Documenting Environmental Data

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Session Overview

- Session focused on:
  - The documentation of NOAA Observations and Products using several dialects (standards)
  - The development of a community for sharing experiences, expertise and tools to support that effort

Session Objectives

1. Increase awareness of the benefits of standard approaches to documentation early in the data lifecycle

2. Introduce GEO-IDE Wiki as an environment for sharing information about experiences, expertise and tools

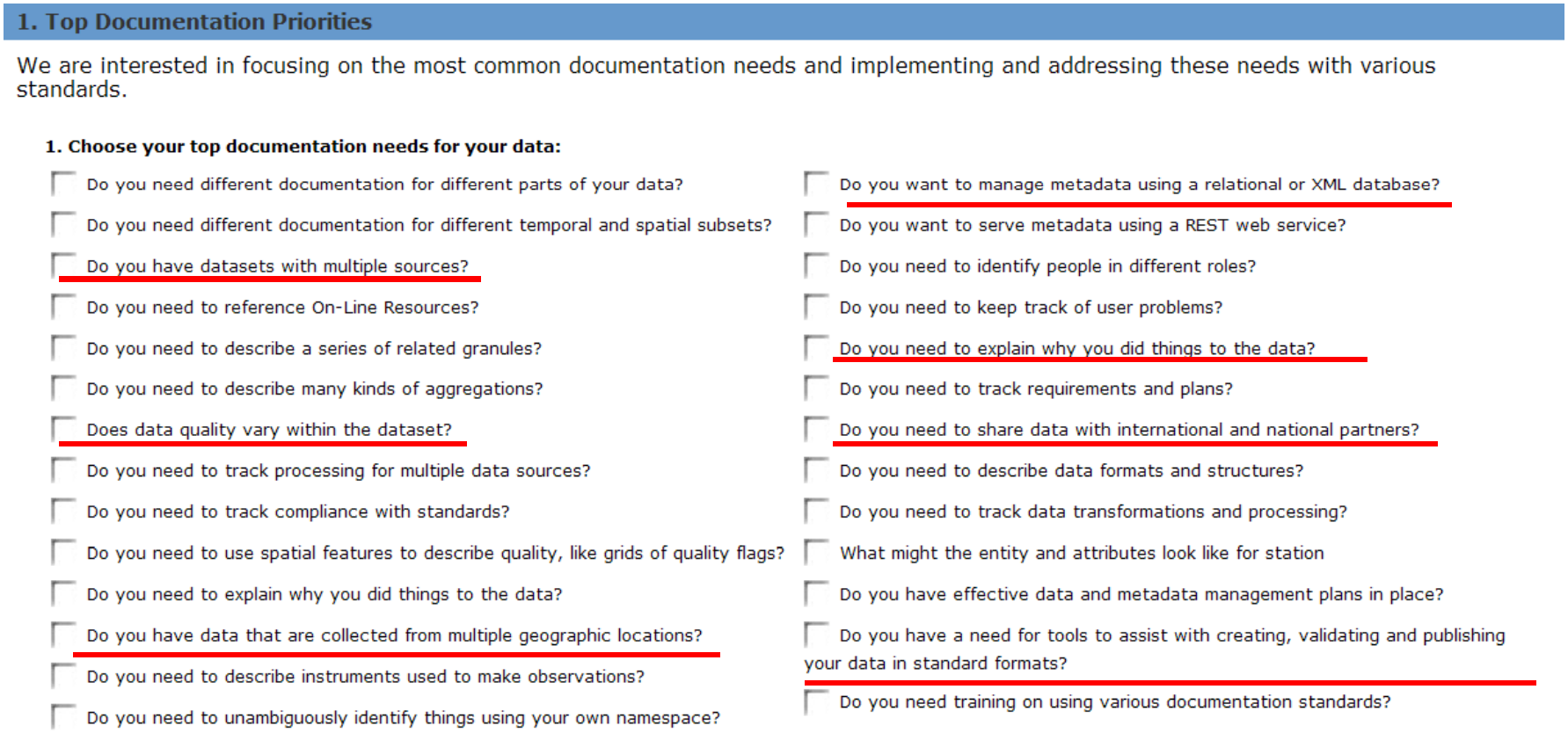
3. Identify a handful of micro-pilots that build bridges between existing documentation approaches and familiarize members of the community with current work across NOAA and partners in the global environmental community

4. Focus attention on connecting existing documentation to national and international portals (GeoSpatial One-Stop, Data.gov, and GEOSS)

Key Points of Discussion

- Swaths, profiles - spatial extents
- Describing Complex Processing (Transparency)
- Identifiers / Pointers / Restful Interfaces
- Specialized documentation for multiple communities (what % custom?)
  - standards support sharing across unexpected communities/applications
- Transformation tools/mechanisms / strategies

Answers?



