

Bringing the power of Whitebox GAT to the world at large

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WhiteboxTools User Manual

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1. Description

WhiteboxTools is an advanced geospatial data analysis engine developed by Prof. John Lindsay (webpage; jblind-say) at the University of Guelph's *Geomorphometry and Hydrogeomatics Research Group*. Although *WhiteboxTools* is intended to serve as a source of plugin tools for the *Whitebox GAT* open-source GIS project, the tools contained in the library are stand-alone and can run outside of the larger Whitebox GAT project. See Usage for further details. There have been a large number of requests to call *Whitebox GAT* tools and functionality from outside of the Whitebox user-interface (e.g. from Python automation scripts). *WhiteboxTools* is intended to meet these usage requirements. Eventually most of the approximately 400 tools contained within *Whitebox GAT* will be ported to *WhiteboxTools*. In addition to separating the processing capabilities and the user-interface (and thereby reducing the reliance on Java), this migration should significantly improve processing efficiency. This is because Rust, the programming language used to develop *WhiteboxTools*, is generally faster than the equivalent Java code and because many of the *WhiteboxTools* functions are designed to process data in parallel wherever possible. In contrast, the older Java codebase included largely single-threaded applications.

The WhiteboxTools project is related to the GoSpatial project, which has similar goals but is designed using the Go programming language instead of Rust. WhiteboxTools has however superseded the GoSpatial project, having subsumed all of its functionality.

2. Installation

WhiteboxTools is a stand-alone executable command-line program with no actual installation. Pre-compiled binaries can be downloaded from the *Geomorphometry and Hydrogeomatics Research Group* software web site for various supported operating systems. It is likely that WhiteboxTools will work on a wider variety of operating systems and architectures. If you do not find your operating system/architecture in the list of available WhiteboxTool binaries, then compilation from source code will be necessary. WhiteboxTools can be compiled from the source code with the following steps:

- 1. Install the Rust compiler; Rustup is recommended for this purpose. Further instruction can be found at this link.
- 2. Download the Whitebox GAT source code. Note: WhiteboxTools is currently housed as a sub-repository of the main Whitebox GAT repo. To download the code, click the green Clone or download button on the GitHub repository site.
- 3. Decompress the zipped download file.
- 4. Open a terminal (command prompt) window and change the working directory to the whitebox_tools subfolder, which is contained within the decompressed downloaded Whitebox GAT folder:
- >> cd /path/to/folder/whitebox_tools/
 - 5. Finally, use the rust package manager Cargo, which will be installed along with Rust, to compile the executable:

>> cargo build --release

Depending on your system, the compilation may take several minutes. When completed, the compiled binary executable file will be contained within the *whitebox_tools/target/release/ folder*. Type ./whitebox_tools -help at the command prompt (after cd'ing to the containing folder) for information on how to run the executable from the terminal.

Be sure to follow the instructions for installing Rust carefully. In particular, if you are installing on MS Windows, you must have a linker installed prior to installing the Rust compiler (rustc). The Rust webpage recommends either the

MS Visual C++ 2015 Build Tools or the GNU equivalent and offers details for each installation approach. You should also consider using **RustUp** to install the Rust compiler.

3. Usage

WhiteboxTools is a command-line program and can be run either by calling it, with appropriate commands and arguments, from a terminal application, or, more conveniently, by calling it from a script. The following commands are recognized by the WhiteboxTools library:

Command	Description
cd,wd	Changes the working directory; used in conjunction withrun flag.
-h,help	Prints help information.
-l,license	Prints the whitebox-tools license.
listtools	Lists all available tools, with tool descriptions. Keywords may also be used,listtools slope.
-r,run	Runs a tool; used in conjunction withcd flag; -r="LidarInfo".
toolbox	Prints the toolbox associated with a tool;toolbox=Slope.
toolhelp	Prints the help associated with a tool;toolhelp="LidarInfo".
toolparameters	Prints the parameters (in json form) for a specific tool;toolparameters="LidarInfo".
-V	Verbose mode. Without this flag, tool outputs will not be printed.
viewcode	Opens the source code of a tool in a web browser;viewcode="LidarInfo".
version	Prints the version information.

Generally, the Unix convention is that single-letter arguments (options) use a single hyphen (e.g. -h) while word-arguments (longer, more descriptive argument names) use double hyphens (e.g. --help). The same rule is used for passing arguments to tools as well. Use the *-toolhelp* argument to print information about a specific tool (e.g. -toolhelp=Clump). Tool names can be specified either using the snake_case or CamelCase convention (e.g. *lidar_info* or *LidarInfo*).

For examples of how to call functions and run tools from *WhiteboxTools*, see the *whitebox_example.py* Python script, which itself uses the *whitebox_tools.py* script as an interface for interacting with the executable file. The *whitebox_tools.py* script calls the executable using subprocesses rather than as a dynamic library. Future versions may compile the library as a dynamic shared object if this is preferred.

In addition to direct command-line and script-based interaction, a very basic user-interface called *WB Runner* can be used to call the tools within the *WhiteboxTools* executable file, providing the required tool arguments.

Example command prompt:

```
>>./whitebox_tools --wd='/Users/johnlindsay/Documents/data/'
--run=DevFromMeanElev --input='DEM clipped.dep' --output='DEV raster.dep' -v
```

Notice the quotation marks (single or double) used around directories and filenames, and string tool arguments in general. Use the '-v' flag (run in verbose mode) to force the tool print output to the command prompt. Please note that the whitebox_tools executable file must have permission to be executed; on some systems, this may require setting special permissions. The '>>' is shorthand for the command prompt and is not intended to be typed. Also, the above example uses the forward slash character (/), the directory path separator used on unix based systems. On Windows, users should use the back slash character (\) instead. In this document, we use the notation '>>' to refer to the command prompt. Also, it is sometimes necessary to break commands across multiple lines, as above,

in order to better fit with the documents format. Actual command prompts should be contained to a single line.

Example Python script:

```
import os
import sys
from whitebox_tools import WhiteboxTools
# Set the WhiteboxTools executable directory
# Change this to point to where you have the whitebox tools.exe file!
wb_dir = os.path.dirname(os.path.abspath(__file__)) + "/target/release/"
wbt = WhiteboxTools()
wbt.set_whitebox_dir(wb_dir)
# Prints the WhiteboxTools help...a listing of available commands
print(wbt.help())
# Prints the WhiteboxTools license
print(wbt.license())
# Prints the WhiteboxTools version
print("Version information: {}".format(wbt.version()))
# List all available tools in WhiteboxTools
print(wbt.list_tools())
# Retrieve the help information for running the ElevPercentile tool
print(wbt.tool_help("ElevPercentile"))
# Sets verbose mode (True or False). Most tools will suppress output (e.g.
# updating progress) when verbose mode is False. The default is True
# wbt.set verbose mode(False) # uncomment me to suppress tool output
# Set the working directory; needed to specify complete file names (with paths)
# to tools that you run.
wbt.set_working_dir(os.path.dirname(os.path.abspath(__file__)) + "/testdata/")
tool name = "ElevPercentile"
args = ["--input=\"DEM.dep\"",
        "--output=\"DEV_101.dep\"",
        "--filter=101"]
# Run the tool and check the return value
if wbt.run_tool(tool_name, args) != 0:
   print("ERROR running {}".format(name))
```

WhiteboxTools Runner

There is a Python script contained within the *WhiteboxTools* directory called 'wb_runner.py'. This script is intended to provide a very basic user-interface for running the tools contained within the *WhiteboxTools* library. The user-

interface uses Python's TkInter GUI library and is cross-platform. The user interface is currently experimental and is under heavy testing. Please report any issues that you experience in using it.

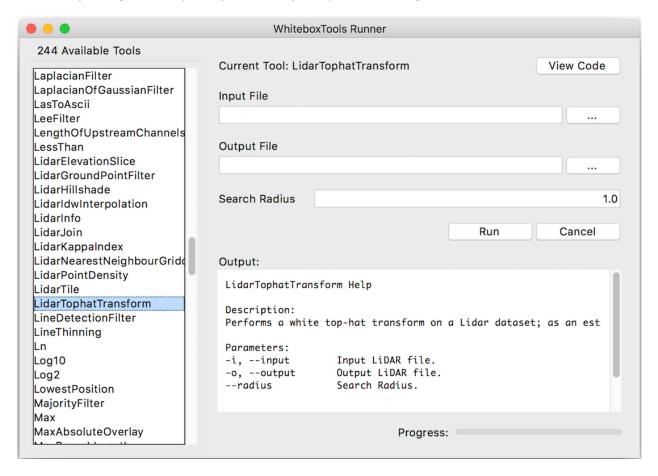


Figure 1: The WhiteboxTools Runner user-interface

The WhiteboxTools Runner does not rely on the Whitebox GAT user interface at all and can therefore be used indepedent of the larger project. The script must be run from a directory that also contains the 'whitebox_tools.py' Python script and the 'whitebox_tools' executable file. There are plans to link tool help documentation in WhiteboxTools Runner.

4. Available Tools

Eventually most of *Whitebox GAT*'s approximately 400 tools will be ported to *WhiteboxTools*, although this is an immense task. Support for vector data (Shapefile/GeoJSON) reading/writing and a topological analysis library (like the Java Topology Suite) will need to be added in order to port the tools involving vector spatial data. Opportunities to parallelize algorithms will be sought during porting. All new plugin tools will be added to *Whitebox GAT* using this library of functions.

The library currently contains the following 269 tools, which are each grouped based on their main function into one of the following categories: *Data Tools, GIS Analysis, Hydrological Analysis, Image Analysis, LiDAR Analysis, Mathematical and Statistical Analysis, Stream Network Analysis*, and *Terrain Analysis*. To retrieve detailed information about a tool's input arguments and example usage, either use the *-toolhelp* command from the terminal, or the *tool_help(tool_name')*

function from the *whitebox_tools.py* script. The following is a complete listing of available tools, with brief descriptions, tool parameter, and example usage.

1. AbsoluteValue

Description: Calculates the absolute value of every cell in a raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i,input	Input raster file.
-o,output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=AbsoluteValue -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep

2. AdaptiveFilter

Description: Performs an adaptive filter on an image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i,input	Input raster file.
-o,output	Output raster file.
filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.
threshold	Difference from mean threshold, in standard deviations.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=AdaptiveFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=DEM.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25 --threshold = 2.0
```

3. **Add**

Description: Performs an addition operation on two rasters or a raster and a constant value.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Flag	Description
input1	Input raster file or constant value.
input2	Input raster file or constant value.
-o,output	Output raster file.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Add -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input1='in1.dep' --input2='in2.dep' -o=output.dep

4. AggregateRaster

Description: Aggregates a raster to a lower resolution.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i,input	Input raster file.
-o,output	Output raster file.
agg_factor	Aggregation factor, in pixels.
type	Statistic used to fill output pixels.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=AggregateRaster -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
-i=input.dep -o=output.dep --output_text

5. **And**

Description: Performs a logical AND operator on two Boolean raster images.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
input1	Input raster file.
input2	Input raster file.
-o,output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=And -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input1='in1.dep' --input2='in2.dep' -o=output.dep
```

6. Anova

Description: Performs an analysis of variance (ANOVA) test on a raster dataset.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Flag	Description
-i,input	Input raster file.
features	Feature definition (or class) raster.

Flag	Description
-o,output	Output HTML file.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Anova -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=data.tif --features=classes.tif -o=anova.html

7. ArcCos

Description: Returns the inverse cosine (arccos) of each values in a raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i,input	Input raster file.
-o,output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=ArcCos -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
-i='input.dep' -o=output.dep

8. ArcSin

Description: Returns the inverse sine (arcsin) of each values in a raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i,input	Input raster file.
-o,output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=ArcSin -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep

9. ArcTan

Description: Returns the inverse tangent (arctan) of each values in a raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Flag	Description
-i,input	Input raster file.

Flag	Description
-o,output	Output raster file.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=ArcTan -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep
```

10. Aspect

Description: Calculates an aspect raster from an input DEM.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i,dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o,output	Output raster file.
zfactor	Optional multiplier for when the vertical and horizontal units are not the same.

Example usage:

11. Atan2

Description: Returns the 2-argument inverse tangent (atan2).

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
input_y	Input y raster file or constant value (rise).
input_x	Input x raster file or constant value (run).
-o,output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

12. AverageFlowpathSlope

Description: Measures the average slope gradient from each grid cell to all upslope divide cells.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Flag	Description
-i,dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o,output	Output raster file.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=AverageFlowpathSlope -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

13. AverageOverlay

Description: Calculates the average for each grid cell from a group of raster images.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Overlay Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i,inputs	Input raster files.
-o,output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=AverageOverlay -v --wd='/path/to/data/'
-i='image1.dep;image2.dep;image3.dep' -o=output.dep
```

14. AverageUpslopeFlowpathLength

Description: Measures the average length of all upslope flowpaths draining each grid cell.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i,dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o,output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=AverageUpslopeFlowpathLength -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

15. BalanceContrastEnhancement

Description: Performs a balance contrast enhancement on a colour-composite image of multispectral data.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Image Enhancement

Flag	Description
-i,input	Input colour composite image file.
-o,output	Output raster file.
band_mean	Band mean value.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=BalanceContrastEnhancement -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input=image.dep -o=output.dep --band_mean=120
```

16. *Basins*

Description: Identifies drainage basins that drain to the DEM edge.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-d8_pntr	Input raster D8 pointer file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Basins -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr='d8pntr.dep' -o='output.dep'
```

17. BilateralFilter

Description: A bilateral filter is an edge-preserving smoothing filter introduced by Tomasi and Manduchi (1998).

