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Introduction to GIS

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Outline

Early form of GIS: Map to Overlay What is GIS? Why GIS? Components of GIS Eunctions of GIS GIS data Models □ GIS implementation

What is GIS?

- GIS stands for Geographical Information System.
- It is defined as an integrated tool, capable of mapping, analysing, manipulating and storing geographical data in order to provide solutions to real world problems and help in planning for the future.
- GIS deals with what and where components of occurrences.
 - **•** *Ex:*

to build fly-over (what component) traffic jams are common (where component)

HISTORICAL SETTING AND GIS EVOLUTION

Traditional Mapping manually drafted map

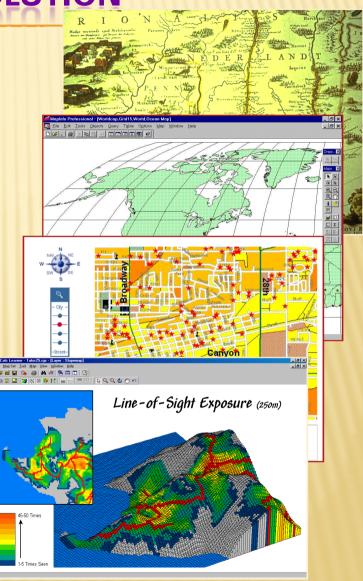
Computer Mapping automates the cartographic process (70s)

Spatial Database Management links computer mapping techniques with traditional database capabilities (80s)

GIS Modeling

representation of relationships within and among mapped data (90s)

Distributed and Virtual GIS



Early days of Mapping / sketches

- Mapmaking is the representation of geographical information to be easily understood by common users.
- The early maps were hand drawn; in general, positions, shapes and scales for different places were not properly shown.
- Improvements in the fields of Geodesy, Surveying and Cartography helped in bringing the maps to their present form.
- The digital technology has altered the way of creating, presenting and distributing the geographic information
- The conventional cartography is replaced by computer aided designs and graphics, and the analogue maps (paper maps) by digital maps.

Maps

- Maps are models of the real world which is traditional method of storing and displaying geographic information.
- A map is a two dimensional representation of earth surface which uses graphics to convey geographical features on the landscape
- Different geographic features represented as either points, lines, and/or areas.
- **Each** feature is defined both by
 - Its location in space (with reference to a coordinate system), and
 - Its characteristics (attributes).
- A map portrays 3 kinds of information about geographic features.
 - Location and extent of the feature
 - Attributes (characteristics) of the feature
 - Relationship of the feature to other features.

Scale of map

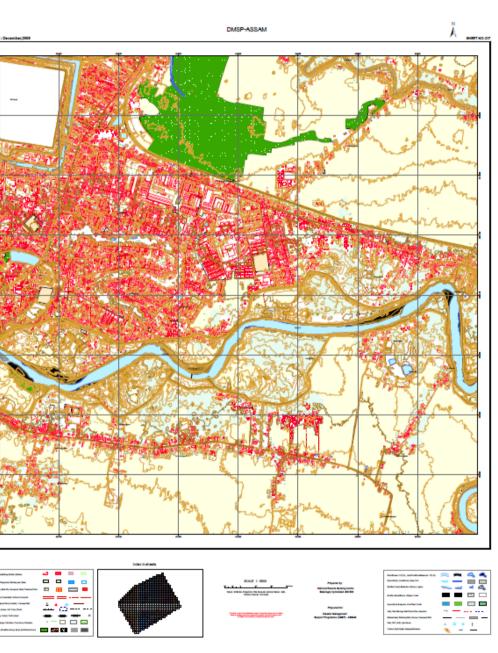
- Map represent snapshots of a particular day and time of the land at a specific map scale.
- Accordingly, the use of data from vastly different scales will result in many inconsistencies between the number of features and their type.

 $R,F = \frac{Distance \ between \ two \ points \ on \ the \ map}{Distance \ between \ the \ same \ two \ points \ on \ the \ ground}$

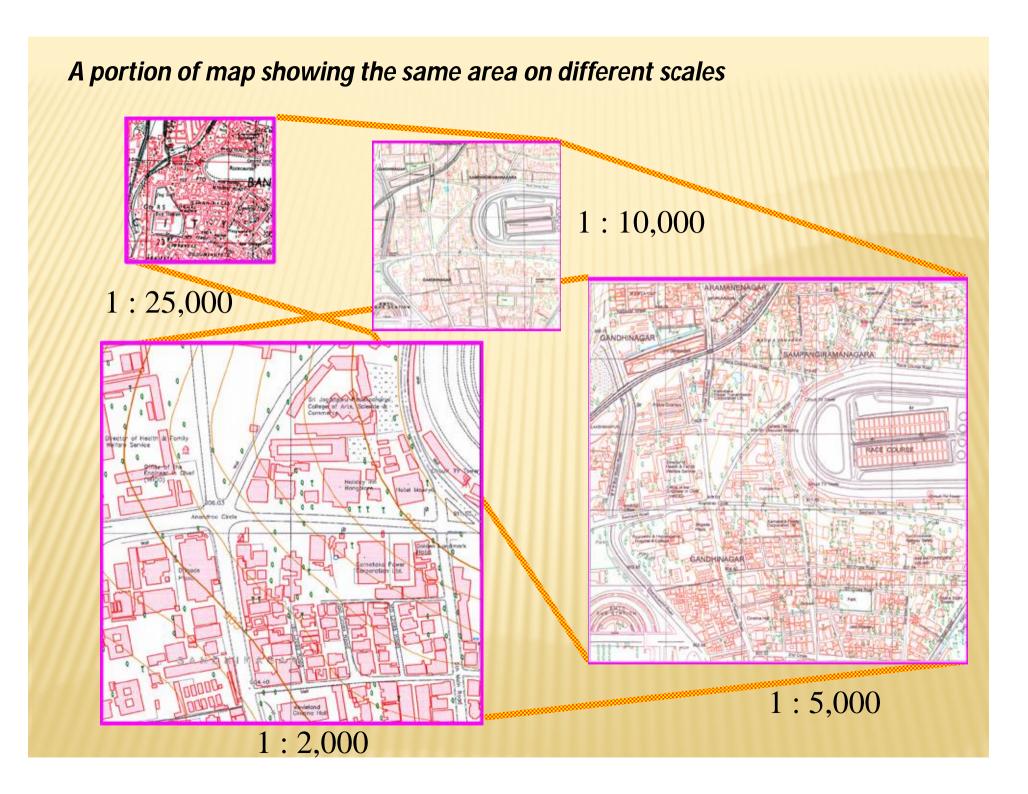
The use and comparison of geographic data from vastly different source scales is totally inappropriate and can lead to significant error in geographic data processing.







1:5000 Scale Map of parts of Assam



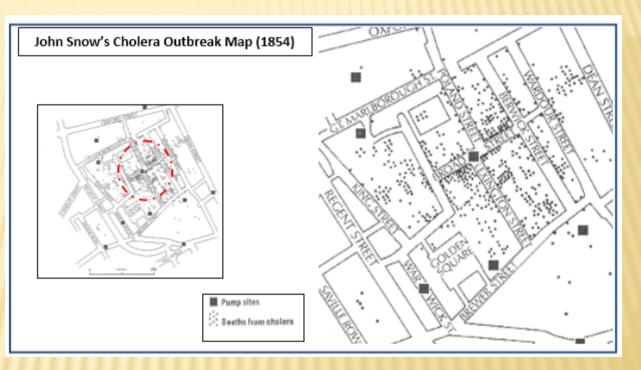


Dr. John Snow

Dr. John Snow is known as the 'father of modern epidemiology' and the used GIS concept for the famous case of the 1854 Cholera outbreak in London's Broad Street region.

