

Data quality from a producer's perspective

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Context

The organization

Institut Cartogràfic i Geològic de Catalunya (ICGC)

- Catalan Geoinformation Agency and reference public service for the application of geo-scientific knowledge (Government of Catalonia).
- Aim: Deliver to users valued geographic and geological information and services . [free]

Creation: 2014

Merger of 2 Orgs.: ICC (1982) + IGC (2005)

Employees: 274 (April 2017)

Location: Barcelona, Tremp

Institutional and commercial activities

Multidisciplinary knowledge fields

Geodesy, Geomatics, Cartography, SDI, Geology, Geophysics

Context

Key products (I)

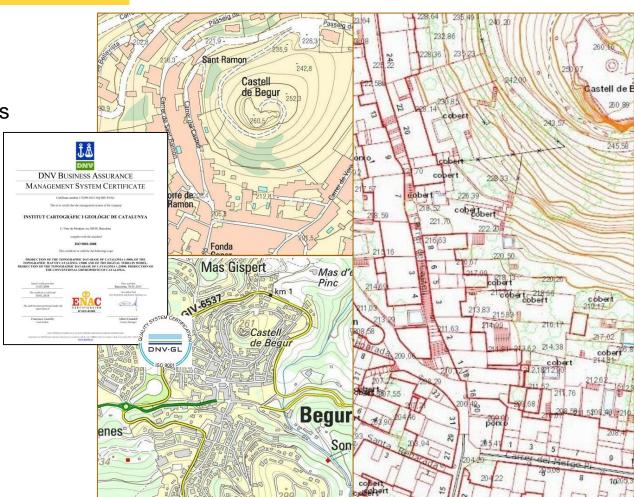
Vector data

Topographic databases

1: 25000 (ISO 2009)

1: 5000 (ISO 2006)

1: 1000



Context

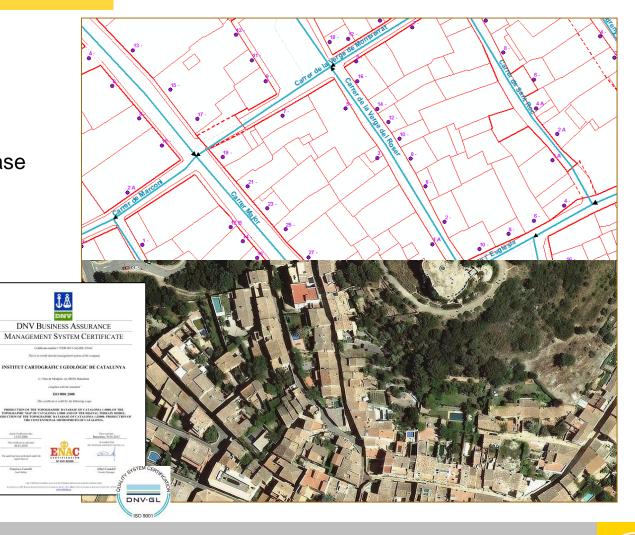
Key products (II)

Vector data

Thematic databasesStreet & Address database

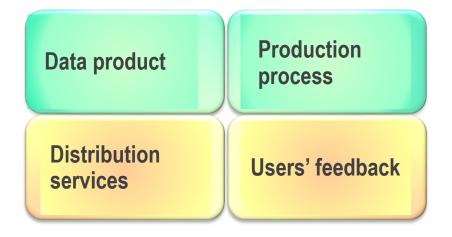
Raster data

Orthoimagery (2012)



