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The GPSTk: New Features, Applications, and Changes

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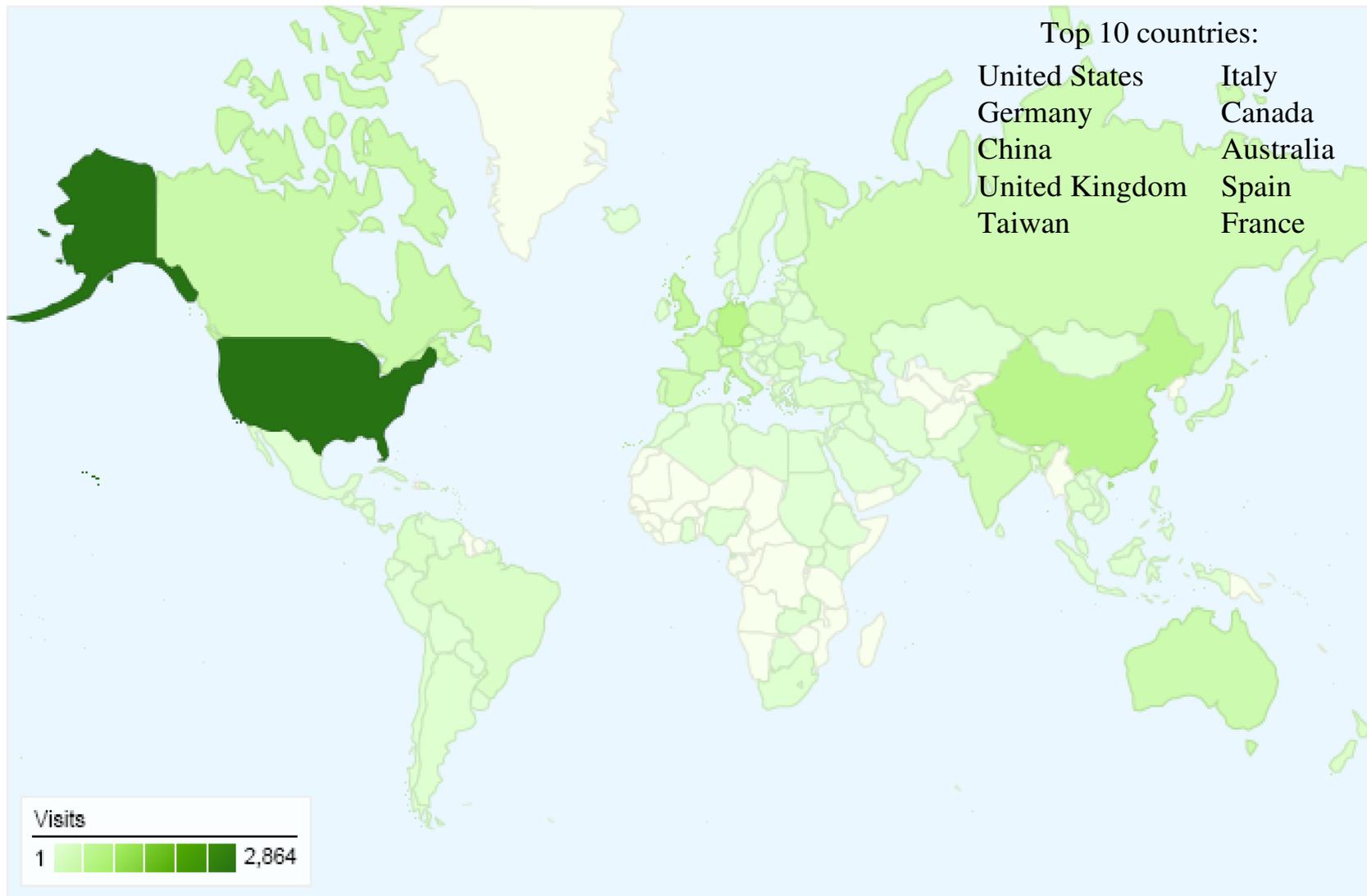
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- ◆ Fundamentals of the GPSTk
- ◆ Web presence
- ◆ Functionality
- ◆ Getting Started
- ◆ Library changes in version 1.3
- ◆ New application: GPS signal tracking simulation
- ◆ Wish list

