

# Week 2

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## **GIS CONCEPTS** **Part I**

## **GIS ON THE WEB** **Part II**

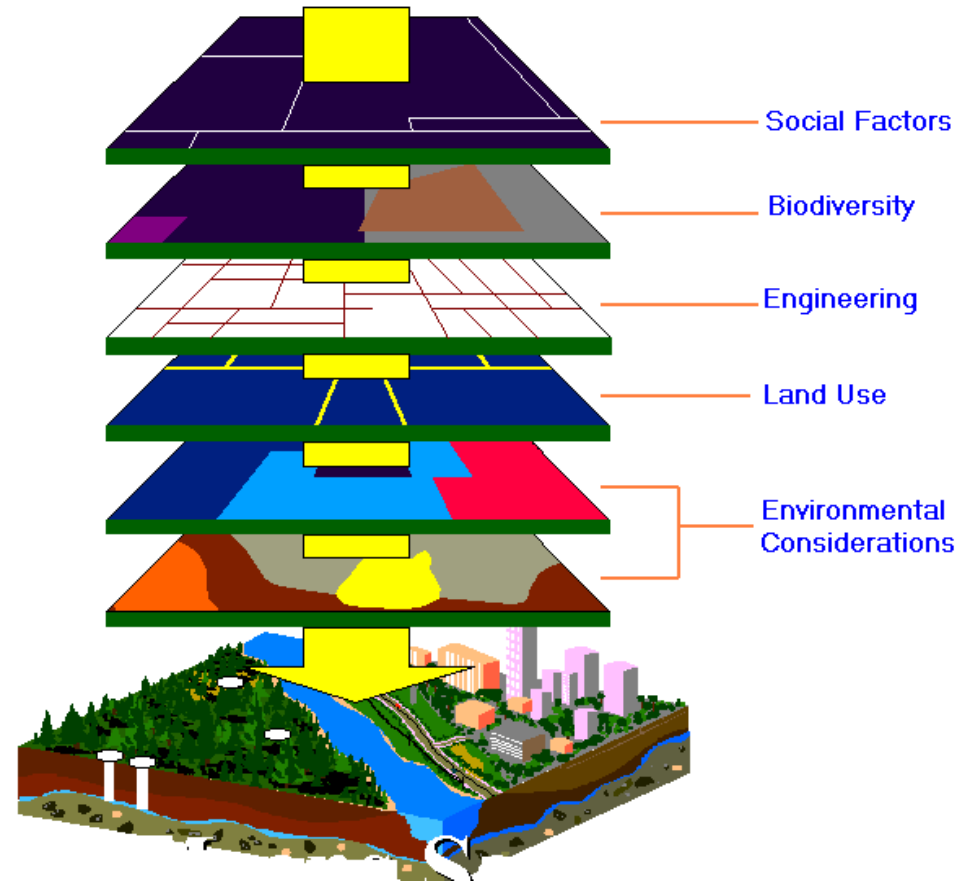
# topics of the week – part I

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- ❑ **GIS functions and GIS data**
- ❑ **Spatial relationships**

# Organizing convention for spatial data

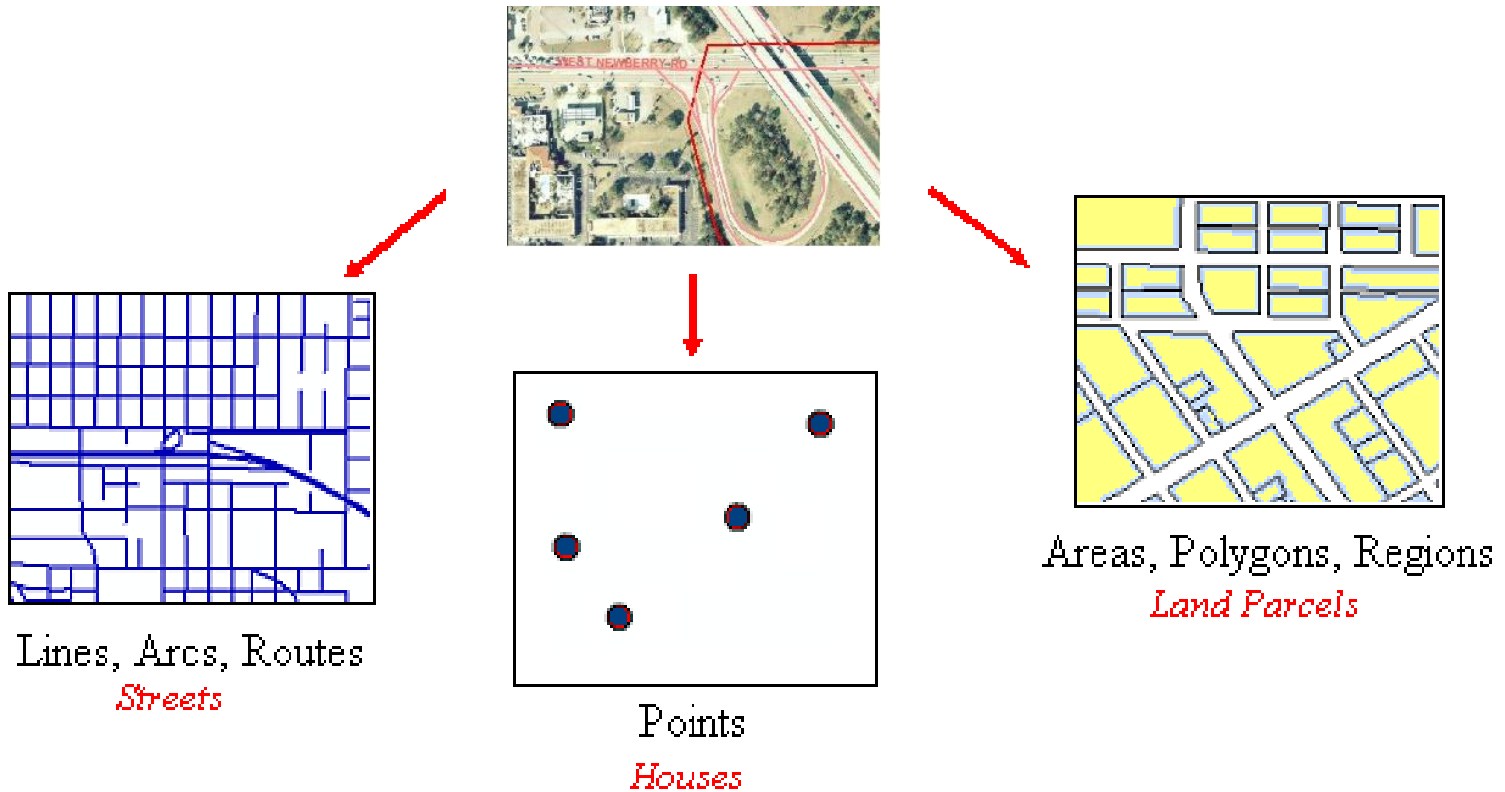
- ❑ Store Information by thematic layers of spatial data
- ❑ Answer questions by integrating different layers of data
- ❑ Onion analogy for representing reality



