

geocat.ch technical training

machin-to-machine, API, automation

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What is geocat.ch

A modified instance of the open source projet geonetwork

<https://geonetwork-opensource.org/>

Currently running on version 4 (4.2.3)

Documentation : <https://geonetwork-opensource.org/manuals/4.0.x/en/index.html>



3 instances running :

Prod : <https://www.geocat.ch>

Int : <https://geocat-int.dev.bgdi.ch>

Dev : <https://geocat-dev.dev.bgdi.ch>

Metadata are stored in XML following the iso19139.che schema. This is an extended ISO19139 schema with swiss specific add-ons

What is geocat.ch – the home page

The screenshot shows the homepage of geocat.ch. At the top, there is a blue header bar with the website's logo, a search icon, a map icon, a documentation icon, a sign-in link, and an English language selection. Below the header is the main title "geocat.ch geographic catalogue" with a cartoon owl logo to its right. A large search bar is centered, with a red box highlighting both the search input field and the orange search button. Below the search bar, a message indicates "Search 14559 data sets, services and maps, ..." A red box also highlights the "Browse by" section. This section includes three tabs: "Topic" (which is selected), "Catalogue", and "Type of resources". The "Topic" tab is divided into a 4x6 grid of categories, each with a thumbnail, a title, and a count of datasets. The categories are:

Category	Description	Count			
E Spatial Planning, Cadastre	L Environmental and Nature Protection	A Base Maps, Land Cover, Aerial and Satellite Imagery	Q Utilities, Supply, Disposal, Communication	P Transportation	G Forest, Flora, Fauna
2008	1511	1447	1071	962	859
O Buildings, Infrastructure, Facilities	F Geology, Soils, Natural Hazards	I Inland Waters	D Political and Administrative Boundaries	M Population, Society, Culture	S Agriculture
742	717	659	501	491	449
B Location, Reference Systems	C Elevation	K Atmosphere, Climatology	T Economical Activities	N Health	R Military, Security
371	348	231	158	142	137
H Oceans					

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer bar with links to "Powered by GeoNetwork 4.2.3 SNAPSHOT", "About", "Github", "API", "Share and comment", and social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Email.

What is geocat.ch – the search application

The screenshot shows the geocat.ch search application interface. The top navigation bar includes the logo, a search bar with a red border, a map link, documentation link, sign-in options, and language selection (English). The main area features a map on the left with several yellow boxes highlighting specific regions. A large search bar is centered at the top. Below it is a grid of search results, each with a title, a thumbnail image, a brief description, and links for more information. A red box highlights the search results grid. On the far left, there is a sidebar titled 'Filter' containing various search criteria: Catalogue, Topic, Keywords, Spatial representation type, Formats, Scales, Resolution, and Update frequencies. The bottom of the page includes a footer with links to GitHub, API, and social media, along with the Geonetwork version information.

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Map

Search ...

1 - 30 on 14559

Sorted by relevancy

13384 Dataset 552 Data model 396 Service

Cartographie des sols agricoles de la plaine du Rhône

Cartographie des sols agricoles de la plaine du Rhône comportant toutes les informations nécessaires sur les sols et leurs propriétés (cartes thématiques). Profils pédologiques et sondages sont aussi représentés.

Canton du Valais - Service de l'environnement (SEN) - Protection des sols

Anciennes cartes nationales

Archives des cartes nationales du 1:25'000 au 1:50'000

Federal Office of Topography swisstopo

Zivilschutzkataster

Einteilung und Gliederung der Zivilschutzorganisation in Basel-Stadt und Ausdehnung der einzelnen Zivilschutz-Blockpläne.

Kanton Basel-Stadt

Canton of Valais

Réseau hydrographique

Le réseau hydrographique correspond au réseau des cours d'eau jurassiens. Il a été digitalisé sur la base des données de la Mesurion officielle et reprend globalement la structure des données fédérales (GEWISS). Le réseau est ...

Office de l'environnement

Wili (SG) - Stratégie Verkehr

Wili (SG)

Forêts protectrices

Les forêts protectrices sont des massifs forestiers qui ont une action positive reconnue dans la limitation des dangers naturels. Par leur présence, les forêts protectrices peuvent réduire à une valeur acceptable le risque auquel sont ...

Office de l'environnement

GEOINFO GEOINFO

JURA & CH Canton of Jura

Elektrizitätsgenossenschaft Welach - Werkolan

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What is geocat.ch – the default view

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swissALTI3D multidirectional Hillshade

The hillshade is derived from the digital elevation model swissALTI3D. It illustrates the surface relief of Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein. A hillshade is derived from the elevation model by calculating the exposure of the surface to sunlight at a certain or several angles. The swissALTI3D hillshade uses a multidirectional method that combines light from 6 different sources (sun's positions). The average sun's position is located to the northwest.