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-sigma_dist	Standard deviation in distance in pixels.
-sigma_int	Standard deviation in intensity in pixels.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=BilateralFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --sigma_dist=2.5 --sigma_int=4.0
```

18. BlockMaximum

Description: Creates a block-maximum raster from an input LAS file.

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input LiDAR file.
-o, -output	Output file.
-resolution	Output raster's grid resolution.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=BlockMaximum -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=file.las -o=outfile.dep --resolution=2.0"
./whitebox_tools -r=BlockMaximum -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=file.las -o=outfile.dep --resolution=5.0 --palette=light_quant.plt
```

19. BlockMinimum

Description: Creates a block-minimum raster from an input LAS file.

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input LiDAR file.
-o, -output	Output file.
-resolution	Output raster's grid resolution.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=BlockMinimum -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=file.las -o=outfile.dep --resolution=2.0"
./whitebox_tools -r=BlockMinimum -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=file.las -o=outfile.dep --resolution=5.0 --palette=light_quant.plt
```

20. BreachDepressions

Description: Breaches all of the depressions in a DEM using Lindsay's (2016) algorithm. This should be preferred over depression filling in most cases.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-max_depth	Optional maximum breach depth (default is Inf).
-max_length	Optional maximum breach channel length (in grid cells; default is Inf).

>>./whitebox_tools -r=BreachDepressions -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

21. BreachSingleCellPits

Description: Removes single-cell pits from an input DEM by breaching.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=BreachSingleCellPits -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

22. BufferRaster

Description: Maps a distance-based buffer around each non-background (non-zero/non-nodata) grid cell in an input image.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Distance Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-size	Buffer size.
-gridcells	Optional flag to indicate that the 'size' threshold should be measured in grid cells instead of the default map units.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=BufferRaster -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

23. **Cei**l

Description: Returns the smallest (closest to negative infinity) value that is greater than or equal to the values in a raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Flag	Description
-i, -input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Ceil -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep

24. Centroid

Description: Calculates the centroid, or average location, of raster polygon objects.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-text_output	Optional text output.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Centroid -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=polygons.dep -o=output.dep >>./whitebox_tools -r=Centroid -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=polygons.dep -o=output.dep --text_output

25. Closing

Description: A closing is a mathematical morphology operating involving an erosion (min filter) of a dilation (max filter) set.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Closing -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25
```

26. *Clump*

Description: Groups cells that form physically discrete areas, assigning them unique identifiers.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.

Flag	Description
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-diag	Flag indicating whether diagonal connections should be considered.
-zero_back	Flag indicating whether zero values should be treated as a background.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Clump -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=input.dep -o=output.dep --diag
```

27. ConservativeSmoothingFilter

Description: Performs a conservative-smoothing filter on an image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=ConservativeSmoothingFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25
```

28. ConvertNodataToZero

Description: Converts nodata values in a raster to zero.

Toolbox: Data Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=ConvertNodataToZero -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input=in.dep -o=NewRaster.dep
```

29. ConvertRasterFormat

Description: Converts raster data from one format to another.

Toolbox: Data Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=ConvertRasterFormat -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

30. **Cos**

Description: Returns the cosine (cos) of each values in a raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Cos -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep

31. *Cosh*

Description: Returns the hyperbolic cosine (cosh) of each values in a raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Cosh -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep

32. CostAllocation

Description: Identifies the source cell to which each grid cell is connected by a least-cost pathway in a cost-distance analysis.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Distance Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-source	Input source raster file.
-backlink	Input backlink raster file generated by the cost-distance tool.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=CostAllocation -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--source='source.dep' --backlink='backlink.dep' -o='output.dep'
```

33. CostDistance

Description: Performs cost-distance accumulation on a cost surface and a group of source cells.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Distance Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-source	Input source raster file.
-cost	Input cost (friction) raster file.
-out_accum	Output cost accumulation raster file.
-out_backlink	Output backlink raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=CostDistance -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --source=src.dep --cost=cost.dep --out_accum=accum.dep --out_backlink=backlink.dep
```

34. CostPathway

Description: Performs cost-distance pathway analysis using a series of destination grid cells.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Distance Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description	
-destination	Input destination raster file.	
-backlink	Input backlink raster file generated by the cost-distance tool.	
-o, –output	Output cost pathway raster file.	
-zero_background	Flag indicating whether zero values should be treated as a background.	

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=CostPathway -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --destination=dst.dep --backlink=backlink.dep --output=cost_path.dep
```

35. CreateColourComposite

Description: Creates a colour-composite image from three bands of multispectral imagery.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-red	Input red band image file.
-green	Input green band image file.
-blue	Input blue band image file.
-opacity	Input opacity band image file (optional).
-o, -output	Output colour composite file.
-enhance	Optional flag indicating whether a balance contrast enhancement is performed.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=CreateColourComposite -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--red=band3.dep --green=band2.dep --blue=band1.dep -o=output.dep
>>./whitebox_tools -r=CreateColourComposite -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--red=band3.dep --green=band2.dep --blue=band1.dep --opacity=a.dep -o=output.dep
```

36. CreatePlane

Description: Creates a raster image based on the equation for a simple plane.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-base	Input base raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-gradient	Slope gradient in degrees (-85.0 to 85.0).
-aspect	Aspect (direction) in degrees clockwise from north (0.0-360.0).
-constant	Constant value.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=CreatePlane -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --base=base.dep -o=NewRaster.dep --gradient=15.0 --aspect=315.0
```

37. CrispnessIndex

Description: Calculates the Crispness Index, which is used to quantify how crisp (or conversely how fuzzy) a probability image is.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Optional output html file (default name will be based on input file if unspecified).

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=CrispnessIndex -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=input.dep >>./whitebox_tools -r=CrispnessIndex -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -o=crispness.html
```

38. CrossTabulation

Description: Performs a cross-tabulation on two categorical images.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i1, -input1	Input raster file 1.
-i2, -input2	Input raster file 1.
-o, -output	Output HTML file (default name will be based on input file if unspecified).

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=CrossTabulation -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --i1="file1.tif" --i2="file2.tif" -o=outfile.html
```

39. CumulativeDistribution

Description: Converts a raster image to its cumulative distribution function.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=CumulativeDistribution -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=DEM.dep -o=output.dep
```

40. **D8FlowAccumulation**

Description: Calculates a D8 flow accumulation raster from an input DEM.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Flag	Description
-i, -dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-out_type	Output type; one of 'cells', 'specific contributing area' (default), and 'catchment area'.
-log	Optional flag to request the output be log-transformed.
-clip	Optional flag to request clipping the display max by 1%.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=D8FlowAccumulation -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep --out_type='cells'
>>./whitebox_tools -r=D8FlowAccumulation -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep --out_type='specific catchment area' --log --clip
```

41. **D8MassFlux**

Description: Performs a D8 mass flux calculation.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Description
Input raster DEM file.
Input loading raster file.
Input efficiency raster file.
Input absorption raster file.
Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=D8MassFlux -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep --loading=load.dep --efficiency=eff.dep --absorption=abs.dep -o=output.dep
```

42. **D8Pointer**

Description: Calculates a D8 flow pointer raster from an input DEM.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=D8Pointer -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

43. **DInfFlowAccumulation**

Description: Calculates a D-infinity flow accumulation raster from an input DEM.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-out_type	Output type; one of 'cells', 'sca' (default), and 'ca'.
-threshold	Optional convergence threshold parameter, in grid cells; default is inifinity.
-log	Optional flag to request the output be log-transformed.
-clip	Optional flag to request clipping the display max by 1%.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=DInfFlowAccumulation -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep --out_type=sca
>>./whitebox_tools -r=DInfFlowAccumulation -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep --out_type=sca --threshold=10000 --log --clip
```

44. DinfMassFlux

Description: Performs a D-infinity mass flux calculation.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-dem	Input raster DEM file.
-loading	Input loading raster file.
-efficiency	Input efficiency raster file.
-absorption	Input absorption raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=DInfMassFlux -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep --loading=load.dep --efficiency=eff.dep --absorption=abs.dep -o=output.dep
```

45. **DInfPointer**

Description: Calculates a D-infinity flow pointer (flow direction) raster from an input DEM.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=DInfPointer -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep

46. **Decrement**

Description: Decreases the values of each grid cell in an input raster by 1.0.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Decrement -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep

47. DepthInSink

Description: Measures the depth of sinks (depressions) in a DEM.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-zero_background	Flag indicating whether the background value of zero should be used.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=DepthInSink -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep --zero_background

48. DevFromMeanElev

Description: Calculates deviation from mean elevation.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Flag	Description
-i, –input, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=DevFromMeanElev -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25

49. DiffFromMeanElev

Description: Calculates difference from mean elevation (equivalent to a high-pass filter).

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=DiffFromMeanElev -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25

50. **DiffOfGaussianFilter**

Description: Performs a Difference of Gaussian (DoG) filter on an image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Parameters:

Description
Input raster file.
Output raster file.
Standard deviation distance in pixels.
Standard deviation distance in pixels.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=DiffOfGaussianFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --sigma1=2.0 --sigma2=4.0

51. DirectDecorrelationStretch

Description: Performs a direct decorrelation stretch enhancement on a colour-composite image of multispectral data.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Image Enhancement

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input colour composite image file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-k	Achromatic factor (k) ranges between 0 (no effect) and 1 (full saturation stretch), although typical values range from 0.3
-clip	Optional percent to clip the upper tail by during the stretch.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=DirectDecorrelationStretch -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input=image.dep -o=output.dep -k=0.4
```

52. **DirectionalRelief**

Description: Calculates relief for cells in an input DEM for a specified direction.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-azimuth	Wind azimuth in degrees.
-max_dist	Optional maximum search distance (unspecified if none; in xy units).

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Directional
Relief -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep --azimuth=315.0
```

53. DistanceToOutlet

Description: Calculates the distance of stream grid cells to the channel network outlet cell.

Toolbox: Stream Network Analysis

Flag	Description
-d8_pntr	Input raster D8 pointer file.
-streams	Input raster streams file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.
-zero_background	Flag indicating whether a background value of zero should be used.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=DistanceToOutlet -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.dep --streams=streams.dep -o=output.dep
```

>>./whitebox_tools -r=DistanceToOutlet -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.flt --streams=streams.flt -o=output.flt --esri_pntr --zero_background

54. **DiversityFilter**

Description: Assigns each cell in the output grid the number of different values in a moving window centred on each grid cell in the input raster.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=DiversityFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25

55. *Divide*

Description: Performs a division operation on two rasters or a raster and a constant value.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-input1	Input raster file or constant value.
-input2	Input raster file or constant value.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Divide -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input1='in1.dep' --input2='in2.dep' -o=output.dep
```

56. **DownslopeDistanceToStream**

Description: Measures distance to the nearest downslope stream cell.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-streams	Input raster streams file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=DownslopeDistanceToStream -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem='dem.dep' --streams='streams.dep' -o='output.dep'
```

57. DownslopeFlowpathLength

Description: Calculates the downslope flowpath length from each cell to basin outlet.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-d8_pntr	Input D8 pointer raster file.
-watersheds	Optional input watershed raster file.
-weights	Optional input weights raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=DownslopeFlowpathLength -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--d8_pntr=pointer.dep -o=flowpath_len.dep
>>./whitebox_tools -r=DownslopeFlowpathLength -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--d8_pntr=pointer.flt --watersheds=basin.flt --weights=weights.flt -o=flowpath_len.flt
--esri_pntr
```

58. DownslopeIndex

Description: Calculates the Hjerdt et al. (2004) downslope index.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-drop	Vertical drop value (default is 2.0).
-out_type	Output type, options include 'tangent', 'degrees', 'radians', 'distance' (default is 'tangent').

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=DownslopeIndex -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=pointer.dep

-o=dsi.dep --drop=5.0 --out_type=distance

59. EdgeProportion

Description: Calculate the proportion of cells in a raster polygon that are edge cells.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Patch Shape Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-output_text	flag indicating whether a text report should also be output.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=EdgeProportion -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=input.dep -o=output.dep --output_text

60. ElevAbovePit

Description: Calculate the elevation of each grid cell above the nearest downstream pit cell or grid edge cell.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=ElevAbovePit -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

61. ElevPercentile

Description: Calculates the elevation percentile raster from a DEM.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Flag	Description
-i, –input, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.
-sig_digits	Number of significant digits.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=ElevPercentile -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25

62. ElevRelativeToMinMax

Description: Calculates the elevation of a location relative to the minimum and maximum elevations in a DEM.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=ElevRelativeToMinMax -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

63. ElevRelativeToWatershedMinMax

Description: Calculates the elevation of a location relative to the minimum and maximum elevations in a watershed.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-watersheds	Input raster watersheds file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=ElevRelativeToWatershedMinMax -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep --watersheds=watershed.dep -o=output.dep

64. ElevationAboveStream

Description: Calculates the elevation of cells above the nearest downslope stream cell.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-streams	Input raster streams file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=ElevationAboveStream -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem='dem.dep' --streams='streams.dep' -o='output.dep'

65. EmbossFilter

Description: Performs an emboss filter on an image, similar to a hillshade operation.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-direction	Direction of reflection; options include 'n', 's', 'e', 'w', 'ne', 'se', 'nw', 'sw'
-clip	Optional amount to clip the distribution tails by, in percent.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=EmbossFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --direction='s' --clip=1.0
```

