

OpenWebGlobe

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WebGL

- 3D Graphics on the Web (*based on OpenGL ES 2.0*)
- Rendering interactive 2D/3D graphics within the webbrowser
- Highly Optimized for JavaScript
- Hardware acceleration using the Graphics Processing Unit (GPU)
- WebGL programs consist of:
 - application code written in JavaScript (CPU) and
 - shader code (GLSL) for the GPU
- No plugin for these (desktop) browsers:





- Virtual Globe without plugins for modern webbrowsers, using WebGL
- Open Source Project started in April 2011 (based on C++ version started in 2005)
- JavaScript Library for rapid development of web-based 3D geoinformation applications
- Full integration into customer web sites
- Runs on Windows, MacOS X, Linux

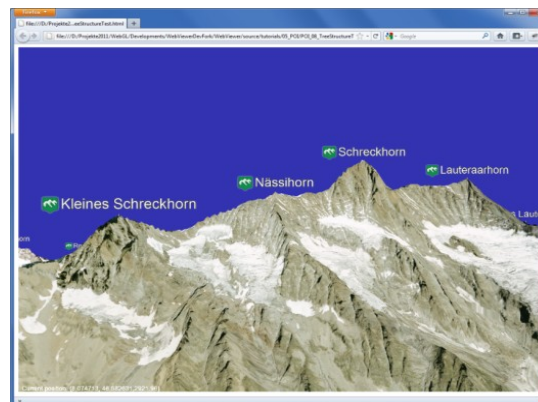
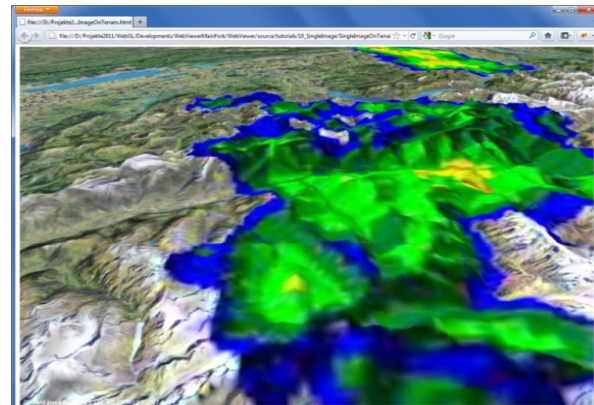
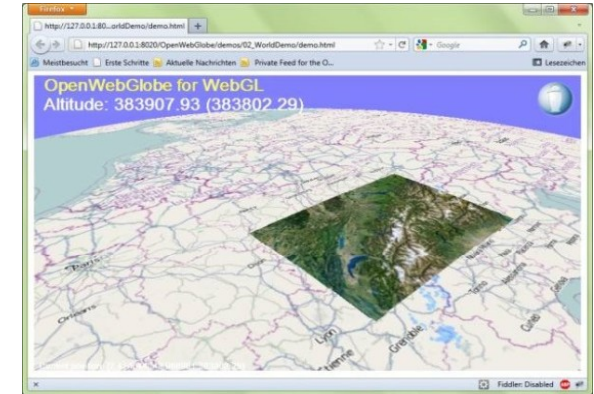


Demo



Layers / Contents

- Imagery / Elevation
- POIs
- 3D Models
- HTML5 Canvas Element
- Overlays
- Point Clouds



Hello World

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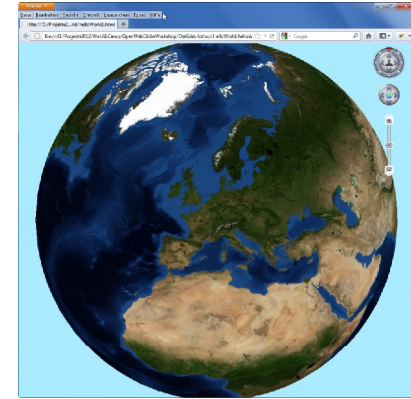
<script type="text/javascript">
function main()
{
    ogSetArtworkDirectory("http://www.openwebglobe.org/art/");

    var ctx = ogCreateContextFromCanvas("canvas", true);
    var globe = ogCreateGlobe(ctx);

    var imgBlueMarble500 =
    {
        url      : ["http://www.openwebglobe.org/data/img"],
        layer    : "World500",
        service  : "i3d"
    };
    ogAddImageLayer(globe, imgBlueMarble500);

}
</script>

</head>
<body onload="main()" style="padding:0px; margin:0px; overflow:hidden;">
    <canvas id="canvas"></canvas>
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http://jsbin.com/owg_layer_example/1/edit

Global Datasets in 2D

First we need to understand how global 2D maps work.

OpenStreetMap, Google Maps, Bing Maps, ...

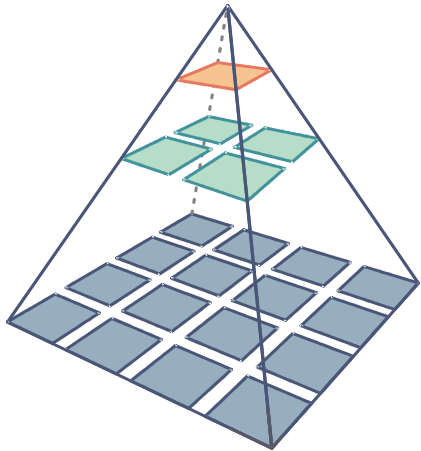
Theoretical example Earth:

- Land area of around 148.9 Mio. km² (~ 29%)
- Water area of around 361.2 Mio. km² (~ 71%)

If we had a global dataset with 25cm² / Pixel:

