



Conversations with Spatial Data

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What to Expect Today

*This Presentation
is a SQL*



What to Expect Today

*Cats included to
keep us entertained*

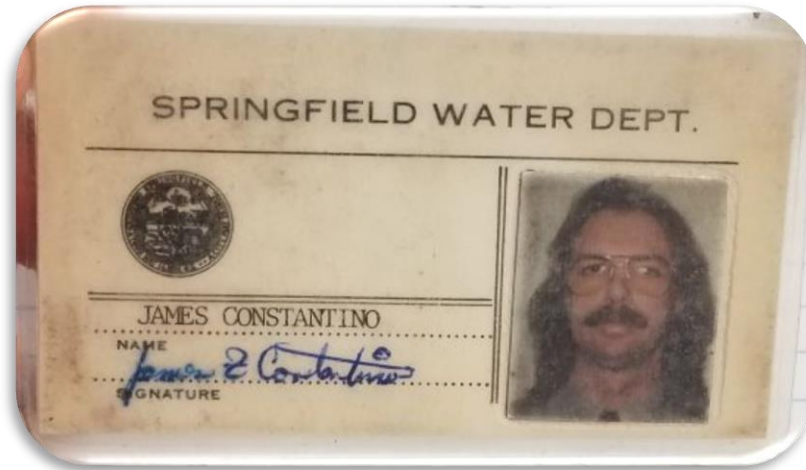


*Dedicated to Moonbeam
1999-2019*

Pow! Sock!
Cats & SQL!

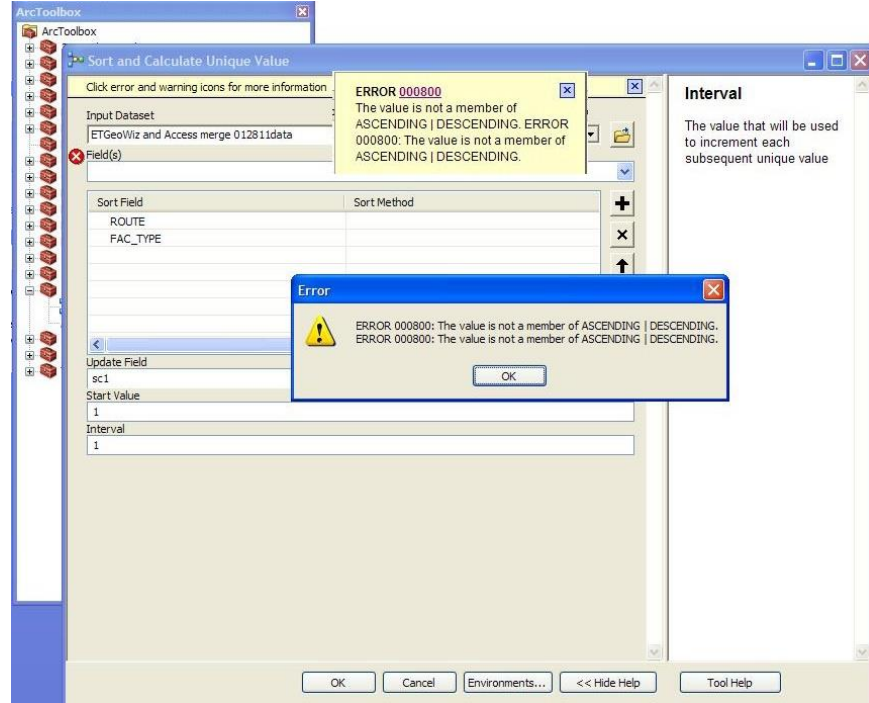
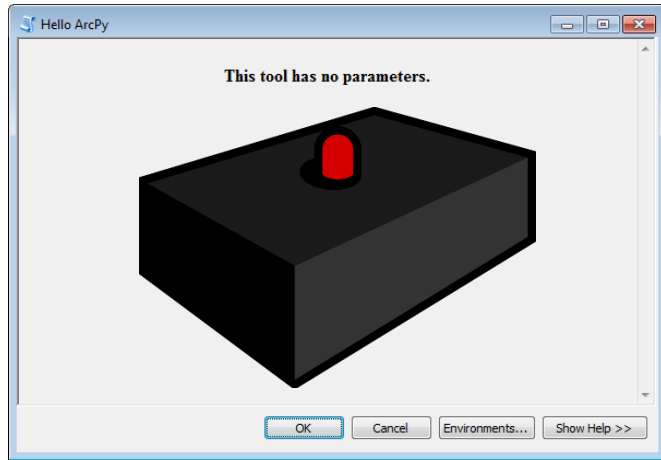
Guiding Principle #1

The Typical End User Doesn't Care About SQL

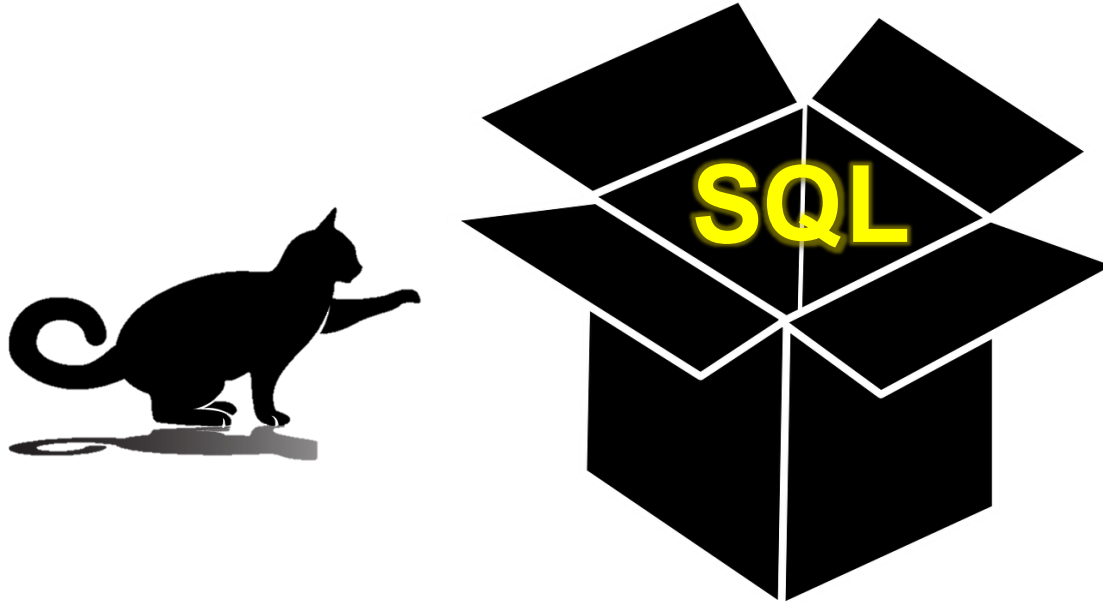


Why should we?

