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YYT-C3002 Application Programming in Engineering

GIS I

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Overview: GIS lectures & exercise

We will deal with GIS application development in two lectures.

Because of the versatility of GIS data models and formats, GIS software applications, and GIS application domains and analyses, we will discuss the development of GIS application *broadly*.

Overview: GIS lectures & exercise

Using software libraries for computation, developing application software and information systems, and working with databases are important topics not only in the field of Geoinformatics.

You will learn:

- To manipulate data with command-line programs in Bash (Unix shell)
- To geoprocess with free and open-source software libraries
- To work with spatial databases and SQL
- To create simple geospatial web services
- Basic architecture of an information system

We will also talk about

- Writing a program for a geoprocessing task and developing a QGIS plugin for it (a desktop GIS extension)

What is a GIS application?

Application software that allows creation, storage, manipulation, analyzing, management, and presenting geospatial data.

Examples: ArcGIS (proprietary), QuantumGIS (FOSS)

Web Map Application

- Often developed for a specific case (limited functionality in comparison to a desktop GIS)
- Distributed systems that serve spatial data/information and utilize remote resources

Spatial operations and analyses (examples)

Geometry operations

Intersection, Union, Difference, Buffer, Clipping, etc.

Intersects, Disjoint, Contains, Touches, Within, etc.

Spatial prediction

Regression; geographically weighted regression (GWR)

Interpolation; Inverse Distance Weighted (IDW), Kriging

Map algebra

Local

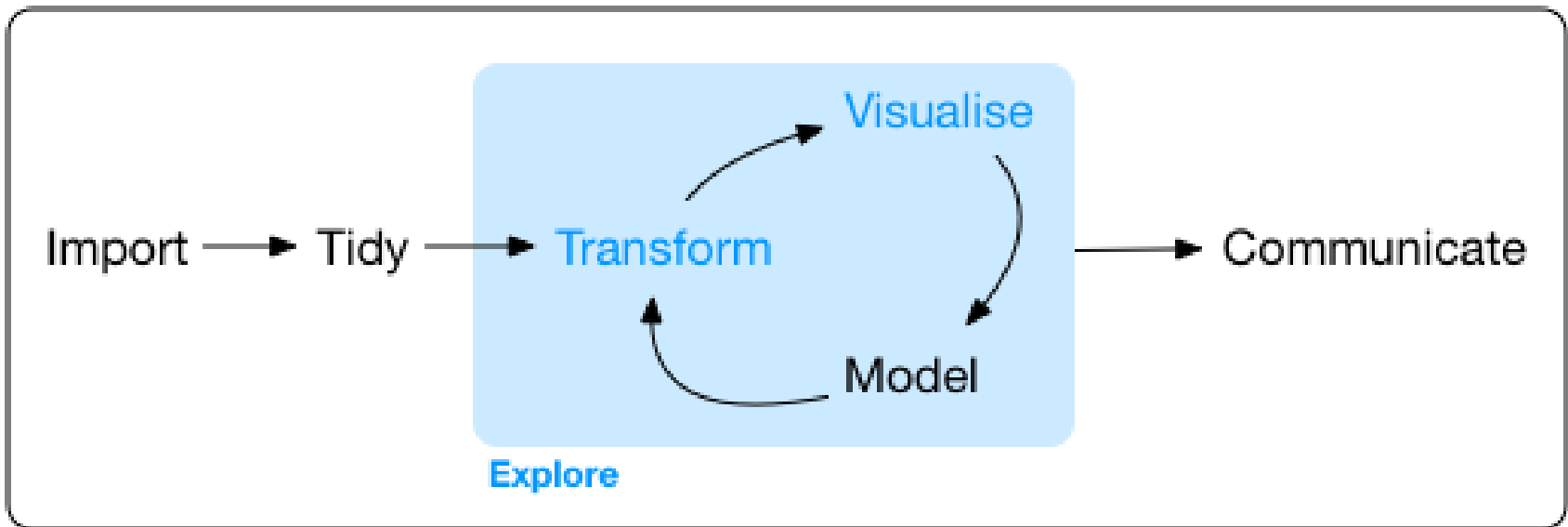
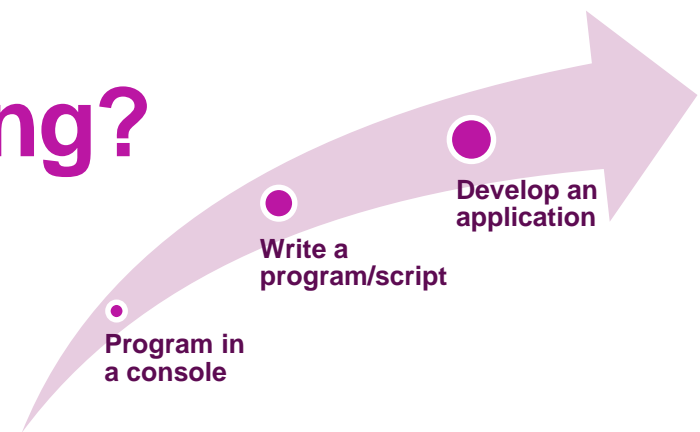
Focal

Zonal

Network analysis

Routing (e.g., road networks, sewer networks)

What kind of programming?



Program

Image sources: Grolemund & Wickham (2017). Available from: <http://r4ds.had.co.nz/explore-intro.html>

GIS application development



Desktop

Extending a GIS application

- ArcGIS add-in
- QGIS plugin

Web-based

Web map application

- Database/spatial DB
- Server-side application, geospatial web services
- Client-side application

Geoprocessing

- Reading/writing libraries
- Vector data geoprocessing libraries
- Raster data geoprocessing libraries

Programming Languages for GIS

A long list! (see for example: <https://www.e-education.psu.edu/geog583/node/67>)

Python

R

JavaScript

SQL

C++

Java

<https://www.codecademy.com/>

<http://www.learnpython.org/>

<http://learnpythonthehardway.org/book/>

<http://www.macwright.org/2012/10/31/gis-with-python-shapely-fiona.html>

Geoprocessing with open source libraries

GEOS

Geometry Engine

Shapely

Python package for manipulation and analysis of planar geometric objects (GEOS bindings)

GDAL

Geospatial Data Abstraction Library (Python, Perl, and other bindings)

Fiona

GDAL Python binding

NumPy

Python extension that provides support for large, multi-dimensional arrays and matrices

PyGRASS

Python API for GRASS GIS (wide range of vector and raster analysis functions)

