Mapping a city's activity.

A project of volunteered geographic information using mobile mapping collection

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VGI and Neogeography

- The 'democratization' of GIS: allowed by the spread of Internet and low cost devices, as large scale projects involving the participation of volunteers.
- Volunteered Geographic Information: sees the involvement of citizens in collecting geographical data as a «special case of the more general Web phenomenon of user generated content» (Goodchild, 2007)





An exercise of VGI – The Project «Trieste_Free_WiFi_Movida»

The research has been carried on during the past academic year, involving students from the course of Geography of Networks, University of Trieste. In this framework the aim was twofold:

- Testing the potential of crowdsourcing in retrieving data following a bottom up approach
- Deriving first-hand geographical data concerning a particular topic and analyze its spatial distribution in space by means of Geographical Information Systems and spatial analytical tools.

In this case this was represented by the analysis of the areas of the city that are more or less active during the days (nights!) and during the week.

This major aim was also coupled with an ancillary one, that is the **coverage** of wi-fi hotspots and networks over the urban area of Trieste.

Mobile Data Collection



■ The choice of the mobile data collection kit: GeoODK

 It's an open source platform created by the University of Maryland and International Institute of Applied System Analysis that is composed of two parts.

Mobile application GeoODK Collect	Web system: Ona or ODK Aggregate
It's customizable and runs on Android smartphones that can be also used in offline mode. Windows and iOS operative systems can collect data through a web form (Enketo Small Paper)	Aggregates data, lets you visualize on the screen the map of data, modify or delete data or export data in CSV, KML or XLS files



Mobile Data Collection



The choice of the volunteered and sensors



As this study of the "city's activity" emerged as an applicative example of the study of "Geography of networks" within the post graduate degrees in 'Economics' and 'Business' of the University of Trieste (Italy), we decided to involve the student of this course, suitably trained by the authors

