

• Embrio and Wuiw two web interfaces for WPS

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• Embrio & Wuiw

- Embrio
 - Technologies: DHTML + AJAX + PHP/Mapscript
 - Scope: an interface based on UMN Mapserver Mapscript to access GRASS functions (Mapserver and WPS on the same server).
 - Dev state: beta
- Wuiw
 - Tecnologie: DHTML + AJAX
 - Scope: an interface as man in the middle between a WPS server and other OWS servers (WCS, WFS) joining remote resources for data and processing.
 - Dev state: alpha

• PyWPS in action - WPS Demo

- <http://pywps.ominiverdi.org/>
 - Repository of demo apps created by ominiverdi.org
 - Developers:
 - Lorenzo Becchi (ominoverde)
 - Luca Casagrande (doktoreas)
 - All applications shown have to be considered under development. If you find a bug, please, post it to PyWPS's mailing list :
pywps-devel@wald.intevation.org

Embrio on pywps.omniverdi.org

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "Embrio: A new way to see through the GRASS (by doktoreas and omniverdi)". The address bar displays the URL <http://pywps.omniverdi.org/subversion/trunk/web/>. Below the address bar, there are two tabs: "test_los3.png (PNG Image, 5842..." and "Embrio: A new way to see throu...". The main content area features a large logo for "PyWPS" with a green grassy background and a black outline. The page content includes:

EMBRIOT - a simple PyWPS AJAX Web Interface

This page is intended to show the development status of a **Web User Interface** for **PyWPS**

Demo applications

- **V.Buffer** - Create a buffer around features of given type (areas must contain centroid).
- **R.Los** - Generates a raster map output in which the cells that are visible from a user-specified observer location are marked with integer values that represent the vertical angle (in degrees) required to see those cells (viewshed)..
- **V.Net.Path** - Find shortest path on vector network.
- **R.walk and r.drain** Find shortest path between 2 points using slope factor as cost value.

Demo applications of ka-Map tool

This applications use ka-Map API to create tiled cache and map navigation. SLD style definition is supported for the WPS output layer.

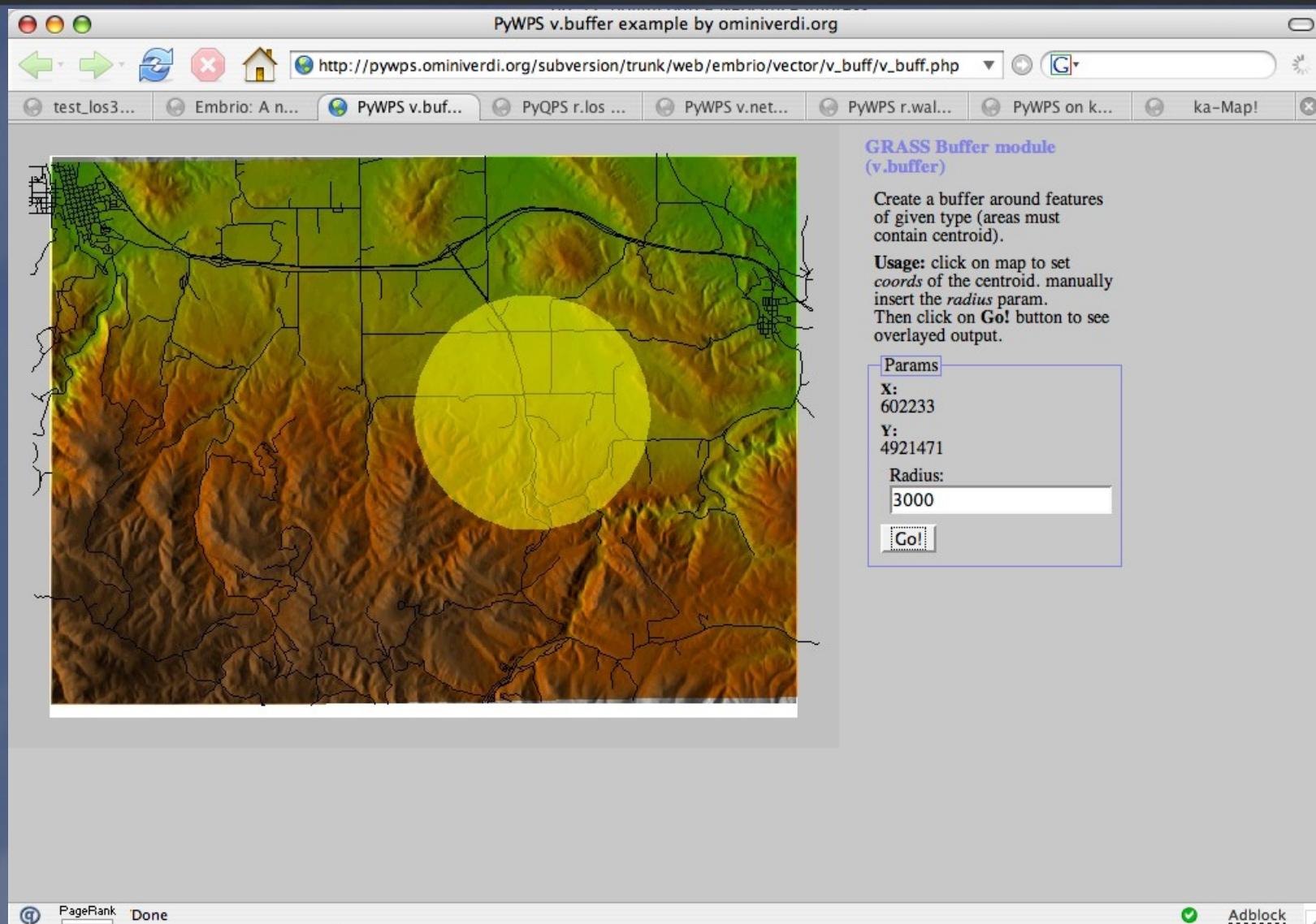
- **R.Los with Embrio interface**
- **R.Los with Winman interface**

