

a Geographic UI for Prospect-to-Partner Relationships Management





ProsPar: a Geographic UI for Prospect-to-Partner Relationships Management



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Electricité De France



Electricité De France (EDF) is the historical french electricity utility.

EDF R&D is a mutualised entity for all the EDF Group.

ICAME (our department) deals with commercial entities of the EDF group.

A part of our work is to bring web mapping to projects, essentially with FOSS4G tools.





Camptocamp



Camptocamp is a service-oriented editor and integrator of Open Source software applications for Geospatial Solutions, Business Solutions, and Infrastructure Solutions.

MapFish, originally from Camptocamp, is going to be pushed as an OSGeo project.





prosPar: context



- prosPar is a web2.0 application currently being developed at Electricité De France R&D, in partnership with Camptocamp.
- It aims at providing a geographic UI to represent and query relationships between our clients and craftsmen partners.

Why does EDF have craftsmen partners?







White Certificates



- Documents certifying that a certain reduction of greenhouse gas emission has been attained.
- Following the Kyoto conference, energy companies have to produce a quota of white certificates.
- How a company which doesn't produce a lot of greenhouse effect gas can gather its share of white certificates?
- But white certificates can be obtained by different ways ...



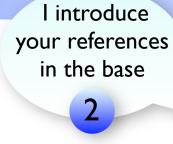


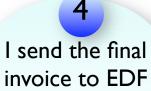
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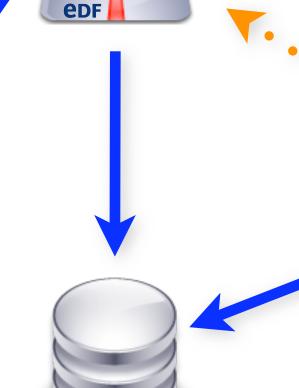


our house















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White Certificates



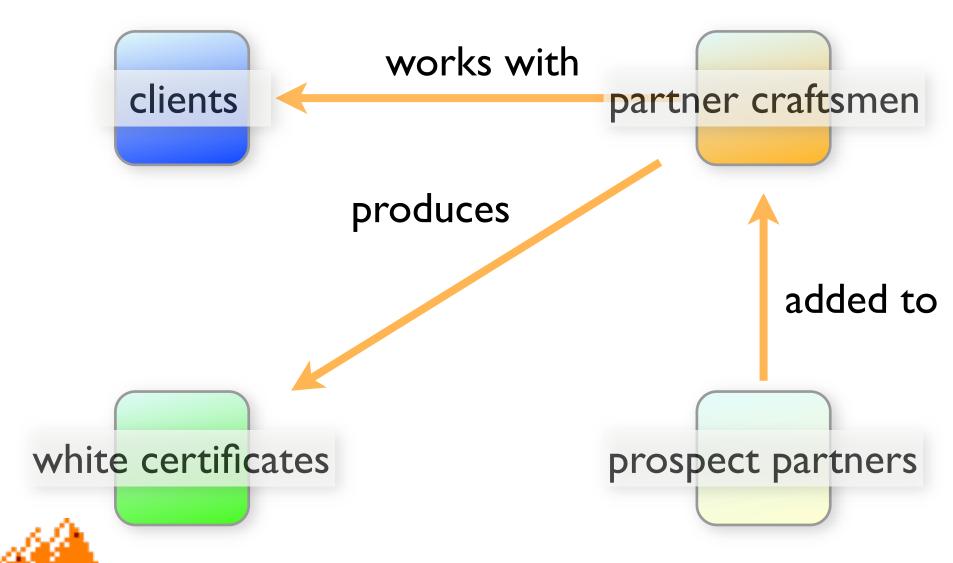
- A way for EDF to get white certificates is to connect its customers to companies or craftsmen whenever they call us when they intend to have some work reducing their energy consumption done in their house.
- Here comes the process of allowing craftsmen to pick up clients, controlling their ongoing relationship and finally putting the white certificate in the validating process.





