

ORDNANCE SURVEY, OGC AND THE OS DATA HUB

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Ordnance Survey

We've been mapping Great Britain since 1791, always evolving to meet the needs of the nation.

Our digital heritage

We've been at the forefront of digital map-making since the advent of the computer.

The mammoth task of digitising the whole of Britain started in 1971 and was completed in 1995.



Our objectives

Our overall organisation objectives are set out by our Shareholder (i.e. Government) -

1. to provide world-leading geospatial services and data in the UK and internationally.
2. to operate as a sustainably profitable commercial organisation, on a self-financing basis, with the aim of decreasing the net cost to the public sector of the Company over time;
3. to support the Geospatial Commission in its role to provide strategic oversight of the geospatial ecosystem in the UK, acting as one of the six core 'Partner Bodies' as set out in the Commission's framework;
4. to carry out the activities as anticipated by Ordnance Survey's powers and duties as set out in statute

Driven by value based outcomes

Asset management

Evidence based policy-making

Environmental monitoring & regulation

Effective planning framework

Land registration

Protection of life

Effective citizen services

Efficient transport systems

Understanding commercial risk



Land & property lifecycle



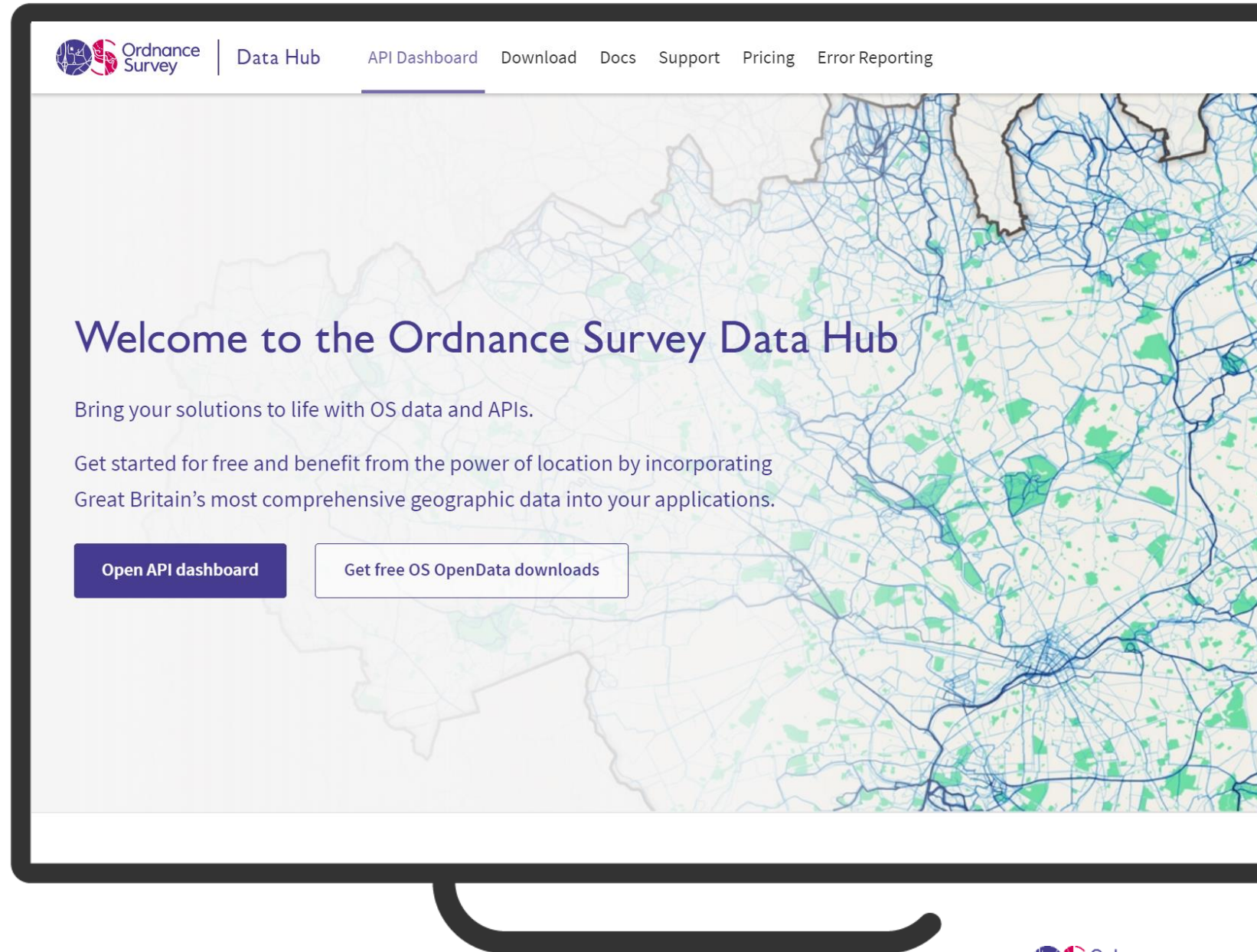
OS Data Hub

Product Vision

We will empower the public and private sectors in planning, building, operating and monitoring critical natural, built and digital infrastructure and services

OS Data Hub

Supporting the public and private sectors vital infrastructure and services by making it easier for anyone to **find, access and use** authoritative geospatial data



Making things easy for developers...

- Not just publishing an OGC API or a download or
- ...a metadata record or
- ...a doc

Making an end to end developer journey for:

- Discovery
- Onboarding
- Minimal time to use
- Education & Support
- Understanding their behaviour

Turning developers into evangelists

OS Data Hub Services



Public Sector
Developers

Partner
Developers

OpenData
Developers



OS Data Hub

Data Services

Customer Support

Platform
Capabilities

Product
Downloads

Transactional
Data APIs

Errors and
Omissions

National
Geographic
Database and OS
Select+Build

Discovery and
User Journeys

User
Notifications

Documentation,
FAQs, Code
examples etc.