Developers

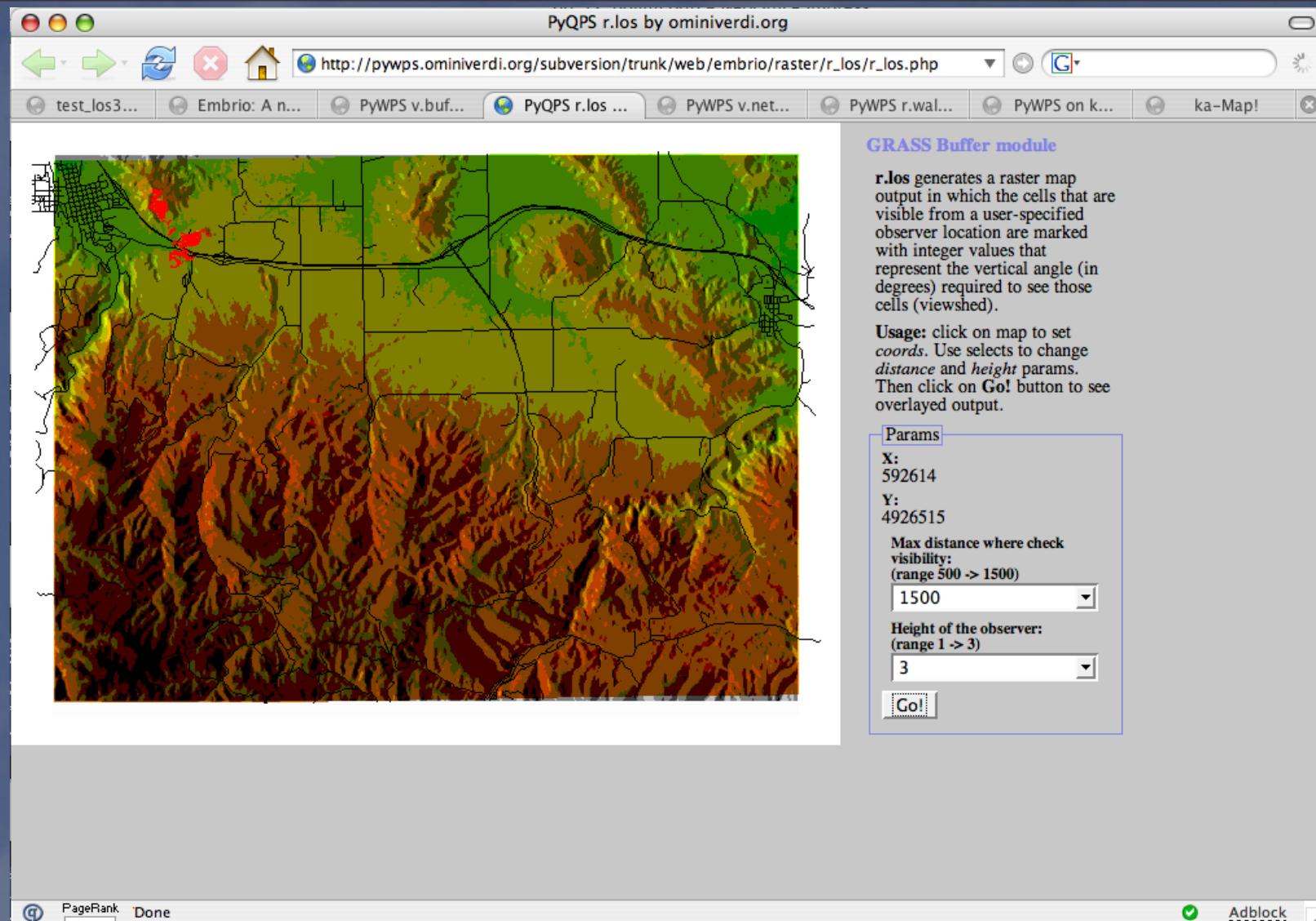
- doktoreas
- omniverdi

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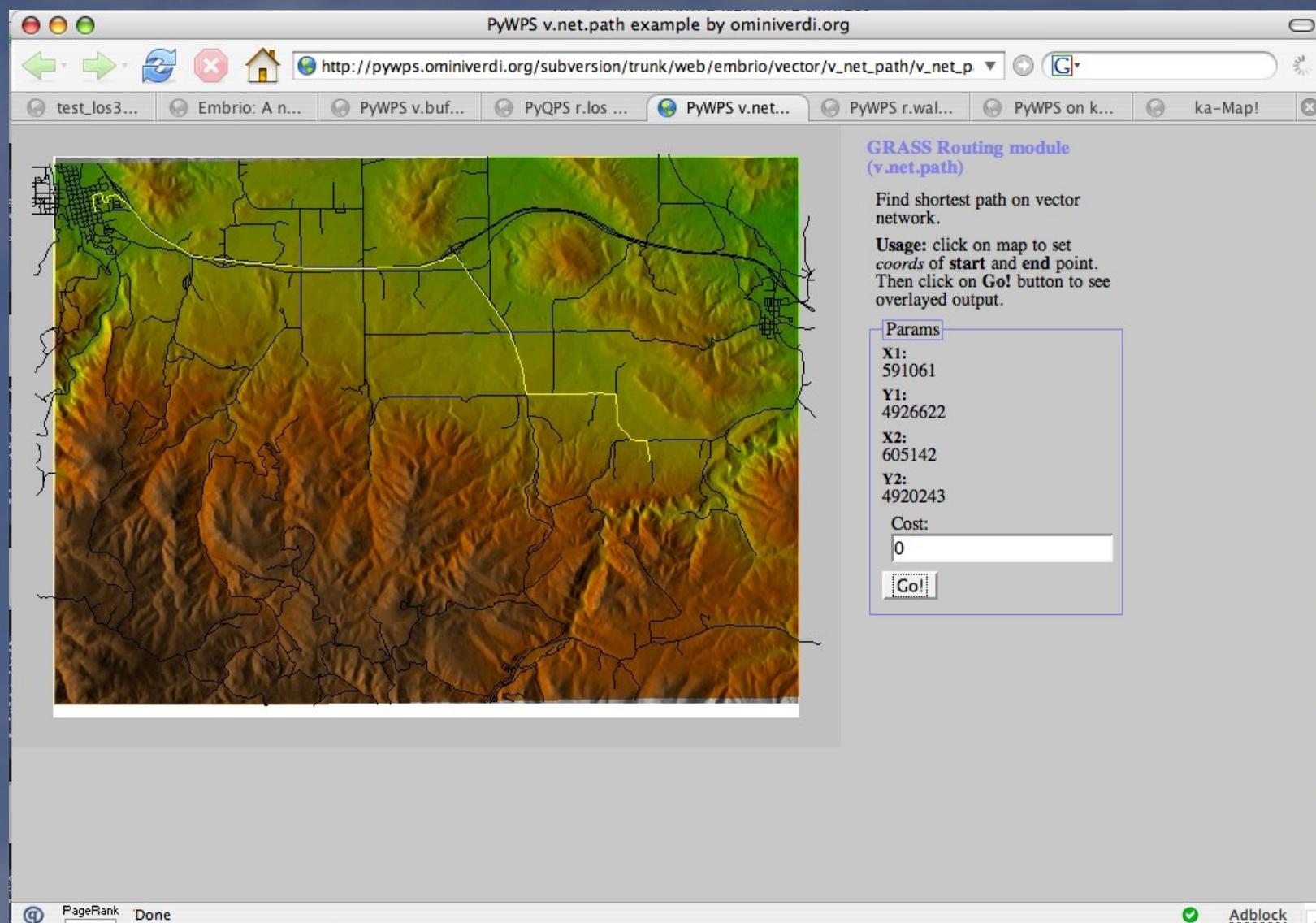
Embrio - V.Buffer



