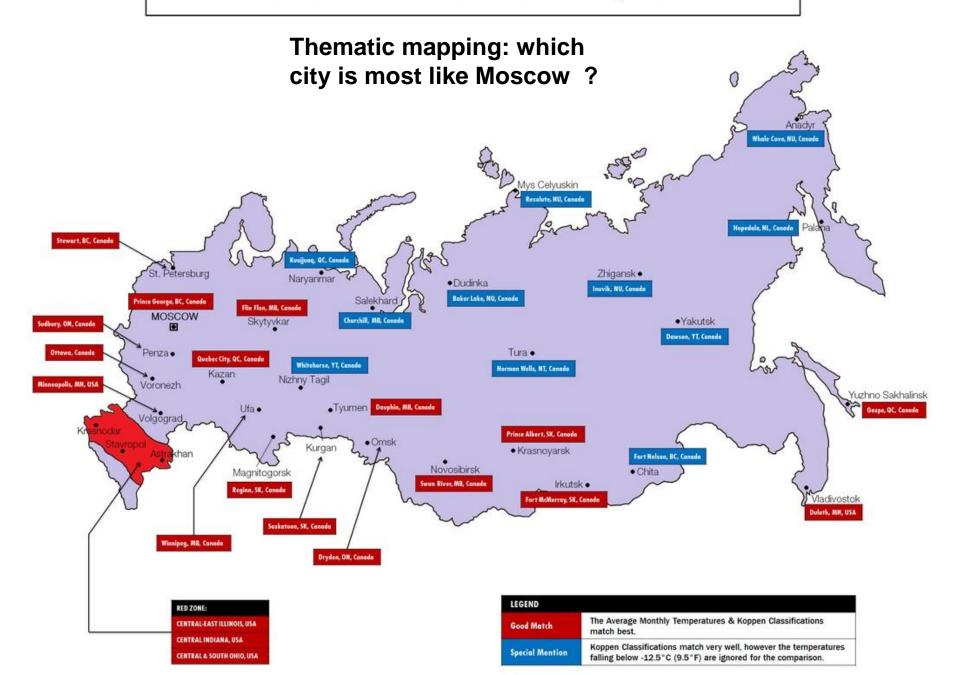
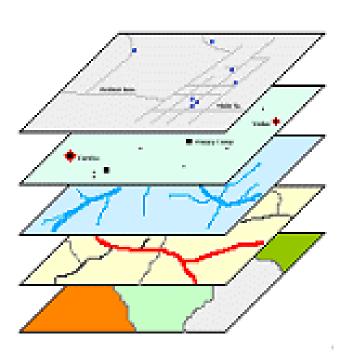
#### Places in the World whose Climates match with places in RUSSIA



