



From Data to Digital Twin for Smart Mobility

Course for the PhD program Information Engineering 2023-2024

Lesson #1

Data for Mobility

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Course outline

- The course is organized in 4 lessons of three hours each
 - 12/06: Data for Mobility
 - 20/06: Traffic Flow Reconstruction (TFR)
 - 27/06: Environmental applications for TFR
 - 03/07: Smart City Digital Twin
- 12 hours / 3 CFU
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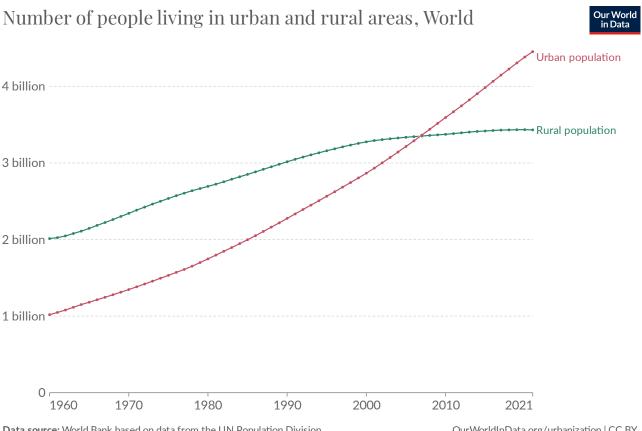




Urbanization

 Urban population is continuously growing

 Projections indicate that more than two-thirds of the world population will live in highly-dense cities by 2050



Data source: World Bank based on data from the UN Population Division

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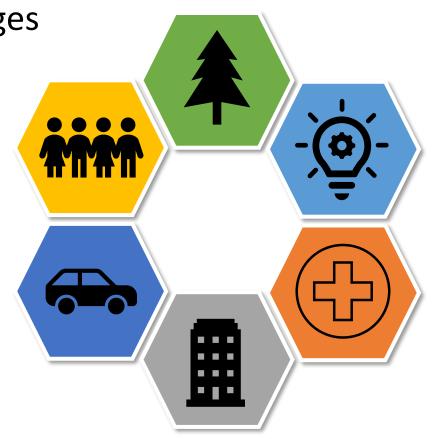
Note: Urban populations are defined based on the definition of urban areas by national statistical offices.





Urbanization challenges

- Urbanization leads to several challenges
 - Social
 - Environmental
 - Energy
 - Healthcare
 - Infrastructure
 - Mobility and transportation





Urban mobility

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Urban mobility – Traffic Congestion

- Traffic congestion is a significant challenge in urban areas and leads to
 - delays
 - increased travel times
 - reduced productivity





Urban mobility – Infrastructure

- Many cities struggle with limited or outdated infrastructure to support the growing demand for urban transport:
 - insufficient road capacity
 - inadequate public transport systems
 - lack of cycling and pedestrian infrastructure





Urban mobility – Environmental Impact

- Urban transport is a significant contributor to air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Private vehicles, particularly those running on fossil fuels, emit pollutants that **harm air quality** and contribute to climate change.





Urban mobility – Transport Mode Integration

- Fragmented and **poorly integrated transport systems** pose challenges for seamless travel experiences.
- Lack of coordination between **different modes of transport**, such as buses, trains, and bicycles, can result in inconvenient transfers, time-consuming journeys, and reduced efficiency.





Urban mobility – Affordability, Accessibility

- Accessibility to affordable transport options is essential for ensuring equitable mobility within urban areas.
- Limited access to public transport, high fares, and insufficient coverage in certain neighborhoods can lead to transport poverty and social exclusion.





Urban mobility – Safety, Security

- Ensuring the **safety and security of commuters** is a significant challenge in urban transport.
- Issues such as traffic accidents, crime, and harassment can discourage people from using public transport or walking and cycling.





Urban mobility – Behavioral Change

- Encouraging behavioral change and shifting travel patterns from private vehicles to sustainable modes of transport can be challenging.
- Many individuals are accustomed to using **private cars** due to convenience, habit, or lack of viable alternatives.





Urban mobility – Financial Sustainability

- Developing and maintaining urban transport infrastructure requires significant financial resources.
- Funding constraints can limit the ability of cities to invest in new projects, upgrade existing systems, and ensure ongoing maintenance.
- Exploring innovative financing mechanisms, public-private partnerships, and securing sustainable funding sources are crucial for the long-term financial sustainability of urban transport.





Urban mobility – Solutions

- Solving the urban mobility challenges requires multidisciplinary effort
 - Civil engineering
 - Urban planning
 - Geography
 - Human and social studies
 - Information technologies





- IT plays a pivotal role in addressing the urban mobility problem
- A platform is required to enable other experts to work on the mobility problem
- The development of a platform requires three macro-activities
 - Data acquisition and modelling
 - Development of analytical software to perform reconstruction, prediction, evaluations
 - Development of graphical interfaces to show and interact with the system

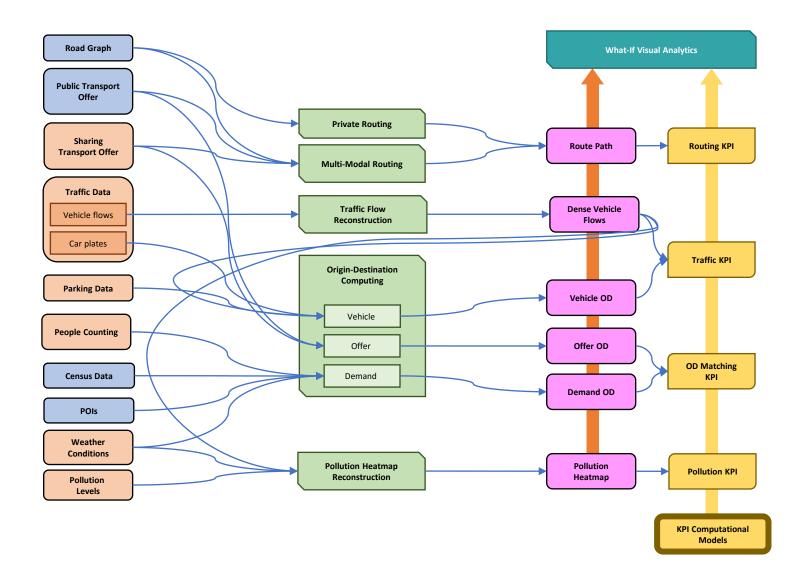




- Main goals are
 - Real-time assessment of the urban mobility environment using acquired data and produced reconstructions
 - Traffic level
 - Public transport
 - ...
 - **Predictive analysis** on the actual scenario or on different scenarios, i.e., What-If analysis
 - Traffic Flow Reconstruction
 - Transport demand vs offer assessment
 - ...
 - Computation of Key Performance Indicators (KPI)
 - SUMI Sustainable Urban Mobility Indicators
 - PUMS Piano Urbano di Mobilità Sostenibile

