

Geographic Information Systems "GIS"

"Geography Matters"

Think about "Geography"

- What is Geography

The 3 "W's" of Geography

- What is where
- Why is it there
- Why do I care

Data - Data - Data

We all 'got data'

- **Location Data**
 - How Many – What Kind – Where
- **Scale of Data**
 - Local to Global
- **Data Presentation**
 - Words, Charts, Graphs, Tables, or Maps

Exploring data using GIS turns data into information into knowledge

Geographic Information Systems

A Definition of GIS

GIS is a *System* of computer software, hardware and data, and personnel to help manipulate, analyze and present information that is tied to a spatial location –

- *spatial location* – usually a geographic location
- *information* – visualization of analysis of data
- *system* – linking software, hardware, data
- *personnel* – a thinking explorer who is key to the power of GIS

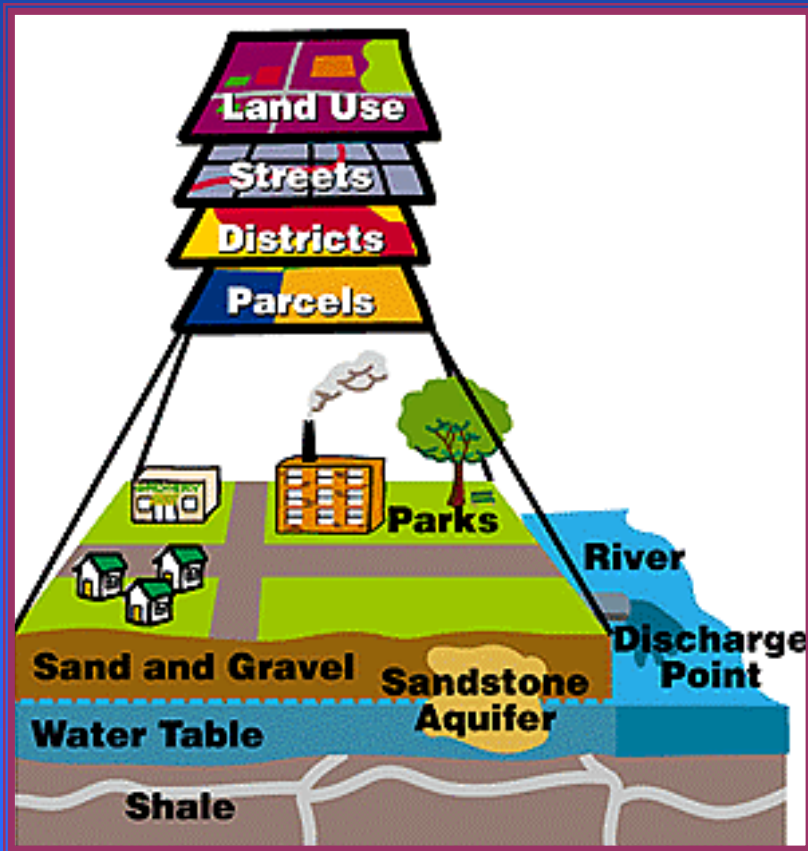
What is *Not* GIS ?

- **GPS** – Global Positioning System
- A **static map** – paper or digital
 - Maps are often a “product” of a GIS
 - A way to visualize the *analysis*
- A **software** package

Spatial Data

- Estimates are that 80% of all data has a *spatial* component
 - Data from most sciences can be analyzed “*spatially*”

What is GIS ?



- A method to *visualize, manipulate, analyze, and display spatial data*
- **“Smart Maps”** *linking a database to the map*

Database

"Not Easy to Interpret"

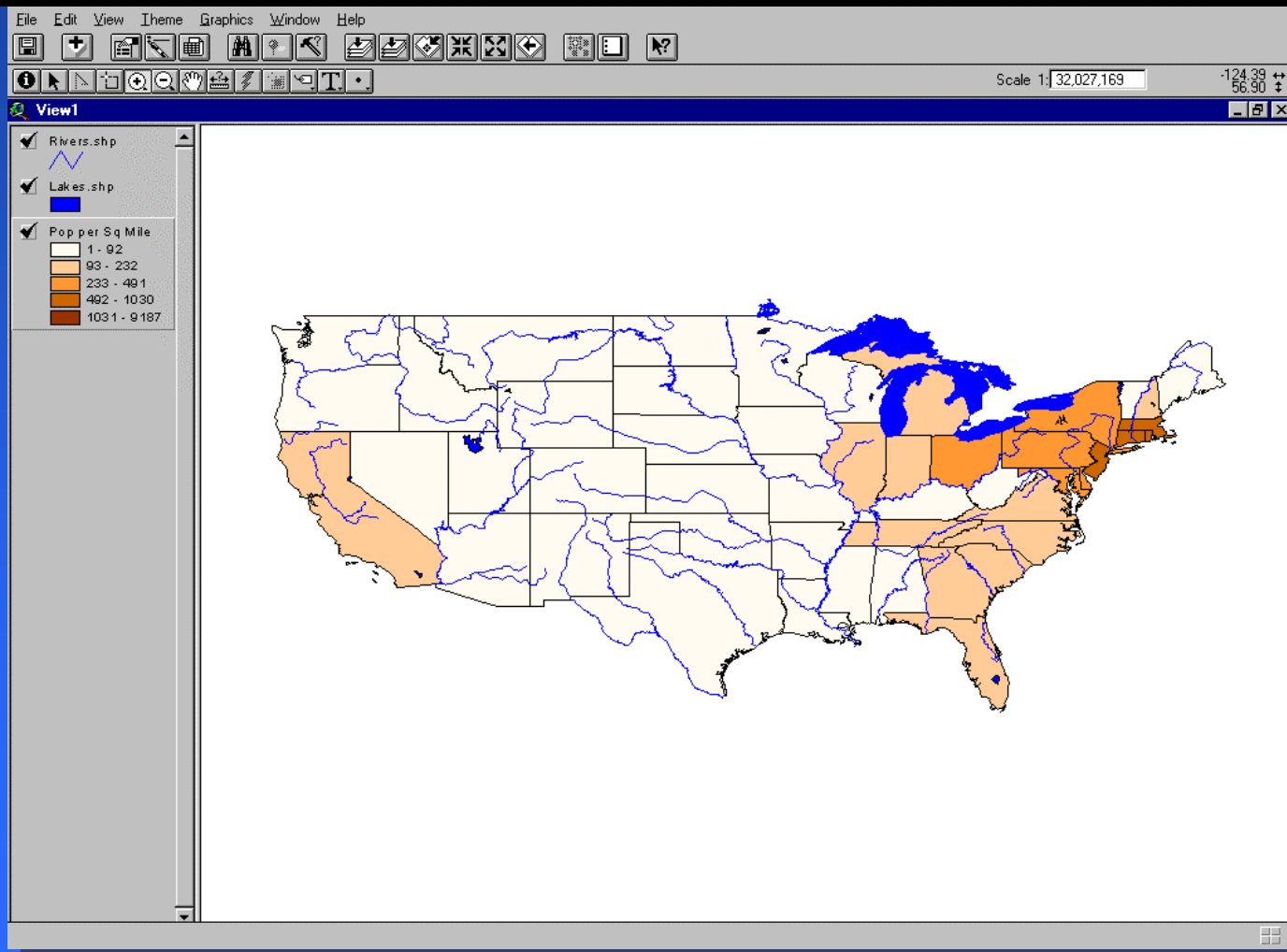
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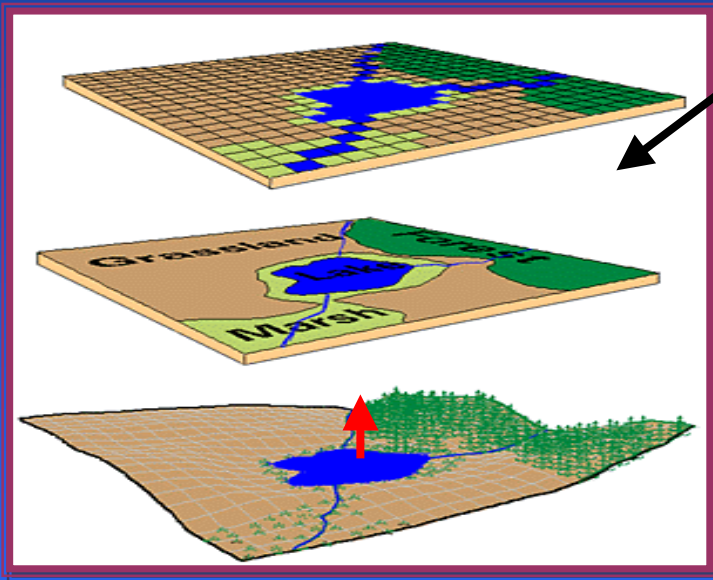
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Visualization "Worth a Thousand Words"

