

'Published in *Puck Magazine* in 1915 and illustrated by German-born artist Henry Mayer, the map depicts women with faces turned to the light that Lady Liberty is bringing east. Her flowing robes are emblazoned with the words, "VOTES FOR WOMEN."

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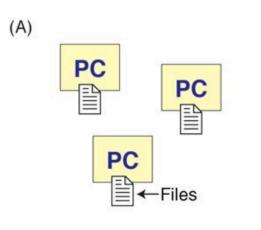
GIS data: manipulation through selection

- 1. Questions and Announcements
 - Quiz I grades released. Visit lab section for more!
- 2. Introduction to the [shifting roles of] Desktop GIS
- 3. GIS data and queries
 - SQL
 - Attribute queries
 - Spatial queries

ArcGIS for Desktop and ArcGIS Online

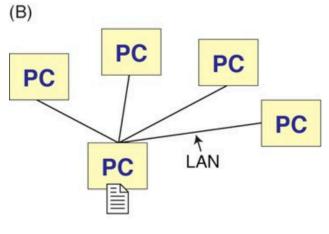
- ArcGIS for Desktop == ArcMap or ArcGIS Pro
 - These terms and the ecosystems will change.

"Desktop GIS" used to be more "standalone" (Left)... but now it's increasingly a part of a larger "Internet GIS" (Right):



Desktop GIS software architecture used in project GIS

(A) standalone desktop GIS on PCs each with own local files



(B) Desktop GIS on PCs sharing files on a PC file server over a LAN.



Working with data in a database: Query & Retrieval

- "Retrieval": the ability of the DBMS or GIS to get back data that were previously stored, especially to retrieve a subset of data based that fit particular characteristics.
- "Query": an operation that you perform to guide the retrieval the parameters of the retrieval.
- One of the key specializations of [a spatial database that underlies] GIS is its ability to query and retrieve based on both attribute and spatial characteristics.

SQL

- SQL = Structured Query Language
 - (technically 'S-Q-L', but many say 'sequel')
- SQL is a formal/mathematical language for manipulating relational databases.
 - Despite its name, **SQL does more than just 'get' things. It can change them, too.**
 - Side note: Some SQL are complete programming languages (http://stackoverflow.com/questions/900055/is-sql-or-even-tsql-turing-complete)
- ArcGIS uses SQL!

A basic SQL query: SELECT

Involves applying different operators to the fields/tables of a database.

Example of basic syntax:

SELECT <some records> FROM <these tables> WHERE <this criterion is met>

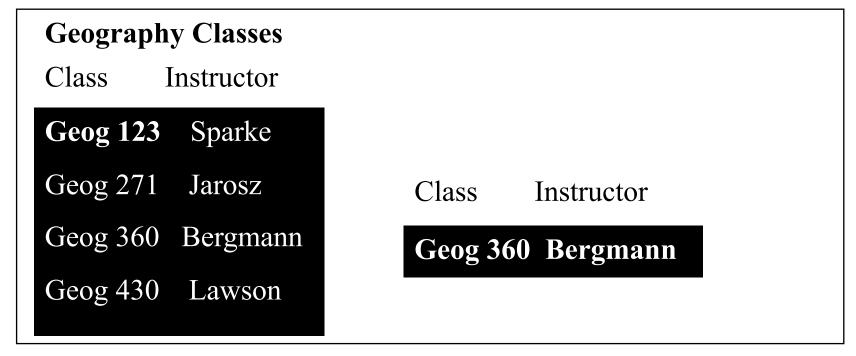
For example:

SELECT <Class, Instructor> FROM <Geography Classes> WHERE <Instructor = "Bergmann">

So, this SQL statement:

SELECT <Class, Instructor> FROM <Geography Classes> WHERE <Instructor = "Bergmann">

might return this result:

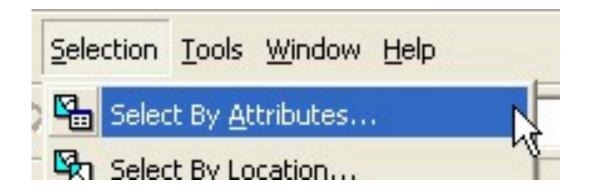


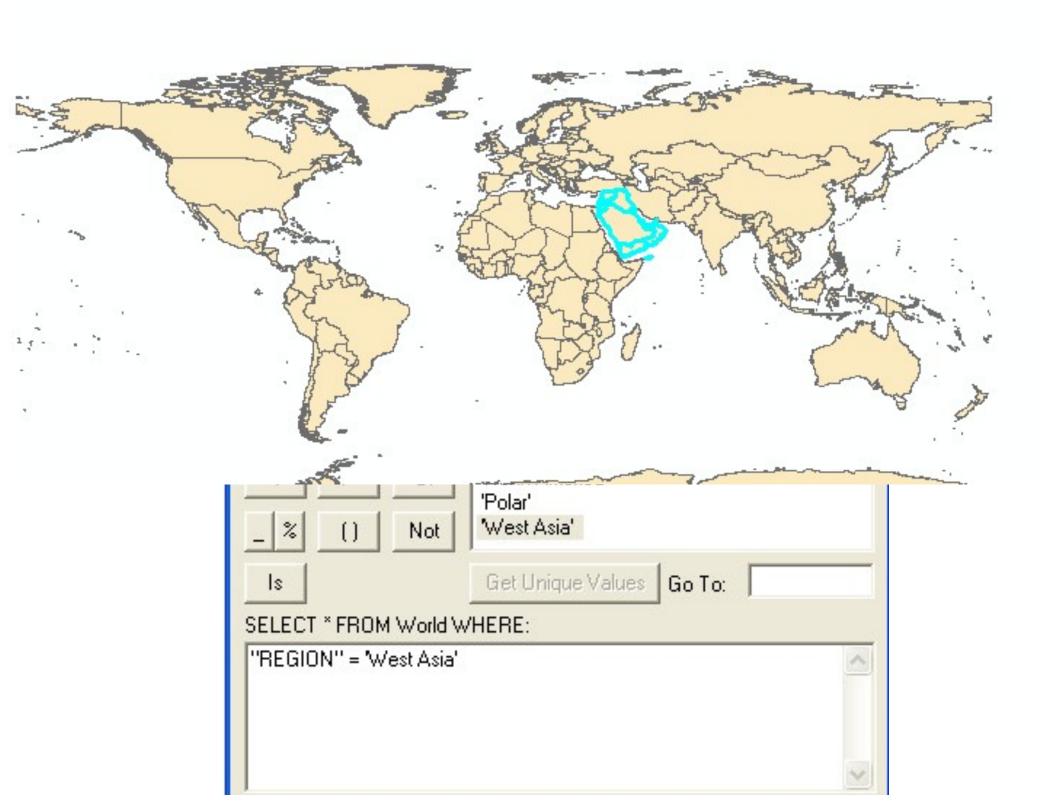
Examples of SQL Queries in ArcGIS

■ Attributes of World

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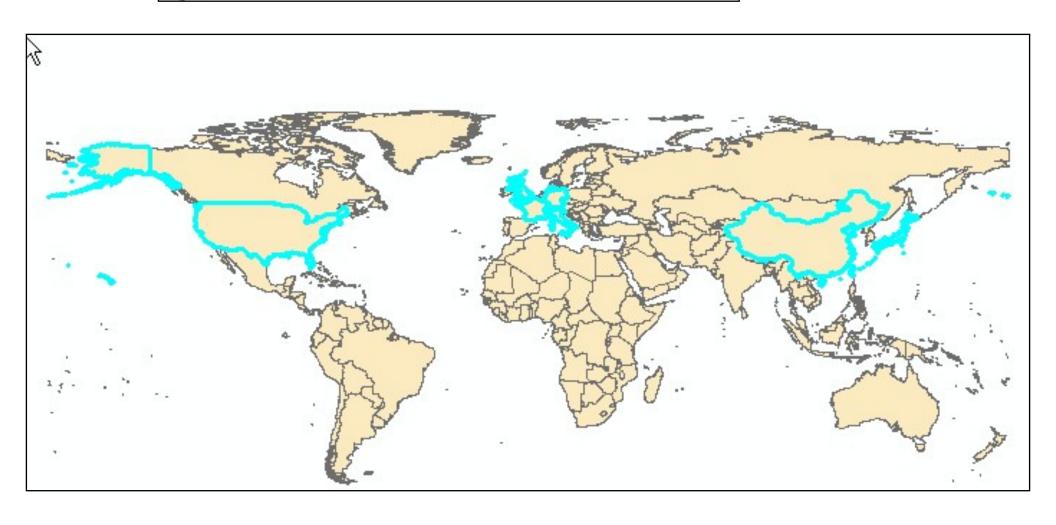
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SELECT * FROM World WHERE:

"GDP_2003" > 1000000



Queries and practicality

- Note: The results of selections in ArcGIS are "stable" records remain selected UNTIL you un-select them!
- Queries are a common way to retrieve a smaller subset of information to work with (consider exporting the selection to new file!)
 - What are reasons this might be advantageous?

Only using part of the data:

Database vs. Cartographic Approaches

- We've been making cartographic masks to [de]emphasize some parts of the data.
- We've also been using 'filters' to only show some parts of the data.
- Queries are more like filters. They return a 'subset' of the data in a 'selection'.

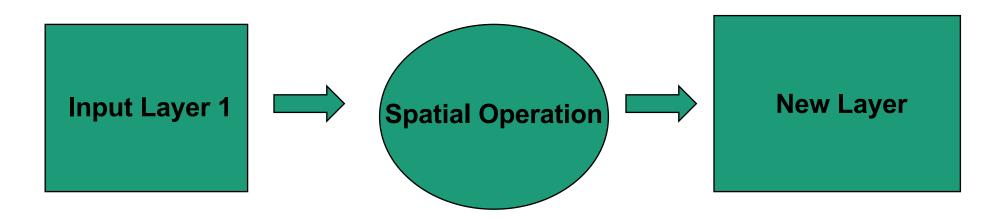
Spatial queries