1. Top Documentation Priorities

We are interested in focusing on the most common documentation needs and implementing and addressing these needs with various standards.

1. Choose your top documentation needs for your data:

- ☐ Do you need different documentation for different parts of your data?
- ☐ Do you need different documentation for different temporal and spatial subsets?
- ☐ Do you have datasets with multiple sources?
- ☐ Do you need to reference On-Line Resources?
- ☐ Do you need to describe a series of related granules?
- ☐ Do you need to describe many kinds of aggregations?
- ☐ Does data quality vary within the dataset?
- ☐ Do you need to track processing for multiple data sources?
- ☐ Do you need to track compliance with standards?
- ☐ Do you need to use spatial features to describe quality, like grids of quality flags?
- ☐ Do you need to explain why you did things to the data?
- ☐ Do you have data that are collected from multiple geographic locations?
- ☐ Do you need to describe instruments used to make observations?
- ☐ Do you need to unambiguously identify things using your own namespace?
- ☐ Do you want to manage metadata using a relational or XML database?
- ☐ Do you want to serve metadata using a REST web service?
- ☐ Do you need to identify people in different roles?
- ☐ Do you need to keep track of user problems?
- ☐ Do you need to explain why you did things to the data?
- ☐ Do you need to track requirements and plans?
- ☐ Do you need to share data with international and national partners?
- ☐ Do you need to describe data formats and structures?
- ☐ Do you need to track data transformations and processing?
- ☐ What might the entity and attributes look like for station
- ☐ Do you have effective data and metadata management plans in place?
- ☐ Do you have a need for tools to assist with creating, validating and publishing your data in standard formats?
- ☐ Do you need training on using various documentation standards?

