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Gazetteer development

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What is a gazetteer?

- Oxford English Dictionary: “A geographical index or dictionary.”
  - Alfabetical list of geographical features
  - Descriptive information of places
  - Statistics
  - Maps and photographs

- UN Glossary of Terms for the Standardization of Geographical Names:
  “List of toponyms arranged in alphabetic or other sequential order, with an indication of their location and preferably including variant names, type of topographic feature and other defining or descriptive information.”
  → geographical names register
Historical examples

Descriptive gazetteers:
Ordnance Gazetteer of Scotland
1803-1901

http://www.gazetteerofscotland.org.uk/
Historical examples

Digitized gazetteer:
Meyers Orts- und Verkehrs-lexikon des deutschen Reichs
[Meyer’s Gazetteer of the German Empire] 1912

https://www.meyersgaz.org/
Historical examples

Commercial gazetteers of the Netherlands:

Van Goor’s
Aardrijkskundig woordenboek van Nederland
[Geographical Dictionary = Gazetteer of the Netherlands]
1942-1968

Van Goor’s / Vuga’s / Elsevier
Alfabetische plaatsnamengids van Nederland
[Alphabetical Place Names Guide = Gazetteer of the Netherlands]
1971-2012

Sources: Central Bureau of Statistics and Topographic Survey of the Netherlands
## Current national gazetteers

### Gazetteer of Japan

**Gazetteer of Japan**

- National gazetteer in pdf
  - [https://www.gsi.go.jp/ENGGLISH/pape_e300284.html](https://www.gsi.go.jp/ENGGLISH/pape_e300284.html)

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Current national gazetteers

Mexico

Registro de Nombres Geográficos [Geographical Names Register]

National web gazetteer with attributes and location

https://www.inegi.org.mx/app/geo2/cng/
Current national gazetteers


National web map gazetteer with vector features (points, lines, polygons), attributes, location and 3D visualization
Current (inter)national gazetteers

Thematic gazetteers for:

- Street names
- Country names
- Exonyms
- Sea and undersea features
- Names on Antarctica
International gazetteer for Europe

● Challenges:
  ○ No global international gazetteer for authoritative names data exists
  ○ In Europe ‘cross-border’ patchwork of national names databases and services
  ○ Despite international INSPIRE standard, still harmonization needed

● Opportunities:
  ○ Experience of EuroGeoNames project (2006-2009), an INSPIRE-compliant Web Feature Service (WFS), based on national geographical names data
  ○ EuroRegionalMap (ERM) 1:250,000 scale topographic dataset
  ○ EuroBoundaryMap (EBM) 1:100,000 scale administrative boundaries
  ○ National gazetteer data and exonyms data integrated by UNGEGN expert
International gazetteer for Europe

EuroGeographics

Open Gazetteer

Web gazetteer with attributes and location, both endonyms and exonyms

https://www.mapsfor europe.org/explore- map/open-gazetteer
International gazetteer of the United Nations

UNEGN

World Geographical Names

Web map gazetteer with attributes and location, both endonyms and exonyms

To be linked to national data through unique identifier
Thank you for your attention!