- ◆ Ultimate goal: free researchers and developers from GNSS algorithm development
- ◆ Design and implementation
 - Core library + Applications
 - Object oriented, ISO standard C++, platform independent → *portable*
 - Version 1.3 contains 200,000 lines of code
 - Estimated value of \$7 million
 - Generated using David A. Wheeler's SLOCCount utility
 - Ver 1.1: 70,000 lines of code
 - Ver 1.2: 150,000 lines of code
- ◆ Released under Lesser GNU Public License, or LGPL
 - You have the right to use, modify and redistribute this code
 - LGPL license is not *viral*, unless
 - You modify the GPSTk to make your derivative work AND
 - You are externally distributing that work
 - The license file in the distribution contains the full license

- ◆ Website at <http://www.gpstk.org/>
 - Site is a *wiki* : Users can reprogram the site
 - Features include
 - Equations in LaTeX
 - Revision history
 - Powerful searching
 - Question and answer application
 - Tagging
 - Daily snapshot of library documentation
 - Future goal: port user manual to wiki site
- ◆ SourceForge services provide
 - Download of source or binaries
 - Code repository
 - Access to the developer mailing list
- ◆ IRC channel `#gpstk` at `freenode.net` for developers interaction in real time

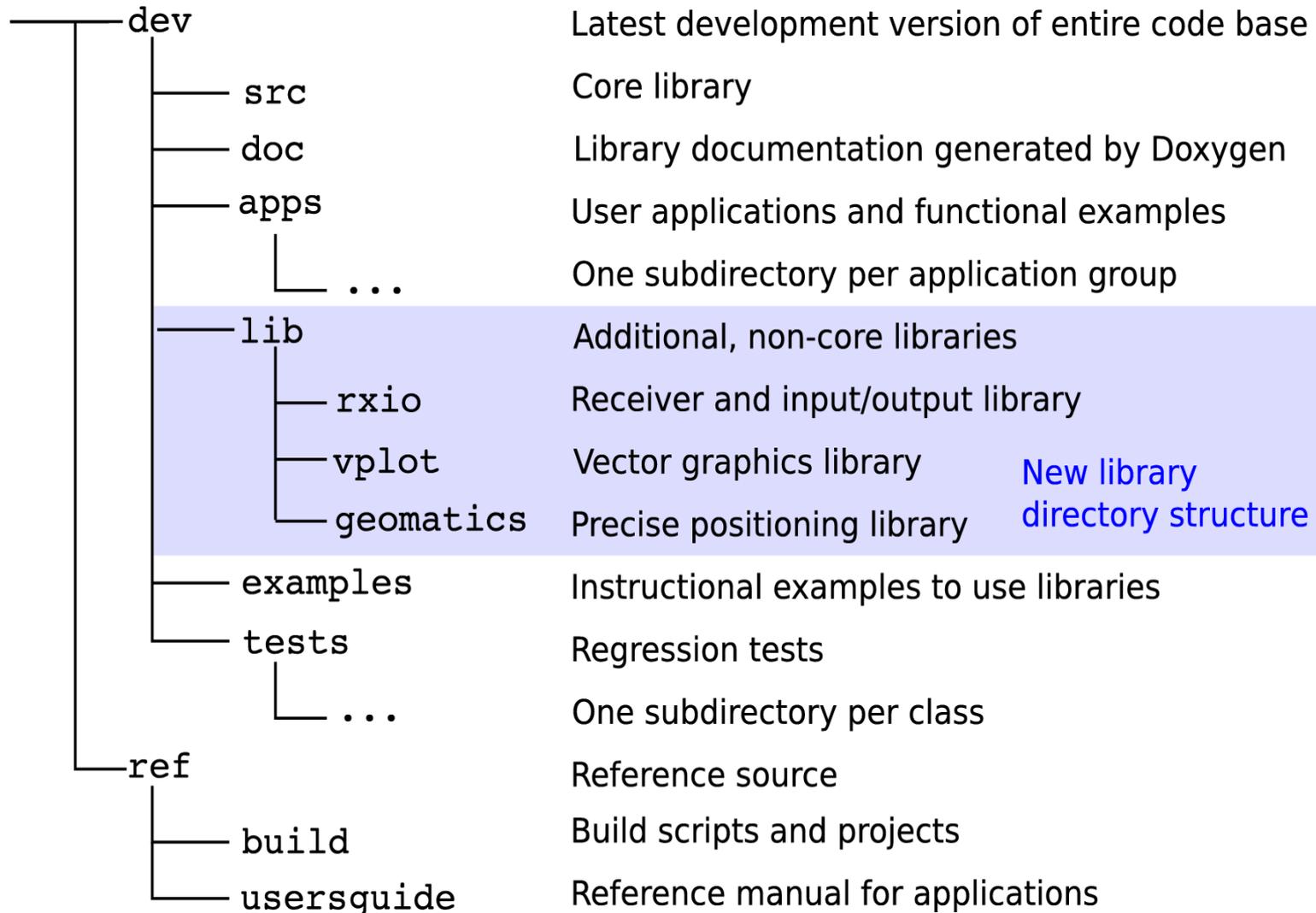
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- ◆ RINEX manipulation
- ◆ Time conversion, manipulation and storage
- ◆ Matrix computation
- ◆ Basic transforms of time and location
- ◆ Precise ephemeris processing
- ◆ Range prediction and error modeling
- ◆ Reference frame computations
- ◆ Statistics
- ◆ Troposphere delay models
- ◆ Earth orientation transforms
- ◆ Expression evaluation
- ◆ FIC processing
- ◆ Almanac processing
- ◆ Low level BINEX input and output
- ◆ Broadcast ephemeris processing
- ◆ Clock models
- ◆ Code generation
- ◆ Cycle slip and discontinuity correction
- ◆ Numerical integration
- ◆ Combinations and difference computations
- ◆ Data structures
- ◆ Navigation solution

