

GeohashPolygon[™] Overview



The Critical Distinctions:

- 1. **Optimally Leverages Telescopic Granularity** The one-time transform of the original spatial engine polygon to a specific level of Geohash granularity is limited only by storage limits. And because storage costs have essentially dropped to zero, a high grained outline of a US State can be captured with Geohash "pixels" smaller than a 6-inch square, and still respond with millisecond look up times using almost no CPU expenditure (thanks to the standard highly efficient RDBMS binary search algorithms used on a string index).
- 2. Replace Spatial Engine Query with trivial RDBMS Join Eliminates a number of high costs related to maintaining a spatial data engine and the related spatial datasets which come with standard point-in-polygon queries, not the least of which is the advanced niche software engineers required to integrate and support the GIS platform upon which the spatial data engine operates. Using a fairly trivial SQL Query (or equivalent for No-SQL databases), enables fast lookup for a specific value (ex: USA Zip5 code) for a



particular longitude/latitude point represented by a Geohash of the appropriate granularity.

Polygonid	Geohash
75023	9vghn5
75023	9vghn7
75023	9vghne
75023	
75023	9vghps2
75023	9vghps0
75023	
75023	9vghps12
75023	9vghps10
75023	

3. **Reduce False Positives/Negatives with Reverse Geocode** - Enables using the Geohash as an effective means to significantly reduce the errors and false positives/negatives when doing proximity searches, like with a reverse geocode.

Glossary of Terms:

- Geohash An excellent high speed exact character encoding of a longitude+latitude value. It is the preferred method of storing a database value, but is terrible for human consumption and recall. <u>Here is a 5m Youtube video</u> which visually describes it using Google Maps.
- **GeohashPolygon**[™] A method of using a Geohash as a "pixel" to then define irregular regions with a list of Geohash values of the same length (granularity). Enables a "spatial lookup" without requiring the use of a spatial data engine (server) from ESRI, PBSI, etc.