



GG 501 SPATIAL KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION

Jan 25: Spatial visualization I

REVIEW

- File and project management in R-Studio
- Understanding r files
 - .r files, .rdata files, .rproj files, .rmd files



How do we put this into
GIS?

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ABSTRACTION IN GIS



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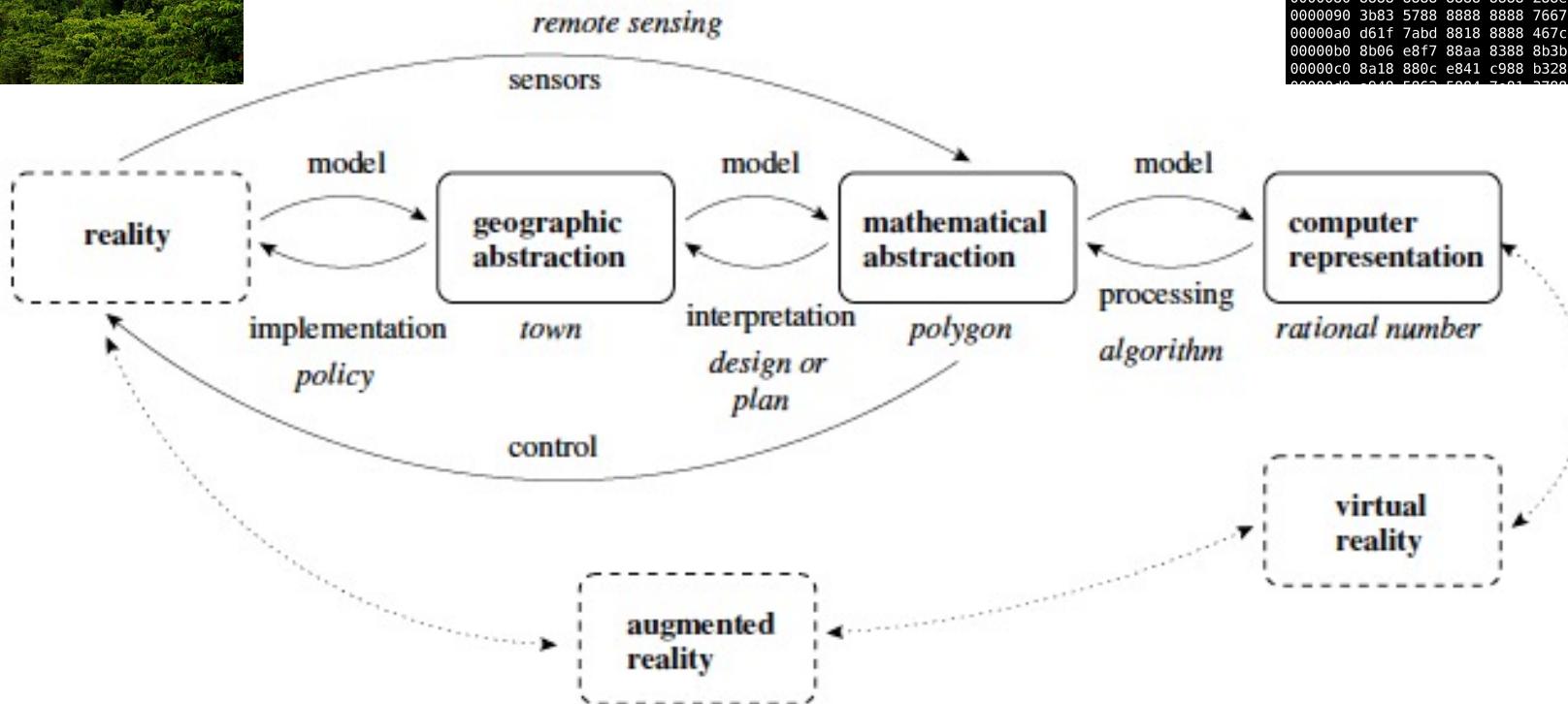
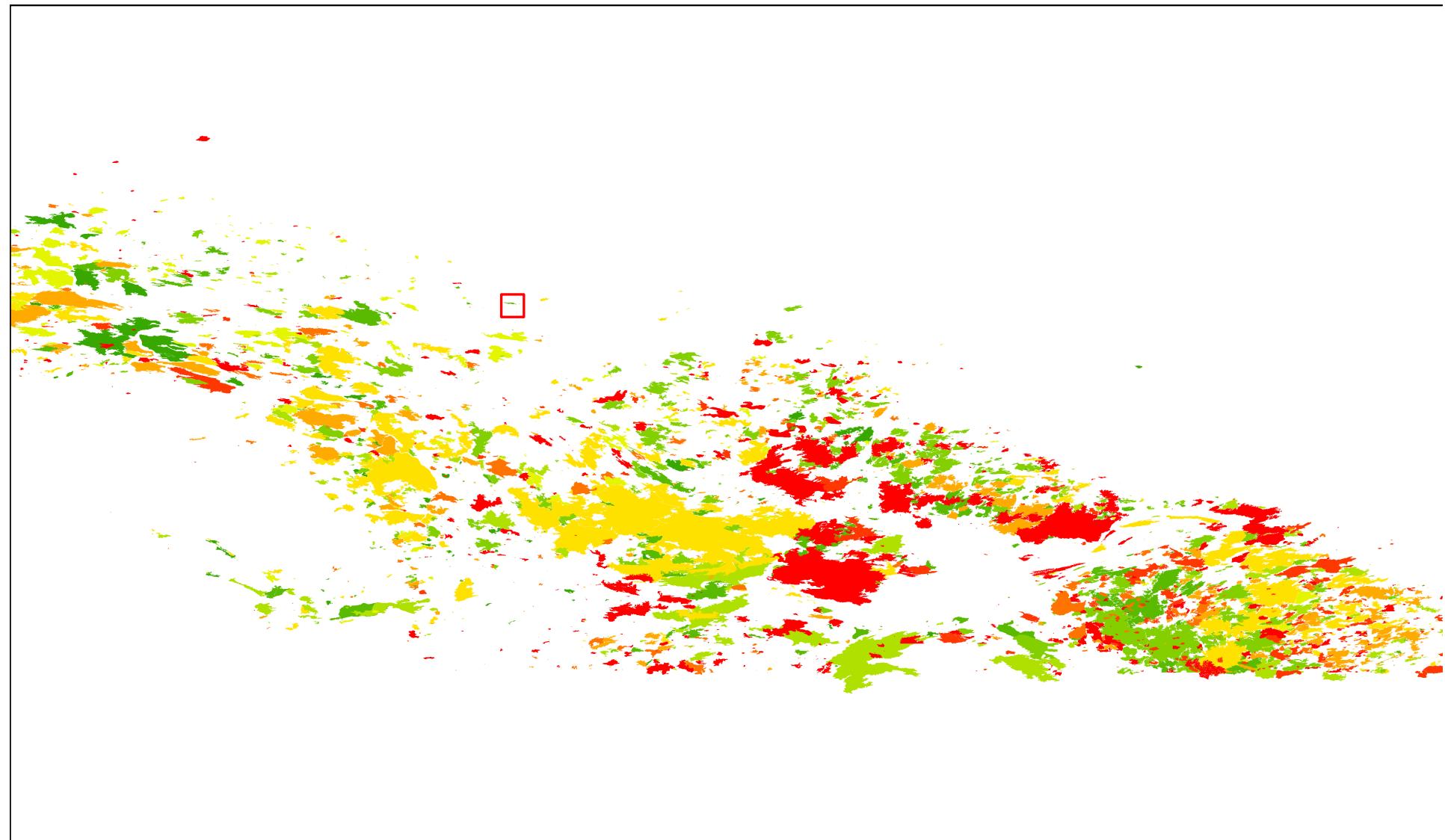
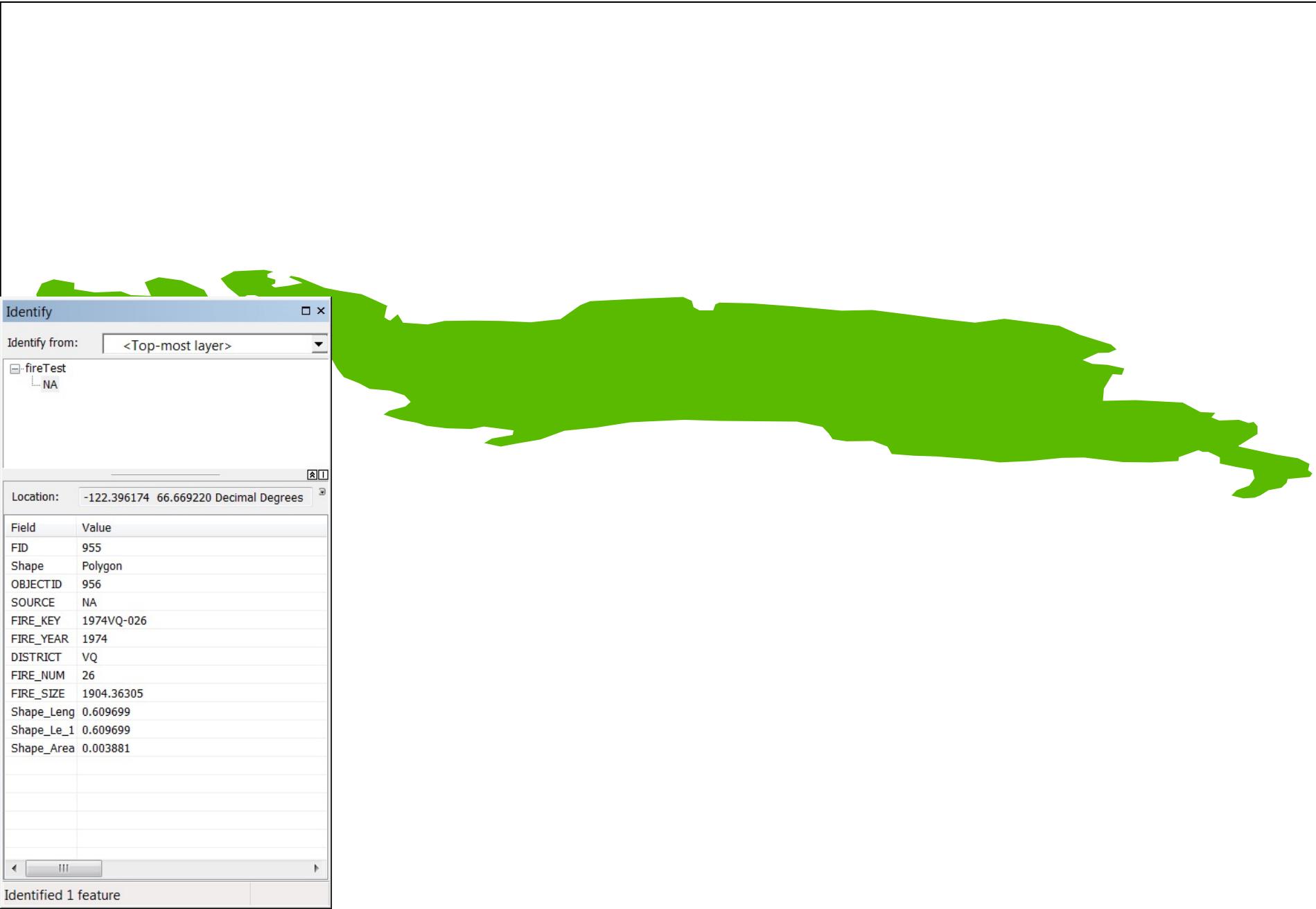


