Databases

Managing Data for Retrieval, Update, & Calculation

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GIS Data Recap

Two data types:

- **Spatial** – *Where* things are, in \((x, y, z, \lambda, \phi)\)
  - Stored in coordinate & topology *tables*
    - Vector (Object) Model
    - Raster (Field) Model

- **Aspatial** - *What* things are
  - stored in *tables* of attributes
GIS = Lots and Lots of Tabular Data

- How will it be managed?
  - Data Model Considerations
  - Analysis Considerations
  - Data Entry Considerations
  - Security
  - Efficiency
WHY? HOW?

- **Goals:**
  - Maximize flexibility for sorting, reordering, subsetting, searching
  - Efficient storage; *eliminate redundancy*
  - Secure entry and retrieval mechanisms
  - Rapid retrieval

- **Solution:**

  **Database Management System (DBMS)**
Database display in ArcMap

- Displayed in tables with rows of *records (tuples)* and columns of *fields (attributes)*

![Database display in ArcMap](image)

**Line_type field**
Accuracy

- Data entry can be accomplished via *forms* that require:
  - **Data definitions** – #s of attributes, the types and lengths or numerical ranges of each attribute, and how much editing will be permitted.
  - **Data Dictionary** - catalog of attributes with their permitted values and ranges ("Domains").
  - **Validation Rules** - ensure data integrity.
Data Definition: Field “Types”

Field type- Q: how much space does a database need to reserve for each field?

A: no more than 10 characters
Fields are “defined” by:

- **Name** – attribute (column heading)
- **Field Type** – number (long, short, float, double), text (“string”), or date
- **Length** – no. of characters in text
- **Precision** – no. of digits used to store numbers
- **Scale** – no. of digits to right of decimal point

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<td>Long</td>
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Fields Types in ArcGIS

- Short Integer – 1 to 4 digits (no decimal)
- Long Integer = 5 to 9 digits (no decimal)
- Float = 1 – 8 digits, decimal (short real)
- Double = 6 – 19 digits, decimal (long real)
- Text = 1 – 255 characters
- Date = 8 character
- Blob = binary large object
## Numeric Field Types

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<td>2 bytes</td>
<td>+/- 32,768</td>
<td>Used for coding, e.g. lulc, veg. types, T/F</td>
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<td>Long Integer</td>
<td>4 bytes</td>
<td>+/- 2.14 billion</td>
<td>Large whole numbers, e.g. populations</td>
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<td>Float</td>
<td>4 bytes</td>
<td>+/- 3.4 x E38</td>
<td>Single-precision, up to 6 places past the decimal. Up to 6 total numbers.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Double</td>
<td>8 bytes</td>
<td>~+/- 1.8 x E308</td>
<td>Double-precision; 15 places past decimal, 6-19 total numbers.</td>
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Field Properties For Numbers

- Precision = number of digits stored in a field. Precision up to for 19 double, 8 for float
- Scale = no. of decimal places in double and float
- E.g. 3500426.21 (a typical easting) should be stored as “Double”, precision 9, scale 2
Numeric Field Properties

- Short and Long integers fields:
  Precision = 4
  8,400

- Float and Double data fields:
  Precision = 9
  8,400.08347
  Scale = 5
## File Size Comparison, Text Fields

<table>
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<th>Text Field length</th>
<th>100 records</th>
<th>1000 records</th>
<th>10,000 records</th>
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<td>50 (default)</td>
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<td>48.83 Kb</td>
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Data Dictionary: Domains

- Permitted attribute values or range of values for a field:
  - E.g. dip of bedding: permissible range from 0-90°
  - E.g. type of geologic contact: permissibly covered, inferred, exposed
  - E.g. rock type: permissibly sandstone, shale, limestone
Domains in a Geodatabase

- Geodatabase
- Geodatabase Domains
- Domain Values
- Domain applied to Contacts05

Contacts05 Feature Class Fields

- Domain applied to Contacts05

Domain Values

- Domain Name: Contact_type
  - Description: Solid or Dashed Contact
- Date_: When Acquired
- Date_1: When Acquired
- Date_2: When Acquired
- Digitize: Digitizing technique
- Dip_Plane: Inclination of Plane or Line
- Geologist: Data Collector

Database Properties

- Field Type: Text
- Domain Type: Coded Values
- Split policy: Default Value
- Merge policy: Default Value

