



# Spatial Databases

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- A spatial database is a database that is optimized to store and query data related to objects in space, including points, lines and polygons.
- Up to now the market proposes:



Oracle Spatial



PostGIS + PostgreSQL



Microsoft SQL Server (since 2008)



MySQL



Boeing's Spatial Query Server (based on Sybase)

# Oracle Spatial Extensions

- Forms a separately-licensed option component of the Oracle Database to aid users in managing geographic and location-data natively

First spatial extension

Spatial Data Option (SDO)

Oracle Spatial R-Tree indexing

Network Model  
Raster handling  
Topologies  
Geocoding


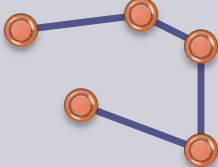
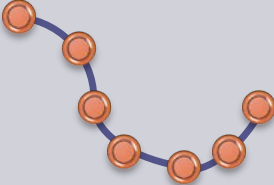
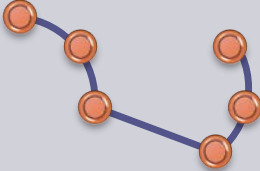
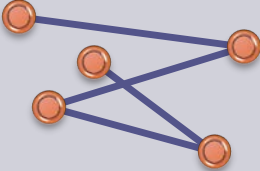
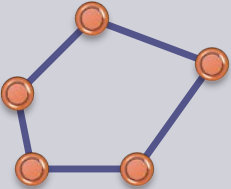
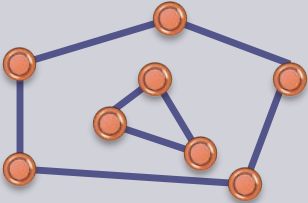
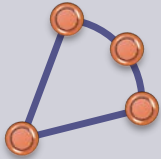
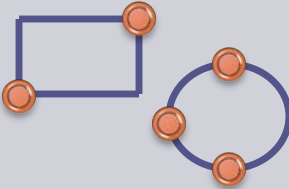

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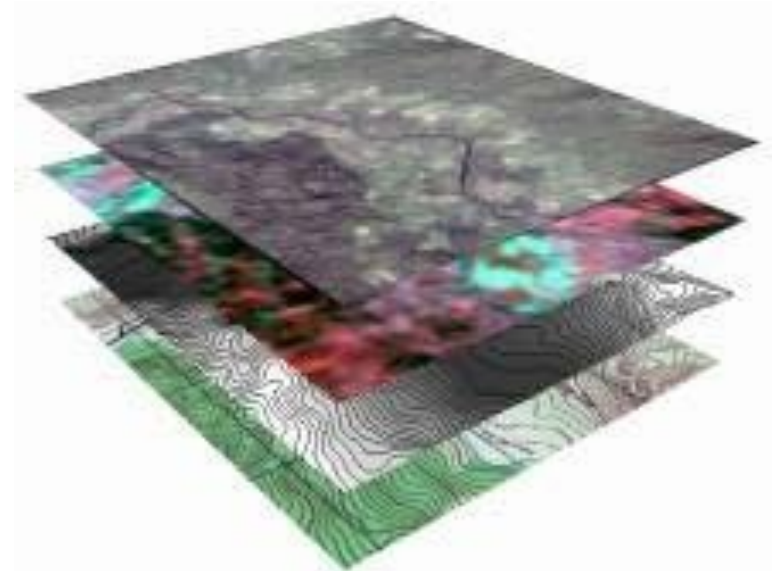
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# Supported geometries

