WS27: Unleash the power of GRASS GIS 7

Session 3 – GRASS GIS general intro

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Session Objectives

- Database structure of GRASS GIS
- About the course data set
- First steps in using GRASS GIS 7
  - the graphical user interface (GUI)
    - displaying raster and vector maps
    - querying maps
    - adding map elements
    - map swiping with two different Landsat coverages
    - bivariate scatterplots
  - GRASS GIS command structure
    - command line or GUI?
  - Creating a perspective view

GRASS GIS Database concept

GRASS Database

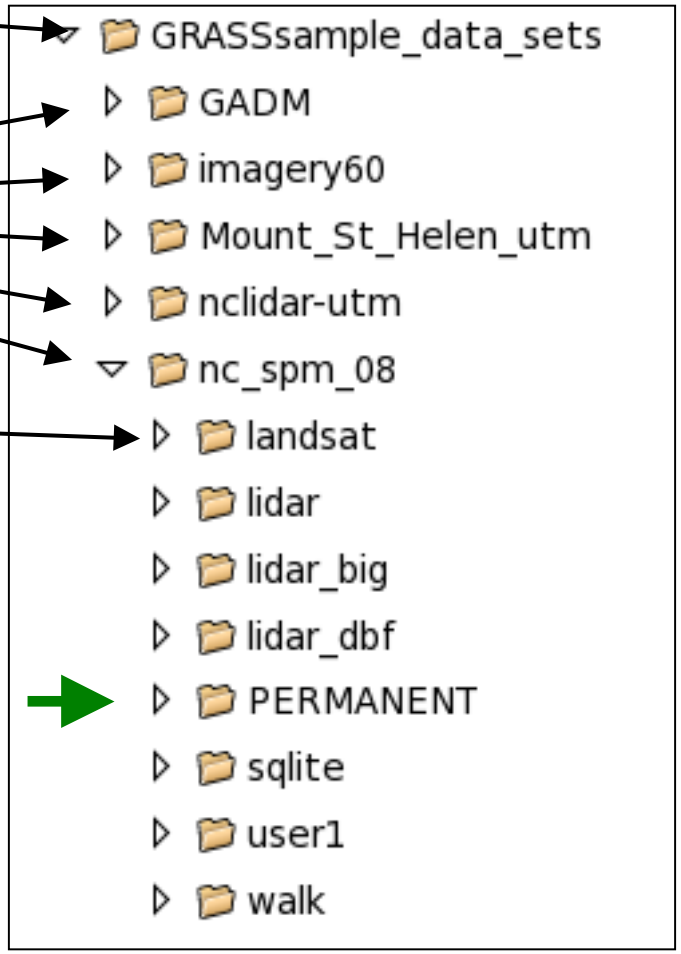
folder with Locations (“projects“)

Location

folder with Mapsets

Mapset

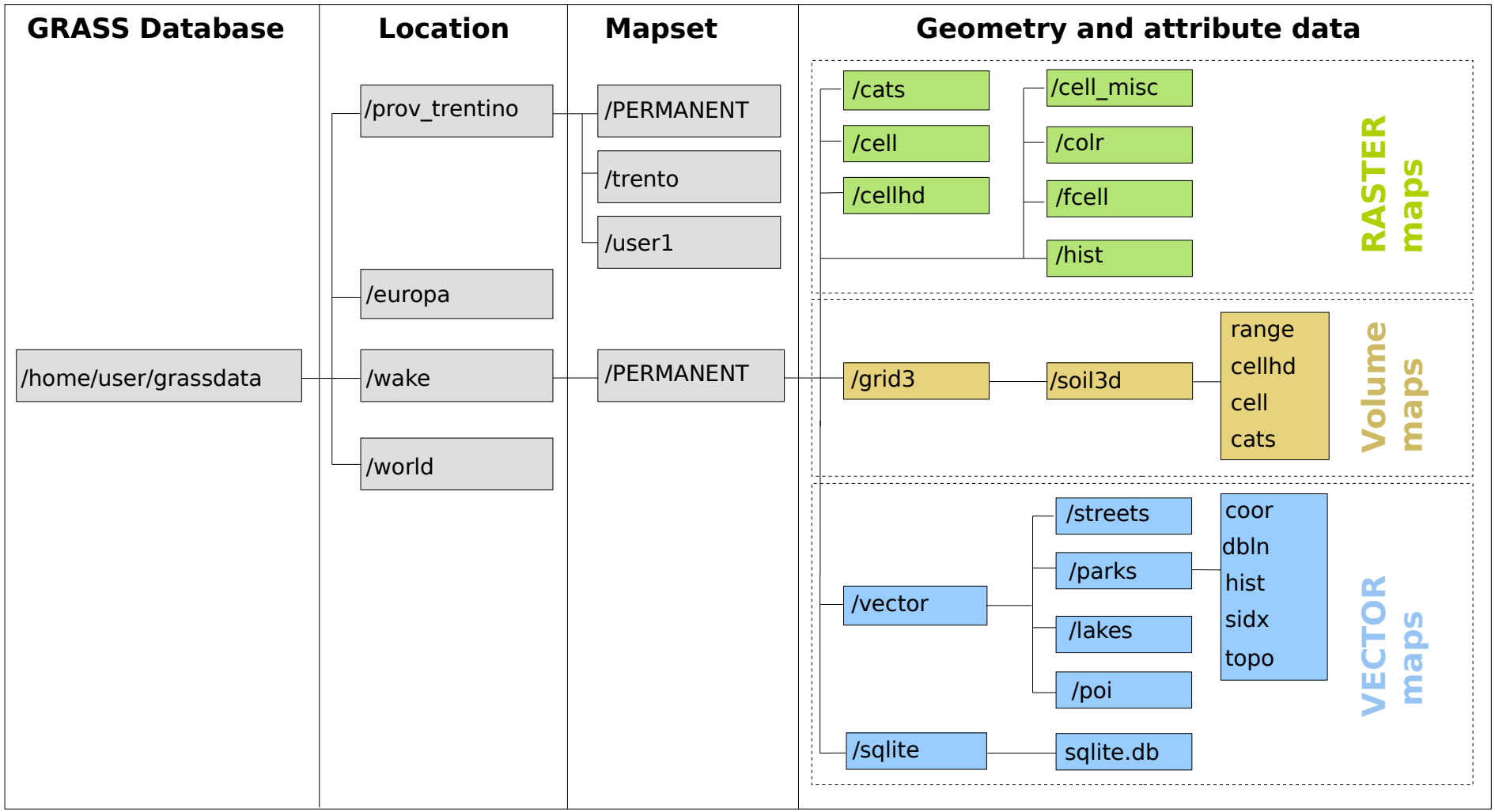
collection of maps and support data



Each Location...

- is defined by a projection
- can hold several mapsets
- has a PERMANENT mapset for base cartography

GRASS 7 Database concept: graphical view



Note: GRASS GIS is handling this for you!

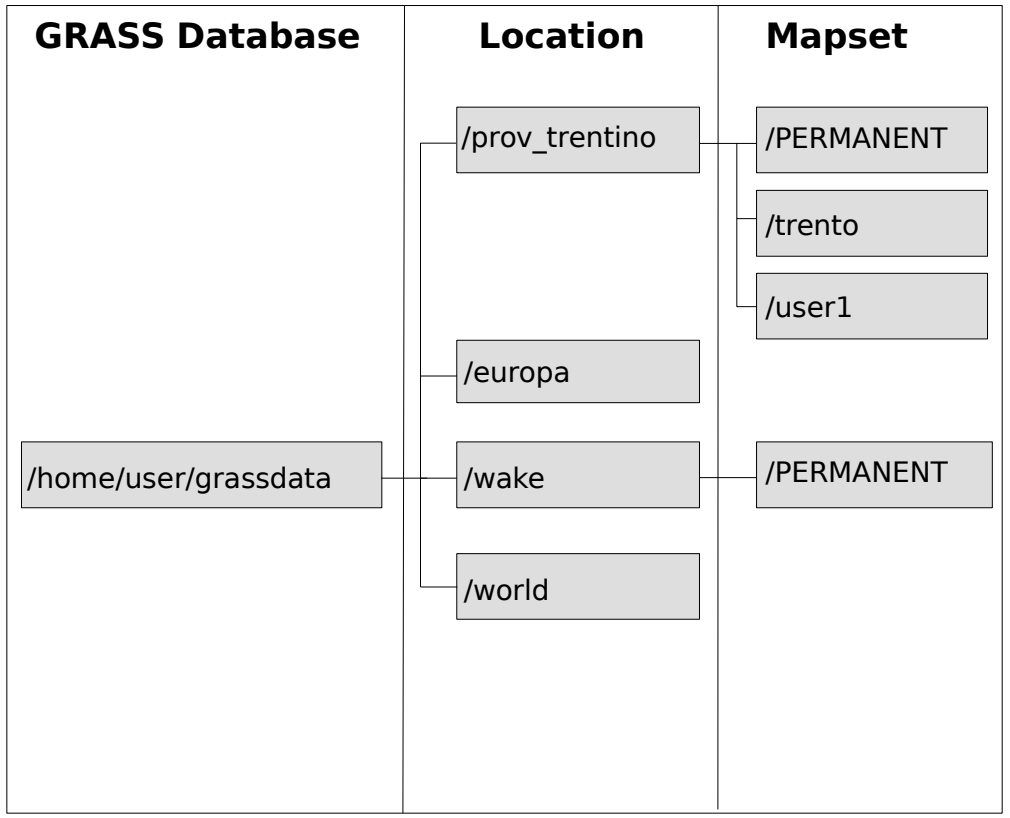
Standard GIS formats versus GRASS 7 Database

Raster
- GeoTIFF
- HDF
- NetCDF
- BIL
- ...

