WORLD FOOD AND ECOSYSTEMS practical 1

BSC Future Planet Studies
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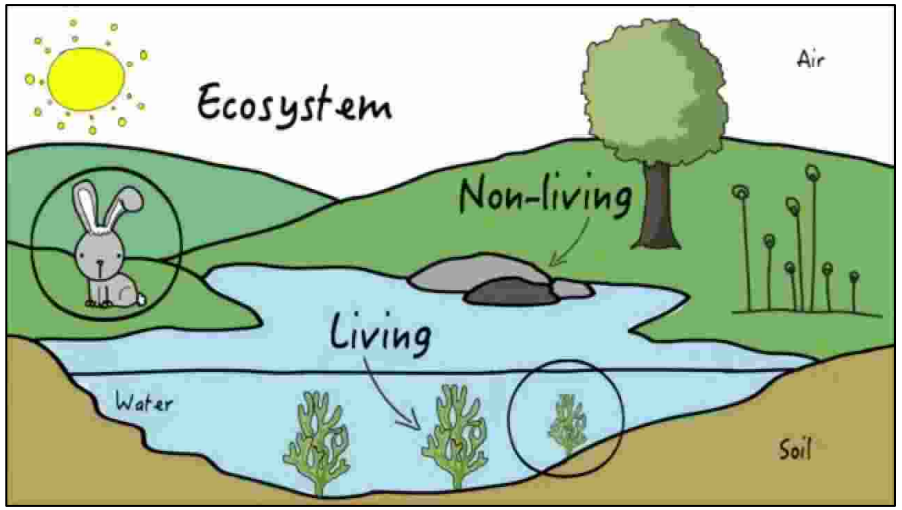
INTRODUCTION TO GEOPROCESSING

World food- and ecosystems are:

- Complex
- Multidimensional
- Context specific (space + time)
- Qualitative, generalized statements are difficult



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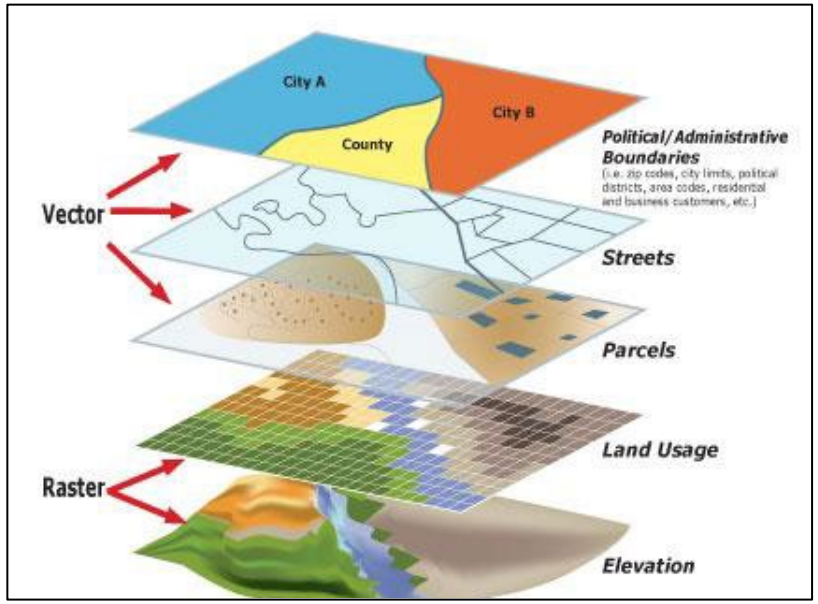
GIS can help to:

- Combine/Visualize
- Quantify/Analyze
- Understand
- Predict



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World food- and ecosystems are:

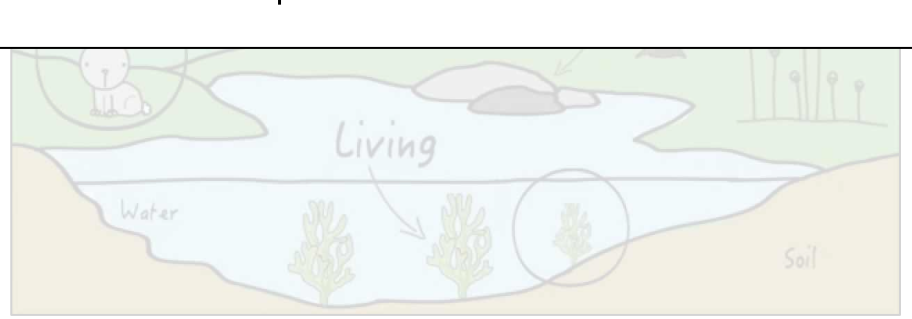
GIS can help to:

This course:

Not an introduction to spatial data/GIS/remote sensing

Intro into how to access/visualise/manipulate/…, i.e. to

use spatial data in understanding global food and ecosystems



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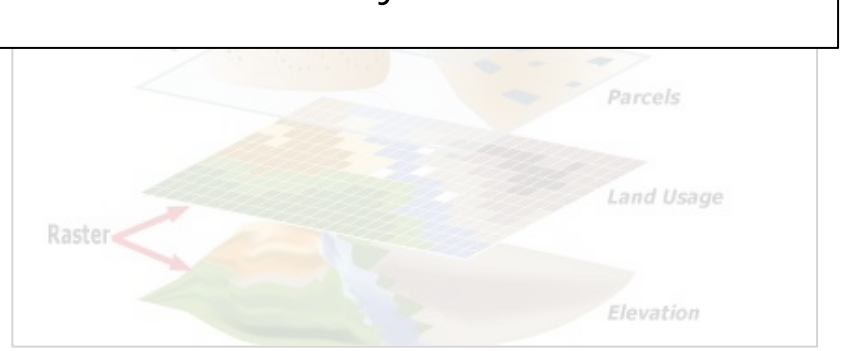

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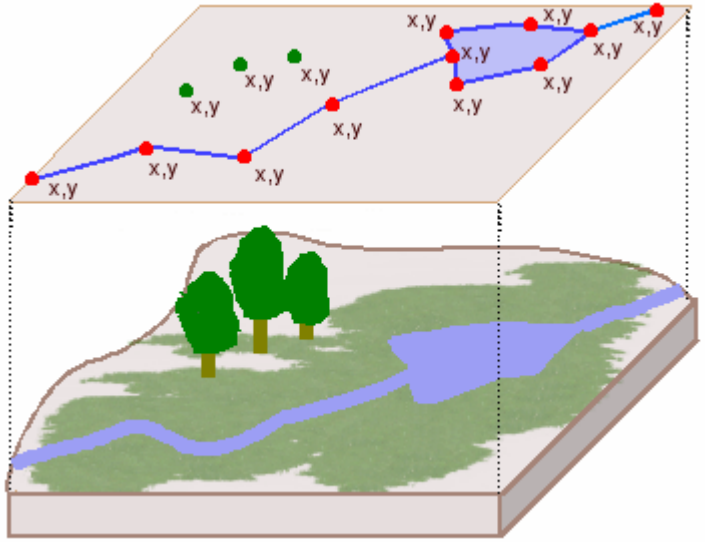
Type of data (vector)

- Point data: e.g. species occurrence data
- Line data: e.g. transect, river, fault line…
- Polygon data: e.g. country boundaries, parcel boundary,