# Feature classes in the vector model

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- Real-world objects are modeled into three basic geometric shapes

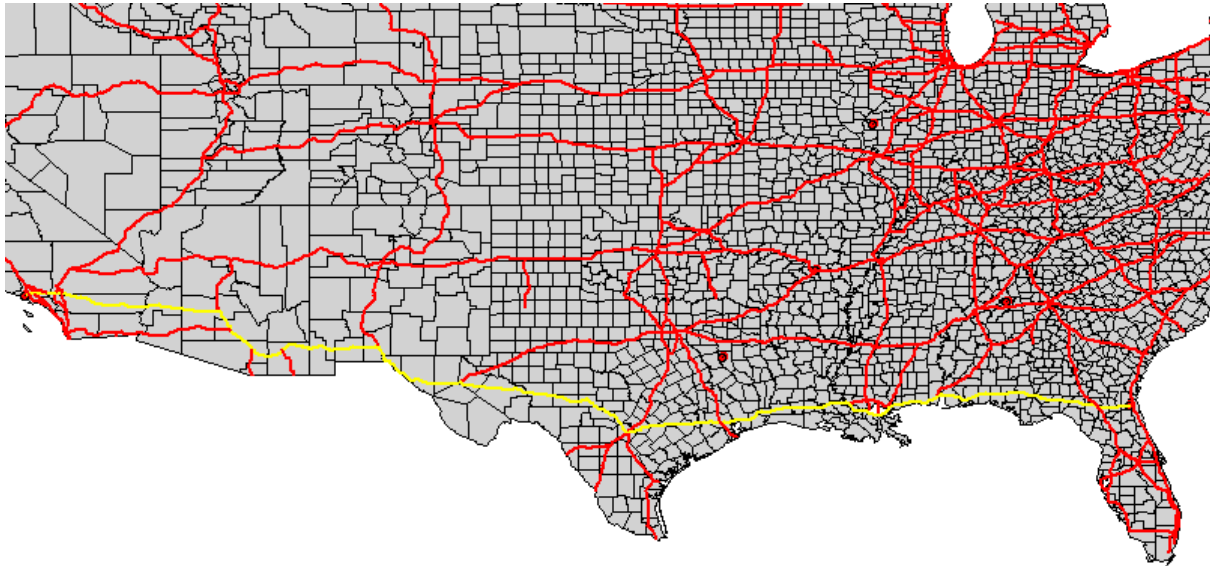


# Determining spatial relationships

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I-10 connects Jacksonville and Santa Monica

**I-10 has *length*  
and *direction***



**Santa Monica is  
*contained* in California**

**Jacksonville is  
*adjacent* to the  
Atlantic Ocean**

# GIS functions

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Capture

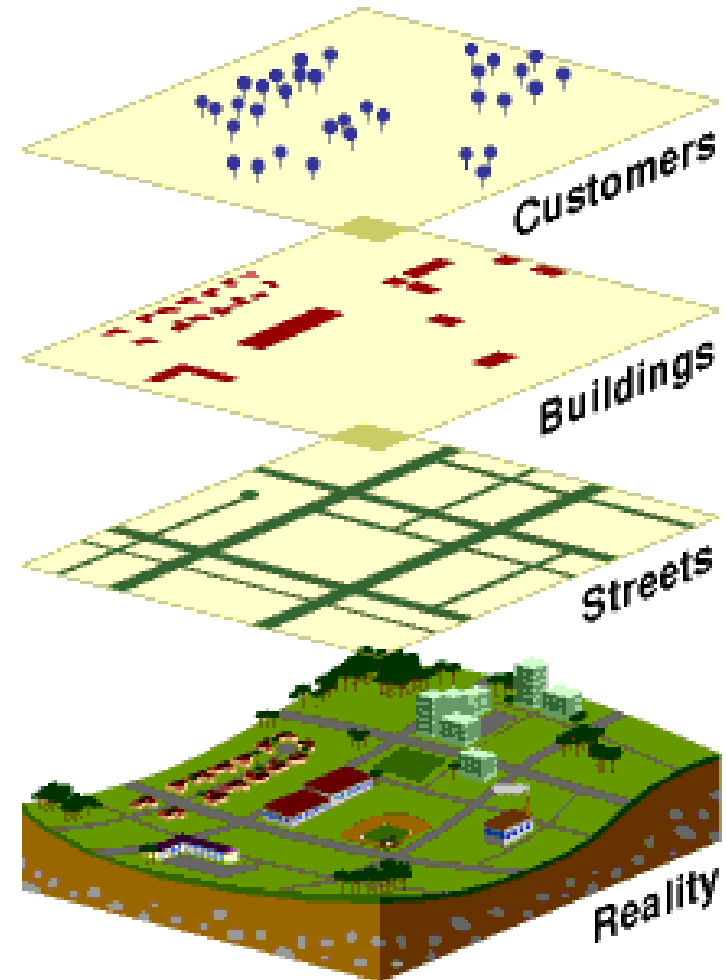
Store

Answer Questions

Analyze

Display

Output



# Capture, create data

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## *New data*

- ❑ Digitize from paper maps
- ❑ Digitize over digital maps
- ❑ Scan paper maps
- ❑ Create fresh using GPS devices
- ❑ Create from text files that store geographic location  
*[mostly points]*



## Text file example:

X	Y
450632.55,	355789
450633.56,	355791

# Capture, create data

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*Use existing digital data - GIS format or other*

- Download from public GIS web portals
- Buy from specialized GIS agencies
- Convert from other formats into GIS formats
- Subtract, collapse, add, integrate from existing GIS data into new GIS data that respond to your needs
- Volunteered user data (knowingly, non-knowingly)
  - [World peace map](#)

*Create new data vs. using existing data, pros & cons*

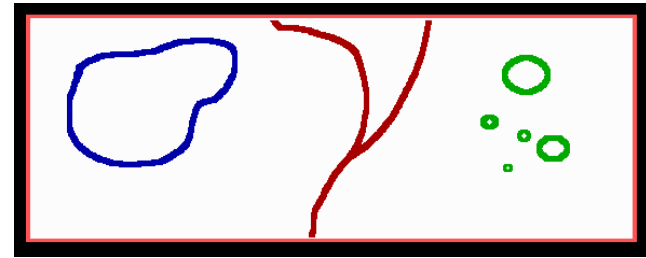


# Store data

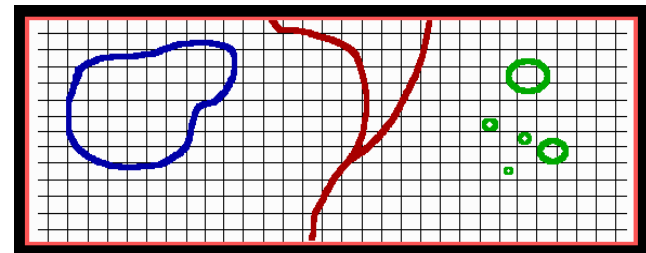
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## Two fundamental models for storing geographic data

- **Vector Model** - *Discrete representation of reality, traditional geometric shapes*



- **Raster model** - *Uses square cells to model reality*
  - *with attributes - grids*
  - *without attributes - areals*



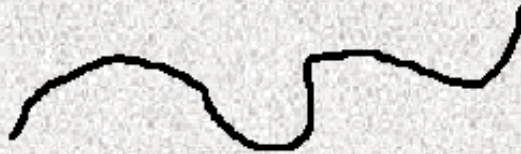
# More on Vector and Raster

*Vector* GIS is composed of points, lines, and polygons (areas).  
*Raster* GIS is composed of rasters, or cells.