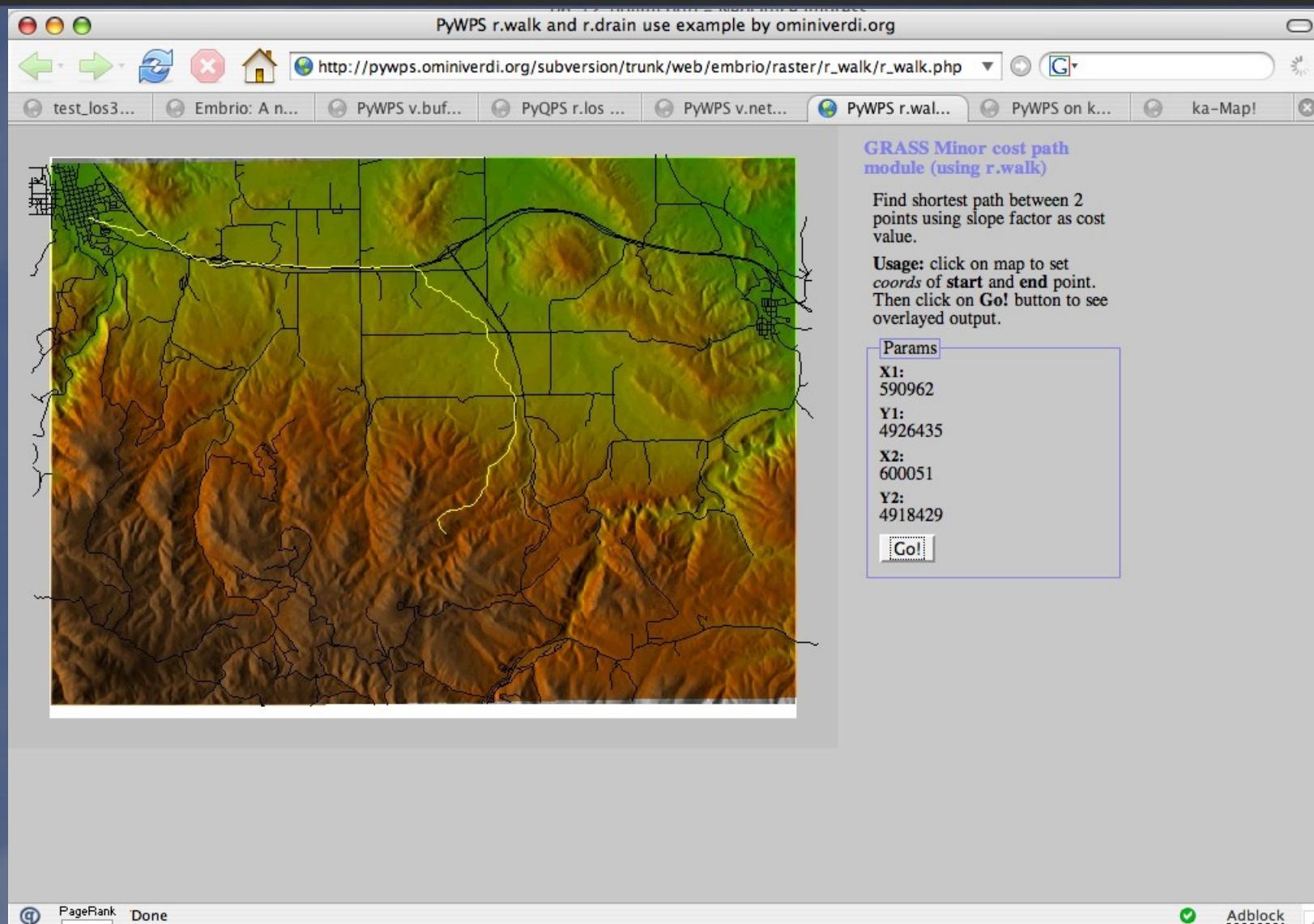
Embrio - R.Los



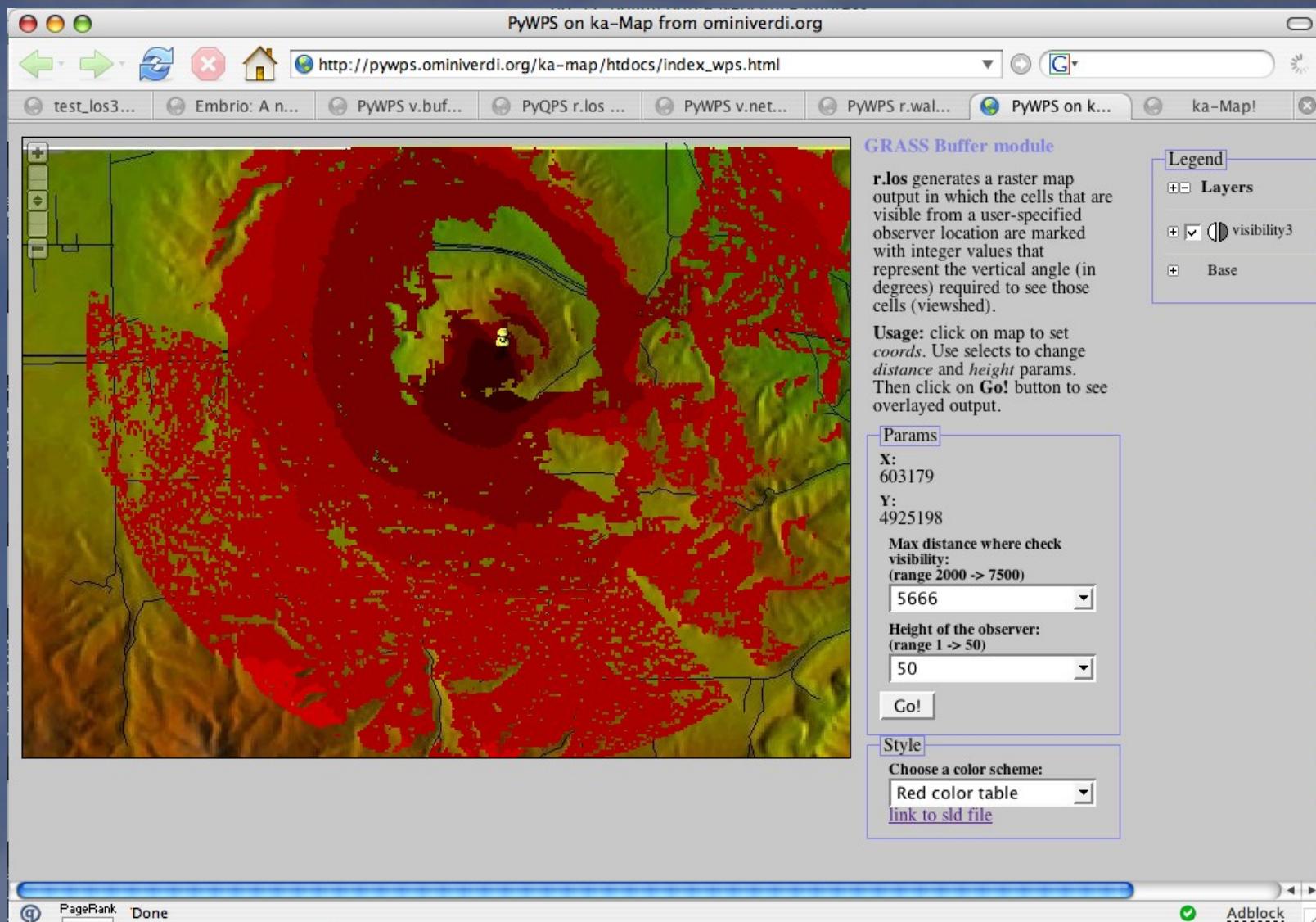
Embrio - V.Net.Path



