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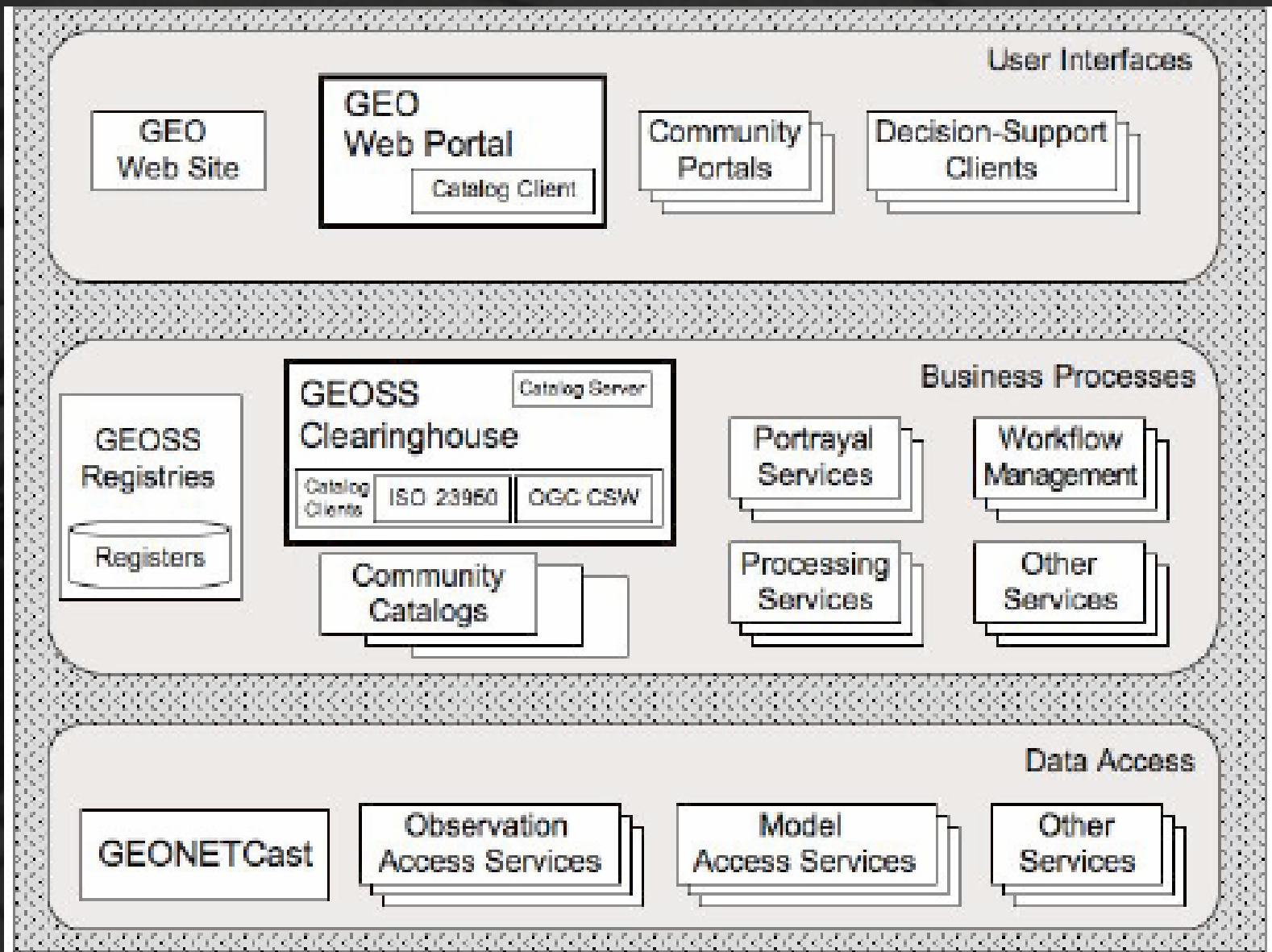
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OPTION 2: The goal of the geographic information knowledge portal is to enhance communication and freely share knowledge among professionals in the geographic information global community. This is a participatory ***user created and maintained*** commons. The intended users are professionals, government agencies at all levels, non-government organizations (NGO's), private companies, practitioners, scholars and students across the globe who have sincere interests in creating a geographic information "knowledge network" and advancing the practice and science of the discipline.

As such, this is a ***two-degrees of separation knowledge network***. *First link* members are trusted registrants typically invited from the membership rosters of sponsoring organizations or are well-known leaders in the profession in their respective nations. After registering, *first link* members have the ability to invite others to join the knowledge network. Those invited by *first link* members are *second link* members. *Second link* members join the geographic information community knowledge portal by registering and may contribute materials but are unable to invite others to join. *Second link* members may apply for *first link* status if desired. The geographic information community knowledge portal administration at its sole discretion reserves the right to change the status of any registrant at any time or ban participation by any party causing or facilitating disruption of the knowledge network.

In short, none of us knows as much as all of us. This is intended as a facility for ***collective intelligence*** where each community member acts responsibly and makes their own decisions on what and how much to contribute.

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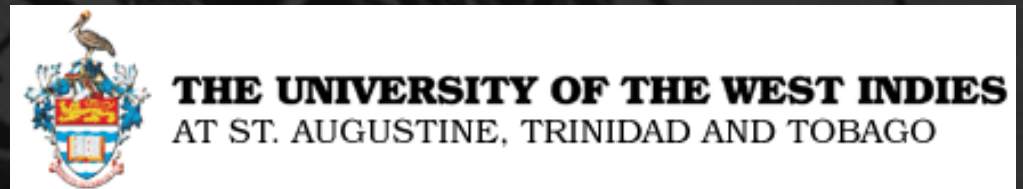
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