



## **Experiment No.5**

**Title: Execution of Spatial database queries**



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**Aim: To execute spatial queries using PostGIS.**

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**Resources needed:** PostgreSQL 9.6, PostGIS 2.0

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## Theory

**PostGIS** is an open source software program that adds support for geographic objects to the PostgreSQL object-relational database. PostGIS follows the Simple Features for SQL specification from the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC). PostGIS turns the PostgreSQL Database Management System into a spatial database by adding support for the three features: spatial types, indexes, and functions. Because it is built on PostgreSQL, PostGIS automatically inherits important “enterprise” features as well as open standards for implementation. PostgreSQL is a powerful, object-relational database management system (ORDBMS). It is also open source software.

## Features of PostGIS

Geometry types for points, line strings, polygons, multi-points, multi-line-strings, multi-polygons and geometry collections.

Spatial predicates for determining the interactions of geometries using the 3x3 Egenhofer matrix (provided by the GEOS software library).

Spatial operators for determining geospatial measurements like area, distance, length and perimeter.

Spatial operators for determining geospatial set operations, like union, difference, symmetric difference and buffers (provided by GEOS).

R-tree-over-GiST (Generalised Search Tree) spatial indexes for high speed spatial querying.

Index selectivity support, to provide high performance query plans for mixed spatial/non-spatial queries.

For raster data

Geometry is an abstract type and concrete subtypes can be **atomic** or **collection** types

- Atomic

- Point : It represents a single location in coordinate space

e.g. POINT(3, 4), POINT (3,5,4,8)

- o **LineString** : It is a 1-dimensional line formed by a contiguous sequence of line segments. Each line segment is defined by two points, with the end point of one segment forming the start point of the next segment  
e.g. LINESTRING (1 2, 3 4, 5 6)
- o **LineRing** : It is a LineString which is both closed and simple. The first and last points must be equal, and the line must not self-intersect  
e.g. LINEARRING (0 0 0, 4 0 0, 4 4 0, 0 4 0, 0 0 0)
- o **Polygon** : It is a 2-dimensional planar region, delimited by an exterior boundary (the shell) and zero or more interior boundaries (holes). Each boundary is a LinearRing.  
e.g. POLYGON ((0 0 0, 4 0 0, 4 4 0, 0 4 0, 0 0 0), (1 1 0, 2 1 0, 2 2 0, 1 2 0, 1 1 0))
- **Collection**
  - o **MultiPoint** : It is a collection of points  
e.g. MULTIPOINT ( (0 0), (1 2) )
  - o **MultiLineString** : It is a collection of LineStrings. A MultiLineString is closed if each of its elements is closed  
e.g. MULTILINESTRING ( (0 0, 1 1, 1 2), (2 3, 3 2, 5 4) )
  - o **MultiPolygon** : It is a collection of non-overlapping, non-adjacent polygons. Polygons in the collection may touch only at a finite number of points.  
e.g. MULTIPOLYGON (((1 5, 5 5, 5 1, 1 1, 1 5)), ((6 5, 9 1, 6 1, 6 5)))
  - o **GeometryCollection** : It is a heterogeneous (mixed) collection of geometries  
e.g. GEOMETRYCOLLECTION ( POINT(2 3), LINESTRING(2 3, 3 4))
  - o Also there are PolyHedralSurface, Triangle and TIN

PostGIS provides different functions for determining relationships (topological or distance) between geometries, compute measurements, overlays and geometry construction also besides other provisions.

Few of the functions are

### Measurement functions

**ST\_Area** : **float ST\_Area(geometry g1) ;**

Returns the area of a polygonal geometry

**ST\_Length** : **float ST\_Length(geometry a\_2dlinestring) ; R**

Returns the 2D Cartesian length of the geometry if it is a LineString, MultiLineString, ST\_Curve, ST\_MultiCurve

**ST\_Perimeter** : **float ST\_Perimeter(geometry g1) ;**

Returns the 2D perimeter of the geometry/geography if it is a ST\_Surface, ST\_MultiSurface (Polygon, MultiPolygon)

## Named Spatial Relationships

For determining common spatial relationships, OGC SFS defines a set of named spatial relationship predicates. PostGIS provides these as the functions

```
ST_Contains : boolean ST_Contains(geometry geomA, geometry geomB);
ST_Crosses : boolean ST_Crosses(geometry g1, geometry g2);
ST_Disjoint : boolean ST_Disjoint( geometry A , geometry B );
ST_Equals : boolean ST_Equals(geometry A, geometry B);
ST_Intersects : boolean ST_Intersects( geometry geomA , geometry geomB );
ST_Overlaps : boolean ST_Overlaps(geometry A, geometry B);
ST_Touches : boolean ST_Touches(geometry A, geometry B);
ST_Within. : boolean ST_Within(geometry A, geometry B);
```

It also defines the non-standard relationship predicates

```
ST_Covers : boolean ST_Covers(geometry geomA, geometry geomB);
ST_CoveredBy : boolean ST_CoveredBy(geometry geomA, geometry geomB);
ST_ContainsProperly : boolean ST_ContainsProperly(geometry geomA,
geometry geomB);
```

Spatial predicates are usually used as conditions in SQL WHERE or JOIN clauses.

```
SELECT city.name, state.name, city.geom
FROM city JOIN state ON ST_Intersects(city.geom, state.geom);
```

## Visualization of shape file on GOOGLE Earth Engine(GEE):

Google Earth Engine (GEE) is a cloud-based platform developed by Google for planetary-scale environmental data analysis. It provides a powerful infrastructure for analyzing and visualizing geospatial data, making it particularly valuable for tasks such as remote sensing, environmental monitoring, and land cover analysis.

It facilitates the Visualization and Mapping of geospatial data. GEE provides tools for visualizing geospatial data, including the ability to create interactive maps and time-lapse animations. Users can visualize the results of their analyses directly within the Code Editor or export visualizations for external use.

## Procedure:

1. Installation of relational database PostgreSQL 9.6 (download from <http://www.enterprisedb.com/products-services-training/pgdownload> )
2. Installation of PostGIS using Application stack builder.
3. Download spatial data from <https://www.diva-gis.org/gdata> (OR similar website with FREE usable data) Get it for any country with minimum 3 subjects.
4. Import the data in your PostgreSQL  
access video resource

**Spatial Database demo-20220223\_104701.mpg** from

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jB7t4zVtyANA70XfHiwF2qU\\_JSMIU1\\_n?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jB7t4zVtyANA70XfHiwF2qU_JSMIU1_n?usp=drive_link)

5. Identify spatial relationship between any two geometric entities (any 3 named relationships)
6. Perform any two measurement functions for geometric data.
7. Execute any one range query
8. create account on GEE using somaiya email id
9. upload the shapefile
10. visualize it on GEE

access the video resources **GE\_shapefile-SMP.mp4** and **shptocsv.mp4** from [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jB7t4zVtyANA70XfHiwF2qU\\_JSMIU1\\_n?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jB7t4zVtyANA70XfHiwF2qU_JSMIU1_n?usp=drive_link)

