Grand Canyon Integrated Database Management System

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The Goal

Develop an accessible, multidisciplinary, spatially referenced, relational database for GCMRC to consolidate, organize, document, store, and distribute scientific information related to the grand canyon ecosystem, in oracle.

Why Do This?

- To support scientific monitoring and research activities related to the Grand Canyon ecosystem
- To facilitate the adaptive management of Glen Canyon Dam by establishing the foundation of a decision support system, based on scientific information about the Grand Canyon ecosystem

Why Oracle

- Multi-user
- SDE capable

ARC/INFO => ARC/ORACLE

- Tight integration of spatial and tabular data
- 80% of the DOI user base.

Key Challenges

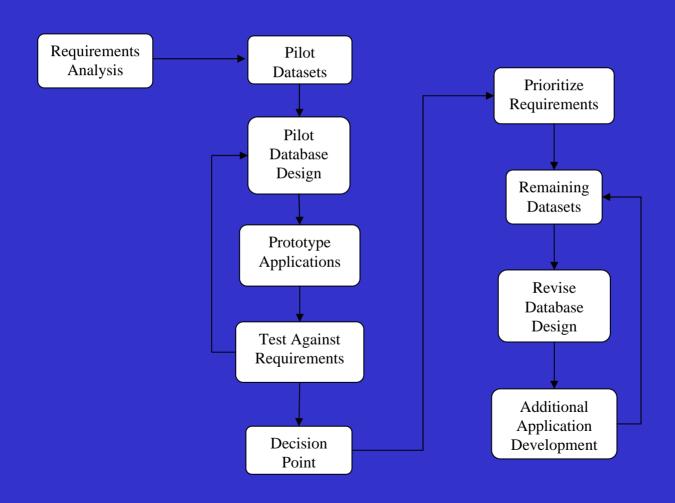
Storing data so that no original information is lost, while:

- Converting disparate data into a common spatial reference, and
- Organizing data so that it can be effectively displayed in both space and time, and
- Constructing queries to effectively analyze data in both space and time

The Relational Model

- Store related information together in distinct tables.
- Store it once, in one place, and avoid redundancy.
- Avoid "holes" or null values.
- Relate tables of information based on common attributes.

The Development Process



Status Where Are We?

All pilot data sets are accessible from Oracle, at GCMRC including:

- Fish monitoring data, 1977 to present
- Discharge unit values, 1921 to present
- Lake Powell water quality, 1986 to present
- Sediment transport data, 1921 to present
- Water temperature, downstream

Additionally, the survey control point database

Database Organization

- Related data tables are organized by schemas
- Some tables are common to all schemas
- Data are stored in tables at the finest time and space granularity available
- Views are created which allow users to look at different parameters together, or at a coarser granularity in time or space

Views

- In a relational database, "Views" of data are based on SQL Queries that display information in a manner that is useful for analysis.
- Views can act on information from a single table, or information contained in many related tables.
- Views can be used to display or analyze information in any way.
- Views simplify how information is retrieved from a database.

Common Attributes

How much	-	Value
What	-	Parameter/Sample Type
How	-	Gear Type
Who		Trip ID/Agreement #
Where	-	Station ID
When		Sample Date and Time

Key Entities and Attributes Relative to Fish

Fish Samples Table

- A sample identifier
- Trip the sample was collected on
- Date
- Location
- Gear used
- Habitat
- Effort
- Source file

Fish Specimens Table

- A sample identifier
- An individual tag number
- Species caught
- Length and weight
- Condition of the fish at end of sample
- A sub-sample identifier
- Source file

Example of Entities and Attributes

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How Will I Enter Data?

- Individual trip data can be entered by cooperators by using
 - MS Access forms
 - Web based forms
 - ASCII text files
- Trip data files then delivered to GCMRC for batch load to Oracle
- Source files are archived in original form on disk storage on the GCMRC server Unkar

How Will I Access Oracle On the USGS Campus?

- Oracle SQL Plus
- Oracle Discoverer, Forms and Reports
- Custom Web based query applications
- ArcGIS tools
- MS Access via ODBC
- Other ODBC enabled tools, such as SPSS or SAS (provided the user has the appropriate software license)

How Will I Access Oracle Outside the USGS Campus?

- VPN dialup to GCMRC Intranet, where you can run any of the internal GCMRC applications (To Be Arranged)
- Internet Web browser access to selected data sets, including ArcIMS
- Exported MS Access "snapshots" of portions of the database on CD ROM

Structured Query Language (SQL and PL/SQL)