Vector
- SHAPE
- E00
- MapInfo
- Spatialite
- ...

Export

Import



Commonly used directory:

`/home/user/grassdata/`

or a shared network directory

Preparation – The GRASS GIS course data set

We'll now use an already **prepared GRASS GIS 7 Location**.
Later on in this session, we'll create an own location.

Data provided on USB flash disk (or already on the computer):

Note:

- `grassdata_piemonte_version1_2015.tar.gz` is containing sample data from “Piemont, Italy” [1]. It is a dataset prepared for the course, ready for use in GRASS GIS 7.
- unpacking with `tar` tool or archive manager

[1] https://trac.osgeo.org/grass/wiki/SampleDataset/Italy/Piemont

Preparation – Unpacking the course data set

Unpacking of `grassdata_piemonte_version1_2015.tar.gz`
(the “Piemont” GRASS location as prepared for the course)

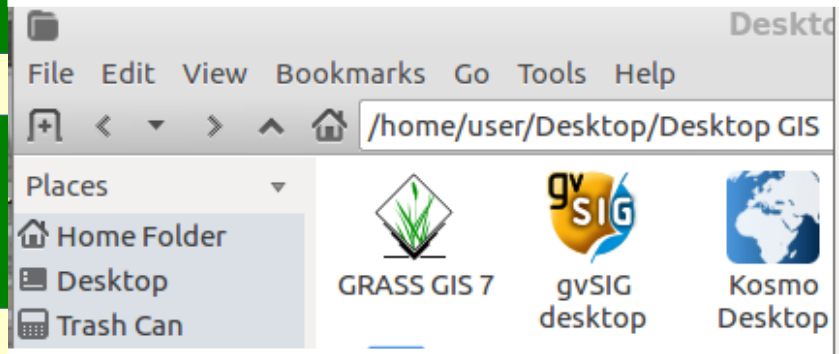
OSGeo-Live:

Create a directory “grassdata” in your home directory and unpack the data package therein:

```
cd $HOME/grassdata
mkdir piemont
cd piemont

tar xvfz /path/to/grassdata_piemonte_version1_2015.tar.gz
```

Exercise – GRASS startup and first steps



Alternative to GUI: cmd line

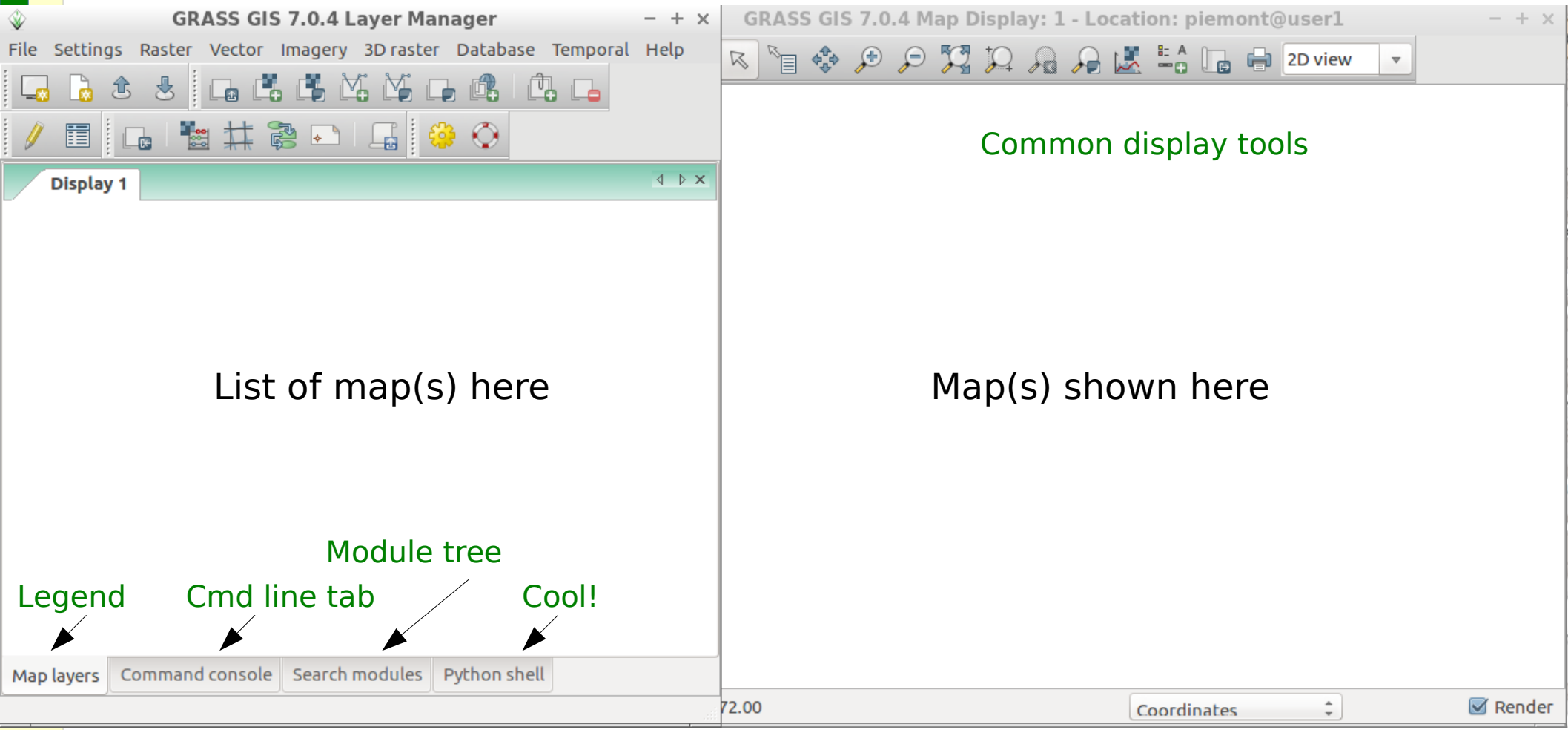
```
> grass70 -gui
```

Exercise – GRASS 7 startup and first steps

The graphical user interface at startup:

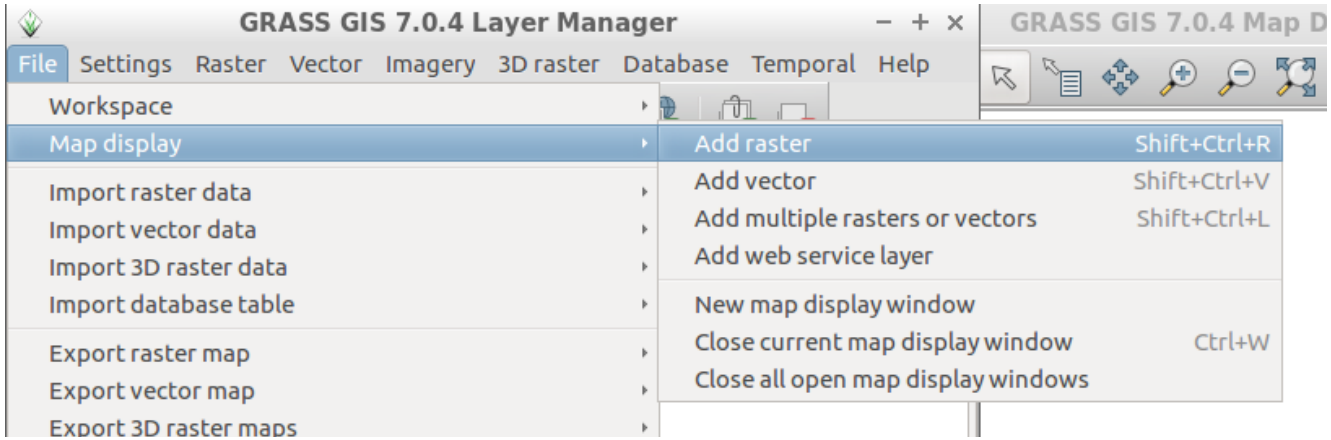
Main menu

Map display



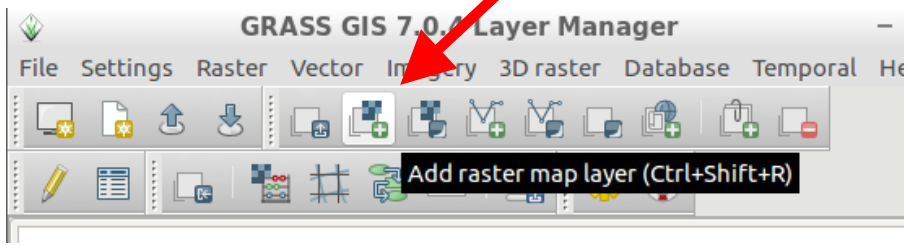
Displaying raster and vector maps

A) Using the menu

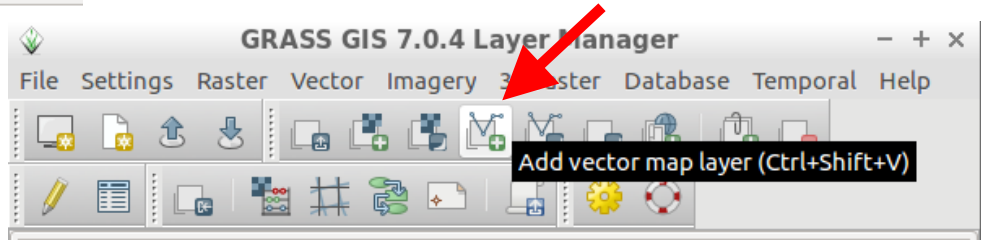


B) Using the icons

Display raster maps

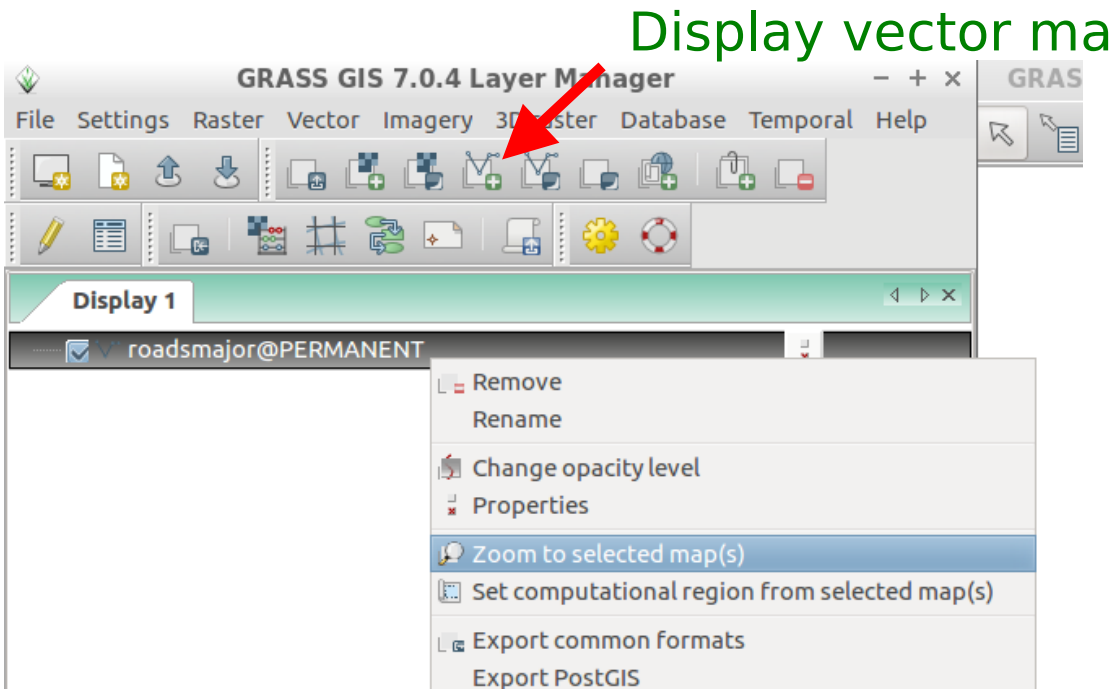


Display vector maps

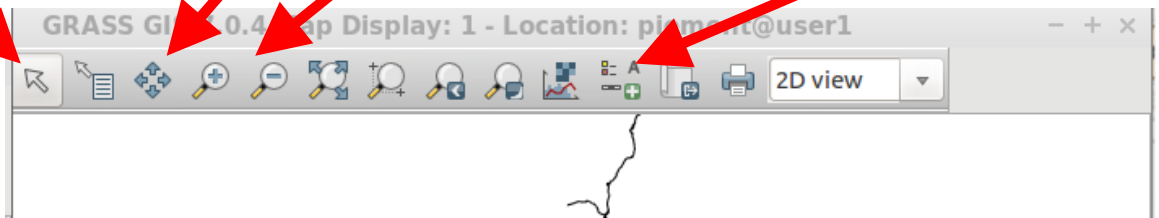


Exercise – Display the “roadsmajor” vector map

- **Load** the “roadsmajor” vector map into the canvas, zoom to map if needed:



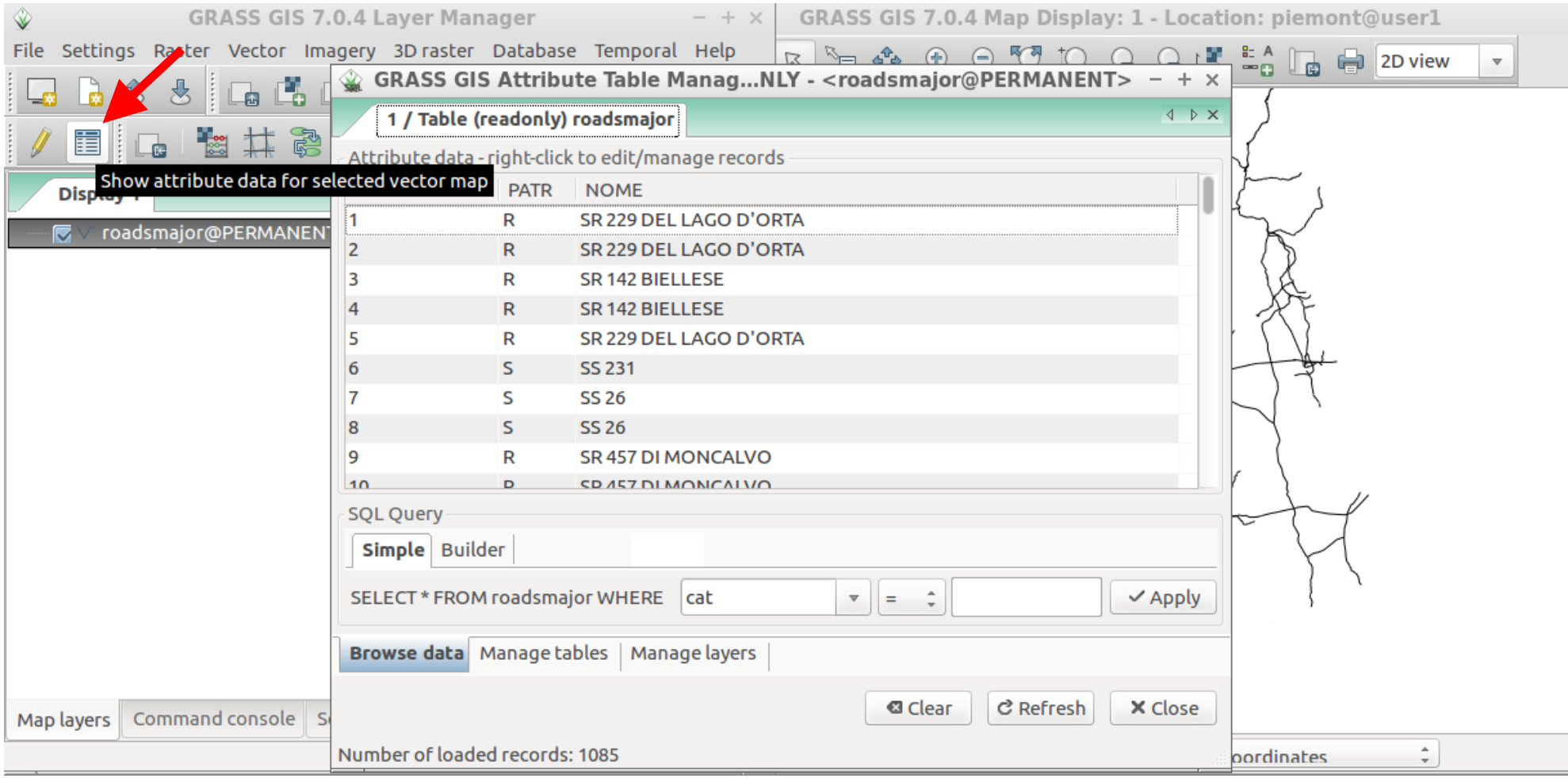
- **Query** map elements, **pan**, **zoom** in and out, add a **scale bar**