`var shapefile : Table projects/ee-suchitrapatil23/assets/indian_waterbodies_area//` this you need to do for your shapefile in assets

`// Load the shapefile as a FeatureCollection.`

`var shapefile = shapefileUrl;`

`// Display the shapefile on the map.`

`Map.centerObject(shapefile, 10); // Center the map on the shapefile`

`Map.addLayer(shapefile, {}, 'Shapefile');`

`// Print the FeatureCollection to the console to inspect its properties.`

`print(shapefile);`

`// Convert the shapefile to a CSV table.`

`var csvTable = shapefile;`

`// Print the resulting CSV table.`

`print(csvTable);`

`// Export the CSV table to Google Drive.`

`Export.table.toDrive({  
 collection: csvTable,  
 description: 'indian_waterbodies_shapefilecsv',  
 fileFormat: 'CSV'  
});`

```
SELECT ST_Distance(geom, 'SRID=3005;POINT(1011102 450541)'::geometry) as d,edabbr, vaabbr
FROM va2005
ORDER BY d limit 10;
```

d	edabbr	vaabbr
0	ALQ	128
5541.57712511724	ALQ	129A
5579.67450712005	ALQ	001
6083.4207708641	ALQ	131
7691.2205404848	ALQ	003
7900.75451037313	ALQ	122
8694.20710669982	ALQ	129B
9564.24289057111	ALQ	130
12089.665931705	ALQ	127
18472.5531479404	ALQ	002

(10 rows)

**Range query in Postgis**  
**SELECT ST\_Reclass(rast, 1,**

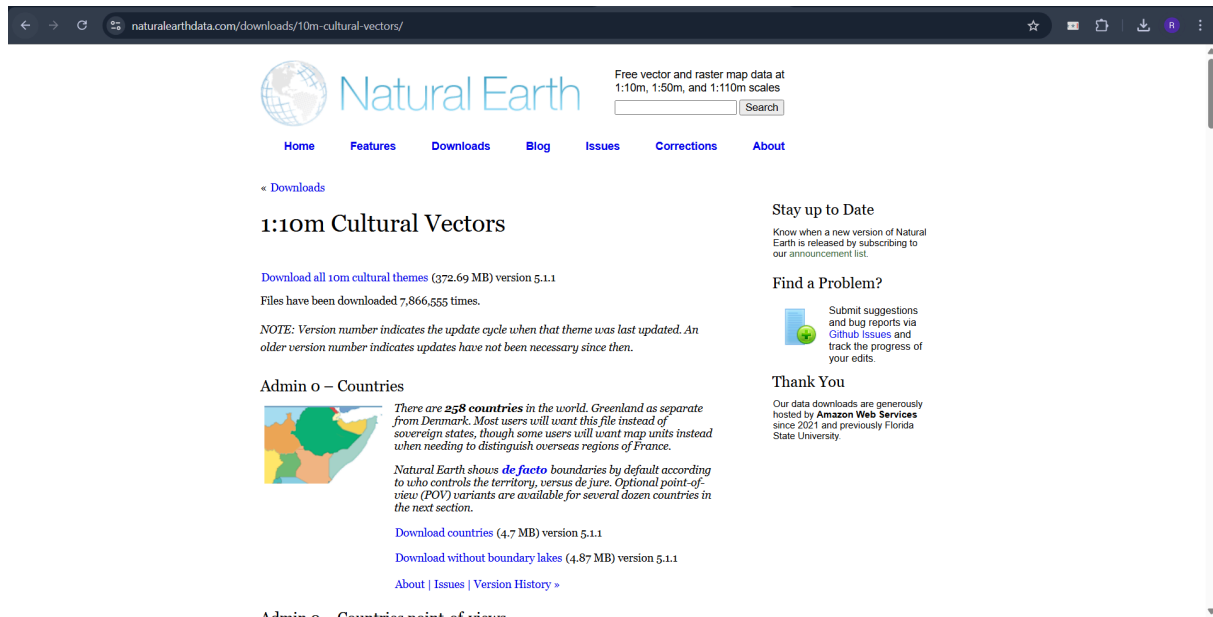
```
'[0-90]:0,(90-100):1,[100-1000):2',  
  '4BUI', 0) AS rast FROM sometable  
WHERE filename = '123.tif';
```

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## Results: (Program printout with output)

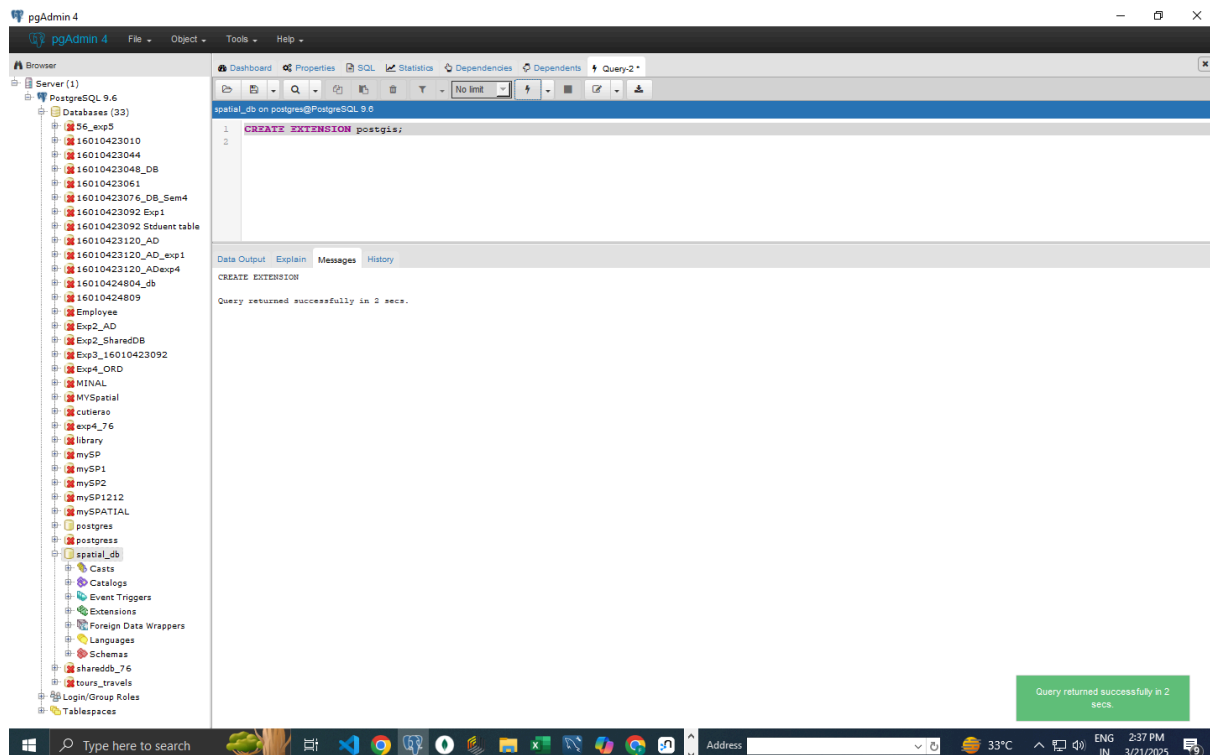
### Step 1: Downloading Spatial Data

- To begin, spatial data is required for analysis.
- The dataset can be obtained from [Natural Earth](https://naturalearthdata.com/):
- Select the desired country and download the spatial data.
- Extract the downloaded ZIP file to access the .shp (shapefile) and its related files.

