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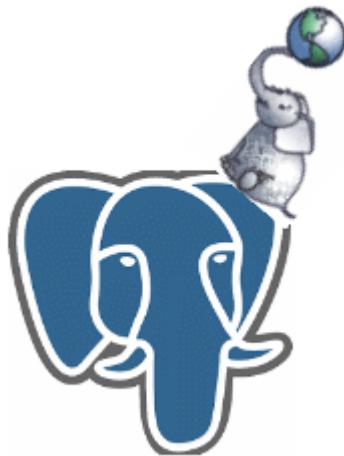


Workshop Manage your geospatial data with PostgreSQL/PostGIS

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What we learn

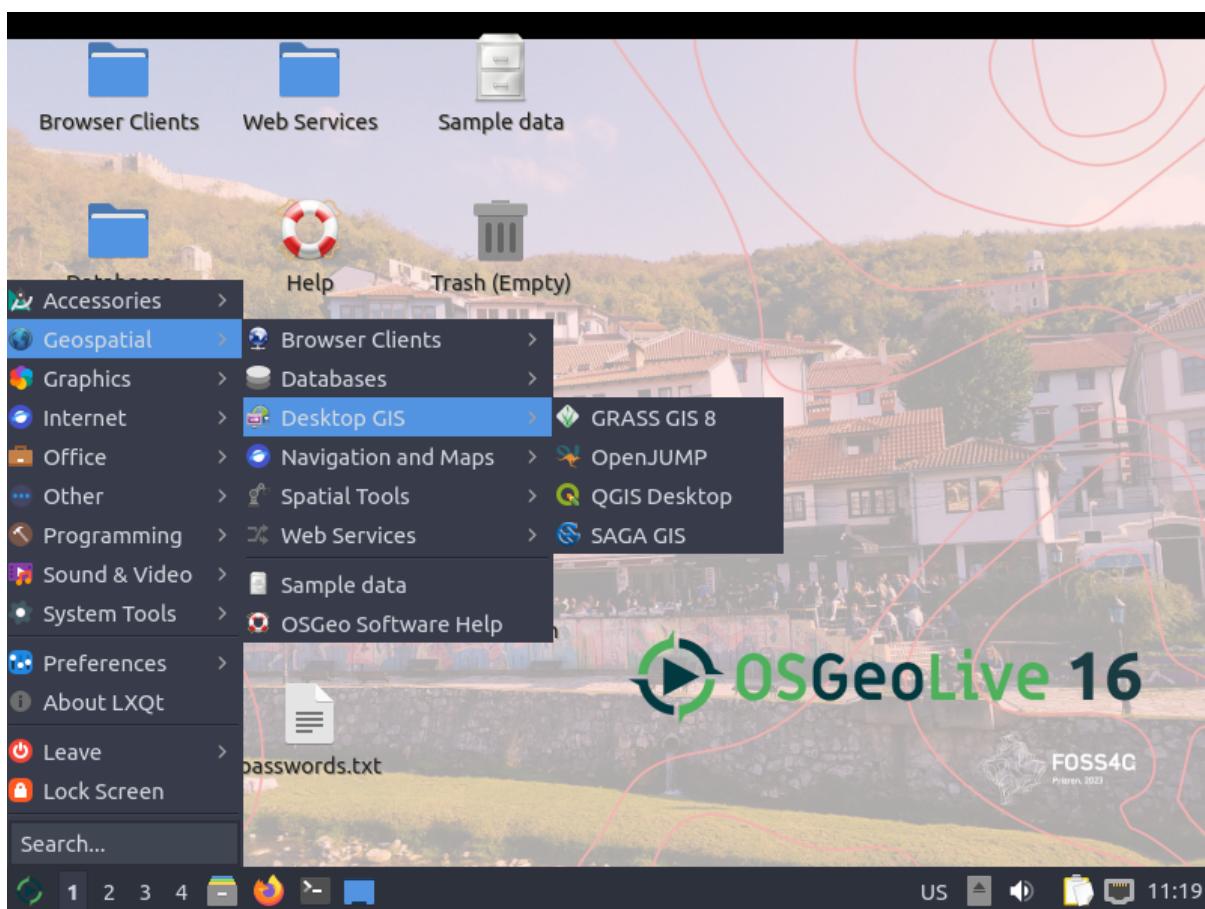
- Why database?
- PostgreSQL / PostGIS

- SQL Basics
- Import data / Export data
- Spatial Functions
- Spatial Index
- Roles & handle access to your data

OSGeoLive



This Workshop uses the brand new OSGeoLive 16 or 17 (<https://live.osgeo.org>). OSGeoLive is based on Lubuntu 24.04 and contains a collection of more than 50 pre-installed software projects. OSGeoLive also contains example data which will be used for the workshop.



You can download OSGeoLive with the following link. You can install OSGeoLive, run it in a virtual machine (recommended) or use it on an USB stick.

- Download OSGeoLive Image <http://live.osgeo.org/en/download.html> (if possible take the vmdk with more programs, else use the iso)

- Documentation <https://live.osgeo.org/>
- PostGIS Overview (OSGeoLive Overview) https://live.osgeo.org/en/overview/postgis_overview.html
- PostGIS Quickstart (OSGeoLive Quickstart) https://live.osgeo.org/en/quickstart/postgis_quickstart.html

Actual Software Versions

- PostgreSQL 17.5 (2025-05-08) <https://www.postgresql.org/>
- PostGIS 3.5.2 (2025-05-17) <https://postgis.net/>

OSGeoLive 17.0

- PostGIS 3.5.2

Who can you find out the version?

```
SELECT version(), postgis_version(), postgis_full_version();
```



version	postgis_version	postgis_full_version
PostgreSQL 12.7 (Ubuntu 12.7-0ubuntu0.20.04.1)	3.1	POSTGIS="3.1.1 aaef4c79" [EXTENSION] PGSQL="120" GEOS="3.9.0-CAPI-1.16.2" PROJ="4.9.3-CAPI-1.16.2"

Data

- Natural Earth
 - as ESRI Shapes - countries, provinces, rivers, populated places & more

- at /home/user/data
 - database: natural_earth2
- OpenStreetMap
 - database: osm_local
 - Open Street Map data for the FOSS4G region

Additional information

- PostGIS in Action (August 2015, 2. Auflage) Regine Obe, Leo Hsu ISBN 9781617291395
- Paul Ramsey PostGIS Day 20019 - Everything about PostGIS <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g4DgAVCmiDE>
- Paul Ramsey Blog Clever Elephant <http://blog.cleverelephant.ca/>
- MapScaping Podcast Paul Ramsey Spatial SQL - GIS without the GIS <https://mapscaping.com/blogs/the-mapscaping-podcast/spatial-sql-gis-without-the-gis>
- Clever Elephant ;) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gw_Q1JCIH58
- Postgres OnLine Journal Regine Obe, Leo Hsu <http://www.postgresonline.com/>
- Modern SQL Blog Markus Winand <https://modern-sql.com/slides> <https://use-the-index-luke.com/>
- PostgreSQL books <https://www.postgresql.org/docs/books/>
- Geomob Podcast - 88. Paul Ramsey: PostGIS turns 20 <https://thegeomob.com/podcast/episode-88>
- PostGIS at 20, The Beginning Paul Ramsey: <http://blog.cleverelephant.ca/2021/05/postgis-20-years.html>
- FOSSGIS 2021 20 Jahre PostGIS - dazu 20 hilfreiche Tipps zu PostGIS und Neuigkeiten rund um das Projekt (Astrid Emde, german) <https://pretalx.com/fossgis2021/talk/NL3FAN/>
- FOSSGIS 2020 Verbindungen schaffen mit PostgreSQL Foreign Data Wrappern (Astrid Emde, german) <https://pretalx.com/fossgis2020/talk/ZP3JZZ/>
- pgRouting: A Practical Guide (Mai 2017, 2. Auflage) Regine Obe, Leo Hsu ISBN: 9780989421737
- Find the right projection <http://spatialreference.org/>
- PostGIS Function of the Week (Videos) <https://www.youtube.com/@ auchindowgeo>

Why database?