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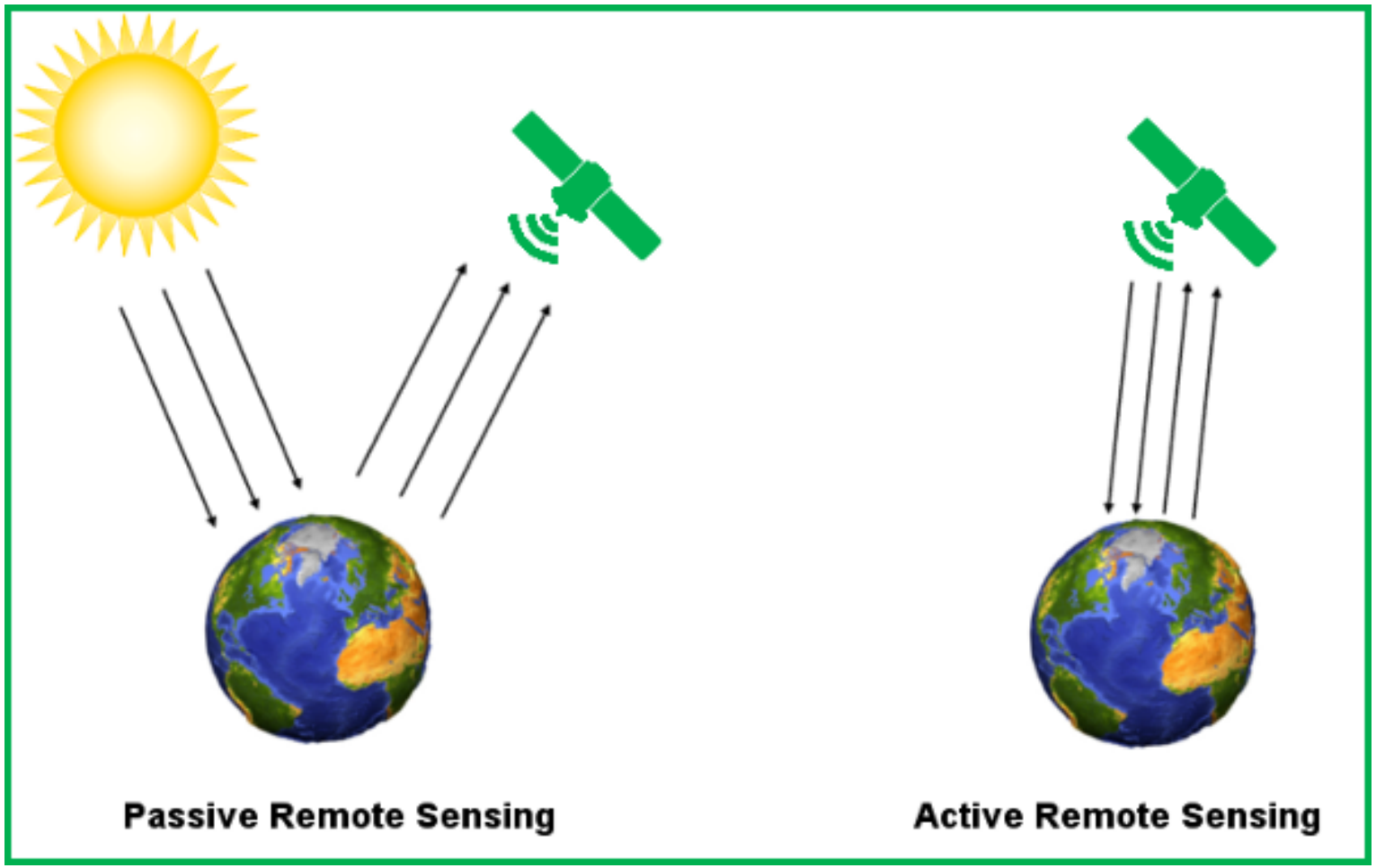

Grindgis.com

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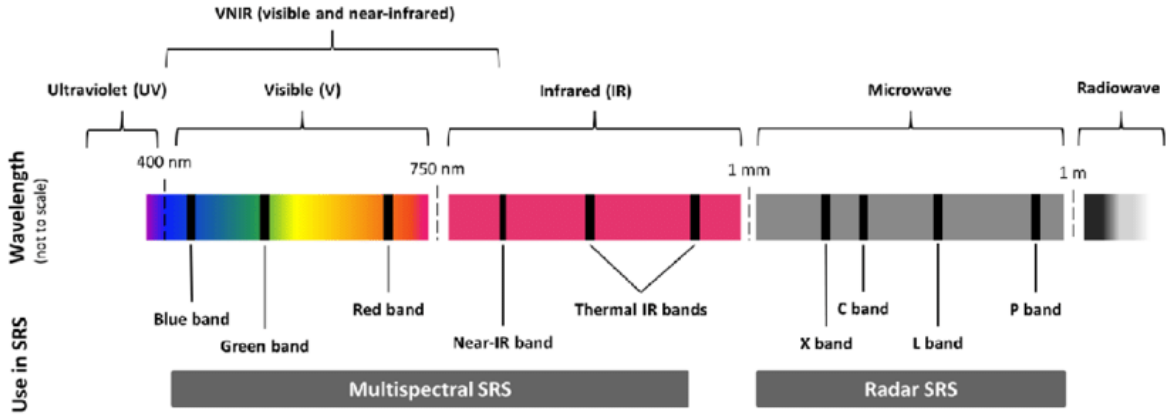
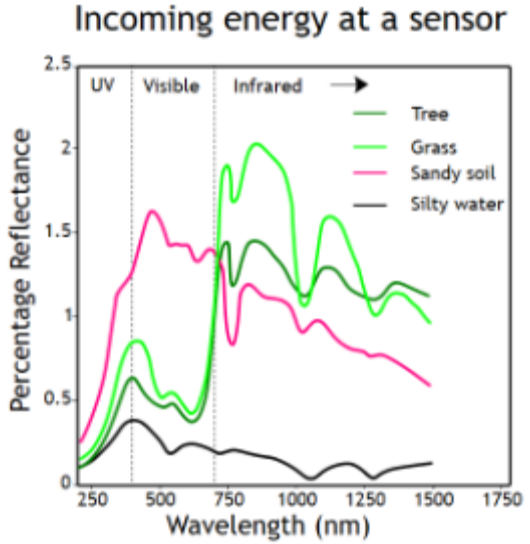
- Derivatives of passive remote sensing:
  - Blue band: atmospheric corrections
  - Green band: helps visualize vegetation
  - Red band: absorbed by vegetation: monitoring vegetation and calculating vegetation indices (e.g. NDVI)
  - NIR: identification of water bodies (strong absorption)
  - Short-mid-IR: sensitive to water content
  - Thermal bands: sensitive to temperature, good to detect e.g. fires



Pettorelli et al. 2018



$$NDVI = \frac{(NIR - Red)}{(NIR + Red)}$$

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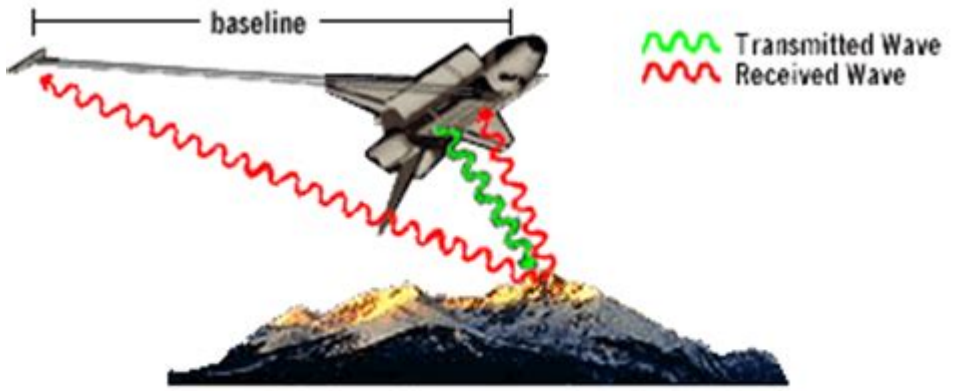
  - Topographic information: e.g. SRTM Digital Elevation Model

- Raster maps derived from other mapping efforts (or vectors), model outputs, weather sattelites….



