



# *GeoServer*

# *Cartographic Rendering*

*New features for map makers*

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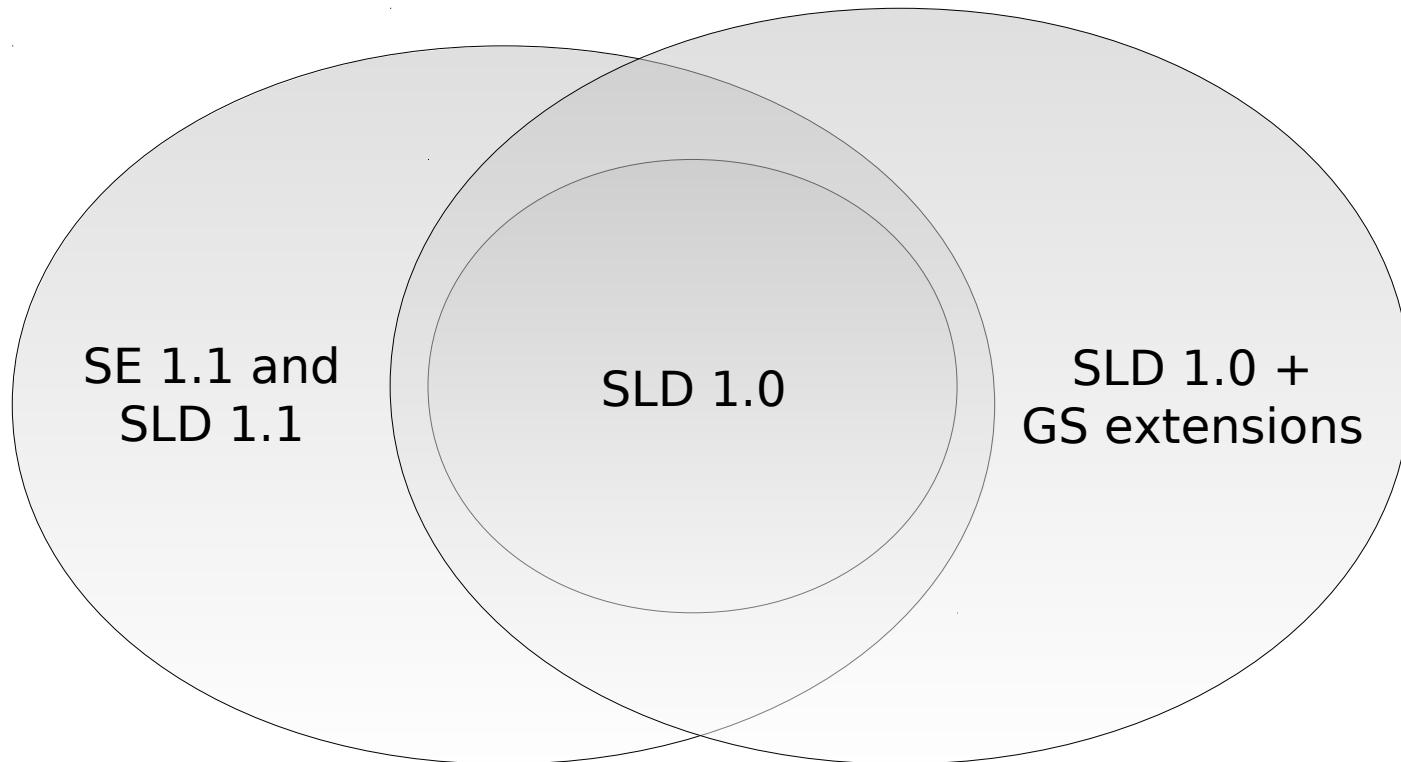
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# *Three SLDs*

# ***SLD 1.0, 1.1, and GS one***



# *SE 1.1 improvements*

- Symbolizers in real world units (uom)
- Selected geometry transformations: offsets, buffers
- External symbol sets (support for decorative fonts)
- Functions: numeric, date and string formatting, categorization, interpolation, and recoding

# *GeoServer improvements*

- GeoServer extended SLD 1.0 over time by adding a number of vendor extensions
- Some shared with SE 1.1, some unique
- That's the content of this presentation!



# *Summary*

- Recent improvements
- Filter functions
- Geometry transformations
- Labeling

1.0

SLD 1.0

1.1

SLD 1.1 only

GS

GeoServer  
specific

2.0

GeoServer 2.0.x

2.1

GeoServer 2.1.x  
(trunk)



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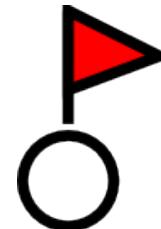
# *Improvements*

*Things we were missing or not doing  
quite right*

# Graphic strokes (finally!)

- Graphic stroke: replicate an image along a line

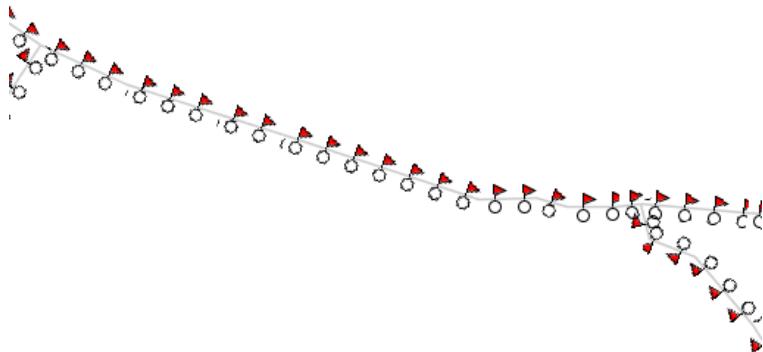
```
...
<LineSymbolizer>
  <Stroke>
    <GraphicStroke>
      <Graphic>
        <ExternalGraphic>
          <OnlineResource xlink:type="simple" xlink:href="burg02.svg" />
          <Format>image/svg+xml</Format>
        </ExternalGraphic>
        <Size>
          <ogc:Literal>20</ogc:Literal>
        </Size>
      </Graphic>
    </GraphicStroke>
  </Stroke>
</LineSymbolizer>
...
```



2.1

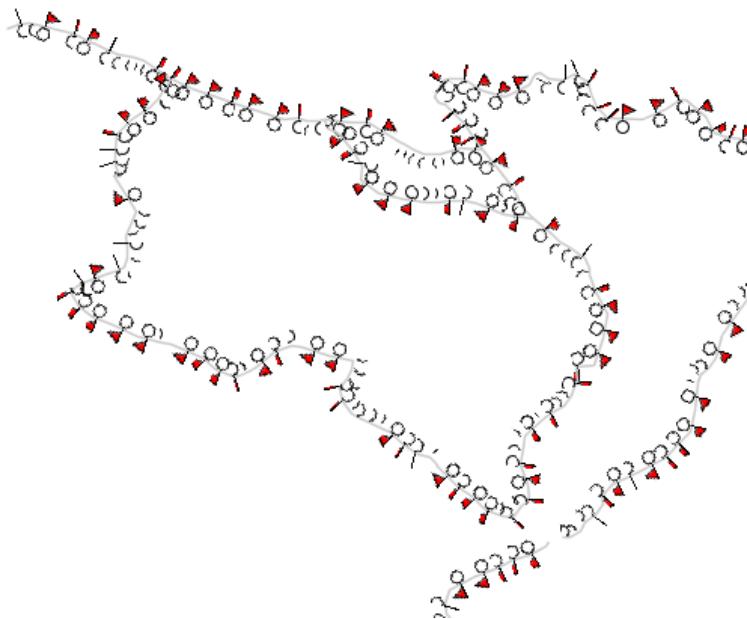
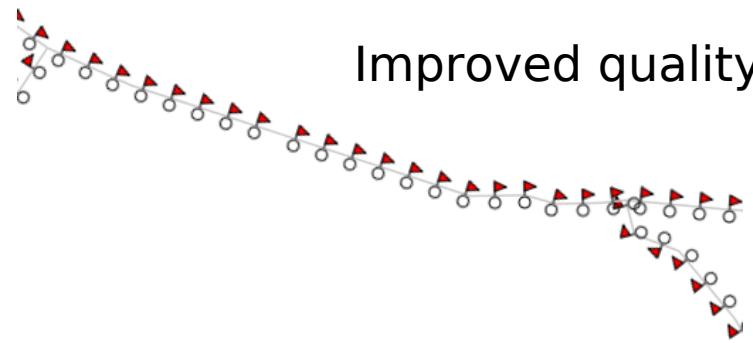
1.0