Quality information

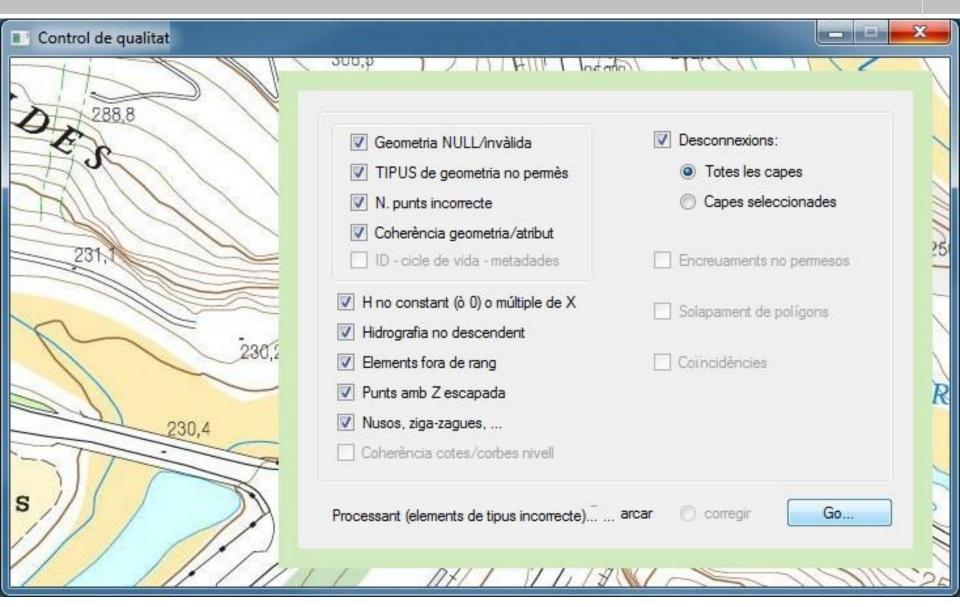
Information collected to have a better knowledge of

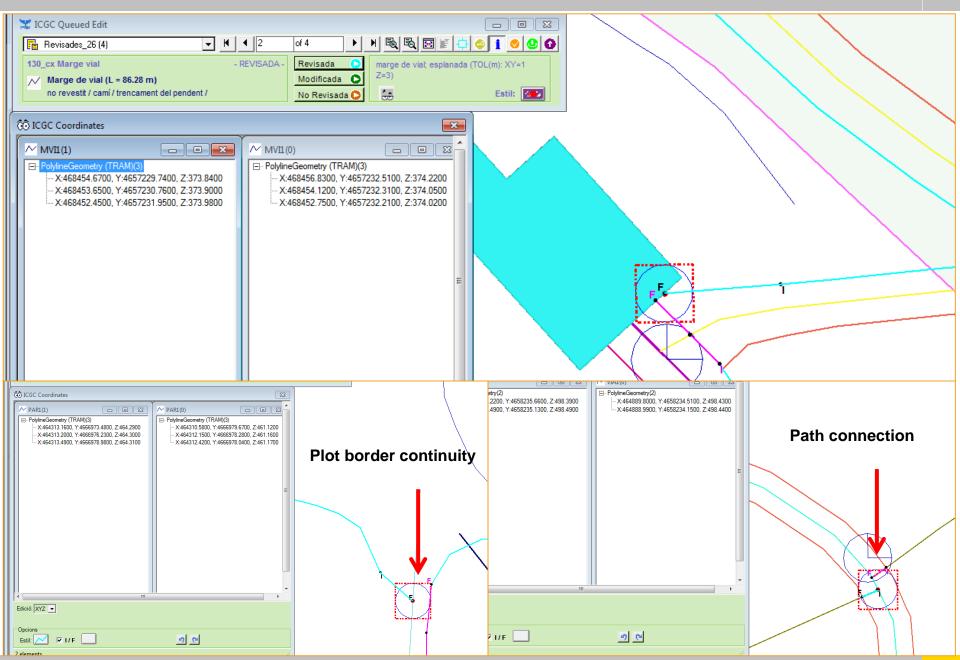


Management

Conformity to specifications

- Topographic database (I)
 - Control by design : 0 errors
 - Domain consistency
 - Full control on feature catalogue: feature classes, authorized attribute combination, attributes domain, geometries, ...
 - Conceptual consistency
 - Data capture with tools designed to ensure the minimum sizes and minimum distances between elements
 - Semi-automatic controls to warranty the logical consistency rules
 - Topological and conceptual consistency: false positives and, occasionally some error
 - Full control of topological rules and altimetry consistency between elements
 - A registry is created for each false positives and error