Databases







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Spatial View: Benefits



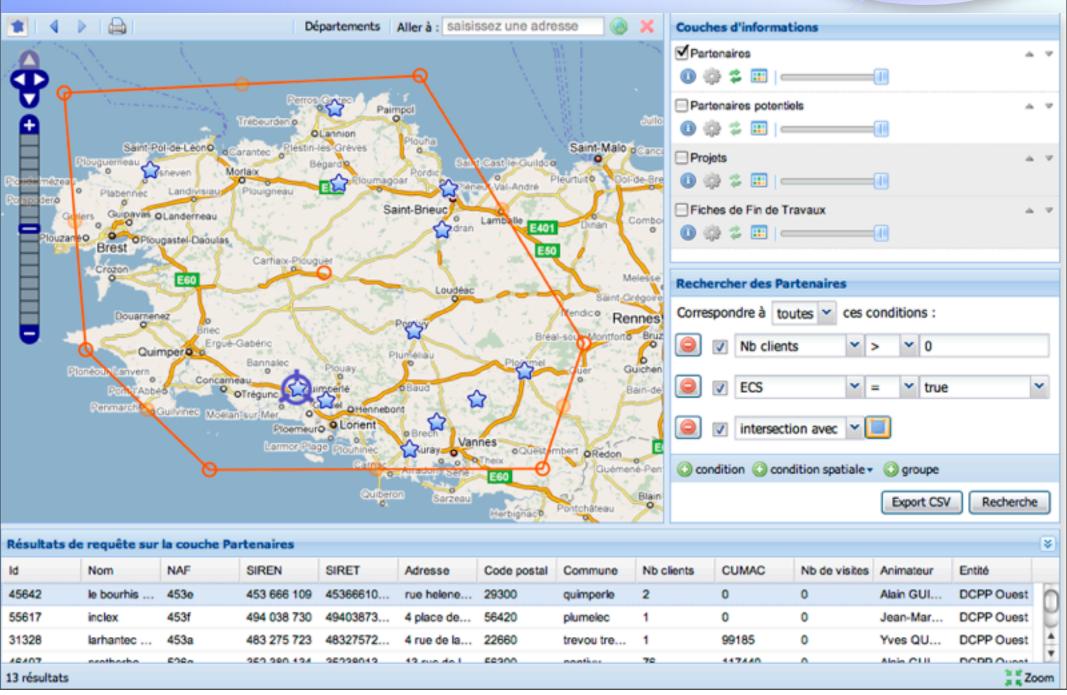
- spatial requests: what are the craftsmen available around an incoming customer?
- a regional view : where do I need to enrol new craftsmen ?
- where are my potentials in terms of white certificates?
- a new friendly way to explore databases.





GUI





prosPar: techniques



- at the beginning it was decided that :
 - data would be provided only by means of OGC webservices (WMS and WFS) with no server-side developments
 - the presentation work would be done clientside only
- the ideas behind this choice are :
 - OGC webservices reuse (any compliant client)
 - cartographic server agnostic application
 - initial implementation focuses on simplicity