**2.0.3**

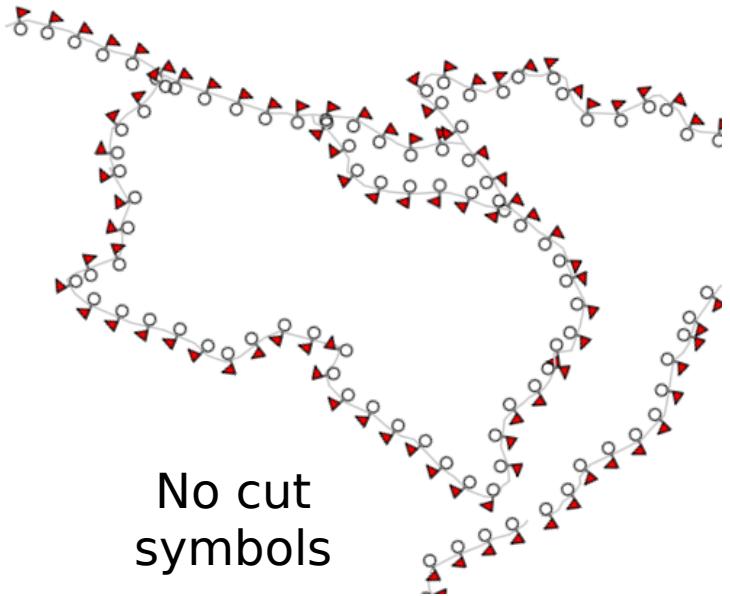


**2.1.x (trunk)**

Improved quality



No cut  
symbols



# *... adding dash-arrays*

- “The stroke-dasharray element encodes a dash pattern as a series of space separated floats”
- What about mixing dash array with graphic stroke? Spec does not say...



2.1

1.0

GS

2.1

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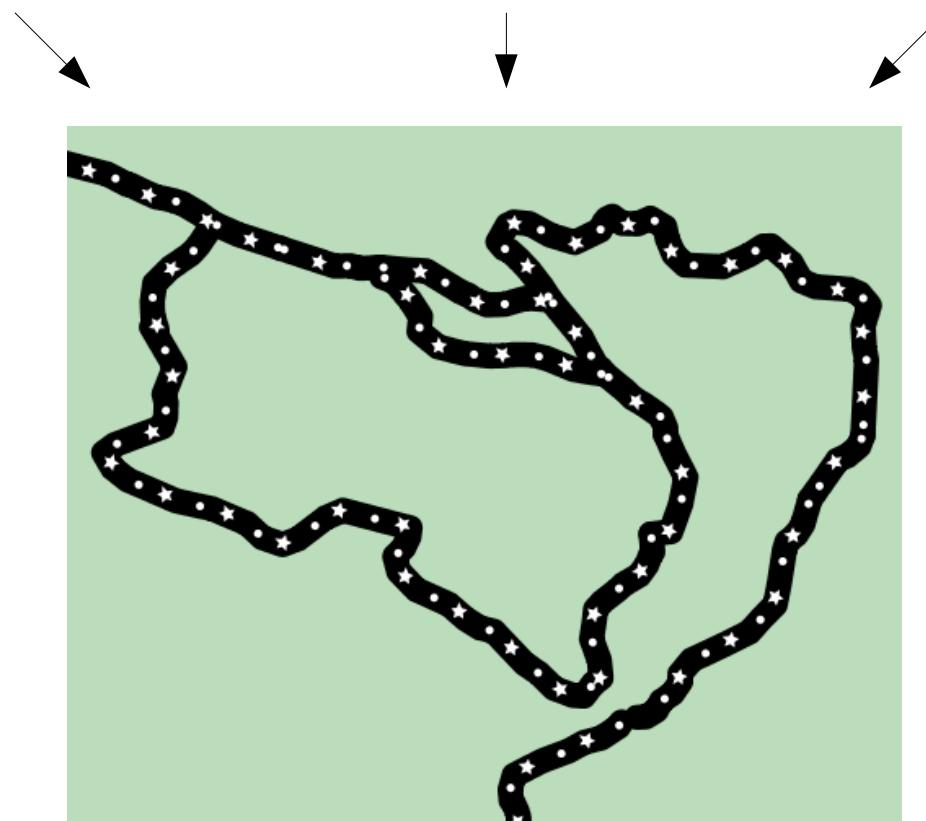
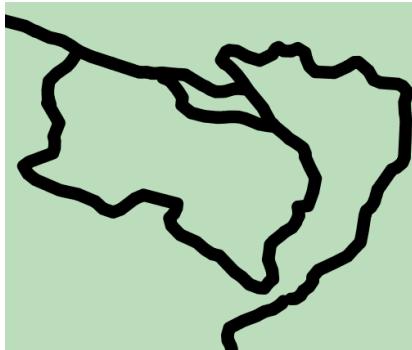
GS

```
<FeatureTypeStyle>
  <Rule>
    <LineSymbolizer>
      <Stroke>
        <CssParameter name="stroke">#000000</CssParameter>
        <CssParameter name="stroke-width">15</CssParameter>
        <CssParameter name="stroke-linejoin">round</CssParameter>
        <CssParameter name="stroke-linecap">round</CssParameter>
      </Stroke>
    </LineSymbolizer>
  </Rule>
</FeatureTypeStyle>
<FeatureTypeStyle>
  <Rule>
    <LineSymbolizer>
      <Stroke>
        <GraphicStroke>
          <Graphic><Mark>
            <WellKnownName>Circle</WellKnownName>
            <Fill><CssParameter name="fill">#FFFFFF</CssParameter></Fill>
          </Mark><Size>5</Size></Graphic>
        </GraphicStroke>
        <CssParameter name="stroke-dasharray">5 35</CssParameter>
      </Stroke>
    </LineSymbolizer>
    <LineSymbolizer>
      <Stroke>
        <GraphicStroke>
          <Graphic><Mark>
            <WellKnownName>Star</WellKnownName>
            <Fill><CssParameter name="fill">#FFFFFF</CssParameter></Fill>
          </Mark><Size>10</Size></Graphic>
        </GraphicStroke>
        <CssParameter name="stroke-dasharray">10 30</CssParameter>
        <CssParameter name="stroke-dashoffset">20</CssParameter>
      </Stroke>
    </LineSymbolizer>
  </Rule>
</FeatureTypeStyle>
```

