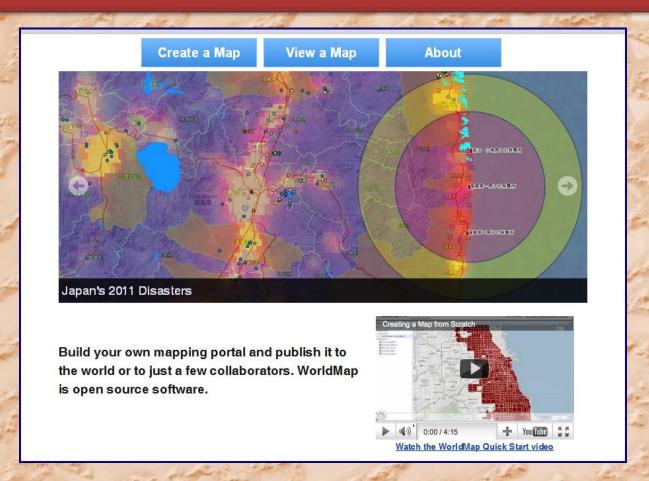
# WorldMap

a Spatial Perspective for Collaborative Research & Education



## WorldMap Overview

#### Why WorldMap & what are its features?

#### A brief history of WorldMap

• Purpose & Features – visitation & userser

#### **Basic Concepts & Definitions**

- Layers a virtual stratigraphy
- Spherical Mercator the Google/Bing projection
- Base map options Google & OpenStreetMap

#### **Simple Examples**

- Georeferenced aerial photos Tunisia 1974
- Georeferenced topographic maps Giza
- Political boundaries Cyprus 1975

Online Georeferencing – warp.worldmap.harvard.edu
Large Scale Maps with extensive micro data
Web Services

Sites & Documentation – integration with the Dataverse Network

Mediterranean Coast GIS -Phoenician Harbor in Cyprus

Middle East Spatial Collaborative

Jeff Howry - Harvard University - May, 2012

# Why WorldMap?

### WorldMap provides researchers with the ability to:

http://about.worldmap.harvard.edu

**Upload** large datasets and overlay them up with thousands of other layers

Create and edit maps and link map features to rich media content

Share edit or view access with small or large groups Export data to standard formats

Make use of powerful **online cartographic tools Georeference** paper maps online

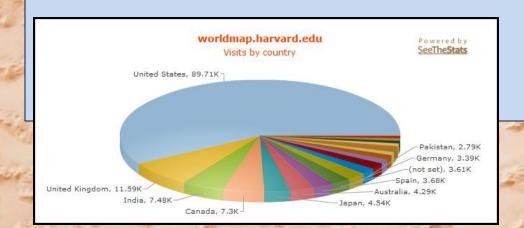
http://warp.worldmap.harvard.edu

**Publish** one's data to the world or to just a few collaborators

# WorldMap System Statistics

## Since the release last July 2011:

- 3,891 registered users
- 4,216 data layers 61,180 fields
- 1018 maps published
- 138,000 visitors from every country in the world
- 700 visitors / day average



# History of WorldMap

**Africa Map** – 2009 release of Phase 1 provides demonstration of concepts and some functionality

#### **Purposes**

- Make data available for research projects and public use
- Provide a repository for maps and data that would be difficult to access after a project is completed.
- Encourage collaboration among researchers
- Provide resources not easily found and readily
- 1 million place name gazetteer that is searchable
- Locational reference to online images, videos & web services
- Provide political, ethnographic and language data previously scattered in many sources.

