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UNGEGN World Geographical Names Database

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UNGEGN World Names



- Concept in 2004 to provide authoritative names of countries and major cities – through the web
- Different databases exist (especially national), but no authoritative database at world level to respond to questions received by UN.
- Multilingual, multi-scriptual database



UNGEGN World Names



- Started by the UNGEGN Secretariat (UN Statistics Division) and UNGEGN members
- Supported by resolution 6 of the Ninth UN Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (2007)



Database content

- Access through UNGEGN web site
- To include names (geo-referenced) of:
 - Countries
 - 6 UN languages
 - Language(s) of country
 - Capitals and cities > 100,000
- Original writing system + romanization
- Audio for endonyms
- *Also to add: Variant names – exonyms, historical ...*



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United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

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In 1959, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) paved the way for a small group of experts to meet and provide technical recommendations on standardizing geographical names at the national and international levels. This meeting gave rise to the United Nations Conferences on the Standardization of Geographical Names (UNCSGN) and to the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNEGN). The UNCSGN is held every five years, and UNEGNN meets between the Conferences to follow up the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Conferences and to ensure continuity of activities between Conferences. UNEGNN is one of the seven standing expert bodies of ECOSOC, with over 400 members from over 100 countries.

Outside its meetings, UNEGNN functions through its linguistic divisions and through working groups, currently addressing issues of training countries, terminology, publicity and funding, and toponymy.

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A multilingual, multiscriptural and geo-referenced database of names for countries, capitals and major cities



Upcoming conferences and sessions

The 27th Session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNEGNN) is planned to be held in New York, 6 and 17 August 2012.

The 10th Conference on the Standardization of Geographical

Upcoming events

XXIVth International Congress of Onomastic Sciences (ICOS)
5-9 September 2011, Barcelona, Spain

UN Forum on Global Geospatial



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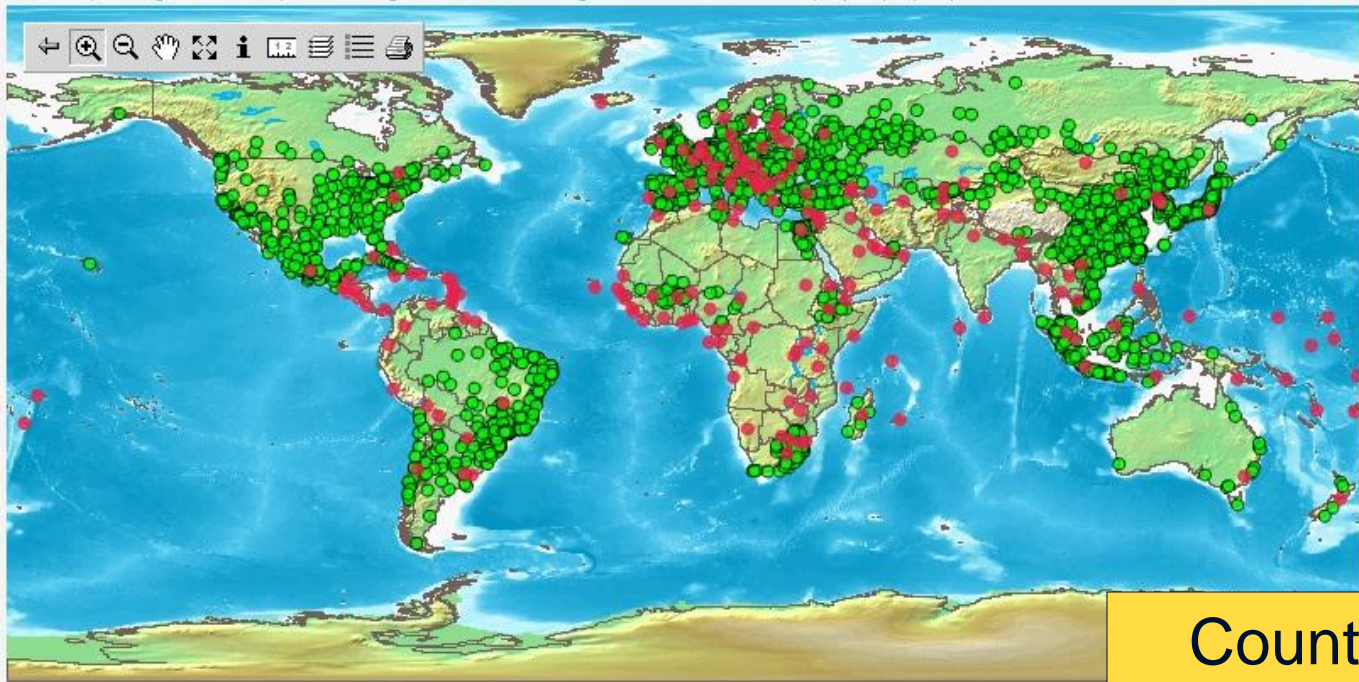
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List of countries