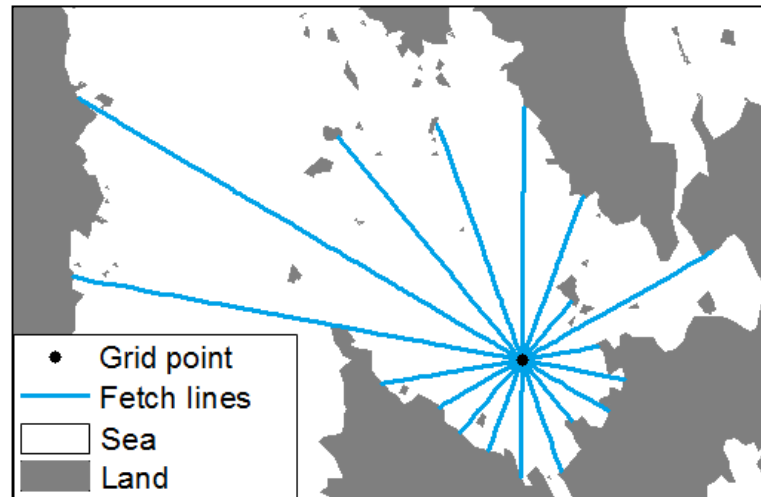
Exercise walkthrough

The exercise following the GIS lectures is divided in two parts.

Most of the tasks of the exercise deal with a specific case, but there are also 'generic' tasks that aim to introduce the databases, spatial databases, and SQL.

Geoprocessing Case

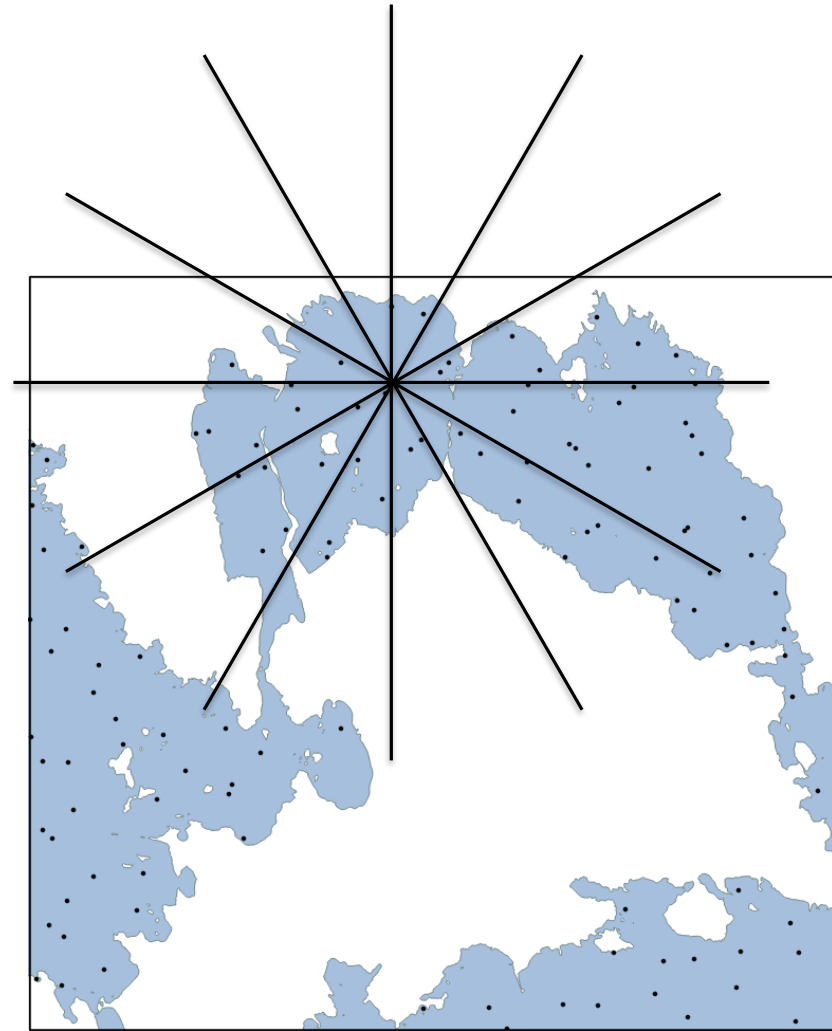
Calculate openness of seawater at coastal areas and inlets



Geoprocessing Case

Datasets we need:

1. The extent of the study area (a polygon vector layer)
2. Sea areas (a polygon vector layer)
3. A grid of points distributed across the sea in the study area (a point vector layer)
4. Lines radiating from each point in the grid (a line vector layer)



Geoprocessing Procedure

- Download the topographic data
- Create polygons of the sea area
- Create a grid of points
- Create radiating lines
- Clip and clean the radiating lines
- Aggregate the fetch lengths around each grid point
- Interpolate an openness grid



Prepare the data

- Command-line tools
- Software library



Do the computations

- Spatial database

Demo...

Working with Bash, a Unix shell

Geoprocessing Procedure

This is ready
for you

Download the topographic data



Search from AVAA portal

Paituli Metadata **Download data** Help Web services FTP and rsync Open your data Contact

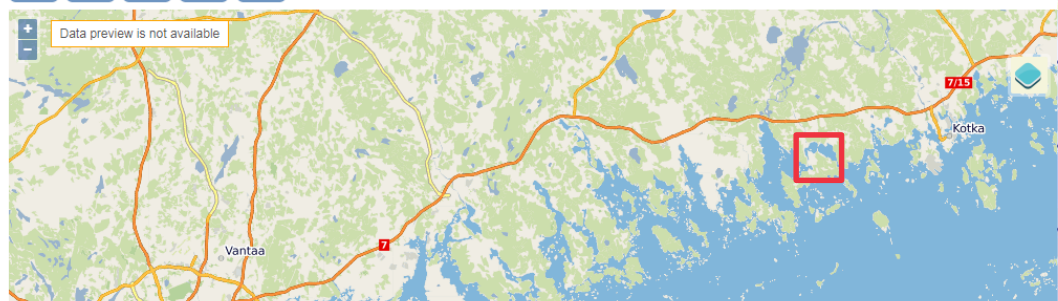
Site map Contact Suomi Login

PalTuli - Spatial data for research and teaching

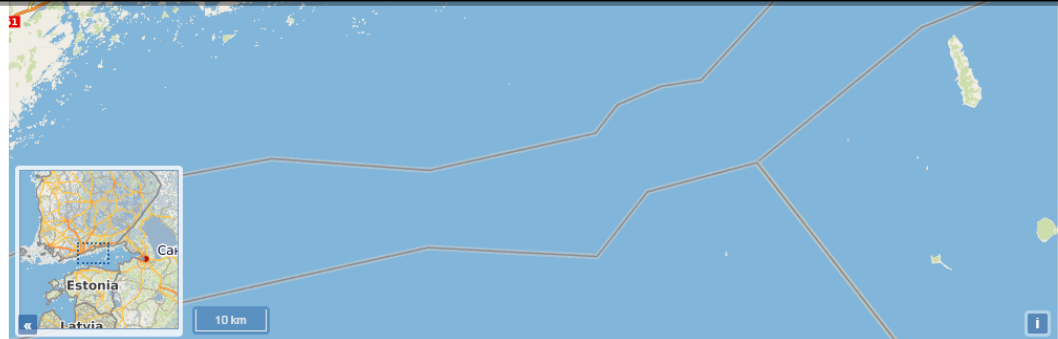
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Producer: --Select data producer--
Data: --
Scale: --
Year: --
Format: --
Coordinate system: --
 Search mapsheets



Search for a location...