Solid  
black  
line

Repeated  
little  
white  
circle

Repeated  
star



2.1

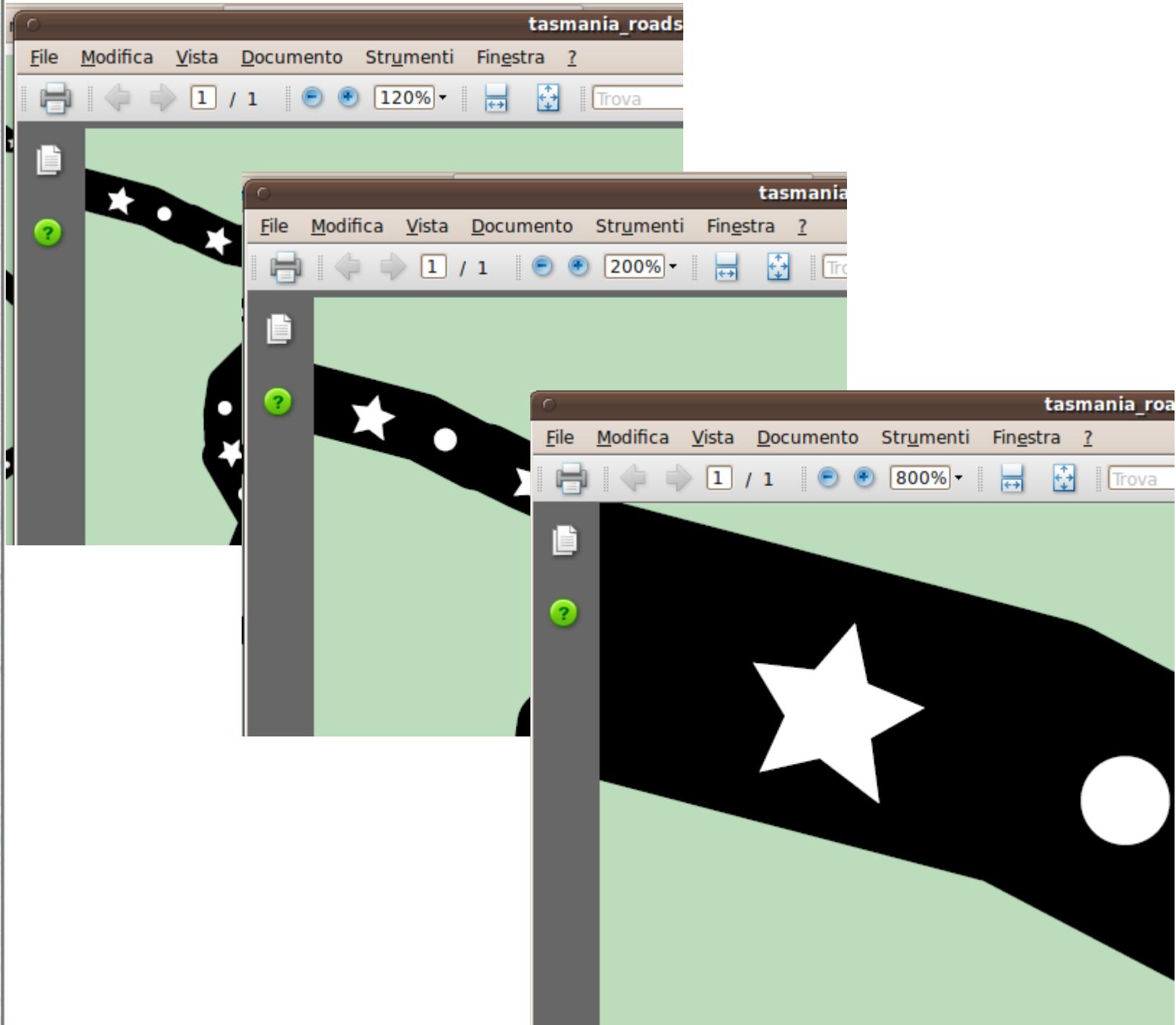
1.0

GS

# *Full vector export*

- SVG and PDF formats now provide full vector output
- Requires that all graphic are vector themselves: marks or SVG symbols
- History:
  - In 1.7.x all graphics were rasterized
  - In 2.0.x support vector output of point and polygon fills thanks to **Milton Jonathan** work
  - In trunk 2.1.x complete support (graphic strokes as well)





# Unit Of Measure

- SLD 1.0 supports only pixels
- SLD 1.1 has a **uom** attribute: pixels, meters or feet
- GeoServer SLD 1.0 accepts the UOM attribute anyways (thanks again to the work of **Milton Jonathan**)

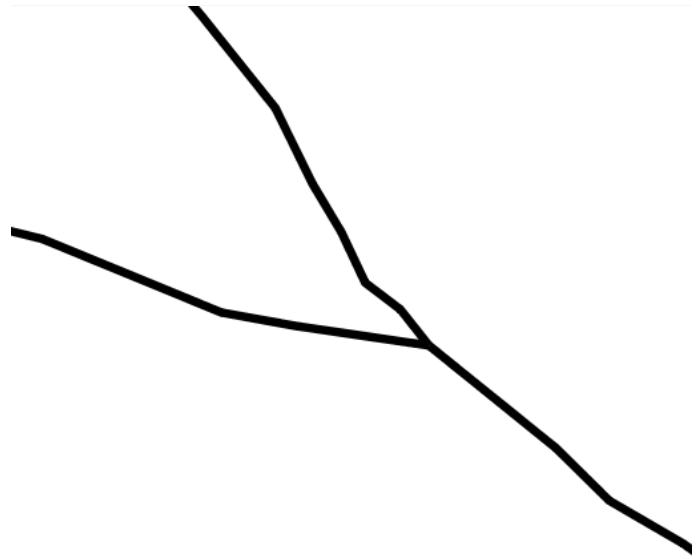
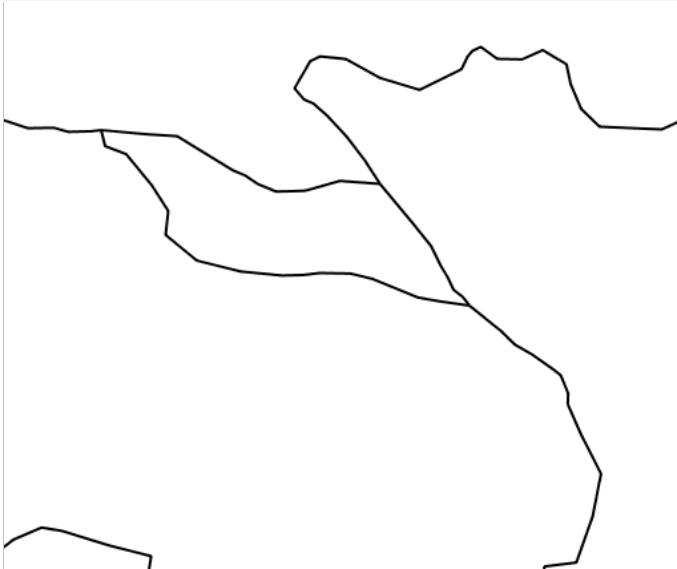
```
<LineSymbolizer uom="http://www.opengeospatial.org/se/units/metre">
  <Stroke>
    <CssParameter name="stroke-width">500</CssParameter>
  </Stroke>
</LineSymbolizer>
```

2.1

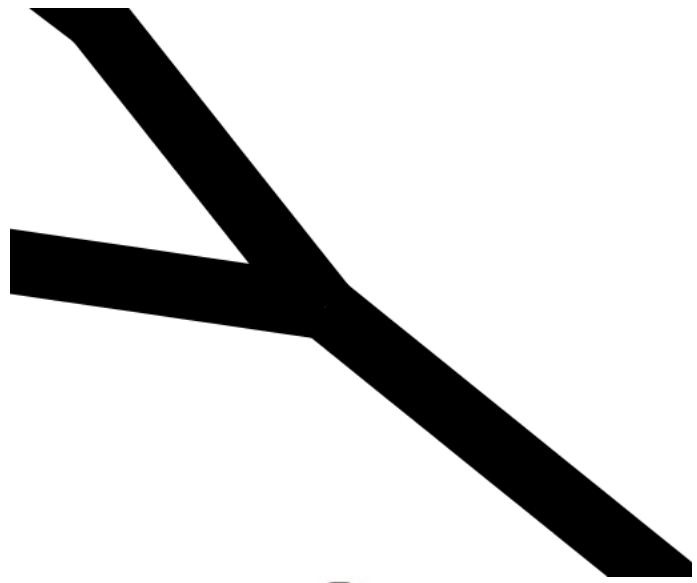
1.1

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Increasing  
zoom level



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## *The twilight zone*

*Stuff that is part of the SLD specification, yet it's not portable*

# *Leveraging SLD flexibility*

- In SLD most elements are of the type **ogc:Expression**
  - Attribute names
  - Math (ogc:Add, ogc:Div, ...)
  - **Call functions!**
- Functions are open ended!

$$e = f(x, y, z)$$

# *Filter functions*

- The **concept** of filter function is **part of the OGC Filter spec.** A filter function is an expression with a name and a set of arguments
- However there are **no standardized functions in SLD 1.0**, and only a handful in SE 1.1
- GeoServer has **hundreds** built-in:  
[http://docs.geoserver.org/stable/en/user/filter/function\\_reference.html](http://docs.geoserver.org/stable/en/user/filter/function_reference.html)

