UNGEGN World Geographical Names Database

Version 2.0

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Outline

- Data collection
  - Country names
  - City names
  - Database statistics
- Application development
  - Database
  - Web interface
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Data collection

- Data collection growing
- UNGEGN very active
- Type of data
  - Country names
  - City names

Country names

- Database entries
  - 192 United Nations member states
  - ~ 1,300 short and formal country names
    +
  - ~ 70 Romanized short and formal names for countries

- Status on country names
  - Endonyms completed
  - UN languages completed

http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/geonames/default.aspx

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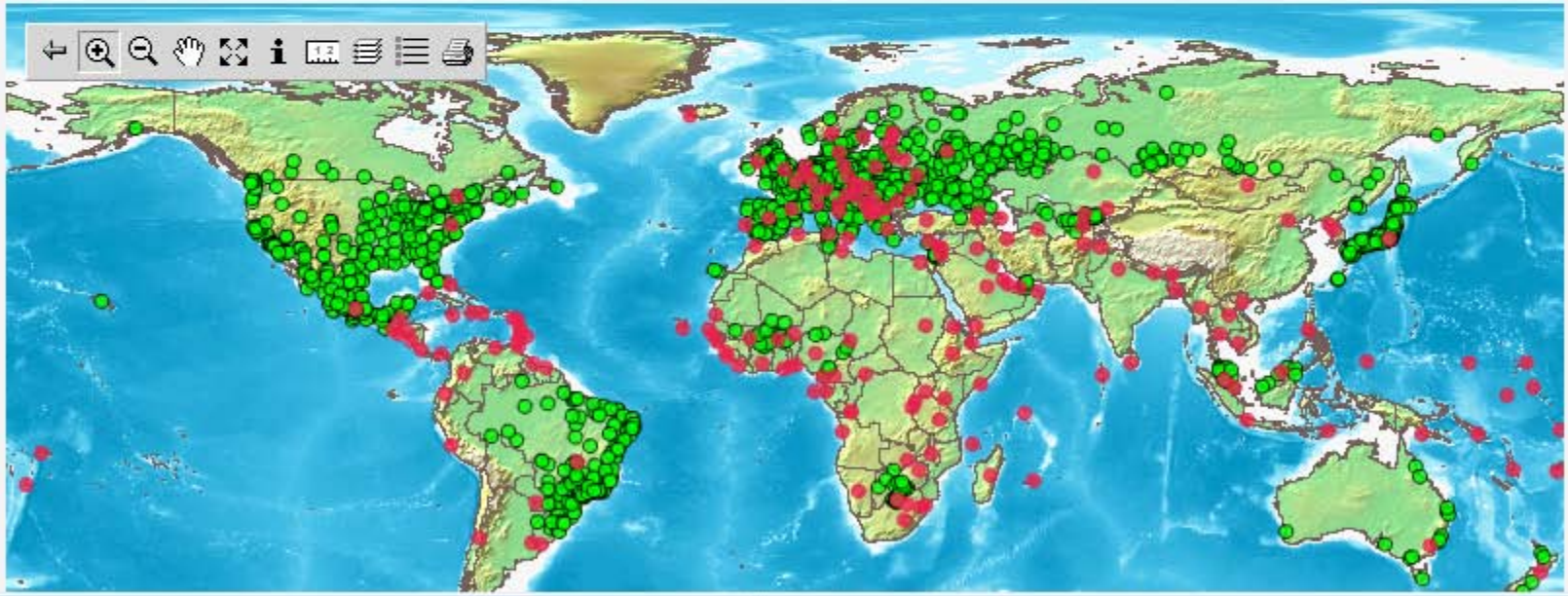
Multilingual, multiscriptual dataset of names of countries, capitals and major cities.

Select a country

Please roll over a country to see the country name in the UN languages or over a city to see the city endonyms (where available and in romanized form only) and the English name.