GIS Spatial Querying is a bit of a Black Box



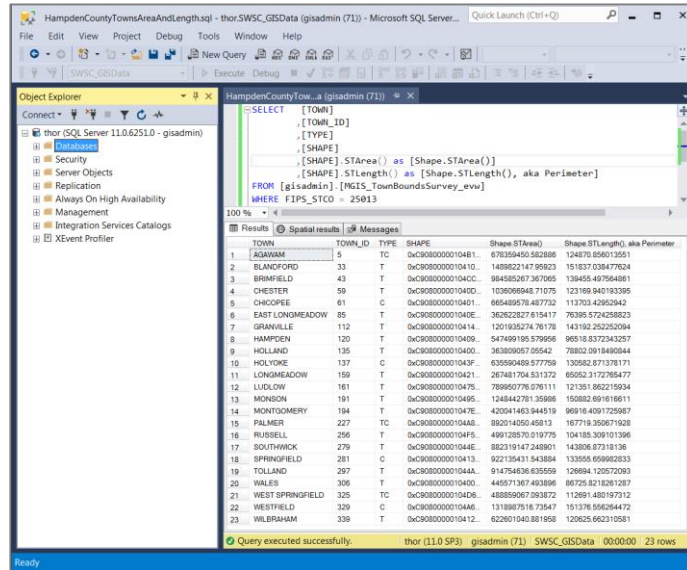
SQL is somewhere inside of the Black Box



We can speak directly with our data

Today: Spatial Queries in Two Environments

Relational Database Management System



The screenshot shows the SQL Server Enterprise Edition interface. The 'Object Explorer' on the left shows the 'HampdenCountyTownsAndLengths' database. The 'Query Editor' displays a SQL query that selects town information and calculates the perimeter of each town's area. The 'Results' pane shows a table with 23 rows of data, including town names like AGAWAM, BLANFORD, and BRIMFIELD, along with their respective area and perimeter values.

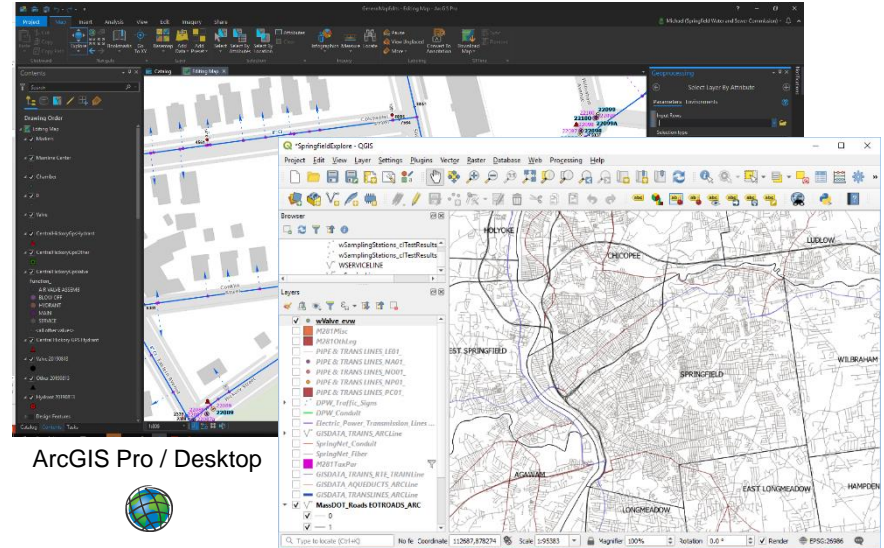
```
--SELECT [TOWN_ID]
[FROM] [TOWN_ID]
[TYPE]
[SHAPE]
[SHAPE] STArea() as [Shape.STArea()]
[SHAPE] STLength() as [Shape.STLength()], aka Perimeter]
FROM [gisadmin].[NGIS_TownBoundariesSurvey_eval]
WHERE FIPS_STCO = 25013
```

TOWN_ID	TOWN_ID	TYPE	SHAPE	Shape.STArea()	Shape.STLength(), aka Perimeter
1	AGAWAM	5	TC	678359450.562808	124070.056013551
2	BLANFORD	33	T	148922147.95923	151837.03847624
3	BRIMFIELD	43	T	98485267.367065	139455.49756481
4	CHESTER	59	T	103606948.71075	123169.940103395
5	CHICOPEE	61	C	665489578.487732	113703.4295242
6	EAST LONGMEADOW	85	T	36262827.154117	76395.574285823
7	GRANVILLE	112	T	120193574.76178	143192.25252094
8	HAMPDEN	120	T	547499195.579666	96518.837243257
9	HOLLAND	135	T	363800057.05542	78802.291849084
10	HOLYOKE	137	C	63599449.877759	130582.87138171
11	LONGMEADOW	159	T	267481704.531372	65052.317278477
12	LUDLOW	161	T	789690776.076111	121351.862215934
13	MONSON	191	T	1248442791.35908	150802.691816611
14	MONTGOMERY	194	T	420341463.844519	96918.499125987
15	PALMER	227	TC	880214506.45813	167719.356719028
16	RUSSELL	256	T	499128570.019775	104185.30911336
17	SOUTHWICK	279	T	882319147.249801	143806.87318138
18	SPRINGFIELD	281	C	922139431.543854	133355.659926233
19	TOLLAND	297	T	914754636.835569	126984.120572093
20	WALSH	306	T	445571367.493896	86725.821281287
21	WEST SPRINGFIELD	325	TC	488599067.063872	112691.480197312
22	WESTFIELD	329	C	1318907518.75847	151376.58624472
23	WILBRIDHAM	338	T	622801040.801568	120625.962310581

SQL Server Management Studio



Desktop GIS



The top screenshot shows the ArcGIS Pro interface with a map of Springfield, Massachusetts, displaying various spatial data layers. The bottom screenshot shows the Quantum GIS (qGIS) interface, displaying a map of Springfield, Massachusetts, with a legend and a list of layers.

ArcGIS Pro / Desktop



Quantum GIS (qGIS)



Why Bother with Spatial Queries?

Be Cross-Platform:
Get Spatial
without using
GIS Software

Normalize:
Avoid
hard-coding
redundant
fields

**Stop the
Geoprocessing
Madness:**
cut down on
geoprocessed
data-scrap

Quiz 1: Sequel or Original?