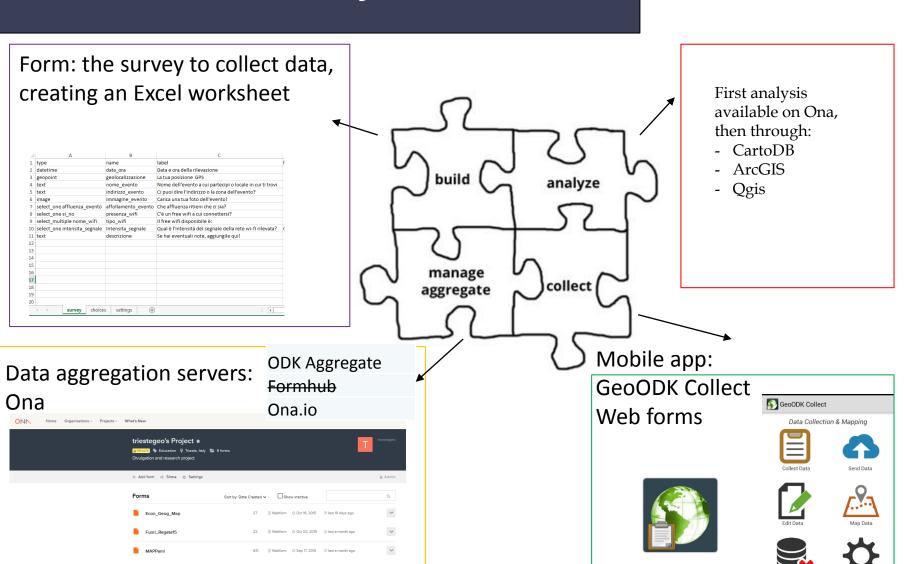






The ODK system

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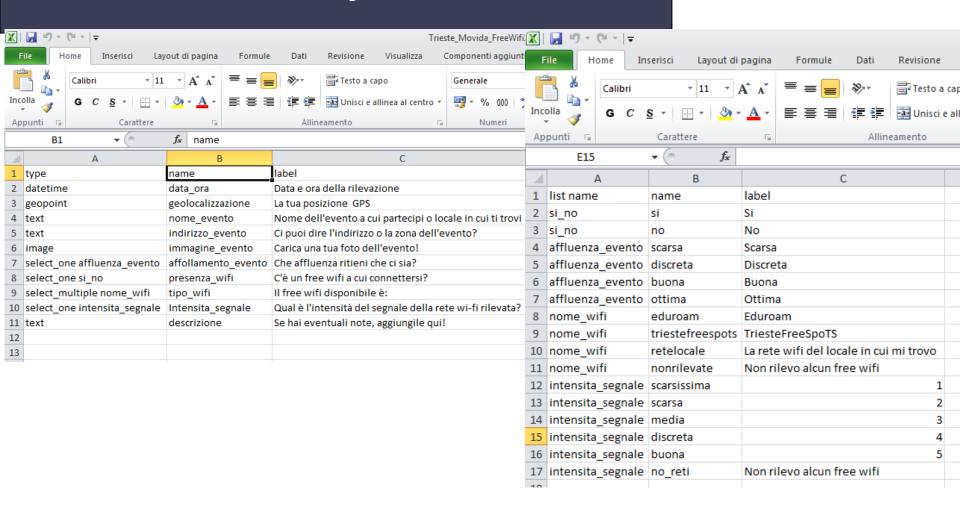
Form: the survey to collect data



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	decimal	Decimal input.	
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	select_multiple [options]	Multiple choice question; multiple answers can be selected.	
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	geotrace	Collect polyline coordinates	
	geoshape	Collect Polygon coordinates.	
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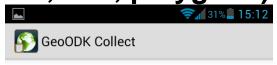
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Mobile app: GeoODK Collect

Map data and visualize data (points, line, polygons)



Data Collection & Mapping





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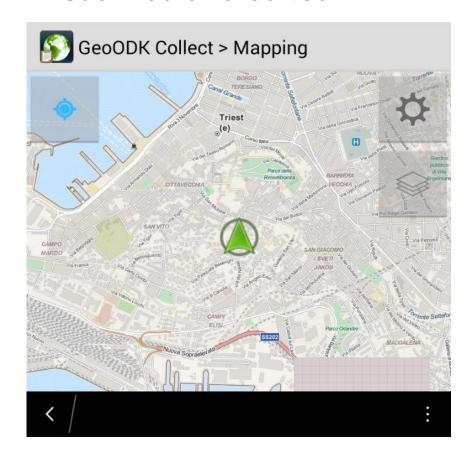








On the map, data can be visualized and edited



Web forms (non android devices; websites)