Spatial extent

Representation type: Grid

Resolution: 0.5 m

Coordinate reference system: EPSG:21781, EPSG:21781, EPSG:5728

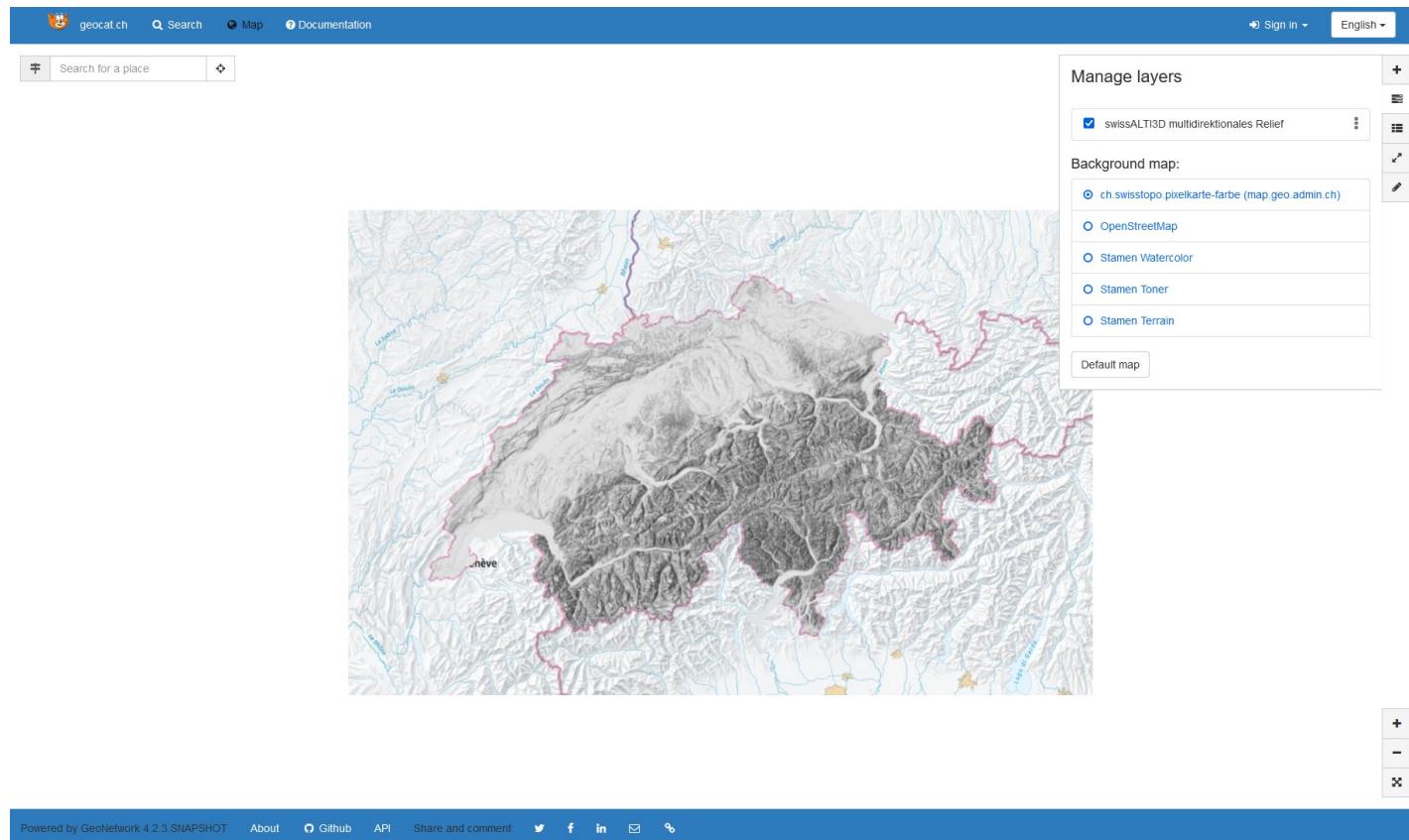
API

ch.swisstopo.swissalti3d-reliefschattierung WMS-BGDI Dienst, Layer "swissALTI3D multidirektionales Relief"

ch.swisstopo.swissalti3d-reliefschattierung WMTS-BGDI Dienst, Layer "swissALTI3D multidirektionales Relief"

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What is geocat.ch – the map viewer



What is geocat.ch – the default view

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API

 WMS ch.swisstopo.swissalti3d-reliefschattierung Add to map 

WMS-BGDI Dienst, Layer "swissALTI3D multidirektionales Relief"

 WMPS ch.swisstopo.swissalti3d-reliefschattierung Add to map 

WMPS-BGDI Dienst, Layer "swissALTI3D multidirektionales Relief"

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What is geocat.ch – the editor (GUI)

swissALTI3D Reliefschattierung multidirektional

Categories Group Validate Cancel Save & close Save metadata

Identification info

Title * swissALTI3D Reliefschattierung multidirektional
All Deutsch Français Italiano English Rumantsch

Alternate title swissALTI3D multidirektionales Relief
All Deutsch Français Italiano English Rumantsch

Date * Publication 03 / 28 / 2011
Date * Revision 03 / 15 / 2017

Citation identifier

Code * ch.swisstopo.swissalti3d-reliefschattierung

Citation identifier

Collective title Hohendaten (Landesvermessung)
All Deutsch Français Italiano English Rumantsch