Usage,
Monitoring and
Reporting

Identity and
Access
Management

API
Management

Monetisation,
Payment and
Billing

OS APIs

OS Maps API

Up-to-date, detailed maps of Great Britain

OS Vector Tile API

Slick, quick vector maps with customisable content and style

OS Features API

Direct access to buildings, roads, greenspaces and much more

OS Downloads API

Automate your data downloads

OS Linked Identifiers API

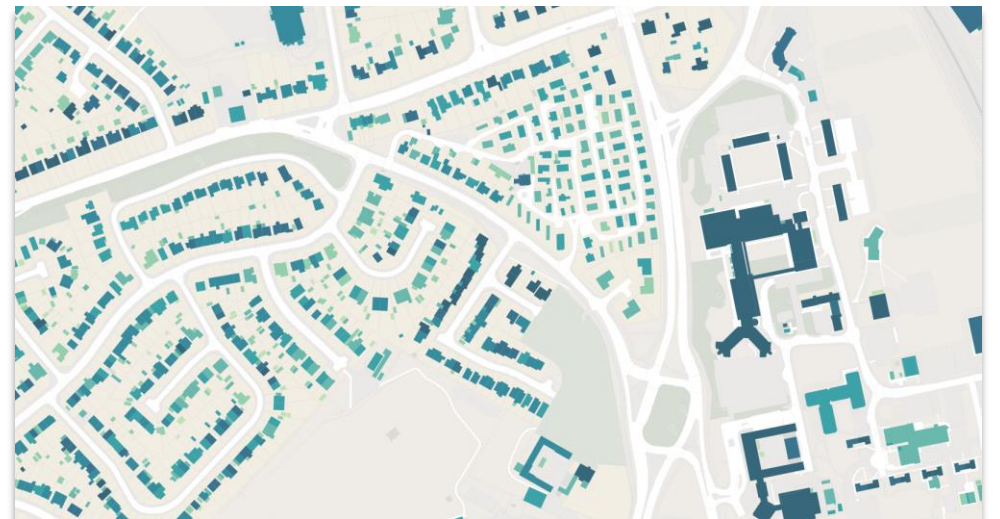
Discover the relationships between features

OS Names API

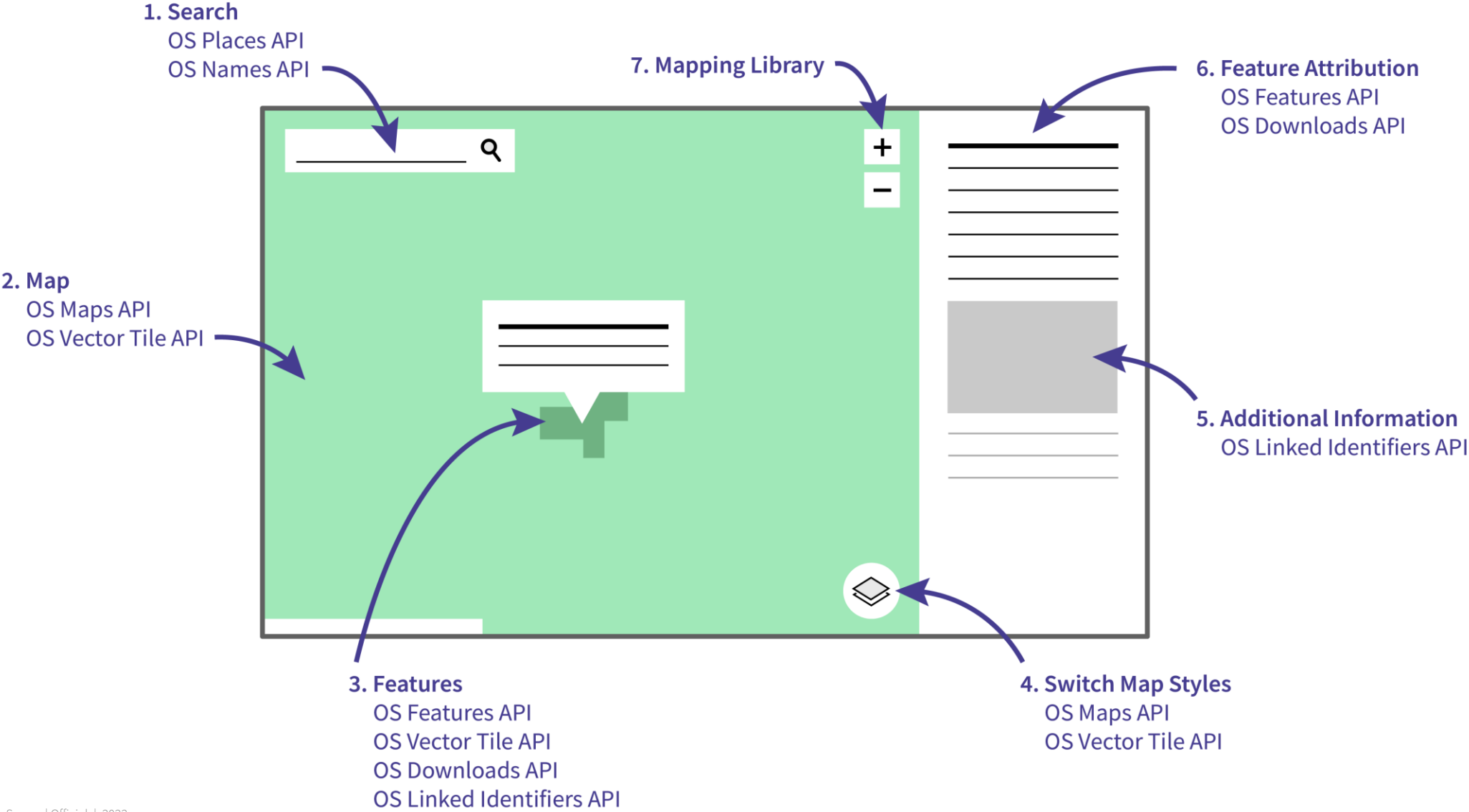
Find accurate locations of interest quickly

OS Places API

Authoritative address search and verification



Using our APIs to build applications...



