

### Smartmet II Weather Warning System Mikko Visa EGOWS/MOS 2015



#### General

 Meteorological workstation for creating analysis, forecasts and now also warnings for end production.

•Implemented with Java programming language.

 Enables displaying observations, radar & satellite images, and model data on top of different map layers as background data for the meteorologist.

 As an output of users work Smartmet II returns GML documents which support OGC standard. These are then utilized in production of several different products.

•Smartmet II takes advantage of Java webstart. The user does not need to install the software on his/her computer. To use it the user needs only internet access and Java Runtime Environment (Java7 currently)



## **Basic Ideas**

•Plugin-based architecture

•The framework takes care of time and area selection

- Data layers, selected by the user, are displayed on top of each other on the map panel
- All requested information is inspected in the same projection so that comparision of the data is easy
- Meteorologists make their analysis and interpretations on top of the data layers

Launch + loading and saving the data is network-based







## **Backends**

## **Data sources**

#### MetOcean Data Server Brainstorm

•Q3 plugin (Model data, SYNOP observations)

 TimeSeries plugin (Used for best guesses for forest fire and wave height)

#### MapServer (WMS)

Background maps

Radar images

Satellite images



# Warnings Plugin



# Introduction

New tool for meteorologists, in use since 04/2015
Implemented as an interactive GUI plugin to Smartmet II
Used to create and edit warning data and to launch generation of warning products and their delivery
Archive of old warnings available (searchable with warning type, severity, area and time)
Also includes a warning text editor

•With this tool a meteorologist can edit automatically created warning texts and launch generation of warning text products and their delivery



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# **Output production**



# Output

Currently WOML is saved to MongoDB (temporary solution)
WOML = Weather Objects Modelling Language

•https://agora.fmi.fi/display/WOML/

 Defines meteorological phenomena or other objects in a semantically meaningful way by using GML feature model as the basis of the language

#### In progress: WOML input to PostGIS database

 Initial plan was through Geoserver via WFS-T but Geoserver WFS-T does not support complex features (does output them though)

Result: Smartmet II output requestable from standard WFS and WMS interfaces

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•The following warning products are generated from WOML:

 Bitmap graphics to be displayed for example at the FMI public web site and in FMI mobile applications

XML syntaxes

•CAP (MeteoAlarm)

Several FMI specific XML syntaxes (clients) is saved to MongoDB
Warning texts

Warning text products are generated separately from other warning products

•Warning text suggestions are created automatically from the published warning data

 Meteorologists can edit automatically generated texts before publishing them



# User and developer experiences



# The project

Development was done following a scrum-like process
One month sprints with monthly face-to-face meetings with the users
Developer meetings once a week
JIRA with agile plugin as the project management tool
Also used by the end users
Avoid email as much as possible, prefer JIRA and instant messaging
Essential: end-users involved from the beginning
Demands time and involment from the users but is worth it
Our users were committed to the project -> scrum process worked well



# Warning plugin – the good

 Easy to see the big picture – all warnings from 0-120h in the same view

•Very fast to use once you master the shortcut keys

 No more long drop-down menus or small popups compared to the old system

•Warning editing very smooth (levels, time, area)

•Ability to specify free areas (not tied to municipalities etc.)

Ability to get best guesses for certain warning types (more to come)

Simultaneous use from more than one workstation

Easy to change warning level thresholds or to add new warning types

•Estimated 20-40% time saving compared to the old system

# Warning plugin – the "could be better"

•Java not always the easiest platform (unable to start workstation due to accidental updates to newer versions, security level tightenings, ...)

Automatic text generation still needs further development
Random lag/slowness in situations with a lot of warnings
Optimized for experienced users ie. Not so easy for the newcomer

•Problems with MeteoAlarm CAP, still using the old tool for this

•MeteoAlarm CAP profile based on Google's profile, not fully standards compliant with CAP 1.2



# Thank you! Questions?

