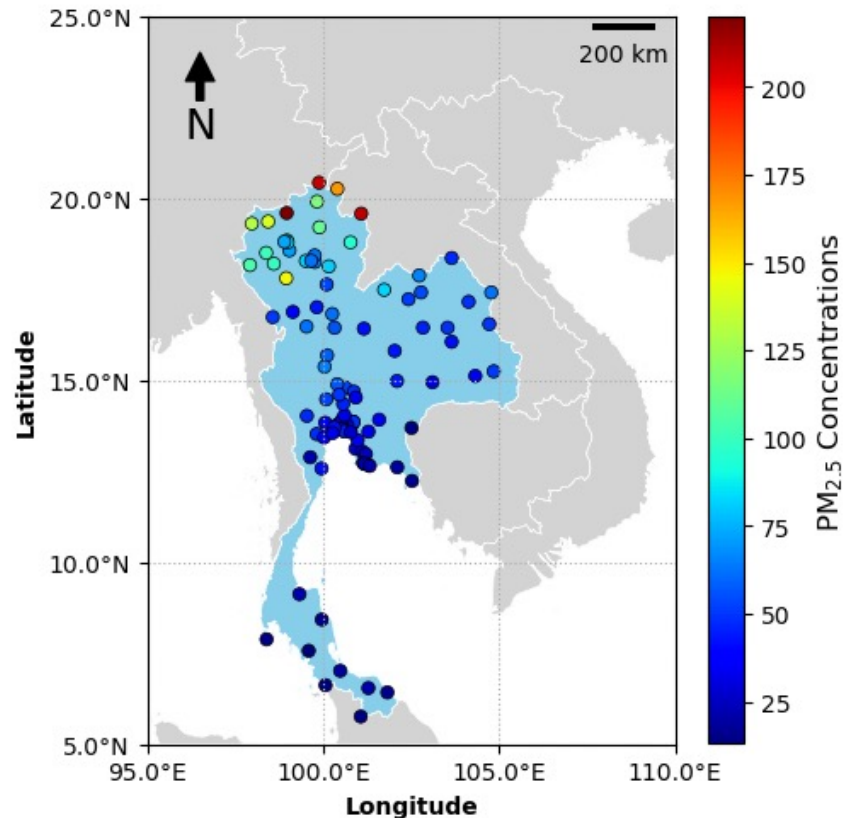


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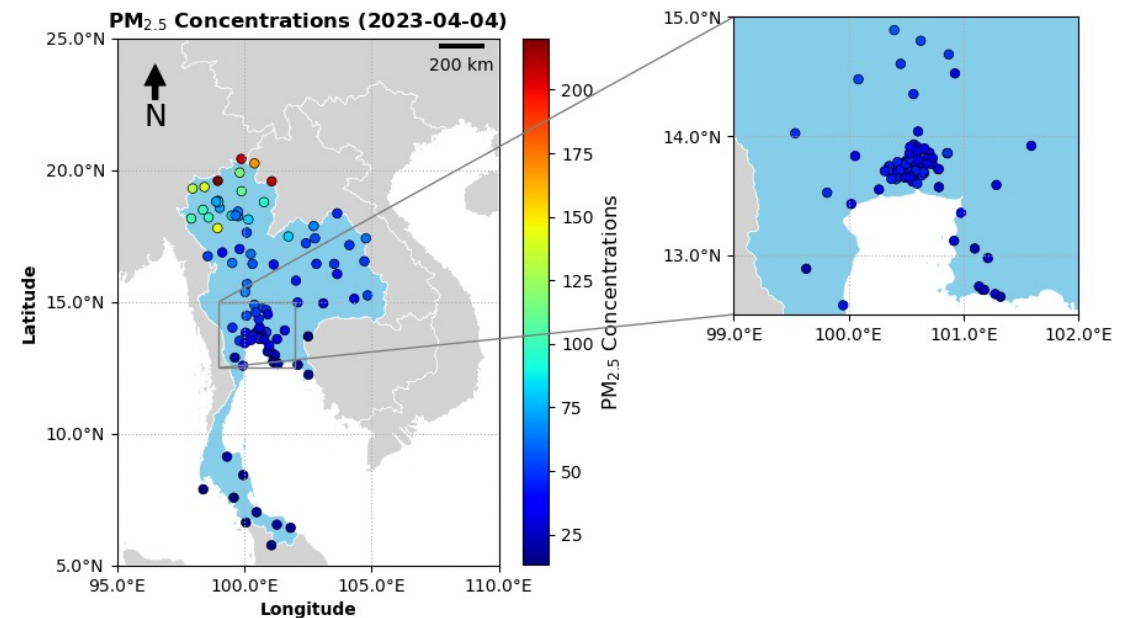
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# Geospatial Basics

(พื้นฐาน Geospatial data เบื้องต้นที่ควรรู้)