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$ wget ftp://ftp.funet.fi/pub/sci/geo/geodata/mml/maastotietokanta/2016/L4/L43
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Geoprocessing Procedure

Create a polygon of the sea area

We need a polygon that represents the sea area to clip the radiating lines (to create fetch lines).


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mxxxxxxp
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$ for dir in extracts/*; do for file in $dir/m*p.*; do cp $file
../mxxxxxxp/m$(basename $dir)p.${file##*.}; done; done
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$ tree topodb
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├── mxxxxxxp
│   └── paituli_downloads
│       └── extracts
│           ├── L4332R.shp.zip
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└── 12 directories, 9 files
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k_L4343R_s.shp
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mxxxxxxp

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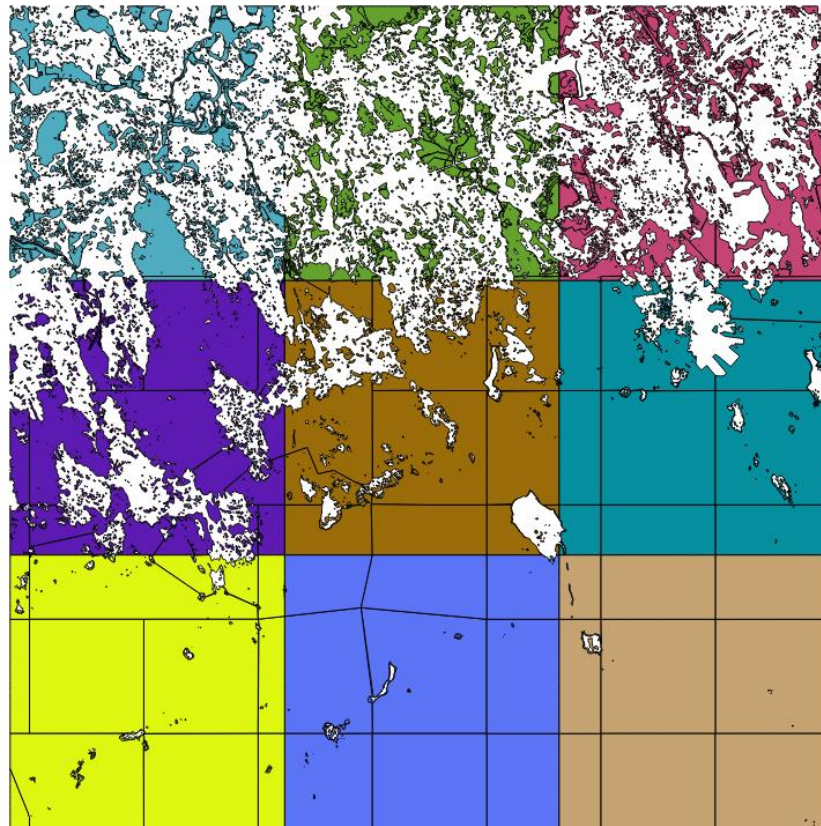
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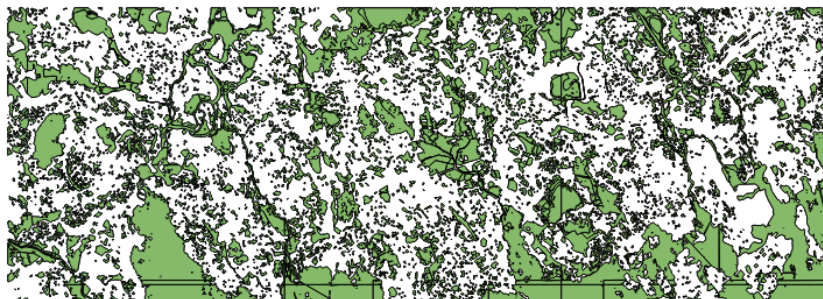
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$ cd ../mxxxxxxp  
$ for shapefile in *.shp; do ogr2ogr -update -append merger.shp  
$shapefile -f "ESRI Shapefile"; done
```



merger :: Features total: 9768, filtered: 9768, selected: 0



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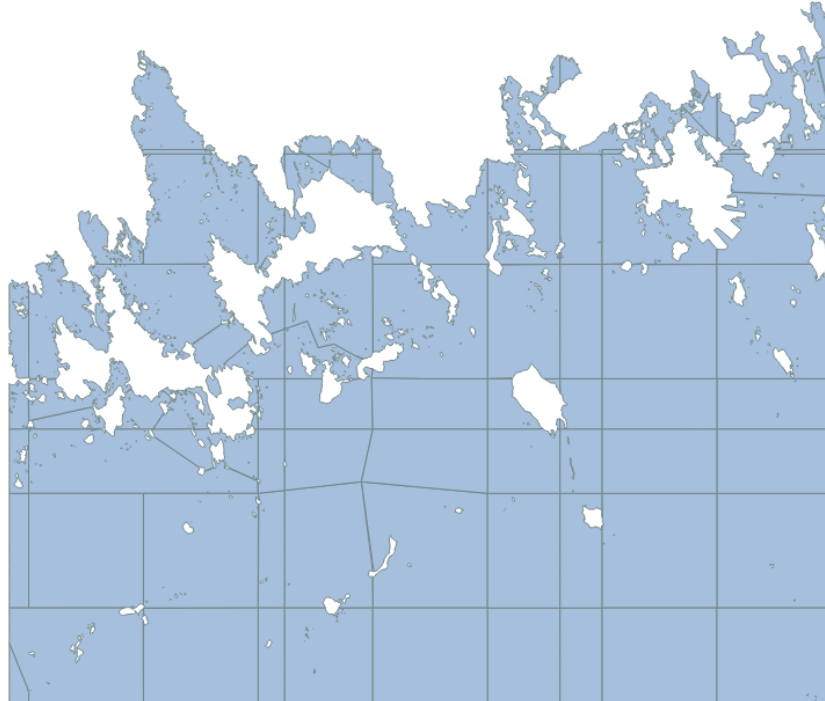
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$shapefile -f "ESRI Shapefile"; done
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$ ogr2ogr -sql "SELECT * FROM merger WHERE LUOKKA=36211"  