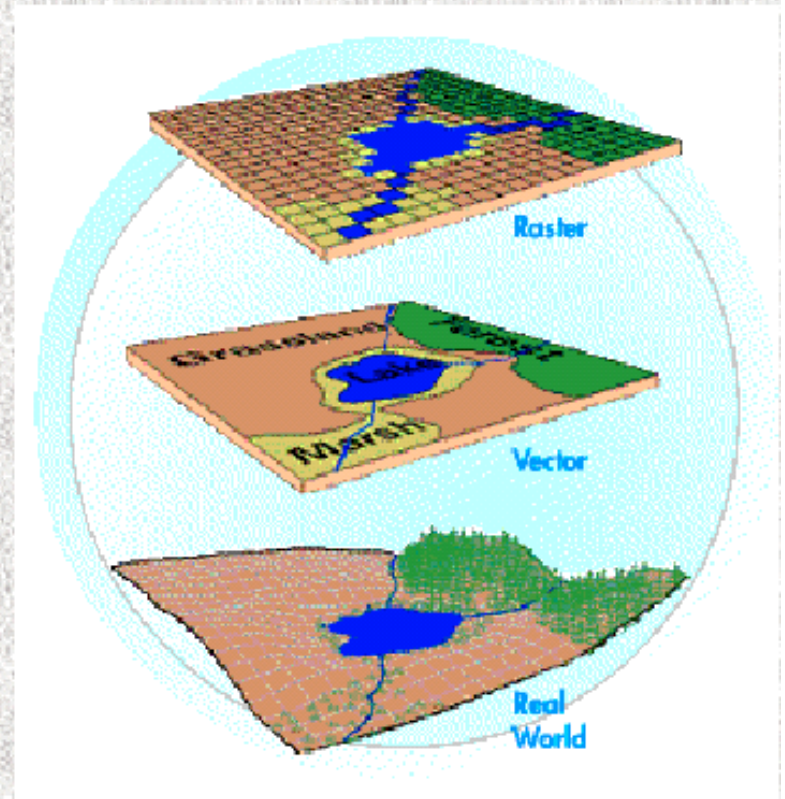
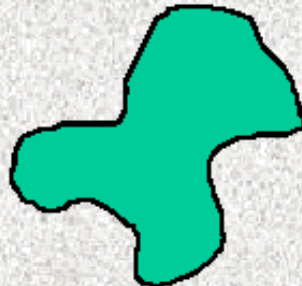
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Lines



