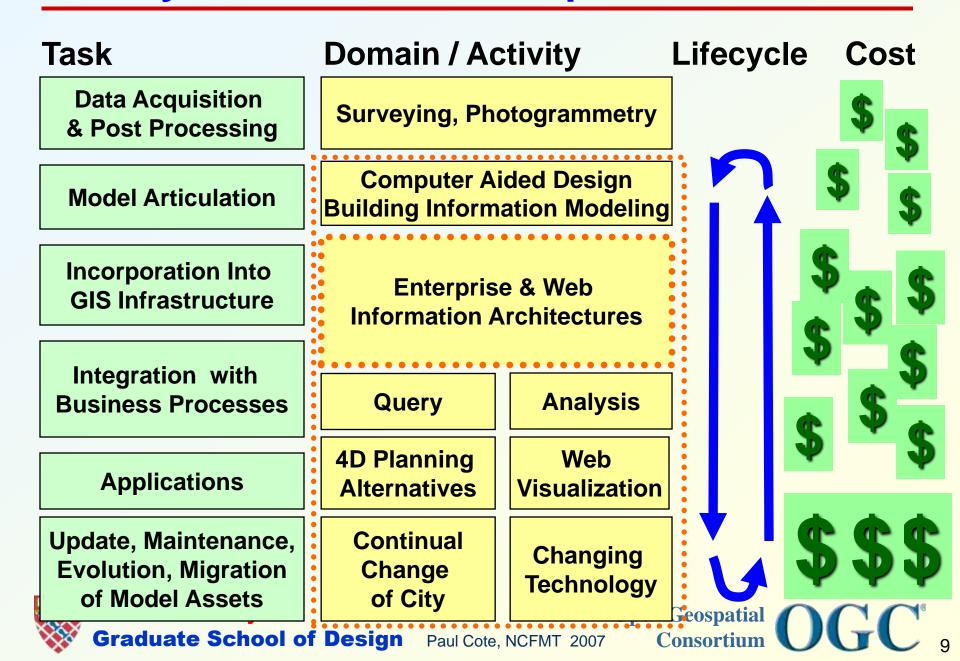
## **Geospatial Information Infrastructure**





Why open standards for interoperability are critical for developing detailed City/Campus models.

# Lifecycle Costs of a Campus Data Model



## Bridging CAD, GIS and BIM Information Domains

Development and maintenance of city information depends on collaborative effort from a diverse set of actors:

- Building designers
- Photogrammetrists and As-Built modelers
- Building operators
- Geospatial information managers from different jurisdictions.

Contributors should not be constrained by single-vendor options

Campus-scale city models will require substantial investments in information assets over long periods of time.

These issues indicate the critical role for stable, nonproprietary specifications for Interoperability in information models and exchange

# What do we mean by information models and exchange encodings?

## **Open Information Models**

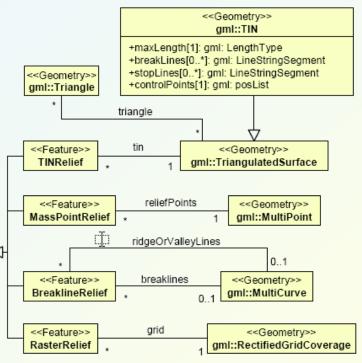
# Real World Concepts:

## **Information Model**





"The building meets the terrain along this line."





e.g. Observations, Prescriptions, Rules

e.g. UML (Unified Modeling Language)

e.g. XML (Extensible Markup Language)

# **Data Models in Applications**

## CAD & 3d Modeling

- Largely Geometric & Graphical (little or no semantic structure)
- **Semantics in Layers and Objects** 0
- File-Based Storage & Exchange (not scalable as enterprise 0 architecture)
- **Project and Domain Specific Scope**

## **Building Information Modeling**

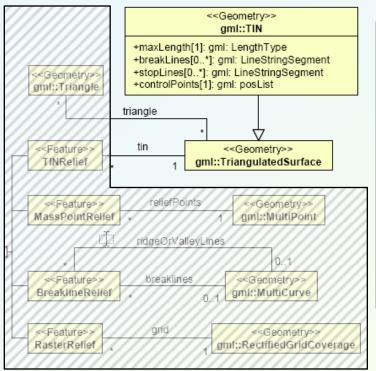
- **Geometric & other objects with Semantics** 0
- 0 **Complex relationships in Object Model**
- File-Based storage and Exchange (not scalable as enterprise architecture)
- **Project Specific Scope Spans Domains over lifecycle**

## Geospatial / Relational Information Infrastructure

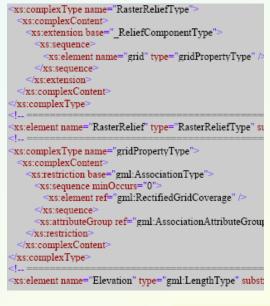
- **Geometric objects with Semantics**
- Relational Database Model (Highly Scalable) 0
- **Enterprise data management Service Based Exchange**

# Interoperability in Application Data Models

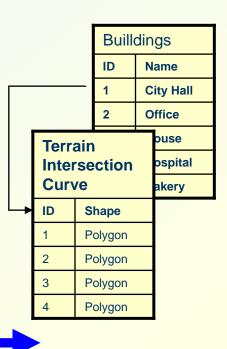
#### **Model View Definition**



### **Exchange Encoding**



# Application Data Model



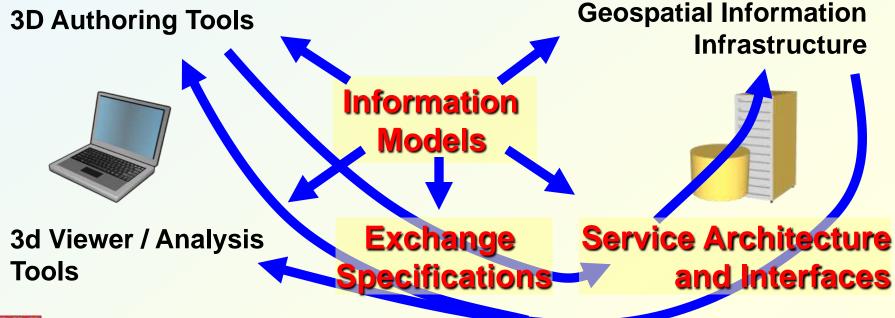
Round Trip = Lossless Exchange

**Import** 

**Export** 

# The Road Ahead for Metropolitan 3D

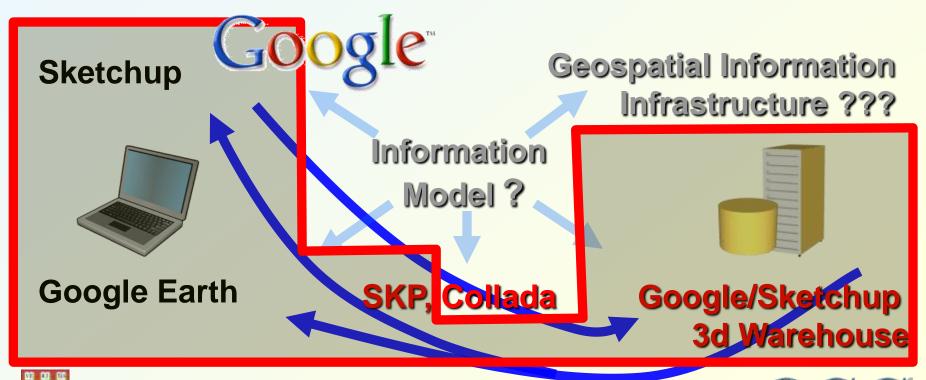
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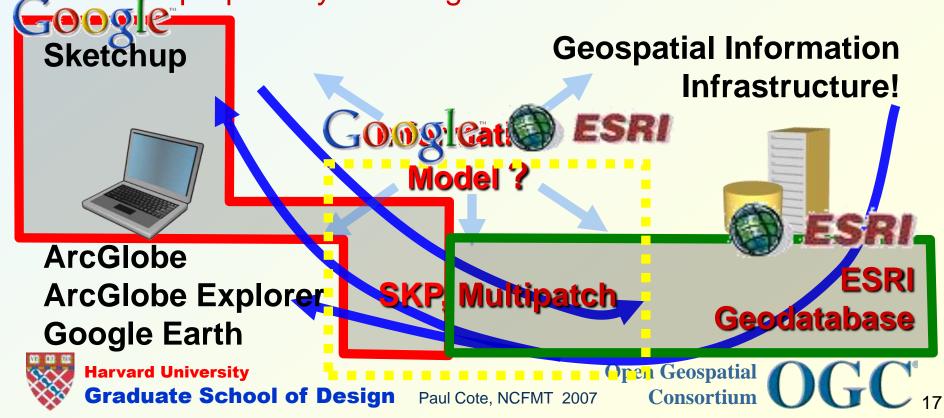
## **Proprietary Solutions are First on the Market**

Applications bridging AEC+FM and GIS domains have emerged first in proprietary commercial systems. The Google Sketchup 3d Warehouse is one example.



