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1. WFS App Schema
2. SOS
3. Identifier & resolver
4. User interface
WFS Application Schema
WFS App Schema > Stairway to … interoperability

**User side**
- Advanced usage (e.g. filtering)
- Basic usage (e.g. GetFeatureById)

**Administrator side**
- Tool configuration for App Schema
- Tool installation
- Database modelling
- Performance and scalability
- Update and maintainability
WFS App Schema > Tools used in BRGM

constellation

GeoServer

degree
# WFS App Schema > Current uses cases

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WFS App Schema > Subjective feedback

> **No totally satisfying implementation**
  - Constellation
    - Difficult to configure and to update
  - Deegree
    - Database structure must be close to diffusion schema
    - Filtering issues emphasized in 2015 (see Deegree Github)
  - GeoServer
    - Still some bugs (e.g. ERML: IsMultipleIsTrue > data duplication)
    - Configuration of App Schema is tricky
    - Performances issues on complex features (all data are loaded by JAVA)

> **Positive aspect**
  - GetFeatureById works
  - Should we define stored queries and forbid other filter combinations?
Can we team up to finance necessary evolution?
SOS > Feedback from SOS implementation

> Topics of discussion during the implementation

- Which SOS solution to deploy?
- How to map to preexisting (non O&M compliant) databases?
- How to design the rawobservation database?
- How to link features to observations (at service level)?

> Choices:

- 52 North solution
- Raw observation schema database very close to O&M schema
  - Use of materialized views to bridge to raw database
- One webapp is set up per use case
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SOS > Focus on Groundwater RawData Levels

> Some examples:

- Latest GroundWaterLevel observation from one piezometer:
SOS > Positive feedback

> It’s worth the effort!

- Lot of reuse (websites, QGIS client plugin)

- Our domain colleagues are happy!

Now I have a taste of INSPIRE!
Identifiers and resolvers
URIs to link data

> Objectives

- To provide stable and resolvable links to resources
- To allow reference / data citation
- Independant from underlying technologies used to provide data

I am #EntiteHydroGeol/107AK01
I am monitored by #Piezometre/00634X0147/PZ1.2
I have a lot of #GroundWater Levels observations regarding #EntiteHydroGeol/107AK01
URIs > Groundwater Levels use case: model view
URIs > Groundwater Levels use case: service view

Legend:
- Feature(s)
- Observation(s)
> **Topics of discussion**

- Identifier nomenclature (language, pluralism, separators)
- When should we define specific identifiers?
  - Different representations of the same resource
  - Data versions
  - Data granularity

> **Choice**

  - ./data for data objects (e.g. geologic units, piezometers, …)
  - ./obs for observations (e.g. groundwater levels, …)
  - ./vocabs for controled vocabularies (e.g. groundwater sampling for quality analysis, …)
  - ./services for web services endpoint
- POC Apache rewriting rules
> Some examples of identifiers and resolvers

- One piezometer: http://ressource.brgm-rec.fr/data/Piezometre/00634X0147/PZ1.2
User interfaces
User interface

> Objectives

- Enhance INSPIRE services readability
- Emphasizes data connectivity
- Break the No client <-> No data loop

> QGIS GML Application Schema Toolbox

- Funded by BRGM and developed by Oslandia
- Available for download on QGIS plugin store
- Developed for QGIS v2.14+
Teaser to Wednesday 28th presentation

XML Mode (WFS)
Teaser to Wednesday 28\textsuperscript{th} presentation

> XML Mode (SOS)
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> Relational mode
Conclusion
In a (coco)nutshell

> **Very encouraging points:**
  - WFS & SOS enable to provide data for basic usage
  - Identifiers and resolvers enable to link data
  - QGIS plugin increase data consumption pleasure
  - Domain colleagues can now taste INSPIRE (SOS)!

> **Challenges to overcome:**
  - Configuration of WFS App Schema is not really accessible
  - SOS implementation need one instance per use case
  - Scalability and performances must be enhanced to reach production mode

> **Can we can team up to finance it?**
Cheers!
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