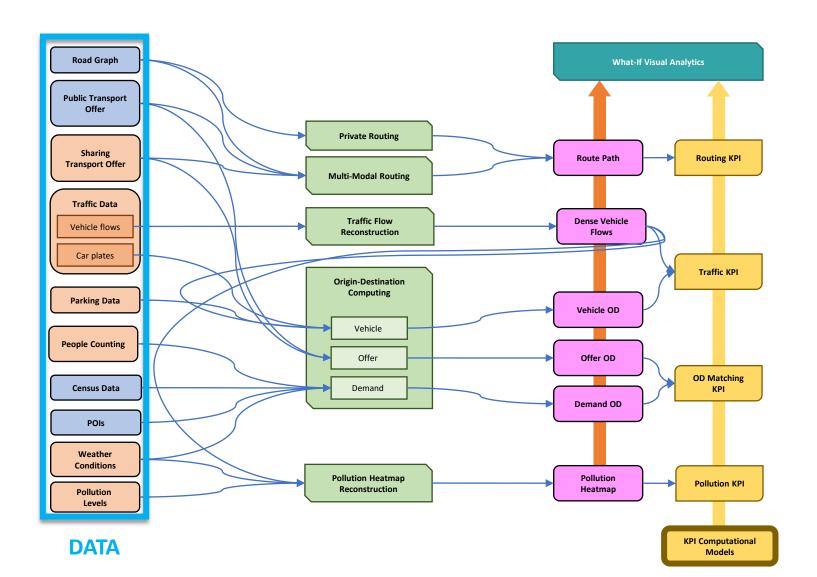






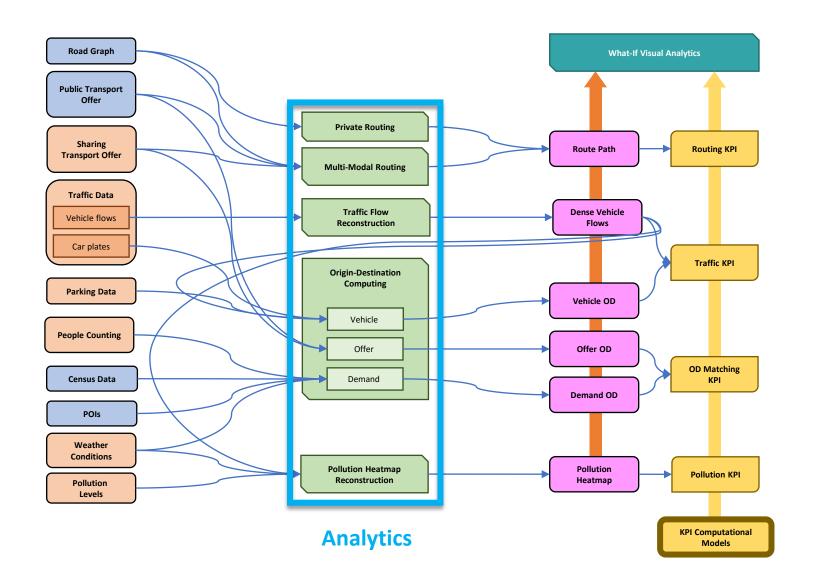






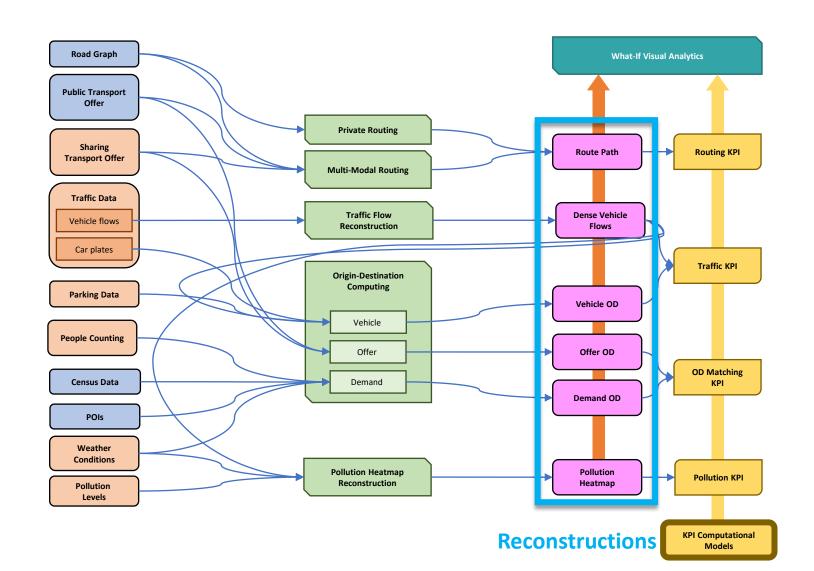






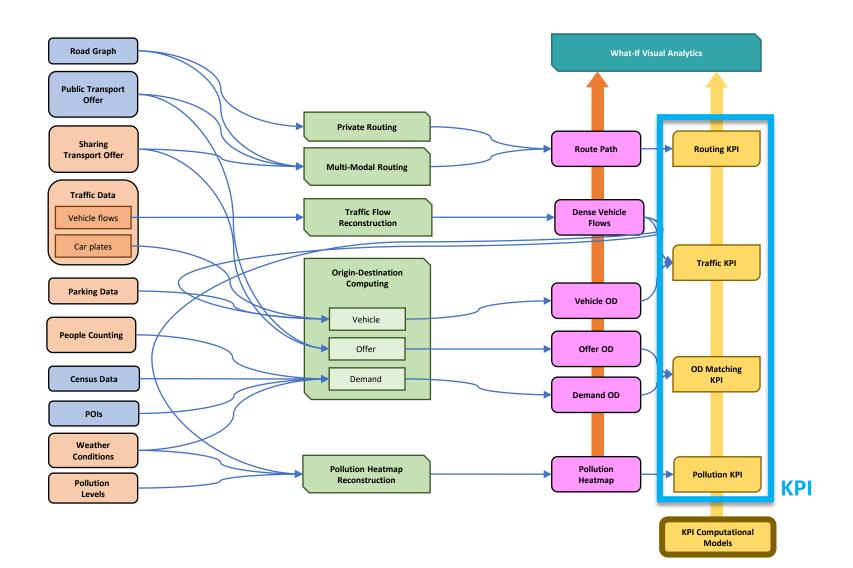






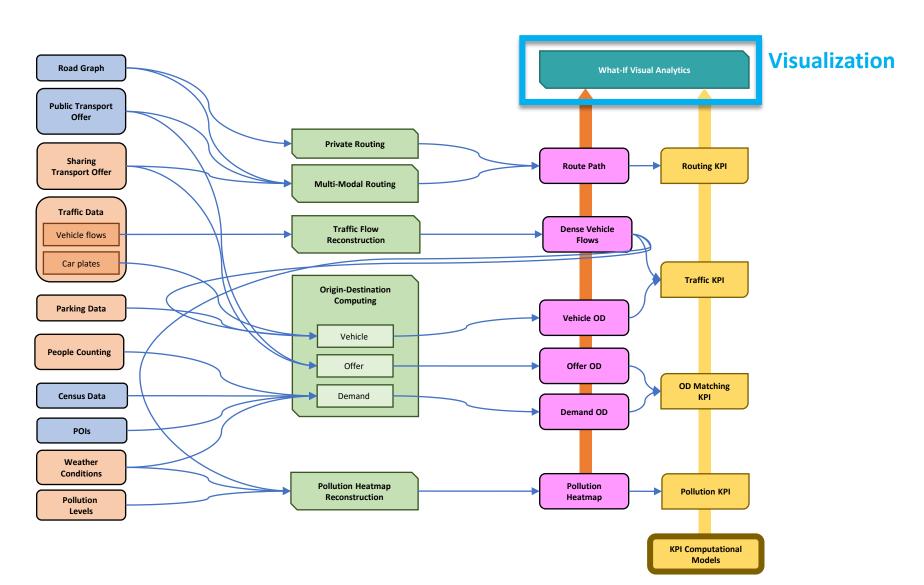






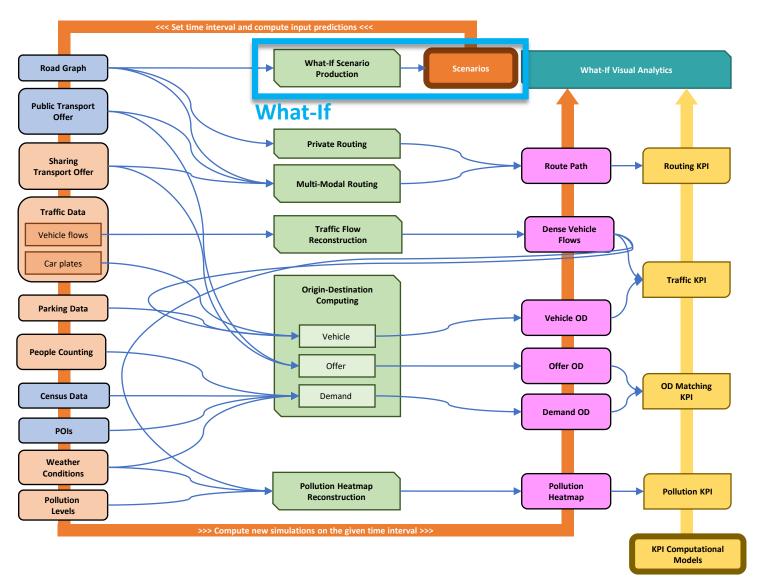






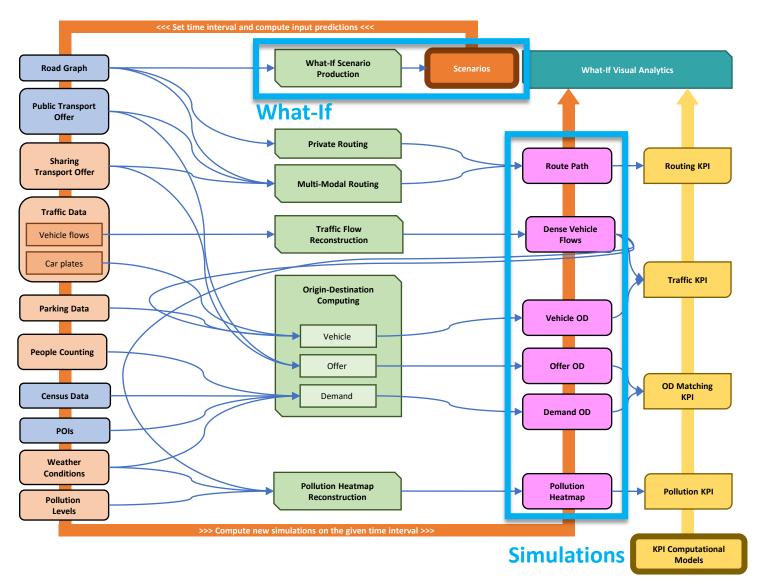






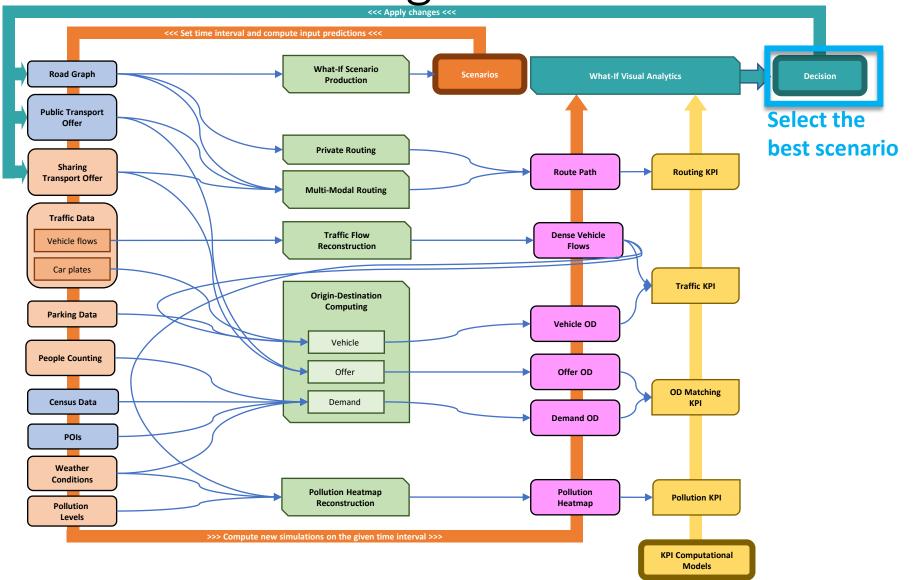
















Which data? In which format?