Components



PostgreSQL/PostGIS

server side

Geoserver as OWS provider

Mapfish + OpenLayers + GeoExt

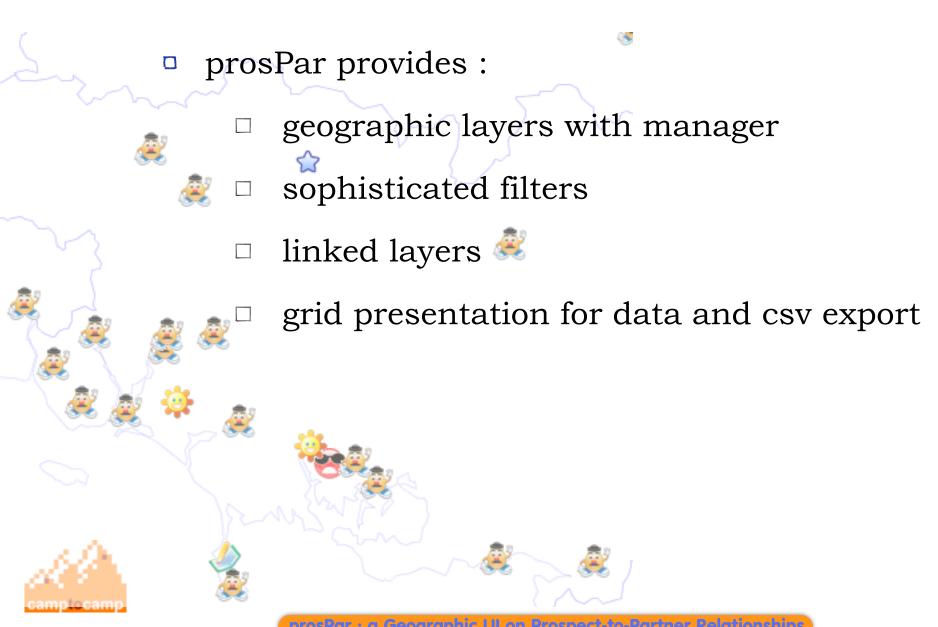
client side





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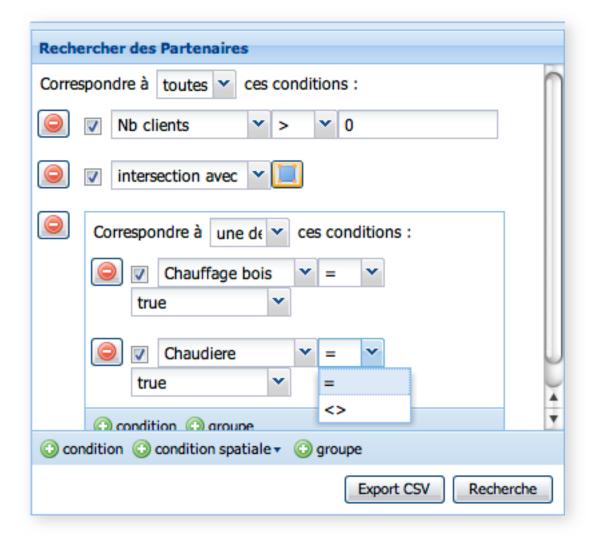




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http://projects.opengeo.org/styler







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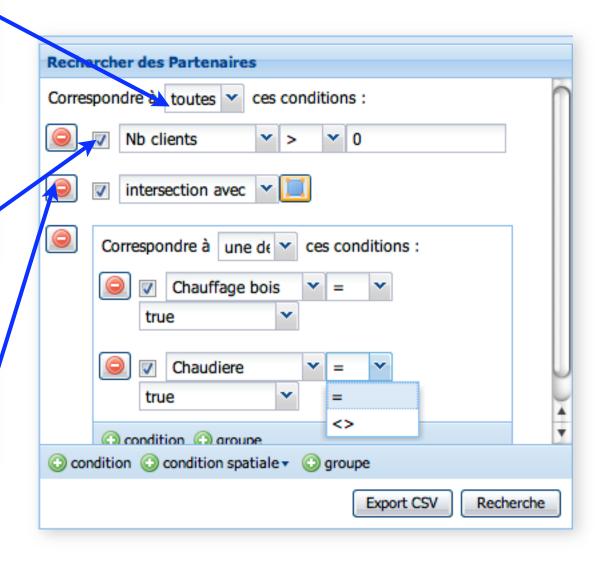


