

# TRANSFORMATION OF TOPOGRAPHIC DATA VISUALIZATION FROM FREEHAND DRAWING TO CARTOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION

(*Transformasi Visualisasi Data Topografi dari Penggambaran "Freehand" ke Tampilan Kartografi*)

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## ABSTRACT

*Topographic data visualization has been changed into geodatabase cartography. So far, freehand drawing has been used to visualize topographic data. Unfortunately, freehand drawing does not connect its graphical features with its database, meaning that the attributes data not exist in the freehand drawing. Meanwhile, the existing cartographic rules for map representations still based on the freehand drawing and this is become a great challenge to transform these rules into geodatabase cartographic data visualization. The geodatabase cartography and its representation should be defined first in order to follow the existing rules and analyze it. On the other hand, there is another challenge related to human resource capability to understand the transformation process from drawing method into geodatabase cartography. This paper explores the transformation of topographic map visualization and its geodatabase design.*

**Keywords:** cartography, topographic map, geodatabase, cartographic representation

## ABSTRAK

Visualisasi data topografi dalam hal ini Peta Rupabumi mulai berubah dengan menggunakan *geodatabase* kartografi. Sejauh ini, penggambaran peta dengan *freehand* telah digunakan untuk mendesain tampilan peta topografi. Namun demikian, *freehand* tidak mempunyai kemampuan untuk menggabungkan data grafik dengan basis datanya, yang berakibat pada hilangnya atribut data. Sementara itu, aturan tampilan kartografi yang ada masih dibuat berdasarkan *software freehand*, dan hal ini menjadi tantangan besar untuk mentransformasikan ke dalam tampilan kartografi berdasarkan basis data geospasial (*geodatabase*). Untuk memenuhi aturan yang sudah ada, *geodatabase* kartografi dan tampilannya harus didefinisikan terlebih dahulu dan kemudian dianalisis. Di lain pihak, terdapat tantangan lain terkait dengan kemampuan sumberdaya manusia untuk memahami proses transformasi dari metode menggambar ke *geodatabase* kartografi. Makalah ini mengkaji proses transformasi dari visualisasi peta topografi dan desain *geodatabasenya*.

**Kata Kunci:** kartografi, peta rupabumi, *geodatabase*, tampilan kartografi

## INTRODUCTION

Indonesian topographic map or known as *Peta Rupabumi Indonesia (RBI)* cartographically visualized using Freehand Drawing. Started this year (2013), topographic data visualization has been change into geodatabase cartography to reduce the steps of creating cartography visualization in topographic mapping activity (PPRT-BIG 2013a, 2013b). Visualization of topographic data usually utilized freehand drawing that is not connected to database. In the process, there are too many data format and data conversion should be done also there is scaling arrangement in freehand drawing to depict topographic data in proper map scale.

Printed topographic map is one of the famous products from BAKOSURTANAL or now BADAN INFORMASI GEOSPASIAL (BIG) as Indonesian Geospatial Information Agency and this is the reason freehand drawing is one of the best drawing

applications. Because with freehand drawing topographic data can be scaled, visualized and printed at any resolution, without losing detail or clarity. Freehand drawing is a vector-based drawing application. Input data to be drawn in freehand is AutoCAD DXF (\*.dxf) while AutoCAD is one of the application used in topographic mapping activities beside GIS Application which produce Shapefile format (\*.shp) or recently Geodatabase format (\*.gdb/\*.mdb) (PPRT-BIG 2013a, 2013b).

The existing cartographic rules representations still based on freehand drawing and this is become a great challenge for us to transform these rules into geodatabase cartographic data visualization. The current standard of technical specification on visualization of topographic map developed based on cartographic rules representation of freehand drawing. This specification kept in style to depict point, line, polygon/area, and text from color in CMYK (cyan, magenta, yellow, and black), size defined in millimeters; but the naming of layers

drawn in freehand from one person to other person is different. Sometimes if there is some information should be change or fix, the process was done in freehand but not repairs the data source of database. It causes problem the differences between printed out topographic maps with topographic map database.

The development of GIS (Geographic Information System) software for geodatabase which include cartographic representation in the database to visualize features will reduce several steps such as scaling arrangement, data conversion, the differences between input and output due to data editing, and any problems cause by unconnected visualization and database. The use of geodatabase cartographic data visualization is not as simple as changing the color of feature. It needs the study on how the existing rules or style on freehand drawing can be drawn in cartographic representation, creating map templates to be used, and also capacity building for human resources of cartography. In this paper described the transformation of topographic map visualization and its geodatabase design.