66. **EqualTo**

Description: Performs a equal-to comparison operation on two rasters or a raster and a constant value.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-input1	Input raster file or constant value.
-input2	Input raster file or constant value.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=EqualTo -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input1='in1.dep' --input2='in2.dep' -o=output.dep
```

67. EuclideanAllocation

Description: Assigns grid cells in the output raster the value of the nearest target cell in the input image, measured by the Shih and Wu (2004) Euclidean distance transform.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Distance Tools

Flag	Description
-i, -input	Input raster file.

Flag	Description
-o, -output	Output raster file.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=EuclideanAllocation -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

68. EuclideanDistance

Description: Calculates the Shih and Wu (2004) Euclidean distance transform.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Distance Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=EuclideanDistance -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

69. **Exp**

Description: Returns the exponential (base e) of values in a raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Exp -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep

70. **Exp2**

Description: Returns the exponential (base 2) of values in a raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.

Flag	Description
-o, -output	Output raster file.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Exp2 -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep

71. ExtractRasterStatistics

Description: Extracts descriptive statistics for a group of patches in a raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input	Input data raster file.
-features	Input feature definition raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-stat	Statistic to extract.
-out_table	Output HTML Table file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=ExtractRasterStatistics -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
-i='input.dep' --features='groups.dep' -o='output.dep' --stat='minimum'
>>./whitebox_tools -r=ExtractRasterStatistics -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
-i='input.dep' --features='groups.dep' --out_table='output.html'
```

72. ExtractStreams

Description: Extracts stream grid cells from a flow accumulation raster.

Toolbox: Stream Network Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-flow_accum	Input raster D8 flow accumulation file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-threshold	Threshold in flow accumulation values for channelization.
-zero_background	Flag indicating whether a background value of zero should be used.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=ExtractStreams -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --flow_accum='d8accum.dep' -o='output.dep' --threshold=100.0 --zero_background
```

73. ExtractValleys

Description: Identifies potential valley bottom grid cells based on local topolography alone.

Toolbox: Stream Network Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-variant	Options include 'lq' (lower quartile), 'JandR' (Johnston and Rosenfeld), and 'PandD' (Peucker and Douglas); default is 'lq'.
-line_thin	Optional flag indicating whether post-processing line-thinning should be performed.
-filter	Optional argument (only used when variant='lq') providing the filter size, in grid cells, used for lq-filtering (default is 5).

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=ExtractValleys -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=pointer.dep
-o=out.dep --variant='JandR' --line_thin
>>./whitebox_tools -r=ExtractValleys -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=pointer.dep
-o=out.dep --variant='lq' --filter=7 --line_thin
```

74. FD8FlowAccumulation

Description: Calculates an FD8 flow accumulation raster from an input DEM.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-out_type	Output type; one of 'cells', 'specific contributing area' (default), and 'catchment area'.
-exponent	Optional exponent parameter; default is 1.1.
-threshold	Optional convergence threshold parameter, in grid cells; default is inifinity.
-log	Optional flag to request the output be log-transformed.
-clip	Optional flag to request clipping the display max by 1%.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=FD8FlowAccumulation -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep
-o=output.dep --out_type='cells'
>>./whitebox_tools -r=FD8FlowAccumulation -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep
-o=output.dep --out_type='catchment area' --exponent=1.5 --threshold=10000 --log --clip
```

75. FD8Pointer

Description: Calculates an FD8 flow pointer raster from an input DEM.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=FD8Pointer -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

76. FarthestChannelHead

Description: Calculates the distance to the furthest upstream channel head for each stream cell.

Toolbox: Stream Network Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-d8_pntr	Input raster D8 pointer file.
-streams	Input raster streams file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.
-zero_background	Flag indicating whether a background value of zero should be used.

Example usage:

- >>./whitebox_tools -r=FarthestChannelHead -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.dep --streams-streams.dep -o=output.dep
- >>./whitebox_tools -r=FarthestChannelHead -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.flt --streams=streams.flt -o=output.flt --esri_pntr --zero_background

77. FeaturePreservingDenoise

Description: Reduces short-scale variation in an input DEM using a modified Sun et al. (2007) algorithm.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-filter	Size of the filter kernel.
-norm_diff	Maximum difference in normal vectors, in degrees.
-num_iter	Number of iterations.
-zfactor	Optional multiplier for when the vertical and horizontal units are not the same.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=FeaturePreservingDenoise -v --wd="/path/to/data/"

--dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

78. FetchAnalysis

Description: Performs an analysis of fetch or upwind distance to an obstacle.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-azimuth	Wind azimuth in degrees in degrees.
-hgt_inc	Height increment value.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=FetchAnalysis -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep --azimuth=315.0

79. FillDepressions

Description: Fills all of the depressions in a DEM. Depression breaching should be preferred in most cases.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-fix_flats	Optional flag indicating whether flat areas should have a small gradient applied.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=FillDepressions -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep --fix_flats

80. FillMissingData

Description: Fills nodata holes in a DEM.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-filter	Filter size (cells).

>>./whitebox_tools -r=FillMissingData -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=DEM.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25

81. FillSingleCellPits

Description: Raises pit cells to the elevation of their lowest neighbour.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=FillSingleCellPits -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=NewRaster.dep

82. FilterLidarScanAngles

Description: Removes points in a LAS file with scan angles greater than a threshold.

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input LiDAR file.
-o, -output	Output LiDAR file.
-threshold	Scan angle threshold.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=FilterLidarScanAngles -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i="input.las" -o="output.las" --threshold=10.0

83. FindFlightlineEdgePoints

Description: Identifies points along a flightline's edge in a LAS file.

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input LiDAR file.
-o, -output	Output file.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=FindFlightlineEdgePoints -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i="input.las" -o="output.las"

84. FindMainStem

Description: Finds the main stem, based on stream lengths, of each stream network.

Toolbox: Stream Network Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-d8_pntr	Input raster D8 pointer file.
-streams	Input raster streams file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.
-zero_background	Flag indicating whether a background value of zero should be used.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=FindMainStem -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.dep --streams=streams.dep -o=output.dep
```

>>./whitebox_tools -r=FindMainStem -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.flt --streams=streams.flt -o=output.flt --esri_pntr --zero_background

85. FindNoFlowCells

Description: Finds grid cells with no downslope neighbours.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=FindNoFlowCells -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=NewRaster.dep

86. FindParallelFlow

Description: Finds areas of parallel flow in D8 flow direction rasters.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Flag	Description
-d8_pntr	Input D8 pointer raster file.
-streams	Input raster streams file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=FindParallelFlow -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--d8_pntr=pointer.dep -o=out.dep
>>./whitebox_tools -r=FindParallelFlow -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--d8_pntr=pointer.dep -o=out.dep --streams='streams.dep'
```

87. FindPatchOrClassEdgeCells

Description: Finds all cells located on the edge of patch or class features.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Patch Shape Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=FindPatchOrClassEdgeCells -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=input.dep -o=output.dep

88. FindRidges

Description: Identifies potential ridge and peak grid cells.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-line_thin	Optional flag indicating whether post-processing line-thinning should be performed.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=FindRidges -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=pointer.dep -o=out.dep --line_thin

89. FlightlineOverlap

Description: Reads a LiDAR (LAS) point file and outputs a raster containing the number of overlapping flight lines in each grid cell.

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input LiDAR file.
-o, -output	Output file.
-resolution	Output raster's grid resolution.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=FlightlineOverlap -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=file.las -o=outfile.dep --resolution=2.0"
./whitebox_tools -r=FlightlineOverlap -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=file.las
```

./whitebox_tools -r=FlightlineUverlap -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=file.las -o=outfile.dep --resolution=5.0 --palette=light_quant.plt

90. FlipImage

Description: Reflects an image in the vertical or horizontal axis.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-direction	Direction of reflection; options include 'v' (vertical), 'h' (horizontal), and 'b' (both).

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=FlipImage -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input=in.dep -o=out.dep --direction=h
```

91. FloodOrder

Description: Assigns each DEM grid cell its order in the sequence of inundations that are encountered during a search starting from the edges, moving inward at increasing elevations.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=FloodOrder -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep

-o=output.dep

92. *Floor*

Description: Returns the largest (closest to positive infinity) value that is less than or equal to the values in a raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Floor -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep'
-o='output.dep'
```

93. FlowAccumulationFullWorkflow

Description: Resolves all of the depressions in a DEM, outputting a breached DEM, an aspect-aligned non-divergent flow pointer, a flow accumulation raster.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -dem	Input raster DEM file.
-out_dem	Output raster DEM file.
-out_pntr	Output raster flow pointer file.
-out_accum	Output raster flow accumulation file.
-out_type	Output type; one of 'cells', 'sca' (default), and 'ca'.
-log	Optional flag to request the output be log-transformed.
-clip	Optional flag to request clipping the display max by 1%.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=FlowAccumulationFullWorkflow -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--dem='DEM.dep' --out_dem='DEM_filled.dep' --out_pntr='pointer.dep'
--out_accum='accum.dep' --out_type=sca --log --clip
```

94. FlowLengthDiff

Description: Calculates the local maximum absolute difference in downslope flowpath length, useful in mapping drainage divides and ridges.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Flag	Description
-d8_pntr	Input D8 pointer raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=FlowLengthDiff -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=pointer.dep -o=output.dep
```

95. GammaCorrection

Description: Performs a sigmoidal contrast stretch on input images.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Image Enhancement

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-gamma	Gamma value.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=GammaCorrection -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=input.dep -o=output.dep --gamma=0.5
```

96. GaussianFilter

Description: Performs a Gaussian filter on an image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-sigma	Standard deviation distance in pixels.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=GaussianFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --sigma=2.0
```

97. GreaterThan

Description: Performs a greater-than comparison operation on two rasters or a raster and a constant value.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description	
-input1	Input raster file or constant value.	
-input2	Input raster file or constant value.	
-o, -output	Output raster file.	
-incl_equals	Perform a greater-than-or-equal-to operation.	

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=GreaterThan -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input1='in1.dep' --input2='in2.dep' -o=output.dep --incl_equals
```

98. HackStreamOrder

Description: Assigns the Hack stream order to each tributary in a stream network.

Toolbox: Stream Network Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-d8_pntr	Input raster D8 pointer file.
-streams	Input raster streams file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.
-zero_background	Flag indicating whether a background value of zero should be used.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=HackStreamOrder -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.dep --streams=streams.dep -o=output.dep 
>>./whitebox_tools -r=HackStreamOrder -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.flt --streams=streams.flt -o=output.flt --esri_pntr --zero_background
```

99. HighPassFilter

Description: Performs a high-pass filter on an input image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=HighPassFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25

100. HighestPosition

Description: Identifies the stack position of the maximum value within a raster stack on a cell-by-cell basis.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Overlay Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -inputs	Input raster files.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=HighestPosition -v --wd='/path/to/data/'
-i='image1.dep;image2.dep;image3.dep' -o=output.dep

101. Hillshade

Description: Calculates a hillshade raster from an input DEM.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-azimuth	Illumination source azimuth in degrees.
-altitude	Illumination source altitude in degrees.
-zfactor	Optional multiplier for when the vertical and horizontal units are not the same.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Hillshade -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=DEM.dep -o=output.dep --azimuth=315.0 --altitude=30.0

102. Hillslopes

Description: Identifies the individual hillslopes draining to each link in a stream network.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Flag	Description	
-d8_pntr	Input raster D8 pointer file.	
-streams	Input raster streams file.	

Flag	Description	
-o, -output	Output raster file.	
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.	