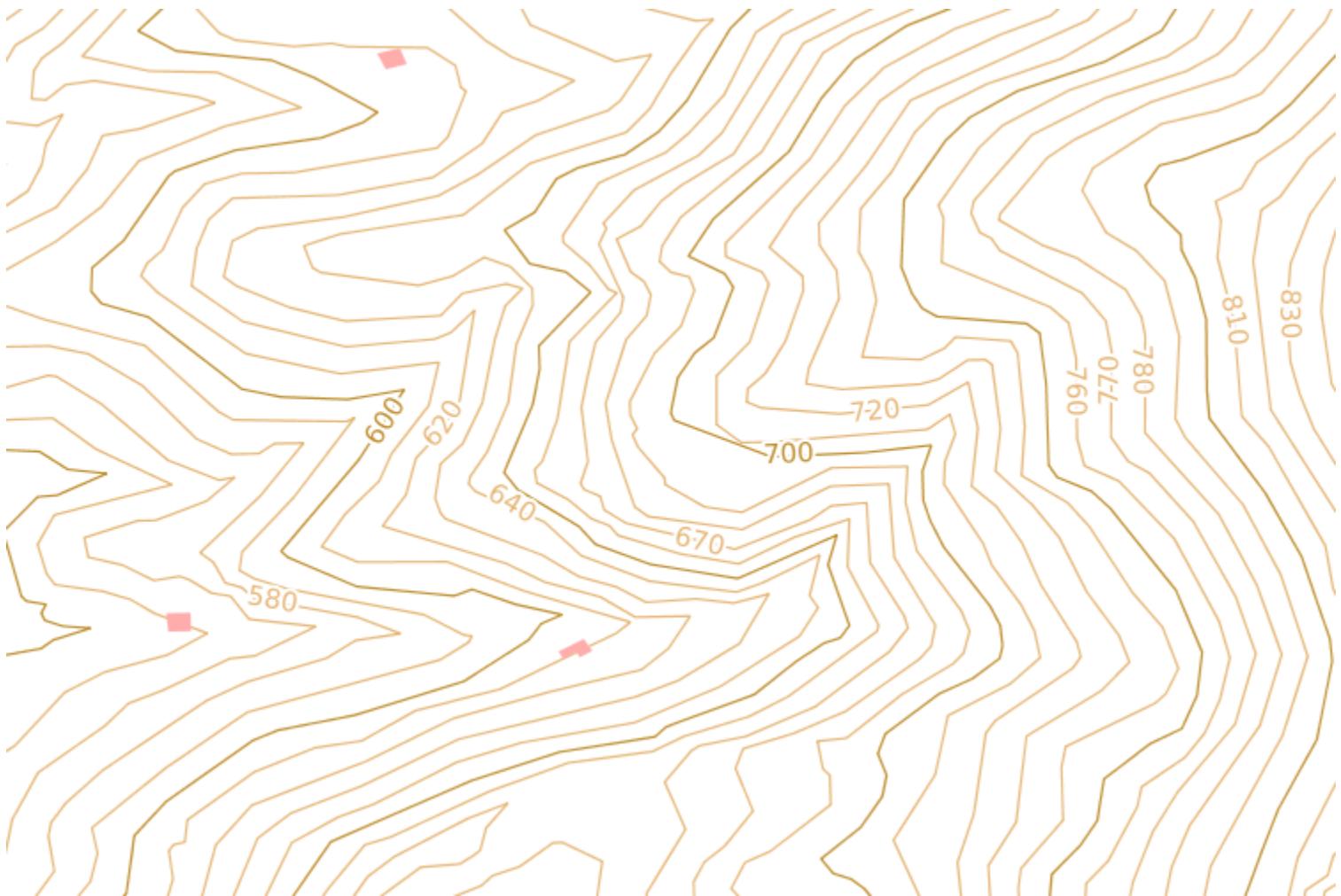
# *Filter function examples*

- **Math:** abs, sin, cos, tan, floor, round, random, toDegrees, toRadians, ...
- **String:** strEqualsIgnoreCase, strLength, strReplace, strSubstring, strtoLowerCase, strtoUpperCase, ...
- **Parsing and formatting:** dateFormat, numberFormat, ...
- **Geometry ones:** intersects, union, ...

```
<TextSymbolizer>
  <Label>
    <ogc:Function name="roundDouble">
      <ogc:PropertyName>COTA_0201</ogc:PropertyName>
    </ogc:Function>
  </Label>
  ...

```

Float point field, would result in  
620.0, sometimes in 619.9999999999



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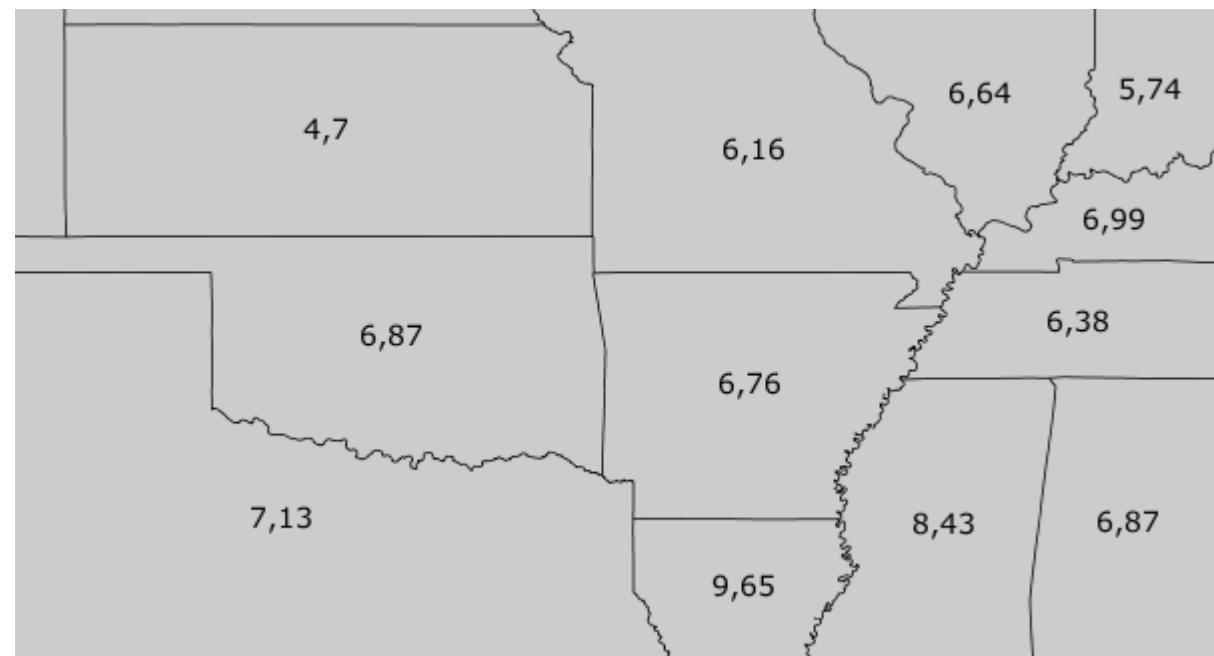
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```
<Label>
  <ogc:Function name="strToUpper">
    <ogc:PropertyName>STATE_NAME</ogc:PropertyName>
  </ogc:Function>
</Label>
```



