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

## Thematic mapping: which city is most like Moscow ?



## 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

## rubboer duck



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: $\quad 53.892381,-122.813699$ ( $N, W$ )
See: http://maps.google.ca (right-click)

In degrees, minutes, seconds:
$53^{\circ} 53^{\prime} 33^{\prime \prime}$ (N) $122^{\circ} 48^{\prime} 50^{\prime \prime}$ (W)
OR

In degrees and decimal minutes (e.g. GPS)
$53^{\circ}$ 53.543' $\mathrm{N} \quad 122^{\circ}$ 48.822' W

## Latitude

- Latitude = the vertical angle from the centre of earth to the location
- e.g. Prince George is at $54^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$

Quesnel is at $53^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$
$\left[1^{\circ}=\sim 111 \mathrm{~km}\right]$

- Latitude is 0 on the equator


## 'Sexagesimal system'

- 1 degree $=60^{\prime}$ (minutes)

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\left[1^{\prime}=\sim 2 \mathrm{~km}\right](111 \mathrm{~km} / 60)
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- $1^{\prime}=60^{\prime \prime}$ (seconds)

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\left[1^{\prime \prime}=\sim 30 \mathrm{~m}\right](2 \mathrm{~km} / 60)
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## 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 $180 \mathrm{~W} / 180 \mathrm{E}$ (the same line)
Prince George $=123^{\circ} \mathrm{W}(-123)$
Longitude





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)

1 degree $=60$ minutes
1 minute $=60$ seconds
Decimal degrees: $58^{\circ} 30^{\prime}=58.5$ Decimal degrees: $58^{\circ} 36^{\prime}=58.6 \quad 36 / 60=0.6$ Decimal degrees: $58^{\circ} 36^{\prime} 36^{\prime \prime}=58.61 \quad 36 /\left(60^{*} 60\right)=0.01$
b. It is suitable for storing global datasets, but ...
with negative values south and west of 0,0
e.g. in a digital system, $P G=54,-123$

## c. The main issue with mapping with Longitude

1 degree longitude varies widely from ~111 km at the equator to 0 km at poles

It is not rectangular
half the distance at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{N} / \mathrm{s}$

Equator
i.e. 1 degree has no fixed length

## Equirectangular map display

... as if degrees of latitude and longitude were equal
$\mathrm{E}-\mathrm{W}$ stretching away from the equator: 2 x at $60^{\circ}$ latitude

-1 degree longitude varies from $0 \rightarrow 111 \mathrm{~km}$
->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 |
| $0^{\text {o }}$ | 111.32 | 69.17 | $0^{\text {o }}$ | 110.57 | 68.71 |
| $10^{\circ}$ | 109.64 | 68.13 | $10^{\circ}$ | 110.61 | 68.73 |
| $20^{\circ}$ | 104.65 | 65.03 | $20^{\circ}$ | 110.70 | 68.79 |
| $30^{\circ}$ | 96.49 | 59.95 | $30^{\text {o }}$ | 110.85 | 68.88 |
| $40^{\circ}$ | 85.39 | 53.06 | $40^{\circ}$ | 111.04 | 68.99 |
| $50{ }^{\text {o }}$ | 71.70 | 44.55 | $50^{\circ}$ | 111.23 | 69.12 |
| $60^{\circ}$ | 55.80 | 34.67 | $60^{\circ}$ | 111.41 | 69.23 |
| $70^{\circ}$ | 38.19 | 23.73 | $70^{\circ}$ | 111.56 | 69.32 |
| $80^{\circ}$ | 19.39 | 12.05 | $80^{\circ}$ | 111.66 | 69.38 |
| $90^{\circ}$ | 0.00 | 0.00 | $90^{\circ}$ | 111.69 | 69.40 |



## 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 $1^{\circ}$ latitude is slightly longer as you move away from the equator


An cllipsoid is formed by rotating an cllipse 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)> Equatorial Polar


An ellipsord is formed by rotating an cllipse

| Name | Date | Radius $\boldsymbol{a}$ <br> (metres) | Radius $\boldsymbol{b}$ <br> (metres) | Polar Flattening |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| WGS 84 | $\mathbf{1 9 8 4}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 3 7 8 , 1 3 7}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 3 5 6 , 7 5 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 / 2 9 8}$ |
| 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 | $\mathbf{1 8 6 6}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 3 7 8}, \mathbf{2 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 3 5 6 , 5 8 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 / 2 9 5}$ |
| 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 $\sim 70$ 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


## 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

UTM Zone Numbers


 Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) System
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 $666 \mathrm{~km}(6 \times 111 \mathrm{~km})$ at the equator ...to $\sim 338 \mathrm{~km}(6 \times 55.8 \mathrm{~km})$ at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{N} / \mathrm{S}$, with a 'central meridian' in the middle



## UTM coordinates

 are in metresWithin 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
$B C$ range $=\sim 300,000-700,000$
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 $1000 \mathrm{~m}=1 \mathrm{~km}$


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 $\sim 300,000$ 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

## 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
- Federal data

4. Canada Albers

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: https://pgmap.princegeorge.ca/Html5Viewer/index.html?viewer=PGMap
UTM coordinates - or lat/long + web Mercator

BC IMAP: http://maps.gov.bc.ca/ess/hm/imap4m/
UTM, Lat/long and Albers
Google Earth: Lat/long and UTM

Natural Resources Canada and BC Forestry- UTM grid
https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/earth-sciences/geography/topographic-information/maps/9779

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 ( $510 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~km}^{2}$ ) is divided into ( 57 trillion) $3 \times 3 \mathrm{~m}$ 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/

