## **GIS of Traditional Folk Culture**



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# Project introduction



Geographical information system for traditional folk culture (1750 – 1900)

**Duration 2012 – 2015** 

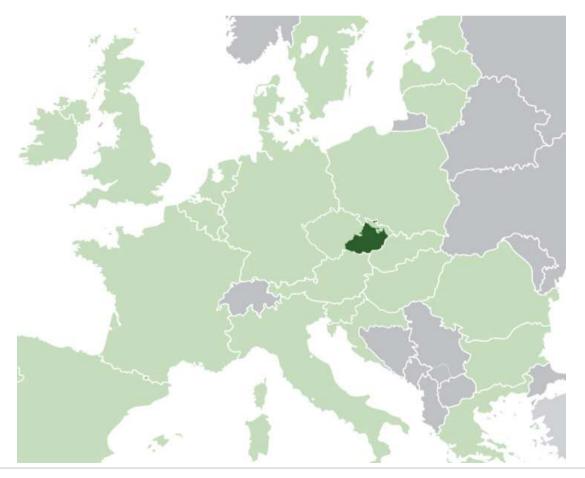
### Goals

- Collect records about traditional folk culture in the Moravian country between years 1750– 1900
- Spatiotemporal analysis of acquired data
- Simple access to acquired data

## Moravia



Moravia is a historical country covering one third of the Czech Republic



## **■ Who stands behind?**



### Ministry of Culture of the Czech Republic

**Project funding** 

### Masaryk University, Czech Republic

- Department of European Ethnology
  - Data acquisition, data analysis
- Institute of Computer Science
  - Database, GIS, web presentation

# **■** Why is it important?



To enable complex research on traditional folk culture in the Czech Republic

- Long and rich history
- Bearer of patriotism on national and regional level, especially in the past
- Records about the traditional Czech folk culture have never been collected in one place before

To help preserve cultural heritage

# Czech traditions





## Czech folk culture

















## Data types



#### Record

**35,000 records** 

- Mention about some custom, product, song, etc.
- Linked with photographs and scans

### Source document

Published document

Chronicle, book, article, map

Object

Museum exhibit, building

## Data types



### **Category**

Tree structure of 1,200 categories

e.g. Music -> Musical instrument -> Bagpipes

#### **Place**

Municipality, parish, manor, legal district, or ethnological region

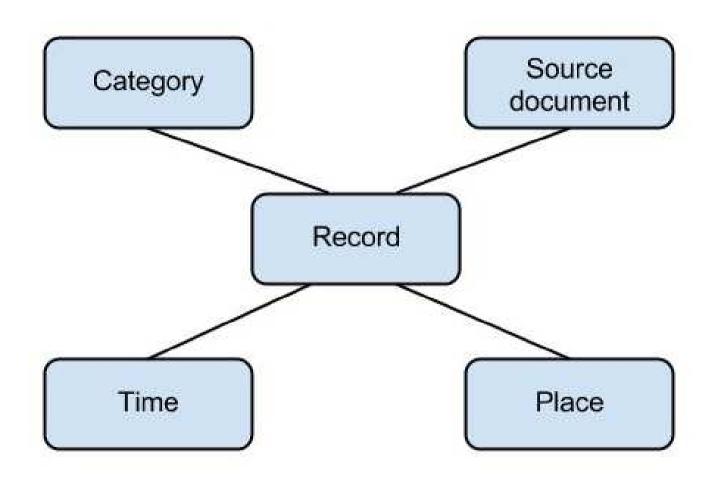
Most of them are historical regions

### **Time**

Year or interval of years

## Data model





## Data collection



Systematic study of old chronicles, magazines, museum exhibits, feasts, etc.