- Land area (uncompressed) around 170 Petabytes

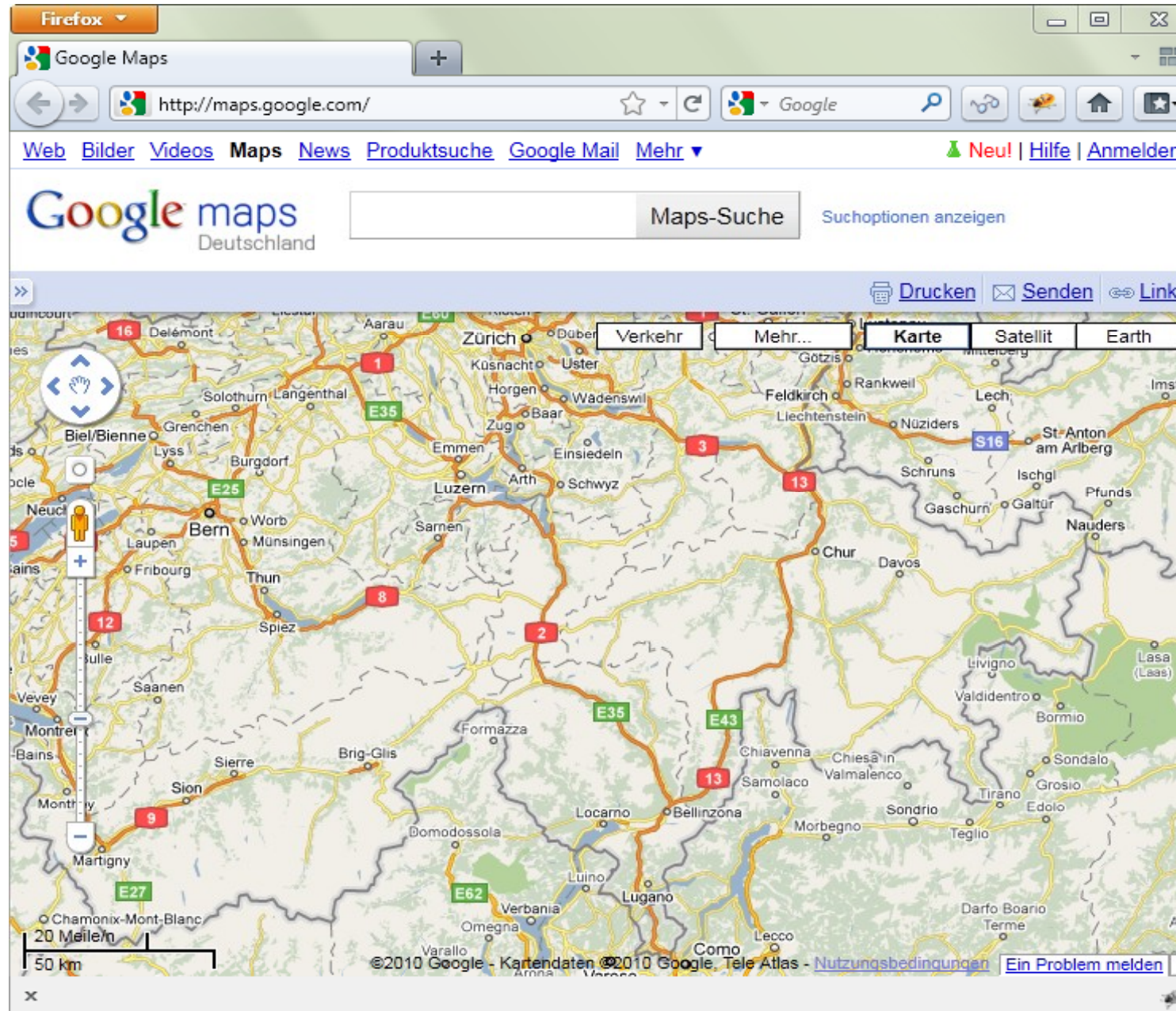
2D Tiles



Always one zoom level visible

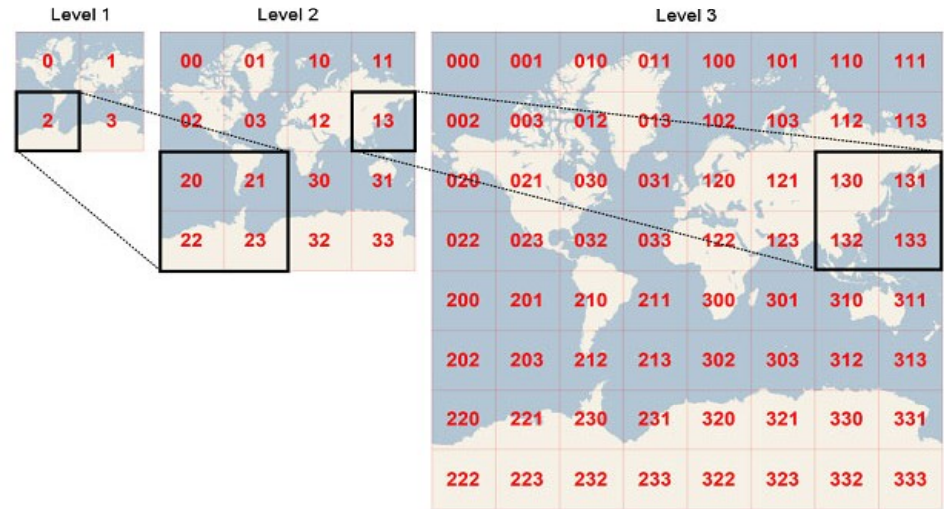
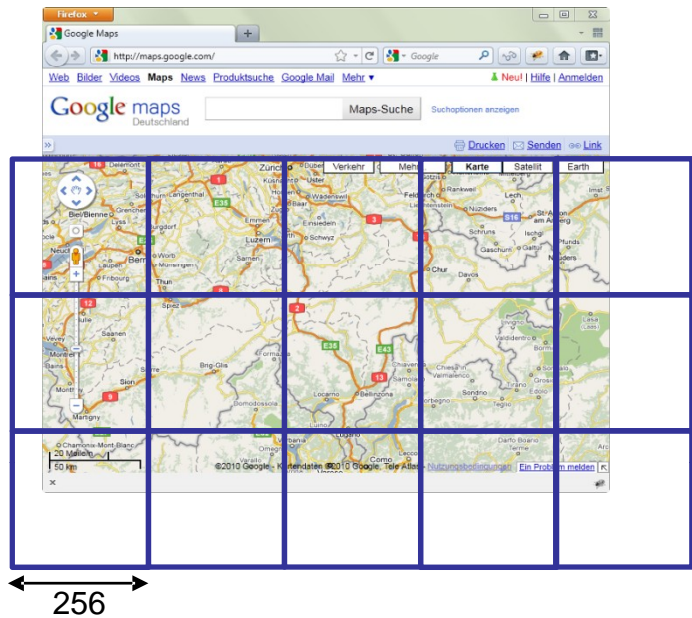
User zooms in/out
GUI / mouse wheel)

only **required** data ("visible data")
is requested from the server (or
cloud)



