

The DataWeb: a new framework for data

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Data = A number in a context.

“10.0%” is not data

“The 2005 poverty rate for the US is 10.0%” is data

“The 2006 poverty rate for the US as collected by the ACS for the housing unit population is 10.0% (+/- xx%)” is more data

Information on questionnaire, sample size, rotation, imputation, weighting, etc is still more data

The Wider Context

- One Datum is seldom useful
- Analysis requires putting the data point in context.
- Related variables
- Other geographies
- Other time periods

Dissemination Challenge

- How to present the right data with the right context to meet users actual needs.
- How to ensure that the most recent and most correct data are displayed

A Three Part Approach

- Hot Reports
- Data Ferrett
- The Data Web

Hot Reports

- Targeted a local decision makers with limited time and statistical background
- Bring together relevant variables for local areas
- Topically oriented
- Updated dynamically
- Can be designed to support decision making
- Guided use of statistical data

Appalachian Ohio WIRED Region

Overview

Population Size for the Counties in the Appalachian Ohio Region (in thousands)



Data Sponsored By: U.S. Census Bureau - Population Division
 **Data Source: POEST02 Census Bureau Version/County Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin/02



General Area Statistics for the Appalachian Ohio Region

Indicator	Value
Population	1,476,384
Number in labor force	704,698
Number employed	654,176
Number unemployed	50,522
Percent in poverty	13.6%
High school graduates	79.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	12.3%

[Information on sources of data, confidentiality, protection, sampling error, nonresponse, terms, and definitions.](#)

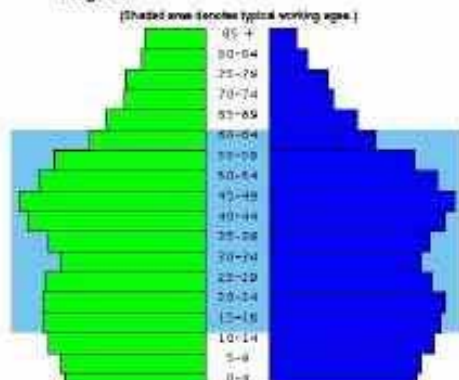
Relocation Data for Industry

Industries looking to relocate often consider areas in terms of the number of people in its workforce and their education, its unemployment rate, its wage rates, its housing stock, and educational and transportation infrastructures.

The percent unemployment of the nation in 2004 was 5.5%.



Age Distribution in the Appalachian Ohio Region



Demographic Profile of Hurricane Katrina Affected Counties

(This profile includes general demographic characteristics, poverty data, and general school information.)

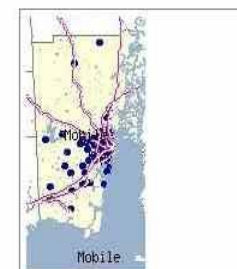
Click on a county in the population map below to view the statistics for that county:

Total Population by County



School Locations in Mobile County, Alabama

Mobile County, Alabama has a total of 104 schools. There is a total of 64,242 students and a total of 4,142 full time teachers in these schools. (Note: All schools may not appear on map due to lack of mapping information in the data.)