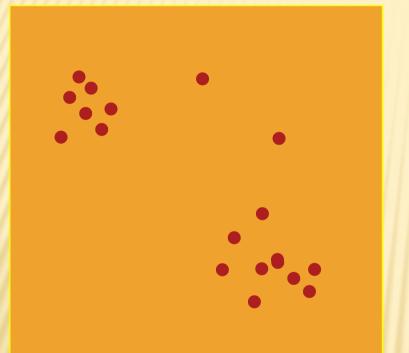
Dr. John Snow showed the locations of death by cholera on a map to track the source of outbreak of cholera in Central London in September, 1854.

This is the Broad Street Pump, made famous by Snow's discovery, a possible source of the outbreak.



(Image source: <u>http://healthcybermap.org/HGeo/pg1_1.htm</u>)

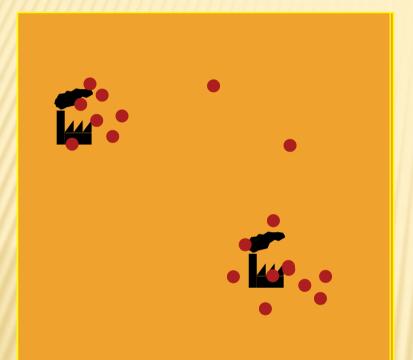
COMBINING DATA SETS



Leukemia Cases



COMBINING DATA SETS



Information about "where" allows us to combine heterogeneous data sets

Dr. Roger Tomlinson

Dr. Roger Tomlinson (1933-2014) is generally recognized as the "father of GIS.

He coined the term geographic information system (GIS) and developed the First True Operational Geographic Information System (GIS) in 1962.

He created the first computerized geographic information system in the 1960s while working for the Canadian government—a geographic database still used today by municipalities across Canada for land planning.

Stages of GIS development

Stage	Period	Description	Characteristics
The Era of Beginning	1960 - 1975	Pioneering	 individual personalities important mainframe-based systems dominant
The Era of Innovation	1975 - 1980	Experiment and practice	 local experimentation and action GIS fostered by national agencies much duplication of efforts
The Era of Commercialization	1980 - 2000	Commercial dominance	 increasing range of vendors workstation and PC systems becoming common emergence of GIS consultancies
The Era of Exploitation	2000 onwards	User dominance Vendor competition	 embryonic standardization increasing use of PC and networked systems systems available for all hardware platforms internet mapping launched

Source: Adopted from Heywood, Cornelius and Carver, 2004.

General questions with Geographical Data

Every day people pose questions

- Where is GURGAON ?
- What are the soil characteristics there ?
- What is the land use pattern in Gurgaon District ?
- Which is the main economic activity in Gurgaon District ?
- What are the trends in rural and urban employment pattern in Gurgaon District ?
- Where would be a better location for opening a restaurant in Gurgaon District ?
- Which is the shortest route to reach Gurgaon from New Delhi railway station?

Almost everything that happens or exists occurs 'somewhere'. Knowing 'where' it happened or existed is critically important.

All human activities require knowledge about the Earth, thus geographic location is very important.

What is GIS?

"Geographic Information System"

- A Technological tool
- A Geospatial information handling strategy

The objective is

"to improve overall decision making".

Defining (GIS)

- The *common ground* between information processing and the many fields using spatial analysis techniques. (Tomlinson, 1972)
- A powerful *set of tools* for collecting, storing, retrieving, transforming, and displaying spatial data from the real world. (Burroughs, 1986)
- A computerized *database management system* for the capture, storage, retrieval, analysis and display of spatial (locationally defined) data. (NCGIA, 1987)
- A *decision support system* involving the *integration* of spatially referenced data in a problem solving environment. (Cowen, 1988)

The National Center for Geographic Information and Analysis (NCGIA) is an independent research consortium dedicated to basic research and education in geographic

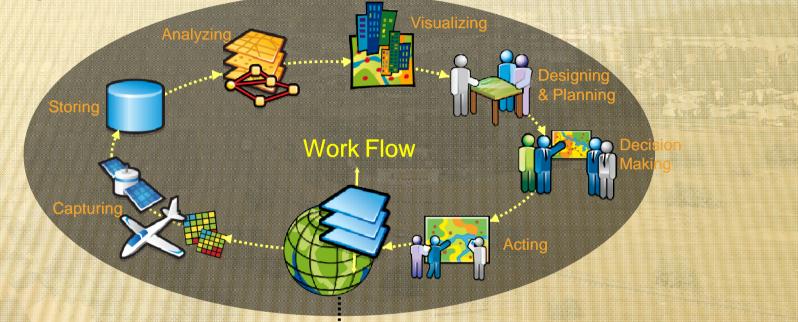
GIS ...

A GIS does not hold maps or pictures. Map is one of the inputs.

It holds a database from which the data can be displayed in a variety of views.



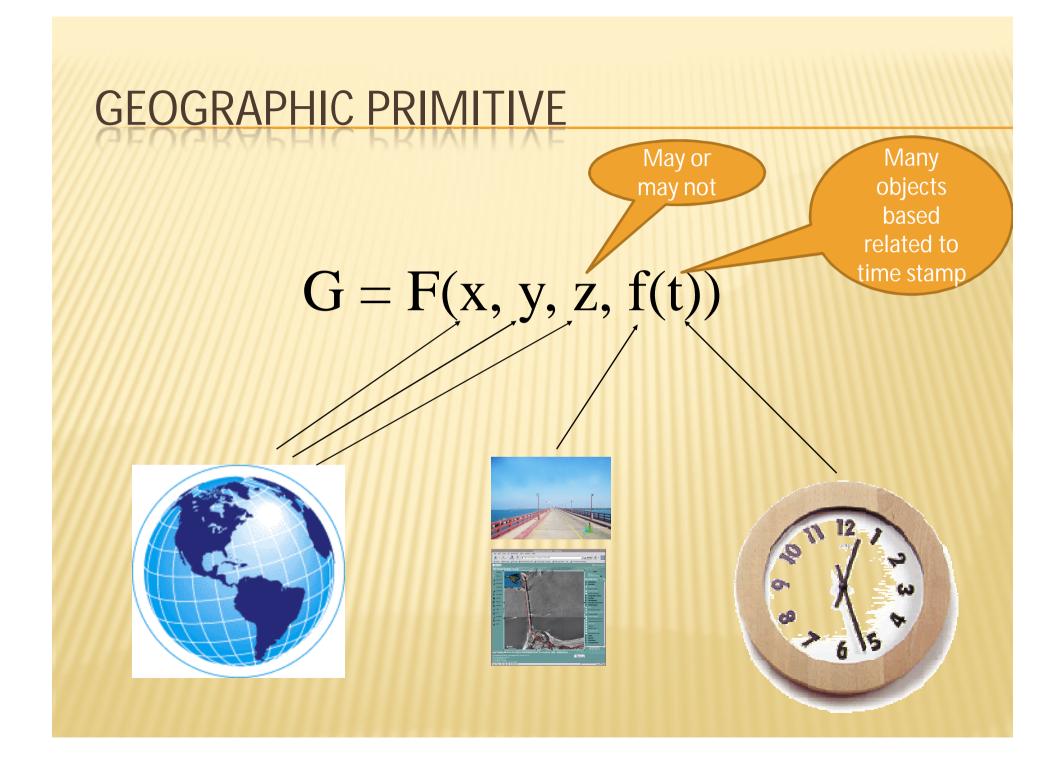
Software and Workflows that Enable Public Works to Benefit from Spatial Information



. Improving the Way You Do Things



Geographic Information System (GIS) is a computer based information system designed to accept large volumes of spatial data derived from variety of sources and to efficiently store, retrieve, analyse, model and display (output) these data according to user defined specifications



GIS ...