Screenshots from Google Maps

2D Maps – Quadtree structure

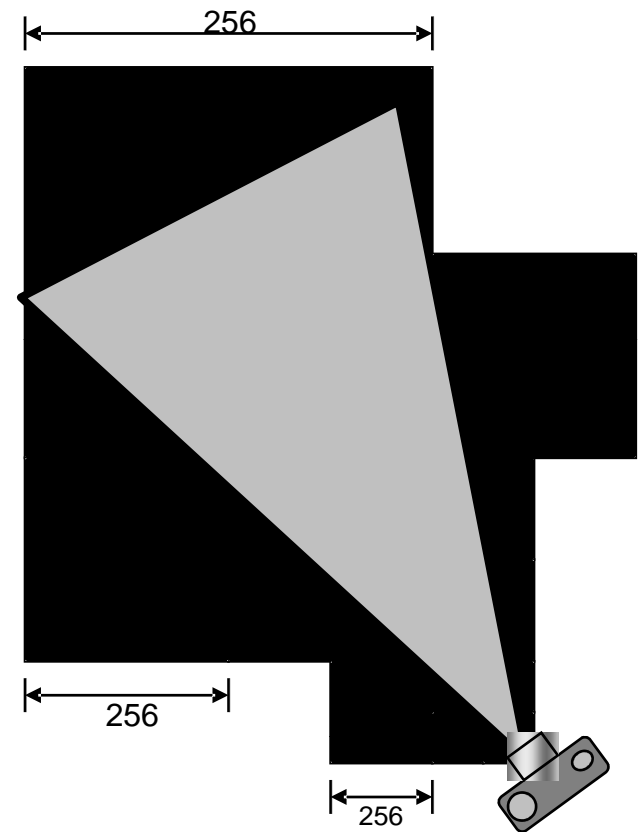
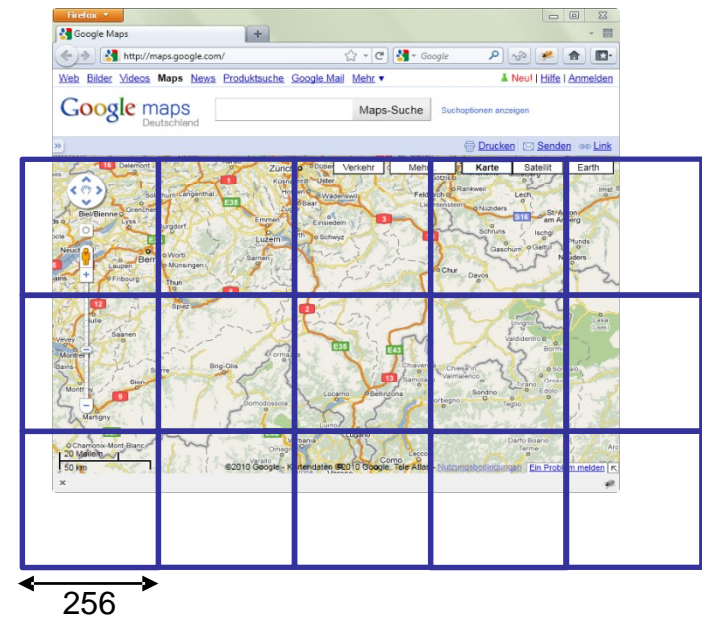
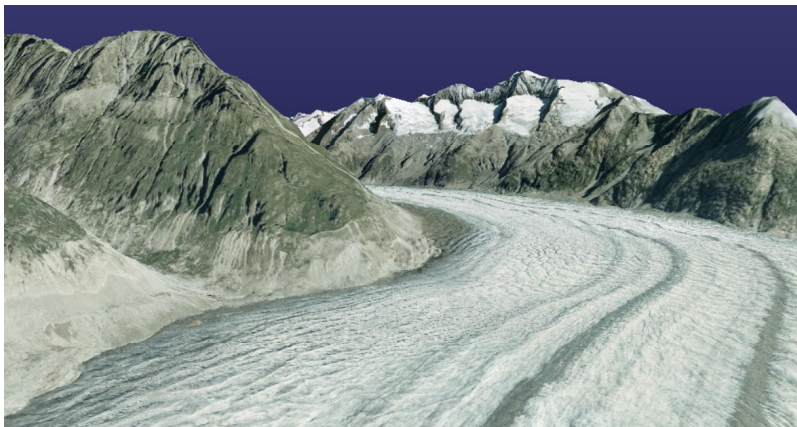


(Image courtesy of Microsoft, Bing Maps)

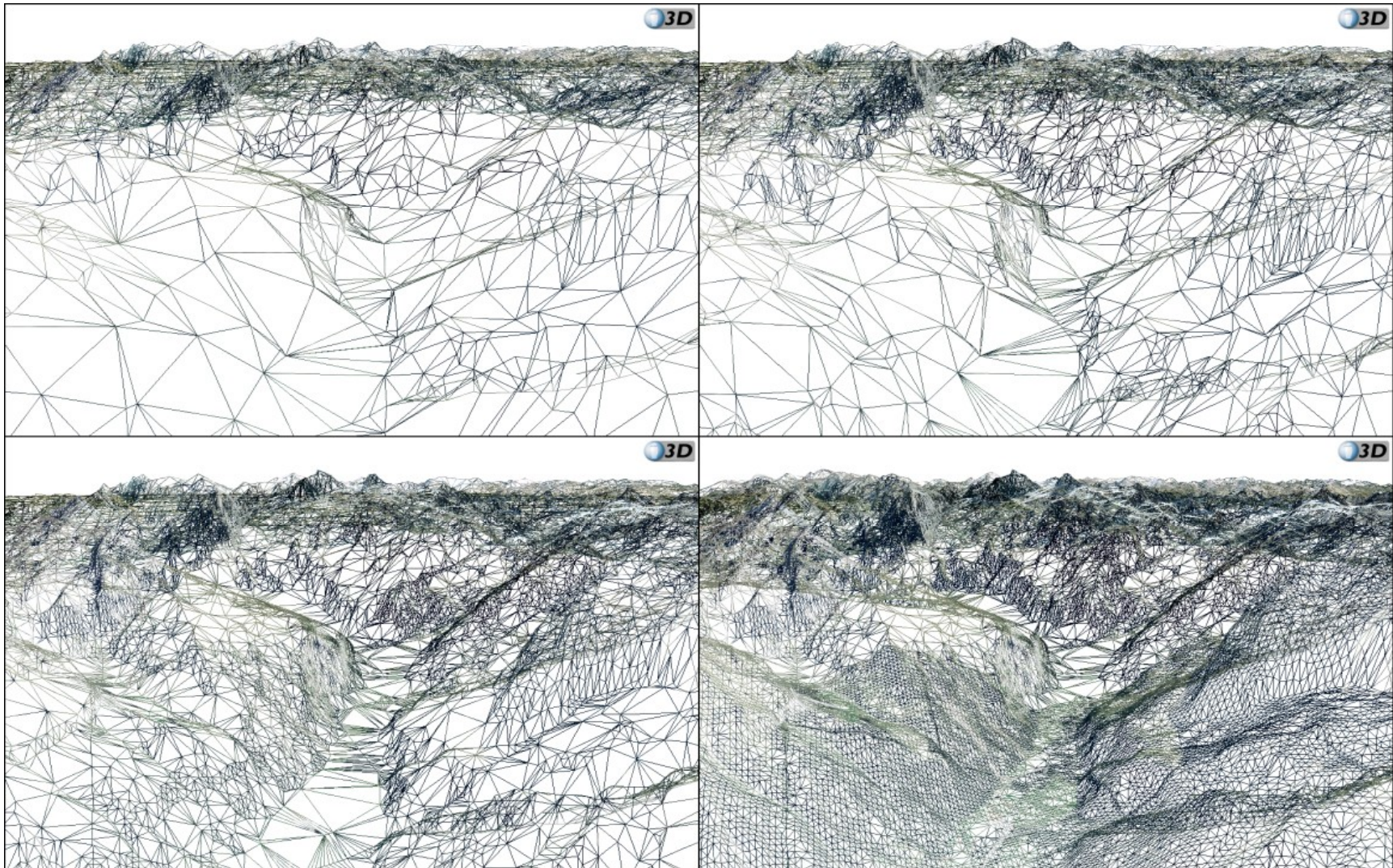
The Step to 3D

Basically the same like 2D, however:

- The View Frustum contains different LOD
- Level of detail depends on camera position.
- Elevation data can be displayed (change of perspective)



OpenWebGlobe: 2.5D Elevation Tiles (Level of Detail)



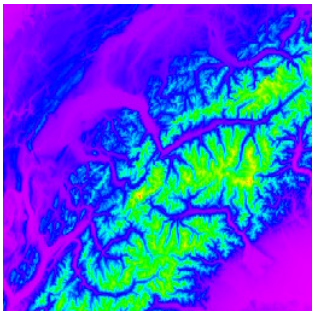
Important Tile Types



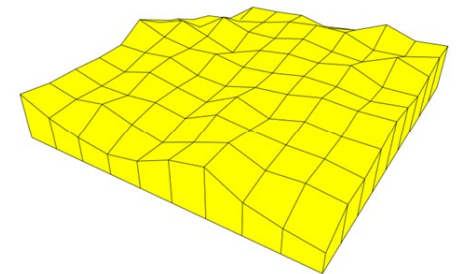
2D Image Tile
contents: 256x256 Pixels (in most cases)
(May also contain rasterized vectors etc.)



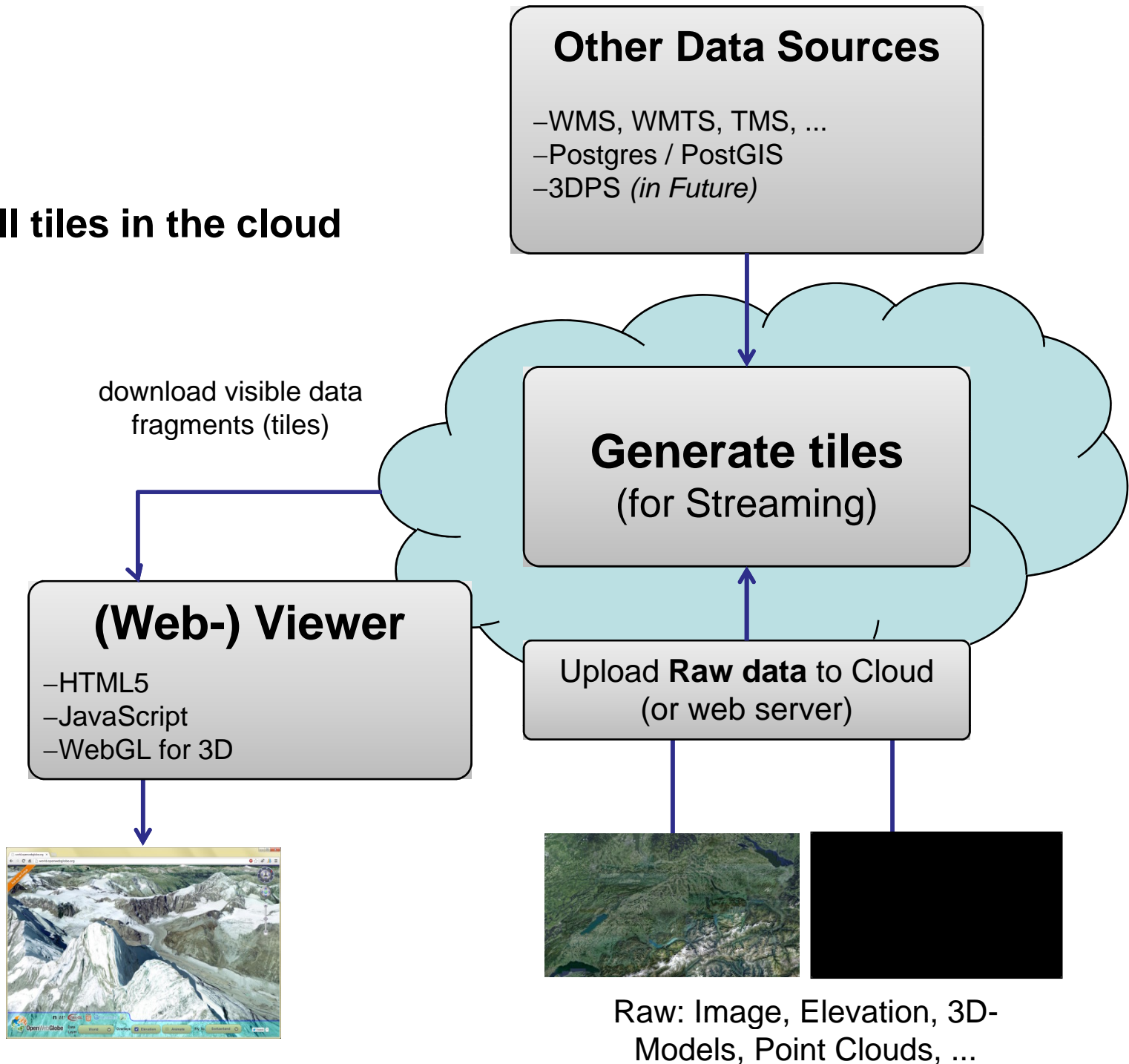
2D Vector Tile
contents: 2D Geometry
(Number of Elements limited for LOD)