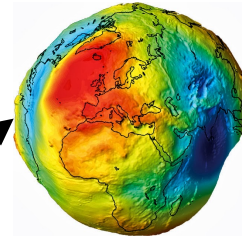


# The Shape of the Earth

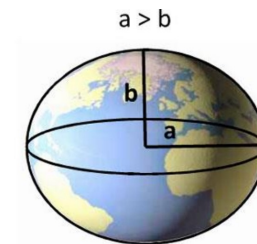


## The Earth

- ✓ Not a perfect sphere
- ✓ Lumpy surface

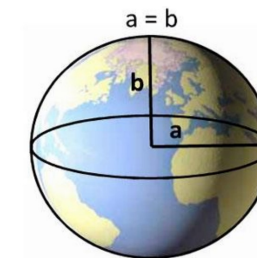


### 1. Geoid



### 2. Ellipsoid/Spheroid

$$\frac{a-b}{a} = \text{flattening}$$



### 3. Perfect sphere

a = Semi major axis  
b = Semi minor axis

# Coordinate reference systems

**Coordinate reference system (CRS):** a reference system used to define the location of geographic elements on the Earth surface

1. **Spherical/Geographical coordinate system (GCS):** it represents locations using a 3D framework based on angles (common unit: degree)
2. **Projected coordinate system (PCS):** it contains a GCS, but converts the GCS into a 2D flat surface using mathematical transformation, also known as map projection (common unit: meter)

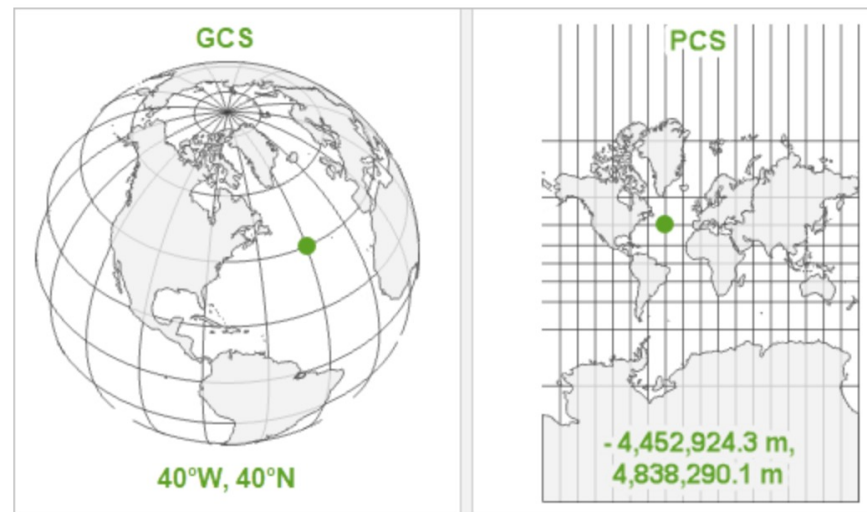
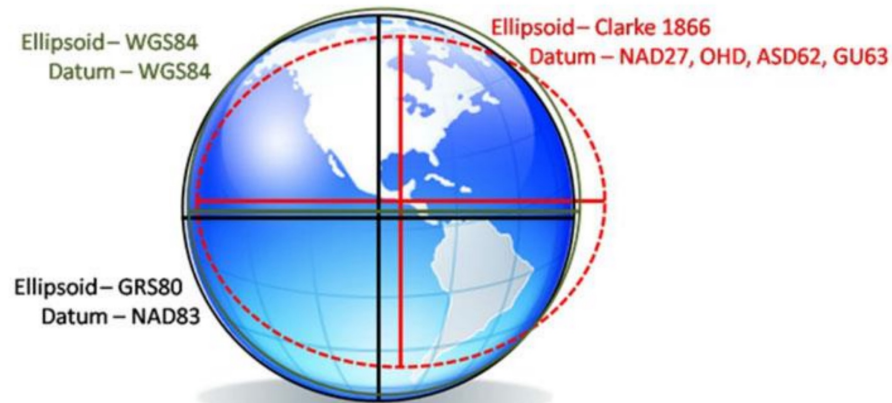