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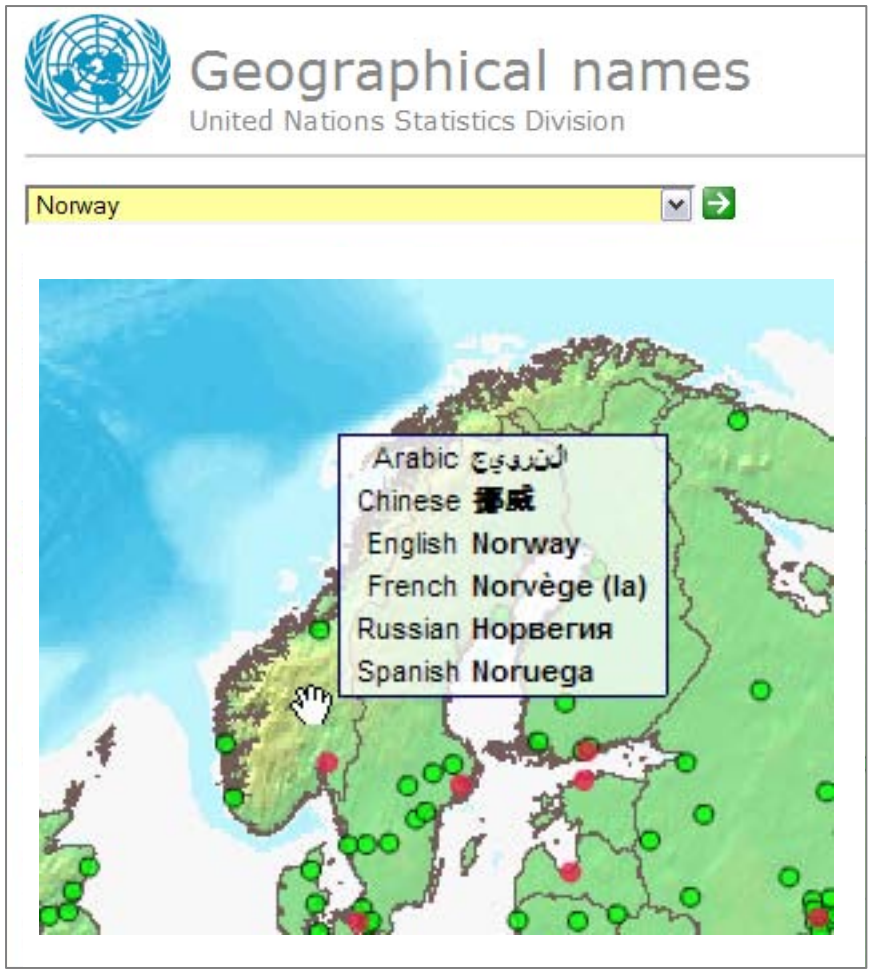
Country names - Map



Features

- Zoom in on country level from the drop down menu or by using the zoom function
- Display of six United Nations languages when rolling over a country
- Select which layers should be displayed
- Drag map for different views

Country names - Table

Country names

Endonyms

Language	Short name	Formal name
Dutch	België	Koninkrijk België (het)
French	Belgique (la)	le Royaume de Belgique
German	Belgien	Königreich Belgien (das)

United Nations languages

Language	Short name	Formal name
Arabic	بلجيكا	مملكة بلجيكا
Chinese	比利时	比利时王国
English	Belgium	the Kingdom of Belgium
French	Belgique (la)	le Royau
Russian	Бельгия	Королев
Spanish	Bélgica	el Reino

Displayed:

- Short and formal names
- Endonyms and UN languages
- Language
- Data source

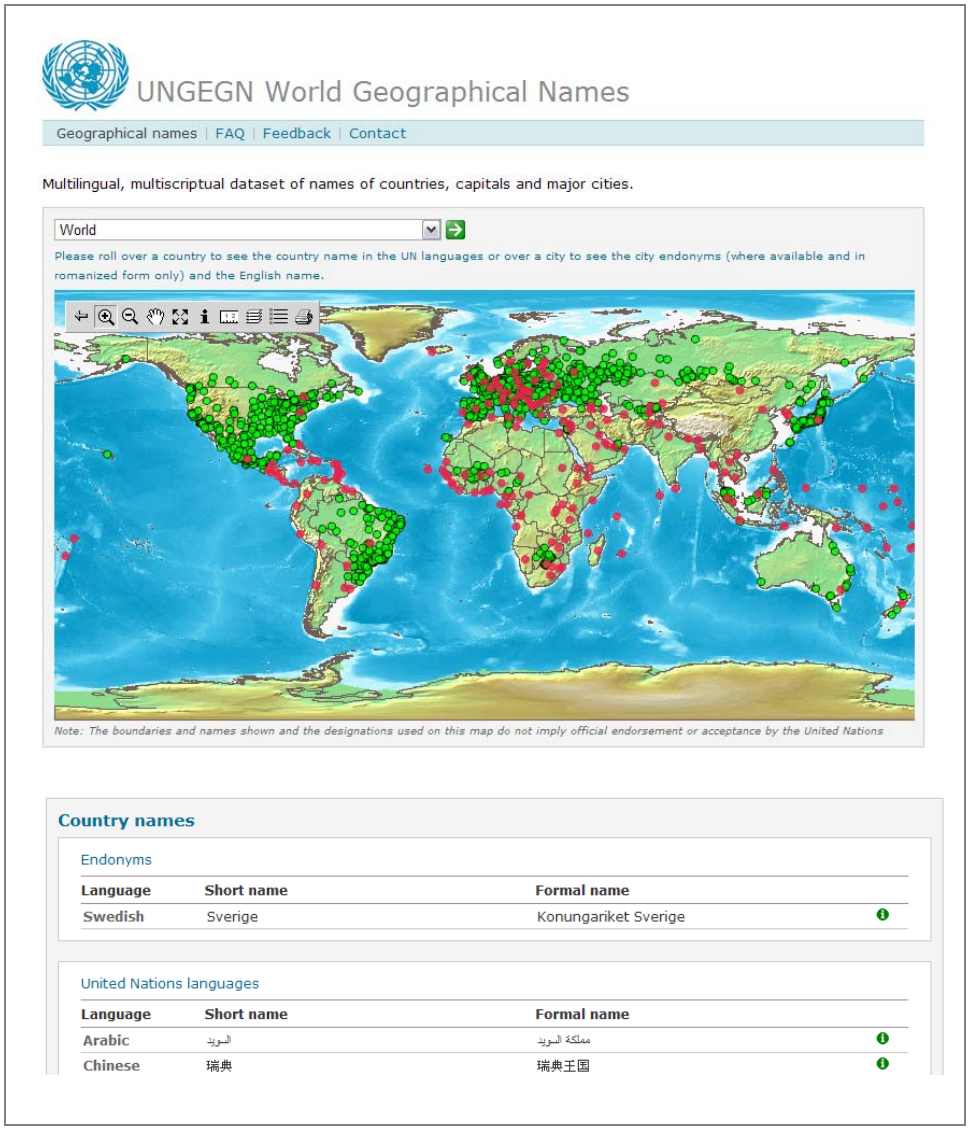
City names

- Work in progress
  - City names received from 52 countries through UNGEGN
  - 48 processed and imported to database
  - ~1,850 cities with ~3,400 names included in the database
  - Sound files for 20 countries

- Capital cities sourced from
  - UN Multilingual Terminology Database (http://unterm.un.org/) for capital city names in the 6 official languages
  - UNGEGN

- Status on city names
  - UN languages about to be completed
  - Work on endonyms for capitals in progress

Web interface

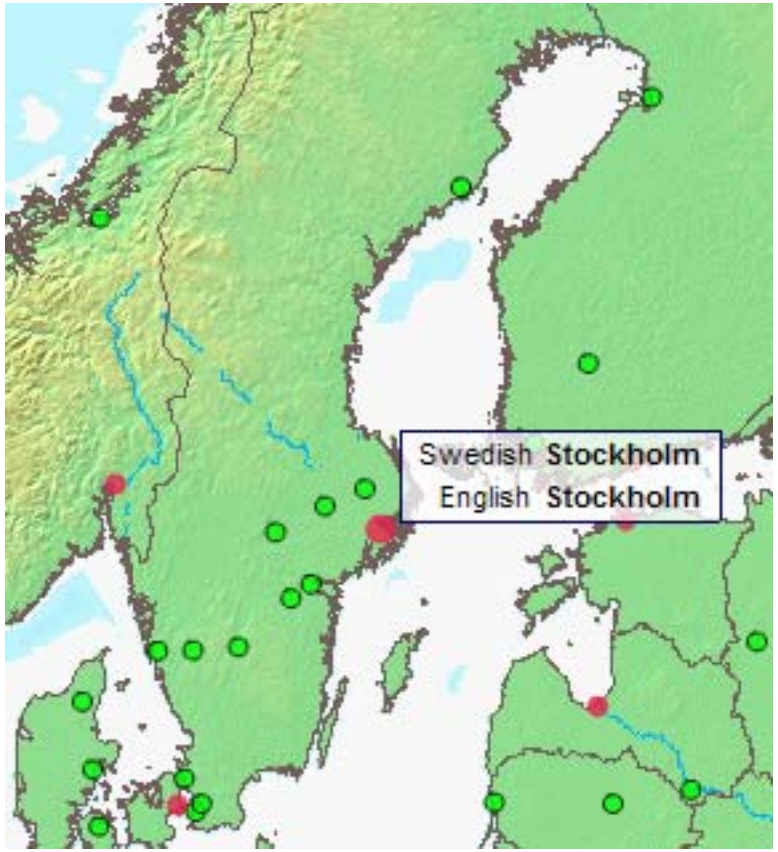


Developed in ASP.Net 2.0 and Macromedia Flash 8

Interface parts:

- Map application
- Table format

City names – Map



Features

- City names, in Romanized form only
- Capital cities displayed in red

City names – Table

Capital and other major cities

Stockholm Lat: 59.33 | Long: 18.06

Endonym

Language	City name	Source
Swedish	Stockholm	UNGEGN

United Nations Languages

Language	City name	Source
Arabic	ستكهولم	UN terms
Chinese	斯德哥尔摩	UN terms
English	Stockholm	UN terms
French	Stockholm	UN terms
Russian	Стокгольм	UN terms
Spanish	Estocolmo	UN terms