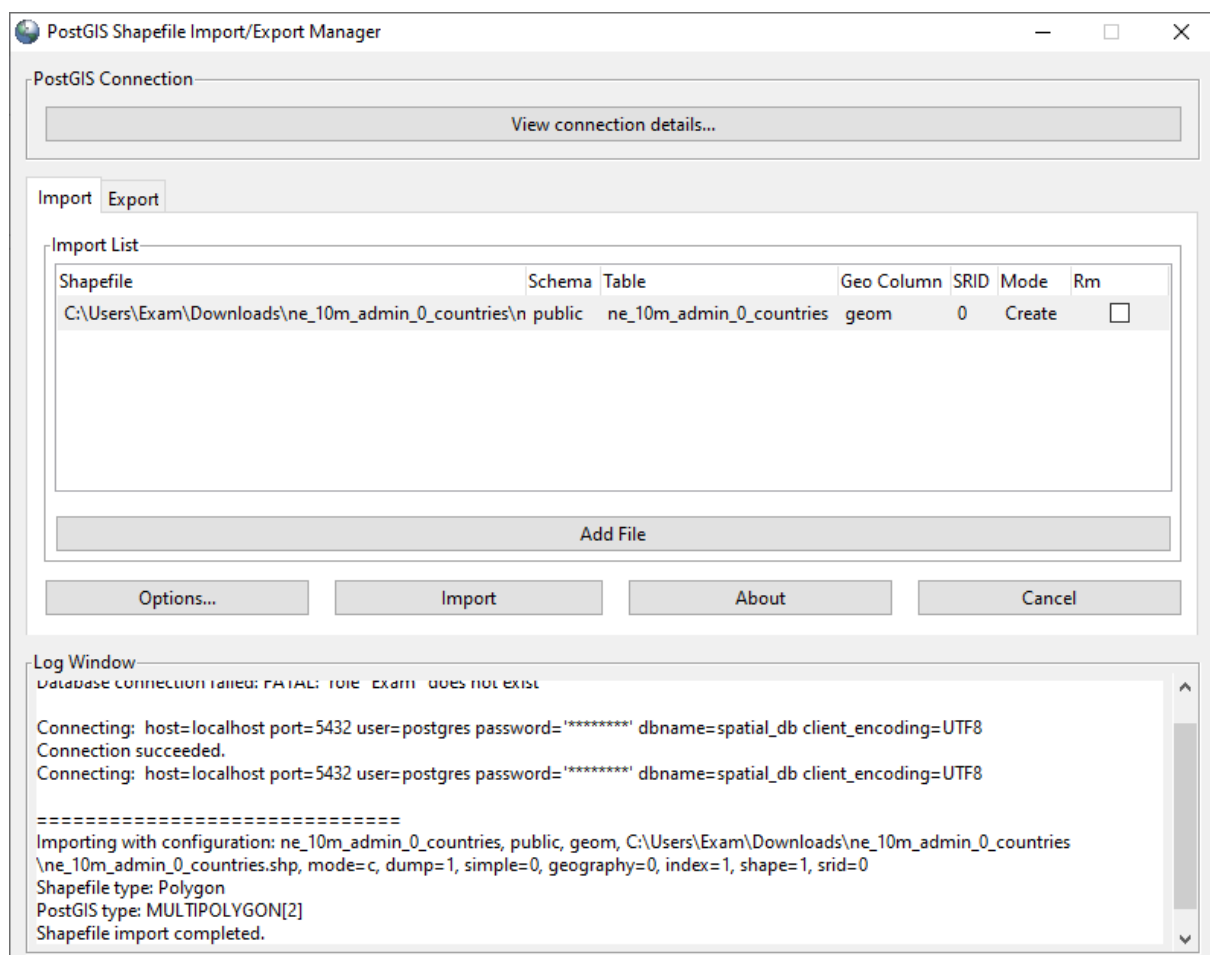


### Step 2: Importing Spatial Data into PostgreSQL

- Open pgAdmin and create a new database:
  - Right-click on Databases → Create → Database.
  - Name the database as `spatial_db`.
- Enable the PostGIS extension by executing the following SQL query in pgAdmin:  
`CREATE EXTENSION postgis;`



- Use the PostGIS Shapefile and DBF Loader to import .shp files:
  - Navigate to Start Menu → PostGIS Bundle → Shapefile and DBF Loader.
  - Click Add and select the extracted .shp files.
  - Choose the `spatial_db` database and click Import.





### Step 3: Running Spatial Queries

#### Confirm the Spatial Reference System Identifier (SRID):

```
SELECT ST_SRID(geom) FROM ne_10m_admin_0_countries LIMIT 1;
```

The screenshot shows the pgAdmin 4 interface. On the left, the 'Browser' pane displays a tree view of the database structure, including a table named 'ne\_10m\_admin\_0\_countries' under the 'spatial\_db' schema. The main pane shows a SQL query window with the following code:

```
1 CREATE EXTENSION postgis;
2
3 SELECT ST_SRID(geom) FROM ne_10m_admin_0_countries LIMIT 1;
4
5
6 -- Check if a country contains a specific point (Example: India)
7 SELECT name FROM ne_10m_admin_0_countries
8 WHERE ST_Contains(geom, ST_GeomFromText('POINT(78.9629 20.5937)', 4326));
9
10 -- Find countries that share a border with India
11 SELECT c1.name, c2.name
12 FROM ne_10m_admin_0_countries c1, ne_10m_admin_0_countries c2
13 WHERE ST_Touches(c1.geom, c2.geom) AND c1.name = 'India';
14
15 -- Check if two countries overlap (should return false as they are distinct polygons)
16 SELECT ST_Overlaps(a.geom, b.geom)
17 FROM ne_10m_admin_0_countries a, ne_10m_admin_0_countries b
18 WHERE a.name = 'India' AND b.name = 'China';
19
20
21
22
```

The 'Data Output' pane shows the result of the first query:

st_srid
0

A green status bar at the bottom right indicates: "Total query runtime: 456 msec. 1 rows retrieved."