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# GCS's parameters

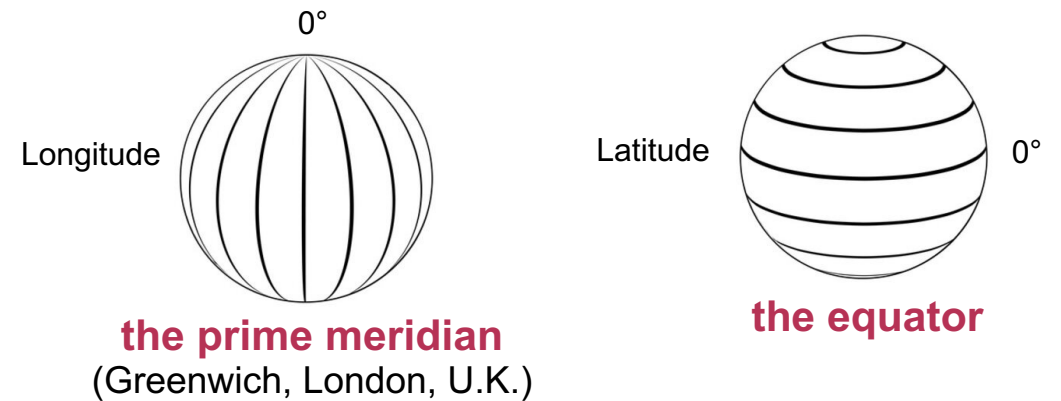
## 1. Datum

A set of information contains reference points when we create maps



Common datum: NAD27, NAD83, WGS84

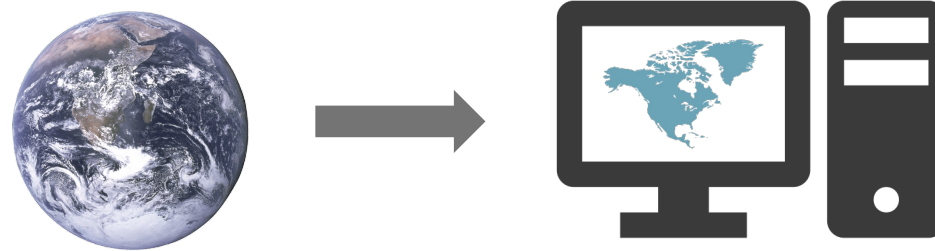
## 2. Prime meridian



## 3. Angular unit of measure

degree, °

# PCS (Map projections)



**Projection:** a mathematical transformation of 3D spherical coordinates to a 2D planar coordinates

- All projections are not perfect, they introduce some kind of distortion into the data.
- It is our choice to choose the one that match our purpose

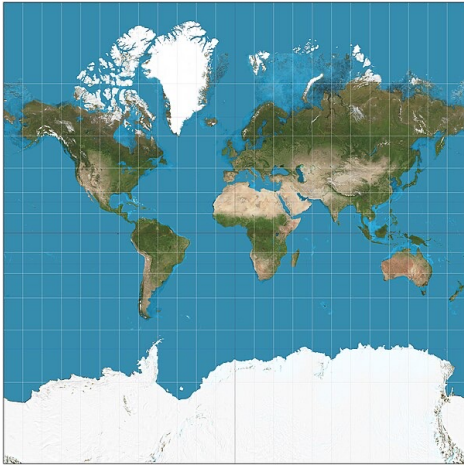
## **Projection classification**

- Classification by Information Preservation
- Classification by Developable Surface

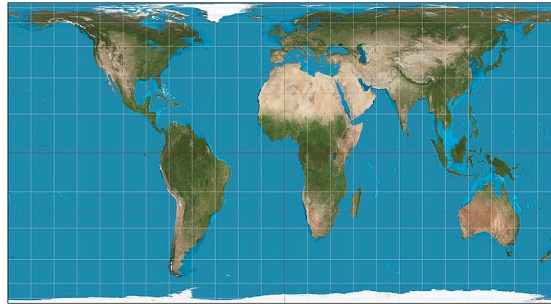


# PCS (Map projections)

## Classification by Information Preservation



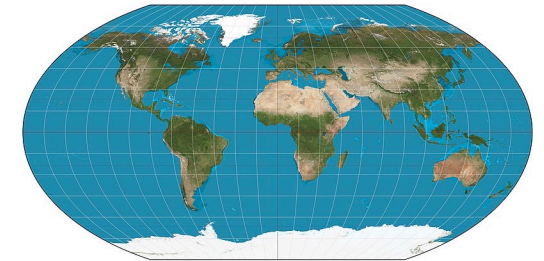
**Conformal projection**  
(preserve shape/angle)