- ◆ You can download the stable packages
 - Binaries for Windows 32 bit, Linux x386, Linux x86_64, Solaris, ...
 - Source
- ◆ You can also get the latest code using Subversion, an open source revision control system
 - To anonymously check out the code base
svn checkout <https://gpstk.svn.sourceforge.net/svnroot/gpstk>
 - To update your code base: **svn update**
- ◆ To build the project
 - Requires the jam utility, which automates compiling and linking
 - Change to the gpstk dev directory and type **jam**.
 - Grab some coffee...
 - **make** can be used as well. Check the website for details.
- ◆ To build the library documentation
 - Requires Doxygen, a utility that generates documentation from code and Graphviz, a package for graphs and visualizations
 - Change to the gpstk dev directory and type **doxygen**
 - Go check your email...

Code Repository Directory Structure



New library
directory structure

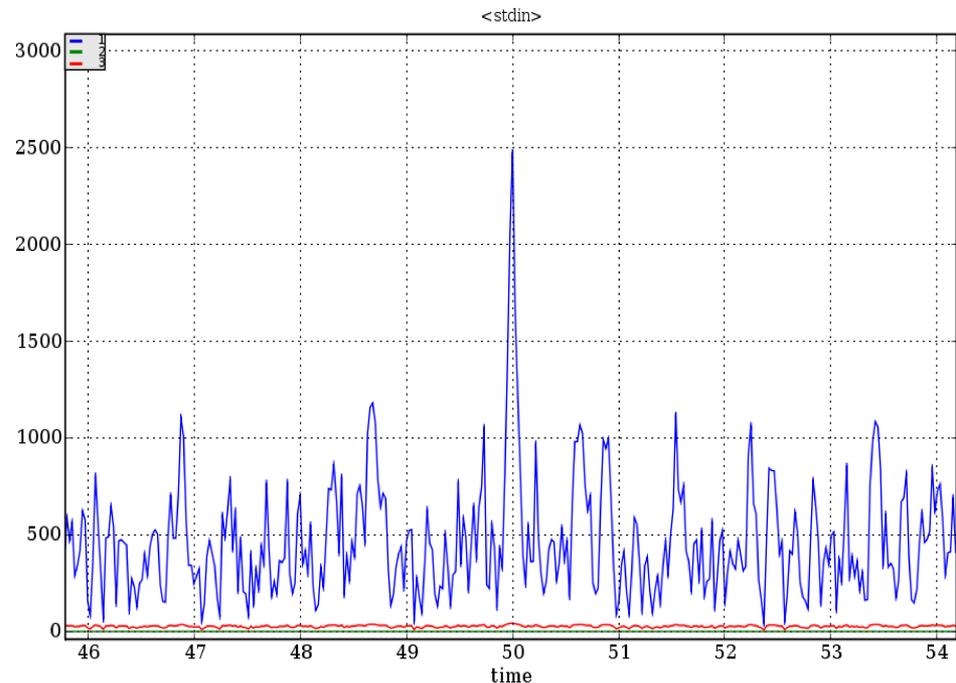
- ◆ Prior 1.3, library data structures supported matrices of observations, or nested maps
- ◆ GNSS Data Structures (GDS) have been added
 - Data structures can be chained to processing objects and vice versa
 - Processing objects can provide smoothing, differences, transformations
 - Successive operations add, modify or remove information to the stream
 - Connection is made using C++ streaming operator >>
- ◆ Examples:

```
gRin >> myFilter >> model >> solver;
```