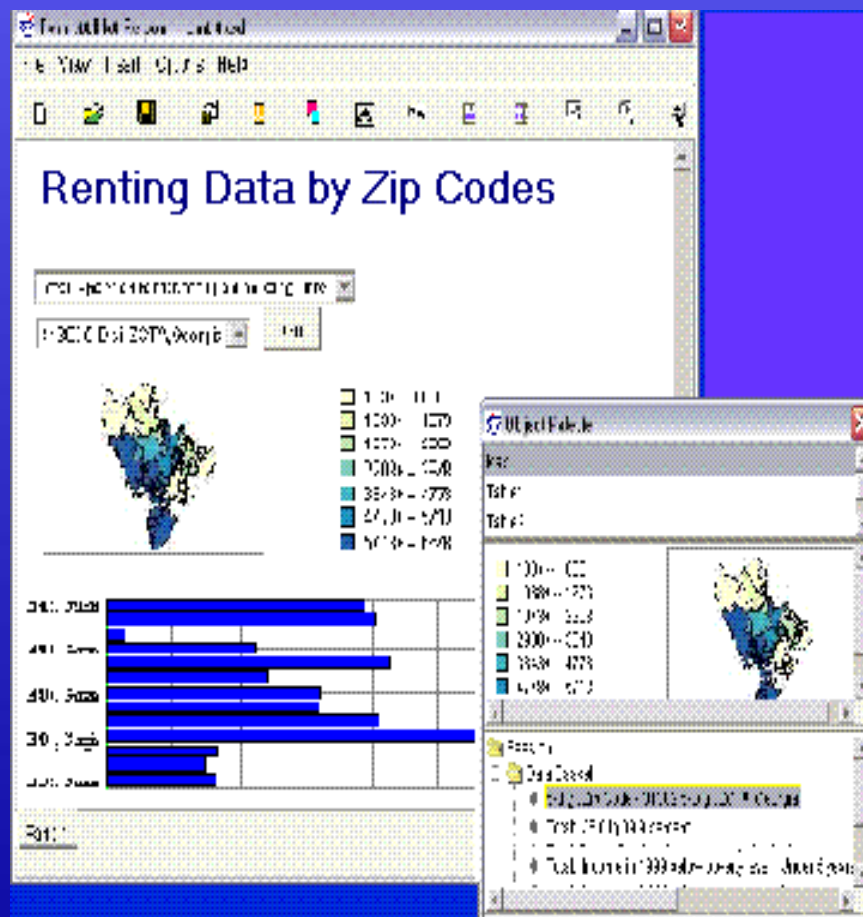


Click on map to enlarge the image.

Data Sponsored By: Joint Center for Political and Economic Research **Data Source: CCD/Pub Data/2003

Relatively Quick to Build

- Drag & Drop Layout
- Statistically smart
- Gives an analyst a chance to layout data for a problem
- Creates information



Relatively Quick to Build

- 20% of time is creating Hot Report
- 50% of time is designing Hot Report (finding right data, and laying it out)
- 30% of time is reviewing and fact checking

Typical Hot Report Users

- Regional Economic developers
- Emergency Planning and Co-ordination (FEMA)
- Public Health Planning
- Grant Eligibility
- Performance Indicators

Data Ferrett: data browser

- Targeted at sophisticated data users
- Brings together multiple data sets
- Updated dynamically
- Brings data context along with the numbers
- Speeds analysis
 - Data manipulation
 - Advanced Tabulation and descriptive statistics
 - Mapping and business graphics using statistical rules
 - Adding regressions and other advanced statistics

Data Web Browser

The screenshot displays the Data Web Browser interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for "Introduction", "Step 1: Select Dataset & Variable", and "Step 2: DataBasket/Download/Make A Table". On the left, a sidebar titled "Select Data Types:" includes checkboxes for "MicroData", "Aggregate Data", "Longitudinal Data", and "Time Series Data", along with a "Refresh Dataset List" button. A descriptive text box for "Microdata" explains that it is data at the unit of analysis level. The main area is divided into "Select Dataset(s) to search:" and "Highlight the variables you are interested in:". The search results show "692 variables returned from search. 0 variables selected in DataBasket." A table lists variables with columns for Name, Availability, and Variable Label. A black arrow points from the text "Data set collections are in folders on left" to the folder structure in the left sidebar.

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- Highlighted datasets can be searched.
- Variables returned from search.
- Multiple kinds of datasets supported.

Data Web Browser

- Before selecting, examine variable documentation with questions, universes & response labels or ranges

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Browse/Select Variables & Values

Your highlighted variables:

- T (Wave 1 -) PE: Distributions from pension plans
- M (Wave 1 -) PE: Retirement lump sum payments
- J (Wave 1 -) PE: Receipt of school lunch
- (Wave 1 -) Employer Assistance

Select ALL Variables

Select SIPP TPLUMPSM

Reaggregated total person's lump sum payments from retirement plans for the reference month after topcoding.

Universe = All persons 15+ at the end of the

0) None or not in universe

1,000 to 441,300 Amount in dollar

OK

Cancel

Deselect all values

Unsort Ranges

Data Web Browser

- Selected variables are tabulated in the spreadsheet controlled by statistical rules.

