US GIN Project status

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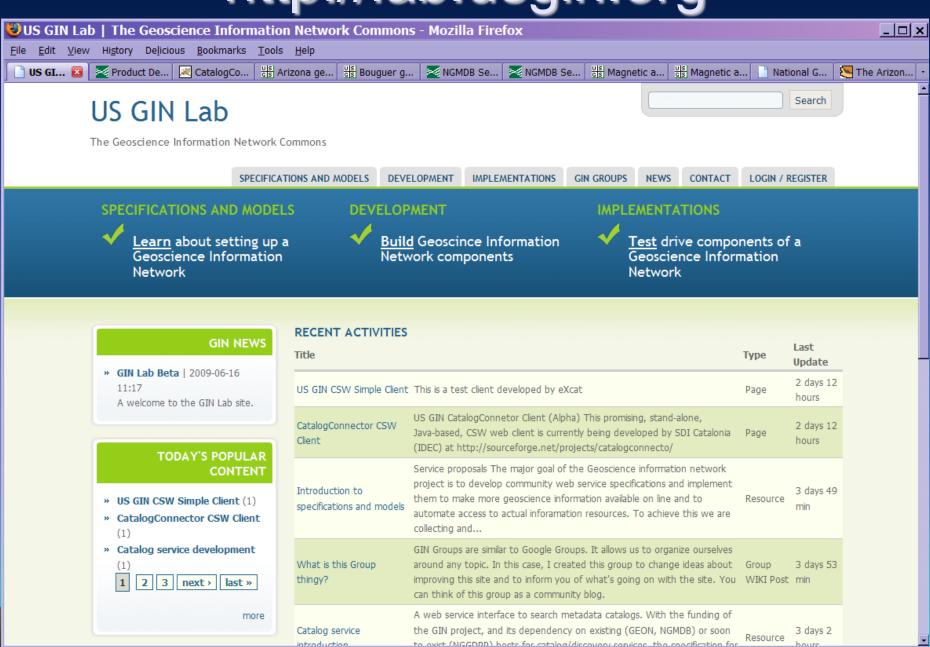
Geoscience Information Network

- Develop services and vocabularies to enable exchange of geoscience information
- Work with data providers to implement those services
- Objective is to get more geoscience information accessible online
- Build on existing resources -- NGMDB, GEON, GeoSciML, NGGDPP...

Current Priorities

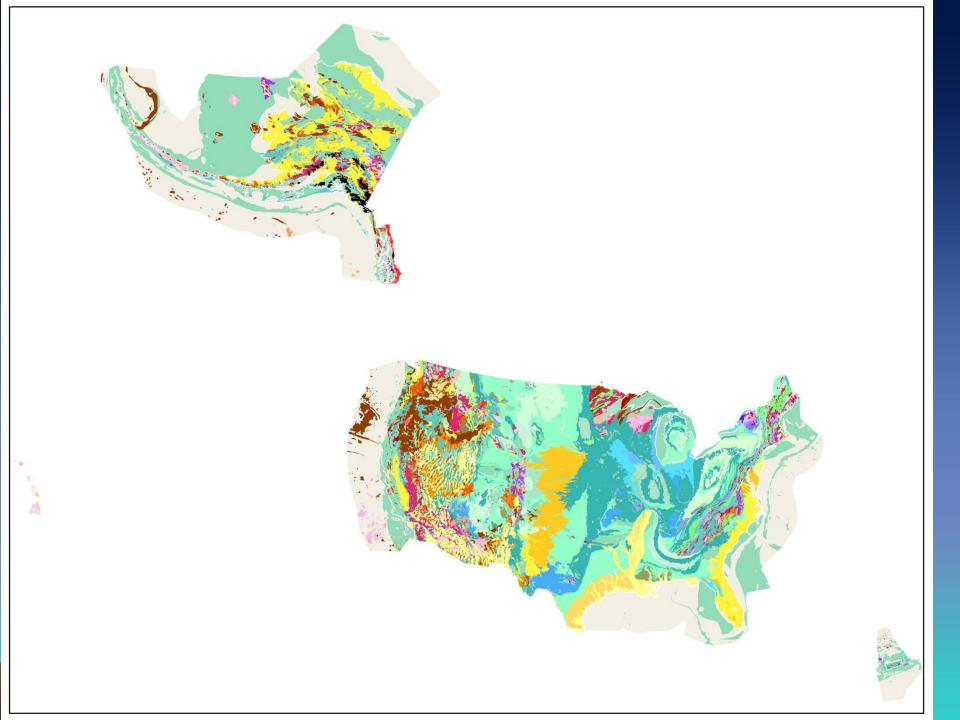
- Catalog services find and use resources
 - NGMDB map catalog, GEON, NDC
- Web map service (WMS) georeferenced geologic map images
- Web feature service (WFS) GeoSciML vector data with attributes
- EarthChem geochemical data
- National Geothermal Data system