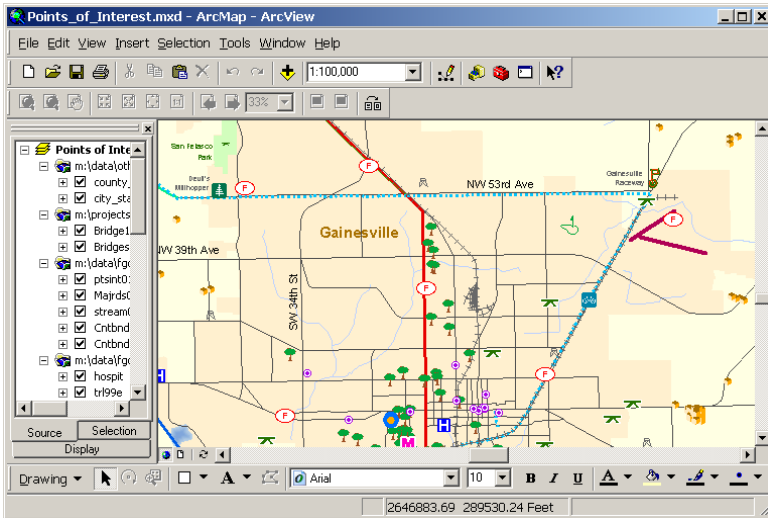
Areas



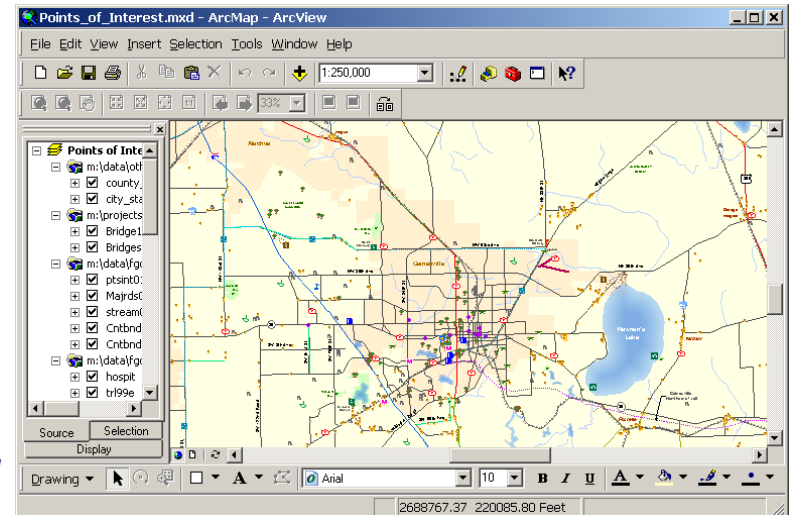
# Map scales

**Map scale** = ratio of map distance to ground distance in the same unit

- Large scale vs. Small scale
- Scale of display vs. Scale of data capture



*large*



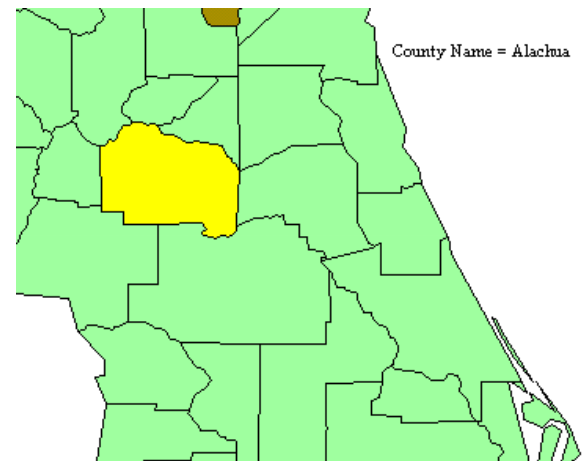
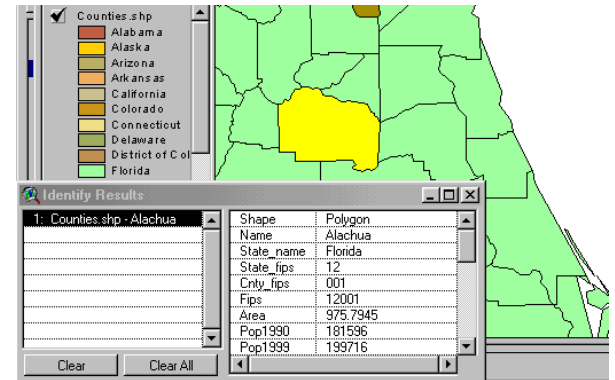
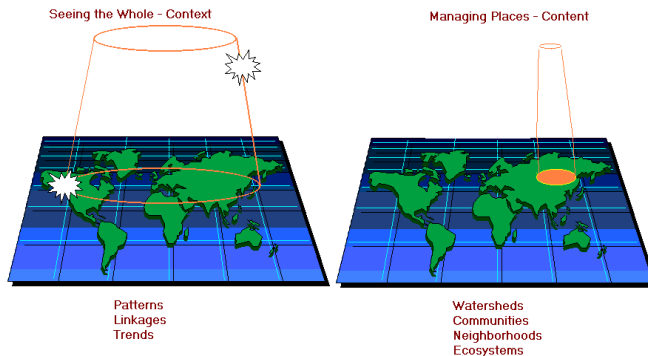
*small*

# Answer Questions

- What is where, identify specific features
- Where is what, identify features based on known conditions

*County Name = Alachua*

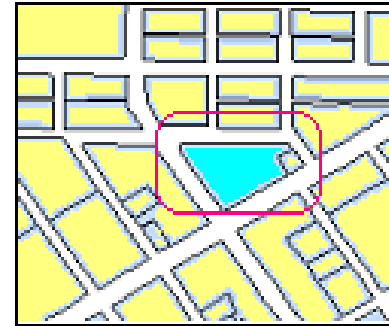
- Context and Content of Questions



# Analysis

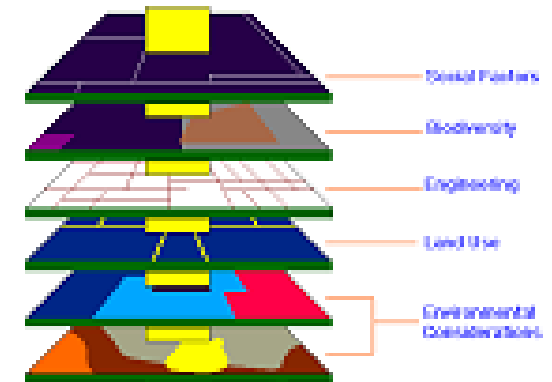
## □ Proximity

*Which parcels are fully contained within the red line?*



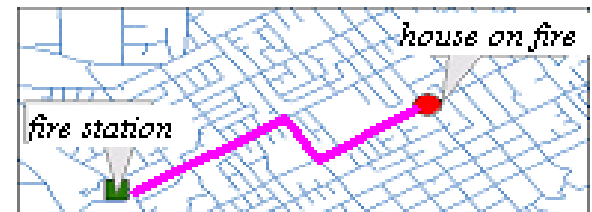
## □ Overlay

*What were the environmental and engineering factors that determined current land use?*

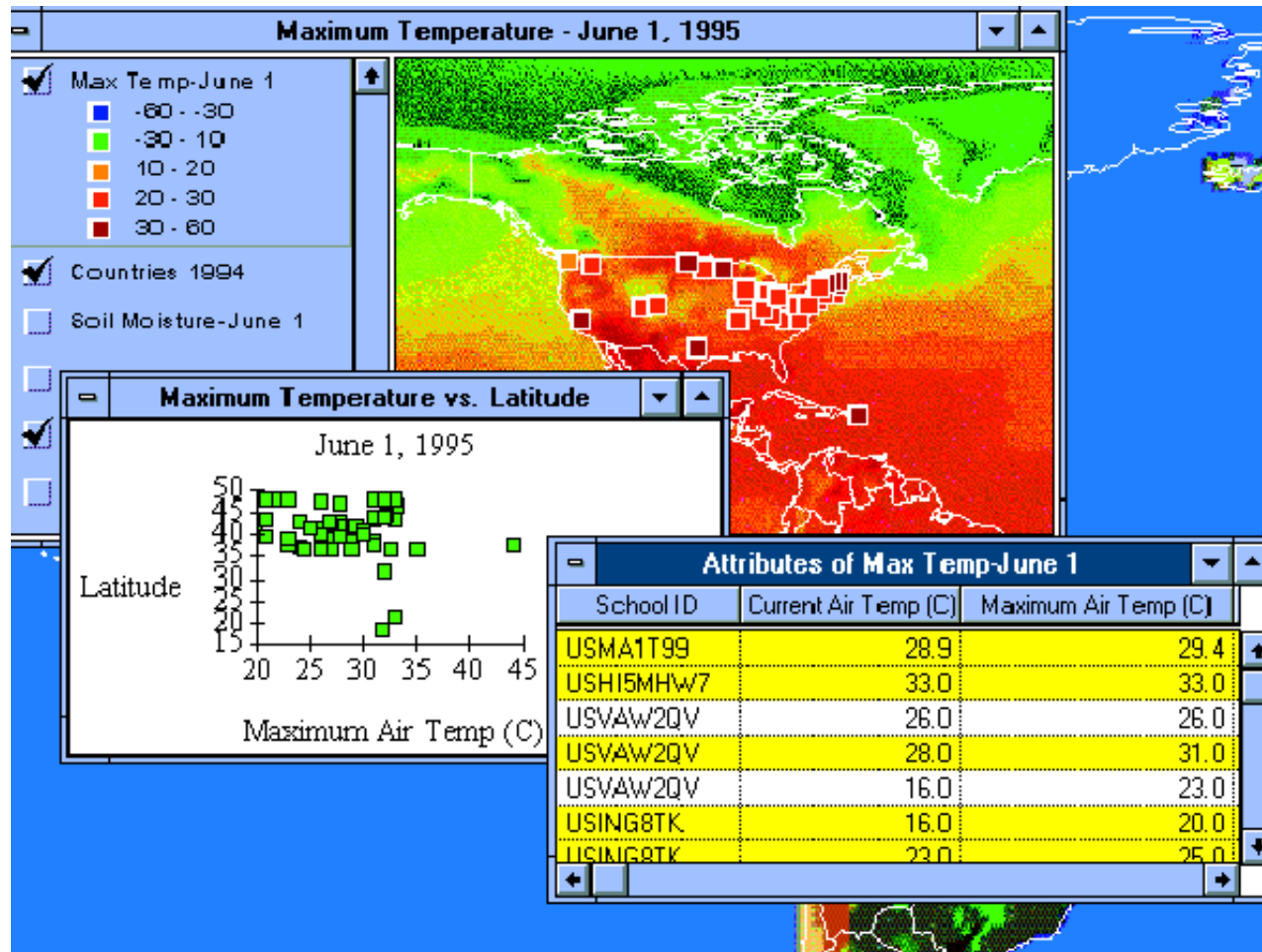


## □ Network

*Which is the shortest route to the house on fire?*



# Display



Chart

Table

# Output and medium of publication

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## Format

- ❑ Paper maps (wall, book, report, etc)
- ❑ Images, jpg, gif, pdf, bmp, etc.
- ❑ Project with interpreted data that points to the datasource, usually software dependent
- ❑ GIS data with new knowledge stored into various GIS formats