### Coordinate map systems and Georeferencing

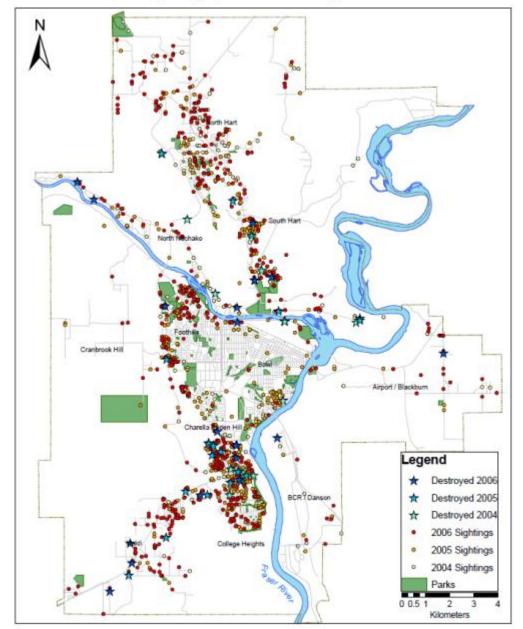
Bear Sightings, Prince George 2004-2006



Registered map layers

digital mapping needs coordinates

- local for local mapping
- global for global datasets



### Registration vs Referencing

#### **Registration:**

-lining up the layers together

#### Georeferencing: Linking layers to coordinates



Flat Earth options:— if only it was flat, this would be a very short lecture



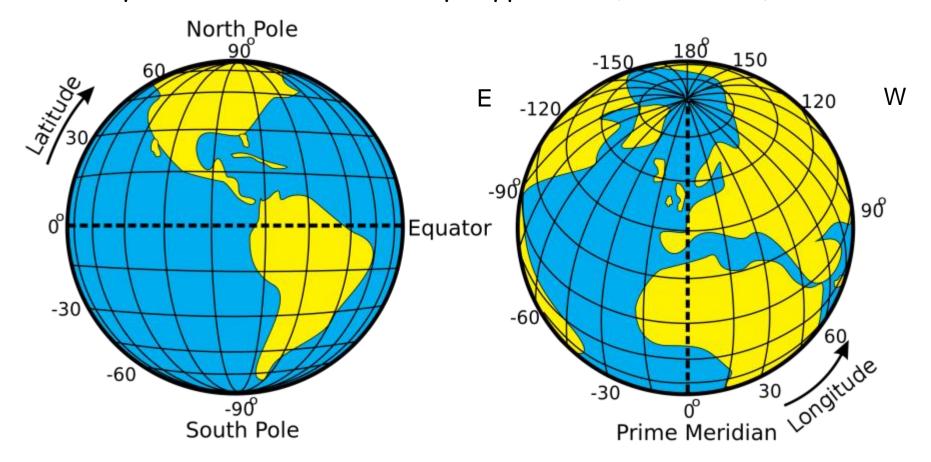


We're pretty sure the Earth is not 'flat': the Rockies from Space Station



# Coordinate map systems 1. The Earth's Graticule: Latitude - Longitude

- The graticule is the imaginary grid of lines running east-west lines of latitude (parallels) and north-south lines of longitude (meridians)
- The system was first devised by Hipparchus (190-120 BC)



### 1a. 'Geographic Referencing'

We can identify locations by latitude, longitude

e.g. UNBC campus agora

In decimal degrees: 53.892381, -122.813699 (N, W)

See: <a href="http://maps.google.ca">http://maps.google.ca</a> (right-click)

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In degrees, minutes, seconds:
53° 53′ 33″ (N) 122° 48′ 50″ (W)
OR
In degrees and decimal minutes (e.g. GPS)
53° 53.543′ N 122° 48.822′ W
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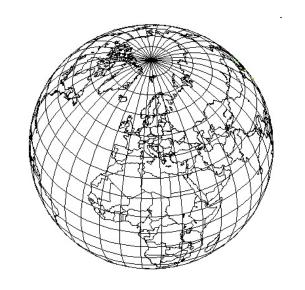
### Latitude

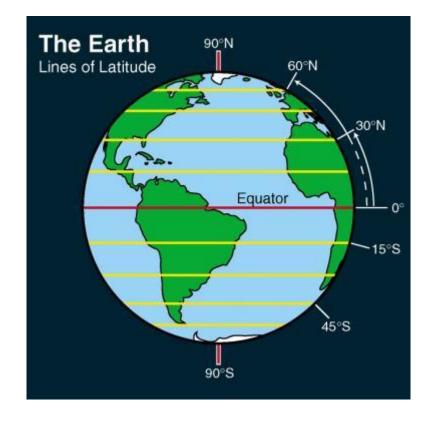
- Latitude = the vertical angle from the centre of earth to the location
- e.g. Prince George is at 54°N
- Quesnel is at 53°N
- $[1^{\circ} = \sim 111 \text{km}]$



### 'Sexagesimal system'

- 1 degree = 60' (minutes)[1' = ~ 2km] (111km /60)
- 1' = 60" (seconds) [1''=~30m] (2km / 60)

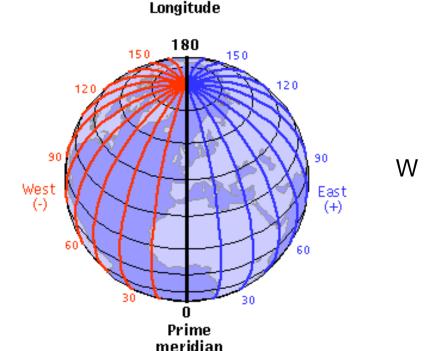


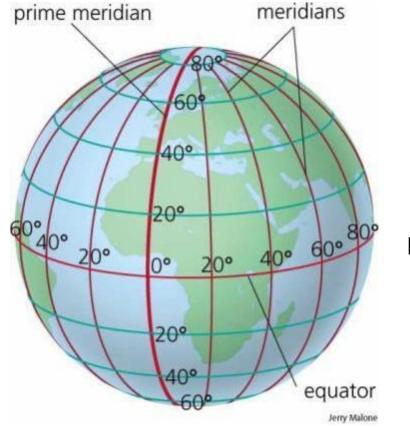


### Longitude

Longitude = the angle formed between line from centre of earth to the (arbitrary) 'prime meridian' running through Greenwich, England and the local meridian. The 0 location is arbitrary (1884)

Longitude ranges from 0 to 180 W / 180 E (the same line) Prince George = 123°W (-123)





#### The Greenwich Meridian

#### ...where east meets west

Home

Interactive UK map

Interactive World map

Visit

Royal Observatory Greenwich

Latitude and Longitude

Airy Transit Circle (ATC)

WGS84 and the Greenwich Meridian

The Greenwich Meridian before the ATC

The Quest for Longitude

International Meridian Conference (1884)

Meridian Day (1984)