Data – numbers, text, symbols
 Sea surface temperature, soil type, population density

Information – differentiated from data

- implying some degree of selection, organization, and preparation for particular purpose, or
- data given some degree of interpretation

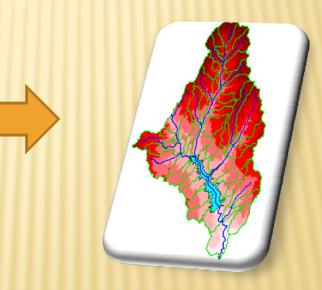
Geographic Information

(map, digital form)

- Information about places on Earth's surface Geographic versus spatial Geographic refers to Earth's surface and near surface Spatial refers to any space (more general)
- Knowledge about where something is
- Knowledge about *what* is at a given location
- Can be very detailed or very course
- Can be relatively static or change rapidly
- Can be very sparse or voluminous

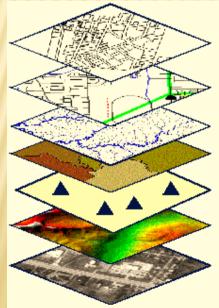
An integrated view

Layers are integrated using explicit location on the earth's surface, *thus geographic location is the organizing principal*.

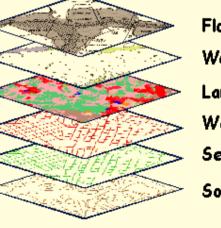


GIS Design

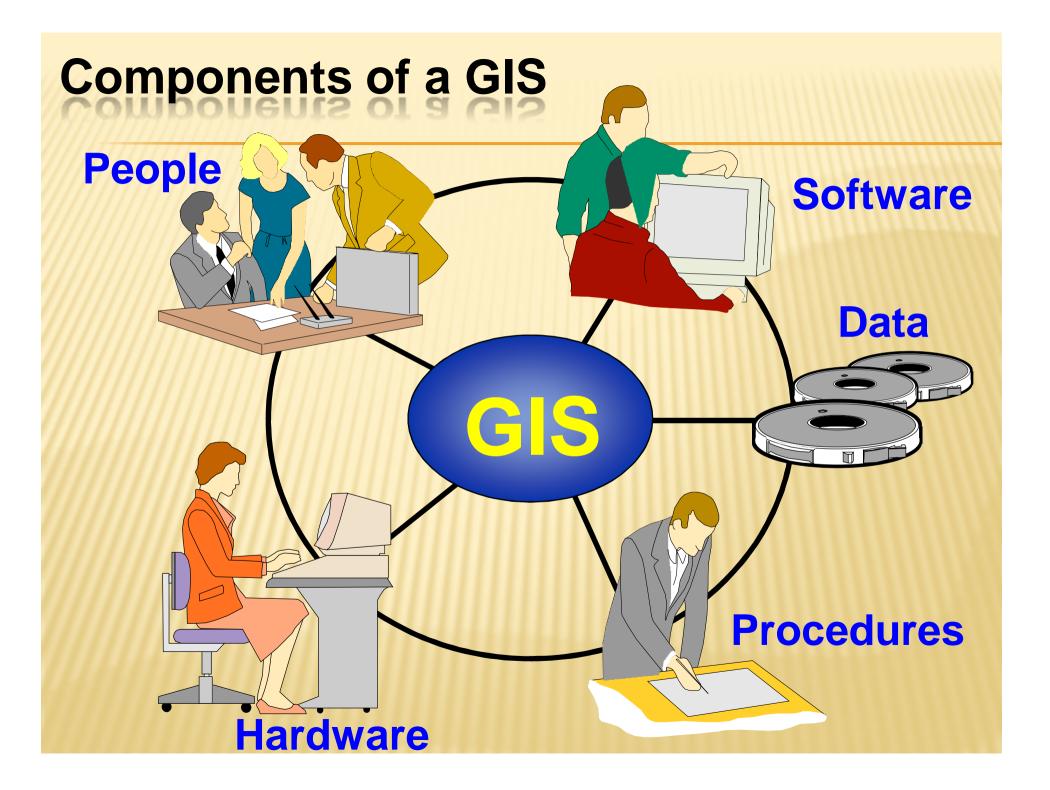
Geographic Information is organized
Thematic data layers
Contents of each Theme
Representation
Spatial Reference framework







Flood Zones Wetlands Landcover Water Lines Sewer Lines Soils



Components of a GIS

A working GIS integrates five key components:

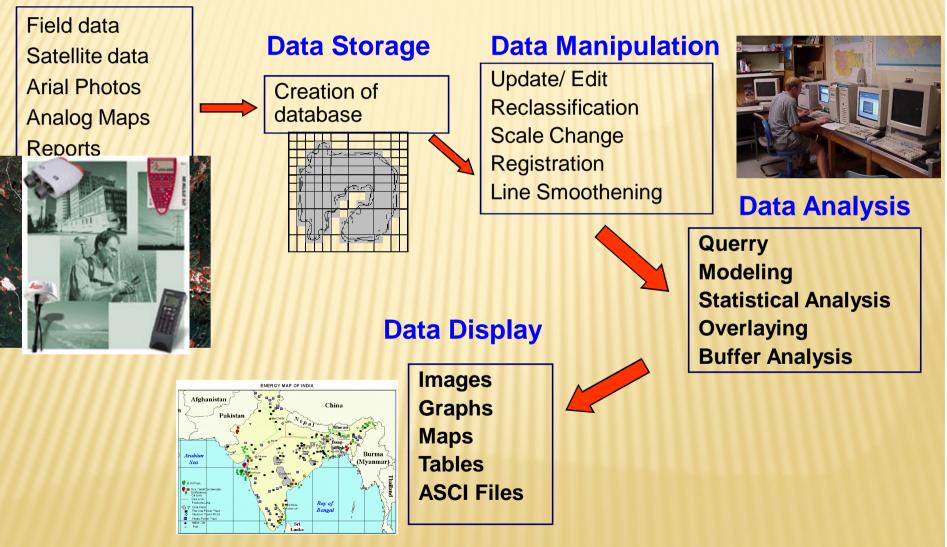
Function			
	Hardware is the computer system on which a GIS operates. Today, GIS software runs on a wide range of hardware types, from centralized computer servers to desktop computers used in stand-alone or networked configurations.		
	GIS software provides the functions and tools needed to store, analyze, and display geographic information.		
	Most important component of a GIS is the data. GIS can integrate spatial data with other existing data resources, stored in DBMS. The integration of spatial data (often proprietary to the GIS software), and tabular data stored in a DBMS is a key functionality of GIS.		
	A successful GIS operates according to a well-designed implementation plan and business rules, which are the models and operating practices unique to each organization.		
	GIS technology is of limited value without the people who manage the system and develop plans for applying it to real world problems.GIS users range from technical specialists who design and maintain the system to those who use it to help them perform their everyday work.GIS specialists versus end users.		

