How to Use Our NEW Mapping Feature

AtoZdatabases now allows users to search for information using a visual map powered by Google Maps®.

How to Access

1. Select “Get Started” on the database you want to search

![Database Selection](image)

2. On the left, under “Search By” in the “Geography” section, click “Map Based Search”

![Search By](image)

Getting Started

Outlined below is a brief overview of each of the main components of the Map Based Search. This will allow you to familiarize yourself with each before getting into a specific search.

Zoom to Area

“Zoom To Area” – Zoom into a ZIP Code, City or State to begin your search for your desired area and click “Click to Zoom”

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Selection Area Tools

1. “Draw Shape” – You can create your own custom geography, on the map, based upon where you are looking to find information
2. “Define Radius” – You can create your own custom radius over any area on the map
3. “Drive Route” – You can find records between two points of a drive route
4. “Define Boundary” – You can select States and Counties visually on the map

Select Shape Color

This feature allows you to choose different colors for each selection, which enables you to differentiate your selections.

Update Count & Selections

All your selections/shapes on the map will populate under “Selections”. Clicking on ”Update Count” will display count(s) of your selection(s).
Steps to Draw a Custom Shape

Scenario: You are trying to find records in a particular shape in the city of Omaha, NE

1. Under “Zoom to Area”, enter “Omaha, NE” and click “Click to Zoom”
2. Click “Draw Shape” under “Selection Area Tools”
3. Single click and move your cursor on the map to place points, and double click to complete your polygon of the desired area
4. Once completed, your count will populate on top of your shape, and under “Selections”
5. Click “Update Count” on the top right

6. Close out of the map by clicking “Close” on the bottom right
7. Click “Search” on the right side of the Search page to view the records
   a. *Note: any additional criteria can be added with a Map Based Search
Steps to Define a Radius

Scenario: You want find records within a desired radius of the ZIP code 94010

1. Under “Zoom to Area”, enter “94010”, and click “Click to Zoom”
2. Click “Define Radius” under “Selection Area Tools”
3. Single click on the Map to place the center and move away to adjust the radius
4. Click again to stop the expansion of the radius
5. After you finish your radius, you will notice the count of records populate on top of your shape, and under “Selections”
6. Click “Update Count” on the top right

7. Close out of the map by clicking “Close” on the bottom right
8. Click “Search” on the right side of the Search page to view the records
   a. *Note: any additional criteria can be added with a Map Based Search
**Steps to Define a Drive Route**

Scenario: You want to find all the records within .2 mile of the drive route from Starting Address (11211 John Galt Blvd 68137) to Ending Address (6001 Dodge Street 68182)

1. Under “Zoom to Area”, enter “Omaha, NE” and click “Click to Zoom”
2. Click “Drive Route” under “Selection Area Tools”
3. In the window that pops up enter your “Starting Address” and “Ending Address”
4. In the “Buffer Distance” enter the desired distance around that route for records you would like to include in your search
5. Click “Create Buffer Route” and then click “Close”
6. Drive Route will appear on the map
7. Click “Update Count” on the top right

![Map Image](image.png)

8. Close out of the map by clicking “Close” on the bottom right
9. Click “Search” on the right side of the Search page to view the records
   a. *Note: any additional criteria can be added with a Map Based Search*
**Steps to Define a Boundary**

Scenario: You want to get all the records in certain counties near the city of Omaha, NE

1. Under “Zoom to Area”, enter “Omaha, NE” and click “Click to Zoom”
2. Click “Define Boundary” under “Selection Area Tools”
3. Select “County”
4. Zoom out as needed and select the desired counties designated with bold lines (e.g. Douglas, Pottawattamie)
5. Click “Update Count” on the top right

6. Close out of the map by clicking “Close” on the bottom right
7. Click “Search” on the right side of the Search page to view the records
   a. *Note: any additional criteria can be added with a Map Based Search*