#### Standardize the SRID to EPSG:4326:

```
UPDATE ne_10m_admin_0_countries
SET geom = ST_SetSRID(geom, 4326);
```

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```
1 CREATE EXTENSION postgis;
2
3 SELECT ST_SRID(geom) FROM ne_10m_admin_0_countries LIMIT 1;
4
5 UPDATE ne_10m_admin_0_countries
6 SET geom = ST_SetSRID(geom, 4326);
7
8
9 -- Check if a country contains a specific point (Example: India)
10 SELECT name FROM ne_10m_admin_0_countries
11 WHERE ST_Contains(geom, ST_GeomFromText('POINT(78.9629 20.5937)', 4326));
12
13 -- Find countries that share a border with India
14 SELECT c1.name, c2.name
15 FROM ne_10m_admin_0_countries c1, ne_10m_admin_0_countries c2
16 WHERE ST_Touches(c1.geom, c2.geom) AND c1.name = 'India';
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20 FROM ne_10m_admin_0_countries a, ne_10m_admin_0_countries b
21 WHERE a.name = 'India' AND b.name = 'China';
22
```

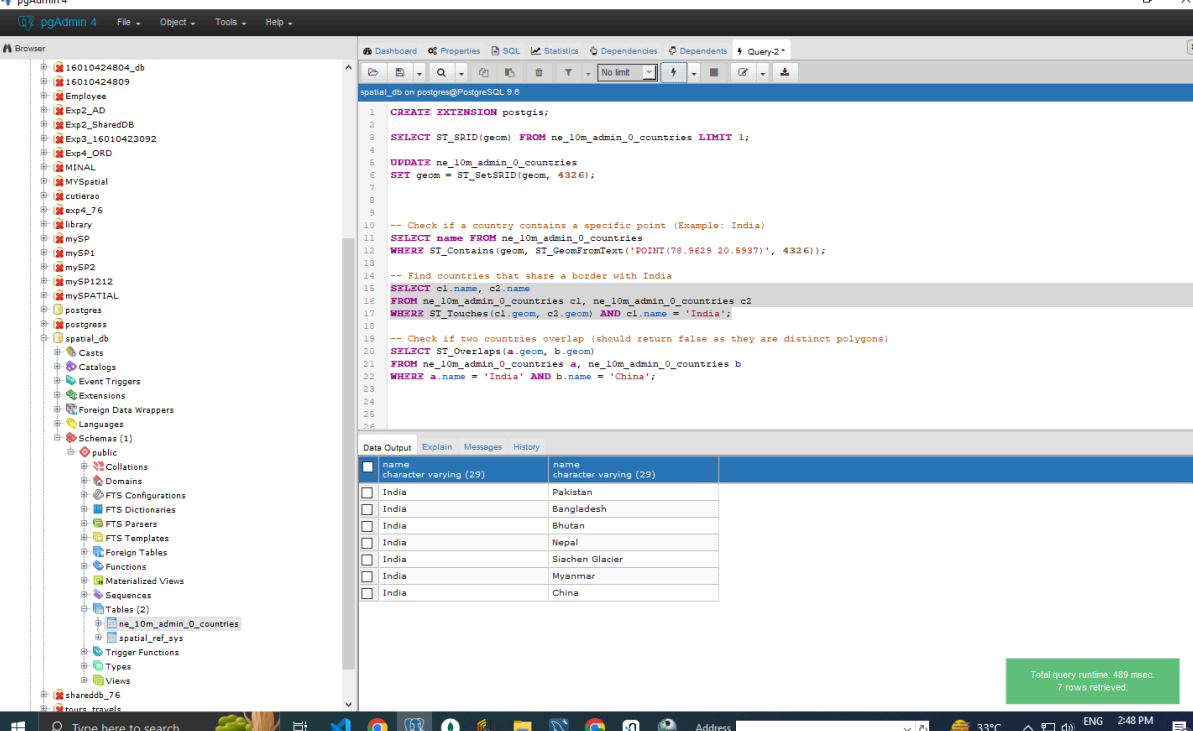
The 'Data Output' pane shows the result of the UPDATE query:

UPDATE
250

A green status bar at the bottom right indicates: "Query returned successfully in 884 msec."

**Find neighboring countries of India:**

```
SELECT c1.name, c2.name
FROM ne_10m_admin_0_countries c1, ne_10m_admin_0_countries c2
WHERE ST_Touches(c1.geom, c2.geom) AND c1.name = 'India';
```



The screenshot shows the pgAdmin 4 interface. The left pane displays the database structure, including the 'ne\_10m\_admin\_0\_countries' table. The central pane shows a SQL query being executed. The right pane displays the results of the query in a table format.

**SQL Query:**

```
1 CREATE EXTENSION postgis;
2
3 SELECT ST_SRID(geom) FROM ne_10m_admin_0_countries LIMIT 1;
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5 UPDATE ne_10m_admin_0_countries
6 SET geom = ST_SetSRID(geom, 4326);
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12 WHERE ST_Contains(geom, ST_GeomFromText('POINT(78.9629 20.5937)', 4326));
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14 -- Find countries that share a border with India
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16 FROM ne_10m_admin_0_countries c1, ne_10m_admin_0_countries c2
17 WHERE ST_Touches(c1.geom, c2.geom) AND c1.name = 'India';
18
19 -- Check if two countries overlap (should return false as they are distinct polygons)
20 SELECT ST_Overlaps(a.geom, b.geom)
21 FROM ne_10m_admin_0_countries a, ne_10m_admin_0_countries b
22 WHERE a.name = 'India' AND b.name = 'China';
23
24
25
26
```

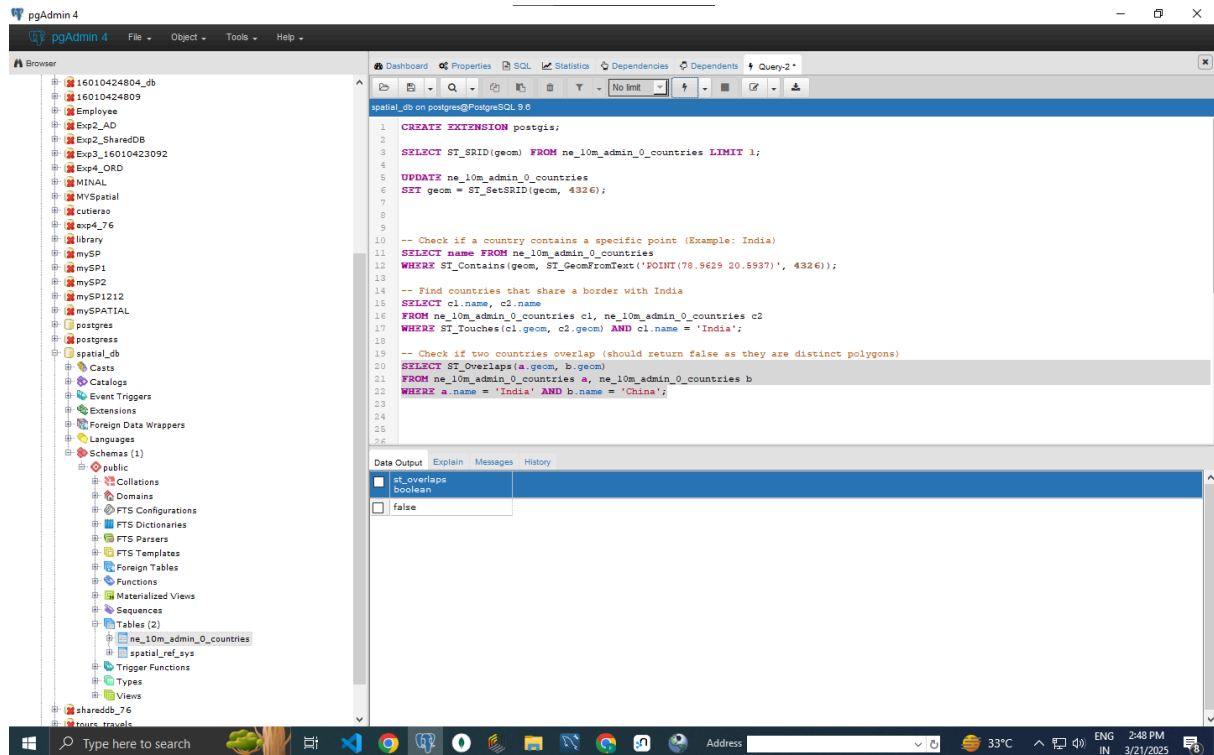
**Data Output:**

name	name
India	Pakistan
India	Bangladesh
India	Bhutan
India	Nepal
India	Siachen Glacier
India	Myanmar
India	China

Total query runtime: 488 msec  
7 rows retrieved.

**Check if two countries overlap (should return false as they are distinct polygons):**

