CSCI 599
Geospatial Data Integration
Spring 2011

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Meeting Time: Tuesdays 3:30-6:20pm

Location: THH 217

Office Hours:
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- Tuesday 6:20-6:50pm (THH 217, if available)
- Friday 1:30-2pm (ISI 922 or by phone: 310-448-8786)
- Or by appointment
  - On campus Tuesdays 2:45-3:15pm
  - At ISI or by phone: 310-448-8786 other times

Course Web Page: USC Blackboard (blackboard.usc.edu)

There is an ever-increasing amount of geospatial data available, including satellite imagery, aerial imagery, maps, vector layers, elevation data, photos, etc.. There is also a huge amount of information that can be linked to location and integrated with the geospatial layers. This course will focus on the problem of how to integrate the diverse sources of geospatial data. The course will cover a wide variety of topics within this area, including building geospatial mashups, geospatial source discovery, geospatial mediation, geospatial semantic web, geocoding, registering and aligning geospatial layers, extracting layers from maps, linking documents to locations, integrating data for the mobile phone, and open-source GIS systems.

The class will be run as a lecture course with lots student participation, student presentations, and hands-on experience. The class will cover the latest research papers, software, tools, and results on the various topics. Each student will present a research paper in class and develop and build a geospatial data integration project based on the research and tools covered in the class.

Prerequisites: None

Recommended Courses:
  - CSC1561 -- Introduction to AI
  - CSC1585 – Database Systems
CSCI587—Geospatial Information Management

Grading:
Course project -- 35%
Quizzes -- 25%
Homeworks -- 20%
Class Presentation/Participation -- 20%

Books: There is no required textbook. We will read technical papers on each topic.

Course Syllabus and Schedule

• January 11
  o Topic: Introduction and Geospatial Basics (Professor Knoblock)
  o Readings:

• January 18
  o Topic: Geographic Information Systems: ArcGIS (Dr. Chiang)
  o Readings:
      Paper
      Paper

• January 25
  o Topic: Building Geospatial Mashups (Professor Knoblock)
  o Readings:
    ▪ Making Mashups with Marmite: Towards End-User Programming for the Web
      Paper
    ▪ Intel Mashmaker
      Paper
      Paper
    ▪ Building geospatial mashups to visualize information for crisis

Suggested Readings:


February 1

- **Topic: Geographic Information Systems (Dr. Chiang)**

- **Readings:**


- **Suggested Readings:**


  - **Using geographic information system analyses to monitor large-scale distribution of nicotine replacement therapy in New York City,** Karen Davis Czarneckia, Chris Goransonb, Jennifer A. Ellisa, Laura E. Vichinsky, Micaela H. Coadya, and Sarah B. Perla, Preventive Medicine, Volume 50, Issues 5-6, May-June 2010, Pages 288-296
February 8
- **Topic:** Geospatial Semantic Web (Professor Knoblock)
  - **Readings:**
    - *The Semantic Web in Breath* by Aaron Swartz
      [Paper](#)
    - *The Semantic Web: An Introduction* [Paper](#)
    - *The Geospatial Semantic Web* by Frederico Fonseca
      [Paper](#) (Follow the “Open URL”, Read pages 367-376 in NetLibrary)
    - *Toward the Semantic Geospatial Web* by Max J. Egenhofer
      [Paper](#)
  - **Suggested Readings:**
    - *Exploring the Geospatial Semantic Web with DBpedia Mobile* [Paper](#)

February 15
- **Topic:** Mapping Addresses to Locations (Geocoding) (Professor Goldberg)
  - **Readings:**
      [Paper](#)
      [Paper](#)
      [Paper](#)
      [Paper](#)
  - **Suggested Readings:**
  Paper
- A Flexible Addressing System for Approximate Geocoding, Davis et al.
  Paper

- February 22
  o Topic: Linking Text Documents to Location (Professor Knoblock)
  o Readings:
      Paper
      Paper
      Paper
  o Suggested Readings:
      Paper
      Paper
      Paper

- March 1
  o Topic: Integrating data for mobile phones (location-based services) (Dr. Chiang)
Readings:

- **Location-Based Services for Mobile Telephony: a Study of Users’ Privacy Concerns.** Louise Barkuus, and Anind Dey, Proceedings of the INTERACT 2003, 9th IFIP TC13 International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction Paper

Suggested Readings:


March 8

- Topic: Geospatial Reasoning and Fusion (Professor Knoblock)
- Readings:
Suggested Readings:

- Merging of Heterogeneous Data for Emergency Mapping: Data Integration or Data Fusion. Florin Savopol and Costas Armenakis.

March 14-18
- Spring Break!

March 22
- Topic: Registering and Aligning Geospatial Layers (Dr. Chiang)
- Readings:

Suggested Readings:


March 29
- Topic: Building 3D Models from LIDAR (Professor Neumann)
- Readings:
  - 2.5D Dual Contouring: A Robust Approach to Creating Building Models from Aerial LiDAR Point Clouds, Q. Zhou and U. Neumann,
In proceeding of 11th European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), Greece, September 5-11, 2010 (Oral Paper)

Paper


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- Suggested Readings:
  

Paper


Paper

April 5

- Topic: Extracting Layers from Maps (Dr. Chiang)

- Readings:
  
  - Harvesting Geographic Features from Heterogeneous Raster Maps, Y.-Y. Chiang, Ph.D. Thesis, Department of Computer Science, University of Southern California. Chapter 2, pages 12-57

Thesis


Paper


Paper

- Suggested Readings:
  

Paper

- Colors of the past: color image segmentation in historical topographic maps based on homogeneity, S. Leyk and R.

- **April 12**
  - **Topic: Geospatial Source Discovery (Professor Knoblock)**
  - **Readings:**
    
  - *A Data Integration Approach to Dynamically Fusing Geospatial Sources.* Thakkar, S. Ph.D. Thesis, Department of Computer Science, University of Southern California. Chapter 3, pages 42-80

- **Suggested Readings:**

- **April 19**
  - **Project Presentations**

- **April 26**
  - **Project Presentations**

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