The Millennium

Millennium Tree Line (MTL)

Meridian Laser

Astronomers Royal

Telescopes used with Meridian Marks

Location England

West Sussex

East Grinstead

S side of: B2110 (Lewes

Road)

Distance (S) from 39.39 Km: 24.48 miles

Greenwich

OS map details OS Explorer: 135 OS grid ref TQ 39945.37948

(539945, 137948)

WGS84 lat/long 51.123729, -0.001647

Click here for images

Type Marker 'stone'

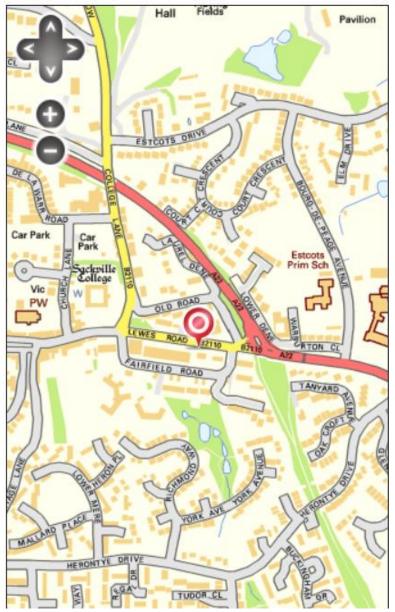
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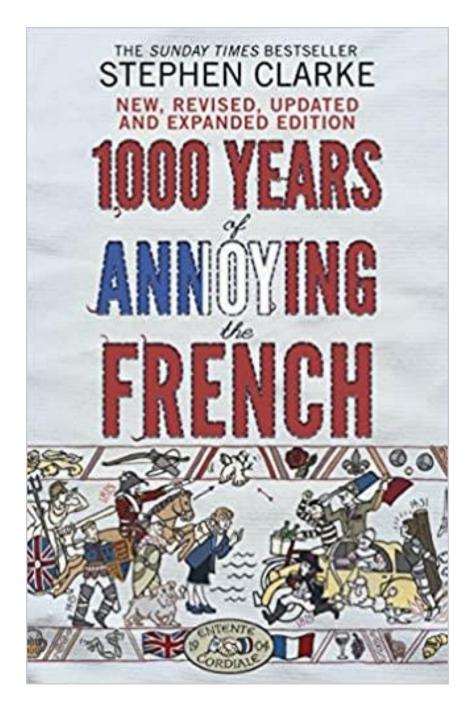
Access

2000 Unrestricted

Show satellite view







Meridian Room (or Cassini Room) at the Paris Observatory, The Paris meridian is traced on the floor. Since 1634



## 'Geographic' referencing issues

a. Geographic is not decimal, it is 'sexagesimal' (= base 60)

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1 degree = 60 minutes
1 minute = 60 seconds
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Decimal degrees: 58^{\circ} 30' = 58.5 30/60 = 0.5
Decimal degrees: 58^{\circ} 36' = 58.6 36/60 = 0.6
Decimal degrees: 58^{\circ} 36' 36'' = 58.61 36/(60*60) = 0.01
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b. It is suitable for storing global datasets, but ...

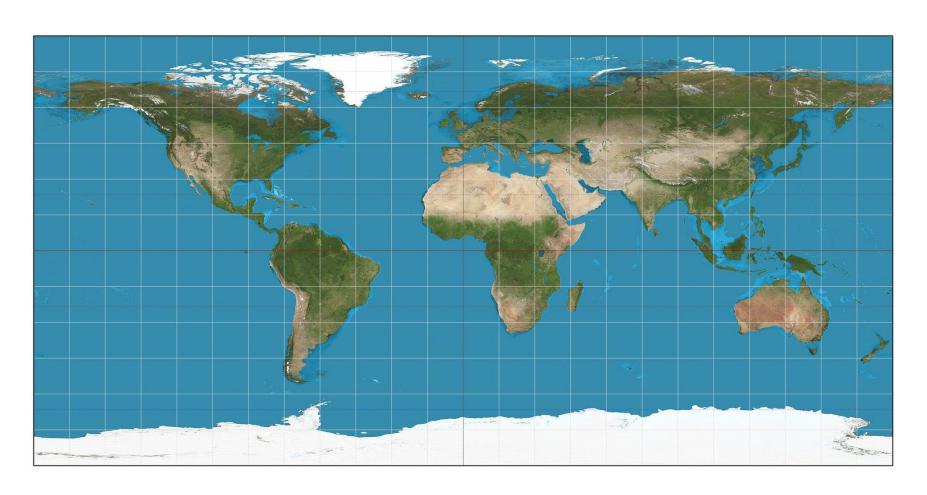
with <u>negative values</u> south and west of 0,0 e.g. in a digital system, PG = 54, -123

