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Autodesk Topobase Administrator



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Chapter Overview

- Chapter provides basic information about Autodesk Topobase 2009:
 - Components
 - Configuration
- Enables an administrator to:
 - Launch and use Topobase Administrator.
 - Understand introductory Topobase terminology.
 - Perform first steps in managing data.

Basics

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Chapter Objectives

- By the end of this chapter, you will be able to:
 - Launch and use Topobase Administrator
 - Understand Topobase terminology
 - Explain workspace, document, topic, feature class and domain and Area Topology
 - Create new documents
 - Import geographical Excel-Data
 - Use the area topology functionalities
 - Use the Data Checker

2.2 Launching Autodesk Topobase 2009

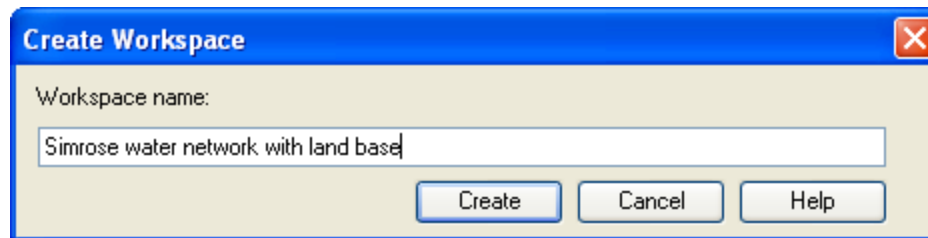
- From Windows Desktop
 - Select **Start menu > Programs > Autodesk > Autodesk Topobase 2009 > Autodesk Topobase Administrator 2009** from the Windows task bar.
- On first login, click **Options** and provide:
 - Username: **TBSYS**
 - Password: *********
 - Oracle net service name: **orcl**
- Select Workspace to be opened.
- Topobase Client task pane appears in Map 3D window.

2.3 Workspace


- A workspace brings together one or more documents to combine the data
 - Document examples include land base, water network, gas
- A Topobase administrator prepares and configures workspaces for Autodesk Topobase 2009 users.

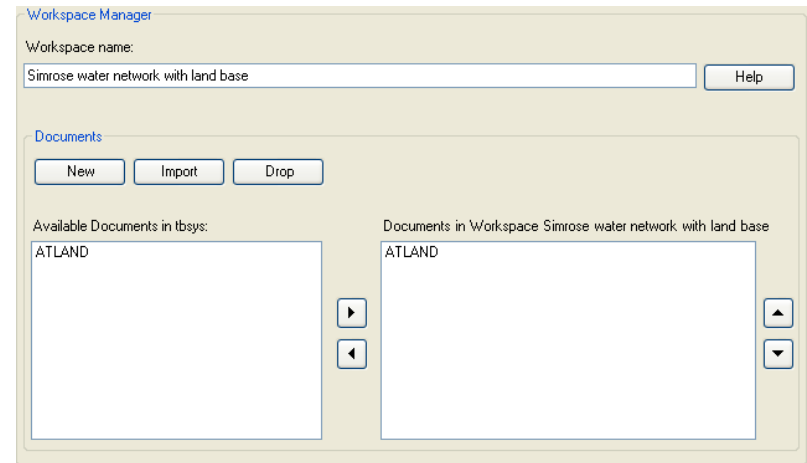
2.3.2 Creating a Workspace

- To create a workspace, launch Topobase Administrator.
 - Select **Workspace** menu > **Create** and then type **Simrose water network with land base** in the Create Workspace form. Click **Create**.



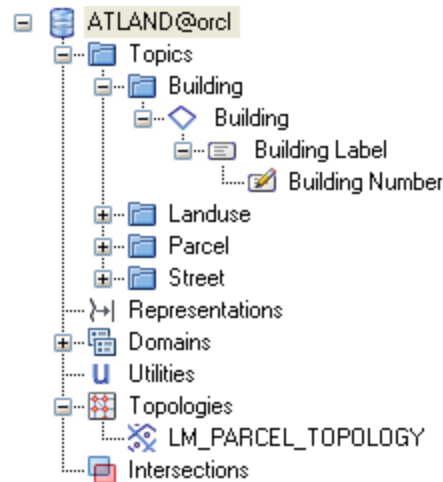
2.3.3 Assigning Documents

- Database schemas (documents) are listed in the Workspace Manager pane
- To assign the document **ATLAND** to the open workspace, select the document in the left listbox and click .

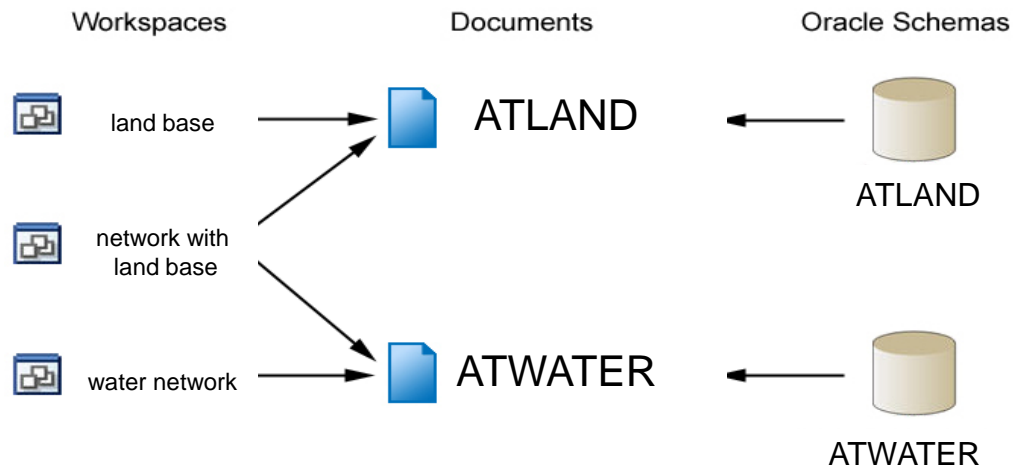


2.4 Data Model Administrator

- The Data Model Administrator enables an administrative user to manage data components in a document tree format.

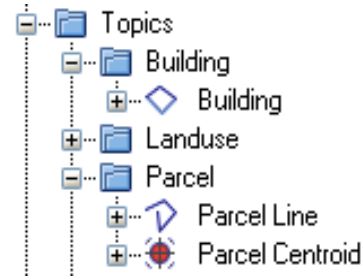


2.4.1 Documents



2.4.2 Topics

- A document contains one or more topics.
- Think of a topic as a container that organizes feature classes.
- A topic is represented by a folder icon in the data model administrator

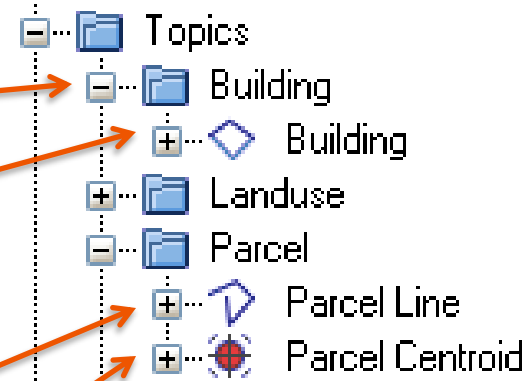


2.4.3 Feature Classes

- Topic—contains one or more feature classes.
- Feature class—an Oracle database table containing geometry and attribute data about features such as polygons, points, or lines.
- Tables—basic unit of data storage in an Oracle database.
 - A **column** refers to an attribute that describes the data.
 - A **row** is a collection of column information corresponding to a single record.

2.4.3 Feature Classes +

- Example
- Building topic contains
 - Building polygon feature class
- Parcel topic contains
 - Parcel line feature class
 - Parcel centroid feature class
- You can group multiple feature classes into the same topic as shown in the Parcel topic.