- central storage of data - no data redundancy
- consistency of data
- multi-user access
- restricted access via access control and access management
- access your data via different tools
- combine different data and use SQL to explore and analyze
- Power of PostgreSQL - backup, replication ...

PostgreSQL

- supported by several other programs
- fast, powerful, reliable, robust
- easy to maintain
- follows SQL standard
- API to many programming languages
- subselects, functions, trigger, Foreign Data Wrapper, replication & more
- <https://www.postgresql.org/about/>

PostGIS

- Extension for PostgreSQL
- let PostGIS do the work - not your Desktop GIS
- Follows standard - OGC Simple Feature Spezification for SQL and OGC ISO SQL/MM Spezification
- Provides many spatial functions
- Widely supported by other programs
- Easy import / export of spatial data (QGIS, shp2pgsql, pgsql2shp, ogr2ogr, dxf2postgis, osm2pgsql, imposm)
- Can use the advantages from PostgreSQL (user management, replication, indexing & more)
- Very powerful: vector & raster data, geometry (planar) and geography (spheroid), circular objects, 3D, 4D, point cloud, pg_routing for routing, topology
- Stores data as WKB (Well-known Binary) and displays it as WKT (Well-known text)
- <http://postgis.net/>

- <http://postgis.net/docs/>

PostGIS turned 24 on 21. May 2025!



via GIPHY

Do not miss PostGIS day!

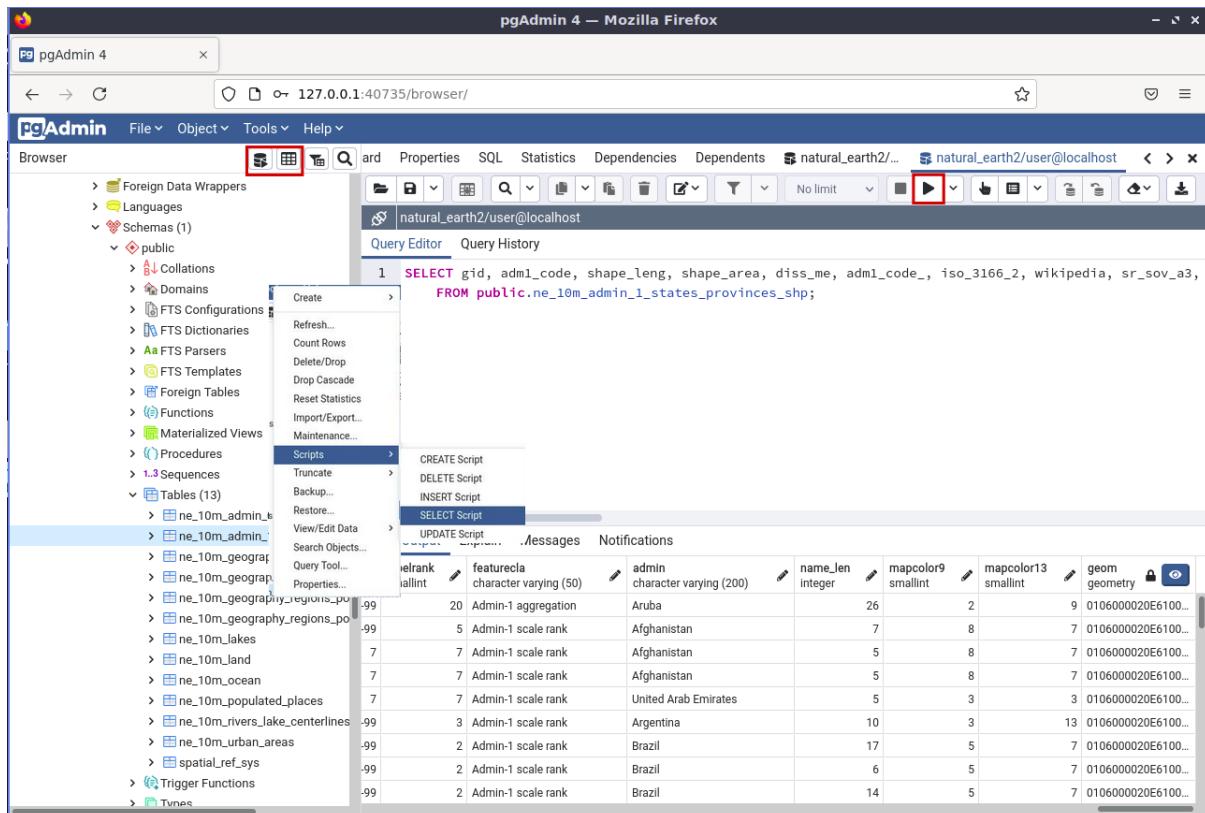
- <https://postgisday.rocks/>

Database Clients

- pgAdmin 4 <https://www.pgadmin.org/>
- psql command line client <https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/app-psql.html>
- QGIS DB Manager integrated in QGIS
- DBeaver <https://dbeaver.io/>
- and many other

Excercise 1: pgAdmin & first steps in the database

1. Open pgAdmin
2. Connect to database natural_earth2
3. Go to schema public and look for tables
4. Open a table and look for the geometry column. Can you read the geometry?
5. Open table spatial_ref_sys and filter by srid = 4326
6. Go to schema public -> views and open the metadata view geometry_columns



How can you communicate with the database?

The communication with the database works via SQL - Structured Query Language.

- DDL - data definition language
- DML - data manipulation language
- DQL - data query language

DQL

- DQL - to query your data (DQL is part of DML) f.e to show all data from table spatial_ref_sys with srid = 4326