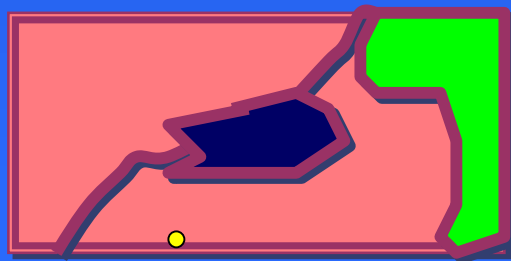


Two Ways to Input and Visualize Data

The World in GIS



Real world



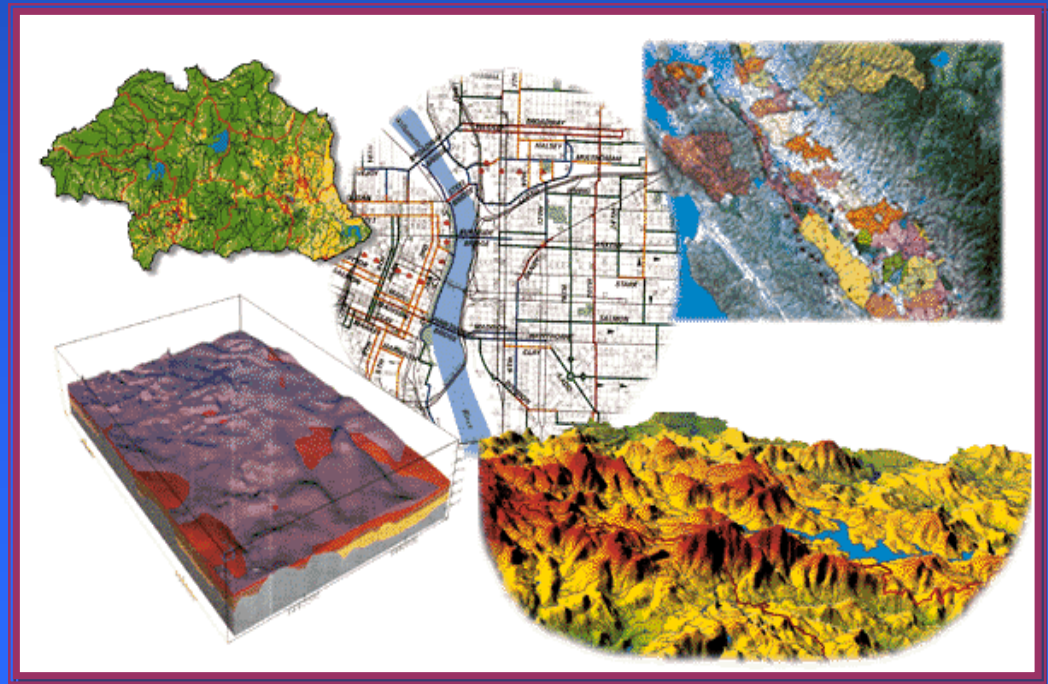
- **Raster – *Grid***

- “pixels”
- a location and value
- Satellite images and aerial photos are already in this format

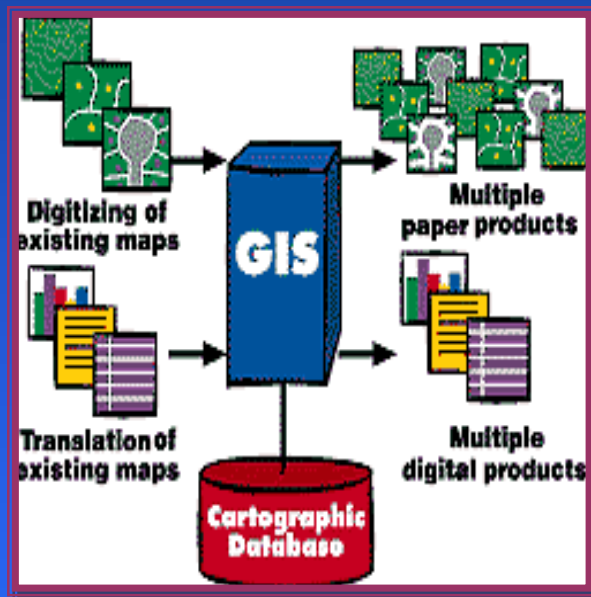
- **Vector – *Linear***

- Points, lines & polygons
- “Features” (house, lake, etc.)
 - Attributes
 - size, type, length, etc.

