MLS PostgreSQL

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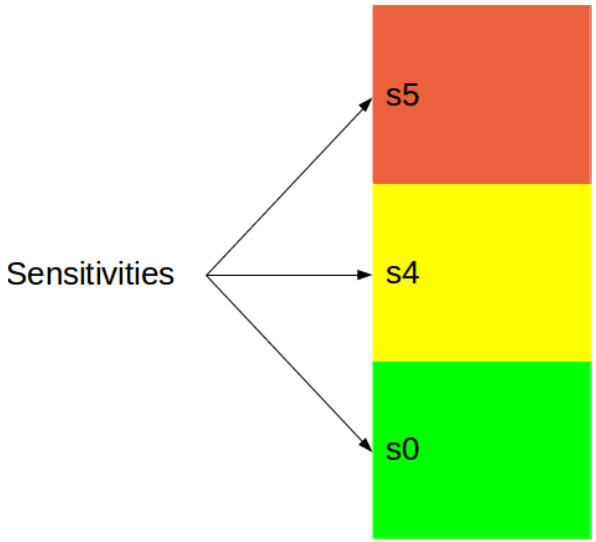
What is MLS?



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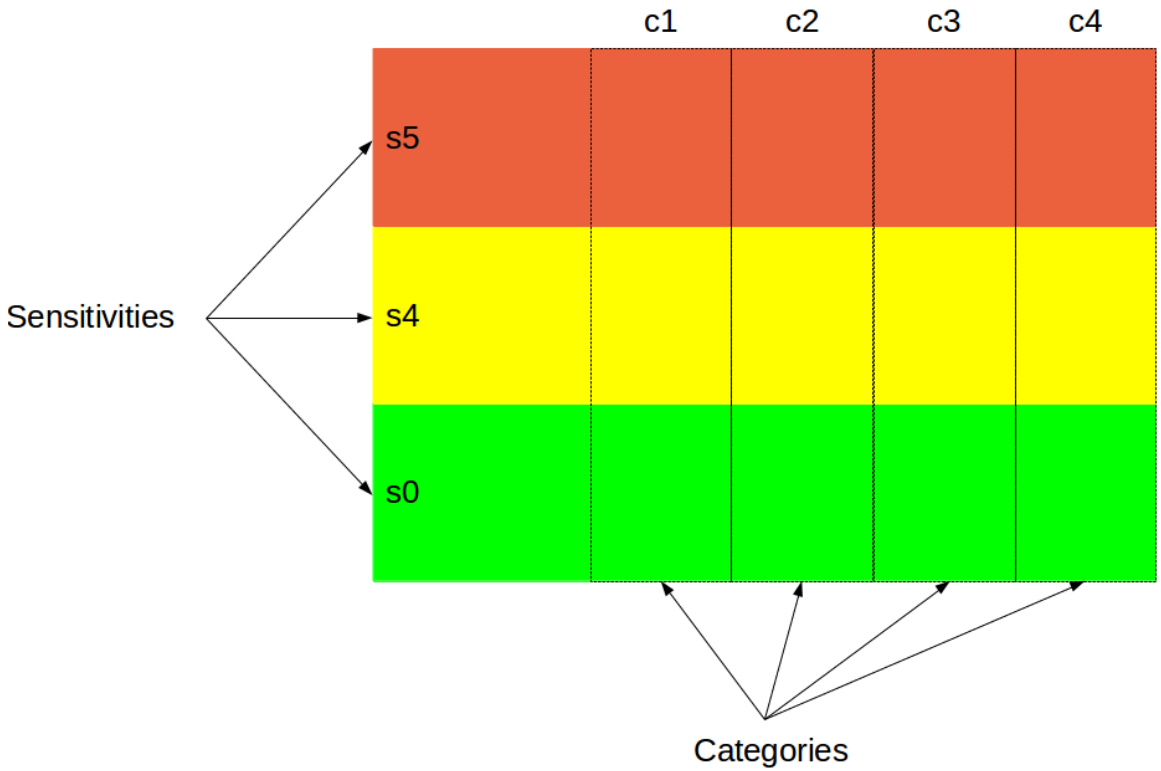

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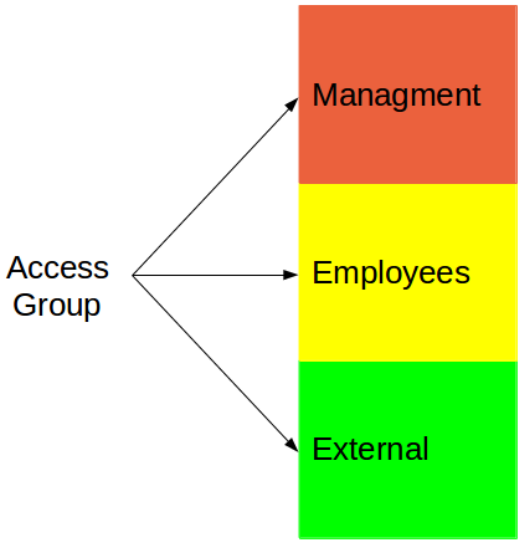