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Q and A: https://www.nosc.noaa.gov/dmc/swg/wiki/index.php?title=Use_Cases_to_CRUD
Observing System ISO: http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/metadata/published/19115/NOSA/1list.html
Multi-dimensional Grids: http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/metadata/published/19115/NESDIS_Products/1list.html
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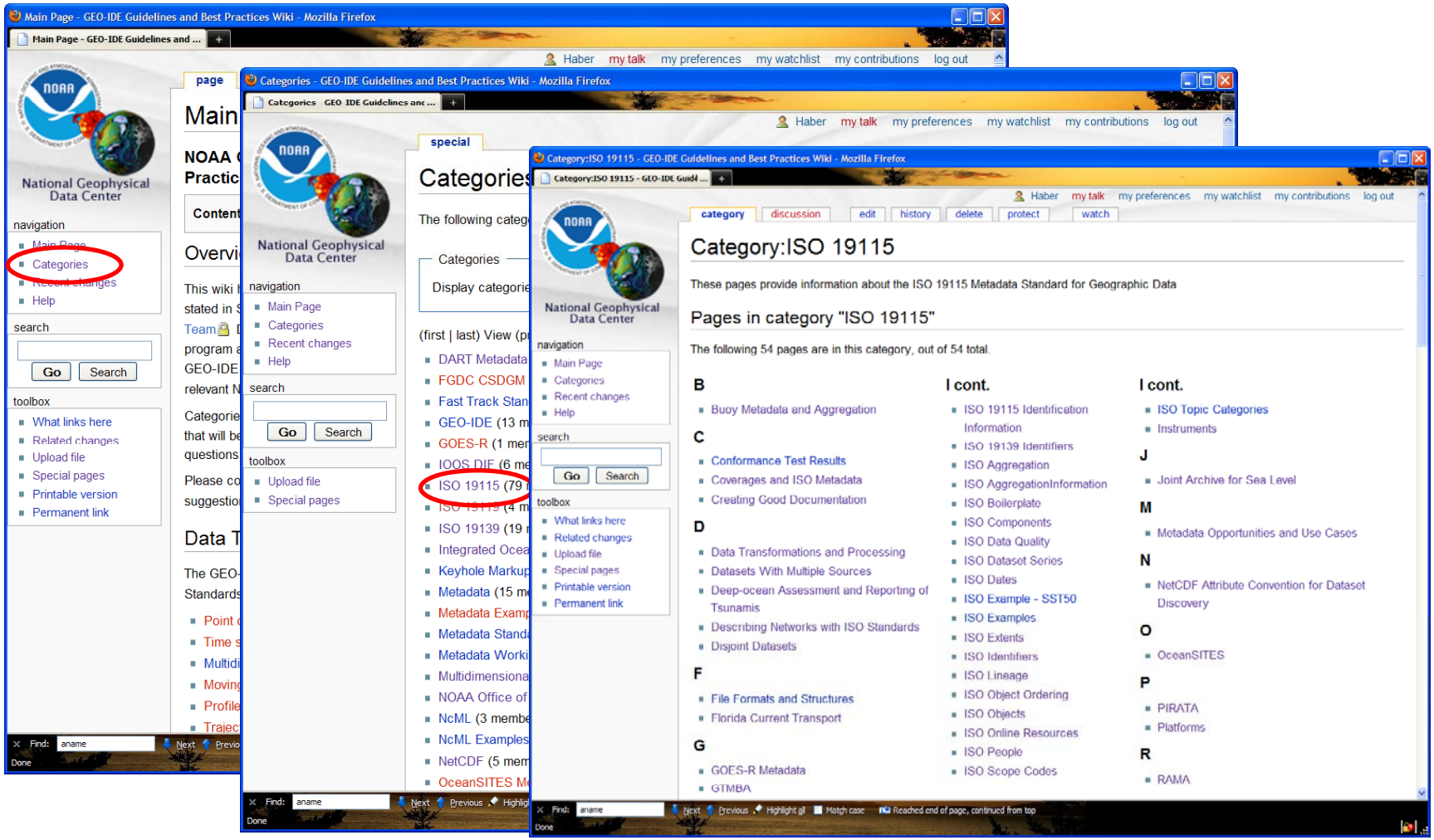
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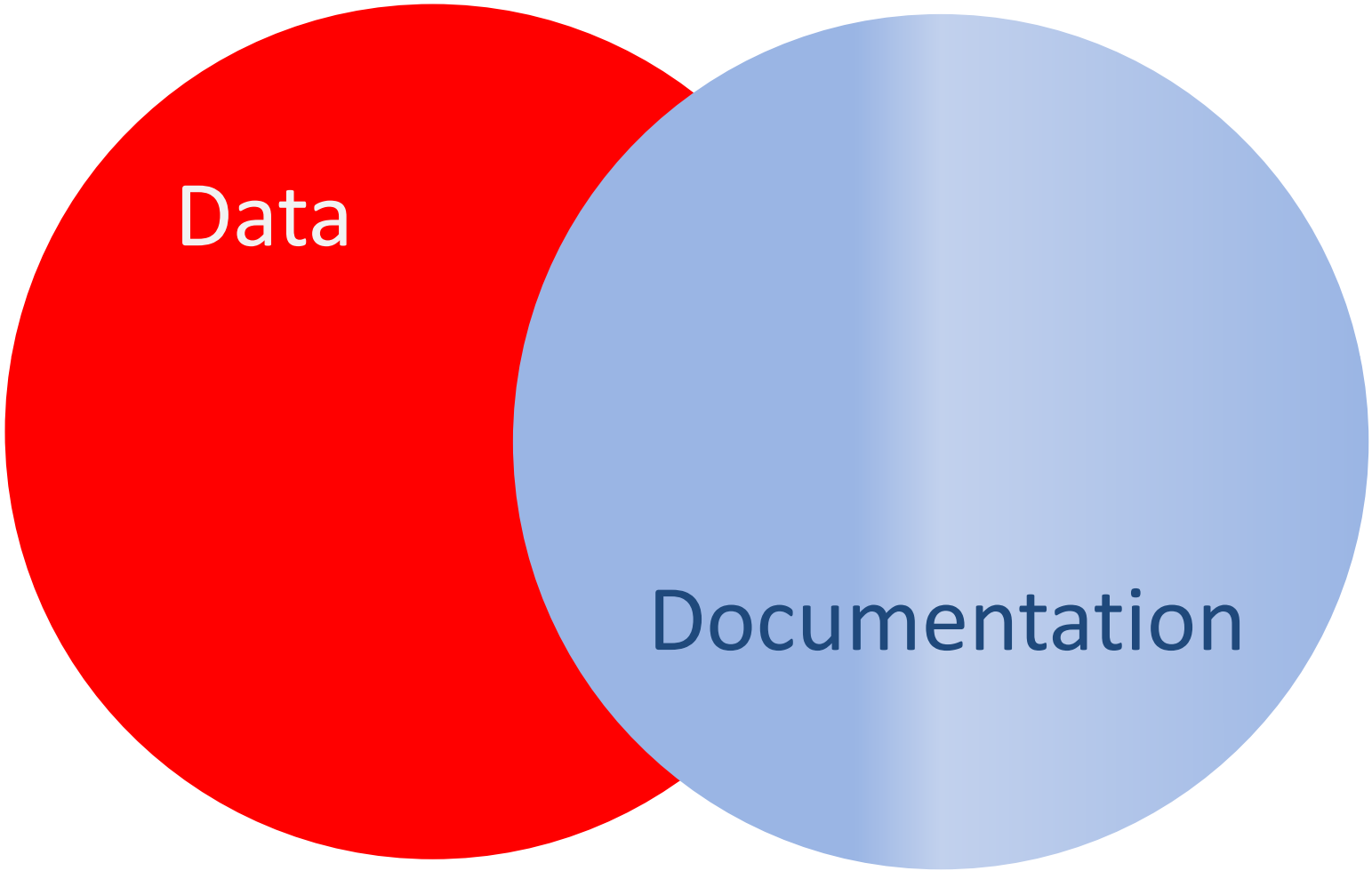