# **Proprietary Solutions are Fast and Easy**

The ESRI / Sketchup Collaboration is another example of an early innovation bringing 3d modeling into user-modifiable geospatial infrastructure. The plugin that tranlateses between Sketchup and ESRI Multipatch formats is an interesting case of vendor collaboration on a cross-proprietary exchange filter.



## **Open Standards Insure Investments** in Content and Tools

#### **Communities Industry Consortium** International Standards **Organization**

Engineers

Understanding

Foundation Standards

Tool Makers

Consensus

- Information Structure
- Service Protocols

- Content Creators
- Application Standards
- Application Standards

- Service Providers
- Users

**Participation** 

Assured Stable Environment

Lots of Interoperable Content!

# **Geospatial Standards**

#### **Communities**

- Engineers
- Tool Makers
  - ESRI & Others
- Content Creators
  - Federal Govt.Agencies:
  - Local Govt.Agencies
- Service Providers
  - USGS National Map
  - State GIS Agencies
  - Many, Many more!
- Users

#### **Industry Group**

# Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC)

Standards

A lot of content (GNL)
and services ap Service
from government agery
Web Feature Service

(WFS) – vector features

- Catalog Service for the Web (CS/W)
- CityGML (Draft)
- KML (future)

# International Standards Organization

- Foundation Standards
  - XML
  - GML
- Service Standards
  - HTTP
  - WMS
  - WFS (draft)
- Application Standards

The Web

Spatial / Semantic
Content

### Lots of Content!



Open Geospa Consortium



#### **Architectural Modeling Standards**

#### **Communities**

- Engineers
- Tool Makers
  - Autodesk
  - Bentley
  - Graphisoft
  - Vectorworks
  - Many more
- Content Creators
  - Architects
  - Building **Operators**
- Service Providers
  - Very few
- Users
  - U.S. GSA
  - DOD
  - Many in Europe More Content!

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**Graduate School of Design** 

#### **Industry Group**

## **International Alliance** for Interoperability

- Application Standards
  - IFC

A lot of buy-in from toolmakers

#### International Standards **Organization**

- **Foundation Standards** 
  - XML
  - STEP / Express
- Service Standard
  - None
- Information Model
  - None

## File Based Exchange

BIM Servers

Open Geo Allai 📶

#### Visualization and Physical Simulation

#### **Communities**

- Engineers
- Tool Makers
  - Lots
- Content Creators
  - Gaming industry
  - Sketchup users
- Service Providers
  - Google Earth
- Users
  - Lots

#### **Industry Group**

#### **Khronos Consortium**

- Application Standards
  - Collada

# International Standards Organization

- Foundation Standards
  - XML
- Service Standard
  - None
- Information Model
  - None

The Web

**Google Earth** 

## **Need More Content!**



## **Emerging Open Specifications for City Modeling**

## **Open Information Models / Exchange Standards for 3D:**

- **GML:** defines geospatial primitives and means of relating them
- **CityGML:** spatial model for city representation with coherent semantic rules\*
- **IFC:** spatial / semantic model for building representation with coherent semantic rules\*
- Collada: encapsualted 3d geometry for interactive visualization
- X3D / VRML: encapsulated 3d geometry for interactive visualization

\*Coherent Semantic Models ensure consistency between geometric and semantic relationships (Stadler, Kolbe) http://www.igg.tu-berlin.de/uploads/tx\_ikgpublication/SDQ2007\_Stadler\_Kolbe\_final.pdf)

# **Fundamental Open** Standards for Data and **Geometry:**

- OSQL
- **OGML Simple Features**
- OGML 3

Stability assured by the International Standards **Organization** 

## **Foundation Data Primitives**

International Standards define the most basic forms of data. These provide a stable open foundation for basic databases and applications that use data

### ISO SQL Standard

Structured query language provides a set of logical rules and interfaces for creating and accessing data. These are adhered to by almost every commercial database provider

#### **Numbers:**

Integer

**Temporal:** Dates

Times

- Double-Precision
- Floating Point

#### **Character:**

- Strings
- Text

Try to imagine the world of databases today if the SQL standard did not exist, or was controlled by IBM!

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## ISO 19125 (OGC) simple feature access

Having both spatial and non spatial attributes. These simple features extend the power of SQL to spatial queries and operations

**Points: Linestrings: Polygons:** 

**Aggregate Features:** 

- MultiPoint
- MultiLine
- MultiPolygon

Most geospatial data can be exchanged through GML, though much of the logic of relationships does not make the round trip.

## Parametric Geometries Supported in GML3

# ISO 19107 (OGC) Geographic Markup Language includes a richer set of 3d geometry.

#### **Parametric Linear Shapes:**

Circles and Arcs

Splines:

Segmented Curves with control points



Patches, edges have any linear shape (above)

Cones

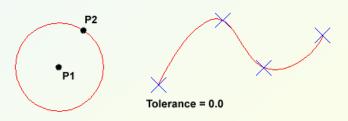
Cylinders

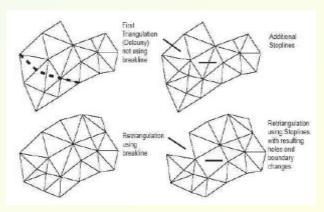
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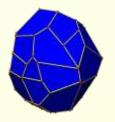
Triangulated Irregular Networks (TIN)

#### Solids:

Composite Surfaces e.g. Shells AKA Boundary Representation (B-REP)









# **Open Information Models for Applications:**

**Collada Concepts** 

## COLLADA

## **COLLAborative Design Activity**

#### **Standards Consortium:**

Khronos Group

#### **Communities:**

- Visualization
- Gaming

#### **Capabilities:**

- Very rich visual and physical simulation: photorealistic shaders, cameras, movement
- No semantic model
- No georeferencing

#### **Modeling / Encoding**

O UML/XML

#### **Adoption:**

Many 3d authoring tools, 3d Studio, Sketchup ...