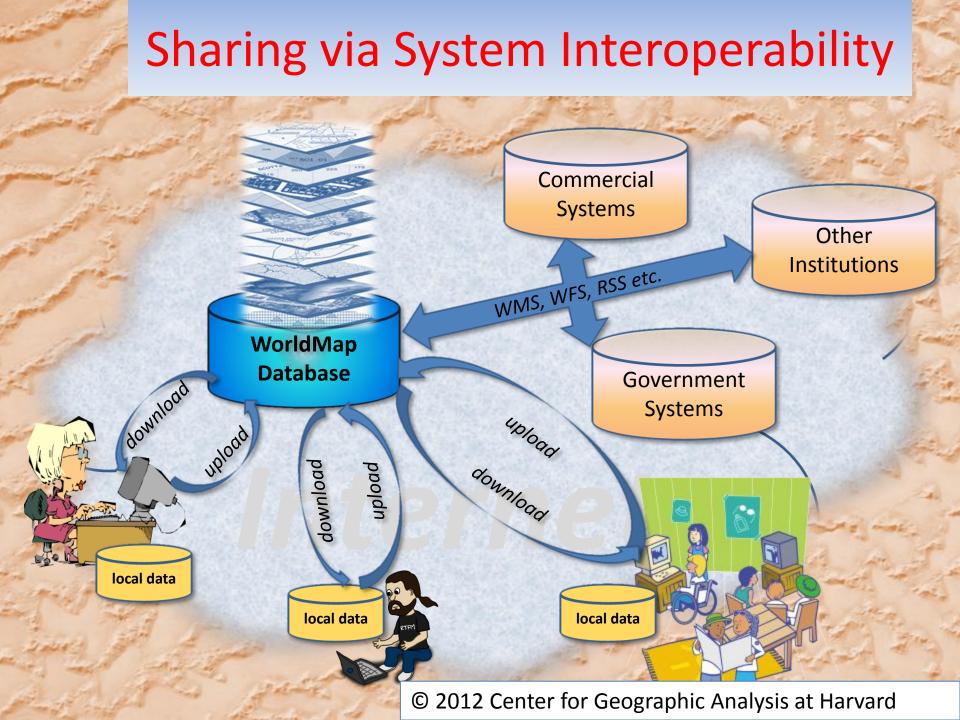
**Demonstrate the uses for web-based GIS** – no longer requires sophisticated desktop software to accomplish fundamental tasks like georeferencing maps <a href="warp.worldmap.harvard.edu">warp.worldmap.harvard.edu</a>

# What is WorldMap?

- A new way to share geospatial information
- Blends library and workbench
- Online creation and publishing
- Fine-grained access control
- Service oriented architecture
- Collaboration at levels of code, hosting, and functionality
- Online analysis ... coming soon

## WorldMap Allows One to...

- Discover data and visualize it in new ways
- Organize one's own (large) mapping datasets online
- Mashup / Overlay one's data with those of others
- Animate change over time for large datasets
- Collaborate by letting several people edit the same map
- Publish your data to the world or to just a few collaborators





#### Names and Concepts across the Geography Spectrum

Cartographers – among the first 'geographers'



**Tourism Geography** 

**Human Geography** 

Arab & Greek Geographers – Ptolemy (2<sup>nd</sup> Cent. C.E.)