Abstract * Die Reliefschattierung ist ein Derivat aus dem digitalen Höhenmodell swissALTI3D. Es erlaubt die Visualisierung des Reliefs der Schweiz und des Fürstentums Liechtenstein. Die Reliefschattierung ist ein digitales Schummerserbild bei einem oder mehreren berechneten Lichteinfallen. Für die Darstellung der vorliegenden Reliefschattierung aus swissALTI3D wurden sechs verschiedene Sonnenstände kombiniert. Der mittlere Sonnenstand befindet sich im Nordwesten.
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Point of contact

Responsible party

Organisation name

Overview

Choose or drop an image here

Associated resources

+ Add

Online resources

+ Add

swissALTI3D https://www.swisstopo.admin.ch/de/geodata/height/alti3d.html

Permalink opendata.swiss Permalink opendata.swiss https://opendata.swiss/en/perma/1964cc81-5298-4601-9228-41120315be a@bundesamt-fur-landestopografie-swisstopo

WMS ch.swisstopo.swissalti3d-reliefschattierung WMTS-FSDI service, layer "swissALTI3D multidirectional hillshade" https://wmts.geo.admin.ch/EPSG/3857/1.0.0/WMTSCapabilities.xml?lang=en

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Up Down Min Max

What is geocat.ch – the editor (XML)

swissALTI3D Reliefschattierung multidirektional | All changes saved

Categories Group Validate Cancel Save & close Save metadata

The screenshot shows the geocat.ch XML editor interface. On the left, there is a large text area displaying the XML code for a dataset. The code is well-structured, using namespaces like gco, gmd, and gml. On the right, there is a sidebar titled "Associated resources" which lists various resources related to the dataset. These include a thumbnail image of a hillshade, links to online resources like "swissALTI3D" and "Permalink opendata.swiss", and WMS and WFS services. A red box highlights the "XML" tab in the sidebar, indicating it's the active view.

Associated resources

- Simple
- Full
- BGDI
- INSPIRE
- XML**
- More details
- Tooltips

Online resources

Sort by Protocol Url Title

- swissALTI3D
https://www.swisstopo.admin.ch/de/geodata/height/alti3d.html
- Permalink opendata.swiss
Permalink opendata.swiss
https://opendata.swiss/en/perma/1964cc81-5298-460f-9228-41120315be8@bundesamt-fur-landestopografie-swissstopo
- WMTS
ch.swisstopo.swissalti3d-reliefschattierung
WMTS-FSDI service, layer "swissALTI3D multidirectional hillshade"
https://wmts.geo.admin.ch/EPSG/3857/1.0.0/WMTSCapabilities.xml?lang=en
- WMS
ch.swisstopo.swissalti3d-reliefschattierung
WMS-FSDI service, layer "swissALTI3D multidirectional hillshade"
https://wms.geo.admin.ch/?SERVICE=WMS&VERSION=1.3.0&REQUEST=GetCapabilities&lang=en
- Preview map.geo.admin.ch
Preview map.geo.admin.ch
https://map.geo.admin.ch/?layers=ch.swisstopo.swissalti3d-reliefschattierung
- map.geo.admin.ch
https://map.geo.admin.ch/?topic=swisstopo&lang=de&bgLayer=ch.swisstopo.pixelkarte-farbe&layers=ch.swisstopo.swissalti3d-reliefschattierung&catalognodes=1459

Associated resources

Add

geocat.ch architecture



Elasticsearch Index

Multilingual field

The main language from the localized languages is always copied to the “default” item

```
"resourceTitleObject": {  
    "default": "Cartographie des sols agricoles de la plaine du Rhône",  
    "langger": "Thematische Karten der landwirtschaftlichen Böden im Rhonetal",  
    "langfre": "Cartographie des sols agricoles de la plaine du Rhône"  
},
```

Code list field

Labels in all languages and 1 key

```
"cl_topic": [  
    {  
        "default": "Carte de référence de la couverture terrestre",  
        "langger": "Oberflächenbeschreibung",  
        "langeng": "Imagery base maps earth cover",  
        "langroh": "imageryBaseMapsEarthCover",  
        "langita": "Mappe di base",  
        "key": "imageryBaseMapsEarthCover",  
        "langfre": "Carte de référence de la couverture terrestre"  
    },
```

How to retrieve the Index

With the browser web developers tool

Either in the search application or in the default view, look for the POST request ending with “_search”, the request’s response contains the index. Try it live !

The screenshot shows a web browser with developer tools open, specifically the Network tab, and a search application interface.

