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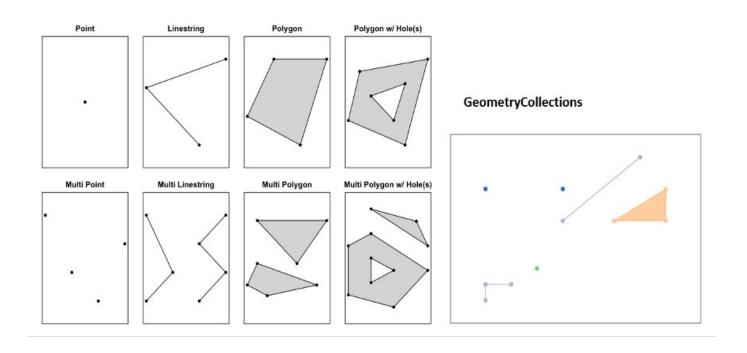
# FIT3179 Data Visualisation

Week 8: Geographic Vector Formats





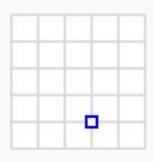
- GeoJSON is a standard format for spatial features
- Based on JSON, text file
- Points, lines, polygons and collections



### **GeoJSON Geometry**

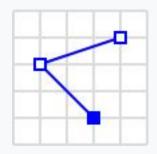


#### **Point**



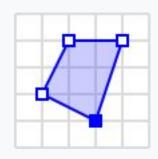
```
"type": "Point",
"coordinates": [30.0, 10.0]
```

### LineString



```
{
    "type": "LineString",
    "coordinates": [
        [30.0, 10.0], [10.0, 30.0], [40.0, 40.0]
    ]
}
```

#### Polygon



```
"type": "Polygon",
"coordinates": [
    [[30.0, 10.0], [40.0, 40.0], [20.0, 40.0], [10.0, 20.0], [30.0, 10.0]]
]
```

# GeoJSON: Geometry and Non-Spatial Attributes





```
"type": "Feature",
"properties": {
  "name": "Coors Field",
  "amenity": "Baseball Stadium",
  "popupContent": "This is where the Rockies play!"
},
"geometry": {
  "type": "Point",
  "coordinates": [
```

# TopoJSON

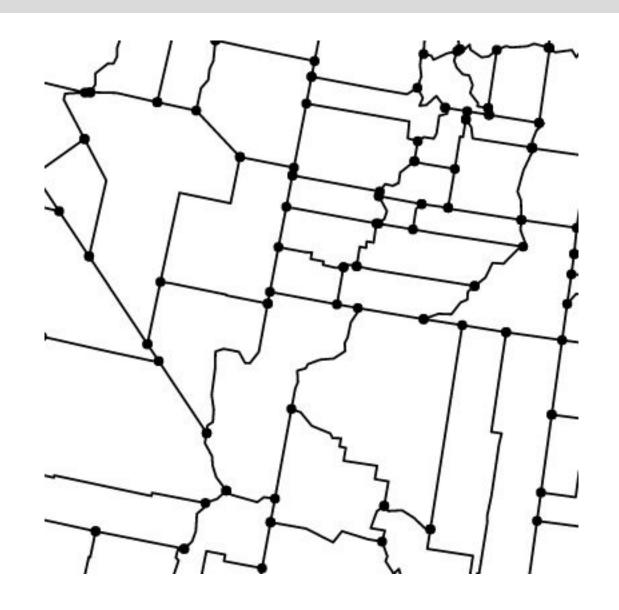


- Extension of GeoJSON
- "Topo" for topology
- Topology with geospatial data: arcs (= linestrings) are basic element. Polygons are built from arcs.
- Example: 3 arcs to form 2 polygons



- Smaller size: Shared arcs are only stored once.
- Simplification or changing of arcs results in abutting polygons.
- File format for Vega-Lite

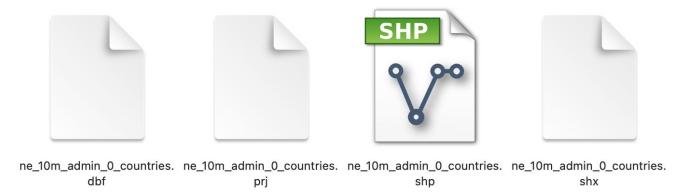




### Shapefile

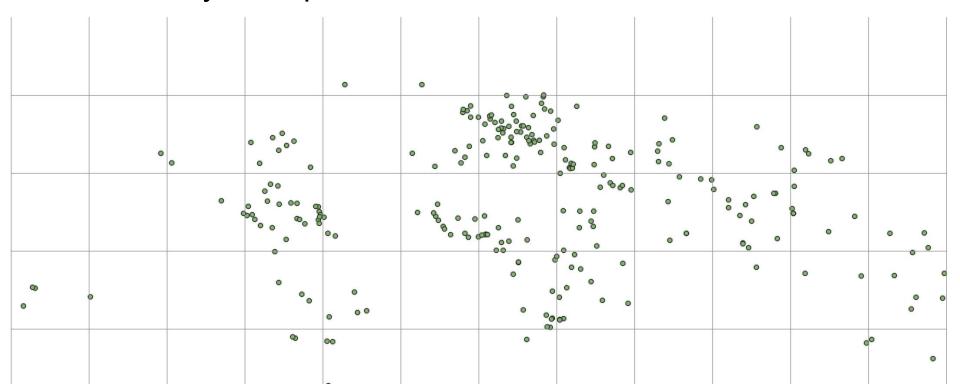


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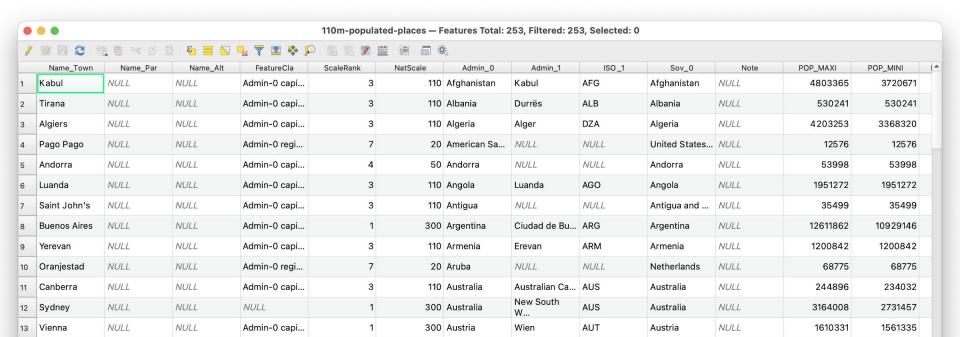
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- Attributes in .dbf file





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- Geometry in .shp file
- Attributes in .dbf file
- Index linking geometry and attributes in .shx file
- Also other files, such as .prj for the map projection
- Keep all files in same directory
- All features in a shapefile must be of same geometry type (points, lines, polygons) and all features have the same number and types of properties (i.e. a DB table).