**Central Place Theory** 

**Economic Geography** 

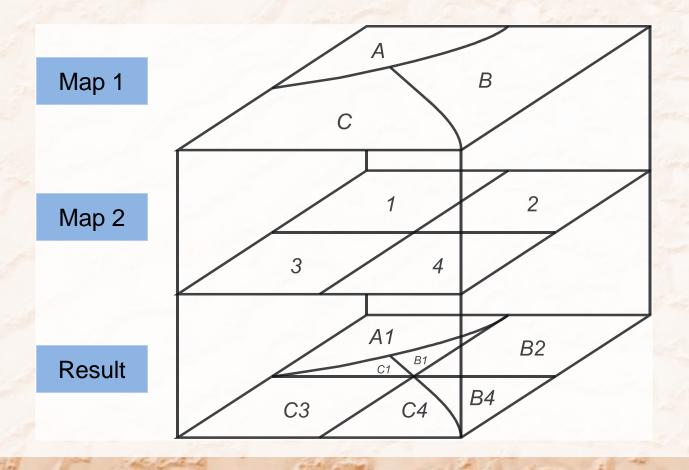
**Location Theory** 

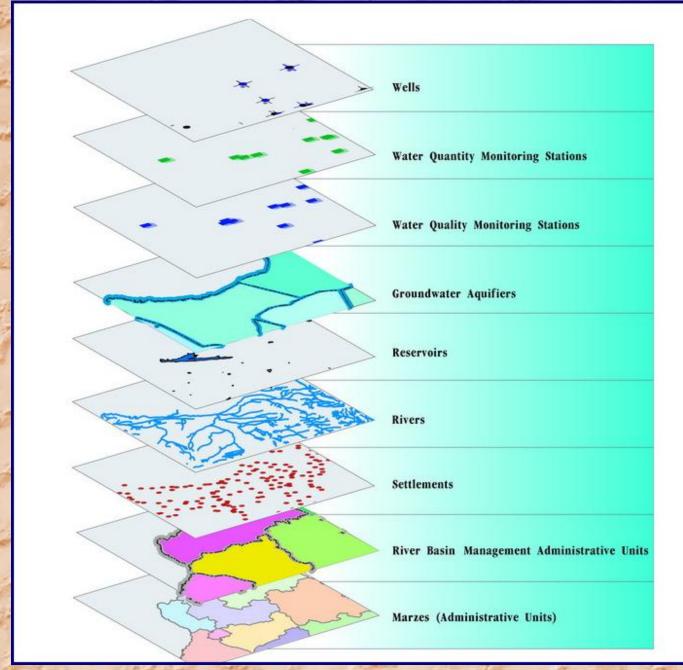
German vs. British schools of geography

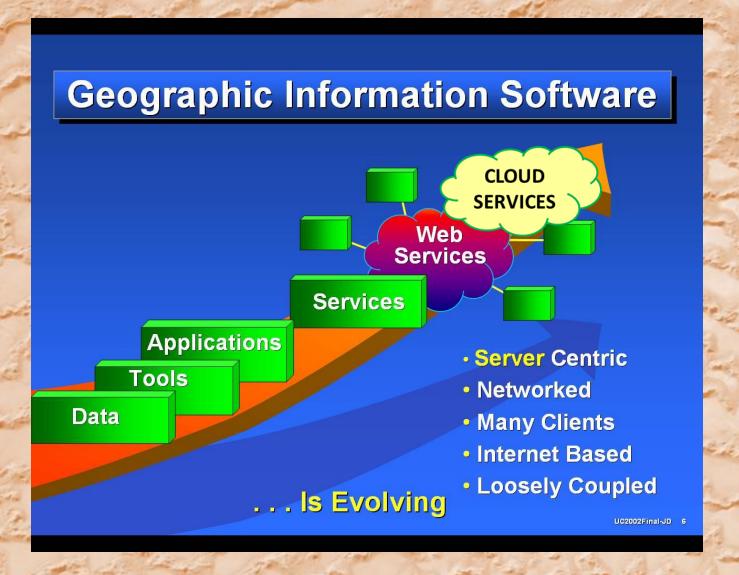
**Ecotourism** 

**Political Geography** 

What is the result of the overlay of 3 maps? Logical combination (overlay) of information layers (thematic maps) to derive new spatial information.







http://140.112.64.84/course/GIS\_Intro/Week01/concept/1-2.htm

# Cloud Services & WorldMap

 Cloud Services – application hosting in a remote data center with high-availability and the ability to expand (add more servers) or reduce resources depending upon user demand.

WorldMap runs on Amazon's Cloud <a href="mailto:aws.amazon.com/ec2">aws.amazon.com/ec2</a>

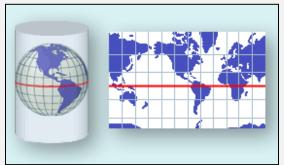
 Web-based application deployment requires no on-site IT support except a broad Internet connection and user laptops/desktops.