sea_water_LUOKKA_36211.shp merger.shp
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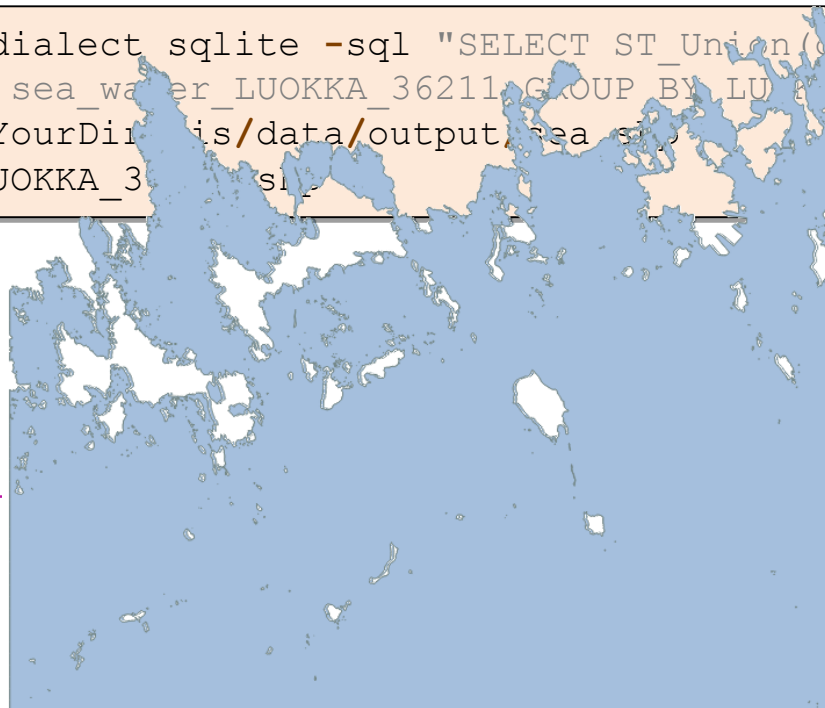
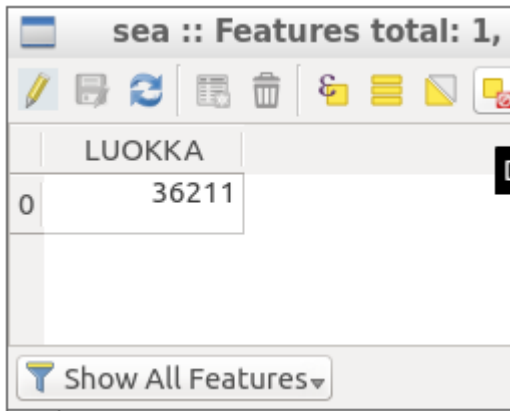
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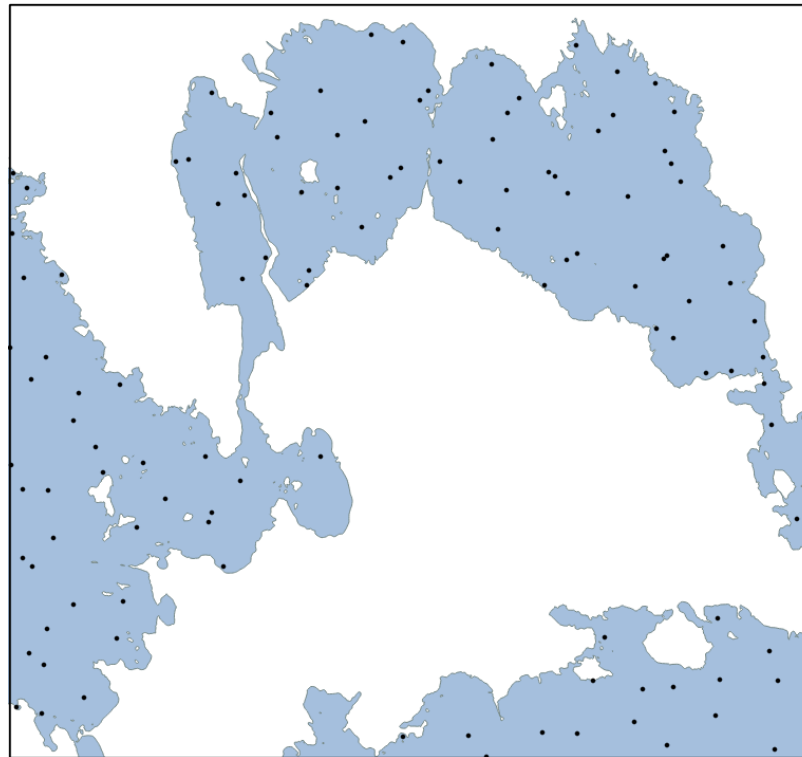
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$ ogr2ogr -dialect sqlite -sql "SELECT ST_Union(geometry),  
LUOKKA FROM sea_water_LUOKKA_36211 GROUP BY LUOKKA"  
/home/user/YourDir/gis/data/output/sea_water_LUOKKA_36211.shp  
sea_water_LUOKKA_36211.sqlite
```



Geoprocessing Procedure

This is ready
for you

Create a grid of points



Attribute table	
	ID ^
20	118
21	119
22	121
23	122
24	123
25	125
26	126
27	127
28	128
29	144
30	147
31	148
32	149
33	150
34	151
35	152
36	153
37	154
38	155
39	156
40	157

```
user@osgeolive: ~  
user@osgeolive:~$ ogrinfo -so -al YourDir/gis/data/input/points.shp  
INFO: Open of `YourDir/gis/data/input/points.shp'  
      using driver `ESRI Shapefile' successful.  
  
Layer name: points  
Geometry: Point  
Feature Count: 117  
Extent: (474508.265256, 6696739.254286) - (480996.155411, 6702691.886560)  
Layer SRS WKT:  
PROJCS["ETRS89_TM35FIN_E_N",  
        GEOGCS["GCS_ETRS_1989",  
              DATUM["European_Terrestrial_Reference_System_1989",  
                    SPHEROID["GRS_1980",6378137,298.257222101]],  
              PRIMEM["Greenwich",0],  
              UNIT["Degree",0.017453292519943295]],  
        PROJECTION["Transverse_Mercator"],  
        PARAMETER["latitude_of_origin",0],  
        PARAMETER["central_meridian",27],  
        PARAMETER["scale_factor",0.9996],  
        PARAMETER["false_easting",500000],  
        PARAMETER["false_northing",0],  
        UNIT["Meter",1]]  
ID: Integer (10.0)  
user@osgeolive:~$
```