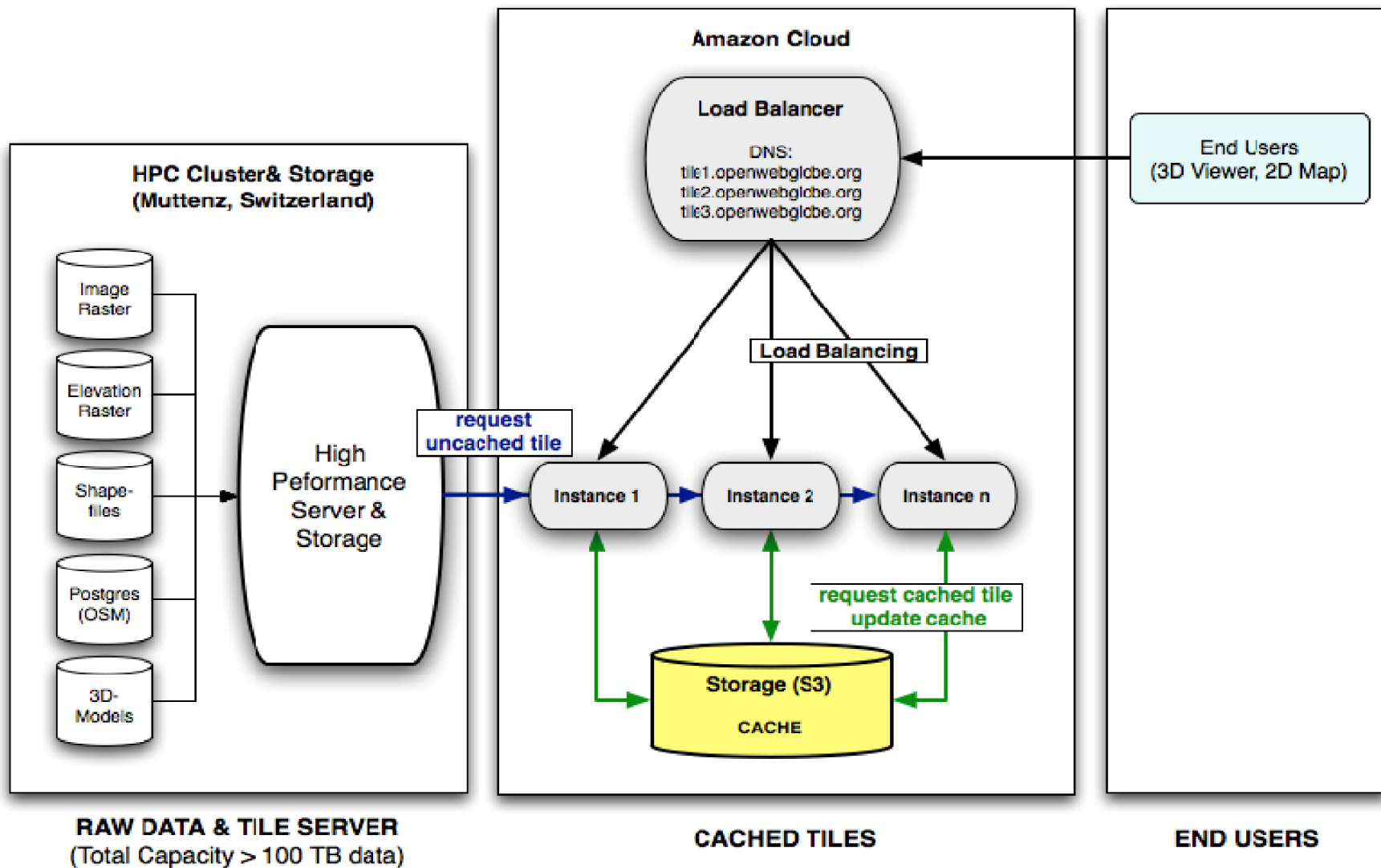
2D Elevation Tile (-> for creating 3D Tiles)
contents: Elevation values (e.g. numbers)
contents 17x17 values (or similar).



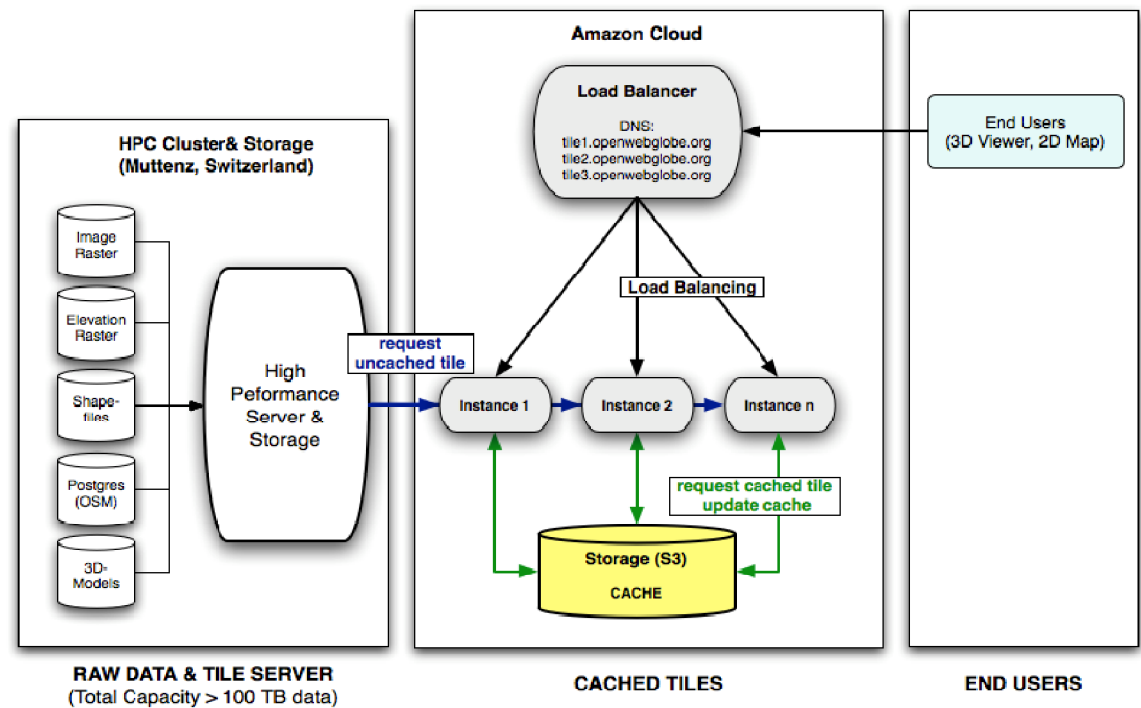
Solution #1: Preprocessing all tiles in the cloud



Solution #2: Partial Preprocessing Tiles & On-The-Fly Tile Generation and Caching