**Equal-area projection**  
(preserve area)



**Azimuthal projection**  
(preserve direction)  
**Equidistant projection**  
(preserve distance)



**Compromise projection**  
(preserve nothing)



# PCS (Map projections)

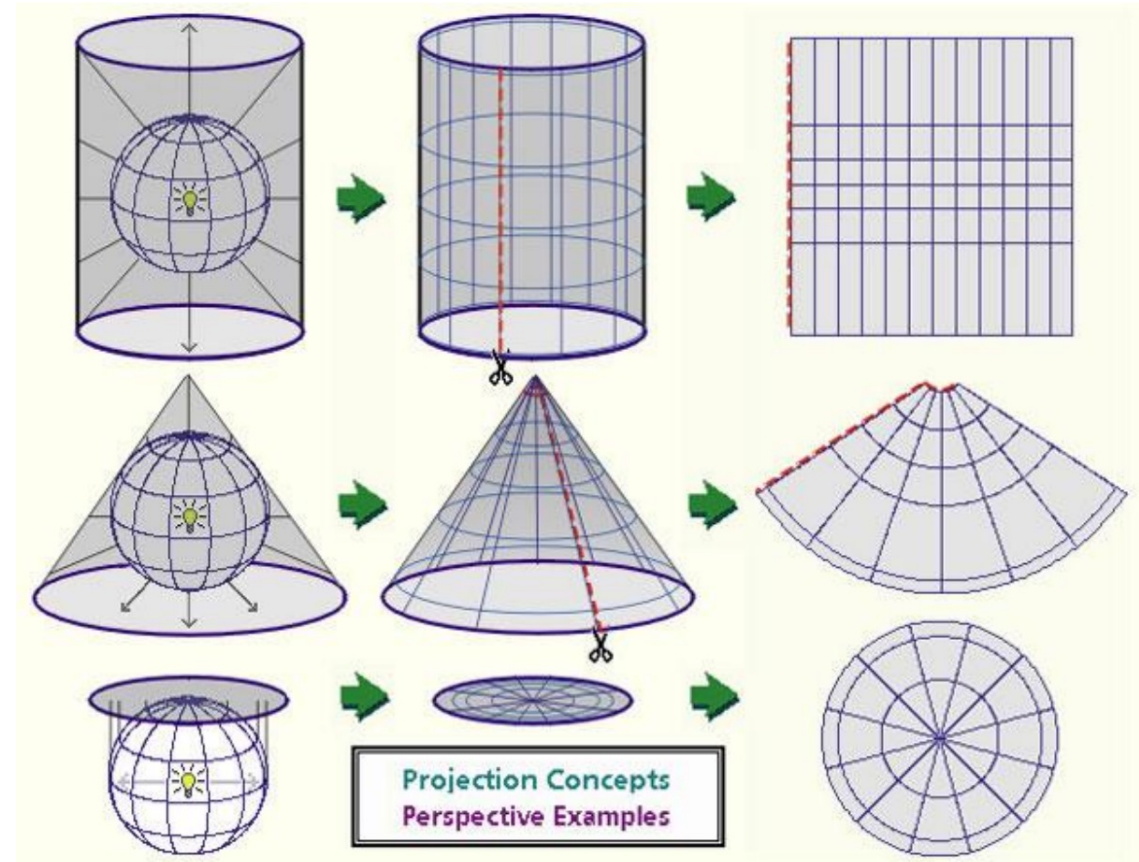
## Classification by Developable Surface

### Developable Surface:

A geometric figure that can be flattened into a plane without distortion

### Generating globe:

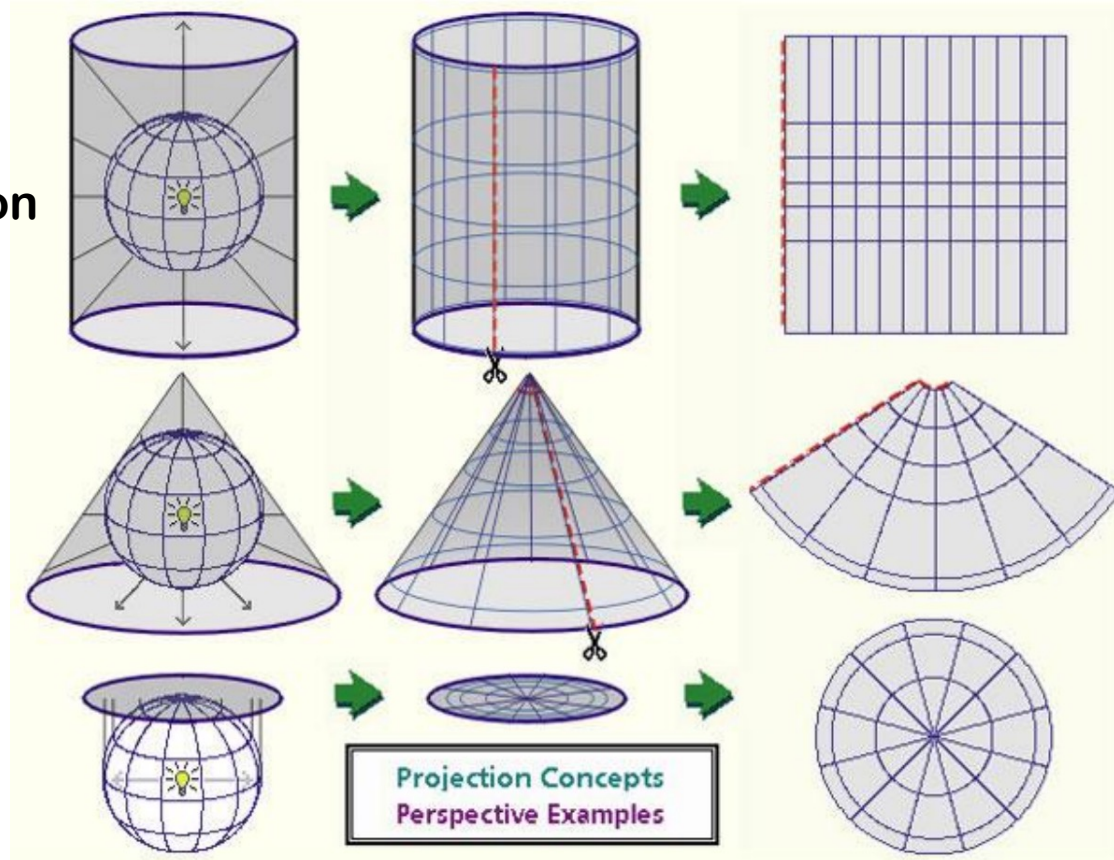
An ellipsoid or a sphere model reduced to the scale of the desired flat map