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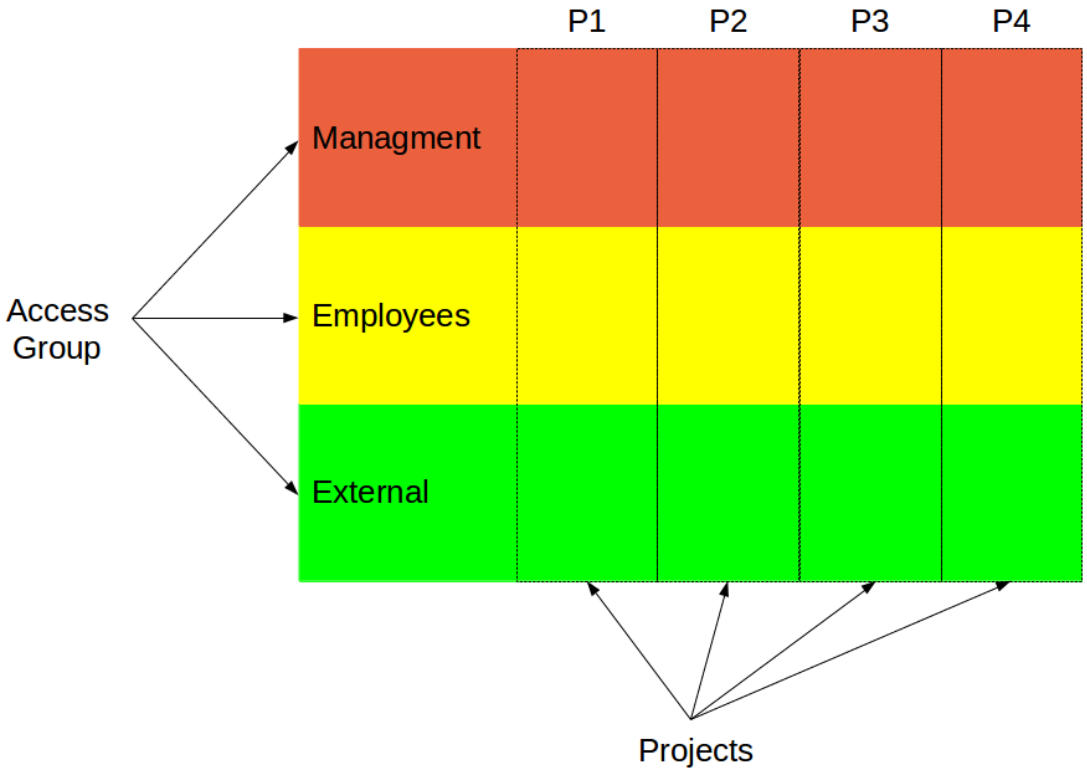

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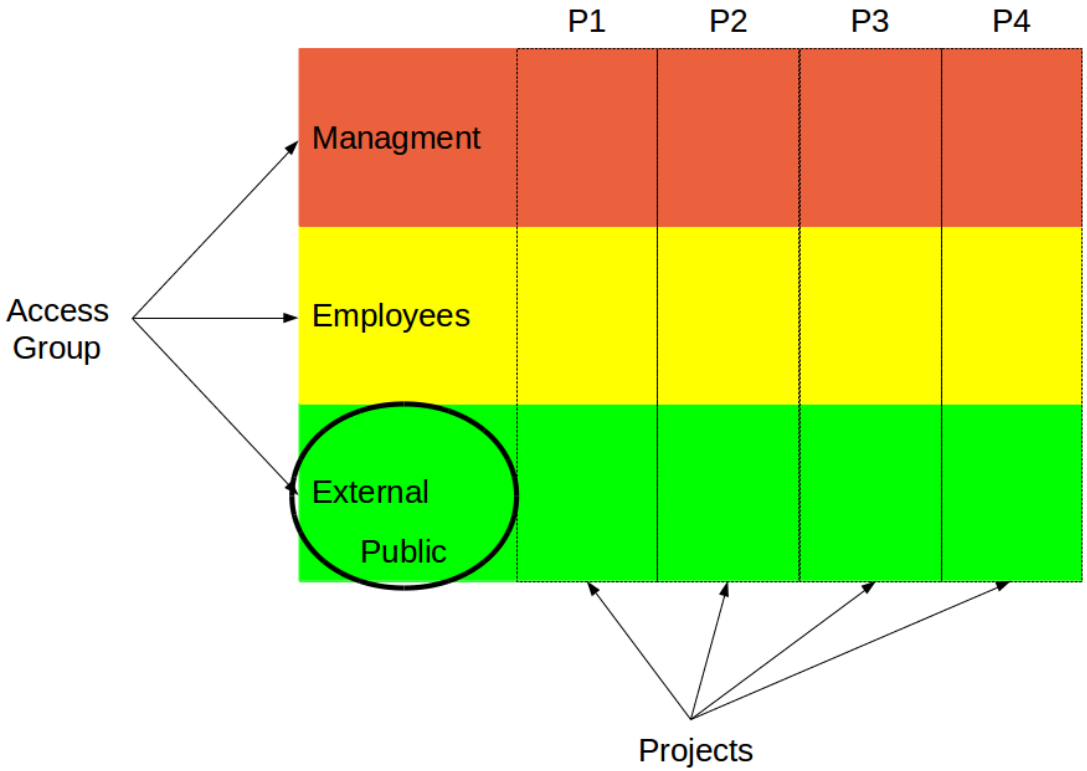

