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Poverty and Living condition Estimates

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Engaging local community: a data-
centered social application

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Summary

- WP 4: Objectives
- How? What are we doing...
 - The application - background
 - Requirement analysis (stakeholders' survey)
 - Data Management and Reporting
 - Social Networking tools
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- WP 4: application preview



WP4 Main Goals

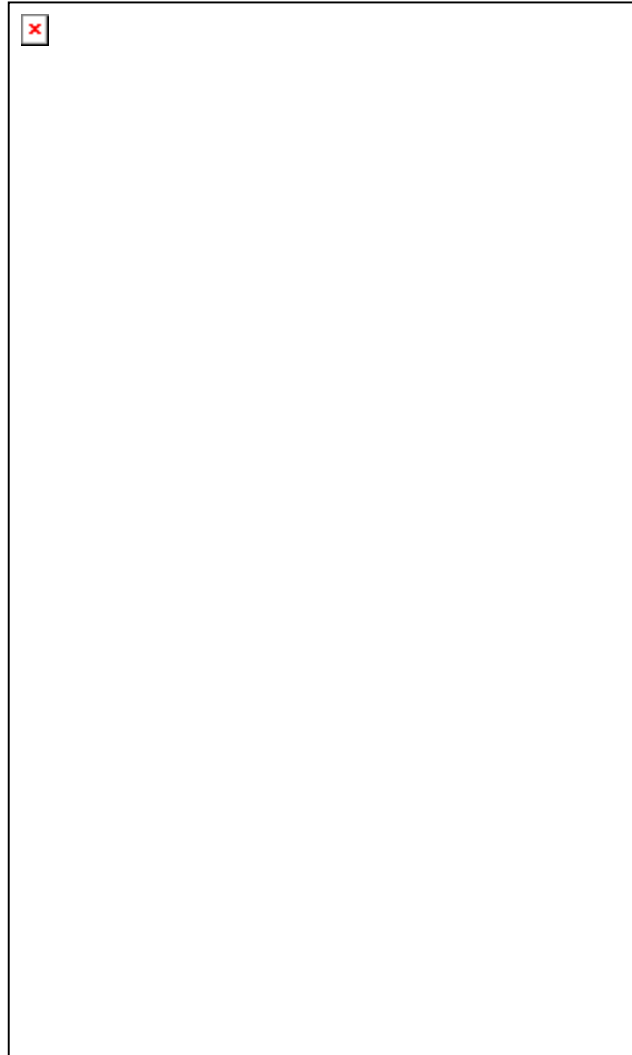
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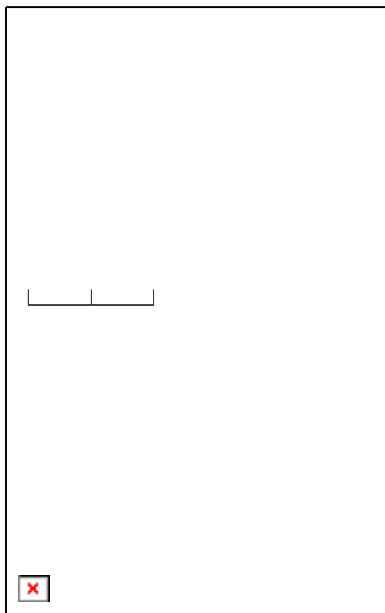
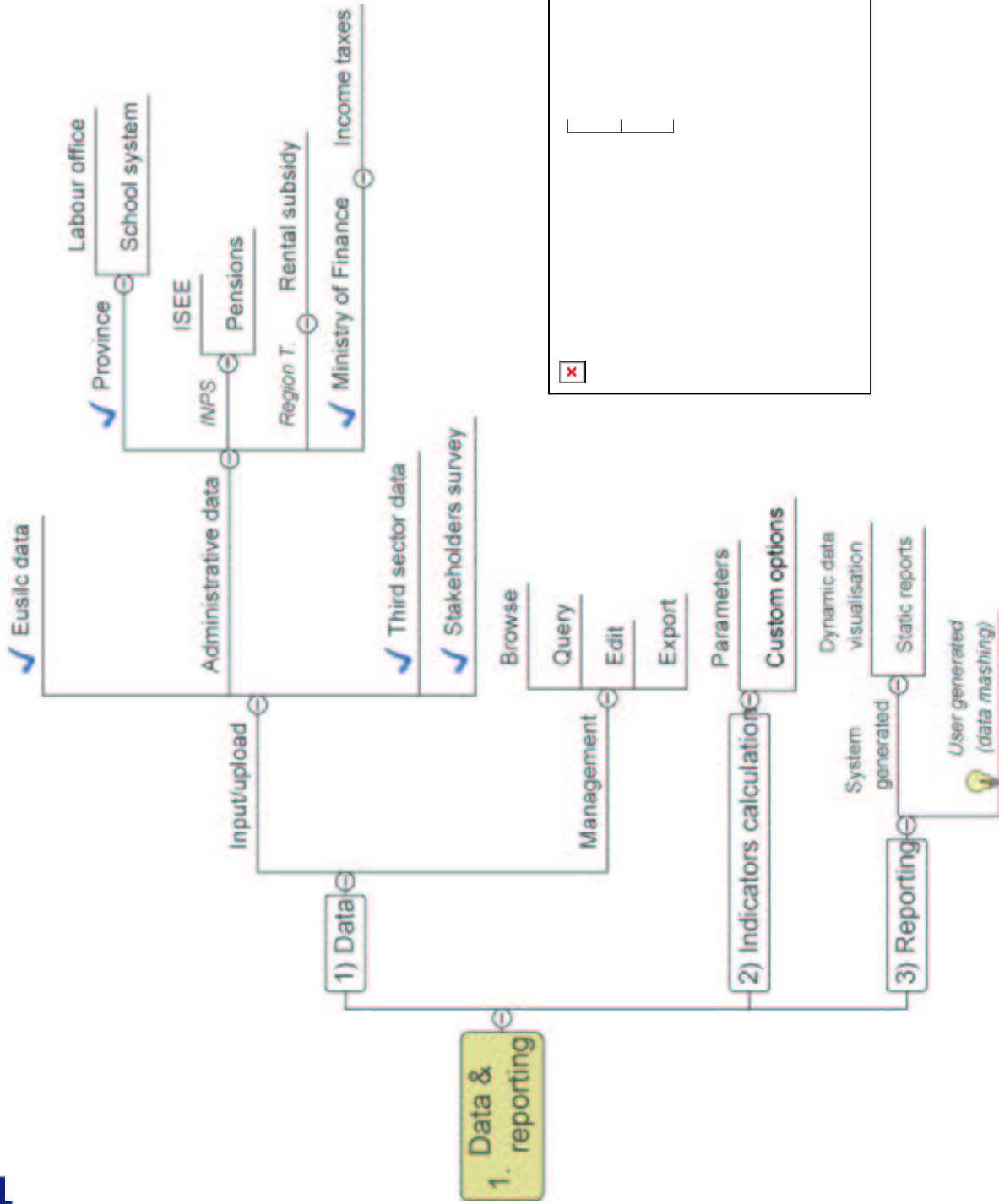
web application