# **Collada Concepts**

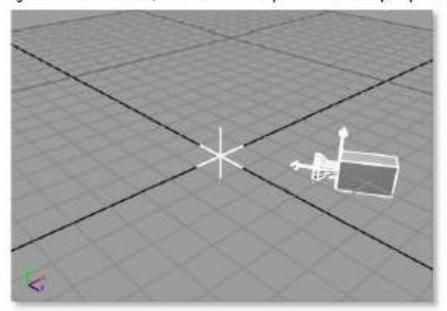
## Cameras, **Prescribed** and dynamic views

#### Example

Here is an example of a <lookat> element indicating a position of [10,20,30], centered on the local origin, with the yards rotated up:

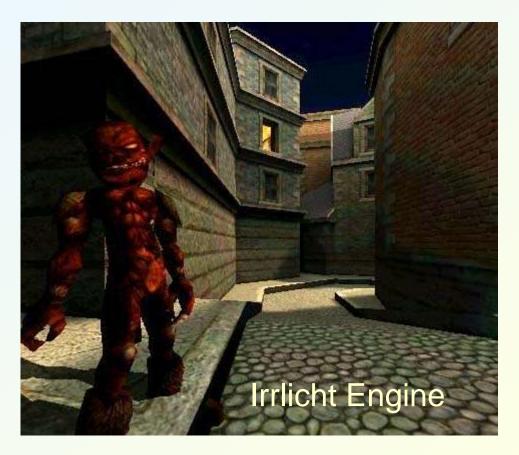
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<node id="Canera">
 <instance camera url="#camera1"/>
  <lookat.>
   2.0 0.0 3.0 <:-- eye position (X, Y, Z)
   0.0 0.0 0.0 <1- Interest position (X, Y, S) -->
   0.0 1.0 0.0 <!-- up-vector position (X,Y,3) -->
```

Figure 4-1: «lookat» element; the 3-D "cross-hair" represents the interest-point position



# **Collada Concepts**

Lighting Model, Sophisticated Shaders with reflectance, etc



# **Collada Concepts**

### **Motion, Physics**



# **CityGML Concepts**

# **CityGML**

## **City Geographic Markup Language**

#### **Standards Consortium:**

Open Geospatial Consortium (Best Practice Specification)

#### **Communities:**

- Photogrammetry
- Municipal Geospatial Infrastructure

#### **Capabilities:**

- Very rich semantic model for city objects and relationships
- 5 predefined levels of detail
- Image textures supported

### **Modeling / Encoding**

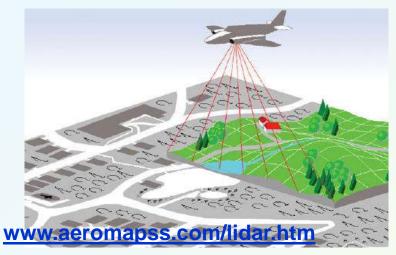
UML / XML / GML3 Profile

#### Adoption:

- Berlin, Bonn and many other German cities
- Compatible with OGC Web Feature Services

# CityGML is Adapted for Modeling Semantics of

**Observable Objects** 







## CityGML: Objects May Honor Specific Levels of **Detail**

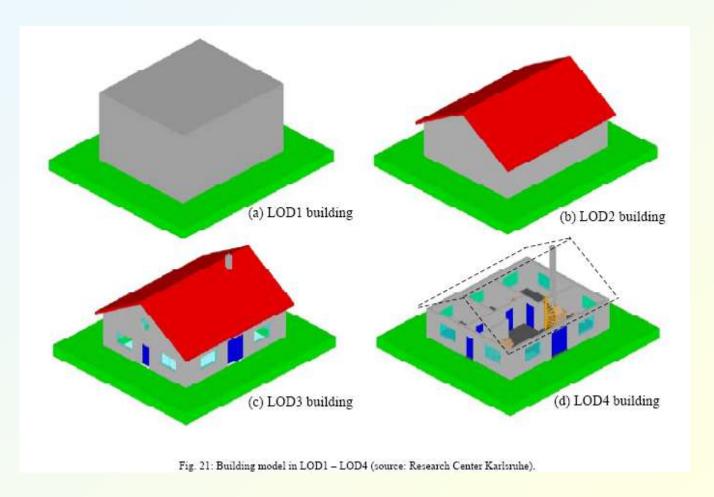


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# CityGML can provide a Spatially Exhaustive Semantically Rich model of the city

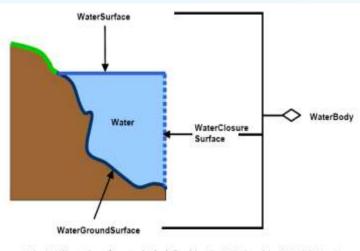


Fig. 24: Illustration of a water body defined in CityGML (graphic: IKG Uni Bonn).

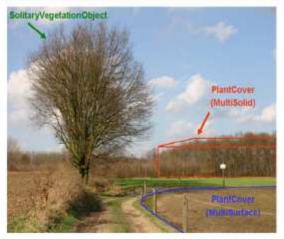


Fig. 32: Example for vegetation objects of the classes Solitary Vegetation Object and PlantCover (graphic: District of Recklinghausen).

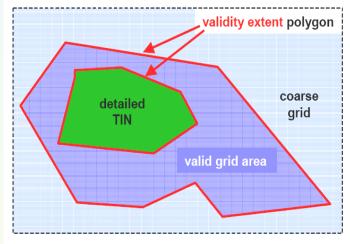


Fig. 16: Nested DTMs in CityGML using validity extent polygons (graphic: IKG Uni Bonn).



Fig. 27: Example for the representation of a TransportationComplex in LOD2 in CityGML: a road, which is the aggregation of Traffic-Areas and AustriaryDraffic-Areas (source: City of Solingen, IKG Uni Bonn).



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# **CityGML: Transportation Objects**

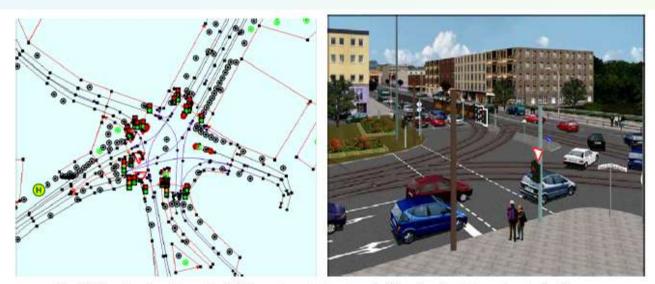


Fig. 31: Complex urban intersection (left: linear transportation network with surface descriptions and external references, right: generated scene) (source: Rheinmetall Defence Electronics).

#### 9.5.1 Transportation complex

#### TransportationObjectType, TransportationObject

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   <xs:extension base="_CityObjectType"/>
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Image from OGC CityGML Discussion paper, Kolbe, Groeger, Czerwinski



## CityGML: Engineered objects relate to various terrain surfaces



Fig. 5: TerrainIntersectionCurve for a building (left, black) and a tunnel object (right, white). The tunnel's hollow space is sealed by a triangulated ClosureSurface (graphic: IKG Uni Bonn).

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# **IFC Concepts**

## **IFC**

## **Industry Foundation Classes**

#### **Standards Consortium:**

 International Alliance for Interoperability (IAI **BuildingSmart)** 

#### **Communities:**

- Architecture Engineering and Construction
- Facilities Management

## **Capabilities:**

 Very rich semantic model for building systems and relationships

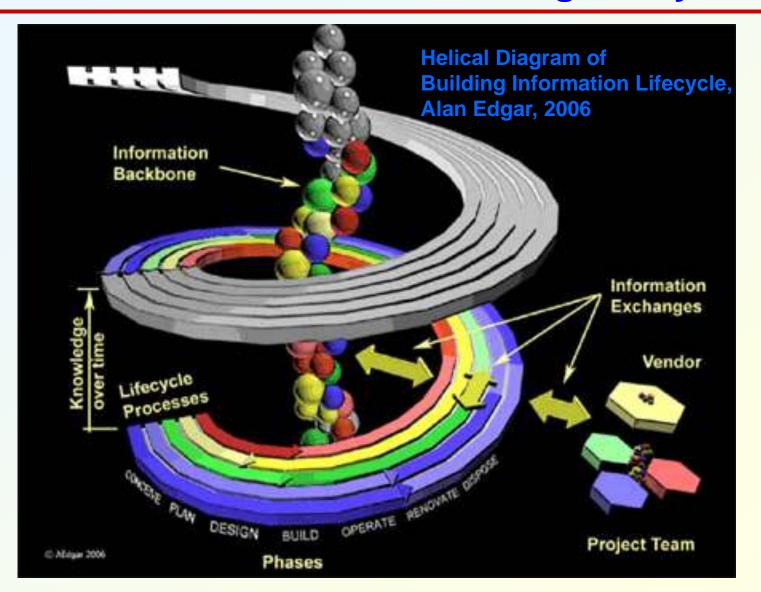
## **Modeling / Encoding**

EXPRESS / STEP, XML

## Adoption:

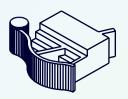
- Very broad adoption in authoring tools for Building Information Modeling (BIM)
- Requirement for many big building customers e.g. U.S. General Services Administration

## **IFC: Information Model for Building Lifecycle**



## **IFC Concepts**

### **Shape (explicit)**



**Spaces, Space Structure** space, storey, part, building, site



**Shape (extrusions)** 

beams, pipes, ducts, walls etc.



Compartmentation fire. workstation



Shape (topology)

line representations for pipe, duct, etc.



**Grids** 



**Building Elements** 

holes, chases, voids, zones

wall, door, window, roof, stairs, etc.



**Equipment** 

chillers, fans, pumps, etc.