 We will see an overview of the data required to build a platform for urban mobility management

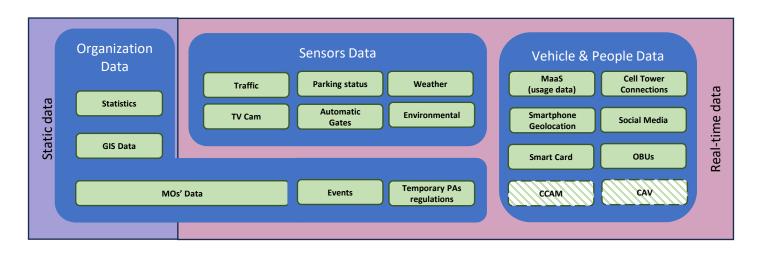
 We will also discuss about the formats and standards used to distribute such data





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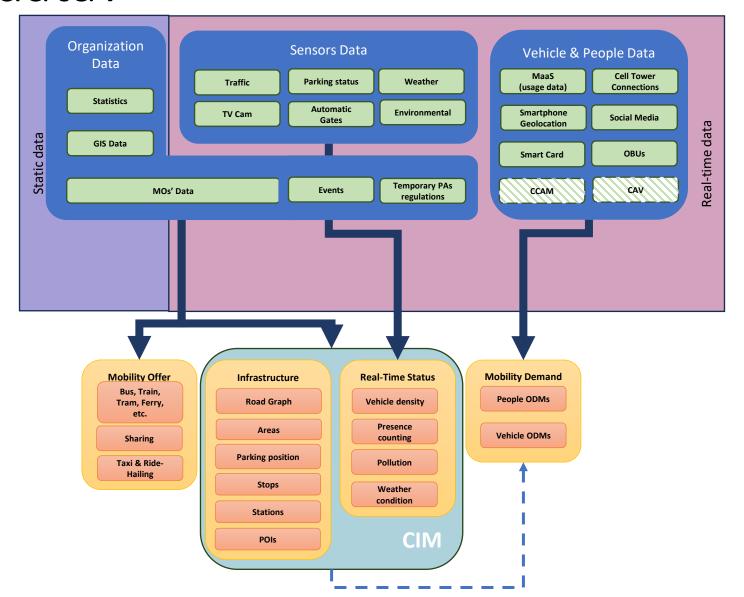
- A possible taxonomy of mobility data is to group data according to their source
 - Data from public or private organizations
 - Data from IoT sensors
 - Data produced directly by vehicles or people







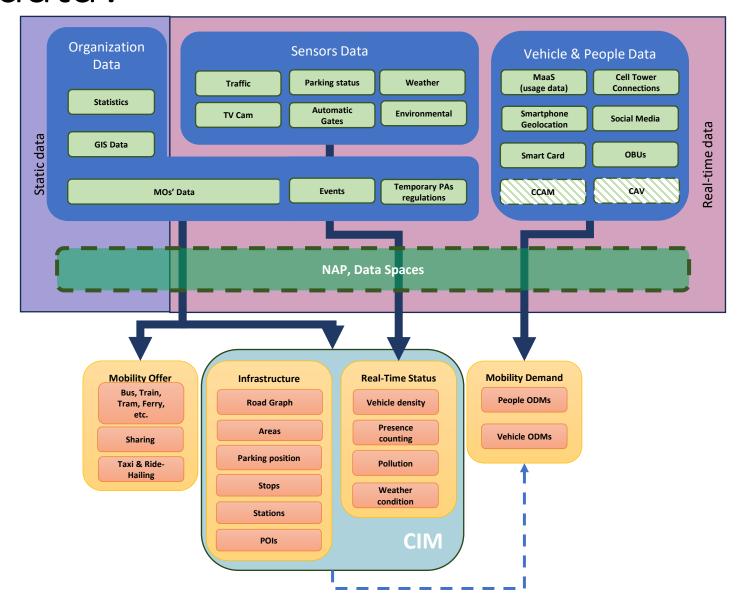
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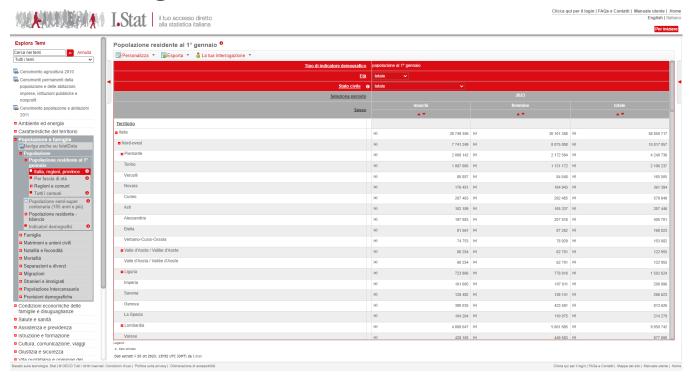


- Statistical data include surveys, reports, census information
- Can be used to obtain a description of the
 - Population, according to gender, age, wealth
 - Vehicle models, motorizations, registration dates
 - Distribution of urban services
 - ...
- Statistics are particularly useful to compute the KPIs (e.g., how many people have a bus stop at less than 100m from their home?)
- Statistical data are mainly distributed by national institute of statistics





- In Italy we can use the ISTAT portal (https://www.istat.it/)
- The portal I.Stat (http://dati.istat.it/) let to search and download data about different categories





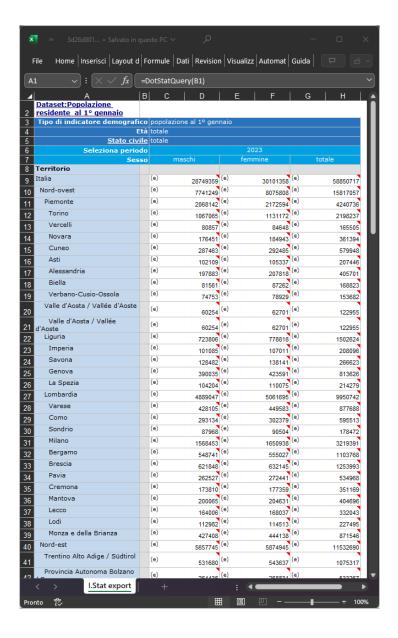


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 - ISTAT seems to implement the SDMX-ML based on XML

