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Visualize Db2 spatial data with uDig open

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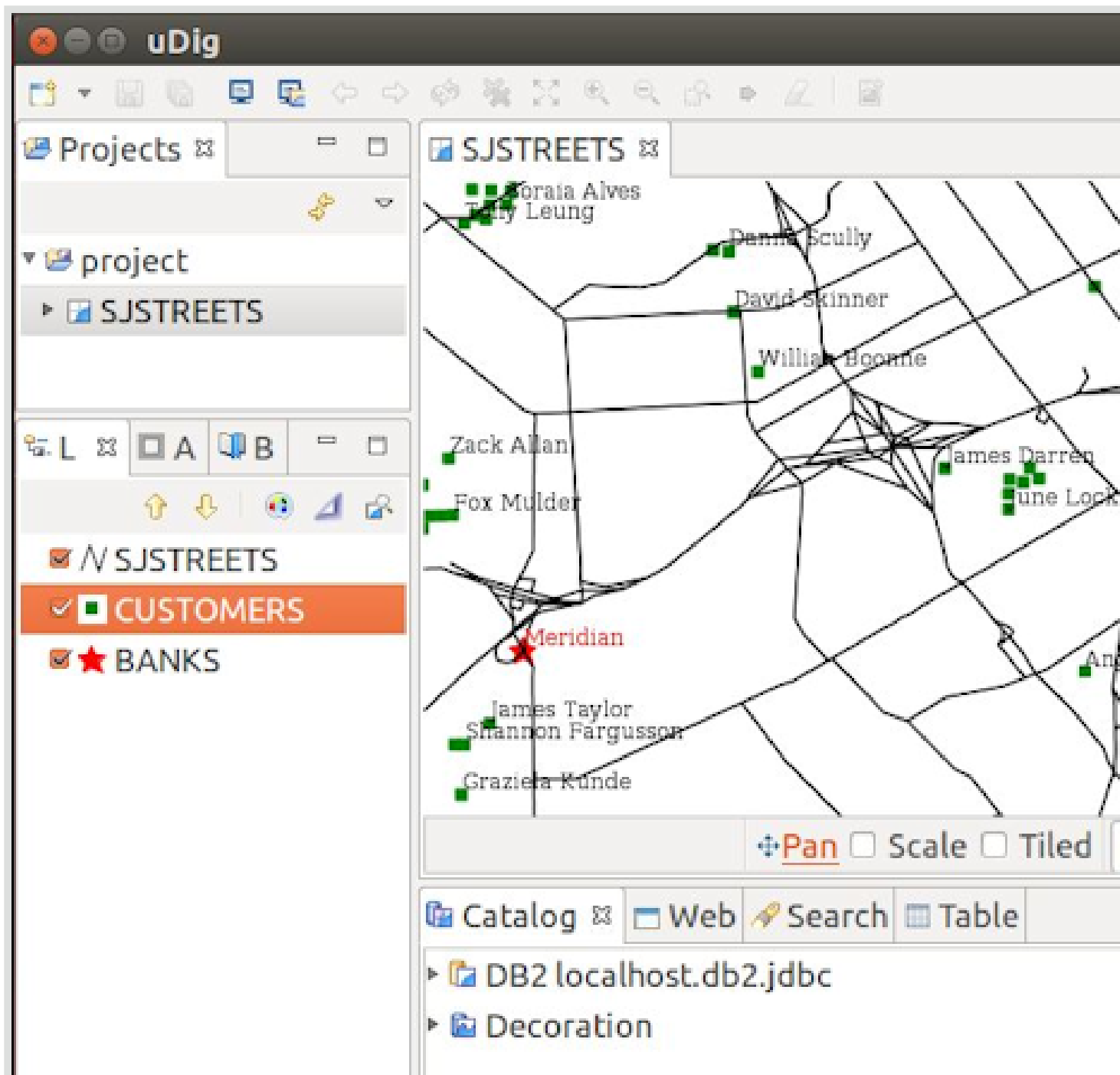