## METHODS

Materials in this research consist of existing standard of technical specification on visualization of topographic map as known *SNVI* (Indonesian National Standard) on topographic map visualization 1:250.000, 1:50.000, 1:25.000 scale and *RSNVI* topographic map visualization 1:10.000 scale (BSN, 2000a; 2000b; 2000c; 2000d), Existing Map and Template of Cartographic Freehand Drawing of Topographic Map, Topographic Dataset, Technical Specification of Cartography Indonesian Topographic Map.

Methods used by analyzing the documents and map templates of freehand drawing to describes each feature visualization in cartographic representation and creates map templates. There are three main activities: creating cartographic representative style, designing map templates includes grid and graticule layer, and designing geodatabase cartography to save representative symbology. The process of methods and its implementation of transformation from freehand drawing into cartographic geodatabase can be seen in **Figure 1**.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Transformation from freehand drawing to cartographic geodatabase need an effort on drawing the symbol for each feature code to meet the specification as mentioned in the document standard and also freehand style. Those specifications are the existing rules that represent feature drawing on the topographic map.

The geodatabase cartography and its representation should be defined first in order to follow the existing rules and analyze it. In other hand, there is a new challenge related human resource capability to understand the transformation process from drawing method into geodatabase cartography. There are three main discussion related this transforming from freehand drawing to geodatabase cartography: requirements assessment, cartographic template design and testing, and implementation.

### Requirements Assessment

To meet the requirements on the use of geodatabase cartography should be discussed data and its structure. Currently, AutoCAD and Shapefiles are two kind of data format produced by topographic mapping activities. Geodatabase only produced on seamless database activity. This condition should be considered in the future activity of topographic mapping as one production mapping activity with single data format.

Hardware, software and brainware (human resources) are three important things to meet the implementation of this transformation. Computer with specification meet the minimum requirement of GIS software is needed. In this case, ArcGIS 10.x as one of the products from ESRI has the ability in geodatabase cartography and more enhanced with Production Mapping extension. Familiarity in using GIS software such as ArcGIS need to improve cartography technician previously using freehand drawing in develop cartography design for topographic map.

Training, training and training should be done to introduce and enhance the capacity and increase data quality. The existence of geodatabase cartography will help the process of visualization but still operator or technician needs knowledge about cartography as science, technology and art in map production.

### Cartographic Template Design

Creating cartography template design involves discussion with cartography technician/expert for topographic map. Even though, the documents or standard of specification topographic data visualization has been developed. At the first time, there was a discussion related CMYK color on freehand and ArcGIS due to the differences in screen color to display such as 100% cyan in GIS more bright than 100% cyan in freehand as can be seen in **Figure 2**.

Besides color of feature, the size of each design symbol also discussed to meet the requirements of topographic map specification. **Figure 3** displays design template for topographic map 1:10.000 scale with layer structure in table of contents.

Topographic data using feature code of current topographic dataset and stored in geodatabase cartography with representative symbology. Representative rules in **Figure 4**, stored in style as can be seen in and load into style manager of ArcGIS and this style can be used as standard style for cartographic representative in visualized topographic data.