2.4.3 Feature Classes ++



Attributes

Attribute table (without geometry)



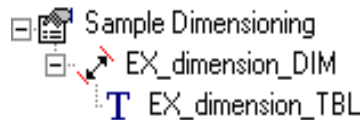
Centroid

A special point that represents an area defined by line strings



Collection

Features with arbitrary geometry (line, point, etc.)



Dimension

A dimensioning feature class consists of three related tables: Attribute feature class, Dimension feature class, and Label feature class



Label

A Label feature class is used for text

2.4.3 Feature Classes ++



LineString

A LineString feature contains polylines



Compound
LineString

A compound LineString is a group comprising two line string feature classes



Polygon

A polygon feature class contains closed polygons



Compound
Polygon

A compound polygon is a group comprising a line string and a polygon feature class

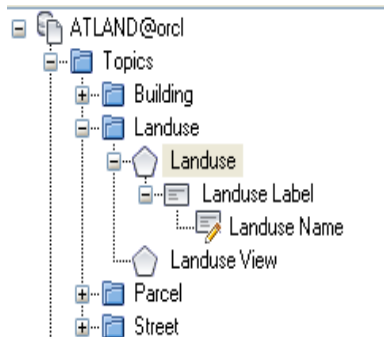


Point

A point feature class contains points

2.4.4 Domains


- Domains—look-up tables in Oracle database, contain valid values for attributes of feature classes

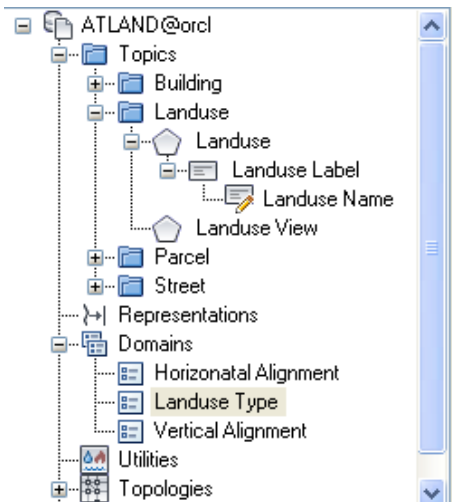


Name	Caption	Unit	Data Type	Length	Scale	Optional	Default	Relation(s)
FID	Feature ID		Number	10		False		
GEOM	Geometry		Geometry	1		True		
AREA	Area of the polygon	square meter	Number	20	8	True		
ID_LANDUSE_TYPE	Landuse Type		Number	10		True		LM_LANDUSE_TYPE_TBD.ID
NAME	Name		Varchar2	100		True		
NAME_LABEL	Name_Label		Varchar2	100		True		

- The Landuse feature class attribute ID_LANDUSE_TYPE is related to the domain Landuse Type (ID_LANDUSE_TYPE_TBD).

2.4.4 Domains +

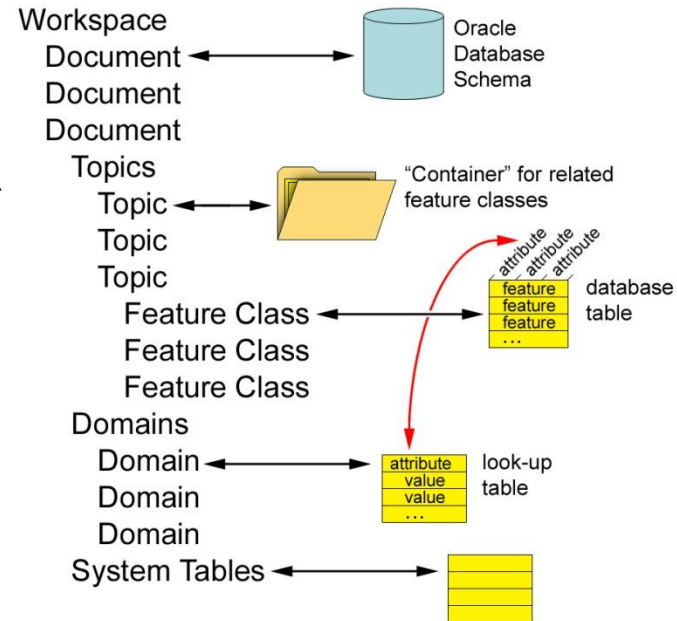
- Domains—represented by 
- Domain table for Landuse Type example:



Key	Value	Short Value	Active
8	Industry Medium	Ind Med	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	Open Space Agriculture	OSp Agri	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	Open Space Contours	OSp Con	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	Open Space Park	OSp Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12	Open Space Recreational Area	OSp Rec	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13	Public Service Church	PSe Church	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14	Public Service Government	PSe Gov	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15	Public Service Medical	PSe Medical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16	Public Service School	PSe School	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17	Residential Center	Res Cen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18	Residential High	Res High	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19	Residential Low	Res Low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20	Residential Medium	Res Med	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

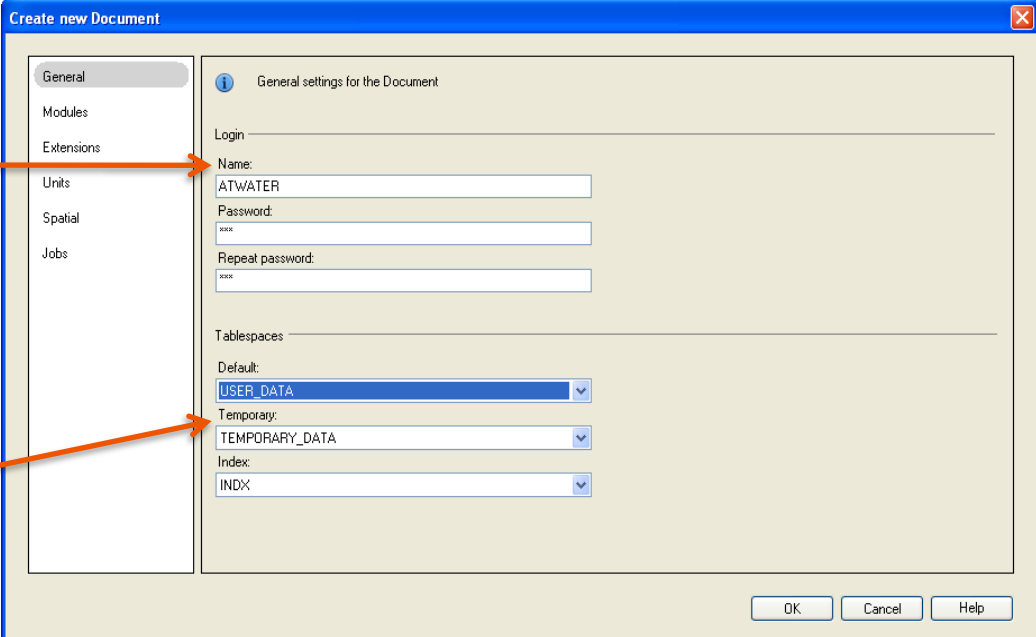
2.4.5 System Tables

- System Tables—Topobase administrative tables stored in the schema, contain metadata and configuration information for the application
- Users may or may not be able to view the system tables depending on their permissions for data access.



2.5 Creating a New Document

- Name: Document name is the name that the associated schema will have in the Oracle database
- Tablespace names depend on the Oracle installation.



