



PostgreSQL

# HARNESSING THE POWER OF POSTGRES FOR GIS

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# TODAY'S ROADMAP



# FACT about GIS

According to Waldo Tobler, is  
"everything is related to  
everything else, but near things  
are more related than distant  
things



**Waldo R. Tobler**

American geographer and cartographer

# FACT about GIS

**GIS** (Geographic Information System) is like a special tool that helps us understand and analyse this spatial data. It helps us answer questions like:

- Which houses are closest to the park?
- What's the fastest route to deliver pizzas?
- Where are the best places to plant trees?

**Spatial** refers to anything related to positions, distances, shapes, and sizes on that map

# GIS market forecast to 2025



**Geographic Information System Market**  
Global Forecast to 2025

Geographic Information System Market is expected to reach **\$14.5 Billion by 2025**

Growing at a **CAGR of 12.4% (2020 - 2025)**

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Are you market expert ?

Are you learner ?

# GIS is evergreen trend

## Govt banks on GIS mapping for realistic RR rates in 2024

Nisha Nambiar / TNN / Updated: Nov 5, 2023, 07:09 IST

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## Geospatial Horizons 2024: Trends and transformations in GIS

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# GIS is evergreen trend



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NEST Division @MEAIndia organised a round table on #Geospatial Industry in India: #Opportunities for #Trade, #Commerce & #Tech Collaboration Globally. Presentations were made by @GWChamber and industry reps. Officers from several Indian missions attended virtually.



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Effective use of Geospatial Technology for e-Governance in Madhya Pradesh

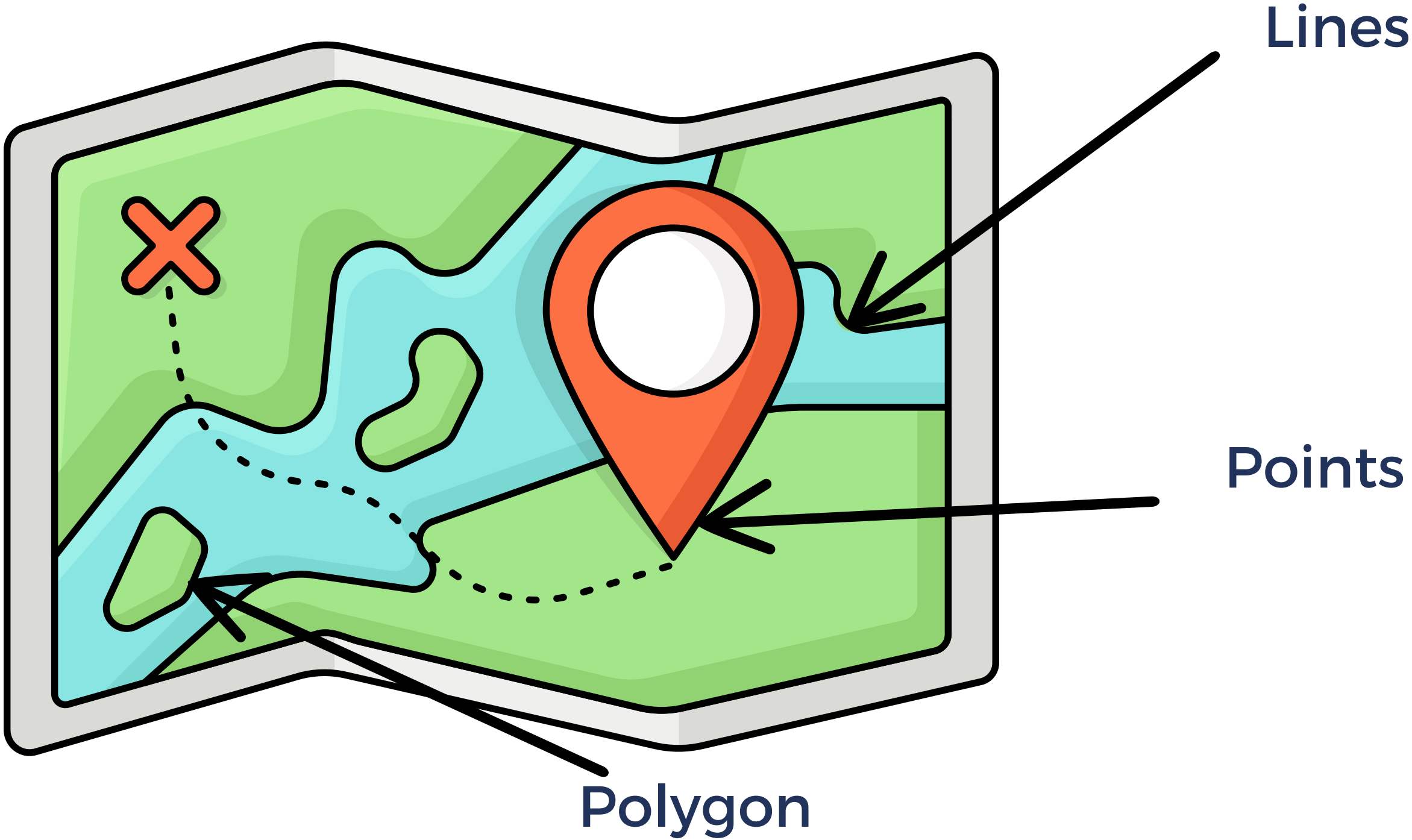
The Government of Madhya Pradesh launches a coffee table book on its e-governance initiatives at the 26th National e-Governance Conference.

