Browsing and correlation of territorial data in tangible maps: a Venice case study

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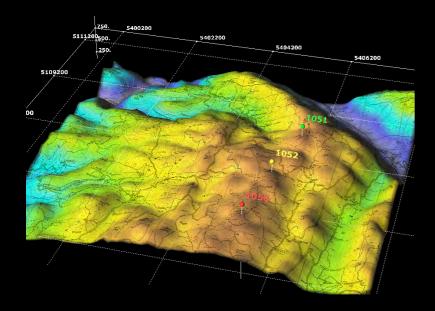
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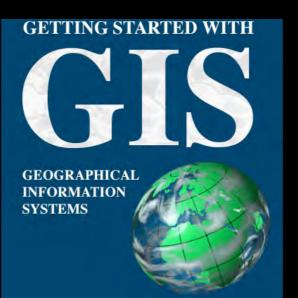
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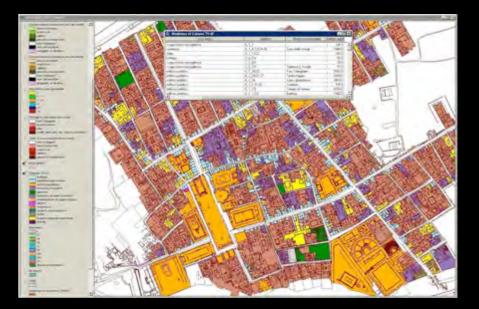
introduction: Information Technology in planning

Information technology and new visualization methods are transforming approaching strategies for urban and territorial planning processes.

In particular, these play an important role in transmitting, organizing and analyzing large quantities of notions related to territories.



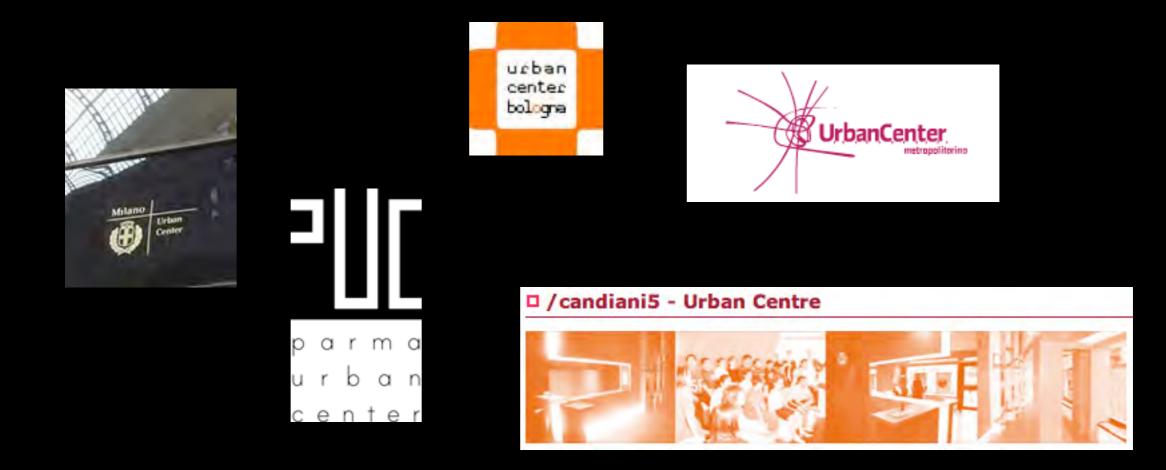




introduction: shared knowledge vs shared planning processes

In the same time, an involvement of the various component of the society is becoming familiar, proper, and useful

toward a shared knowledge and a shared planning processes

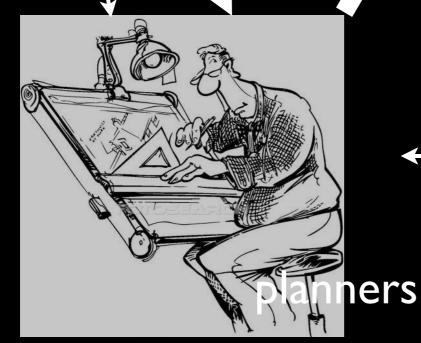


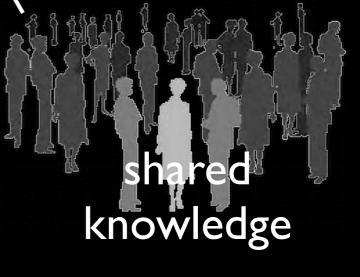
introduction: the planning process

I.T. knowledge managing

the planning process

- "Re-imagining Chinatown: An Interactive Planning Process."
- by Fifth Floor, art/design gallery Los Angeles C.A.





introduction: the planning process



aim of the project

The objective of the research project is to **conceive and develop** new methodologies to communicate urban and territorial data in visual and interactive ways, enabling experts (architects, urban planners, city managers, etc.) and non-experts (students, citizens, etc.) alike to participate in the discovery and analysis of **physical and geographical data located in a shared information space.**

Supporting new ways of viewing, browsing and understanding the urban and territorial environment can lead to a more efficient evaluation of data

fostering knowledge generation and consequentially

enriching the planning process.