### c. The main issue with mapping with Longitude

1 degree longitude varies It is not rectangular widely from ~111 km at the equator to 0 km at poles North Pole half the distance at 60 ° N/S Longitude Paralle Equator Equator i.e. 1 degree has no fixed length

### Equirectangular map display

... as if degrees of latitude and longitude were equal E-W stretching away from the equator: 2x at 60° latitude



- -1 degree longitude varies from 0 -> 111 km
- ->East-west stretching away from equator (as a degree is treated uniformly)

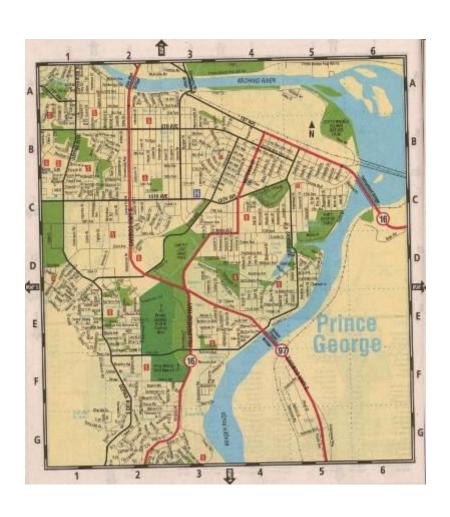
'geographic' is OK for data storage, but not for display

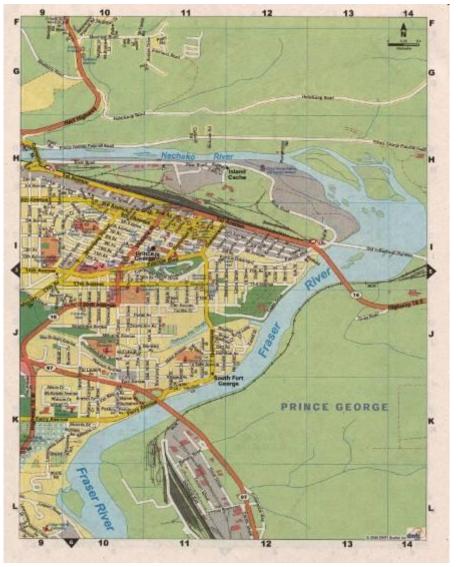




### Local example from the phone book

2007: scale is consistent 2008: horizontal scale is almost double





# Latitude and Longitude

Length of One Degree of Longitude			Length of a Degree of Latitude		
Latitude	Kilometres	Miles	Latitude	Kilometres	Miles
$0^{\mathbf{o}}$	111.32	69.17	<b>0</b> °	110.57	68.71
10°	109.64	68.13	10°	110.61	68.73
20°	104.65	65.03	20°	110.70	68.79
30°	96.49	59.95	30°	110.85	68.88
40°	85.39	53.06	40°	111.04	68.99
50°	71.70	44.55	50°	111.23	69.12
60°	55.80	34.67	60°	111.41	69.23
70°	38.19	23.73	70°	111.56	69.32
80°	19.39	12.05	80°	111.66	69.38
90°	0.00	0.00	90°	111.69	69.40





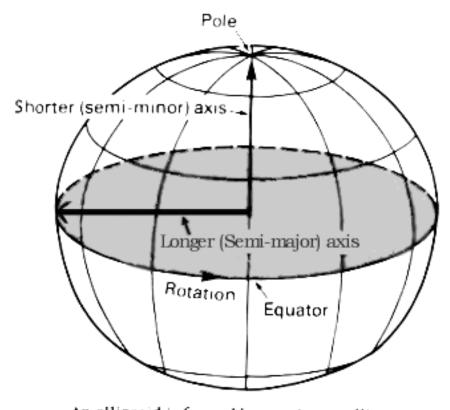


But is 45° North halfway?

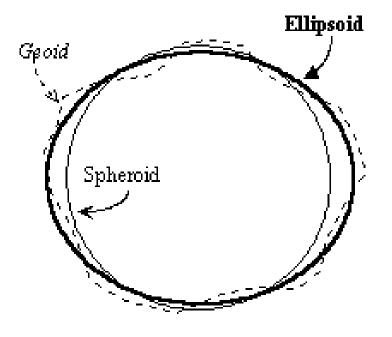
### 1b. The Geoid

Earth is not a perfect sphere, it is ellipsoidal ..

The difference between the length of the two axes = the amount of 'polar flattening' is about 1/300 (0.3%) and 1° latitude is slightly longer as you move away from the equator



An ellipsoid is formed by rotating an ellipse on its shorter axis



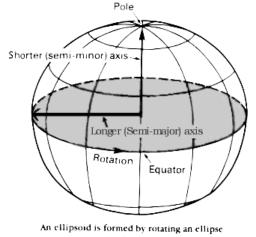
99.7% soccer ball 0.3% 'football'

# Official Ellipsoids

(part of the study of Geodesy)
(from J. Snyder, Map Projections-- A Working Manual)

Polar

**Equatorial** 



on its shorter axis.