OS Maps API

OGC - WMTS

The **easiest** way to use Ordnance Survey's detailed, accurate and current maps as a backdrop

Open Geospatial Consortium's (OGC) standard Web Map Tile Service (WMTS) and Restful ZXY mean these maps work with almost all geospatial software

Two projections and four **cartographic styles** to choose from; Leisure, Road, Outdoor and Light



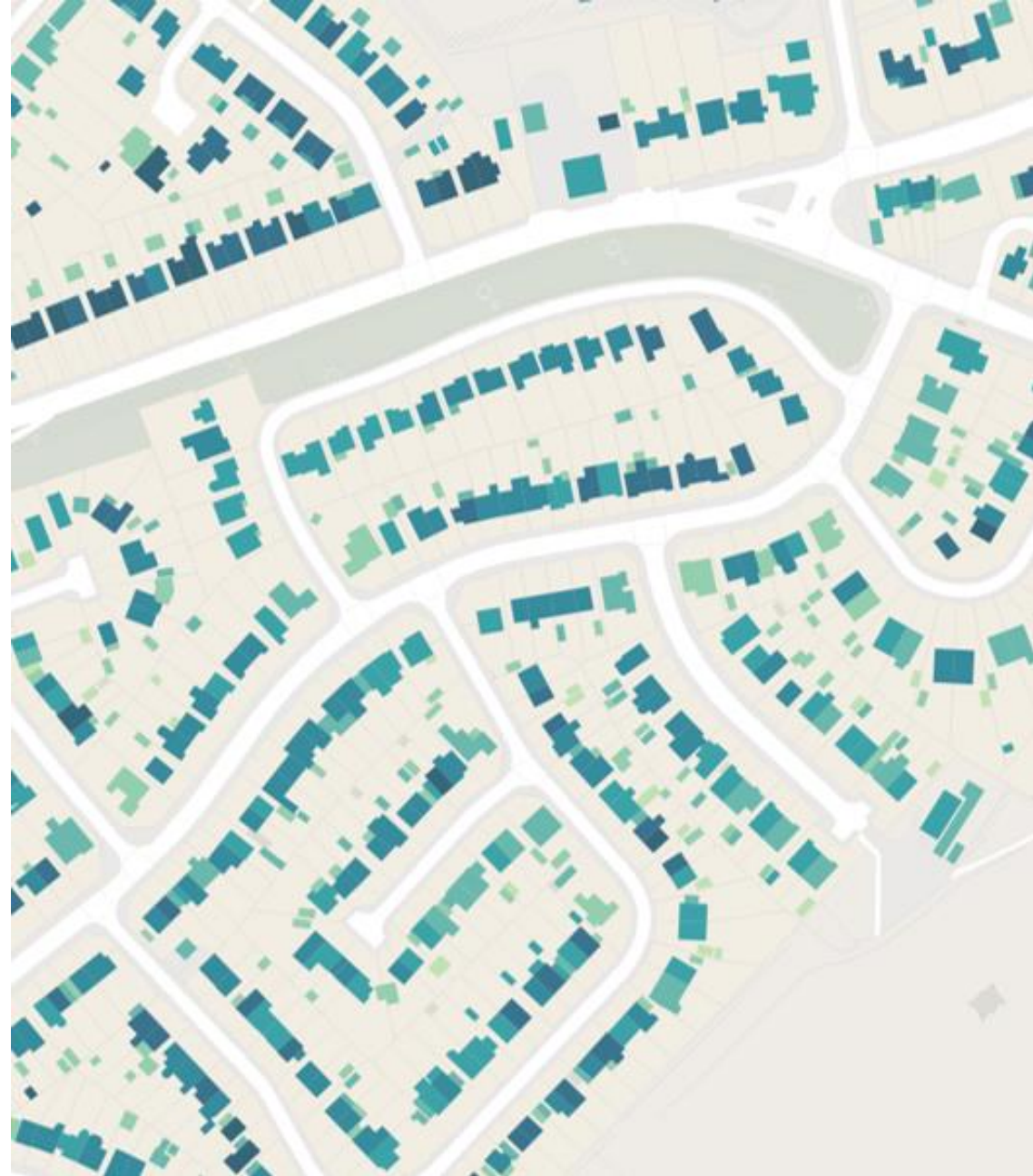
OS Features API

OGC - WFS

A new way to **directly access** the most detailed OS data, including OS MasterMap

Filter, select and query the data you need, as and when you need it

Removes the need to manage and store the data - OS take care of that so customers can focus on adding value