Figure 2: Levels of abstraction in GIS



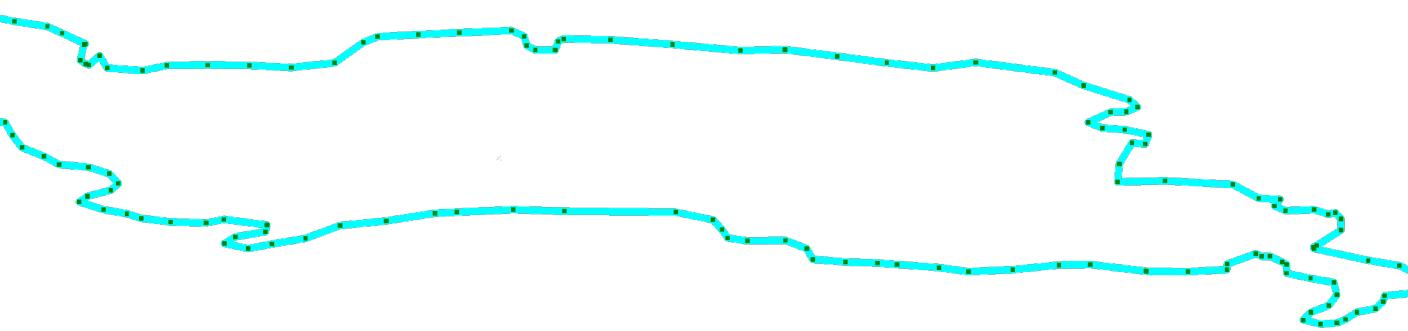


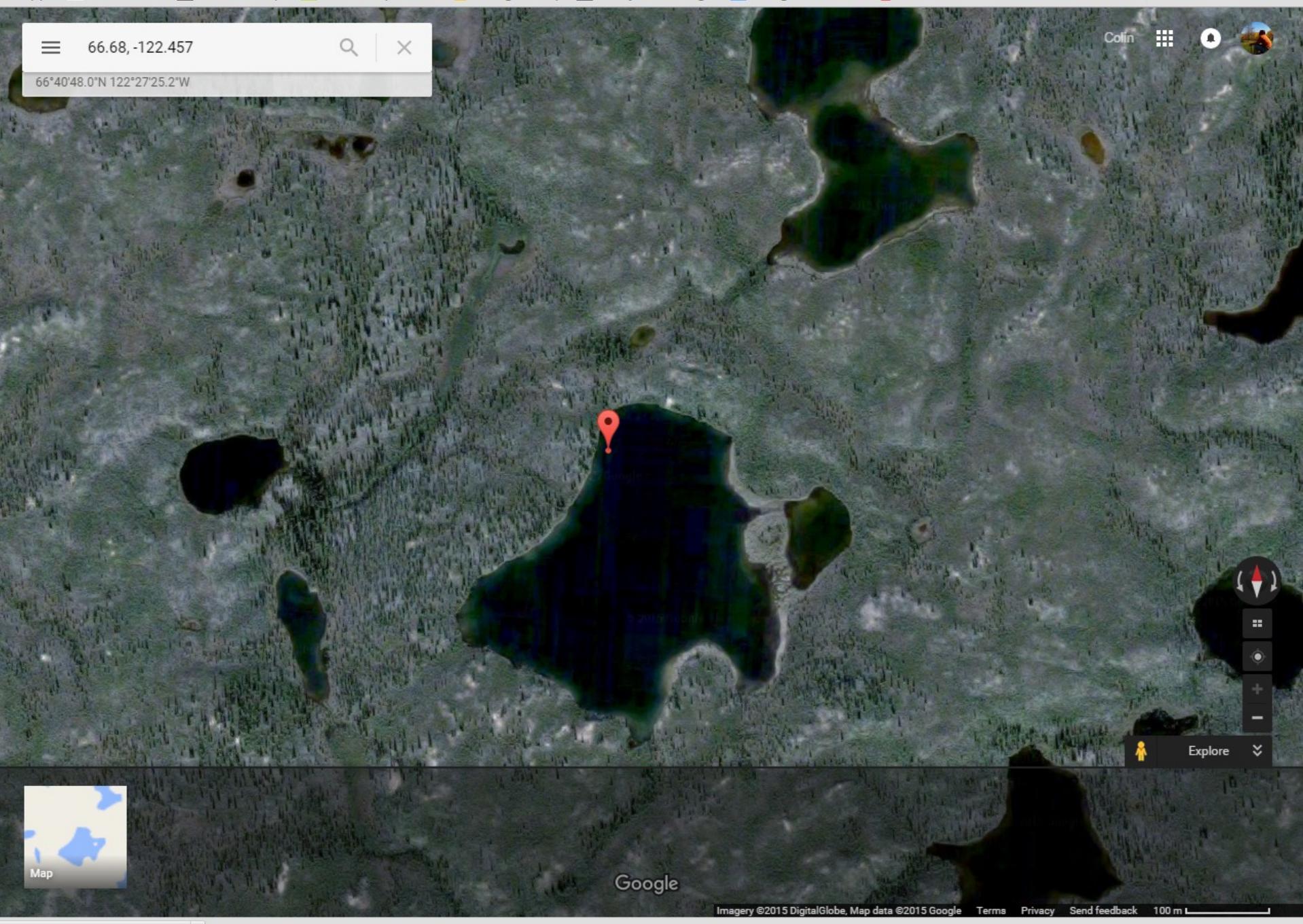


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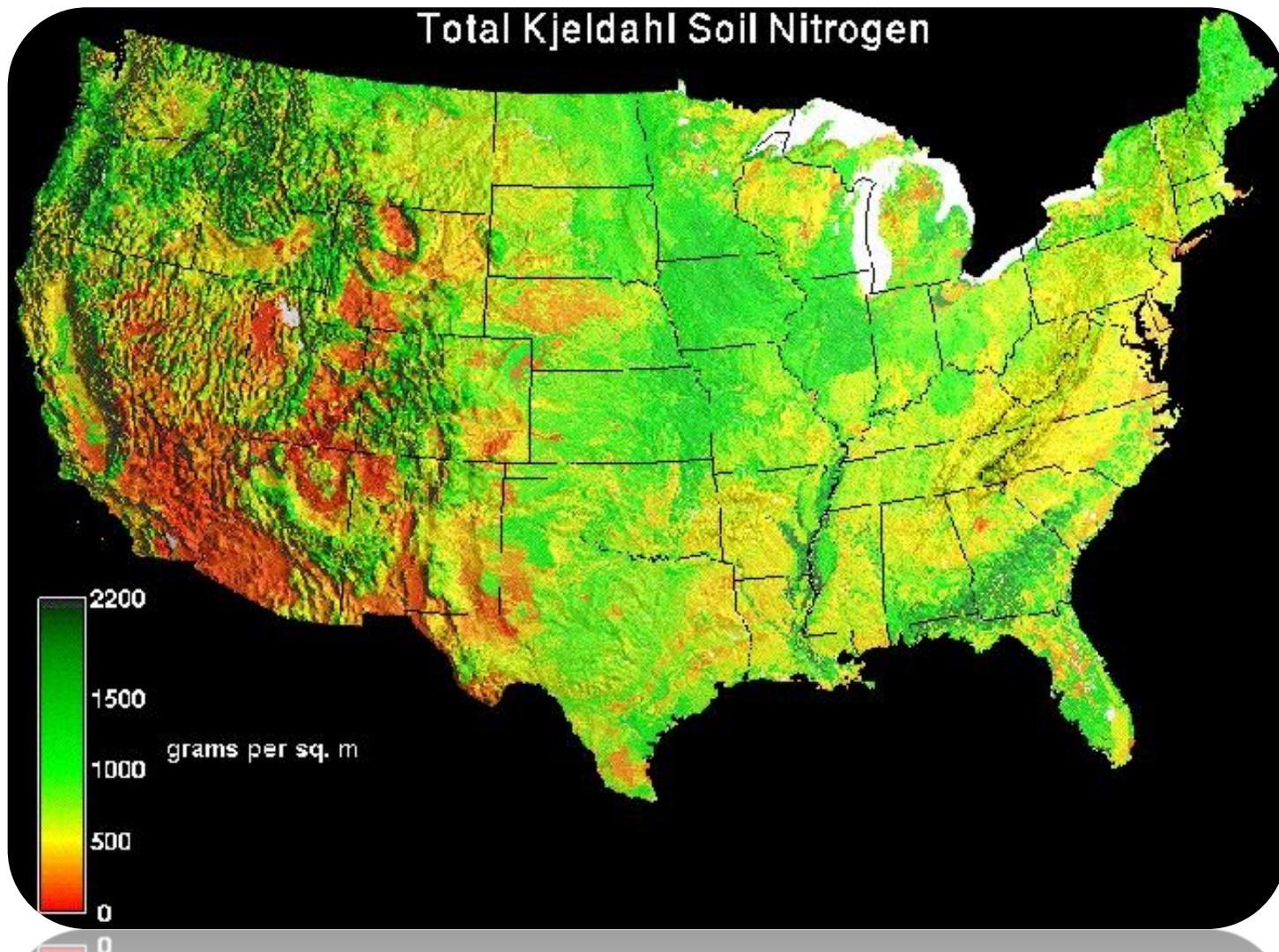
X M | Finish Sketch

#	X	Y
0	-122.457	66.680
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3	-122.461	66.683
4	-122.458	66.685
5	-122.453	66.685
6	-122.451	66.685
7	-122.452	66.684
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10	-122.451	66.683
11	-122.451	66.682
12	-122.451	66.682
13	-122.451	66.682
14	-122.448	66.682
15	-122.446	66.683
16	-122.448	66.684
17	-122.448	66.684
18	-122.446	66.684
19	-122.442	66.682
20	-122.439	66.681
21	-122.435	66.681
22	-122.433	66.680
23	-122.430	66.678
24	-122.430	66.678
25	-122.431	66.676
26	-122.430	66.676
27	-122.430	66.676
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32	-122.414	66.676

