

Natural Resources Wales

Flood Forecast Web Service







Challenges

- Highly critical system, requiring constant availability
- Large volumes of data requiring immediate processing
- Requirement to present

 a wide range of data
 using the most accessible
 methods available

Solution

- Powered by the world's first cloud-hosted Deltares
 Delft-FEWS platform, trusted by leading
 agencies worldwide
- Hosted within a resilient cloud-based, Microsoft Azure environment
- Fully integrated with the ArcGIS mapping platform
- Combining server-side processing and complex modular Javascript

About the Customer

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) asked Method4 to develop a bespoke replacement to a static and aging online weather forecast service, which is used round the clock by NRW's duty officers.

We employed .NET technology to create a system that receives and collates large amounts of raw data from over 200 locations in Wales. This is collected, checked for accuracy and analysed through the world's first cloud-hosted Deltares Delft-FEWS platform. It is then imported into the Forecast Web Service, giving duty officers a complete overview of the forecast, highlighting potential weather issues, and helping them to focus on any necessary decisions. Combined with a regular import of documents from third party agencies including the Met Office, the system is able to provide a complete picture of the flood risk across Wales through a single interface.

This project was a finalist in the Wales Technology Awards 2017 in the Best Tech Adopter category.

THE SERVICES WE PROVIDED

- Application Development
- Digital Transformation
- Digital Strategy

OUTCOMES AND BENEFITS

- Flexible layout engine, accommodating a vast array of data types
- 2. Rolling archive of each and every forecast, allowing search and analysis of historical data patterns



Technology Snapshot



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