Developer Tools Network Tab:

- Selected Request: POST /www.geocat.ch/_search
- Response Headers:
 - Content-Type: application/json
 - Content-Length: 10932318
- Response Body (JSON):

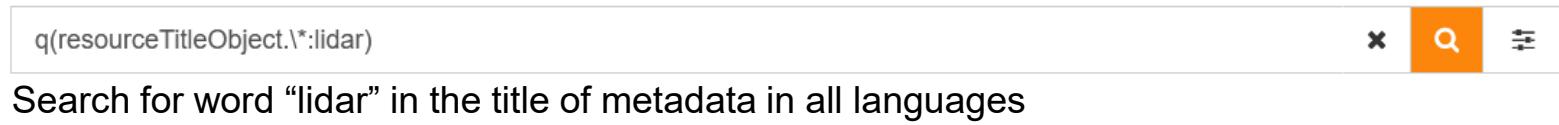
```
value: 1
relation: "eq"
max_score: 10.932318
[{"id": "7b172ecc-0c2b-4678-8bf6-3bb820bfbd5b", "score": 10.932318}
```

Search Application Interface:

- Top Bar:** geocat.ch, Search, Map, Documentation, Sign in, English
- Left Sidebar:** Back to search, Download, Display mode
- Main Content:**
 - LIDAR Laserscanning-Punktwolke - 2014:** A map showing a dense point cloud over a terrain.
 - Project Description:** Im Projekt "Luftaufnahmen42" wird durch die Abteilung Geoinformation des Amts für Raumentwicklung ARE des Kantons Zürich alle vier Jahre ein hochauflösendes Laserscanning (LIDAR, Mittlere Punktedichte von 8 Pkt/m2) zur Erstellung des digitalen Oberflächenmodells (DOM ZH) sowie des digitalen Terrainmodells (DTM ZH) angefertigt.
 - Spatial extent:** A map of the Zurich area with a yellow box indicating the spatial extent.
 - Representation type:** vector
 - Scale:** 1/1000
 - Coordinate reference system:** CH1903+_LV95
 - legal constraints:** Format: LAZ (.laz)
 - Technical information:** Revision: 31-12-2014, Language: German
- Bottom Status Bar:** Powered by GeoNetwork 4.2.3.SNAPSHOT, About, GitHub, API, 9 requests, 421.97 kB / 57.73 kB transferred, Finish: 12.02 s, DOMContentLoaded

How to search into specific index attributes

In the free text search bar, use the q() query with a lucene query syntax



Lucene query syntax

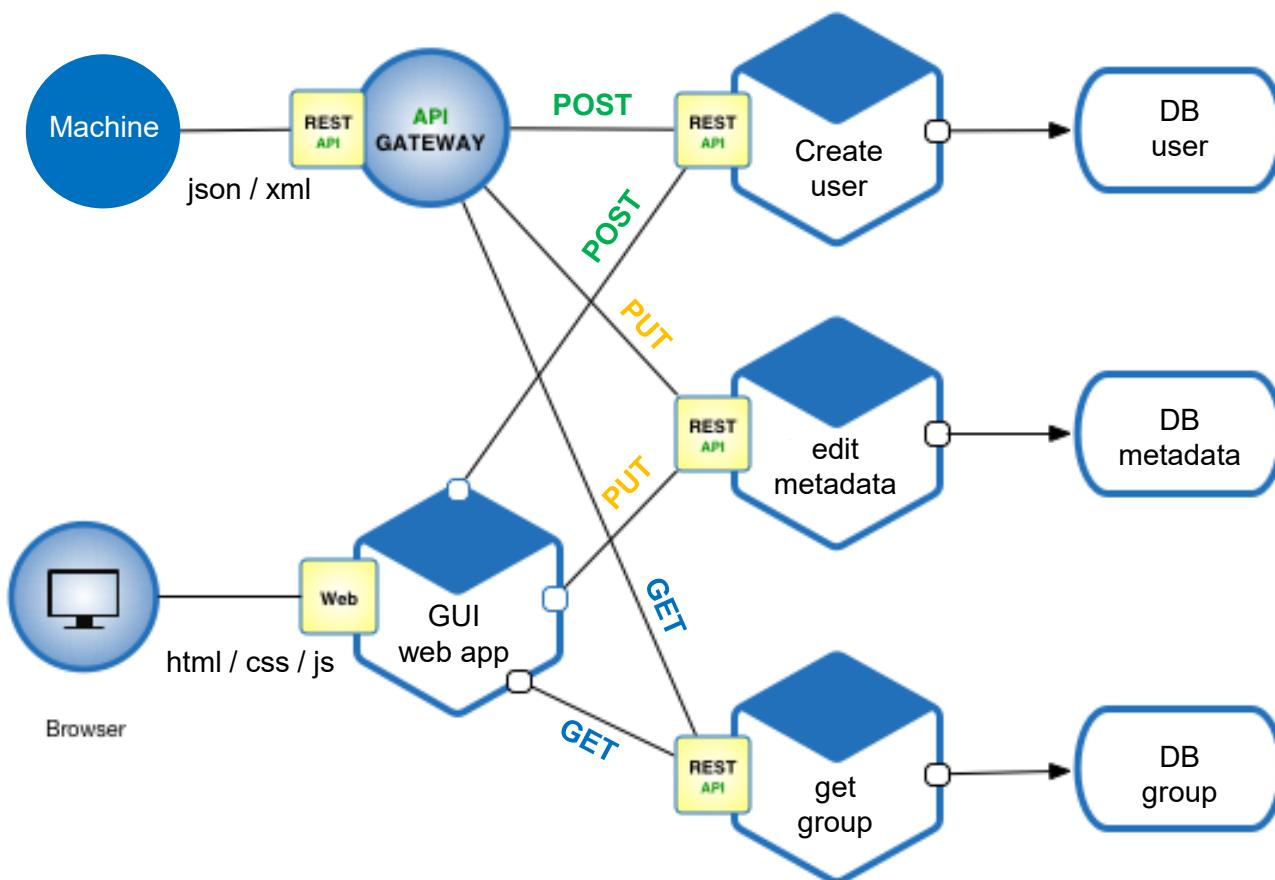
q(resourceAbstractObject.langeng:(Protected areas))