Answer: **Sequel (Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom)**

Open Standards Have Provided a Common Language

OGC Simple Feature Specification (SFS)

Standard for storing, writing & querying spatial data

Implemented in many spatial database engines, including PostGIS, MySQL, Oracle, DB2 & MS SQL Server

Basis for ST_Geometry, the default Esri Enterprise Geodb storage format (supported since ArcGIS 9.0)

<http://www.opengeospatial.org/standards/sfs>

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Simple Feature Access - Part 2: SQL Option

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Version	Document Title (click to download)	Document #	Type
1.2.1	OpenGIS Implementation Specification for Geographic information - Simple feature access - Part 2: SQL option	06-104r4	IS
1.2.0	OpenGIS Implementation Specification for Geographic information - Simple feature access - Part 2: SQL option	06-104r3	D-IS
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OGC® Standards

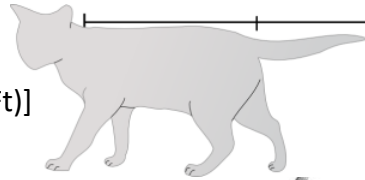
- 3dP
- ARML2.0
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- Catalogue Service
- CDB
- CityGML
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- GeoSciML
- GeoSPARQL
- Geography Markup Language
- GeoRSS
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Basics: Line Length & Polygon Area

- GIS software automatically displays calculated lengths & areas
 - We can do the same via queries

(fe)Line Length

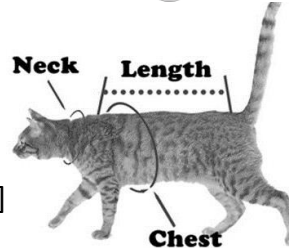
```
SELECT [SHAPE].STLength() as [Length (Ft)]  
,CAST([SHAPE].STLength() as int) as [Rounded (Ft)]
```



Length (Ft)	Rounded (Ft)
1056.36436184714	1056

Polygon Area

```
SELECT SHAPE.STArea() as [Area (SqFt)]  
,CAST([SHAPE].STArea() as int) as [Rounded (SqFt)]
```

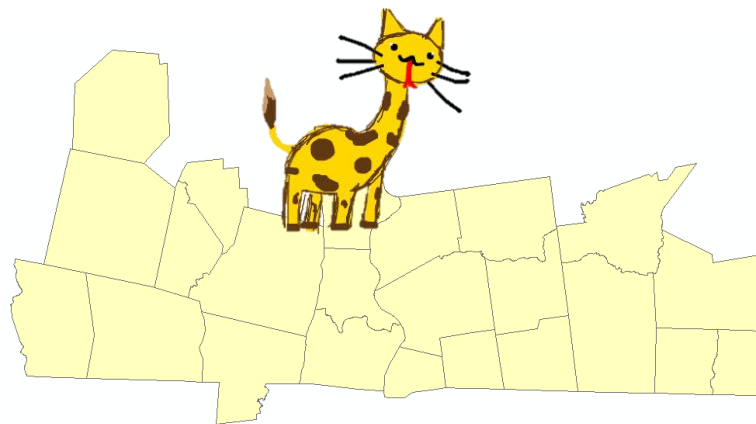


Area (SqFt)	Rounded (SqFt)
5165.25909423828	5165

ArcGIS Attribute Tables Include Queried Length & Area

*Courtesy of the **.STArea()** & **.STLength()** OGC standard SQL methods*

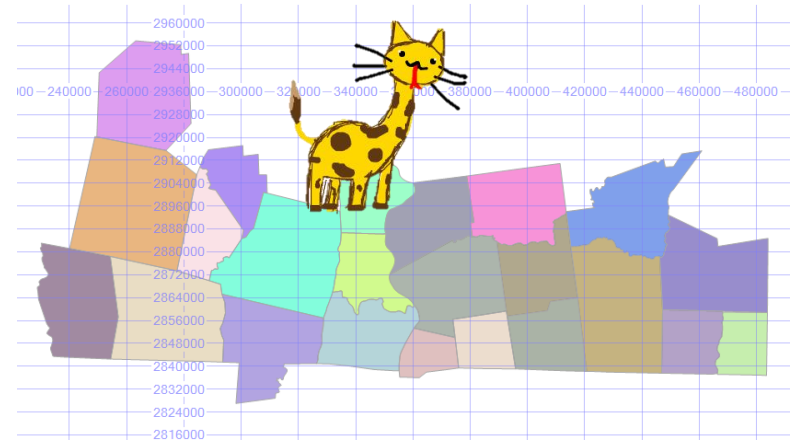
MA Community Boundaries						
TOWN	TOWN_ID *	TYPE	Shape *	Shape.STArea()	Shape.STLength()	
AGAWAM	5	TC	Polygon	678359450.582886	124870.856014	
BLANDFORD	33	T	Polygon	1489822147.959229	151837.038478	
BRIMFIELD	43	T	Polygon	984585267.367065	139455.497565	
CHESTER	59	T	Polygon	1036066948.710754	123169.940193	
CHICOPEE	61	C	Polygon	665489578.487732	113703.429529	
EAST LONGMEADO	85	T	Polygon	362622827.615417	76395.572426	
GRANVILLE	112	T	Polygon	1201935274.76178	143192.252252	
HAMPDEN	120	T	Polygon	547499195.579956	96518.837234	
HOLLAND	135	T	Polygon	363809057.05542	78802.091849	
HOLYOKE	137	C	Polygon	635590489.577759	130582.871378	
LONGMEADOW	159	T	Polygon	267481704.531372	65052.317277	
LUDLOW	161	T	Polygon	789950776.076111	121351.862216	



Using .STArea() & .STLength() in our own Query

```
SELECT [TOWN]
      ,[TOWN_ID]
      ,[TYPE]
      ,[Shape]
      ,[Shape].STArea() as [Shape.STArea()]
      ,[Shape].STLength() as [Shape.STLength()]
FROM [dbo].[MGIS_TownBoundsSurvey_evw]
WHERE [FIPS_STCO] = 25013
ORDER BY [TOWN]
```

Results		Spatial results		Messages		
	TOWN	TOWN_ID	TYPE	SHAPE	Shape.STArea()	Shape.STLength(), aka Perimeter
1	AGAWAM	5	TC	0xC90800000104B1...	678359450.582886	124870.856013551
2	BLANDFORD	33	T	0xC9080000010410...	1489822147.95923	151837.038477624
3	BRIMFIELD	43	T	0xC90800000104CC...	984585267.367065	139455.497564861
4	CHESTER	59	T	0xC908000001040D...	1036066948.71075	123169.940193395
5	CHICOPEE	61	C	0xC9080000010401...	665489578.487732	113703.42952942
6	EAST LONGMEADOW	85	T	0xC908000001040E...	362622827.615417	76395.5724258823
7	GRANVILLE	112	T	0xC9080000010414...	1201935274.76178	143192.252252094
8	HAMPDEN	120	T	0xC9080000010409...	547499195.579956	96518.8372343257
9	HOLLAND	135	T	0xC9080000010400...	363809057.05542	78802.0918490844
10	HOLYOKE	137	C	0xC908000001043F...	635590489.577759	130582.871378171
11	LONGMEADOW	159	T	0xC9080000010421...	267481704.531372	65052.3172765477
12	LUDLOW	161	T	0xC9080000010475...	789950776.076111	121351.862215934

