



python
ArcGIS

Template automation



Access to template graphics

A template (layout) has different types of graphic elements, like texts, images, lines, data frames, etc., with several properties that can be accessed using python.

We can make map automation easier if we design a template very similar to the final result that we want to obtain (including symbology). That way, we will have "fixed" elements and "mutable" elements. The former never will change and the lasts can be changed using programming in runtime.

Next example shows an mxd project with two data frames (general and detailed view). There are several fixed elements (two data frames, a title, a line and two texts). The only mutable elements are two texts that display some information linked to the layers.



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txt_population Properties

Text

Position

X: 4,298 cm

Y: 4,0275 cm

Size

Width: 0,7848 cm

Height: 0,3941 cm

Anchor Point:

Element Name

txt_population

Name: name

Population: 1000

Mutable texts: the property "Element Name" is used to identify each element in python



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The module `arcpy.mapping` provides the function `ListLayoutElements`. This function allows access to every single property of each graphic element (`GraphicElement` class).

The screenshot displays the ArcGIS Pro interface with the 'Classes' pane open. The 'Módulo de representación cartográfica' folder is selected, and the 'ListLayoutElements' function is highlighted. A red arrow points from the 'ListLayoutElements' function to the 'GraphicElement' class in the 'Classes' pane.

Classes

- DataDrivenPages
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- DataFrame
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Functions

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Classes

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<http://resources.arcgis.com/en/help/main/10.1/index.html#/GraphicElement/00s300000040000000/>

<http://resources.arcgis.com/en/help/main/10.1/index.html#/na/00s30000003w000000/>

```
#importing modules
import arcpy
import arcpy.mapping as map

mxd = map.MapDocument(r'E:\asignaturas\layout.mxd')
#listing all graphics elements within a layout
for graphic in map.ListLayoutElements(mxd):
    #get the graphic element type
    print(graphic.type)
```



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We can apply any type of filter using the parameter "element type" of this class. In this example we only access to text elements.

Arcpy.mapping. ListLayoutElements (map_document, {element_type}, {wildcard})

```
#importing modules
import arcpy
import arcpy.mapping as map

mxd = map.MapDocument(r'I:\asignaturas\layout.mxd')
#filtering all graphic elements by type
for graphic in map.ListLayoutElements(mxd, 'TEXT_ELEMENT'):
    #get a graphic object using its name
    if graphic.name == 'text_name':
        print(graphic.text)
    if graphic.name == 'text_population':
        print (graphic.text)
```



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Each type of graphic element has several properties, some of them common and some of them specific.

Propiedad	Explicación	Tipo de datos
elementHeight (Lectura y escritura)	The height of the element in page units. The units assigned or reported are in page units.	Double
elementPositionX (Lectura y escritura)	The x location of the data frame element's anchor position. The units assigned or reported are in page units.	Double
elementPositionY (Lectura y escritura)	The y location of the data frame element's anchor position. The units assigned or reported are in page units.	Double
elementWidth (Lectura y escritura)	The width of the element in page units. The units assigned or reported are in page units.	Double
isGroup (Sólo lectura)	Returns <code>True</code> if the layout element is a group element. It is not possible to <code>clone</code> or <code>delete</code> group elements.	Boolean
name (Lectura y escritura)	The name of the element.	String
type (Sólo lectura)	Returns the element type for any given page layout element. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>DATAFRAME_ELEMENT</code> —Data frame element • <code>GRAPHIC_ELEMENT</code> —Graphic element • <code>LEGEND_ELEMENT</code> —Legend element • <code>MAPSURROUND_ELEMENT</code> —Map surround element • <code>PICTURE_ELEMENT</code> —Picture element • <code>TEXT_ELEMENT</code> —Text element 	String