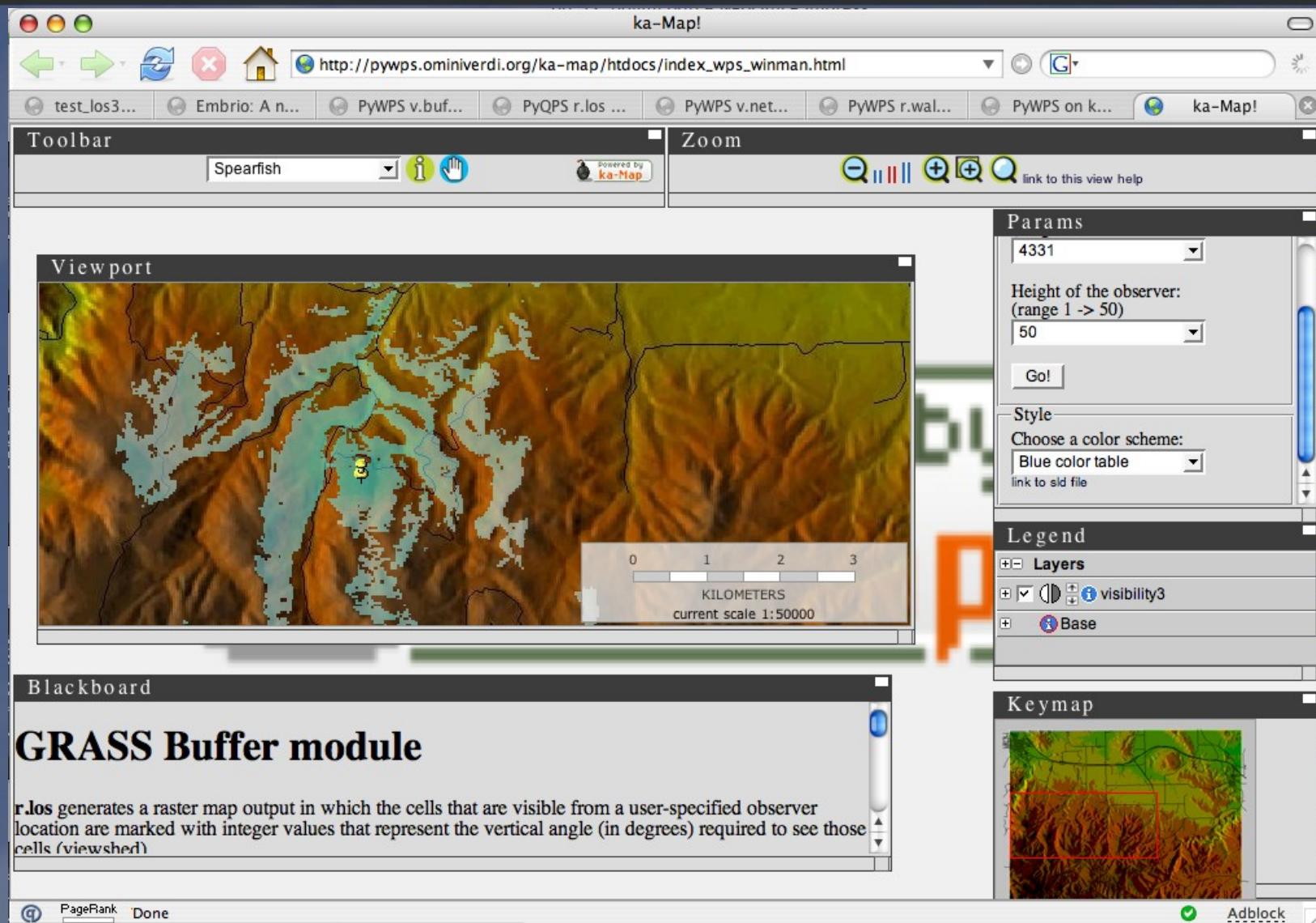
Embrio – R.Walk



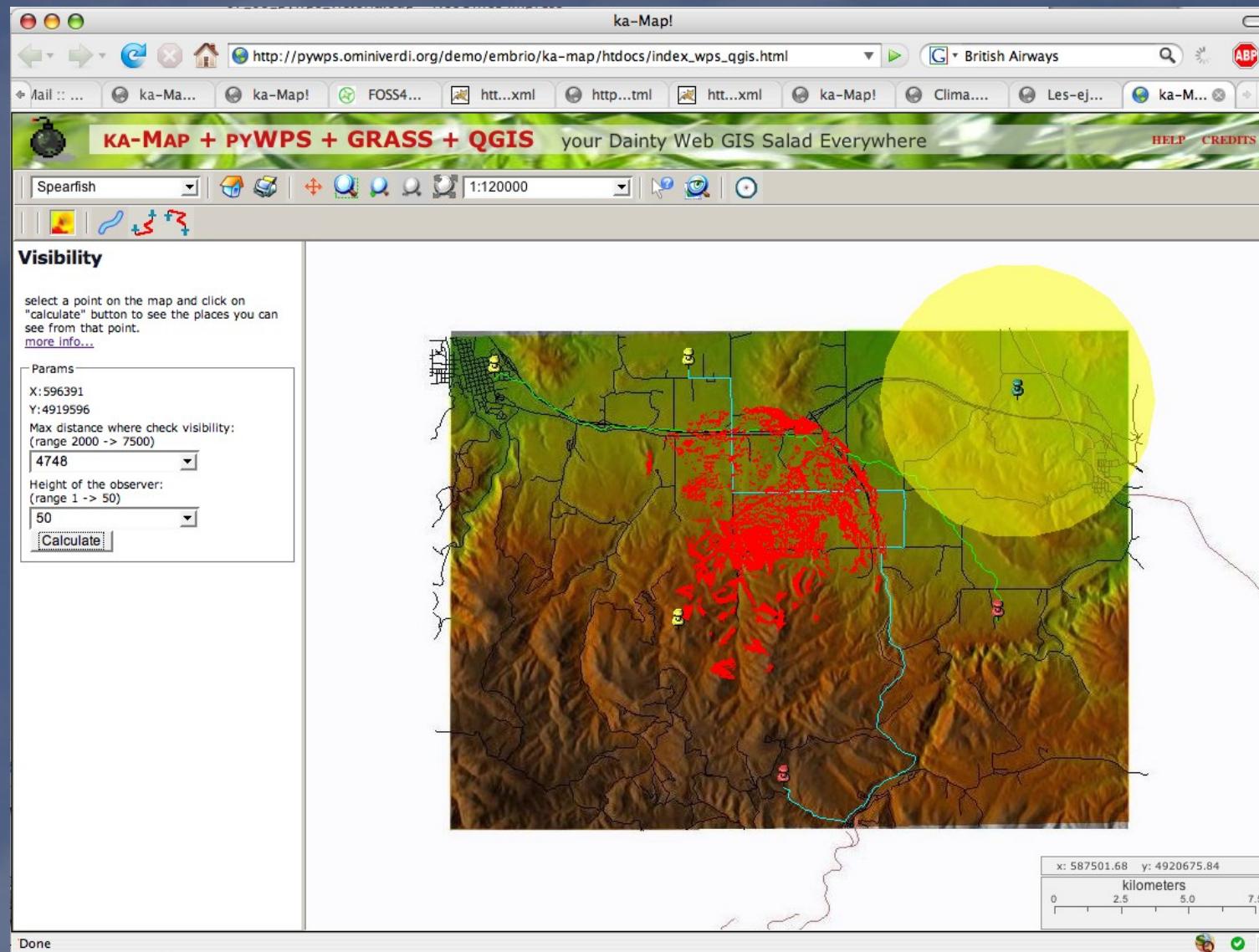
Embrio + ka-Map - R.Los