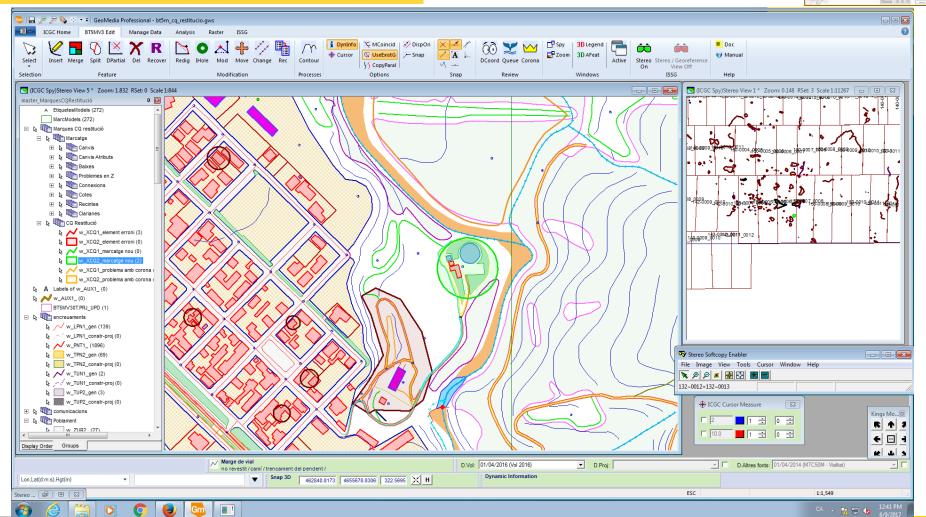
Improving the Usability of Geospatial Data, 14th June 2017, Ordnance Survey, Southampton, UK

Conformity to specifications

- Topographic database (II)
 - Manual control: Visual inspection by sampling
 - Completeness and thematic accuracy
 - Around the 40% of the data is inspected in order to mark omissions, commissions and misinterpretations. The correction of errors is decided taking into account the error importance, the degree of complexity of the area, and the available resources.
 - The sample varies depending on the zone characteristics and the experience of the operator.
 - Manual control: positional check
 - Horizontal and vertical accuracy:
 - Annually, a set of points coming from the field points database is measured in the updated topographic data and a new global RMS is calculated.

Examples





Conformity to specifications

Topographic data

Quality	Sampling	By design	Semi- automatic controls	Manual controls	Non conformities
Completeness	40%			X	Yes
Logical consistency	100%	X	X		No
Positional accuracy				X	Yes
Thematic accuracy	40%			Х	Yes
Temporal quality		X			No

Management

Internally

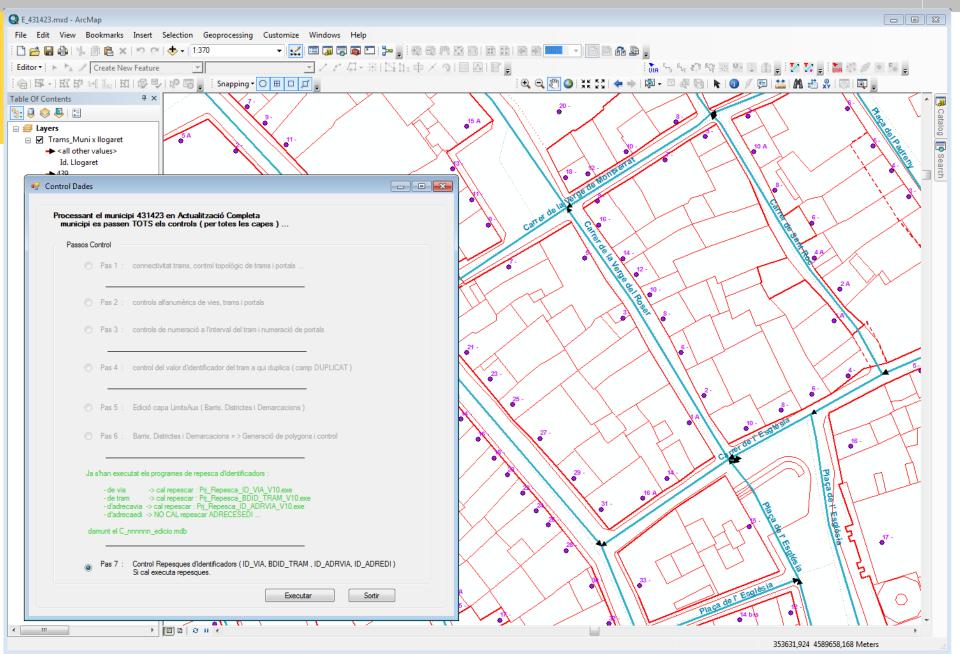
- Refinement of production specifications
 - More accurate descriptions reducing ambiguities,
 - Harmonization criteria
- Procedures refinement
 - Development of tools increasing the robustness of procedures
- Operators' training

Externally

- Quality chapter in the data product specifications with measures and conformance level.
- Tests results reported in metadata

Conformity to specifications

- Thematic database (Street & Address database)
 - Control by design : 0 errors
 - Domain consistency
 - Full control on feature catalogue: feature classes, authorized attribute combination, attributes domain, geometries, ...
 - Semi-automatic controls to warranty the logical consistency rules
 - Topological and conceptual consistency: false positives and some errors
 - Full control of topological and conceptual rules: connectivity, consistency of street names.
 - A registry is created for each false positives and errors.
 - Completeness by comparison with other sources
 - Full control against the Street catalogue of National Institute of Statistics
 - Some municipalities against the Municipal Census Population...)