Radar signals being transmitted and recieved in the SRTM mission (image not to scale).

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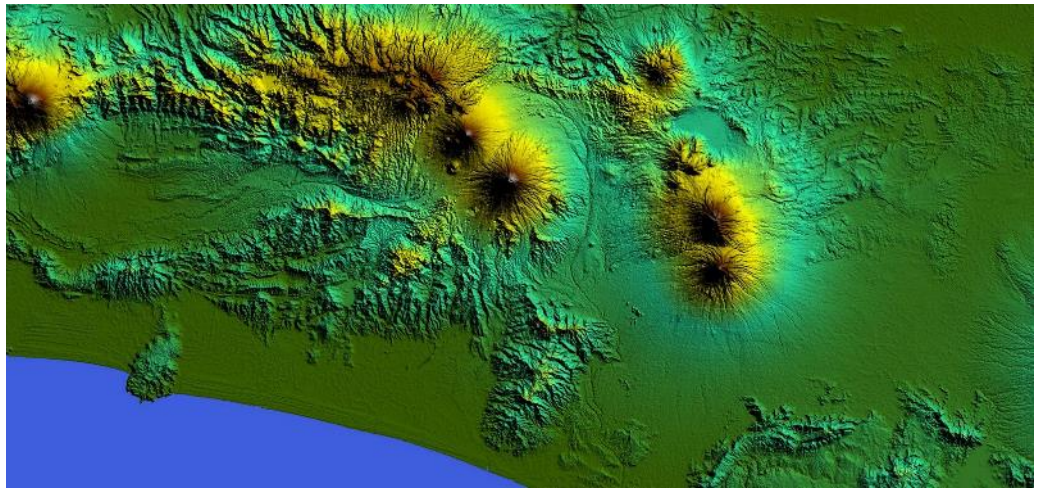

