Java Topology Suite in Action

Combining ESRI and Open Source

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Introduction

- Combing ESRI and Open Source GIS
- The Java Topology Suite (JTS)
- How Pierce County uses it with ESRI software
- How Pierce County extends it
ESRI and Open Source
What is JTS?

- Java API for Vector Geometry
  - Geometry Object Model
  - Geometry functions, Spatial Predicates, Overlay Methods, and Algorithms
- Open source
- Written by Martin Davis of Refractions Research
- Implements OGC Simple Features for SQL specification (no curves)
What is it?

- Core library in Java tribe of open source GIS
- JTS code is ported to C/C++ as GEOS
  - GEOS is the core library of the C open source tribe
  - GEOS is used by PostGIS, GDAL/OGR, MapServer, QGIS, Shapely (Python)
- Ported to .NET as NetTopologySuite
- Explicit Precision Model
- Focuses on Robustness vs. Speed
Geometry

Point  LineString  Polygon

MultiPoint  MultiLineString  MultiPolygon

GeometryCollection
Geometry Code Sample

GeometryFactory geometryFactory = new GeometryFactory();

Point point = geometryFactory.createPoint(new Coordinate(200.0, 323.0));

LineString lineString = geometryFactory.createLineString(new Coordinate[] {
    new Coordinate(2.2, 3.3),
    new Coordinate(4.4, 5.5),
    new Coordinate(6.6, 7.7)
});
Spatial Functions and Predicates

- Buffer
- Contains
- ConvexHull
- CoveredBy
- Covers
- Crosses
- Difference
- Disjoint
- Distance
- Equals
- Area
- Boundary
- Centroid
- Envelope
- EnvelopeInternal
- Length
- Intersection
- Intersects
- Is Empty
- Is Simple
- Is Valid
- Is Within Distance
- Normalize
- Overlaps
- Relate (DE-9IM Intersection Matrix)
- SymDifference
- Touches
- Union
- Within
Spatial Functions and Predicates

GeometryFactory geometryFactory = new GeometryFactory();

Point point = geometryFactory.createPoint(new Coordinate(200.0, 323.0));
Geometry bufferedPoint = point.buffer(1000.00);

LineString lineString = geometryFactory.createLineString(new Coordinate[]{
    new Coordinate(2.2, 3.3),
    new Coordinate(4.4, 5.5),
    new Coordinate(6.6, 7.7)
});
Geometry envelope = lineString.getEnvelope();
Algorithms

- Validation
- Line Merging
- Polygonization
- **Spatial Indexes** (Quad Tree, STRtree, BinTree...)
- Linear Referencing
- Planar graphs
- **Simplification** (Douglas Peucker, Topology Preserving)
Who uses it?
JTS usage in Pierce County

- CountyView Web
- Pierce County GIS Web Services
- JTSIO
- JTS Web Processing
CountyView Web
CountyView Web

- Entry Level Enterprise GIS
- Built on IMF, ArcIMS, ArcSDE
- Data Menu, Locator, Owner Notify, Metadata, Census, Printing, Open @
- Focus:
  - Data Viewer
  - Printing
  - Integration
  - Ease of use
CountyView Web

- All geometry in AXL requests is translated to JTS geometry by the IMF framework
- Owner Notify
- Reverse Geocode
- Profile
CountyView Web: Owner Notify

You have 38 Tax Parcel(s) Selected!
(Two Lots, Deep Delivery Address)
- Create Mailing Labels
- Zoom to Extent
- Zoom to Parcel

Adobe Reader - [extractToMailing.label.pdf]
Buffer the user’s selected map feature:

Geometry bufferedGeometry = geometry.buffer(bufferDistance);

Use the buffered geometry to perform a spatial query to return parcels

If using lots deep option, union all parcel geometry and buffer by 1 to get adjacent parcels

Geometry[] geom = new Geometry[geometries.size()];
geometries.toArray(geom);
GeometryFactory fact = geom[0].getFactory();
Geometry geomColl = fact.createGeometryCollection(geom);
Geometry union = geomColl.buffer(0);
Geometry bufferedGeometry = union.buffer(1);