We aim to improve this understanding through dynamic, fl exible and userfriendly methods to gather and evaluate spatial and cultural data connected with territories.

the tabletop application



Theoretical and conceptual background social creativity and single information space

First, solving complex problems related to territories is not simply the sum of each participant's knowledge, but **the result of a process of knowledge exchange** and construction embedded in social interaction. This *social creativity* (Arias et. al. 2000) can be used to improve the decision making processes and related planning choices.

Second, when **multiple levels of notions** and concepts are overlaid into a **single information space**, urban design processes can be increased and supported (cf. Ishii et. al. 2002), and new ways of approaching complex design problems related to territories may be **improved**.

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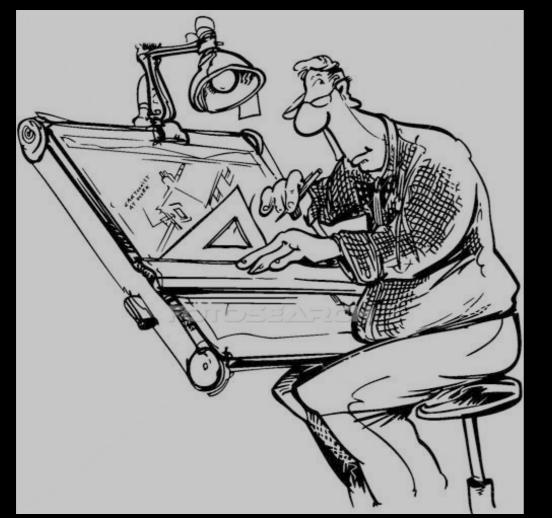
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thanks to a **Semantic operability** can be considered as an ensemble of notions to **browse** and **correlate** in an interactive way



analysis requirements: the users







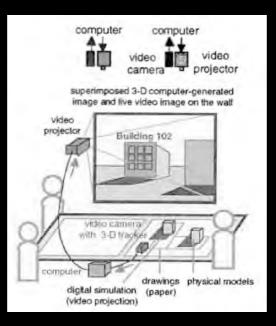
Therefore, based on studies of existing tools and our previous experience in knowledge management systems in architectural and territorial domains (Nagel et. al. 2009, Stefaner et. al. 2007, Condotta 2008) we developed a list of specific characteristics which can be organized and reorganized around the followings points:

- A friendly, direct and non mediated access to data
- Navigation of the information space needs to be as free as possible, flexible and evolving according to the users' needs.
- To enhance knowledge exchange processes by overlaying concepts, relational networks between notions has to be explicated and explained in simple and visual ways users can intuitively grasp to increase both their understanding of notions, and general exploration activities.
- Finally, an important aim is to create a social system that can increase social creativity processes.

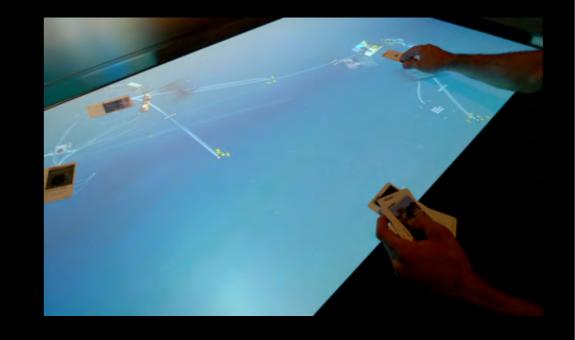
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"Envisionment and Discovery Collaboratory (EDC)" Colorado University (Arias et. al. 2000);



the "Luminous Table" (Ishii et. al. 2002).