Point	Line	Arcs	Composed	Intersected
				
Polygon	Holes	Composed	Optimized	Intersected
				

# Spatial Database Generalities



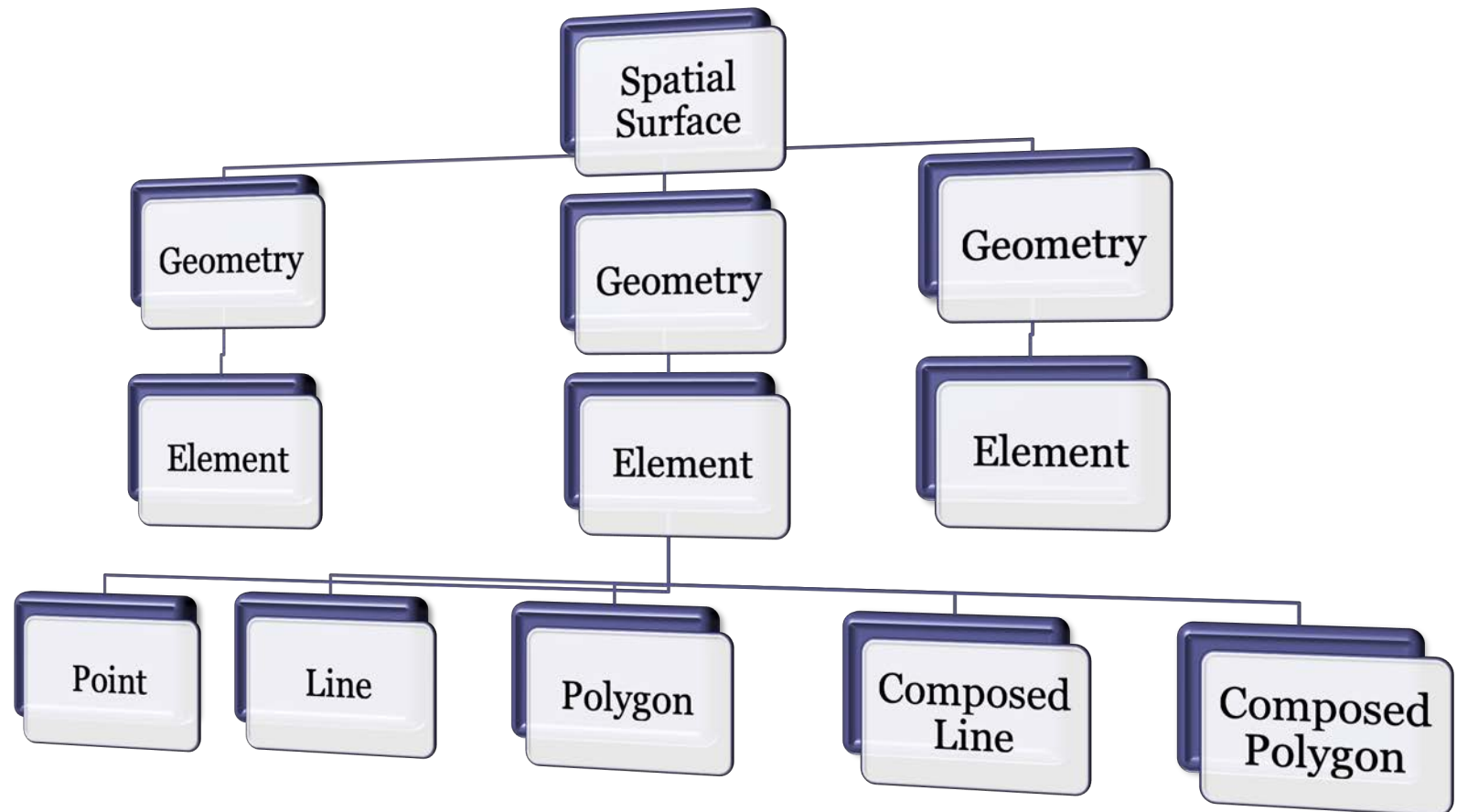
# Supported Data Formats

- While managing spatial data you might have to import data from heterogeneous sources
- Different GIS (Geographic Information Systems) softwares might support different data types
- Visit <http://www.safe.com/products/desktop/formats/index.php> for a complete list data sources – supported types



# Oracle Hierarchical Model

- Oracle datatypes have a hierarchical model



# Geometries

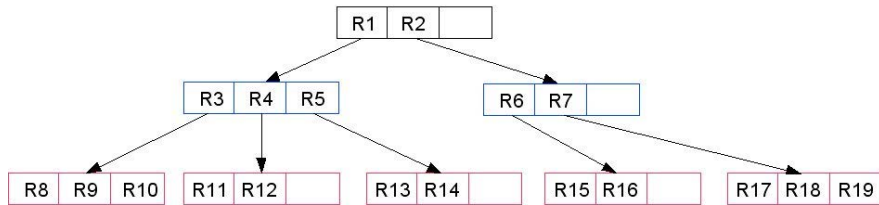
- Geometries refers to spatial objects
- Their distribution is not uniform but if follows the spatial location of real entities



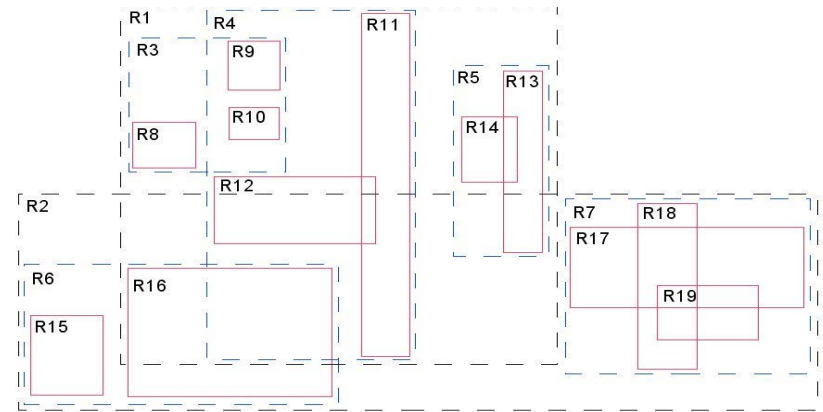


# Spatial Indexing

- Special indexes are needed to face performant storage and query of geometries
- Most famous are
  - R-Tree
  - Quad-Tree