```
<Label>
  <ogc:Function name="numberFormat">
    <ogc:Literal>#.##</ogc:Literal>
    <ogc:Mul>
      <ogc:Div>
        <ogc:PropertyName>UNEMPLOY</ogc:PropertyName>
        <ogc:Add>
          <ogc:PropertyName>EMPLOYED</ogc:PropertyName>
          <ogc:PropertyName>UNEMPLOY</ogc:PropertyName>
        </ogc:Add>
      </ogc:Div>
      <ogc:Literal>100</ogc:Literal>
    </ogc:Mul>
  </ogc:Function>
</Label>
```



Format("#.##", UNEMPLOY / (EMPLOYED/UNEMPLOY))

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# *Geometry transformations*

*Not your grandpa's geometries*



# *Geometry reference in SLD*

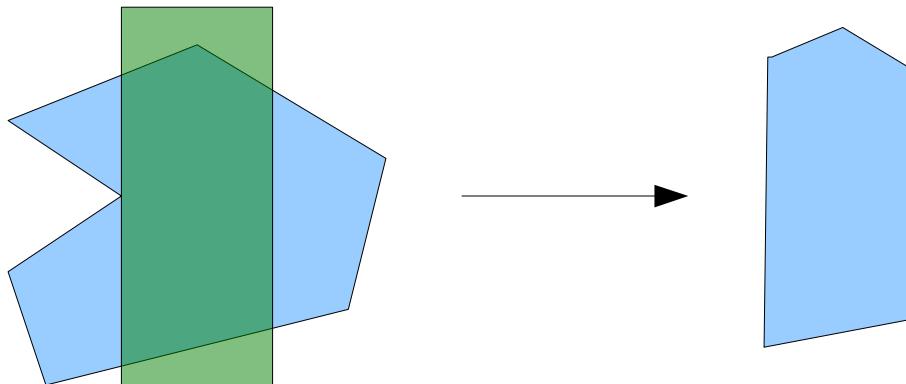
- Each SLD/SE symbolizer has a “Geometry” element
- Used if you have many geometries among the attributes (not common)
- Has to be a <ogc:PropertyName>
- **Why? Can't I play with my geometry?**

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# *Geometry transformations*

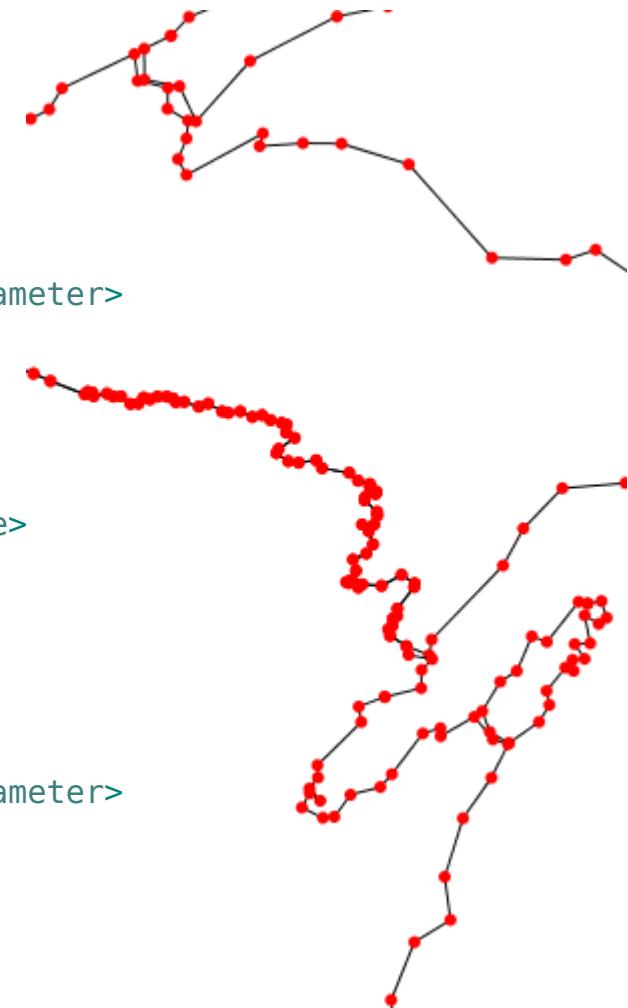
- In GeoServer extended SLD, <Geometry> can be ogc:Function too
- You can transform the geometry before the renderer starts using it
- Extract vertexes, centroid, buffer, translate, intersect, ...



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```
<LineSymbolizer>
  <Stroke>
    <CssParameter name="stroke-width">0.5</CssParameter>
  </Stroke>
</LineSymbolizer>
<PointSymbolizer>
  <Geometry>
    <ogc:Function name="vertices">
      <ogc:PropertyName>the_geom</ogc:PropertyName>
    </ogc:Function>
  </Geometry>
  <Graphic>
    <Mark>
      <WellKnownName>circle</WellKnownName>
      <Fill>
        <CssParameter name="fill">#FF0000</CssParameter>
      </Fill>
    </Mark>
    <Size>6</Size>
  </Graphic>
</PointSymbolizer>
```



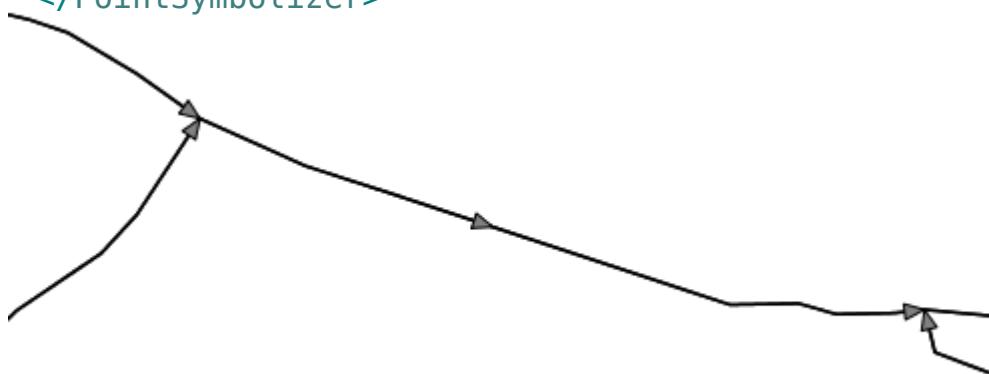
```
<PolygonSymbolizer>
  <Geometry>
    <ogc:Function name="offset">
      <ogc:PropertyName>the_geom</ogc:PropertyName>
      <ogc:Literal>0.00004</ogc:Literal>
      <ogc:Literal>-0.00004</ogc:Literal>
    </ogc:Function>
  </Geometry>
  <Fill><CssParameter name="fill">#555555</CssParameter></Fill>
</PolygonSymbolizer>
<PolygonSymbolizer>
  <Fill><CssParameter name="fill">#ff7878</CssParameter></Fill>
</PolygonSymbolizer>
```



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```
<PointSymbolizer>
  <Geometry>
    <ogc:Function name="endPoint">
      <ogc:PropertyName>the_geom</ogc:PropertyName>
    </ogc:Function>
  </Geometry>
  <Graphic>
    <Mark>
      <WellKnownName>shape://carrow</WellKnownName>
      <Fill />
      <Stroke>
        <CssParameter name="stroke-width">1</CssParameter>
        <CssParameter name="stroke">#000000</CssParameter>
      </Stroke>
    </Mark>
    <Size>20</Size>
    <Rotation>
      <ogc:Function name="endAngle">
        <ogc:PropertyName>the_geom</ogc:PropertyName>
      </ogc:Function>
    </Rotation>
  </Graphic>
</PointSymbolizer>
```

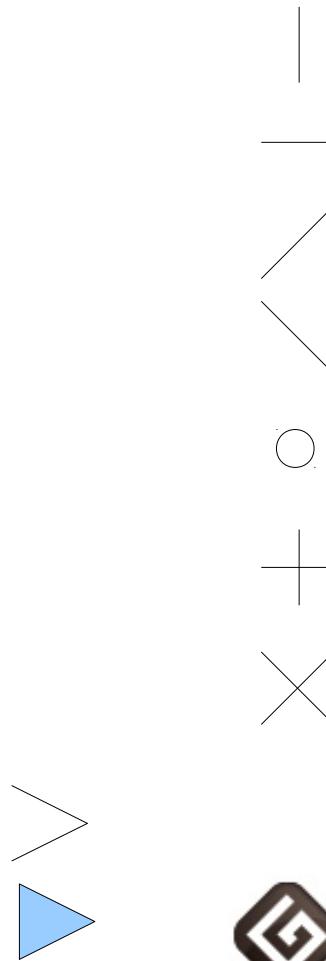


Place a closed arrow at the end of the line

Rotate it along the line

# *The shape mark factory*

- Simple general use shapes:
  - shape://vertline
  - shape://horline
  - shape://slash
  - shape://backslash
  - shape://dot
  - shape://plus
  - shape://times
  - shape://oarrow
  - shape://carrow



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GS

```
<LineSymbolizer><Stroke/></LineSymbolizer>
<LineSymbolizer>
  <Stroke>
    <GraphicStroke>
      <Graphic>
        <Mark>
          <WellKnownName>shape://vertline</WellKnownName>
          <Stroke/>
        </Mark><Size>7</Size>
      </Graphic>
    </GraphicStroke>
  </Stroke>
</LineSymbolizer>

<PolygonSymbolizer>
  <Fill>
    <GraphicFill><Graphic>
      <Mark>
        <WellKnownName>shape://slash</WellKnownName>
        <Stroke />
      </Mark><Size>10</Size>
    </Graphic></GraphicFill>
  </Fill>
  <Stroke/>
</PolygonSymbolizer>

<PolygonSymbolizer>
  <Fill>
    <GraphicFill><Graphic>
      <Mark>
        <WellKnownName>shape://slash</WellKnownName>
        <Stroke />
      </Mark><Size>20</Size>
    </Graphic></GraphicFill>
  </Fill>
  <Stroke/>
</PolygonSymbolizer>
```





# *Map labeling*

*1001 vendor options*

# *SLD/SE status*

- SLD/SE provides control for label along a line and position relative to a point
- Quite poor. What about:
  - Priority
  - Repetition
  - Label wrapping
  - Controlling placement heuristics
  - Mixing labels and graphics so that they behave as one (road plates)

# *GeoServer status*

- More than a dozen vendor options to control and fine tune labeling
- Full list here:  
<http://docs.geoserver.org/trunk/en/user/styling/sld-reference/labeling.html>



# *Controlling priority*

- <Priority> vendor element
- The higher the value, the sooner the label will be drawn (which makes it win in the conflict resolution game)

<Priority><ogc:PropertyName>POP2005</ogc:PropertyName></Priority>



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# *Controlling label wrapping*

- An option to wrap labels that exceed a certain length, in pixels