 Select/retrieve records or objects based upon spatial/geographic characteristics

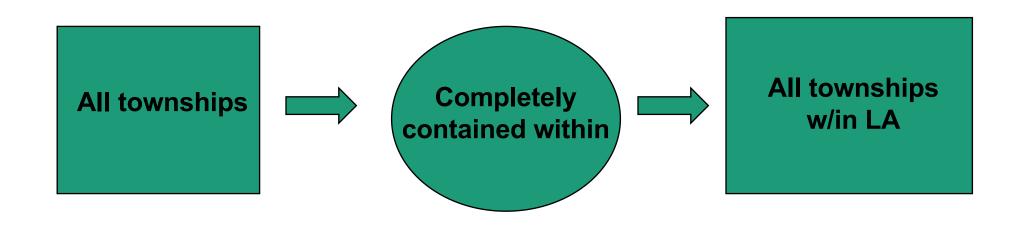
 Spatial queries produce new sets of geographical features which might then be used in building new GIS layers.

 Many forms of analysis rely on or start with spatial query.

Visually 'modeling' a spatial query:



"All townships within the state of Louisiana"



More examples of spatial queries ...by location!

Adjacency

retrieves all records that share a boundary.

Containment

 All features in one layer that are completely within the features of another layer.

Proximity

 All features within a certain distance of features of another layer. [Compare with buffering, later!]

Intersect

All features that intersect the features of another layer.

In ArcGIS



intersect

are within a distance of contain completely contain contain (Clementini) are within are completely within are within (Clementini) are identical to touch the boundary of share a line segment with are crossed by the outline of have their centroid in