Perform another spatial query using the buffered geometry to get parcels
CountyView Web: Reverse Geocode
- Perform spatial query around an x, y at some distance on roads layer.
- Get the closest Geometry (LineString)

```
Coordinate coordinate = new Coordinate(x, y);

// Put the user’s Coordinate on the LineString
LocationIndexedLine lineRef = new LocationIndexedLine(lineString);
LinearLocation loc = lineRef.project(coordinate);
Coordinate coordOnLine = loc.getCoordinate(lineString);

// Figure out how far the Coordinate is along the LineString
LengthLocationMap locationMap = new LengthLocationMap(lineString);
double distanceAlong = locationMap.getLength(loc);
double lineLength = lineString.getLength();
double percentAlong = distanceAlong / lineLength;

// Use percentAlong to interpolate between to and from address ranges
```
CountyView Web: Profiles
Perform spatial query getting all contours that intersect with a LineString draw by the user.

```java
// Index the profile LineString for linear referencing
LocationIndexedLine lineRef = new LocationIndexedLine(lineString);
double lineLength = lineString.getLength();

// For each contour, find the intersection between the users LineString and
// the contour
Geometry intersection = lineString.intersection(geometry);

// Get the coordinate of this intersection and calculate the distance along and percent
// long the LineString
Coordinate coordinate = ((Point)intersection.getGeometryN(i)).getCoordinate();
LinearLocation loc = lineRef.project(coordinate);
LengthLocationMap locationMap = new LengthLocationMap(lineString);
double distanceAlong = locationMap.getLength(loc);
double percentAlong = distanceAlong / lineLength;
```
## GIS Web Services

### Geocoders

1. Address Geocoder [WSDL] [XML] [CSV] [KML] [JSON] [Try it] [Try it (intersection)] [Try it (long form)]
2. Address With City and Zip Code Geocoder [WSDL] [XML] [CSV] [KML] [JSON] [Try it]
3. Address Geocoder 2 (experimental) [WSDL] [XML] [CSV] [KML] [JSON] [Try it]
4. Basemap Geocoder [WSDL] [XML] [CSV] [KML] [JSON] [Try it]
5. Business by Division Geocoder [WSDL] [XML] [CSV] [KML] [JSON] [Try it]
6. Business by Name Geocoder [WSDL] [XML] [CSV] [KML] [JSON] [Try it]
7. Business by SIC Code Geocoder [WSDL] [XML] [CSV] [KML] [JSON] [Try it]
8. 2000 Census Tract Geocoder [WSDL] [XML] [CSV] [KML] [JSON] [Try it]
9. 2000 Census Block Group Geocoder [WSDL] [XML] [CSV] [KML] [JSON] [Try it]
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16. Intersection Geocoder [WSDL] [XML] [CSV] [KML] [JSON] [Try it]
17. Mobility Geocoder [WSDL] [XML] [CSV] [KML] [JSON] [Try it]
18. Parcel Number Geocoder [WSDL] [XML] [CSV] [KML] [JSON] [Try it]
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26. Plat Name Geocoder [WSDL] [XML] [CSV] [KML] [JSON] [Try it]
27. RTSO Geocoder [WSDL] [XML] [CSV] [KML] [JSON] [Try it]
GIS Web Services

- Pierce County GIS web services
  - Geocoders, Spatial Queries, Projection, Open @, Tile Caches, Data
  - SOAP, XML, CSV, JSON, KML

- Documentation and Examples
  - Suggested user interfaces for non GIS developers

- Serves thousands of requests to 12 applications across 3 departments.
GIS Web Services

- Common Geometry model between ArcSDE and ArcIMS for Spatial Queries

- Reprojection
  - JTS and GeoTools
GIS Web Services: Spatial Queries

- Buffer service
  - Parameters Point, Distance, Layer
  - Buffer the Point by the Distance
  - Turn buffered Polygon into ArcIMS AXL or ArcSDE Geometry (or WKT for PostGIS)
  - Perform spatial query
  - Turn AXL, ArcSDE Geometry, WKT back into JTS Geometry
GIS Web Services: Projection

- Uses JTS and GeoTools
- Uses European Petroleum Survey Group (EPSG)
  - EPSG:4326 is WGS 84
  - EPSG:2927 is WA State Plane South (feet)

```
CoordinateReferenceSystem fromCRS = CRS.decode(fromEPSG);
CoordinateReferenceSystem toCRS = CRS.decode(toEPSG);

MathTransform math = CRS.findMathTransform(fromCRS, toCRS);
DirectPosition pos = new GeneralDirectPosition(x, y);
DirectPosition geoPos = math.transform(pos, null);
```
JTSIO