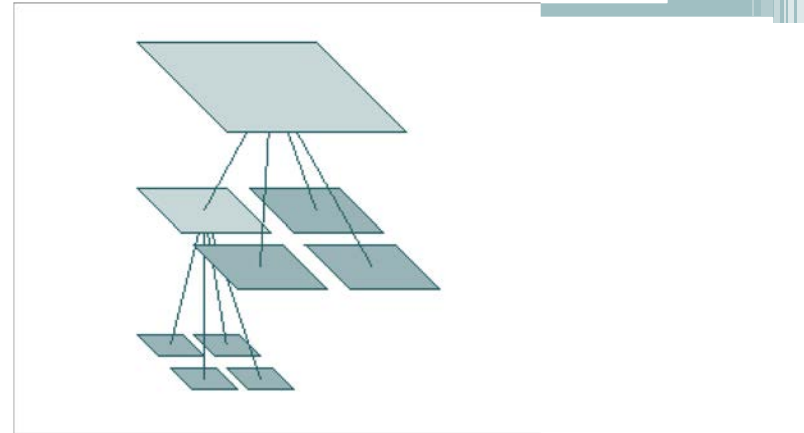


## R - Tree



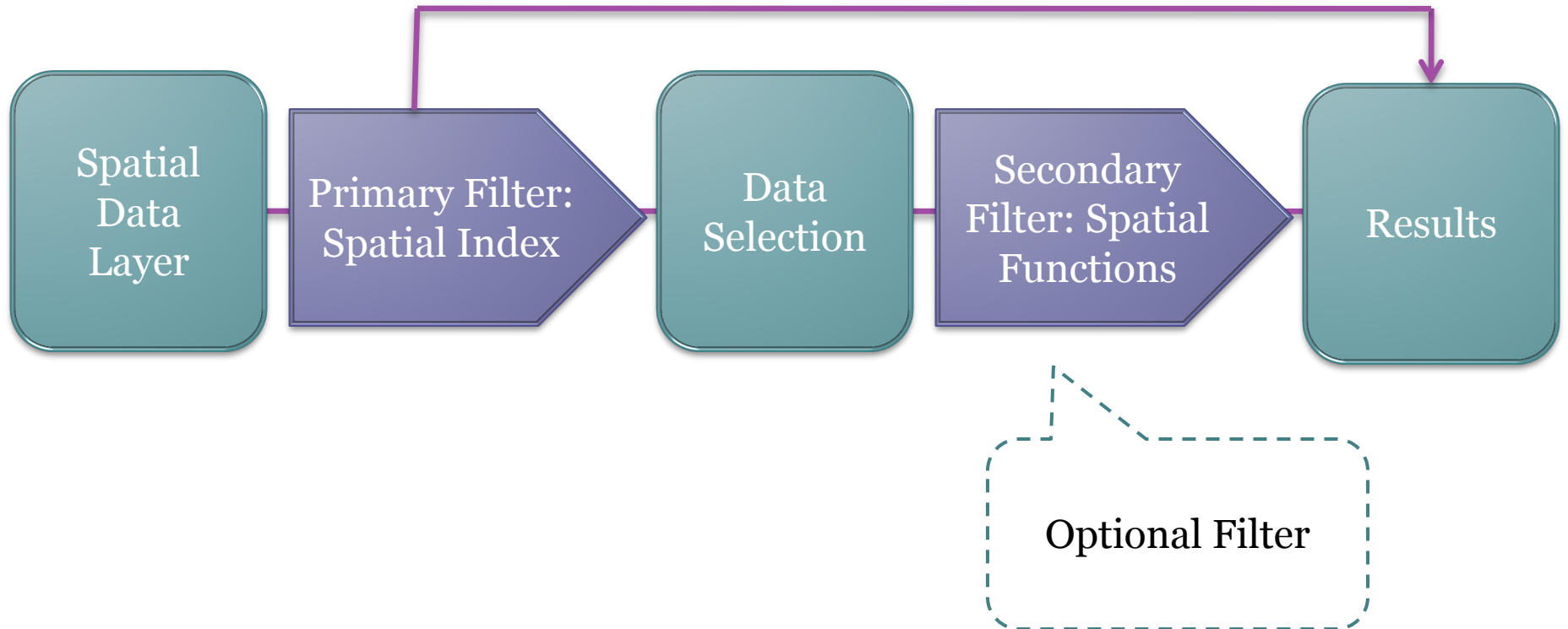
- **R-trees** are tree data structures that are similar to B-trees, but are used for indexing multi-dimensional information;
- A common real-world usage for an R-tree might be: "Find all museums within 2 kilometres (1.2 mi) of my current location".
- The data structure splits space with hierarchically nested, and possibly overlapping, minimum bounding rectangles
- (MBRs, otherwise known as bounding boxes, i.e. "rectangle", what the "R" in R-tree stands for).