Index field name If object,
 item name
 Wildcard =
 *

q(-groupOwner:68 OR -groupOwner:34923929)

Search for metadata not belonging to group ID 68 or 34923929

geocat.ch – microservice architecture



geonetwork (geocat) API



API swagger on prod : <https://www.geocat.ch/geonetwork/doc/api/index.html>

API swagger on int : <https://geocat-int.dev.bgdi.ch/geonetwork/doc/api/index.html>

Example with GET request /groups :

In the swagger

<https://www.geocat.ch/geonetwork/doc/api/index.html#/groups/getGroups>

In the browser : <https://geocat-int.dev.bgdi.ch/geonetwork/srv/api/groups>

Elasticsearch API endpoint

Replace the former “q” search endpoint

Uses the elasticsearch “_search” endpoint

<https://www.elastic.co/guide/en/elasticsearch/reference/current/search-search.html>

Example, get all metadata from group id = 3 and that are not template. This is a POST request, the query goes into the request body as json :

```
{
  "from": 0,
  "query": {
    "bool": {
      "must": [
        {
          "query_string": {
            "query": "(groupOwner:\"3\")",
            "default_operator": "AND"
          }
        },
        {
          "terms": {
            "isTemplate": [
              "n"
            ]
          }
        }
      ]
    },
    "track_total_hits": true,
    "sort": {"_id": "asc"}
  }
}
```

Elasticsearch API endpoint

Only 10 results, increase the number of results with “size” parameter

```
{
  "from": 0,
  "query": {
    "bool": {
      "must": [
        {
          "query_string": {
            "query": "(groupOwner:\"3\")",
            "default_operator": "AND"
          }
        },
        {
          "terms": {
            "isTemplate": [
              "n"
            ]
          }
        }
      ]
    },
    "track_total_hits": true,
    "sort": {"_id": "asc"},
    "size": 100
  }
}
```

Elasticsearch API endpoint

Deep paginated search -> use a loop and the “search_after” parameter
Because we sort the results by “_id”, in each iteration, we can use the last id as search_after parameter to search the next 100 results.

E.g. iteration 2

```
{
  "from": 0,
  "query": {
    "bool": {
      "must": [
        {
          "query_string": {
            "query": "(groupOwner:\"3\")",
            "default_operator": "AND"
          }
        },
        {
          "terms": {
            "isTemplate": [
              "n"
            ]
          }
        }
      ]
    }
  },
  "track_total_hits": true,
  "sort": {"_id": "asc"},
  "size": 100,
  "search_after": ["2ce3e737-7c21-46a8-8825-f5ece731be58"]
}
```

Elasticsearch API endpoint

How to know the elasticsearch _search request's body structure ?

Once again, use the web developers tools to see what request your browser sends to the server ! [Live demo](#)

The screenshot shows a web application interface for geodata search on the left and the Network tab of a browser's developer tools on the right.

Left Side (Search Interface):

- Header: geocat.ch, Rechercher, Visualiser, Documentation, S'identifier, Français.
- Search bar: lidar
- Map: Shows a map of the Zurich area with various locations labeled.
- Results: 6 Résultats found. The first two results are highlighted:
 - Normalisiertes Digitales Oberflächenmodell Gebäude (nDOM Geb) - 2021/2022
 - Normalisiertes Digitales Oberflächenmodell Vegetation (nDOM Veg) - 2021/2022
- Filtres actifs: any lidar, Mots-clés: Opendata.swiss, Formats: ASCII X.Y.Z (xyz).
- Filtrer: Catalogue, Thème, Types de représentation, Formats, Échelles, Résolution, Fréquences de mise à jour.
- Bottom: Propulsé par GeoNetwork 4.2.3 SNAPSHOT, À propos, GitHub, API, Partager et commenter, social icons.

