# Yes, Queries Can Be Spatial, Too

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# Time for some Vitamin SQL
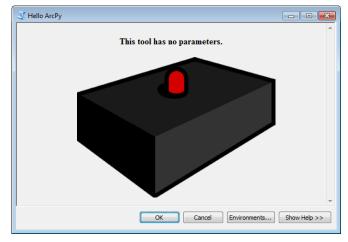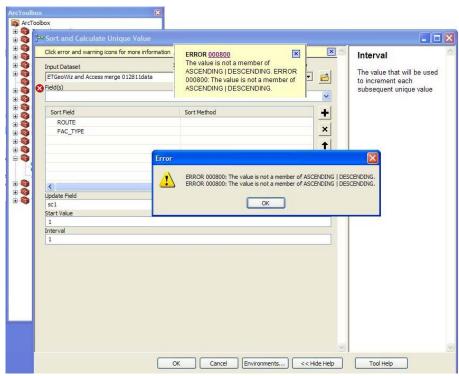
# My Cat Doesn't Care About SQL



Why should we?

# Geoprocessing is a bit of a Black Box
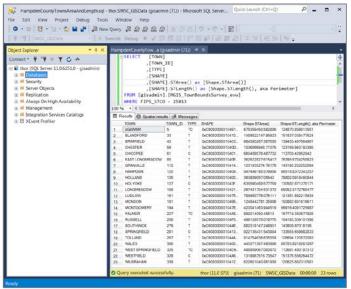
# SQL is somewhere inside of the Black Box
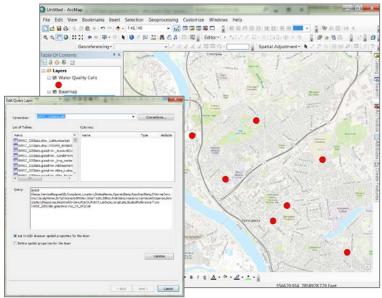
**SQL**

*We can speak directly with our data*

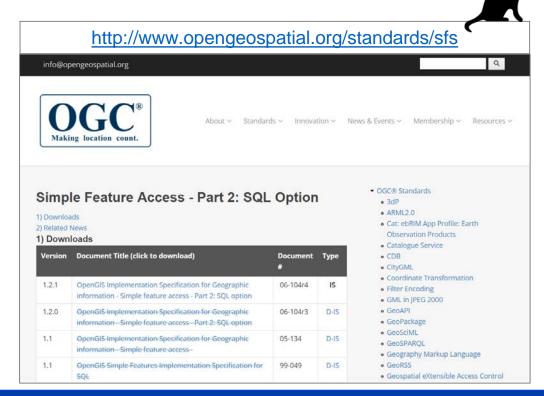# Today: Spatial Queries in Two Environments


SQL Server Management Studio


ArcGIS Desktop/Pro (*query layers*)

# OGC Simple Feature Specification

Standard for storing & querying spatial data

Esri support goes all the way back to ArcSDE 9.0

Default Esri Enterprise GDB storage format



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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 |
| 1.1 | OpenGIS Implementation Specification for Geographic information - Simple feature access - | 05-134 | D-IS |
| 1.1 | OpenGIS Simple Features Implementation Specification for SQL | 99-049 | D-IS |

- OGC® Standards
  - 3dP
  - ARML2.0
  - Cat: ebRIM App Profile: Earth Observation Products
  - Catalogue Service
  - CDB
  - CityGML
  - Coordinate Transformation
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  - GML in JPEG 2000
  - GeoAPI
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  - Geography Markup Language
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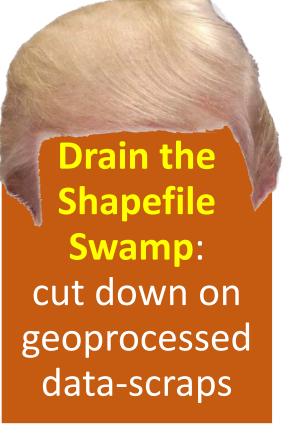  - Geospatial eXtensible Access Control

# Why Bother with Spatial Queries?

**Be Cross-Platform**: Get Spatial without any ArcGIS Software

**Normalize**: Avoid hard-coding redundant attributes

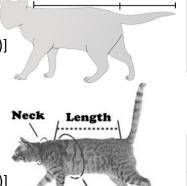**Drain the Shapefile Swamp**: cut down on geoprocessed data-scraps