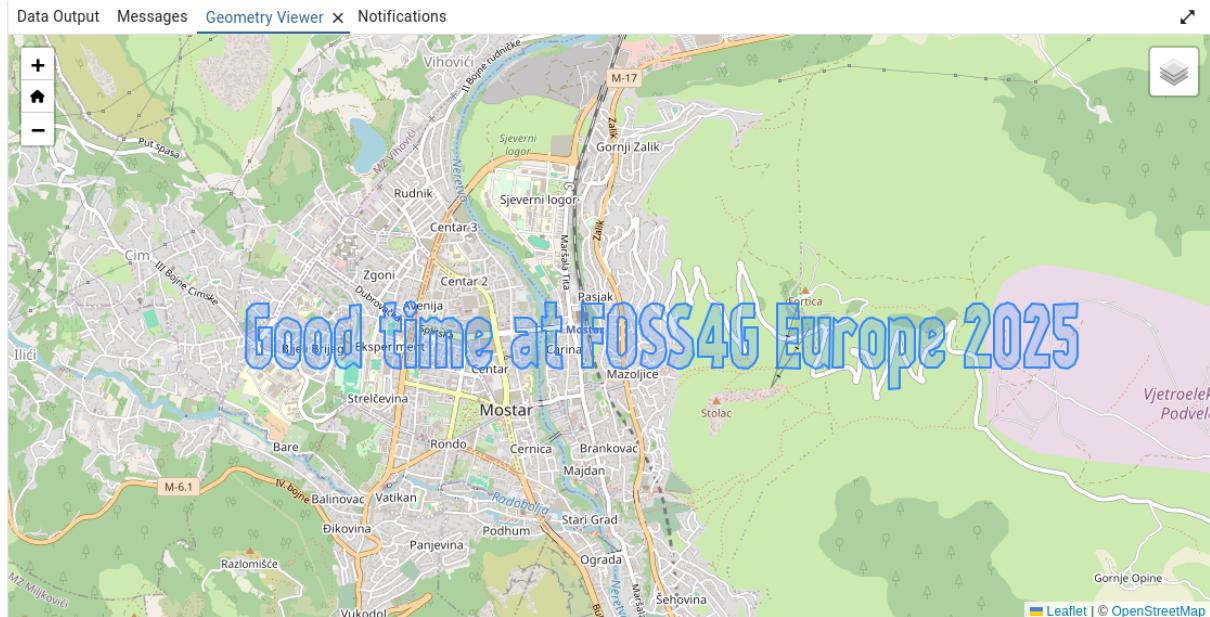
```
SELECT * FROM spatial_ref_sys WHERE srid=4326;
```



```
SELECT ST_Letters('Good time at FOSS4G Europe 2025');
```



```
SELECT ST_SetSrid(  
    ST_Translate(  
        ST_Scale(  
            ST_Letters('Good time at FOSS4G Europe 2025')  
            , 0.00005, 0.00005)  
            , 17.787, 43.346)  
        , 4326);
```



DDL

- DDL to create database, table, user, schema and more

```
CREATE DATABASE demo;
```

- Connect to database demo by refreshing the list of databases and selecting "demo"

```
CREATE TABLE pois(  
    gid serial PRIMARY KEY,  
    name varchar,  
    year int,  
    info varchar  
);
```

Modify your table

```
ALTER TABLE pois ADD COLUMN land varchar;
ALTER TABLE pois RENAME land TO country;
ALTER TABLE pois DROP COLUMN country;
```



Delete your table

```
DROP TABLE pois;
```



DML

- manipulate your data - create data, delete data, change data

```
INSERT INTO pois (name, year, info) VALUES
(
  'Kölner Dom',
  1248,
  'https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cologne_Cathedral'
);
```



```
UPDATE pois SET name = 'Cologne Cathedral' WHERE name = 'Kölner Dor
```



```
--deletes feature with name "Cologne Cathedral"
DELETE FROM pois WHERE name = 'Cologne Cathedral';
-- deletes all data from table pois
DELETE FROM pois;
--deletes feature with gid = "1111"
DELETE FROM pois WHERE gid = 1111;
```



Excercise 2: Create your own database with PostGIS extension

1. Create your own database with the name *foss4g*

Notice: Use lower case and no spaces as name for your database, tables columns! Makes live easier. As you do not have to use quotations - like "FOSS4G"

2. Change the connection and connect to your new database.

3. Load the extension *postgis* to your new database to be able to handle spatial data.

- 4.

Check whether the postgis functions, *spatial_ref_sys* table and the metadata views are there

5. Find informations about projections <https://epsg.io/4326> and <https://geoawesomeness.com/5-tools-will-let-master-map-projections/>

```
CREATE DATABASE foss4g;
```



Move to database *foss4g* (update the object browser, go to the database foss4g and open a new query editor)

```
CREATE EXTENSION postgis;
```



Excercise 3: Use the utility program *createdb* to create a database via command line

- check the PostGIS Quickstart and see how the database demo was created
- https://live.osgeo.org/en/quickstart/postgis_quickstart.html
- PostgreSQL provides utility programs like *createdb* and *dropdb* to communicate with the database

Choose from menu Systems Tools --> LX Terminal from menu to open a Terminal window.

```
createdb -U user -e demo  
createdb --help
```



```
psql -U user demo  
CREATE EXTENSION postgis;  
\q
```

```
dropdb -U user demo
```

Excercise 4: Create your own table cities

- create a new table *cities* with gid, name, country and geom (see poi example above)
- create a point for the University (Mostar) with ST_MakePoint
- We take the coordinate of the expo building which is latitude 43.344108 longitude 17.796749

```
CREATE TABLE cities(  
    gid serial PRIMARY KEY,  
    name varchar,  
    country varchar,  
    geom geometry(point,4326)  
);
```

```
INSERT INTO cities(  
    name, geom, country)  
VALUES ('Mostar',ST_SetSRID(ST_MakePoint(17.796749 , 43.344108),4326)
```

```
INSERT INTO cities(  
    name, geom, country)  
VALUES ('Tartu',ST_SetSRID(ST_MakePoint(26.716230 , 58.373440),4326)
```

```
INSERT INTO cities(  
    name, geom, country)  
VALUES ('Prizren',ST_SetSRID(ST_MakePoint(20.74137579 , 42.2091),4326)
```

```
INSERT INTO cities(  
    name, geom, country)  
VALUES ('Firenze',ST_SetSRID(ST_MakePoint(11.256944,43.773056),4326)
```

```
INSERT INTO cities(  
    name, geom, country)  
VALUES ('Buenos Aires',ST_SetSRID(ST_MakePoint(-58.394002,-34.6036),4326)
```

```
INSERT INTO cities(  
    name, geom, country)  
VALUES ('Bucharest',ST_SetSRID(ST_MakePoint(26.096306 , 44.4391),4326)
```

```
INSERT INTO cities(  
    name, geom, country)  
VALUES ('Dar es Salaam',ST_SetSrid(ST_MakePoint(39.273933, -6.8521),4326)
```

```
INSERT INTO cities(  
    name, geom, country)  
VALUES ('Cologne',ST_SetSRID(ST_MakePoint(6.958307 , 50.941357),4326)
```

Have a look at your data

```
SELECT * FROM cities;
```



Well-Known Text Format (WKT) und Well-Known Binary Format (WKB)

Geometries are stored in WKB format (Well-known Binary) which is not human readable. If you would like to see how the geometry looks like you can display them in the human readable WKT format (Well-known text).