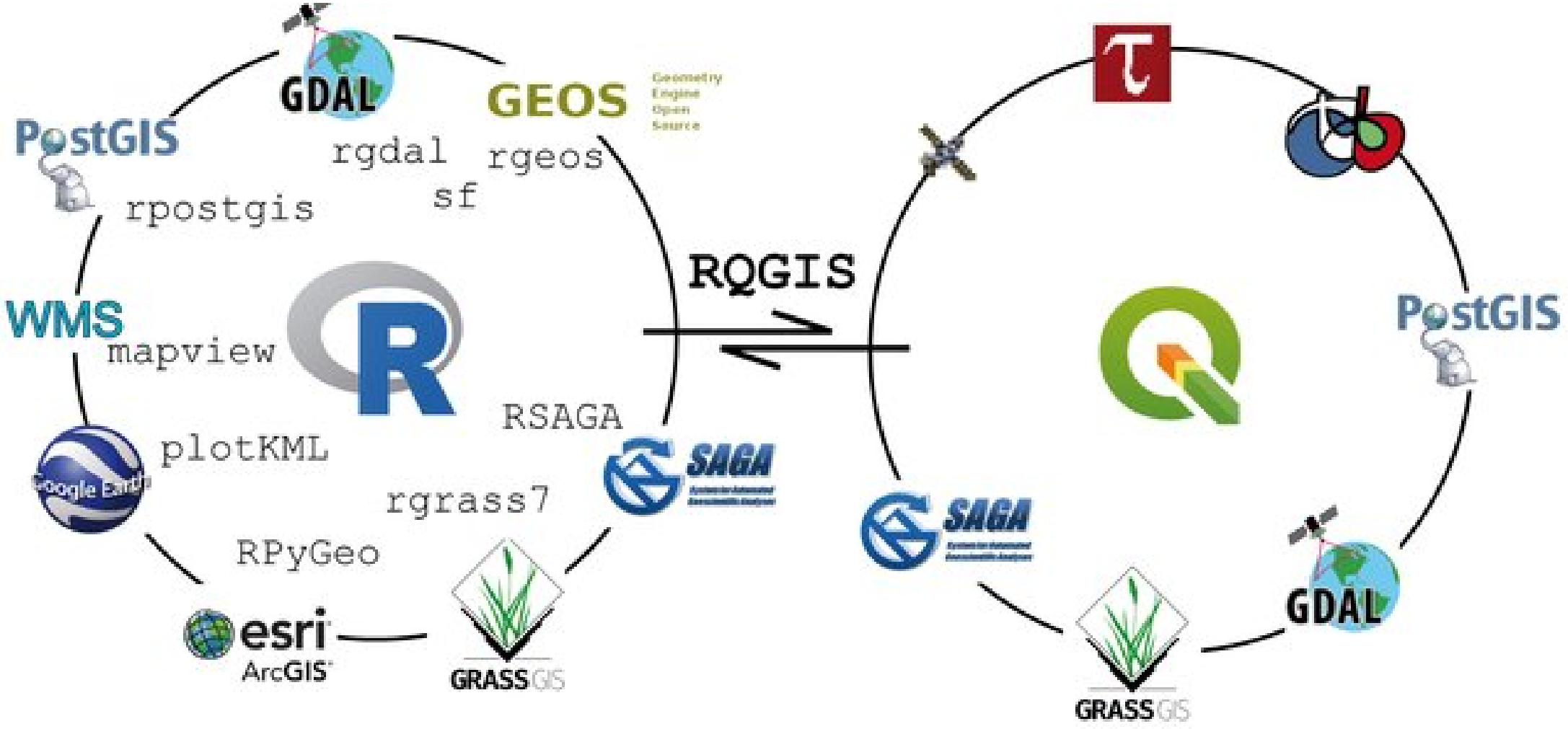

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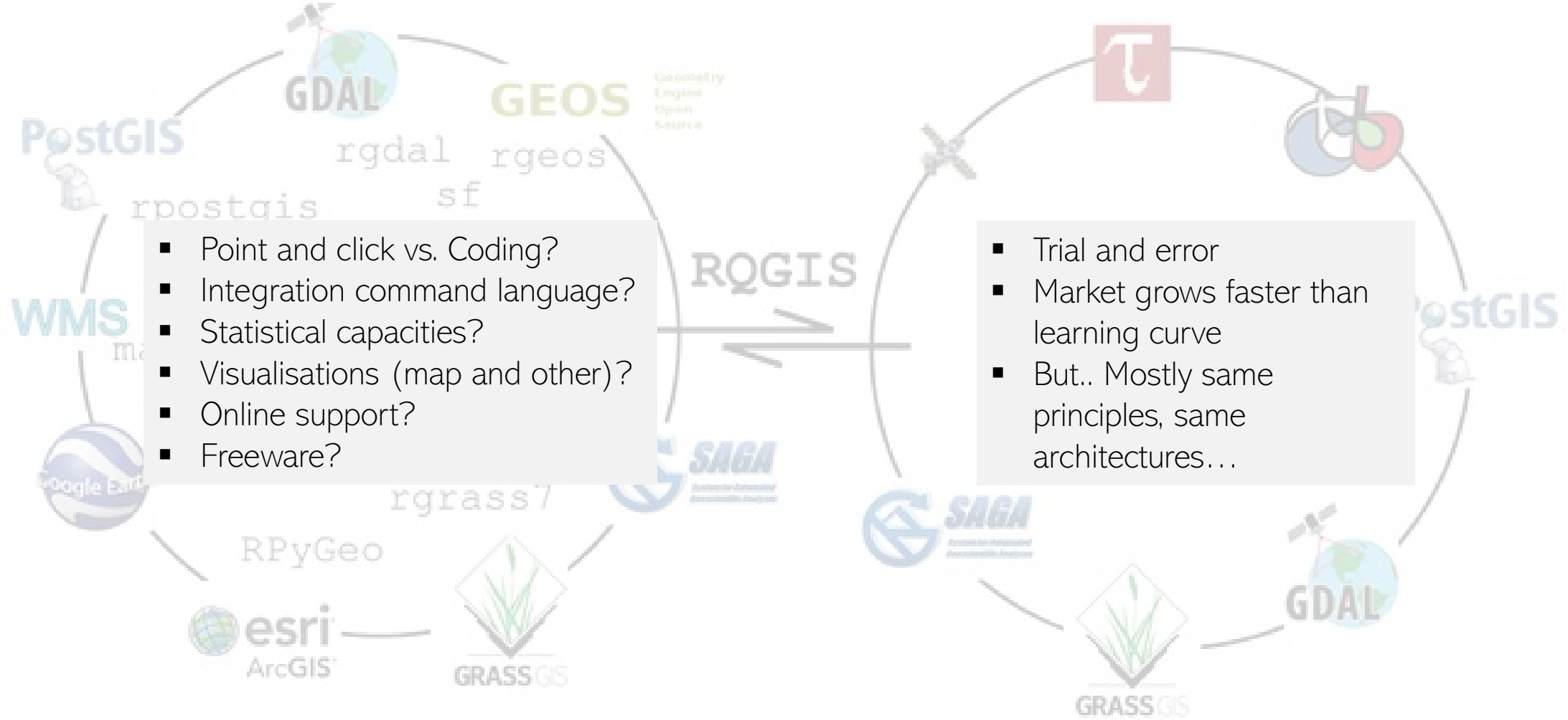

- Point and click vs. Coding?
- Integration command language?
- Statistical capacities?
- Visualisations (map and other)?
- Online support?
- Freeware?

- Trial and error
- Market grows faster than learning curve
- But.. Mostly same principles, same architectures…

- Google Earth Engine (JavaScript)
- Rstudio (R)
- QGIS (python)

While (presenceincomputerlab = True){

Step 1: Read instructions

Step 2: Follow instructions

Step 3: Think about what you have done in step 2

Step 4: Fill in Quiz if required

}

If (somethingdoesnotwork = True{

Step 1: Double check: did i follow all instructions?

Step 2: Google

Step 3: Ask teaching staff

}

Else {carry_on}…

If (Understanding < comfortlevel{

Step 1: Know that the goal here is to learn how code can help in approaching problems, not to learn the full detail on JavaScript/python/…

Step 2: make use of the time in class to ask for clarifications

Step 3: believe in your own capacity to find solutions

Step 4: start well in advance

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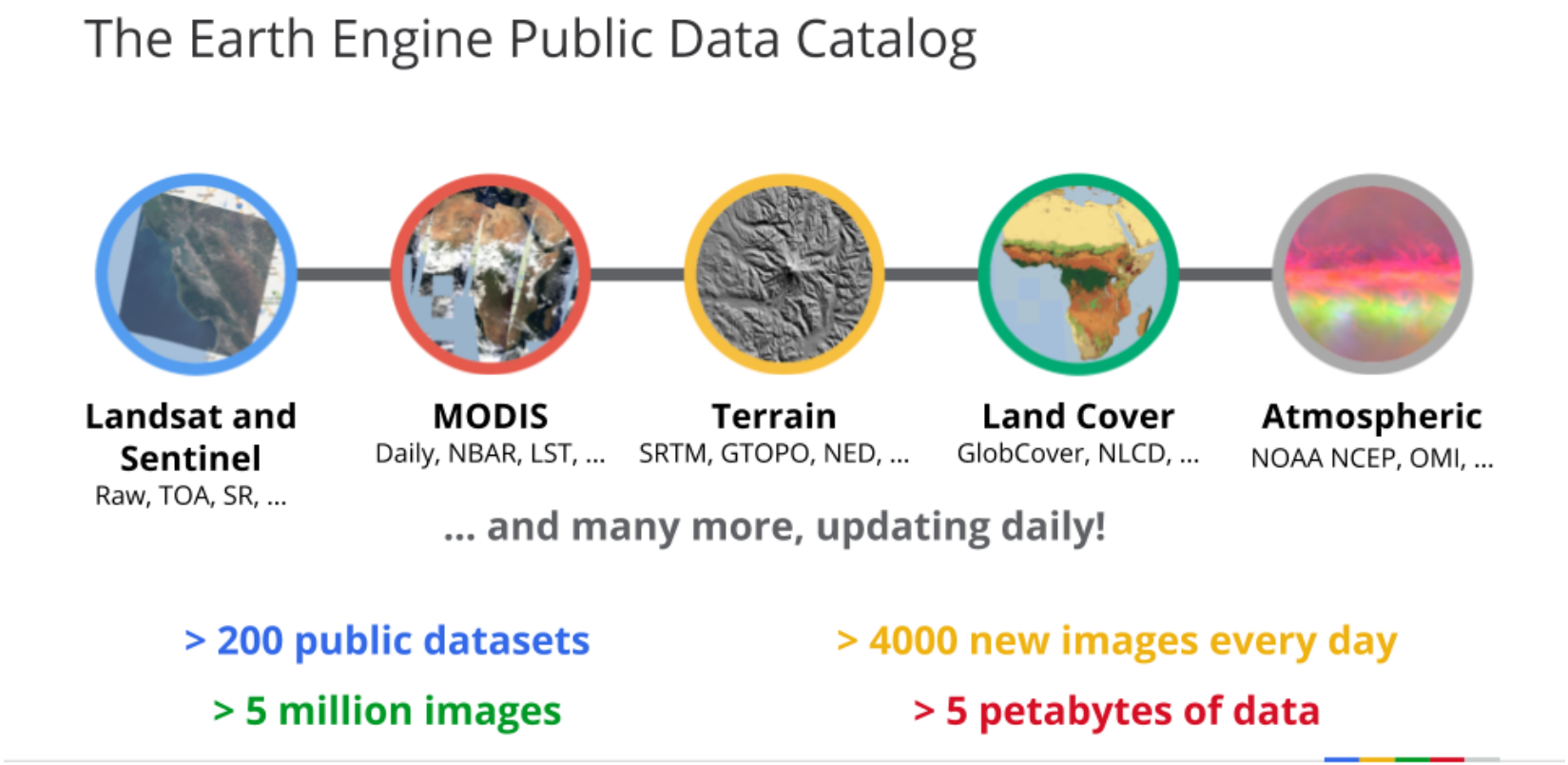

