

 INTRODUCTION

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 What is Time

 Representing change

 Graphic representations

 Time cartograms

 Flow maps

 Space Time Cube

 Animation

OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion one should be able to:

- Understand the different notions of time as concept and in maps
- Be able to select appropriate graphic representation



WHY INTERESTED IN TIME?

GIScience perspective:

- Better understanding of human influence on the environment at all scales (local and global change)
 - analysis of changes over time
 - analysis of patterns of change over time
- > Development of methods / techniques / tools to be able to support problem solving
 - geospatial data handling
 - visualization

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CONTEXT: GISCIENCE PERSPECTIVE

 For many (global) challenges reference to location - and time - is the glue that connects disparate, often incomplete data sources of continually changing information about time-critical, evolving real world situations











PHRASES

- about time
- against time
- ahead of time
- ahead of one's time
- all the time
- at one time
- at a time
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- at times
- before time
- behind time
- for the time being
- half the time
- at the same time
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128 ENTRIES FOUND IN THE NEW OXFORD DICTIONARY OF ENGLISH

- time noun
- [mass noun] the indefinite continued progress of existence and events in the past, present, and future regarded as a whole
- a point of time as measured in hours and minutes past midnight or noon
- [mass noun] time as allotted, available, or used
- an instance of something happening or being done; an occasion
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PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

> How, then, can these two kinds of time, the past and the future be, when the past no longer is and the future as yet does not be?



Time as static (the now) versus time as dynamic (as flow)

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SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT

Absolute time

Influenced by Newton they see time and space as a kind of container in which objects exist and move, guided by the laws of physics. Space and time function as a kind of reference frame. In other words, time is independent of any physical object, but it describes the 'location' of objects and events during their existence

Relative time

Influenced by Aristotle, who said that time is measure of change, which in turn implies that time does not exist when there is no change. Leibniz and Kant were followers of this viewpoint. Space and time describe relations among objects

PERCEPTION AND STRUCTURE OF TIME

- Time has an inherent semantic structure, which is one source of increased complexity.
- By convention, time has a hierarchical system of granularities
 - seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks... (but different calendar systems)
- Time contains natural cycles and re-occurrences.
 - regular and relatively predictable: seasons
 - less regular: social cycles like holidays or school breaks, economic cycles, or hurricane season

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CROSSING OF BEREZINA 🔶	27 November 1812	15 November 1812	23 Kislev 5573	22 Dhu l-Qa'da 1227	6/I Frimaire 2
END OF CAMPAIGN 🔶	6 December 1812	24 November 1812	3 Teveth 5573	1 Dhu I-Hijja 1227	5/II Frimaire
Today 🖕	27 November 2012	14 November 2012	13 Kislev 5773	13 Muharram 1434	7/I Frimaire 2





STRUCTURE OF THE TEMPORAL DIMENSION (MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES)

 Time with multiple perspectives allows more than one point of view at observed facts (people's observations about hazard events)









- Change can happen suddenly or gradually
- Change of some sort is always happening
- Change can be observed after the fact
- Change can go unrecorded



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REPRESENTING CHANGE ▶ What is Time? Representing change

CHANGE

- What is change: something is happening > an event
- What is changing?
- How to present change









ISSUES OF REPRESENTATION

State (static)

What was / is / will be the spatial distribution of a given phenomena at a given time?

Change (dynamic)

Which elements changed / are changing / will change during a given time span?





SINGLE MAP

- Dynamics can be suggested by:
 - change, e.g. based on overlay of maps of 2 moments
 - symbols that give an impression of movement or order
 - value e.g. for successive stages of urban growth / increase/decrease of a variable over one period
 - arrows e.g. for paths of wildfires, hurricanes, migration...







SMALL MULTIPLES

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 Spatial dynamics have to be mentally extracted by the user by comparison of spatially separate snap shots of time



SMALL MULTIPLES









CASESTUDY: ICELAND AIR

• What do we see?



ICELAND AIR'S NETWORK



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MAPS AND TIME



















FLOWMAPS

 Flow maps represent characteristics of movement between origin and destination (nodes). The path between origin and destination (links) can express the qualitative or quantitative nature of the movement or flow.



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FLOWMAPS

- Location
 - path, trajectory, direction
- Attribute
 - qualitate, quantitative
- Time
 - implicitly (path of path)

















ANALYTICS ENVIRONMENT VIRTUAL REALITY, USABILITY



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ELEMENTS OF THE SPACE-TIME-CUBE















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