OS Data Hub Customers

Public Sector

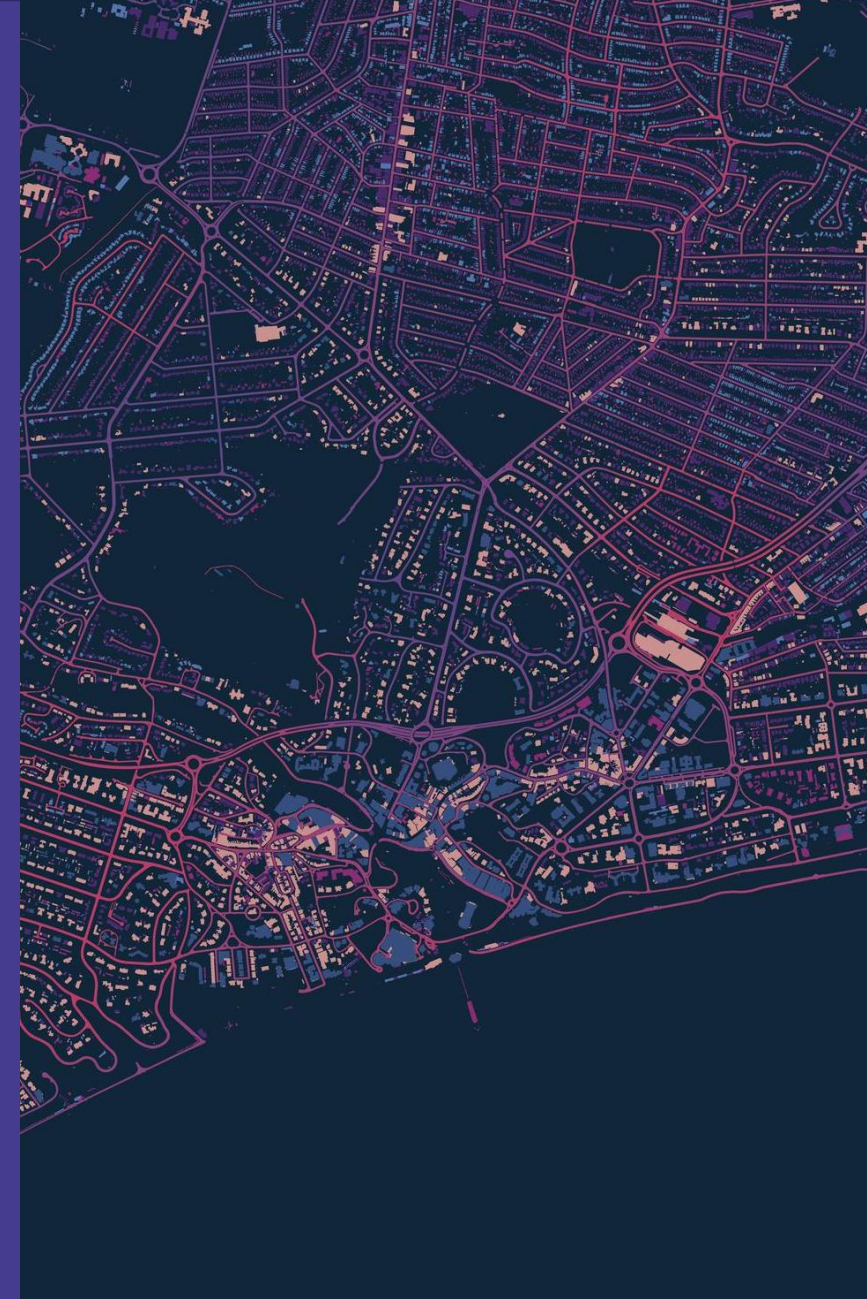
- Launched to Public Sector in Jan 2021
- Over 1400 public sector orgs signed up
- Over 4000 public sector users

Partners

- Launched to Partners in July 2020
- Over 5000 partner users signed up
- c. 70% entirely new to OS