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# Spatial Data Types



# Data format

- **GeoJSON**
- **KML**
- **SHP**
- **Many more...**

<https://geojson.io/#map=7.18/0.622/102.694>

# Data format

## GeoJSON

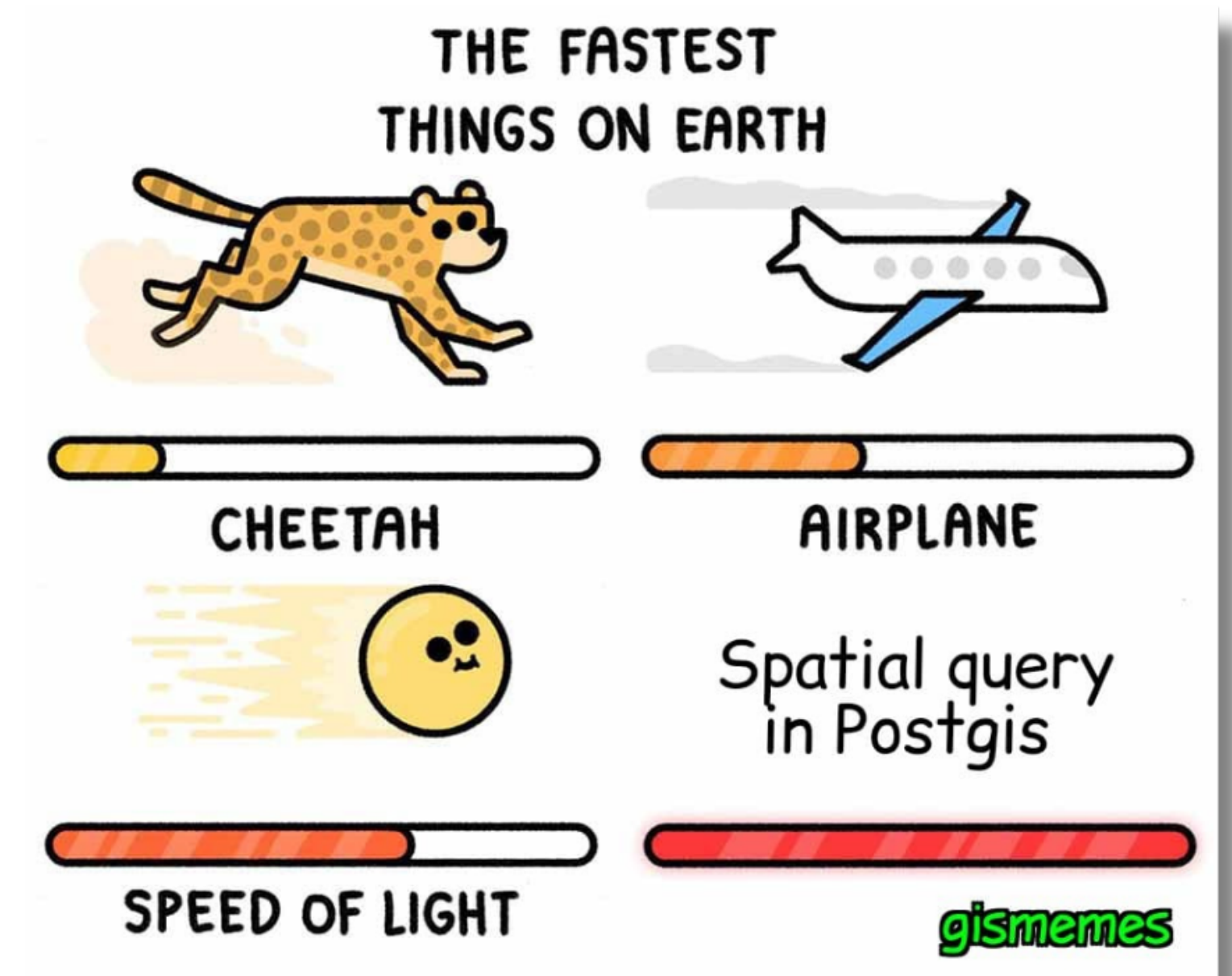
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    },
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            [100.0, 1.0], [100.0, 0.0] ]
        ]
      },
      "properties": {
        "prop0": "value0",
        "prop1": { "this": "that" }
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

