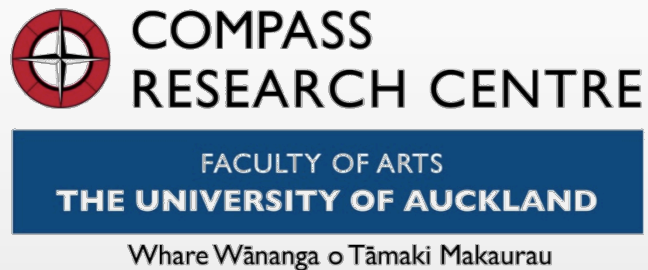




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**One (small) step ahead –
New Zealand Social Science Data Service
(www.nzssds.org.nz)**



Data Matters: Making the most of publicly-funded research data
Symposium, Te Papa, Wellington, 15 July 2010

Outline



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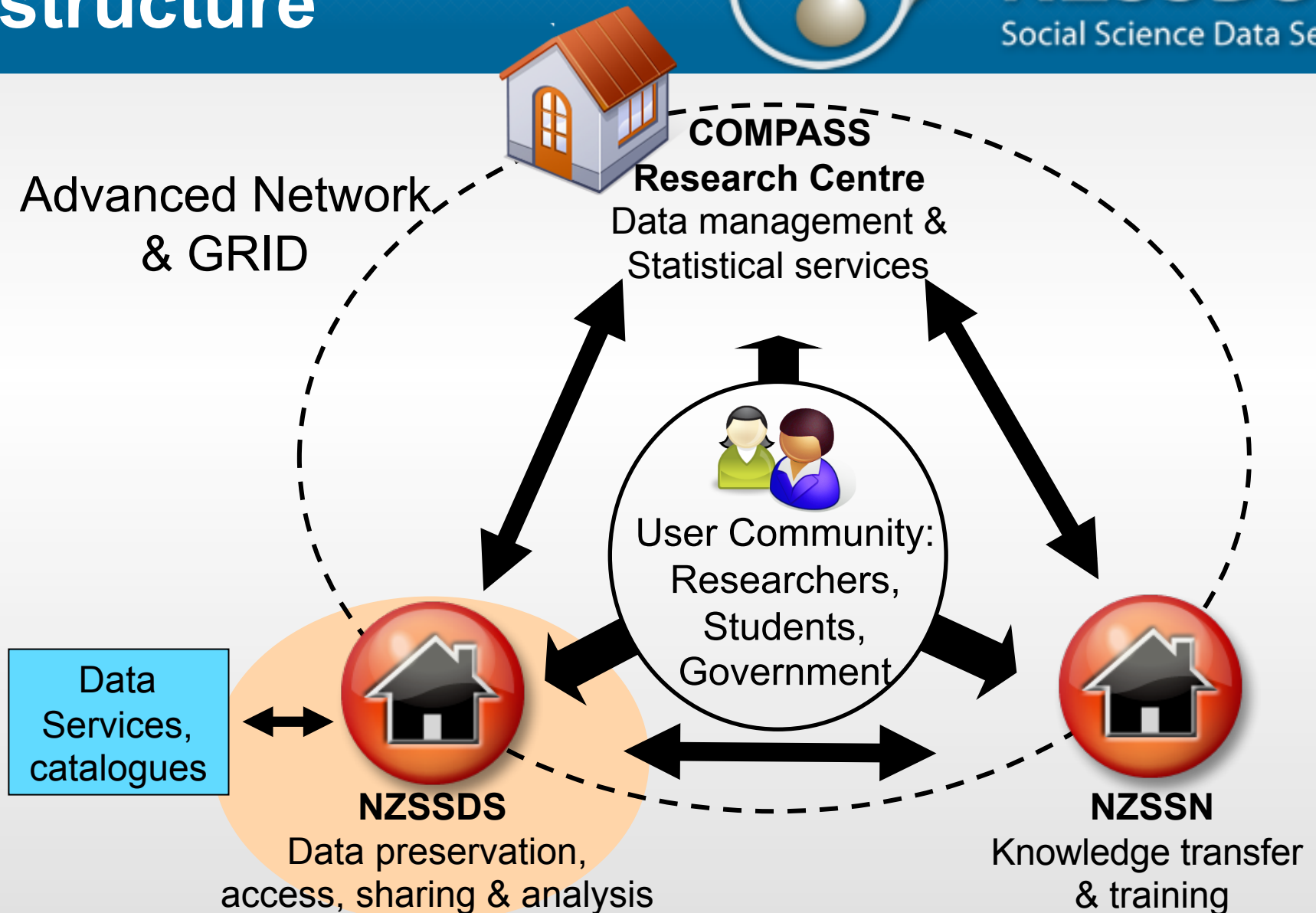
- Background
- Origins
- Vision
- Data holdings
- Issues
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Origins of NZSSDS



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- An ambitiously titled project
*Developing a hub for e-Social Science
in New Zealand: Linking the grid
with emergent social data technologies
and networks*
- Start date 1st July 2007; project term 1 year
- Funded by the Tertiary Education Commission

Why preserve or share data?



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- Analyse data in ways not originally envisioned
- Cheaper to reuse existing data than collect new
- Provides resources for education and training
- Allows testing of new or alternative methods
- Promotes the research that created the data
- Enables scrutiny of research outcomes

What data do we hold?