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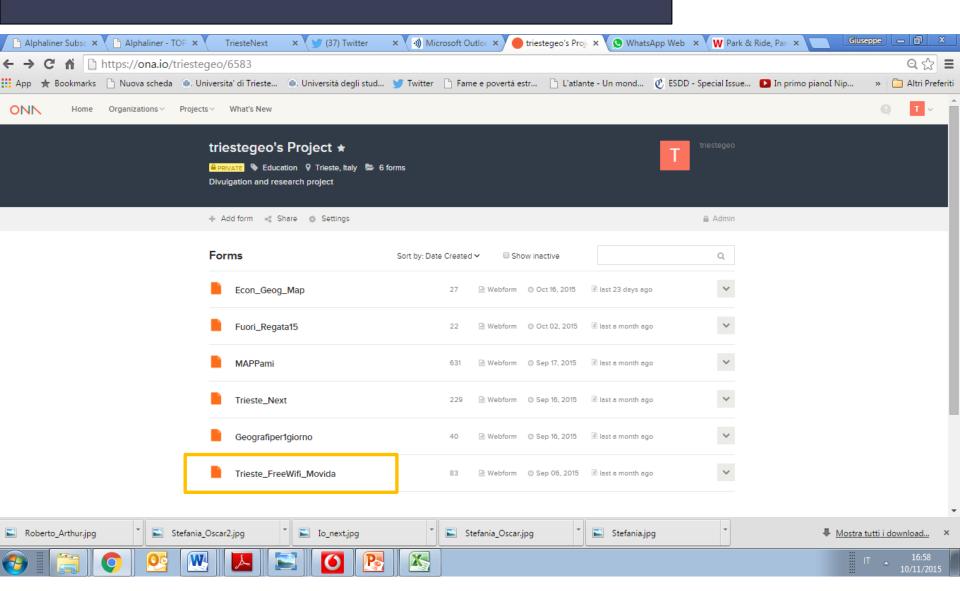
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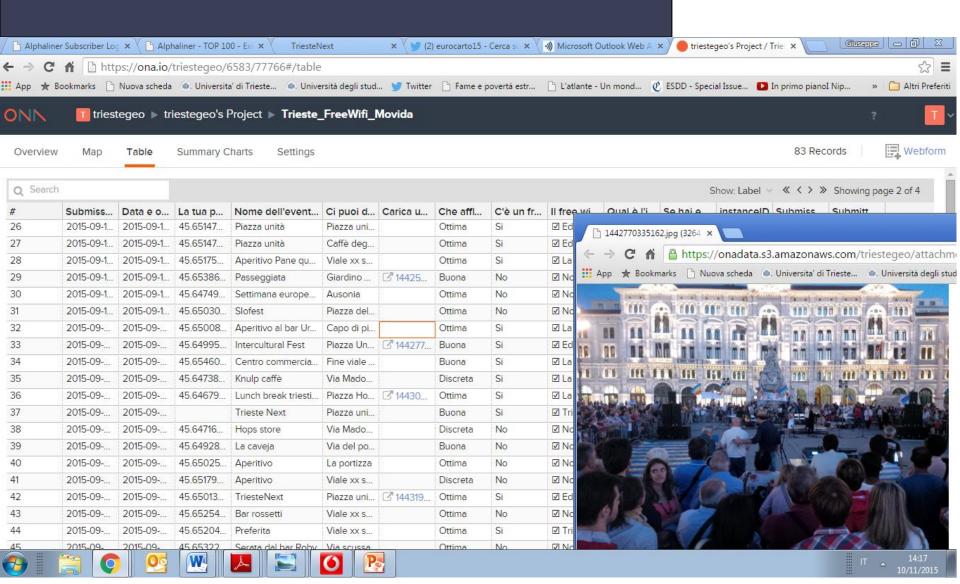