```
SELECT ST_Overlaps(a.geom, b.geom)
FROM ne_10m_admin_0_countries a, ne_10m_admin_0_countries b
WHERE a.name = 'India' AND b.name = 'China';
```

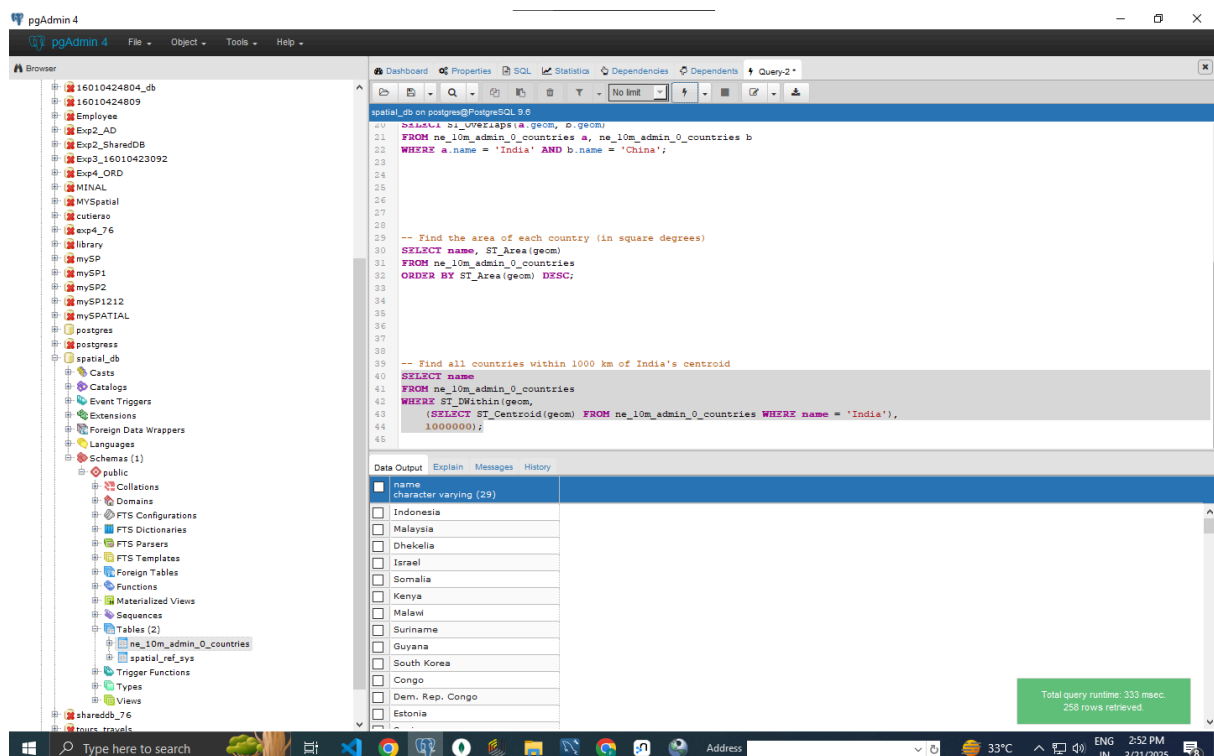


**Find all countries within 1000 km of India's centroid:**