name in the six UN languages. Point to a city to see the city endonyms (where available and in the original language). Capital cities are shown in red, other cities are shown in green. Some names might not be able to be displayed properly.



Country map

Tabular data

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- Armenia
- Australia
- Austria
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- Bahamas (the)
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Belize
- Benin
- Bhutan
- Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Botswana
- Brazil
- Brunei Darussalam
- Bulgaria
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi

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- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Serbia
- Seychelles
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Solomon Islands
- Somalia
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan (the)
- Suriname
- Swaziland
- Sweden**
- Switzerland
- Syrian Arab Republic (the)
- Tajikistan
- Thailand
- The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Timor-Leste
- Togo
- Tonga

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Chinese	瑞典
English	Sweden
French	Suède (la)
Russian	Швеция
Spanish	Suecia

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Country names

Endonyms

Language	Short name	Formal name
Swedish	Sverige	Konungariket Sverige

United Nations languages

Language	Short name	Formal name
Arabic	السويد	مملكة السويد
Chinese	瑞典	瑞典王国
English	Sweden	the Kingdom of Sweden
French	Suède (la)	le Royaume de Suède
Russian	Швеция	Королевство Швеция
Spanish	Suecia	el Reino de Suecia

Capital and other major cities

Capital city:



Sweden - capital


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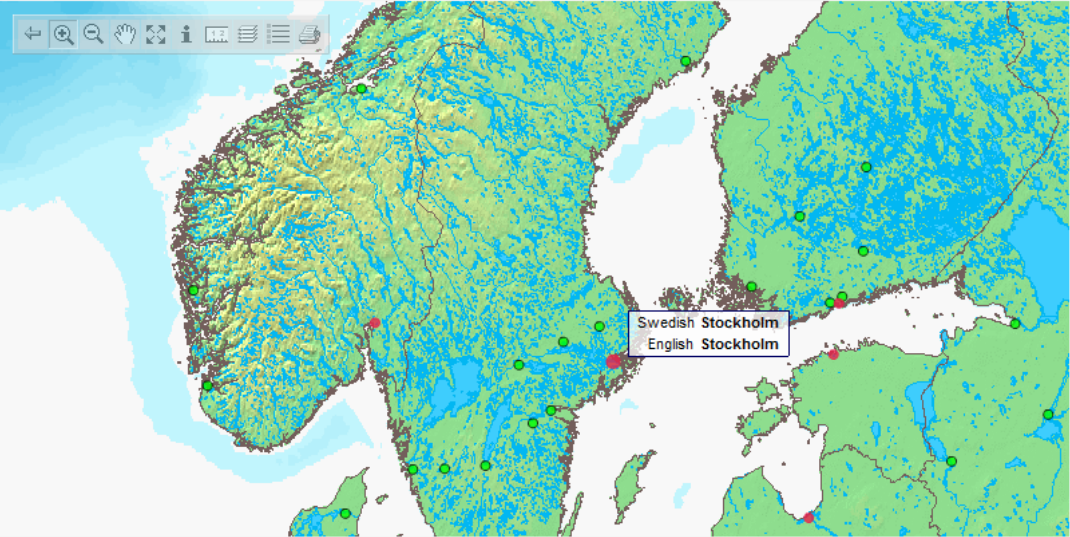
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Finland - capital

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Capital and other major cities

Capital city

Lat: 59.33 | Long: 18.06 **Stockholm**

Endonym

Language	City name	Source
Swedish	Stockholm	UNEGN

United Nations Languages

Language	City name	Source
Arabic	ستوكهولم	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

Other major cities

Lat: 55.59 | Long: 13.02 **Malmö**

Endonym

Language	City name	Source
Swedish	Malmö	UNEGN

Lat: 55.70 | Long: 13.20 **Lund**

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Sweden – other major cities

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Other major cities

Lat: 55.59 Long: 13.02	Malmö
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Lat: 56.04 Long: 12.72	Helsingborg
Lat: 57.71 Long: 11.98	Göteborg