Feature Class Properties

- Field Name: Line_type
- Data Type: Text
- Allow NULL values: Yes
- Default Value: Solid
- Domain: Contact_type
- Length: 10
A DBMS provides:

- **Accuracy** - reduce errors during entry by use of established rules, templates
- **Efficiency** - rapid access & retrieval, no redundancy
- **Flexibility** - robust structure for query – e.g. What is where?
- **Security** – access and use can’t corrupt data
- **Easy updating**
Efficiency (± Flexibility)

- Relies on database structure (data model):
  - Hierarchical
  - Network
  - Relational
  - Object-oriented
GIS attribute data models

- *Hierarchical* – pre-1980

- *Relational* – 1980’s, 1990’s; still dominant today

- *Object-oriented* – late ’90’s; newest, implemented by some GISs – still undergoing R&D
Hierarchical Structure

E.g. Filing cabinet or folders on a hard drive

- File address for storage and retrieval is a **linear path**, e.g.

  C:\ESRI\ESRIDATA\CANADA\cities.shp
Hierarchical Structure

University

ORUs

Colleges

Administration

Departments

Allied Units

Graduate Students

Undergraduate Students
Hierarchical - Limitations

1. Linear structure can’t deal with multiple “memberships”
   - E.g. a single well might be stored many times in different databases for taxes, production, drilling history, water quality, etc.
     
     INEFFICIENT

   - Can’t assemble all this data for query in a hierarchical database
Hierarchical - Limitations

2. Can’t deal with exceptions to linear scheme – entities may not belong to next higher class but could instead contain it.

   E.g. Structure Oil Well Database by:

     State
     County
     Oil Field
     Well
     Pay zone

What do we do with a oil field that spans several counties with wells that produces from more than one pay zone?

   □ i.e. No “one-to-many” relationships
Relational Database Advantages

- Data stored in separate tables
  - Easy update, editing, searching without affecting or using all data
- Flexibility
  - Using “key” fields, can extract and assemble records and attributes to form new tables
  - Subsets of database can be queried by standard means - SQL
Relational Database Structure

- Consists of “relations” (tables) with multiple attributes (columns, fields) per record
- Every record (row) has a unique identifier (marker or key attribute)
  - *Key* is the glue between files that can be used to extract and/or assemble records and attributes
### Parts of a Relation

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**Primary Key**

**Record or tuple**

**Field**
Properties of Relations

- Each row has to be unique; no row-to-row dependency
- Row order irrelevant
- Column order irrelevant
- All attribute values must be stored in separate rows ("first normal form")
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- **“Key” Field = ID**

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- One record from *source table* (production) is joined to one record of *destination table* (drilling record) to create a “View” – virtual combination
Result of One-to-One Table “Join”

- Joined Production and Drilling Record tables:

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- View can’t be edited – destination table can be
One-to-Many Join

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- One record from source table joined to many records of destination table

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<th>Total_Oil</th>
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One-to-Many Join Result

Table of Wells in Katy Field

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Note that “Discovered” and “Total_Oil” fields in joined table pertain to Katy Field, not to individual wells! This could be a problem…
Many-to-Many Join example – USGS DLGs

- Join “lookup table” with feature codes tables to obtain feature descriptions
  - Feature descriptions stored once, used many times
  - Primary key is feature code
Digital Line Graph Example

Lookup Table

Key

Hydrography feature attributes
Result of Many-to-Many Join

- Symbolize on joined field (FEAT_DESC)

Layer = Condrey_HY
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Flexibility

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- Subsets of database can be queried by standard means - SQL
ArcMap Query Builder

- E.g. Find all cities in Louisiana where 1990 population exceeded 72,033

```
SELECT * FROM CITIES WHERE
"POP1990" > 72033
```
Relational DBMSs Permit:

- File updating
- Data retrieval via query using a standard language (SQL)
- Sorting (reordering) by field values
- Calculations and field statistics
- Report generation
- Multi-user access
Reordering In ArcMap

1. Order selected records by sorting
   - ascending or descending field values

2. Sort records by selected attributes

Unsorted

Sorted by “Azimuth”
Field Statistics In ArcMap

- Get stats. & graphs on selected attributes

Statistics for “Azimuth”

Histogram for “Dip”
GIS’ are Spatial Databases

- Coverage and Shapefile models
  - Spatial information stored in spatial attribute files, attributes in relational database table
    - Feature ID is key
    - Spatial information can’t participate in relational database advantages

- Geodatabase model
  - All information, spatial and aspatial, are stored together in a relational database