which will be the “portal”
for social inclusion activities
in the Province of Pisa



Application overview







Software Application Purposes

- give a real-world application of SAMPLE results;
- support policy-making and implementation at the local level;
- contribute to the public debate by creating information-rich, easy to use, easy-to-understand graphics;
- share knowledge and improve local abilities.



Software Application - Background

We followed the most recent best practices in the field of statistical data representation

- Open Data Movement
- President Obama's Open Government Initiative



Software Application - Background



Hans Rosling
Gapminder

“Bring statistics to the
People”



Software Application - Background



Tim Berners-Lee

TED2009

“Raw data now”

TED2010

“Open linked data”



Requirement analysis

Stakeholders' survey

A survey (online questionnaire) has been carried upon local stakeholders by PP-UROPS: approx. 700 people involved by various stages in poverty and social exclusion have been asked about their opinion on the construction of an Observation System to monitor poverty, vulnerability and **social exclusion**.





Requirement analysis

Stakeholders' involvement

- Hints on indicators' usefulness
- Suggestions over the best tools for our portal app
- Beta testing of the application



Data Management and Reporting

R engine in action

With a simple web interface administrative users can:

- load raw statistical data (Eusilc, administrative data and others)
- apply R engine calculations by selecting input parameters.



Data Management and Reporting

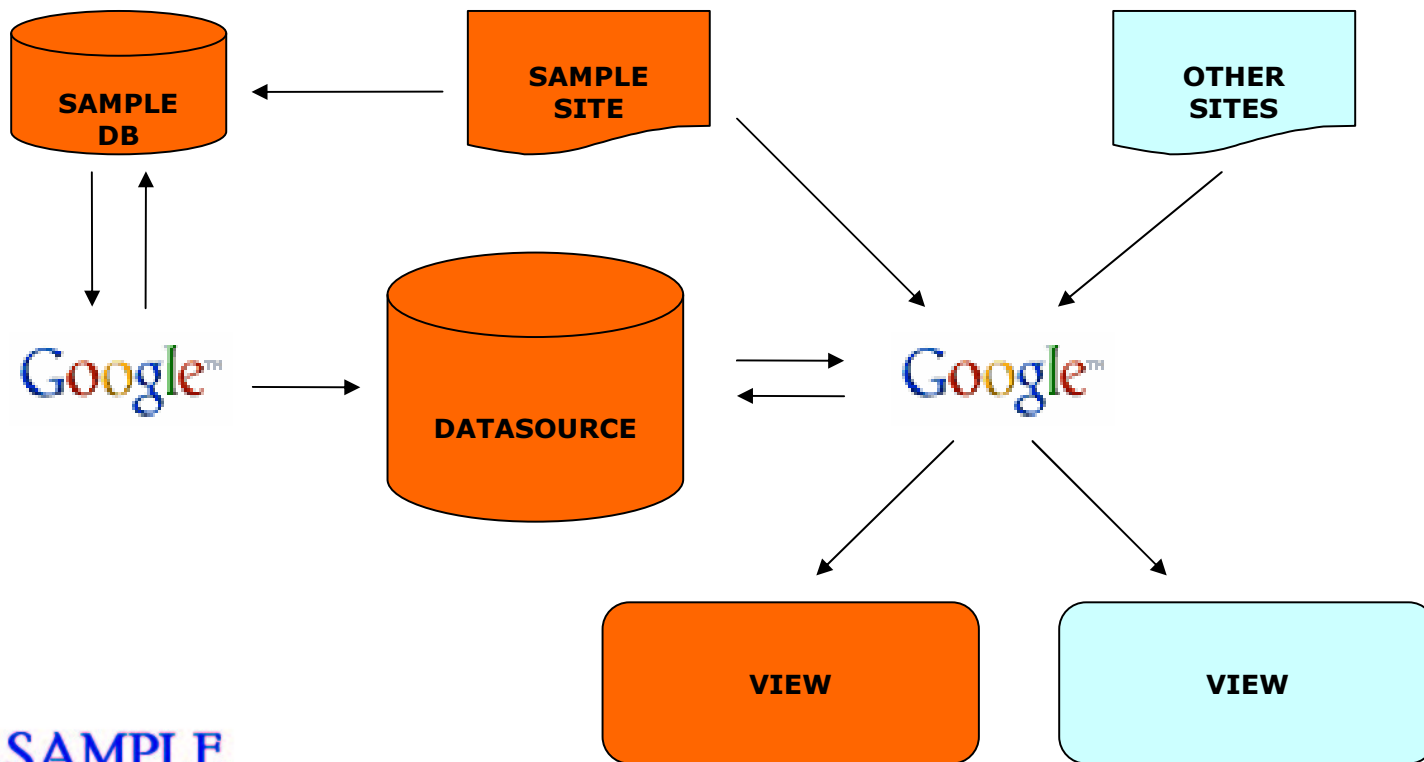
Creating a public data source

- The portal implements a data source following google's Wire Protocol standards
- The recordset served by this data source is extracted at runtime from Sample Application's database



Data Management and Reporting

Communicating with Google APIs





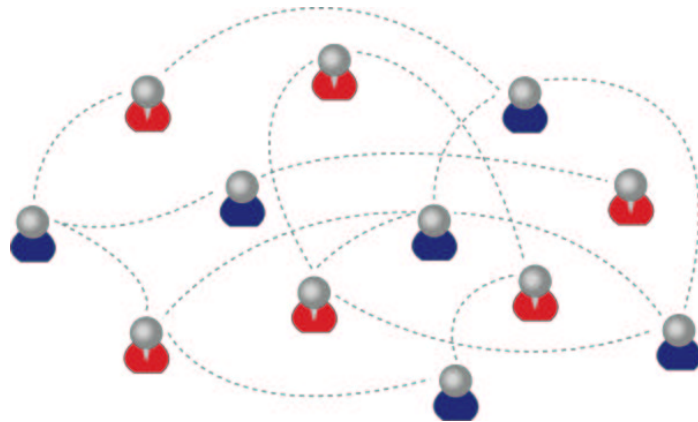
Data Management and Reporting

Using Sample data source

- Google Visualization APIs allow embedding interactive charts, graphs, or other graphics on any web page
- Any website/application can send a request to our portal, feeding data for its own visualization or mashup
- Data sourced by can be manipulated in creative ways by worldwide users



Social Networking Tools



- The application is built as a social network
- People will participate in building the portal and creating information themselves



Social Networking Tools



We choose Elgg (www.elgg.org) as the application framework



Social Networking Tools

Inside the application people can:

- create their own interest groups and blogs
- communicate with microblogging tools (like Twitter)
- share documentation with groupmates
- upload publicly available documentation
- discuss and comment (almost) every piece of content (news, topics, graphics and so on..)



News and Documentation

Freely available resources

- Statistics and indicators
- Official programming acts and regulations
- Useful links and resources
- Registered users “open” discussions



Branding the application



Logo and name
contest



Application Preview