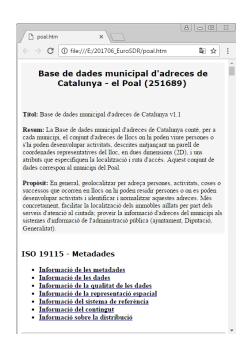


Management

Quality chapter of the specifications



Metadata file



Conformity to specifications

- Orthoimages (I)
 - Semi-automatic controls to warranty the logical consistency rules
 - Radiometric rules: radiometric continuity, spectral quality (dynamic range, saturation)
 - Geometric rules: geometric continuity, pixel size, coverage
 - Semi-automatic and manual controls to check positional accuracy
 - By correlation of orthoimages with images of points coming from the field points database
 - Statistics are calculated per project (year of photogrammetric flight).
 - Comparison with a more accurate dataset
 - Manual control: Visual inspection
 - Completeness and thematic accuracy
 - Full inspection in order to mark artefacts (omissions, commissions)
 - The marked errors are corrected according to their size and distiresources.



Examples

Continuity

Spectral quality

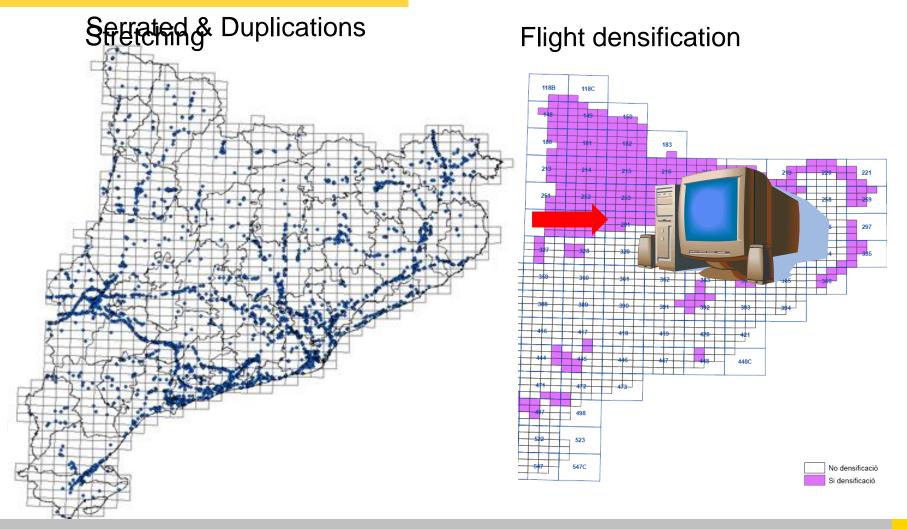
Artefacts





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Color Patch	СР	
Fly Patch	FP	
Saturation	SA	
Blooming	Water	B_W
Blooming	Land	B_L
No Data	Boundary	ND_B
No Data	Inside	ND_I
	Vegetation	ST_V
Streching	Stone	ST_S
	Land	ST_L
Duplication	DU	
Serrated	SR	
Deformation	DE	
	Water	SL_W
	Vegetation	SL_V
Seamline	Land	SL_L
Seamme	Building	SL_B
	Asphalt	SL_A
	Shadow	SL_S
Other	0	

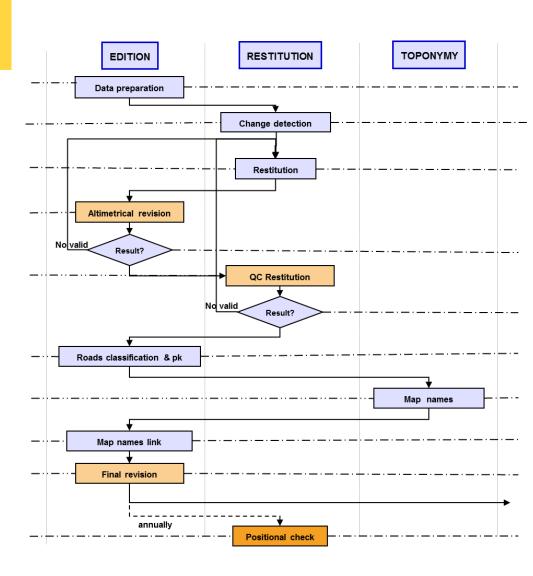
Management



Data production

- Product conformity
- Monitor the production process
 - Ha/week at each process step
 - Zones of grade of difficulty
 - Operators capability
- Detect opportunities of improvement
 - Updating strategy