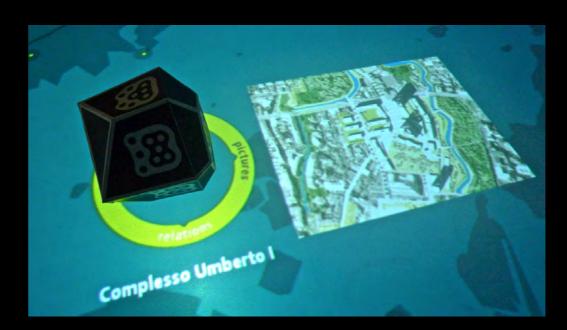


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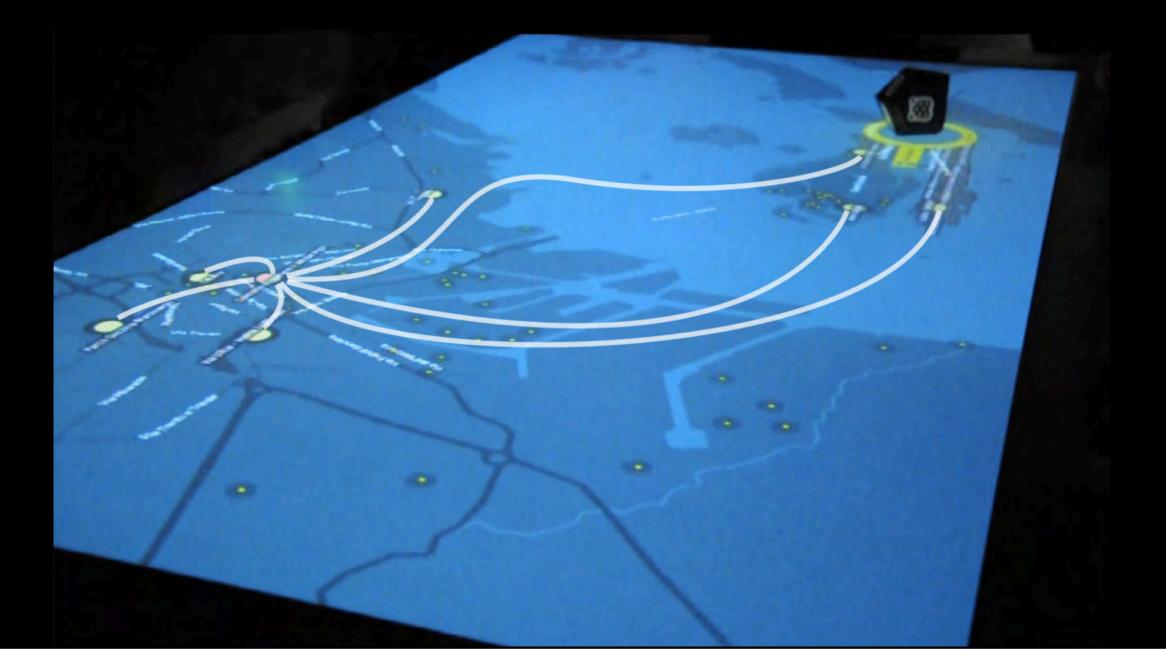
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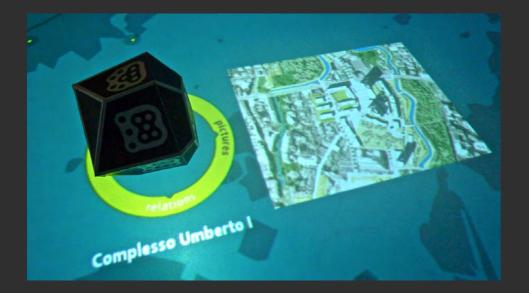


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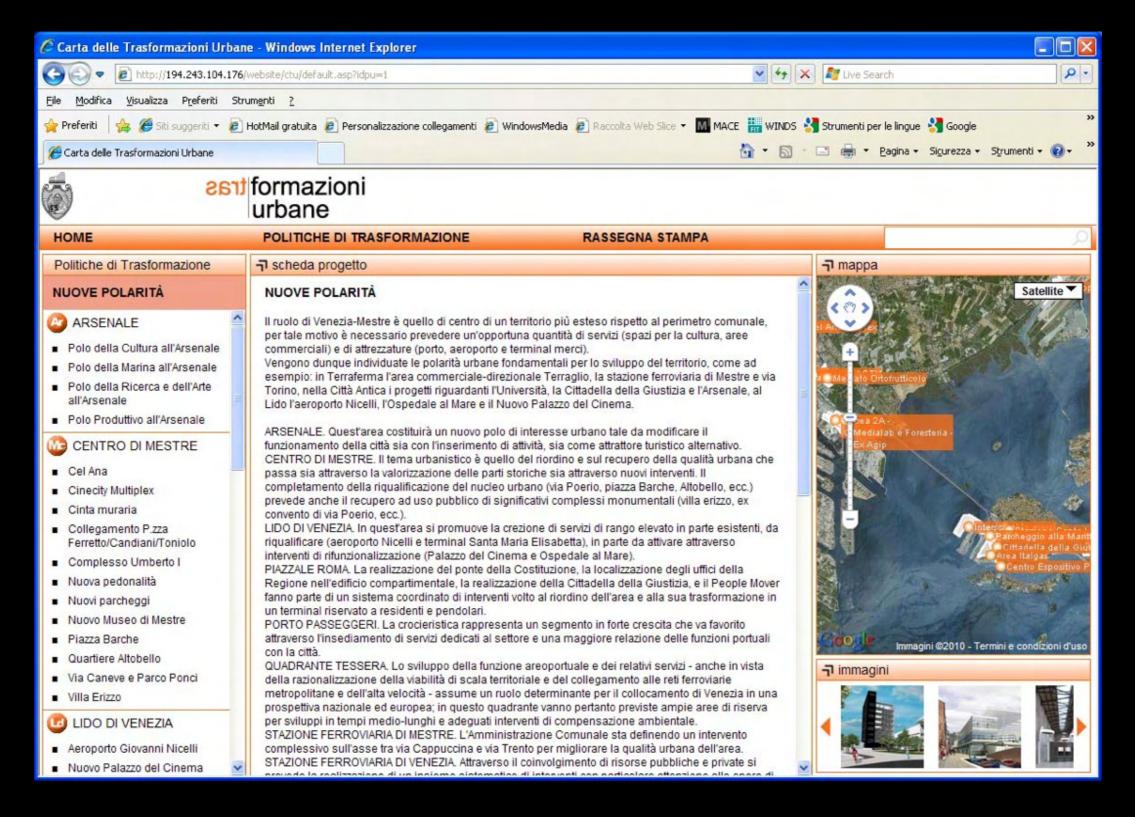