- Java Library for reading and writing to and from JTS Geometry Objects and geometry string formats

- JTS to AXL
  - Point(10,20) to `<POINT x="10.0" y="20.0" />`

- Other Neogeography/Web 2.0 geometry string formats
  - KML
  - GeoJSON
  - GeoRSS
  - GML
  - GPX
  - WKT
Format Examples

**WKT**
POINT(1 1)

**AXL**
```xml
<POINT x="1.0" y="1.0"/>
```

**GeoJSON**
```
{"type":"Point","coordinates":[1,1]}
```

**GeoRSS**
```
<georss:point>1.0 1.0</georss:point>
```

**GML**
```
<gml:Point xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml">
    <gml:coordinates>1.0,1.0</gml:coordinates>
</gml:Point>
```

**GPX**
```
<wpt xmlns="http://www.topografix.com/GPX/1/1" lat="1.0" lon="1.0"/>
```

**KML**
```
<Point><coordinates>1.0,1.0</coordinates></Point>
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## JTSIO Geometry/Format Matrix

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JTSIO in action

GeometryFactory geometryFactory = new GeometryFactory();
Coordinate coord = new Coordinate(5.1, 5.2);
Point point = geometryFactory.createPoint(coord);

GeoJsonJtsWriter writer = new GeoJsonJtsWriter();
String geoJson = writer.writePointToString(point);

{"type":"Point","coordinates":[5.1,5.2]}

GeoJsonJtsReader reader = new GeoJsonJtsReader();
Point point2 = reader.readPoint(geoJson);
JTS Web Processing
JTS Web Processing

- RESTful Geoprocessing Server that exposes JTS spatial operators
  - Buffer, intersection, union, touches, ect...
- Geometry had to be encoded in text based format using JTSIO
- Idea based on Christopher Schmidt’s WebProcessingServer
- 40 or so web services
- Consumable from Javascript via Ajax
- Displayable in OpenLayers
JTS Web Processing: How it works

**Request**
http://whitneydev.co.pierce.wa.us/jts/services/wkt/buffer?
geometry=POINT (108420.33
753808.59)&distance=500&q uadrantSegments=8&capStyle=round&sourceCRS=EPSG:2927&targetCRS=EPSG:2927

**Response**
POLYGON ((108920.33 753808.59, 108910.72264020162 753711.044838992,
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108773.88339059327 753455.0366094067, 108698.1151165098 753392.8551938487,
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/*
 * Create a custom buffer point tool
 */

function createBufferPointTool() {
    var tool = new OpenLayers.Control();
    OpenLayers.Util.extend(tool, {
        draw: function () {
            this.handler = new OpenLayers.Handler.Point(tool, {"done": this.notice});
        },
        notice: function (pt) {
            var distanceStr = prompt("Enter buffer distance:");
            if (!distanceStr || isNaN(distanceStr)) {
                alert("Please enter a distance!");
                return;
            }
            var distance = parseFloat(distanceStr);
            var geoJsonFormat = new OpenLayers.Format.GeoJSON();
            var geoJson = geoJsonFormat.write(pt, false);
            $.ajax({
                type: "POST",
                url: "/jts/services/geoJson/buffer",
                data: {
                    "geometry": geoJson,
                    "distance": distance
                },
                dataType: 'json',
                success: function(json){
                    var geoJsonFormat = new OpenLayers.Format.GeoJSON();
                    var feature = geoJsonFormat.read(json);
                    if (json) {
                        vlayer.addFeatures(feature);
                    }
                },
                error: function(request, text, error) {
                    alert("Error buffering point!");
                }
            });
        },
        CLASS_NAME: "OpenLayers.Control.BufferPointTool",
        displayClass: "olControlBufferPointTool",
        type: OpenLayers.Control.TYPE_TOOL
    });
    return tool;
}
JTS Web Processing and OpenLayers
Conclusion

- GIS Software Development doesn’t have to be either (ESRI) or (Open Source)

- JTS is an incredibly powerful and useful library

- JTS can easily extend ArcIMS and ArcSDE