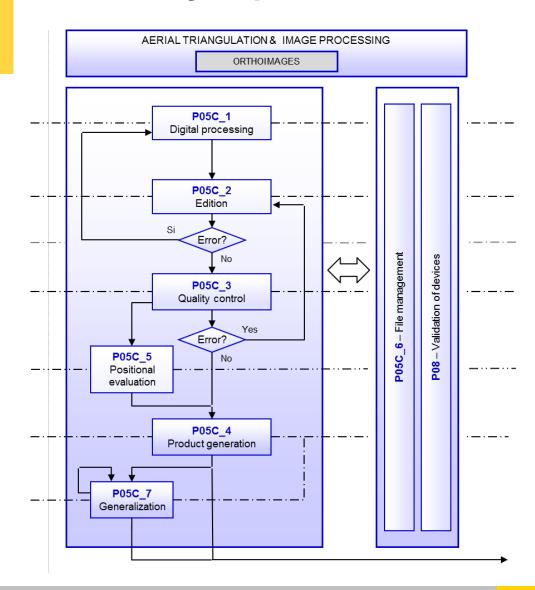
Efficiency of production flow



Data production

- Product conformity
- Monitor the production process
 - #item/time at each process step
 - Software capabilities
- Detect opportunities of improvement
 - Bottlenecks

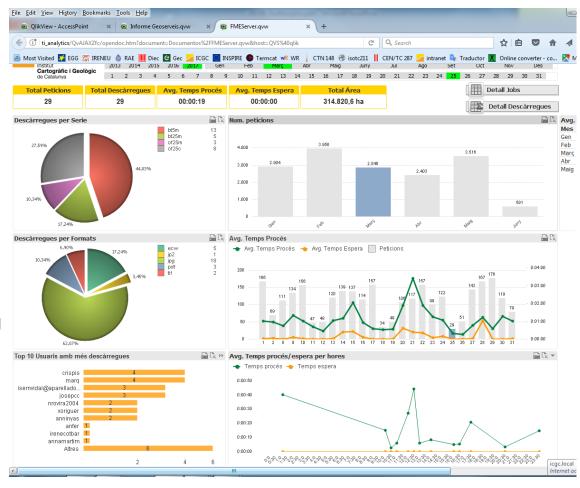
Efficiency of production flow



Data distribution

Set the SLA & its compliance

- Monitor distribution and delivery
 - File shared services, web services, geoservices
 - Availability (user perspective)
 - Services and data servers
 - Web services, geoservices
 - Capacity test (1000 users/mn)
 - Before publishing or technological changes
 - Performance
 - Elapsed time



Data distribution

Set the SLA & its compliance

- Web applications
 - Performance
 - Elapsed and CPU time
- Detect proactive measures
 - Reduce users' waiting time
 - Filters, use limitations
 - Increase service capacity
 - Bottlenecks



Users' feedback

Perceived quality

- Specific users
 - Agreements with Institutional users
 - Street & Address database
 - Autonomous police consults 85,000 addresses per month and the average of failures is around 40 which means a 0.05%
- Webmaster
 - Complaints' analysis
 - Non conformities
 - New requirements
 - No errors

Users' feedback

Perceived quality

First term 2017

Quality Subject	Data product	Production process	Distribution services	New requirement	Other	
Map names	50			5		Name, placement
Street names	10					
DTM			2			
Topographic data	10		1			Completeness, classification
Orthoimages			3			Availability
Web services	1		8	1	4	Availability, speed
File shared serv.	2					Format
Geoservices	1		2			Speed

Management

- Complaints analysis
 - Number of complaints is not enough to evaluate the usability
- Proactive measures
 - 2015-2016 Call for technicians of the Departments of the Catalan Government
 - 30 meetings with 8-10 users or potential users of the data provided by the ICGC to listened to the problems using ICGC data, know their needs and present them ICGC products and services.
 - 2017 Call for technicians of GIS enterprises working for the Catalan administration

Thank you

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