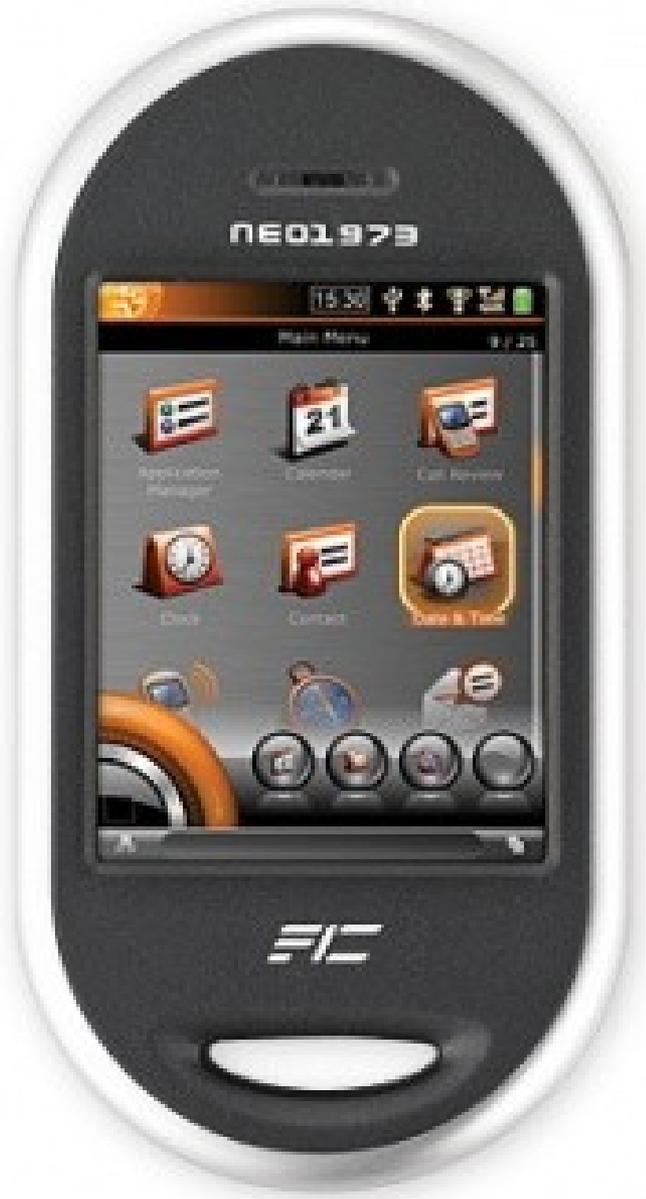
```
gRin >> myFilter >> model >> baseChange >> solverNEU;
```

```
gRin >> getPC >> getLC >> getLI >> getMW >> markCSLI >>  
markCSMW >> smoothPC >> pcFilter >> modelPC >> mopsW >>  
baseChange >> solverWMS;
```

- ◆ Research tool to simulate tracking GPS signals like a software receiver
- ◆ 1:1 correspondence of hardware elements to classes or applications
 - RF signal
 - Local oscillator
 - Mixer
 - Downconversion
 - Digitization
 - Correlators
- ◆ C/A- and P-Code
- ◆ Applications form a *toolchain*. Example:



```
gpsSim -q 2 -t 2e-3 -c p:1:1:50:0:p | corltr -q 2 -c p:1:1:0:0 | plot
```



- ◆ Macintosh port
- ◆ Replace the GPS stack on the OpenMoko phone (left)
 - Phone is 100% open *except for GPS processing*
 - Funding likely as part of Google's Summer of Code 2008
- ◆ BINEX standard messages, conversion utilities
- ◆ MATLAB (MEX) bindings



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