		Equatorial	i Olai	
Name	Date	Radius <i>a</i> (metres)	Radius <i>b</i> (metres)	Polar Flattening
WGS 84	1984	6,378,137	6,356,752	1/298
GRS 80	1980	6,378,137	6,356,752	1/298
 WGS 72	1972	6,378,135	6,356,750	1/298
International	1924	6,378,388	6,356,912	1/297
Clarke	1866	6,378,206	6,356,584	1/295
Everest	1830	6,377,276	6,356,075	1/301

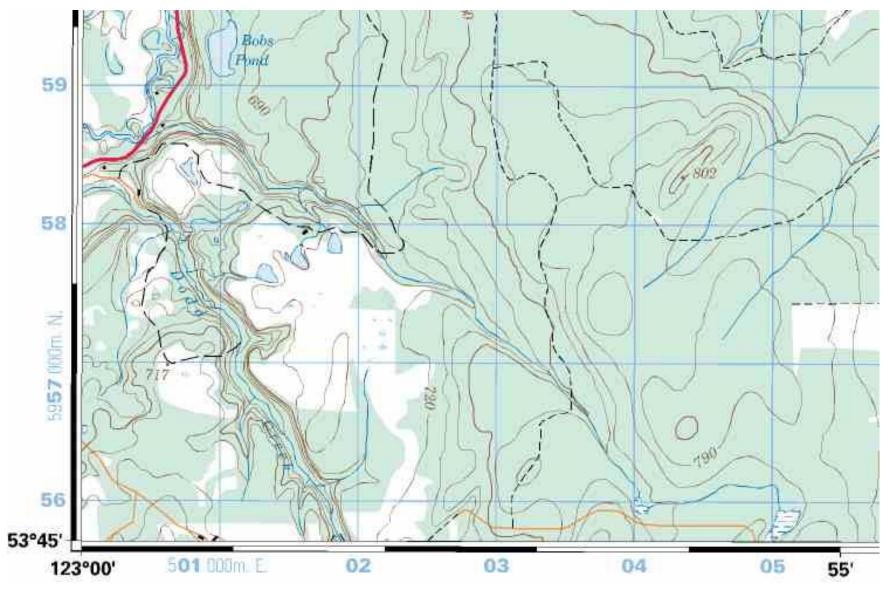


# Datums (do we need to know this?)

- 'Datum' = "a set of values that serve as a base for mapping"
- a. North American Datum, NAD27 (1927) based on Clarke 1866
- b. North American Datum, NAD83 based on GRS80/WGS 1984
  - -> NAD27 was the datum for mapping in most of the 20th century
  - -> NAD83 is the current datum for digital mapping / GIS data
  - -> The two can differ by ~ 70 metres (x) and 170 metres (y)

New millennium: you can 'almost' forget about NAD27 .... but when UNBC opened in 1994, we still had a lot of NAD27 mapping