# Data format

## SHP

- POINT.dbf
- POINT.prj
- POINT.shp
- POINT.shx
- POLYGON.dbf
- POLYGON.prj
- POLYGON.shp
- POLYGON.shx
- POLYLINE.dbf
- POLYLINE.prj
- POLYLINE.shp
- POLYLINE.shx

# PostGIS



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PostGIS



Spatial PostgreSQL

PostGIS turn PostgreSQL database management system into a spatial database by adding support for three functions spatial types, indexes and functions

# PostGIS

## BEFORE POSTGIS – 2000

- PostgreSQL already has “geometric types”.
- Are too limited for GIS data and analysis.
- They were built for academic research purposes and are more suitable for computer graphics than GIS use



# PostGIS Functions

Earth is the primary key

Spatial is universal key by itself.





# PostGIS Functions

ST\_Area()

ST\_DWithin()

ST\_Contains()

Many more...

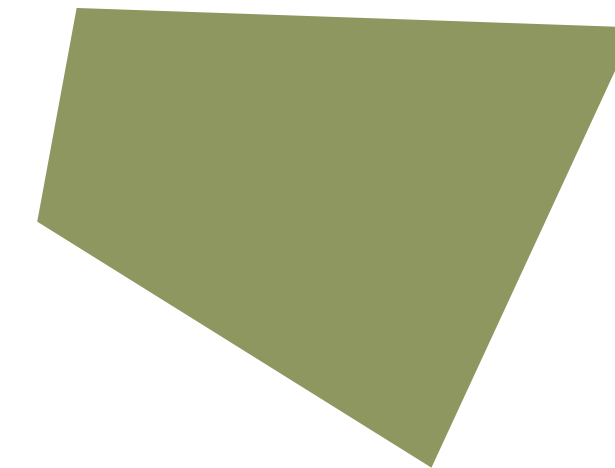
# PostGIS Functions

## ST\_Area()

Find the area of polygon in desire measurement units

```
select ST_Area(geom) sqft,  
       ST_Area(geom) * 0.3048 ^ 2 sqm  
from (  
  select 'SRID=2249;POLYGON((743238 2967416,743238 2967450,  
                             743265 2967450,743265.625 2967416,743238 2967416))' :: geometry geom  
) subquery;
```

| sqft    | sqm         |
|---------|-------------|
| 928.625 | 86.27208552 |



# PostGIS Functions

## ST\_DWithin()

- Find the nearest hospital to each school
- That is within 3000 units of the school.