conjunction or disjunction

filter relaxing

condition removal





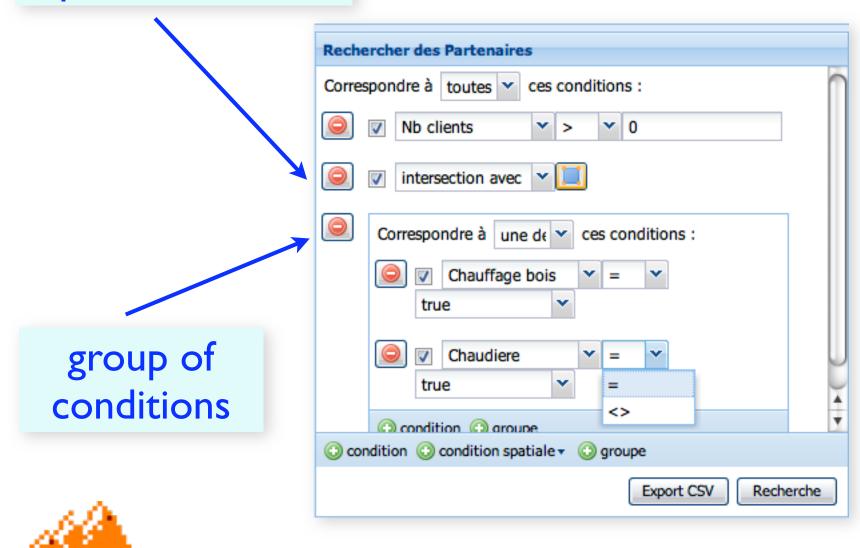


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spatial condition





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Linked Layers



Linked layers address those sorts of questions:

show me the white certificates associated with this craftsman

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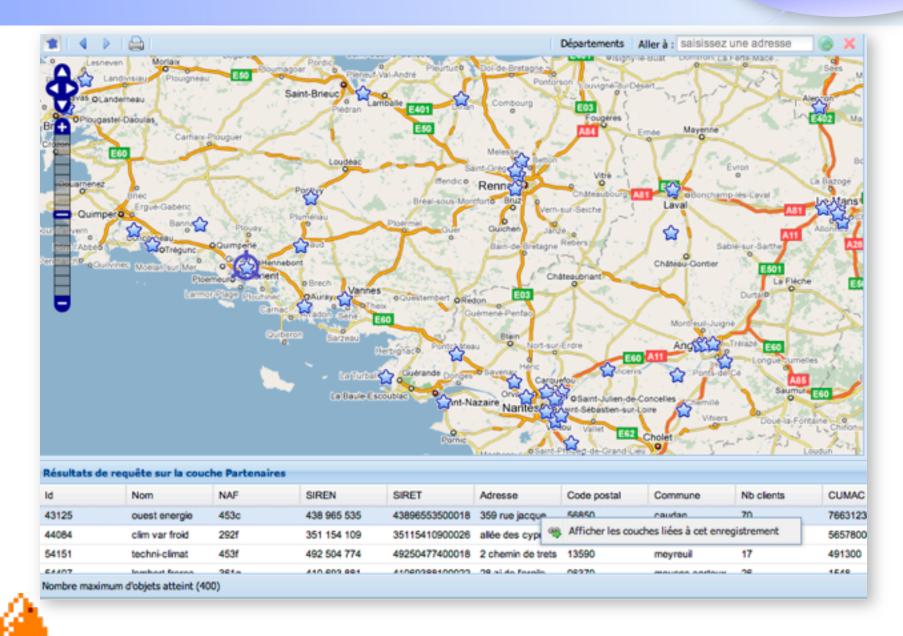
show me the clients this craftsman has contacted

The answers are shown on 2 new layers.

The user is able to query further those layers using the standard GUI.