https://scienceparkstudygroup.github.io/GoogleEarthEngine/

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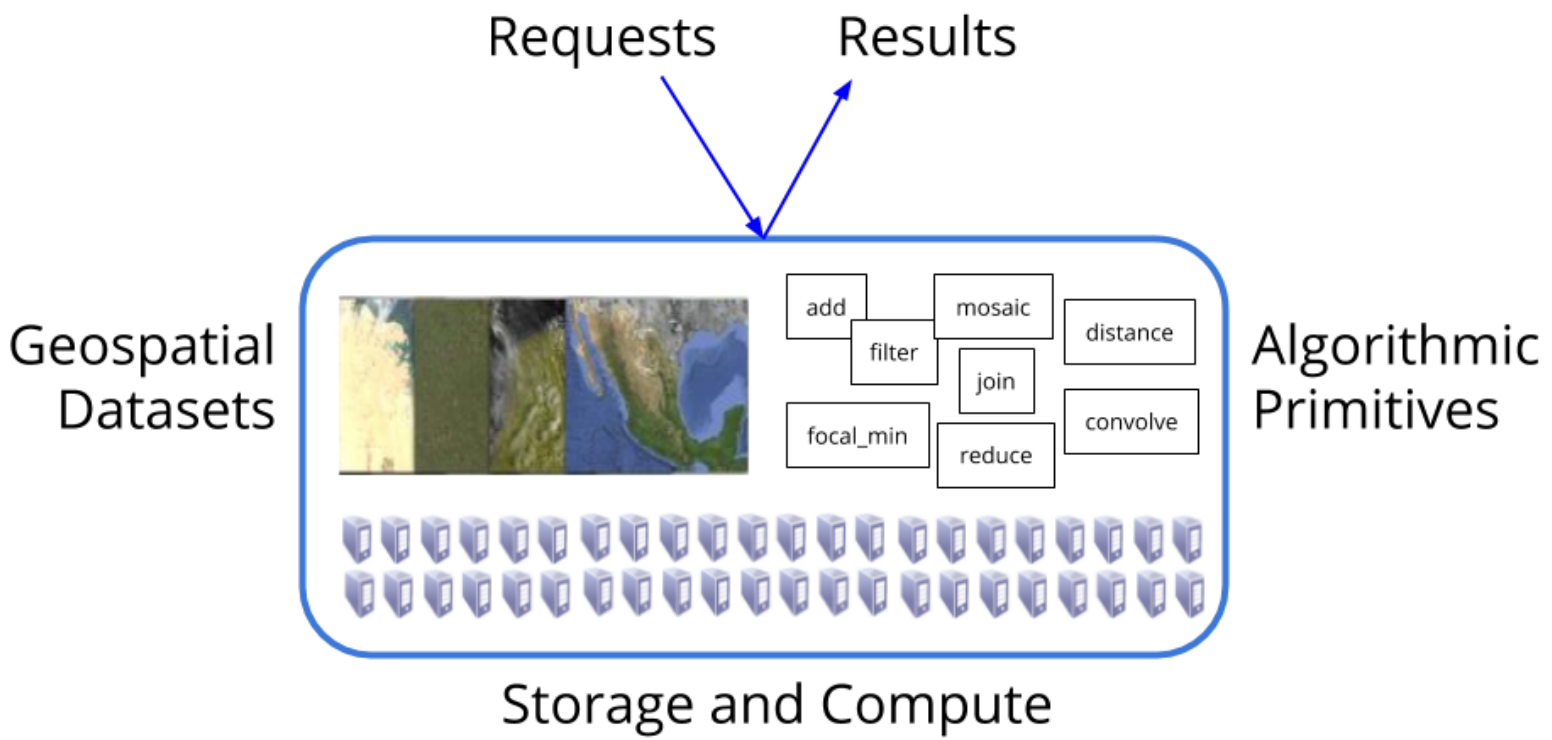

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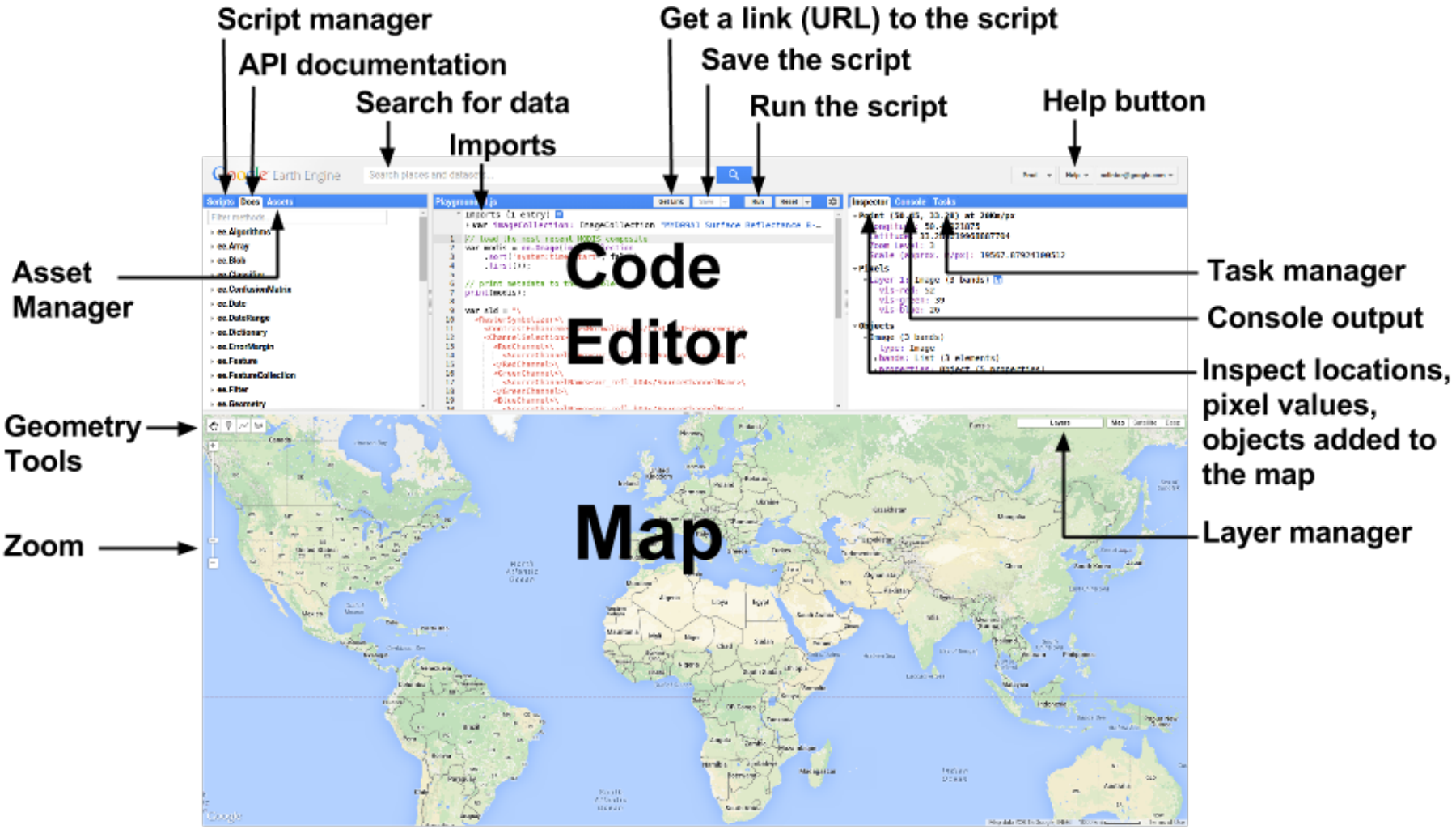
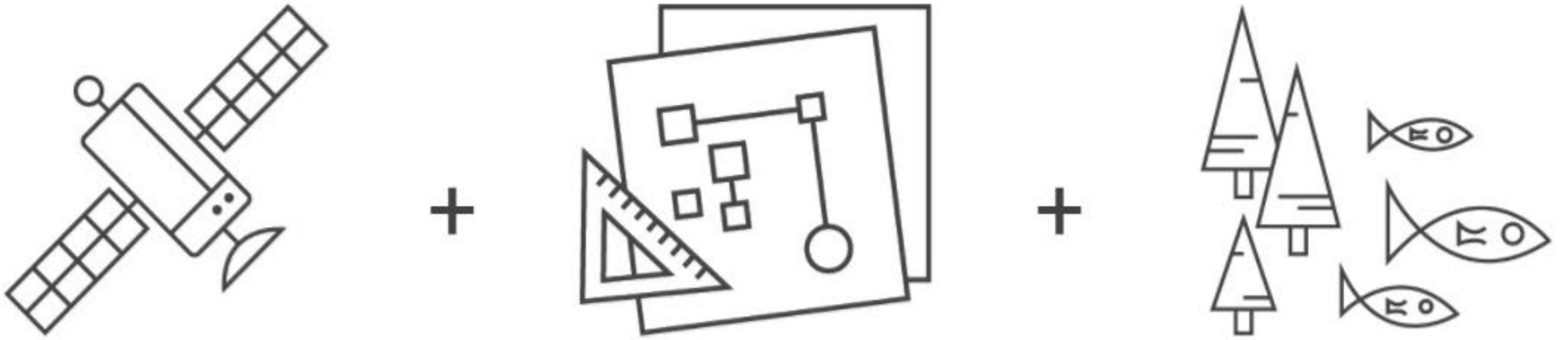


