

How to make an interactive map using Google Fusion Tables

Google fusion tables are easy. Everything you could ever know about fusion tables, you can learn by googling.

Here's a quick guide to get you started.

County populations map:

1. Go to your google drive, install fusion tables app
2. Open <http://bit.ly/countypopulations> and <http://bit.ly/countyboundaries>
3. File → merge on the populations table, paste in the boundaries table URL
4. Feature map → change feature style → polygons → fill color → add gradient to map → use the range it provides
5. Feature map → change info window → uncheck everything you don't want to show up
6. Tools → publish, embed HTML

How to make your own shapefiles:

1. Get .zip files from a trusted source. The DNR has a lot here: <http://dnr.wi.gov/maps/gis/metadata.html>
2. Go to <http://shpescape.com/>
3. Choose the "Google Fusion Table" option
4. Upload the .zip file
5. Wait for shape escape to process your data
6. Open the fusion table it gives you...then merge it with whatever you want