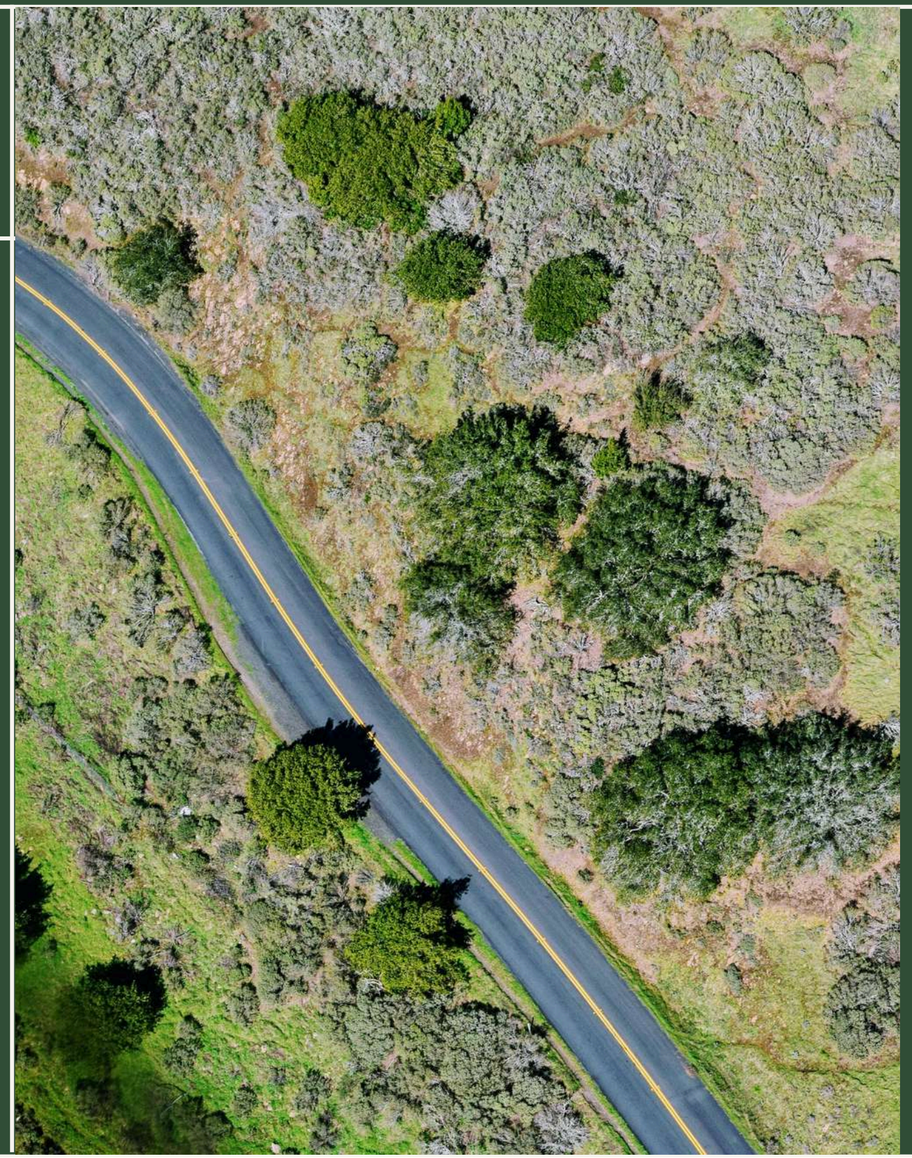
GIS – Geographical Information Services

CLASS 1 – MAPPING OURSELVES & UNDERSTANDING SPACE AND GIS

INTRODUCTION TO:

- THE COURSE
- THE LECTURER
- THE GROUP
- GIS DATA MODELS
- SPATIAL THINKING



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COURSE STRUCTURE

Part	Focus	Approx. weight	Hours (of 40h)
I	**Introduction to GIS concepts** *(data types, and open data)*	**25%**	**10h**
II	**Spatial analysis methods in QGIS** *(building your portfolio)*	**25%**	**10h**
III	**Supervised project** *(group)*	**50%**	**20h**

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EVALUATION

Component	Description	Weight
Participation & exercises	Short practical assignments	20%
Studienleistung (mid-term)	Small analytical task	30%
Final project & presentation	Group project applying GIS	50%

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LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- UNDERSTAND THE PRINCIPLES OF GIS AND SPATIAL DATA.
- USE QGIS FOR BASIC SPATIAL DATA MANAGEMENT, VISUALIZATION, AND ANALYSIS.
- IDENTIFY AND APPLY OPEN DATA SOURCES AND RELEVANT METADATA.
- PERFORM SIMPLE SPATIAL ANALYSES AND INTERPRET THEIR OUTPUTS.
- DESIGN, EXECUTE, AND PRESENT A SMALL GIS PROJECT ADDRESSING AN ENVIRONMENTAL OR URBAN ISSUE.