Combining Data From Many Sources



Data For GIS Applications



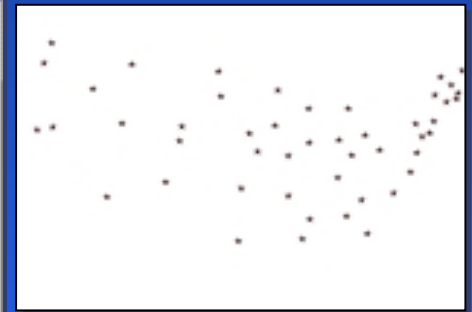
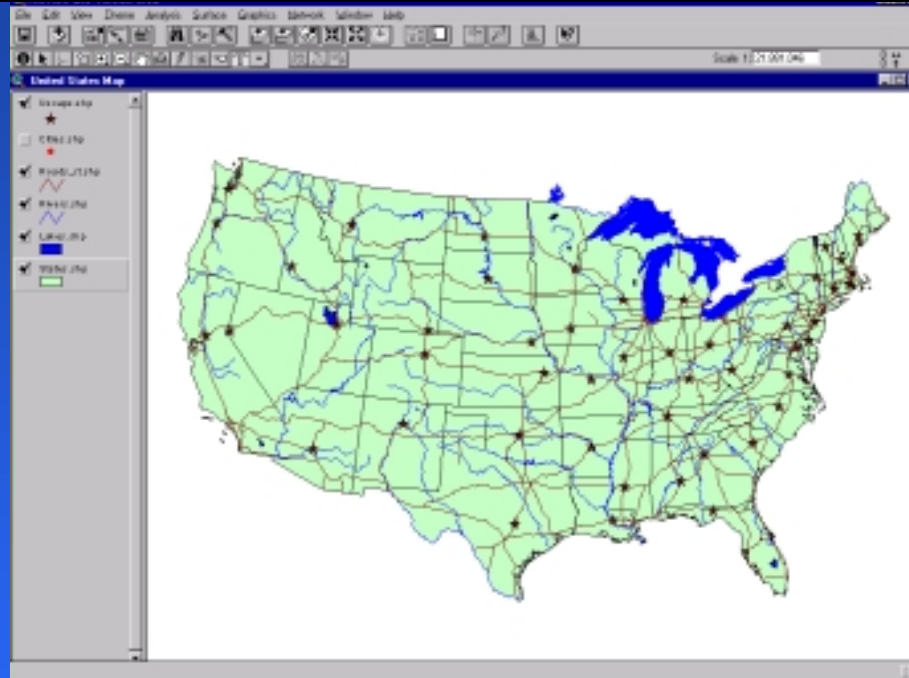
- **Digitized and Scanned Maps**
 - purchased, donated, free (Internet)
 - created by user
- **Data Bases** – Tables of data
- **GPS** – Global Positioning System
 - accurate locations
- **Field Sampling of Attributes**
- **Remote Sensing & Aerial Photography**