# PCS (Map projections)

## Classification by Developable Surface

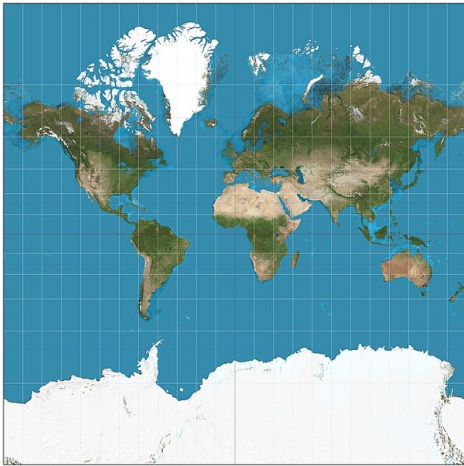
### 1. Cylindrical projection



# PCS (Map projections)

## **Mercator projection**

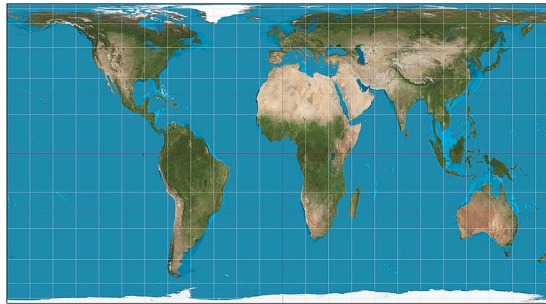
(Type: conformal cylindrical)



Developed by Gerardus  
Mercator in 1569

## **Gall-Peters projection**

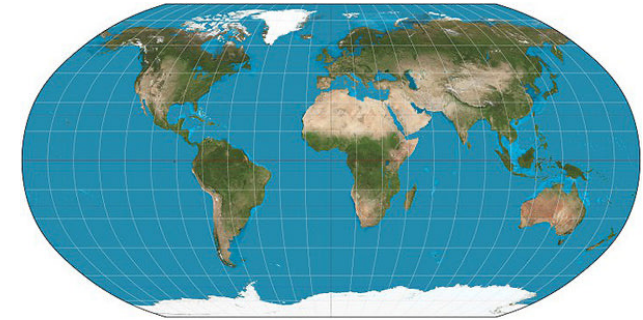
(Type: equal-area, cylindrical)



Developed by James Gall  
in 1855

## **Robinson projection**

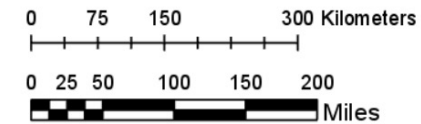
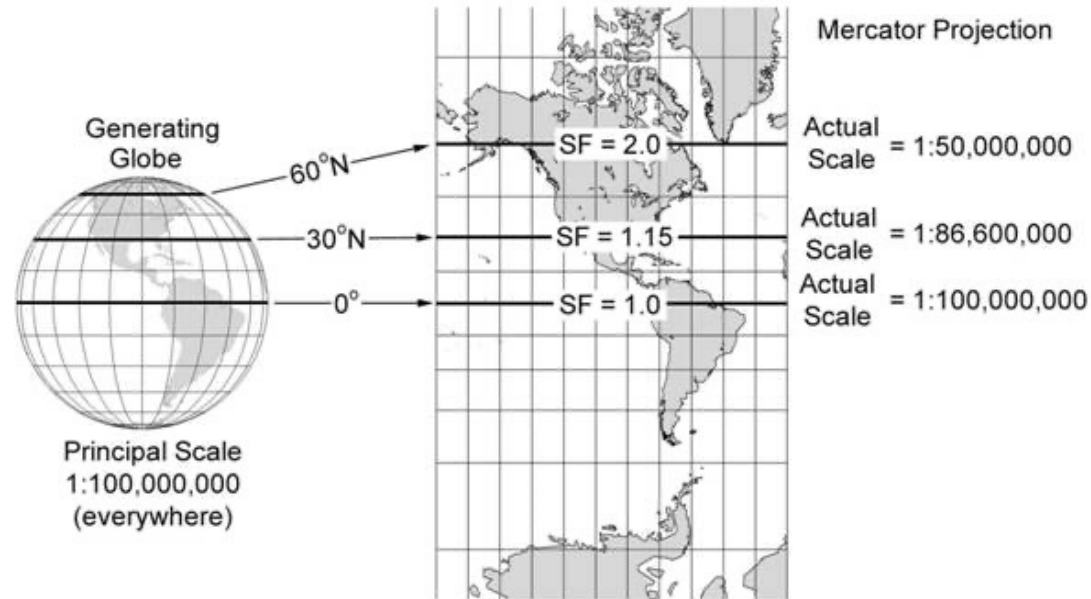
(Type: compromise, pseudo-cylindrical)