```
<VendorOption name="autoWrap">100</VendorOption>
```



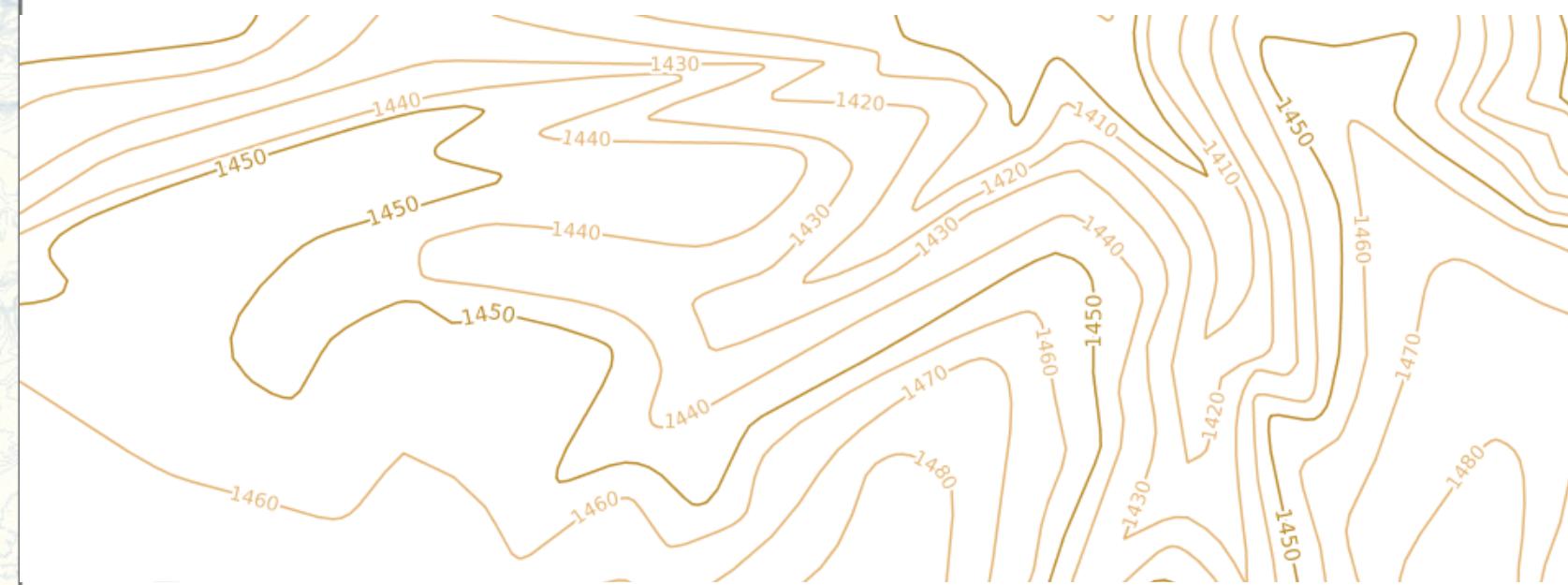
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# *Repeating and displacing*

- Over long lines it's better to repeat the labels
  - Displacing makes GS look for other places should the candidate label position be busy

```
<VendorOption name= "followLine">true</VendorOption>
<VendorOption name= "maxDisplacement">50</VendorOption>
<VendorOption name= "repeat">300</VendorOption>
```



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# *Showing one way*

- Labels are usually flipped to make them readable.  
If the char happens to be a directional arrow...  
that's not desirable

```
<TextSymbolizer>
  <Label>&#x2199;</Label>
  <Font>
    <CssParameter name="font-family">OpenSymbol</CssParameter>
    <CssParameter name="font-size">10</CssParameter>
    <CssParameter name="font-weight">bold</CssParameter>
  </Font>
  <LabelPlacement>
    <LinePlacement>
    </LinePlacement>
  </LabelPlacement>
  <Halo>
    <Radius>
      <ogc:Literal>1</ogc:Literal>
    </Radius>
    <Fill>
      <CssParameter name="fill">#FFFFFF</CssParameter>
      <CssParameter name="fill-opacity">0.85</CssParameter>
    </Fill>
  </Halo>
  <Fill>
    <CssParameter name="fill">#AAAAAA</CssParameter>
  </Fill>
  <VendorOption name="maxDisplacement">100</VendorOption>
  <VendorOption name="forceLeftToRight">false</VendorOption>
</TextSymbolizer>
```



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# *Mixing labels with graphics*

- Typical case: road plate
- Either the road plate and the label show together, or none of them should
- Solution: include a Graphic element inside the TextSymbolizer!

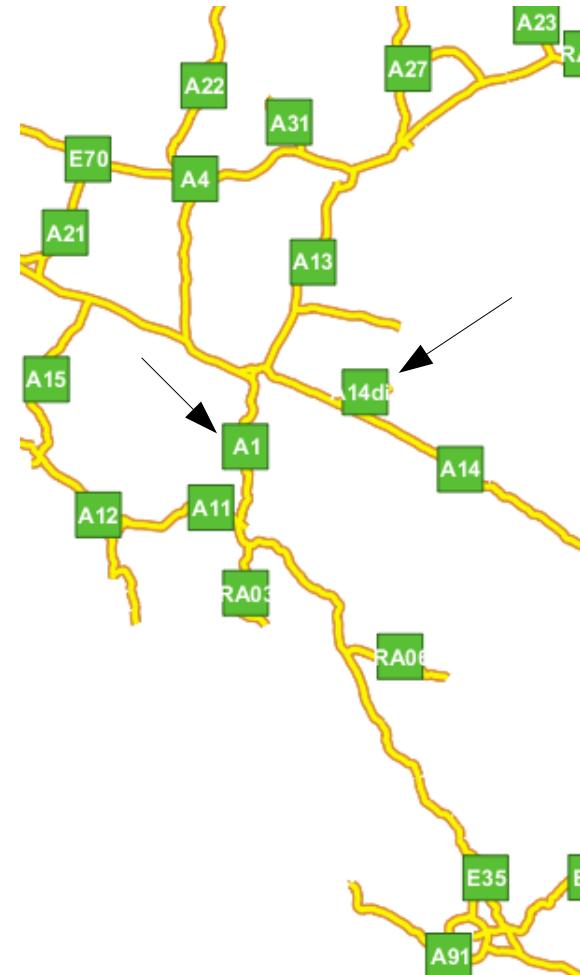


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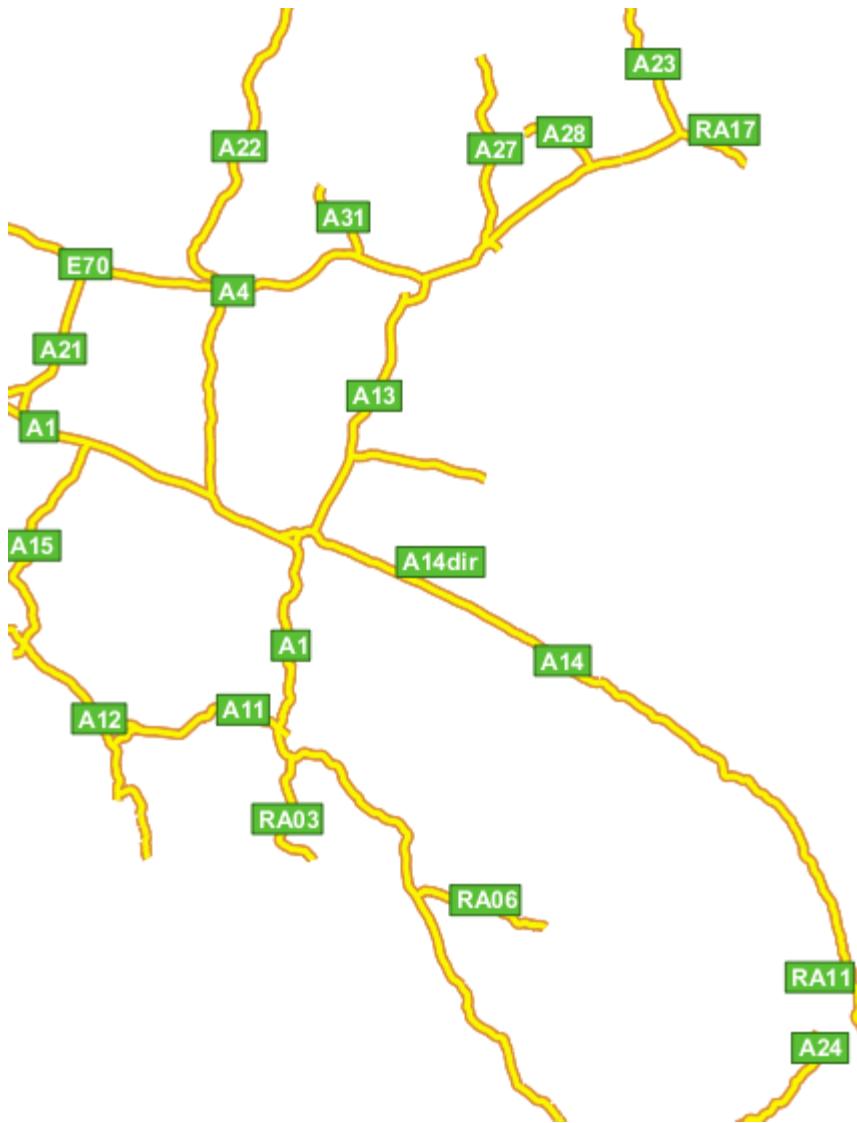
GS