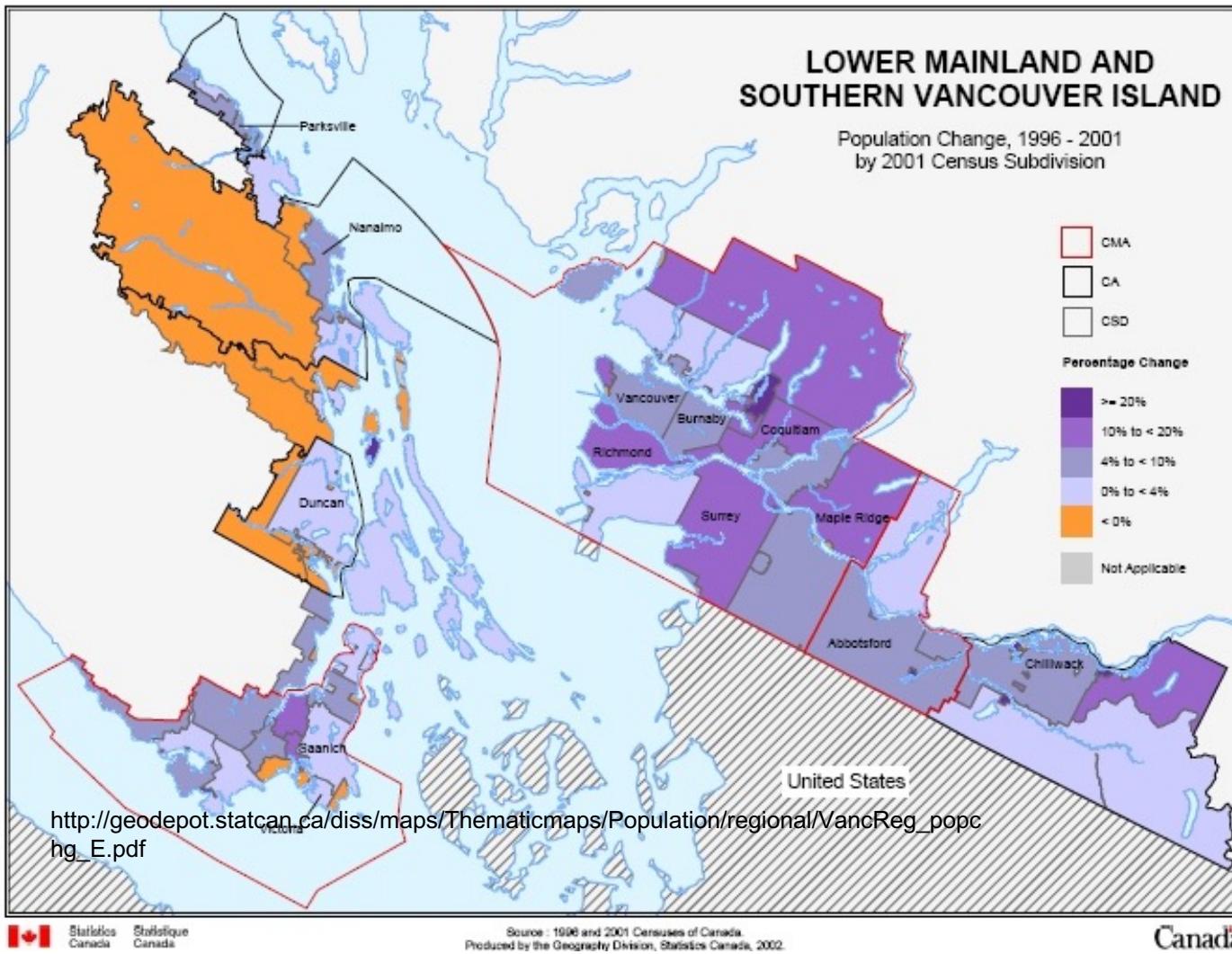




The amount of nitrogen in soil at a specific location



Census data – population change in census areas

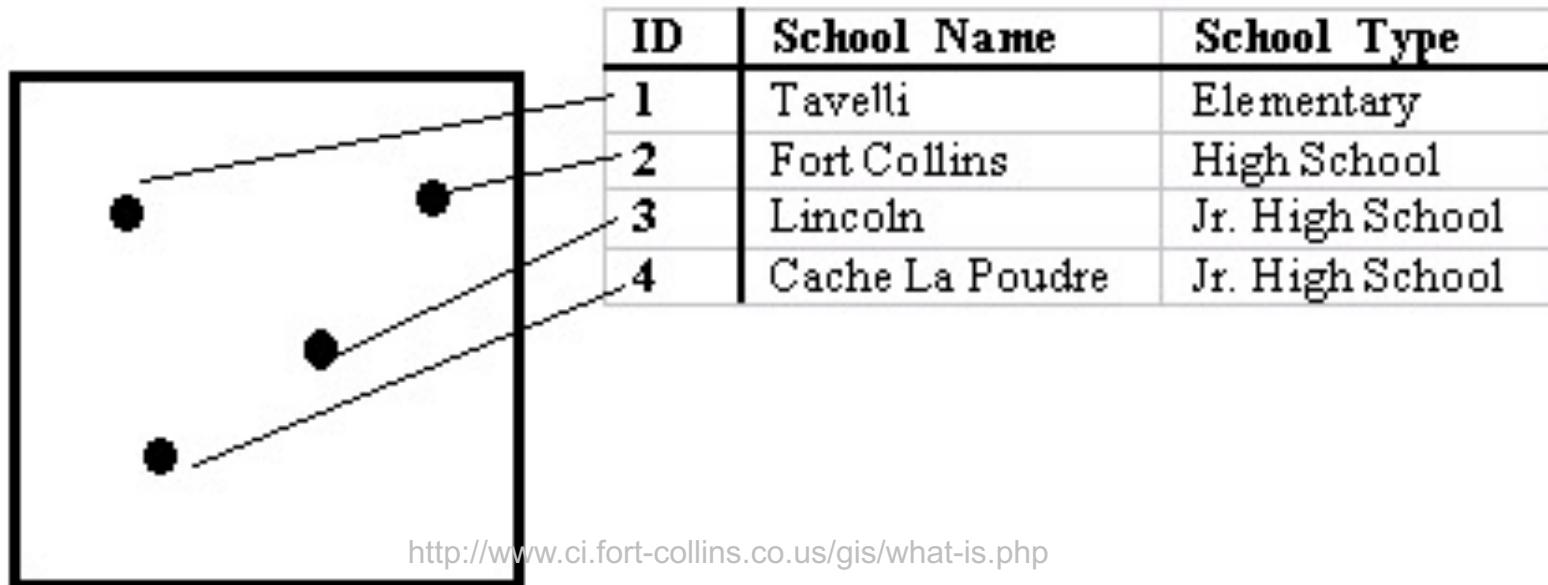


The location of trees



Components of Spatial Data

- 1) Location – describes where a “thing” is
- 2) Attribute – provides information about the “thing”



COMPONENTS OF SPATIAL DATA

Tree

- **Location:**
 - A single tree
- **Attributes:**
 - Tree height
 - Tree species
 - Tree health

Spatial and attribute information are stored separately but related

Geo-relational data

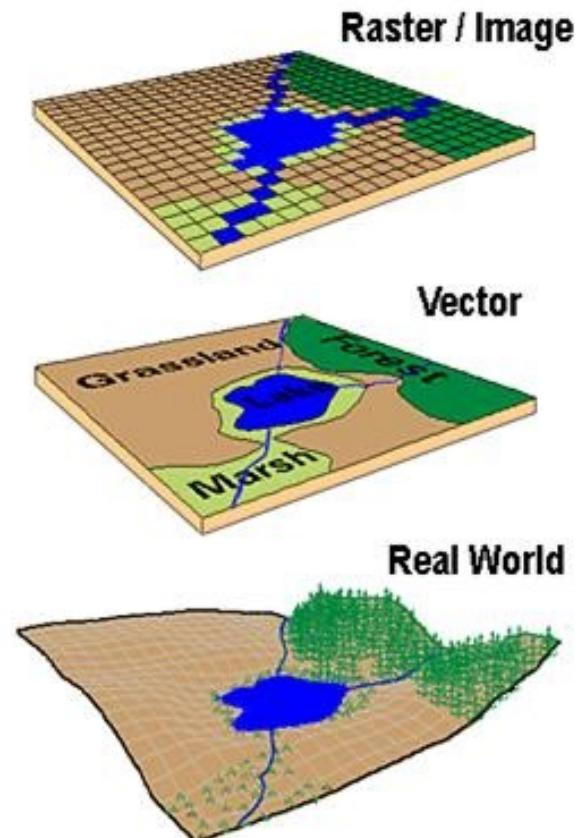


DATA MODELS AND DATA MODELLING

Model: simplified representation of a phenomenon or a system retaining significant features and relationships of reality

Data Model: a description or view of the real world
▪ E.g. A map

Data Modelling: process to formalize a data model at different levels of abstraction