Exercise – Show vector map attributes

Open the attribute table of the “roadsmajor” vector map by

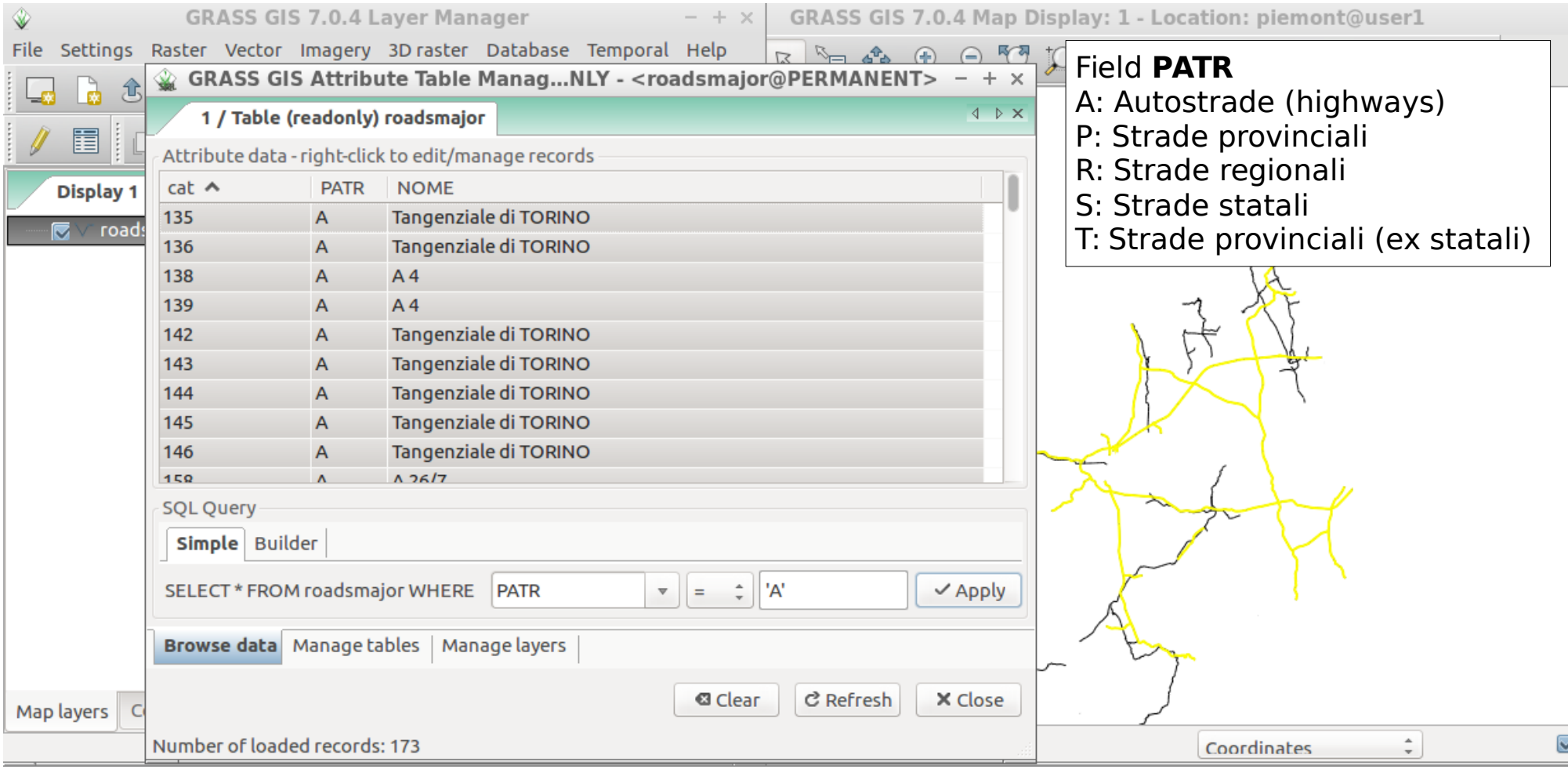
- … either *right-mouse* clicking in layer tree on map name
- … or using the related “Show Attribute table” icon



Exercise – SQL queries of attributes

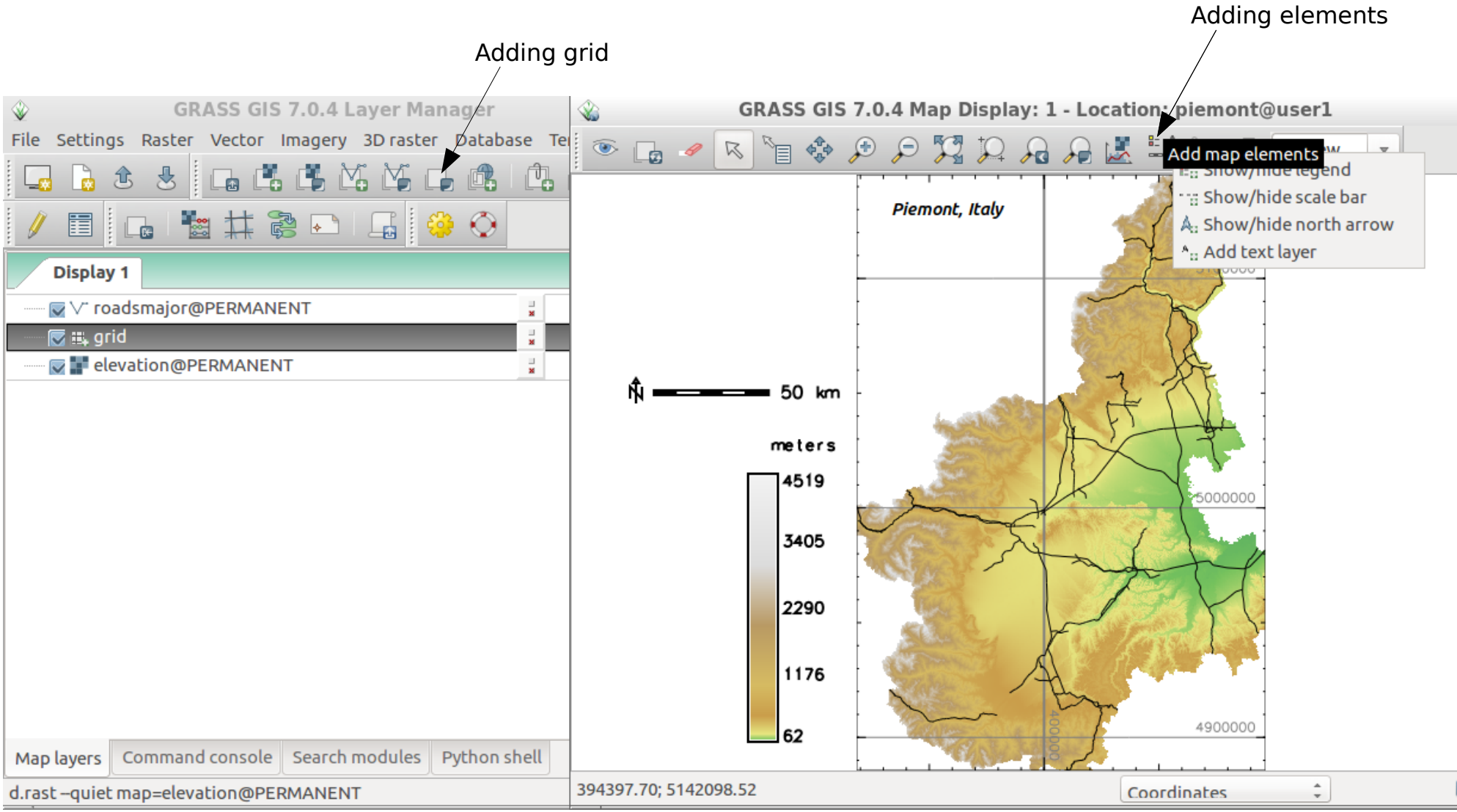
Selecting a **road type** in the “roadsmajor” vector map

- Use “Simple” SQL query
- The selected vectors will be highlighted in the map display



Exercise – Adding a grid and map elements

Using the “elevation” (raster) and “roadsmajor” (vector) maps:



Exercise – Modify element settings and position

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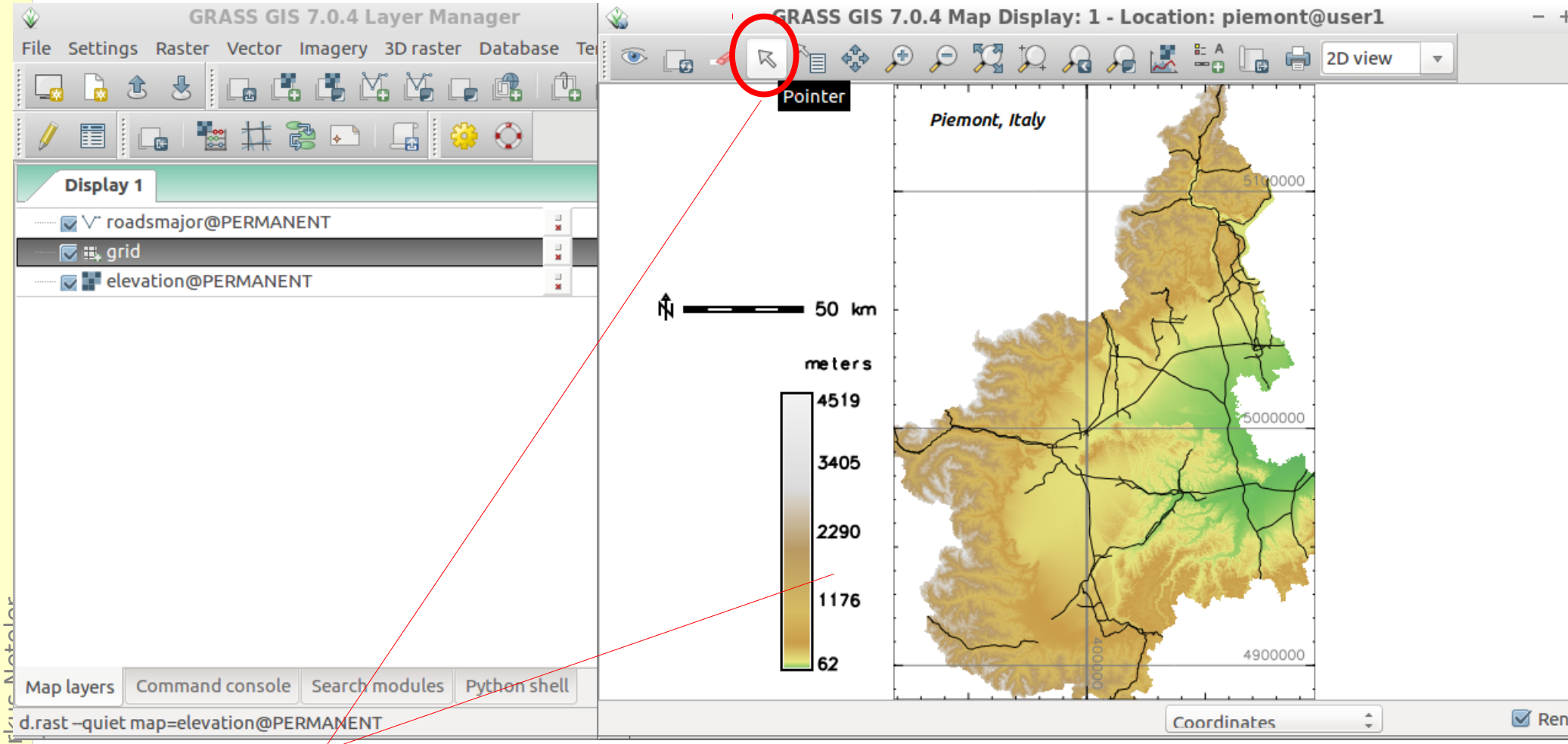
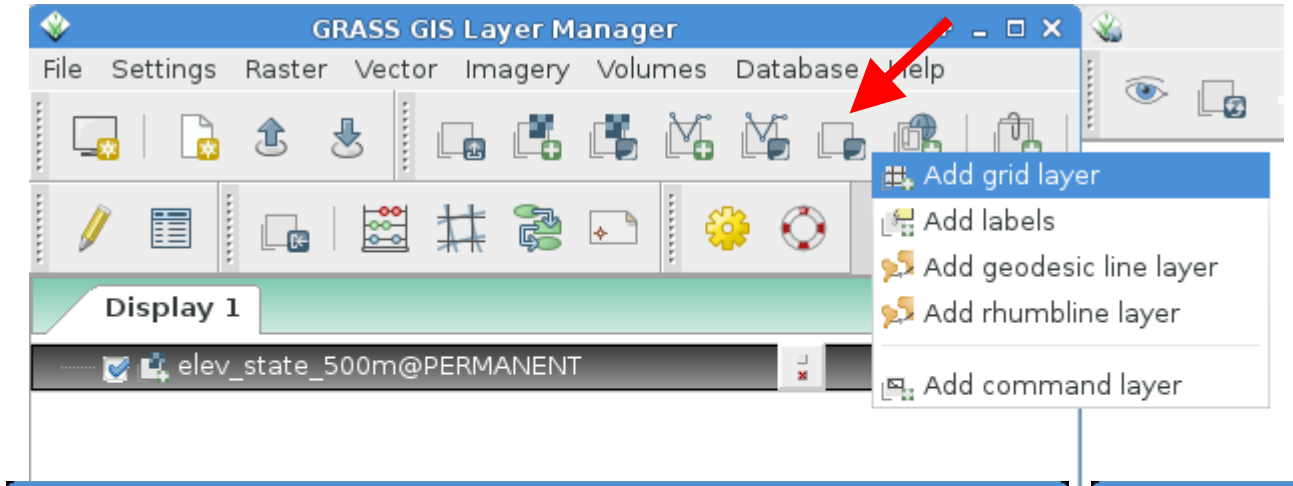