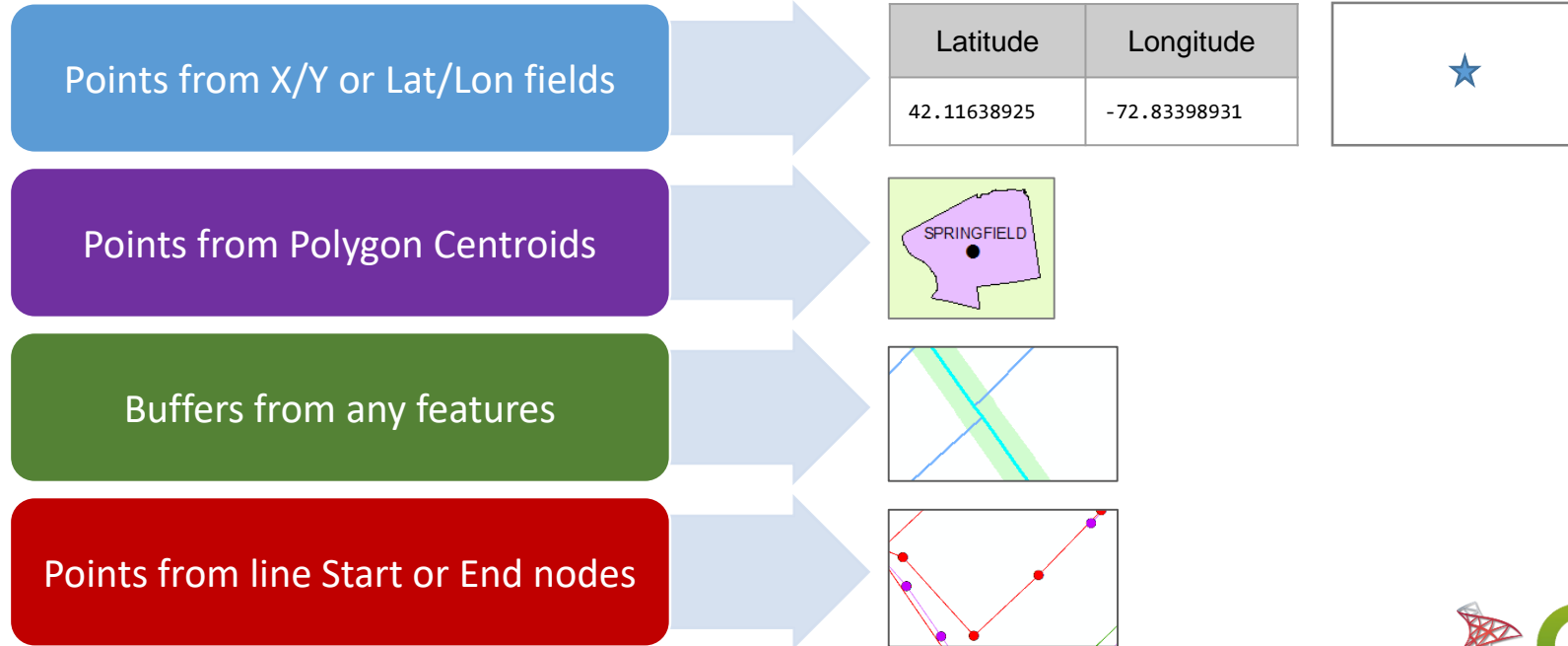


Quiz 2: Sequel or Original?



Answer: Sequel (The Godfather Part II)

Spatial Data Can Be Rendered Via SQL Queries



Basics: Make Your Point

Constructing a GIS-readable point from x/y or lat/long columns

```
SELECT Latitude, Longitude, SpatialRef
```

Latitude	Longitude	SpatialRef
42.11638925	-72.83398931	4326

```
SELECT GEOMETRY::STGeomFromText('POINT(' +  
  CONVERT(VARCHAR, Longitude) + ' ' +  
  CONVERT(VARCHAR, Latitude) + ')', SpatialRef)  
as Shape
```

Shape
0xE6100000010C79EAB214603552C0902DC...



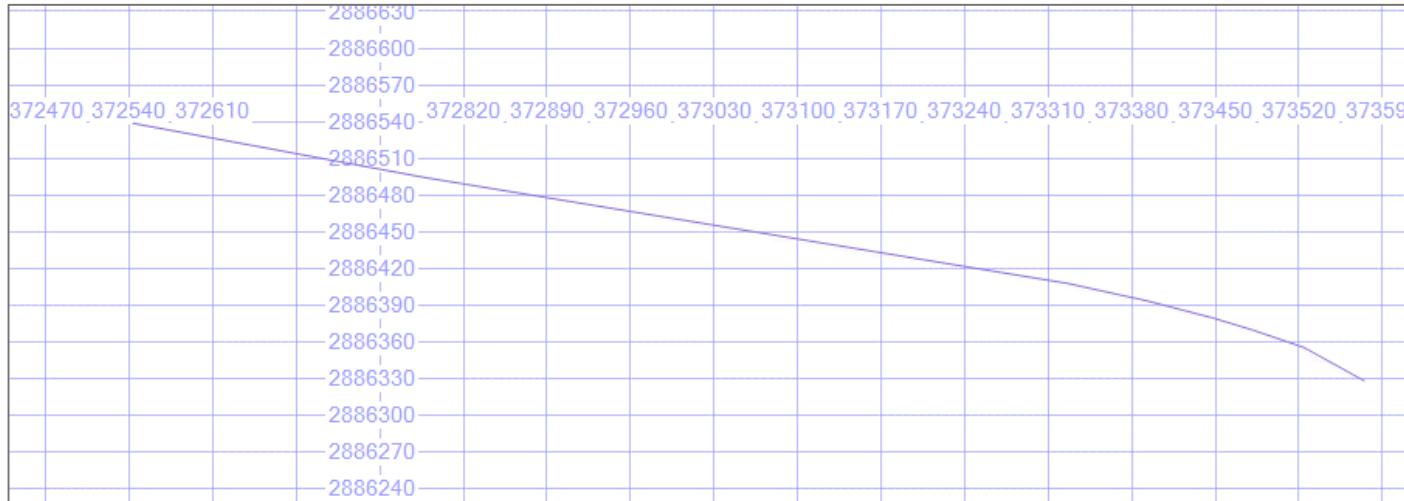
```
SELECT [Shape].ToString() as ShapeString
```