forward

Real world

Conceptual Level

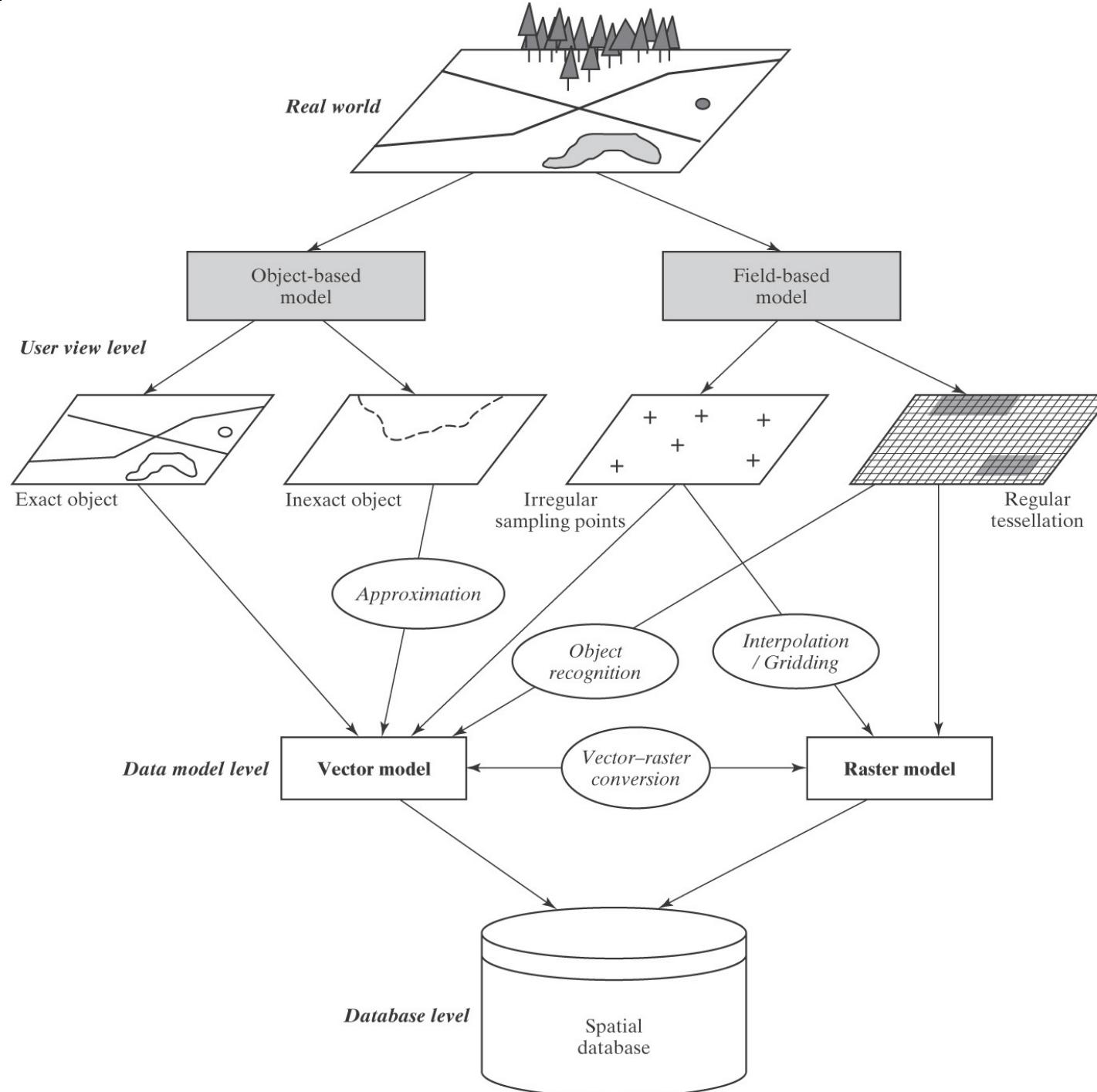
**Our understanding
of real world
features and
relationships**

Logical Level

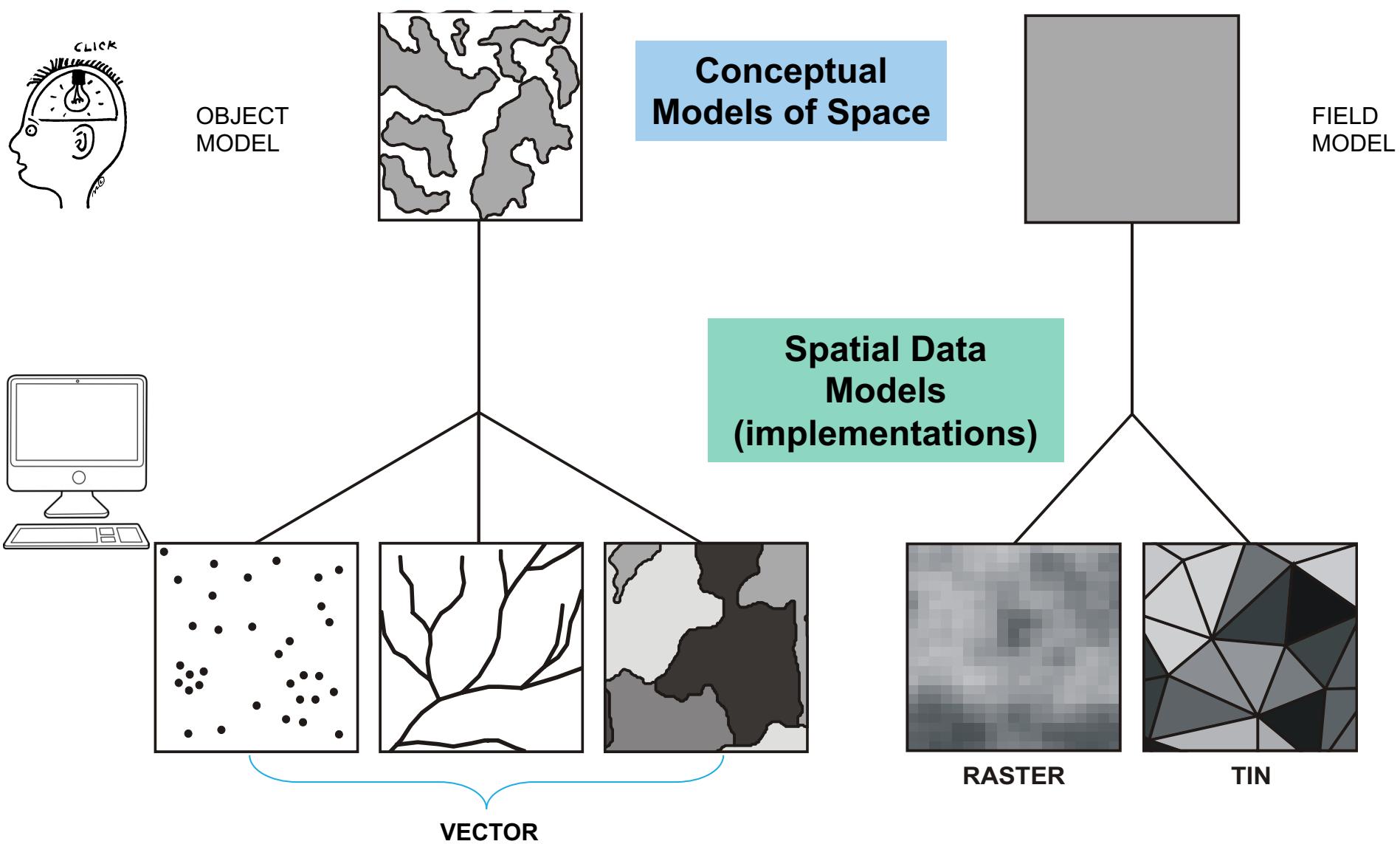
**Organization of
data within the
computer**