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A little bit about me...

CLIMATE SCIENTIST AND GIS ANALYST

PHD IN PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY (UFPE, BRAZIL & UNIVERSITÉ RENNES 2, FRANCE).

RESEARCHER AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL METEOROLOGY DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF FREIBURG.

WORK WITH CLIMATE AND GEOSPATIAL DATA, FOCUSING ON VULNERABILITY, RESILIENCE, AND CLIMATE CHANGE.

PASSIONATE ABOUT CONNECTING MAPS, PEOPLE, AND NARRATIVES.

... ALSO PASSIONATE ABOUT ARTS 🤍

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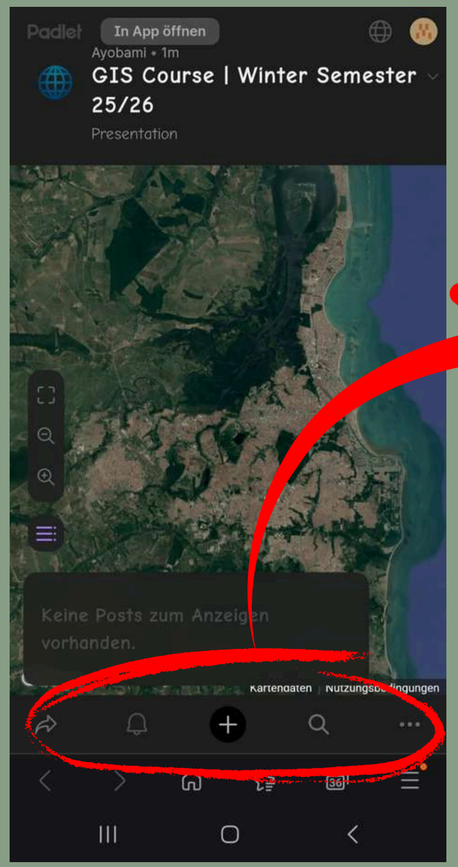

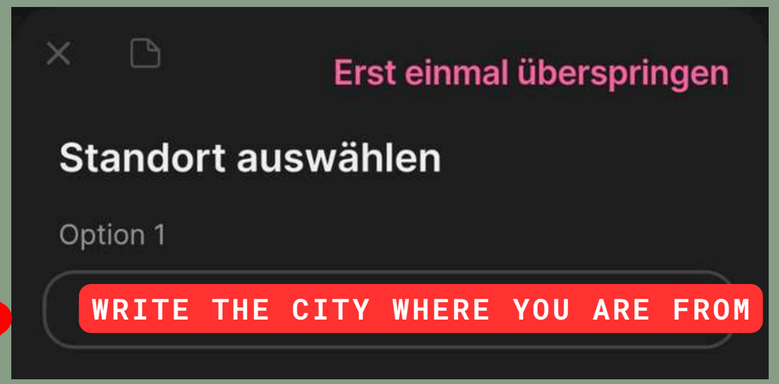

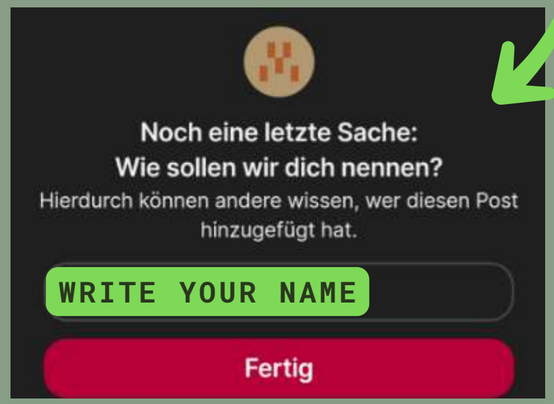

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A little bit about you...