## Medium

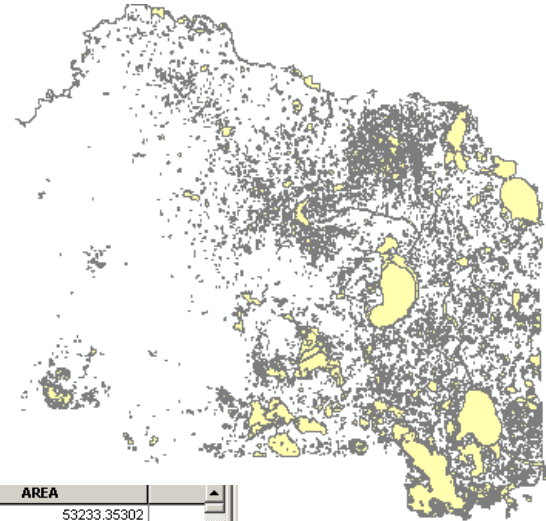
- ❑ Paper
- ❑ Desktop (images, projects, live data) – single user
- ❑ Network (images, projects, live data) – multiple users
- ❑ Internet (images, projects, live data) – public use

# Three components of geographic data

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## *Geometry*

Geographic features



## *Attributes*

Descriptive information

OBJECTID*	Shape*	AREA
1	Polygon	53233.35302
2	Polygon	2246.91016
3	Polygon	140.42082
4	Polygon	383.77933
5	Polygon	2424.9155
6	Polygon	2744.96696
7	Polygon	2910.46316
8	Polygon	9585.07983
9	Polygon	5258.15586
10	Polygon	3709.66528
11	Polygon	1157554.52887

## *Behavior*

Rules we set, ex. display only at a particular scale.



# topics of the week – part II

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- What is Internet GIS?**
- Examples of Commercial GIS Web Applications**
- Examples of Government/Public GIS Internet Applicat.**
- Examples of Civil Society GIS Internet Applications**

# What is Internet GIS

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- ❑ **Internet GIS uses the Internet to distribute data and to conduct spatial analysis in a distributed environment.**
- ❑ **Web Mapping refers to making and displaying maps on the Web, with little or no analysis capability.**

# Features of Internet GIS

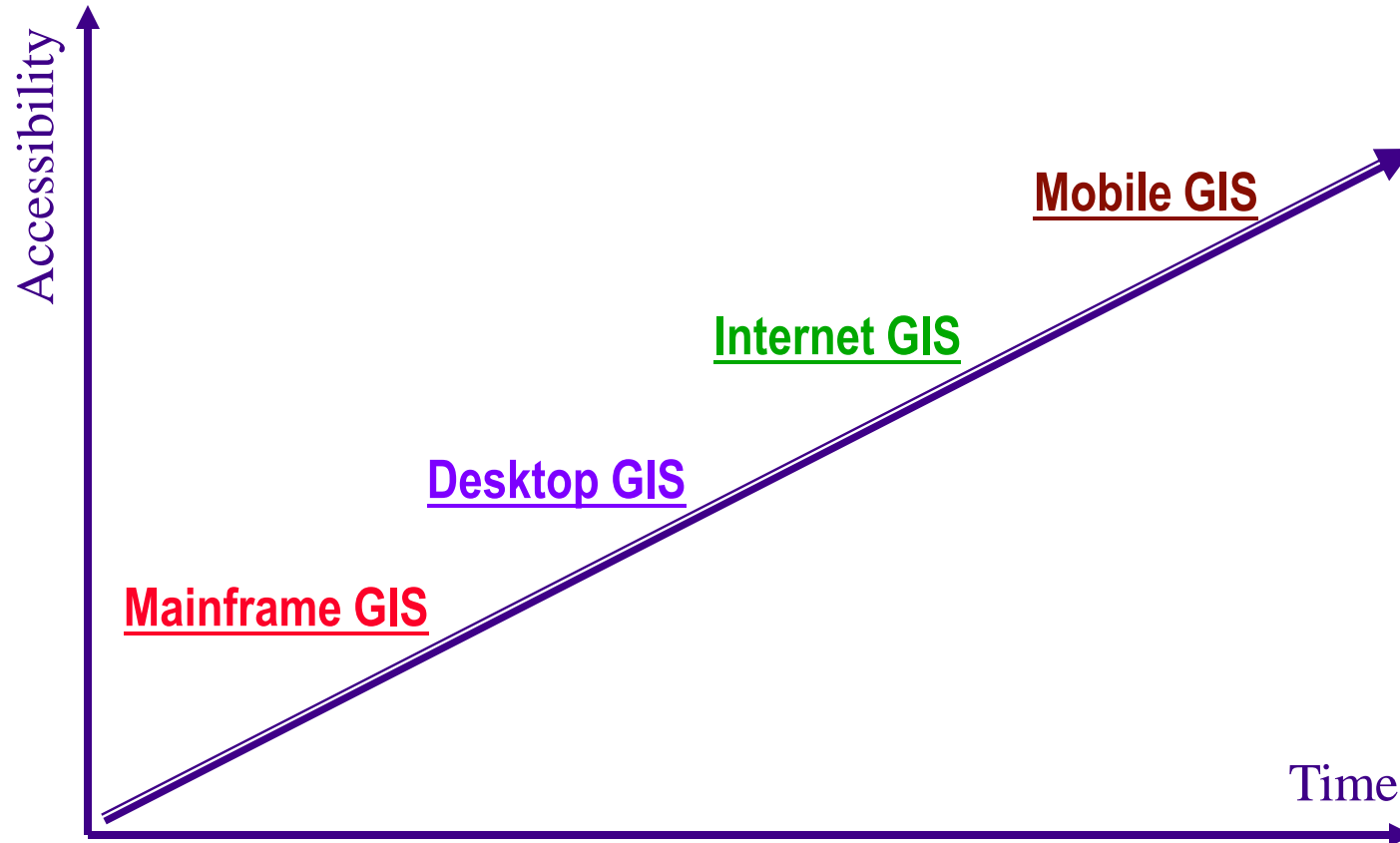
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- ❑ **Wide accessibility, users any where can access GIS data and analysis tools over the Internet.**
- ❑ **No GIS software is required to be installed locally.**
- ❑ **Takes advantage of the existing graphic user interface provided by the World Wide Web.**
- ❑ **Users can manipulate maps and GIS data directly over the Web.**
- ❑ **Local GIS software can also access remote data anywhere, via the Internet, if it is Internet aware.**
- ❑ **Internet GIS enables incorporation of real-time information.**
- ❑ **It is generally at no cost to the user – but not always**