ShapeString
POINT (-72.83398931 42.11638925)



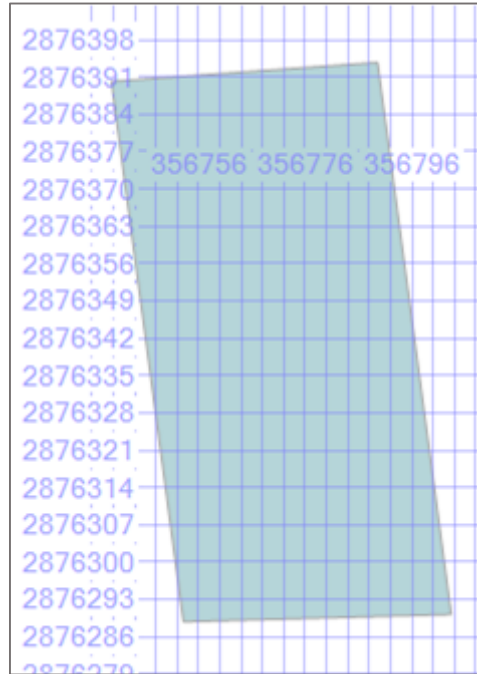
Basics: Draw The Line

LINESTRING (373574.7 2886328.4, 373524.0 2886355.7, 373481.9 2886369.7, 373447.6 2886379.8, 373392.2 2886393.9, 373326.7 2886407.9, 372787.8 2886494.5, 372543.0 2886538.8)



Basics: Create a Polygon

POLYGON ((356803.4 2876290.2, 356789.6 2876393.7, 356739.7 2876390.1, 356753.2 2876288.8, 356803.4 2876290.2))



Roll your own SHAPE field from x/y or lat/lon fields

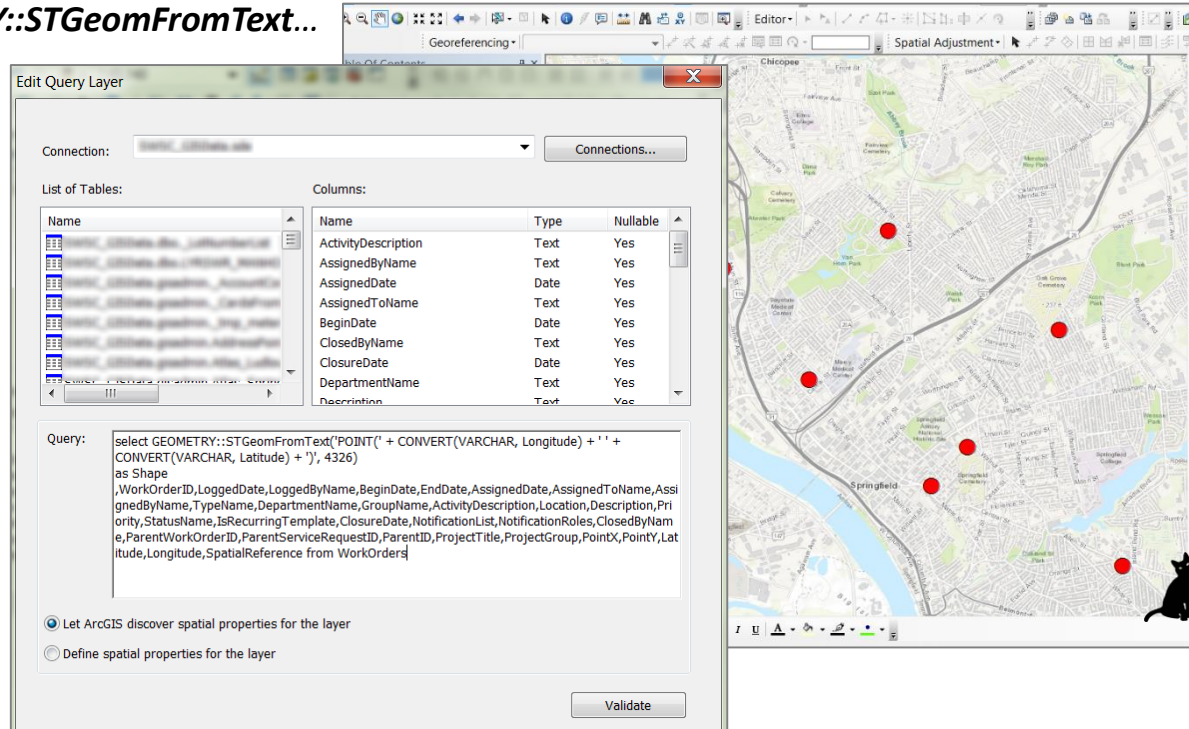
SQL Server: **GEOMETRY::STGeomFromText...**

“Live”
point data

Virtual Layer in
QGIS

Query Layer in
ArcMap or
ArcGIS Pro

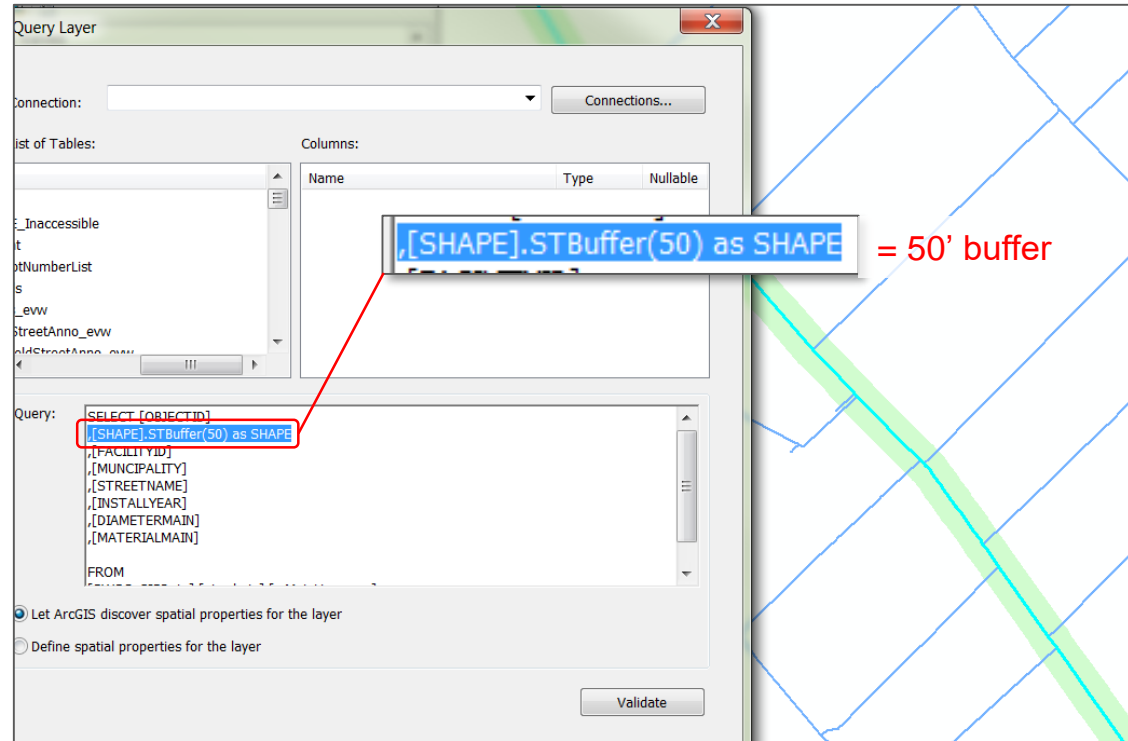
Compatible with
ArcGIS Server
Map Services