```

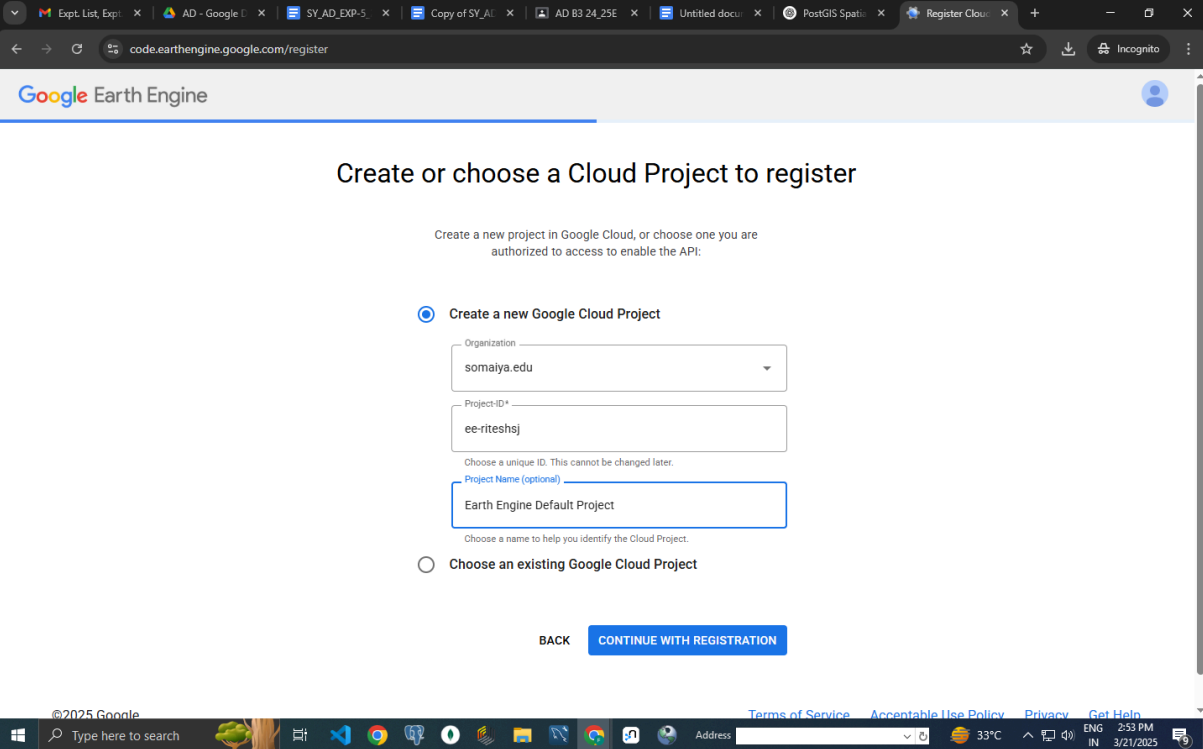
SELECT name
FROM ne_10m_admin_0_countries
WHERE ST_DWithin(geom,
    (SELECT ST_Centroid(geom) FROM ne_10m_admin_0_countries
    WHERE name = 'India'),
    1000000);

```



## Step 4: Uploading a Shapefile to Google Earth Engine (GEE)

- Register for a Google Earth Engine account using a Somaiya email ID.



Google Earth Engine

### Create or choose a Cloud Project to register

Create a new project in Google Cloud, or choose one you are authorized to access to enable the API:

☒ Create a new Google Cloud Project

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somaia.edu

Project-ID\*  
ee-riteshsj

Choose a unique ID. This cannot be changed later.

Project Name (optional)  
Earth Engine Default Project

Choose a name to help you identify the Cloud Project.

☐ Choose an existing Google Cloud Project

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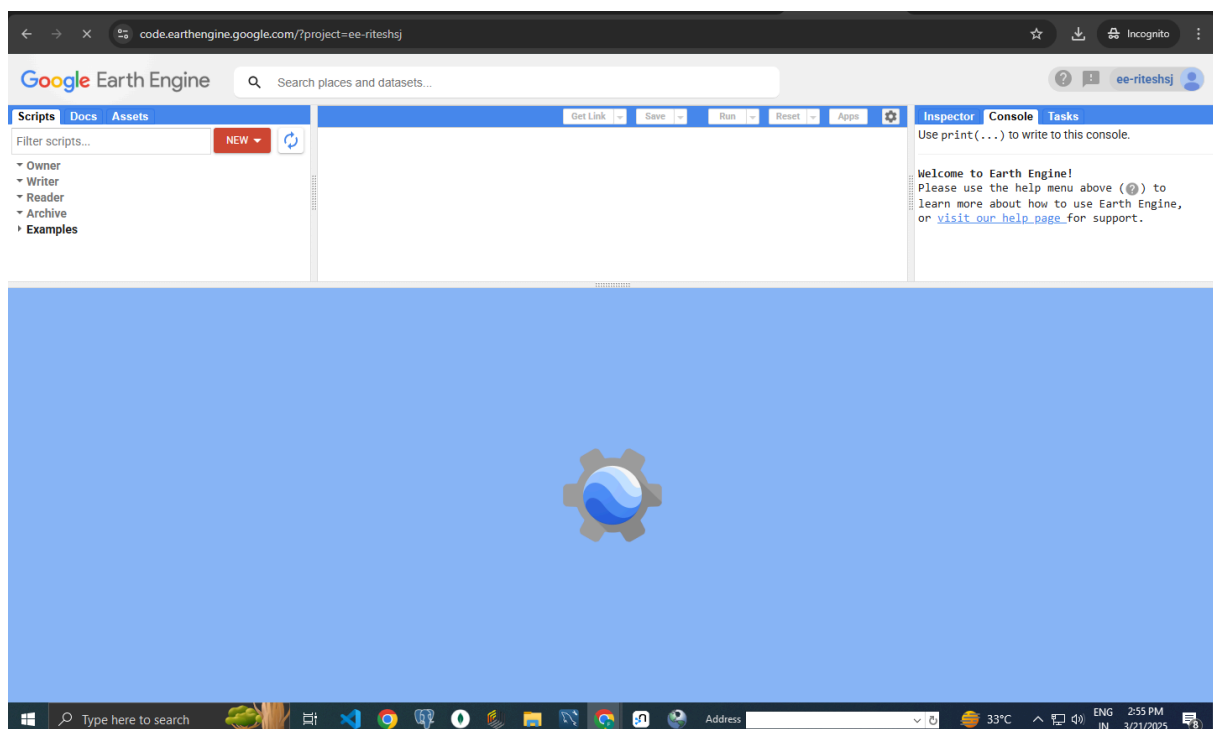
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- Access the Google Earth Engine Code Editor.
- Upload the shapefile to the Assets section.



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ADD A PROJECT

CLOUD ASSETS

ee-riteshsj

ne\_10m\_admin\_0\_countries

LEGACY ASSETS

You haven't uploaded any assets yet. Click "New" > "Home folder" to create a home folder and start uploading.

## Asset ID

projects/ee-riteshsj/assets/ ▼ Asset Name  
ne\_10m\_admin\_0\_countri

## In the code editor :

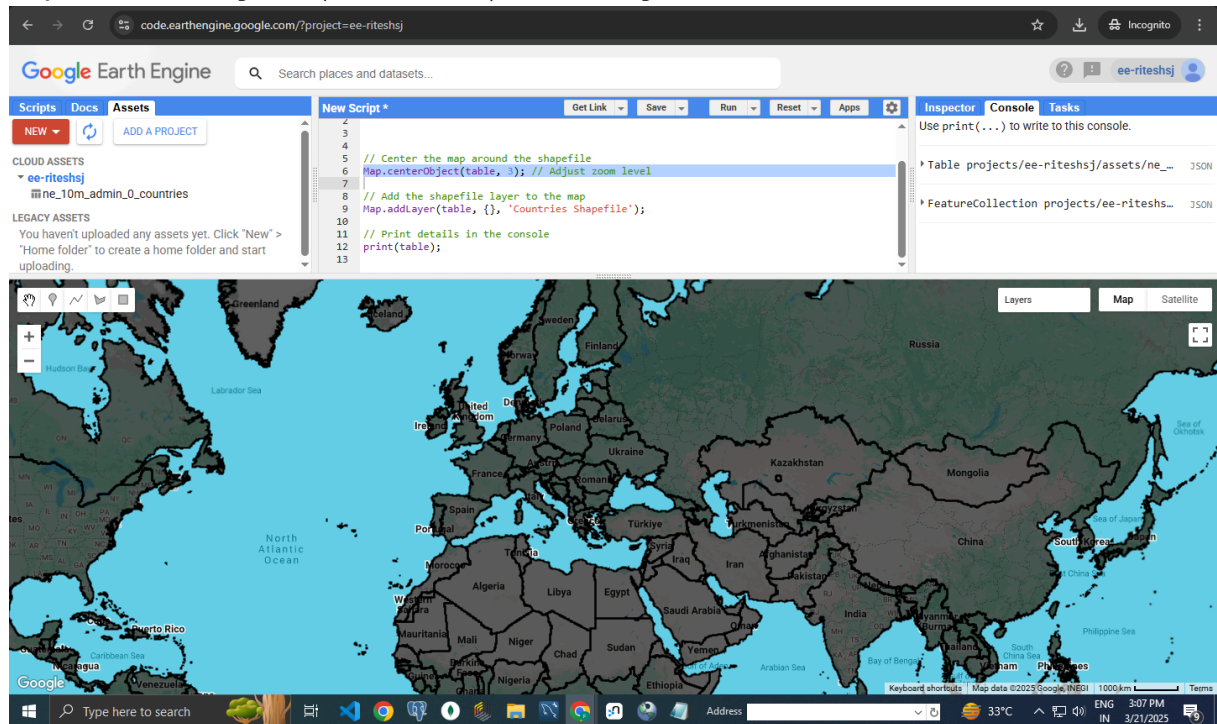
```
print(ee.data.getAsset('projects/ee-riteshsj/assets/ne_10m_admin_0_countries'));
```

The screenshot shows the Google Earth Engine web interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Scripts', 'Docs', and 'Assets'. The 'Assets' tab is active, showing a list of cloud assets under the project 'ee-riteshsj', including 'ne\_10m\_admin\_0\_countries'. The 'New Script' editor is open, displaying a JavaScript script that uses the `ee.data.getAsset()` function to retrieve the country shapefile and `Map.addLayer()` to display it. The script is as follows:

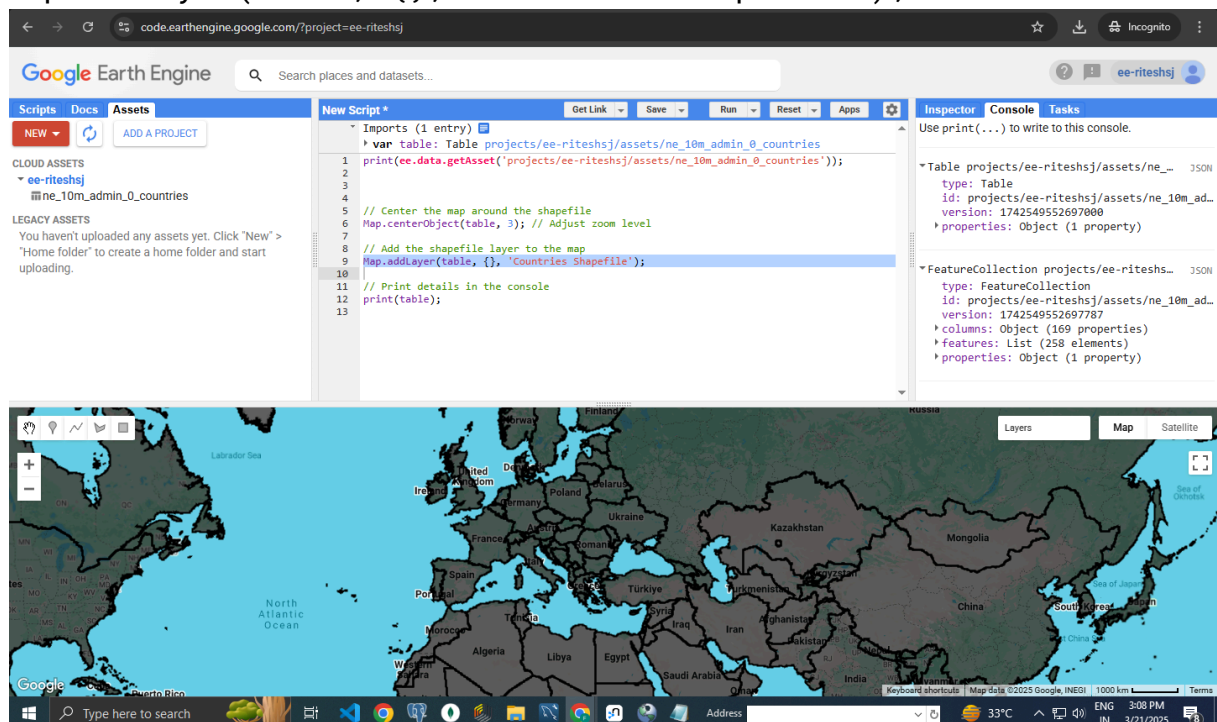
```
1 print(ee.data.getAsset('projects/ee-riteshsj/assets/ne_10m_admin_0_countries'));
2
3
4
5 Map.centerObject(shapefile, 5); // Adjust zoom level
6 Map.addLayer(shapefile, {}, 'Countries Shapefile');
7
8 print(shapefile);
9
```

The right-hand side of the interface shows the 'Inspector' and 'Console' tabs. The 'Inspector' displays the loaded data as a 'FeatureCollection projects/ee-riteshsj/assets/ne\_10m\_admin\_0\_countries'. The 'Console' shows the output of the script. The bottom of the screen displays a map of the world, with the 'Layers' panel on the right showing the loaded 'Countries Shapefile'.