# Basics: Line Length & Polygon Area

- ● ArcGIS 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)]
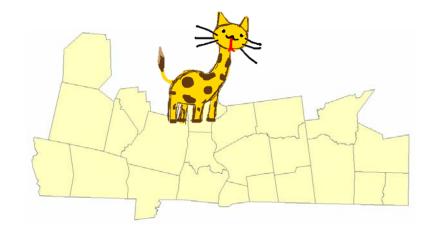,CAST([SHAPE].**STArea()** as int) as [Rounded (SqFt)]

| Area (SqFt) | Rounded (SqFt) |
|---|---|
| 5165.25909423828 | 5165 |

# ArcGIS Attribute Table Includes Length & Area

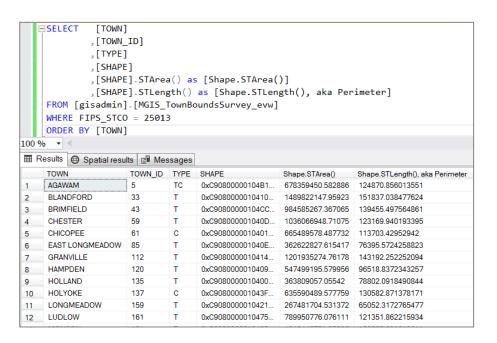*Courtesy of the .**STArea()** & .**STLength()** OGC standard SQL methods*

**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 |
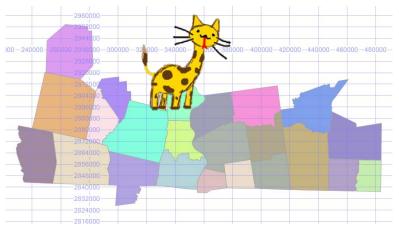
# Using .STArea() & .STLength() in our own Query



```sql
SELECT   [TOWN]
        ,[TOWN_ID]
        ,[TYPE]
        ,[SHAPE]
        ,[SHAPE].STArea() as [Shape.STArea()]
        ,[SHAPE].STLength() as [Shape.STLength(), aka Perimeter]
  FROM [gisadmin].[MGIS_TownBoundsSurvey_evw]
  WHERE FIPS_STCO = 25013
  ORDER BY [TOWN]
```

100 %

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 | 0xC9080000010040E... | 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 |

# A word about querying 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



http://desktop.arcgis.com/en/arcmap/10.5/manage-data/
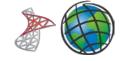using-sql-with-gdbs/what-is-a-versioned-view.htm

# Spatial Data Can Be Rendered Via SQL Queries

**Points from X/Y or Lat/Lon fields**

| Latitude | Longitude |
|---|---|
| 42.11638925 | -72.83398931 |



**Points from Polygon Centroids**



SPRINGFIELD

**Buffers from any features**



**Points from line Start or End nodes**

# Basics: Make Your Point

Constructing a GIS-readable point from x/y or lat/long columns
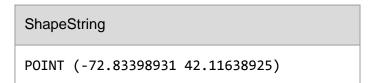
```sql
SELECT Latitude, Longitude, SpatialRef
```

| Latitude | Longitude | SpatialRef |
|----------|-----------|------------|
| 42.11638925 | -72.83398931 | 4326 |

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

| Shape |
|-------|
| 0xE6100000010C79EAB214603552C0902DC... |



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

| ShapeString |
|-------------|
| POINT (-72.83398931 42.11638925) |
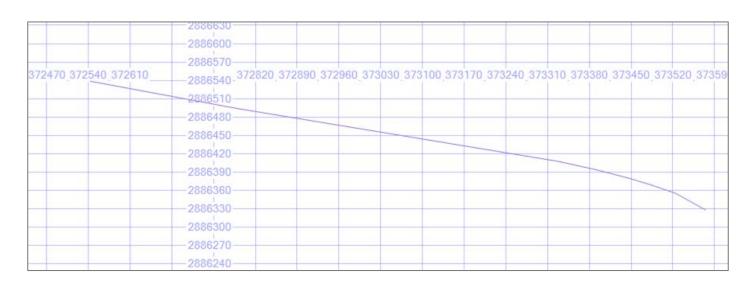
# Basics: Draw The Line