HPC: 120 TB Data (900MB/s), >50 CPU Cores in combination with cloud

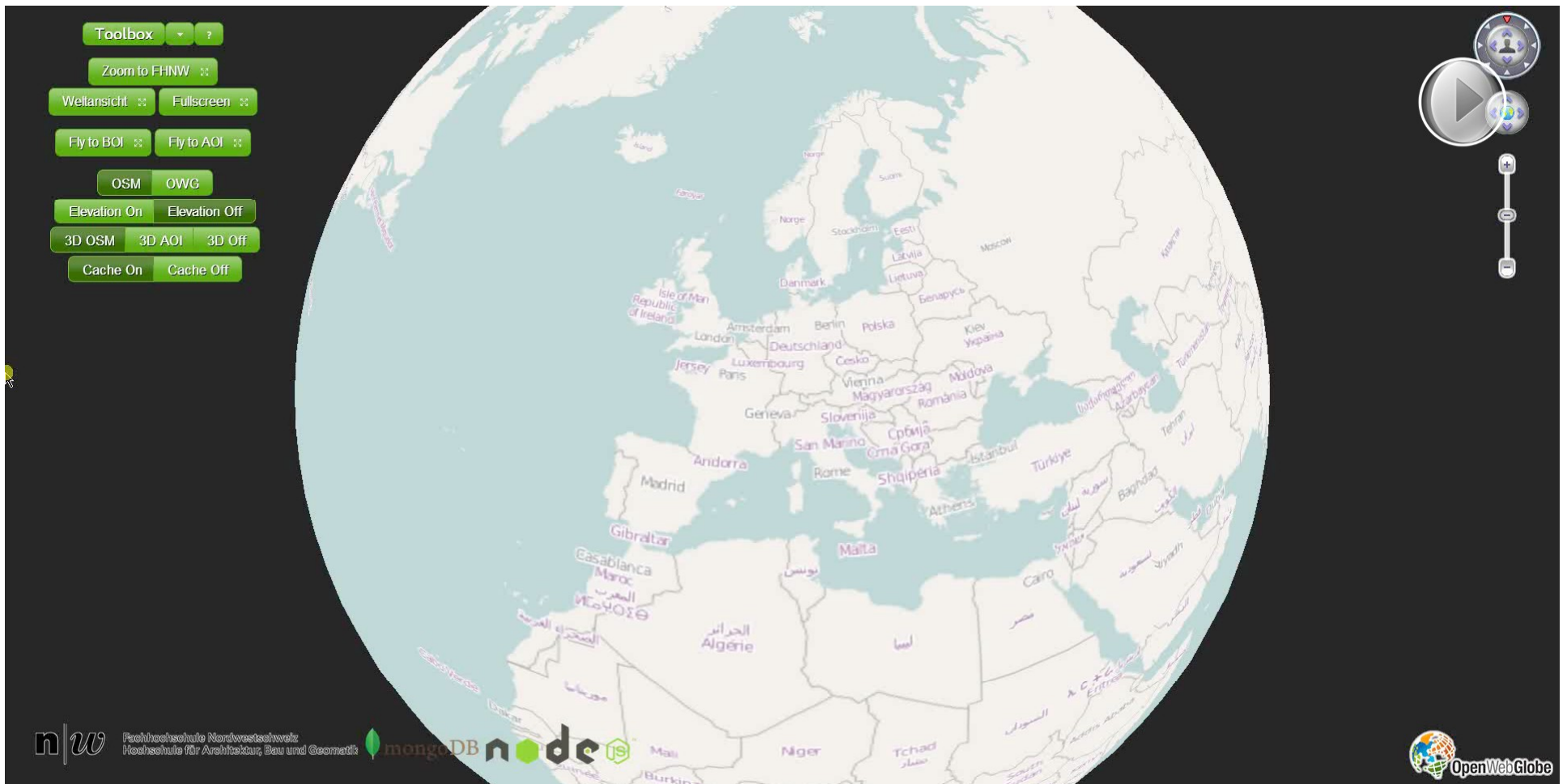


Showcase: Streaming 3D-Geometry Tiles (from OSM data & Buildings of Interest)