Five Data Layers

"Alike" Features



Rivers



Capitals



Roads

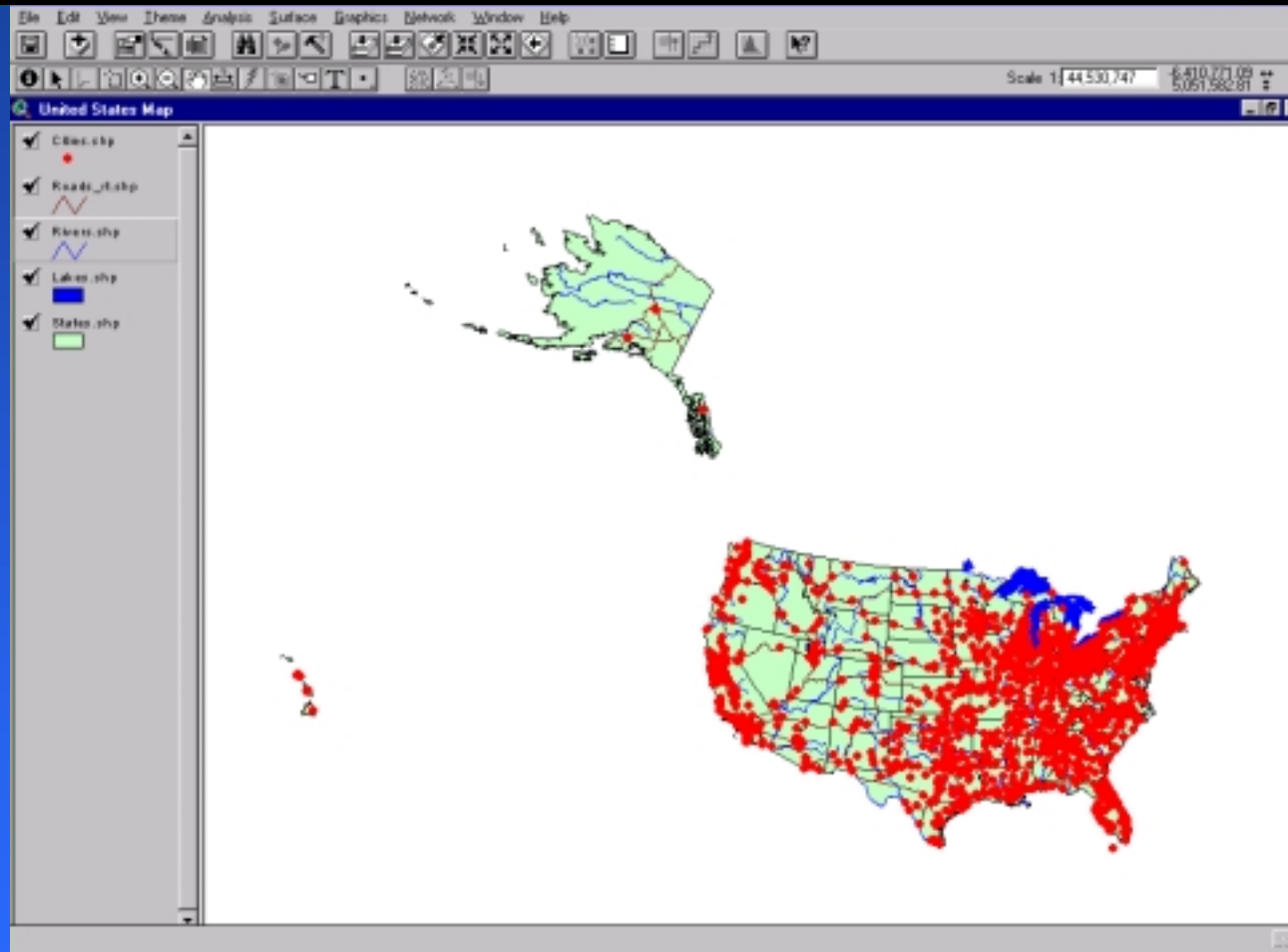


Lakes



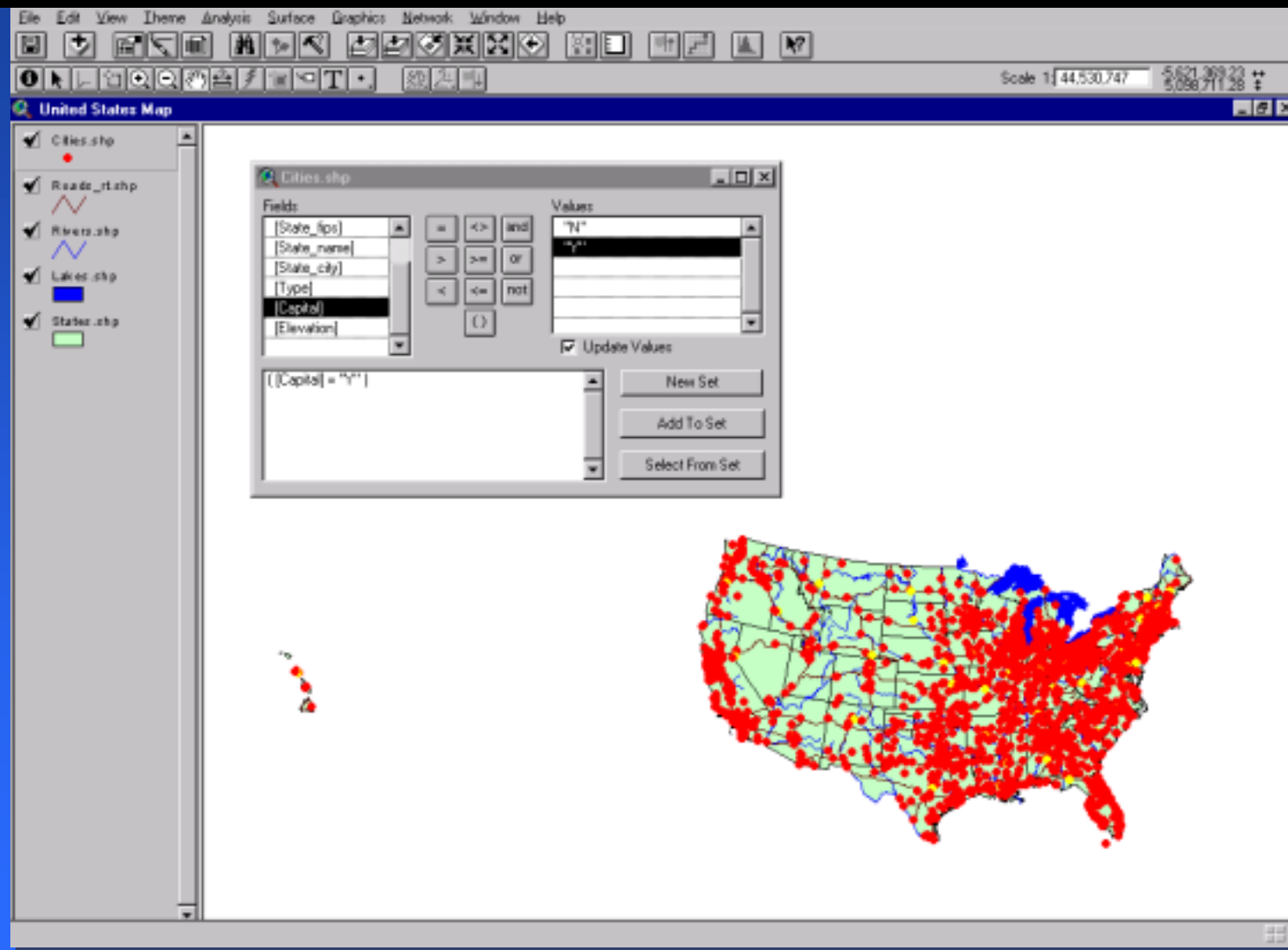
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Turning Data Into Information