# Quadtree

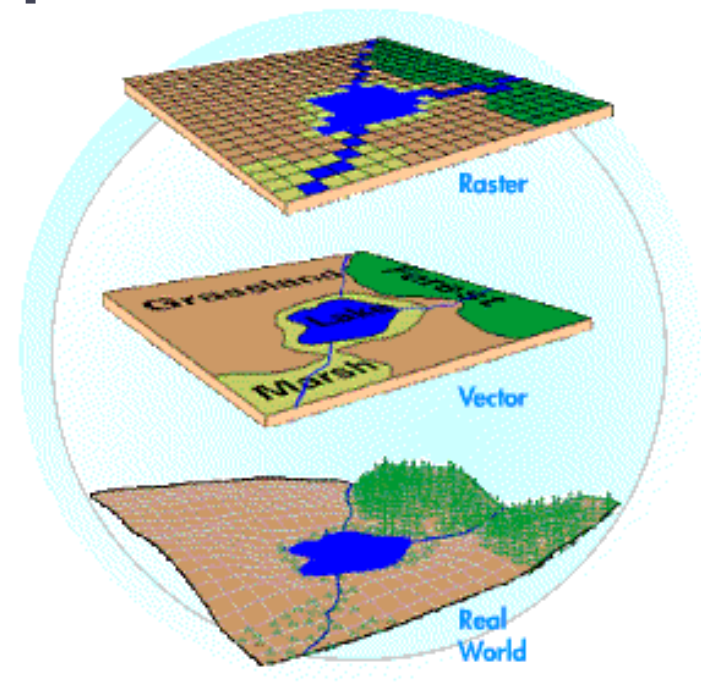


- A **quadtree** is a tree data structure in which each internal node has up to four children.
- Quadtrees are most often used to partition a two dimensional space by recursively subdividing it into four quadrants or regions.
- The regions may be square or rectangular, or may have arbitrary shapes.

# Spatial Query Processing



# Oracle Spatial Data Types





# SDO\_GEOMETRY

- Is composed of

## Methods

GET\_DIMS() :NUMBER

GET\_GTYPE :NUMBER

SDO_GTYPE	NUMBER
SDO_SRID	NUMBER
SDO_POINT	SDO_POINT_TYPE
SDO_ELEM_INFO	SDO_ELEM_INFO_ARRAY
SDO_ORDINATES	SDO_ORDINATE_ARRAY

```
CREATE TABLE forest(
```

```
    name                VARCHAR2(30),
```

```
    animal_population   NUMBER(9),
```

```
    geom                MDSYS.SDO_GEOMETRY);
```

# SDO\_GTYPE

Dimensions

Geometry Type

- It defines the geometry type stored into the SDO\_GEOMETRY object

Name	2D	3D	4D
UNKNOWN_GEOMETRY	2000	3000	4000
POINT	2001	3001	4001
LINestring	2002	3002	4002
POLYGON	2003	3003	4003
COLLECTION	2004	3004	4004
MULTIPOINT	2005	3005	4005
MULTILINestring	2006	3006	4006
MULTIPOLYGON	2007	3007	4007

NOT OGC

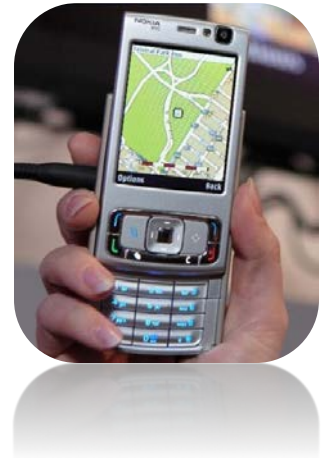


# SDO\_POINT

- Used to store Point data
- It is ignored if SDO\_ELEM\_INFO and SDO\_ORDINATES are not NULL

- It is of type **SDO\_POINT\_TYPE**

Example:  
GPS Receiver



X  
Y  
Z

NUMBER  
NUMBER  
NUMBER

# SDO\_ELEM\_INFO

- It is store as a SDO\_ELEM\_INFO\_ARRAY:  
**VARRAY (1048576) OF NUMBER**
- Its entries must be considered grouping elements by 3
  - Starting position of the coordinates (starting from 1)
  - Element type (as shown in the table)
  - Interpretation