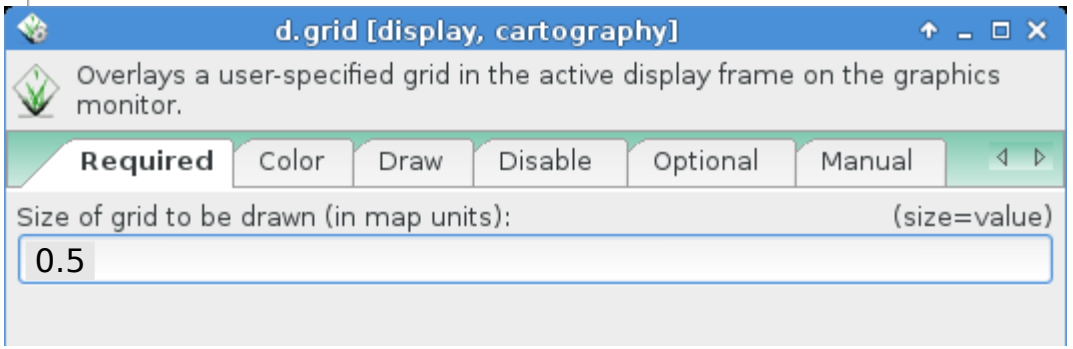
Use pointer to
- move map elements
- edit element settings with a click

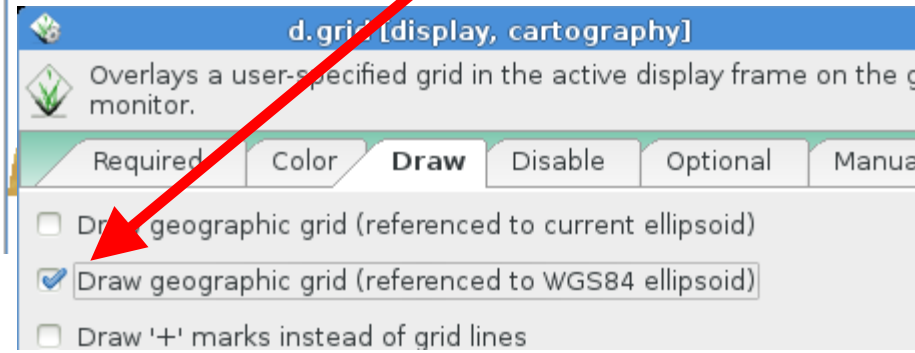
Exercise – Adding a Lat-Long grid to the map

Using the “elevation” map:



Don't forget about this if you want a LatLong grid!

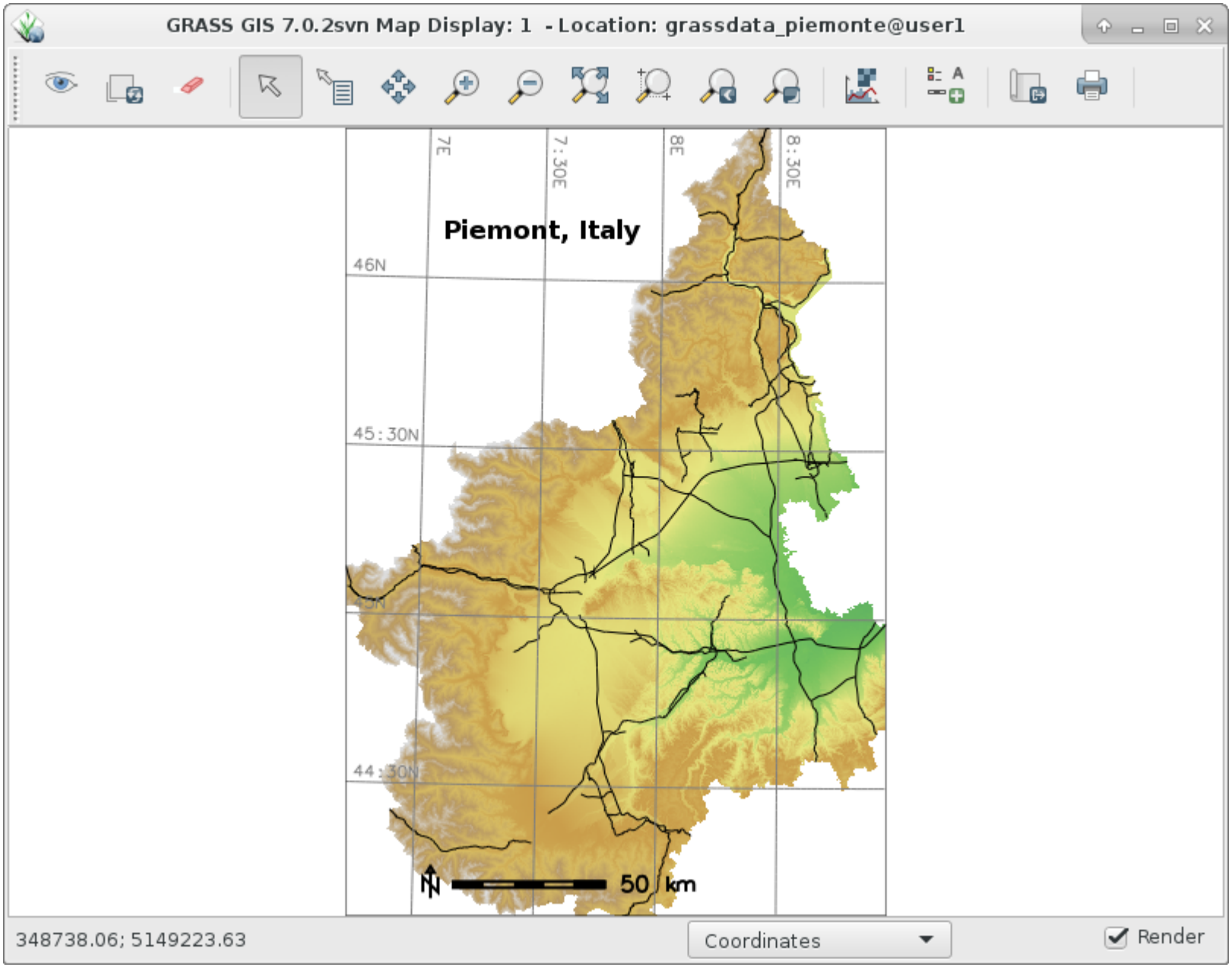




Select a grid size in grid units (here: LL – 0.5 deg) → Draw grid as LatLong WGS84 grid