- POINT(0 0)
- LINESTRING(0 0,1 1,1 2)
- POLYGON((0 0,4 0,4 4,0 4,0 0),(1 1,2 1,2 2,1 2,1 1))
- MULTIPOINT((0 0),(1 2))
- MULTILINESTRING((0 0,1 1,1 2),(2 3,3 2,5 4))
- MULTIPOLYGON(((0 0,4 0,4 4,0 4,0 0),(1 1,2 1,2 2,1 2,1 1),((-1 -1,-1 -2,-2 -2,-2 -1,-1 -1)))
- GEOMETRYCOLLECTION(POINT(2 3),LINESTRING(2 3,3 4))

http://postgis.net/docs/using_postgis_dbmanagement.html#OpenGISWKBWKT

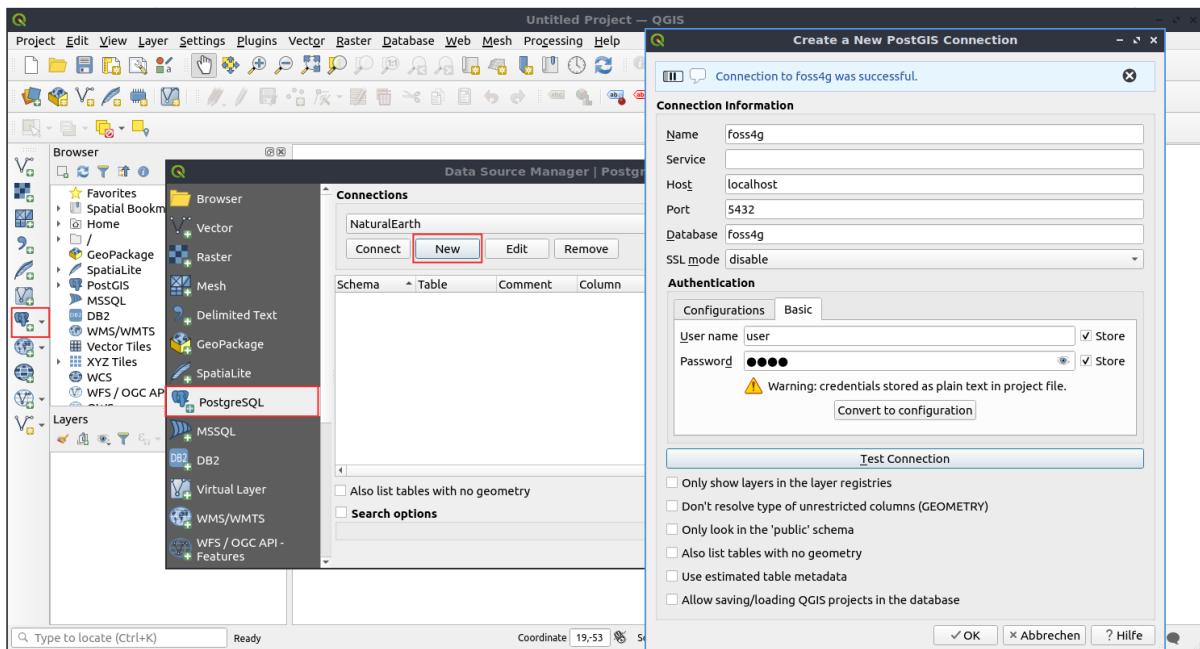
ST_AsEWKT or ST_AsText - to display the geometry as text

```
SELECT ST_AsText(geom), geom FROM cities; -- mit SRID  
SELECT ST_AsEWKT(geom), geom FROM cities; -- ohne SRID
```



QGIS to visualize your data

- You can visualize, edit and import/export data from a PostgreSQL/PostGIS database
- You need the information how to connect to the database - only authorized users can connect



Excercise 5: QGIS: Load data from *natural_earth2* and from your new database

1. Open QGIS. Choose from menu Geospatial --> Desktop QGIS --> QGIS Desktop .
2. Load countries (table ne_10m_admin_1_states_provinces_shp) from the database natural_earth2
3. Create a new PostGIS connection to your new database foss4g
4. Load your new table cities
5. Add a new point to your cities table and mark the place where you come from (approximately)

QGIS import data to PostgreSQL via QGIS DB Manager

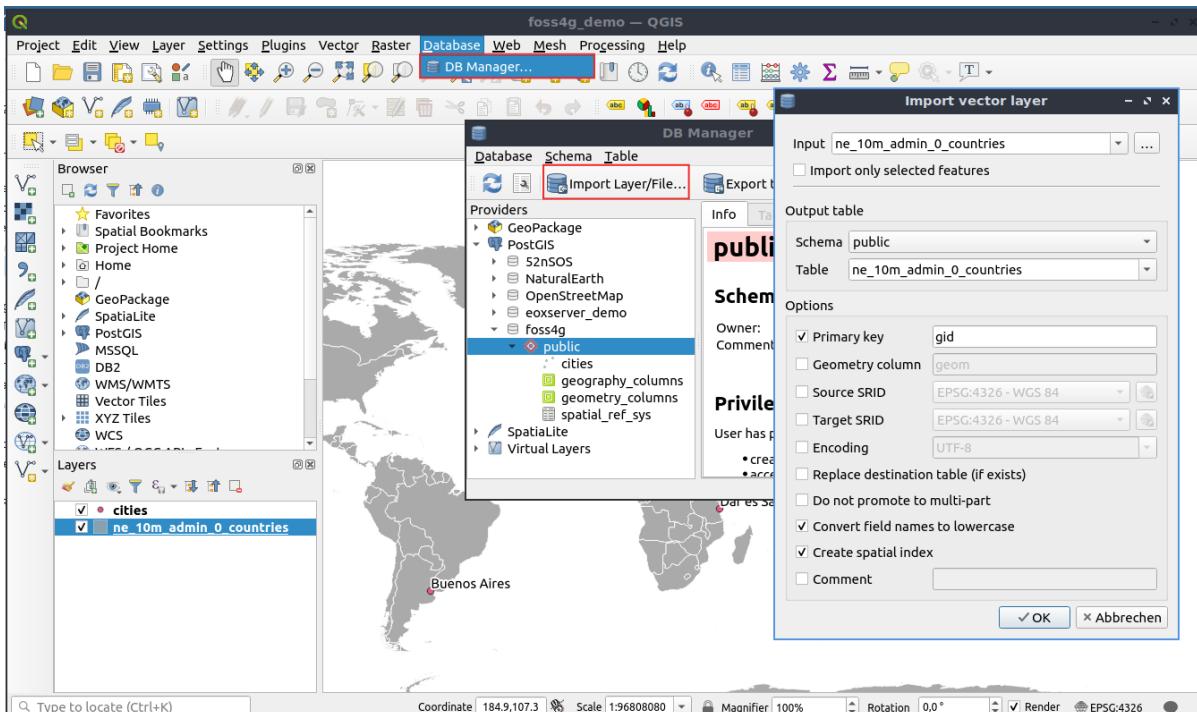
You can use the QGIS DB Manager to import/export data to/from your database. You find the QGIS DB Manager in the menu at Database -> DB Manager. You need a connection to the PostgreSQL database that you would like to use.

Best way is to add the data you would like to import to a QGIS project. You can filter the data if you only want to import a subset of your data.