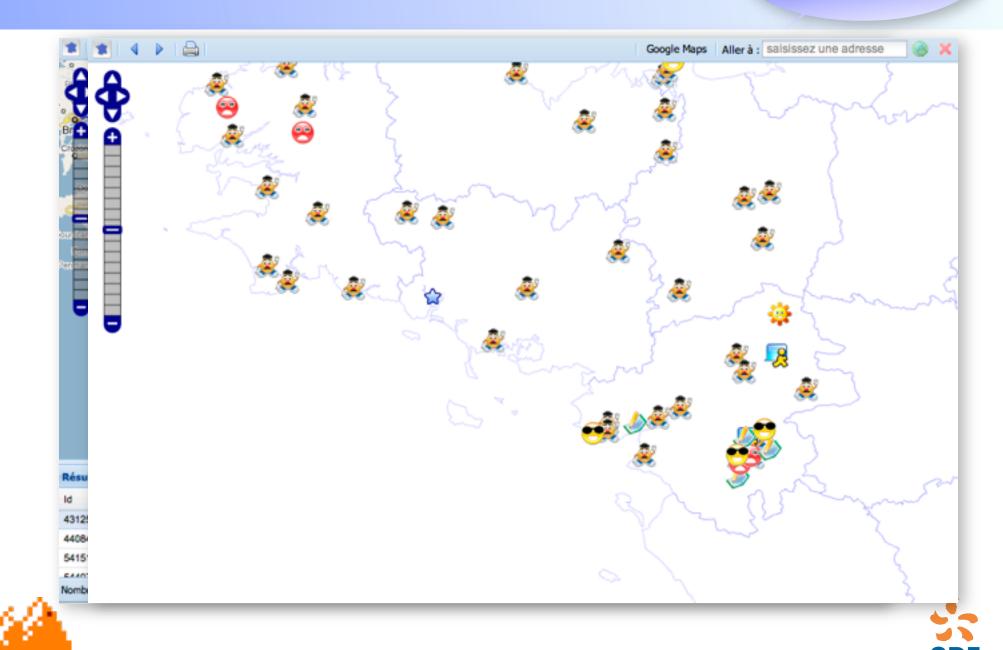






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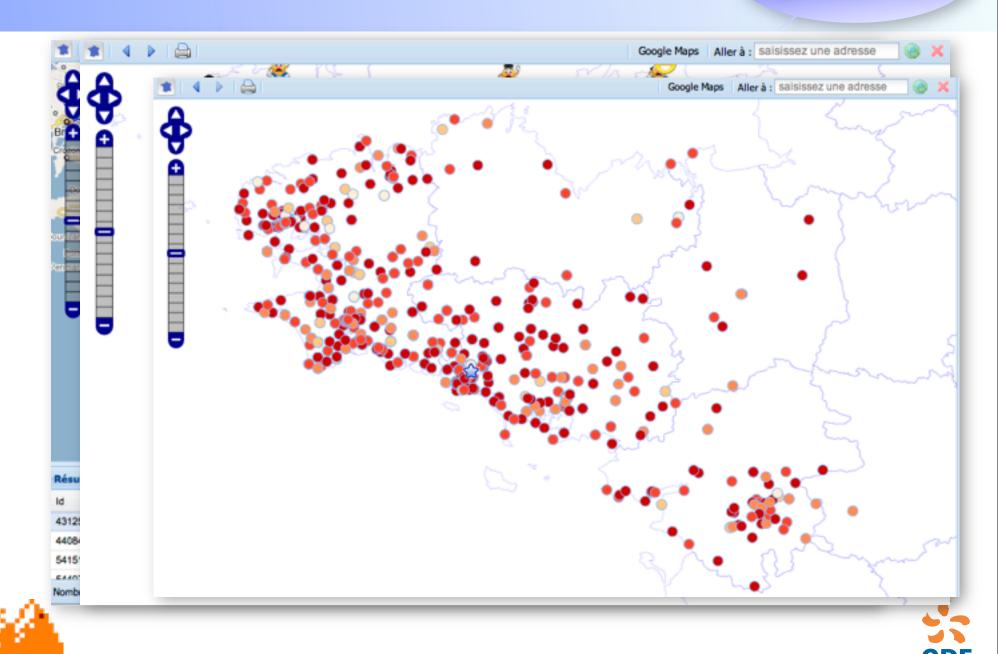
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A Generic Application?