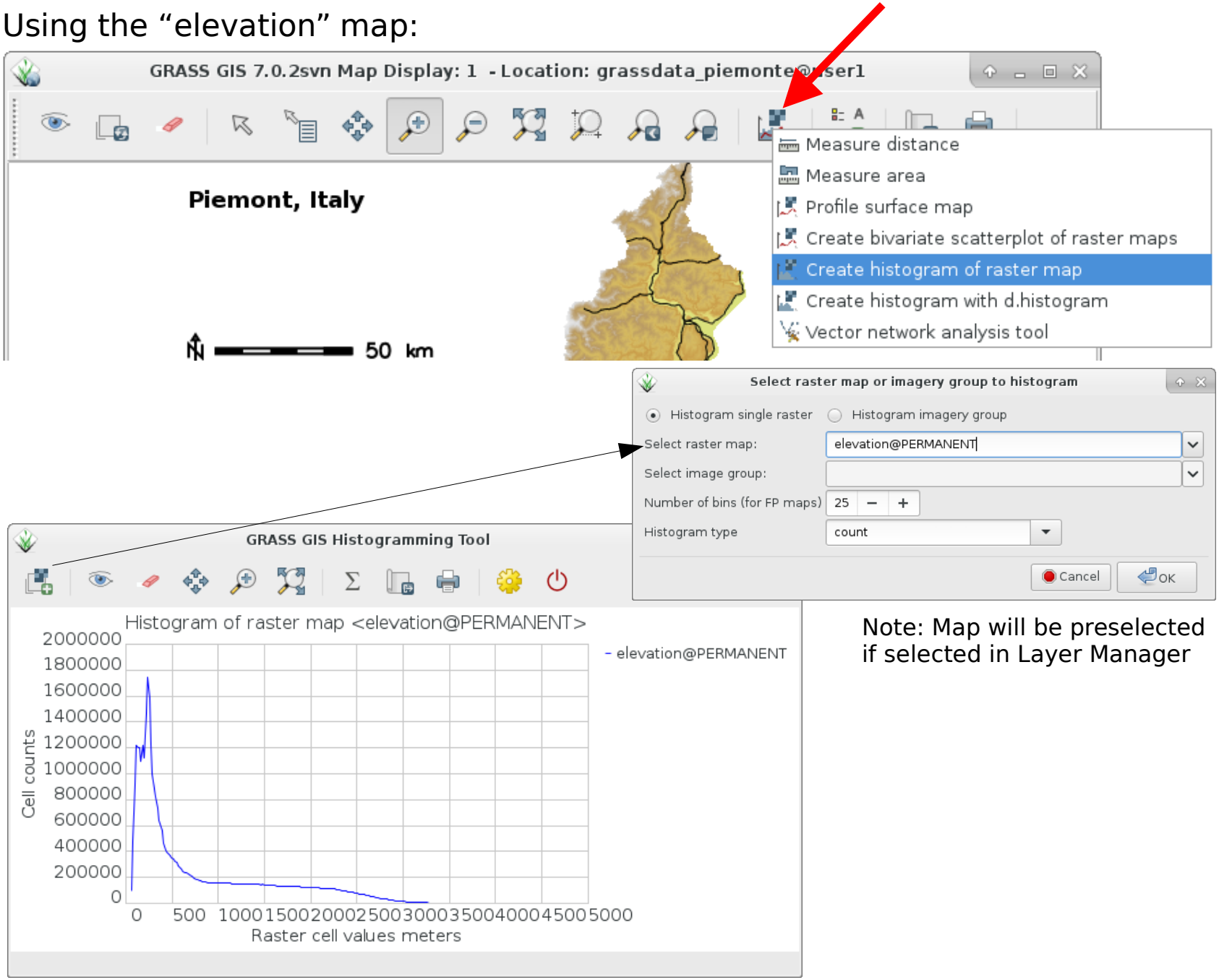
Exercise – Adding a Lat-Long grid to the map

Using the Piemont “elevation” map:



Exercise – Map histogram tool

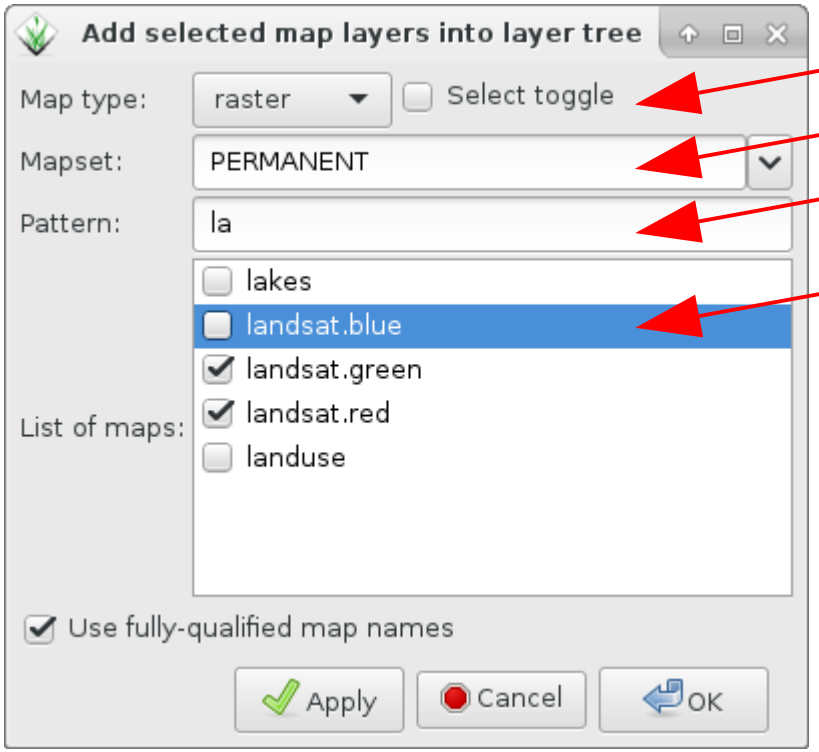
Using the “elevation” map:



Note: Map will be preselected if selected in Layer Manager

Exercise – Bivariate Scatterplots

Load the LANDSAT **channels red and green** using the convenient map selector

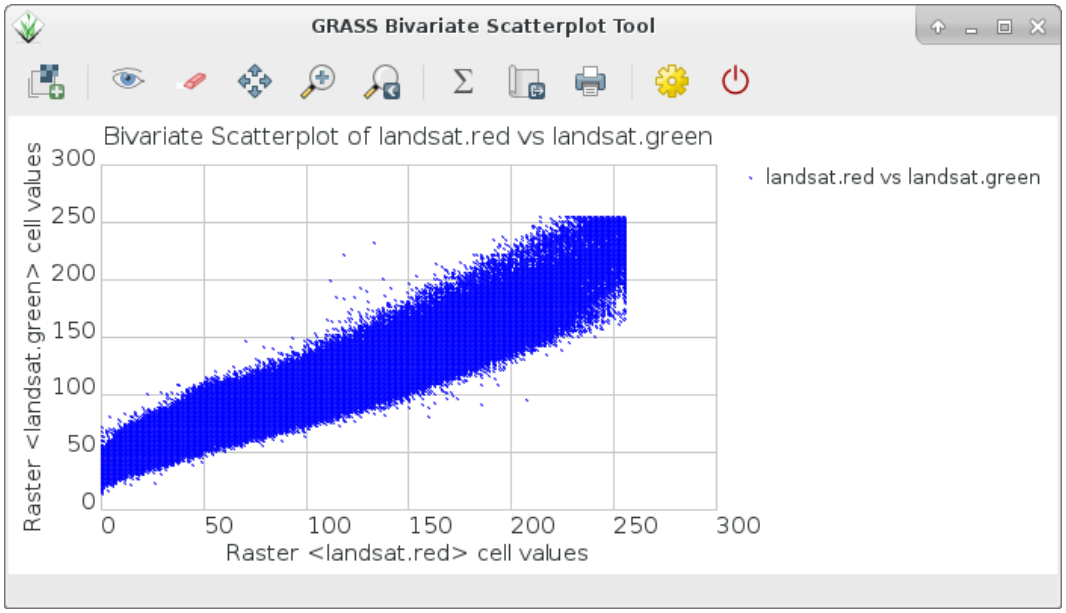


Toggle all/none

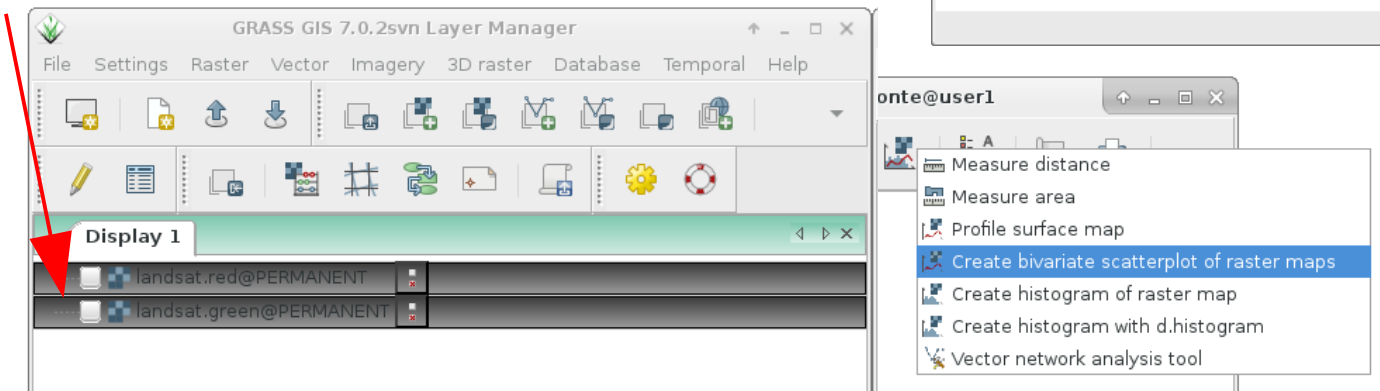
Select mapset

Convenient pattern matching

Select individual maps



Select both LANDSAT maps (CTRL-click)



The scatterplot respects the computational region!

Exercise – GRASS startup and first steps

Know where you are...