Geoprocessing Procedure

Create radiating lines

- Twelve radiating lines from each point in the grid
- Each line is 10000 m in length


```
class pysal.cg.shapes.Point(loc) [source]
```

Geometric class for point objects.

```
class pysal.cg.shapes.Ray(origin, second_p) [source]
```

Geometric representation of ray objects.

o

Point - Origin (point where ray originates)

p

Point - Second point on the ray (not point where ray originates)

```
class pysal.cg.shapes.Chain(vertices) [source]
```

Geometric representation of a chain, also known as a polyline.

vertices

list - List of Points of the vertices of the chain in order.

```
pysal.cg.standalone.get_point_at_angle_and_dist(ray, angle, dist) [source]
```

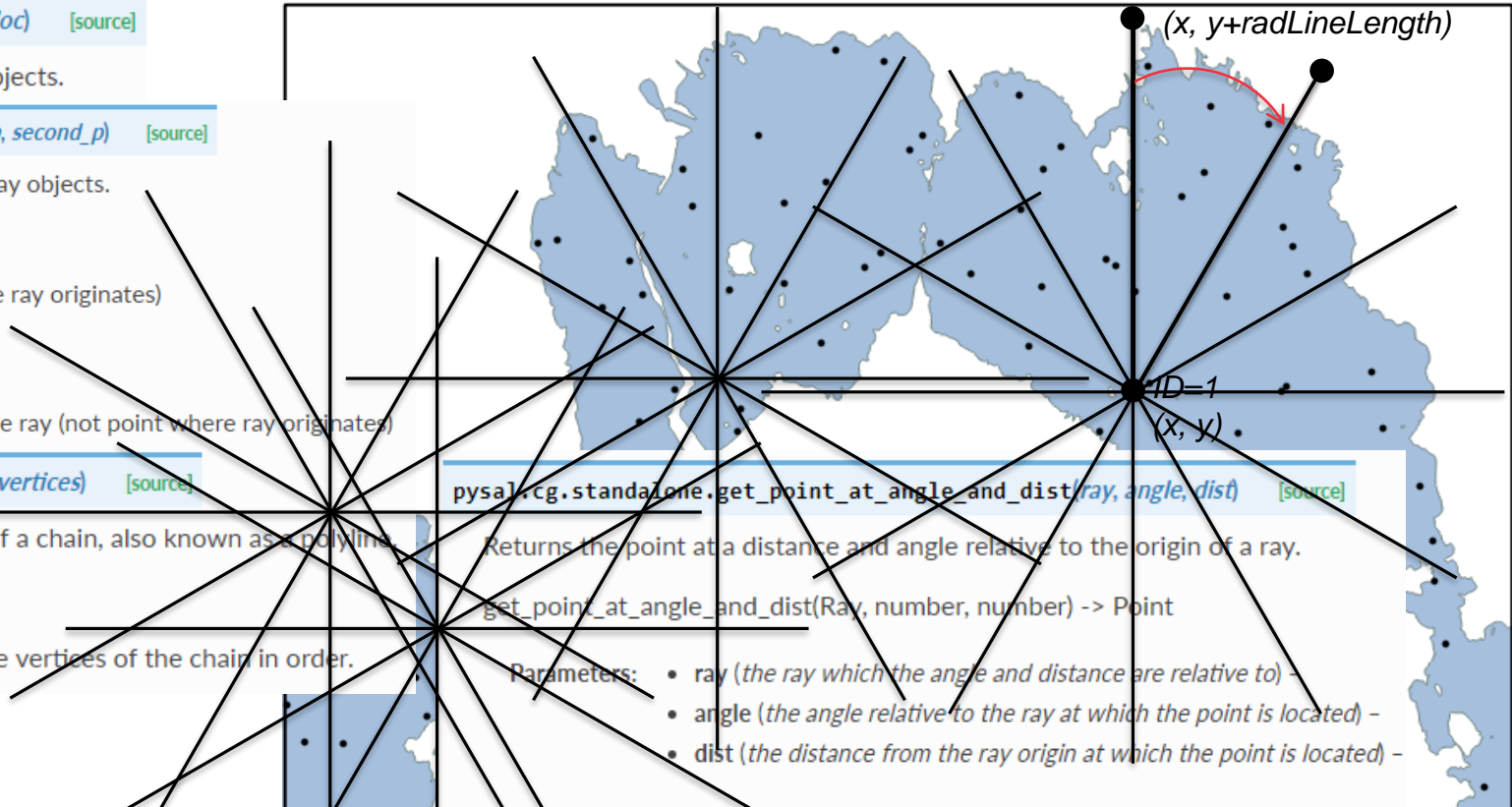
Returns the point at a distance and angle relative to the origin of a ray.