Endonym

Language	City name	Source
Swedish	Göteborg 	UNGEGN

Lat: 57.72 Long: 12.95	Borås
Lat: 57.77 Long: 14.18	Jönköping
Lat: 58.41 Long: 15.63	Linköping
Lat: 58.59 Long: 16.18	Norrköping
Lat: 59.28 Long: 15.21	Örebro
Lat: 59.62 Long: 16.55	Västerås
Lat: 59.85 Long: 17.65	Uppsala
Lat: 63.82 Long: 20.27	Umeå

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Capital and other major cities

Capital city

Lat: 53.44 | Long: -6.21 **Dublin**

Endonym

Language	City name	Source
English	Dublin	UNGEGN
Irish	Baile Átha Cliath	UNGEGN

United Nations Languages

Language	City name	Source
Arabic	دبلن	UN terms
Chinese	都柏林	UN terms
English	Dublin	UN terms
French	Dublin	UN terms
Russian	Дублин	UN terms
Spanish	Dublín	UN terms

Other major cities

Lat: 51.90 | Long: -8.50 **Cork**

Endonym

Language	City name	Source
English	Cork	UNGEGN
Irish	Corcaigh	UNGEGN

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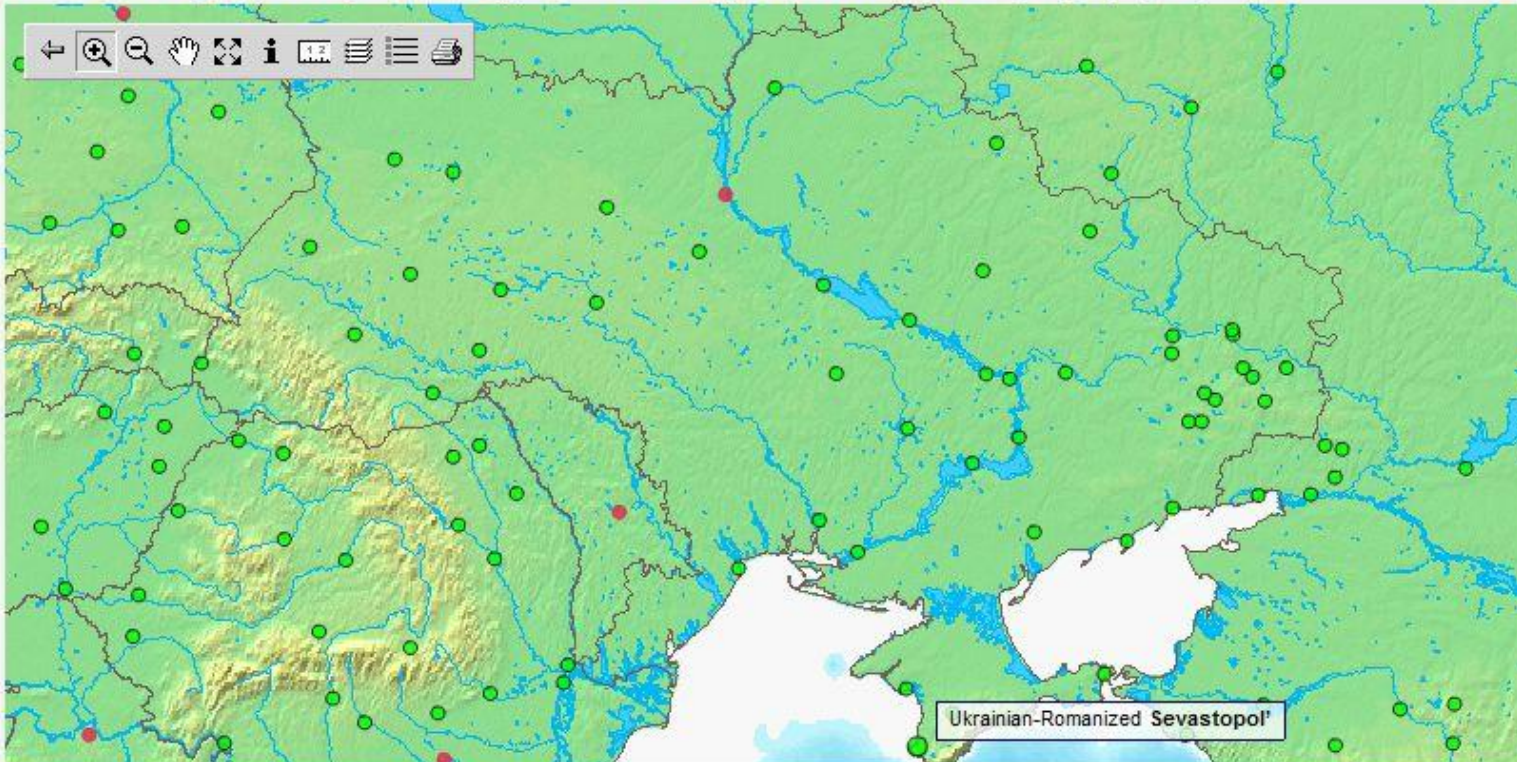
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Ukraine - UNGEGN Geographical Names