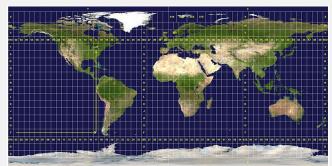
WorldMap – uses Firefox, Internet Explorer & Chrome

## **GIS Basics**

**Georeferencing** – a system for referencing information to a position on the earth's surface

Coordinate System – Universal Transverse Mercator (first adopted in US 1930's)





The transverse Mercator projection orients the 'equator' north-south (through the poles), thus providing a north-south oriented swath with *little distortion*.

#1 Story Street, Cambridge, MA 42°22'26.89"N 71° 7'18.59"W (from Google Earth) 42.374136 -71.121831

The decimals can be carried out to four places, resulting in a notation of "DD.XXXX". When using four decimal places, the decimal degree system is accurate to within  $\pm$  36.5 feet (11.12 m).

Google and Bing both use a 'spherical projection' of imagery tiles which differs from the traditional 'flat' projection systems commonly used on maps.

#### **Images**



**Raster Image** - made up of a specific number of dots. If you blow up a <u>raster graphic</u> it will look blocky, or "pixelated."

Common formats - <u>.BMP</u>, <u>.TIF</u>, <u>.GIF</u>, <u>.JPG</u> - Typical file formats <u>www.techterms.com/definition/rastergraphic</u>

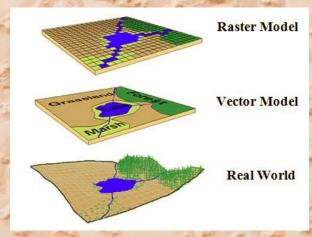
**Vector** - comprised of paths, which are defined by a start and end point, along with other points, curves, and angles along the way. A path can be a line, a square, a triangle, or a curvy shape. <u>AI, EPS, SVG, DRW</u> - Typical file formats.

www.techterms.com/definition/vectorgraphic

In GIS work, raster images are the basic type of images that are georeferenced and

then added as a layer in a GIS project

GIS applications often produce **vector images** that are the end result of creating polygons or other areas



http://www.stonecourses.net/environment/gis2.html

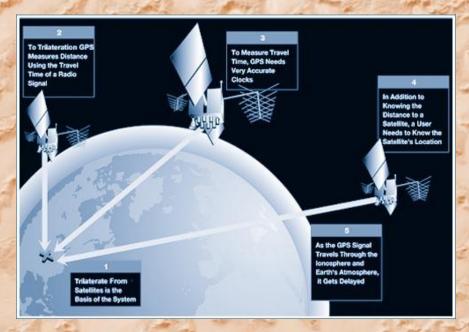


#### GPS - Global Positioning System

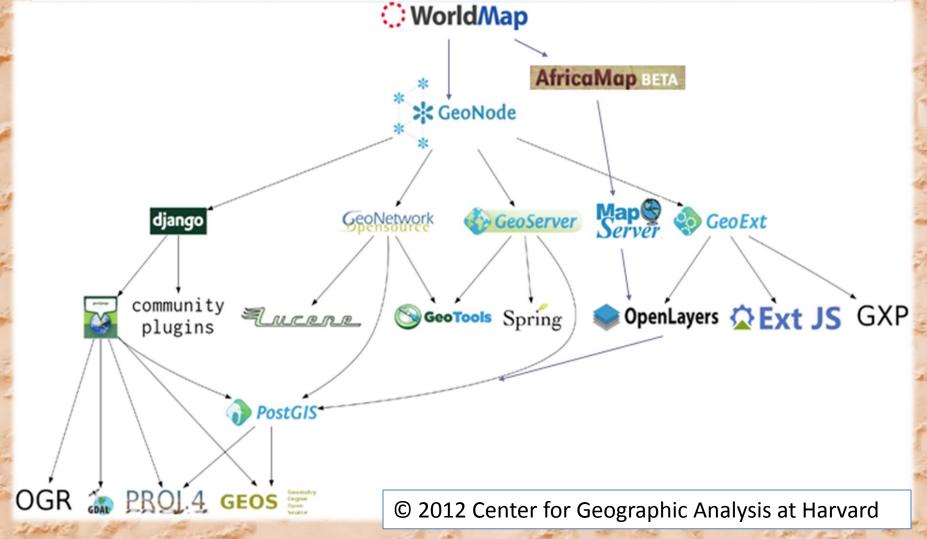
There are at least 24 operational GPS satellites at all times plus a number of spares. The satellites, operated by the US DoD, orbit with a period of 12 hours (two orbits per day) at a height of about 11,500 miles traveling at 9,000 mph (3.9km/s or 14,000 kph). Ground stations are used to precisely track each satellite's orbit.