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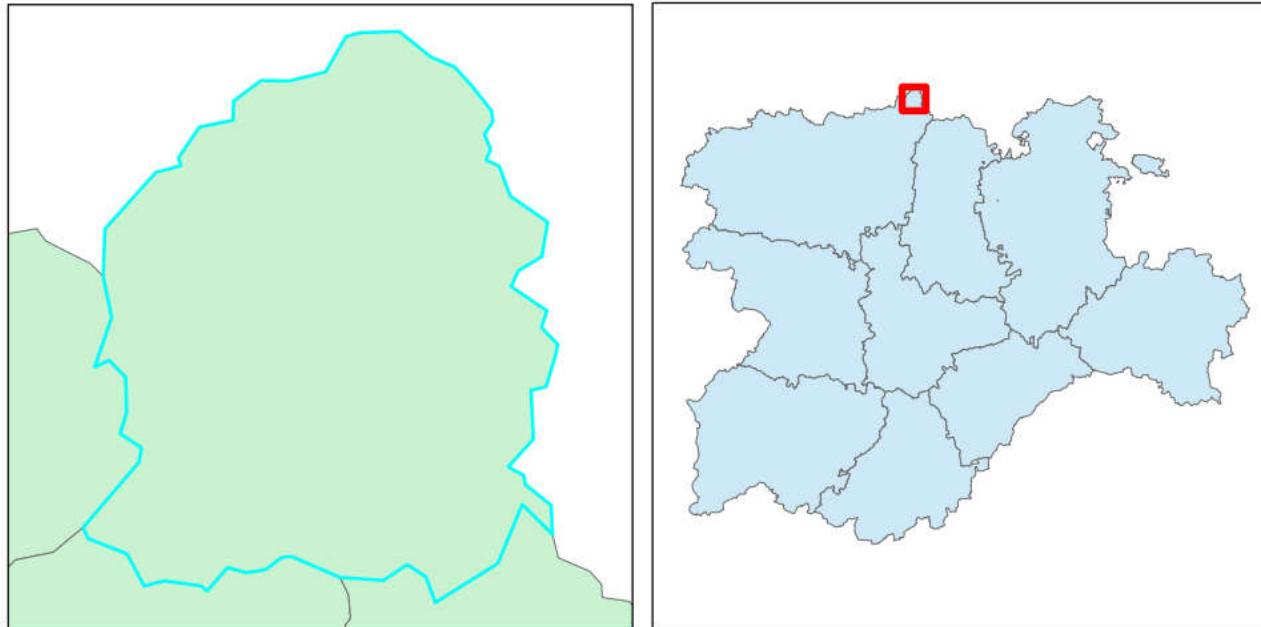
```
#importing modules
import arcpy
import arcpy.mapping as map

mxd = map.MapDocument(r'E:\asignaturas\master\DAS\2016-2017\temario_ingles\session4\theory\layout.mxd')
name = ''
#Listing all graphics elements within a layout
for graphic in map.ListLayoutElements(mxd):
    if graphic.name != '':
        name = graphic.name
    else:
        name = ''
#access to each type of graphic element
if graphic.type == 'TEXT_ELEMENT':
    print('Type: ' + graphic.type + ' Text: ' + graphic.text + ' X: ' + str(graphic.elementPositionX) + ' Y: ' + str(graphic.elementPositionY) + ' Name: ' + name)
if graphic.type == 'GRAPHIC_ELEMENT':
    print('Type: ' + graphic.type + ' X: ' + str(graphic.elementPositionX) + ' Y: ' + str(graphic.elementPositionY) + ' Width: ' + str(graphic.elementWidth) + ' Height: ' + str(graphic.elementHeight) + ' Name: ' + name)
if graphic.type == 'DATAFRAME_ELEMENT':
    print('Type: ' + graphic.type + ' Width: ' + str(graphic.elementWidth) + ' Height: ' + str(graphic.elementHeight) + ' Name: ' + name)
```


Map automation

In this case, we want to select a specific municipality using its name. Once selected, we will perform an automatic zoom to the selection. At the same time, each mutable text will be modified according to the information within the database. Finally, we will export the layout to a pdf file.

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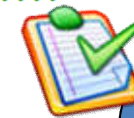
Name: Posada de Valdeon
Population: 537



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```
#importing modules
import arcpy
import arcpy.mapping as map

#mxd folder
mxd = map.MapDocument(r'E:\asignaturas\master\DAS\2016-2017\temario_ingles\session4\theory\layout.mxd')
#data frame access
df = map.ListDataFrames(mxd)[0]
#layer access (municipalities)
layer = map.ListLayers(mxd, '', df)[0]
#attribute query
query = '"NOMBRE" = \'Posada de Valdeon\'' #BE CAREFUL WITH THE SINTAX!!!!
arcpy.SelectLayerByAttribute_management(layer, 'NEW_SELECTION', query)
#zoom to selected elements
df.zoomToSelectedFeatures()
#feature iteration (cursor)
cursor = arcpy.SearchCursor(layer, query)
name_mun = ''
population = 0
for row in cursor:
    name_mun = row.getValue('NOMBRE')
    population = row.getValue('POB95')
#template processing
for graphic in map.ListLayoutElements(mxd):
    if graphic.name == 'txt_name':
        graphic.text = name_mun
    if graphic.name == 'txt_population':
        graphic.text = population
#export result to pdf file
map.ExportToPDF(mxd, r'E:\asignaturas\master\DAS\2016-2017\temario_ingles\session4\theory\map.pdf')
```



Modify both the code and the template to create a pdf file for every province where appear all field value for each record.

12_template_processing.py



Additional libraries

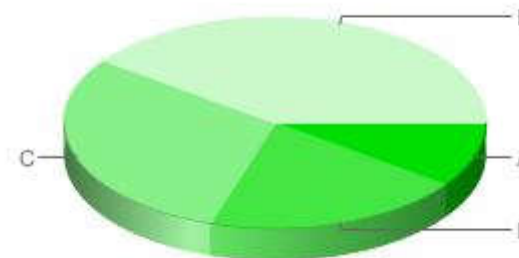
The library "chartwarpper" allows to handle the Google Chart API from python.

Link: <https://code.google.com/p/google-chartwrapper/>

command line install: **pip install GChartWrapper**

If we have the library PIL (pillow) previously installed, we will able to save the final chart to an image. That way, we have the possibility to add this charts to our maps automatically.

```
from GChartWrapper import *  
  
g = Pie3D([1,2,3,4])  
g.label('A','B','C','D')  
g.color('00dd00')  
image = g.image  
image().save('chart.jpg','JPEG')
```





Additional libraries

Matplotlib allows to make both simple and complex charts using python.

Link: <http://matplotlib.org/>

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
datos = [1500,1200]
etiquetas = [1,2]
# Example data
plt.bar(etiquetas,datos,width=0.5,align='center')
plt.xticks(etiquetas,['1991','1995'])
plt.savefig('grafica.jpg')
```