To import data you have to follow the steps:

1. Open the DB Manager

2. Connect to your database
3. Use the Import layer/file button
4. Choose your data for import
5. define a name for your table, the SRID, add a primary key (gid recommended)
6. Create a spatial index
7. Start the import
8. Add the imported data via drag & drop to your QGIS project

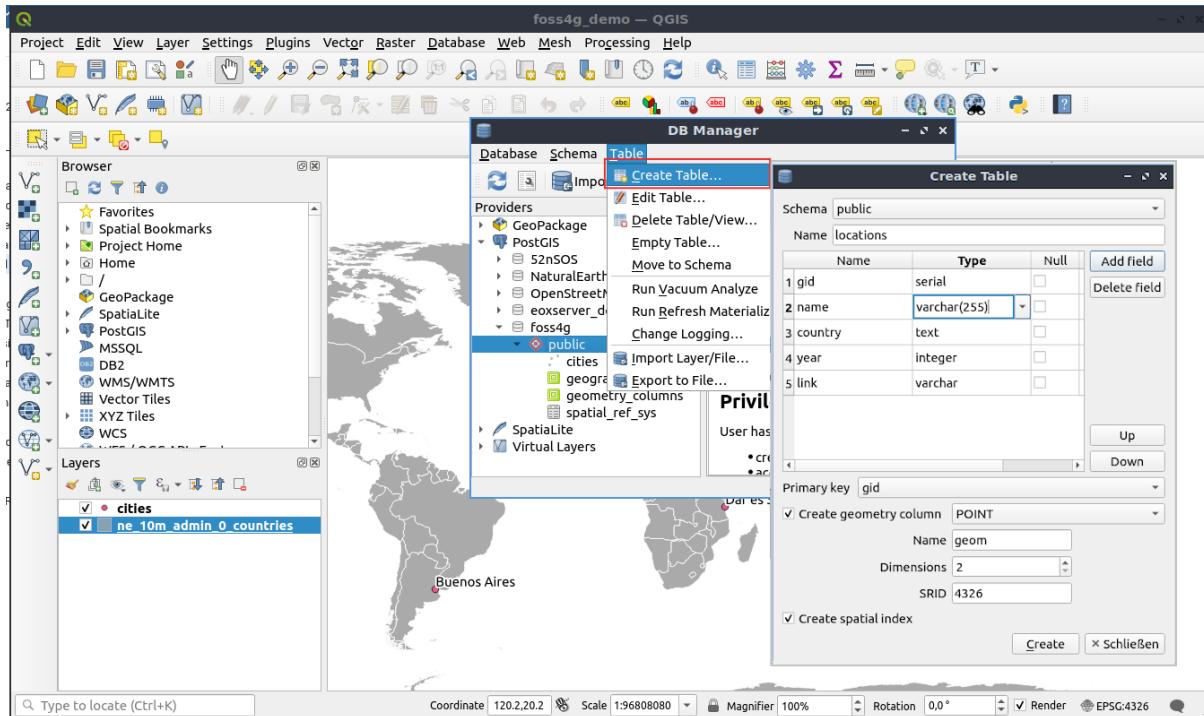


Excercise 6: Load data from natural_earth2 shapes to your database

- You find the natural_earth2 data at /home/user/data/natural_earth2/
- Import ne_10m_admin_0_countries.shp to table ***ne_10m_admin_0_countries***
- Import ne_10m_admin_1_states_provinces_shp.shp to table ***ne_10m_admin_1_states_provinces_shp***
- Also import only the provinces from Bosnia and Herzegovina to ***table provinces_Bosnia Herzegovina*** (in QGIS use Filter "admin" = 'Bosnia and Herzegovina')
- Import all ne_10m_populated_places to table ***ne_10m_populated_places***
- Have a look to your metadata view ***geometry_columns***

QGIS: Create your table via QGIS

It is very easy to create new tables with spatial data with QGIS. This is done with the QGIS DB Manager. Choose the menu item **Table -> Create table**. You can define a unique id, add columns and define the geometry column.



Excercise 7: Create a table named locations via QGIS

- Create a new table in your database *foss4g* via QGIS named *locations*. This table shall store a point for each city where FOSS4G took place.
- The table needs a unique id, a column for the city name, maybe a column for the country name, a column for the year and a link to the website. And do not miss a geometry column (POINT, SRID 4326).
- Also create a Spaltial Index on creation of the table.
- Now you can start editing. You can add a point to this layer for Auckland New Zealand and add the additional information. See all past FOSS4Gs at <https://foss4g.org/>
- Now have a look at your new table with pgAdmin.

Note: It is so easy to create tables in your database without using SQL.

Get to know PostGIS functions

- PostGIS Documentation <http://postgis.net/docs/>
- PostGIS Vector Functions see Chapter 7: <http://postgis.net/docs/reference.html>

Geometry Constructors

- there are many functions to create geometries see Geometry Constructors
- http://postgis.net/docs/reference.html#Geometry_Constructors
- we used ST_MakePoint already - 2D, 3DZ or 4D is possible http://postgis.net/docs/ST_MakePoint.html

ST_GeomFromText - can be used for different geometry types

- http://postgis.net/docs/ST_GeomFromText.html
- http://postgis.net/docs/using_postgis_dbmanagement.html#OpenGISWKBWKT

`Update cities`

```
set geom = ST_GeomFromText('POINT(6.958307 50.941357)', 4326)
WHERE name = 'Cologne';
```



`Update ne_10m_admin_0_countries`

```
set geom = ST_GeomFromText('MULTIPOLYGON(((0 0, 4 0, 4 4, 0 4, 0 0), (1
WHERE name = 'United Kingdom');
```



Spatial Relationships and Measurements

- get information about your data f.e. distance, area, length, centroid

Excercise 8: Calculate the area for each country

- http://postgis.net/docs/ST_Area.html
- Note that the area is calculated using the srid of the geometry. Use the calculation on the spheroid to get the result in meters.

Calculate area without using the spheroid (units of the projection will be used)

```
SELECT gid, name, st_Area(geom)
  FROM public.ne_10m_admin_0_countries;
```



Calculate area using the Spheroid (result in squaremeters)

```
SELECT gid, name, st_Area(geom, true)
  FROM public.ne_10m_admin_0_countries;
```



Calculate area from Germany and Bosnia and Herzegovina order by area

```
SELECT gid, name, round(ST_Area(geom, true)) as area
  FROM public.ne_10m_admin_0_countries
 WHERE name IN ('Germany', 'Bosnia and Herzegovina')
 ORDER BY area DESC;
```



Excercise 9: Create a view with the centroid for each country

- Create a view with the centroid for each province
- Try to load the view in QGIS
- Have a look at your geometry_columns view
- Check where the centroid of France is and the centroid of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

```
CREATE VIEW qry_country_centroid AS
SELECT gid, name, st_centroid(geom)
  FROM public.ne_10m_admin_0_countries;
```



Recreate the view and typecast your geometry column to point

```
Drop view qry_country_centroid;
CREATE VIEW qry_country_centroid AS
SELECT gid, name, st_centroid(geom)::geometry(point, 4326) as geom
  FROM public.ne_10m_admin_0_countries;
```



Excercise 10: Calculate the distance

- How many and which centroids are not on the country polygon?

```
SELECT c.gid,
       c.name,
       ST_Distance (p.geom, c.geom, true),
       c.geom, p.geom
  FROM qry_country_centroid p,
       ne_10m_admin_0_countries c
 WHERE
       ST_Distance (p.geom, c.geom) > 0
     AND p.gid = c.gid;
```



- get back to your cities table from *Excercise 5*. Calculate the distance between Mostar and your home town.
- use the spheroid for your calculations (use geography)
- https://postgis.net/docs/ST_Distance.html

```
SELECT g.name, you.name, ST_Distance(g.geom, you.geom, true)
  FROM cities g,
       cities you
 WHERE
       g.name = 'Mostar'
     AND you.name='Cologne';
```



- Question: Who had the longest distance to travel to Mostar?