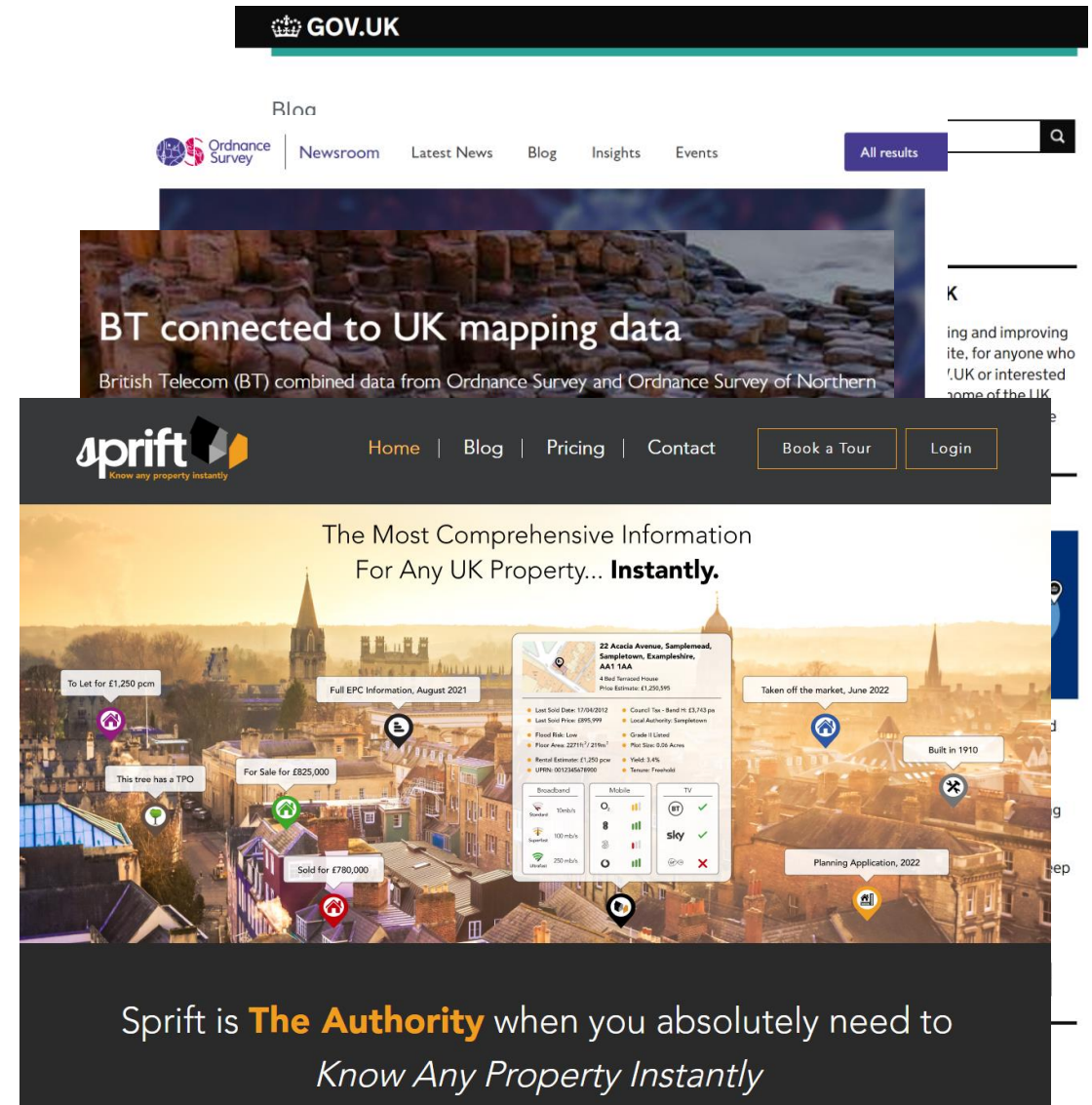
OpenData Community

- Launched to OpenData users in July 2020
- Over 13,000 OpenData users signed up
- c. 80% entirely new to OS



Examples of customer usage

- Supporting citizen services on GOV.UK
- COVID-19 Testing
- Major utilities infrastructure asset management
- Developing geospatial start-ups



An aerial, top-down view of a modern city, likely Dubai, featuring numerous skyscrapers with unique architectural designs, including circular and tiered structures. A marina with several boats is visible in the lower-left quadrant. The image is overlaid with a dark blue horizontal banner containing white text.

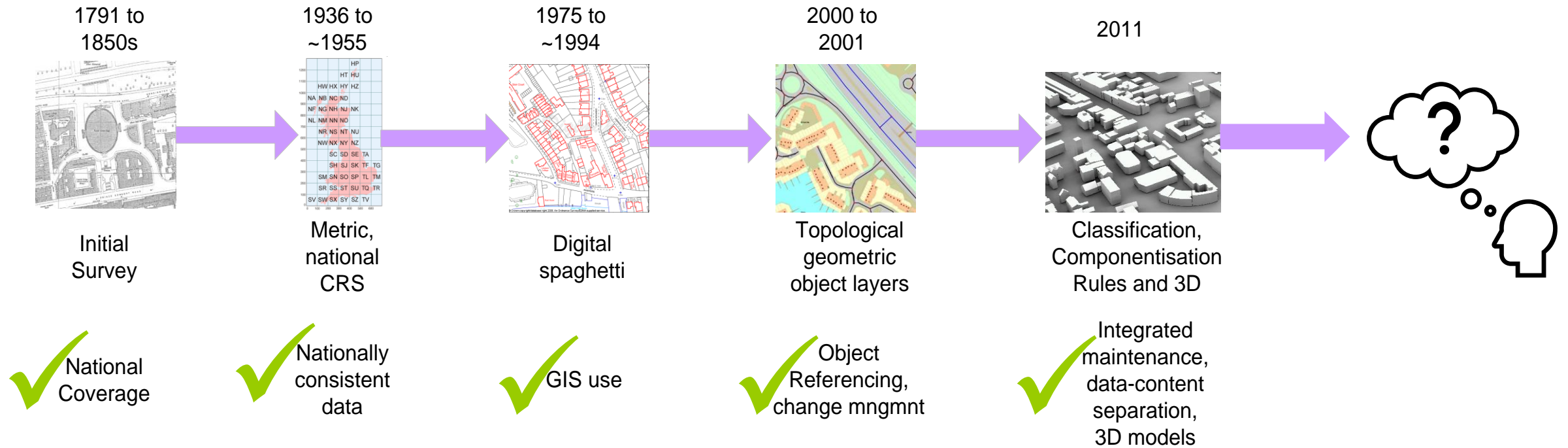
THE NEXT GENERATION OF OS DATA AND OGC API STANDARDS

Developing standards...

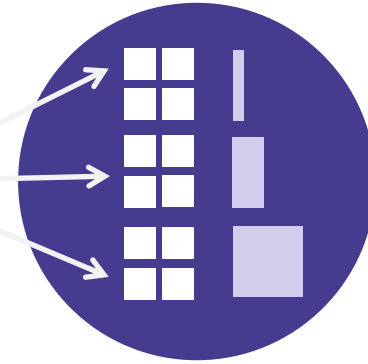
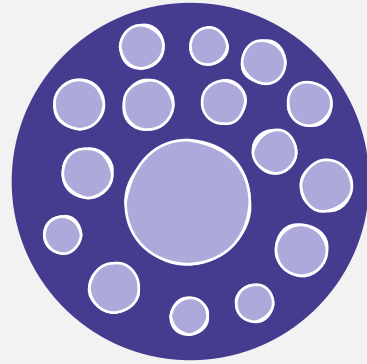
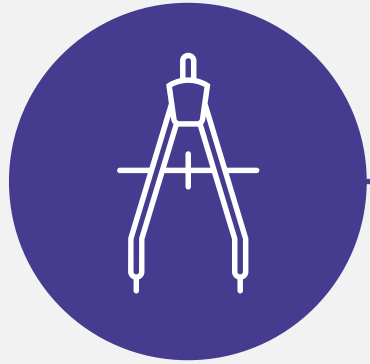
- Active OGC, W3C, UN-GGIM, ISO member
- Sponsoring work in OGC testbeds and sprints
- Focus on creating developer friendly standards