http://www.pocketgpsworld.com/howgpsworks.php

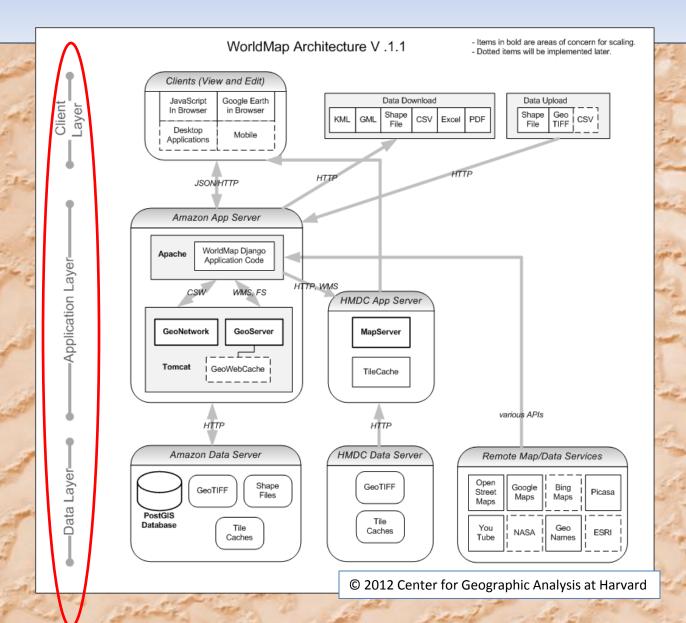




# WorldMap Foundation: Open Source Code



## **Basic Architecture**



## WorldMap in the Classroom

- "World Religions and Multicultural America" taught by Diana Eck
- "Reinventing Boston: The Changing American City" taught by Rob Sampson and David Luberoff
- "Societies of the World 28" taught by Kelly O'Neill
- "Environmental Management of Tourism Development" taught by Megan Epler Wood
- "The African City", "The African Past: Art and History to 1800" taught by Suzanne Blier
  - <u>Ile-Ife http://worldmap.harvard.edu/maps/834/DX2</u>
- "Chinese History 200R", "Societies of the World 12", "Culture and Belief 26" taught by Peter Bol
- Approx 8 more coming

## OpenStreetMap – ESRI Imagery - Bing Maps with Labels (Base Map Options) Background OpenStreetMap Occupie Hybrid 🔯 🔘 Google Roadmap Coogle Terrain ESRI World Imagery 🔯 🔘 Google Satellite OpenStreetMap.org 📟 🔘 Bing Roads Bing with Labels Bing Aerial Bing Aerial With Labels

Hint: Windows+Shift key permits selecting a zoom window | Mac uses Shift+Command+Left Click

Backgrounds – Google: Terrain, Streets, Satellite

#### worldmap.harvard.edu



Build your own mapping portal and publish it to the world or to just a few collaborators. WorldMap is open source software.