Right Side (Developer Tools Network Tab):

- Network tab selected, showing Request details.
- Request URL: POST http://www.geocat.ch/_search?_source=true&size=30&version=true&track_total_hits=true
- Request Headers:
 - Content-Type: application/json
 - Accept: */*
 - User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/91.0.4453.89 Safari/537.36
 - Referer: http://www.geocat.ch/_search?_source=true&size=30&version=true&track_total_hits=true
 - Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
 - Host: www.geocat.ch
 - Connection: keep-alive
 - Content-Length: 100
 - Origin: http://www.geocat.ch
 - DNT: 1
 - Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
 - Sec-Fetch-Mode: cors
 - Sec-Fetch-Dest: empty
 - Sec-GPC: 1
 - Sec-Ch-Block-Content-Security-Policy: 1
- Request Body (JSON):

```
_source: true
size: 30
version: true
track_total_hits: true
```
- Response Headers:
 - Content-Type: application/json
 - Content-Length: 100
 - Content-Type: application/json
 - Content-Length: 100
 - Content-Type: application/json
 - Content-Length: 100
- Response Body (JSON):

```
[{"id": "1", "type": "Building", "name": "Normalisiertes Digitales Oberfl\u00e4chenmodell Gebäude (nDOM Geb) - 2021/2022", "description": "Das normalisierte Digitale Oberfl\u00e4chenmodell (nDOM) f\u00fcr B\u00e4ude entsteht aus der Differenz von Digitalem Oberfl\u00e4chenmodell (DOM) und Digitalem", "url": "http://www.geocat.ch/resource/normiertes-digitales-oberflaechenmodell-gebaeude-ndom-geb-20212022"}, {"id": "2", "type": "Vegetation", "name": "Normalisiertes Digitales Oberfl\u00e4chenmodell Vegetation (nDOM Veg) - 2021/2022", "description": "Das normalisierte Digitale Oberfl\u00e4chenmodell (nDOM) f\u00fcr Vegetation entsteht aus der Differenz von Digitalem Oberfl\u00e4chenmodell (DOM) und Digitalem", "url": "http://www.geocat.ch/resource/normiertes-digitales-oberflaechenmodell-vegetation-ndom-veg-20212022"}, {"id": "3", "type": "Building", "name": "Digitales Terrainmodell (DTM) - 2014", "description": "Im Projekt \"Luftaufnahmen42\" wird durch die Abteilung Geoinformation des Amts f\u00fcr Raumentwicklung ARE des Kantons Z\u00fcrich alle vier Jahre ein", "url": "http://www.geocat.ch/resource/digitales-terrainmodell-dtm-2014"}, {"id": "4", "type": "Vegetation", "name": "Normalisiertes Digitales Oberfl\u00e4chenmodell Vegetation (nDOM Veg) - 2017/2018", "description": "Das normalisierte Digitale Oberfl\u00e4chenmodell (nDOM) f\u00fcr Vegetation entsteht aus der Differenz von Digitalem Oberfl\u00e4chenmodell (DOM) und Digitalem", "url": "http://www.geocat.ch/resource/normiertes-digitales-oberflaechenmodell-vegetation-ndom-veg-20172018"}]
```

geonetwork (geocat) API authentication

Many API requests require an authentication and the appropriate permission.

The API uses a basic authentication (username and password) and a XSRF Token.

To retrieve the XSRF token, make first a request with a basic authentication to :

<https://www.geocat.ch/geonetwork/srv/api/me>

The token is then in the cookies under the key “XSRF-TOKEN”

In all authenticated requests, the basic authentication must be given and the token must be given in the cookies (like in the response from the “/me” request) and in the headers as well, under the key “X-XSRF-TOKEN”.

If you are using a programming language that has a library to call API requests with the concept of session, it is much more convenient to store the basic authentication, the cookies with the XSRF token and the headers with the XSRF token into a session object.

geonetwork (geocat) API authentication

Help with the API and example how to retrieve XSRF token and using it in later requests
(usin cURL in UNIX environment)

<https://geonetwork-opensource.org/manuals/4.0.x/en/api/the-geonetwork-api.html#>

```
SERVER=http://localhost:8080/geonetwork
CATALOGUSER=admin
CATALOGPASS=admin

type=series
from=0
size=1000

rm results.json
rm -f /tmp/cookie;

curl -s -c /tmp/cookie -o /dev/null \
-X GET \
--user $CATALOGUSER:$CATALOGPASS \
-H "Accept: application/json" \
"$SERVER/srv/api/me";

TOKEN=`grep XSRF-TOKEN /tmp/cookie | cut -f 7`;
JSESSIONID=`grep JSESSIONID /tmp/cookie | cut -f 7`;

curl "$SERVER/srv/api/search/records/_search" \
-X 'POST' \
-H 'Accept: application/json, text/plain, */*' \
-H 'Content-Type: application/json;charset=UTF-8' \
--data-raw "{\"query\":{\"query_string\":{\"query\": \"+isHarvested:false +resourceType: $type\"}},\"from\":\"$from\", \"size\":\"$size\", \"_source\": {\"include\": \"resourceTitleObject.default\"}}, \"sort\": [{\"resourceTitleObject.default.keyword\": \"asc\"}]}"
-H "X-XSRF-TOKEN: $TOKEN" -H "Cookie: XSRF-TOKEN=$TOKEN; JSESSIONID=$JSESSIONID" \
--compressed \
-o results.json
```

geonetwork (geocat) API authentication

E.g. using python

```
import requests

session = requests.Session()
session.cookies.clear()

# Store basic authentication into the session object
session.auth = ("username", "password")

# Make request to get cookies with XSRF token into the session object
session.post(url='https://www.geocat.ch/geonetwork/srv/eng/info?type=me')

# copy XSRF token from cookies and store it in the headers
cookies = session.cookies.get_dict()
token = cookies["XSRF-TOKEN"]
session.headers.update({"X-XSRF-TOKEN": token})

# Make any requests requiring authentication
session.delete(url="https://geocat.ch/geonetwork/srv/api/records?uuids=metadata-uuid")
```

The swagger uses the browser session. So if you are logged-in in geocat.ch and you use the same browser with the swagger, you are all set !