Short history of large scale OS data



Drivers for change – Our “Old” World



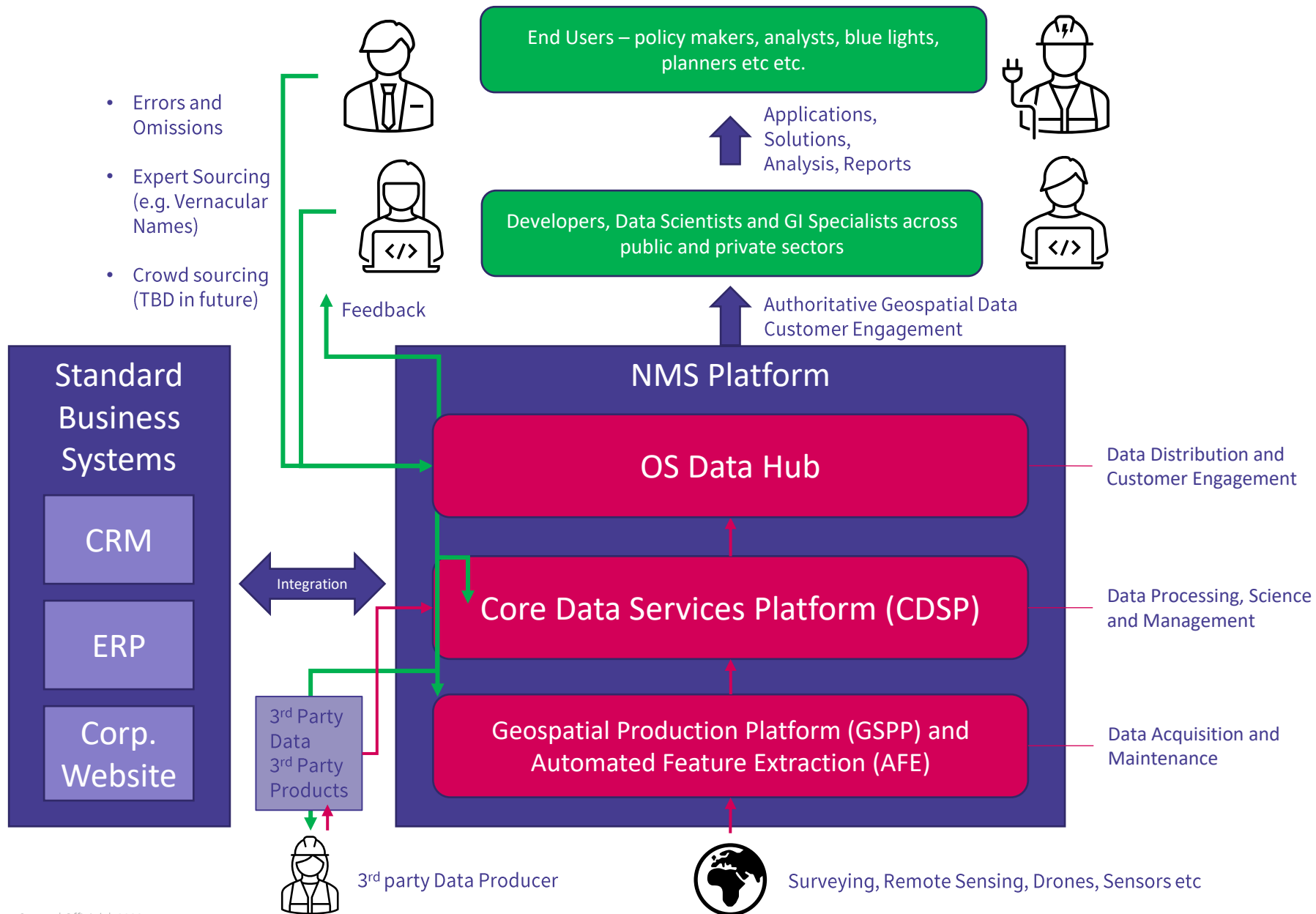
Geospatial data capture
and editing supported by
ageing on-prem technologies

Data in discrete silos
with inconsistent
structures

50+ asynchronous products,
with data at various levels of
currency & consistency

**Multiple access
platforms,** no single
source of truth

The National Mapping Service Platform



The National Geographic Database

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Today customers access this through numerous OS products and services, such as OS MasterMap Topography Layer



The National Geographic Database

With the new NGD:

- Public Sector Members and OS Partners will have direct access to all the National Geographic Database data from a single location
- With an improved data structure, increased currency and improved metadata



OS NGD Structure



How have we transformed OS data

OS MasterMap generation

Theme	Buildings
Descriptive Group	Building
Descriptive Term	
Make	Manmade
Change Date	25/09/2022

Building Height information supplied in separate CSV file which requires processing



New National Geographic Database

Integrated Building Heights	5.2m
Theme	Building
OS Land Cover Tier A	Constructed
OS Land Use Tier A	Residential Accommodation
OS Land Use Tier B	Private Residence
Geometry Evidence Date	22/09/2022
Geometry Update Date	25/09/2022
First Digital Capture Date	20/2/1988
Capture Specification	Urban

...and many more

How have we transformed the data

Re-engineered all existing data to ensure OS NGD data is designed for analysis.



Brand new data, including over 20 million new residential sites, Water Link Sets and Geographical Names.



Single consistent designs for Change Only Updates across the entire OS NGD.



Standardised unique identifiers (OSID, UPRN, USRN) across all themes.



Simplified data models allowing for quicker loading and implementation.