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Hillslopes -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr='d8pntr.dep' --streams='streams.dep' -o='output.dep'
```

103. HistogramEqualization

Description: Performs a histogram equalization contrast enhancment on an image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Image Enhancement

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input -o, -output	Input raster file. Output raster file.
-num_tones	Number of tones in the output image.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=HistogramEqualization -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=input.dep -o=output.dep --num_tones=1024
```

104. HistogramMatching

Description: Alters the statistical distribution of a raster image matching it to a specified PDF.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Image Enhancement

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input -histo_file -o, -output	Input raster file. Input reference probability distribution function (pdf) text file. Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=HistogramMatching -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=input1.dep --histo_file=histo.txt -o=output.dep
```

105. HistogramMatchingTwoImages

Description: This tool alters the cumulative distribution function of a raster image to that of another image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Image Enhancement

Flag	Description
-i1, -input1	Input raster file to modify.
-i2, -input2	Input reference raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=HistogramMatchingTwoImages -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --i1=input1.dep --i2=input2.dep -o=output.dep

106. HorizonAngle

Description: Calculates horizon angle (maximum upwind slope) for each grid cell in an input DEM.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-azimuth	Wind azimuth in degrees.
-max_dist	Optional maximum search distance (unspecified if none; in xy units).

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=HorizonAngle -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep --azimuth=315.0

107. HortonStreamOrder

Description: Assigns the Horton stream order to each tributary in a stream network.

Toolbox: Stream Network Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-d8_pntr	Input raster D8 pointer file.
-streams	Input raster streams file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.
-zero_background	Flag indicating whether a background value of zero should be used.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=HortonStreamOrder -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.dep --streams=streams.dep -o=output.dep 
>>./whitebox_tools -r=HortonStreamOrder -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.flt --streams=streams.flt -o=output.flt --esri_pntr --zero_background
```

108. HypsometricAnalysis

Description: Calculates a hypsometric curve for one or more DEMs.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –inputs	Input DEM files.
-watershed	Input watershed files (optional).
-o, -output	Output HTML file (default name will be based on input file if unspecified).

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=HypsometricAnalysis -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i="DEM1.tif;DEM2.tif" --watershed="ws1.tif;ws2.tif" -o=outfile.html
```

109. ImageAutocorrelation

Description: Performs Moran's I analysis on two or more input images.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –inputs	Input raster files.
-contiguity	Contiguity type.
-o, -output	Output HTML file (default name will be based on input file if unspecified).

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=ImageAutocorrelation -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i="file1.tif, file2.tif, file3.tif" -o=outfile.html --contiguity=Bishops
```

110. ImageCorrelation

Description: Performs image correlation on two or more input images.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –inputs	Input raster files.
-o, -output	Output HTML file (default name will be based on input file if unspecified).

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=ImageCorrelation -v --wd="/path/to/data/"

-i="file1.tif, file2.tif, file3.tif" -o=outfile.html

111. ImageRegression

Description: Performs image regression analysis on two input images.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i1, -input1	Input raster file (independent variable, X).
-i2, -input2	Input raster file (dependent variable, Y).
-o, -output	Output HTML file for regression summary report.
-out_residuals	Output raster regression resdidual file.
-standardize	Optional flag indicating whether to standardize the residuals map.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=ImageRegression -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --i1='file1.tif' --i2='file2.tif' -o='outfile.html' --out_residuals='residuals.tif' --standardize

112. Increment

Description: Increases the values of each grid cell in an input raster by 1.0.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description	
-i, –input	Input raster file.	
-o, -output	Output raster file.	

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Increment -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep'
-o=output.dep

113. IntegerDivision

Description: Performs an integer division operation on two rasters or a raster and a constant value.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Flag	Description
-input1	Input raster file or constant value.
-input2	Input raster file or constant value.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=IntegerDivision -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input1='in1.dep' --input2='in2.dep' -o=output.dep

114. Integralimage

Description: Transforms an input image (summed area table) into its integral image equivalent.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=IntegralImage -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep

115. IsNoData

Description: Identifies NoData valued pixels in an image.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=IsNoData -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep

116. Isobasins

Description: Divides a landscape into nearly equal sized drainage basins (i.e. watersheds).

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Flag	Description
-i, -dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-size	Target basin size, in grid cells.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Isobasins -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep --size=1000
```

117. JensonSnapPourPoints

Description: Moves outlet points used to specify points of interest in a watershedding operation to the nearest stream cell

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-pour_pts	Input raster pour points (outlet) file.
-streams	Input raster streams file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-snap_dist	Maximum snap distance in map units.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=JensonSnapPourPoints -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--pour_pts='pour_pts.dep' --streams='streams.dep' -o='output.dep'
--snap_dist=15.0
```

118. KMeansClustering

Description: Performs a k-means clustering operation on a multi-spectral dataset.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -inputs	Input raster files.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-out_html	Output HTML report file.
-classes	Number of classes
-max_iterations	Maximum number of iterations
-class_change	Minimum percent of cells changed between iterations before completion
-initialize	How to initialize cluster centres?
-min_class_size	Minimum class size, in pixels

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=KMeansClustering -v --wd='/path/to/data/'
-i='image1.tif;image2.tif;image3.tif' -o=output.tif --out_html=report.html
--classes=15 --max_iterations=25 --class_change=1.5 --initialize='random'
--min_class_size=500
```

119. KNearestMeanFilter

Description: A k-nearest mean filter is a type of edge-preserving smoothing filter.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.
-k	k-value in pixels; this is the number of nearest-valued neighbours to use.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=KNearestMeanFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --filter=9 -k=5
```

>>./whitebox_tools -r=KNearestMeanFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --filtery=7 --filtery=9 -k=5

120. **KSTestForNormality**

Description: Evaluates whether the values in a raster are normally distributed.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output HTML file.
-num_samples	Number of samples. Leave blank to use whole image.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=KSTestForNormality -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=input.dep -o=output.html --num_samples=1000

>>./whitebox_tools -r=KSTestForNormality -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=input.dep -o=output.html

121. KappaIndex

Description: Performs a kappa index of agreement (KIA) analysis on two categorical raster files.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Flag	Description
-i1, -input1	Input classification raster file.
-i2, -input2	Input reference raster file.

Flag	Description
-o, -output	Output HTML file.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=KappaIndex -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --i1=class.tif --i2=reference.tif -o=kia.html
```

122. LaplacianFilter

Description: Performs a Laplacian filter on an image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-variant	Optional variant value. Options include 3x3(1), 3x3(2), 3x3(3), 3x3(4), 5x5(1), and 5x5(2) (default is 3x3(1)).
-clip	Optional amount to clip the distribution tails by, in percent.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LaplacianFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --variant='3x3(1)' --clip=1.0
```

123. LaplacianOfGaussianFilter

Description: Performs a Laplacian-of-Gaussian (LoG) filter on an image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-sigma	Standard deviation in pixels.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LaplacianOfGaussianFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --sigma=2.0
```

124. LasToAscii

Description: Converts one or more LAS files into ASCII text files.

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Flag	Description
-i, -inputs	Input LiDAR files.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LasToAscii -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i="file1.las, file2.las, file3.las" -o=outfile.las"
```

125. LeeFilter

Description: Performs a Lee (Sigma) smoothing filter on an image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.
-sigma	Sigma value should be related to the standarad deviation of the distribution of image speckle noise.
-m	M-threshold value the minimum allowable number of pixels within the intensity range

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LeeFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep
-o=output.dep --filter=9 --sigma=10.0 -m=5
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LeeFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep
-o=output.dep --filtery=7 --filtery=9 --sigma=10.0 -m=5
```

126. LengthOfUpstreamChannels

Description: Calculates the total length of channels upstream.

Toolbox: Stream Network Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-d8_pntr	Input raster D8 pointer file.
-streams	Input raster streams file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.
-zero_background	Flag indicating whether a background value of zero should be used.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LengthOfUpstreamChannels -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.dep --streams=streams.dep -o=output.dep
```

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LengthOfUpstreamChannels -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.flt --streams=streams.flt -o=output.flt --esri_pntr --zero_background
```

127. LessThan

Description: Performs a less-than comparison operation on two rasters or a raster and a constant value.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-input1	Input raster file or constant value.
-input2	Input raster file or constant value.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-incl_equals	Perform a less-than-or-equal-to operation.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LessThan -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input1='in1.dep' --input2='in2.dep' -o=output.dep --incl_equals
```

128. LidarElevationSlice

Description: Outputs all of the points within a LiDAR (LAS) point file that lie between a specified elevation range.

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input LiDAR file.
-o, -output	Output LiDAR file.
-minz	Minimum elevation value (optional).
-maxz	Maximum elevation value (optional).
-class	Optional boolean flag indicating whether points outside the range should be retained in output but reclassified.
-inclassval	Optional parameter specifying the class value assigned to points within the slice.
-outclassval	Optional parameter specifying the class value assigned to points within the slice.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LidarElevationSlice -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i="input.las"
-o="output.las" --minz=100.0 --maxz=250.0
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LidarElevationSlice -v -i="/path/to/data/input.las"
-o="/path/to/data/output.las" --minz=100.0 --maxz=250.0 --class
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LidarElevationSlice -v -i="/path/to/data/input.las"
-o="/path/to/data/output.las" --minz=100.0 --maxz=250.0 --inclassval=1
--outclassval=0
```

129. LidarGroundPointFilter

Description: Identifies ground points within LiDAR dataset using a slope-based method.

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input LiDAR file.
-o, -output	Output LiDAR file.
-radius	Search Radius.
-slope_threshold	Maximum inter-point slope to be considered an off-terrain point.
-height_threshold	Inter-point height difference to be considered an off-terrain point.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LidarGroundPointFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i="input.las" -o="output.las" --radius=10.0
```

130. LidarHillshade

Description: Calculates a hillshade value for points within a LAS file and stores these data in the RGB field.

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input LiDAR file.
-o, -output	Output file.
-azimuth	Illumination source azimuth in degrees.
-altitude	Illumination source altitude in degrees.
-radius	Search Radius.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LidarHillshade -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i="input.las" -o="output.las" --radius=10.0
```

>>./whitebox_tools -r=LidarHillshade -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i="input.las" -o="output.las" --azimuth=180.0 --altitude=20.0 --radius=1.0

131. LidarHistogram

Description: Creates a histogram from LiDAR data.

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input LiDAR file.
-o, –output	Output HTML file (default name will be based on input file if unspecified).

Flag	Description
-parameter	Parameter; options are 'elevation' (default), 'intensity', 'scan angle', 'class.
-clip	Amount to clip distribution tails (in percent).

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LidarHistogram -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i="file1.tif, file2.tif, file3.tif" -o=outfile.htm --contiguity=Bishopsl
```

132. LidarldwInterpolation

Description: Interpolates LAS files using an inverse-distance weighted (IDW) scheme.

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input LiDAR file (including extension).
-o, -output	Output raster file (including extension).
-parameter	Interpolation parameter; options are 'elevation' (default), 'intensity', 'class', 'scan angle', 'user data'.
-returns	Point return types to include; options are 'all' (default), 'last', 'first'.
-resolution	Output raster's grid resolution.
-weight	IDW weight value.
-radius	Search Radius.
-exclude_cls	Optional exclude classes from interpolation; Valid class values range from 0 to 18, based on LAS specifications. Example 10 to 18, based on LAS specifications.
-minz	Optional minimum elevation for inclusion in interpolation.
-maxz	Optional maximum elevation for inclusion in interpolation.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LidarIdwInterpolation -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=file.las -o=outfile.dep --resolution=2.0 --radius=5.0"
./whitebox_tools -r=LidarIdwInterpolation --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=file.las -o=outfile.dep --resolution=5.0 --weight=2.0 --radius=2.0
--exclude_cls='3,4,5,6,7,18' --palette=light_quant.plt
```

133. LidarInfo

Description: Prints information about a LiDAR (LAS) dataset, including header, point return frequency, and classification data and information about the variable length records (VLRs) and geokeys.

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input LiDAR file.
-o, -output	Output HTML file for regression summary report.
-vlr	Flag indicating whether or not to print the variable length records (VLRs).

Flag	Description
-geokeys	Flag indicating whether or not to print the geokeys.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LidarInfo -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=file.las --vlr --geokeys"
```

./whitebox_tools -r=LidarInfo --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=file.las

134. LidarJoin

Description: Joins multiple LiDAR (LAS) files into a single LAS file.

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description	
-i, –inputs	Input LiDAR files.	
-o, -output	Output LiDAR file.	

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LidarJoin -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i="file1.las, file2.las, file3.las" -o=outfile.las"
```

135. LidarKappaIndex

Description: Performs a kappa index of agreement (KIA) analysis on the classifications of two LAS files.

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i1, -input1	Input LiDAR classification file.
-i2, -input2	Input LiDAR reference file.
-o, -output	Output HTML file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LidarKappaIndex -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --i1=class.tif --i2=reference.tif -o=kia.html
```

136. LidarNearestNeighbourGridding

Description: Grids LAS files using nearest-neighbour scheme.