**Relations Between Elements** 



**Furniture** 

inc. system furniture





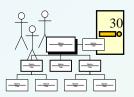
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## **IFC Concepts**

#### **Actors**

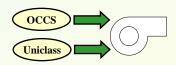
people, organizations, addresses



#### **External Data**



Classification

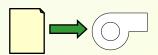


### Costing

cost planning, estimates, budgets



**Associated Documents** 

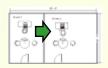


#### Work Plans and Schedules

inc. nested schedules, resource allocation



**Move Management** 



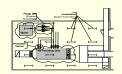
#### **Orders**

work orders, change orders, purchase orders



#### **Asset Identification**

Maintenance History, Inventories



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# Why developing applications around open standards is simpler than many people think

## **Application-Specific Model Views**

People often find general domain information models dauntingly deep and complex.

- Specific applications require small subsets of concepts from the entire model
- Implementation data models are generally more constrained in implementation than UML (e.g. **Relational Database Management Systems**
- A subset of concepts from a General Domain Information Model is known as a Model View Definition.

**Application Model Views allow developers and users** to be develop stable interoperable systems without implementing the entire domain information model.

# IFC Model Views may be Very Simple

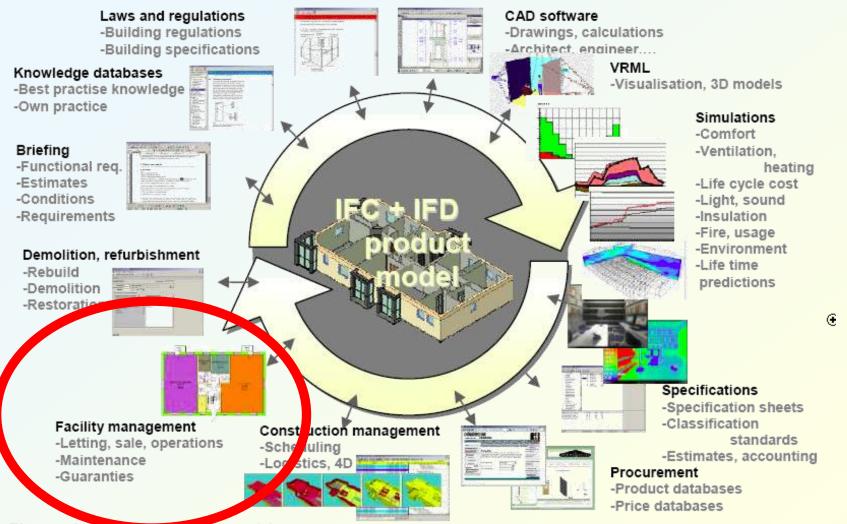


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## **NBIMS Model View Development Process**

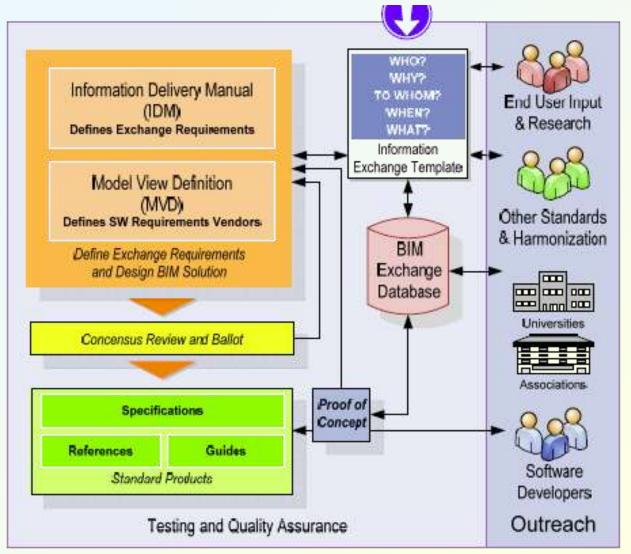


Figure 5.1-1 - NBIM Standard Concept Diagram



## **GSA Model View Implementation**

# United States General Services Administration requirements for space planning and assessment

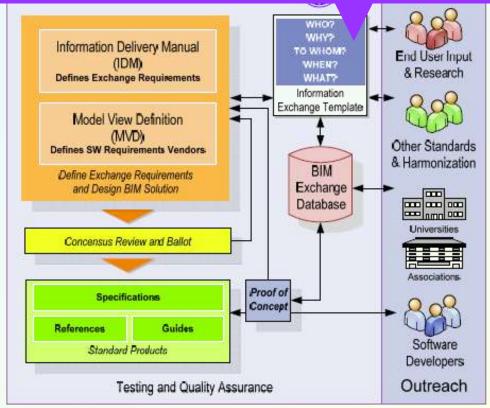


Figure 5.1-1 - NBIM Standard Concept Diagram
http://www.facilityinformationcouncil.org/bim/pdfs/NBIMS Initiative.jpg

Model View
Import/Export
Supported in many
authoring tools



**Autodesk, Onuma, Bentley, Graphisoft, Others** 

# Bridging AEC and Geospatial Information Models

The OGC Testbed, Phase 4 developed a mapping between the GSA model view and concepts from CityGML

**AEC World** 

**Geospatial World** 

**IFC** 

**CityGML** 

For GSA Space
Assessment

CityGML Model View for Buildings / Rooms

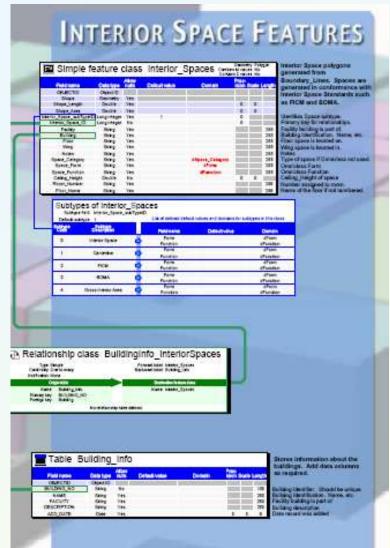


## Case 1:

Interoperability Between BIM Authoring Tools and a GIS/Relational Model for Interior Spaces

## A Relational / GIS Data Model for Space

**Planning** 





**Application Data Model** 

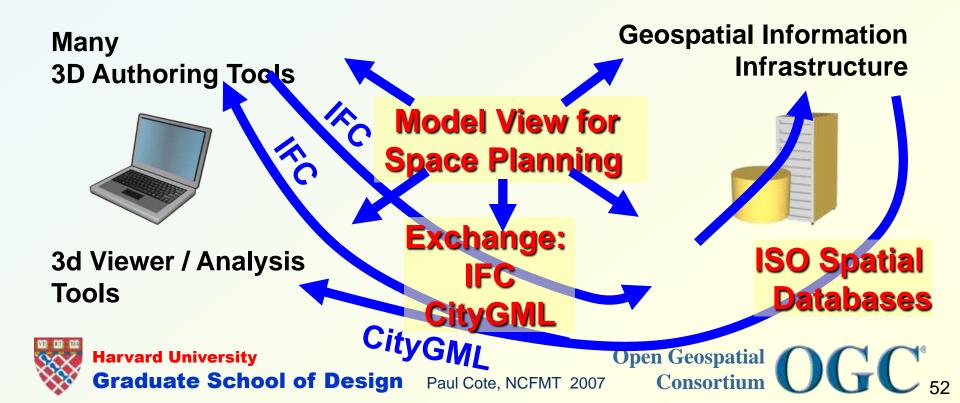


Exchange (potential)



## The Road Ahead for Metropolitan 3D

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## Case 2:

## **Evolution of a Sustainable Metropolitan-Scale 3d City Model** from Local Municipal GIS Infrastructures

## Intro and Acknowledgements

This project documents work sponsored by the Town of Brookline, Massachusetts GIS Department Feng Yang, Director.

# 3D Applications with Existing Resources

## **Difficulties:**

- How to organize lots of 3d of buildings models?
- How to integrate representations of buildings with town's GIS?
- O How to keep many broad-scale models made for specific purposes/locations in sync with continually improving model repository?
- How to evolve model management system to deal with interior spaces and emergency preparedness detail?
- O How to ensure that model assets will continue to be moved from one system to another as technology changes?

## **Existing GIS Layers: Parcels**

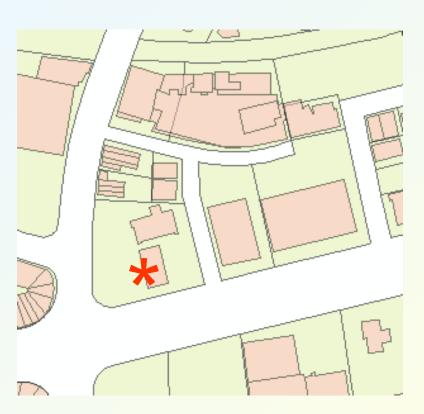
Each town in the metro area has a parcels layer that forms a decent source of information about buildings. We alter the parcel ID by appending a 3 character territory code and an \_P so that the parcel IDs are assured to be unique within a multi\_town schema.



Parcel Attributes		
Shape	Polygon	
Territory	Brookline	
Parcel_ID	Brk_P189-24-29	
Owner	Mobil Oil Co	
Year Built	1971	
Address	333 Boylston St	
Stories	1	

# **Existing Layers: Building Footprints**

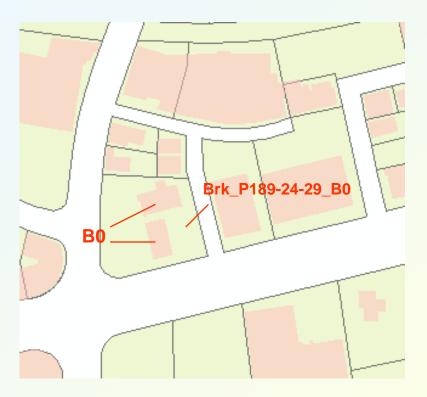
Each town has a building footprints layer established from a photogrammetric survey



Footprint Attributes	
Shape	Polygon
Unique ID	9498754