**○ WorldMap** BETA Search For Maps Search for maps <u>JapanMap</u> July 14, 2011 Lex <u>■ AfricaMap</u> June 24, 2011 June 16, 2011 <u>■ ChinaMap</u> ■ ChicagoMap Matt Bertrand May 3, 2011 April 10, 2011 ■ Safe Surgery 2015 South Carolina March 11 2011 November 10, 2011 Tuchschere KathleenSchwill November 8, 2011 November 6, 2011 → Panama Pacific International Exposition mhavs ■ Montreal expo 67 cfish November 6, 2011 November 6, 2011 ■ Philadelphia Centennial 1876 Color Grc dianajgalante November 4, 2011 n ohana political Suzanne blier <u>■ Tang China 840 -- Ennin's Travels</u> November 3, 2011 November 3, 2011

http://worldmap.harvard.edu/maps/search?sort=last\_modified&dir=DESC

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#### **JUMP TO LIVE DEMO**

#### **Georeferencing Images**

Tunisia 1974 – Aerial Imagery



http://worldmap.harvard.edu/maps/neareastcollab/DX6

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Right Corner of Aerial

Mosaic view



#### **Georeferenced topographic maps – Tunis**

http://worldmap.harvard.edu/maps/mideastcollab/BJC



#### Political boundaries - Cyprus 1975

http://worldmap.harvard.edu/maps/neareastcollab/DYX

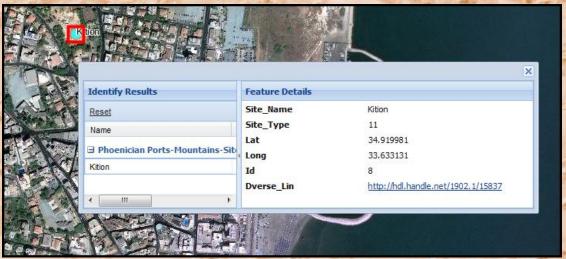


# Kition – close-up of the port's original location <a href="http://worldmap.harvard.edu/maps/MedCoastGIS/BZo">http://worldmap.harvard.edu/maps/MedCoastGIS/BZo</a>



Clicking on "Link" button in the WorldMap navigation bar and then the Kition marker provides metadata, including a URL to the publication of a study about sailing the Cypriot coast:

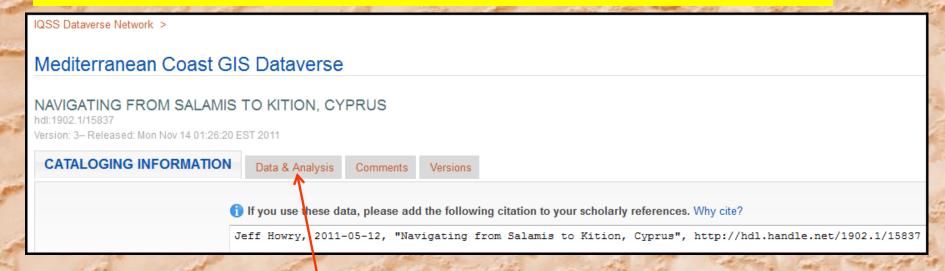
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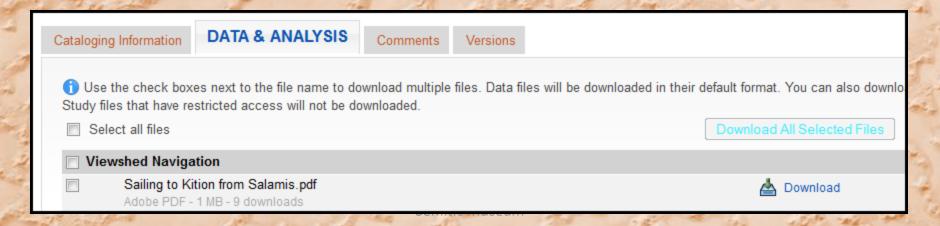
Jeff Howry - jhowry@fas.harvard.edu -Semitic Museum