Physical Level

**Actual storage
technology
(hardware specific)**



Representing Spatial Data



VECTOR DATA MODEL

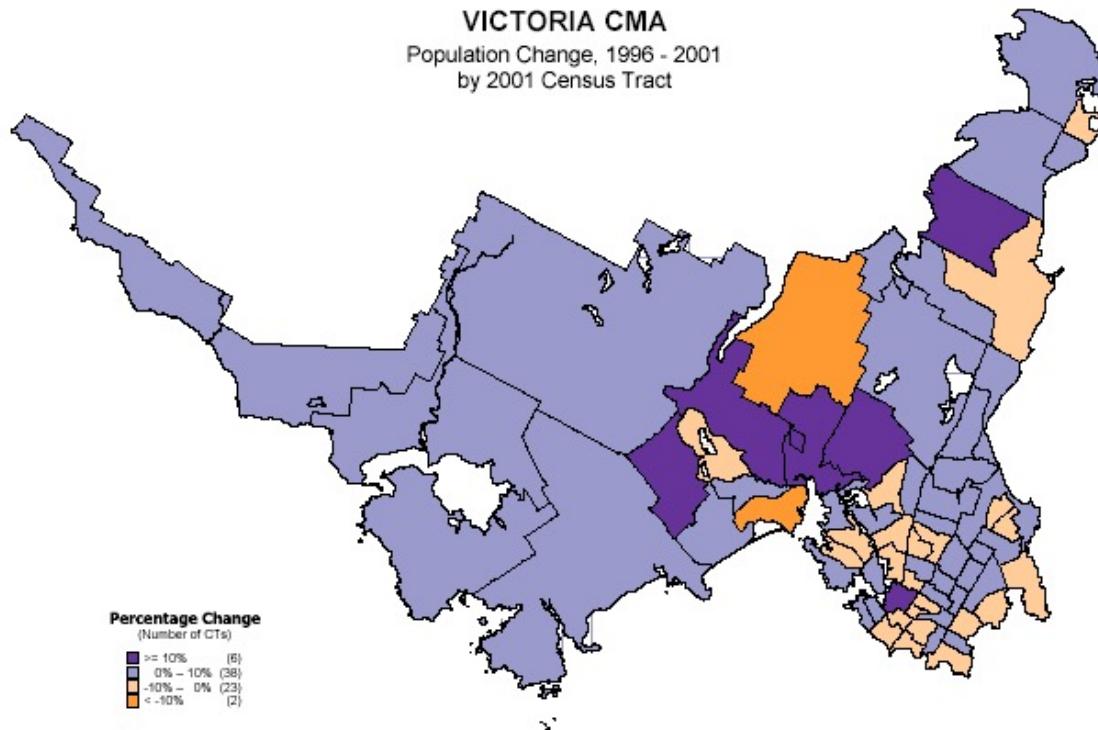
Land parcels in a tax assessment system

Electoral districts

Location of light poles

Forest inventory polygons

What attributes might be associated with each of these?



POINTS, LINES, AREAS

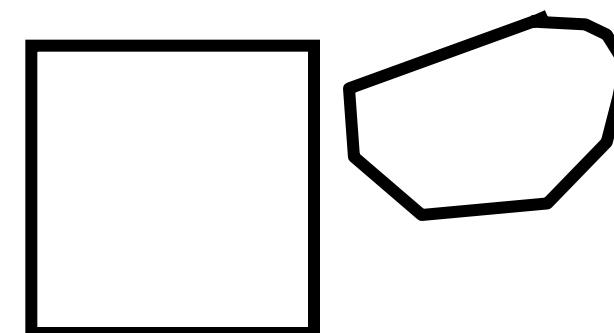
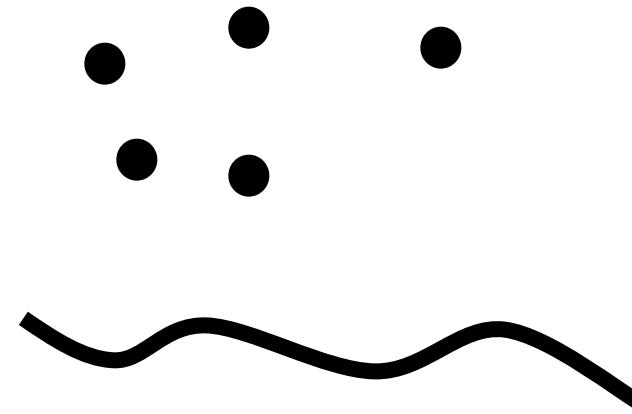
x and y coordinates

Ordered set of point coordinates

First and last coordinates sometimes called nodes

Lines sometimes called **arcs or polylines**

An ordered set of point coordinates that represent a boundary, with the first and last being identical