Data aggregation server: Ona



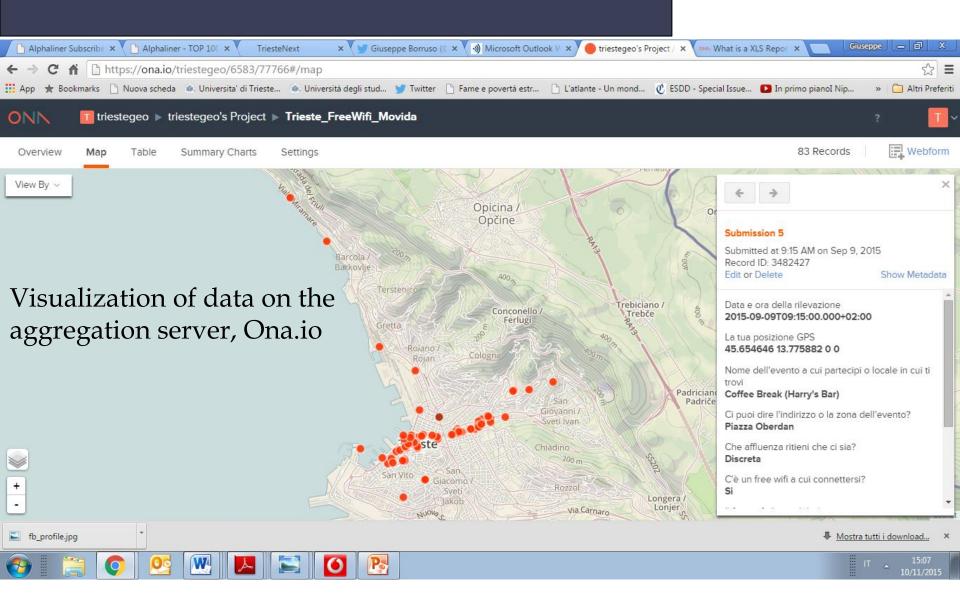


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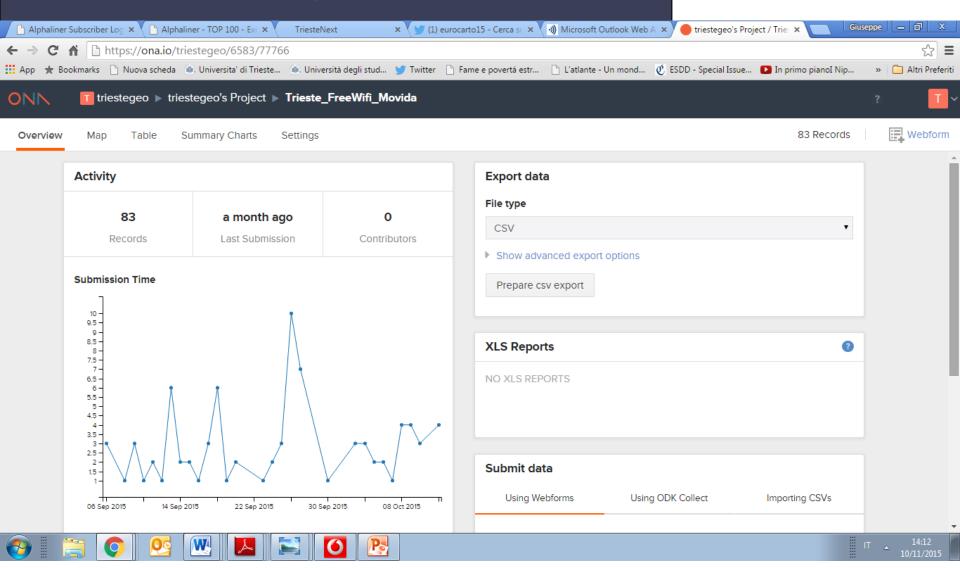


The data





The analysis: reports





Wi-fi coverage

Users reported red dots indicating avaiability of free wi-fi

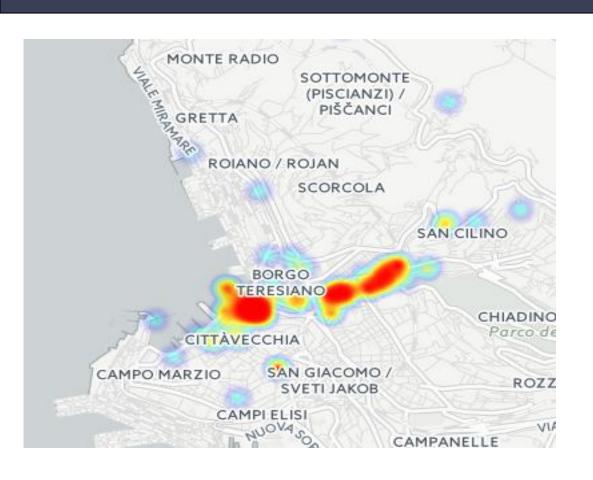


Bars and restaurants offering free wi-fi





Density Analysis and Heatmaps



Data are concentrated in some parts of the center of the city:

- Piazza Unità d'Italia
- (City centre)
- Viale XX Settembre
- (Students area!)