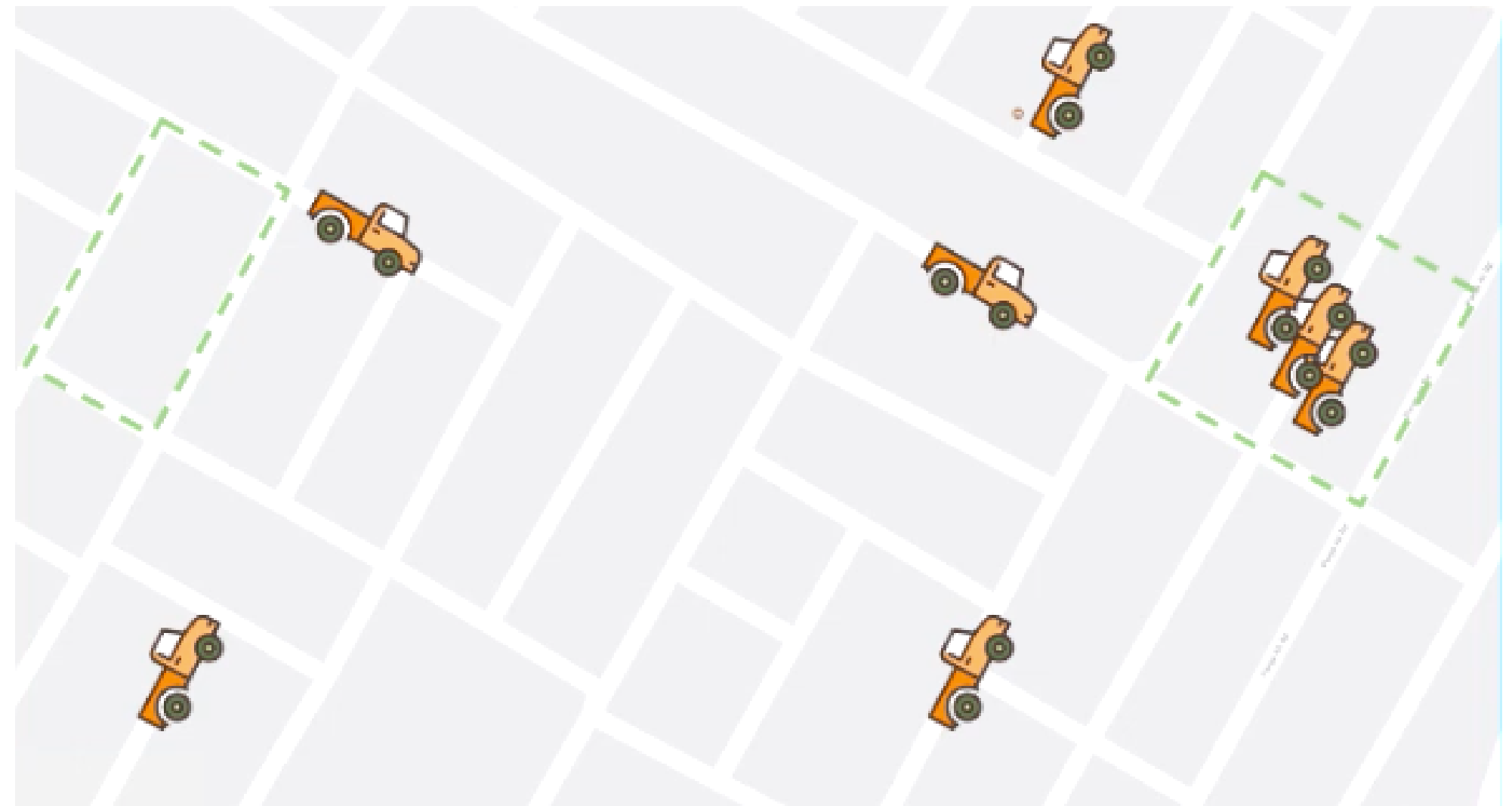
# PostGIS Functions

```
SELECT DISTINCT ON (s.gid) s.gid, s.school_name, s.geom, h.hospital_name
FROM schools s
LEFT JOIN hospitals h ON ST_DWithin(s.geom, h.geom, 3000)
ORDER BY s.gid, ST_Distance(s.geom, h.geom);
```

# PostGIS Functions

## ST\_Contains()

What trucks are in the service depots?



# PostGIS Functions

```
SELECT yards. id, trucks.*  
FROM trucks t  
JOIN yards y  
ON ST_Contains (y.geom,  
t.geom)  
WHERE Y.code =  
'service'
```

# PostGIS Functions

- `ST_Intersects()`
- `ST_CoveredBy()`
- `ST_Covers()`
- `ST_Disjoin()`
- `ST_Equals()`
- `ST_Overlaps()`
- `ST_Touches()`
- `ST_ConvexHull()`
- `ST_Union()`

Many...

# PostGIS Table

```
CREATE TABLE my_table (  
geog GEOGRAPHY (Point, 4326);
```

```
CREATE TABLE my_table (  
id INTEGER SERIAL PRIMARY KEY, name VARCHAR (28), geom GEOMETRY (Point, 26910);
```



# Real World of GIS

Geographic Information System (GIS) Market Segmentation by Product Type:

- Hardware
- Software

Geographic Information System (GIS) Market Segmentation by Product Application:

- Agriculture
- Construction
- Transportation
- Utilities
- Mining
- Oil & Gas

# Real World of GIS

## Healthcare: Enhancing Accessibility and Planning

- Mapping hospitals, diseases, and people helps us:
- Place new hospitals where they're needed most.
- Fight disease outbreaks faster.
- Manage healthcare resources efficiently.



# Real World of GIS

## Agriculture: Transforming Farming Practices

India's farmers are using maps to:

- Grow better crops: See soil health, water needs, and predict yields.
- Plan smarter: Decide where to plant what, manage resources, and avoid waste.
- Fight problems: Track pests, diseases, and weather threats.



# Real World of GIS

## Agriculture: Transforming Farming Practices

The Indian government is working on these maps to help farmers succeed and boost food production.

# Resources



<https://bit.ly/42PyURq>

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