# Evolution of GIS architecture

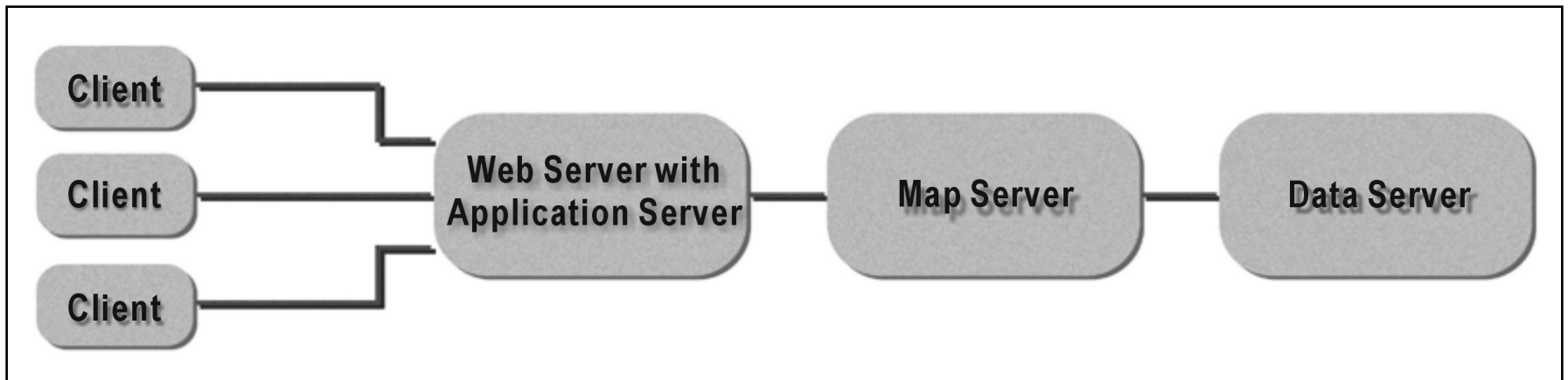
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## Centralized vs Distributed



# Basic Architecture of Internet GIS

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desktops/laptops



computer acting as server and related software

# Commercial Web GIS free for everyone

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Yahoo Maps - <http://maps.yahoo.com/>

Google Maps - <http://maps.google.com>

Google Earth - <http://earth.google.com/>

MSN Virtual Earth - <http://www.bing.com/maps>

# Yahoo Maps

The screenshot displays the Yahoo! Maps interface within a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window. The browser's address bar shows the URL: `http://maps.yahoo.com/broadband#mvt=m&q1=italy&trf=0&lon=12.546387&lat=42.504503&mag=13`. The page features the Yahoo! Local Maps logo and navigation options like "Sign In" and "Sign Up".

The main interface is divided into several sections:

- GET MAP AND DIRECTIONS:** Includes a search box with "italy" entered, a "Go" button, and options for "Reverse Directions" and "Roundtrip".
- FIND ON THE MAP:** A search box for "Enter your search term" with a "Search" button.
- Browse by Category:** A list of categories including "Community Services", "Entertainment & Shopping", "Restaurants & Bars", and "Travel & Transit".
- Map Area:** Shows a map of Italy with various cities labeled (e.g., Rome, Milan, Naples). It includes a "Printable Version" button, "Send" and "Save" options, and a "Live Traffic" toggle. A scale bar indicates 500 km and 250 miles.
- Business Locations:** A section titled "See these business locations on this map" featuring logos for "Holiday Inn", "Fairfield Inn", and "Sprint".

The browser's status bar at the bottom shows "Done" and "Internet".

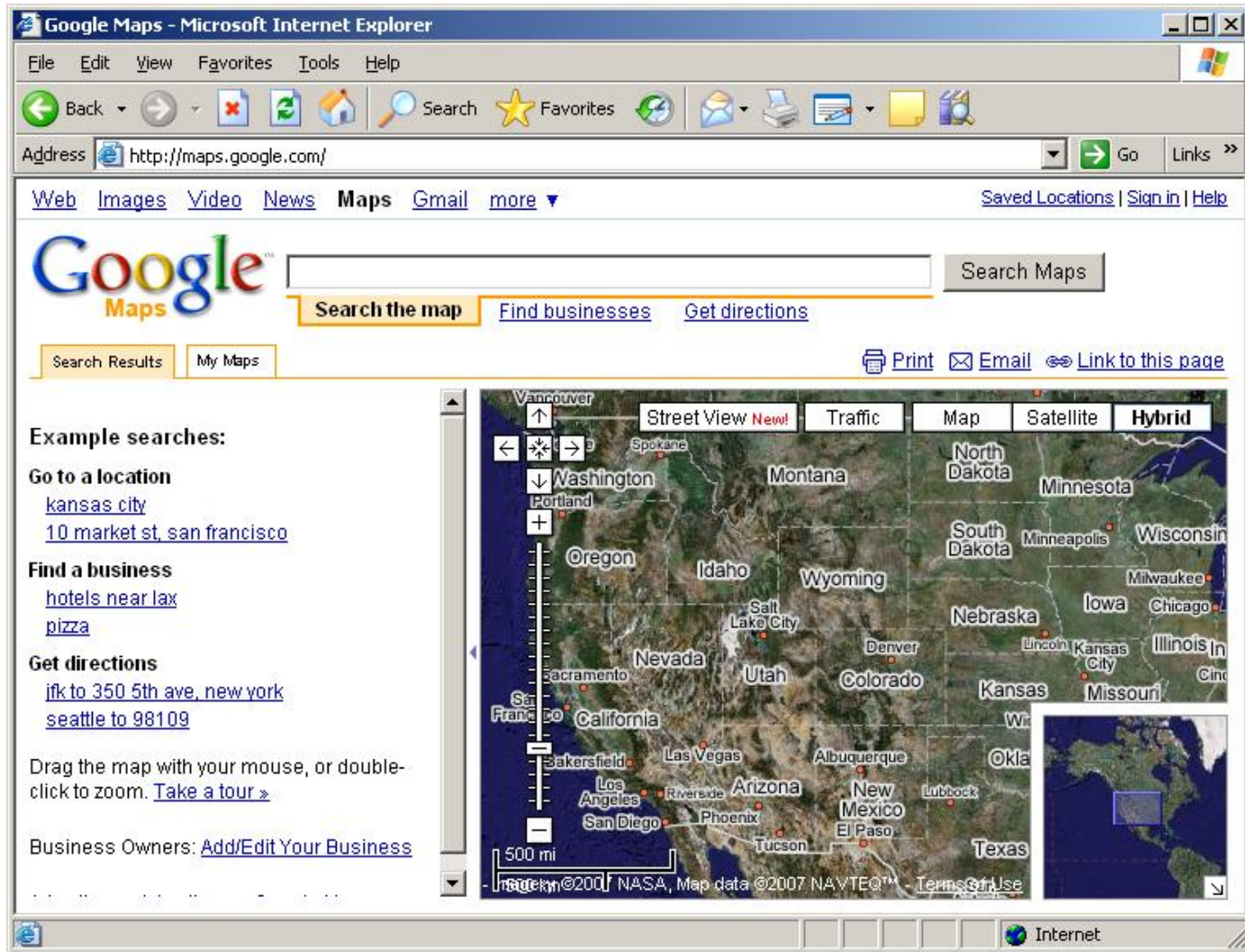
# Features

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- ❑ Created and maintained by NAVTEQ
- ❑ Can be accessed at: <http://maps.yahoo.com/>
- ❑ Provides maps, imagery, hybrid display of the two
- ❑ Provides for geo-spatial searches, driving directions
- ❑ Provides traffic information