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Flag	Description
-i, -input	Input LiDAR file (including extension).
-o, -output	Output raster file (including extension).
-parameter	Interpolation parameter; options are 'elevation' (default), 'intensity', 'class', 'scan angle', 'user data'.
-returns	Point return types to include; options are 'all' (default), 'last', 'first'.
-resolution	Output raster's grid resolution.
-radius	Search Radius.
-exclude_cls	Optional exclude classes from interpolation; Valid class values range from 0 to 18, based on LAS specifications. Exam
-minz	Optional minimum elevation for inclusion in interpolation.
-maxz	Optional maximum elevation for inclusion in interpolation.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LidarNearestNeighbourGridding -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
-i=file.las -o=outfile.dep --resolution=2.0 --radius=5.0"
./whitebox_tools -r=LidarNearestNeighbourGridding --wd="/path/to/data/"
-i=file.las -o=outfile.dep --resolution=5.0 --radius=2.0
--exclude_cls='3,4,5,6,7,18' --palette=light_quant.plt
```

137. LidarPointDensity

Description: Calculates the spatial pattern of point density for a LiDAR data set.

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input	Input LiDAR file (including extension).
-o, –output	Output raster file (including extension).
-returns	Point return types to include; options are 'all' (default), 'last', 'first'.
-resolution	Output raster's grid resolution.
-radius	Search Radius.
-exclude_cls	Optional exclude classes from interpolation; Valid class values range from 0 to 18, based on LAS specifications. Exam
-minz	Optional minimum elevation for inclusion in interpolation.
-maxz	Optional maximum elevation for inclusion in interpolation.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LidarPointDensity -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=file.las -o=outfile.dep --resolution=2.0 --radius=5.0"
./whitebox_tools -r=LidarPointDensity -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=file.las -o=outfile.dep --resolution=5.0 --radius=2.0 --exclude_cls='3,4,5,6,7,18'
--palette=light_quant.plt
```

138. LidarRemoveOutliers

Description: Removes outliers (high and low points) in a LiDAR point cloud.

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input LiDAR file.
-o, -output	Output LiDAR file.
-radius	Search Radius.
-elev_diff	Max. elevation difference.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=LidarRemoveOutliers -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i="input.las" -o="output.las" --radius=10.0 --elev_diff=25.0

139. LidarSegmentation

Description: Segments a LiDAR point cloud based on normal vectors.

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input LiDAR file.
-o, –output	Output file.
-dist, -radius	Search Radius.
-norm_diff	Maximum difference in normal vectors, in degrees.
-maxzdiff	Maximum difference in elevation (z units) between neighbouring points of the same segment.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=LidarSegmentation -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i="input.las" -o="output.las" --radius=10.0 --norm_diff=2.5 --maxzdiff=0.75

140. LidarSegmentationBasedFilter

Description: Identifies ground points within LiDAR point clouds using a segmentation based approach.

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input LiDAR file.
-o, –output	Output file.
-dist, -radius	Search Radius.
-norm_diff	Maximum difference in normal vectors, in degrees.
-maxzdiff	Maximum difference in elevation (z units) between neighbouring points of the same segment.
-classify	Classify points as ground (2) or off-ground (1).

>>./whitebox_tools -r=LidarSegmentationBasedFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i="input.las" -o="output.las" --radius=10.0 --norm_diff=2.5 --maxzdiff=0.75 --classify

141. *LidarTile*

Description: Tiles a LiDAR LAS file into multiple LAS files.

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input	Input LiDAR file.
-width_x	Width of tiles in the X dimension; default 1000.0.
-width_y	Width of tiles in the Y dimension.
-origin_x	Origin point X coordinate for tile grid.
-origin_y	Origin point Y coordinate for tile grid.
-min_points	Minimum number of points contained in a tile for it to be saved.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=LidarTile -v -i=/path/to/data/input.las --width_x=1000.0 --width_y=2500.0 -=min_points=100

142. LidarTophatTransform

Description: Performs a white top-hat transform on a Lidar dataset; as an estimate of height above ground, this is useful for modelling the vegetation canopy

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input -o, -output -radius	Input LiDAR file. Output LiDAR file. Search Radius.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=LidarTophatTransform -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i="input.las" -o="output.las" --radius=10.0

143. LineDetectionFilter

Description: Performs a line-detection filter on an image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-variant	Optional variant value. Options include 'v' (vertical), 'h' (horizontal), '45', and '135' (default is 'v').
-absvals	Optional flag indicating whether outputs should be absolute values.
-clip	Optional amount to clip the distribution tails by, in percent.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=LineDetectionFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --variant=h --clip=1.0

144. LineThinning

Description: Performs line thinning a on Boolean raster image; intended to be used with the RemoveSpurs tool.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=LineThinning -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

145. *Ln*

Description: Returns the natural logarithm of values in a raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Ln -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep 146. Log10

Description: Returns the base-10 logarithm of values in a raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Flag	Description
-i, -input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Description: Returns the base-2 logarithm of values in a raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

148. LowestPosition

Description: Identifies the stack position of the minimum value within a raster stack on a cell-by-cell basis.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Overlay Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -inputs	Input raster files.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LowestPosition -v --wd='/path/to/data/'
-i='image1.dep;image2.dep;image3.dep' -o=output.dep
```

149. *MajorityFilter*

Description: Assigns each cell in the output grid the most frequently occurring value (mode) in a moving window centred on each grid cell in the input raster.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.

Flag	Description
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=MajorityFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25
```

150. *Max*

Description: Performs a MAX operation on two rasters or a raster and a constant value.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-input1	Input raster file or constant value. Input raster file or constant value.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Max -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input1='in1.dep' --input2='in2.dep' -o=outp

151. **MaxAbsoluteOverlay**

Description: Evaluates the maximum absolute value for each grid cell from a stack of input rasters.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Overlay Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -inputs	Input raster files.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=MaxAbsoluteOverlay -v --wd='/path/to/data/'
-i='image1.dep;image2.dep;image3.dep' -o=output.dep
```

152. MaxAnisotropyDev

Description: Calculates the maximum anisotropy (directionality) in elevation deviation over a range of spatial scales.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Flag	Description
-i, -dem	Input raster DEM file.
-out_mag	Output raster DEVmax magnitude file.
-out_scale	Output raster DEVmax scale file.
-min_scale	Minimum search neighbourhood radius in grid cells.
-max_scale	Maximum search neighbourhood radius in grid cells.
-step	Step size as any positive non-zero integer.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=MaxAnisotropyDev -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -out_mag=DEVmax_mag.dep --out_scale=DEVmax_scale.dep --min_scale=1 --max_scale=1000 --step=5
```

153. MaxBranchLength

Description: Lindsay and Seibert's (2013) branch length index is used to map drainage divides or ridge lines.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-log	Optional flag to request the output be log-transformed.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=MaxBranchLength -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

154. MaxDownslopeElevChange

Description: Calculates the maximum downslope change in elevation between a grid cell and its eight downslope neighbors.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=MaxDownslopeElevChange -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=out.dep

155. MaxElevationDeviation

Description: Calculates the maximum elevation deviation over a range of spatial scales.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -dem	Input raster DEM file.
-out_mag	Output raster DEVmax magnitude file.
-out_scale	Output raster DEVmax scale file.
-min_scale	Minimum search neighbourhood radius in grid cells.
-max_scale	Maximum search neighbourhood radius in grid cells.
-step	Step size as any positive non-zero integer.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=MaxElevationDeviation -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--dem=DEM.dep -out_mag=DEVmax_mag.dep --out_scale=DEVmax_scale.dep --min_scale=1
--max_scale=1000 --step=5
```

156. MaxOverlay

Description: Evaluates the maximum value for each grid cell from a stack of input rasters.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Overlay Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -inputs	Input raster files.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=MaxOverlay -v --wd='/path/to/data/'
-i='image1.dep;image2.dep;image3.dep' -o=output.dep
```

157. MaxUpslopeFlowpathLength

Description: Measures the maximum length of all upslope flowpaths draining each grid cell.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=MaxUpslopeFlowpathLength -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
-i=DEM.dep -o=output.dep
>>./whitebox_tools -r=MaxUpslopeFlowpathLength -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep --log --clip
```

158. MaximumFilter

Description: Assigns each cell in the output grid the maximum value in a moving window centred on each grid cell in the input raster.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=MaximumFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25
```

159. **MeanFilter**

Description: Performs a mean filter (low-pass filter) on an input image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=MeanFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --filterx=25 --filtery=25
```

160. MedianFilter

Description: Performs a median filter on an input image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.
-sig_digits	Number of significant digits.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=MedianFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=input.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25
```

161. *Min*

Description: Performs a MIN operation on two rasters or a raster and a constant value.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-input1	Input raster file or constant value.
-input2	Input raster file or constant value.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Min -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input1='in1.dep' --input2='in2.dep' -o=output.dep
```

162. MinAbsoluteOverlay

Description: Evaluates the minimum absolute value for each grid cell from a stack of input rasters.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Overlay Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –inputs	Input raster files.
-o, –output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=MinAbsoluteOverlay -v --wd='/path/to/data/'
-i='image1.dep;image2.dep;image3.dep' -o=output.dep
```

163. MinDownslopeElevChange

Description: Calculates the minimum downslope change in elevation between a grid cell and its eight downslope neighbors.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=MinDownslopeElevChange -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=out.dep

164. MinMaxContrastStretch

Description: Performs a min-max contrast stretch on an input greytone image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Image Enhancement

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-min_val	Lower tail clip value.
-max_val	Upper tail clip value.
-num_tones	Number of tones in the output image.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=MinMaxContrastStretch -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=input.dep -o=output.dep --min_val=45.0 --max_val=200.0 --num_tones=1024

165. **MinOverlay**

Description: Evaluates the minimum value for each grid cell from a stack of input rasters.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Overlay Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -inputs	Input raster files.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=MinOverlay -v --wd='/path/to/data/'
-i='image1.dep;image2.dep;image3.dep' -o=output.dep

166. MinimumFilter

Description: Assigns each cell in the output grid the minimum value in a moving window centred on each grid cell in the input raster.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=MinimumFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25
```

167. ModifiedKMeansClustering

Description: Performs a modified k-means clustering operation on a multi-spectral dataset.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -inputs	Input raster files.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-out_html	Output HTML report file.
-start_clusters	Initial number of clusters
-merger_dist	Cluster merger distance
-max_iterations	Maximum number of iterations
-class_change	Minimum percent of cells changed between iterations before completion

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=ModifiedKMeansClustering -v --wd='/path/to/data/'
-i='image1.tif;image2.tif;image3.tif' -o=output.tif --out_html=report.html
--start_clusters=100 --merger_dist=30.0 --max_iterations=25 --class_change=1.5
```

168. *Modulo*

Description: Performs a modulo operation on two rasters or a raster and a constant value.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Flag	Description	
-input1	Input raster file or constant value.	

Flag	Description
-input2	Input raster file or constant value.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Modulo -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input1='in1.dep' --input2='in2.dep' -o=output.dep
```

169. *Mosaic*

Description: Mosaics two or more images together.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –inputs	Input raster files.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-method	Resampling method

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Mosaic -v --wd='/path/to/data/'
-i='image1.dep;image2.dep;image3.dep' -o=dest.dep --method='cc
```

170. *Multiply*

Description: Performs a multiplication operation on two rasters or a raster and a constant value.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-input1	Input raster file or constant value.
-input2	Input raster file or constant value.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Multiply -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input1='in1.dep' --input2='in2.dep' -o=output.dep
```

171. MultiscaleTopographicPositionImage

Description: Creates a multiscale topographic position image from three DEVmax rasters of differing spatial scale ranges.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-local	Input local-scale topographic position (DEVmax) raster file.
-meso	Input meso-scale topographic position (DEVmax) raster file.
-broad	Input broad-scale topographic position (DEVmax) raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-lightness	Image lightness value (default is 1.2).

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=MultiscaleTopographicPositionImage -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --local=DEV_local.dep --meso=DEV_meso.dep --broad=DEV_broad.dep -o=output.dep --lightness=1.5
```

172. **Negate**

Description: Changes the sign of values in a raster or the 0-1 values of a Boolean raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input -o, -output	Input raster file. Output raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Negate -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep

173. NewRasterFromBase

Description: Creates a new raster using a base image.

Toolbox: Data Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -base	Input base raster file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-value	Constant value to fill raster with; either 'nodata' or numeric value.
-data_type	Output raster data type; options include 'double' (64-bit), 'float' (32-bit), and 'integer' (signed 16-bit) (default is 'float').

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=NewRasterFromBase -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --base=base.dep -o=NewRaster.dep --value=0.0 --data_type=integer
```

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=NewRasterFromBase -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --base=base.dep -o=NewRaster.dep --value=nodata
```

174. NormalVectors

Description: Calculates normal vectors for points within a LAS file and stores these data (XYZ vector components) in the RGB field.