## **New Table: Abstract Buildings**

The Parcels table can form a table of information about buildings. Unique Building IDs are created from Parcel IDs. This table has no geometry associated with it. Any building associated with a parcel are designated Building 0. This lumping is inaccurate, but sufficient for an initial buildings table.



Abstract Buildings		
Territory	Brk	
Bld_id	Brk_P189-24-29_B0	
Owner	Mobil Oil Co	
Const_dt	1971	
Demo_dt	Null	
Address	333 Boylston St	
Built	Yes	
Priv	Public	
Stories	2	

# **New Layer: Building Massing Parts**

Building footprints are associated with information from the Abstract Buildings Table through a spatial join with the parcels table. Each polugon is given a Massing Part ID, formed by appending a \_M0 to the Building ID. Initially, all building parts associated with a parcel have the same ID, which works fine until you have reason to

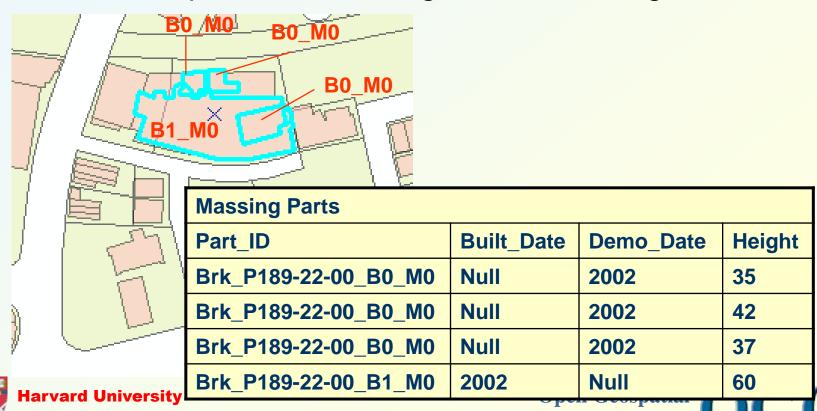
distinguish building parts.

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Bu	MO

<b>Building Massing Parts</b>		
Shape	Polygon	
Bld_id	Brk_P189-24-29_B0	
Pt_ID	Brk_P189-24-29_B0_M0	
Const_dt	1971	
Demo_dt	Null	
Built	Yes	
Priv	Public	
Height	35	
Deprec	No	
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# **New Layer: Building Massing Parts**

Where individual building parts vary in terms of their attributes, they may be distinguished with Part IDs and individual built and demolished dates, Heights, etc. This example shows three building parts that were demolished in 2002 and replaced with a larger taller building.



## **Date-Specific Building Massing Views**

The Massing Parts Layer forms a complete model of every building in the metro area at a low level of detail (CityGML LOD2). A simple SQL Query can create a view of this model at any period in time (assuming the data are

correct.)



Select Massing Parts
Where

Built\_Date < 2001 AND

Demo\_Date >= 2001

Massing Parts			
Part_ID	Built_Date	Demo_Date	Height
Brk_P189-22-00_B0_M0	Null	2002	35
Brk_P189-22-00_B0_M0	Null	2002	42
Brk_P189-22-00_B0_M0	Null	2002	37
Brk_P189-22-00_B1_M0	2002	Null	60

## 3d Building Massing Parts Model

The Massing Parts Layer forms a complete model of every building in the metro area at a low level of detail (CityGML LOD2). A simple SQL Query can create a view of this model at any period in time (assuming the data are

correct.)

Select Massing Parts Where Built Date < 2003 AND Demo Date >= 2003

34 2	Massing Parts			
	Part_ID	Built_Date	Demo_Date	Height
	Brk_P189-22-00_B0_M0	Null	2002	35
	Brk_P189-22-00_B0_M0	Null	2002	42
A18 1 195	Brk_P189-22-00_B0_M0	Null	2002	37
Harvard University	Brk_P189-22-00_B1_M0	2002	Null	60

## **Deprecated Building Parts**

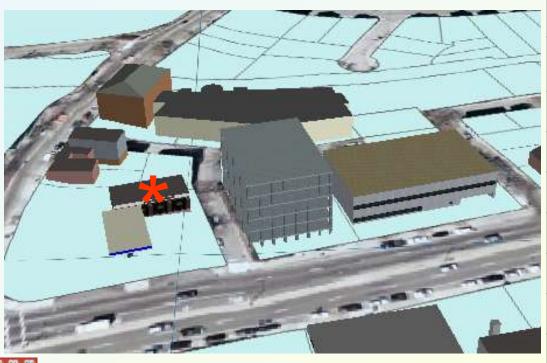
Older versions of building parts may be deprecated so that they do not render in any date scenario. It may be useful to preserve these old versions in the database. A notes field allows information about newer and older

versions to be preserved.

	Building I	Massing Parts	
	Shape	Polygon	
	Bld_id	Brk_P189-24-29_B0	
	Pt_ID	Brk_P189-24-29_B0_M0	
	Const_dt	1971	
	Demo_dt	Null	
	Built	Yes	
	Priv	Public	
	Height	35	
	Deprec	1	
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## 3d Building Skin Models

Using a 3D authoring tool, models of building exterior skins can be encapsulated as sketchup or collada models and placed into relational tables as georeferenced objects. Like Massing Parts, Skin Parts carry the forign ID of their parent abstract buildings and may have more specific attributes.



	<b>Building Skin Parts</b>		
×	Shape	Multipatch or other	
AW	Model	Sketchup or Collada Blob	
	Bld_ID	Brk_P189-24-29_B0	
	Part_ID	Brk_P189-24-29_B0_S0	
	Owner	Null	
	Built	1971	
1.7	Demo	Null	
3	Built	Built	
	Priv	Public	

## **Date-Specific Skin Model Views**

Building Skin parts may be selected based on the Built and demolition dates (either of themselves or their parents in the Abstract Buildings Table. A query such as this generates a date specific view of the collection. The query is actually a bit more complicated than shown below. The real SQL is given in the full documentation.



Select Skin Parts Where Built Date < 2001 **AND** Demo Date >= 2001

## **Date-Specific Skin Model Views**

Building Skin parts may be selected based on the Built and demolition dates (either of themselves or their parents in the Abstract Buildings Table. A query such as this generates a date specific view of the collection. The query is actually a bit more complicated than shown below. The real SQL is given in a later slide.