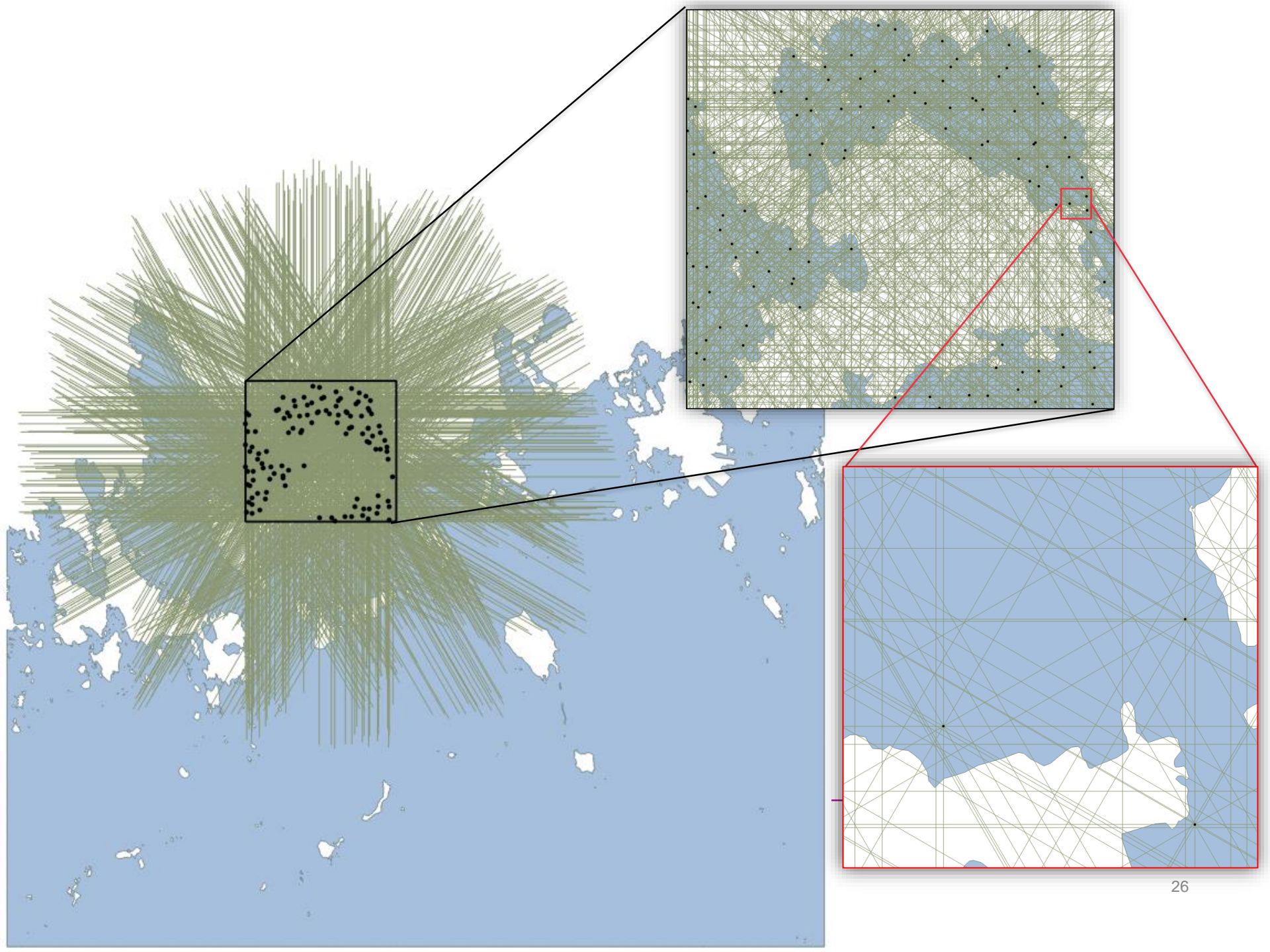
```
get_point_at_angle_and_dist(Ray, number, number) -> Point
```

Parameters:

- ray (the ray which the angle and distance are relative to) -
- angle (the angle relative to the ray at which the point is located) -
- dist (the distance from the ray origin at which the point is located) -

```
for p in range(len(pt)):  
    id = ptAtt.read_record(p)  
    origin = pt.get(p)  
    lineEnd = pysal.cg.shapes.Point((pt.get(p)[0], pt.get(p)[1] + radLineLength))  
    ray = pysal.cg.shapes.Ray(origin, lineEnd)  
    line = pysal.cg.shapes.Chain([origin, lineEnd])  
    radLines.write(line)  
    radLinesAtt.write(id)  
    for r in range(numRadLines-1):  
        lineEnd = pysal.cg.standalone.get_point_at_angle_and_dist(ray, angle, radLineLength)  
        ray = pysal.cg.shapes.Ray(origin, lineEnd)  
        line = pysal.cg.shapes.Chain([origin, lineEnd])  
        radLines.write(line)  
        radLinesAtt.write(id)
```





Adding a user-interface

Command-line

- raw_input()

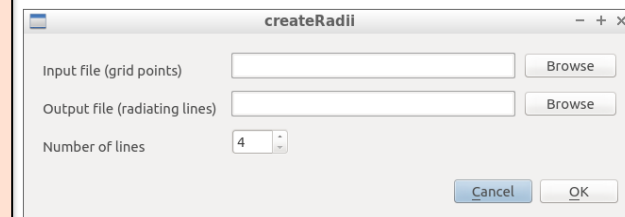
- optparse

(<https://docs.python.org/2/library/optparse.html>)

GUI

- QGIS Plugin

- ArcGIS Add-in



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```
# Import necessary libraries
import pysal # To read and write Shapefiles and do basic geometry calculations
import math # To use the number Pi for calculating the angle in Radian
# Full path to input Shapefile (a grid of points)
inFile = "/home/user/YourDir/gis/data/input/points.shp"
# Full path to output Shapefile (radiating lines)
outFile = "/home/user/YourDir/gis/data/output/rad_lines.shp"
# Length of a radiating line
radLineLength = 10000
# Number of lines to be created around each point
numRadLines = 12
# Calculate the deviating angle between consecutive lines based on 'numRadLines'
angle = (math.pi * 2) / numRadLines # in Radian
# Open (read only) the input Shapefile '.shp' and its attribute table '.dbf'.
pt = pysal.open(inFile.split(".")[0] + ".shp","r")
ptAtt = pysal.open(inFile.split(".")[0] + ".dbf","r")
# Open (for writing ) the output Shapefile '.shp' and its attribute table '.dbf'
radLines = pysal.open(outFile.split(".")[0] + ".shp","w")
radLinesAtt = pysal.open(outFile.split(".")[0] + ".dbf","w")

# Assign for the output attribute table the same header and properties of the input attribute table
radLinesAtt.header = ptAtt.header
radLinesAtt.field_spec = ptAtt.field_spec
# Loop over each point in the grid
for p in range(len(pt)):
    # Read the ID of the point (to assign it to all lines around the point)
    id = ptAtt.read_record(p)
    origin = pt.get(p) # Get the point in question
    # Create the first radiating line
    lineEnd = pysal.cg.shapes.Point((pt.get(p)[0], pt.get(p)[1] + radLineLength))
    ray = pysal.cg.shapes.Ray(origin, lineEnd)
    line = pysal.cg.shapes.Chain([origin, lineEnd])
    # Write the line and its ID to the output Shapefile
    radLines.write(line)
    radLinesAtt.write(id)
    # Now that the first line is created, start creating the remaining lines around the point.
    # Loop over the remaining lines
    for r in range(numRadLines-1):
        lineEnd = pysal.cg.standalone.get_point_at_angle_and_dist(ray, angle, radLineLength)
        ray = pysal.cg.shapes.Ray(origin, lineEnd)
        line = pysal.cg.shapes.Chain([origin, lineEnd])
        # Write the line and its ID to the output Shapefile
        radLines.write(line)
        radLinesAtt.write(id)
# Close all files
pt.close()
ptAtt.close()
radLines.close()
radLinesAtt.close()
```

radlines.py