# Google Maps



# Features

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- ❑ Created and maintained by Google
- ❑ Can be accessed at: <http://maps.google.com/>
- ❑ Provides maps, imagery, hybrid display of the two
- ❑ Provides for geo-spatial searches
- ❑ Lately provides for user customization
- ❑ A new feature the street view – does not cover the entire US yet

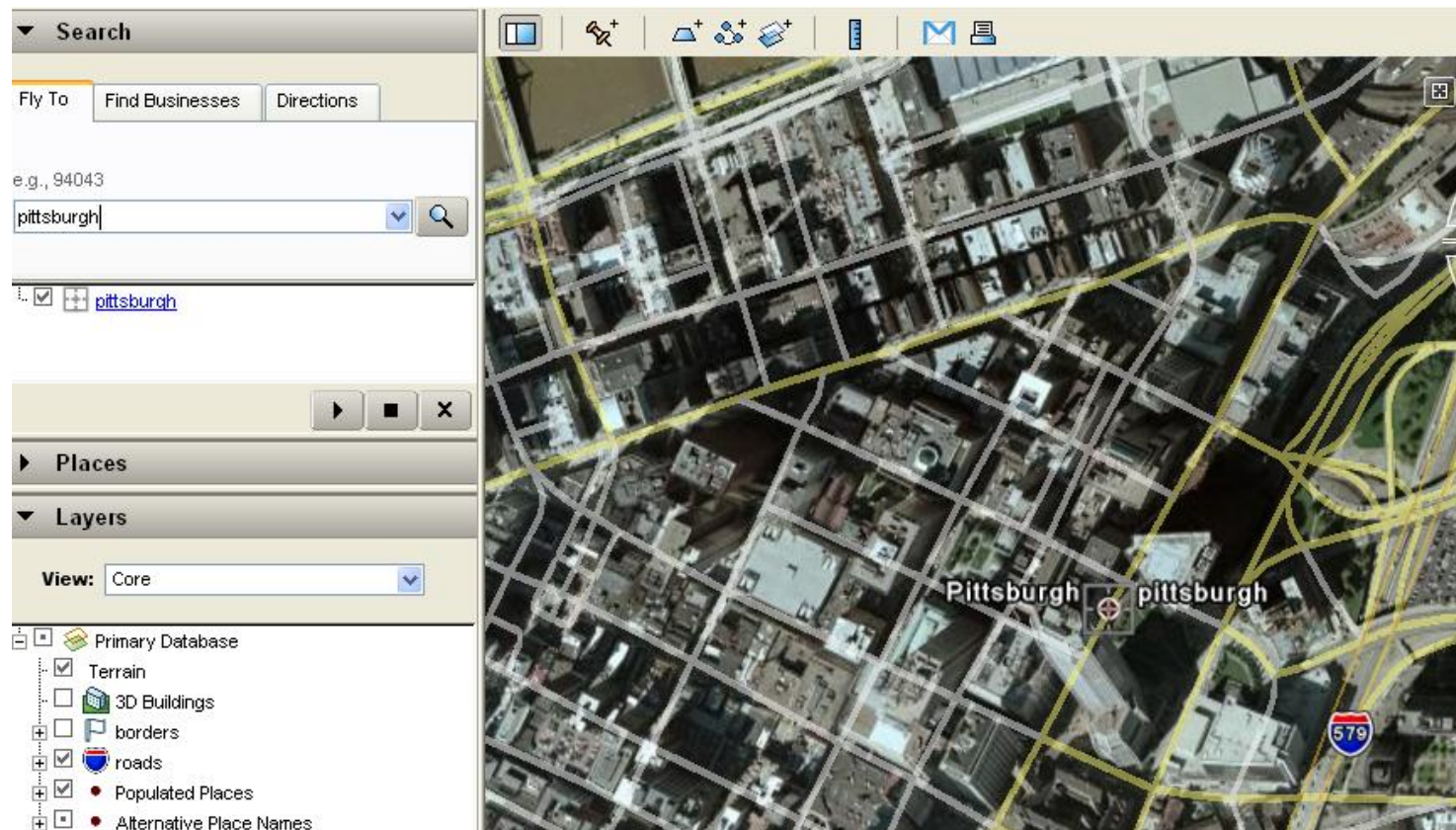
# Google Earth

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- ❑ Maintained by Google
- ❑ Can be downloaded at: <http://earth.google.com/>
- ❑ Developed by Keyhole, Inc.
- ❑ Acquired in '04, renamed in '05
- ❑ Three versions:
  - ❑ Free
  - ❑ Plus
  - ❑ Professional

# Features

- ❑ Combines satellite imagery, maps, Google Search
- ❑ Allows for user's own information, for street view, etc.



# Google Sky

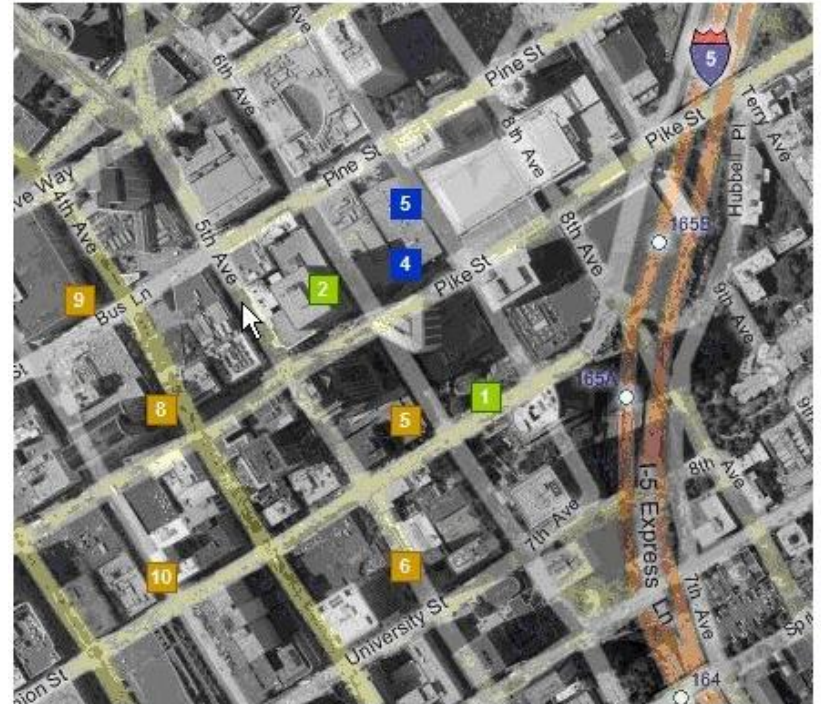
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- **The New Digital Sky**, Google Video – Tony Tyson, UC Davis
- **New Frontiers in Astronomy**, Google Video - Alberto Conti and Carol Christian, Hubble Institute
- **Mars Crowdsourcing Experiment** – from images to GIS data