The screenshot displays the Data Web Browser interface. The main window shows a spreadsheet with the following data:

	C2	C3
R1	Total population	Total: White
R2	484,674	13
R3	2,40	
R4	1,463	
R5	1,324	
R6	2,632	
R7	1,887	
R8	3,038	
R9	2,564	
R10	4,909	
R11	2,902	
R12	4,400	
R13	3,746	
R14	7,661	
R15	4,502	
R16	1,170	
R17	4,630	
R18	7,547	
R19	3,278	
R20	3,009	
R21	2,498	
R22	2,875	
R23	3,005	
R24	2,710	

The right-hand pane lists the following variables:

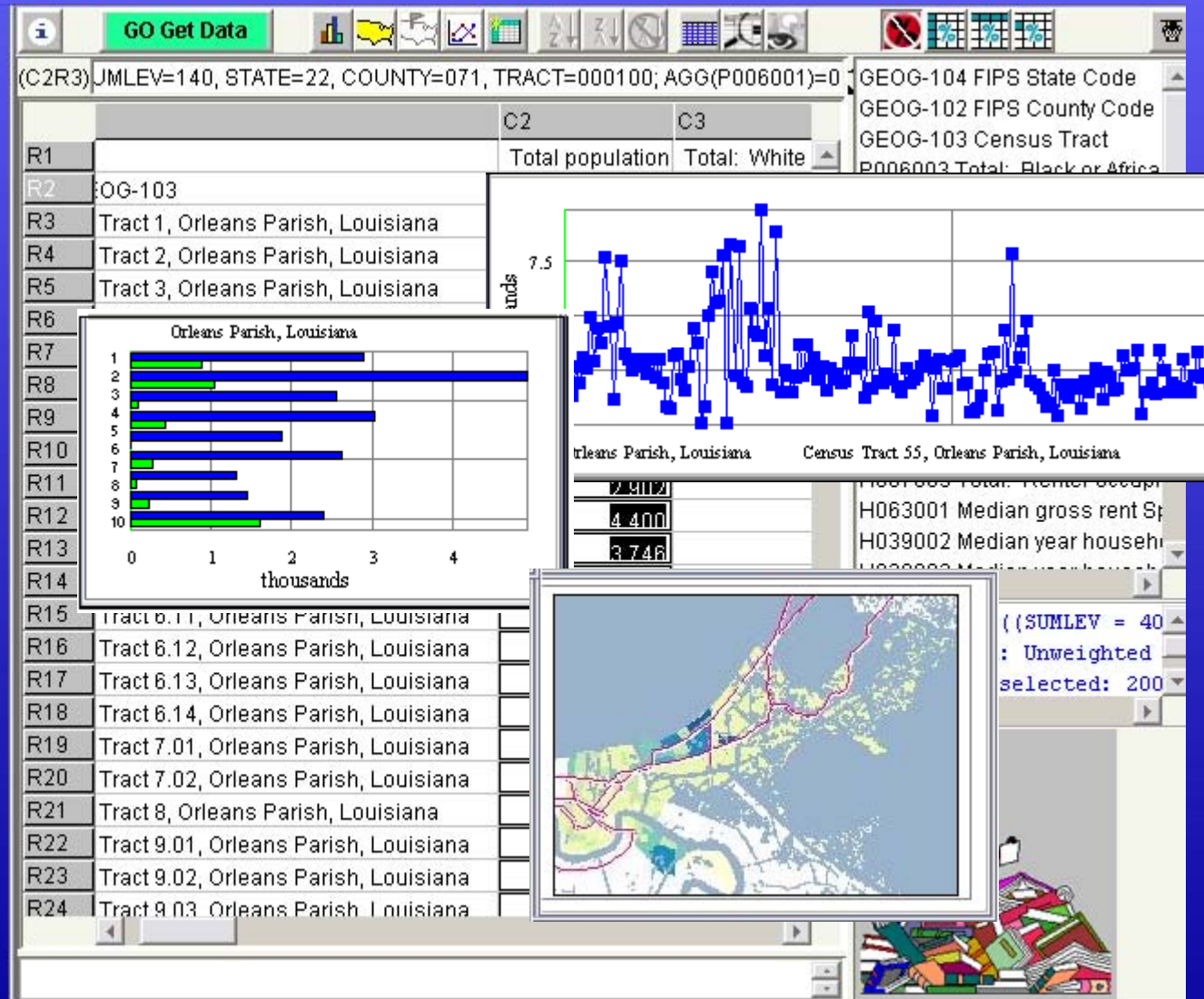
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- P064001 Total: Households
- P064002 Total: With public as
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- P087002 Total: Income in 199
- H007001 Total: Occupied hous
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- H063001 Median gross rent Sp
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At the bottom of the right-hand pane, the following information is displayed:

- Universe: ((SUMLEV = 40
- Weight used: Unweighted
- DataSet(s) selected: 200

Data Web Browser

- Selected variables tabulated in the spreadsheet controlled by the statistical rules.
- Mapping, and business graphics are available for all data.