```
<TextSymbolizer>
  <Label>
    <ogc:PropertyName>Nome_Secon</ogc:PropertyName>
  </Label>
  <Font>
    <CssParameter name="font-family">Arial</CssParameter>
    <CssParameter name="font-size">12</CssParameter>
    <CssParameter name="font-weight">bold</CssParameter>
  </Font>
  <LabelPlacement>
    <PointPlacement>
      <AnchorPoint>
        <AnchorPointX>0.5</AnchorPointX>
        <AnchorPointY>0.5</AnchorPointY>
      </AnchorPoint>
    </PointPlacement>
  </LabelPlacement>
  <Fill>
    <CssParameter name="fill">#FFFFFF</CssParameter>
  </Fill>
  <Graphic>
    <Mark>
      <WellKnownName>square</WellKnownName>
      <Fill>
        <CssParameter name="fill">#59BF34</CssParameter>
      </Fill>
      <Stroke>
        <CssParameter name="stroke">#2D6917</CssParameter>
      </Stroke>
    </Mark>
    <Size>24</Size>
  </Graphic>
</TextSymbolizer>
```



Problem: the graphic size is fixed, the text one is dynamic! We could stretch it

```
<VendorOption name="graphic-resize">stretch</VendorOption>
<VendorOption name="graphic-margin">3</VendorOption>
```



Resize mode: none,  
proportional, stretch





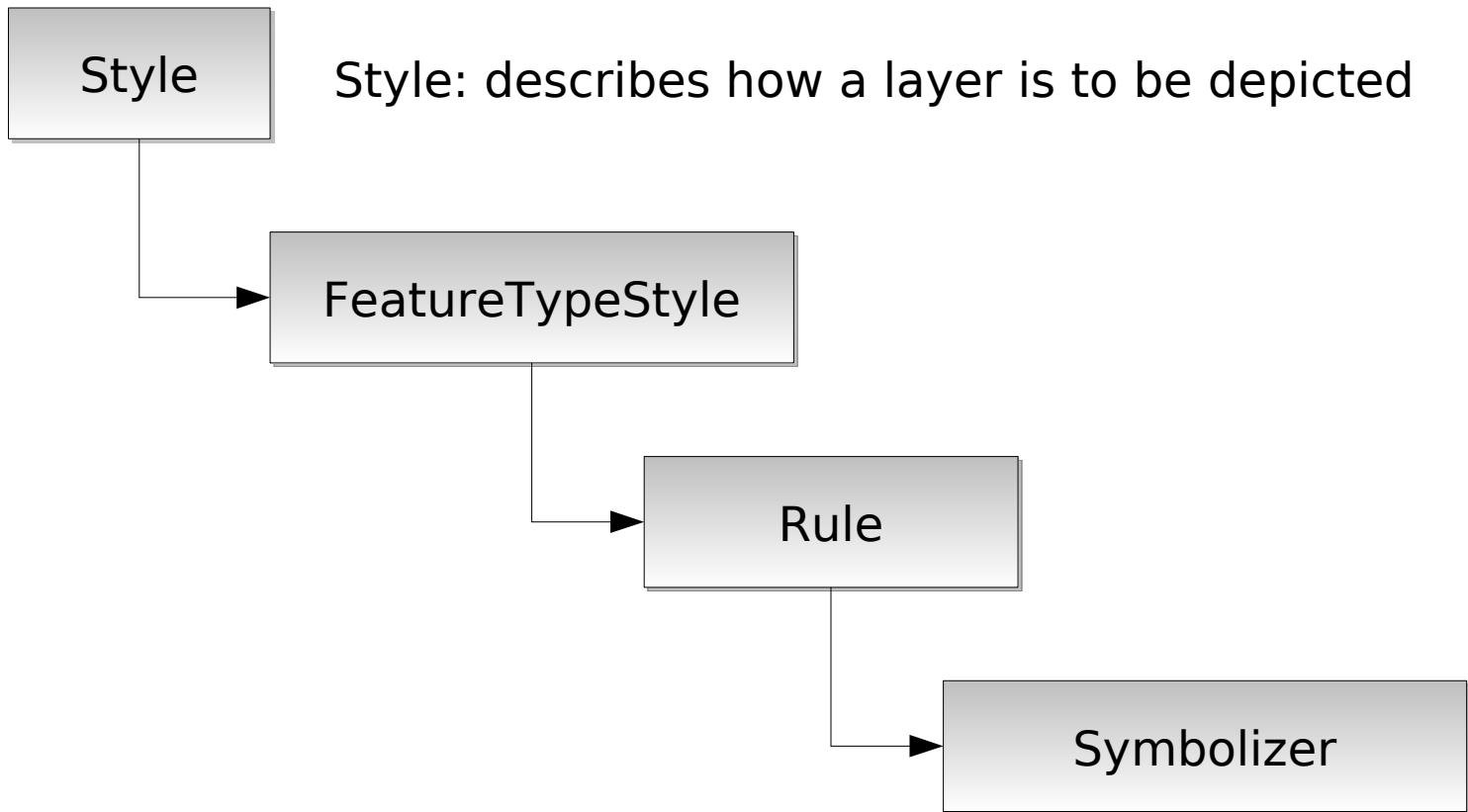
# *Questions?*



# *Extras*

# *Lightning intro to SLD*

# *SLD basic elements*



# *FeatureTypeStyle*

- “The FeatureTypeStyle defines the styling that is to be applied to a single feature type”
- “A map styler is expected to process all FeatureTypeStyles in the order that they appear, regardless, plotting one instance over top of another” (painter model)
- → Used mostly to force certain drawing order

# Rule

- “Rules are used to group rendering instructions by feature-property conditions and map scales”
- So:
  - Scale dependencies
  - Filter by attribute
  - Rendering instructions that apply under the above conditions → symbolizers

# *Symbolizer*

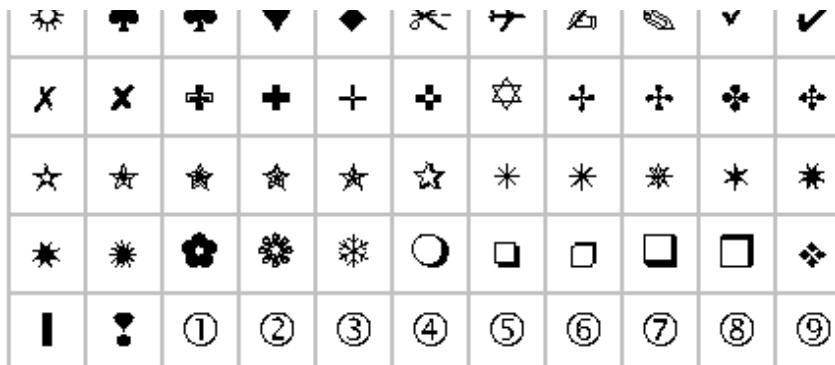
- “A Symbolizer describes how a feature is to appear on a map. The Symbolizer describes not just the shape that should appear but also such graphical properties as color and opacity.”
- Five types of symbolizers:
  - Point: symbol, size, color, ...
  - Line: width, color, graphics along a line
  - Polygon: outline, fill (solid color or graphic based)
  - Text: label, font, placement
  - Raster: color table, gamma, histogram, ...
- A rule can contain multiple symbolizers

# *Dynamic symbolizers*

*Breaking out the mark and graphic cage*

# *Marks in SLD/SE*

- **Mark:** a shape to be filled and stroked
  - **SLD 1.0:**
    - “square”, “circle”, “triangle”, “star”, “cross”, and “x”
  - **SE 1.1:** same, but also external symbol source and “mark index” (e.g. a decorative font + index inside of it)



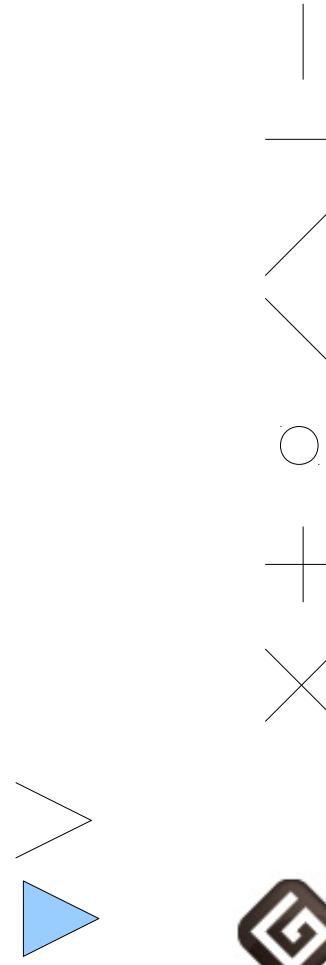
# *Marks in GeoServer*

- The well known name is a string, so it's **open ended**
- Our convention: factory://name
- Two factories available today:
  - shape
  - ttf
- More could be implemented, the API is pluggable

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# *The shape mark factory*

- Shapes intended to be hatch generators:
    - shape://vertline
    - shape://horline
    - shape://slash
    - shape://backslash
    - shape://dot
    - shape://plus
    - shape://times
    - shape://oarrow
    - shape://carrow
- 
- 
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```
<LineSymbolizer><Stroke/></LineSymbolizer>
<LineSymbolizer>
  <Stroke>
    <GraphicStroke>
      <Graphic>
        <Mark>
          <WellKnownName>shape://vertline</WellKnownName>
          <Stroke/>
        </Mark><Size>7</Size>
      </Graphic>
    </GraphicStroke>
  </Stroke>
</LineSymbolizer>

<PolygonSymbolizer>
  <Fill>
    <GraphicFill><Graphic>
      <Mark>
        <WellKnownName>shape://slash</WellKnownName>
        <Stroke />
      </Mark><Size>10</Size>
    </Graphic></GraphicFill>
  </Fill>
  <Stroke/>
</PolygonSymbolizer>

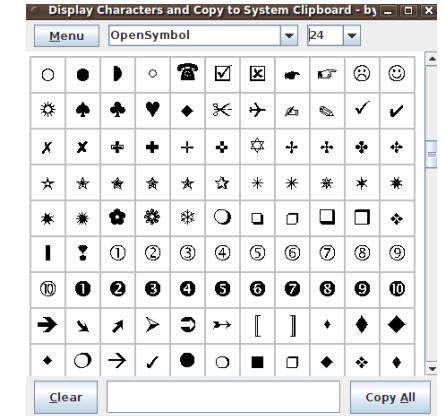
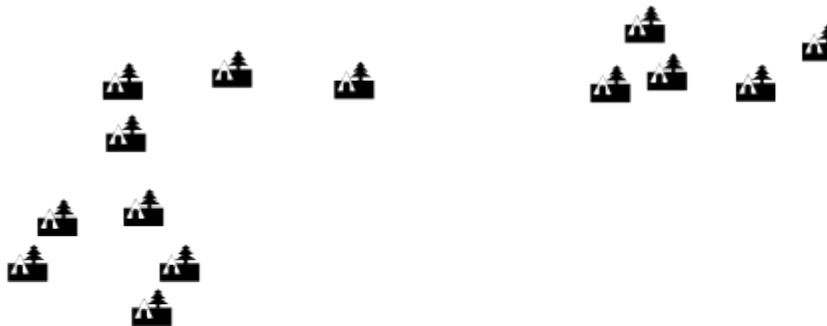
<PolygonSymbolizer>
  <Fill>
    <GraphicFill><Graphic>
      <Mark>
        <WellKnownName>shape://slash</WellKnownName>
        <Stroke />
      </Mark><Size>20</Size>
    </Graphic></GraphicFill>
  </Fill>
  <Stroke/>
</PolygonSymbolizer>
```