Users of GIS

A container of maps in digital form	the general public
A computerized tool for solving geographic problems	decision makers, planners
A spatial decision support system	managers, operations researchers
A mechanized inventory of geographically distributed features	utility managers, resource managers
A tool for revealing what is otherwise invisible in geographic information	scientists, investigators
A tool for performing operations on geographic data that are too tedious if performed by manual methods	resouree managers, planners, GIS experts

Functions of a GIS

Data Collection



FUNCTIONS OF GIS

Function	Service	Sub-functions		
Data Acquisition and prepossessing	Capture, collect, and transform spatial and thematic data into digital form.	Digitizing, Editing, Topology Building, Projection Transformation, Format Conversion etc.		
Database Management and Retrieval	Organizes the data, in a form which permits it to be quickly retrieved by the user for analysis, and permits rapid and updates of database.	Data Archival, Hierarchical Modeling, Network Modeling, Relational Modeling, Attribute Query, Object-oriented Database etc.		
Spatial Measurement and Analysis	Heart of a GIS which allows the user to define and execute spatial and attribute procedures to generate derived information.	Measurement operations, Buffering, Overlay operations, connectivity Operations etc.		
Graphic output and Visualization	Allows the user to generate graphic displays, normally maps, and tabular reports representing derived information products	Scale Transformation, Generalization, Topological Map, Statistical Map etc.		

Ground Survey

GIS Data sources



GIS Data conversion techniques







CHOICE OF ACQUISITION METHOD

Sources	Method	H/w & S/w	Accuracy	Cost	Remarks
Analog Map	Manual Digitizing	Digitizer	± 0.1 mm (on map)	High	One at a time
,,	Semi-Automatic	Conversion S/w	"	High	
"	Automatic	Conversion S/w	3 3	High	Much Editing
Aerial Photos	Analytical	Analog Stereo Plotter	± 10 cm	High	
,,	Digital	Digital Workstation	± 10 cm	V High	Faster
Satellite Images	Visual	Image Zoom Scope	± 30 - 50 cm	Low	Conversion required
"	DIP	IP S/w	±10-30 cm	High	Faster
Ground Survey	Field measurement	Total Station, GPS	± 1 cm	V High	Much Time
Reports	Keyboard Entry	PC		Low	

GIS can be used to answer

- Exploratory questions: learn about a new issue Is there a spatial pattern?
- **Descriptive** *questions*: describe a phenomenon Has the pattern changed over time?
- Explanatory questions: explain a phenomenon What caused a pattern to change?
- **Predictive** *questions*: predicting future patterns What do we expect the pattern to look like in the future?

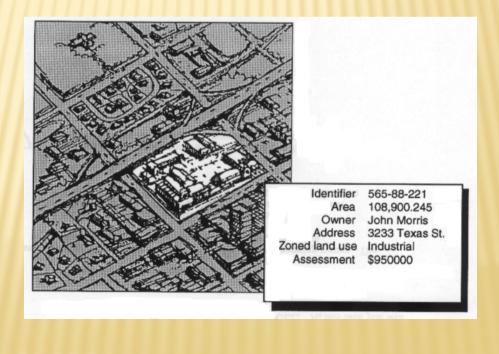
Questions a GIS can Answer

Spatial Query

A comprehensive GIS can answer all questions pertaining to ...

LOCATION: What is at...?

- Here we are seeking to find out what exists at a particular location.
- × A location can be described in many different ways using, for example, place name, or latitude and longitude coordinates



TRENDS: What has changed since...?

• This seeks to discover the differences between an area as the result of the passing of time.



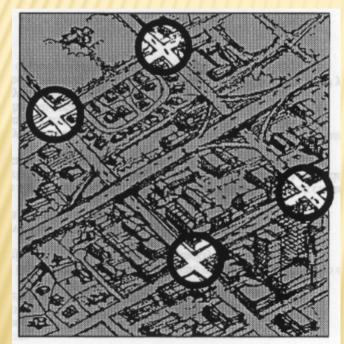
City in 1950



City in 2000

PATTERNS: What spatial patterns exist?

- This seeks to discover what types of patterns may exist in the newly created data file that were not visible before.
- For example you may wish to know where motor vehicle accidents occur and at what times.



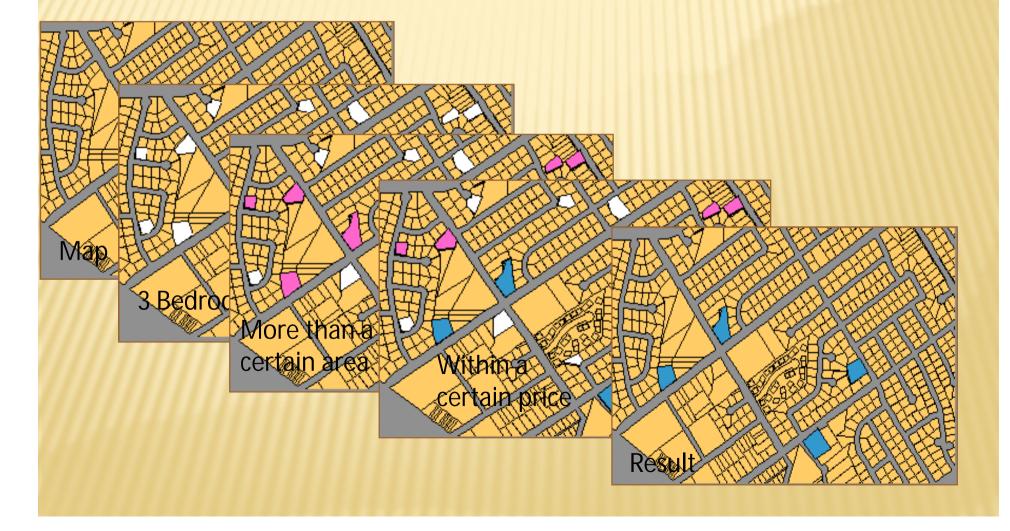
What kinds of patterns exist for motor vehicle accidents?

Where do they occur and at what times?



Instead of identifying what exists at a given location, you want to find a location where certain conditions are satisfied.

 For example, you wish to find a house assessed at less than Rs.60,00,000 with 3 bedrooms.



Spatial Query: What spatial link exist?

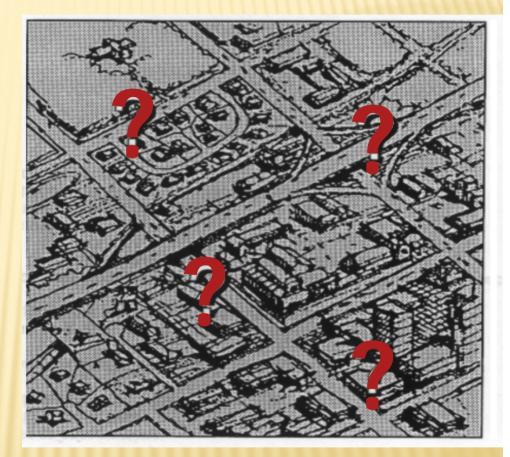
- GIS locates features with regards to their location to each other:
 - + Features adjacent to...
 - + Features within a certain distance
 - + Features within a certain area