Lat/long coordinates given in black in degrees/minutes

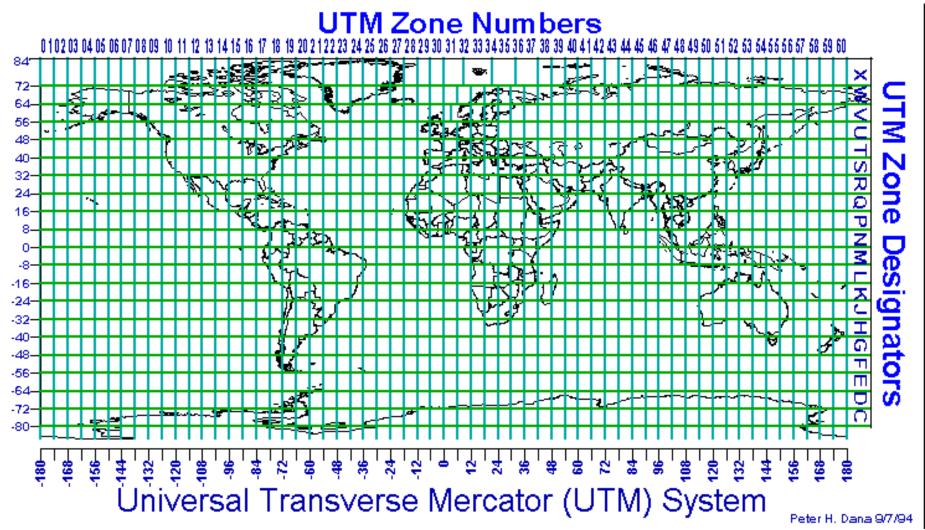


2. UTM map coordinates - a rectangular system

### Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) System

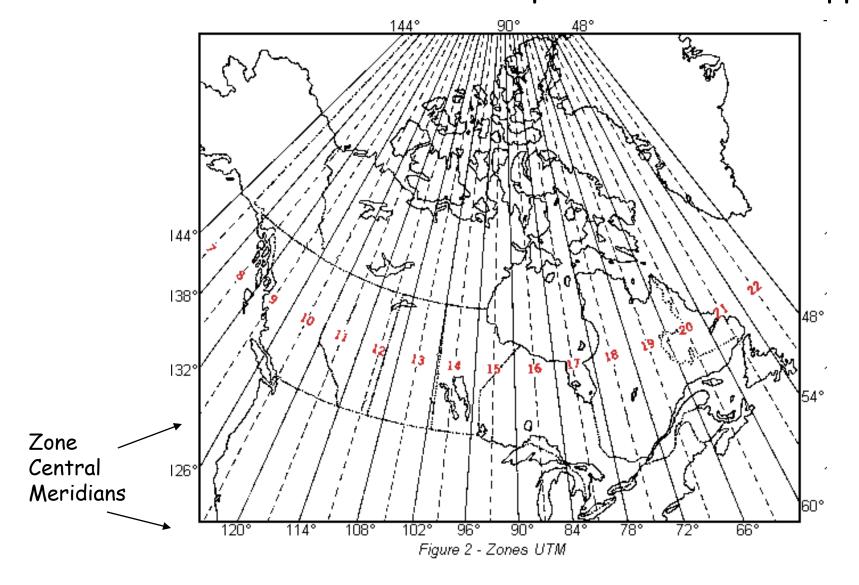
this bit is harder so pay attention ...

The world is divided into 60  $\times$  6  $^{\circ}$  longitude (vertical) strips numbered 1 - 60 from 180 degrees West to 180 degrees East



either developed by United States Army Corps of Engineers or German Wehrmacht

### Canada: UTM zones - adopted in 1947 for mapping



- the width of each zone varies from 666 km (6  $\times$  111km) at the equator ...to ~338 km (6  $\times$  55.8 km) at 60 ° N/S, with a 'central meridian' in the middle

# 10,000,000 Nord 84°N Latitude Пο 0 L'équateur Méridien centra 80°S Latitude Sud

Figure 1 - Zone UTM

### UTM coordinates

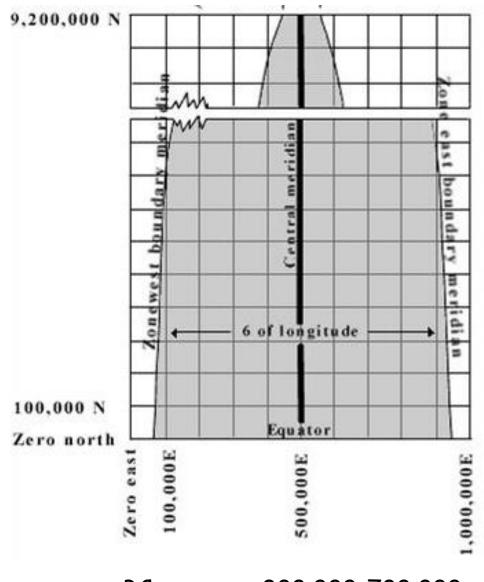
are in <u>metres</u>

Within each zone ...

The 'Y' coordinate Northings (N):

measured from the Equator (0) - to the north pole (10,000,000) ... in metres [this is the metric system]

e.g. UNBC ~ 5,972,000



UTM coordinates

The 'x' coordinate

- this is the hardest part ...