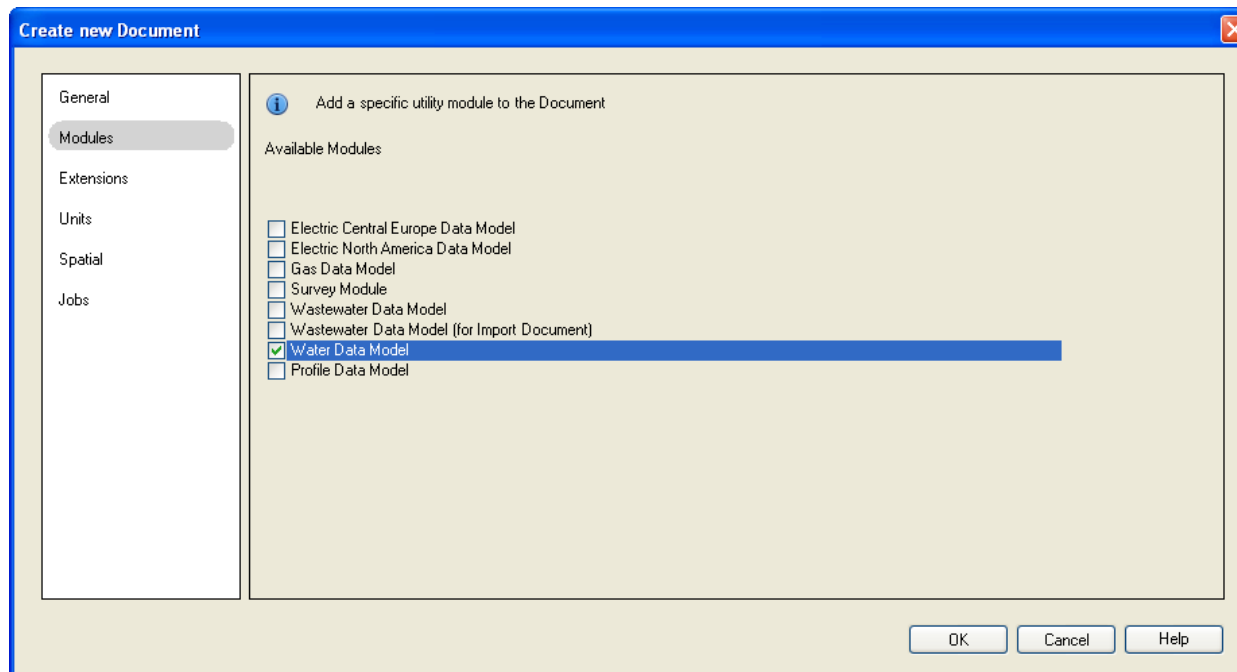
The screenshot shows the 'Create new Document' dialog box with the 'General' tab selected. The 'General settings for the Document' section contains the following fields:

- Login:**
 - Name: ATWATER
 - Password: (masked with asterisks)
 - Repeat password: (masked with asterisks)
- Tablespaces:**
 - Default: USER_DATA
 - Temporary: TEMPORARY_DATA
 - Index: INDX

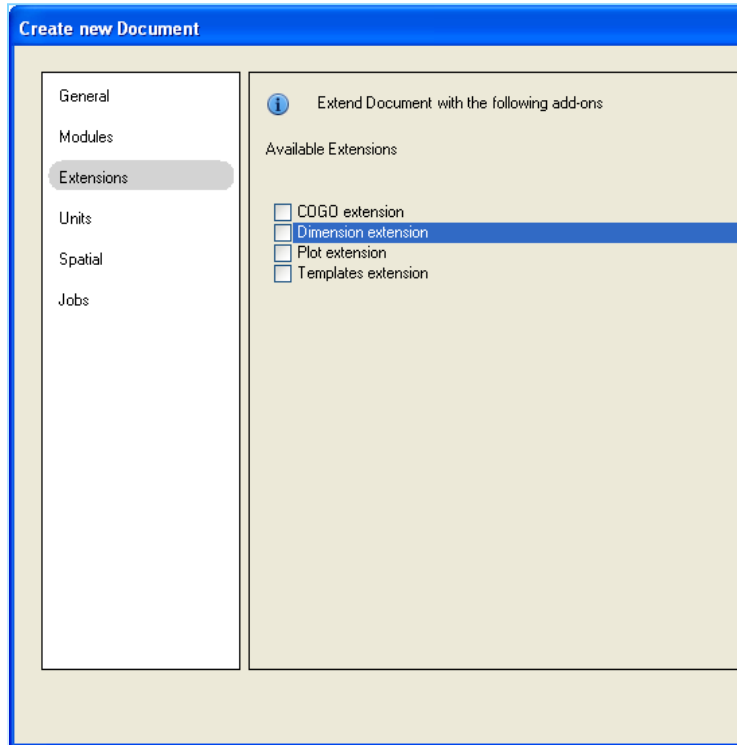
Orange arrows point from the text in the list to the 'Name' field and the 'Default' tablespace dropdown.

2.5.2 Modules

- Modules section—allows you to create a vertical utility module as part of your new document



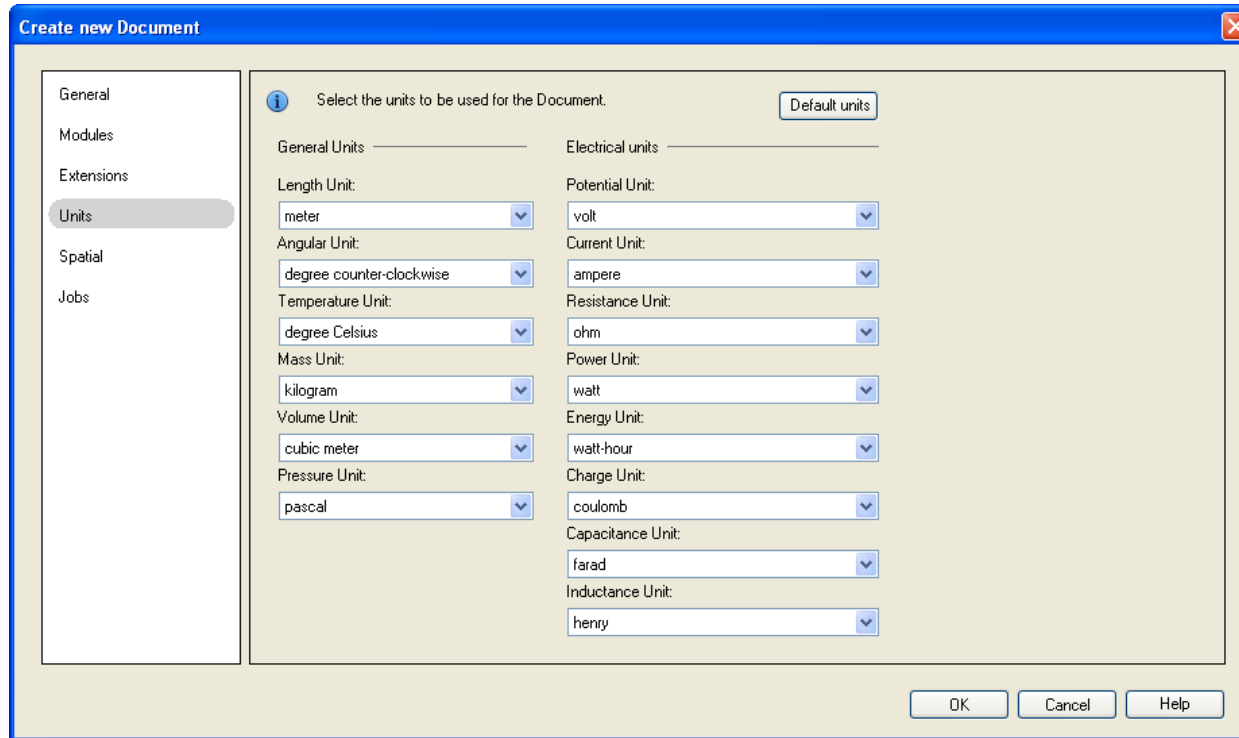
2.5.3 Extensions



- **COGO**—adds the COGO construction feature classes
- **Dimension**—adds the default feature classes for orthogonal and aligned dimensioning
- **Plot**—Adds the plot feature classes
- **Template**—adds the template feature classes

All extensions are toggled off for this example.