Your **name...**

Your **experience** with maps or spatial data

Your **background** or field of **study**

...something else you want to **share**

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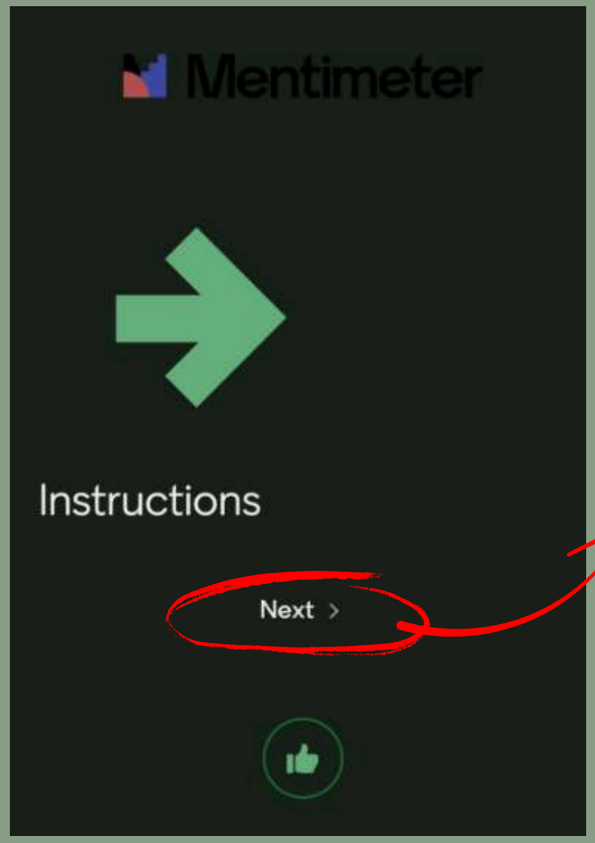