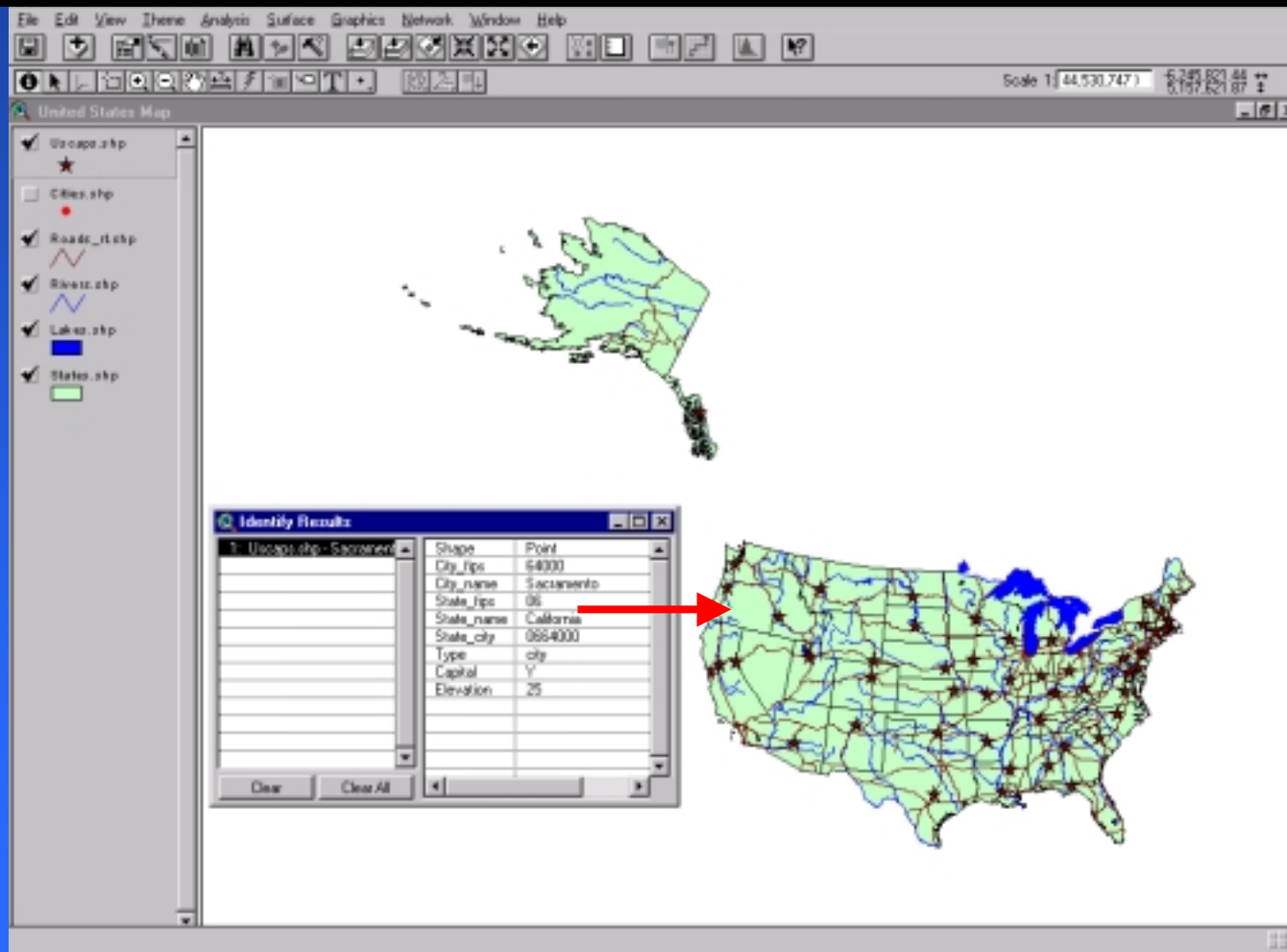


“Spatial Analysis” – *not just a map*

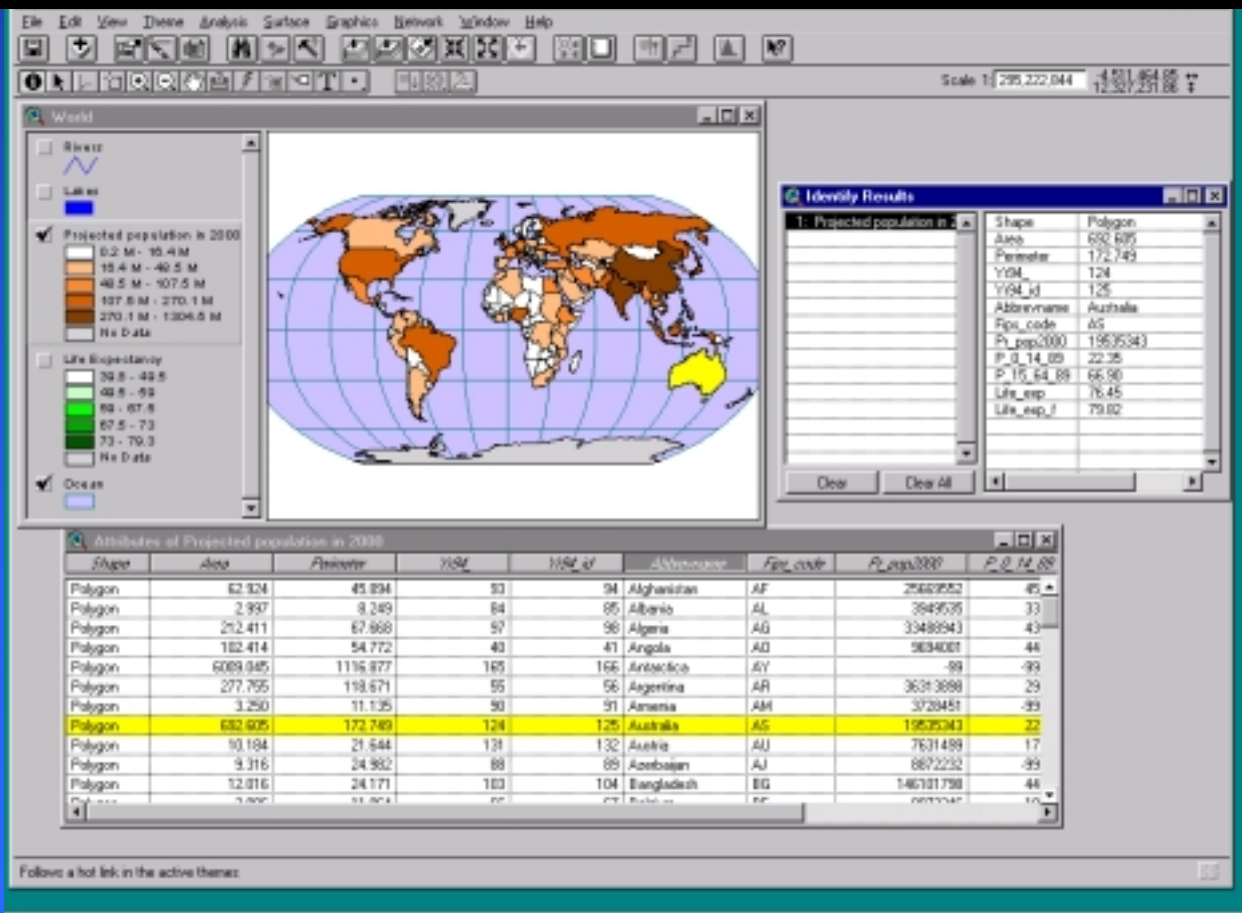
Asking A Question – Interaction



Maps and Database are "Interactive"



Multiple Databases can be Linked and Related



Some Ways GIS is Used

- **Emergency Services** – Fire & Police
- **Environmental** – Monitoring & Modeling
- **Business** – Site Location, Delivery Systems
- **Industry** – Transportation, Communication, Mining, Pipelines, Healthcare
- **Government** – Local, State, Federal, Military
- **Education** – Research, Teaching Tool, Administration

*Wherever Spatial Data Analysis
is Needed*

Network Solutions

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View1

- ✓ Route1
- ✓ S_fran.shp
- ✓ Shorelin.shp

Directions

Starting from Balboa Cafe
Turn right onto GREENWICH
Travel on GREENWICH for 0.00 units
Turn left onto STEINER
Travel on STEINER for 0.01 units
Turn left onto WASHINGTON
Travel on WASHINGTON for 0.00 units
Turn left into Pauli's Cafe

Starting from Pauli's Cafe
Turn right onto WASHINGTON
Travel on WASHINGTON for 0.00 units

Route1

Total route cost: 0.13 units

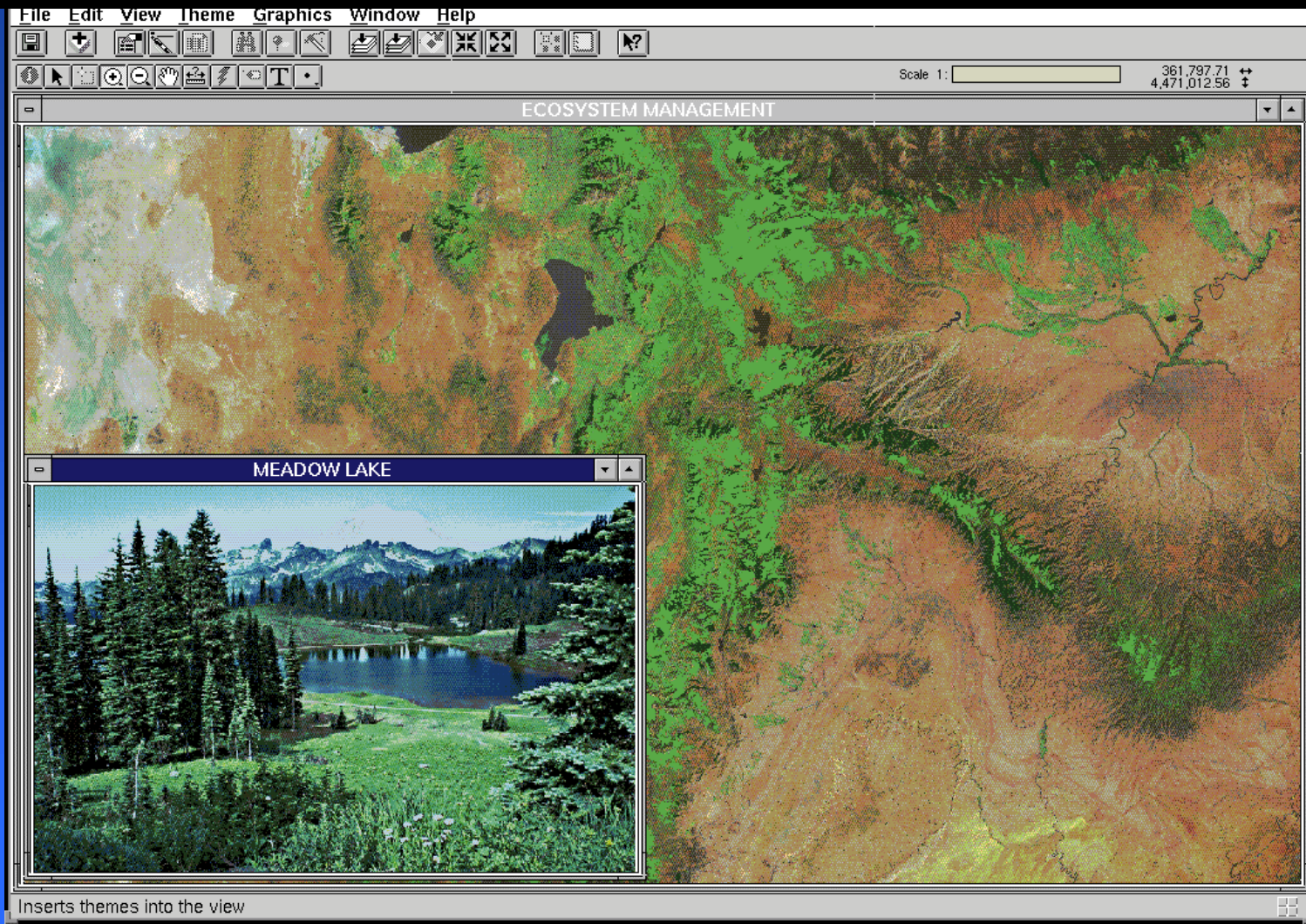
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Pauli's Cafe	0.01
Toronado	0.03
Mad Magda's	0.04
La Fiametta	0.05
Harris'	0.06