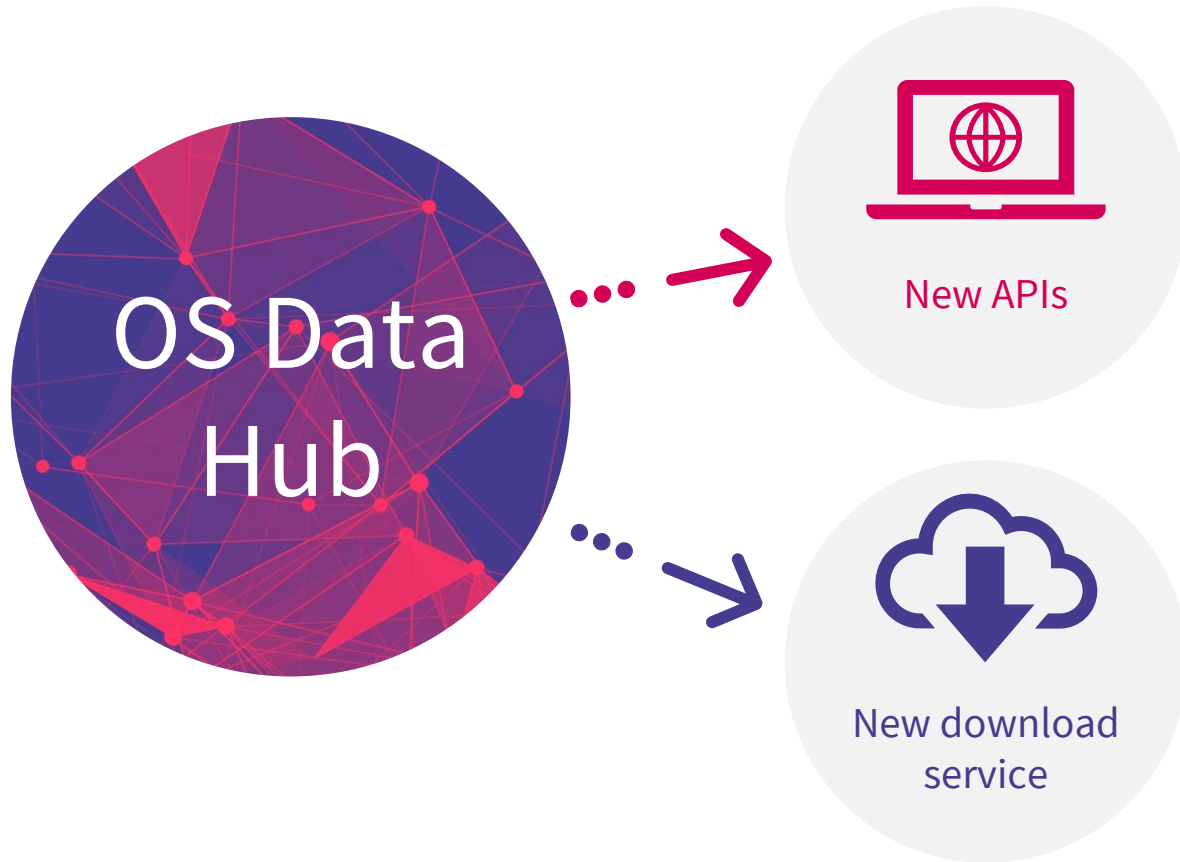


Detailed metadata on all features providing insights into our lifecycles.



Accessing the National Geographic Database

- Providing a simple number of options for multiple use cases



- **OS NGD API – Features (OGC API Features)**
- **OS NGD API – Tiles (OGC API Tiles)**

- **OS Select+Build**
Customers can select the data they want and build their own datasets.
- And the National Geographic Database will be enriched with new data too

OS Select+Build

A new download service to select only the data users need and build their own bespoke data packages

Providing complex functionality in an easy user experience

- Select by theme, collection or feature type
- Filter by attribute (driven by generic CQL2 library)
- Handy definitions to help understand the data
- Supports both GeoPackage and CSV
- Up to daily supply
- GB or Area of Interest supplies
- Full Supply Or Change Only Update



CX, DX and Resources for bulk data users

– Live Demo Time!

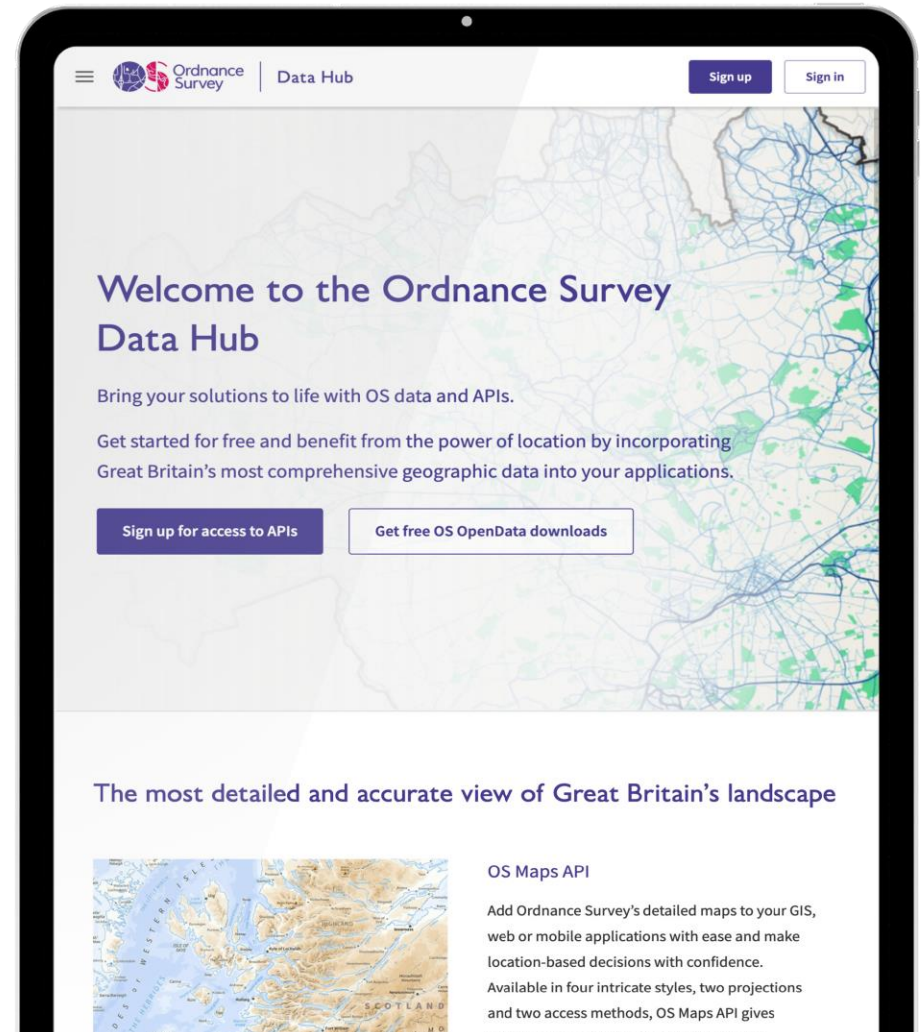
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- Automation of ETL
- Software (web, data science, GIS)
- Range and depth of functionality
- Documentation