Other major cities

Lat: 44.60 | Long: 33.53 Севастополь - Sevastopol'

Endonym	Language	City name	Source
	Ukrainian	Севастополь <i>Sevastopol'</i>	UNGEGN

Lat: 44.95 | Long: 34.10 Сімферополь - Simferopol'

Lat: 45.20 | Long: 33.36 Євпаторія - Yevpatoriia

Lat: 45.36 | Long: 36.48 Керч - Kerch

Lat: 46.47 | Long: 30.73 Одеса - Odesa

Lat: 46.63 | Long: 32.60 Херсон - Kherson

Lat: 46.75 | Long: 36.83 Бердянськ - Berdians'k

Lat: 46.84 | Long: 35.37 Мелітополь - Melitopol'

Lat: 46.97 | Long: 32.00 Миколаїв - Mykolaiv

Lat: 47.10 | Long: 37.55 Маріуполь - Mariupol'

Lat: 47.57 | Long: 34.40 Нікополь - Nikopol'

Lat: 47.84 | Long: 35.14 Запоріжжя - Zaporizhzhia

Lat: 47.93 | Long: 33.38 Кривий Ріг - Kryvyi Rih

Lat: 48.00 | Long: 37.80 Донецьк - Donets'k

Lat: 48.00 | Long: 38.00 Макіївка - Makiivka

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Lat: 48.23 | Long: 38.22 Єнакієве - Yenakiieve

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Lat: 48.97 Long: 38.48	Севєродонецьк - Sieverodonets'k
Lat: 49.07 Long: 33.42	Кременчук - Kremenchuk
Lat: 49.25 Long: 28.50	Вінниця - Vinnytsia
Lat: 49.38 Long: 27.00	Хмельницький - Khmel'nyts'kyi
Lat: 49.43 Long: 32.07	Черкаси - Cherkasy
Lat: 49.55 Long: 25.58	Тернопіль - Ternopil'
Lat: 49.58 Long: 34.57	Полтава - Poltava
Lat: 49.78 Long: 30.12	Біла Церква - Bila Tserkva
Lat: 49.83 Long: 24.00	Львів - L'viv
Lat: 50.00 Long: 36.25	Харків - Kharkiv
Lat: 50.25 Long: 28.67	Житомир - Zhytomyr
Lat: 50.62 Long: 26.25	Рівне - Rivne
Lat: 50.75 Long: 25.33	Луцьк - Luts'k
Lat: 50.92 Long: 34.78	Суми - Sumy
Lat: 51.50 Long: 31.30	Чернігів - Chernihiv

Endonym

Language	City name	Source
Ukrainian	Львів  L'viv 	UNGEGN

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- Norway
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- Pakistan
- Palau
- Panama
- Papua New Guinea
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Philippines (the)
- Poland
- Portugal
- Qatar
- Republic of Korea (the)**
- Republic of Moldova (the)
- Romania
- Russian Federation (the)
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- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Samoa

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Republic of Korea – cities on map