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)
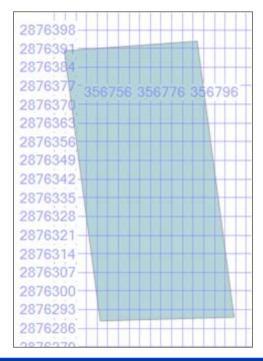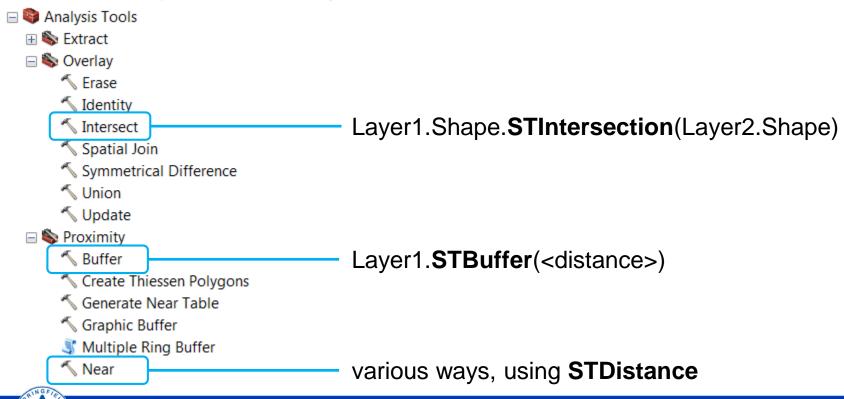
# Basics: Create a Polygon

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

# Another way of looking at ArcToolbox

- 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 @PT GEOMETRY
SET @PT = (SELECT SHAPE
            FROM AddressPts as a
            WHERE a.Address = '555 MAIN ST')

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



| HydrantID | Distance | HydrantGeometry |
|-----------|----------|-----------------|
| 888 | 47.05 | POINT (361358.95999999344 2863573.450000003) |
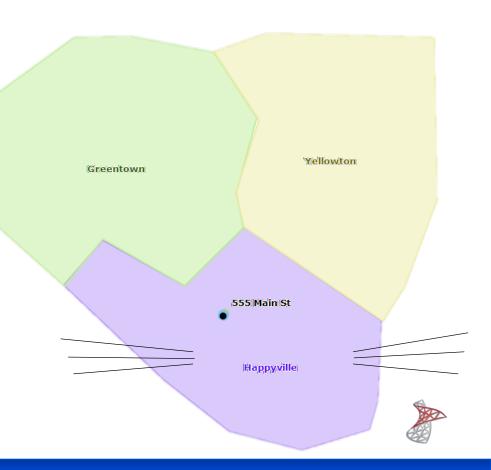
# Point in Polygon

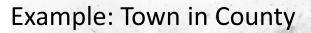*In which neighborhood is this address?*

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 |



Greentown

Yellowton

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 t
JOIN MGIS_COUNTYBOUNDARIES 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] p
JOIN [MGIS_SurfaceWaterProtection_ZoneABC] swp
ON p.Shape.STIntersection(swp.shape).STArea() > 0
WHERE p.LOC_ID = 'M_78537_875189'
GROUP BY swp.SWPZONE, p.Shape.STArea()
```
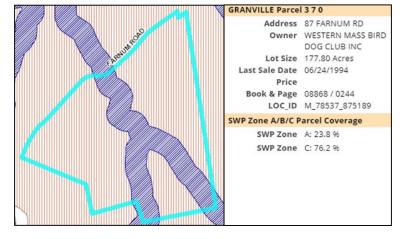
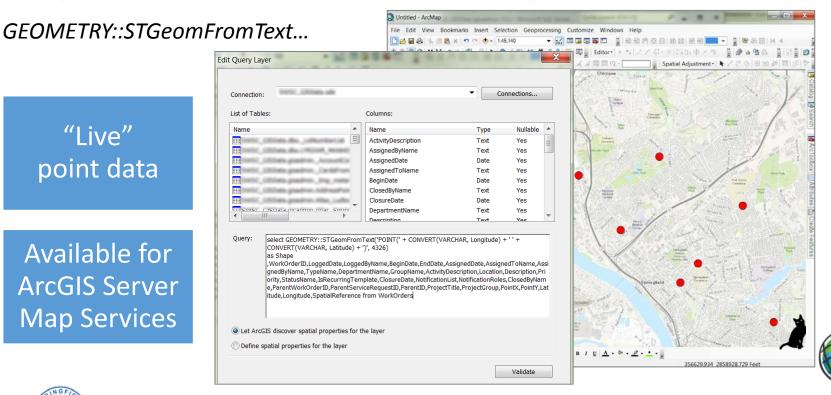| SWP Zone | Overlap Pct |
|----------|-------------|
| A | 23.8 % |
| C | 76.2 % |



**GRANVILLE Parcel 3 7 0**

| | |
|---|---|
| Address | 87 FARNUM RD |
| Owner | WESTERN MASS BIRD DOG CLUB INC |
| Lot Size | 177.80 Acres |
| Last Sale Date | 06/24/1994 |
| Price | |
| Book & Page | 08868 / 0244 |
| LOC_ID | M_78537_875189 |

**SWP Zone A/B/C Parcel Coverage**

SWP Zone A: 23.8 %
SWP Zone C: 76.2 %

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

*GEOMETRY::STGeomFromText…*



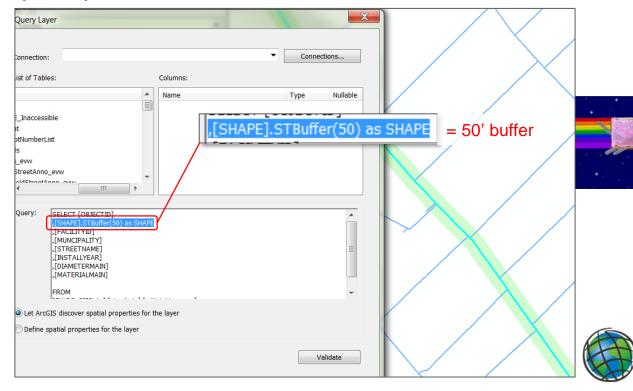"Live" point data

Available for ArcGIS Server Map Services

# Buffer via a Query Layer

"Live" Buffer

Not recommended for large selection sets

*use a good WHERE clause to narrow the scope*



Query Layer

Connection: _____ [ Connections... ]

List of Tables:

Columns:

| Name | Type | Nullable |
|------|------|----------|

_Inaccessible
t
otNumberList
s
_evw
StreetAnno_evw
ldStreetAnno_evw

`,[SHAPE].STBuffer(50) as SHAPE`   = 50' buffer

Query:
```
SELECT [OBJECTID]
,[SHAPE].STBuffer(50) as SHAPE
,[FACILITYID]
,[MUNCIPALITY]
,[STREETNAME]
,[INSTALLYEAR]
,[DIAMETERMAIN]
,[MATERIALMAIN]