Eastings (E) for each zone

based on the zone
 Central Meridian at 500,000

the easting value increases to the east, but not > 1,000,000

the easting value decreases to the west but not below zero

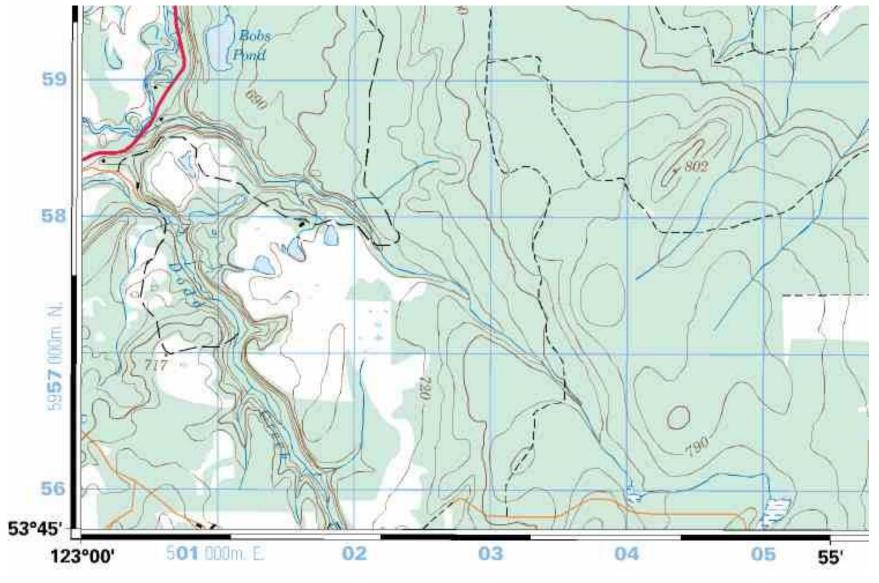
e.g. UNBC ~ 512,000

BC range= ~300,000-700,000

Zone must also be given as Coordinates repeat for each zone Grrrr ... who came up with this crazy scheme !?

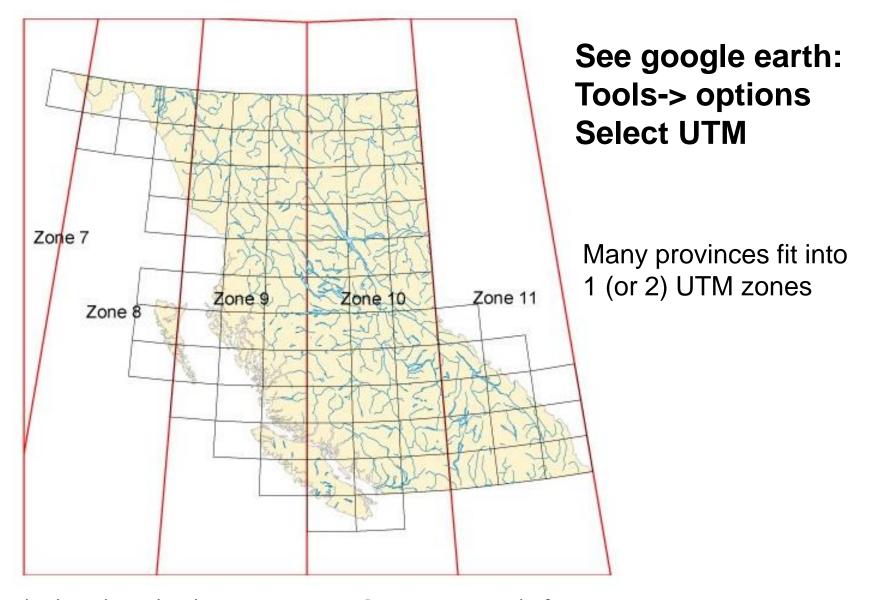
Canadian topographic mapping includes UTM and lat/long coordinates

Blue grid squares in this map are 1000m = 1km



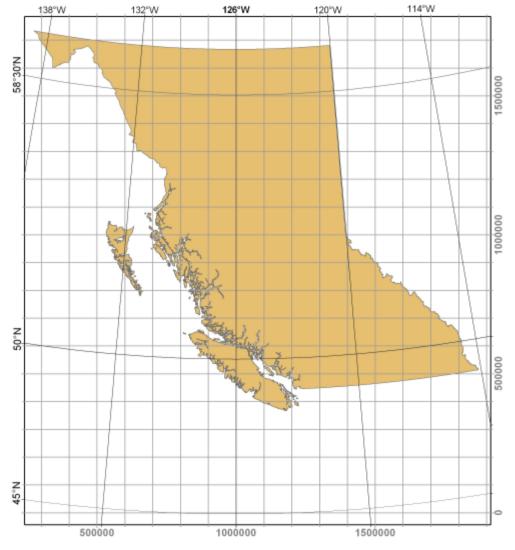
UTM: Eastings are 6-digit, Northings are 7-digit (in Canada)

### BC: UTM zones



How to deal with multiple UTM zones: Eastings switch from ~700,000 at the west edge of one zone to ~300,000 at the east edge of the next zone

### BC Albers coordinate system



BC uses UTM for local areas

Albers for the whole province As with UTM, also in metres

Unlike UTM, eastings and northings are often both 7-digit, Or both 6-digit or one of each.