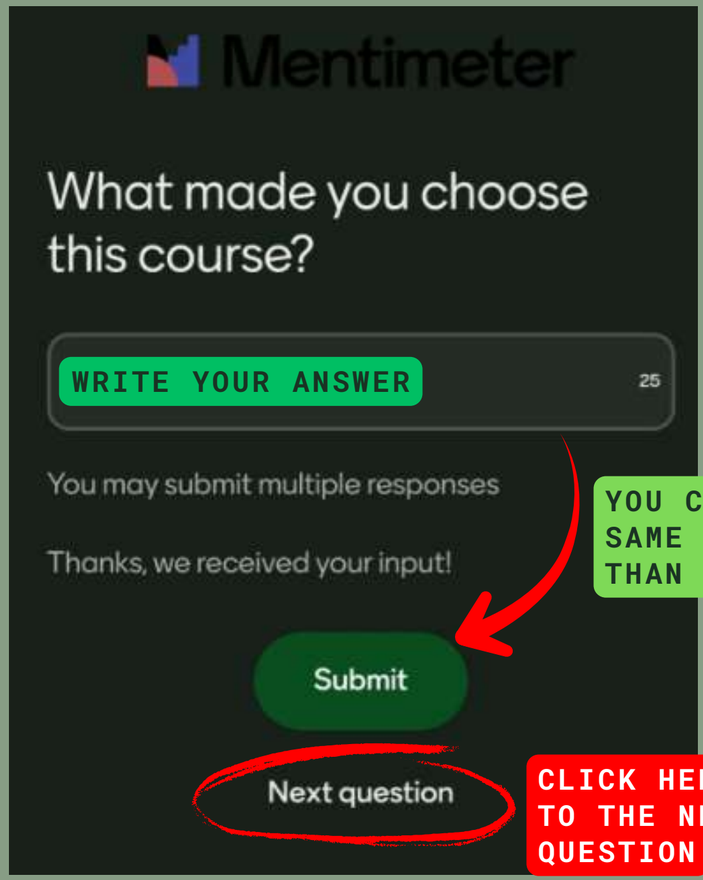

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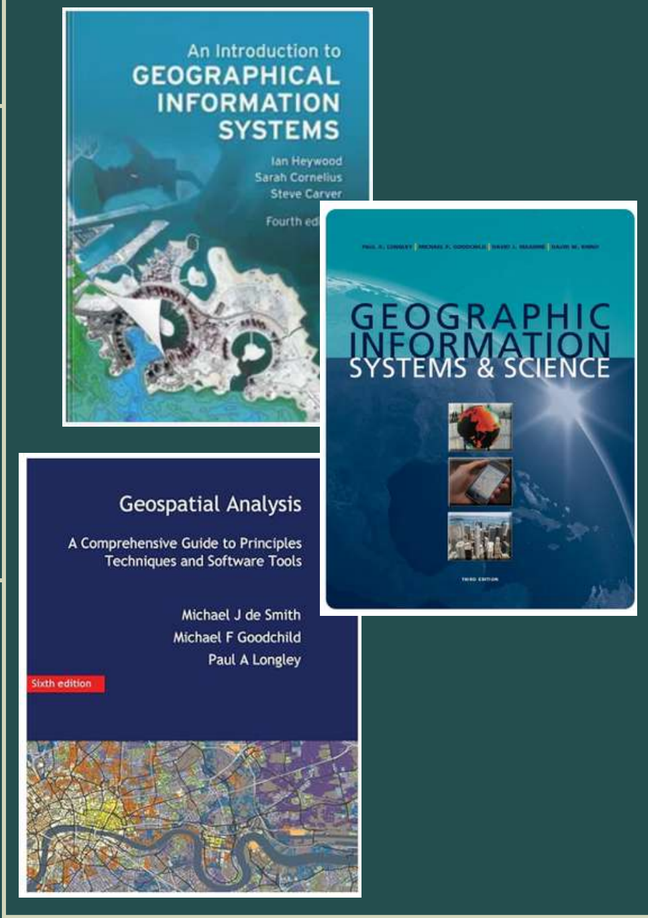