FROM
```

⦿ Let ArcGIS discover spatial properties for the layer

○ Define spatial properties for the layer

[ Validate ]

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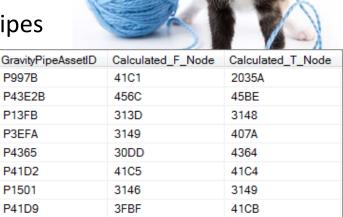
| GravityPipeAssetID | Calculated_F_Node | Calculated_T_Node |
|---|---|---|
| P997B | 41C1 | 2035A |
| P43E2B | 456C | 45BE |
| P13FB | 313D | 3148 |
| P3EFA | 3149 | 407A |
| P4365 | 30DD | 4364 |
| P41D2 | 41C5 | 41C4 |
| P1501 | 3146 | 3149 |
| P41D9 | 3FBF | 41CB |
| P5011 | 41C3 | 41CB |
| P18C2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

# Line / Point Connectivity

Checking for 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 |
| P3E67 | 389488.972499996 | 389463.520999998 | 2879242.9945 | 2879427.88375001 | 3EE9 | Spatial Mismatch |
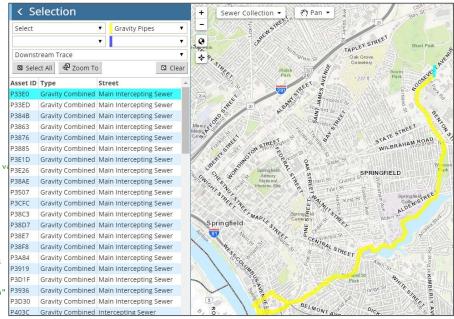
# Practical Benefits of Start/End Node Attributes
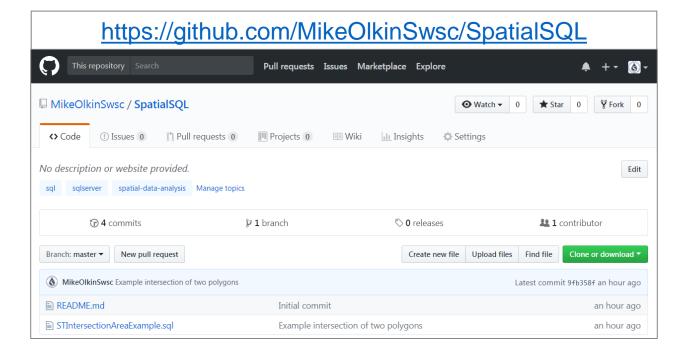
## Upstream / Downstream Trace

```
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; v
    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        _              Pipes.F_NODE = #CHILDREN.T_NODE)
        AND  NOT EXISTS
                (SELECT  ASSETID, Location, F_NODE, T_NODE, PipeSubType FROM #CHILDREN
                WHERE       _              Pipes.ASSETID = #CHILDREN.ASSETID);

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

END
```

# Practice Data & Sample Code



https://github.com/MikeOlkinSwsc/SpatialSQL

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