Embrio + ka-Map + Winman - R.Los



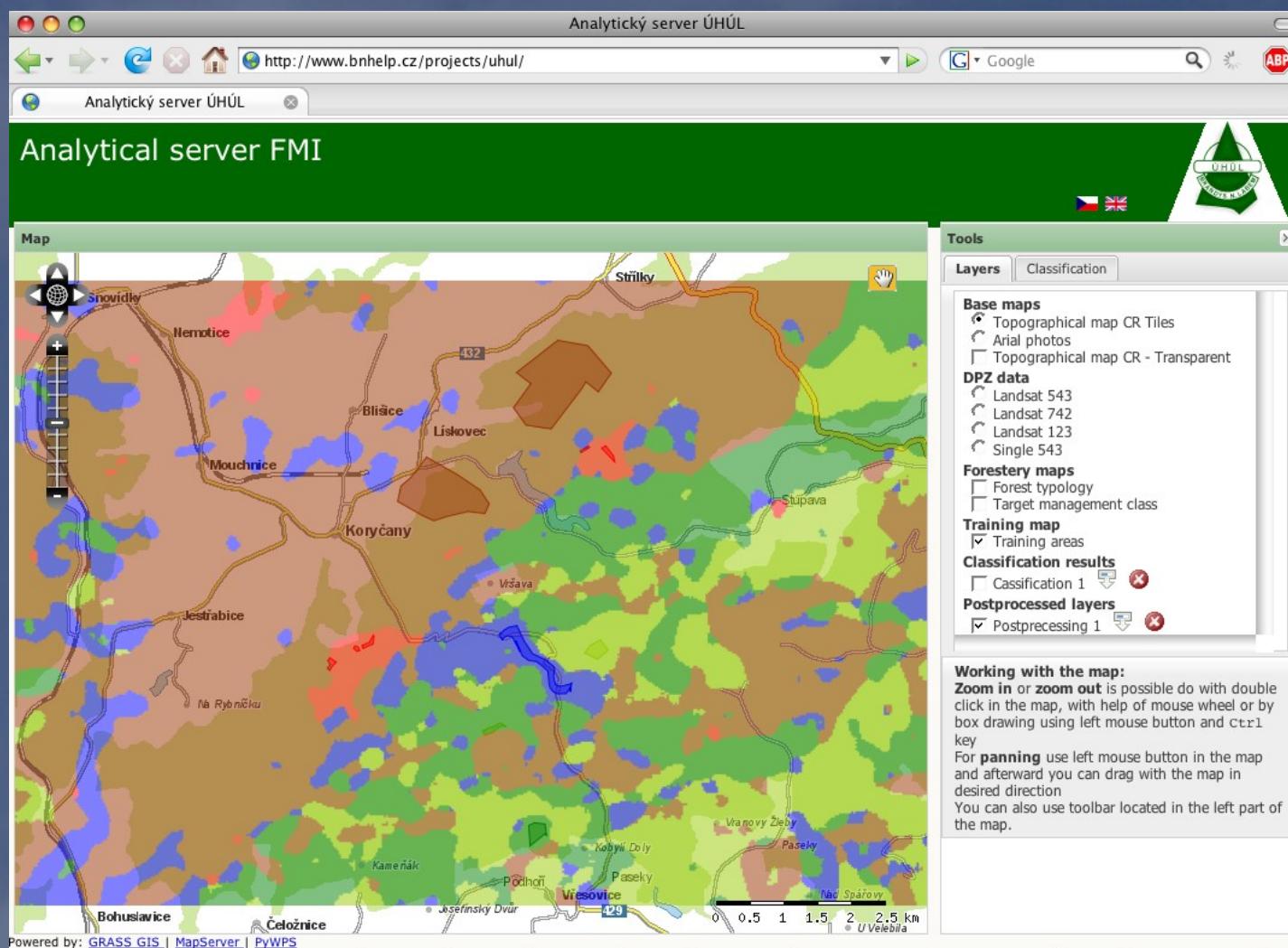
Embrio – last prototype



- PyWPS in action - WUIW Demo

- <http://www.bnhelp.cz/projects/uhi/>
 - Code status: Beta
 - Developers:
 - Jachym Cepicky (jachym)
 - Based on OpenLayers API, GRASS, Mapserver