```
Select Skin Parts
Where
Built Date > 2001
AND
Demo Date >= 2001
```

## **3d Building Skin Parts**

Buildings that have never been built may be added to the repository. The "Built" attribute in this case would be set to "Unbuilt." The example below shows a scenario where the gas station would be replaced with an Ice Cream Parlor.

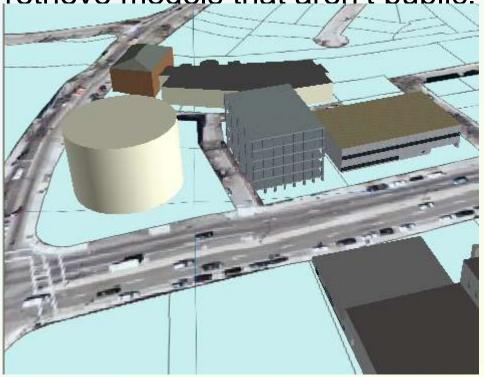


	Building Skin Parts		
1.44	Shape	Multipatch or other	
1	Model	Sketchup or Collada Blob	
	Bld_ID	Brk_P189-24-29_B0	
	Part_ID	Brk_P189-24-29_B0_S1	
100	Owner	Null	
12.00	Built	1971	
	Demo	Null	
100	Built	Unbuilt	
	Priv	Public	

## 3d Building Skin Parts

Another scenario investigates the visual impact of a large gas storage tank on the site. This scenario is for in-house viewing only, so the Privileges attribute is flipped from "Public" to "Private." A password must be entered to

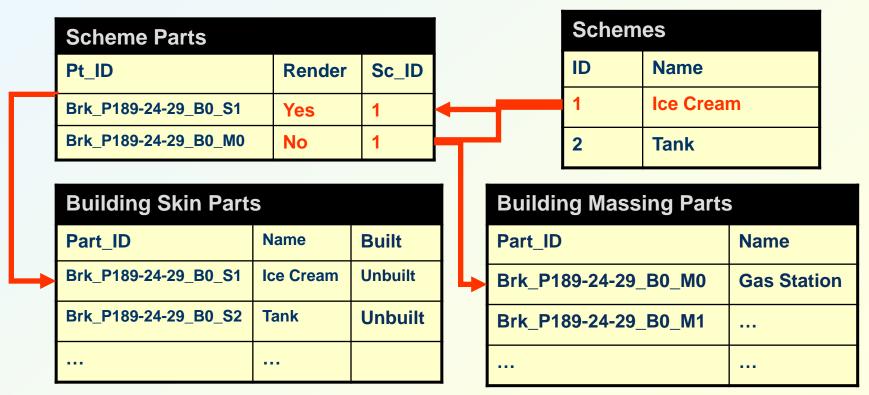
retrieve models that aren't public.



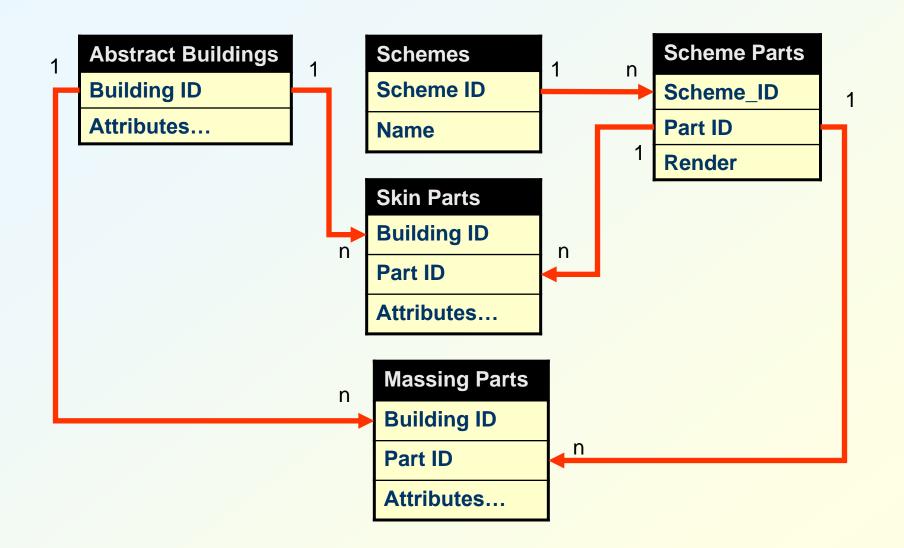
В	Skin Parts	
Sł	nape	Multipatch or other
M	odel	Sketchup or Collada Blob
BI	d_ID	Brk_P189-24-29_B0
Pa	art_ID	Brk_P189-24-29_B0_S1
0	wner	Null
В	uilt	1971
De	emo	Null
В	uilt	Unbuilt
Pr	iv	Private

## **Design Scenario Tables**

In order to create custom scenarios you must be able to turn on unbuilt buildings and to turn off other buildings that would otherwise render. This is accomplished by creating Schemes and entering part-specific rendering instructions in the Scheme\_Parts table. Because the Part IDs are distinct for Massing and Skin part models, the Scheme Parts table can refer to either type of part.



# **Building Model Management Schema**



# Mixing Massing and Skin Models

Through the elegant logic of relational databases and Structured query language (SQL) nested sub queries (to be shown below) the appropriate Skin Models may be selected to a Skins View and then the Massing models corresponding to Buildings not represented by Skins may also be selected and written to a Massing View to fill in the

model.



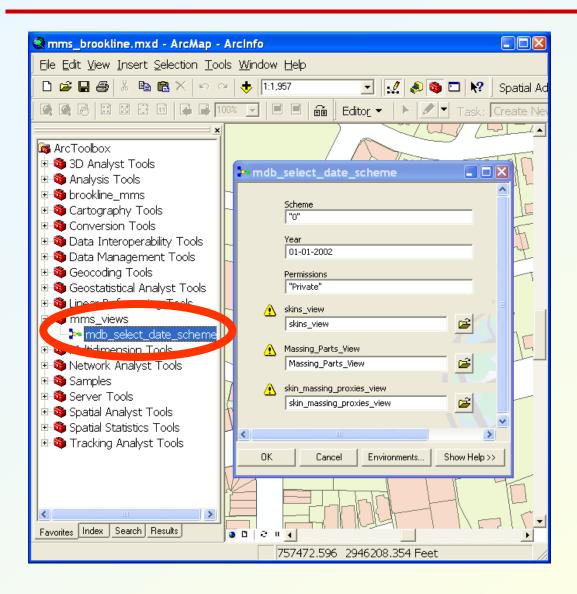
