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### Select \* from World

I have been having a lot of fun with two Yahoo! technologies that have been evolving quickly. YQL and GeoPlanet. The first, YQL, puts an SQL-like interface on top of all the data on the Internet. And the second, GeoPlanet, introduces the concept of a WOEID (Where-On-Earth ID) that you can think of as a foreign key for your geo-related SQL expressions.

First some example YQL queries to get you used to this concept of treating the Internet like a database. Go to the YQL Console and paste these queries into the console to follow along.

```
select * from geo.places where text="SJC"
```

This looks up "SJC" in GeoPlanet and returns an XML result containing this information:

```
12521722
Airport
Norman Y Mineta San Jose International Airport
United States
California
Santa Clara
```

```
Downtown San Jose
```

```
95110
```

```
37.364079
-121.920662
```

```
37.35495
```

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