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- 40 data sets archived including
 - New Zealand Election Study data (1987–2005, soon to add 2008) – Professor Jack Vowles
 - New Zealand pre-election surveys & other regional voting surveys (1972–1981)
 - International Social Survey Programme data for New Zealand (1991–2007) – Professor Philip Gendall
 - World Internet Project for New Zealand (2007) – Professor Charles Crothers
 - Health data sets (adverse events, oral health care, primary care, sexual health) – Professor Peter Davis

What issues do we face?



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- Financial sustainability
- Uptake of the service
 - Depositing of data
 - Use of the data archive

Nesstar software (1)



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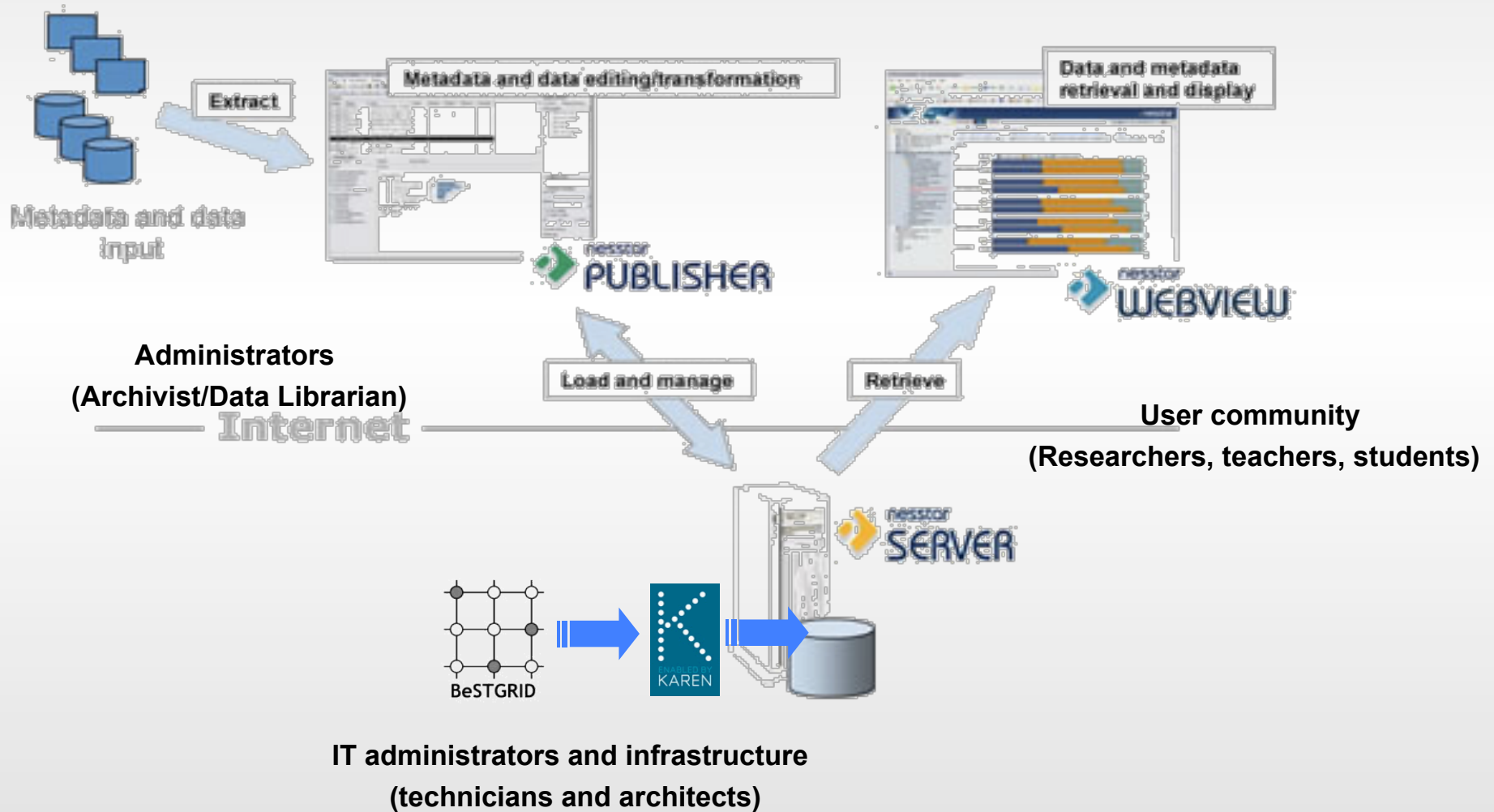
- Networked Social Science Tools and Resources
- Brings the advantages of the web to data storage
- Data archives in UK and Norway run the company
- Nesstar used by 100+ institutions, all over the world, including NZSSDS, Australia's ASSDA
- CESSDA – 20+ member archives running Nesstar
 - Global keyword search online at cessda.org across all of these

Nesstar software (2)



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Usage history



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- 50 registered users; 10 specific data requests
 - Extensive use of election study data within The University of Auckland as well as by several university students internationally
 - Use of ISSP, oral health survey and primary care survey data by researchers in Holland
- 2 postgraduate courses (in sociology & stats) involving metadata and data sets in teaching
- 5+ further studies to follow up for archiving

Future developments



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- Increase the number and range of data sets held on the archive
 - Both quantitative and qualitative: looking at hosting visiting speaker Louise Corti of UK data archive qualidata
- Develop research methods teaching resources
 - Analysis guides based on specific data sets
 - Teaching data sets
 - Program code and supporting materials for papers
- Work to advance the data preserving and sharing agenda in New Zealand

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