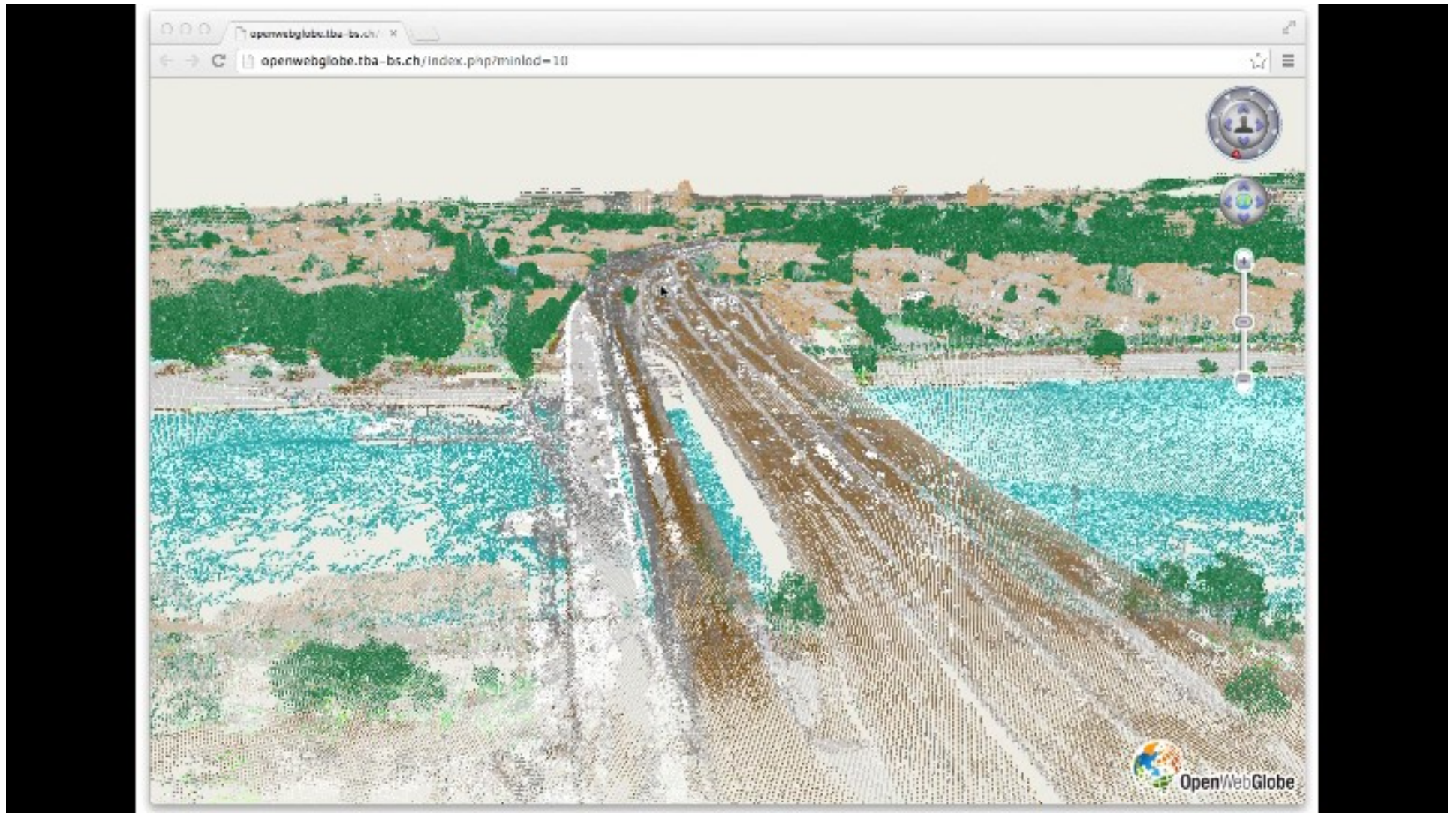
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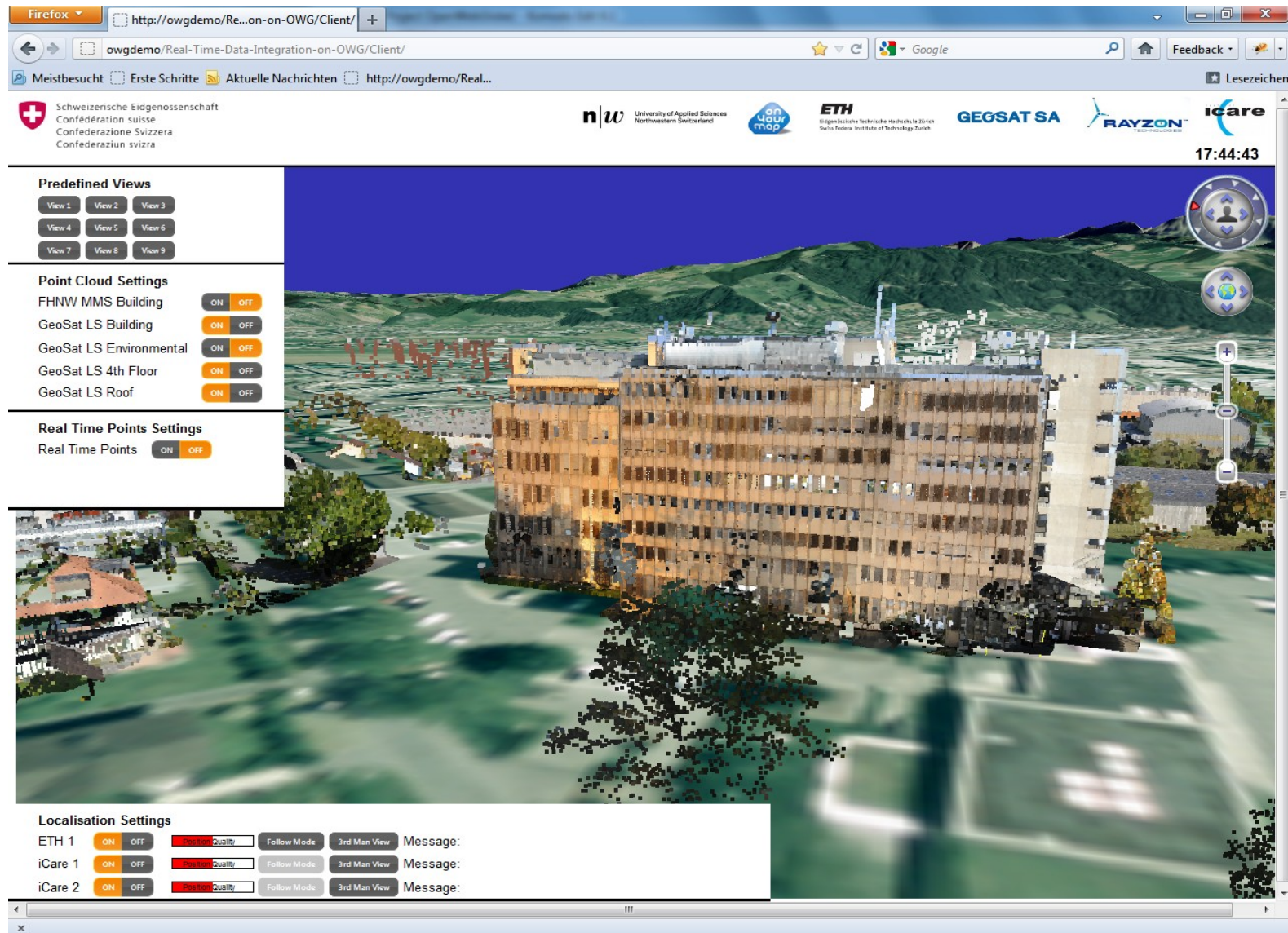
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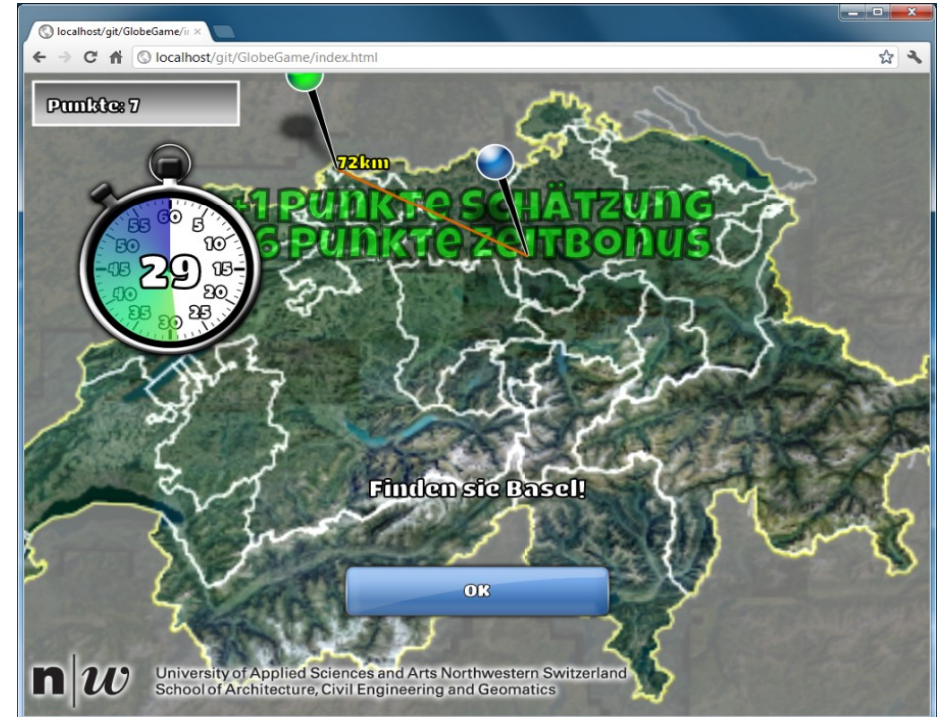
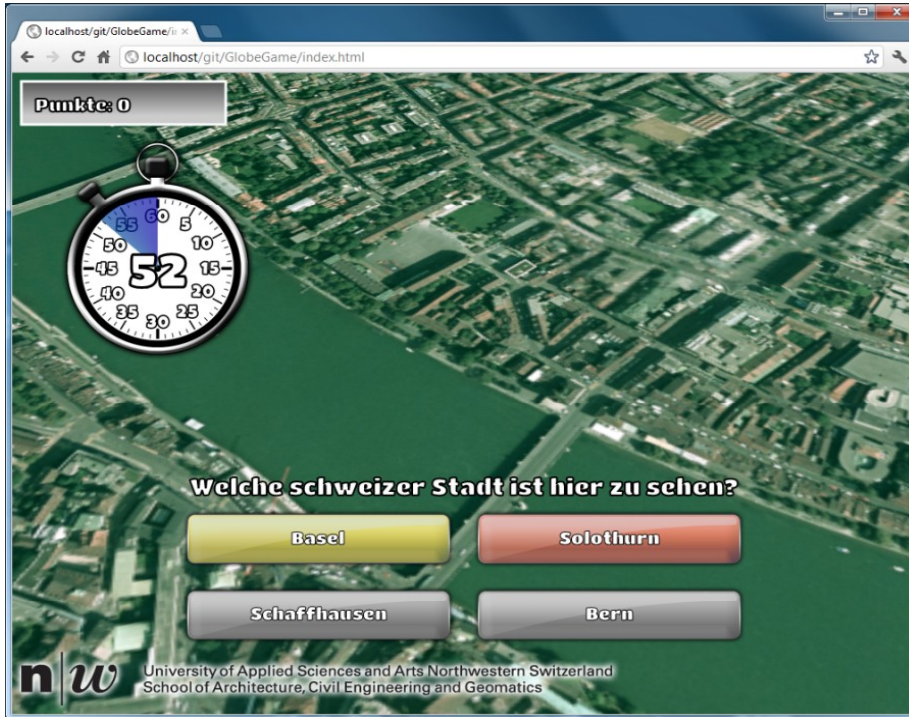
Demo (Civil Engineering Department Basel-Stadt)