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LET'S HAVE A SHORT BREAK!

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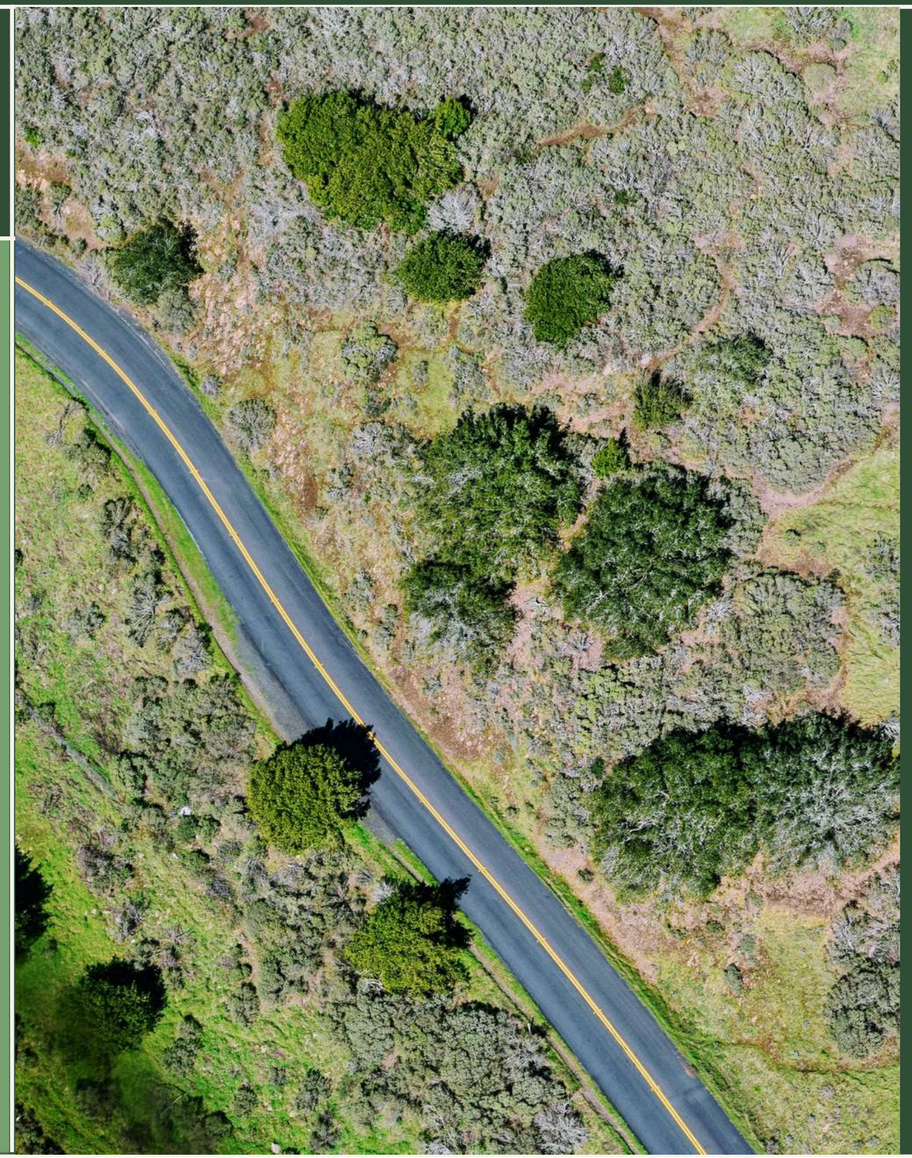