• PyWPS in action - WUIW Demo



- Open Geospatial Consortium, Inc (OGC)

- International voluntary consensus standards organization
- Development and implementation of standards for geospatial content and services
- Active Members: 350 (Sep 2007) – University of Minnesota, US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Service Center, ESRI, Autodesk Inc., MIT, . . .
- <http://www.opengeospatial.org/>

• Web service

- Software system designed to support interoperable machine-to-machine interaction over a network (Wikipedia)
- In OGC terminology, "Service" refers to a processing task that is invoked by a client and executed by a server, usually across a network.
- The OpenGIS Specifications that make this possible are referred to as "OGC Web Services".
- OpenGIS Web Service (OWS):
 - OpenGIS Catalog Service (CAT)
 - OpenGIS Web Coverage Service (WCS)
 - OpenGIS Web Feature Service (WFS)
 - OpenGIS Web Map Service (WMS)
 - ...
 - Web Processing Service (WPS) (draft)

• OpenGIS Web Processing Service

- Document OGC 05-007r4, version 0.4.0
- Not yet OGC standard, "Discussion Paper", Draft
- To offer any sort of GIS functionality to clients across a network
- XML-based communication protocol
- Es: <http://pywps.ominiverdi.org/cgi-bin/wps?service=WPS&version=0.4.0&request=...>

• WPS request=GetCapabilities

<http://www.bnhelp.cz/cgi-bin/wps?service=WPS&version=0.4.0&request=GetCapabilities>

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<Capabilities version="0.4.0" ... >
  <ows:ServiceIdentification>
    <ows:Title>Sample WPS server</ows:Title>
    <ows:Abstract>WPS for Lausanne</ows:Abstract>
    <ows:ServiceType>WPS</ows:ServiceType>
    <ows:Fees>free</ows:Fees>
  </ows:ServiceIdentification>
  <ows:ServiceProvider>
    <ows:ProviderName>GDF</ows:ProviderName>
    <ows:ServiceContact>
      <ows:IndividualName>Jachym Cepicky</ows:IndividualName>
      <ows:PositionName>Student</ows:PositionName>
      ...
    </ows:ServiceContact>
  </ows:ServiceProvider>
```

• WPS request=GetCapabilities

```
● <ProcessOfferings>
  ● <Process processVersion="0.1">
    ● <ows:Identifier>addvalue</ows:Identifier>
    ● <ows:Title>Add some value to raster map</ows:Title>
  ● </Process>
  ● <Process processVersion="0.1">
    ● <ows:Identifier>classify</ows:Identifier>
    ● <ows:Title>Image classification</ows:Title>
    ● <ows:Abstract>
      ● GRASS processed imagery
      ● classification. Only unsupervised is supported at the moment.
    ● </ows:Abstract>
  ● </Process>
  ● <Process processVersion="0.1">
    ● <ows:Identifier>shortestpath</ows:Identifier>
    ● <ows:Title>Shortest path</ows:Title>
  ● </Process>
● </ProcessOfferings>
```

• WPS request=DescribeProcess

<http://www.bnhelp.cz/cgi-bin/wps.py?service=WPS&version=0.4.0&request=DescribeProcess&identifier=addvalue>

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<ProcessDescriptions ...>
  <ProcessDescription ...>
    <ows:Identifier>addvalue</ows:Identifier>
    <ows:Title>Add value</ows:Title>
    <ows:Abstract>Adds some value to each cell of input raster map</ows:Abstract>
    <DataInputs>
      <Input>
        <ows:Identifier>value</ows:Identifier>
        <ows:Title>Value to be added</ows:Title>
        <LiteralData>
          <AllowedValues>
            <Value>1</Value>
            ...
          </AllowedValues>
          <ows:DefaultValue>10</ows:DefaultValue>
        </LiteralData>
      </Input>
    ...
  ...
</ProcessDescription>
</ProcessDescriptions>
```



• WPS request=DescribeProcess

```
<Input>
  <ows:Identifier>map</ows:Identifier>
  <ows:Title>Input raster map</ows:Title>
  <ComplexData defaultFormat="image/tiff">
    </ComplexData>
  </input>
</DataInputs>
<ProcessOutputs>
  <Output>
    <ows:Identifier>value</ows:Identifier>
    <ows:Title>literal value + 1</ows:Title>
    <LiteralOutput> ... </LiteralOutput>
  </Output>
  <Output>
    <ows:Identifier>map</ows:Identifier>
    <ows:Title>Resulting output map</ows:Title>
    <ComplexOutput defaultFormat="image/tiff">
      ...
    </ComplexOutput>
  </Output>
</ProcessOutputs>
</ProcessDescription>
</ProcessDescriptions>
```