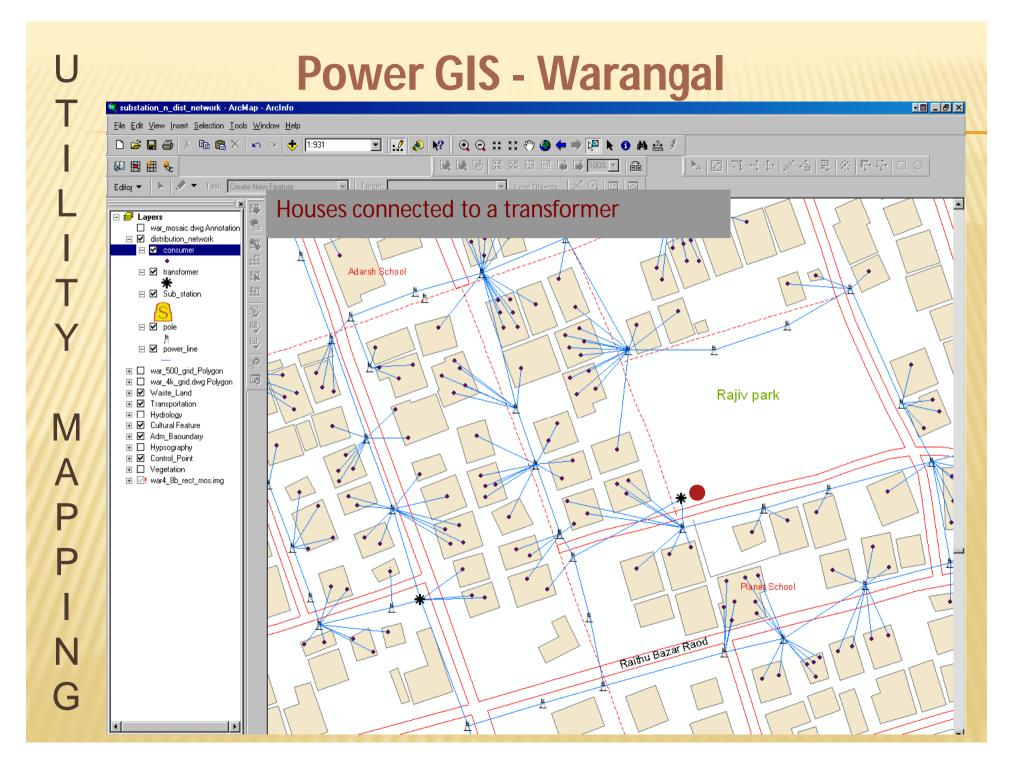
Modelling: What if

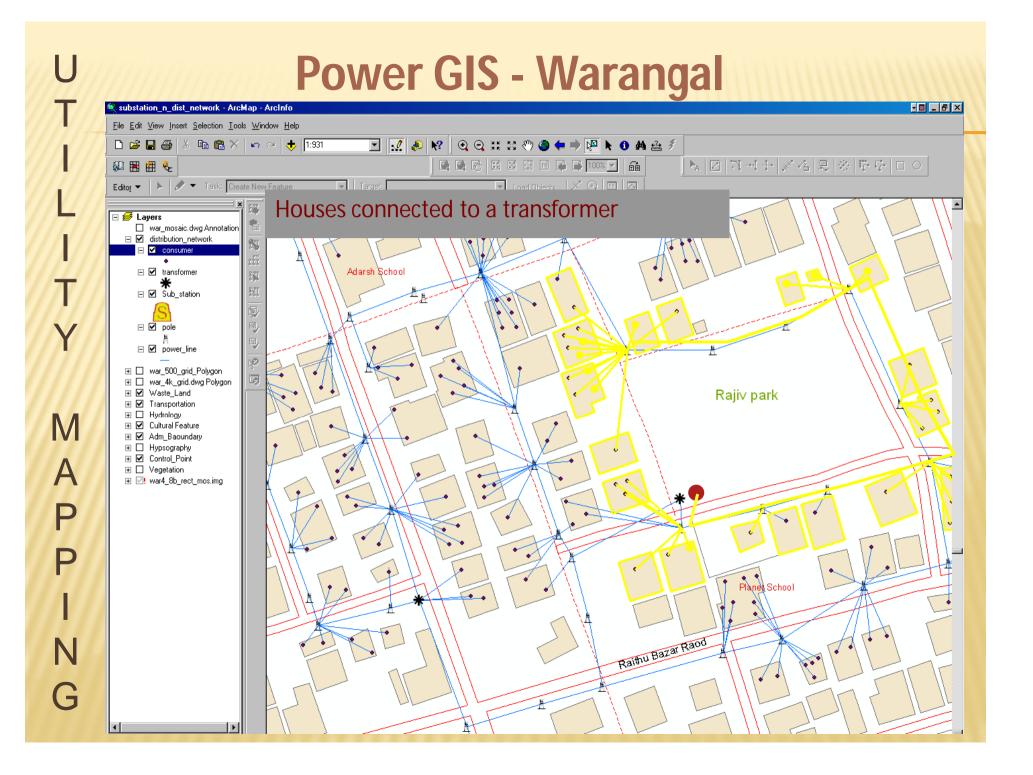
This seeks to determine what happens if something is changed within an area.

For example a toxic substance seeps into the local ground water supply, or an earthquake of a given magnitude occurs at a given point, or you want to locate a new business.



If you wanted to open a new facility, where would you locate it?



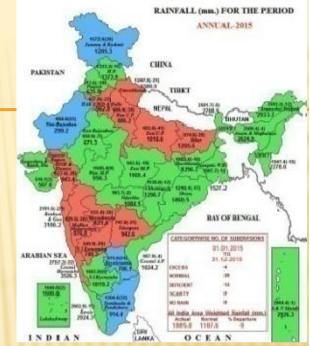


CONTRIBUTING DISCIPLINES

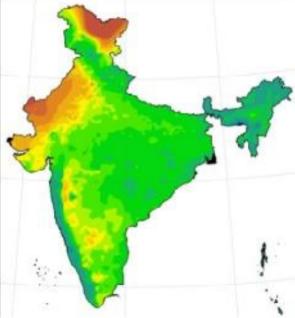
- ✤ GIS is a convergence of technological fields and traditional disciplines.
- GIS has been called an 'enabling technology' because of the potential it offers for the wide variety of disciplines which must deal with spatial data.
- GIS brings them together by emphasizing integration, modelling and analysis,
 - **Geography**
 - **Cartography**
 - Remote Sensing
 - Photogrammetry
 - Surveying
 - **Statistics**
 - **Computer Science**
 - Mathematics