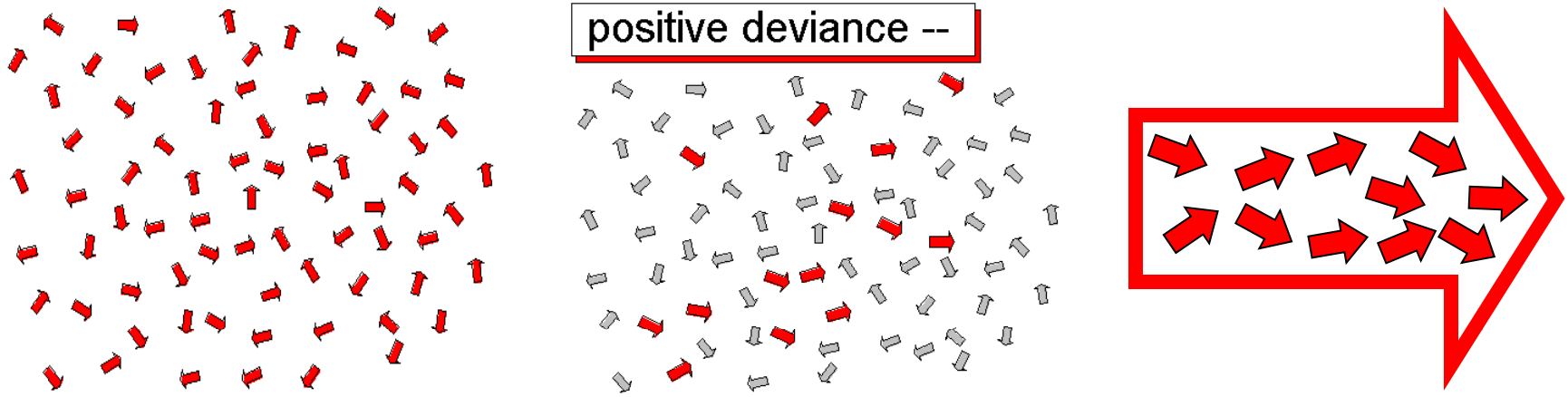


Blurring the distinction between data and documentation

Leadership Model: Positive Deviance



Positive deviance says that if you want to create change, you must scale it down to the lowest level of granularity and look for people within the social system who are already manifesting the desired future state. Take only the arrows that are already pointing toward the way you want to go, and ignore the others. Identify and differentiate those people who are headed in the right direction. Give them visibility and resources. Bring them together. Aggregate them. *Barbara Waugh*