

#### Games technology in asset construction and management

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#### Introduction









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# **Digital Twins**



Digital Twins are virtual copies of real world existing or planned assets or spaces.



Example: Verbund GmbH, Austria

# Models of the built environment – "Bestandsmodelle"



How do you want them to be?

For example..

... cheap?

... fit for purpose?

... available quickly?

... based on open standards?

... small file size?

... semantic?



Example: WorldInsight, DB Systel GmbH, S11

#### Use games technology!

#### More efficiency in data capturing

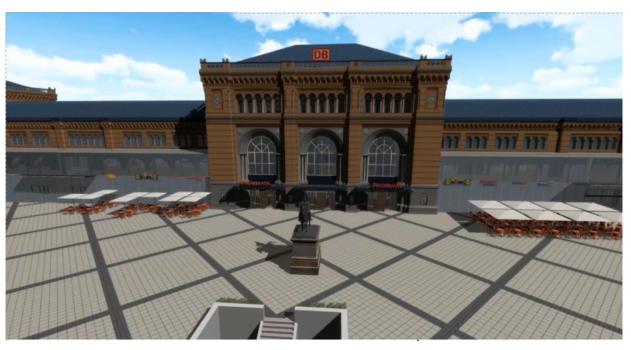


#### Quiz time:

Data capturing of all public areas, including outdoor areas, station concourses, all platforms and pedestrian tunnels, at a city center station with around 60,000 passengers per day and 14 long-distance tracks.

How long do you think it took?

3 man-hours



Example: WorldInsight, DB Systel GmbH, Hannover Hbf.

Video: <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/s/cxha4rnw0gltm1g/WOI\_Hbf%20Hannover.mp4?dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/s/cxha4rnw0gltm1g/WOI\_Hbf%20Hannover.mp4?dl=0</a>

#### Reduce data volume



#### Quiz time:

Which one is real?

What is the file size of one of these buildings in the model?

What is the file size of a 3D city model with more than 1200 buildings?

**Answers:** 

~ 80 kb

~250 MB



#### Automation using games technology



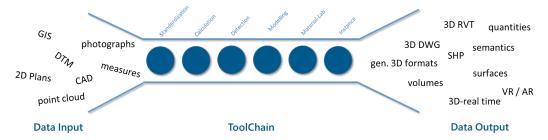
We use normal photographs as our main input data.

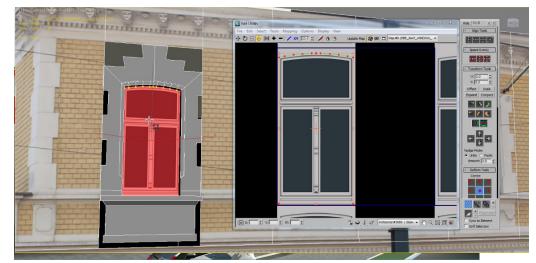
3D modeling is a semi-automated process based on our ToolChain, an "assembly line" of algorithms for processing the input data.

First of all we produce a master photography and use the principles of descriptive geometry to produce a 3D model.

Then our algorithms detect patterns, vectors and objects in the digital model

These objects are replaced by corresponding items from our vast object library. This is a key step, because a) it ensures that the dataset remains small and b) it generates semantic models





#### **Automation using games technology**



What do you think was the processing time to produce this model of Milan Central Station?

~ 1 week



Example: Milan Central Station

Video: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FNp7XZ9ItoM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FNp7XZ9ItoM</a>

Player: https://www.dropbox.com/s/pzu9je8vrbm6hin/Itally\_MilanStation\_Player.zip?dl=0

#### **Object-based by default**



A vast object library is at the heart of our technology, containing digital representations of real world objects. Started 15 years ago, it now contains a vast amount of street furniture, building components, rail equipment, technical objects, materials and textures from all over the world. The library enables the semantics in our digital twins.