- The Code Editor the place for accessing GEE data catalog and conducting geospatial analysis.
- You can use the code editor to develop, share and manage scripts.
- You can use the code editor to import, export, share and manage your own personal raster and vector datasets
- Use the Docs tab, Example scripts and the HELP button to access the User Guides and Help Forum

Exercise 1: exploring GEE functionalities



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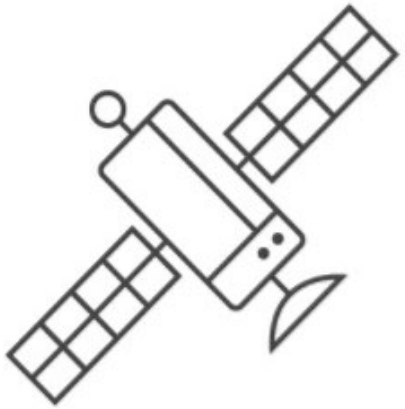

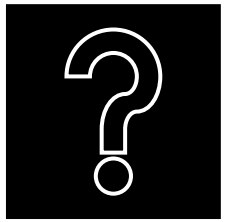

- Digital Elevation Models
- (multi)spectral Images (e.g. SENTINEL-2, LANDSAT)
- Radar images (e.g. SENTINEL-1)
- Thematic maps :
  - Land cover
  - Population maps
  - Watershed delineations
  - …
- Other raster products:
  - Derivatives of spectral information (e.g. vegetation indices)
  - Air pollution indices
  - Water extent layers
  - Fire extent products
  - Climate variables
  - ….

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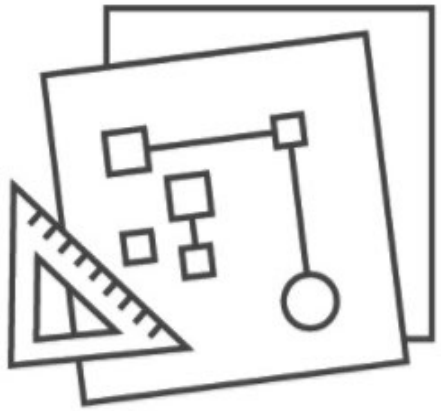

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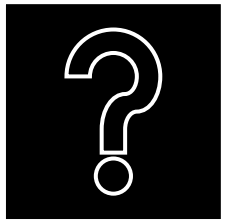
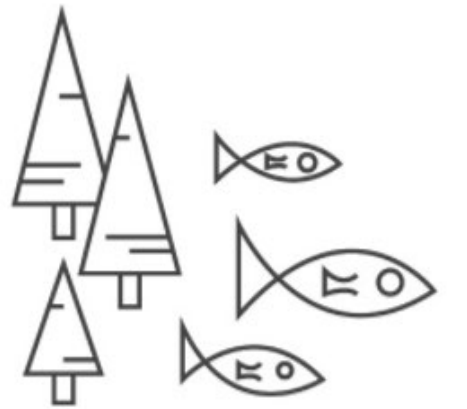


- Data types:
  - Strings var woordje = ‘Hello world’;
  - Numbers var cijfertje = 42;
  - Lists var lijstcijfers = [0,1,2,99]; → lijstcijfer(3) ?
  - Objects var object = {
    cursus : ‘world food and ecosystems’,
    aantal: 72,
    motivatie: ‘zeer hoog’
    }; → object.aantal ?
- Functions
  - User-defined var zegwatikzeg = function(watikzeg) { return ‘ik heb’+ watikzeg + ‘gezegd’} → zegwatikzeg(woordje) ?
  - Built-in (out of the box) var tweeenveertig = ee.Algorithms.String(42);

Exercise 1: exploring GEE functionalities

- Visualisation:
  - E.g. exploring forest fire extents visually in near real time
- Export of data
  - E.g. downloading GEE product to upload in your own GIS database
- Manipulation of data:
  - Make simple statistics (e.g. per country) on base layer (e.g. hectares of forest in the Netherlands)
  - Building land cover classifications
  - Building regression models to understand relationship soil moisture – fire susceptibility
  - …