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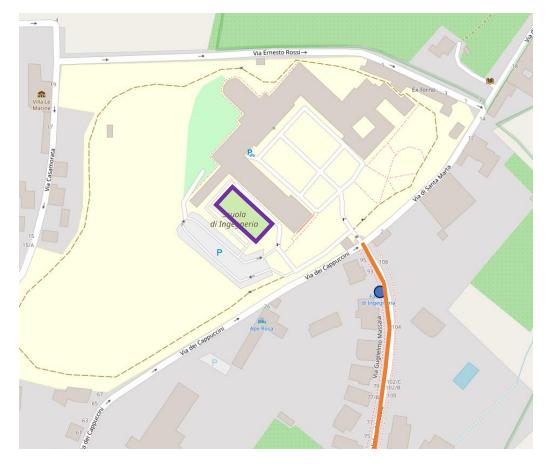
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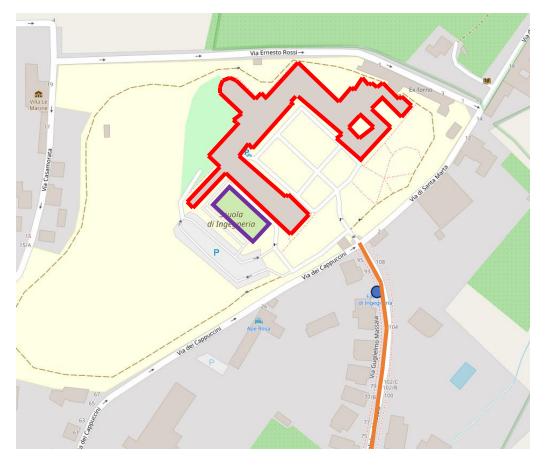
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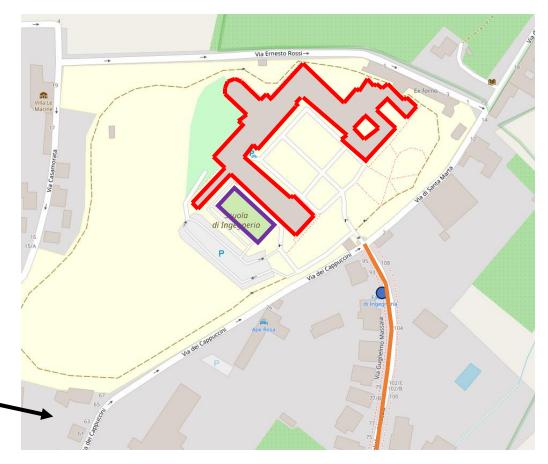
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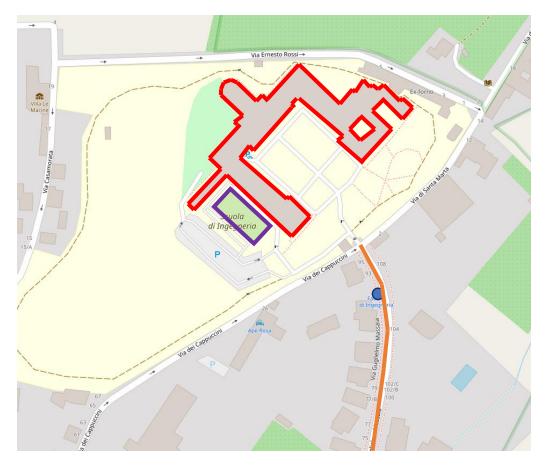
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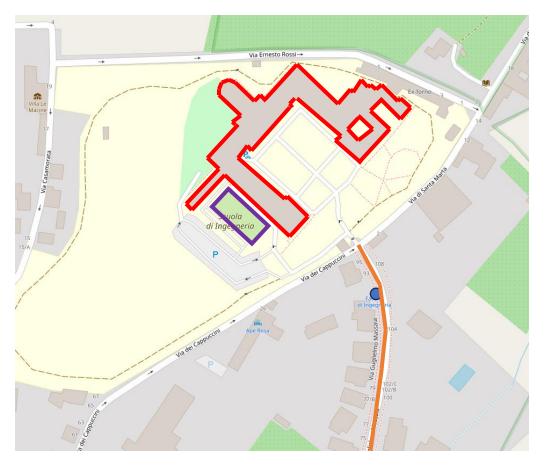
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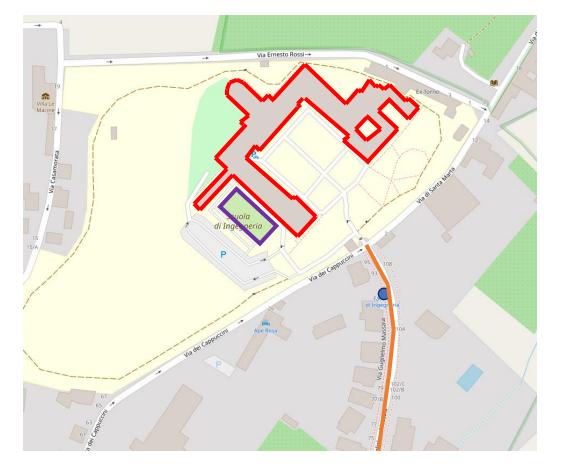
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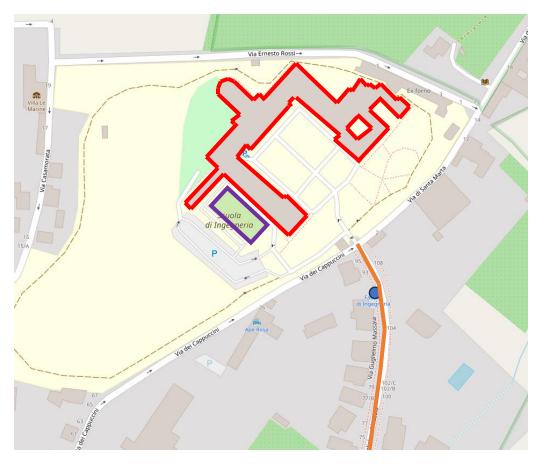
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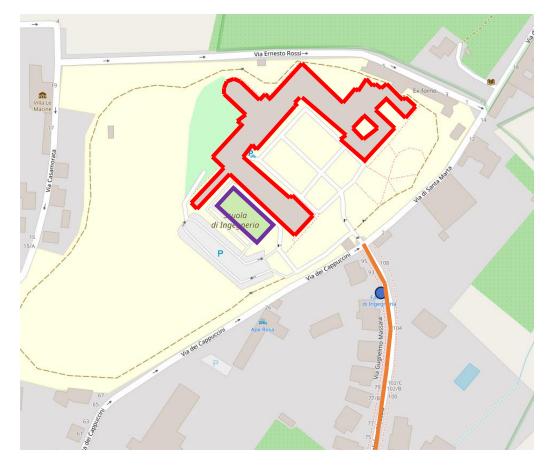
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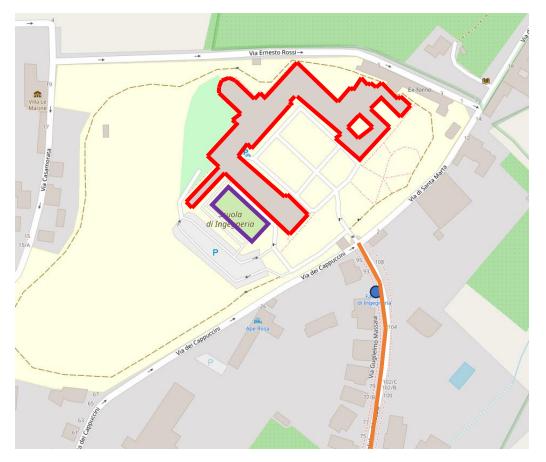
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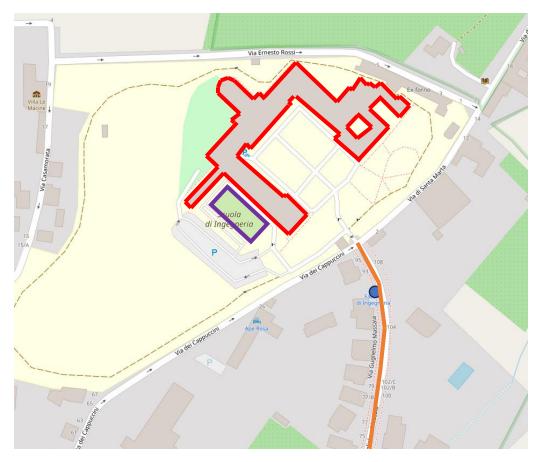
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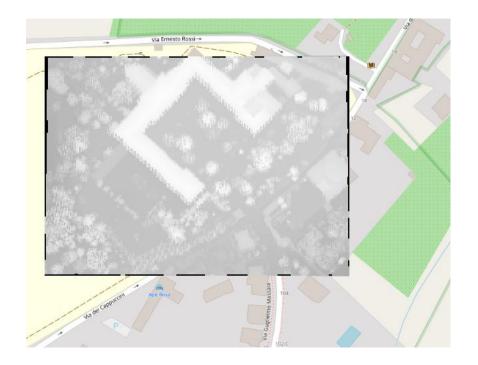
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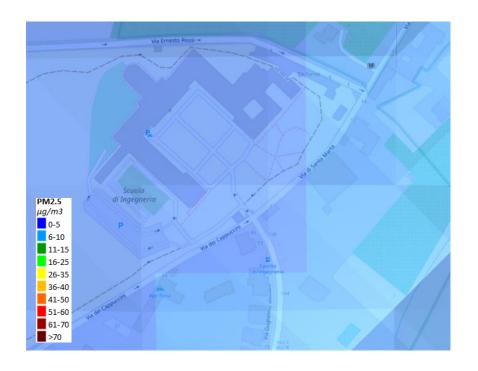
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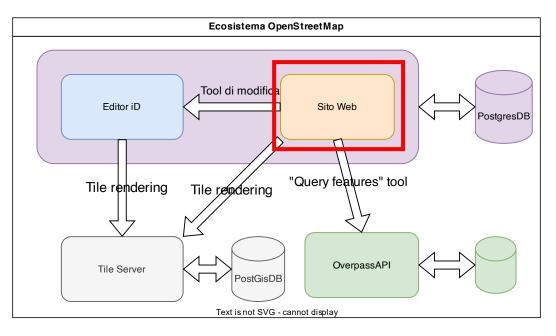
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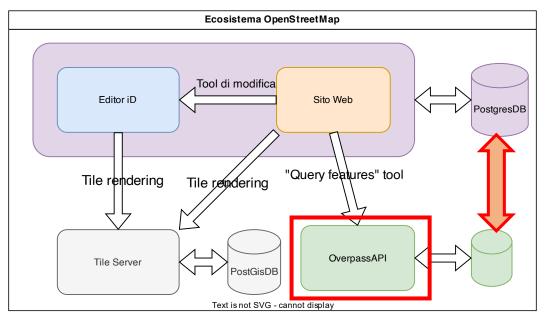






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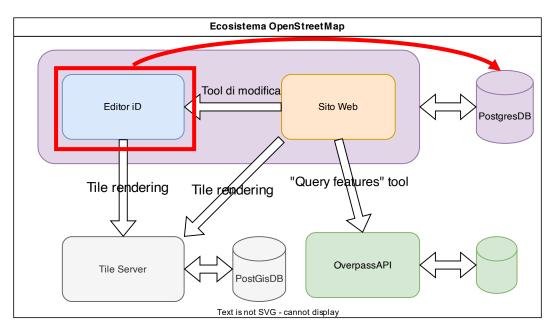






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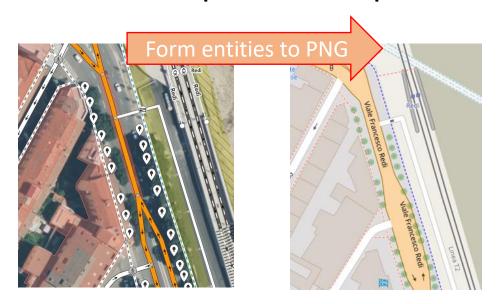


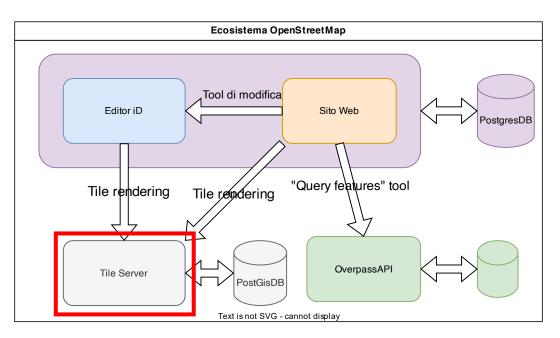






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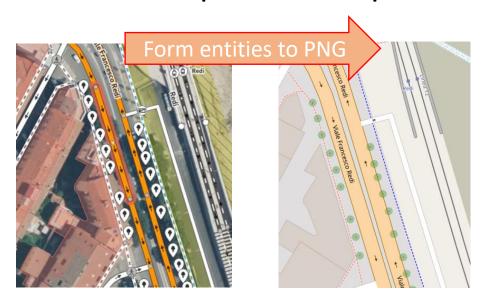