Spatial Index and functional Index

- Your geometry column should have an index - can make your spatial queries faster
- the bounding box for every geometry will be stored in the index
- you also can create a functional index - f.e. with ST_Transform

```
CREATE INDEX gist_cities_geom
  ON cities
  USING GIST (geom);
```



```
CREATE INDEX gist_cities_geom
  ON cities
  USING GIST (ST_Transform(geom, 25832));
```



Geometry Processing

- There are many functions for geometry processing f.e. buffering, intersection, union, subdivide
- http://postgis.net/docs/reference.html#Geometry_Processing

Exercise 11: Buffer populated places with 10 km

- Buffer the table ne_10m_populated_places with 10 km
- http://postgis.net/docs/ST_Buffer.html
- Note that you have to use geography to create a buffer in meter - use typecast ::geography

```
CREATE TABLE places_buffer_10_km AS
SELECT
    gid,
    name,
    ST_Buffer(geom::geography, 10000)::geometry(polygon,4326) as geom
FROM public.ne_10m_populated_places;
```

```
SELECT a.*
FROM places_buffer_10_km a, places_buffer_10_km b
WHERE a.geom && b.geom
AND ST_Intersects(a.geom, b.geom)
AND a.gid != b.gid;
```

```
CREATE INDEX gist_places_buffer_10_km_geom
ON places_buffer_10_km
USING GIST (geom);
```

Run the query again and check whether the index is used.

```
SELECT a.*
FROM places_buffer_10_km a, places_buffer_10_km b
WHERE
ST_Intersects(a.geom, b.geom)
AND a.gid != b.gid
```

```
EXPLAIN ANALYZE
SELECT a.*
  FROM places_buffer_10_km a, places_buffer_10_km b
 WHERE
ST_Intersects(a.geom, b.geom)
AND a.gid != b.gid
```



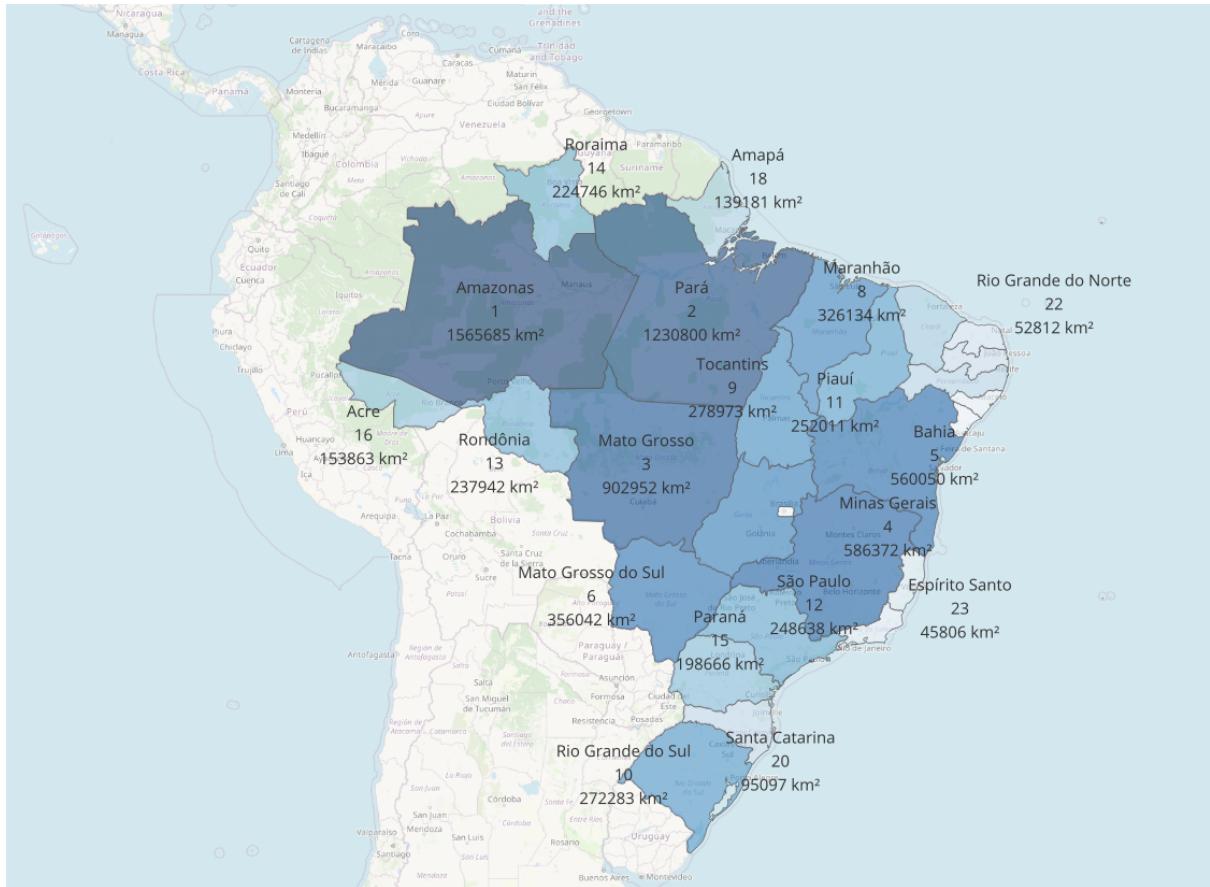
Exercise 12: ST_Union - union all provinces from country Brazil to one area

- Have a look at the provinces from Brazil and order them by size
- Create a view called qry_provinces_union
- use ST_UNION http://postgis.net/docs/ST_Union.html
- use table ne_10m_admin_1_states_provinces_shp and filter by admin Brazil
- add column admin to your view (admin='Brazil') - you have to use GROUP BY
- typecast the geometry column
- have a look at your result with QGIS

Step 1: Have a look at the provinces from Brazil

```
CREATE VIEW qry_provinces AS
SELECT gid, name, admin, geom,
round(ST_Area(geom, true)) as area,
RANK() over (order by ST_Area(geom, true) desc)
FROM ne_10m_admin_1_states_provinces_shp
WHERE admin='Brazil'
ORDER BY area DESC;
```





Step 2: Union all provinces from Brazil via ST_UNION

```
SELECT ST_Union(geom)
FROM public.ne_10m_admin_1_states_provinces_shp
WHERE admin='Brazil';
```



Step 3: Add a row number and display the geometry as text

```
SELECT ROW_NUMBER() OVER () as gid,
admin,
st_AsText(ST_Union(geom))
FROM public.ne_10m_admin_1_states_provinces_shp
WHERE admin='Brazil'
GROUP BY admin ;
```



Step 4: Create a view. Assign the geometry type and projection to the new geom, add column admin (use GROUP BY)

```

CREATE VIEW qry_provinces_union AS
SELECT ROW_NUMBER() OVER () as gid,
       admin,
       ST_Multi(ST_UNION(geom))::geometry(multipolygon, 4326) as geom,
       round(ST_AREA(ST_Multi(ST_UNION(geom))::geometry(multipolygon, 4326))) as area
  FROM public.ne_10m_admin_1_states_provinces_shp
 WHERE admin='Brazil'
 GROUP BY admin ;

```



ST_Subdivide

- Divides a Multi-/Polygon in multiple smaller Polygons
- Define max_vertices (default is 256, can't be < 8)
- Try with definition of max_vertices: Object should not have more than 20 max_vertices
- http://postgis.net/docs/ST_Subdivide.html
- From PostGIS 2.3.0