# *The TTF mark factory*

- Generates shapes out of decorative fonts
- Format is ttf://fontname#charcode

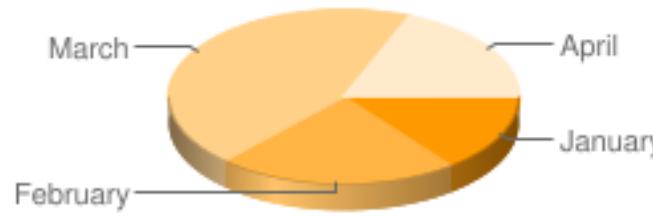
```
<PointSymbolizer>
  <Graphic>
    <Mark>
      <WellKnownName>ttf://Webdings#0x0051</WellKnownName>
      <Fill>
        <CssParameter name="fill">#000000</CssParameter>
      </Fill>
    </Mark>
    <Size>20</Size>
  </Graphic>
</PointSymbolizer>
```



# *External graphics*

- URL to an image
- URL cannot have parameters → static image only!
- Compare with Google chart API → dynamic image!

`http://chart.apis.google.com/chart?  
cht=p3&chd=s:Uf9a&chs=250x100  
&chl=January|February|March|April`





# *Enter dynamic symbolizers*

- Dynamic symbolizers: **expand attribute names inside mark names and graphic URLs**
- **Expand full CQL expressions** (making math, formatting strings, calling functions)
- `${expression} / ${attributeName}`



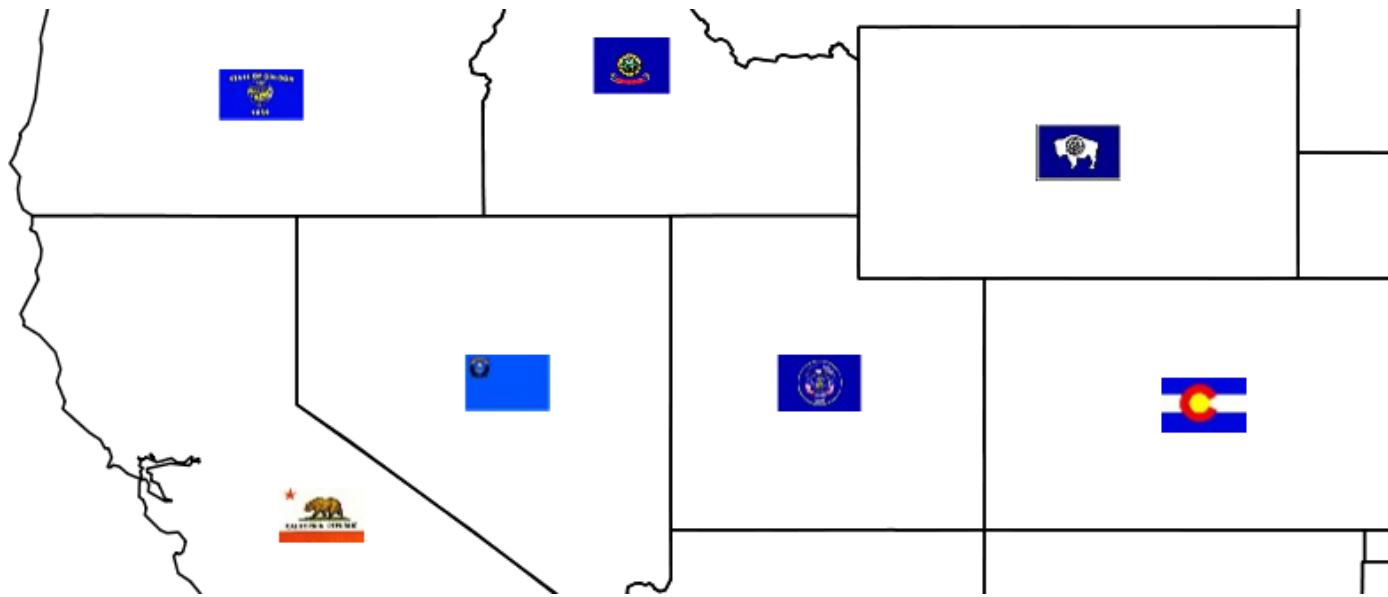
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# Calling a filter function to lower case the state abbreviation

```
<ExternalGraphic>
  <OnlineResource xlink:type="simple"
    xlink:href="http://www.usautoparts.net/tn_{strToLowercase(STATE_ABBR)}.jpg" />
  <Format>image/jpeg</Format>
</ExternalGraphic>
```



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