# MSN Virtual Earth

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- ❑ Created and maintained by Microsoft
- ❑ Also known as Windows Live Local
- ❑ URL - <http://www.bing.com/maps>



# Features

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- ❑ **Scratch Pad option: a place to "hold" the locations of interest during a search and discover session**
- ❑ **Ability to add local data layers, such as businesses or restaurants**
- ❑ **Ability to choose from a number of different data types**
- ❑ **Allows for user's own information**
- ❑ **Provides oblique imagery i.e. satellite images with 45-degree-angle views of buildings and neighborhoods**

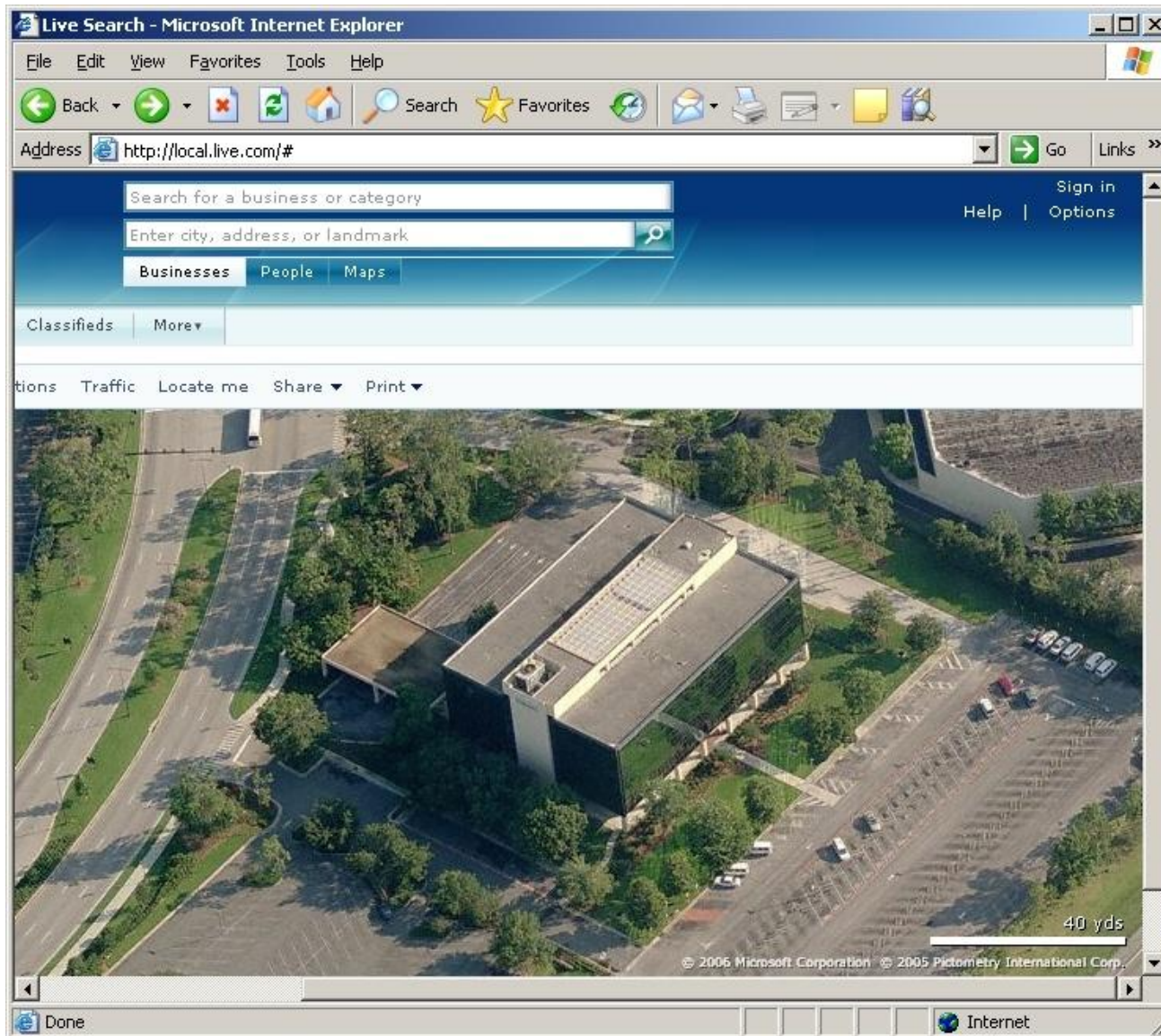
# Oblique Imagery

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- ❑ **Created by Pictometry and sold to Microsoft along with orthogonal images under a five year contract.**
- ❑ **The oblique does not cover all counties in US, much less the world.**
- ❑ **Live demo on Oblique Imagery from LocalLive.**
- ❑ **Live demo on Oblique Imagery using the desktop EFS.**



# Oblique Imagery



# Public GIS Internet Applications

## Florida Geographic Data Library

<http://fgdl.org>

www.fgdl.org/metadataexplorer/explorer.jsp

FGDL METADATA EXPLORER: SEARCH & DOWNLOAD DATA

Search Browse

Choose content theme: Environmental

Optional Keyword (e.g. river): conservation

Start Search

Search NSDI Clearinghouse (to search other Metadata Servers)

SEARCH TIPS

Searches are NOT case sensitive.

For wild card characters - use %

Search results return exact matches. The search for **park** may not necessarily return "parking" or "parks". Use % for a more robust search. For example, use **park%** to search for parks.

Records Found: 115

Downloadable Data

CONTENT TITLE ↑	FILENAME	PUBLISHER/ ONLINE LINK	EXTENT	PUB DATE	FGDL ADDED	DOWNLOAD
FLORIDA LAND COVER	GAP_LCOV	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	COUNTY	20000500	2002-11-01 - V2003	<a href="#">Download</a> <a href="#">View Details</a>
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT LANDUSE 1995 - UPDATED	SRLU95_UP	Suwannee River Water Management District	COUNTY	Source 1994 - 1995, Automated 1996, Partially Revised 2002	2002-11-01 - V2003	<a href="#">Download</a> <a href="#">View Details</a>
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# Civil Society GIS Internet Applications - OpenStreetMap

<http://www.openstreetmap.org>