• WPS request=Execute

http://www.bnhelp.cz/cgi-bin/wps.py?service=WPS&version=0.4.0&
request=Execute&identifier=addvalue&DataInputs=value,5,map,http://localhost/data/soils.tif

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<Execute service="wps" version="0.4.0" store="true" status="false"
    xmlns="http://www.opengeospatial.net/wps"
    xmlns:ows="http://www.opengeospatial.net/ows">
<ows:Identifier>addvalue</ows:Identifier>
<DataInputs>
    <Input>
        <ows:Identifier>value</ows:Identifier>
        <LiteralValue>5</LiteralValue>
    </Input>
    <Input>
        <ows:Identifier>map</ows:Identifier>
        <ComplexValueReference reference="http://localhost/data/soils.tif" />
    </Input>
    ...
</DataInputs>
</Execute>
```

• WPS Response XML

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<ExecuteResponse ...>
  <ows:Identifier>addvalue</ows:Identifier>
  <Status>
    <ProcessSucceeded/>
  </Status>
  <ProcessOutputs>
    <Output>
      <ows:Identifier>value</ows:Identifier>
      <ows:Title>literal value + 1</ows:Title>
      <LiteralValue>6</LiteralValue>
    </Output>
    <Output>
      <ows:Identifier>value</ows:Identifier>
      <ows:Title>Resulting output map</ows:Title>
      <ComplexValueReference format="image/tiff">
        ows:reference="http://www.bnhelp.cz/wpsoutputs/output2-2006-8-21-14-54-42.tif"
        />
    </Output>
  </ProcessOutputs>
</ExecuteResponse>
```

- PyWPS 2.0

- Implementation OGC's WPS standard (90-95 %)
- CGI Application
- Python programming language

- PyWPS 2.0

- PyWPS starts as dedicated connector to GRASS
 - CLI
 - More than 300 modules for raster and vector analysis
 - GNU/GPL
 - GRASS Functionality can be via PyWPS offered in Internet
- User does not need Desktop-GIS (GRASS, ESRI, Idrisi, ...) – Web browser becomes GIS
- One can use other CLI-oriented programs (PROJ.4, GDAL, R, ...)

• PyWPS 2.0 – Execute – how it works

- Controlling input data, if all necessary parameters have arrived (Identifier, DataInputs, . . .)
- Loading process, for each input:
 - LiteralValue: Controlling, if input fits AllowedValues array
 - ComplexValue: Embed input files will be extruded from input XML request into separate files
 - ComplexValueReference: Tries to download the data from external source and stores it to new file
 - BoundingBoxValue
- If some DataInput is missing, it looks for the default value value

• PyWPS 2.0 – Execute – how it works

- Creates temporary GRASS Location or just temporary Mapset within existing location, which will be deleted, after the work is done
- Calls function `execute()` of the process
- Formulates output XML file
- Deletes temporary files (location, mapset, pid file)
- Returns output XML or resulting map file (TIFF, GML) to the client
- Process can be run asynchronously: After the request is accepted, XML response is immediately returned with `<ProcessAccepted />` element and the calculation is forked to background.

• PyWPS 2.0 - Addvalue – Sample process

- Inputs
 - Literal input: il valore da aggiungere
 - ComplexValueReference input: una mappa raster
- Outputs
 - Literal output: Input+1
 - ComplexValueReference: la mappa risultante (GeoTIFF)

• PyWPS 2.0 – Sample process

```
001 class Process:  
002     def __init__(self):  
003         self.Identifier = "addvalue"  
004         self.Title="Sample process for demonstration purposes"  
005         self.Inputs = [ { # 0  
006             'Identifier':'value',  
007             'Title': 'Value to added',  
008             'LiteralValue': {'values':[0,1,2,3,4,5]},  
009             'dataType': type(0),  
010             'value':0, # default},  
011             { #1  
012                 'Identifier': 'map',  
013                 'Title': 'The raster map',  
014                 'ComplexValueReference': {'Formats':["image/tiff  
015                     }... ]  
016         self.Outputs = [ { # 0  
017             'Identifier': 'value',  
018             'Title': 'Input value + 1',  
019             'LiteralValue': {},  
020             'value':1 },... ]
```

• PyWPS 2.0 – Sample process

```
• 29     def execute(self):
• 30         self.status = ["The start", 5]
• 31         self.Outputs[0]['value'] = self.Inputs[0]['value']+1
• 32         self.status = ["LiteralValue set", 20]
• 33
• 34         self.status = ["Data import", 25]
• 35         os.system("r.in.gdal in=%s out=map" % (self.Inputs[1]['value']
• 36
• 37         self.status = ["Creating output map", 50]
• 38         os.system("r.mapcalc map=map+%d" % (self.Inputs[0]['value'])))
• 39
• 40         self.status = ["Exporting map", 75]
• 41         if os.system("r.out.gdal in=map out=output.tif type=UInt16 >
• 42             return "Could not export map"
• 43         else: # ok
• 44             return
```

• Conclusions

- WPS Standard implemented to usable degree
- Making GRASS scripts run via web-interface was never easier
- It is relatively simple to connect UMN MapServer (or ARC IMS) with GRASS via PyWPS. Further GRASS development will make this even easier

• Sviluppi futuri

- PyWPS
- Process definition (data inputs and outputs) is primitive – build set of classes for process definition
- GRASS
 - Implementation of new GRASS-python interface (Alessandro Frigeri aka 'geoalf')
 - 3D views via VTK (Sören Gebbert aka 'huhabla')
- Embrio & Wuiw
 - Road to stable versions

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