## **Levels of Detail**

A good 3d rendering tool will allow layers to be swapped in and out depending on the distance of their features form the viewer. So in addition to the Massing and Skins Views discussed in the previous slide, The Skin Proxies View is also created, which contains the Massing Models corresponding to the buildings in the Skins View. When a skin model is further than a given distance from the viewppoint, the Massing Proxy is rendered instead.



This view is captured just at the view-swapping threshold.

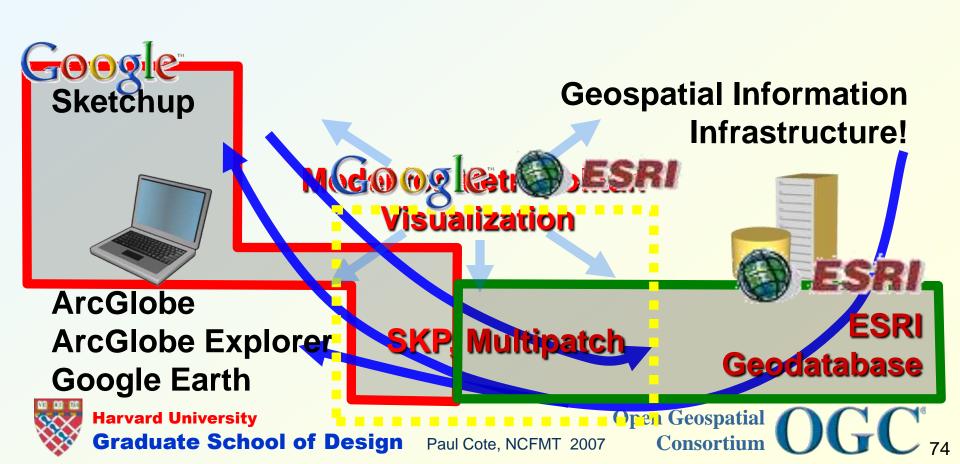
#### **The Scheme View Tool**



A tool has been created with all of the SQL to create the three views necessary to portray a Date and Scheme Specific Scenario based on the user's privileges. One needs only to double-click on the tool and fill in the blanks.

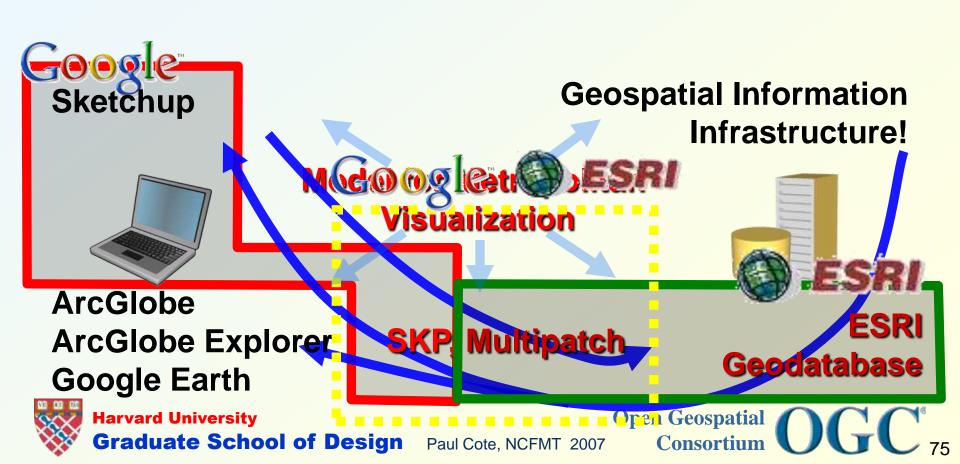
# **Proprietary Solutions are Fast and Easy**

The plugin that tranlateses between Sketchup and ESRI Multipatch formats is an interesting case of vendor collaboration on a cross-proprietary exchange filter.



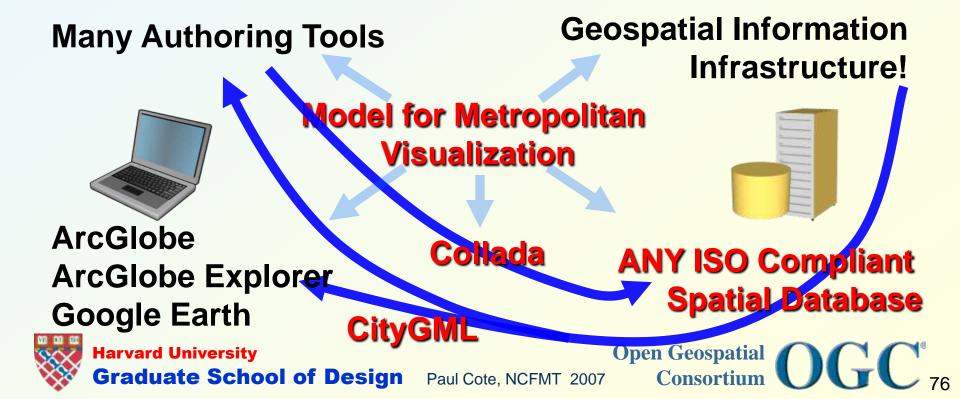
#### This model requires a proprietary exchange

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# Using Collada would make it much more versatile

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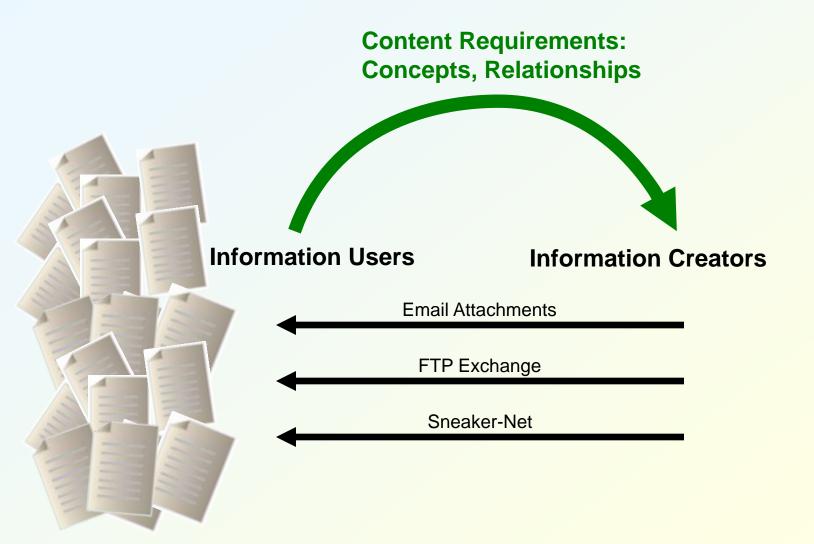
# Mapping of Building Schema to CityGML

Proposals to extend municipal GIS infrastructure should consider long-term costs of maintenance and upgrade in light of changes in technology and data exchange standards.

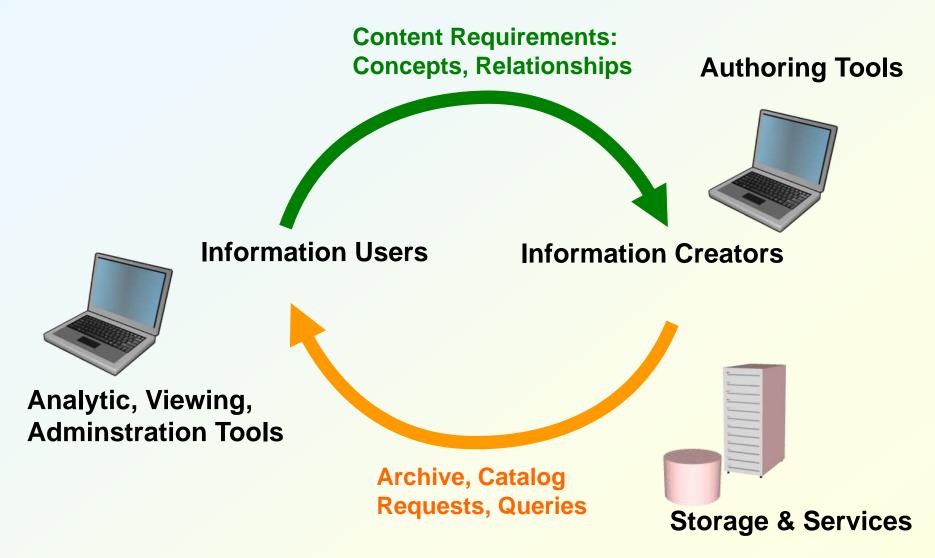
- The Abstract Buildings and Massing Parts tables can be mapped directly to CityGML LOD2 buildings
- If Building Skins are stored as Collada models, they may be exchanged as CityGML Generic City Objects
- This Data Model could be seen as fulfilling a very narrow Application Profile for Simple Temporal **Building Visualizations**

#### **Service Architectures**

# File-Based Information Exchange



# **Service-Based Information Exchange**

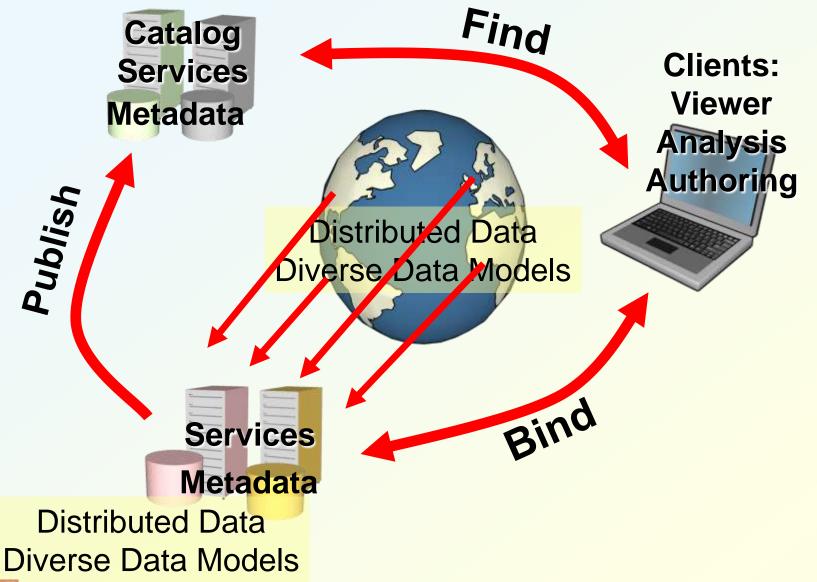


### **Open Geospatial Consortium**

#### **Industry Consortium for Geospatial Service and Exchange Specifications**

- ~400 members from government & other large users, software companies, academia
- Specification process governed by member participation and consensus
- Several exchange and service standards have been adopted by the International Standards **Organization (ISO)** 