- XSRF token are valid only for short time (c.a. 10 min) if idle...
- If you are under a proxy, proxies info must be given for each requests sent !

Batch editing API request

<https://www.geocat.ch/geonetwork/doc/api/index.html#/records/batchEdit>

Geonetwork documentation : <https://geonetwork-opensource.org/manuals/4.0.x/en/user-guide/workflow/batchediting.html>

PUT request

Request's body

```
[  
  {  
    "xpath": "string",  
    "value": "string"  
  },  
  {  
    "xpath": "string",  
    "value": "string"  
  }  
]
```

3 possible operations : insert, replace, delete

```
"value": "<gn_add> add something new at xpath location</gn_add>"  
"value": "<gn_replace> replace tag content at xpath location </gn_replace>"  
"value": "<gn_delete> delete content at xpath location</gn_delete>"
```

Batch editing API request

Can be processed on multiple metadata

With the parameter `uuids`, which is an array... or
with the parameter `bucket=e101`, this takes selection of metadata in the current session
(useful for the swagger).

Xpath syntax can be quite complex but powerful

https://www.w3schools.com/xml/xpath_intro.asp
<https://devhints.io/xpath>

E.g.

Remove status if status is equal to “obsolete”

```
[  
  {  
    "xpath": "./gmd:identificationInfo//gmd:status/gmd:MD_ProgressCode[@codeListValue='obsolete']/parent::*",  
    "value": "<gn_delete></gn_delete>"  
  }  
]
```

Batch editing API request

E.g. Add new identifier.

When you add something, the xpath can point down to the parent node (geocat knows where to put the new tag).

You can add and replace entire XML section

When you add new XML snippet, you have to provide all namespace used in the snippet before you use it (e.g. `xmlns:gmd` and `xmlns:gco` below)

Don't forget to replace XML special character :

< (<), & (&), > (>), " ("), and ' (')

```
[  
  {  
    "xpath": "./gmd:identificationInfo[1]/*/gmd:citation[1]/gmd:CI_Citation",  
    "value": "<gn_add><gmd:identifier xmlns:gmd='http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gmd'  
      xmlns:gco='http://www.isotc211.org/2005/gco'>" \  
        "<gmd:MD_Identifier>" \  
          "<gmd:code>" \  
            "<gco:CharacterString>layer_id</gco:CharacterString>" \  
          "</gmd:code>" \  
        "</gmd:MD_Identifier>" \  
      "</gmd:identifier>",<br/>  
    "</gn_add>"  
  }  
]
```

Batch editing API request

E.g. Complex xpath

Select a **transferOption** node that has **only one resource** and the **protocol = “OGC:WMS”** and where the **URL** contains the phrase “wms.geo.admin.ch”.

```
xpath = "./gmd:distributionInfo//gmd:transferOptions[count(./*/*)=1]" \
    " and ./gmd:protocol/gco:CharacterString[contains(text(), 'OGC:WMS')]" \
    " and (./gmd:URL[contains(text(), 'wms.geo.admin.ch')])" \
    " or .//che:LocalisedURL[contains(text(), 'wms.geo.admin.ch')]]"
```

You can explore and/or use the batch editing API request with a GUI implementation on the geocat.ch frontend application

<https://www.geocat.ch/geonetwork/srv/fre/catalog.edit#/batchedit>

You can preview the change in the XML !

API request response

Always good to check for an API request's response

Status code :

2xx : successful

3xx : redirect

4xx : client error (you made a mistake)

404 : resource not found

403 : not allowed

5xx : server error (the server made an error)

Response's content :

Usually **JSON**, or **XML**

You can have a successful status code (e.g. 200) in terms of http request but the request is still unsuccessful in terms of what you want to do (no processing, metadata not found, xpath not found, etc...)

E.g. batch editing request's response

```
{  
    "errors": [],  
    "infos": [],  
    "uuid": "5da566b8-0e5a-41e4-8dc5-32ad4bfaa46d",  
    "metadata": [],  
    "metadataErrors": {},  
    "metadataInfos": {  
        "47380071": [  
            {  
                "message": "Metadata updated.",  
                "uuid": "638f99cd-0532-4ba1-84e8-b572f17fec6a",  
                "draft": false,  
                "approved": false,  
                "date": "2023-05-08T14:53:49.395Z"  
            }  
        ]  
    },  
    "numberOfNullRecords": 0,  
    "numberOfRecordsProcessed": 1,  
    "numberOfRecordsUnchanged": 0,  
    "numberOfRecordsWithErrors": 0,  
    "numberOfRecords": 1,  
    "numberOfRecordNotFound": 0,  
    "numberOfRecordsNotEditable": 0,  
    "startIsoDateTime": "2023-05-08T14:53:48.6Z",  
    "endIsoDateTime": "2023-05-08T14:53:49.556Z",  
    "elapsedTimeInSeconds": 0,  
    "totalTimeInSeconds": 0,  
    "running": false,  
    "type": "SimpleMetadataProcessingReport"  
}
```

Search & replace API request

Apply a search and replace at the database level

<https://geocat-int.dev.bgdi.ch/geonetwork/doc/api/index.html#/processes/processSearchAndReplace>

Does not follow the logic of the XML structure, it is a text based search and replace
(regular expressions are supported)

Like the batch editing request, you can use the search & replace API request with a GUI implementation on the geocat.ch frontend application

You can preview the change in the XML !