Buffer via an ArcGIS Query Layer

“Dynamic”
Buffer

Not recommended for
large selection sets
*use a good WHERE clause
to narrow the scope*



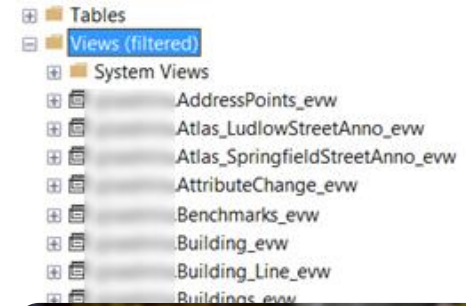
A word about querying Esri Versioned Feature Classes

Versioned Feature Classes have a “Versioned View”

The Versioned View provides the current posted Default version of the data

Naming convention:
<Feature Class Name>_EVW

<https://desktop.arcgis.com/en/arcmap/latest/manage-data/using-sql-with-gdbs/what-is-a-versioned-view.htm>



Quiz 3: Sequel or Original?




Answer: Sequel (Despicable Me 2)


Spatial Querying: The Toolbox through a new lense


Analysis Tools

Extract


Overlay


 Erase


 Identity


 Intersect

Layer1.Shape.**STIntersection**(Layer2.Shape)


 Spatial Join

 Symmetrical Difference

 Union


 Update


Proximity


 Buffer


Layer1.**STBuffer**(<distance>)

 Create Thiessen Polygons

 Generate Near Table

 Graphic Buffer

 Multiple Ring Buffer

 Near

various ways, using **STDistance**

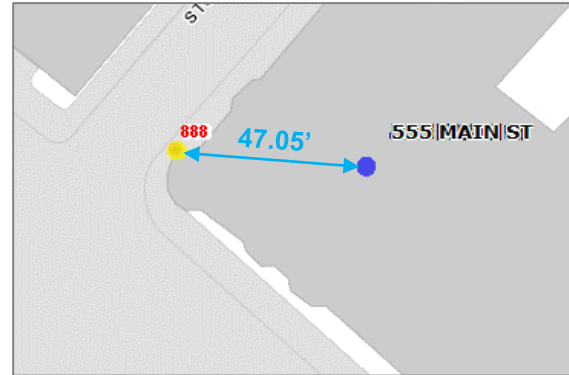


Distance: Point to Point

Where's the Nearest Hydrant?

```
DECLARE @Addr VARCHAR(50)
SET @Addr = '555 MAIN ST'
DECLARE @PT GEOMETRY
SET @PT = (SELECT SHAPE FROM AddressPts
           WHERE Address = @Addr)
```

```
SELECT TOP 1 @Addr as Address, h.HydrantID
,h.SHAPE.STDistance(@PT) as Distance
,h.SHAPE.ToString() as HydrantGeometry
FROM Hydrants as h
ORDER BY h.SHAPE.STDistance(@PT)
```



Address	HydrantID	Distance	HydrantGeometry
555 MAIN ST	888	47.05	POINT (361358.959999999344 2863573.4500000003)