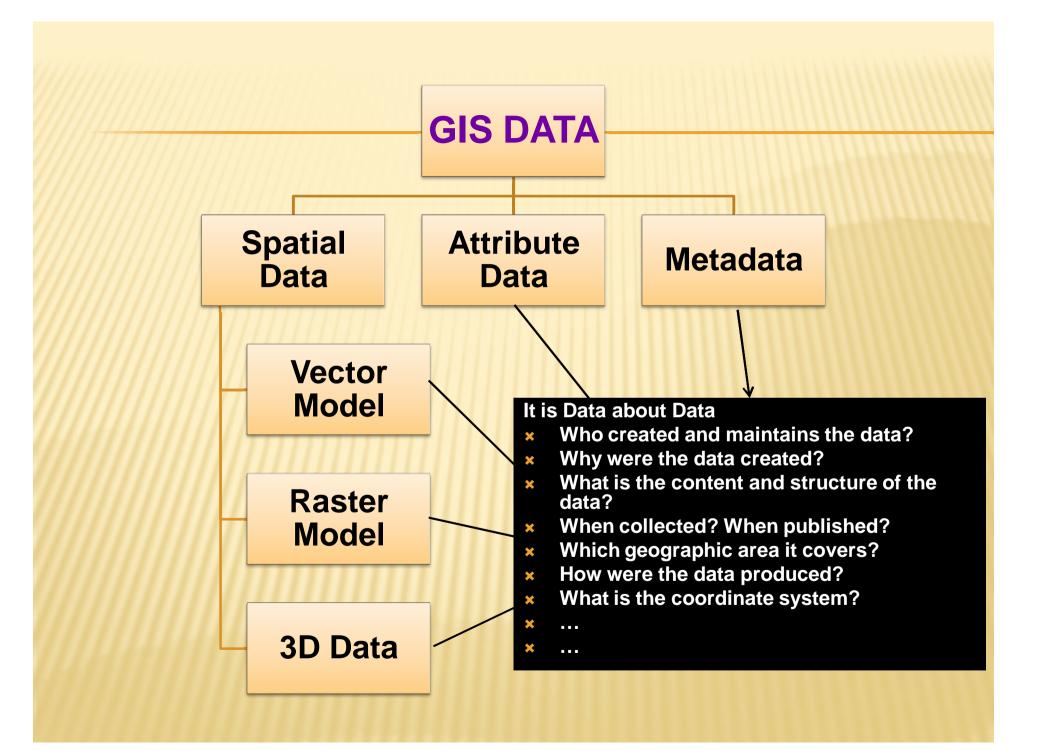
DATA TYPES

- GIS data represents real world objects. Real world objects can be divided into two abstractions:
- Discrete
 - Discrete data is geographic data that only occurs in specific locations having well defined boundaries (soil, land use, cities).
 - Maps made with discrete GIS data will have areas on the map that contain values from that dataset and areas on the map where that dataset is absent.
- Continuous
 - o Continuous data has no clearly defined boundaries.
 - Every point on a map made with continuous GIS data will contain a value.
 - Elevation, slope, temperature, and precipitation are examples of datasets that are continuous.
- Traditionally, there are two broad methods used to store data in a GIS for both abstractions: **Raster** & **Vector**

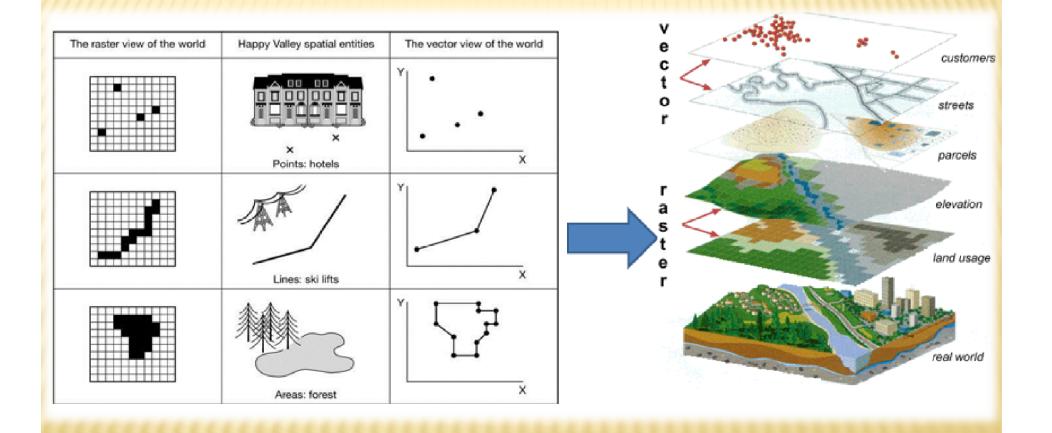


Rainfall statistics of India 201 From IMD



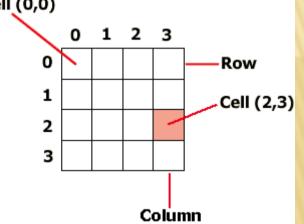


Visualization of Spatial Data



Raster Data Model

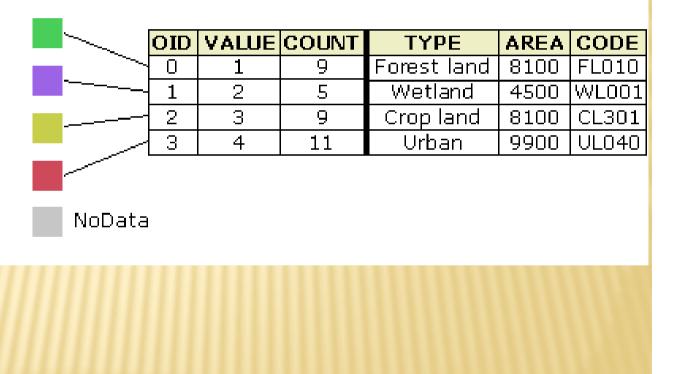
- Cell or "pixel" is the basic spatial unit for a Raster / Grid data
- Pixels are generally square in shape
- Pixels are organized into an array of Rows and Columns called a Grid/Raster



- Rows and columns are numbered from 0
- Pixel locations are referenced by their row and column position
- Every pixel can be uniquely identified by its row and column position
- Pixels are assigned an integer, floating point, or NO DATA value
- Each pixel represent some kind of geographic phenomenon
- Number of rows and columns does not have to be the same

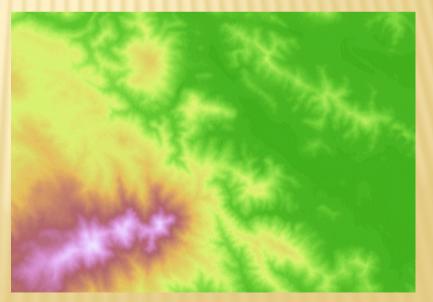
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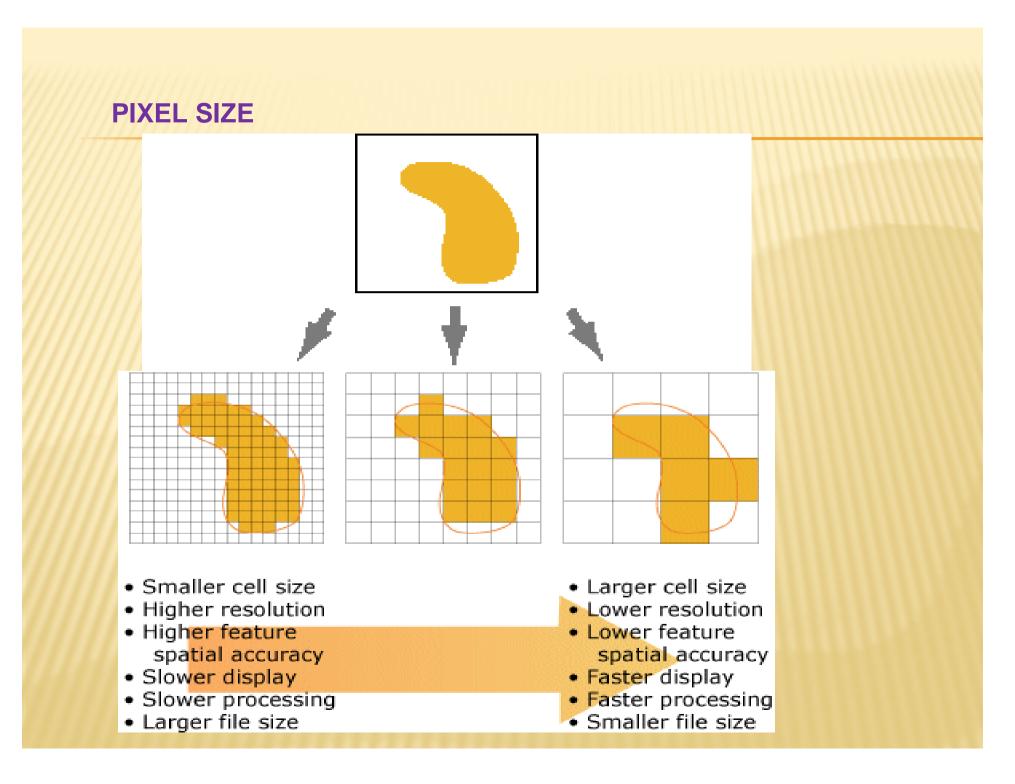
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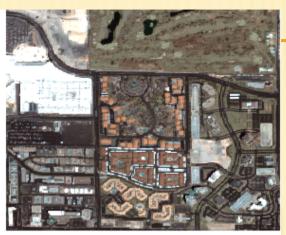