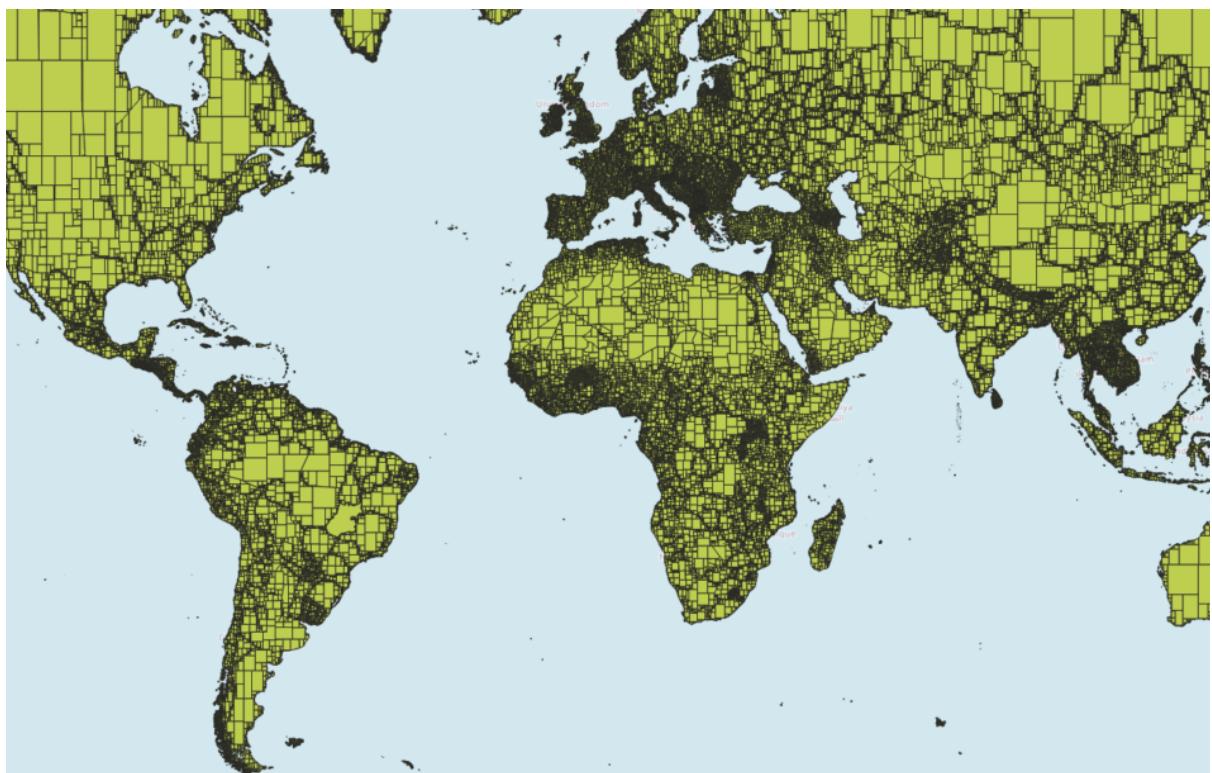
```
CREATE TABLE provinces_subdivided AS
  SELECT
    name,
    admin,
    ST_Subdivide(geom) AS geom
  FROM ne_10m_admin_1_states_provinces_shp
  WHERE st_isvalid(geom) = true;

ALTER TABLE provinces_subdivided ADD COLUMN gid serial PRIMARY KEY;
```

- with definition of max_vertices (default is 256, not < 8)

```
DROP TABLE provinces_subdivided;
CREATE TABLE provinces_subdivided AS
  SELECT
    name,
    admin,
    st_subdivide(geom, 20) AS geom
  FROM ne_10m_admin_1_states_provinces_shp
  WHERE st_isvalid(geom) = true;

ALTER TABLE provinces_subdivided ADD COLUMN gid serial PRIMARY KEY;
```



```
CREATE INDEX provinces_subdivided_geom_gist
  ON provinces_subdivided
  USING gist
  (geom);

VACUUM ANALYZE provinces_subdivided;
```



Excercise 13: ST_Subdivide

- Sometimes it makes sense to divide huge geometries in smaller parts to get faster calculations
- This example should show the use
- Create a new function `getCountrynameSubdivided()` for table `provinces_subdivided`
- Have a look at EXPLAIN to check the performance

```
CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION getCountrynameSubdivided(mygeometry geom)
RETURNS character varying
AS 'SELECT c.name FROM provinces_subdivided c
WHERE st_intersects(c.geom,$1);'
LANGUAGE 'sql';
```



```
SELECT name, getCountrynameSubdivided(geom)
FROM public.ne_10m_populated_places
WHERE adm0name = 'Bosnia and Herzegovina';
```



```
EXPLAIN ANALYZE
SELECT name, getCountrynameSubdivided(geom)
FROM public.ne_10m_populated_places
WHERE adm0name = 'Bosnia and Herzegovina';
```



```

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26 EXPLAIN ANALYZE
27 SELECT name, getCountrynameSubdivided(geom)
28   FROM public.ne_10m_populated_places
29 WHERE adm0name = 'Kosovo';

```

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	QUERY PLAN					
text						
1	Seq Scan on ne_10m_populated_places (cost=0.00..606.77 rows=5 width=41) (actual time=0.981..4.621 rows=3 loop...					
2	Filter: ((adm0name)::text = 'Kosovo'::text)					
3	Rows Removed by Filter: 7319					
4	Planning Time: 3.807 ms					
5	Execution Time: 4.661 ms					

```

ALTER TABLE ne_10m_populated_places ADD COLUMN countryname varchar 
UPDATE ne_10m_populated_places
SET countryname = getCountrynameSubdivided(geom);

```

Function, that uses the original province polygons

```

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION getCountryname(mygeometry geometry)
RETURNS character varying
AS 'SELECT c.name FROM ne_10m_admin_1_states_provinces_shp c
WHERE st_intersects(c.geom,$1);'
LANGUAGE 'sql';

```

```

EXPLAIN ANALYZE
SELECT name, getCountryname(geom)
  FROM public.ne_10m_populated_places;

```

PostgreSQL Foreign Data Wrapper

You can connect from your database to other data sources via Foreign Data Wrapper (FDW). There are several Foreign Data Wrapper available see https://wiki.postgresql.org/wiki/Foreign_data_wrappers.

To connect to another PostgreSQL database you can use the PostgreSQL FDW via the Extension postgres_fdw.

- Note: PostgreSQL OGR Foreign Data Wrapper might be also interesting for you as it offers access to a large number of formats <https://github.com/pramsey/pgsql-ogr-fdw>

You have to

1. load the extension
2. create a foreign server
3. add a user mapping
4. import foreign tables

Then you can access the tables from the foreign database easily.

