Slicing into Manitoba

Integrating Geography and Geology through Technology

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Who am I?

 Modeler/GIS Specialist with the department of Industry, Trade and Mines - Manitoba Geological Survey

Graduated from the University of Winnipeg in 1999

• 4yr- B.Sc. in Geography



The University of Winnipeg experience...

- Direction Biology vs geography
- Deciding factor Physical geography
- Refinement of goals (course work/hobbies)
- Job experience





The University of Winnipeg experience...

- Physical Geography
- GIS/Advanced GIS
- Computer Mapping
- Geology

Hydrology

- Statistics
- Quaternary Environments
- Business Computing courses (Programming)
- Soils and Vegetation







What is the Manitoba Geological Survey?





The Manitoba Geological Survey:

 conducts a wide range of investigations in Manitoba's Precambrian Shield, Western Canada Sedimentary Basin, and Hudson Bay Basin.

• examines exposed bedrock, subsurface materials, and surficial sediments including sand, gravel and organic deposits.

• provides data and products such as geological maps and reports, metallic and industrial mineral deposit reports and databases, mineral resource assessments, targeted geoscience research, development of exploration models, and maintenance of data inventories.

• promotes mineral exploration opportunities and contributes to wise landuse management.



Modeler/GIS Specialist:

- Produce maps for geologists from field data, chemistry, and drill data
- Projects/partnered with geologist (Gaywood Matile)
- System development for data access
- Database design and implementation
- 3D Geological modeling
- Field work















Manitoba Geological Survey Projects











Digital Elevation Model of Manitoba



Why build a digital elevation model?

To locate drill holes vertically in space

DEM Specifications:

- Compilation of over 2200 DEM files from digital ortho photo's
- Over 15 000 000 datapoints in the current model
- 4 solid days of processing time





Assiniboine Flats - Undraped DEM



Assiniboine Flats - Draped with Orthophoto





Duck Mountain









Sandilands



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South Eastern Manitoba



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Lake Winnipeg Seismic/Bathymetry



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- Echosounding on Lake Winnipeg
- Digitizing existing bathymetric charts
- Better understanding of subsurface deposits in Lake Winnipeg









Hog farms and geology?



Hog farms and groundwater sensitivity mapping

• Manitoba Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada asked us to apply our geological modeling knowledge to the pressing problem of groundwater contamination by the hog industry.

 Mapping susceptible and less susceptible areas on a quarter section basis











Traditional 2D mapping





3D Model of Southern Manitoba





Begins with Digital elevation data from the Manitoba DEM



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Section View



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Winnipeg

Complete Quaternary and Bedrock Sequence



Sandilands Uppermost Unit





Glacial Sediments





Bedrock Surface





Winnipeg Sandstone



Precambrian Surface



Why a 3D model?



•Better understanding of the geology of Manitoba

- Groundwater modeling
- Drill targeting for mineral exploration



Interested in GIS and/or 3D Modeling?

Don't limit your learning to one software package



- We must be proficient in Mapinfo, ArcView, CAD, etc...
- Gain some programming skills
 - We are constantly writing scripts, user interfaces, etc...
- Have database knowledge
 - 70% of our work is in database manipulation
- Have knowledge of statistics
- Learn about projections
 - Latitude/Longitude, UTM projection and zones, etc...



Most Importantly...

- Realize that a lot of what you'll be doing you'll learn on the job
- Sign up for the Manitoba Geological Survey job interviews





Thank you!

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Gaywood Matile, Scott St. George

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