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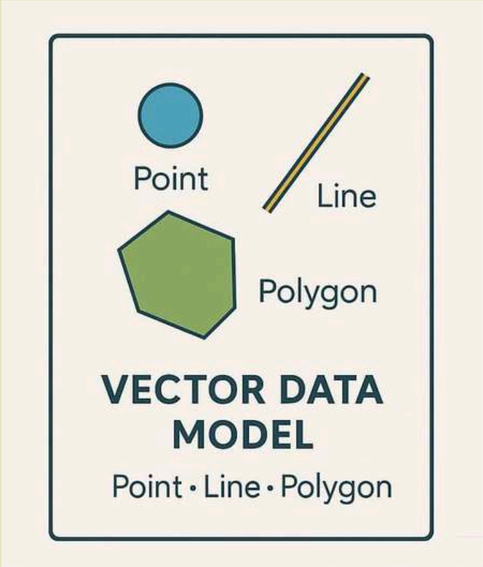

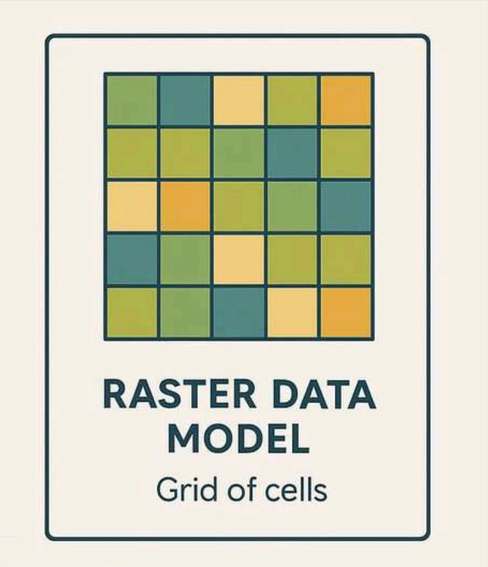

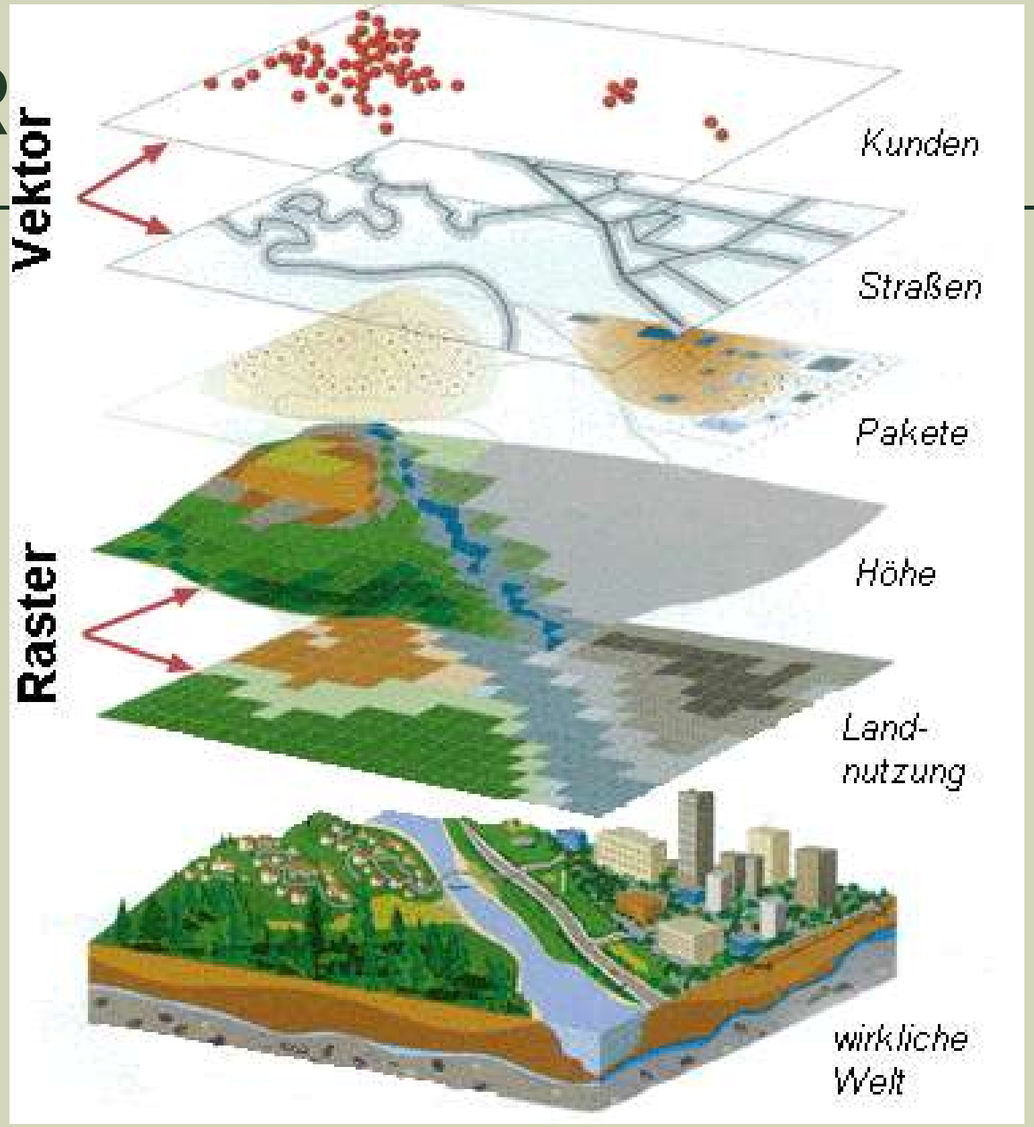

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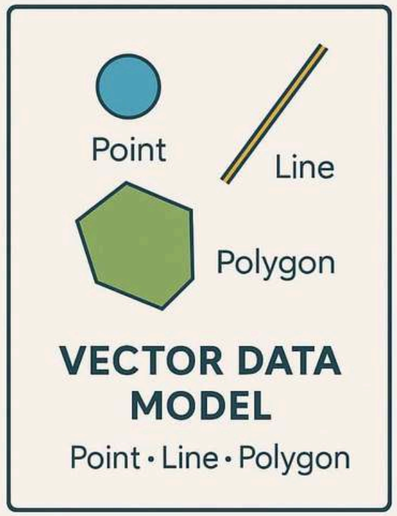