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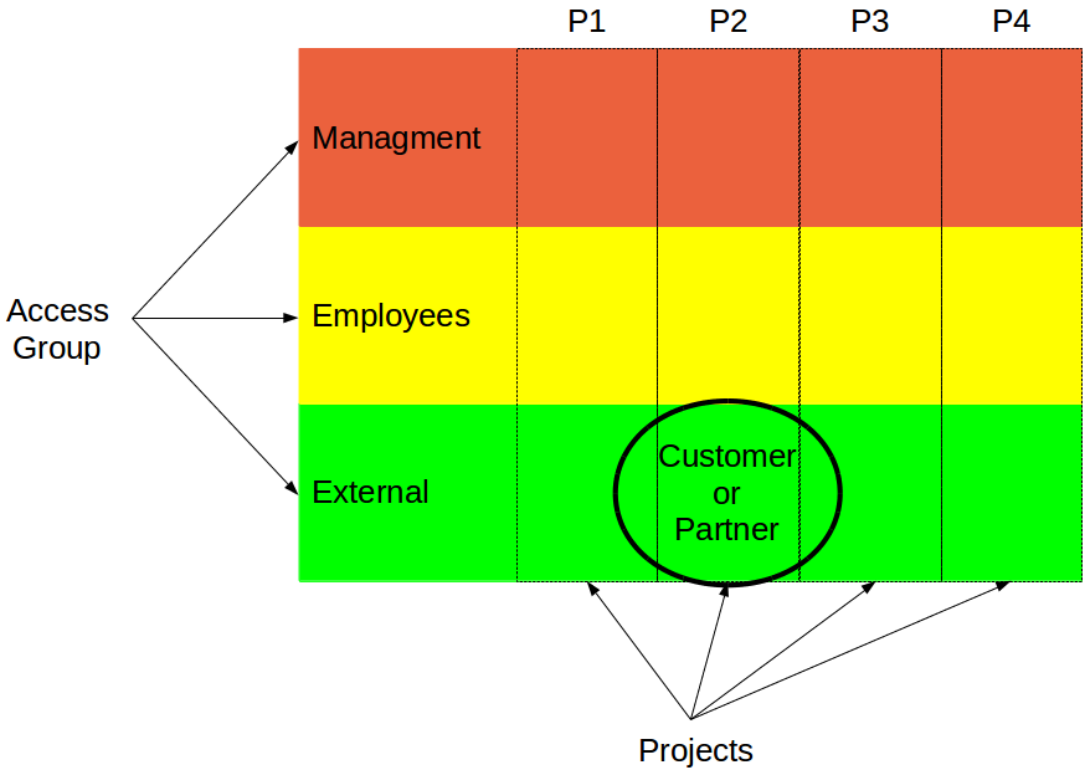

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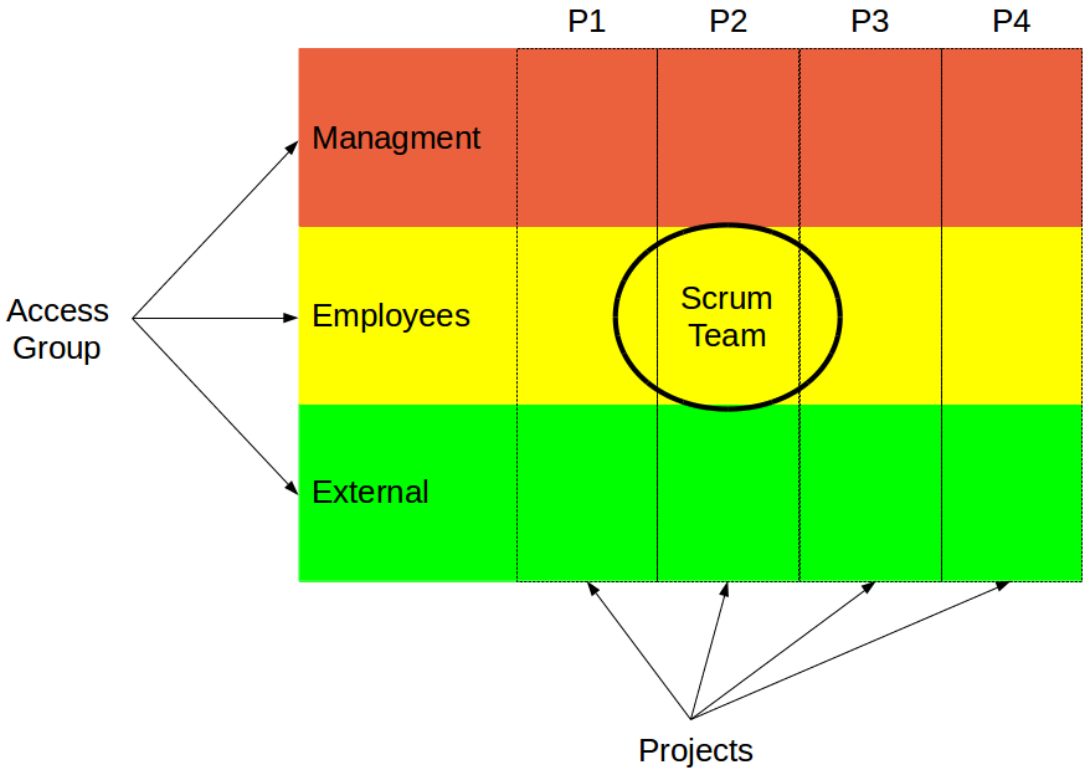