Raster Data









Scale 1:20,000 Cell size: 15 m

Scale 1:20,000 Cell size: 15.24 cm



Scale 1:50,000 Cell size: 61 cm



Scale 1:2,500 Cell size: 61 cm

PIXEL SIZE vs SCALE

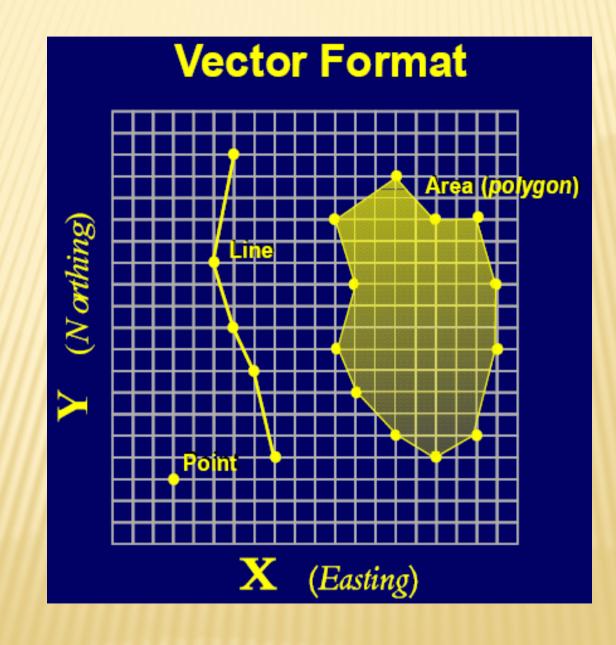
The higher the resolution of a raster, the smaller the cell size and, thus, the greater the detail.

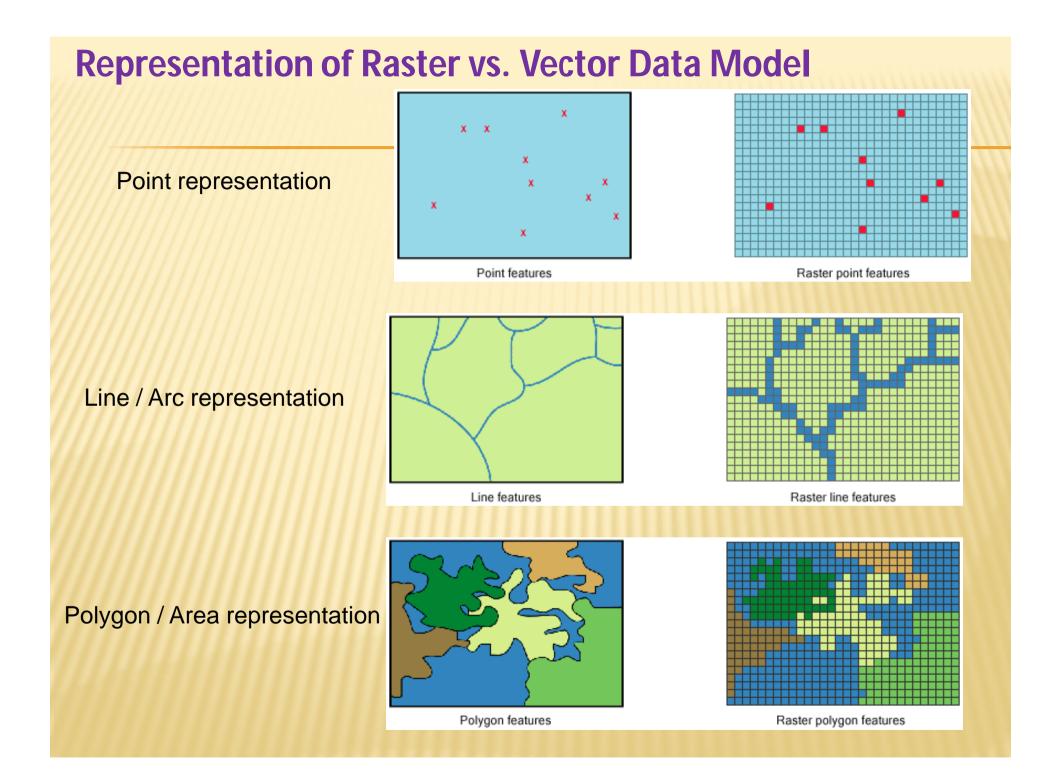
This is the opposite of scale. The smaller the scale, the less detail shown.

VECTOR DATA MODEL

- Derived from the formulation of spatial concepts that emphasize on real world objects (roads, buildings, lakes etc).
- Geometry primitives of vector data model are Point, Line and Polygon
- Objects can be built from these primitives
- Object location determined by represented location point
- Accuracy of vector data does not change with the scale

Vector Model





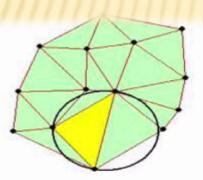
Raster vs. Vector Data Model

Continuous data (Raster)	Discrete (Vector)
Simple data structure	Complex data structure
Large data volumes	Compact Data File
Easy overlay	Overlay is more difficult
Rapid data collection	Slow data collection
Poor network analysis	Possibility of Network analysis
No topology stored (no relationships shown)	Efficient Topology
High spatial variability	Low spatial variability
Suitable for highly variable data	Good for homogeneous data
Lower positional accuracy	Potentially excellent positional accuracy
Determined by cell size	Given by (X,Y) coordinates
Low geometric accuracy	High geometric accuracy
Better suited for imagery	Better suited for graphics

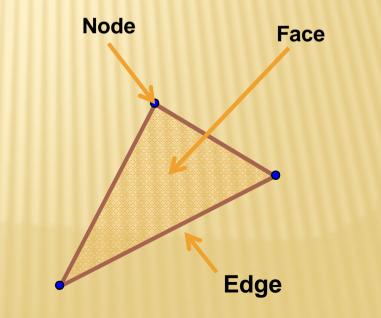
3-D Data Representation

Triangulated Irregular Network (TIN)

- TIN is a vector data structure that partitions geographic space into contiguous, non-overlapping triangles.
- The vertices of each triangle are sample data points with x, y and z values.
- These points are connected by lines to form Delaunay triangles.