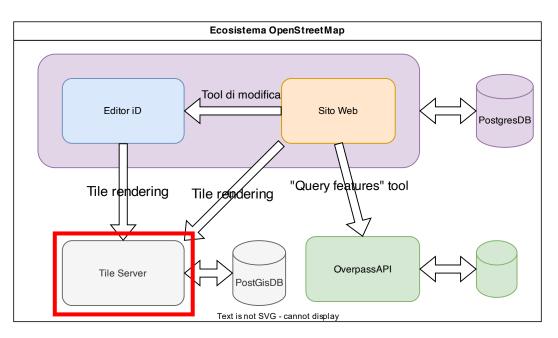






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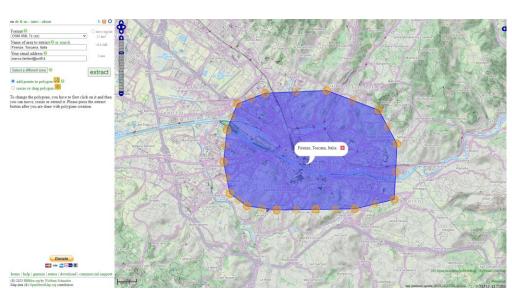
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 Data from OSM DB can be exported using web services:

- Geofabrik (https://download.geofabrik.de/)
- HOT Export Tool (https://export.hotosm.org/)
- BBBike (https://download.bbbike.org/osm/)







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```
<node id="1533919" lat="43.7958032" lon="11.2447127" version="1"</pre>
   <tag k="crossing" v="zebra"/>
   <tag k="crossing:island" v="no"/>
   <tag k="crossing:markings" v="yes"/>
   <tag k="highway" v="crossing"/>
   <tag k="tactile paving" v="no"/>
         <way id="111566019" version="1">
             <nd ref="266934805"/>
             <nd ref="8256676004"/>
             <nd ref="2473224"/>
             <tag k="cycleway" v="track"/>
             <tag k="highway" v="primary"/>
             <tag k="lanes" v="3"/>
             <tag k="name" v="Viale Giacomo Matteotti"/>
             <tag k="oneway" v="yes"/>
             <tag k="surface" v="asphalt"/>
```





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```
<tag k="addr:city" v="Firenze"/>
                                                   <tag k="addr:housename" v="Santa Marta"/>
                                                    <tag k="addr:housenumber" v="3"/>
                                                    <tag k="addr:postcode" v="50139"/>
                                                   <tag k="addr:street" v="Via di Santa Marta"/>
                                                   <tag k="amenity" v="university"/>
                                                   <tag k="building" v="university"/>
                                                   <tag k="building:levels" v="3"/>
<node id="1533919" lat="43.7958032" lon="11.24</pre>
                                                   <tag k="building:levels:underground" v="1"/>
   <tag k="crossing" v="zebra"/>
                                                   <tag k="email" v="reception.s.marta@polobiotec.unifi.it"/>
   <tag k="crossing:island" v="no"/>
                                                   <tag k="name" v="Facoltà di Ingegneria - Santa Marta"/>
   <tag k="crossing:markings" v="yes"/>
                                                   <tag k="old name" v="Villa Cristina"/>
   <tag k="highway" v="crossing"/>
                                                   <tag k="operator" v="Università degli Studi di Firenze"/>
   <tag k="tactile paving" v="no"/>
                                                   <tag k="phone" v="+39 055 275 8950"/>
         <way id="111566019" version="1">
                                                   <tag k="phone 1" v="+39 055 275 8951"/>
             <nd ref="266934805"/>
                                                   <tag k="roof:levels" v="0"/>
             <nd ref="8256676004"/>
                                                   <tag k="type" v="multipolygon"/>
             <nd ref="2473224"/>
                                                   <tag k="wikidata" v="Q4011923"/>
             <tag k="cycleway" v="track"/>
                                                   <tag k="wikipedia" v="it:Villa Cristina"/>
             <tag k="highway" v="primary"/>
                                                </relation>
             <tag k="lanes" v="3"/>
             <tag k="name" v="Viale Giacomo Matteotti"/>
             <tag k="oneway" v="yes"/>
             <tag k="surface" v="asphalt"/>
```

<relation id="9128948" version="1">

<member type="way" ref="28618378" role="outer"/> <member type="way" ref="656322769" role="inner"/>





 Alternatively, OSM data can be downloaded as GeoJSON files

```
"type": "Feature",
"properties": {
    "osm_id": "9128948",
    "osm type": "relation",
    "building": "university",
   "name": "Facoltà di Ingegneria - Santa Marta",
   "type": "multipolygon",
"geometry": {
    "type": "MultiPolygon",
   "coordinates": [
                    11.252543706842182,
                    43.798166701044707
                    11.252441106842232,
                    43.798236701044694
                    11.252745706842136,
                    43.798472201044646
                    11.252709606842153,
                    43.79849500104465
                    11.252774806842131,
                    43.798546501044655
                    11.25257860684223,
                    43.798678101044651
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GIS Data – Sources

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```
"geometry": {
                                  "geometry": {
                                   "type": "Polygon",
  "type": "Point",
  "coordinates": [102.0, 0.5]
                                   "coordinates": [
                                        [100.0, 0.0],
"geometry": {
                                        [101.0, 0.0],
  "type": "LineString",
                                        [101.0, 1.0],
  "coordinates": [
                                        [100.0, 1.0],
    [102.0, 0.0],
                                        [100.0, 0.0]
    [103.0, 1.0],
    [104.0, 0.0],
    [105.0, 1.0]
```





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                                        [100.0, 1.0],
    [102.0, 0.0],
                                        [100.0, 0.0]
    [103.0, 1.0],
    [104.0, 0.0],
    [105.0, 1.0]
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 - Point
 - Linestring
 - Polygon
 - Multipoint
 - MultiLinestring \square
 - Multipolygon
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 - GeometryCollection





 GeoJSON use the EPGS:4326 – WGS84 coordinate reference system (CRS), defining the coordinate of point in latitude and longitude

• When using different CRS, this information must be specified

```
"crs": {
    "type": "name",
    "properties": {
        "name": "urn:ogc:def:crs:EPSG::3003"
    }
},
```





- OSM data can be retrieved also as Esri Shapefile format
 - Developed and regulated by Esri as a mostly open specification for data interoperability
 - It can represent the entities already seen (points, lines, polygons, ...)
 - It is composed by several mandatory and optional files
 - .*shp* shape format;
 - .*shx* shape index format;
 - .dbf attribute format, columnar attributes for each shape;
 - .prj projection description





GIS Data – Sources

OSM data can be retrieved directly from the PostgreSQL DB

- This relational DB is composed by tables representing
 - Nodes (i.e., points)
 - Ways (i.e., lines and polygons)
 - Relations (i.e., multilines and multipolygons)
- OSM can be deployed on-premise, see https://github.com/openstreetmap/openstreetmap-website





Is good to know...

- Another format to represent geometric spatial objects is the Well-Known Text (WKT) format.
- Similarly to GeoJSON, WKT can encode spatial entities like

Point	POINT(1 2)
LineString	LINESTRING(1.5 2.45, 3.21 4)
Polygon	POLYGON((1 2,1 4,3 4,3 2,1 2)) POLYGON((0.5 0.5,5 0,5 5,0 5,0.5 0.5), (1.5 1,4 3,4 1,1.5 1))
MultiPoint	MULTIPOINT(0 0,1 1)
MultilineString	MULTILINESTRING((0 0,-1 -2,-3 -4),(2 3,3 4,6 7))
MultiPolygon	MULTIPOLYGON(((0 1,3 0,4 3,0 4,0 1)), ((3 4,6 3,5 5,3 4)), ((0 0,-1 -2,-3 -2,-2 -1,0 0)))
GeometryCollection	GEOMETRYCOLLECTION(POINT(5 8), LINESTRING(-1 3,1 4))





- Raster data, i.e., images, requires different formats
- Most common formats include
 - PNG
 - GeoTIFF
 - Esri grid ASCII (ASC)





- Portable Network Graphics (PNG) is a raster-graphics file format that supports lossless data compression
- PNG is often the best raster format for maps, since the lossless compression keeps text and line work legible by preventing the compression artifacts (unlike JPEG)
- PNG can handle transparency (useful to indicate no-data values)
- PNG is widely used in many applications, in particular for web applications
- However, PNG does not embed geographic information!