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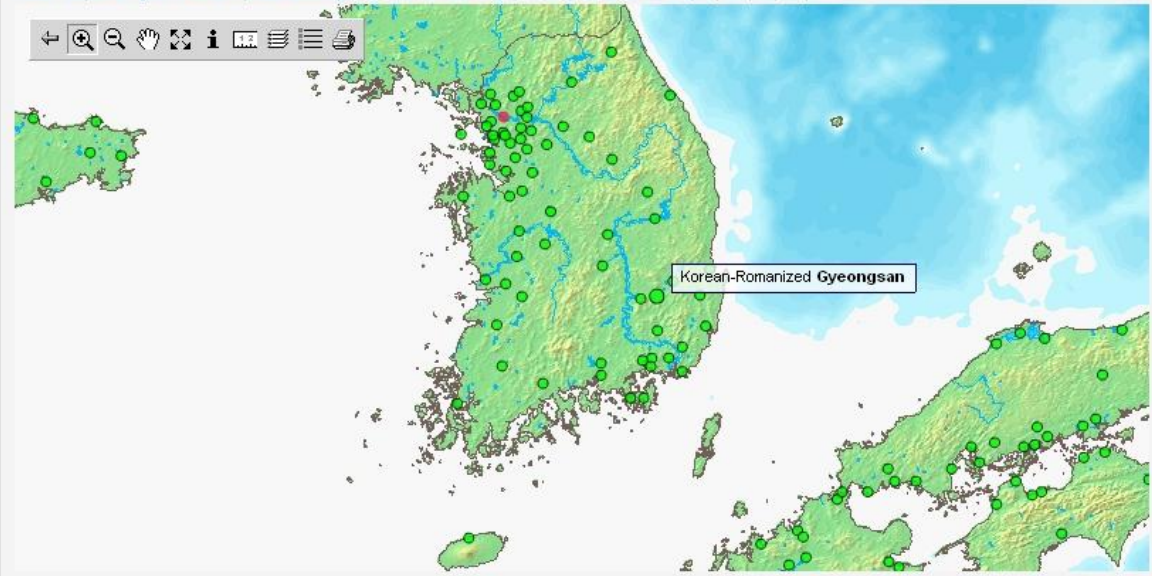
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Country names

Endonyms

Language	Short name	Formal name
Korean	한국 <i>Han'guk</i>	대한민국 <i>Taehan Min'guk</i>

United Nations languages

Language	Short name	Formal name
Arabic	جمهورية كوريا	جمهورية كوريا
Chinese	大韩民国	大韩民国
English	Republic of Korea (the)	the Republic of Korea
French	République de Corée (la)	la République de Corée
Russian	Республика Корея	Республика Корея
Spanish	República de Corea (la)	la República de Corea

Capital and other major cities

Capital city

Lat: 37.54 | Long: 126.93 서울 - Seoul

Endonym

Language	City name	Source
Korean	서울 <i>Seoul</i>	UNGEGN



Republic of Korea – capital city

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Capital and other major cities

Capital city

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Endonym

Language	City name	Source
Korean	서울 <i>Seoul</i>	UNGEGN

United Nations Languages

Language	City name	Source
Arabic	سول	UN terms
Chinese	首尔	UN terms
English	Seoul	UN terms
French	Séoul	UN terms
Russian	Сейл	UN terms
Spanish	Seúl	UN terms

Other major cities

Lat: 33.51 | Long: 126.52 제주 - Jeju

Endonym

Language	City name	Source
Korean	제주 <i>Jeju</i>	UNGEGN

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Other major cities

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Lat: 34.85 Long: 128.43	통영 - Tongyeong
Lat: 34.85 Long: 128.58	거제 - Geoje
Lat: 34.99 Long: 127.40	순천 - Suncheon
Lat: 35.07 Long: 128.08	사천 - Sacheon
Lat: 35.10 Long: 129.04	부산 - Busan
Lat: 35.15 Long: 128.67	진해 - Jinhae
Lat: 35.15 Long: 126.92	광주 - Gwangju
Lat: 35.18 Long: 128.08	진주 - Jinju
Lat: 35.21 Long: 128.57	마산 - Masan
Lat: 35.23 Long: 128.68	창원 - Changwon
Lat: 35.23 Long: 128.88	김해 - Gimhae
Lat: 35.34 Long: 129.04	양산 - Yangsan
Lat: 35.49 Long: 128.75	밀양 - Miryang
Lat: 35.54 Long: 129.32	울산 - Ulsan
Lat: 35.55 Long: 126.85	정읍 - Jeongeup
Lat: 35.80 Long: 128.55	대구 - Daegu
Lat: 35.82 Long: 127.15	전주 - Jeonju
Lat: 35.82 Long: 128.74	경산 - Gyeongsan

Endonym

Language	City name	Source
Korean	경산 ↗ <i>Gyeongsan</i>	UNGEGN



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Country boundaries correspond with UN Cartography/UNGIWG

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From countries still need major cities + pronunciation

so far 2770 country names; 4300 names for 3130 cities; 834 audio files

Future – further inclusion of variant names; interface improvements