

Geospatial Data Engineering for Urban and National Digital Twins

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650,000 data scientists

178,000 data-related vacancies

22% time spent searching for data

22% time spent preparing data

10 million hours lost per year

Urban and National DT delayed

Net Zero Not Achieved







Data Engineering for Digital Twins

- Data Engineering
 - Maintain the flow of data between producers and users, converting captured data to data that a data scientist can easily use
 - "All about the movement, manipulation and management of data" (Lewis Gavin)



"Data engineers are responsible for building the infrastructure that helps data scientists work their magic" (Brian Murray, Fundamentals of Data Engineering)

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Sourcing / Licensing Data Pre Processing Cleaning Data Pipelines (Long Term) Data Curation/ Publication

Standards

Data Engineering











Image: Prof. Sisi Zlatanova

Image: CDBB



Next Steps - Evidence Gathering

- The evidence for the 22% search time + 22% preprocess data time is a little flimsy
 - However, practitioners do seem to all agree that they spend extensive time on these tasks
 - We need some good evidence and user studies to substantiate these numbers
- Quantify the benefits of a geospatial-first data engineering approach for Urban and National DT