Find best order
 Return to origin

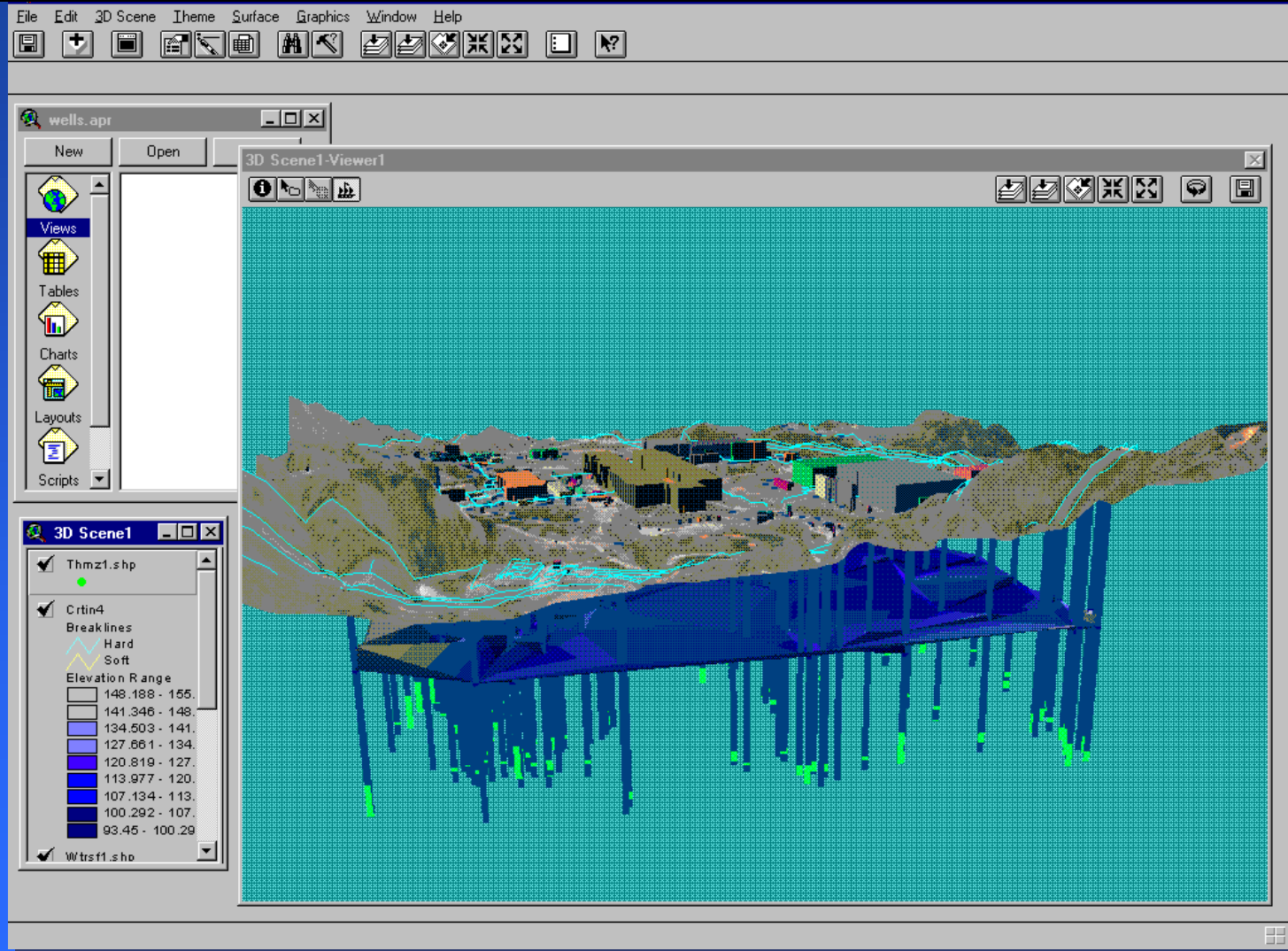
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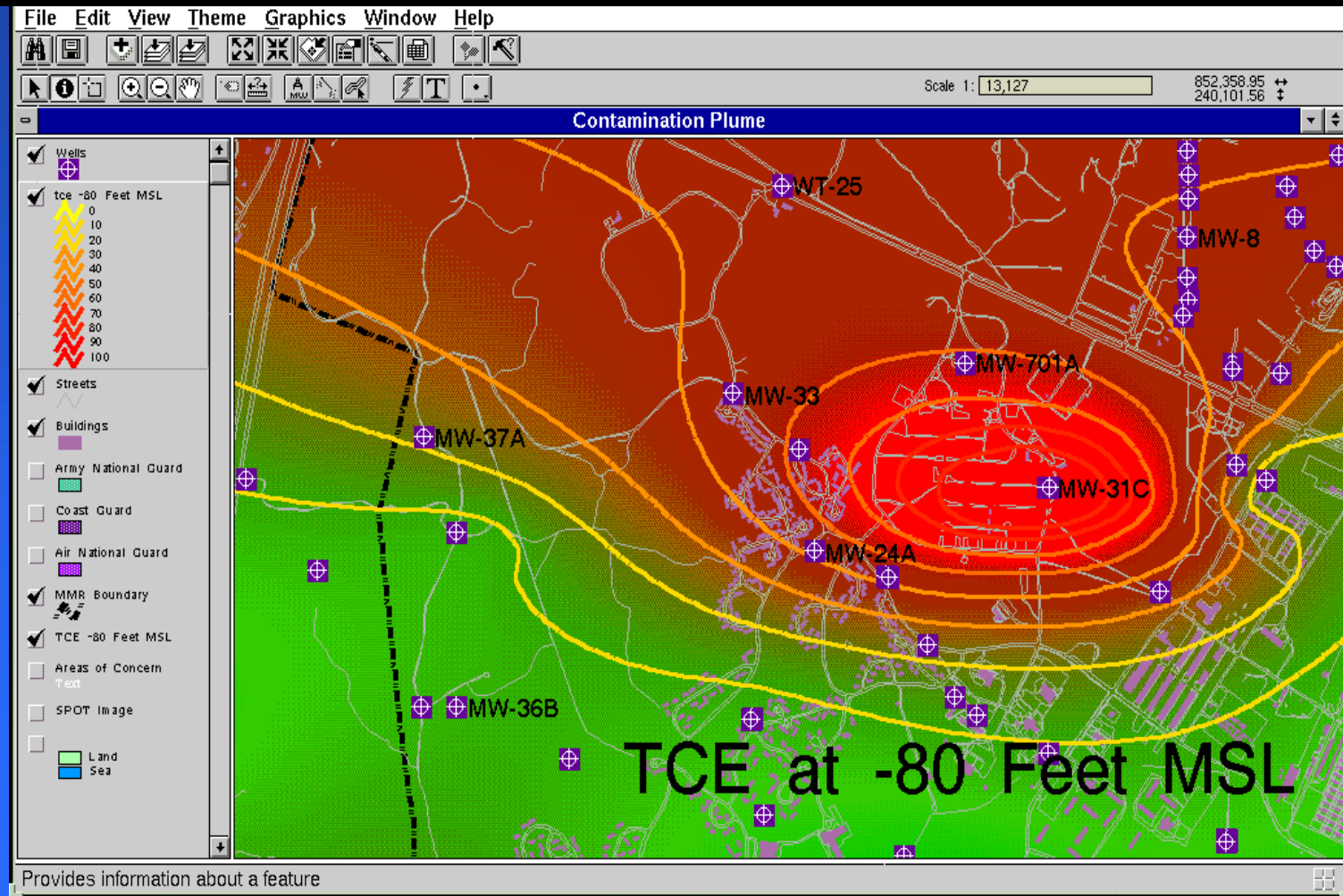