  - GML: Geographic Markup Language (Exchange Standard)
  - WMS: Web Map Service (Service interface for imagery)
  - WFS: Web Feature Service (Service Interface for Features)
- Many more specifications and best practices in process!

#### **OGC Web Services Architecture**



**Harvard University** 

# **OGC Web Services Testbed 4 (OWS-4)**

#### **OWS-4** was a six month rapid prototyping testbed initiated to extend the OGC Service Architecture to integrate City Models with Building Information **Models**

- Developed bridge between CityGML and IFC information models (focus on GSA Model View for interior spaces). Research Center of Karlsruhe, University of Bonn, IAI.
- Adapted OGC Web Feature Service with interfaces for exchange of **O** 3d models through CityGML. Snowflake Software
- **Prototyped new WFS interfaces for Building Information Models:** WFS for BIM. Onuma Inc.
- Adapted BIM authoring clients to interface with Geospatial web services: WMS, WFS and WFS for BIM. Bentley Systems
- Developed tool to retrieve and analyze models combining 0 wholesale CityGML city models combined with information from building information models from WFS. Hasso Plattner Institute

# Bridging AEC and Geospatial Information Models

The OGC Testbed, Phase 4 developed a mapping between the GSA model view and concepts from CityGML

**AEC World** 

**Geospatial World** 

**IFC** 

**CityGML** 

For GSA Space
Assessment

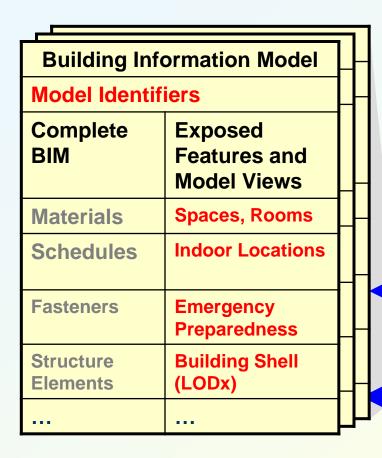
CityGML Model View for Buildings / Rooms

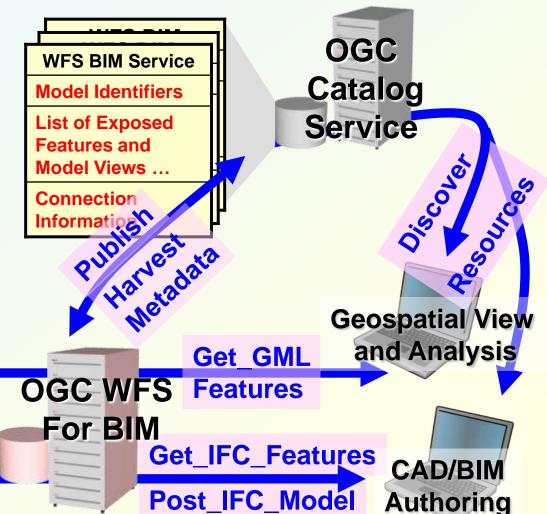


#### **OGC Web Feature Service**

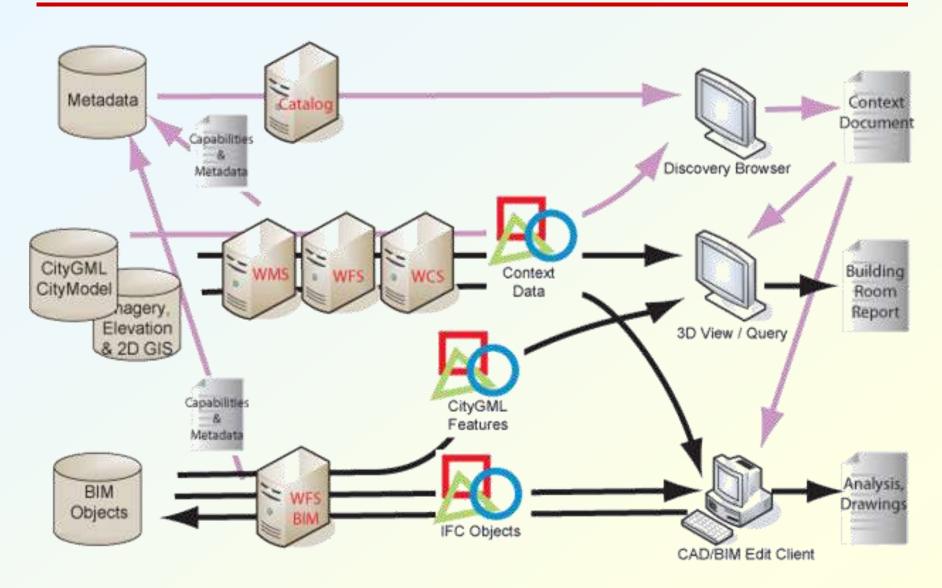
#### for Building Information Models







#### **OWS-4-CGB Service Architecture**



# OpenGeospatial Web Services: Bridging Information Domains

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### **OpenGeospatial Web Services Bridging Information Domains**

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# **Parting Thoughts**

- Campus modeling is a collaborative effort
- That requires sharing data among many specialized tools
- Tools, information models and data models are evolving
- Open standards for interoperability are the best way to insure investments in enterprise data infrastructure

#### Thank You!

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