Borås Lat: 57.72 | Long: 12.95

Endonym

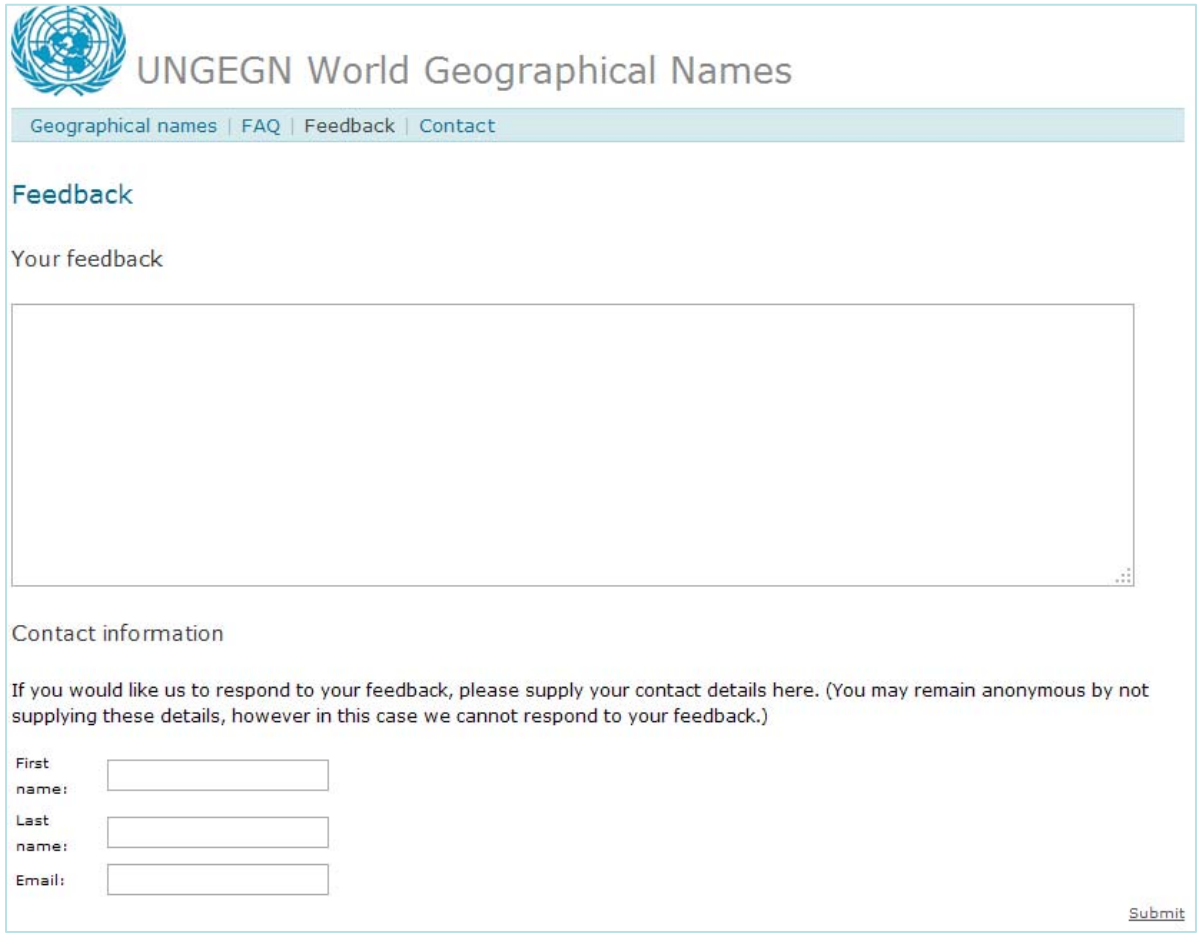
Language	City name	So
Swedish	Borås	UN

Göteborg Lat: 57.71 | Long: 11.98

Helsingbor Lat: 56.04 | Long: 12.72

- Endonyms
- Capitals in UN languages
- Sound files if available

Feedback



- Text box for suggestions and comments
- Fields for contact information
- Email sent to the UNGEGN Secretariat and UNGEGN Bureau

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Frequently asked questions - FAQs

Why do some languages not get displayed?

Some languages need special fonts installed on your comp

Contact

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Next steps

- Data collection and processing
  - UNGEGN experts to ensure accuracy and reliability
  - Prepare and upload the available city names
- Database maintenance and improvements
- Further application development
  - Improvement of the navigation
  - Download feature

Online version

Web access

http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/geonames/Default.aspx

Login information

User name: ***tester***

Password: ***geonames***

Comments and suggestions can be sent by using the Feedback form.

Thank you !!