```
// Center the map around the shapefile
Map.centerObject(table, 3); // Adjust zoom level
```

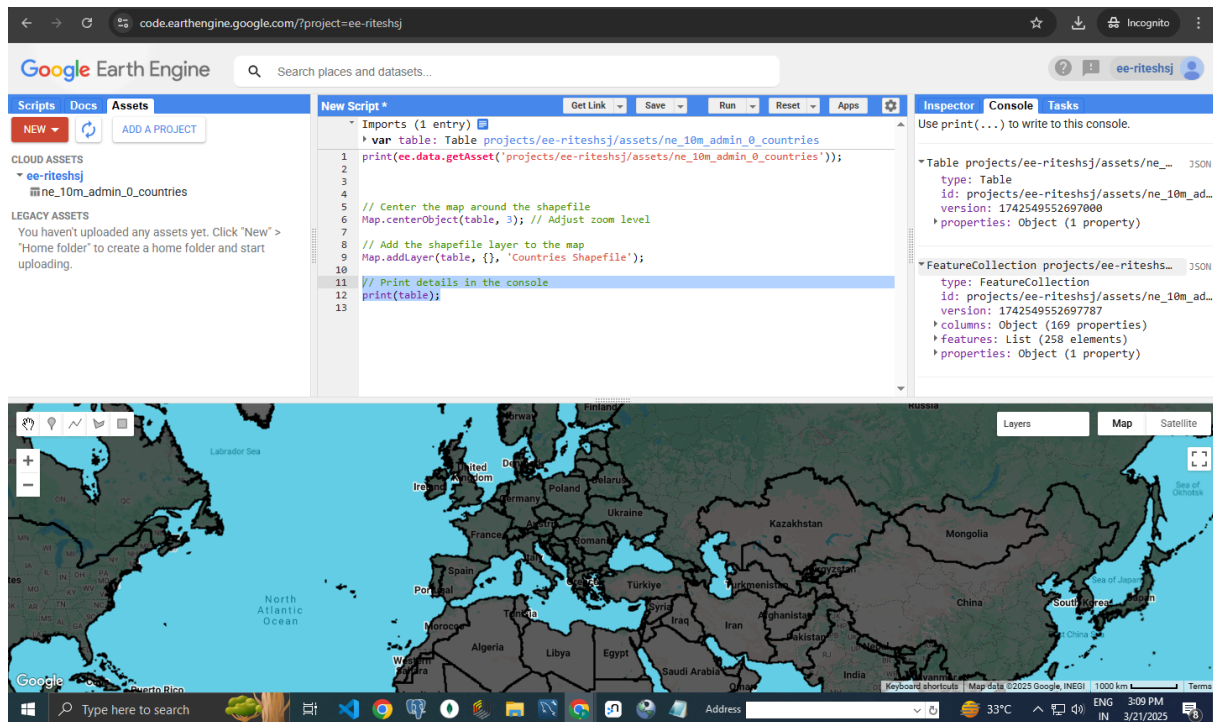