2.5.4 Units

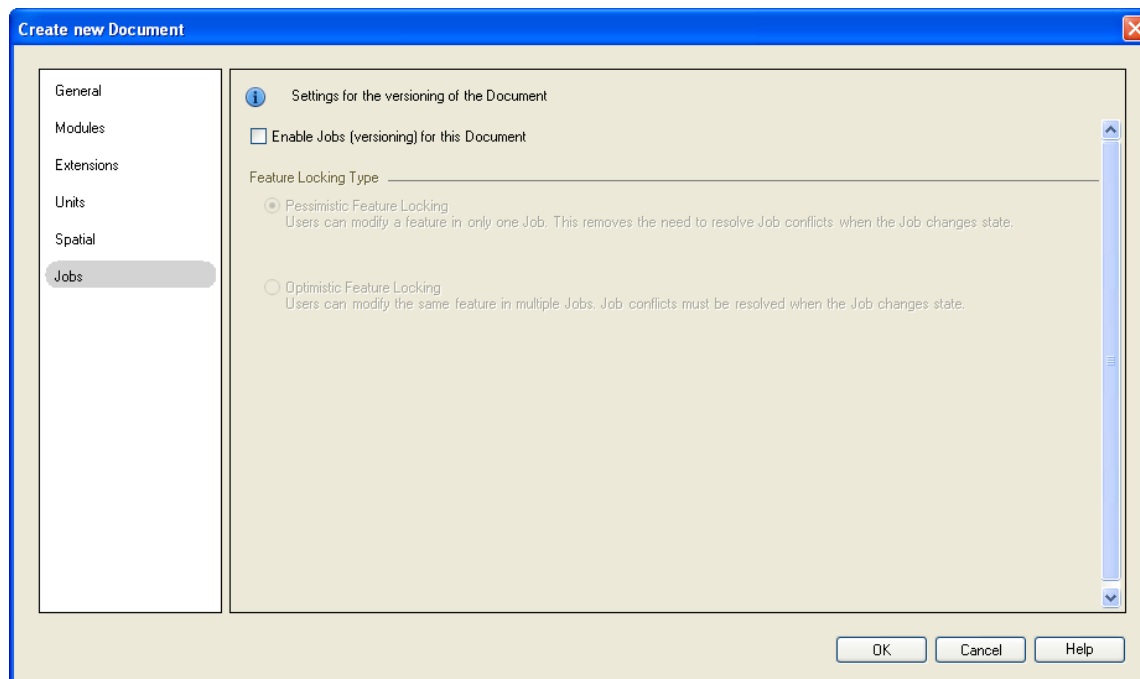


2.5.5 Spatial

- The Spatial section enables you to adjust the spatial settings applied to the data in the document. The spatial settings you can adjust are:
 - **Dimensions** 2D to store plane geometry, 3D to enable 3D support
 - **Tolerance** the minimum separation required between two coordinates for them to be distinct
 - **Northing** y coordinate, the difference in latitude between two positions as a result of movement north or south
 - **Easting** x coordinate, the difference in longitude between two positions as a result of movement east or west
 - **Elevation** the difference in height between two positions as a result of movement up or down
 - **Spatial Reference ID** set the appropriate coordinate system for your document

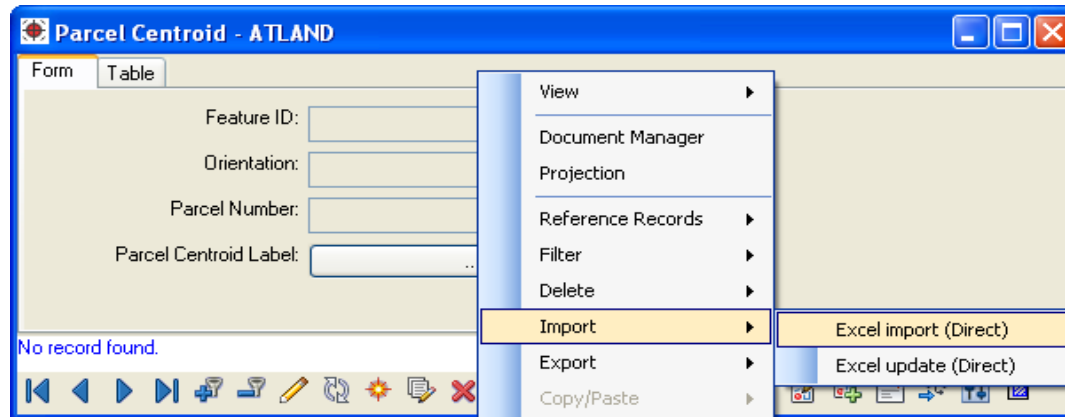
2.5.6 Jobs

- If job versioning will be used, toggle on Enable Jobs.



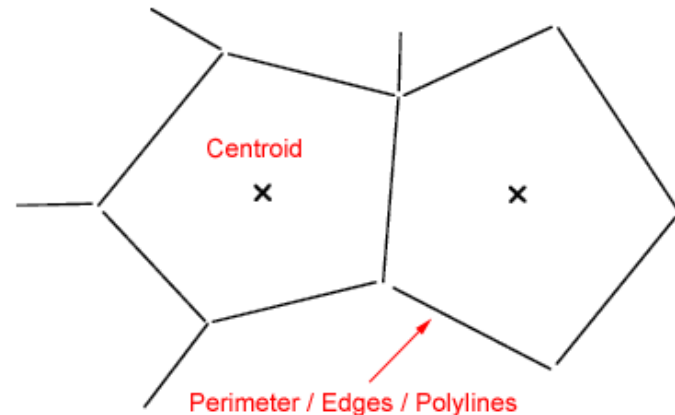
2.6 Importing x,y Coordinates from an Excel Spreadsheet +

- Right-click in the window for the context menu.
- Select Import > Excel import (Direct).



2.7 Area Topology

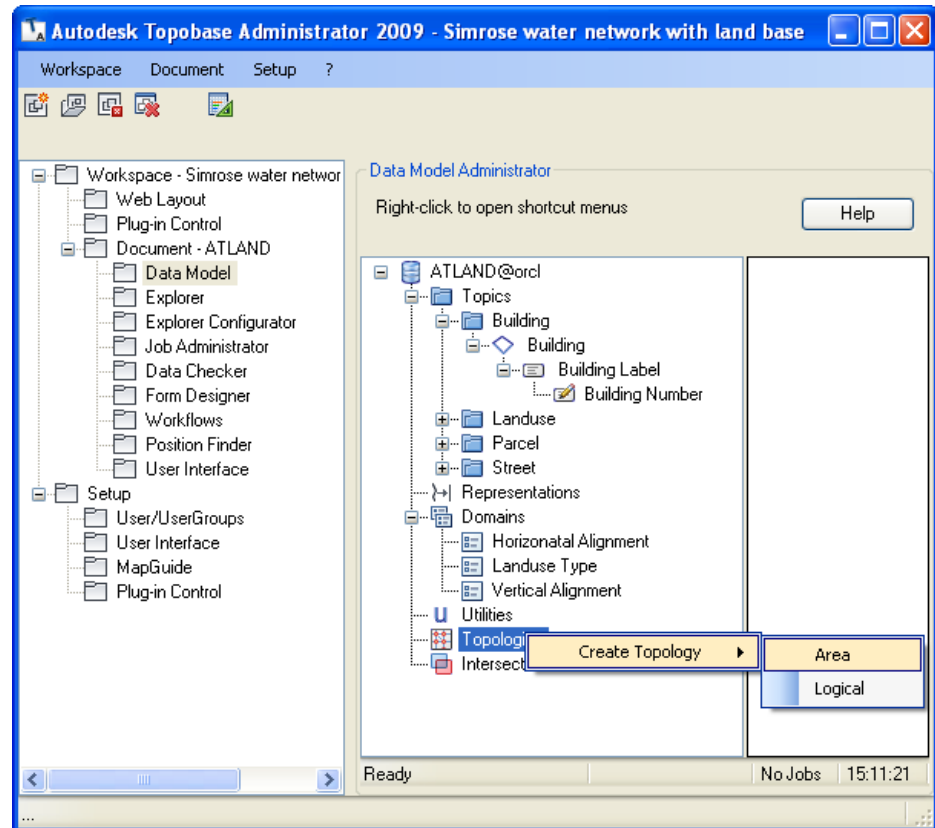
- Topology makes GIS powerful by defining the spatial relationships between objects.
- You can use a line feature class and a point feature class to create an *area topology*.
 - The lines are called edges.
 - The points are called centroids.
 - The region inside the edges is a polygon.