Typical Data Ferret Users

- Federal and State government (.gov) - 7876 users and (.us) - 5923 user accounts
- Education (.edu) - 42,828 user accounts
- Non-profit (.org) - 10,792 user user accounts
- Private Companies (.com) – 100,384
 - Press
 - COUNSULTING (McKinsey, ABT etc.)
 - Retail
 - Marketing
 - Insurance and Financial
 - Pharmaceuticals

The Data Web

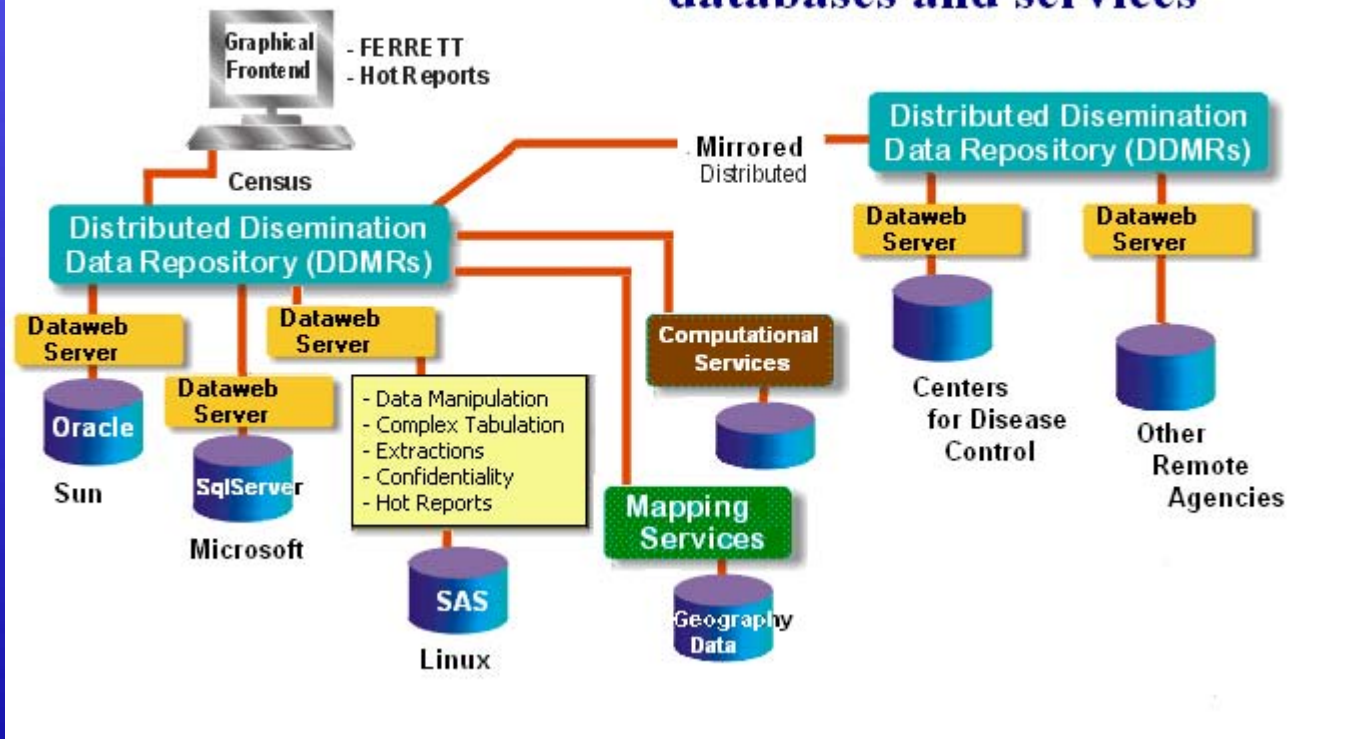
- “The Data Web” is the software engineering that make Data Ferrett and Hot Reports Possible.

