

**Spatial Metadata and Clearinghouse Training**  
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**Agenda**

**Sunday, 19 October**

09:00 Welcome (introduction, logistics)  
09:15 Metadata (what, why, standards)  
10:00 Metadata Clearinghouses (data discovery)  
10:30 Break  
10:45 National and Global Data Infrastructures  
11:15 CSDGM Metadata Content (fields and values)  
12:00 Lunch  
13:15 Tools for Creating Metadata Records  
14:00 Metadata Record creation (exercise)  
14:30 Review Metadata Record  
15:00 Break  
15:15 Metadata Record creation (exercise)  
15:45 Review Metadata Record  
16:15 Review; Questions/Answers

**Monday, 20 October**

09:00 Clearinghouse Gateways and Standards  
10:00 Clearinghouse Software Installation (demonstration)  
10:30 Break  
10:45 Metadata Preparation (exercise)  
11:15 Loading Metadata  
11:45 Indexing and Registration of Clearinghouse Nodes  
12:15 Lunch  
13:30 Clearinghouses and the Z39.50 Standard  
14:30 ISO and other Metadata Standards  
15:00 Break  
15:15 Metadata use in GIS  
15:45 Open GIS Consortium (OGC) Standards and Web Mapping  
16:15 Metadata Management  
16:30 Review; Questions/Answers