Exercise 2: plotting a raster file

Images: the name google earth engine gives to simple raster files.

```
var loadedImage = ee.Image('JAXA/ALOS/AW3D30/V2_2');
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Defining the image variable name

The build in function that defines the images

The input the ee.Image function needs (in this case a string of the raster name in the catalogue

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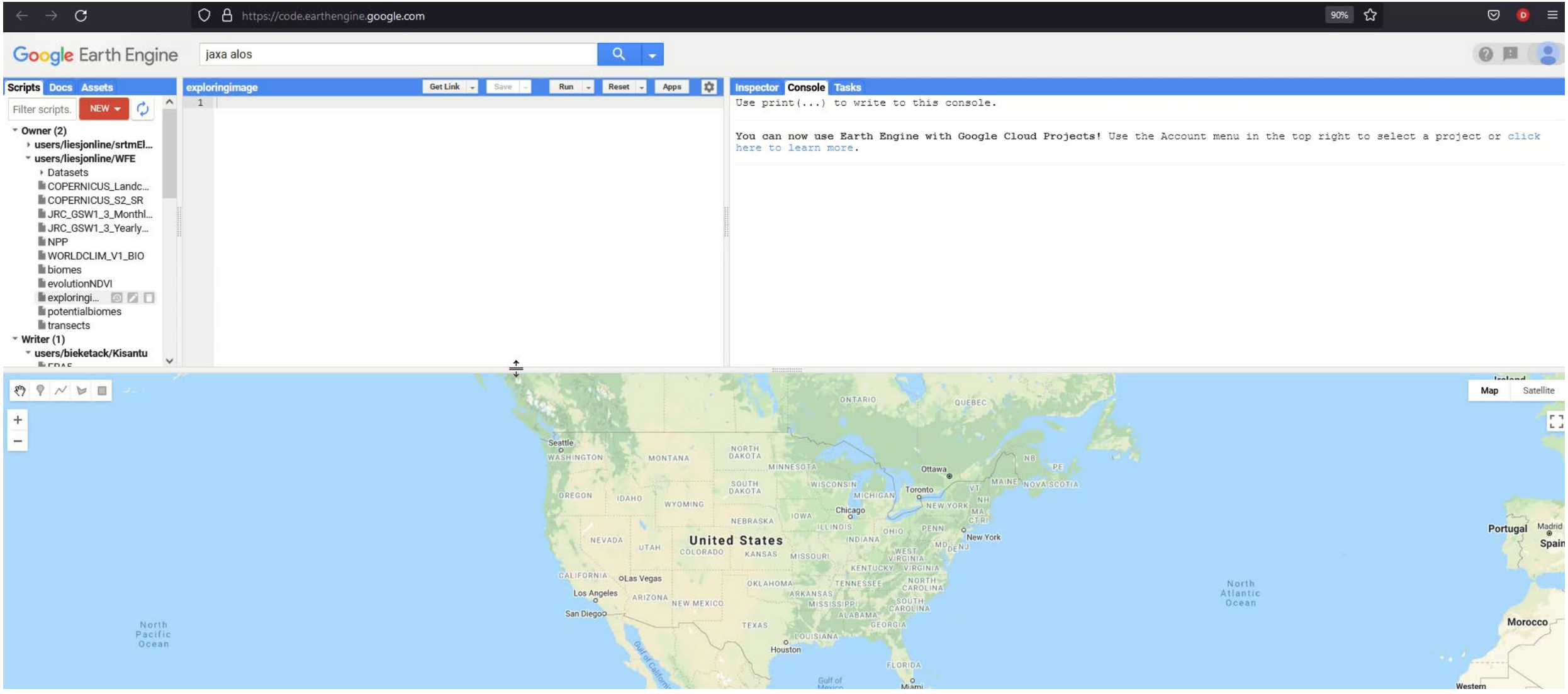

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ImageCollection→ the name GEE gives to a collection of images (e.g. timeseries).

➔ how to get image out of collection? FILTERS

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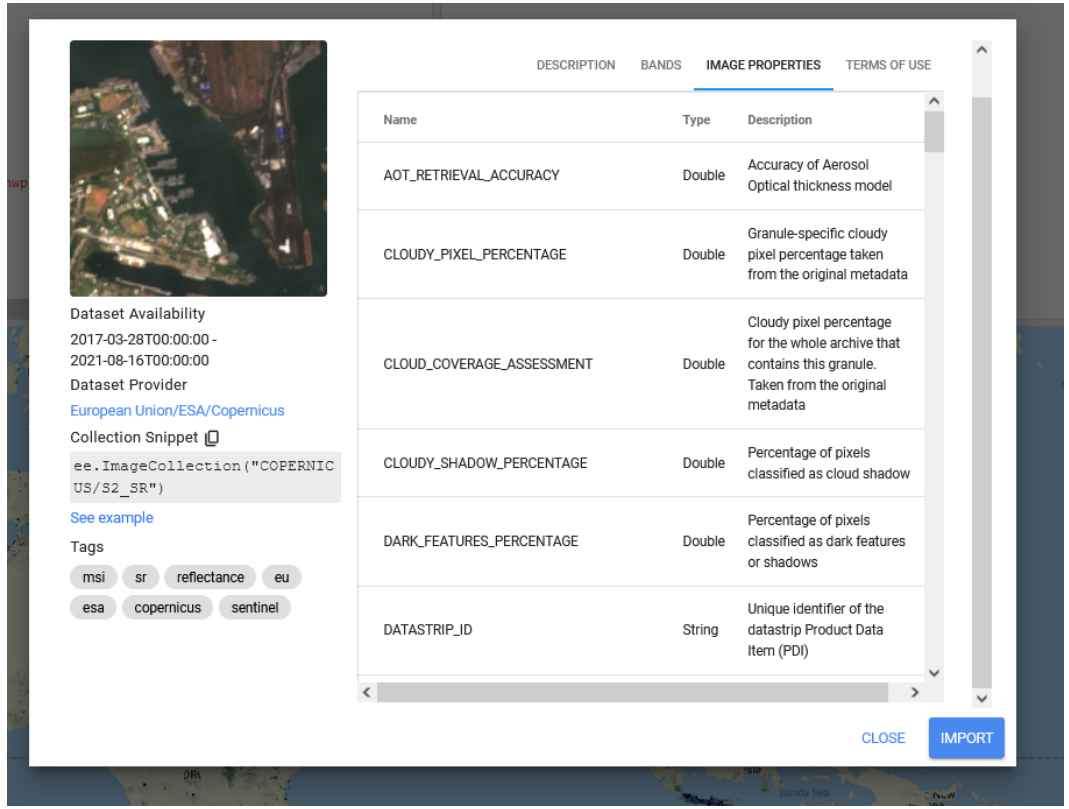