OS NGD API - Features

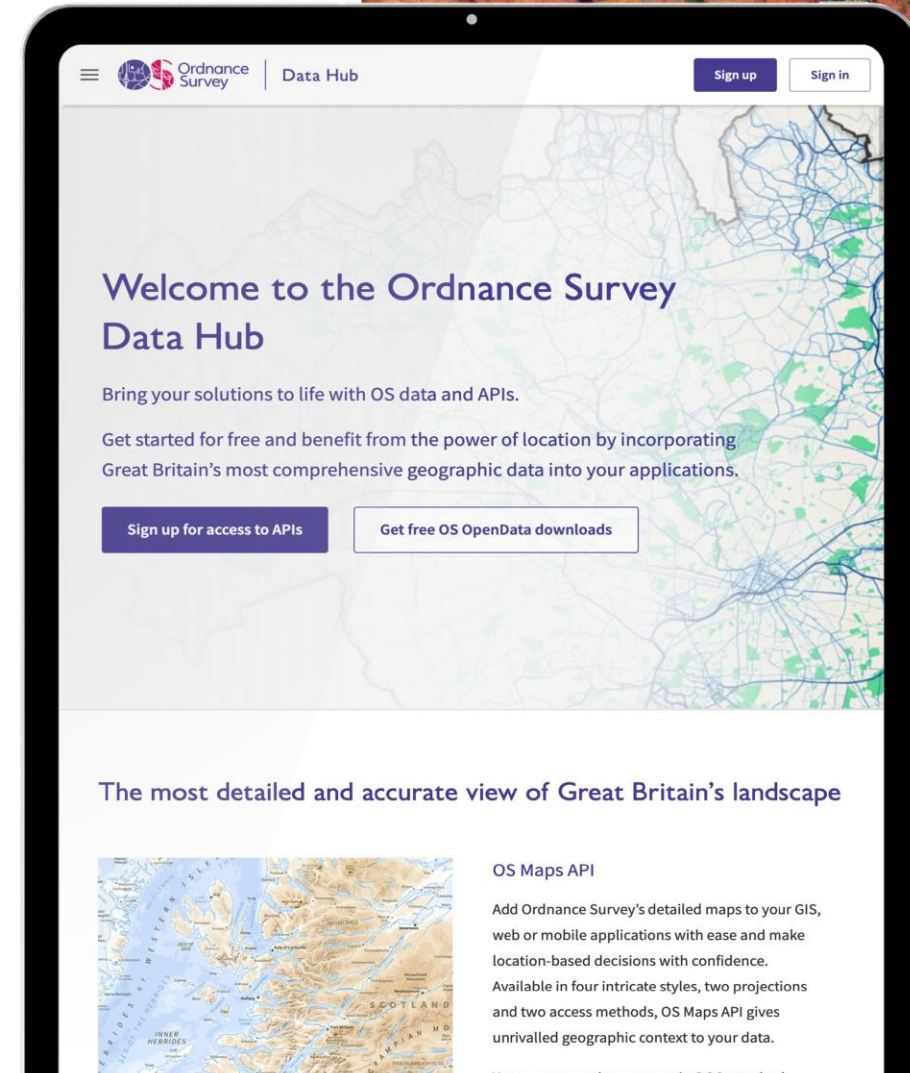
First access to our new-generation, detailed analytical data

- Brand new API based on OGC API - Features standard
- Updated daily
- Developer friendly
- Data in GeoJSON format
- Launched with supporting online resources
- Won't contain data from Address or Boundary themes



What can users do?

- **Request** specific features using spatial, attribute and/or time queries (using CQL2)
- **Interrogate** highly detailed feature information.
- **Freely** discover what data collections are available.
- **Explore** the data schemas & queryables.
- **Request** data in GeoJSON format.
- **Visualise** Ordnance Survey data and apply your own styling.



Attribute Filtering – OGC API Features Part 3 – CQL2

- Filtering in the OS NGD API – Features has been made more readable and understandable.
- Extended the number of operators available.
- Temporal Filtering

Below are the supported operators:

Operator Type	Supported Operators
Comparison	EQUAL TO [=], LESS THAN [<], LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO [<=], GREATER THAN [>], GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO [>=], IS NULL, LIKE, IN, BETWEEN
Logical	AND, OR, NOT [<>]
Array	AEQUALS, ACONTAINS, CONTAINEDBY, AOVERLAPS
Spatial	INTERSECTS
Temporal	Datetime

OS Features API WFS (A) vs OS NGD API – Features (B)

A

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<ogc:PropertyName>DescriptiveGroup</ogc:PropertyName>  
  <ogc:Literal>Archway</ogc:Literal>  
  </ogc:PropertyIsEqualTo>  
</ogc:Filter>
```

B

```
/filter=description='Archway'
```


CX, DX and Resources for transactional data users

– Live Demo Time!

Considerations:

- Libraries
- Software (web, data science, GIS)
- Range and depth of functionality
- Documentation