Number	Element Type	Interpretation
0	UNKNOWN_ELEMENT	
1	POINT	Number of points of the collection
2	LINestring	1. Lines
3	POLYGON	1 lines
1003	External	2 arcs
2003	Internal	3 optimized rectangle 4 circle
4	COMPOUND LINestring	Number of elements
5	COMPOUNG POLYGON	Number of elements
1005	External	
2005	Internal	

# SDO\_ORDINATES

- Stored as SDO\_ORDINATE\_ARRAY  
**VARRAY (1048576) OF NUMBER**
- It contains a list of object's coordinates



# Examples 1/5 - inserting a Point

```
INSERT INTO pollution VALUES (  
34.6,57.4,etc....,
```

```
  MDSYS.SDO_GEOMETRY(  
SDO_GTYPE
```

```
    → 3001, 352257, ← SDO_SRID
```

```
    MDSYS.SDO_POINT_TYPE(521030,240120,550),  
    null,null) ← SDO_POINT
```

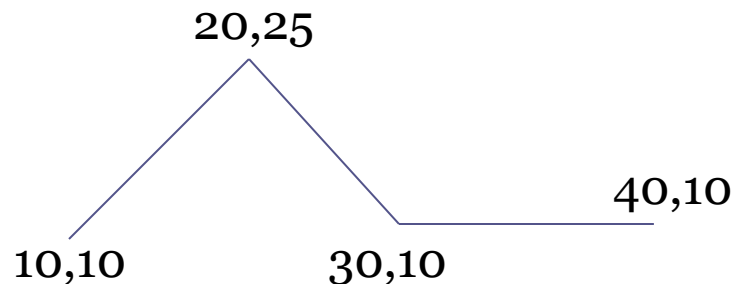
```
);
```

```
SDO_ELEM_INFO
```

```
SDO_ORDINATES
```

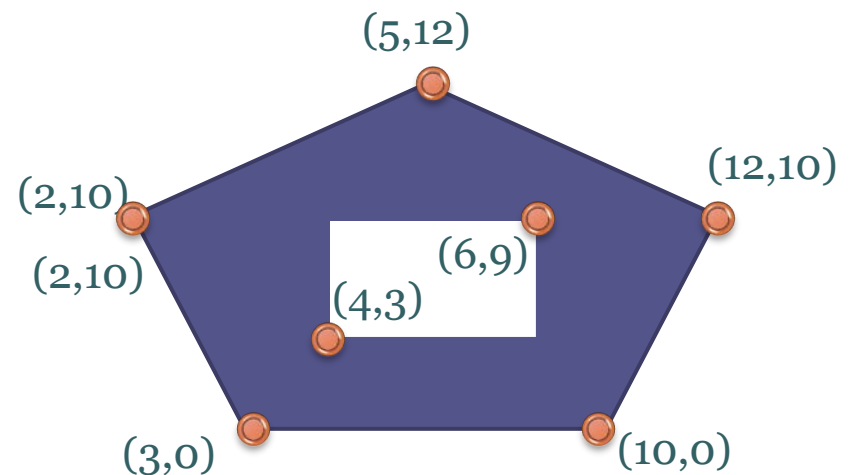
## Examples 2/5 - inserting a line

```
INSERT INTO roads VALUES ('motorway','NYC',etc...,  
  mdsys.sdo_geometry(  
    2002,352257,null,  
    mdsys.sdo_elem_info_array(1,2,1),  
    mdsys.sdo_ordinate_array(10,10, 20,25, 30,10, 40,10))  
);
```