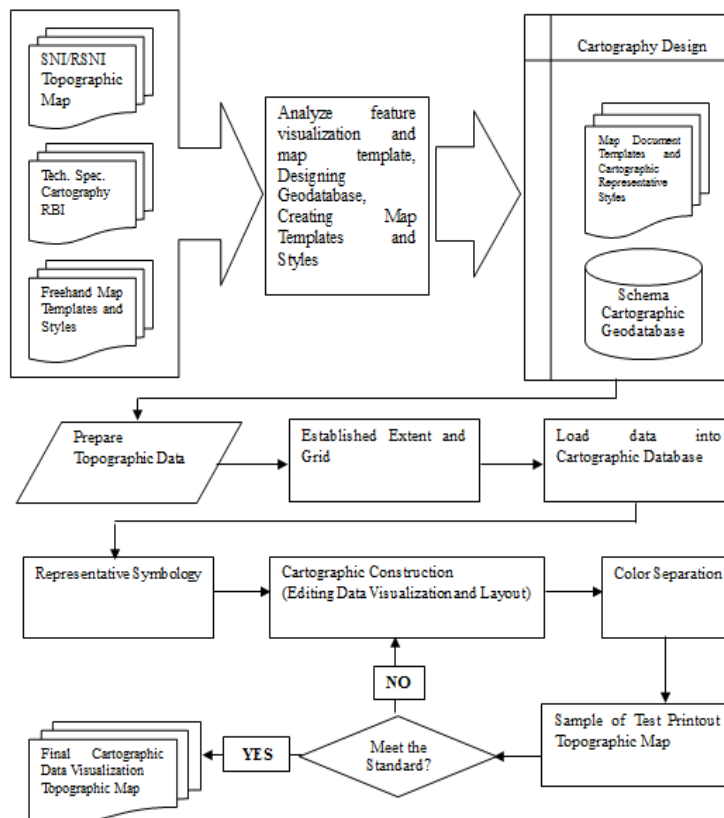
**Implementation**

In this year, cartography of topographic map 1:50.000 scale and topographic map 1:10.000 scale using cartographic representation to depict feature symbol. This activity conducted by third party on supervision and quality control by cartography technician/expert from Center for Topographic Map and Toponym-*Badan Informasi Geospasial*.

There are 4 packages activities of cartography, 1 package topographic map 1:50.000 scale with 50

sheets Papua region and 3 packages topographic map 1:10.000 each 50 sheets Sumatera region. Human resources in each contractor play important roles in the development of creating cartography map production because they should understand geodatabase, topology rules, cartography representation, color separation, etc. Supervisor should have an extra attention because based on first step in creating grid and graticule and calculating declination have taken time. Cartography editing step need the understanding on how each feature visualize and how is the synchronization with other features.

In the future, if this cartography process will be direct part of topographic mapping activities as one line production there is a huge need to refine production workflow and enhance human resource of cartography.



**Figure 1.** Methods and implementation of transformation of topographic data visualization.



**Figure 2.** 100% Cyan in freehand and ArcGIS.

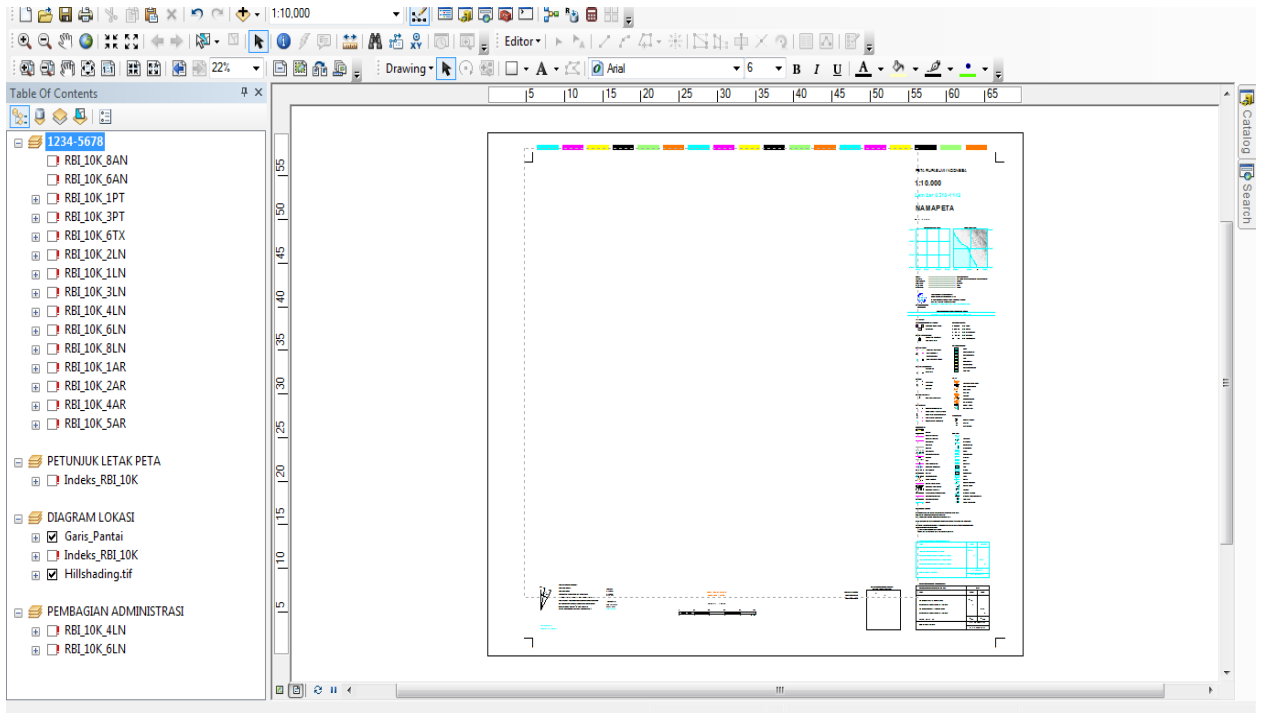


Figure 3. Cartographic map template.

