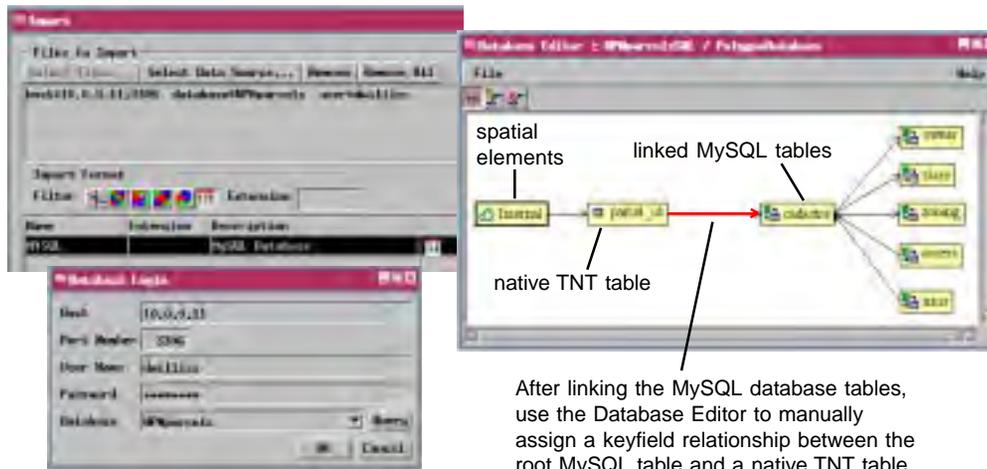


# Link to MySQL Database

**DID YOU KNOW . . .** you can link your TNT spatial objects to attributes in a MySQL database?

## What Linking to a MySQL Database Gives You

- Maintain spatial attributes in a central, server-based relational database
- Attribute data transparently shared with other users and software
- Linked spatial data fully portable within the server network
- Database log in required only when first establishing the database link
- All keyfield relationships between MySQL tables maintained by the link
- Base element styling and DataTips on linked MySQL attributes
- Updated attribute values automatically available in TNT upon open or refresh of table view



After linking the MySQL database tables, use the Database Editor to manually assign a keyfield relationship between the root MySQL table and a native TNT table.

## How to Link to a MySQL Database

- Make sure that the root MySQL table has a primary key field with unique values corresponding to those in a native TNT table.
- Choose the MySQL format in the Import process.
- Press the Select Data Source... button and log in to the desired database and schema.
- Turn on the Link Only toggle in the Import Parameters window.
- Select the element database in the TNT spatial object to contain the linked representations of the MySQL tables.
- After the link is made, use the Database Editor to relate the linked MySQL root table to a TNT table that is attached to the spatial elements.



**WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

See the tutorial booklet:

**Importing Geodata**