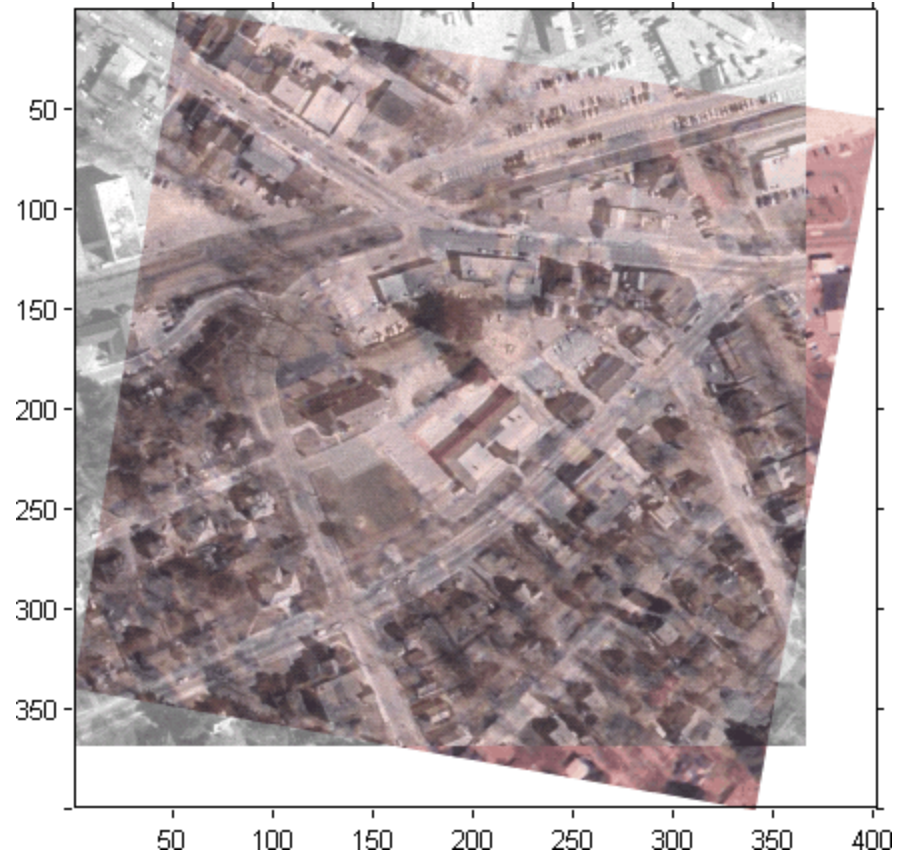


# Examples 3/5 - inserting a polygon

```
INSERT INTO roads VALUES ('motorway','NYC',etc...,  
  mdsys.sdo_geometry(  
    2003,352257,null,  
    mdsys.sdo_elem_info_array(1,1003,1, 13,2003,3),  
    mdsys.sdo_ordinate_array(2,10, 3,0, 10,0, 12,10,  
    5,12, 2,10, 4,3, 6,9))  
);
```



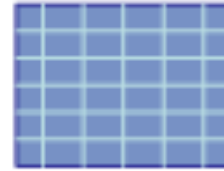
# Oracle Spatial Coordinates System



# Projections

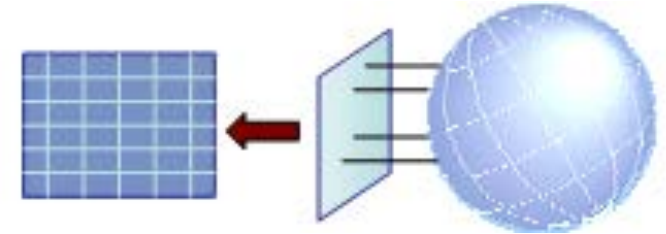
- Projected and Georeferenced

- 2D projection of the global sphere
- Cartesian projections
  - Example : Swiss projection



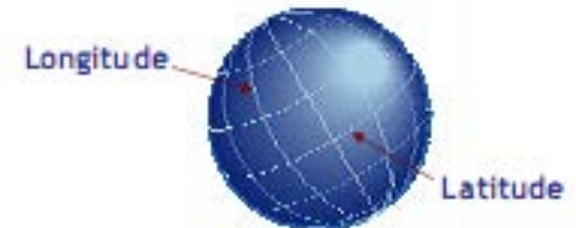
- Not Georeferenced

- Local systems not linked to the earth global representation
- Cartesian projections
  - Example: «non-earth» of MapInfo GIS software



- Georeferenced not projected

- Not projected on a specific plane
- Latitude Longitude positioning system
  - Example: Oracle, decimal degrees  $-180$  to  $180$  and  $-90$  to  $90$
  - Example : WGS84





# SDO\_SRID

- It is a **INTEGER** number that identifies which coordinate system is used by the **SDO\_GEOMETRY**
- The table **MDSYS.CS\_SRS** is defining such reference systems.

Description	Type	Description
CS_NAME	VARCHAR2(68)	Short Name
SRID	NUMBER(38)	Reference System ID
AUTH_SRID	NUMBER(38)	'Oracle'
AUTH_NAME	VARCHAR2(256)	SRID name
WKTEXT	VARCHAR2(2046)	OGC name
CS_BOUNDS	MDSYS.SDO_GEOMETRY	Can be null

# How to Change the SRID?

## 1. Drop Spatial Indexes

```
drop index town_sidx;
```

## 2. Update metadata table

```
update user_sdo_geom_metadata set srid = 352257  
where table_name = 'towns' and column_name = 'geom';
```