BASIC GEOMETRY PRIMITIVES

Points

Trees

Houses

People sitting at the fountain

Animals

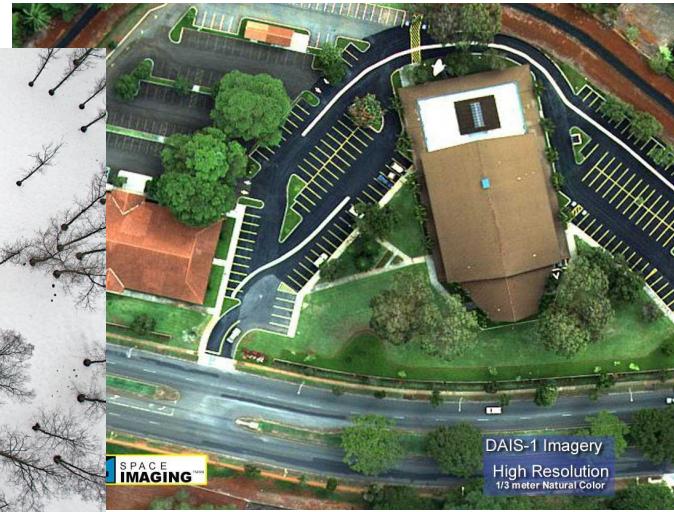


Lines

A road

One segment
of a river

Hiking trail



Areas

- Forest inventory polygon

- Lakes

- Census districts

- Watersheds



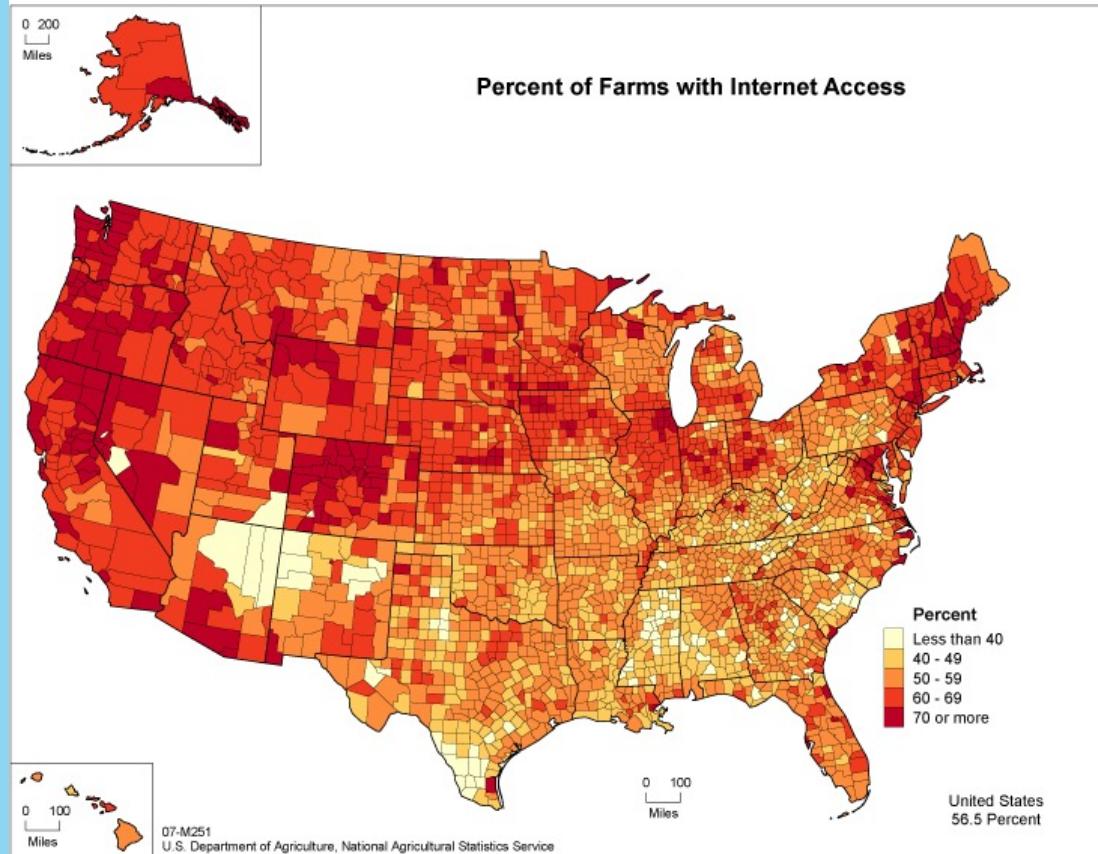
AREAS / POLYGONAL DATA

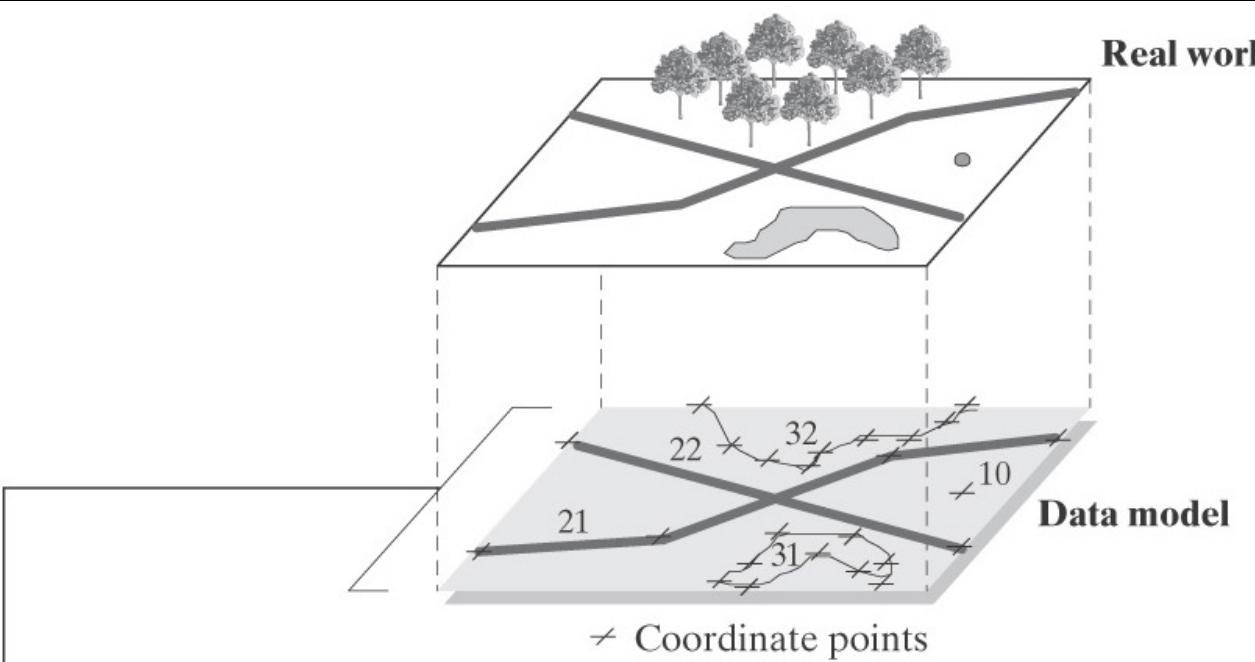
Can be of two main types

- Lattices
 - Regular: everywhere covered by polygons of the same shape and size
 - quadrats
 - Irregular: everywhere covered by polygons of different shapes and sizes
 - Census tracts, health districts etc.

▪ Discrete

- Polygons mapped 2-dimensionsal features
 - Forest fires
 - Hurricanes etc





Stored data

Feature ID	Feature type	Location
10	Point	xy
21	Line	$x_1y_1, x_2y_2, x_3y_3 \dots x_ny_n$ (string)
22	Line	$x_1y_1, x_2y_2, x_3y_3 \dots x_ny_n$ (string)
31	Polygon	$x_1y_1, x_2y_2, x_3y_3 \dots x_1y_1$ (closed loop)
32	Polygon	$x_1y_1, x_2y_2, x_3y_3 \dots x_1y_1$ (closed loop)

SPATIAL DATA IN R – first generation packages

- **sp** was first R package to establish a uniform vector layer class system around 2003
- Other packages emerged for more sophisticated ‘GIS’-like functionality:
 - **rgdal** (2003) – for reading and writing geospatial data
 - **rgeos** (2011-) - for geospatial operations / processing
 - intersect, union, clip. etc.
- sp classes were based on a data.frame class and extended to handle geometry/CRS

Class	Geometry type	Attributes
SpatialPoints	Points	-
SpatialPointsDataFrame	Points	data.frame
SpatialLines	Lines	-
SpatialLinesDataFrame	Lines	data.frame
SpatialPolygons	Polygons	-
SpatialPolygonsDataFrame	Polygons	data.frame