```
from optparse import OptionParser
from create_radiating_lines import createRadiatingLines

parser = OptionParser(usage='Create radiating lines around points.')
parser.add_option('-i', '--input', type=str, help='A point vector layer (.shp)')
parser.add_option('-o', '--output', type=str, help='Name of the output Shapefile (radiating lines)')
parser.add_option('-n', '--lines', type=int, default=12, help='Number of lines to be created')
opt, args = parser.parse_args()

createRadiatingLines(opt.input, opt.output, opt.lines)
print "Done!"
```

Adding a user-interface

create_radiating_lines.py

```
import pysal
import math
def createRadiatingLines(input, output, lines):
    inFile = input
    outFile = output
    numRadLines = lines
    radLineLength = 10000
    # Deviating angle between consecutive lines in Radian
    angle = (math.pi * 2) / numRadLines
    pt = pysal.open(inFile).sp
    ptAtt = pysal.open(inFile).att
    radLines = pysal.open(outFile).sp
    radLinesAtt = pysal.open(outFile).att
    radLinesAtt.header = ptAtt.header
    radLinesAtt.field_spec = ptAtt.field_spec
    # Loop over each point in the input Shapefile
    for p in range(len(pt)):
        id = ptAtt.read_record(p)
        origin = pt.get(p) # Get the point coordinates
        lineEnd = pysal.cg.shapes.Point(origin)
        ray = pysal.cg.shapes.Ray(origin, lineEnd)
        line = pysal.cg.shapes.Chain([origin, lineEnd])
        # Write the line and its ID to the output Shapefile
        radLines.write(line)
        radLinesAtt.write(id)
    # Create the remaining lines
    for r in range(numRadLines):
        lineEnd = pysal.cg.standalone.get_point_at_angle_and_dist(ray, angle, radLineLength)
        ray = pysal.cg.shapes.Ray(origin, lineEnd)
        line = pysal.cg.shapes.Chain([origin, lineEnd])
        # Write the line and its ID to the output Shapefile
        radLines.write(line)
        radLinesAtt.write(id)
    # Close all files
    pt.close()
    ptAtt.close()
    radLines.close()
    radLinesAtt.close()
```

```
$ python radlines.py --help
Usage: Create radiating lines around points.
```

```
Options:
  -h, --help            show this help message and exit
  -i INPUT, --input=INPUT
                        A point vector layer (.shp)
  -o OUTPUT, --output=OUTPUT
                        Name of the output Shapefile (radiating lines)
  -n LINES, --lines=LINES
                        Number of lines to be created
```

```
$ python radlines.py -i points.shp -o radlines_36.shp -n 36
```

Extending a desktop GIS

QGIS plugin

An example plugin

Resources for developers:

<http://docs.qgis.org/2.8/pdf/en/QGIS-2.8-PyQGISDeveloperCookbook-en.pdf>

http://docs.qgis.org/testing/en/docs/pyqgis_developer_cookbook/index.html

http://docs.qgis.org/testing/en/docs/pyqgis_developer_cookbook/plugins.html

http://www.qgistutorials.com/en/docs/building_a_python_plugin.html

<http://nathanw2.github.io/dmsnz-pyqgis-workshop/started/>

Plugin Builder

Plugin Reloader



PyQt4: A cross-platform application and UI framework

Qt Designer

Extending a desktop GIS

QGIS plugin

Plugin files ¶

Here's the directory structure of our example plugin