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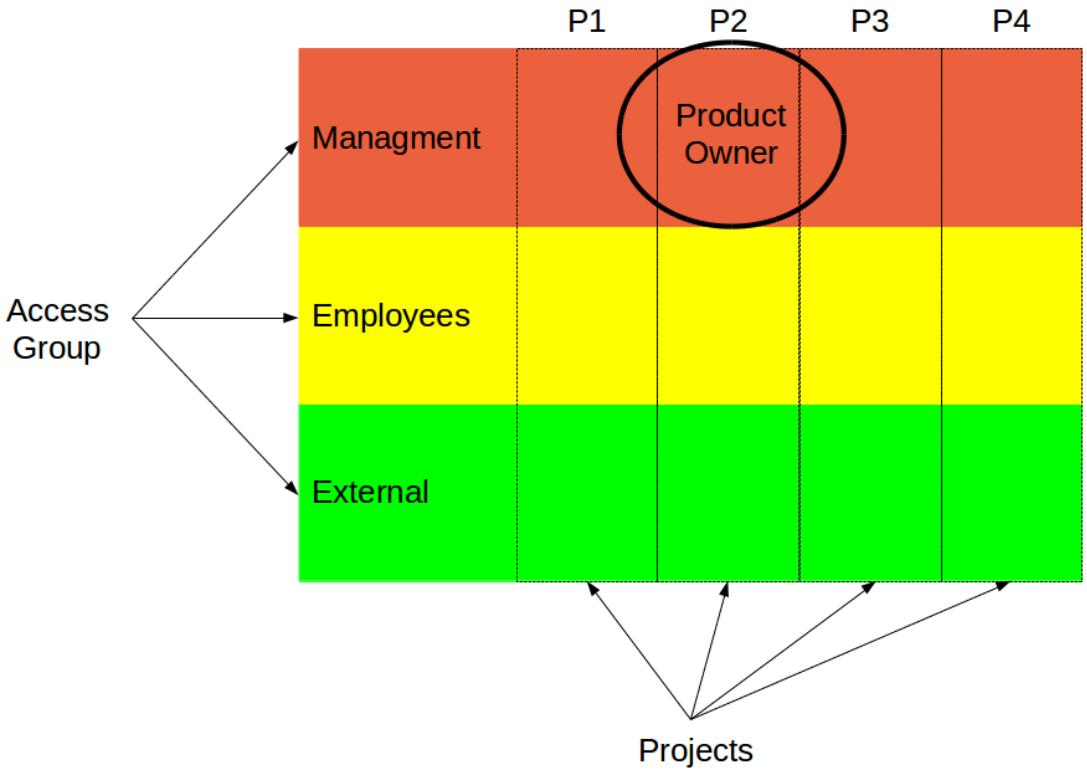