2.7.1 Define the Area Topology

To create a new area topology named LM_PARCEL_TOPOLOGY:

In the Data Model Administrator, right click Topologies, then select **Create Topology > Area** from the shortcut menu.



2.7.1 Define the Area Topology +

Resulting Area Topology form:

Area Topology

Topology

Topology Name: LM_PARCEL_TOPOLOGY

Centroid Feature Class: LM_PARCEL_CENTROID

Line Feature Class: LM_PARCEL_LINE

Tolerances

Arc Linearize: 0.08

Advanced

Centroids filter expression:

Lines filter expression:

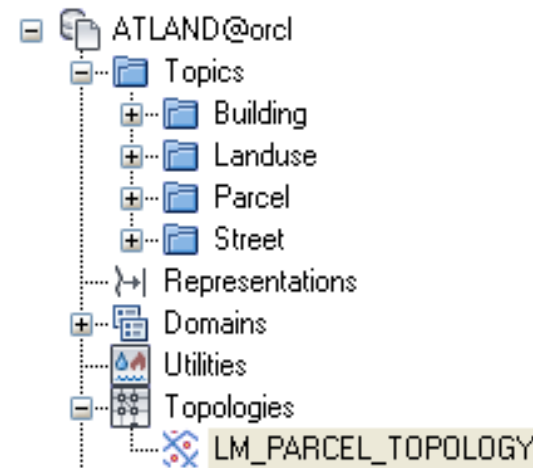
OK Cancel Help

Enter Topology values.

By using the **Arc Linearize** tolerance, you can control how Topobase repairs minor overlapping of arc segments.

2.7.1 Define the Area Topology ++

To initialize, right-click LM_PARCEL_TOPOLOGY and select **Initialize topology** in the shortcut menu that appears.



2.7.1 Define the Area Topology +++

The right pane of the Data Model Administrator shows the feature classes associated with the LANDUSE topology.

You specified both the Parcel Line and Parcel Centroid feature classes.

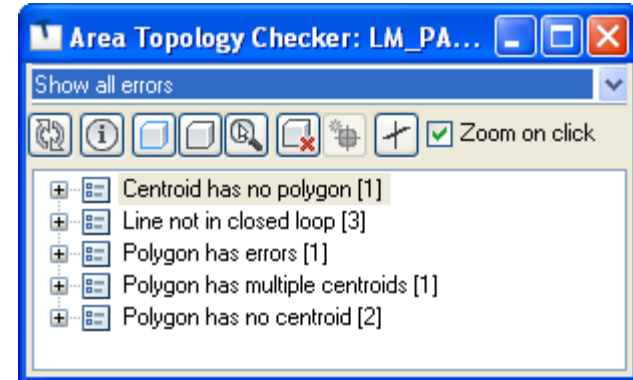
Topobase created the following feature classes:

LM_PARCEL_TOPOLOGY_TEDG
LM_PARCEL_TOPOLOGY_TCEN
LM_PARCEL_TOPOLOGY_TSUR
LM_PARCEL_TOPOLOGY_TSER
LM_PARCEL_TOPOLOGY_TISL

Feature Class	Feature Class Type
LM_PARCEL_TOPOLOGY_TEDG	Attribute
LM_PARCEL_TOPOLOGY_TCEN	Attribute
LM_PARCEL_TOPOLOGY_TSUR	Polygon
LM_PARCEL_TOPOLOGY_TSER	Collection
LM_PARCEL_TOPOLOGY_TISL	Point
Parcel Line	LineString
Parcel Centroid	Centroid

2.7.2 Topology Checker +

- The topology checker analyzes the Topology and shows a structured list of error descriptions.
- You can examine the results using the tools at the top of the window:




Refreshes the list



Opens the feature class form of the selected feature



Highlights the selected features on the map, based on the node selected.  for multiple features in a node.