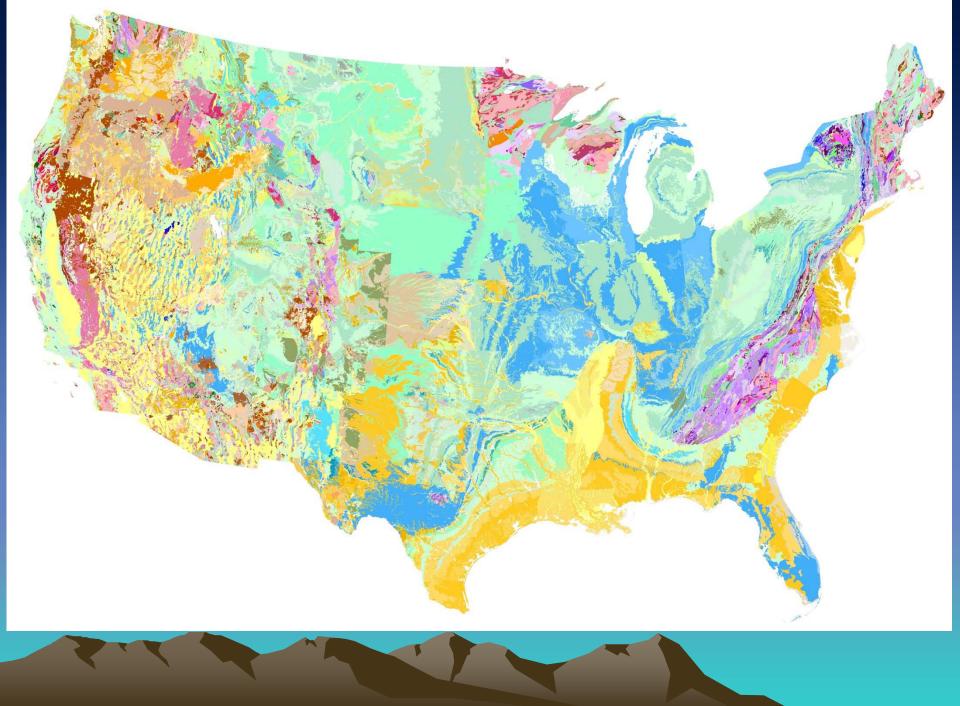
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Conclusion

- Standardized service to integrate catalogs => more effective resource discovery
- WMS technology is mature enough to roll out production delivery systems

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How

- Catalog service—discovery
 - Access from stand alone application or web page
 - Access from within application (e.g. ArcGIS client)
- WMS
 - Get map image with symbolization already done
 - Provides legend and simple get feature info

Metadata registry

Database

 Contains necessary content in separate fields that can be mapped to metadata interchange format

Content model

- Author, title, abstract, extent, date modified, identifier, publisher, language, type, format...
- Dublin core, FGDC, ISO 19115

Catalog service

- Defines
 - How to compose queries
 - query or filter syntax—SQL, CQL
 - -What the user can ask (operations)
 - Get records; Describe schema; Insert, delete, or update records; Harvest records
 - -How the metadata is encoded
 - e.g. ISO 19139 xml schema

Search application (the client)

- Interface (e.g. web page) to assist users to compose and submit queries
 - Might provide pick lists from standard vocabularies
 - Mapping to query schema
- Formats results for easy interpretation
- Provides links to related resources, other features to add value for users
- If communication with catalog is via service, don't have to build separate client for each catalog server

Geologic map content

- Georeferenced digital data
- Symbolized
 - Have to use symbolization tools available in map server
- Polygons and undecorated lines for faults and contacts are simplest

Web map service

- Produces raster images for maps
- Different environments have different symbolization schemes
 - Free open source servers have limited symbolization capability
- Simple get feature info (single point), commonly servers allow use of templates to provide html formatting for results

WMS client

- Requests a particular map portrayal for the current view frame
- Does mapping from view coordinates to geographic coordinates for requests
- Provides uses with tools to turn 'layers' on and off, request legend, and get feature info (info click).