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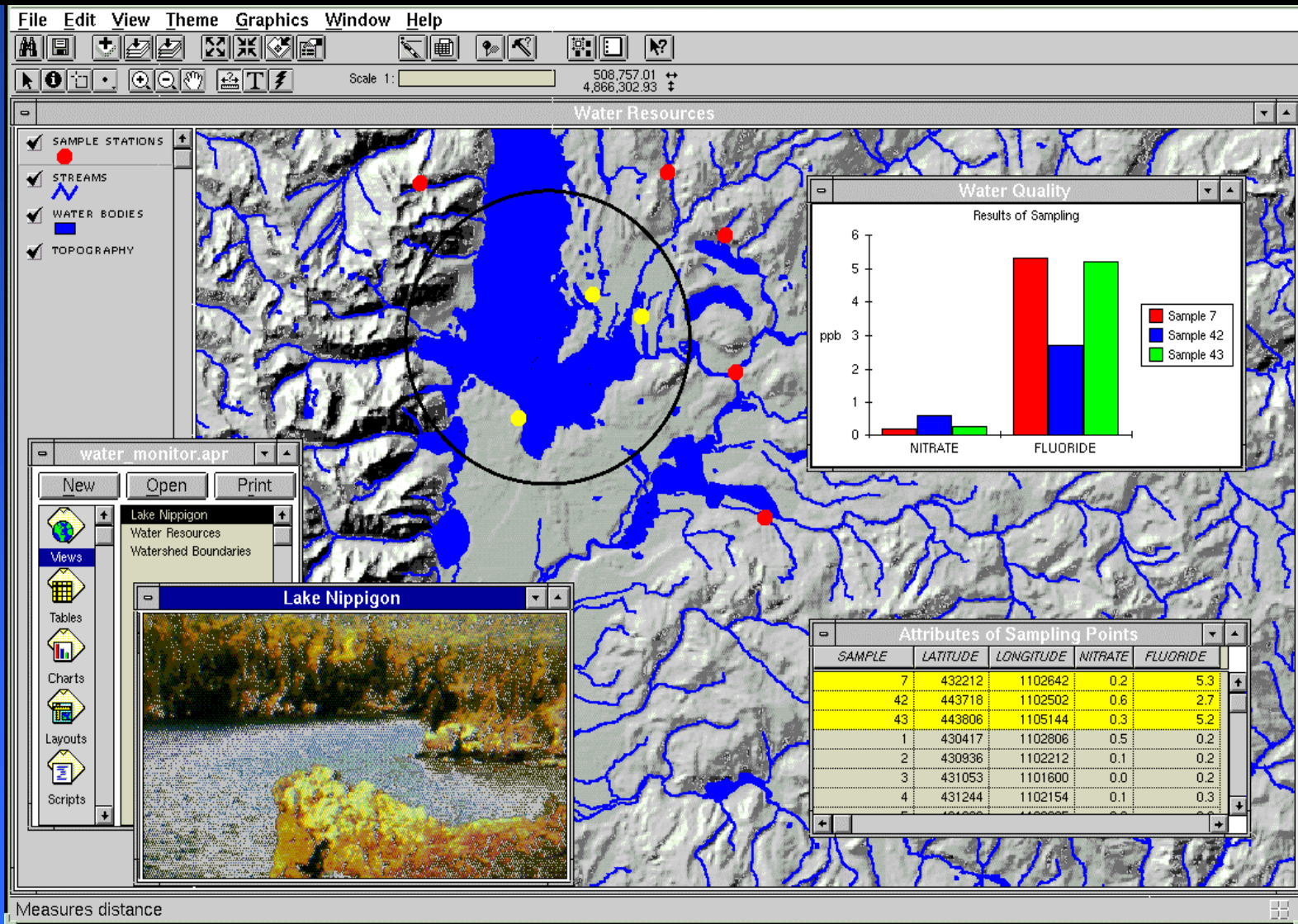
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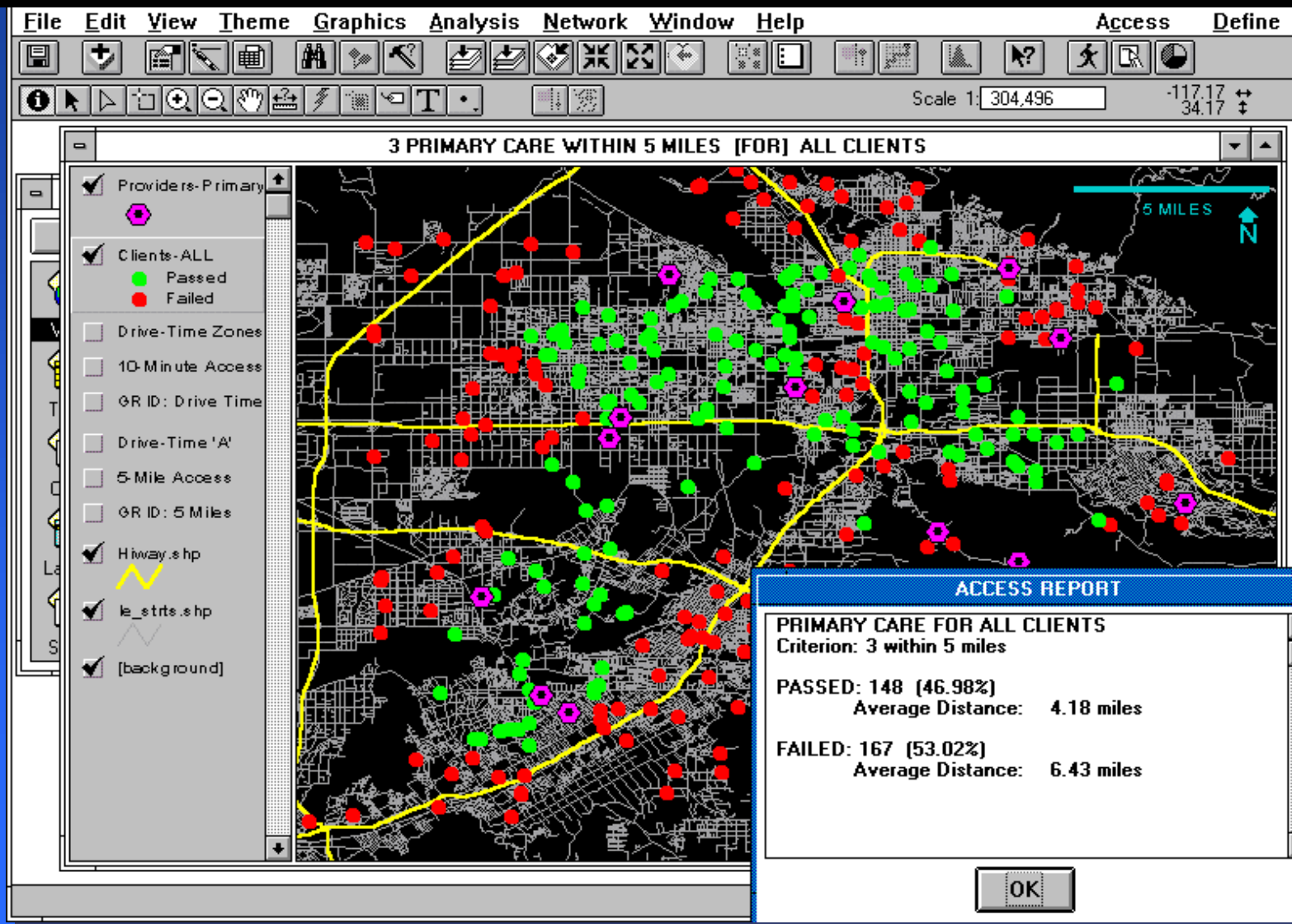
Environmental Monitoring Toxic Plume