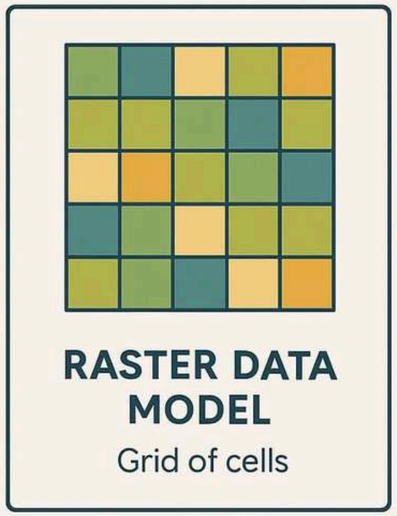

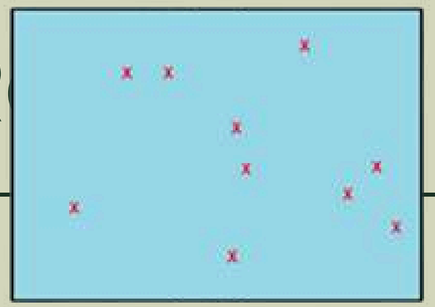
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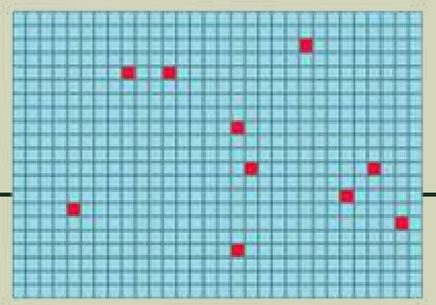
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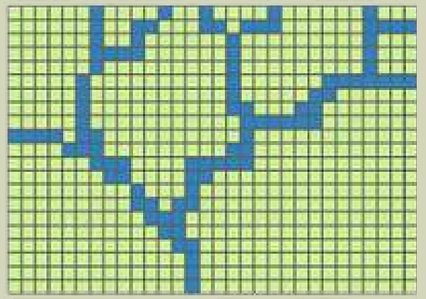
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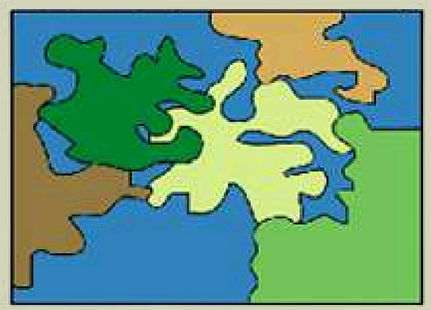
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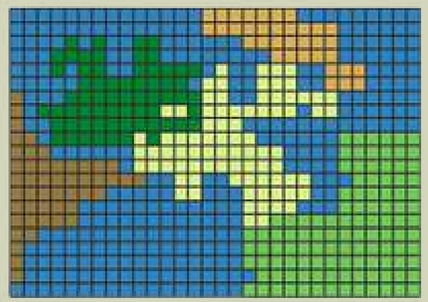
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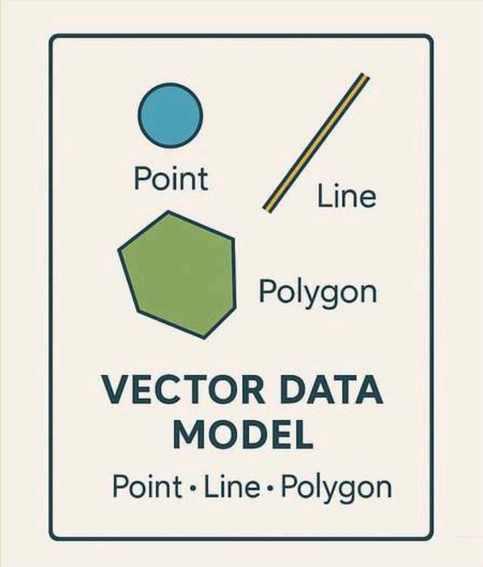

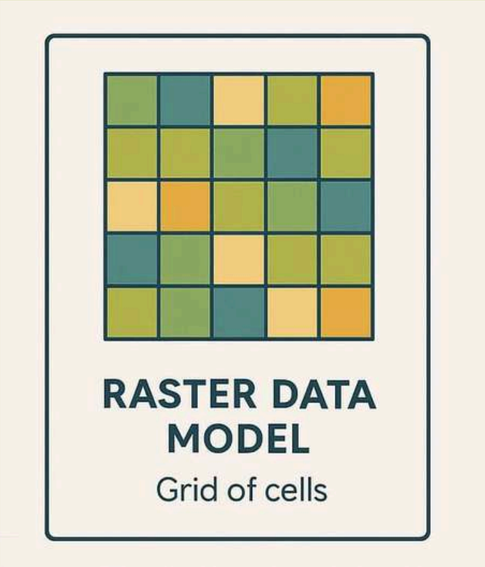

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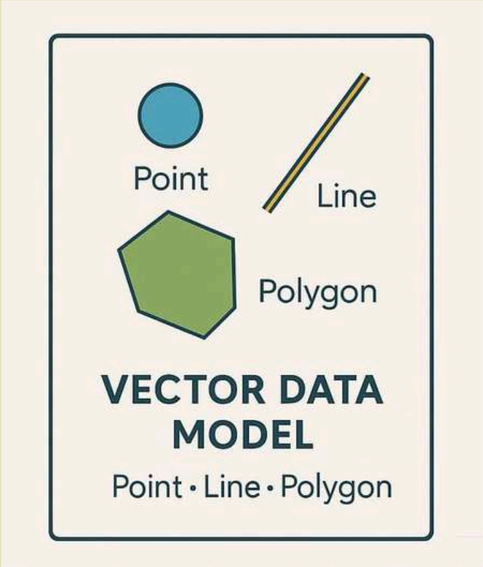

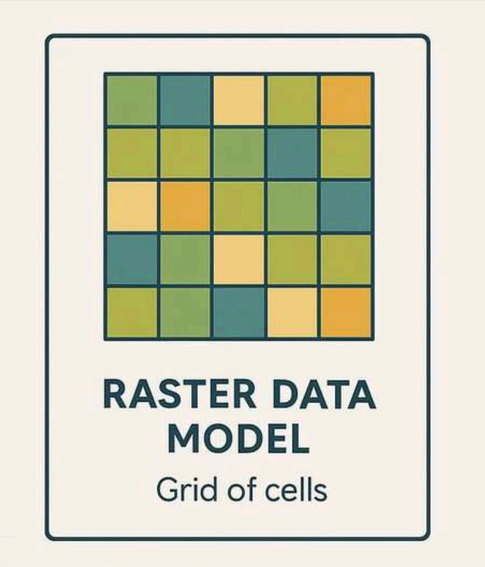

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MILTON SANTOS, THE NATURE OF SPACE (1996)