SHAPE	RepresentationRule					
10220, Kantor Gubernur	11932, Stasiun Kereta Api	30014, Timbunan	50306, Sawah			
10222, Kantor Walikota	11946, Pelabuhan Samudra	40002, Batas Negara	50308, Sawah Tadah Hujan			
10224, Kantor Bupati	11948, Pelabuhan Antar Pulau	40102, Batas Negara 2	50310, Tegalan / Ladang			
10226, Kantor Camat	11950, Pelabuhan Nelayan	40102, Batas Provinsi	50402, Air Laut			
10228, Kantor Desa	11966, Stasiun Pasang Surut	40102, Batas Provinsi 2	50404, Air Danau			
10230, Kantor Lurah	11968, Menara Suar	40202, Batas Kabupaten/Kota	50406, Air Waduk / Bendungan			
10404, Kantor Polisi	12002, Penahan Ombak	40202, Batas Kabupaten/Kota 2	50408, Air Tawar Sungai			
10502, Masjid	12006, Bendungan	40302, Batas Kecamatan	50412, Air Rawa			
10506, Gereja	12008, Tanggul	40302, Batas Kecamatan 2	50418, Air Penggaraman			
10510, Vihara	30104, Spot Height	40402, Batas Desa/Kelurahan	50420, Air Empang			
10514, Pura	30302, Titik GPS	40402, Batas Desa/Kelurahan 2	51102, TPU/Pemakaman Umum			
10600, Pendidikan/Penelitian	30304, TTG	60000, Garis Tepi Perairan	51104, Pemakaman Islam			
10700, Tempat Menarik	30306, Titik Gaya Berat	60102, Garis Tepi Pantai/Pulau	51106, Pemakaman Kristen			
10708, Tempat Bersejarah	10000, Garis Tepi Bangunan	60104, Garis Tepi danau/Situ	51108, Pemakaman Budha			
10718, Taman Sumber Air Panas	10908, Pipa saluran Air	60108, Sungai Dua Garis	51110, Pemakaman Hindu			
10752, Menara	11026, Transmisi Listrik	60110, Sungai Satu Garis	51112, Pemakaman Pahlawan			
10800, Rumah Sakit Lainnya	11110, Pipa Bahan Bakar Minyak	60112, Sungai Musiman				
10816, Puskesmas	11122, Pipa Bahan Bakar Gas	80130, Karang				
10902, Sumber Air Minum	11908, Jembatan Jalan Arteri dll	60206, Saluran Irigasi/Drainase				
10904, Bak/Tangki Penyimpan Air	20102, Jalan Tol	60212, Garis Tepi Air Empang				
11004, PLTA	20110, Jalan Arteri Dua Jalur	80202, Gratikul				
11006, PLTU	20112, Jalan Kolektor	80204, Grid				
11008, PLTD	20114, Jalan Lokal	80206, Tick Grid				
11010, PLTN	20116, Jalan Lain	10002, Bangunan/Gedung				
11106, Sumur Bahan Bakar Minyak	20120, Jalan Setapak	10100, Hunian Lainnya				
11112, Tangki Bahan Bakar Minyak	20204, Jalur Kereta Api Tunggal	50102, Permukiman				
11114, Sumber Gas Alam	20212, jalan Lori	50104, Tanah Kosong / Gundul				
11200, Pertambangan Lainnya	20302, Landas Pacu Int/Domestik	50106, Pasir Darat				
11504, Pasar	20306, Landas Pacu Perintis	50108, Pasir / Bukit Pasir Laut				
11702, Kantor Telepon	30002, Garis Kontur Index	50202, Hutan Rimba				
11800, Kantor Pos/Paket Linnya	30004, Garis Kontur	50204, Padang Rumput				
11908, Jembatan Jalan Arteri	30006, Kontur Bantu	50206, Semak Belukar				
11918, Tiltan	30014, Galian	50210, Hutan Rawa				
11928, Tonggak/Pal Kilometer		50304, Perkebunan / Kebun				
11930, Terminal Bis						

Figure 4. Cartographic representative rules.

## CONCLUSION

Based on the current progress of work on cartography representation, it can be seen transformation from using vector-drawing software into GIS software with cartography capability can maintain database structure and reduce data translation/conversion. Training, training, and training need to be done to increase the numbers of human resources with cartography expertise.

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