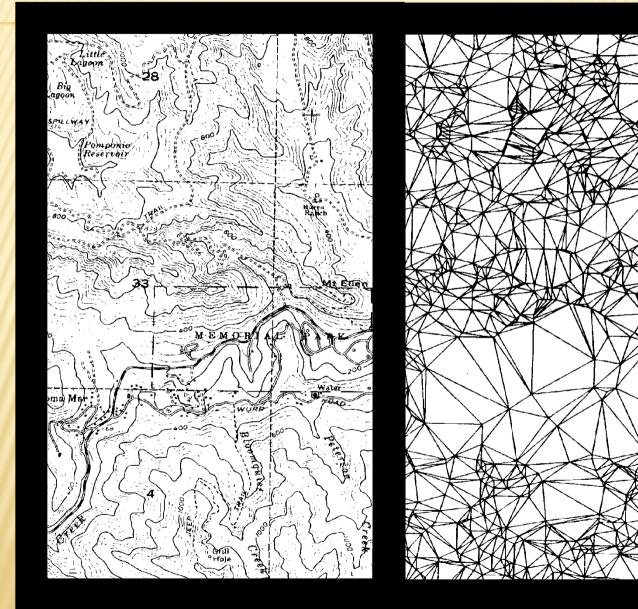


Delaunay triangulation is a proximal method that satisfies the requirement that a circle drawn through the three nodes of a triangle will contain no other node



Contours





Triangulated Irregular Network (TIN)

Advantages

- Slope and Aspect calculated for each triangle and stored as attributes of the *facet*
- For areas of complex relief, TIN works better than raster
- More detailed representation for higher density of data points

Disadvantages

- Significantly more processing required to generate the TIN file to start (but then more efficient representation)
- Errors along edges often need correction

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What is Metadata:

- Data about data
- Identifies and describes datasets, coverage, images, etc

Simple Metadata for Geospatial Data

Originator:	NRSC Hyderabad
Title:	Roads in Hyderabad
Date Created:	10/01/2018
Filename:	rds197.shp
Filesize:	1MB
Fileformat:	ArcView Shapefile
Source Scale:	1:24K
Projection/Coo	rdinate Info: UTM Zone 44/WGS84

Objectives for Metadata

- Identification inventory data holdings; facilitate browsing/searching for relevant information
- Evaluation determining "fitness for use" based on application requirements
- Interpretation extracting and utilizing data correctly in terms of schema, accuracy/ precision, reference

TOPOLOGY

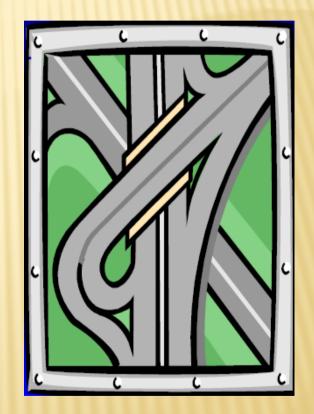
• The Intelligent way of representation based on spatial relationships between objects

Where is it? (location)
What is next to (adjacency)
Is it inside or outside (containment)
How far is it (connectivity)

"Mathematical property that makes spatial relationships explicit and establishes connectivity between the features on a map".

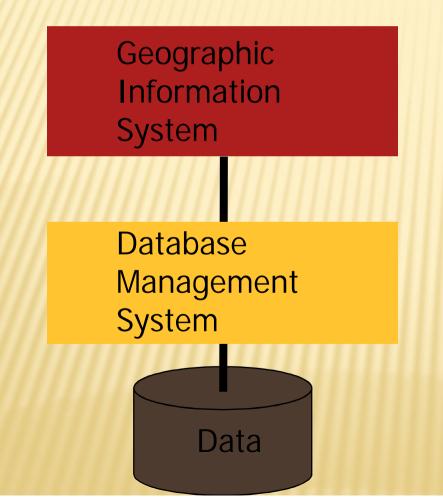
Object Oriented Data Model

- While the behaviour of streams, roads, and other real-world objects are different, they are represented only by a line
- When two road cross, an intersection is formed even if there is an overpass or underpass
- Spatial / Object oriented data models takes care of these aspects.



ROLE OF DBMS

- Without database GIS is cartography (electronic map)
- No database No spatial analysis



Task of DBMS

- Data loading
- Editing
- Visualization
- Mapping
- Analysis
- Storage
- Indexing
- Security
- Query

GIS process: project implementation

- 1. Understanding basic geographic concepts 4. Database manipulation
 - Projections, datums, coordinate systems
 - Reading maps ٠
- 2. Formulating a game plan
 - Planning the process •
- 3. Acquiring data
 - Data storage formats ٠
 - Data sources •
 - Data challenges

- - Attribute data
 - Database management •
 - Computer database types
- 5. Analysis techniques
 - Spatial analysis
 - Models and modeling
 - Cartographic
 - Interpolation
 - Dynamic modelling
- 6. Presenting the results
 - Map creation and design

Benefits of GIS implementation

- **Expands** with time.
- Geospatial data are better maintained in a standard format, Hence, better Visualization of data and faster Information Access.
- Revision and updating are easier hence better data management
- Geospatial data and spatial information are easier to search, analysis and represent hence better decision making
- More value added product
- Geospatial data can be shared and exchanged freely
- Due to Automation, Time and money are saved hence better Operational Efficiencies
- **Newer Applications** by integration of technologies

Cost benefit ratio

- Various studies showed that considerable benefits may be achieved, provided that the strategy used to implement GIS is suitably chosen.
- Studies also showed that benefits are often related to objectives and that the following benefit/cost ratios may be attained by introducing GIS.

Objective	GIS Operation	Production of Data	Use of Data
			 Map Production
	 Storage 	 Analysis of Data 	 Coordination of Tasks
Task	 Update 	 Map Production 	 Information Updating
	 Manipulation 	 Planning 	 Information Sharing
	Maintenance	 Project Management 	 Management & Planning
	Retrieval		 Execution of Task
Benefit / Cost Ratio	1:1	2:1	4:1

GIS – Based on the deployment

- Desktop Application / Full Package
- Web Mapping / Feature Server / Server GIS (server)
- Web Browser with GIS Tools / Thick Client
- Apps, Mashups, APIs Distributed GIS

Web GIS

- Web GIS is a GIS system that uses web technologies.
- The simplest architecture of a Web GIS must have at least one client and one server.
- Client is a desktop application or web browser application that allows users to communicate with server, and the server is a web server application.



Applications of GIS

Urban Planning, Management & Policy

- Zoning, subdivision planning
- Land acquisition
- Economic development
- Code enforcement
- Housing renovation programs
- Emergency response
- Crime analysis
- Tax assessment

Environmental Sciences

- Monitoring environmental risk
- Modeling storm water runoff
- Management of watersheds, floodplains, wetlands, forests, aquifers
- Environmental Impact Analysis
- Hazardous or toxic facility siting
- Groundwater modeling and contamination tracking

Political Science

- Redistricting
- Analysis of election results
- Predictive modeling

Civil Engineering/Utility

Locating underground facilities Designing alignment for freeways, transit Coordination of infrastructure maintenance

Business

Demographic Analysis Market Penetration/ Share Analysis Site Selection

Education Administration

Attendance Area Maintenance Enrollment Projections School Bus Routing

Real Estate

Neighborhood land prices

Traffic Impact Analysis

Determination of Highest and Best Use

Health Care

Epidemiology Needs Analysis Service Inventory

The Future

FUTURE DATA

- **Easy access to digital data**
- Remote Sensing and GIS
- **GPS as data source for GIS**
- Image Maps and GIS
- Data Exchange and GIS
- Location-Based Services and GIS

FUTURE HARDWARE

- Workstation Revolution
- Network Revolution
- Microcomputer Revolution
- Mobility Revolution

FUTURE SOFTWARE

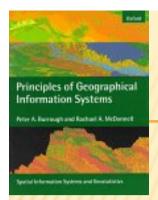
- Software Trends
- The User Interface and GUII
- The Raster versus Vector Debate
- Object Oriented GIS
- Distributed Databases
- **GIS User Needs**
- **GIS Interoperability**

FUTURE ISSUES AND PROBLEMS

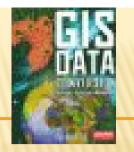
- Privacy
- Data Ownership
- **Scientific Visualization**
- New Focus

"The application of GIS is limited only by the imagination of those who use it"

Jack Dangermond Co-founder of ESRI Inc.



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SUGGESTED WEBSITES

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