# online mapping with google maps

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#### examples

- let me pull up from google.com/mymaps
- see maps from previous years shared with me on goog mymaps
- o a map of "NJ Firearm Force Incidents"

## why online maps?

- very easy to share
- higher quality than printout or even pdf
- zoom in/out, pop up features
- (like identify feature tool in qgis but less clunky)
- especially good for low-level (hi-res) mapping
- o because have a super neat basemap with all the details
- use for collaboration-just enable editing for anyone!
- o can also enable editing for a select group of folks

## basic things in regular google maps

- (may not work sometimes: guess browser or OS)
- https://maps.google.com/maps
- search for 'rutgers camden'
- but can do polygons, too: '08102', 'university city, pa', etc
- can do lat/long: '38.8977 N, 77.0366 W' or '38.8977 ,
  - -77.0366
- https://s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/journeynorth.org/ images/graphics/mclass/Lat\_Long.gif
- we'll be loading kml, which is just a bunch of coordinates

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## fire it up

- http://google.com/mymaps
- interface almost like qgis
- some rudimentary tools at the top
- o layers on the left
- o even data table is accessible
- in the future, maybe all gis will be done online like this
- o for now, still need software like qgis

## not only display of imported kml; can create kml!

- as any google maps: markers, driving, cycling, etc
- also can draw any lines, polygons
- can add attributes
- can export as kml
- let's do it!

- http://google.com/mymaps will generate your own data
  this is actually made for generating your own gis data
- zoom in on Camden NJ-can just search it search box
- select placemark from the top and put onto R and mark 'R'
- and put placemark on patco station and call 'patco'
- and make a line to patco station (double click to end it),
  name it 'path' (and pop up distance)
  from left menu let's 'Add layer' (cant have shapes and
- routes on one)from line segment menu select 'Add line or shape'
- put a polygon on parking lot (just draw line around it)
- o call it 'park'; click it to pop up acres; save it as kml

from line segment select 'Add walking route'

#### kml

- just another vector format like shp
- and just one file as opposed to shp
- can just use qgis to turn shp into kml
- but kml is a popular format and can often get data in kml
- O eg http://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/data/tiger-kml.html

## loading kml from goog maps to qgis

- click main menu (three vertical lines at the top-left):
- $\circ$  'Export to KML/KMZ' and check KML!! (qgis may dislike KMZ)
- load it to qgis as any vector layer
- o make sure you click 'Select All'!
- and viola! we have it in qgis
- add openlayers basemap to put it in context

### can get creative

- mark points where you think it is unsafe
- mark your travel destinations (in addition to that map on your wall with pins)
- mark your jogging route (or use one of those apps to record it and then download to qgis)
- get creative!

#### timeline

- as you imagine, google records your location
- o the good thing is that you can download it :)
- http://google.com/maps
- click menu (3 horizontal lines on the left)
- click 'Your timeline'
- o can browse it by date
- o at the bottom right click cog icon and
- 'Download a copy of all your data'
- o select kml instead of json

## how about just displaying kml from qgis?

- can do that, too; though little less handy than in ggis
- can just export kml from qgis
- in fact can put the thematic map straight from qgis onto google maps!
- but first, simplify polygons

## simplify polygons

- make it smaller so that it loads faster
- load our fav ni counties
- https://docs.google.com/uc?id= 1xJDhcRCkgv7k4tNCa72Oog5bohV6dTB2&export=download
- Vector-Geometry Tools-Simplify Geometries
- and simplify polygons with tolerance of 1,000
- o if you do something like 25k, you'll mutate nj too much!)
- really, as a rule, simplify all data before online display

## make thematic map and export to kml

- say pop2010 3 classes (tertiles)
- can also make it transparent if you want to
- MMQGIS-Import/Export-Google Maps KML
- o (just keep the defaults and play with them at home)

## uploading to google maps

- http://google.com/mymaps
- from left menu: 'Add layer' and then Import

### make it pretty!

- bottom of left menu: adjust basemap
- o i like similar non-contrasting colors
- o either lightish or darkish
- can also play with "Individual styles"

#### ideas

- these ramps colors are quite lame
- may actually want to click and edit and pick some opposing colors
- like green and red
- o especially if there are few classes, like 3
- then do say red, yellow, green

### other things

- Under 'Individual styles' can also 'Set labels':
   'COUNTY LAB'
- make it light so it doesn't obscure colors!
- finally, at top-left click 'share,' make it public and send me a link

and can geocode!

• load philadelphia apartments as excel

### add colleges

- load our favorite colleges into qgis
- O https://sites.google.com/site/adamokuliczkozaryn/gis\_int/hsip\_colleges.zip? attredirects=0&d=1
- MMQGIS-Import/Export-Google Maps KML Export
- and load into google maps
- can change style of placemarkers to something fancy
- first change 'Individual styles' to 'Uniform style'
- o and on the right click a 'bucket icon' and 'More icons'

#### that's it...

- please play with google maps
- it should be pretty straightforward and user-friendly

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## mapbox and open map

 mapbox and open map seems like a good alternative to google

https://www.mapbox.com/about/maps/

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## looks promising! give it a try

 https://blog.mapbox.com/ introducing-data-explorer-a-new-way-to-quickly

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### many options

- there are dozens of ways to make maps online
- even per google there are many ways to do it
- feel free to experiment and play around
- i am curious about your impressions
- especially if you find out something great, do let us know!

### fusion tables

- can use Google's fusion tables
- o https:

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// {\tt support.google.com/fusiontables/answer/2571232?hl=en}
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- $\circ$  more powerful in a sense that allows more data, obs, vars
- o and can customize it using some java
- but less clear, i think
- o and doesn't seem to work the way you want it to work
- but i am curious about your impressions

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#### animation

walmart store animationhttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=adm3RB4ieXU

- http://michaelminn.com/linux/mmqgis/
- https://medium.com/@tjukanov/ geogiffery-in-a-nutshell-introduction-to-qgis-time-manage

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## mmqgis more

- there is much more!
- just explore menu

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### combining layers

- there was a question about how to combine layers
- mmqgis-combine-merge layers
- o just make sure all are same type (polygon, line, point)
- more info on combining layers: http://gis.stackexchange.com/questions/25061/how-to-merge-multiple-layers-to-one-layer-using-qgis
- O http://www.statsilk.com/maps/
  merge-multiple-map-layers-single-shapefile-using-quantum-gis
- O http://www.igismap.com/merge-two-shapefile-qgis/

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