ShowCase: Rapid 3D Mapping



ShowCase: SwizzQuiz – Interactive Geo Game



In Development:



OpenWebGlobe 2

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Some features:

- Easier Data Processing & Cloud Setup
- Create Native iOS, Android, Windows Phone Applications
- Create Native Desktop Applications
- Browser Support using WebGL
- Improved Speed
 - Faster downloads
 - Improved Graphics
- Streaming all Layers (Image, Elevation, 3D, PC, ...)

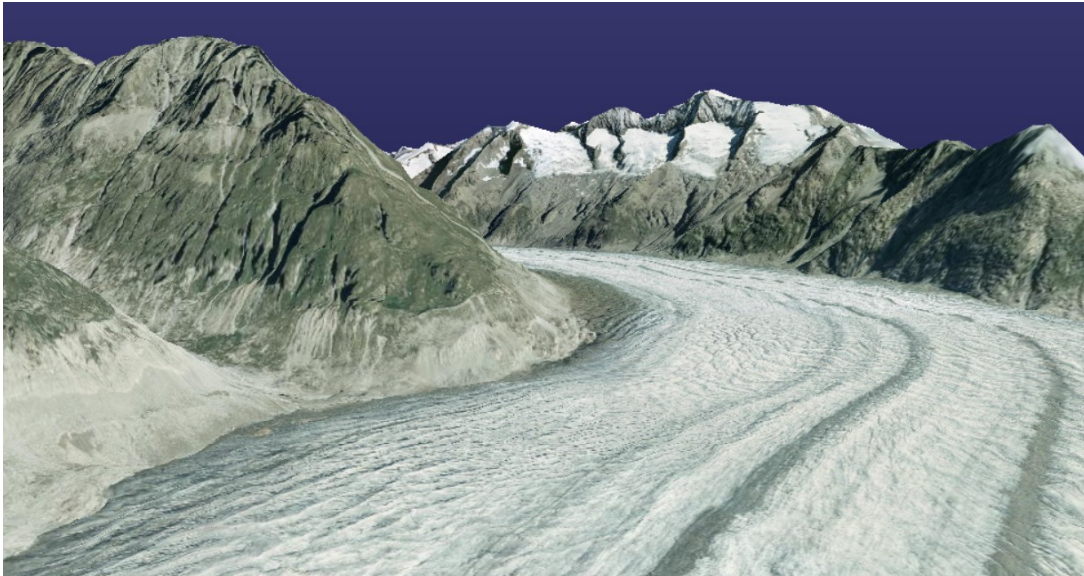
Augmented Maps



Conclusion

- OpenWebGlobe – an Open Source Platform for
 - Visualization of a virtual globe on the Web
 - Processing 2D and 3D- Data for streaming large scale data
- Streaming large Scale Dataset requires new standards
- 2D & 3D Tiles... almost the same... but very different
- New possibilities
 - Scale Point Cloud Streaming
 - Augmented 3D Maps

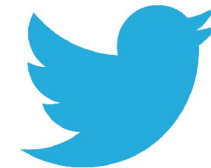
Questions ?



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<https://github.com/OpenWebGlobe>



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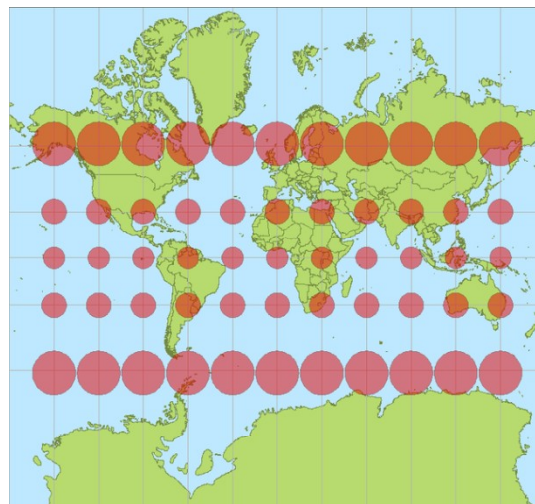
"Web Mercator" / "Popular Visualization Pseudo Mercator"

- Min/Max Latitude at around ± 85 degrees (-> square map...)
- Projection: **Sphere** (!) with radius of 6378137m
- Invented by Google, unfortunately many web maps use it today (Reason was performance, but that is not really the case)
- **"almost conformal" projection.**
- EPSG:3857 (*don't use EPSG: 900913*)

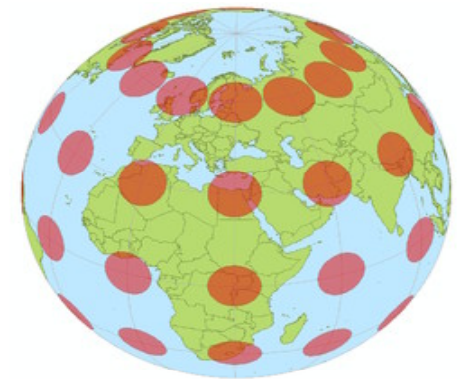


Sphere (!!!)

Projection
→



Projection
→



Ellipsoid (virtual Globe)

3D Tiles ?