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Example REST call:

https://wmsserver.snap4city.org/geoserver/Snap4City/wms?service=WMS&request=GetMap&layers=dtm_orografico_SuperRes_epgs4326_RGB&format=image%2Fpng&transparent=true&width=256&height=256&bbox=11.24725341796875,43.76911045236617,11.25,43.77109381775649





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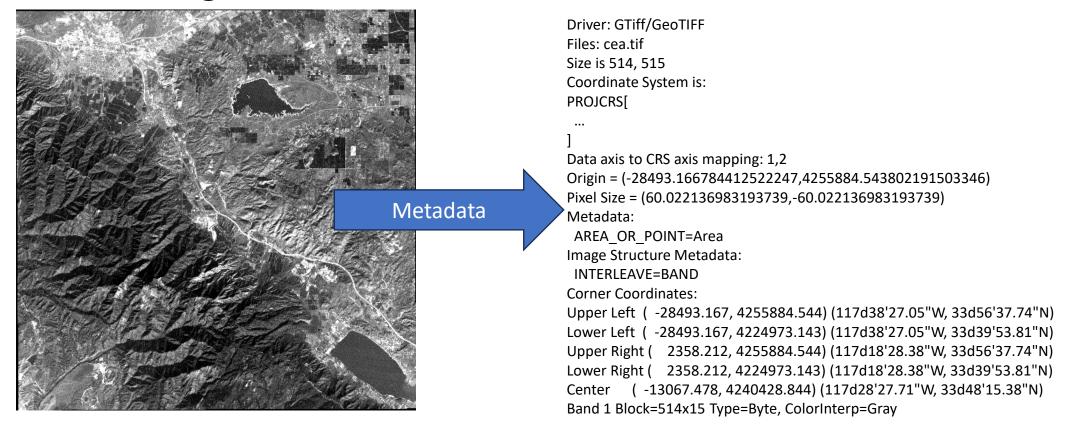
https://wmsserver.snap4city.org/geoserver/Snap4City/wms?service=WMS&request=GetMap&layers=dtm_orografico_SuperRes_epgs4326_RGB&format=image%2Fpng&transparent=true&width=256&height=256&bbox=11.24725341796875,43.76911045236617,11.25,43.77109381775649

• In practice, is the client that requests the PNG for a specific geographic bounding box





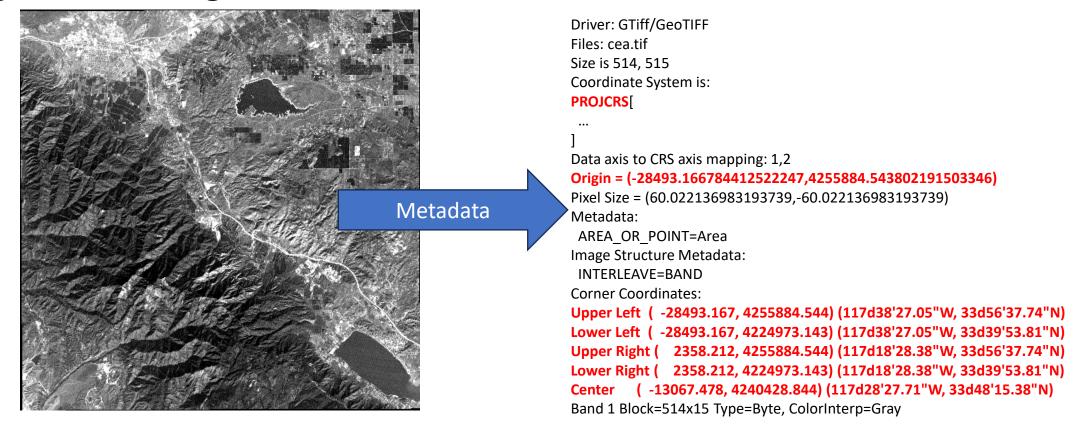
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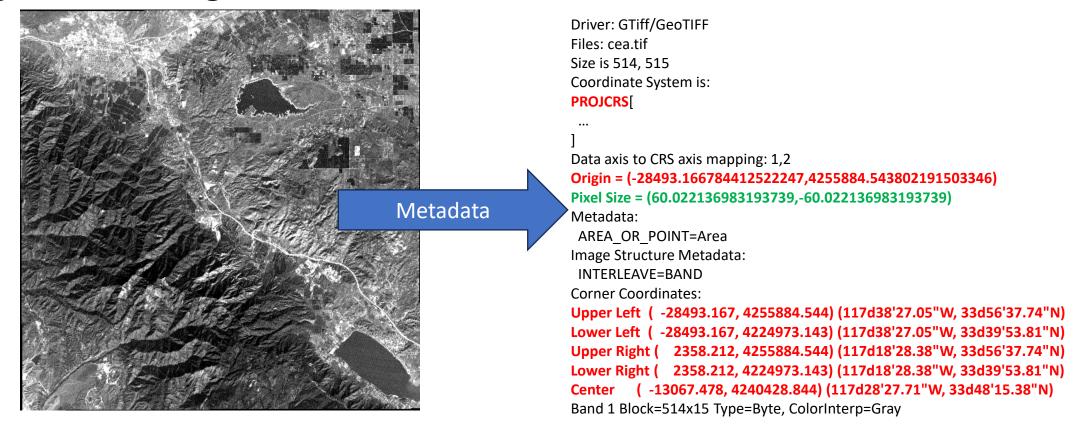
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41.236 41.226 41.226 41.226 41.256 41.216 41.206 41.156 ...
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41.287 41.307 41.287 41.257 41.287 41.307 41.317 41.317 ...
41.307 41.397 41.367 41.397 41.407 41.427 41.487 41.467 ...
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- Note that, there are not CRS information!

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```





Mobility offer

 The mobility offer includes all the available public mobility services offered by public or private companies

- Bus
- Tram
- Train
- Ferry
- Bike sharing
- Car sharing
- Scooter sharing
- Taxi
- Car hailing (e.g., Uber, Lyft)







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- This and other information are distributed from the transport operator using standards like GTFS/GTFS-RT and NeTEx/SIRI





Mobility offer – GTFS Schedule (static)

- The General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS) is an Open Standard used to distribute information about transit systems
- It is composed by a list of CVS text files archived in a zip file
- The text file list includes:
 - agency.txt: info on the transit operator
 - *stops.txt*: stop list
 - ruotes.txt: route list
 - trips.txt: trip list for each route
 - stop_times.txt: arrival and departure times for each stop and each trip
 - calendar.txt / calendar_dates.txt: working days and exceptions
 - shapes.txt: lat/long coordinate to draw the routes on a map
 - fare_attributes.txt: prices of the service









Mobility offer – GTFS Schedule (static)

routes.txt

route_id,agency_id,route_short_name,route_long_name,route_type,route_color,route_text_color "2182839646","303","T1.3","Servizio Tramvia Firenze - Linea T1.3","0","D86018","000000" "3209345033","303","T2","Servizio Tramvia Firenze - Linea T2","0","D86018","000000"

trips.txt

route_id,service_id,trip_id,trip_headsign,trip_short_name,direction_id,shape_id
"2182839646","4527_593642","4527_549189","Careggi - Ospedale","","0","2182839646"
"2182839646","4527_593642","4527_549190","Villa Costanza","","1","978952710"
"2182839646","4527_593642","4527_549191","Careggi - Ospedale","","0","3583783680"
"2182839646","4527_593642","4527_549192","Villa Costanza","","1","978952710"
"2182839646","4527_593642","4527_549193","Careggi - Ospedale","","0","3583783680"
"2182839646","4527_593642","4527_549194","Villa Costanza","","1","978952710"

stops.txt

stop_id,stop_name,stop_lat,stop_lon,stop_code "FM9004_103","De Andre","43.7547865043581","11.1790362683518","FM9004" "FM9005_103","Resistenza","43.7579847316209","11.1822112945389","FM9005" "FM9006_103","Resistenza","43.7580441494077","11.1822068713052","FM9006" ... "FM9035_103","Vittorio Emanuele Ii","43.7958712112307","11.2415139153139","FM9035" "FM9036_103","Morgagni-Universita","43.7995953955465","11.2439861801234","FM9036" "FM9037_103","Careggi - Ospedale","43.8033027414408","11.2465976104274","FM9037"

stop_times.txt

```
trip id,arrival time,departure time,stop id,stop sequence,shape dist traveled
"4527 549189","05:29:00","05:29:00","FM9004 103","1","0"
"4527 549189","05:30:00","05:30:00","FM9006 103","2",".44279"
"4527 549189","05:32:00","05:32:00","FM9008 103","3","1.04775"
"4527 549189","05:34:00","05:34:00","FM9010 103","4","1.93364"
"4527 549189","05:36:00","05:36:00","FM9012 103","5","2.96611"
"4527 549189","05:37:00","05:37:00","FM9014 103","6","3.46874"
"4527 549189","05:38:00","05:38:00","FM9016 103","7","4.00089"
"4527 549189","05:40:00","05:40:00","FM9018 103","8","4.34465"
"4527 549189","05:41:00","05:41:00","FM9020 103","9","4.66609"
"4527 549189","05:42:00","05:42:00","FM9022 103","10","4.98182"
"4527 549189","05:43:00","05:43:00","FM9024 103","11","5.41694"
"4527 549189","05:45:00","05:45:00","FM9026 103","12","6.08557"
"4527 549189","05:49:00","05:49:00","FM9027 103","13","6.92863"
"4527 549189","05:51:00","05:51:00","FM9028 103","14","7.3331"
"4527 549189","05:54:00","05:54:00","FM9029 103","15","7.84536"
"4527 549189","05:56:00","05:56:00","FM9030 103","16","8.339"
"4527 549189","05:57:00","05:57:00","FM9031 103","17","8.61417"
"4527 549189","05:59:00","05:59:00","FM9032 103","18","8.9197"
"4527 549189","06:00:00","06:00:00","FM9033 103","19","9.29738"
"4527 549189","06:02:00","06:02:00","FM9034 103","20","9.66363"
"4527 549189","06:04:00","06:04:00","FM9035 103","21","10.00552"
"4527 549189","06:06:00","06:06:00","FM9036 103","22","10.53703"
"4527 549189","06:08:00","06:08:00","FM9037 103","23","11.03527"
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stop_id,stop_name_stop_lat,stop_lon,stop_code





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"4527 549189","06:04:00","06:04:00","FM9035 103","21","10.00552"
"4527 549189","06:06:00","06:06:00","FM9036 103","22","10.53703"
"4527 549189", "Ub:UX:UU", "U6:U8:00", "FM9037 103", "23", "11.03527"
```





Mobility offer – GTFS-RT (RealTime)

- The GTFS-RT is a feed specification that allows public transportation agencies to provide real-time updates about their fleet
- Provide three types of real-time updates to users:
 - Trip updates delays, cancellations, changed routes
 - Service alerts stop moved, unforeseen events affecting a station, route or the entire network
 - Vehicle positions information about the vehicles including location and congestion level
- Feeds are served via HTTP as binary files based on Protocol Buffers