Unhighlights any feature currently highlighted



Zooms to selected features



Deletes selected features



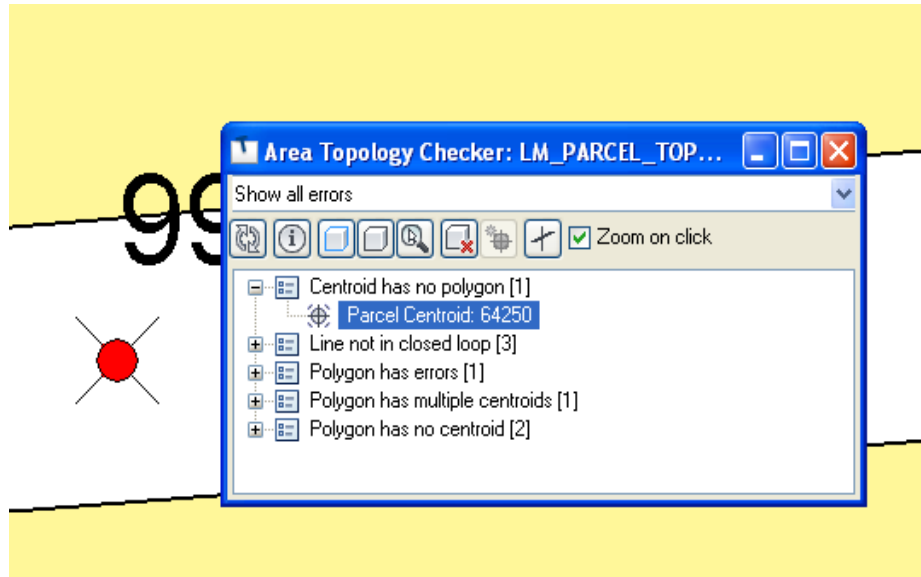
Creates missing centroids



Finds intersecting lines

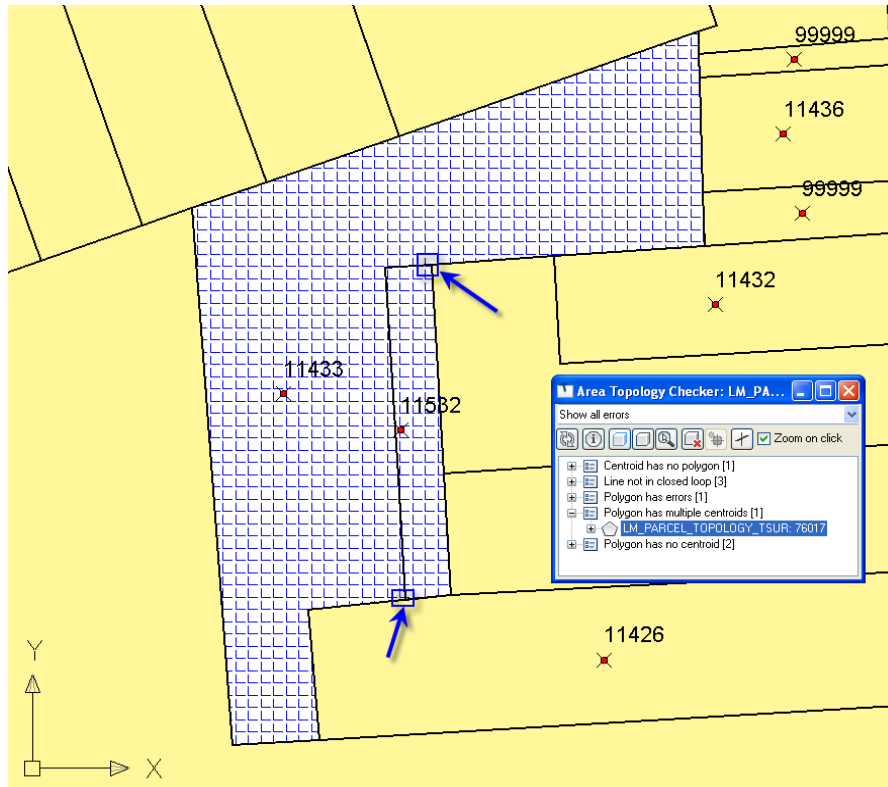
2.7.2 Topology Checker Error

Centroid has no polygon



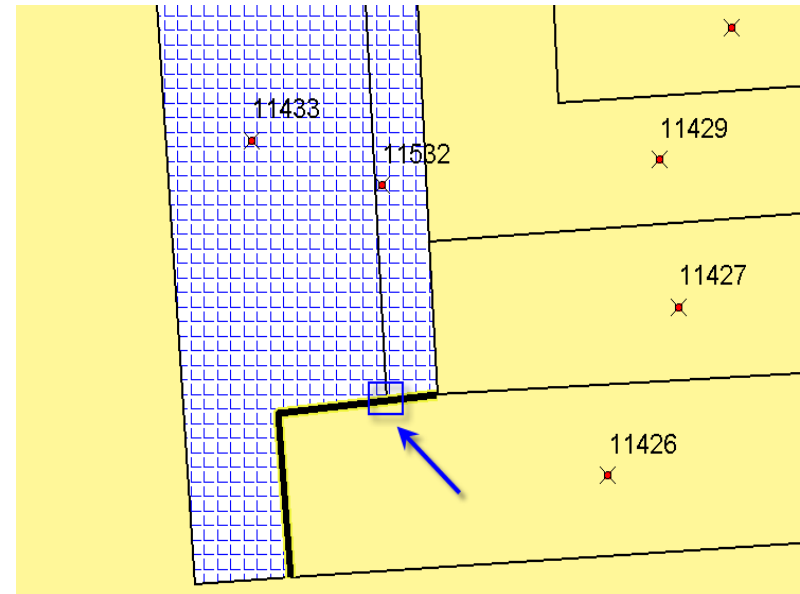
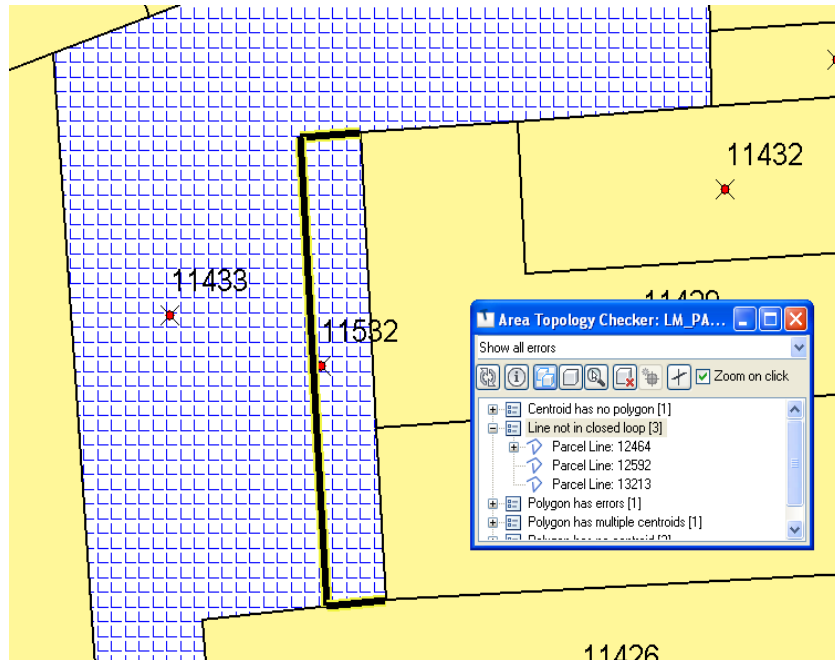
2.7.2 Topology Checker Error

Polygon has multiple centroids



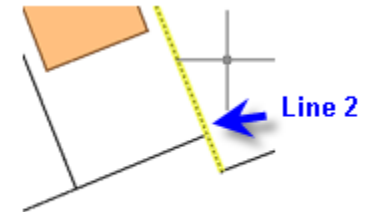
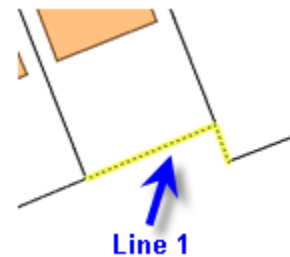
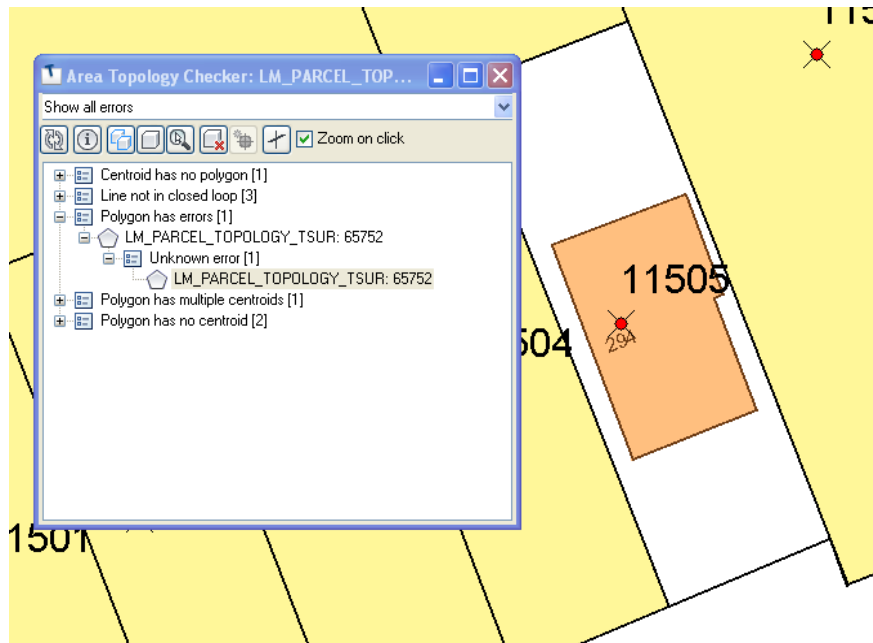
2.7.2 Topology Checker Error