Results and Future Developments

Pros

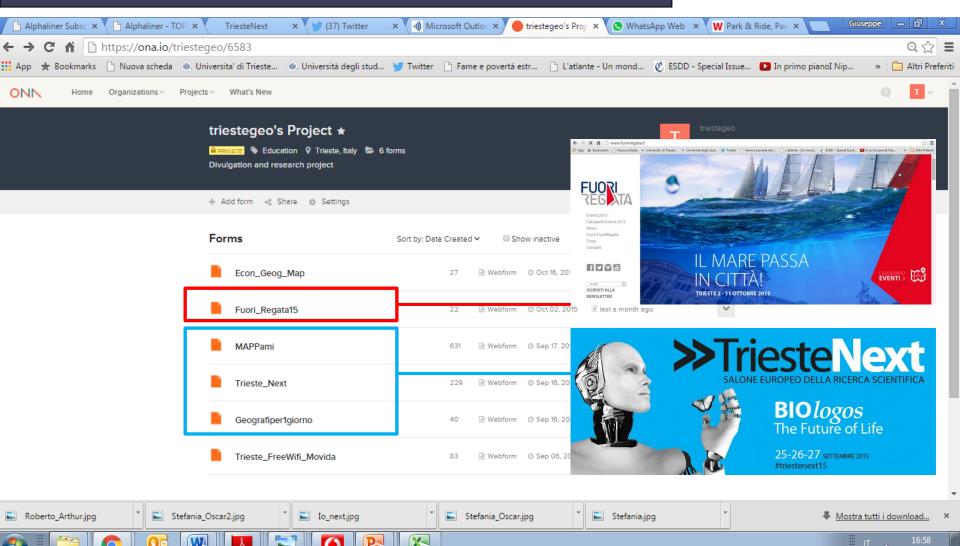
- Easy to use and customize app
- Multi-platform
- Free app and servers
- Multiple geo data formats
- Easyness to analyze results
- Interest by local administrations and associations as a tool

Cons

- General comment: difficulty in effectively involve people in Mobile data collection
- Server sides generally not so stable or maintained
 - Formhub;
 - Ona.io
- Difficult to aggregate external data in already started projects

Further developments: other projects!







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SPAZIO 14 I MAPPAMI: CREA UNA MAPPA DIGITALE DI TRIESTE NEXT E GUARDA DOVE SEL

A cura del Dipartimento di Scienze Economiche, Aziendali, Matematiche e Statistiche

Durante le giornate di TriesteNext verrà disegnata una mappa digitale per la visualizzazione dei visitatori, che avranno la possibilità di 'registrarsi' inserendo il proprio luogo di provenienza sullo schermo di un pc. Durante le giornate dell'evento si accenderanno tanti punti guanti saranno i visitatori della manifestazione, illustrando in modo dinamico la partecipazione all'evento e mostrando i principali luoghi di provenienza dei visitatori. I ricercatori e gli studenti

volontari del gruppo di lavoro illustreranno le funzionalità della cartografia digitale e dei Sistemi Informativi Geografici e gli ambiti di ricerca



SPAZIO 15 I GEOGRAFI PER UN GIORNO: MAPPA DELL'ACCESSIBILITÀ URBANA

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Studenti e persone curiose del territorio saranno coinvolti in un gioco di neogeografia o di informazione geografica volontaria; attraverso i propri smartphones o tablet agiranno come sensori urbani e acquisiranno informazioni utili a mappare alcuni aspetti dello stato di benessere della città, come la facilità di accesso degli spazi urbani o agli elementi di ostacolo. Questo consentirà di realizzare una banca dati originale, da cui poi partire per analisi e rappresentazioni più

approfondite con gli strumenti dell'analisi geografica. Verranno predisposte delle campagne di acquisizione di dati in vari momenti delle giornate di Next, con appuntamenti fissi dedicati alle scuole della città.





Questions?

Thank you for your attention!