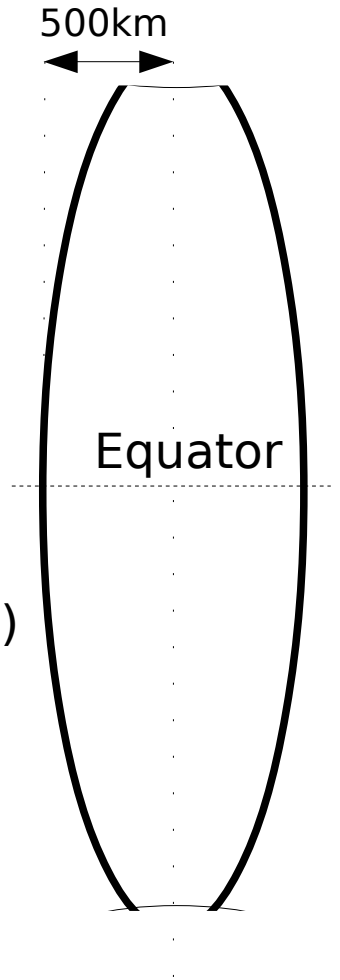
get projection information for the Piemont sample data set:

```
Different formats
> g.proj -p
> g.proj -w
> g.proj -t
> g.proj -e
```

```
name:       Universal Transverse Mercator
proj:       utm
datum:      wgs84
ellps:      wgs84
zone:       32
no_defs:    defined

units:      metres
```

GRASS Database concept – Projection

Universal Transverse Mercator



- Covers 84°N – 80°S, worldwide used
- *Poles covered by Universal Polar Stereographic (UPS)*

- 60 zones with a width of 6° longitude, numbered 1-60,
  every zone is an own projection!
- stripes of 8° latitude with letters C – X, omitting I, O

- False easting: 500000m
- False northing: northern hemisphere: 0m
  southern hemisphere: 10000000m (10 Mio)
- Scale Factor along meridian: 0.9996
  due to that secante case, not tangent

- Ellipsoid: various (wgs84, clark66, international...)
- Geodetic datum: various (wgs84, ...)

- Index of the UTM Zones:
  `http://www.dmap.co.uk/utmworld.htm`

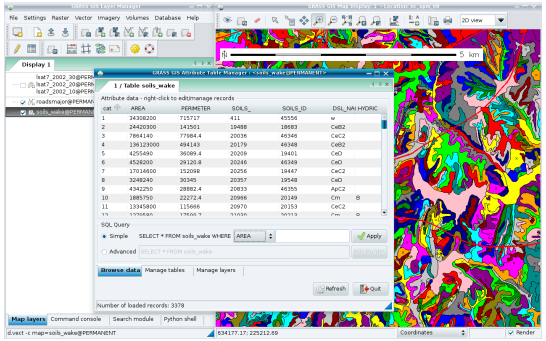
Overview: GRASS GIS command structure

prefix	***function class***	***type of command***	***example***
g.*	general	general data management	*g.rename: renames map*
d.*	display	graphical output	*d.rast: display raster map* *d.vect: display vector map*
r.*	raster	raster processing	*r.mapcalc: map algebra* *r.univar: univariate statistics*
v.*	vector	vector processing	*v.clean: topological cleaning*
i.*	imagery	imagery processing	*i.pca: Principal Components Analysis on imagery group*
r3.*	voxel	3D raster processing	*r3.stats: Voxel statistics*
db.*	database	database management	*db.select: select value(s) from table*
ps.*	postscript	map creation in PostScript format	*ps.map: PostScript map creation*
t.*	temporal	Space-time cubes	*t.rast.aggregate: Raster time series aggregation*

Ninja trick: on command line, type the desired prefix (e.g. v.) and then <tab><tab> to complete the command name

Graphical user interface versus Command line

- GRASS GIS offers a graphical user interface



- On command line, there is (text) help:

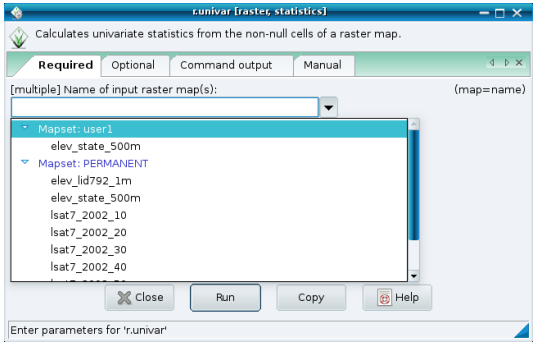
```
> r.univar --help
```

There are flags (e.g. `-g`) and parameters (e.g. `map=`)

```
GRASS 7.0.2svn (nc_spm_08_grass7):~ > r.univar --help

Description:
 Calculates univariate statistics from the non-null cells of a raster map.
 Statistics include number of cells counted, minimum and maximum cell values, range,
 arithmetic mean, population variance, standard deviation, coefficient of variation,
 and sum.

Keywords:
 raster, statistics, univariate statistics, zonal statistics

Usage:
 r.univar [-get] map=name[,name,...] [zones=name] [output=name]
   [percentile=value[,value,...]] [separator=character] [--overwrite]
   [--help] [--verbose] [--quiet] [--ui]

Flags:
  -g   Print the stats in shell script style
  -e   Calculate extended statistics
  -t   Table output format instead of standard output format
 --o   Allow output files to overwrite existing files
 --h   Print usage summary
 --v   Verbose module output
 --q   Quiet module output
 --ui  Force launching GUI dialog

Parameters:
        map   Name of raster map(s)
      zones   Raster map used for zoning, must be of type CELL
     output   Name for output file (if omitted or "-" output to stdout)
 percentile   Percentile to calculate (requires extended statistics flag)
              options: 0-100
              default: 90
  separator   Field separator
               Special characters: pipe, comma, space, tab, newline
              default: pipe
GRASS 7.0.2svn (nc_spm_08_grass7):~ >
```

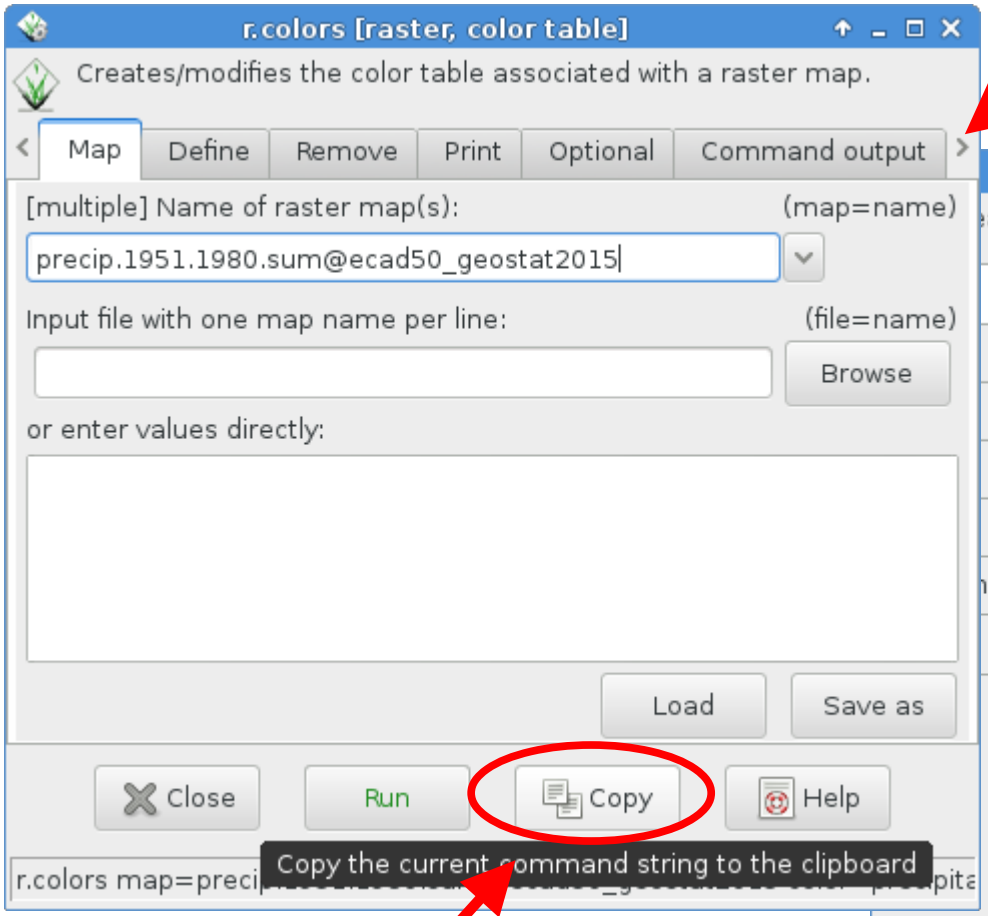
- From command line, you can open the module's GUI (just call the command without parameters)

```
> r.univar
```