Developed by Arthur  
Robinson in 1963

# PCS (Map projections)

**Line of tangency:** the line at which the generating globe and the developable surface touch (Some projection have a point of tangency)



**Map scale**

**Principal scale:** The scale of the generating globe used to make a map projection

**Actual scale:** The local measurement of scale at any point on a map (can vary from one location on a map to another)

**Scale factor (SF):** the ratio of the principal scale to the actual scale for a particular location (SF = 1 -> **True scale**)



# PCS's parameters

## 1. GCS parameters

**2. Projection type:** The method used to project the 3D Earth onto a 2D plane

**3. Central meridian/Longitude of origin:** The line of longitude at the center of the projection (defines the origin of x coordinates)

**4. Central parallel/Latitude of origin:** It defines the origin of y coordinates. It may or may not be the middle latitude of the projection

**5. Standard parallel:** A line of latitude that has true scale (not all projections have standard parallels and conic projections often have two)

**6. Linear unit of measure:** Usually meter

**7. False easting and false northing:** Offsets added to the x and y coordinates to avoid negative values

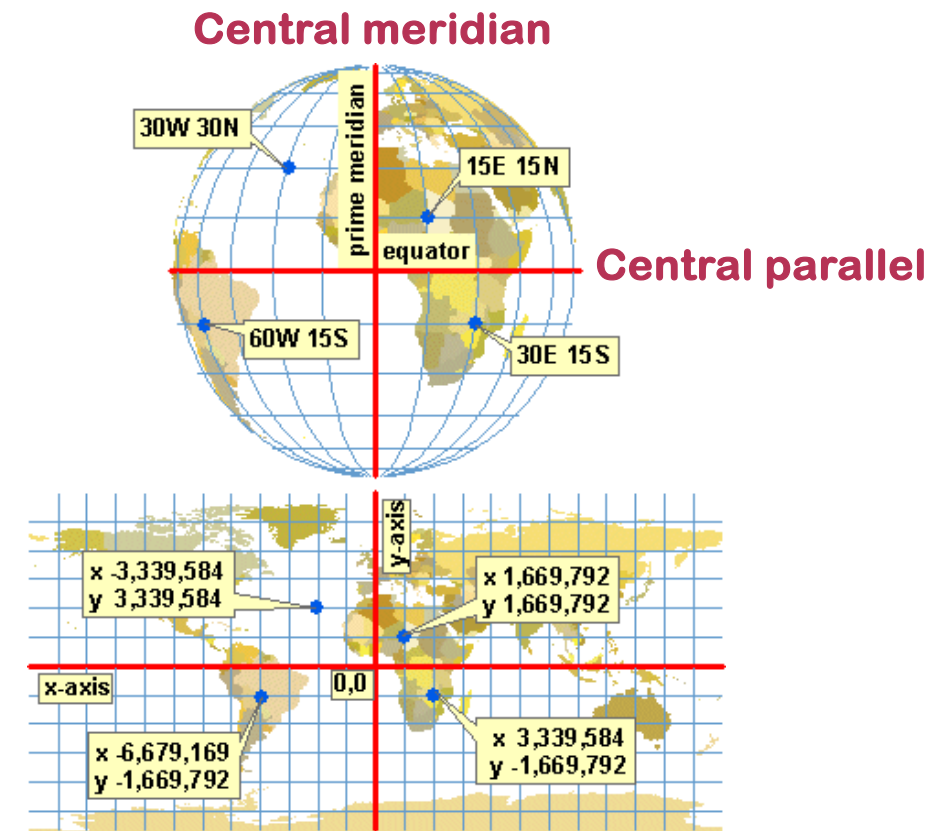


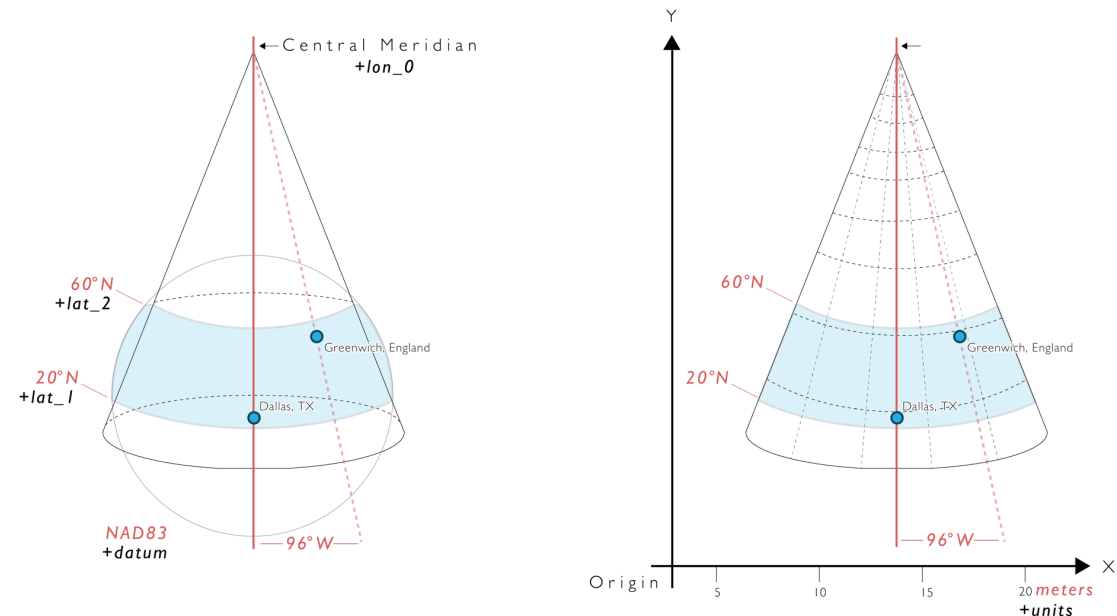
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# PROJ.4 string