Line not in closed loop



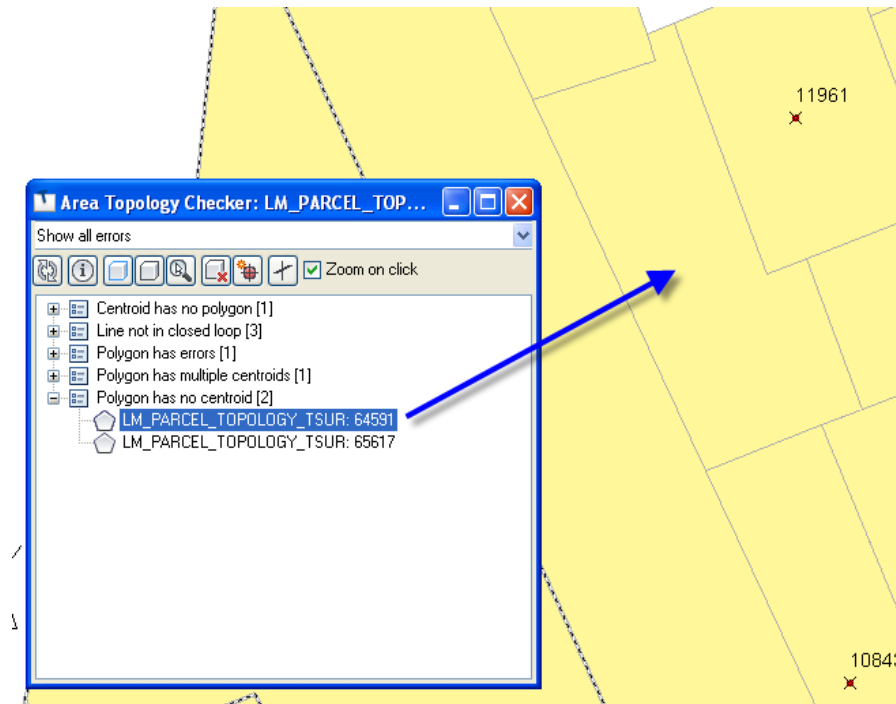
2.7.2 Topology Checker Error


Polygon has errors



2.7.2 Topology Checker Error

Polygon has no centroid



Click  for the automatic generation of a new centroid feature for the listed Polygon.

2.8 Data Checker


- Use the Topobase Data Checker to validate the quality of your data.
- The Data Checker can be run:
 - Manually
 - On demand
 - On a scheduled basis

2.8.1 Data Check Process

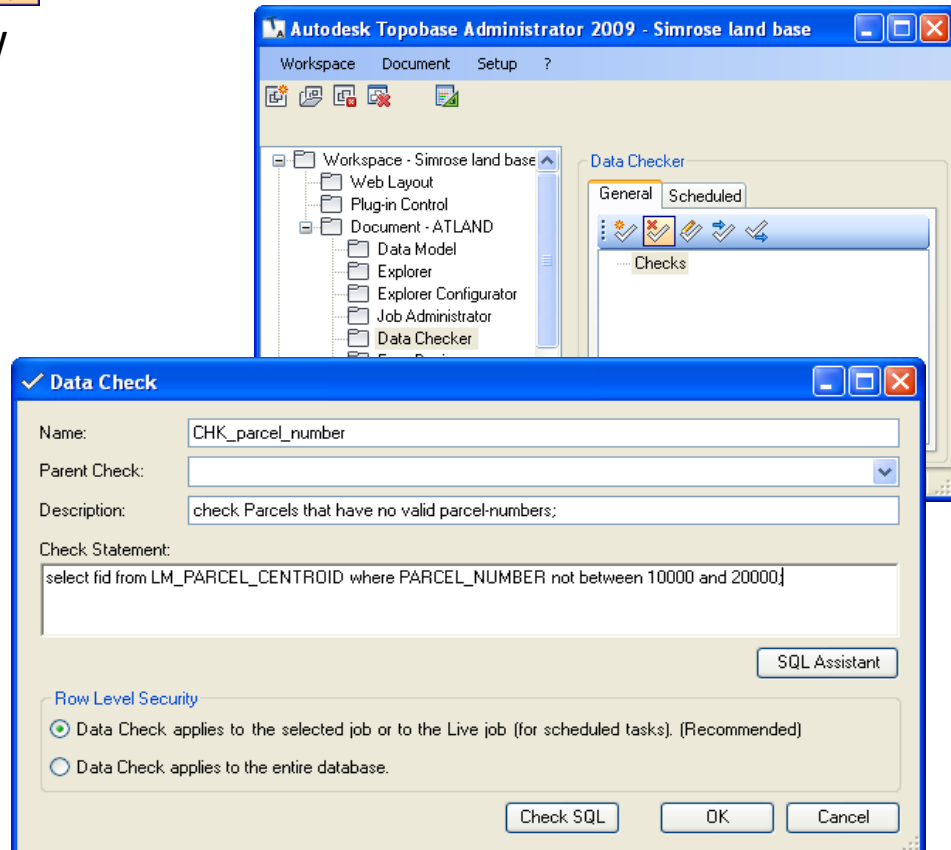
- A check consists mainly of a SQL statement which analyzes the data and returns the errors.
- If the Select statement doesn't return any rows, then the data is correct.
- The SQL statement must have the following syntax:

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SELECT fid
FROM <feature_class_to_be_checked>
WHERE <check_condition>
```
- The SQL statement has to return the FID to allow the display of features in Topobase Client.


2.8.1 Define the Data Checker

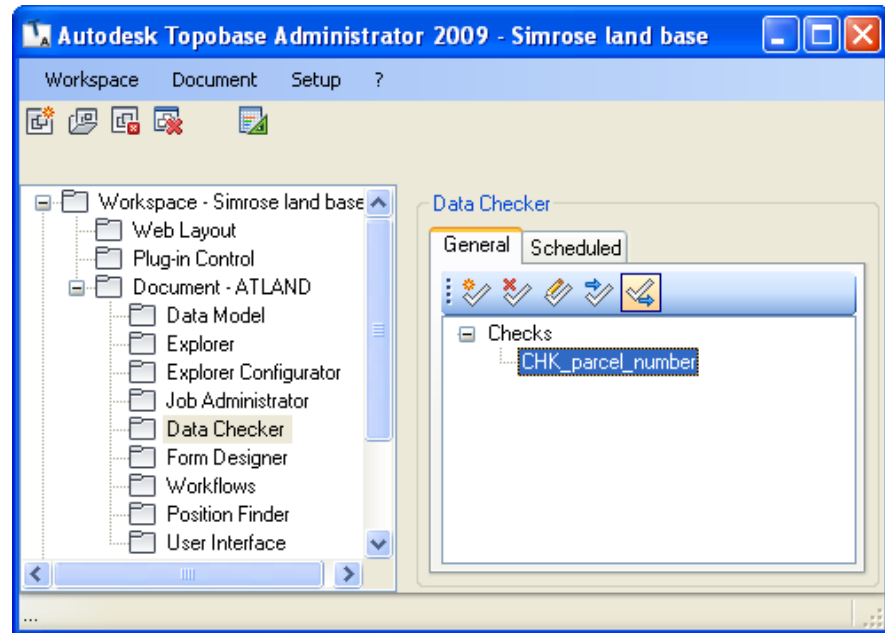
To define a new check, **click**  and the Data Checker window appears.

1. Choose recommended **Row Level Security**.
2. Use **SQL Assistant** for support creating SQL statements.



2.8.1 Define the Data Checker +

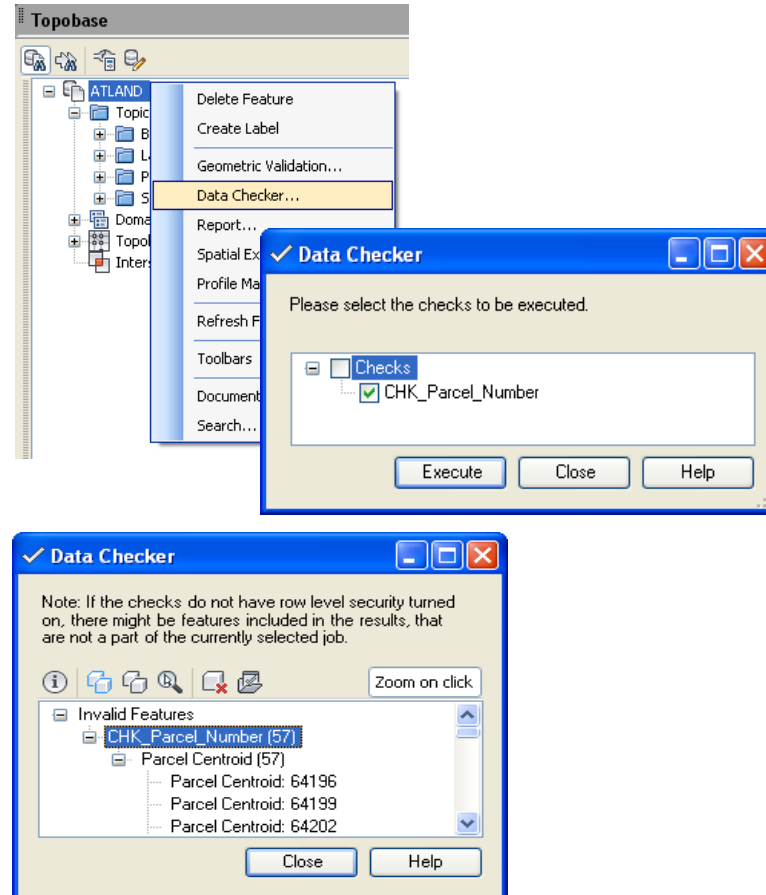
Click  to save the defined Data Check to an XML file.




2.8.1 Define the Data Checker ++

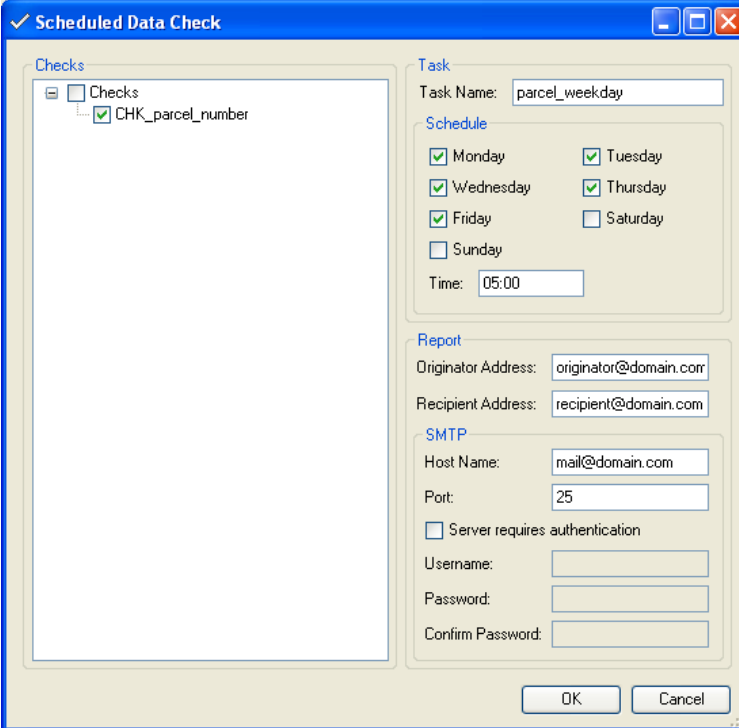
Run the data checker

1. Right-click **ATLAND** and select **Data Checker** from the context menu.
2. Check **CHK_Parcel_Number** and click **Execute**.
3. Results are displayed in the Data Checker window with functions similar to the topology checker.



2.8.2 Define a Scheduled Data Checker

In the Data Checker, select the **Scheduled** tab and **click**  to define a new schedule.



Scheduled Data Check

Checks

- ☐ Checks
 - ☒ CHK_parcel_number

Task

Task Name:

Schedule

☒ Monday ☒ Tuesday
☒ Wednesday ☒ Thursday
☒ Friday ☐ Saturday
☐ Sunday

Time:

Report

Originator Address:

Recipient Address:

SMTP

Host Name:

Port:

☐ Server requires authentication

Username:

Password:

Confirm Password:

OK Cancel


2.10 Chapter Summary

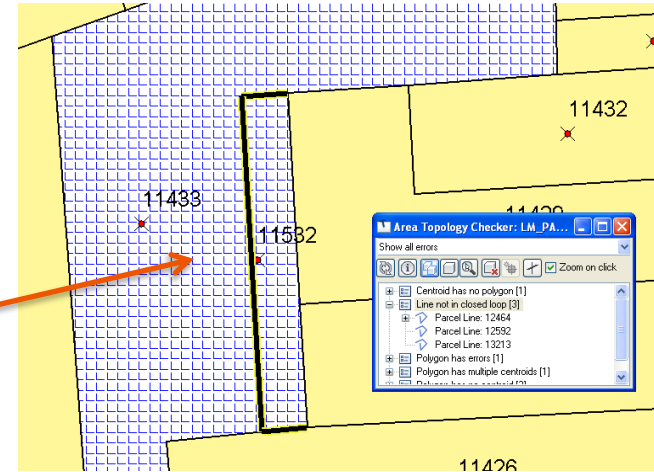
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Additional Slides

Lab Exercise—Topology Checker Error

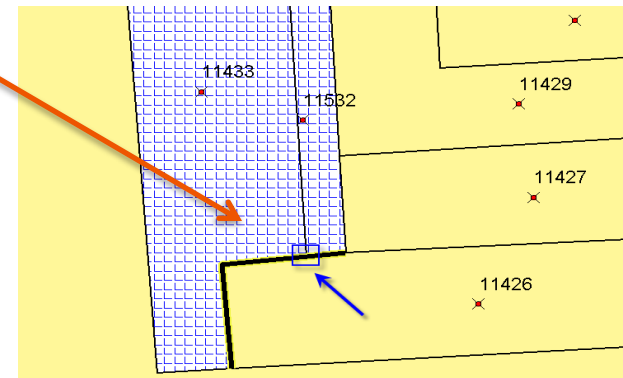
Line not in closed loop

1. Select **Line not in closed loop [3]**. The actions you perform now are for all features with this type of error.
2. Click  to **highlight** all features.
 - This is the same polygon shown in the previous error. You can see that those three lines highlighted should define a new polygon.
 - If you select the line at the bottom, you can see that it is overlapping one of the three lines.



Correction:

1. Trim the highlighted line to the common end points marked by the rectangle.
2. Activate object snap to facilitate the editing.
3. The two polygons are generated automatically and the old polygon is removed.




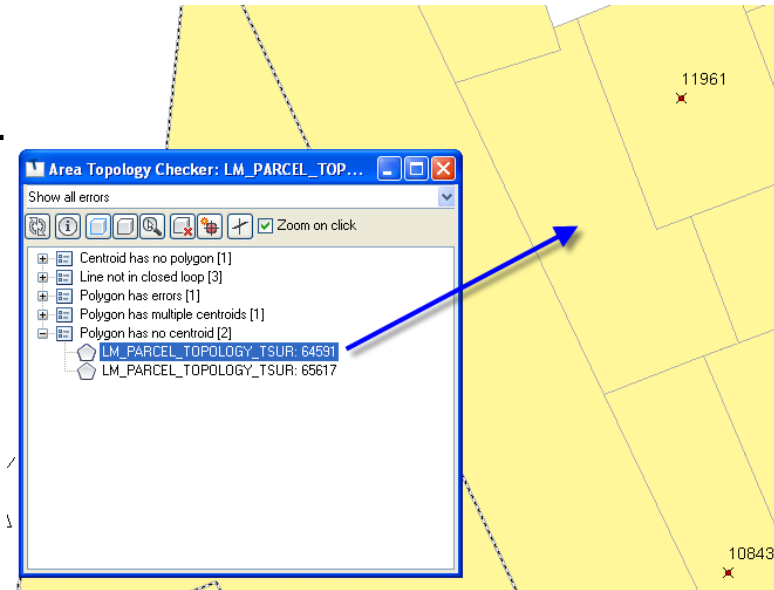
Lab Exercise—Topology Checker Error

Polygon has no centroid

- Select **Polygon has no centroid [2]** and click the first node.
- The polygon does not have a centroid.

Correction:

1. Click  for the automatic generation of a new centroid feature for the listed Polygon.
2. Complete the attribute data and create a label for the new centroid, if necessary.



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