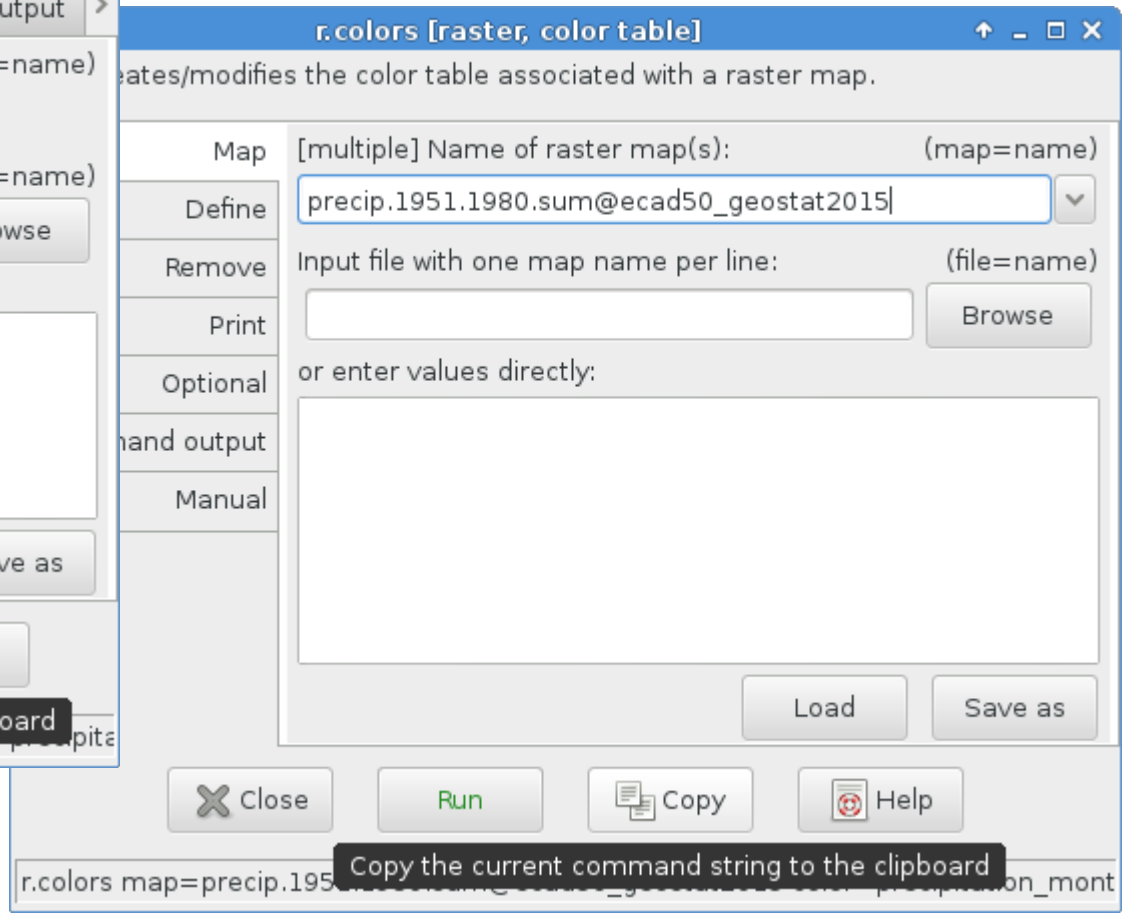


Graphical user interface versus Command line

STYLE: Menu: Settings → GUI Settings → Appearance → Module dialog style: Basic top/left



Cycle through the various tabs



You may copy the command to your documentation

The graphical user interface effectively generates the respective command for the command line (and also writes to the shell “history”)

Command line at its best: 1/2

Advantages of the command line

- Run "`history`" to see all your previous commands, "forever"
- **History** is stored individually per MAPSET (note that the history of each map is stored within the map's metadata, for this use `r|r3|v.info`)
- **Search** in history with CTRL-R
- **Save** it **to a file**:
  `history > my_protocol.sh`
- `Note for Windows users:`
  `no history command but`
  `"Command console" tab → "Log file"`

```
GRASS 7.0.4 (piemont):~ > v.univar --help

Description:
 Calculates univariate statistics of vector map features.
 Variance and standard deviation is calculated only for points if specified.

Keywords:
 vector, statistics, univariate statistics, attribute table, geometry

Usage:
 v.univar [-gewd] map=name [layer=string] [type=string[,string,...]]
  [column=name] [where=sql_query] [percentile=value] [--help]
  [--verbose] [--quiet] [--ui]

Flags:
 -g   Print the stats in shell script style
 -e   Calculate extended statistics
 -w   Weigh by line length or area size
 -d   Calculate geometric distances instead of attribute statistics
--h   Print usage summary
--v   Verbose module output
--q   Quiet module output
--ui  Force launching GUI dialog

Parameters:
        map   Name of vector map
              Or data source for direct OGR access
      layer   Layer number or name
```

Command line at its best: 2/2

Advantages of the command line

- Polish protocol file, use “# comment” to annotate it
- **Rerun** such a protocol file in a later GRASS GIS session with `sh my_protocol.sh`

Note: a simplified command line is included in the graphical user interface, tab “Command console”.

It offers a “Command prompt protocol” button.

- These script will work for decades...

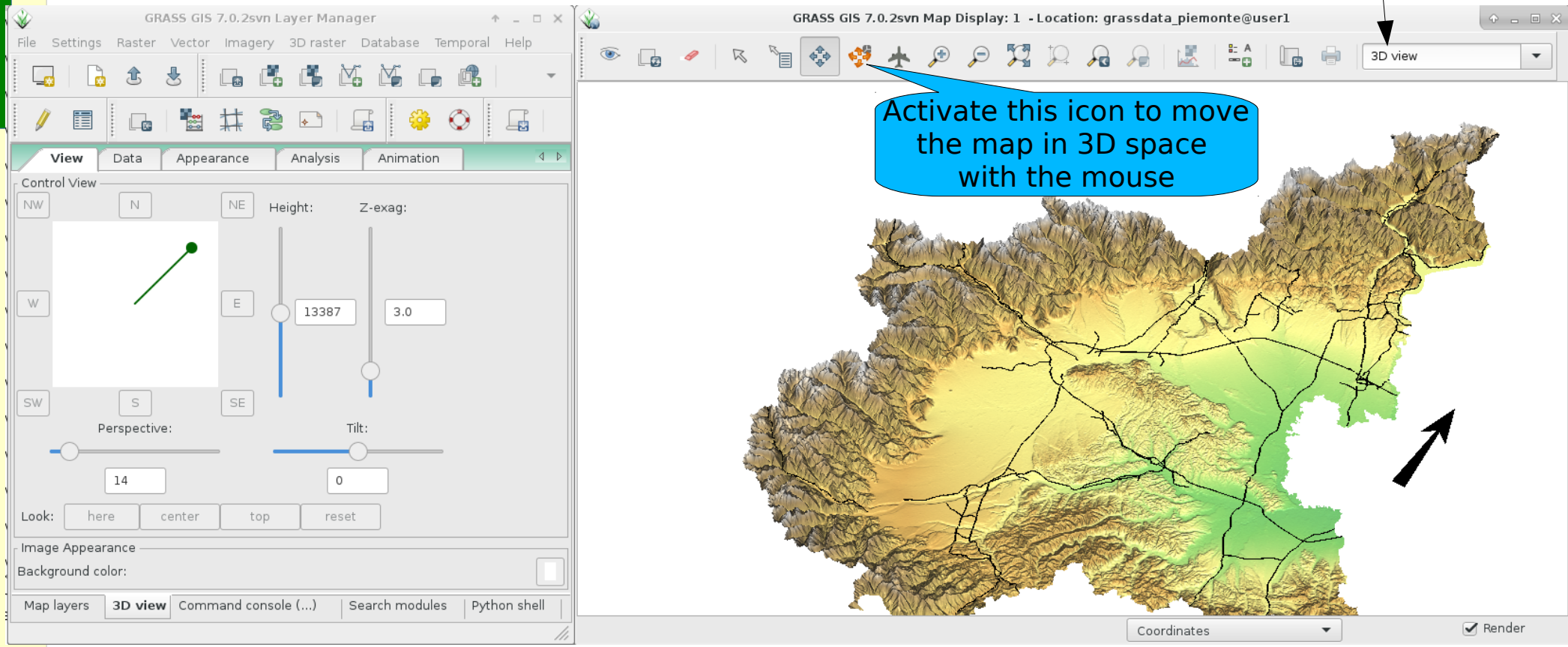
```
#!/bin/sh

# MN, 2009, 2013
# convert ECAD gridded data to final Celsius data
# run in
#  grass70 /grassdata/latlong/ecad90_climate/

VER=9.0
STARTDATE=19500101
ENDNUM=23191
# FYI:
#  date -d '1950-01-01 23191 days' +"%Y-%m-%d"
#  2013-06-30

# tx_0.25deg_reg_v9.0.nc
IN=tx
VAR=tmax

####################
if  [ -z "$GISBASE" ] ; then
    echo "You must be in GRASS GIS to run this program." >&2
    exit 1
fi
export GRASS_OVERWRITE=1
export GRASS_MESSAGE_FORMAT=plain

# import. Band 1 = first day
r.in.gdal -o input=${IN}_0.25deg_reg_v$VER.nc output=${VAR} memory=6000

# initialization, use YYYY.DOY format
MYDATE=`date -d "$STARTDATE 0 days" +"%Y.%j"`
# generates: 1950.001

# i is NC layer number, GDAL bands start with 1
for i in `seq 1 $ENDNUM` ; do

  g.region rast=${VAR}.$i
  # save with YYYY.DOY
  r.mapcalc "${VAR}.$MYDATE = if(${VAR}.$i == -9999, null(), ${VAR}.$i / 100.)"
  g.remove --q rast=${VAR}.$i
  r.colors ${VAR}.$MYDATE color=celsius

  # careful: $i starts with 0!!
  DAYOFFSET=`expr $i - 1`
  MYDATE=`date -d "$STARTDATE $DAYOFFSET days" +"%Y.%j"`
done

exit 0
```

Exercise – Perspective view

Load the Piemont “elevation” map:

1) Load and visualize DEM (set computational region to it)
(load also vector map(s) if you want to use them) into the Layer Manager

2) Switch to perspective view



Eventually switch back to 2D mode...