**PROJ.4 string:** A string holds the parameters of a certain CRS

Parameter	Description
+proj	Projection name
+datum	Datum name
+lat_0	Central parallel
+lat_1 or 2	Standard parallel
+lon_0	Central meridian
+units	meters, feet, etc.
+x_0	False easting
+y_0	False northing

crs="+proj=lcc +lat\_1=20 +lat\_2=60 lon\_0=-96 +datum=NAD83 +units=m"



LAMBERT CONFORMAL CONIC PROJECTION (lcc)

Image credit: pygis.io

# EPSG Codes

**EPSG Codes:** A unique numerical identifier used to represent CRS (<https://epsg.io/>)

- More convenient than PROJ.4 String
- Not all CRSs have EPSG code

## Example of EPSG Codes

### EPSG:4326

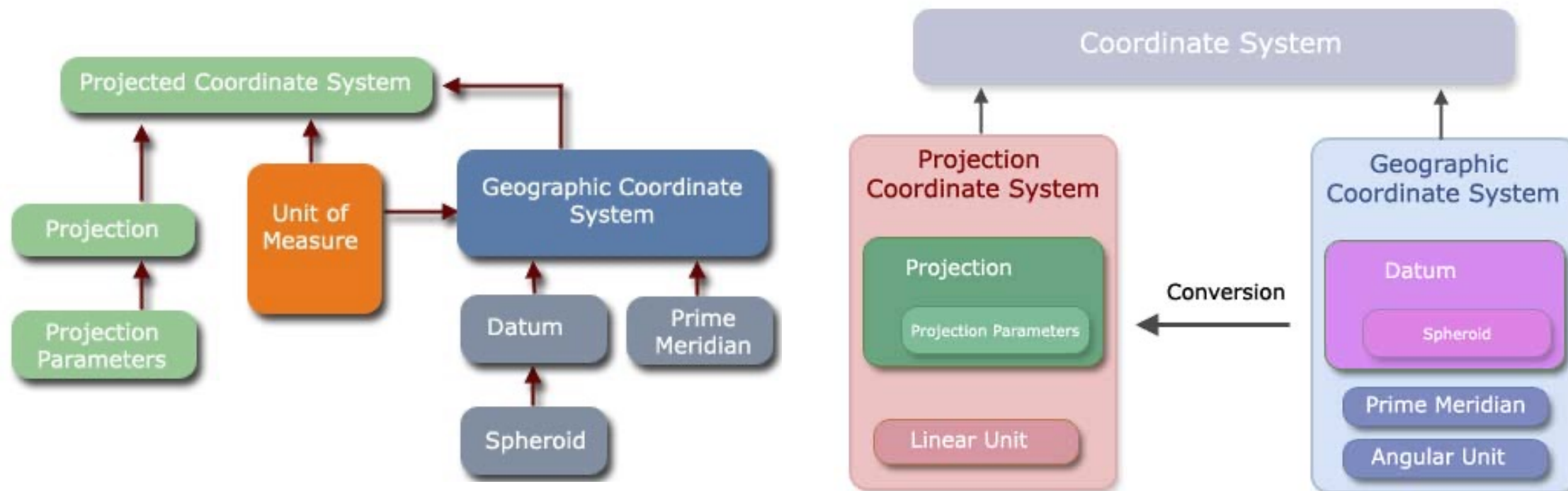
+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84 +no\_defs