Toolbox: LiDAR Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input LiDAR file.
-o, -output	Output LiDAR file.
-radius	Search Radius.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=NormalVectors -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i="input.las" -o="output.las" --radius=10.0
```

175. NormalizedDifferenceVegetationIndex

Description: Calculates the normalized difference vegetation index (NDVI) from near-infrared and red imagery.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-nir	Input near-infrared band image.
-red	Input red band image.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-clip	Optional amount to clip the distribution tails by, in percent.
-osavi	Optional flag indicating whether the optimized soil-adjusted veg index (OSAVI) should be used.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=NormalizedDifferenceVegetationIndex -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --nir=band4.dep --red=band3.dep -o=output.dep >>./whitebox_tools -r=NormalizedDifferenceVegetationIndex -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --nir=band4.dep --red=band3.dep -o=output.dep --clip=1.0 --osavi
```

176. *Not*

Description: Performs a logical NOT operator on two Boolean raster images.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Flag	Description
-input1	Input raster file.
-input2	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Not -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input1='in1.dep' --input2='in2.dep' -o=output.dep
```

177. NotEqualTo

Description: Performs a not-equal-to comparison operation on two rasters or a raster and a constant value.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-input1	Input raster file or constant value. Input raster file or constant value.
-o, –output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=NotEqualTo -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input1='in1.dep' --input2='in2.dep' -o=output.dep
```

178. NumDownslopeNeighbours

Description: Calculates the number of downslope neighbours to each grid cell in a DEM.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=NumDownslopeNeighbours -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=DEM.dep -o=output.dep
```

179. NumInflowingNeighbours

Description: Computes the number of inflowing neighbours to each cell in an input DEM based on the D8 algorithm.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=NumInflowingNeighbours -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=DEM.dep -o=output.dep
```

180. NumUpslopeNeighbours

Description: Calculates the number of upslope neighbours to each grid cell in a DEM.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=NumUpslopeNeighbours -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=DEM.dep -o=output.dep
```

181. OlympicFilter

Description: Performs an olympic smoothing filter on an image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Parameters:

Description
Input raster file.
Output raster file.
Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=OlympicFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25
```

182. **Opening**

Description: An opening is a mathematical morphology operating involving a dilation (max filter) of an erosion (min filter) set.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Opening -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25
```

183. **Or**

Description: Performs a logical OR operator on two Boolean raster images.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-input1	Input raster file.
-input2	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Or -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input1='in1.dep' --input2='in2.dep' -o=output.dep
```

184. PanchromaticSharpening

Description: Increases the spatial resolution of image data by combining multispectral bands with panchromatic

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Image Enhancement

Flag	Description
-red	Input red band image file. Optionally specified if colour-composite not specified.
-green	Input green band image file. Optionally specified if colour-composite not specified.
-blue	Input blue band image file. Optionally specified if colour-composite not specified.
-composite	Input colour-composite image file. Only used if individual bands are not specified.
-pan	Input panchromatic band file.
-o, -output	Output colour composite file.
-method	Options include 'brovey' (default) and 'ihs'

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=PanchromaticSharpening -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--red=red.dep --green=green.dep --blue=blue.dep --pan=pan.dep
--output=pan_sharp.dep --method='brovey'
>>./whitebox_tools -r=PanchromaticSharpening -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--composite=image.dep --pan=pan.dep --output=pan_sharp.dep --method='ihs'
```

185. PennockLandformClass

Description: Classifies hillslope zones based on slope, profile curvature, and plan curvature.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-slope	Slope threshold value, in degrees (default is 3.0)
-prof	Profile curvature threshold value (default is 0.1)
-plan	Plan curvature threshold value (default is 0.0).
-zfactor	Optional multiplier for when the vertical and horizontal units are not the same.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=PennockLandformClass -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep --slope=3.0 --prof=0.1 --plan=0.0
```

186. PercentElevRange

Description: Calculates percent of elevation range from a DEM.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=PercentElevRange -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=DEM.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25
```

187. PercentEqualTo

Description: Calculates the percentage of a raster stack that have cell values equal to an input on a cell-by-cell basis.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Overlay Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -inputs	Input raster files.
-comparison	Input comparison raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=PercentEqualTo -v --wd='/path/to/data/'
-i='image1.dep;image2.dep;image3.dep' --comparison='comp.dep' -o='output.dep'
```

188. **PercentGreaterThan**

Description: Calculates the percentage of a raster stack that have cell values greather than an input on a cell-by-cell basis.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Overlay Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –inputs	Input raster files.
-comparison	Input comparison raster file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=PercentGreaterThan -v --wd='/path/to/data/'
-i='image1.dep;image2.dep;image3.dep' --comparison='comp.dep' -o='output.dep'
```

189. PercentLessThan

Description: Calculates the percentage of a raster stack that have cell values less than an input on a cell-by-cell basis.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Overlay Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –inputs	Input raster files.
-comparison	Input comparison raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=PercentLessThan -v --wd='/path/to/data/'
-i='image1.dep;image2.dep;image3.dep' --comparison='comp.dep' -o='output.dep'
```

190. PercentageContrastStretch

Description: Performs a percentage linear contrast stretch on input images.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Image Enhancement

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-clip	Optional amount to clip the distribution tails by, in percent.
-tail	Specified which tails to clip; options include 'upper', 'lower', and 'both' (default is 'both').
-num_tones	Number of tones in the output image.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=PercentageContrastStretch -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=input.dep -o=output.dep --clip=2.0 --tail='both' --num_tones=1024

191. PercentileFilter

Description: Performs a percentile filter on an input image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.
-sig_digits	Number of significant digits.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=PercentileFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=input.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25

192. PickFromList

Description: Outputs the value from a raster stack specified by a position raster.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Overlay Tools

Flag	Description
-i, -inputs	Input raster files.
-pos_input	Input position raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=PickFromList -v --wd='/path/to/data/' --pos_input=position.dep -i='image1.dep;image2.dep;image3.dep' -o=output.dep

193. PlanCurvature

Description: Calculates a plan (contour) curvature raster from an input DEM.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-zfactor	Optional multiplier for when the vertical and horizontal units are not the same.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=PlanCurvature -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

194. **Power**

Description: Raises the values in grid cells of one rasters, or a constant value, by values in another raster or constant value

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-input1	Input raster file or constant value.
-input2	Input raster file or constant value.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Power -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input1='in1.dep' --input2='in2.dep' -o=output.dep
```

195. **PrewittFilter**

Description: Performs a Prewitt edge-detection filter on an image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Flag	Description
-clip	Optional amount to clip the distribution tails by, in percent.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=PrewittFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --clip=1.0

196. **ProfileCurvature**

Description: Calculates a profile curvature raster from an input DEM.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-zfactor	Optional multiplier for when the vertical and horizontal units are not the same.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=ProfileCurvature -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

197. Quantiles

Description: Transforms raster values into quantiles.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-num_quantiles	Number of quantiles.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Quantiles -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=DEM.dep -o=output.dep --num_quantiles=5

198. RadiusOfGyration

Description: Calculates the distance of cells from their polygon's centroid.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-text_output	Optional text output.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=RadiusOfGyration -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=polygons.dep -o=output.dep --text_output

199. RandomField

Description: Creates an image containing random values.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -base	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=RandomField -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --base=in.dep -o=out.dep

200. RandomSample

Description: Creates an image containing randomly located sample grid cells with unique IDs.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -base	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-num_samples	Number of samples

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=RandomSample -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --base=in.dep -o=out.dep --num_samples=1000

201. RangeFilter

Description: Assigns each cell in the output grid the range of values in a moving window centred on each grid cell in the input raster.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=RangeFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25

202. RasterCellAssignment

Description: Assign row or column number to cells.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-a, –assign	Which variable would you like to assign to grid cells? Options include 'column', 'row', 'x', and 'y'.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=RasterCellAssignment -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep --assign='column'

203. RasterHistogram

Description: Creates a histogram from raster values.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input -o, –output	Input raster file. Output HTML file (default name will be based on input file if unspecified).

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=RasterHistogram -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i="file1.tif" -o=outfile.html

204. RasterSummaryStats

Description: Measures a rasters average, standard deviation, num. non-nodata cells, and total.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=RasterSummaryStats -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=DEM.dep

205. Reciprocal

Description: Returns the reciprocal (i.e. 1 / z) of values in a raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Reciprocal -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep

206. Reclass

Description: Reclassifies the values in a raster image.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Reclass Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-reclass_vals	Reclassification triplet values (new value; from value; to less than), e.g. '0.0;0.0;1.0;1.0;1.0;2.0'
-assign_mode	Optional Boolean flag indicating whether to operate in assign mode, reclass_vals values are interpreted as new value

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Reclass -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep'
-o=output.dep --reclass_vals='0.0;0.0;1.0;1.0;1.0;2.0'
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Reclass -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep'
-o=output.dep --reclass_vals='10;1;20;2;30;3;40;4' --assign_mode
```

207. ReclassEqualInterval

Description: Reclassifies the values in a raster image based on equal-ranges.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Reclass Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input	Input raster file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-interval	Class interval size.
-start_val	Optional starting value (default is input minimum value).
-end_val	Optional ending value (default is input maximum value).

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=ReclassEqualInterval -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep --interval=10.0 --start_val=0.0

208. ReclassFromFile

Description: Reclassifies the values in a raster image using reclass ranges in a text file.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Reclass Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input	Input raster file.
-reclass_file	Input text file containing reclass ranges.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=ReclassFromFile -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' --reclass_file='reclass.txt' -o=output.dep

209. RelativeAspect

Description: Calculates relative aspect (relative to a user-specified direction) from an input DEM.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Flag	Description
-i, -dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-azimuth	Illumination source azimuth.
-zfactor	Optional multiplier for when the vertical and horizontal units are not the same.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=RelativeAspect -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep --azimuth=180.0

210. RelativeStreamPowerIndex

Description: Calculates the relative stream power index.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-sca	Input raster specific contributing area (SCA) file.
-slope	Input raster slope file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-exponent	SCA exponent value.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=RelativeStreamPowerIndex -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --sca='flow_accum.dep' --slope='slope.dep' -o=output.dep --exponent=1.1

211. RelativeTopographicPosition

Description: Calculates the relative topographic position index from a DEM.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=RelativeTopographicPosition -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25

212. RemoveOffTerrainObjects

Description: Removes off-terrain objects from a raster digital elevation model (DEM).

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Flag	Description
-i, –input, –dem	Input raster DEM file.

Flag	Description
-o, –output –filter	Output raster file. Filter size (cells).
-slope	Slope threshold value.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=RemoveOffTerrainObjects -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=bare_earth_DEM.dep --filter=25 --slope=10.0
```

213. RemoveShortStreams

Description: Removes short first-order streams from a stream network.

Toolbox: Stream Network Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-d8_pntr	Input raster D8 pointer file.
-streams	Input raster streams file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-min_length	Minimum tributary length (in map units) used for network prunning.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=RemoveShortStreams -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.dep --streams=streams.dep -o=output.dep
```

214. RemoveSpurs

Description: Removes the spurs (pruning operation) from a Boolean line image.; intended to be used on the output of the LineThinning tool.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-iterations	Maximum number of iterations

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=RemoveSpurs -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input=DEM.dep -o=output.dep --iterations=10
```

215. Resample

Description: Resamples one or more input images into a destination image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –inputs	Input raster files.
-destination	Destination raster file.
-method	Resampling method

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Resample -v --wd='/path/to/data/'
-i='image1.dep;image2.dep;image3.dep' --destination=dest.dep --method='cc
```

216. RescaleValueRange

Description: Performs a min-max contrast stretch on an input greytone image.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-out_min_val	New minimum value in output image.
-out_max_val	New maximum value in output image.
-clip_min	Optional lower tail clip value.
-clip_max	Optional upper tail clip value.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=RescaleValueRange -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
-i=input.dep -o=output.dep --out_min_val=0.0 --out_max_val=1.0
>>./whitebox_tools -r=RescaleValueRange -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
-i=input.dep -o=output.dep --out_min_val=0.0 --out_max_val=1.0 --clip_min=45.0
--clip_max=200.0
```

217. RgbTolhs

Description: Converts red, green, and blue (RGB) images into intensity, hue, and saturation (IHS) images.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools

Flag	Description
-red	Input red band image file. Optionally specified if colour-composite not specified.
-green	Input green band image file. Optionally specified if colour-composite not specified.

Flag	Description
-blue -composite	Input blue band image file. Optionally specified if colour-composite not specified. Input colour-composite image file. Only used if individual bands are not specified.
-intensity	Output intensity raster file.
-hue	Output hue raster file.
-saturation	Output saturation raster file.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=RgbToIhs -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --red=band3.dep
--green=band2.dep --blue=band1.dep --intensity=intensity.dep --hue=hue.dep
--saturation=saturation.dep
>>./whitebox_tools -r=RgbToIhs -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --composite=image.dep
--intensity=intensity.dep --hue=hue.dep --saturation=saturation.dep
```

218. Rho8Pointer

Description: Calculates a stochastic Rho8 flow pointer raster from an input DEM.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Rho8Pointer -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

219. RobertsCrossFilter

Description: Performs a Robert's cross edge-detection filter on an image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-clip	Optional amount to clip the distribution tails by, in percent.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=RobertsCrossFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --clip=1.0

220. RootMeanSquareError

Description: Calculates the RMSE and other accuracy statistics.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input	Input raster file.
-base	Input base raster file used for comparison.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=RootMeanSquareError -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=DEM.dep

221. Round

Description: Rounds the values in an input raster to the nearest integer value.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Round -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep

222. RuggednessIndex

Description: Calculates the Riley et al.'s (1999) terrain ruggedness index from an input DEM.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-zfactor	Optional multiplier for when the vertical and horizontal units are not the same.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=RuggednessIndex -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

223. **ScharrFilter**

Description: Performs a Scharr edge-detection filter on an image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input -o, -output -clip	Input raster file. Output raster file. Optional amount to clip the distribution tails by, in percent.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=ScharrFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --clip=1.0
```

224. SedimentTransportIndex

Description: Calculates the sediment transport index.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-sca	Input raster specific contributing area (SCA) file.
-slope	Input raster slope file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-sca_exponent	SCA exponent value.
-slope_exponent	Slope exponent value.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=SedimentTransportIndex -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--sca='flow_accum.dep' --slope='slope.dep' -o=output.dep --sca_exponent=0.5
--slope_exponent=1.0
```

225. SetNodataValue

Description: Assign a specified value in an input image to the NoData value.