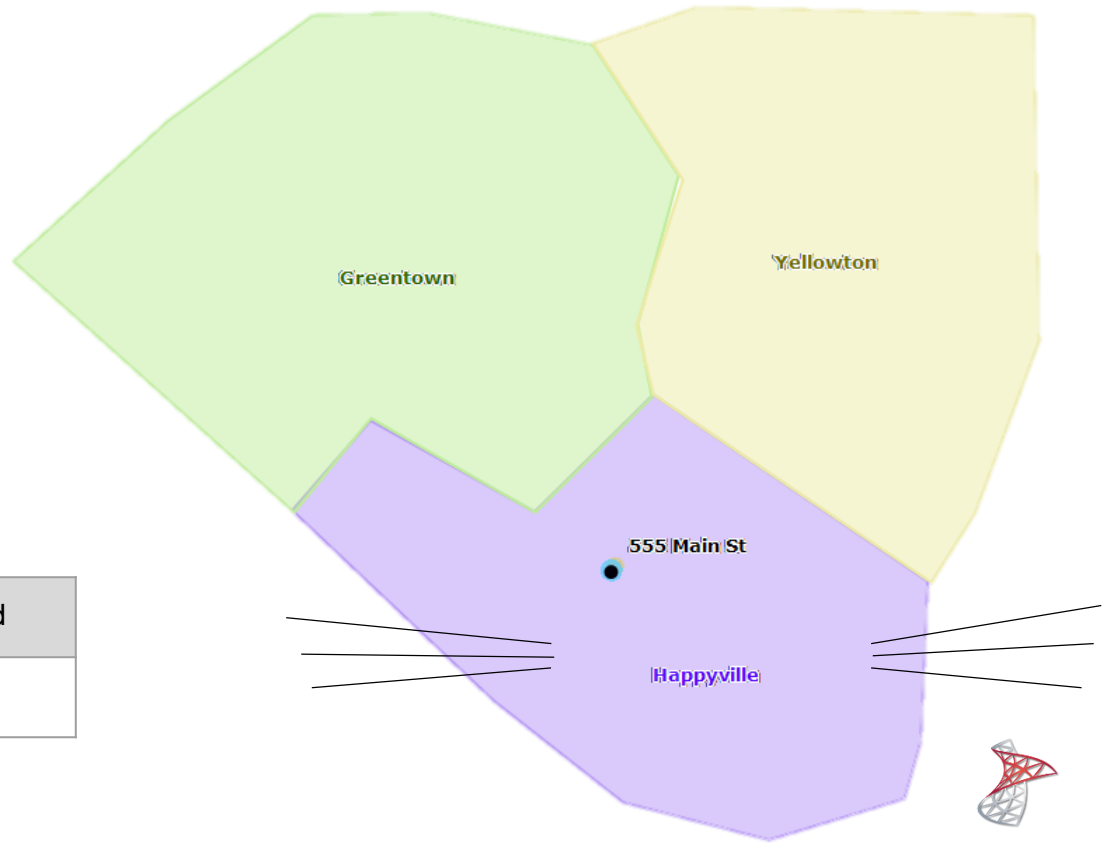


Point in Polygon

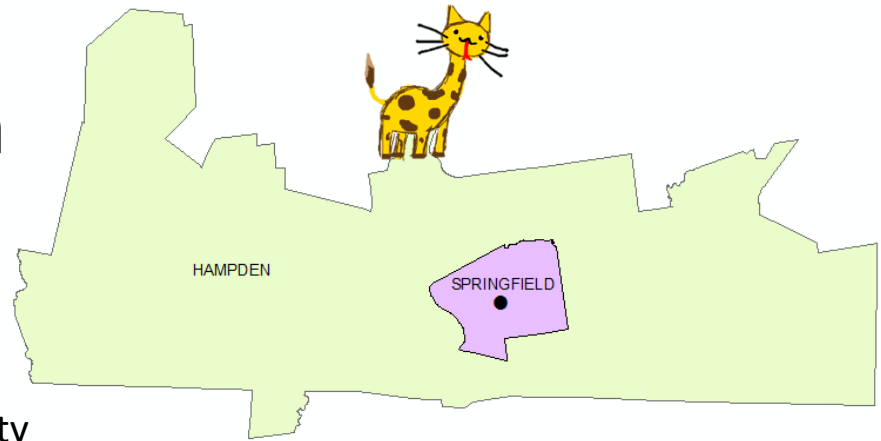
*In which neighborhood
is this address?*

```
SELECT a.Address, n.Neighborhood  
FROM AddressPts as a  
JOIN Neighborhoods as n  
ON n.Shape.STContains(a.Shape) = 1  
WHERE a.Address = '555 MAIN ST'
```

Address	Neighborhood
555 MAIN ST	Happyville



Polygon Center in Polygon



Example: Town in County

```
SELECT t.TOWN as Community ,c.COUNTY as County
,format((t.SUM_ACRES / c.AREA_ACRES),'P1') as [% Coverage of County]
FROM MGIS_TOWNBOUNDSSURVEY as t
JOIN MGIS_COUNTYBOUNDARIES as c
ON c.shape.STIntersects(t.shape.STCentroid()) = 1
WHERE t.TOWN = 'SPRINGFIELD'
```

Community	County	% Coverage of County
SPRINGFIELD	HAMPDEN	5.2 %

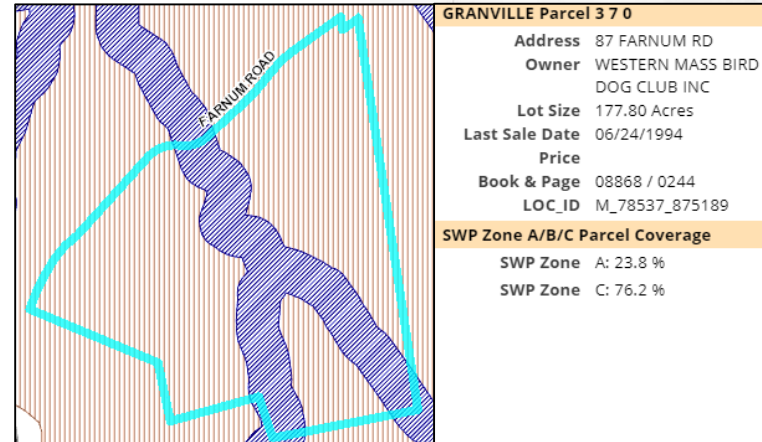


Polygon Overlap Area

Percentage of parcel in Zone A, B or C watershed protection area

```
SELECT DISTINCT swp.SWPZONE as [SWP Zone]
,format(sum(swp.Shape.STIntersection(p.Shape).STArea()) / p.Shape.STArea(), 'P1') as [Overlap Pct]
FROM [MGIS_Parcels] as p
JOIN [MGIS_SurfaceWaterProtection_ZoneABC] as swp
ON p.Shape.STIntersection(swp.shape).STArea() > 0
WHERE p.LOC_ID = 'M_78537_875189'
GROUP BY swp.SWPZONE, p.Shape.STArea()
```

SWP Zone	Overlap Pct
A	23.8 %
C	76.2 %



Quiz 4: Sequel or Original?



Answer: Original (The Terminator)

Line / Point Connectivity

Selecting upstream / downstream manhole IDs by joining to the coincident start & end nodes of the pipes



```
SELECT  g.[ASSETID] as GravityPipeAssetID
        ,F_MH_XY.ASSETID as Calculated_F_Node
        ,T_MH_XY.ASSETID as Calculated_T_Node
```

```
FROM [GRAVITYPIPE] as g
```

```
JOIN [MANHOLE] as F_MH_XY
```

```
    on      (g.Shape.STStartPoint()).STX = F_MH_XY.Shape.STX
```

```
    and     (g.Shape.STStartPoint()).STY = F_MH_XY.Shape.STY
```

```
JOIN [MANHOLE] as T_MH_XY
```

```
    on      (g.Shape.STEndPoint()).STX = T_MH_XY.Shape.STX
```

```
    and     (g.Shape.STEndPoint()).STY = T_MH_XY.Shape.STY
```

GravityPipeAssetID	Calculated_F_Node	Calculated_T_Node
P997B	41C1	2035A
P43E2B	456C	45BE
P13FB	313D	3148
P3EFA	3149	407A
P4365	30DD	4364
P41D2	41C5	41C4
P1501	3146	3149
P41D9	3FBF	41CB
P5011	41C3	41CB
P18C2	4880	3FBF



Line / Point Connectivity



Detecting errors or miscodes with upstream/downstream node values

```
SELECT    g.[ASSETID] as GravityPipeAssetID ,(g.Shape.STEndPoint()).STX as PipeStartX, m.Shape.STX as ManholeX
          ,(g.Shape.STEndPoint()).STY as PipeStartY, m.Shape.STY as ManholeY, g.[F_NODE] as Current_F_Node
          ,case isnull(mxy.ASSETID,"") WHEN "" THEN 'Spatial Mismatch' ELSE mxy.ASSETID END as Correct_F_Node
FROM GRAVITYPIPE as g
join SMH as m on g.F_NODE = m.ASSETID
join SMH as mxy
on (g.Shape.STStartPoint()).STX = mxy.Shape.STX and (g.Shape.STStartPoint()).STY = mxy.Shape.STY
where m.Shape.STX <> (g.Shape.STStartPoint()).STX and m.Shape.STY <> (g.Shape.STStartPoint()).STY
```