Protocol Buffers

- Protocol buffers are Google's language-neutral, platform-neutral, extensible mechanism for serializing structured data
- You define how you want your data to be structured once, then you can use special generated source code to easily write and read your structured data to and from a variety of data streams
- It is based on the definition of a .proto file where each structured data to serialize is described in a message

```
message Person {
  optional string name = 1;
  optional int32 id = 2;
  optional string email = 3;
}
```

- Then, you need to generate classes to read and write the defined messages
- There are compilers for different languages to generate the classes

https://protobuf.dev/overview/





Mobility offer – GTFS-RT (RealTime)

 Vehicle position feed example (ASCII representation)

```
header {
 gtfs_realtime_version: "2.0"
 incrementality: FULL DATASET
  timestamp: 1656230726
entity {
 id:
 vehicle
   trip {
      trip id: "trip1"
      start time: "14:05:00"
      start date: "20220628"
      schedule relationship: SCHEDULED
      route id: "ROUTE1"
      direction id: 0
    position {
      latitude: 123.45
      longitude: 12.345
    timestamp: 1656390815
    vehicle {
      id: "vehicle1"
    occupancy status: MANY SEATS AVAILABLE
entity ·
```





Mobility offer – NeTEx

- The Network Timetable Exchange standard is intended to be a general-purpose XML format designed for the exchange of transport data
- NeTEx is the first standard that also covers multimodal fares
- NeTEx includes
 - Schedules
 - Stops
 - Routes
 - Service days
 - Fares





Mobility offer – NeTEx

- NeTEx is described in four parts
 - Part 1: Public transport **network topology** exchange format
 - Part 2: Public transport scheduled timetables exchange format
 - Part 3: Public transport **fares** exchange format
 - Part 4: Passenger Information European Profile
- Part 5 is under development and will focus on car sharing, cycle sharing, carpooling, car/cycle rental
- More info:
 - https://netex-cen.eu/
 - https://github.com/entur/profile-examples





Mobility offer – SIRI

- The Service Interface for Real time Information (SIRI) allows pairs of server computers to exchange structured real-time information about transport services
- SIRI complements NeTEx for real-time data exchange
- Messages consist of XML documents, whose tags and content are exactly specified by the SIRI XML Schemas
- SIRI allow both synchronous request/response and asynchronous subscribe/publish protocols





Mobility offer – NeTEx & SIRI

 Both NeTEx and SIRI shared a common conceptual model provided by Transmodel (http://www.transmodel-cen.eu/), that is an abstract model of common public transport concepts and data structures

More info:

- https://netex-cen.eu/
- https://www.siri-cen.eu/
- https://github.com/entur/profile-examples





Mobility offer – Sharing

• In case of sharing mobility offers, static data are less relevant since there are not fixed routes or scheduled trips

 Real-time data on vehicle position and their availability are more important

 The most advanced standards covering sharing mobility are the General Bikeshare Feed Specification (GBFS) and the Mobility Data Specification (MDS)





Mobility offer – GBFS

- The General Bikeshare Feed Specification (GBFS) is based on a series of JSON
 - *gbfs.json* an index with links to the other files
 - *vehicle_types.json* list types of available vehicles
 - station_information.json list of all stations, their capacities and locations
 - station_status.json available vehicles and docks at each station
 - vehicle_status.json describes all vehicles that are not currently in active rental

• ...









Mobility offer – GBFS

gbfs.json

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"last updated": 1698165756,
"ttl": 0,
"version": "2.2",
"data": {
  "en": {
    "feeds": [
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```