### EPSG:3875

+proj=tmerc +lat\_0=0 +lon\_0=21 +k=1 +x\_0=21500000 +y\_0=0 +ellps=GRS80 +towgs84=0,0,0,0,0,0,0  
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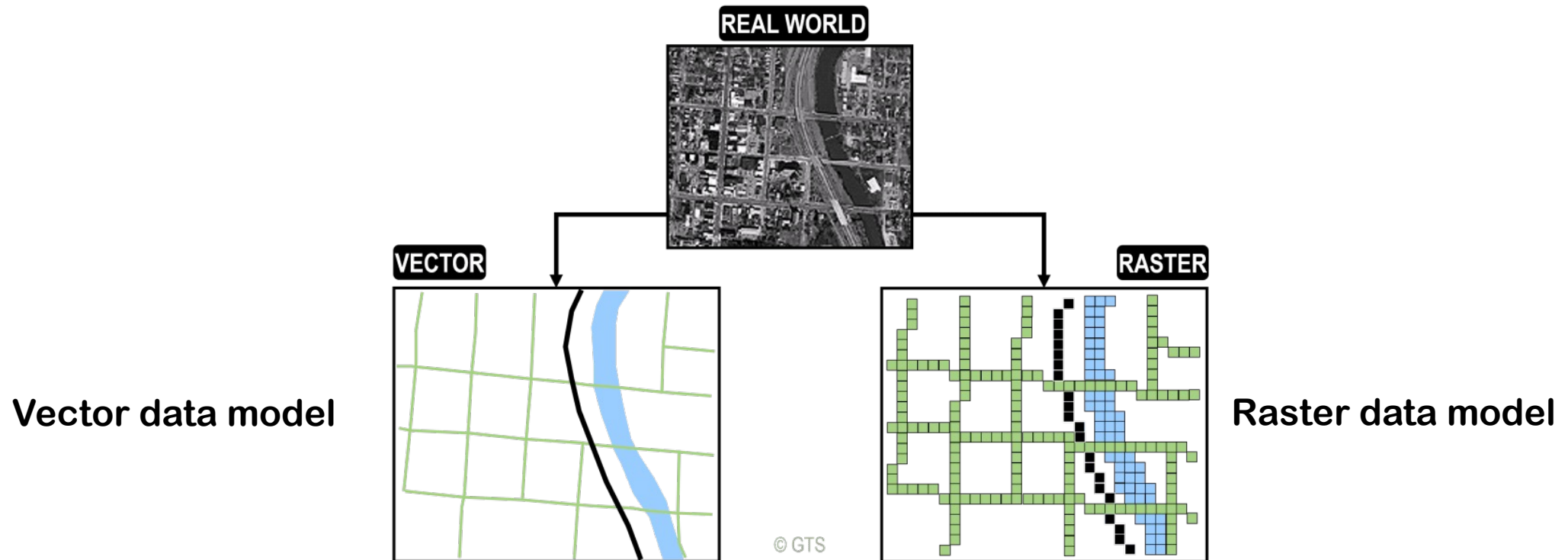


# CRS



# Data models

**Data models:** A mathematical and digital structure for representing real world geographical elements as data in a computer

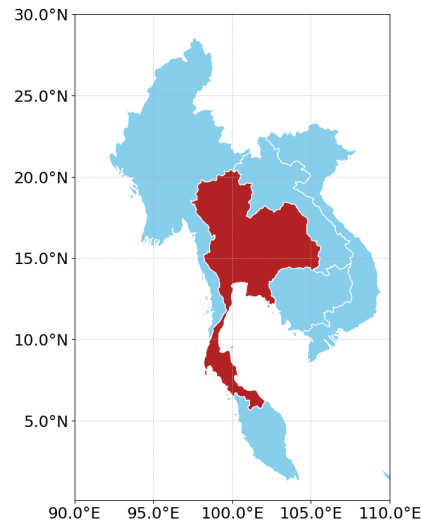


# Vector data model

## Vector data components

1. **Geometry:** points, lines, polygons (a closed figure made up of line segments)
2. **Attribute table:** it stores the information linked to each geometric shape
3. **A link** between 1. and 2.

For example, a polygon representing countries might have attributes such as country name, and region name



Administrative Boundaries Data

	name		region	geometry
163	Vietnam	South-Eastern Asia	MULTIPOLYGON (((104.08288 10.36486, 104.08663 ...	
170	Thailand	South-Eastern Asia	MULTIPOLYGON (((99.66804 6.49639, 99.65263 6.4...	
193	Cambodia	South-Eastern Asia	POLYGON ((104.44533 10.42274, 104.34608 10.492...	
212	Malaysia	South-Eastern Asia	MULTIPOLYGON (((111.41152 2.37639, 111.36804 2...	
227	Myanmar	South-Eastern Asia	MULTIPOLYGON (((98.15582 9.87666, 98.13602 9.8...	
235	Lao People's Democratic Republic	South-Eastern Asia	POLYGON ((102.14074 22.39629, 102.15373 22.384...	

# Vector data format

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**Shapefile:** It is a common vector data storage format and not a single file. It made up of multiple component files

## Component files

1. .shp = stores geometry information
2. .dbf = stores attribute information
3. .shx = index/link between .shp and .dbf
4. .prj = stores coordinate system information
5. .shp.xml = stores the metadata in an XML document

All component files have the same name but different extensions

# Raster data model

**Raster data model:** it represents real world geographical elements as a surface divided into an array of equally sized cells. Every cell can contain only one value.

0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	0
0	0	1	1	1

## Binary raster data

1 = water

0 = no water

# Raster data format

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1. TIFF (Tagged Image File Format) / GeoTIFF
2. ESRI Grid
3. PNG
4. JPEG
3. NetCDF (Network Common Data Form)

<https://www.igismap.com/raster-data-file-format/>