Excercise 14: Create a Foreign Data Wrapper to the database osm_local

1. load extension postgres_fdw
2. create a foreign server to osm_local
3. create a user mapping for user *user*
4. Import all tables except spatial_ref_sys, geometry_columns, geography_columns
5. find out which bars/pubs are close to the Mostar Department of Geography(see your table cities)

Step 1-4:

```
CREATE EXTENSION postgres_fdw;  
  
CREATE SERVER pg_fdw_osm_local  
FOREIGN DATA WRAPPER postgres_fdw  
OPTIONS (host 'localhost', dbname 'osm_local', port '5432');  
  
CREATE USER MAPPING FOR user SERVER pg_fdw_osm_local  
OPTIONS (user 'user', password 'user');  
  
IMPORT FOREIGN SCHEMA public  
EXCEPT (spatial_ref_sys, geometry_columns, geography_columns)  
--[ { LIMIT TO | EXCEPT } ( table_name [, ...] ) ]  
FROM SERVER pg_fdw_osm_local  
INTO public;
```

Use KNN (K nearest neighbor) to find the 5 closest pubs/bars from Mostar Expo Building (see table cities)

```
CREATE VIEW qry_next_5_bars AS
SELECT p.osm_id, p.name, p.amenity, p.geom
FROM cities c,
osm_pois_mostar p
WHERE p.amenity IN ('bar', 'pub')
AND c.name = 'Mostar'
ORDER BY
c.geom <-> p.geom
LIMIT 5;
```

```
Select * from qry_next_5_bars
```

Use KNN (K nearest neighbor) to find the pubs/bars less than 500 m distance from Mostar Expo Building (see table cities)

```
CREATE VIEW qry_next_bars_500 AS
SELECT p.osm_id, p.name, p.amenity, p.geom,
round(st_distance(c.geom, p.geom, true)) AS distance
FROM cities c,
osm_pois_mostar p
WHERE p.amenity IN ('bar', 'pub')
AND c.name = 'Mostar'
AND st_distance(c.geom, p.geom, true) < 500
ORDER BY
c.geom <-> p.geom;
```

```
Select * from qry_next_bars_100;
```

Create the 500 m buffer around the Mostar FOSS4G Exo building.

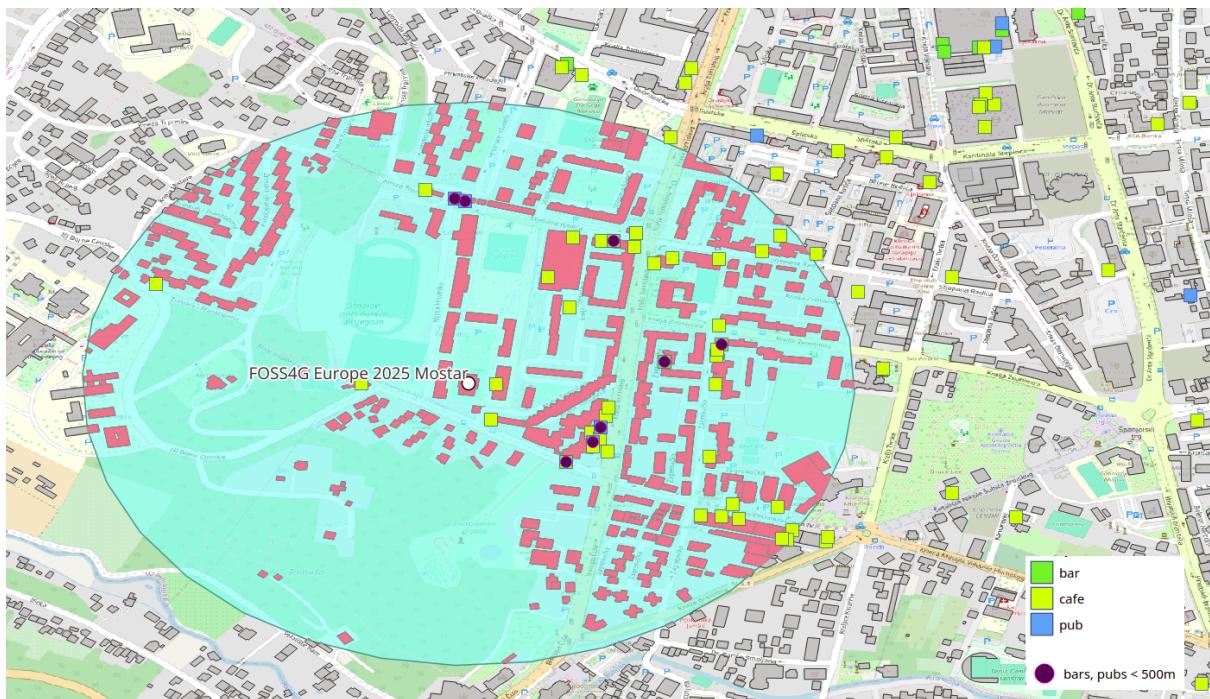
```
CREATE view qry_buffer_100 AS
SELECT gid, st_buffer(geom::geography, 500)::geometry AS geom
FROM cities
WHERE name = 'Mostar';
```

Create an intersection between the buffer area and the OSM buildings.

```

CREATE view qry_intersection_buffer_500_buildings as
SELECT p.osm_id, p.geom as geom,
p.name,
p.building,
ST_Multi(ST_Intersection(p.geom, s.geom))::geometry(multipolygon,
FROM
osm_building_mostar p,
qry_buffer_500 s
WHERE
p.building IS NOT NULL AND
ST_Intersects(p.geom, s.geom);

```



PostgreSQL Roles and controlled access

PostgreSQL allows you to create roles (user with login and user without login) and also groups. These roles can have different power and get access via GRANT to different objects of your database - f.e a table.

- See CREATE ROLE: <https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/sql-createrole.html>
- See GRANT <https://www.postgresql.org/docs/current/static/sql-grant.html>

Example 15: Create roles and grant access

#. Create a role workshop_reader and workshop_writer #. Create a login role robert with a password and add to workshop_reader #. Create a new login role wilma and add wilma to the workshop_writer role #. Grant read access to table ne_10m_admin_1_states_provinces_shp to your new role workshop_reader #. Grant write access to table cities to your new role workshop_writer #. Try to access and edit via QGIS

```
CREATE ROLE workshop_reader;
CREATE ROLE workshop_writer;

CREATE ROLE robert WITH LOGIN PASSWORD 'foss4g';
GRANT workshop_reader TO robert;

CREATE ROLE wilma WITH LOGIN PASSWORD 'foss4g';
GRANT workshop_writer TO wilma;

GRANT SELECT ON ne_10m_admin_1_states_provinces_shp TO workshop_reader;
-- change to user robert
SET ROLE robert;
-- Run the following SQL
Select * from ne_10m_admin_1_states_provinces_shp;

-- this command will return an error. Role robert isn't allowed to
SELECT * from ne_10m_admin_1_states_provinces_shp;
UPDATE ne_10m_admin_1_states_provinces_shp SET name = 'TEST' WHERE
--ERROR: permission denied for relation ne_10m_admin_1_states_provinces_shp

-- change back to role user
SET ROLE user;
-- Give access to workshop_writer to table cities
GRANT ALL ON cities to workshop_writer;
GRANT USAGE ON SEQUENCE cities_gid_seq TO workshop_writer;

-- change to user wilma
SET ROLE wilma;
-- Run the following SQL
SELECT * from cities;
UPDATE cities SET name = 'TEST' WHERE name = 'Mostar';
```

What is coming next?

- PostGIS raster https://postgis.net/docs/RT_reference.html
- PostGIS point cloud <https://pgpointcloud.github.io/pointcloud/>
- PostGIS 3D https://postgis.net/docs/reference.html#reference_sfsgal
- pgRouting <https://pgrouting.org/>
- MobilityDB <https://github.com/MobilityDB/MobilityDB>

- pg_featureserv PostGIS-only Feature Server https://access.crunchydata.com/documentation/pg_featureserv/latest/
- pg_tileserv PostGIS-only Tile Server https://access.crunchydata.com/documentation/pg_tileserv/latest/