Example: WorldInsight, DB Systel GmbH, Exploding Switch Video: https://www.dropbox.com/s/kaklxe2xmi335yc/TLL\_Exploding%20switch%20%28White%29.mp4?dl=0

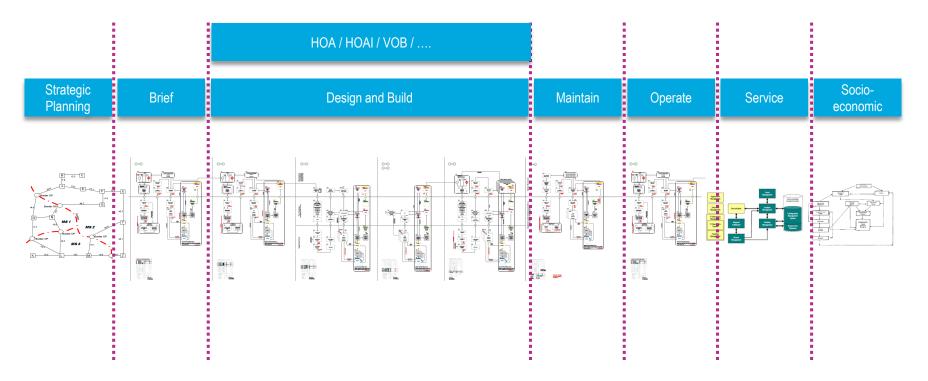
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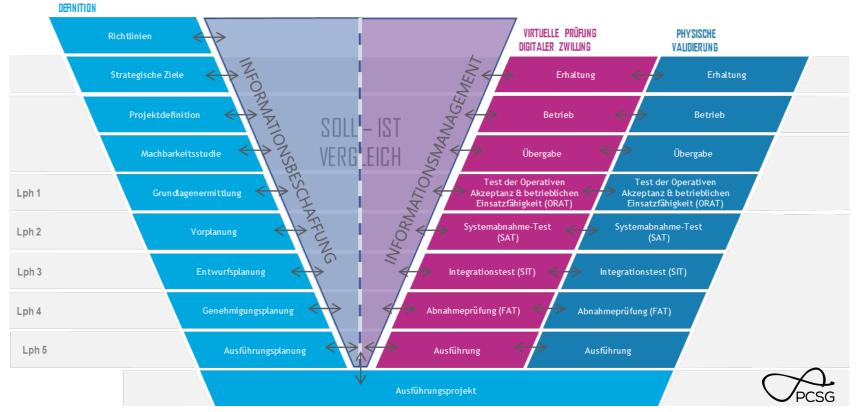
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# **Linear construction process**



#### The Systems Engineering "V-Process"



#### **UAT**



An example for a user acceptance test on a train configurator



Example: WorldInsight, DB Systel GmbH, Advanced Train Lab

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# The Challenge

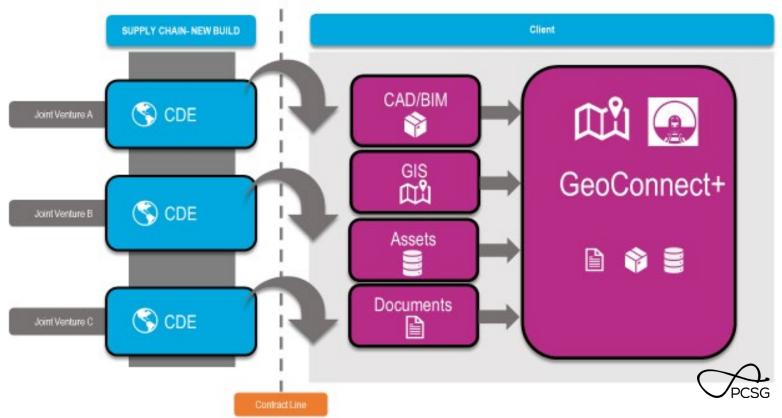


- Ability to find key information
- Models, maps, drawings and data all in different places
- No common open standards
- Information is often poor or of unknown quality
- Unknown security measures
- Need to use complex unfamiliar systems to access information
- Lack of integration limits good understanding
- Information doesn't often get to those who need it