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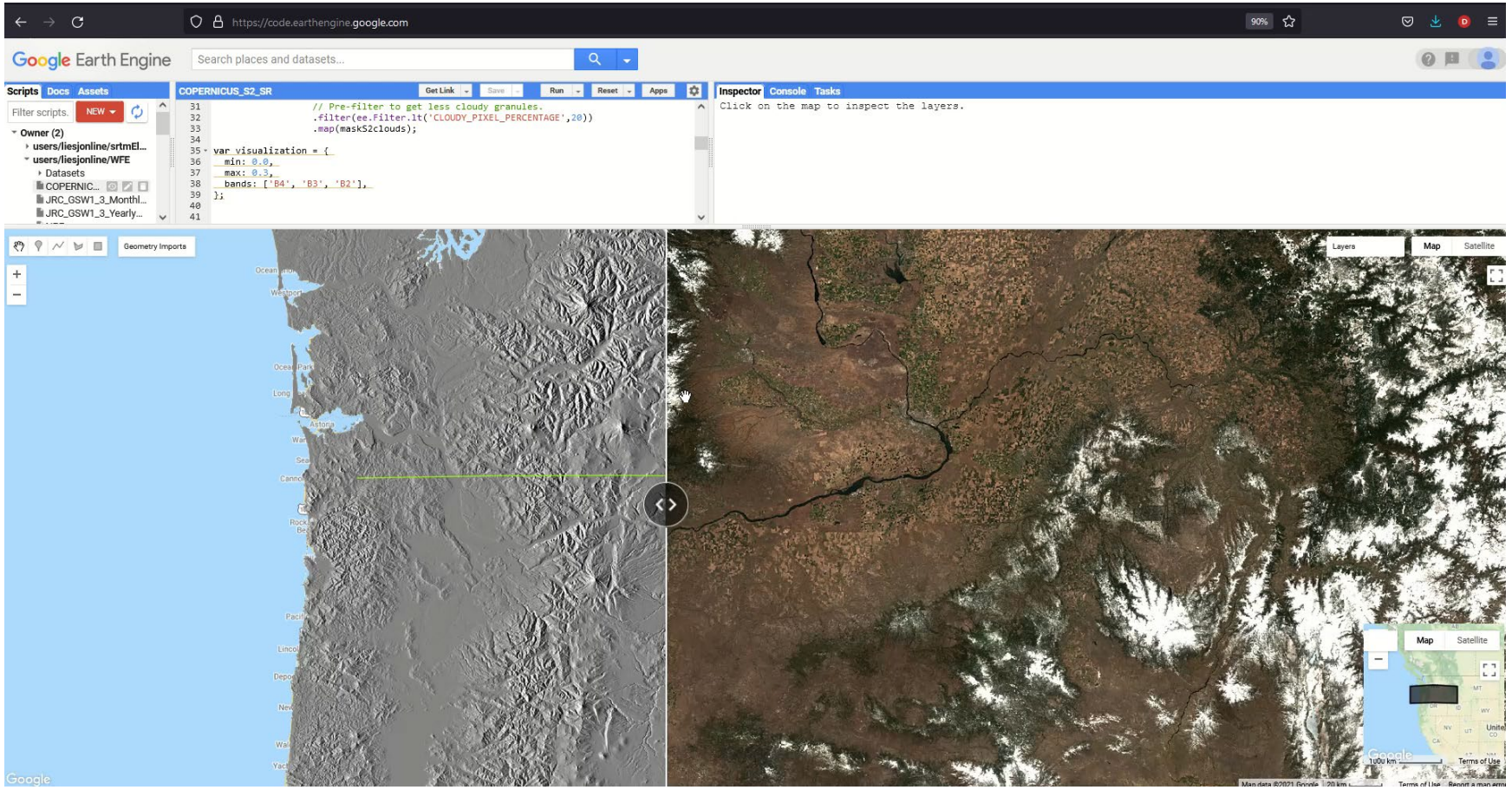
How to visualize?
See GITHUB instructions

Exercise 3: understanding a gradient



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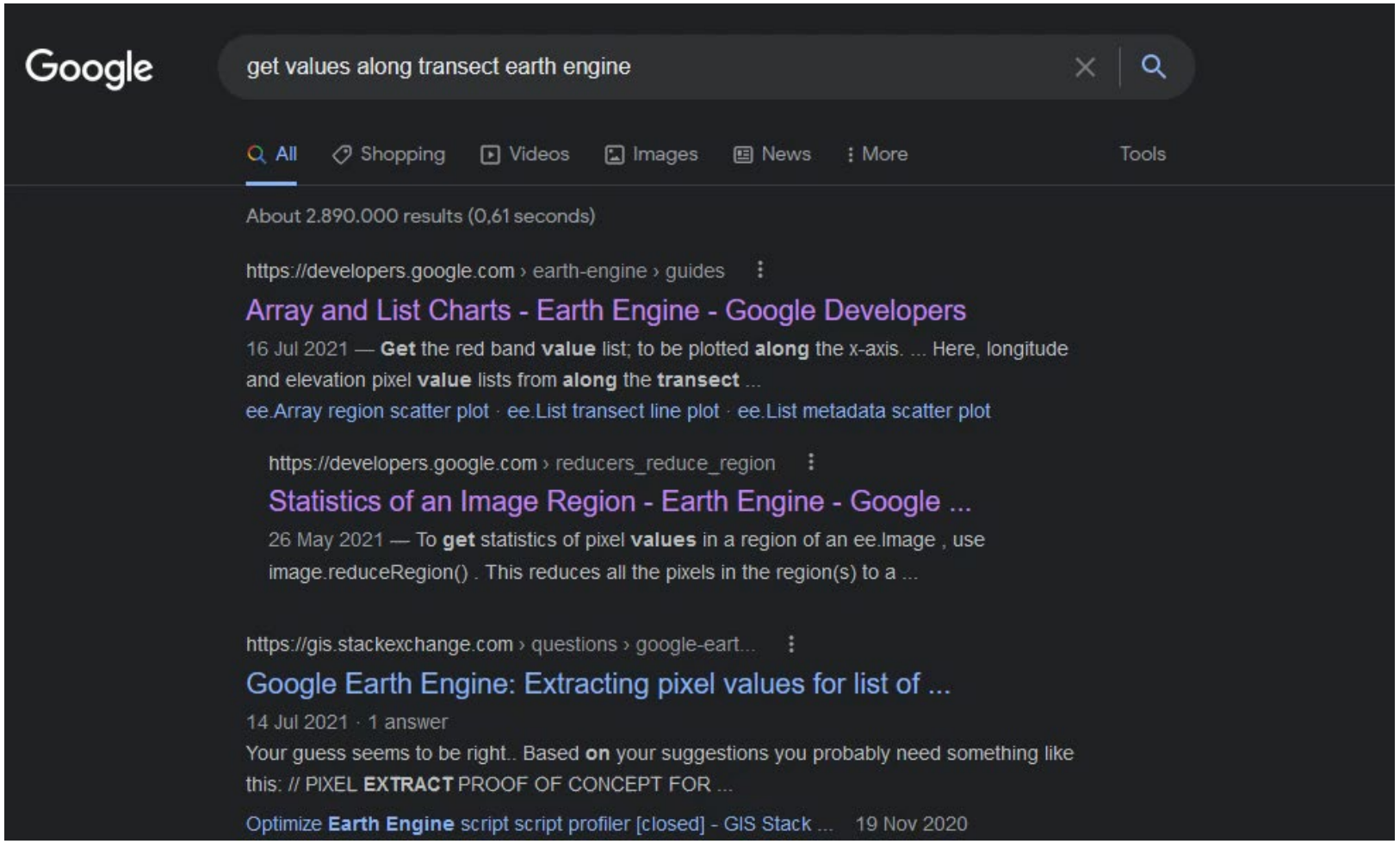

END GOAL OF THIS SESSION

Understanding and recognizing the basic structure of
- Variable definitions
- Function calling

Knowing where to find information on
- Datasets
- Functionalities

Understanding the capacity of GEE to
- Visualize data
- Extract information
- Plot multiple dimensions

NOT AN END GOAL:
- Reproducing all the code
- Knowing by heart all the functions and their input
- Knowing by heart the available datasets
- …