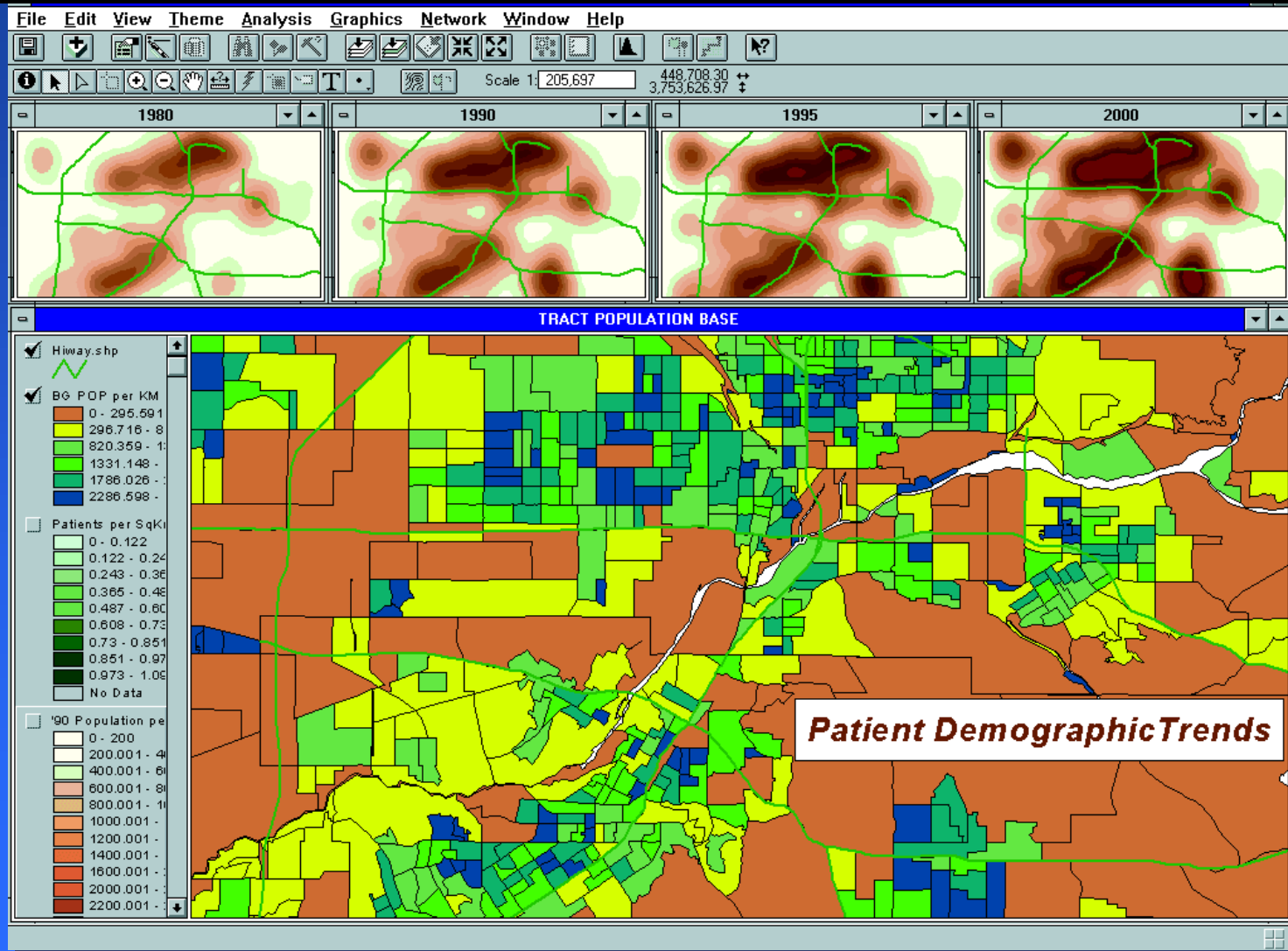
Combining Various Display Methods



Site Location and Client Distance



Modeling of Future Trends



GIS on the Internet

- **Olympics**
 - <http://citymap.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/>
- **National Geographic Map Machine**
 - <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/maps.index.html>
- **Find a Home** — <http://www.realtor.com>
- **ATM Locator** — <http://www.visa.com>
- **Store Locator** — <http://www.godiva.com>
- **GIS Info** — <http://www.gis.com>