vehicle_status.json

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"last updated": 1698166031,
"ttl": 0,
"version": "2.2",
"data": {
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      "lon": 11.271341,
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      "rental uris": {
        "android": "https://...
        "ios": "https://...
      "last reported": 1660338193,
      "current range meters": 13.5,
      "pricing plan id": "price moped"
```





Mobility offer – MDS

- The Mobility Data Specification (MDS) is focused on managing shared mobility services
- MDS standardizes communication and data-sharing between cities and private mobility providers
- MDS is based on three primary APIs that allow cities and providers to communicate
 - Provider allows private mobility companies to report historical data to cities
 - Policy allows cities to set rules for how and where different vehicles can operate, how many can operate, and other high-level policy initiatives
 - Agency allows real-time updates and collaboration between city officials and providers





Mobility offer – GBFS & MDS

GBFS is intended to provide real-time data to the final user

 MDS is designed to exchange data between the mobility operator and the public administration, including real-time and historical data

• Their adoption is still limited, in particular in Italy

- When widely deployed they can offer
 - A clear status of the shared mobility offer
 - Data to estimate the mobility patterns of the users





 IoT/IoE sensors are exploited to acquire real-time measurements and information of the mobility environment

- Such sensors can provide different kind of data:
 - traffic vehicle density
 - number of passages though specific areas
 - number of vehicles in a parking
 - environmental information on whether, pressure, pollutant
 - ...





Messages from IoT Sensors depend on the specific sensor setup

Typically, text format as JSON or XML are used





- Data transmission follows a client/server architecture, with push or pull modalities
- Most common pull protocols are
 - REST call over HTTP/HTTPS
 - FTP
- Push protocols (data-driven with subscriptions) are
 - WebSocket (WS)
 - Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP)
 - Message Queue Telemetry Transport (MQTT)
 - Advanced Message Queuing Protocol (AMQP)
 - FIWARE NGSI and NGSI-V2





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- More recently cameras with processing units (CPU and GPU) are available to elaborate the video feed on-the-edge and extracted information can be transmitted with text messages





Sensor data

- Among the information provided from sensors, traffic data are very important for smart mobility application
- Not all the cities deployed enough sensors to capture traffic information, or you may not have access to the sensors' data
- Alternative solution are available
 - Paid solutions: companies like Waze or Here offer API to retrieve data feed,
 that can include information also on events such as road accidents
 - Open data: for some areas* traffic data are released freely. These data are sent with different formats. One of the possible format (in particular from European providers) is the DATEX-II standard.





DATEX-II

- DATEX-II is a data exchange standard for exchanging traffic information
- DATEX-II contains
 - Road and traffic related events (called "Traffic elements"): abnormal traffic, accidents, public event, driving conditions, obstructions, ...
 - Operator actions: network management, traffic control, roadworks, ...
 - Impacts: information on lane availability and on delays
 - Measured or elaborated data: travel times, traffic speed, traffic status, weather measurements, ...
 - Messages displayed on Variable Message Signs (VMS)
 - Service information: closed rest area, information about other transport means (e.g., delays on trains), ...
- Data is presented in XML





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• Standard and protocols used in this case include:

- DATEX-II
- National Transportation Communications for Intelligent
 Transportation System Protocol (NTCIP) standards, a family of
 standards designed for enable interoperability and
 interchangeability between computers and electronic
 traffic control equipment





Vehicle and People data

 In this group we consider data produced directly from vehicles or persons

These data are a relevant source to estimate the demand of mobility

 These are typically the most difficult data to acquire, mainly due to privacy issues





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A finer representation can be obtained from geo-localization (i.e., GPS position) of mobile apps as for example routing and travel planning apps like Google Maps, Waze, Moovit, etc.





 Both data from telecommunication operators and app vendors are not released freely but require to be purchased

Data are provided in an anonymized and aggregated modality

• Even if acquired in real-time, are released as historical data

Data retrieval is done using vendors' APIs, without specific standard





 Mobility-as-a-Service technologies could provide in the near future a valuable source of information

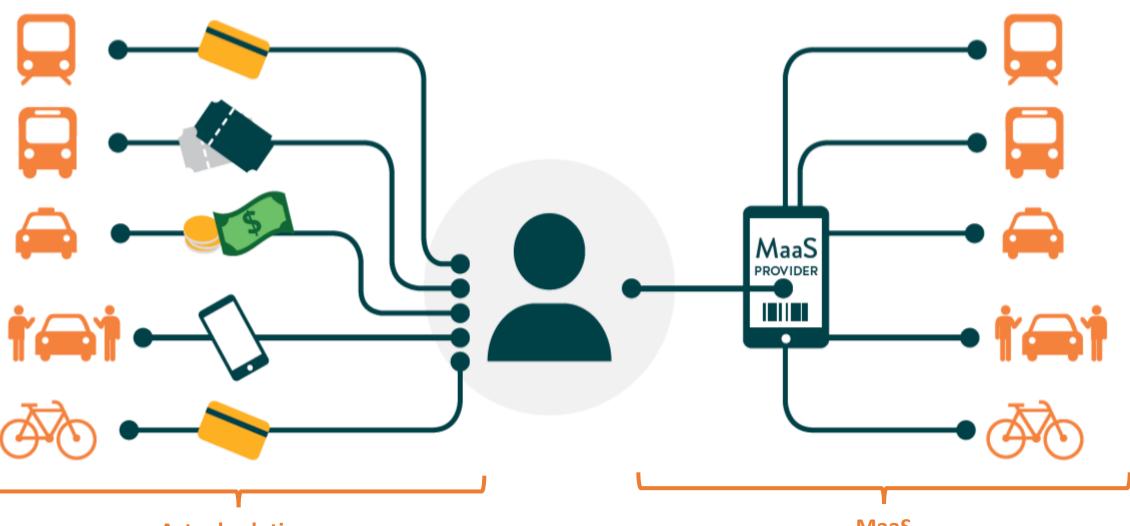
- MaaS integrates the whole mobility offer, and constitute the main interface (via dedicated apps) for the user to access to the transport services
 - Integrates public and private mobility services
 - Provide multimodal urban and extra-urban travel solutions
 - Offers service to plan, book, pay, and use mobility solutions











Actual solutions

MaaS









Level 0: No integration

Each mobility operator provide to the user his specific offer, using his app/website. The user must provide for himself to plan, book, and pay his travels









Level 1: Multimodal travel planning, Fare information

Level 0: No integration

A first level of integration. A single app/website can provide the user with a multimodal travel solution and give to the user information on pricing (maybe link to the mobility operator payment service). The user still must book/pay his travels independently.









Level 2: Booking and payment integration (includes function to search, book, and pay single travels)

Level 1: Multimodal travel planning, Fare information

Level 0: No integration

At this level the system provides an integrated travel solution that the user can book or pay directly from the MaaS app/website. The MaaS acts as a fare collector and then redistributes the payments to the involved mobility operator. The MaaS handle ticketing and vehicle access.









Level 3: Full integration of services, including subscriptions, passes, best-fares, bundled offers

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Level 0: No integration

With the full MaaS integration, the system is able to provide the user with bundled offers, including subscriptions and best-fares









Level 4: Integration of social goals though public-private cooperation, rewards, and incentives

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Level 1: Multimodal travel planning, Fare information

Level 0: No integration

Finally, using rewards and incentives the Public Administrations can drive the change towards more sustainable and green mobility solutions with the aim to avoid the use of private cars





MaaS (usage data)

- A MaaS system can then be able to collect the mobility patterns of the users, and, if managed by public organization such data could be released and used in smart mobility platforms
- MaaS are new technologies under development. Possible standards and formats are yet to be defined or under development.

• The Transport Operator to Mobility Provider (TOMP) API is a standardized interface for data exchange between transport operators and MaaS providers. It encompasses the entire user trip, from planning to booking, execution, and payment.





Vehicle data

- On-Board Units (OBUs) are an electronic devices installed in vehicles able to record traffic and driving data and connect to roadside and satellite systems to transmit and collect data for various applications
- These are the fundamental device to enable vehicle-to-everything (V2X, including V2V, V2I, V2P, V2N) communications and to develop CAV (Connected autonomous vehicle) and CCAM (Cooperative, connected and automated mobility)
- OBUs communication happen with dedicated protocol stacks, and data are exchanged in XML or JSON formats, or using specific standards





Vehicle data

- Abstract Syntax Notation 1 (ASN.1) is a standard interface description language (IDL) for defining data structures that can be serialized and deserialized in a cross-platform way, more recently adopted for V2X communications
- **SENSORIS** is a global standardized interface to exchange information between in-vehicle sensors and a dedicated cloud, as well as between clouds. It enables real-time, cloud-based information services that support mobility and automated driving
- Extended Vehicle (ExVe) is a concept that allows external service providers to access vehicle data and functions via a standardized interface
- Open Diagnostic Data Exchange (ODX) is a standard that defines a common data format for exchanging diagnostic data between vehicle manufacturers, suppliers, and service providers





Smartcard data

• Smartcards are a physical electronic authentication device used in mobility to access and pay public transport services

- Smartcards can be used as
 - Entry-only
 - Entry-exit
- Smartcard data acquired by mobility operators can be released using text formats like CSV, JSON, XML, or Keyhole Markup Language (KML) an XML notation used to represent geographic annotations





Social media data

• Social media can also be used to acquire data on mobility

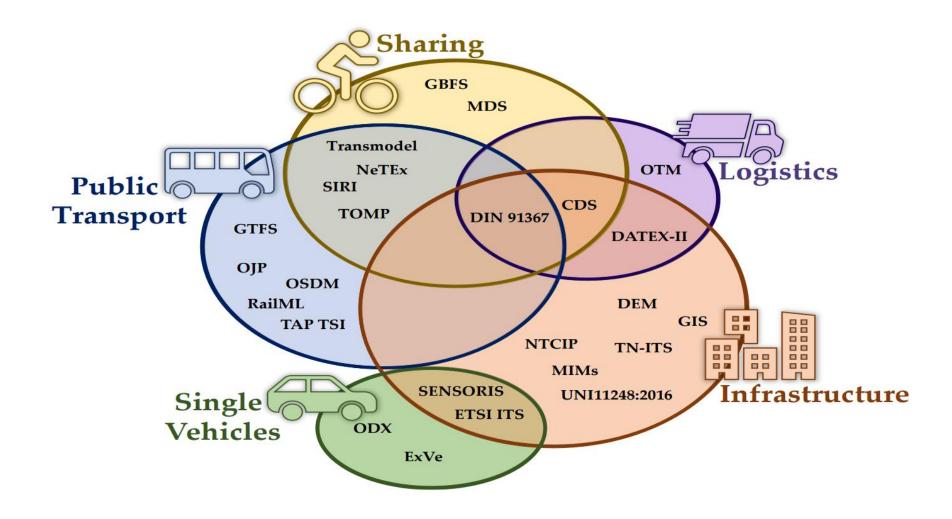
Most of the posts contains check-in data including location information

 Web-scraping tools are available to extract data from social media and deliver them in JSON, CVS, HTML, Excel





Data Standard for Mobility







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• More details in

Bellini, Bilotta, Collini, Fanfani, Nesi, 2024. **Data Sources and Models for Integrated Mobility and Transport Solutions**. Sensors, 24(2), p.441.

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NAP & Data Spaces

 Mobility data, in particular real-time data, are not easy to acquire, due to different data provides, that can use different distribution modalities

 Data provides are sometimes also difficult to find requiring timeconsuming research activities

 There is a strong need to increase interoperability among different provides and to realize centralized access point where to find and retrieve the data





NAP & Data Spaces

- National Access Points (NAPs) and Regional Access Points (RAPs) are
 the solution proposed by the European Union to facilitate access, easy
 exchange and reuse of transport related data as
 - EU-wide real-time traffic information services
 - EU-wide Multimodal Travel Information Services
 - Road safety-related traffic information
 - Safe and secure parking places for trucks and commercial vehicles
- **Data Spaces** for mobility have also been proposed to brings together companies, organizations and institutions who want to monetize their data or need data for innovative mobility solutions
- NAPs and Data Spaces are still in development





Mobility Data Spaces

- A first attempt to build a data space for mobility was started in 2019 from a German consortium realizing the Mobility Data Space
 - https://mobility-data.space
 - https://mobility-dataspace.eu
- They proposed
 - decentralized and distributed system with a central directory to publish available data sources and services (i.e., a data marketplace)
 - a vocabulary provider that gives information on standards and APIs (e.g., DATEX-II, NeTEx, SIRI)







NAPCORE & PrepDSpace4Mobility

To extend such a solution to the whole European area, the European Commission started in 2022 two main actions

 The National Access Point Coordination Organisation for Europe (NAPCORE) project

The PrepDSpace4Mobility project





NAPCORE

 NAPCORE project was kicked off to promote and coordinate the creation of NAPs in all the EU Member States to fulfil the European Intelligent Transport System directive (2010/40/EU)

See https://napcore.eu/







PrepDSpace4Mobility

- PrepDSpace4Mobility lays the foundation for a secured and controlled way of pooling and sharing mobility data across Europe
- The project contributes to the development of the common European mobility data space by
 - mapping existing data ecosystems
 - identifying gaps and overlaps within
 - proposing common building blocks and governance frameworks
- See https://mobilitydataspace-csa.eu/

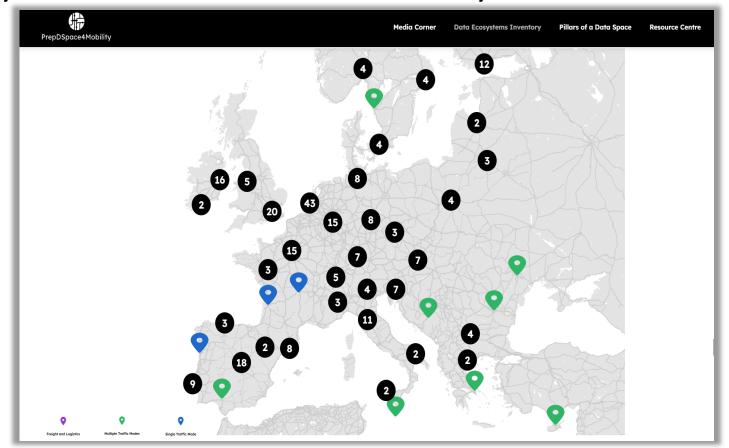






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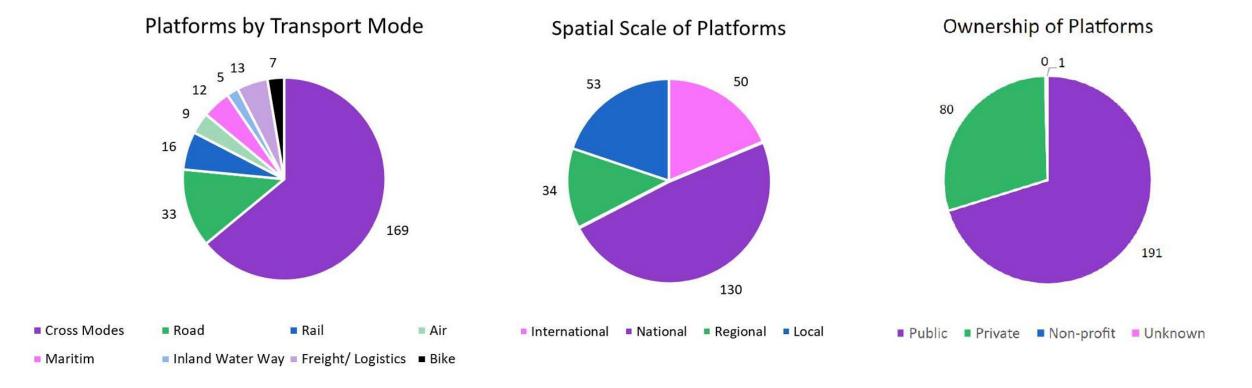






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PrepDSpace4Mobility EU Project

 Observed over 18 sectoral mobility domains, each with their own standards, data models and protocols

Observed over 60 different standards

Even in each mobility domain, several (overlapping) standards are in use