- **raster** package was the dominant class for handling and processing raster geospatial data in r

SPATIAL DATA IN R – first generation packages

```
library(sp)
# Make a set of coordinates that represent vertices with longitude and latitude in the familiar degrees
x_coords <- c(-60,-60,-62,-62,-60)
y_coords <- c(20,25,25,20,20)
#use the Polygon function in the sp package to make a polygon from our matrix of vertices
poly1 <- sp::Polygon(cbind(x_coords,y_coords))
#Then we make poly1 into a Polygon class using the Polygons function
firstPoly <- sp::Polygons(list(poly1), ID = "A")
str(firstPoly,1)
#Then we can make firstPoly into a SpatialPolygons
firstSpatialPoly <- sp::SpatialPolygons(list(firstPoly))
df <- data.frame(POLYID=1)
#then we can add our attributes and turn it into a spatialpolygonsdataframe=
spdf <- SpatialPolygonsDataFrame(firstSpatialPoly, df, match.ID = FALSE)
```

- spatial objects are complex objects which has different sub objects stored in ‘slots’ and accessed through ‘@’
- demo from AI surveillance project

SPATIAL DATA IN R – 2nd generation packages

- `sf` is the replacement R package for `sp` and the modern way for handling geospatial data in r
- implements the *simple features standard* (ISO 19125-1:2004) which is common across geospatial software/databases
 - did not exist at time `sp` was written
 - A feature is a thing, or an object in the real world, such as a building or a tree
 - can consist of other objects
 - Features have *geometry* describing where on Earth the feature is located, and they have *attributes*, which describe other properties

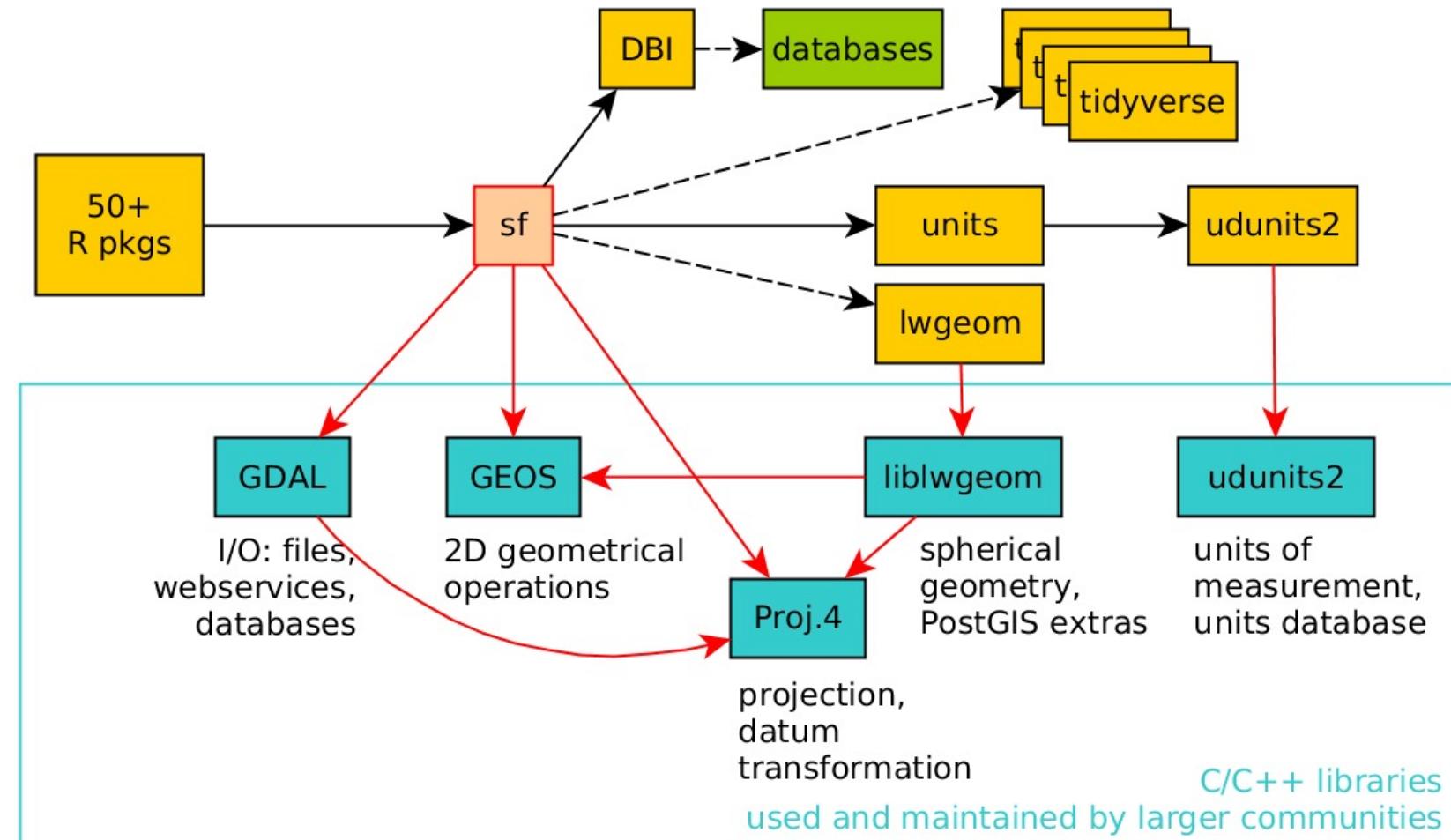
SPATIAL DATA IN R – 2nd generation packages