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Overview

Skill Level: Beginner

Experience using SQL and Db2 is helpful

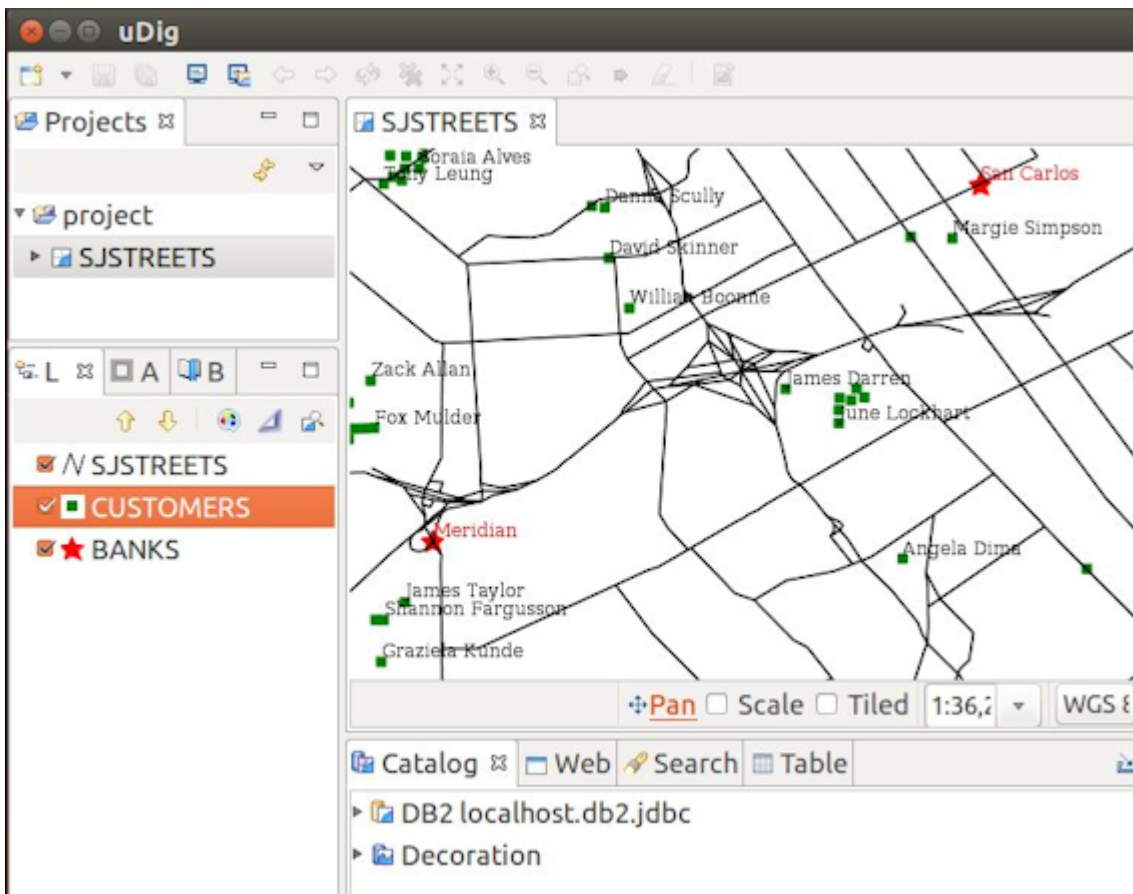
uDig is a full-function GIS tool for displaying and analyzing spatial data.

This recipe takes you through the steps to load spatial data into a Db2 database, connect uDig to Db2 spatial tables.

Ingredients

- Db2 client and server([Free DB2 download](#))
- uDig installation ([download](#))
- Sample data ([download](#))
- Db2 spatial documentation as appropriate for your environment:
 - [Db2 for z/OS Knowledge Center](#)
 - [Db2 LUW Knowledge Center](#)

With this recipe you will create a map of San Jose streets, two bank branches and a number of sample points like the following screen capture from uDig on Ubuntu Linux. The appearance will be similar on the other operating systems: Windows and Mac OS/X.



Step-by-step

1 Setup Db2 and sample data

1. Note: this recipe uses the database name **OSTEST** and the database connection userid **OS** values in the examples to your database name and userid.
2. Download and unzip the sample data to a convenient directory.
3. Open a DB2 command window where you can execute SQL statements. If you are using a sure it is cataloged locally. You can use the scripts **catalog-luw.sql** or **catalog-zos.sql** as a changes for the remote server location.

You can execute the script with a command like:

db2 -tvf catalog-zos.sql

4. Import sample spatial for banks, customers and San Jose streets.
 - Modify the scripts **import-luw.sql** or **import-zos.sql** as appropriate to change the userid procedure. (The scripts contain descriptions of each of the steps and any modifications ne

- Execute the script with a command like:

db2 -tvf import-zos.sql

- Check that there were no processing errors

5. Verify the imported data with the SQL statement (change “**osuser**” to your connection use **db2 select name, street, varchar(db2gse.st_astext(geom),32) from osuser.banks** which should return the name, street address and location of the **Meridian** and **San Carlos**

2 Install and setup uDig

This example uses Ubuntu Linux with a local Db2 LUW database but the operation is very similar on Mac OS/X.

1. Download and install uDig using the instructions at the [download](#) link in the **Ingredients** section.
2. When starting uDig for the first time, you need to specify the location of the JDBC driver file preferences by selecting **Window->Preferences** from the menu bar, then expand the **Catalogs->DB2**.
3. Use the **Browse** buttons to navigate to the Db2 installation java directory and select the **db2jcc_license_cu.jar** for your Db2 release.. The actual path and DB2 version will depend on the Db2 and the version installed. uDig should work correctly with currently supported version and will result in a window like the following:

4. Click on **Apply** which will prompt you to allow uDig to be restarted.

Select and display spatial data

1. To add spatial tables from DB2 as layers, from the menu bar select **Layer->Add** and then show a dialog to add the connection information similar to the image below. Enter the connection name, then click the **Get schemas** button to get a list of the schemas with spatial tables. Select the schema you want, then click the **Finish** button.
2. This will display a list of tables that can be included in the map. Select the BANKS, CUSTOMER tables and click **Finish**.
3. A map like the following will be displayed. (If it doesn't display, right-click on the SJSTREE layer and select "Zoom To Layer")

4 Customize the map display

uDig allows you to customize the style for symbols, color and labels based on table attributes.

1. To change the style of a layer, right-click on a layer name and select **Change Style...**

2. This will display a window like the following where you can change aspects of the style such as the color displayed, its size and color and labels to be associated with each feature. Make your changes.

5 Conclusion

With uDig you can integrate spatial data from many different sources – other databases, files and more. Use uDig to gain insight into spatial relationships of your data.

The current map state can be saved as a project for subsequent use and also printed or exported.

You may also find these tutorials on Developer Works useful:

- [Manage spatial data with IBM DB2 Spatial Extender, Part 1 – Acquiring spatial data and de](#)
- [Manage spatial data with IBM DB2 Spatial Extender, Part 2 – Implementing typical spatial](#)

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