## 3. Update the SDO\_SRID of each object

```
update towns t set t.geom.sdo_srid = 352257;
```

## 4. Adjust tolerances

```
update user_sdo_geom_metadata u set u.diminfo =  
mdsys.sdo_dim_array(  
    mdsys.sdo_dim_element('x',400000,600000,0.005),  
    mdsys.sdo_dim_element('y',100000,300000,0.005)),  
where table_name = 'towns' and column_name = 'geom'
```

## 5. Recreate Spatial Indexes

```
create index town_idx on towns(geom)  
indextype is mdsys.spatial_index;
```

# Oracle Spatial Operators

# Spatial Operators

- Make use of spatial indexes
- They **MUST** have a spatial index defined at least for the first spatial type used
- They are only used within the **WHERE** clause

# SDO\_FILTER

SDO\_FILTER(<geometry-1>,<geometry-2>, 'QUERYTYPE=WINDOW' ) = 'TRUE' ;

- geometry-1 (searched object)
  - Must be a column table
  - Must be a SDO\_GEOMETRY
  - Must be indexed
- geometry-2
  - Must be a variable or column table
  - Must be SDO\_GEOMETRY
- 'QUERYTYPE = WINDOW'
  - Necessary parameter
  - Oracle advises to use only WINDOW

```
select s.nom, s.type from sondages s
Where sdo_filter ( s.geom,
mdsys.sdo_geometry (2003,352257,null,
mdsys.sdo_elem_info_array(1,1003,3),
mdsys.sdo_ordinate_array(540300,212500,541300,213500)),
'querytype=WINDOW') = 'TRUE';
```

**SQL EXAMPLE**



# SDO\_RELATE

`SDO_RELATE(<geometry-1>,<geometry-2>, 'MASK=<mask> QUERYTYPE=WINDOW' ) = 'TRUE' ;`

- Used similarly to **SDO\_FILTER**
- You can use **MASK** keywords linked by «+» that means **OR** operation
- For example: **COVEREDBY, TOUCH, INSIDE, ANYINTERACT**

## SQL EXAMPLE

```
select t1.name, t1.name  
from towns t1, towns t2  
where t2.name = 'NYC' and  
sdo_relate ( t1.geom,t2.geom,  
'mask=TOUCH querytype=WINDOW')='TRUE';
```

# SDO\_WITHIN\_DISTANCE

SDO\_WITHIN\_DISTANCE( <geometry-1>,<geometry-2>, 'DISTANCE=<n>,[optional parameters]') = 'TRUE';

- geometry-2
  - A buffer will be created starting from this object
- DISTANCE
  - Distance to be considered
- QUERYTYPE (optional)
  - Using a primary and secondary filter
  - Si QUERYTYPE=FILTER: uses a primary filter only
- UNIT (optionnel)
  - Defines a specific unit measure that can be different from the SRS definition

## SQL EXAMPLE

```
select a.name
from buildings b, streets a
where b.id= 2198376 and
sdo_within_distance
( a.geom,b.geom,'distance=1 UNIT=kilometer')='TRUE';
```

# SDO\_NN (nearest neighbor)

SDO\_NN(<geometry-1>, <geometry-2>, '[paramètres optionnels]') = 'TRUE';

- SDO\_NUM\_RES (optional)
  - number of neighbors to return (default = 1)
- SDO\_BATCH\_SIZE (optional)
  - To be used instead of SDO\_NUM\_RES: it returns subsets of nearest neighbors until all the criteria defined by the « where » condition are satisfied.
- UNIT (optionnel avec l'utilisation de SDO\_NN\_DISTANCE)
  - Measure unit

## SQL EXAMPLE

```
select s.type
from streets s, polls p
where s.id = 1289 and
sdo_nn(s.geom,p.geom,'sdo_num_res=5 unit=meter',1) = 'TRUE';
```

# Oracle Spatial FUNCTIONS

# Spatial Functions

- Are not requiring spatial indexes
- Can be used on small tables without indexing
- Can be used either in the « SELECT » or « WHERE » clauses.
- The input geometries must have the same reference system

# SDO\_GEOM.RELATE

```
SDO_GEOM.RELATE(  
<geometry-1>,'<mask>',<geometry-2>,<tolerance>);
```

- geometry-1 (searched object)
  - SDO\_GEOMETRY object
- geometry-2
  - SDO\_GEOMETRY object
- mask
  - Spatial Relationships to be tested
- tolerance
  - Tolérance on the data granularity
- REMINDER:
  - use SDO\_RELATE in the where clause because SDO\_GEOM.RELATE doesn't use spatial indexing: it is slower

## SQL EXAMPLE

```
select c.name, sdo_geom.relate(d.geom,'determine',t.geom,0.5) relation  
from districts d, towns t  
where d.distname = 'NY' and d.distname = t.district;
```