- sf package depends on several external software components (installed along with the R package³⁰), most importantly **GDAL**, **GEOS** and **PROJ**

Class **sfg**—a single geometry

Class **sfc**—a geometry column, which is a set of sfg geometries + CRS information

Class **sf**—a layer, which is an sfc geometry column inside a data.frame with non-spatial



SPATIAL DATA IN R – 2nd generation packages

- in addition to adoption of simple features standard within R, sp classes did not work well with tidyverse workflows which have become a dominant paradigm for analytics in r
- remember that a data frame in r is a list of equal length vectors
 - can we store the geometry as a list of coordinates in a single column of a data frame
 - this is the approach taken by sf so that sf objects behave much like regular data frames
 - more consistent with tidy approaches

```
library(sf)
Linking to GEOS 3.8.1, GDAL 3.1.1, PROJ 6.3.1

nc <- st_read(system.file("shape/nc.shp", package="sf"))
Reading layer `nc' from data source
`/Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/4.0/Resources/library/sf/shape/nc.shp' using driver `ESRI Shapefile'
Simple feature collection with 100 features and 14 fields
geometry type:  MULTIPOLYGON
dimension:      XY
bbox:           xmin: -84.32385 ymin: 33.88199 xmax: -75.45698 ymax: 36.58965
geographic CRS: NAD27

class(nc)
[1] "sf"          "data.frame"

print(nc[9:15], n = 3)
```

Sf PACKAGE

- in **green** a simple feature: a single record, or data.frame row, consisting of attributes and geometry
- in **blue** a single simple feature geometry (an object of class sfg)
- in **red** a simple feature list-column (an object of class sfc, which is a column in the data.frame)
 - that although geometries are native R objects, they are printed as well-known text (part of the standard)

```
## Simple feature collection with 100 features and 6 fields
## geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
## dimension: XY
## bbox: xmin: -84.32385 ymin: 33.88199 xmax: -75.45698 ymax: 36.58965
## epsg (SRID): 4267
## proj4string: +proj=longlat +datum=NAD27 +no_defs
## precision: double (default; no precision model)
## First 3 features:
##   BIR74 SID74 NWBIR74 BIR79 SID79 NWBIR79
## 1 1091    1     10  1364    0    19 MULTIPOLYGON((( -81.47275543...
## 2  487    0     10   542    3    12 MULTIPOLYGON((( -81.23989105...
## 3 3188     5     208  3616    6   260 MULTIPOLYGON((( -80.45634460...
```

Simple feature

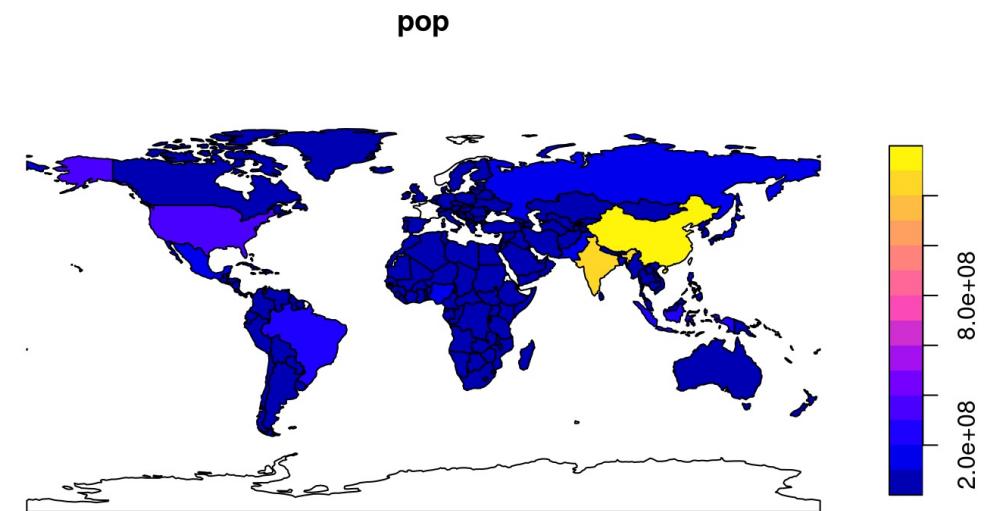
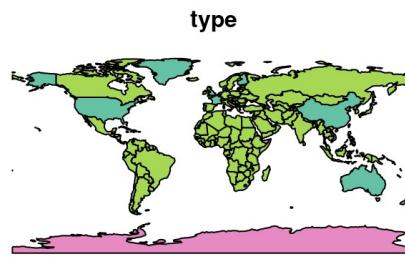
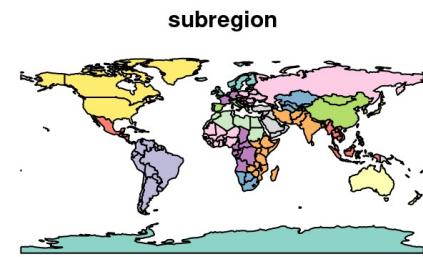
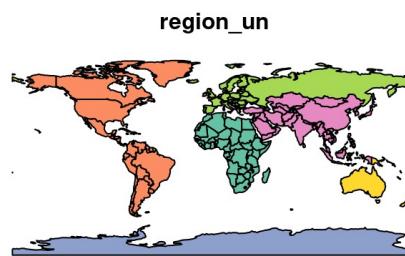
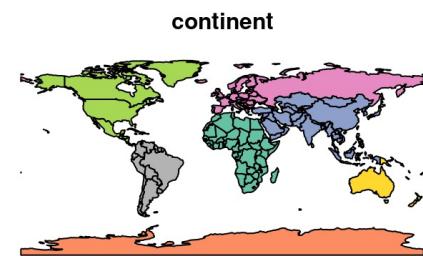
Simple feature geometry (sfg)

Simple feature geometry list-column (sfc)

MAPPING sf Data

- basic mapping of sf data in r with the plot function

```
library(sp)
world_sp = as(world, Class = "Spatial") # from an sf object to sp
# sp functions ...
world_sf = st_as_sf(world_sp)           # from sp to sf
plot(world[3:6])
plot(world["pop"])
```



SPATIAL VISUALIZATION WALKTHRU

<https://mhweber.github.io/R-User-Group-Spatial-Workshop-2018/Mapping.html>



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