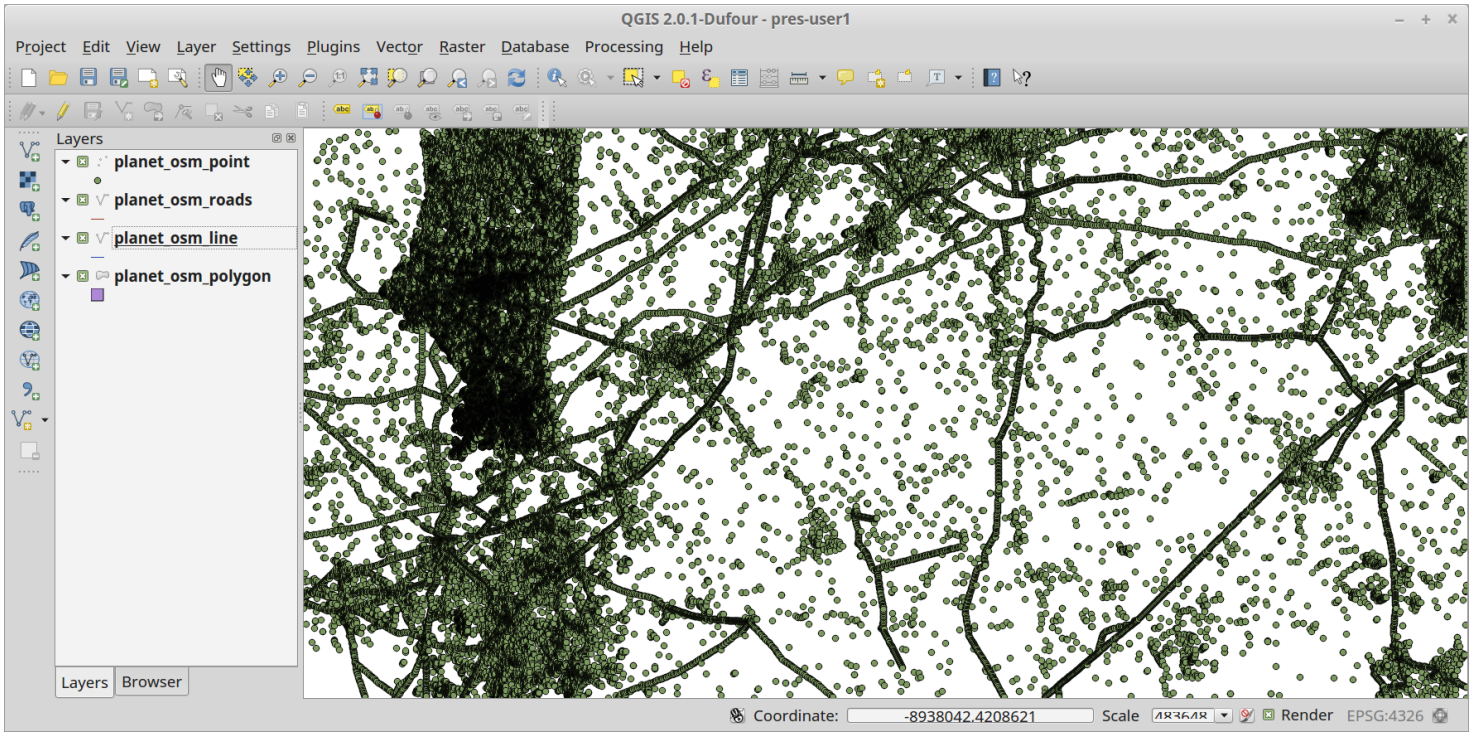
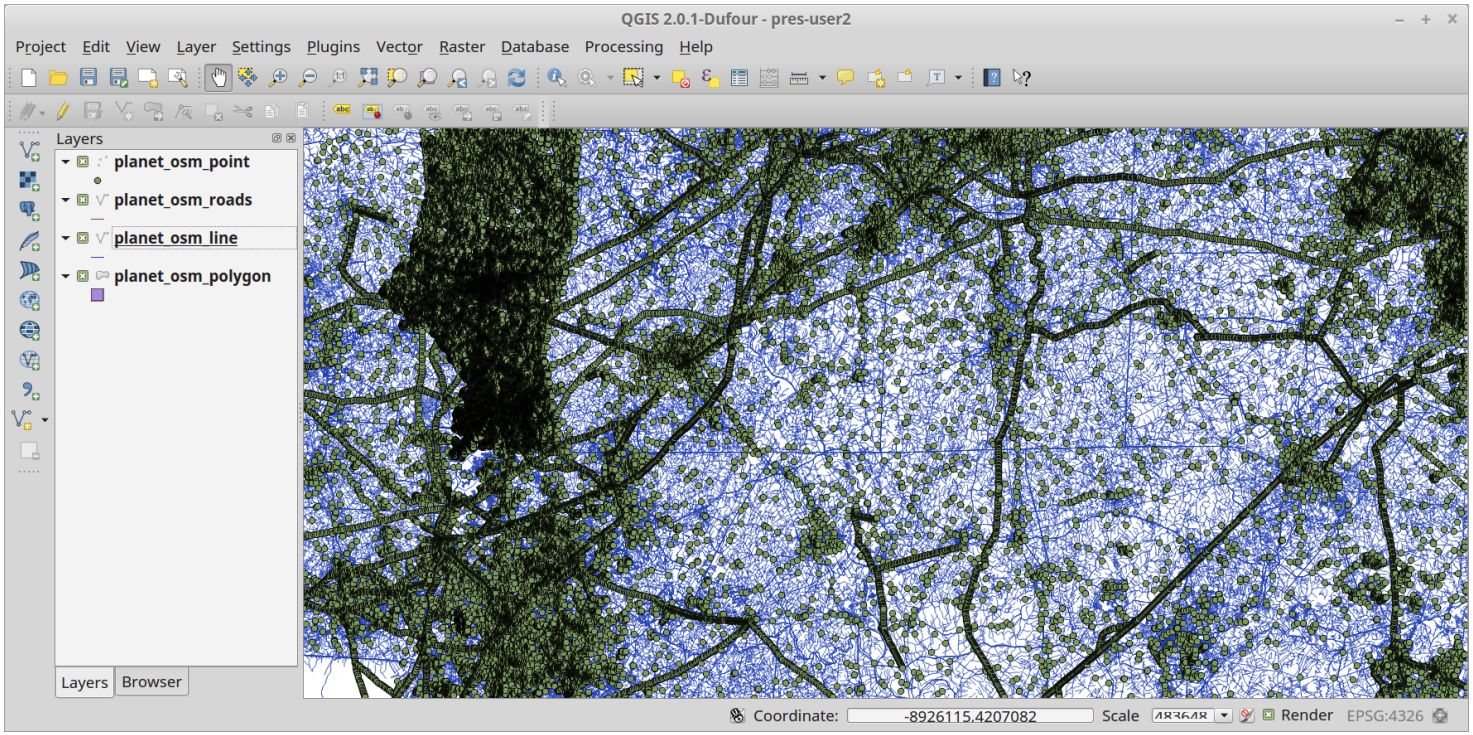