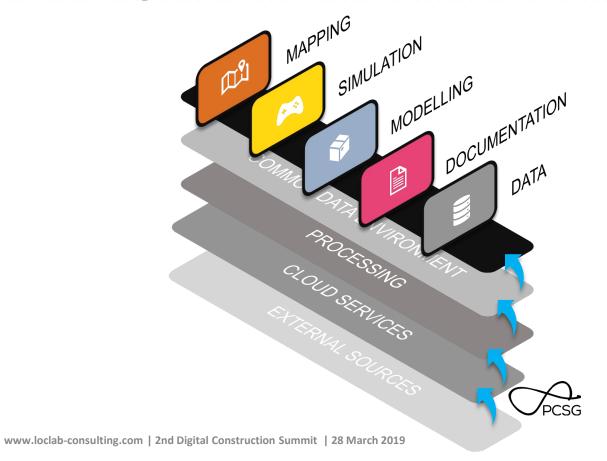


#### GeoConnect+

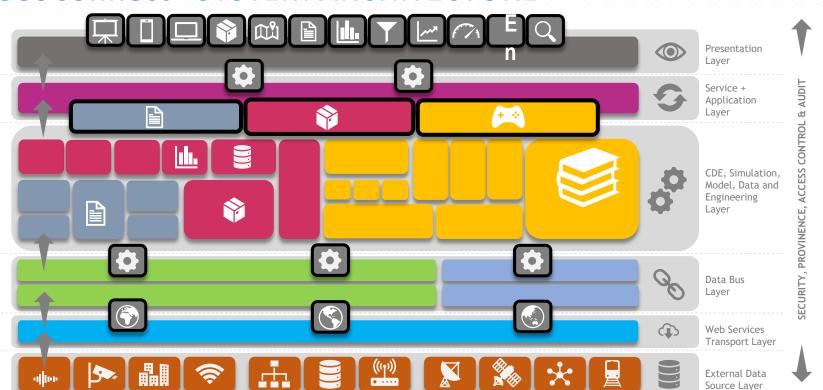


# **Data Integration**





#### **GeoConnect+ SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE**







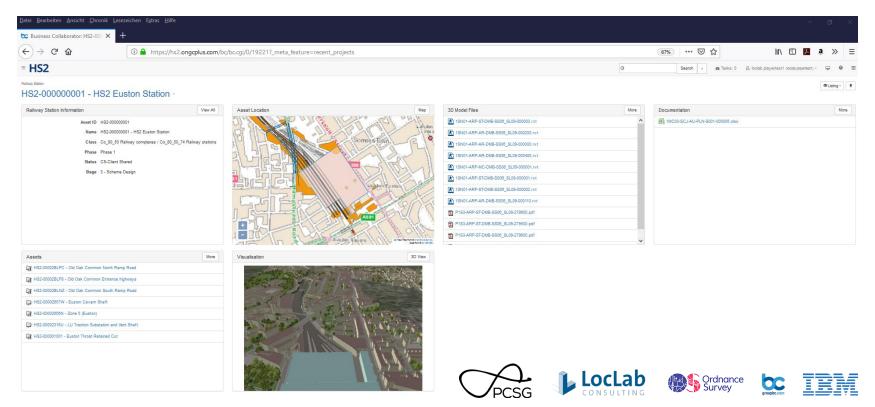






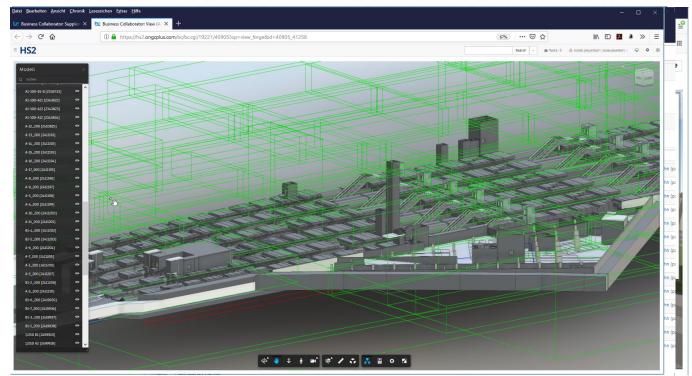
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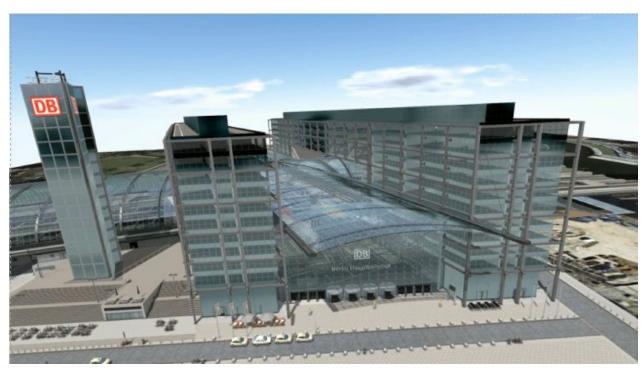




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Example: WorldInsight, DB Systel GmbH, Berlin Central Station



# Vielen Dank für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit.

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