Dealing with subtemplates

Subtemplates or “reusable objects” are snippet of XML that are stored separately than the metadata and represent [contacts](#), [extents](#) and [formats](#).

The subtemplates are linked to the metadata by their UUID. Hence, it is possible to link subtemplates in many metadata (many-to-many relation).

The content comes only from the subtemplate, when a subtemplate is updated, the content of all metadata using it is also updated.

Thus, if we want to edit a metadata in a M2M way, it is useless to edit the content of contact, extent or format if they are subtemplates. It will be overridden by the subtemplate itself when saving the metadata.

Dealing with subtemplates

E.g. Contact for the metadata

```
<gmd:contact xlink:href="local://srv/api/registries/entries/aa0ddc95-736b-4440-a81c-  
2b704ee8b4b1?lang=ger,fre,ita,eng,roh&amp;process=gmd:role/gmd:CI_RoleCode/@codeListValue~pointOfContact&amp;  
schema=iso19139.che">  
<gmd:contact/>
```

aa0ddc95-736b-4440-a81c-2b704ee8b4b1 : the subtemplate UUID
pointOfContact : the code list key for contact role = “point of contact”

E.g. Extent

```
<gmd:extent xlink:href="local://srv/api/registries/entries/geocatch-subtpl-extent-hoheitsgebiet-  
5601?lang=ger,fre,ita,eng,roh&amp;schema=iso19139.che">  
<gmd:extent/>
```

geocatch-subtpl-extent-hoheitsgebiet-5601 : the subtemplate UUID

E.g. Distribution format

```
<gmd:distributionFormat xlink:href="local://srv/api/registries/entries/22f3a6ef-9d98-41f6-9f86-  
51ef17e5e878?lang=ger,fre,ita,eng,roh&amp;schema=iso19139.che">  
<gmd:distributionFormat/>
```

22f3a6ef-9d98-41f6-9f86-51ef17e5e878 : the subtemplate UUID

Dealing with subtemplates

How can we get the subtemplates UUID ?

Easiest way is to use the GUI editor, select manually a contact, extent or format and then explore the metadata in the editor XML view to fetch the UUID and see how geocat makes the link to the subtemplate.

For extents that are administrative boundaries, the geocat team manages subtemplates with defined UUID :

- Municipalities : **geocatch-subtpl-extent-hoheitsgebiet-{gmdnr}** where **gmdnr** = BFS municipality number
- Districts : **geocatch-subtpl-extent-bezirk-{bznr}** where **bznr** = BFS district number
- Cantons : **geocatch-subtpl-extent-kantonsgebiet-{ktnr}** where **ktnr** = BFS canton number
- Countries : **geocatch-subtpl-extent-landesgebiet-{code_iso}** where **code_iso** = country ISO code (CH, FL)

Dealing with keywords

Keywords work in a similar way as the subtemplates

Keywords are stored in multiple thesaurus (separately than the metadata) and are linked to metadata with the [thesaurus ID](#) and [keywords ID](#).

The content comes only from the thesaurus, when a keyword is updated, the keyword is updated in all metadata using it.

Thus, if we want to edit a metadata in a M2M way, it is useless to edit the content of keywords. It will be overridden by the thesaurus when saving the metadata.

Dealing with keywords

```
<gmd:descriptiveKeywords  
xlink:href="local://srv/api/registries/vocabularies/keyword?skipdescriptivekeywords=true&  
thesaurus=local.theme.geocat.ch&id=http://geocat.ch/concept#e6485c01-fe69-485e-b194-  
035f682463db,http://custom.shared.obj.ch/concept#ae677a16-f81a-4533-9243-a87831115079  
&lang=ger,fre,ita,eng,roh">  
<gmd:descriptiveKeywords/>
```

thesaurus={thesaurus ID} e.g. <local.theme.geocat.ch>

id={keyword ID},{Keyword ID},...

e.g. <http://geocat.ch/concept#e6485c01-fe69-485e-b194-035f682463db>

e.g. <http://custom.shared.obj.ch/concept#ae677a16-f81a-4533-9243-a87831115079>

Dealing with keywords

How can we get thesaurus and keywords ID ?

Easiest way is to use the GUI editor, select manually keywords and then explore the metadata in the editor XML view to fetch thesaurus and keyword ID and see how geocat makes the link to keywords.

Or...

Browse the thesaurus directly in the admin panel.

<https://www.geocat.ch/geonetwork/srv/eng/admin.console#/classification>

Q&A