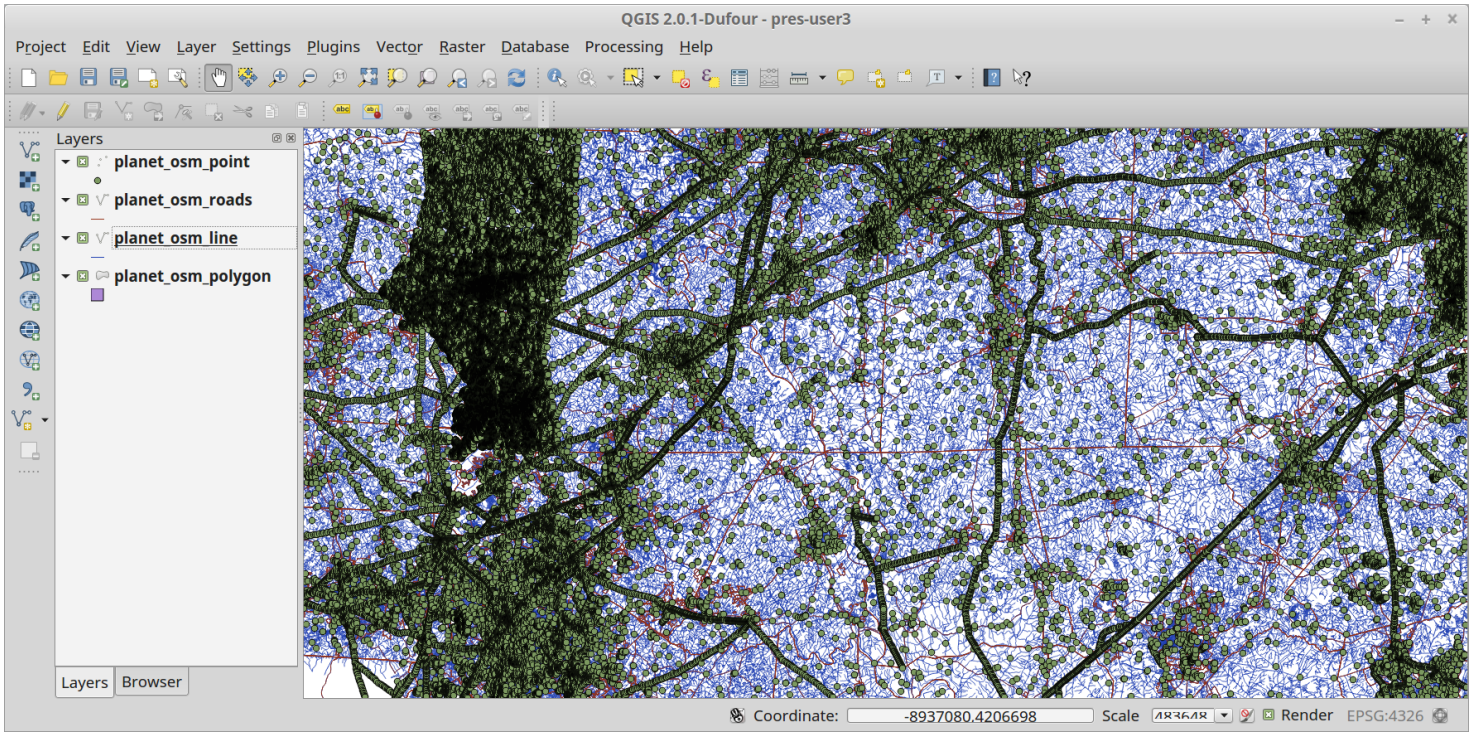
Demo: External User



Demo: Employee User



Demo: Management User



Business Case

- Why not just create separate database for each level?
  - Redundant hardware
  - Inhibits reporting and analysis
  - Data duplication
- What about filtering and enforcement by application?
  - Database provides integrity
  - RLS is transparent and performs well

Row Level Security

- New feature in PostgreSQL 9.5
- Enabled on per-table basis
- Enforced with POLICY
  - USING expression (old row)
  - WITH CHECK expression (new row)