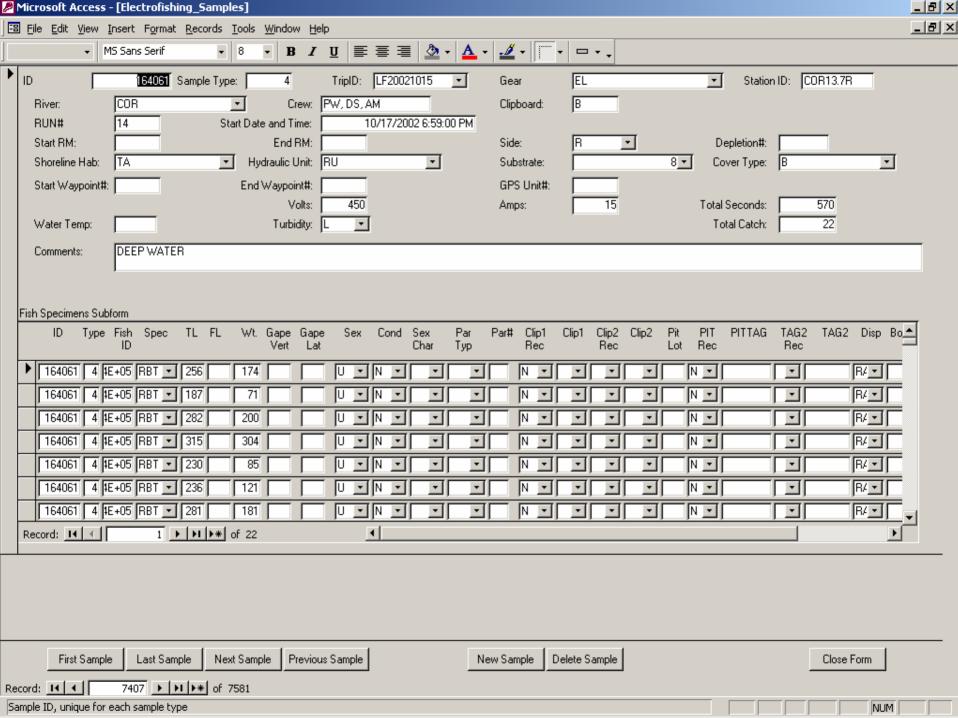
- Used to manage a database (create, backup, recover, secure)
- Create users, tables, views, reports and forms
- Import information into a database
- Export information from a database
- Query a database for information
- Perform calculations on data within a database

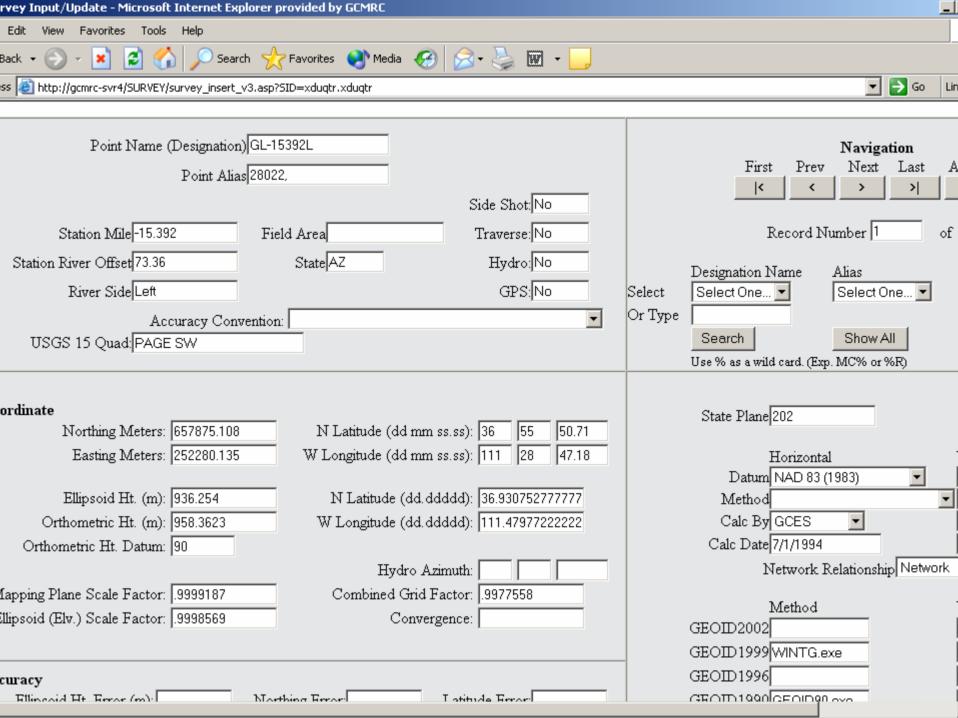
Select

- Select A set of records
- From A table or set of tables
- Where Certain attribute conditions are met
- Group By One or more attributes
- Order By One or more attributes (sort)

SQL Queries

- 1) select NUM_OF_SAMPLES, TRIP_ID from MV_SAMPLES_PERTRIP;
- 2) select STATION_ID, START_DATE, DISCHARGE_FT3 from MV_ALL_DISCHARGE_UNITS
 - where STATION_ID = 'COR000.000' and START_DATE
 - > to_date('20030501000000','YYYYYMMDDHH24MISS');





Survey Control Points

Internal web page available on the Flagstaff
Field Center

http://gcmrc-svr4/SURVEY/LOGIN.ASP

CDI's Web Applications

Internal web page available on the Flagstaff
Field Center

http://gcmrc-svr4:9122

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