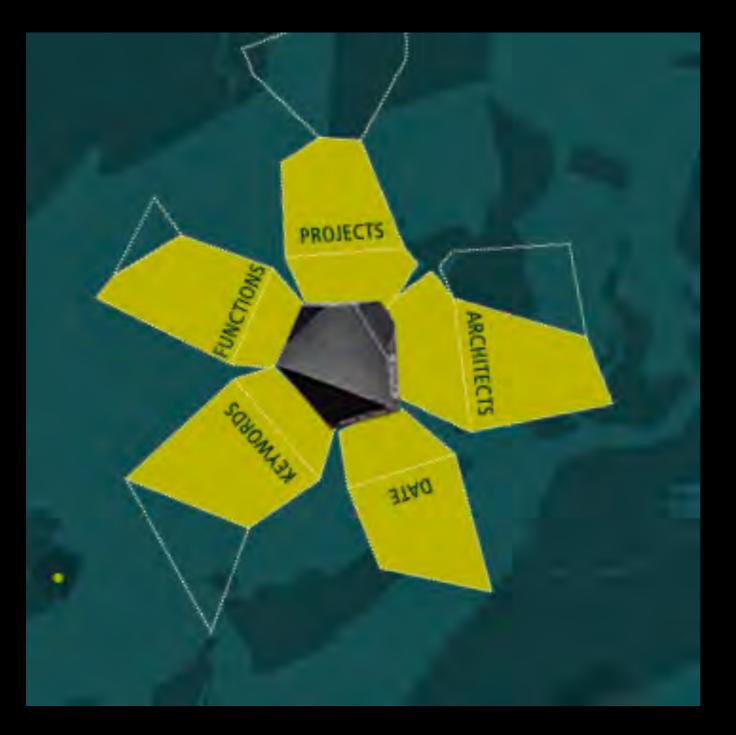




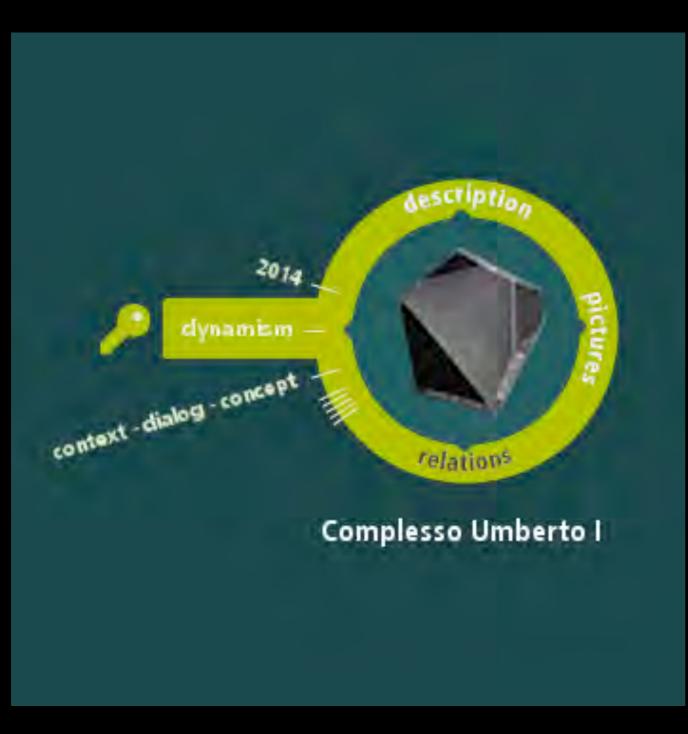
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the filter selection



the terms selection



for a demo video of the application, please visit: http://www.ricercasit.it/UnFoldingVenice

and the video:

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