Toolbox: Data Tools

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-back_value	Background value to set to nodata.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=SetNodataValue -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=in.dep -o=newRaster.dep --back_value=1.0
```

226. ShreveStreamMagnitude

Description: Assigns the Shreve stream magnitude to each link in a stream network.

Toolbox: Stream Network Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-d8_pntr	Input raster D8 pointer file.
-streams	Input raster streams file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.
-zero_background	Flag indicating whether a background value of zero should be used.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=ShreveStreamMagnitude -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--d8_pntr=D8.dep --streams=streams.dep -o=output.dep
>>./whitebox_tools -r=ShreveStreamMagnitude -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--d8_pntr=D8.flt --streams=streams.flt -o=output.flt --esri_pntr --zero_background
```

227. SigmoidalContrastStretch

Description: Performs a sigmoidal contrast stretch on input images.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Image Enhancement

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-cutoff	Cutoff value between 0.0 and 0.95.
-gain	Gain value.
-num_tones	Number of tones in the output image.

Example usage:

228. Sin

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=SigmoidalContrastStretch -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=input.dep -o=output.dep --cutoff=0.1 --gain=2.0 --num_tones=1024
```

Description: Returns the sine (sin) of each values in a raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description	
-i, –input	Input raster file.	
-o, -output	Output raster file.	

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Sin -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep

229. **Sinh**

Description: Returns the hyperbolic sine (sinh) of each values in a raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description	
-i, –input	Input raster file.	
-o, -output	Output raster file.	

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Sinh -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep

230. **Sink**

Description: Identifies the depressions in a DEM, giving each feature a unique identifier.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, −dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-zero_background	Flag indicating whether a background value of zero should be used.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Sink -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep --zero_background

231. **Slope**

Description: Calculates a slope raster from an input DEM.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-zfactor	Optional multiplier for when the vertical and horizontal units are not the same.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Slope -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep
```

232. SlopeVsElevationPlot

Description: Creates a slope vs. elevation plot for one or more DEMs.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –inputs	Input DEM files.
-watershed	Input watershed files (optional).
-o, -output	Output HTML file (default name will be based on input file if unspecified).

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=SlopeVsElevationPlot -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i="DEM1.tif;DEM2.tif" --watershed="ws1.tif;ws2.tif" -o=outfile.html
```

233. **SnapPourPoints**

Description: Moves outlet points used to specify points of interest in a watershedding operation to the cell with the highest flow accumulation in its neighbourhood.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-pour_pts	Input raster pour points (outlet) file.
-flow_accum	Input raster D8 flow accumulation file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-snap_dist	Maximum snap distance in map units.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=SnapPourPoints -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--pour_pts='pour_pts.dep' --flow_accum='d8accum.dep' -o='output.dep'
--snap_dist=15.0
```

234. SobelFilter

Description: Performs a Sobel edge-detection filter on an image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-variant	Optional variant value. Options include 3x3 and 5x5 (default is 3x3).
-clip	Optional amount to clip the distribution tails by, in percent (default is 0.0).

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=SobelFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --variant=5x5 --clip=1.0

235. SplitColourComposite

Description: This tool splits an RGB colour composite image into seperate multispectral images.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input colour composite image file.
-o, -output	Output raster file (suffixes of '_r', '_g', and '_b' will be appended).

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=SplitColourComposite -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=input.dep -o=output.dep

236. **Square**

Description: Squares the values in a raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Square -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep'

-o=output.dep

237. **SquareRoot**

Description: Returns the square root of the values in a raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=SquareRoot -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep'
-o=output.dep

238. StandardDeviationContrastStretch

Description: Performs a standard-deviation contrast stretch on input images.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Image Enhancement

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-clip, -stdev	Standard deviation clip value.
-num_tones	Number of tones in the output image.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=StandardDeviationContrastStretch -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=input.dep -o=output.dep --stdev=2.0 --num_tones=1024

239. StandardDeviationFilter

Description: Assigns each cell in the output grid the standard deviation of values in a moving window centred on each grid cell in the input raster.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=StandardDeviationFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25

240. StrahlerOrderBasins

Description: Identifies Strahler-order basins from an input stream network.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-d8_pntr	Input raster D8 pointer file.
-streams	Input raster streams file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=StrahlerOrderBasins -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr='d8pntr.dep' --streams='streams.dep' -o='output.dep'
```

241. StrahlerStreamOrder

Description: Assigns the Strahler stream order to each link in a stream network.

Toolbox: Stream Network Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-d8_pntr	Input raster D8 pointer file.
-streams	Input raster streams file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.
-zero_background	Flag indicating whether a background value of zero should be used.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=StrahlerStreamOrder -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--d8_pntr=D8.dep --streams=streams.dep -o=output.dep
>>./whitebox_tools -r=StrahlerStreamOrder -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--d8_pntr=D8.flt --streams=streams.flt -o=output.flt --esri_pntr
--zero_background
```

242. StreamLinkClass

Description: Identifies the exterior/interior links and nodes in a stream network.

Toolbox: Stream Network Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-d8_pntr	Input raster D8 pointer file.
-streams	Input raster streams file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.
-zero_background	Flag indicating whether a background value of zero should be used.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=StreamLinkClass -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--d8_pntr=D8.dep --streams=streams.dep -o=output.dep
>>./whitebox_tools -r=StreamLinkClass -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--d8_pntr=D8.flt --streams=streams.flt -o=output.flt --esri_pntr
--zero_background
```

243. **StreamLinkIdentifier**

Description: Assigns a unique identifier to each link in a stream network.

Toolbox: Stream Network Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-d8_pntr	Input raster D8 pointer file.
-streams	Input raster streams file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.
-zero_background	Flag indicating whether a background value of zero should be used.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=StreamLinkIdentifier -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--d8_pntr=D8.dep --streams=streams.dep -o=output.dep
>>./whitebox_tools -r=StreamLinkIdentifier -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--d8_pntr=D8.flt --streams=streams.flt -o=output.flt --esri_pntr
--zero_background
```

244. StreamLinkLength

Description: Estimates the length of each link (or tributary) in a stream network.

Toolbox: Stream Network Analysis

Flag	Description
-d8_pntr	Input raster D8 pointer file.

Flag	Description
-linkid	Input raster streams link ID (or tributary ID) file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.
-zero_background	Flag indicating whether a background value of zero should be used.

- >>./whitebox_tools -r=StreamLinkLength -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.dep --linkid=streamsID.dep --dem=dem.dep -o=output.dep
- >>./whitebox_tools -r=StreamLinkLength -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.flt --linkid=streamsID.flt --dem=dem.flt -o=output.flt --esri_pntr --zero_background

245. StreamLinkSlope

Description: Estimates the average slope of each link (or tributary) in a stream network.

Toolbox: Stream Network Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-d8_pntr	Input raster D8 pointer file.
-linkid	Input raster streams link ID (or tributary ID) file.
-i, -dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.
-zero_background	Flag indicating whether a background value of zero should be used.

Example usage:

- >>./whitebox_tools -r=StreamLinkSlope -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.dep --linkid=streamsID.dep --dem=dem.dep -o=output.dep >>./whitebox_tools -r=StreamLinkSlope -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.flt
- >>./whitebox_tools -r=StreamLinkSlope -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.flt --linkid=streamsID.flt --dem=dem.flt -o=output.flt --esri_pntr --zero_background

246. StreamSlopeContinuous

Description: Estimates the slope of each grid cell in a stream network.

Toolbox: Stream Network Analysis

Flag	Description
-d8_pntr	Input raster D8 pointer file.
-streams	Input raster streams file.
-i, −dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.

Flag	Description
-zero_background	Flag indicating whether a background value of zero should be used.

- >>./whitebox_tools -r=StreamSlopeContinuous -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.dep --linkid=streamsID.dep --dem=dem.dep -o=output.dep
- >>./whitebox_tools -r=StreamSlopeContinuous -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.flt --streams=streamsID.flt --dem=dem.flt -o=output.flt --esri_pntr --zero_background

247. Subbasins

Description: Identifies the catchments, or sub-basin, draining to each link in a stream network.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-d8_pntr	Input D8 pointer raster file.
-streams	Input raster streams file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Subbasins -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr='d8pntr.dep' --streams='streams.dep' -o='output.dep'

248. Subtract

Description: Performs a differencing operation on two rasters or a raster and a constant value.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-input1	Input raster file or constant value.
-input2	Input raster file or constant value.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Subtract -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input1='in1.dep' --input2='in2.dep' -o=output.dep
```

249. *Tan*

Description: Returns the tangent (tan) of each values in a raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Tan -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep

250. TangentialCurvature

Description: Calculates a tangential curvature raster from an input DEM.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, −dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-zfactor	Optional multiplier for when the vertical and horizontal units are not the same.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=TangentialCurvature -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

251. *Tanh*

Description: Returns the hyperbolic tangent (tanh) of each values in a raster.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description	
-i, –input	Input raster file.	
-o, -output	Output raster file.	

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=Tanh -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep

252. ThickenRasterLine

Description: Thickens single-cell wide lines within a raster image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=ThickenRasterLine -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

253. ToDegrees

Description: Converts a raster from radians to degrees.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description	
-i, –input	Input raster file.	
-o, -output	Output raster file.	

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=ToDegrees -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep

254. *ToRadians*

Description: Converts a raster from degrees to radians.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=ToRadians -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep

255. TophatTransform

Description: Performs either a white or black top-hat transform on an input image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.
-variant	Optional variant value. Options include 'white' and 'black'.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=TophatTransform -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25
```

256. TopologicalStreamOrder

Description: Assigns each link in a stream network its topological order.

Toolbox: Stream Network Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-d8_pntr	Input raster D8 pointer file.
-streams	Input raster streams file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.
-zero_background	Flag indicating whether a background value of zero should be used.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=TopologicalStreamOrder -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.dep --streams=streams.dep -o=output.dep 
>>./whitebox_tools -r=TopologicalStreamOrder -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr=D8.flt --streams=streams.flt -o=output.flt --esri_pntr --zero_background
```

257. **TotalCurvature**

Description: Calculates a total curvature raster from an input DEM.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Flag	Description
-i, –dem	Input raster DEM file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-zfactor	Optional multiplier for when the vertical and horizontal units are not the same.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=TotalCurvature -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem=DEM.dep -o=output.dep

258. TotalFilter

Description: Performs a total filter on an input image.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools/Filters

Parameters:

Flag	Description	
-i, –input	Input raster file.	
-o, -output	Output raster file.	
-filterx	Size of the filter kernel in the x-direction.	
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.	
-filtery	Size of the filter kernel in the y-direction.	

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=TotalFilter -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=image.dep -o=output.dep --filter=25

259. TraceDownslopeFlowpaths

Description: Traces downslope flowpaths from one or more target sites (i.e. seed points).

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description	
-seed_pts	Input raster seed points file.	
-d8_pntr	Input D8 pointer raster file.	
-o, –output	Output raster file.	
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.	
-zero_background	Flag indicating whether a background value of zero should be used.	

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=TraceDownslopeFlowpaths -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --seed_pts=seeds.dep --flow_direflow_directions.dep --output=flow_paths.dep

260. Tributaryldentifier

Description: Assigns a unique identifier to each tributary in a stream network.

Toolbox: Stream Network Analysis

Flag	Description	
-d8_pntr	Input raster D8 pointer file.	
-streams	Input raster streams file.	
-o, –output	Output raster file.	
-esri_pntr	D8 pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.	
-zero_background	Flag indicating whether a background value of zero should be used.	

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=TributaryIdentifier -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--d8_pntr=D8.dep --streams=streams.dep -o=output.dep
>>./whitebox_tools -r=TributaryIdentifier -v --wd="/path/to/data/"
--d8_pntr=D8.flt --streams=streams.flt -o=output.flt --esri_pntr
--zero_background
```

261. Truncate

Description: Truncates the values in a raster to the desired number of decimal places.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, –output	Output raster file.
-num_decimals	Number of decimals left after truncation (default is zero).