GravityPipeAssetID	PipeStartX	ManholeX	PipeStartY	ManholeY	Current_F_Node	Correct_F_Node
P47EE	363865.05325	363865.05325	2875992.89775001	2875992.89775001	1B5A	4B01A
P4655	367720.359999999	361807.003999993	2865468.90449999	2875011.37774999	1BA2	Spatial Mismatch
P1122	379845.25	379906.25	2863031.75	2863499.5	24B0	Spatial Mismatch
P1E7B	362723.322750002	362786.249750003	2868109.30374999	2868147.99950001	33C7	Spatial Mismatch
P20CB	356680.140249997	356514.886749998	2866862.92325	2867068.1145	3DD7	Spatial Mismatch
P3F67	389488.972499996	389463.520999998	2879242.9945	2879427.88375001	3FE9	Spatial Mismatch



Practical Benefits of Start/End Node Attributes

Upstream / Downstream Trace

```
SET @NewInsertCount = @@ROWCOUNT;

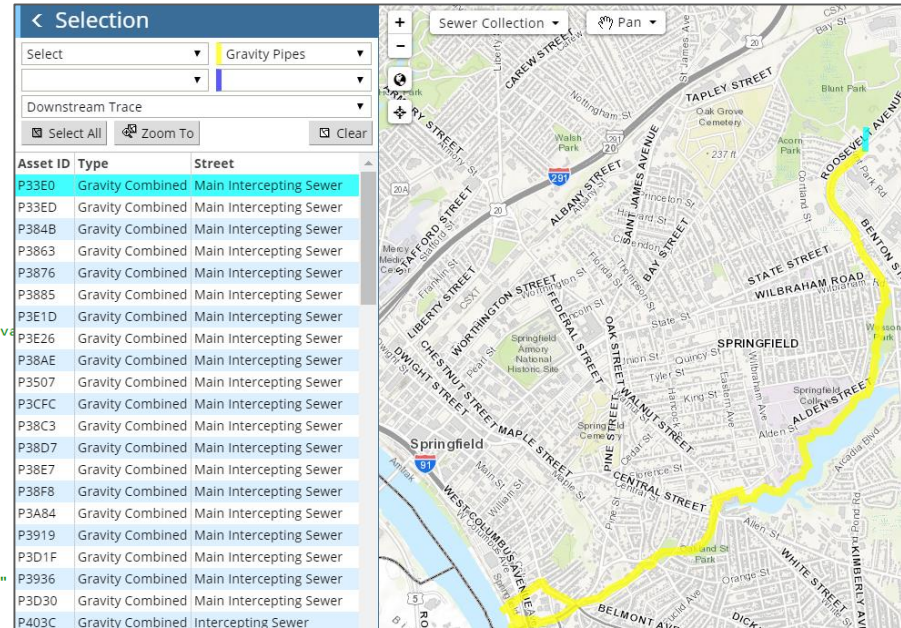
-- the tree traversal:

WHILE @NewInsertCount > 0
-- enter the loop if there was something inserted in the previous statement

BEGIN
--We insert into #CHILDREN all ASSETIDs which are "children"
--The @NewInsertCount will indicate how many children are added for each iteration;
INSERT INTO #CHILDREN(ID, ASSETID, Location, F_NODE, T_NODE, PipeType )
    SELECT @NewInsertCount, ASSETID, Location, F_NODE, T_NODE
        , [PipeSubType] as [PipeType]
    FROM [Pipes] WHERE EXISTS
    (SELECT ASSETID, Location, F_NODE, T_NODE, PipeSubType FROM #CHILDREN
    WHERE [PipeSubType] = [PipeType] AND F_NODE = #CHILDREN.T_NODE)
    AND NOT EXISTS
    (SELECT ASSETID, Location, F_NODE, T_NODE, PipeSubType FROM #CHILDREN
    WHERE [PipeSubType] = [PipeType] AND T_NODE = #CHILDREN.ASSETID);

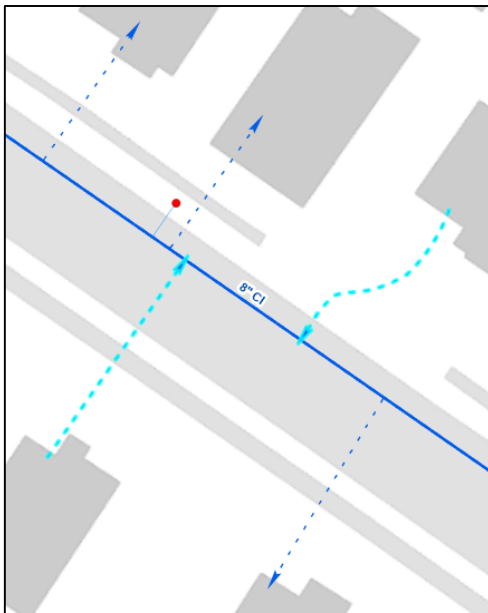
    SET @NewInsertCount = @@ROWCOUNT;
-- if the value is 0 then there were no new children inserted thus no "grandchildren"

END
```



Advanced: Spatial Joining by Start or End of a Line

Problem: How can we detect lines that have improper directionality?



```
SELECT sL.SVC_LineID ,sL.WtrMainID as SvcLineWaterMainID  
,wm.FACILITYID as WaterMainID, sL.DeliveryArea
```

```
FROM [dbo].[wServiceLine_evw] sL --Water Service Lines  
LEFT OUTER JOIN [dbo].[wMainLine_evw] wm --Water Mains
```

--Joining STEndPoint or STStartPoint is processor intensive.
--Best to avoid running in a production environment.

```
ON sL.Shape.STEndPoint().STIntersects(wm.SHAPE) = 1
```

--Only show the backward service lines
WHERE wm.FACILITYID is not null

SVC_LineID	SvcLineWaterMainID	WaterMainID	DeliveryArea
581	42492	49736	



Practice Data & Sample Code

<https://github.com/MikeOlkinSwsc/SpatialSQL>



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This repository contains sample SQL code to accompany presentations that I made at the Northeast Arc User Group Spring Conference on May 8, 2018 and at the NEURISA Day Conference on September 16, 2019. The SQL samples can be run on any instance of SQL Server Express or SQL Server from version 2012 and up.

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