#### **Connecting to the Mediterranean Coast GIS Dataverse**

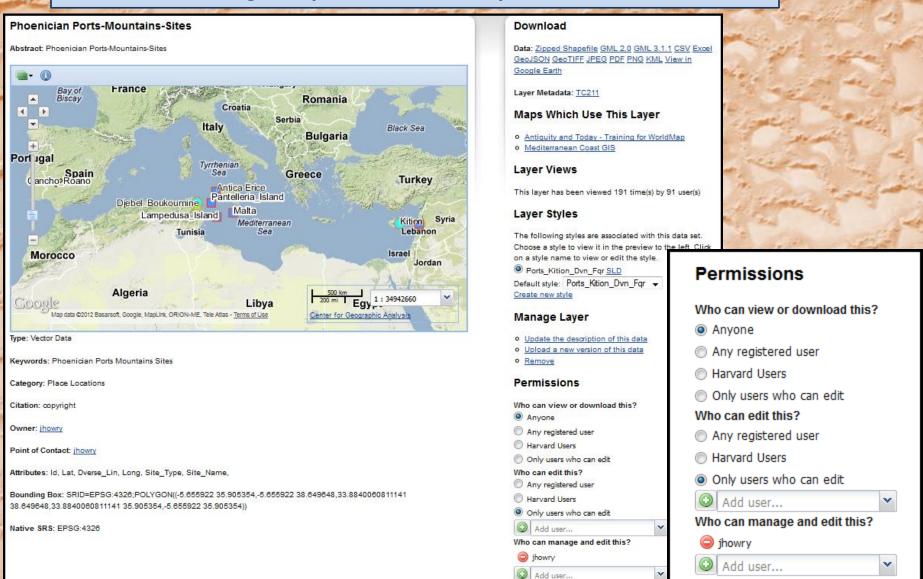
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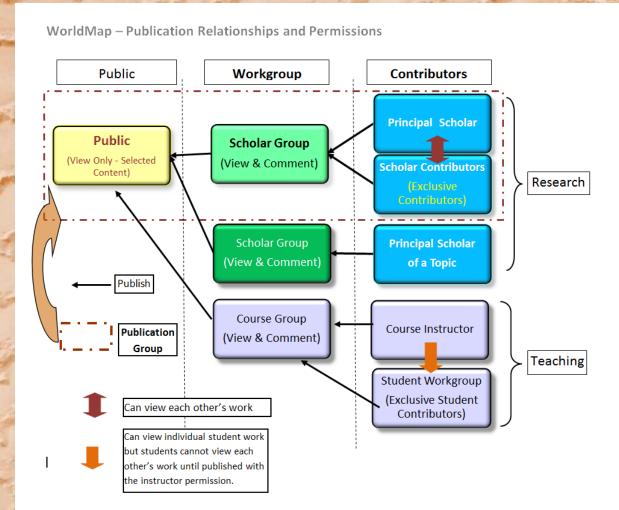
"Navigating from Salamis to Kition, Cyprus" Click on **Data & Analysis** tab



#### Viewing of Layers is controlled by "Permissions"



#### **Model for Scholarly Collaboration and Education**



WorldMap and the Dataverse Network can be restricted to selected individuals or shared with the world.

The control remains with creator of the WorldMap or individual layers can be selectively displayed or shared.

## Features in Development...

- Time Animation of large datasets
- Mobile client
- Annotation
- Ranking commenting tools
- Place name gazetteer
- Spatial analysis tools
- Heatmap visualization tools
- Integration with Dataverse Network
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http://calvert.hul.harvard.edu:8080/opengeoportal/

Worldwide data (free) <a href="https://www.diva-gis.org/gdata">www.diva-gis.org/gdata</a>

Eden Project (free) <a href="mailto:ergodd.zoo.ox.ac.uk/eden/index.php?p=57">ergodd.zoo.ox.ac.uk/eden/index.php?p=57</a>

**QUANTUM GIS** – <u>www.qgis.org</u> – desktop GIS software for creating layers to upload to WorldMap

Windows, Max OSX, Linux <a href="https://www.qgis.org/wiki/Download">www.qgis.org/wiki/Download</a>

**DIVA GIS** – <u>www.diva-gis.org</u> – desktop GIS software

PC or Mac OSX <a href="http://www.diva-gis.org/download">http://www.diva-gis.org/download</a>]