Row Level Security - Typical Example

```
CREATE USER bob;
CREATE USER alice;

CREATE TABLE t1 (id int primary key, f1 text, app_user text);
INSERT INTO t1 VALUES(1,'a','bob');
INSERT INTO t1 VALUES(2,'b','alice');
ALTER TABLE t1 ENABLE ROW LEVEL SECURITY;
CREATE POLICY P ON t1 USING (app_user = current_user);
GRANT SELECT ON t1 TO public;
```

Row Level Security - Typical Example

```
SELECT * FROM t1;
 id | f1 | app_user
----+----+----------
  1 | a  | bob
  2 | b  | alice

SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION bob;
SELECT * FROM t1;
 id | f1 | app_user
----+----+----------
  1 | a  | bob

SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION alice;
SELECT * FROM t1;
 id | f1 | app_user
----+----+----------
  2 | b  | alice
```

Security Enhanced Linux

- SELinux: Mandatory Access Control (MAC)
- Versus: Discretionary Access Control (DAC)
- Enforced in kernel space
- Managed via Reference Policy
  - Targeted Policy
  - MLS Policy
- Based on Bell-LaPadula model
  - Read-down
  - Write-up (modified for write-equals)
- Customized via Policy Modules

https://people.redhat.com/duffy/selinux/selinux-coloring-book_A4-Stapled.pdf

Security Context

- <user>:<role>:<domain>:<sensitivity>:<category>
  - <user> = SElinux user
  - <role> = SElinux role
  - <domain> = type
  - <sensitivity> = low to high, e.g. s0, s1, ...s15
  - <category> = compartmentalization label
- <level> = <sensitivity>:<category>
- Examples

```
dbs6_u:dbclient_r:dbclient_t:s0
system_u:object_r:sepgsql_table_t:s0-s15:c0.c1023
```

Security Access Decision

- Subject Context (PostgreSQL user)
- Object/Target Context (table, row, etc.)
- Permission (e.g. select, update, etc.)
- Type Enforcement
  - Subject type needs requested permission on object type
- MLS Enforcement
  - Subject Sensitivity (s0-s15) must dominate Object
    $\Rightarrow$ e.g. s5 dominates s3
  - Subject Category (c0.c1023) must include Object category
    $\Rightarrow$ e.g. s5:c1.c5 does not include s3:c42

sepgsql Extension

- PostgreSQL supports `SECURITY LABEL` command
- Label Provider uses the label
- Security label used for SELinux Object context
- sepgsql customized with additional functionality
  - Mapping of database user to SELinux user
  - Subject context transition based on postgres user and network peer context
  - `sepgsql_check_row_label()`
  - `sepgsql_create_row_label()`

sepgsql_check_row_label(context arg1 [, permission arg2])

- Object context: arg1 - row security_label
- Subject context: client - SELinux user+network
- Permission Type: default `select`, otherwise arg2:
  - `select`, `insert`, `update`, `delete`
  - `relabelfrom`, `relabelto`
- Access decision: SELinux

sepgsql_create_row_label(table_oid)

- Object context: Table security label
- Subject context: client - SELinux user+network
- Derives security_label context, typically used for a row

```
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WITH tl AS (
 SELECT label FROM pg_seclabels
 WHERE objoid = 't1'::regclass AND objtype = 'table')
SELECT label AS tcontext,
 sepgsql_getcon() AS scontext,
 sepgsql_create_row_label('t1'::regclass) AS security_label
FROM tl;
-[ RECORD 1 ]--+-----------------------------------------------
tcontext       | system_u:object_r:sepgsql_table_t:s0-s15:c0.c1023
scontext       | dbs5_u:dbclient_r:dbclient_t:s5:c1
security_label | dbs5_u:object_r:sepgsql_table_t:s5:c1
```

Operating System and Networking

- Red Hat or CentOS 7.2
- With additional SElinux packages
- Network Interfaces
  - Admin subnet and subnet per security level
  - Or use Labeled IPSec
- Routes
- netlabel
- sshd
- firewalld

SELinux - Configuration

- Install custom policy modules
- Create SELinux users
- Build, configure, and install custom sepgsql
- Map database users to SELinux users

Table Definition

```
CREATE TABLE t1 (
  a int,
  b text,
  security_label text DEFAULT
  sepgsql_create_row_label('t1'::regclass::oid)
);

-- Grant permissions to table
GRANT ALL ON TABLE t1 TO user1, user2, user3, user4;

-- Enable Row Level Security on table.
ALTER TABLE t1 ENABLE ROW LEVEL SECURITY;
```

Table Definition

```
-- Create Row Level MLS policies.
CREATE POLICY mls_select ON t1 FOR SELECT
  USING (sepgsql_check_row_label(security_label));

CREATE POLICY mls_insert ON t1 FOR INSERT WITH CHECK
 (sepgsql_create_row_label('t1'::regclass::oid) = security_label);

CREATE POLICY mls_update ON t1 FOR UPDATE
 USING (sepgsql_check_row_label(security_label))
 WITH CHECK (sepgsql_check_row_label(security_label,'update'));

CREATE POLICY mls_delete ON t1 FOR DELETE
 USING (sepgsql_check_row_label(security_label,'delete'));
```