**Department of European Ethnology** 

Every interesting record is described and saved to the database

### Application for data collection & management

- "Form-filling" application
- NET, Microsoft SQL Server

# Web presentation



### Search and show records

- Filter by space, time, and category (keyword)
- Fulltext search
- Show attached documents

Visualize number of records per locality

**Choropleth map** 

Find historical places

# Searching records in DB

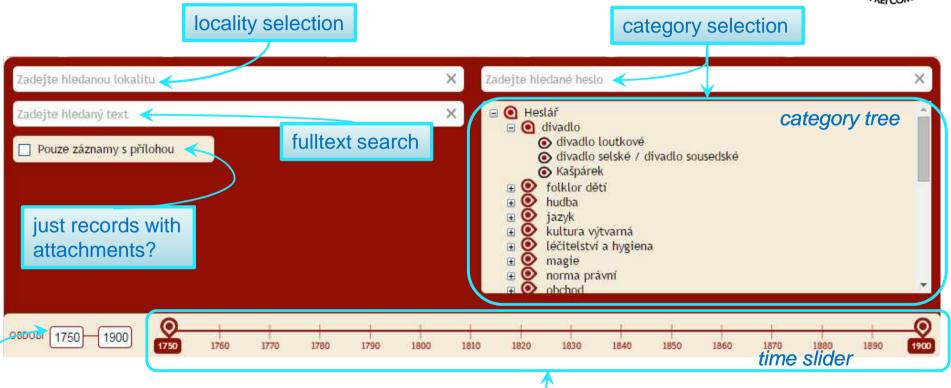




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## Filtering form





time selection

# Technological background



### **Database**

Microsoft SQL Server

#### Server

ArcGIS Server

### Client

OpenLayers 3, Google Closure Library

### Interface

ArcGIS REST API

## Future development



### Adding new records

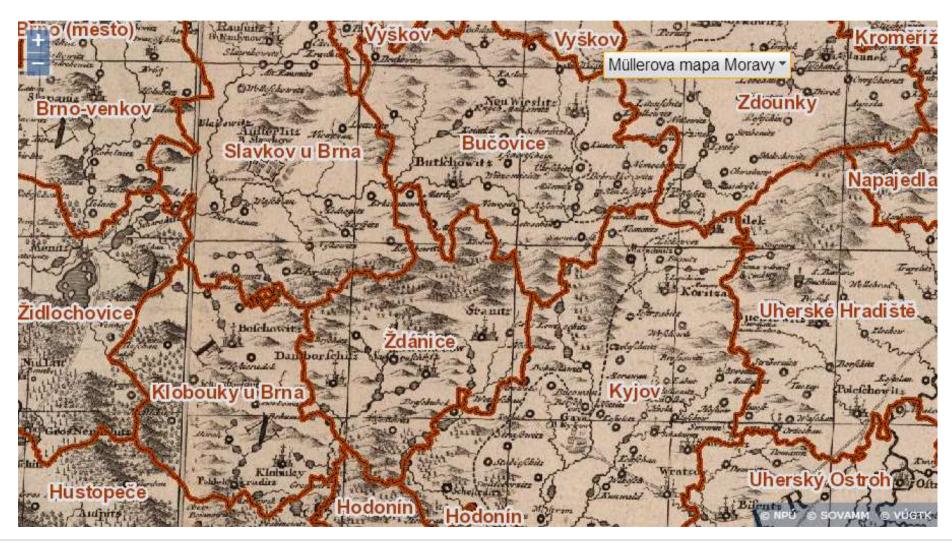
Up to 50,000 records in total

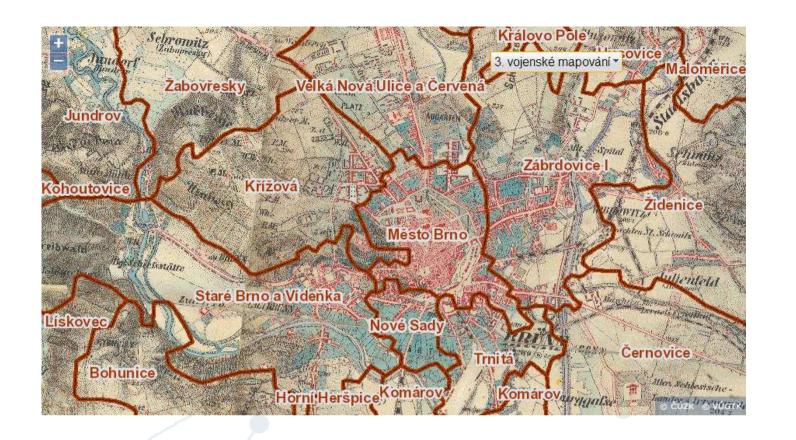
### **Application improvements**

- Adding ethnological regions
- User selectable base maps, incl. old maps
- Faster data loading, especially in the map search

# Combination with old map







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