```
// Add the shapefile layer to the map
Map.addLayer(table, {}, 'Countries Shapefile');
```



```
// Print details in the console
print(table);
```

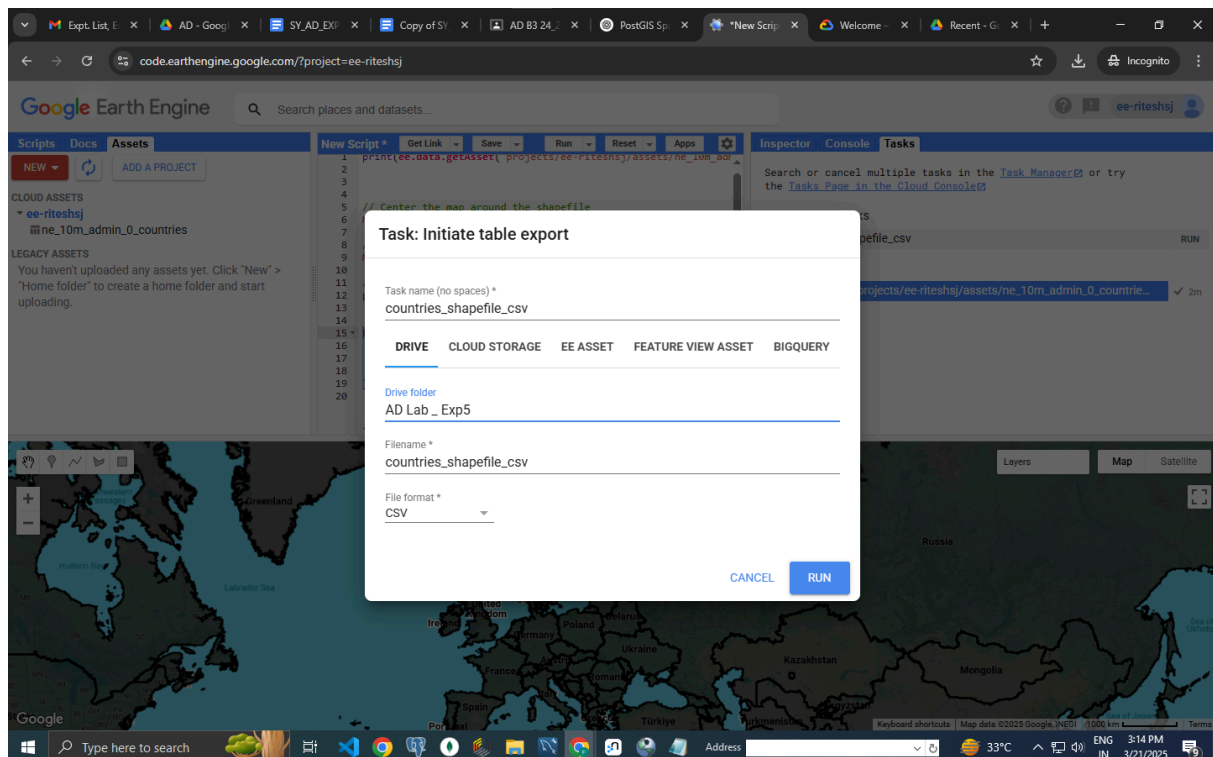




```

Export.table.toDrive({
  collection: table, // Use 'table' instead of 'shapefile'
  description: 'countries_shapefile_csv',
  fileFormat: 'CSV'
});

```



**This script enables visualization and export of the shapefile data in Google Earth Engine into a CSV file to our drive.**

## Questions:

- 1. Explain the spatial functions used for these queries in detail.**
  - Spatial queries are queries executed on spatial databases to retrieve, manipulate, or analyze geographic data based on spatial relationships.
  - Unlike standard SQL queries that deal with alphanumeric data, spatial queries involve geometry-based operations such as distance, containment, intersection, and adjacency.
  - These queries are essential in Geographic Information System (GIS) applications because they allow users to analyze spatial relationships, visualize geographic patterns, and make data-driven decisions.
  - For example, spatial queries can be used to determine the nearest hospital to a location, identify areas within a specific radius of a point, or analyze land use patterns.
  - Their importance lies in their ability to integrate spatial data with traditional databases, enabling advanced geospatial analysis for urban planning, environmental monitoring, disaster management, and many other applications.



## 2. Explain any two applications of spatial databases.

- PostGIS extends PostgreSQL by adding support for spatial data types, spatial indexing, and a wide range of spatial functions.
- It enables the storage, retrieval, and analysis of geographic data within a PostgreSQL database.
- PostGIS introduces geometry and geography data types, allowing users to store points, lines, polygons, and multi-geometries.
- It also provides spatial indexing mechanisms, such as R-tree-over-GiST, which improve the performance of spatial queries by optimizing search operations.
- Additionally, PostGIS includes various spatial functions, such as ST\_Intersects for checking spatial relationships, ST\_Distance for measuring distances, and ST\_Union for merging geometries.
- These features make PostGIS a powerful tool for handling geospatial data, making PostgreSQL a fully functional spatial database.

**Outcomes:** CO2: Design advanced database systems using In-memory, Spatial and NOSQL databases and its implementation.

### **Conclusion: (Conclusion to be based on outcomes achieved)**

From this experiment, I learned how PostGIS enhances PostgreSQL to handle spatial data efficiently. I explored various spatial queries, including spatial relationships and measurement functions, and understood how geospatial data is stored, queried, and visualized. Implementing these queries helped me understand their real-world applications, such as GIS mapping and spatial analysis. Additionally, using Google Earth Engine for visualization provided a practical perspective on handling shapefiles and analyzing geospatial datasets.

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