A Smart Data-networking Framework

- Capacity to handle different kinds of data in the same environment or framework
- Empowered by statistical intelligence
 - documentation
 - statistical usage rules
 - data integration rules
- Stores the data one time, use it many times
- More data in the network the more useful

DataWeb Framework

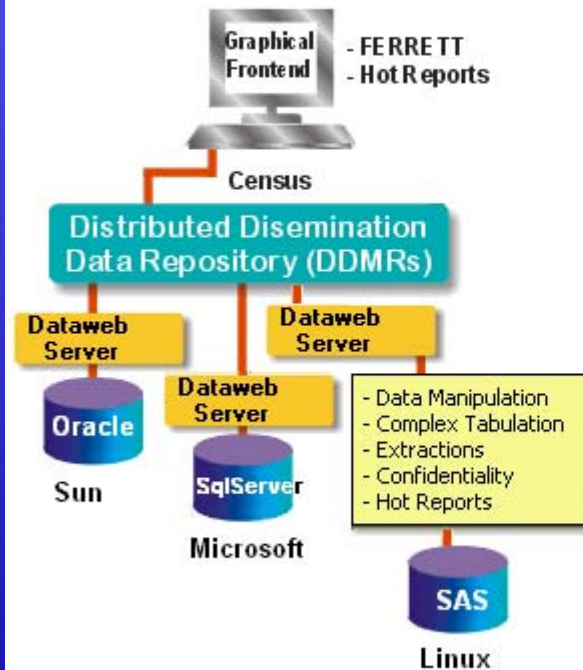
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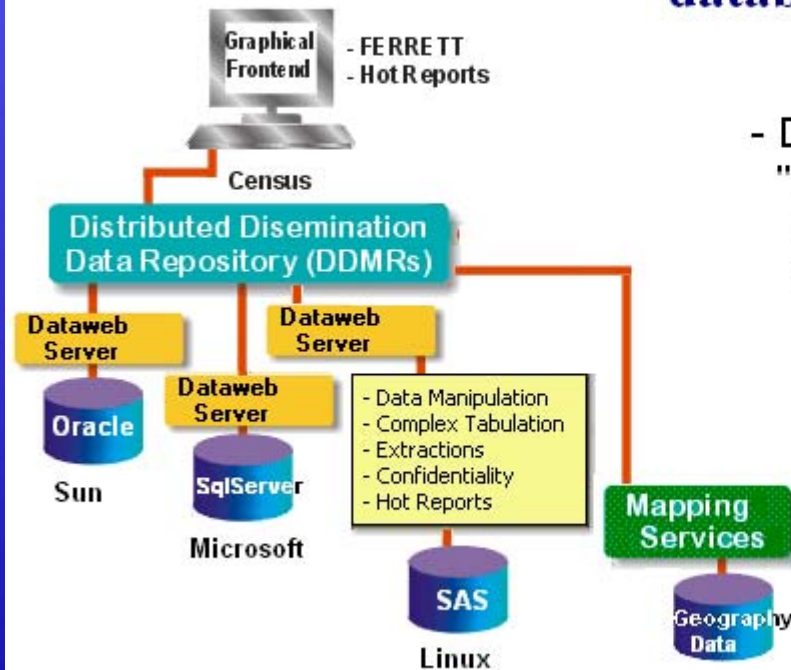
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- Uses documentation directory to find & manipulate data
- Reads from different servers
- Reads from different databases & stat packages

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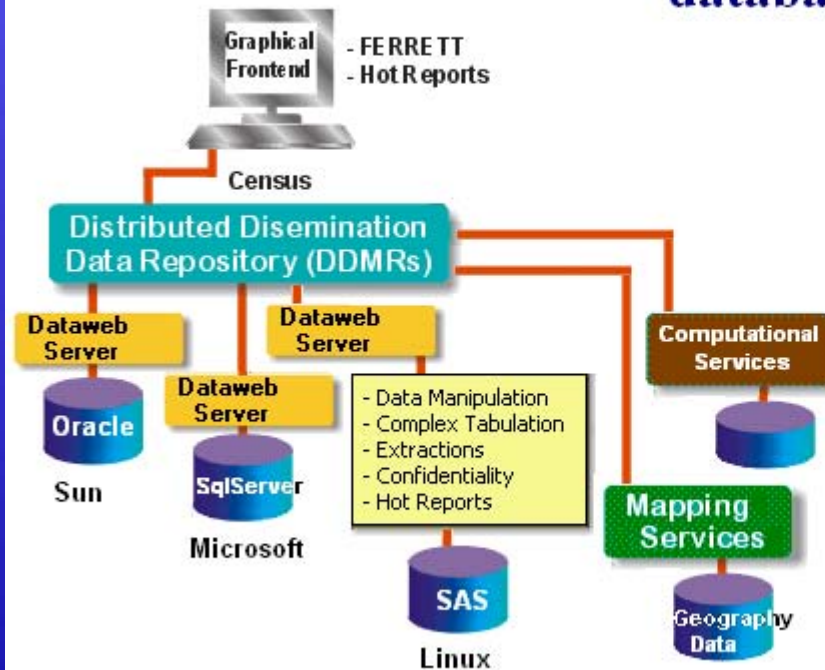
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- Data that can be mapped use "Geographical Information Services" (GIS) to create appropriate maps.