The client-side code is generic.

- To achieve this, the application uses a XML configuration file which specifies:
 - □ an access to the data
 - which attributes are to be presented, used for filtering, come with a list of their occurrences
 - which layers are linked and how









- Thanks to the XML configuration file and a Python script we produce:
 - a javascript configuration file
 - a bunch of JSON files with unique values



 The operation has to be repeated every time the data changes







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OWS lacks & workarounds



- OWS lacks some features, e.g.:
 - □ WFS : get distinct values ?
 - WFS : describeFeatureType with pretty attribute name ?
 - Feature joins between WFS layers ?
- Workarounds:
 - a batch database extraction
 - generated javascript
 - pre-join via ETL and new layer





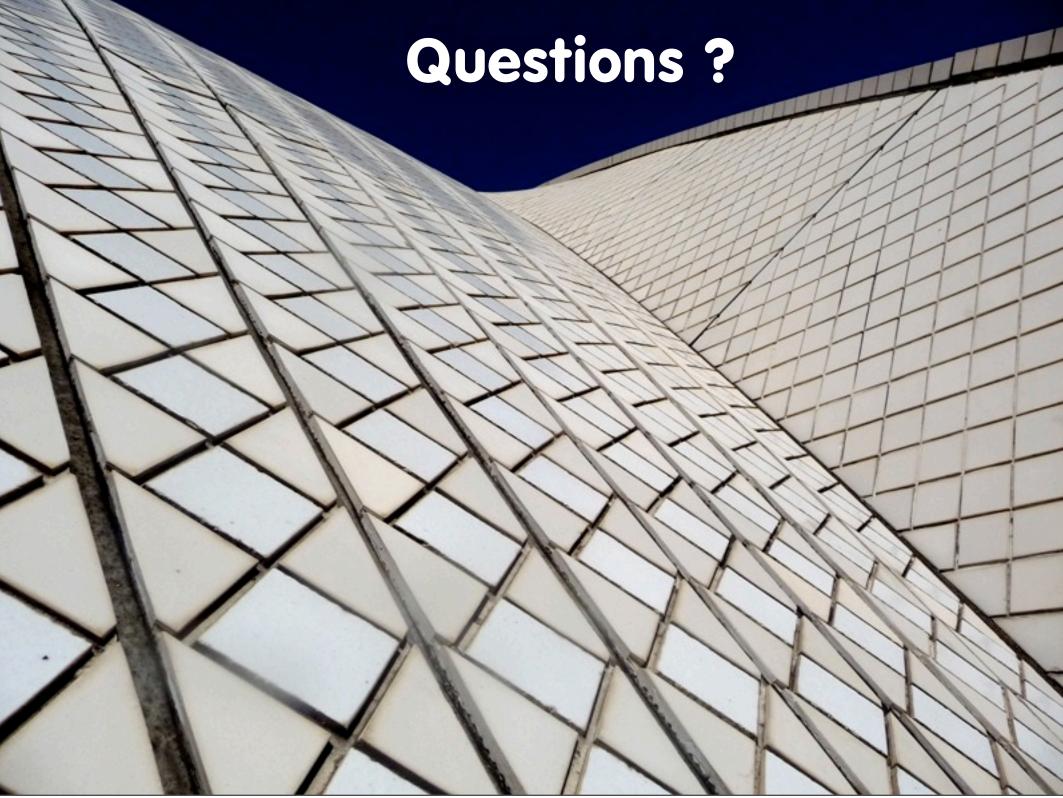
Alternate choices?



- Is "100% OWS" the right choice?
- What about an application developed on top of Mapfish server or GeoDjango?







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