# Oracle Spatial Analysis

# Spatial Analysis

- Oracle spatial functionalities are used to analyze spatial objects
- The following examples are using spatial functions and operators in order to compute some basic analysis



# Calculate a Surface

SDO\_GEOM.SDO\_AREA (<geometry>, <tolerance> [, <unit>])

- geometry
  - SDO\_GEOMETRY that defines a polygon
- unit
  - Unit of the results: for a list of possible units look

at:

```
select sdo_unit from  
mdsys.sdo_dist_units;
```

```
select sum(sdo_geom.sdo_area(c1.geom,0.5,'unit=sq_meter')) surface  
from towns t1, towns t2  
where t2.name = 'New York' and  
sdo_relate (t1.geom,t2.geom,  
'mask=TOUCH querytype=WINDOW') = 'TRUE';
```

# Calculate the Length

SDO\_GEOM.SDO\_LENGTH (<geometry>, <tolerance> [, <unit>])

```
select name,sdo_geom.sdo_length(geom,0.5,'unit=kilometer') length
from streets
where number = 1234;
```

# Calculate the Distance

SDO\_GEOM.SDO\_DISTANCE (<geometry-1>, <geometry-2>, <tolerance> [, <unit>])

```
select sdo_geom.sdo_distance(f1.geom,f2.geom,0.5) distance
from forests f1, forests f2
where f1.id = 1 and f2.id = 2;
```

# Buffer Calculation

SDO\_GEOM.SDO\_BUFFER (<geometry>, <distance>, <tolerance> [, '<params>'])

- geometry
  - SDO\_GEOMETRY
- distance
  - Distance of the buffer zone
- Returns: SDO\_GEOMETRY

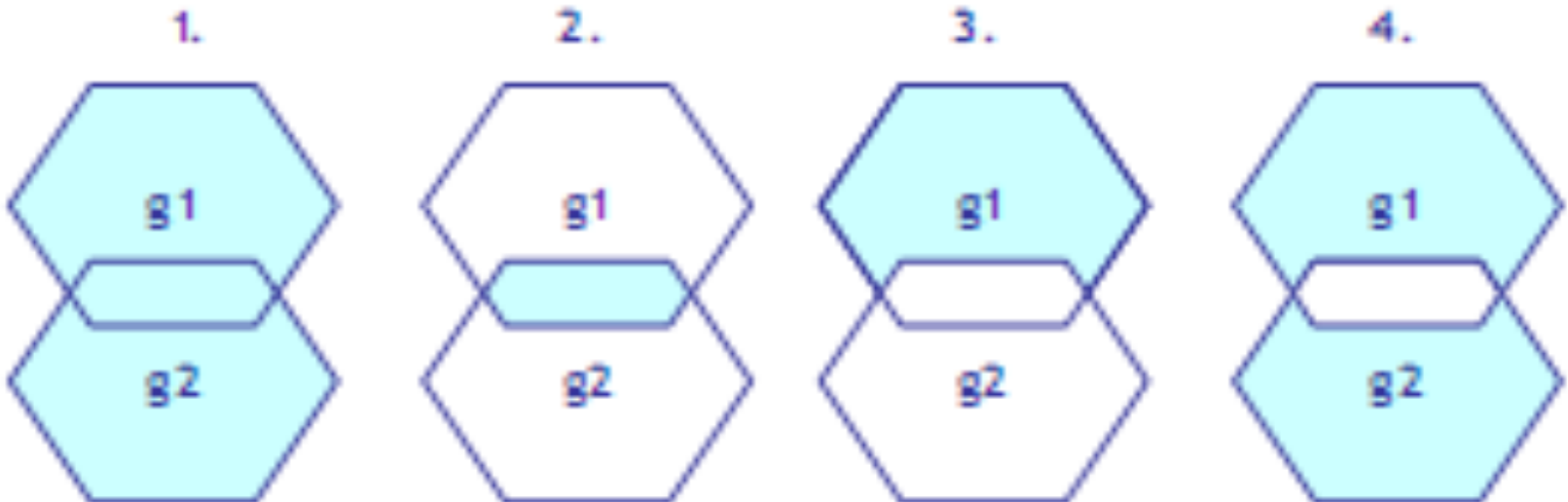


```
select sdo_geom.sdo_buffer (geom,25,0.5,'unit=km') buffer
from streets
where number = 120;
```

# Logic Functions

SDO\_GEOM.SDO\_XXX (<geometry-1>, <geometry-2>, <tolerance>)

1. SDO\_GEOM.SDO\_UNION
2. SDO\_GEOM.SDO\_INTERSECTION
3. SDO\_GEOM.SDO\_DIFFERENCE
4. SDO\_GEOM.SDO\_XOR



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