```
PYTHON_PLUGINS_PATH/  
MyPlugin/  
  __init__.py  --> *required*  
  mainPlugin.py --> *required*  
  metadata.txt --> *required*  
  resources.qrc --> *likely useful*  
  resources.py  --> *compiled version, likely useful*  
  form.ui       --> *likely useful*  
  form.py       --> *compiled version, likely useful*
```

What is the meaning of the files:

- `__init__.py` = The starting point of the plugin. It has to have the `classFactory()` method and may have any other initialisation code.
- `mainPlugin.py` = The main working code of the plugin. Contains all the information about the actions of the plugin and the main code.
- `resources.qrc` = The .xml document created by Qt Designer. Contains relative paths to resources of the forms.
- `resources.py` = The translation of the .qrc file described above to Python.
- `form.ui` = The GUI created by Qt Designer.
- `form.py` = The translation of the form.ui described above to Python.
- `metadata.txt` = Required for QGIS >= 1.8.0. Contains general info, version, name and some other metadata used by plugins website and plugin infrastructure. Since QGIS 2.0 the metadata from `__init__.py` are not accepted anymore and the `metadata.txt` is required.

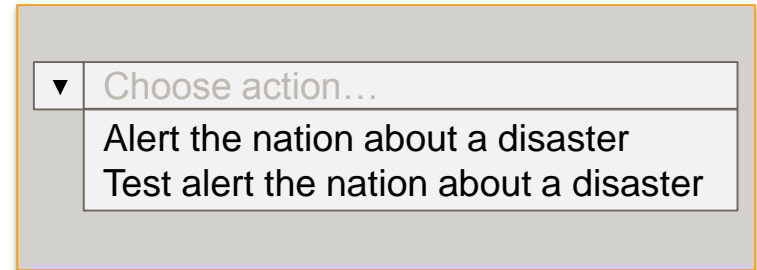
Extending a desktop GIS

ArcGIS add-in

An example add-in: Shape Metrics toolbox
(http://clear.uconn.edu/tools/Shape_Metrics/download.htm)

A free online course on customizing ArcGIS and developing an ESRI Add-In is available from the Department of Geography, Penn State University, at: <https://www.e-education.psu.edu/geog489/>

User-interface development



User interface

- Command-line
- Graphical

Usability Engineering¹ (not only for the UI)

- A system should be easy to learn and remember, be efficient in performing tasks, have low error rates and easy recovery from errors, and be pleasant to use¹

Human-computer interaction²

Designing a user interface (for geospatial applications)³

¹ Nielsen, J. (1993). Usability Engineering. San Diego: Academic press, San diego, CA. 362 p.

² Skarlatidou, A. (2010). Web-mapping applications and HCI considerations for their design. In: M. Haklay (Ed.), Interacting with Geospatial Technologies. Wiley Blackwell, UK, pp. 245–264.

³ Nivala, A. M., Sarjakoski, L. T., Sarjakoski, T. (2007). Usability methods' familiarity among map application developers. International journal of human-computer studies, 65(9), 784-795.

Geoprocessing Procedure

- Download the topographic data
- Create polygons of the sea area
- Create a grid of points
- Create radiating lines

- Clip and clean the radiating lines
- Aggregate the fetch lengths around each grid point
- Interpolate an openness grid

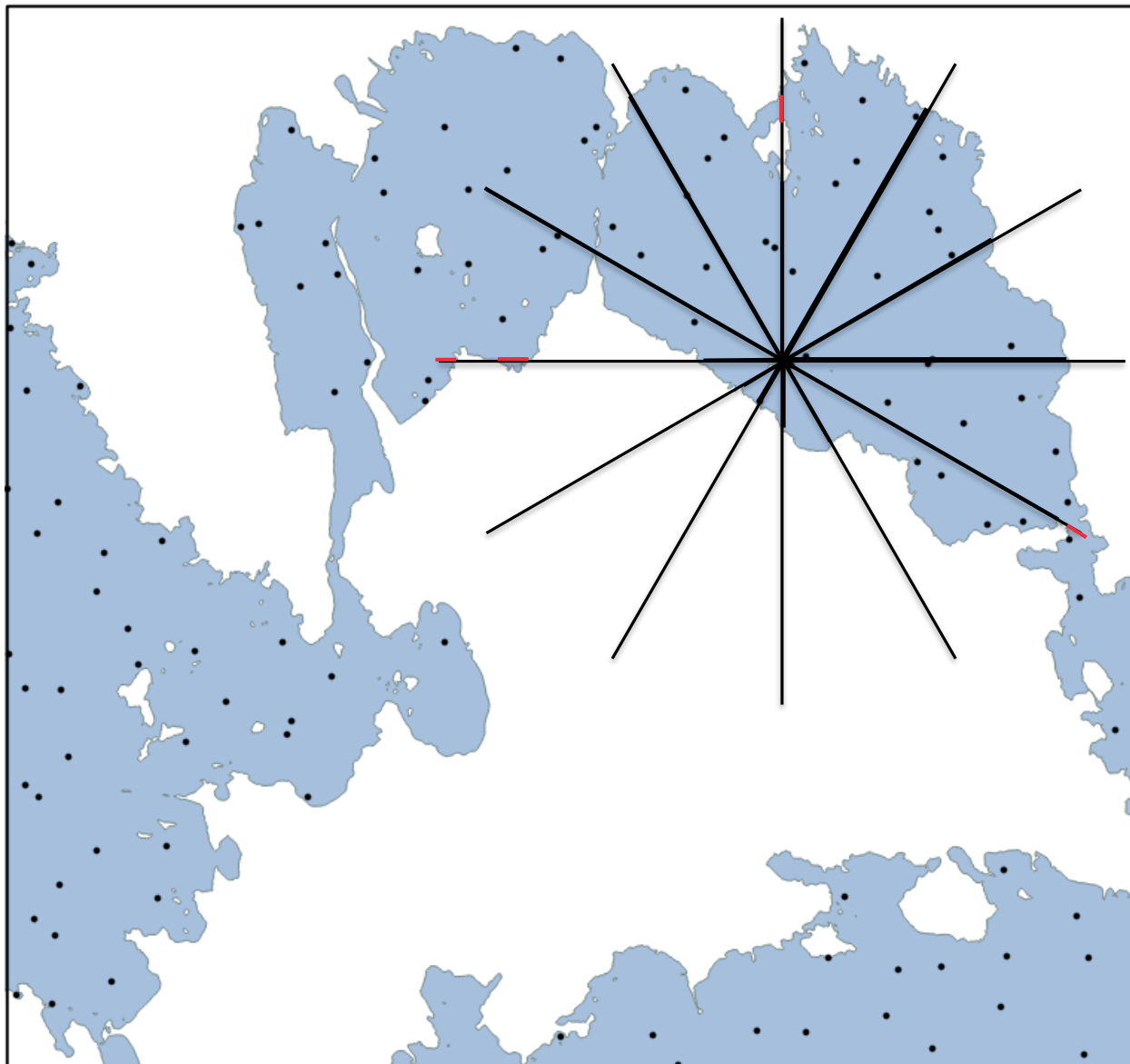
Prepare the data

- Command-line tools
- Software library

Part II – next
lecture & exercise

Do the computations

- Spatial database



Geoprocessing Software

We will use OSGeo-Live VM

“A self-contained bootable DVD, USB thumb drive or Virtual Machine based on Ubuntu, that allows trying a wide variety of open source geospatial software without installing anything”¹

All software applications and tools needed for our exercise (and many more) are available in this virtual machine.

¹ Source: <https://live.osgeo.org>

Geoprocessing Software

Bash (Unix shell) command-line interface

<code>cd</code>	Changes location to another directory
<code>mkdir</code>	Creates a new directory
<code>for</code>	Runs a command (or more) for a set of items in a list
<code>unzip</code>	Extracts compressed files from a ZIP archive
<code>cp</code>	Copies files or directories

GDAL/OGR – A translator library for raster and vector spatial data formats

`ogr2ogr` A command-line program that allows manipulating vector data and converting between various file formats

QGIS – An open-source desktop GIS

Geoprocessing Software

Python & libraries

PySAL A Python library for spatial analysis

PostgreSQL & PostGIS – An open source object-relational database management system with a spatial extension

pgAdmin An administration platform for PostgreSQL with GUI
SQL Structured Query Language – a standard language for accessing and managing databases

GeoServer – An open-source server for publishing geospatial

WMS Web Map Service
WFS Web Feature Service

Exercise material

<code>gis</code>	This is the main directory.
<code> </code>	
<code> __code</code>	Here you find the code in all listings in this document.
<code> </code>	
<code> __data</code>	
<code> </code>	
<code> __input</code>	Here you find the input data.
<code> </code>	
<code> __output</code>	[<i>empty</i>] Here you can save the output data.
<code> </code>	
<code> __libraries</code>	Here you find the PySAL library that we will install and use for geoprocessing.
<code> </code>	
<code> __ready</code>	Here you find readymade data: the data you need to produce yourself in some steps during the exercise. You should use the data you produce, but if you find yourself stuck at one point, you can use the data in this directory to proceed with the exercise.

Next lecture & exercise ...

In the next lecture, we will talk about web map applications and their design and architecture;

Web GIS planning and design

Database (geospatial data queries)

Server-side application (geospatial web services)

Client-side application (geospatial data loading and rendering)

In the next exercise, we will work with *PostGIS* and perform spatial queries and analysis. We will also set spatial data services using *Geoserver*.