User Level Versus Subnet Level

```
# s0 user, s4 subnet
psql -h 192.168.6.20 -p 5432 -U user1 mls
Password for user user1:
psql: FATAL:  SELinux: unable to get default context for user: user1

# s0 user, s0 subnet
psql -qAt -h 192.168.5.20 -p 5432 -U user1 mls \
 -c "select sepgsql_getcon()"
Password for user user1:
dbs0_u:dbclient_r:dbclient_t:s0

# s6 user, s0 subnet
psql -qAt -h 192.168.5.20 -p 5432 -U user4 mls \
 -c "select sepgsql_getcon()"
Password for user user4:
dbs6_u:dbclient_r:dbclient_t:s0
```

SELECT on s0 Subnet

```
# s0 user, s0 subnet
psql -h 192.168.5.20 -p 5432 -U user1 mls \
 -c "select * from t1"
Password for user user1:
 a | b |            security_label
---+---+--------------------------------------
 1 | a | system_u:object_r:sepgsql_table_t:s0
(1 row)

# s6 user, s0 subnet
psql -h 192.168.5.20 -p 5432 -U user4 mls \
 -c "select * from t1"
Password for user user4:
 a | b |            security_label
---+---+--------------------------------------
 1 | a | system_u:object_r:sepgsql_table_t:s0
(1 row)
```

user4 SELECT on s6 Subnet

```
# s6 user, s6 subnet
psql -h 192.168.8.20 -p 5432 -U user4 mls \
 -c "select * from t1"
Password for user user4:
 a | b |              security_label
---+---+-------------------------------------------
 1 | a | system_u:object_r:sepgsql_table_t:s0
 2 | b | system_u:object_r:sepgsql_table_t:s4:c1
 3 | c | system_u:object_r:sepgsql_table_t:s5:c1
 4 | d | system_u:object_r:sepgsql_table_t:s6:c1
(4 rows)
```

INSERT on s0 Subnet

```
# s0 user, s0 subnet
psql -h 192.168.5.20 -p 5432 -U user1 mls \
 -c "insert into t1(a,b) values (11,'a1') returning *"
Password for user user1:
 a  | b  |           security_label
----+----+------------------------------------
 11 | a1 | dbs0_u:object_r:sepgsql_table_t:s0
(1 row)

# s6 user, s0 subnet
psql -h 192.168.5.20 -p 5432 -U user4 mls \
 -c "insert into t1(a,b) values (41,'a1') returning *"
Password for user user4:
 a  | b  |           security_label
----+----+------------------------------------
 41 | a1 | dbs6_u:object_r:sepgsql_table_t:s0
(1 row)
```

INSERT on s6 Subnet

```
# s6 user, s6 subnet
psql -h 192.168.8.20 -p 5432 -U user4 mls \
 -c "insert into t1(a,b) values (441,'d1') returning *"
Password for user user4:
  a  | b  |            security_label
-----+----+--------------------------------------
 441 | d1 | dbs6_u:object_r:sepgsql_table_t:s6:c1
(1 row)
```

Performance Testing

- Compare t1 (RLS/MLS), r1 (Simple RLS), u1 (no RLS)
- 10 million rows per table
- 4 levels, 25% each
- INSERT test
- SELECT one row
- SELECT 50,000 rows

Performance - INSERT

```
WITH s(c) AS -- RLS/MLS case
(SELECT sepgsql_create_row_label('t1'::regclass::oid))
INSERT INTO t1 SELECT g.i, g.i::text, s.c
FROM generate_series(1, 10000000, 4) as g(i), s;
--Total Time: 67,399.591 ms

WITH s(c) AS -- RLS case
(SELECT sepgsql_create_row_label('r1'::regclass::oid))
INSERT INTO r1 SELECT g.i, g.i::text, s.c
FROM generate_series(1, 10000000, 4) as g(i), s;
--Total Time: 71,392.439 ms

WITH s(c) AS -- no RLS case
(SELECT sepgsql_create_row_label('u1'::regclass::oid))
INSERT INTO u1 SELECT g.i, g.i::text, s.c
FROM generate_series(1, 10000000, 4) as g(i), s;
--Total Time: 64,545.158
```

Performance - SELECT

```
-- SELECT 1 row
SELECT * FROM t1 WHERE a = 40;
-- Avg Time (10 runs): 1.508 ms
SELECT * FROM r1 WHERE a = 40;
-- Avg Time (10 runs): 1.460 ms
SELECT * FROM u1 WHERE a = 40;
-- Avg Time (10 runs): 1.208 ms

-- SELECT 50k rows
SELECT count(1) FROM t1 WHERE a >=0 AND a <= 200000;
-- Avg Time (10 runs): 225.613 ms
SELECT count(1) FROM r1 WHERE a >=0 AND a <= 200000;
-- Avg Time (10 runs): 153.655 ms
SELECT count(1) FROM u1 WHERE a >=0 AND a <= 200000 AND a % 4 = 0;
-- Avg Time (10 runs): 158.905 ms
```

Questions?

Thank You!

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