Developed by provincial ministry Forestry/Geomatics in Smithers

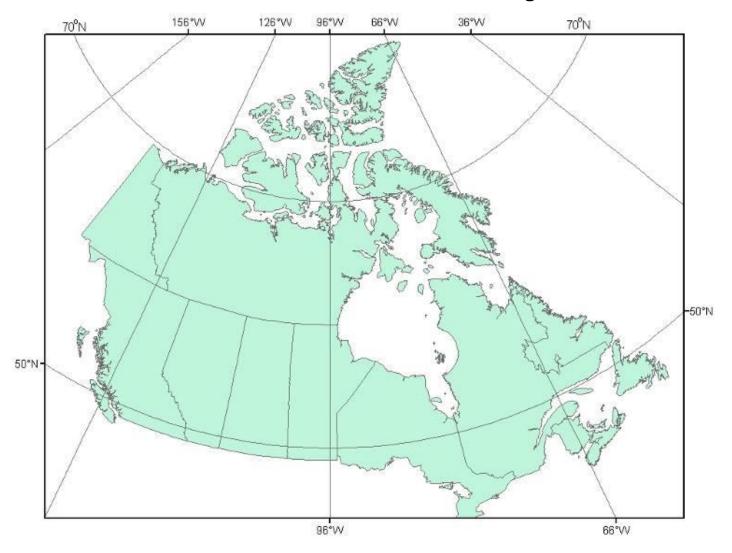
British Columbia Albers Equal Area Conic Central meridian: -126.0 Degrees West longitude Latitude of projection origin: 45.0 Degrees North latitude



 $126^{\circ}W = 1,000,000 \text{ Eastings}$  $45^{\circ}N = 0 \text{ Northings}$ 

### Canada Albers Equal Area Conic

Central Meridian: -96 Latitude Of Origin: 40



Download Canada map data using Geographic, Albers, UTM ... or Web Mercator (2019)

### Summary: BC mapping coordinates

#### Could be one of:

- 1. Geographic lat. / long. global reference
- 2. UTM zones 7-11 local /regional mapping
- 3. BC Albers BC provincial data
- 4. Canada Albers Federal data

Why is it important - because we 'import' data from different sources .. and they need to line up

It makes more sense here: - view these at home or in lab

**PGMAP:** <a href="https://pgmap.princegeorge.ca/Html5Viewer/index.html?viewer=PGMap">https://pgmap.princegeorge.ca/Html5Viewer/index.html?viewer=PGMap</a>

UTM coordinates - or lat/long + web Mercator

BC IMAP: <a href="http://maps.gov.bc.ca/ess/hm/imap4m/">http://maps.gov.bc.ca/ess/hm/imap4m/</a>

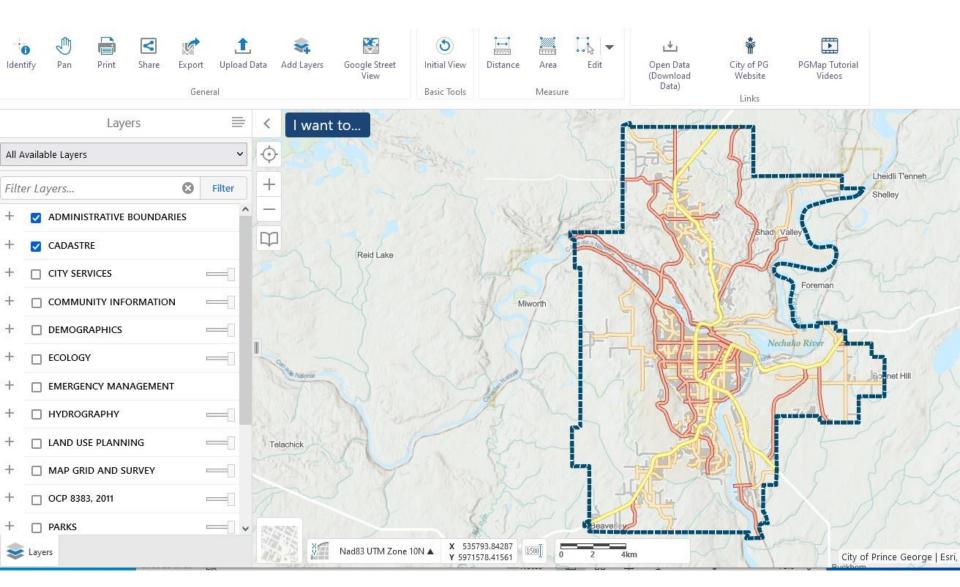
UTM, Lat/long and Albers

Google Earth: Lat/long and UTM

Natural Resources Canada and BC Forestry— UTM grid <a href="https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/earth-sciences/geography/topographic-information/maps/9779">https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/earth-sciences/geography/topographic-information/maps/9779</a>

UTM coordinates quiz on Moodle - today or Monday, due one week later

#### PGMap viewer



https://pgmap.princegeorge.ca/Html5Viewer/index.html?viewer=PGMap

#### The last 3 words on coordinates

https://what3words.com



Earth surface (510m km²) is divided into (57 trillion) 3x3m squares, each coded by 3 unique word combination

#### Canadian rescue services:

https://what3words.com/news/emergency/three-words-to-tell-canadian-emergency-services-exactly-where-you-are

#### **Lonely Planet**

https://venturebeat.com/mobile/lonely-planet-adopts-what3words-geocoded-navigation-system-to-find-places-using-just-3-words/