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HOMEWORK #1:

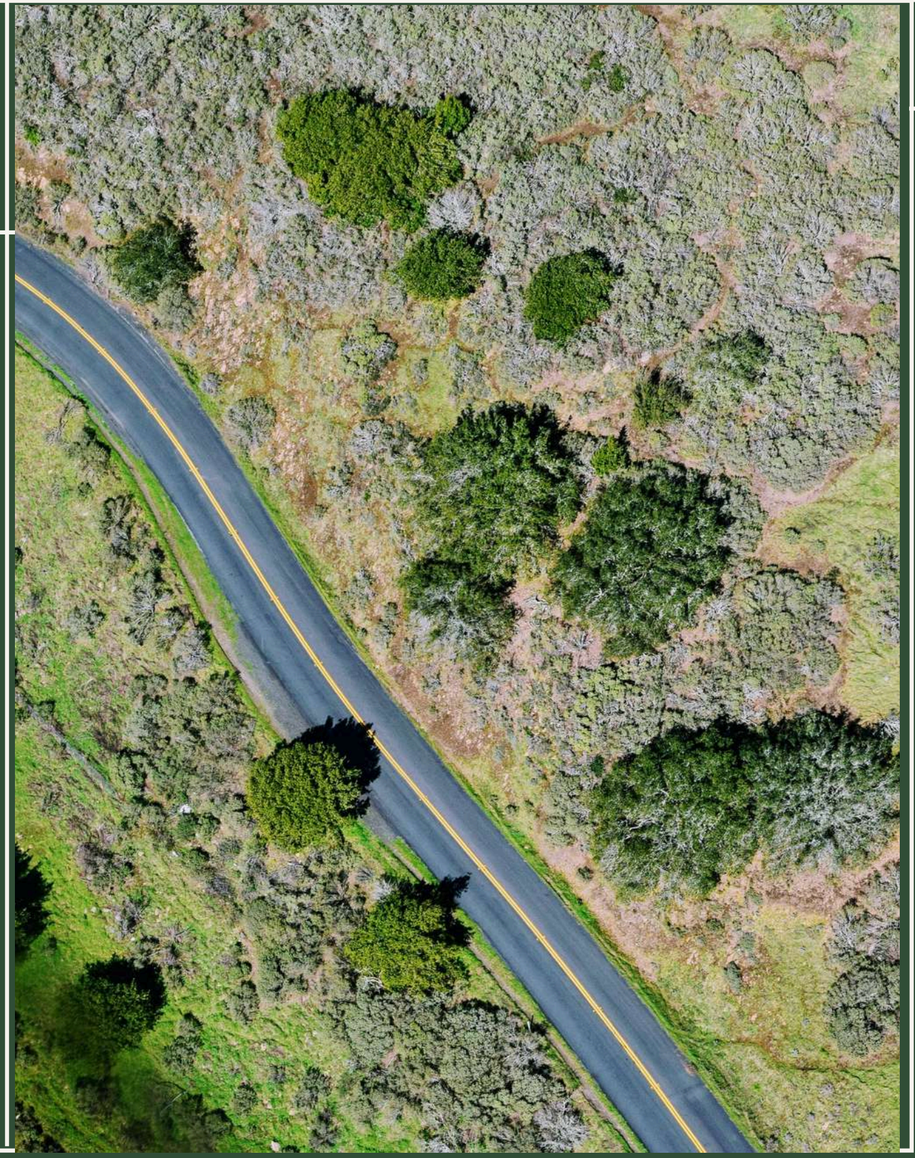
1. **BRING A CONCEPT OF GEOGRAPHICAL SPACE;**

2. TAKE A SHORT WALK AT YOUR FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY AND TAKE A PHOTO OF THE LANDSCAPE. THINK OF 3 THINGS THAT COULD BE REPRESENTED IN GIS, ONE AS:

- **A POINT,**
- **A LINE,**
- **A POLYGON.**

- **BE READY TO SHARE YOUR EXAMPLES NEXT CLASS!**

3. INSTALL QGIS IN YOUR LAPTOP (OPTIONAL);



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