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Truncate -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i='input.dep' -o=output.dep --num_decimals=2
```

262. TurningBandsSimulation

Description: Creates an image containing random values based on a turning-bands simulation.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i, -base	Input base raster file.
-o, –output	Output file.
-range	The field's range, in xy-units, related to the extent of spatial autocorrelation.
-iterations	The number of iterations.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=TurningBandsSimulation -v --wd="/path/to/data/"

```
--base=in.dep -o=out.dep --range=850.0 --iterations=2500
```

263. Viewshed

Description: Identifies the viewshed for a point or set of points.

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-dem	Input raster DEM file.
-stations	Input viewing station raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.
-height	Viewing station height, in z units.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Viewshed -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --dem='dem.dep' --stations='stations.dep' -o=output.dep --height=10.0
```

264. Watershed

Description: Identifies the watershed, or drainage basin, draining to a set of target cells.

Toolbox: Hydrological Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description	
-d8_pntr	Input D8 pointer raster file.	
-pour_pts	Input vector pour points (outlet) file.	
-o, -output	Output raster file.	
-esri_pntr	$\ensuremath{D8}$ pointer uses the ESRI style scheme.	

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Watershed -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --d8_pntr='d8pntr.dep' --pour_pts='pour_pts.dep' -o='output.dep'
```

265. WeightedSum

Description: Performs a weighted-sum overlay on multiple input raster images.

Toolbox: GIS Analysis/Overlay Tools

Flag	Description
-i, -inputs -o, -output -w, -weights	Input raster files. Output raster file. Weight values, contained in quotes and separated by commas or semicolons.

>>./whitebox_tools -r=WeightedSum -v --wd='/path/to/data/'
-i='image1.dep;image2.dep;image3.dep' -o=output.dep --weights='0.3;0.2;0.5'

266. WetnessIndex

Description: Calculates the topographic wetness index, Ln(A / tan(slope)).

Toolbox: Geomorphometric Analysis

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-sca	Input raster specific contributing area (SCA) file.
-slope	Input raster slope file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=WetnessIndex -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --sca='flow_accum.dep' --slope='slope.dep' -o=output.dep

267. WriteFunctionMemoryInsertion

Description: Performs a write function memory insertion for single-band multi-date change detection.

Toolbox: Image Processing Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
-i1, -input1	Input raster file associated with the first date.
-i2, -input2	Input raster file associated with the second date.
-i3, -input3	Optional input raster file associated with the third date.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

>>./whitebox_tools -r=WriteFunctionMemoryInsertion -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i1=input1.dep -i2=input2.dep -o=output.dep

268. *Xor*

Description: Performs a logical XOR operator on two Boolean raster images.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Flag	Description
-input1	Input raster file.
-input2	Input raster file.

Flag	Description
-o, -output	Output raster file.

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=Xor -v --wd="/path/to/data/" --input1='in1.dep' --input2='in2.dep' -o=output.dep
```

269. ZScores

Description: Standardizes the values in an input raster by converting to z-scores.

Toolbox: Math and Stats Tools

Parameters:

Flag	Description
Flag	Description
-i, –input	Input raster file.
-o, -output	Output raster file.

Example usage:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=ZScores -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i=DEM.dep -o=output.dep
```

5. Supported Data Formats

The **WhiteboxTools** library can currently support read/writing raster data in *Whitebox GAT*, GeoTIFF, ESRI (ArcGIS) ASCII and binary (.flt & .hdr), GRASS GIS, Idrisi, SAGA GIS (binary and ASCII), and Surfer 7 data formats. The library is primarily tested using Whitebox raster data sets and if you encounter issues when reading/writing data in other formats, you should report the problem to the author. Please note that there are no plans to incorporate third-party libraries, like GDAL, in the project given the design goal of keeping a pure (or as close as possible) Rust codebase.

At present, there is limited ability in *WhiteboxTools* to read vector geospatial data. Support for Shapefile (and other common vector formats) will be enhanced within the library soon.

LiDAR data can be read/written in the common LAS data format. WhiteboxTools can read and write LAS files that have been compressed (zipped with a .zip extension) using the common DEFLATE algorithm. Note that only LAS file should be contained within a zipped archive file. The compressed LiDAR format LAZ and ESRI LiDAR format are not currently supported by the library. The following is an example of running a LiDAR tool using zipped input/output files:

```
>>./whitebox_tools -r=LidarTophatTransform -v --wd="/path/to/data/" -i="input.las.zip" -o="output.las.zip" --radius=10.0
```

Note that the double extensions (.las.zip) in the above command are not necessary and are only used for convenience of keeping track of LiDAR data sets (i.e. .zip extensions work too). The extra work of decoding/encoding compressed files does add additional processing time, although the Rust compression library that is used is highly efficient and usually only adds a few seconds to tool run times. Zipping LAS files frequently results 40-60% smaller binary files, making the additional processing time worthwhile for larger LAS file data sets with massive storage requirements.

6. Contributing

If you would like to contribute to the project as a developer, follow these instructions to get started:

- 1. Fork the larger Whitebox project (in which whitebox-tools exists) (https://github.com/jblindsay/whitebox-geospatial-analysis-tools)
- 2. Create your feature branch (git checkout -b my-new-feature)
- 3. Commit your changes (git commit -am 'Add some feature')
- 4. Push to the branch (git push origin my-new-feature)
- 5. Create a new Pull Request

Unless explicitly stated otherwise, any contribution intentionally submitted for inclusion in the work shall be licensed as above without any additional terms or conditions.

If you would like to contribute financial support for the project, please contact John Lindsay. We also welcome contributions in the form of media exposure. If you have written an article or blog about *WhiteboxTools* please let us know about it.

7. License

The WhiteboxTools library is distributed under the MIT license, a permissive open-source (free software) license.

8. Known Issues

- There is limited support for reading, writing, or analyzing vector data yet. Plans include native support for the ESRI Shapefile format and possibly Geo|SON data.
- The LAZ compressed LiDAR data format is currently unsupported although zipped LAS files (.zip) are.
- File directories cannot contain apostrophes (', e.g. /John's data/) as they will be interpreted in the arguments array as single quoted strings.
- The Python scripts included with **WhiteboxTools** require Python 3. They will not work with Python 2, which is frequently the default Python version installed on many systems.

9. Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need Whitebox GAT to use WhiteboxTools?

No you do not. You can call the tools contained within *WhiteboxTools* completely independent from the *Whitebox GAT* user interface using a Remote Procedure Call (RPC) approach. In fact, you can interact with the tools using Python scripting or directly, using a terminal application (command prompt). See Usage for further details.

How do I request a tool be added?

Eventually most of the tools in *Whitebox GAT* will be ported over to *WhiteboxTools* and all new tools will be added to this library as well. Naturally, this will take time. The order by which tools are ported is partly a function of ease of porting, existing infrastructure (i.e. raster and LiDAR tools will be ported first since their is currently no support in the library for vector I/O), and interest. If you are interested in making a tool a higher priority for porting, email John Lindsay.

Can WhiteboxTools be incorporated into other software and open-source GIS projects?

WhiteboxTools was developed with the open-source GIS Whitebox GAT in mind. That said, the tools can be accessed independently and so long as you abide by the terms of the MIT license, there is no reason why other software and GIS projects cannot use WhiteboxTools as well. In fact, this was one of the motivating factors for creating the library in the first place. Feel free to use WhiteboxTools as the geospatial analysis engine in your open-source software project.

What platforms does WhiteboxTools support?

WhiteboxTools is developed using the Rust programming language, which supports a wide variety of platforms including MS Windows, MacOS, and Linux operating systems and common chip architectures. Interestingly, Rust also supports mobile platforms, and WhiteboxTools should therefore be capable of targeting (although no testing has been completed in this regard to date). Nearly all development and testing of the software is currently carried out on MacOS and we cannot guarantee a bug-free performance on other platforms. In particularly, MS Windows is the most different from the other platforms and is therefore the most likely to encounter platform-specific bugs. If you encounter bugs in the software, please consider reporting an issue using the GitHub support for issue-tracking.

What are the system requirements?

The answer to this question depends strongly on the type of analysis and data that you intend to process. However, generally we find performance to be optimal with a recommended minimum of 8-16GB of memory (RAM), a modern multi-core processor (e.g. 64-bit i5 or i7), and an solid-state-drive (SSD). It is likely that *WhiteboxTools* will have satisfactory performance on lower-spec systems if smaller datasets are being processed. Because *WhiteboxTools* reads entire raster datasets into system memory (for optimal performance, and in recognition that modern systems have increasingly larger amounts of fast RAM), this tends to be the limiting factor for the upper-end of data size successfully processed by the library. 64-bit operating systems are recommended and extensive testing has not been carried out on 32-bit OSs. See "What platforms does WhiteboxTools support?" for further details on supported platforms.

Are pre-compiled executables of WhiteboxTools available?

Pre-compiled binaries for *WhiteboxTools* can be downloaded from the *Geomorphometry and Hydrogeomatics Research Group* software web site for various supported operating systems. If you need binaries for other operating systems/system architectures, you will need to compile the executable from source files. See Installation for details.

Why is WhiteboxTools programmed in Rust?

I spent a long time evaluating potential programming language for future development efforts for the *Whitebox GAT* project. My most important criterion for a language was that it compile to native code, rather than target the Java virtual machine (JVM). I have been keen to move Whitebox GAT away from Java because of some of the challenges that supporting the JVM has included for many Whitebox users. The language should be fast and productive–Java is already quite fast, but if I am going to change development languages, I would like a performance boost. Furthermore, given that many, though not all, of the algorithms used for geospatial analysis scale well with concurrent (parallel) implementations, I favoured languages that offered easy and safe concurrent programming. Although many would consider C/C++ for this work, I was looking for a modern and safe language. Fortunately, we are living

through a renaissance period in programming language development and there are many newer languages that fit the bill nicely. Over the past two years, I considered each of Go, Rust, D, Nim, and Crystal for Whitebox development and ultimately decided on Rust. [See *GoSpatial* and *lidario*.]

Each of the languages I examined has its own advantages of disadvantages, so why Rust? It's a combination of factors that made it a compelling option for this project. Compared with many on the list, Rust is a mature language with a vibrant user community. Like C/C++, it's a high-performance and low-level language that allows for complete control of the system. However, Rust is also one of the safest languages, meaning that I can be confident that WhiteboxTools will not contain common bugs, such as memory use-after-release, memory leaks and race conditions within concurrent code. Importantly, and quite uniquely, this safety is achieved in the Rust language without the use of a garbage collector (automatic memory management). Garbage collectors can be great, but they do generally come with a certain efficiency trade-off that Rust does not have. The other main advantage of Rust's approach to memory management is that it allows for a level of interaction with scripting languages (e.g. Python) that is quite difficult to do in garbage collected languages. Although WhiteboxTools is currently set up to use an automation approach to interacting with Python code that calls it, I like the fact that I have the option to create a WhiteboxTools shared library.

Not everything with Rust is perfect however. It is still a very young language and there are many pieces still missing from its ecosystem. Furthermore, it is not the easiest language to learn, particularly for people who are inexperienced with programming. This may limit my ability to attract other programmers to the Whitebox project, which would be unfortunate. However, overall, Rust was the best option for this particular application.

Do I need Rust installed on my computer to run WhiteboxTools?

No, you would only need Rust installed if you were compiling the WhiteboxTools codebase from source files.

How does WhiteboxTools' design philosophy differ?

Whitebox GAT is frequently praised for its consistent design and ease of use. Like Whitebox GAT, WhiteboxTools follows the convention of one tool for one function. For example, in WhiteboxTools assigning the links in a stream channel network their Horton, Strahler, Shreve, or Hack stream ordering numbers requires running separate tools (i.e. HortonStreamOrder, StrahlerStreamOrder, ShreveStreamMagnitude, and HackStreamOrder). By contrast, in GRASS GIS1 and ArcGIS single tools (i.e. the r.stream.order and Stream Order tools respectively) can be configured to output different channel ordering schemes. The WhiteboxTools design is intended to simplify the user experience and to make it easier to find the right tool for a task. With more specific tool names that are reflective of their specific purposes, users are not as reliant on reading help documentation to identify the tool for the task at hand. Similarly, it is not uncommon for tools in other GIS to have multiple outputs. For example, in GRASS GIS the r.slope.aspect tool can be configured to output slope, aspect, profile curvature, plan curvature, and several other common terrain surface derivatives. Based on the one tool for one function design approach of WhiteboxTools, multiple outputs are indicative that a tool should be split into different, more specific tools. Are you more likely to go to a tool named r.slope.aspect or TangentialCurvature when you want to create a tangential curvature raster from a DEM? If you're new to the software and are unfamiliar with it, probably the later is more obvious. The WhiteboxTools design approach also has the added benefit of simplifying the documentation for tools. The one downside to this design approach, however, is that it results (or will result) in a large number of tools, often with signifcant overlap in function.

1 NOTE: It's not my intent to criticize GRASS GIS, as I deeply respect the work that the GRASS developers have contributed. Rather, I am contrasting the consequences of *WhiteboxTools'* design philosophy to that of other GIS.