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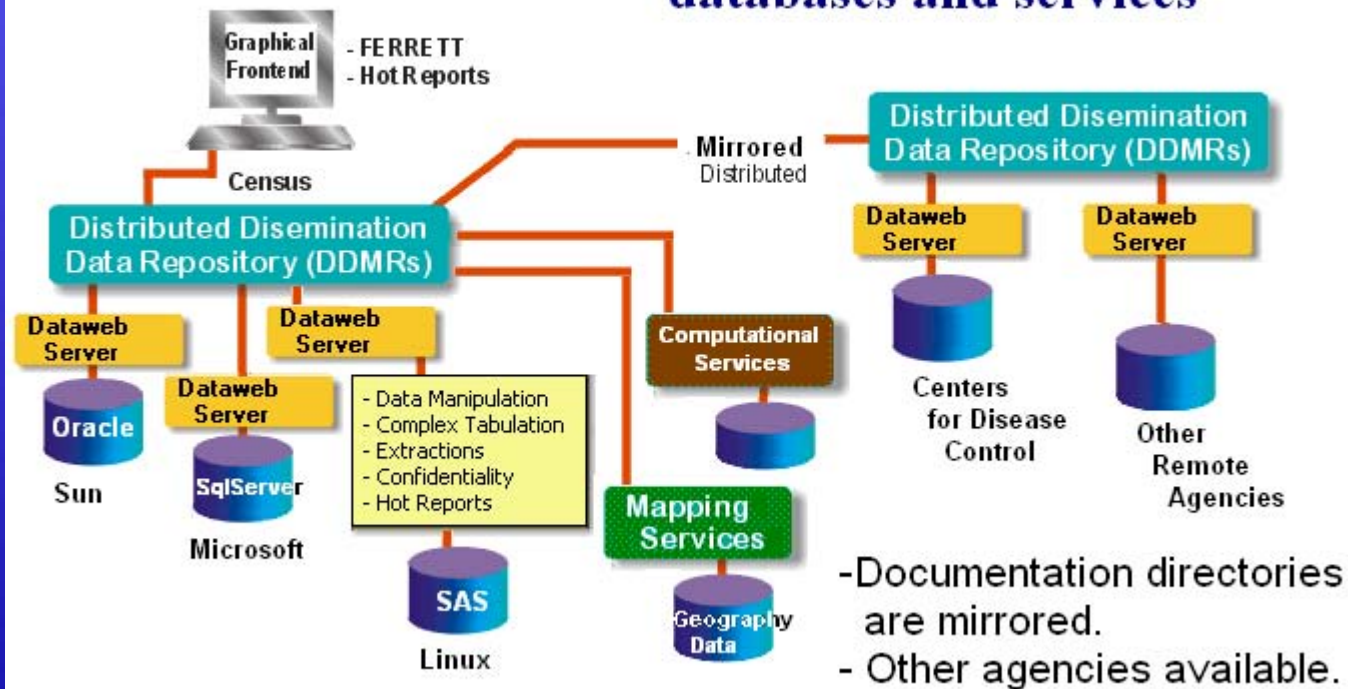
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- Computational Services are being added to support advanced statistical modeling for university and advanced users.

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Based on Collaboration

- “Open Source” statistical partnership with Australian Bureau of Statistics and other interested agencies
- Based on statistical analysts providing statistical rules
- Based on Analysts creating a presentation and analytical review

Important Links

- dataferrett.census.gov
- www.thedataweb.org
- www.thedataweb.org/twiki
- www.thedataweb.org/forum

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