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**Toponymic data files: national gazetteers**

**Digital database of geographical names of Germany  
(GN 250 and GN 1000)**

**Submitted by Germany\*\***

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The Bundesamt für Kartographie und Geodäsie (BKG) (formerly: Institut für Angewandte Geodäsie, IFAG) had already for several years compiled, updated and distributed, in close cooperation with the Ständiger Ausschuss für geographische Namen (StAGN, permanent committee on geographical names), a database of geographical names of the Federal Republic of Germany. The names shown on the General Map of Germany at 1:500 000 scale formed the stock of this database.

The database has in the meantime been extended by those names contained additionally on the Joint Operation Graphics at 1:250 000 scale (JOG250).

The Digital geographical names database GN 250 is primarily designed to provide the names for the digital compilation of the JOG250. The database contains all the names of towns, communes, parts of towns and communes, hydrographic features, mountains, islands and other geographical features located on the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany and which are listed in the Gazetteer Federal Republic of Germany as well as shown on the JOG250.

Because some users are only interested in names of cities and communes of Germany a short version called GN 1000 is offered. This version contains about 14 000 entries. The information is the same as in GN 250.

#### General overview

Application scale: 1 : 250 000 and smaller  
Areal coverage: Territory of the Federal Republic of Germany  
Status: 31.12.2000  
Coordinate system: Geographic, Gauß-Krüger, UTM32  
Reference system: Geographic - WGS84  
Gauß-Krüger - Potsdam Datum (Fundamental Point Rauenberg)  
UTM32 - Ellipsoid + Datum WGS84

<u>Number of entries:</u>	<u>GN 250</u>	<u>GN 1000</u>
- general	46 919	14 222
- cities	2 068	2 068
- communes	11 765	11 765
- parts of cities and communes	29 954	-
- administrative units	369	369
- hydrographic features	1 346	-
- mountains	702	-
- landscapes, islands, mountain ranges	579	-

The databases contain the following information:

- geographical name and synonym (if existing),
- statistical key number,
- coordinates, elevation,
- areal extension,
- number of inhabitants,
- feature codes,
- reference to sheet numbers of official map series.

The statistical key number (8 figures) describes to which *Land* (federal state, figures 1 and 2), *Regierungsbezirk* (district, figure 3), *Kreis* (county, figures 4 and 5), and *Gemeinde* (commune, figures 6 to 8) a particular location belongs. Parts of towns or communes have attached the statistical keynumber of that town or commune to which they belong.

Example:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
L	L	R	K	K	G	G	G
					Gemeinde		
			Kreis				
		Regierungsbezirk					
Land							

The dataset is available on CD-ROM in ArcInfo EXPORT format, ArcInfo GENERATE format and ArcInfo SHAPE format. Test files are downloadable at:

[http://www.ifag.de/Kartographie/Produkte/Vektor/f\\_vek2.htm](http://www.ifag.de/Kartographie/Produkte/Vektor/f_vek2.htm)  
click: GN 250 or GN 1000

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