



python
GIS libraries



Introduction

The main tasks that any geospatial software can perform are next:

- Data access. Both local and remote data (WMS, GM, OSM).
- Selections and queries
- Manipulation of vector and raster files (creation, edition, etc.).

Spatial analysis operations. Geoprocessing (DEM analysis, reprojection, filters, optimal shortest path, etc.).

- Cartographic production.
- GUI integration (ArcToolBox, PyQt4, QGIS plugins, etc.).

Python has a lot of libraries that can perform this type of operations. They are mainly used by Open Source software, although a lot of commercial software use them too.



Introduction

Some of the Geospatial software that use this libraries are:

- QGIS
- OPENEV
- GRASS
- UDIG
- GVSIG
- OPENJUMP
- GOOGLE EARTH
- NASA WORLD WIND
- ARCGIS

In the same way, spatial databases also take advantage of them:

- POSTGIS (POSTGRES SQL)
- ORACLE SPATIAL
- ARCSDE
- MICROSOFT SQL SERVER
- MYSQL
- SPATIAL LITE



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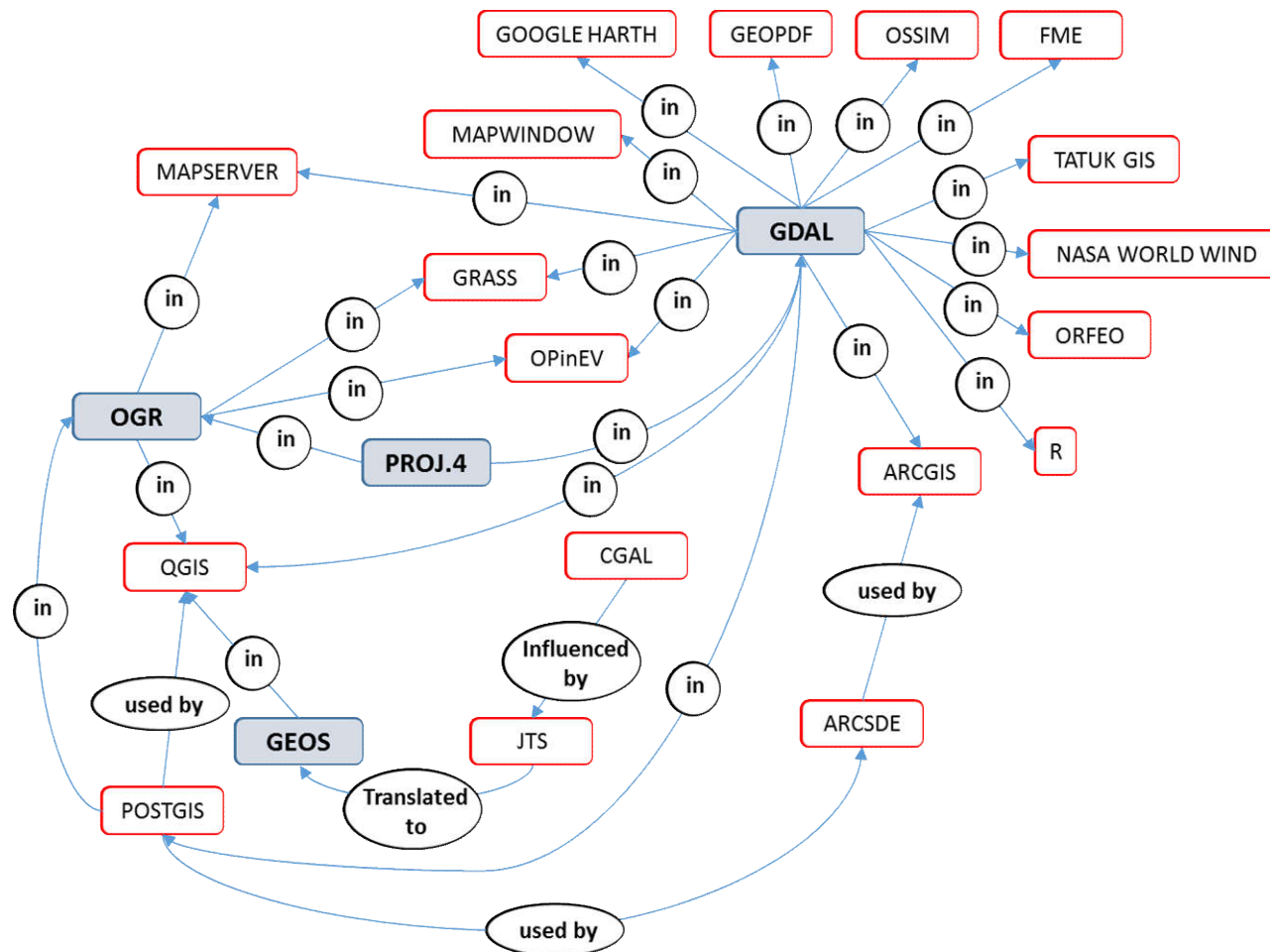
Some examples of these libraries:

- Data manipulation:
 - GDAL (GeoSpatial Data Abstraction Library). Used for reading and writing raster data. Used in over 80 pieces of software.
 - OGR. Used for vector data (SHP, KML, WTK, CAD, etc.). Over 70 file formats.
- Computational geometry:
 - PROJ4. Specialized library in projections (United States Geological Service).
 - CGAL (Computational Geometry Algorithms Library).
 - JTS (Java Topology Suite).
 - GEOS (Geometry Engine Open Source). Higher impact than JTS. It has python bindings.
- Others:
 - GEOPY. Google Maps geocoding API.
 - SHAPELIB. Shapefile manipulation (also in OGR)
 - LIBLAS. LiDAR data analysis and management.
 - OPENCV. Computer vision library (images, video, stereoscopic vision, camera calibration, object recognition, etc.).
 - **ARCPY**. ArcGIS python library.
 - **PYQGIS**. QGIS python library.



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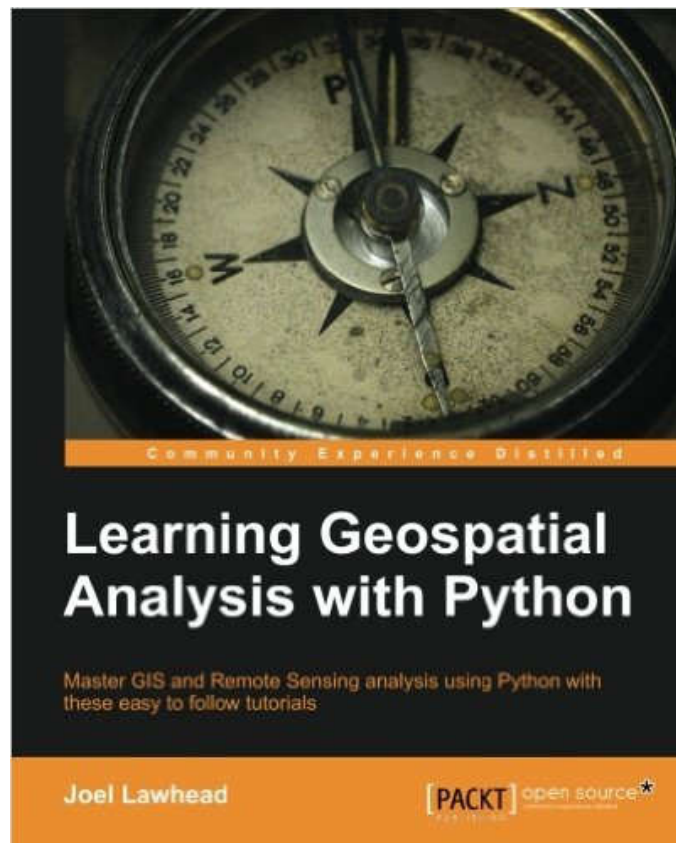
Software and libraries relationship:





Introduction

A good reference book for working with geospatial information using python:





python
ArcGIS

Arcpy package



In order to work with python in ArcGIS, it is necessary to import the **Arcpy** library.

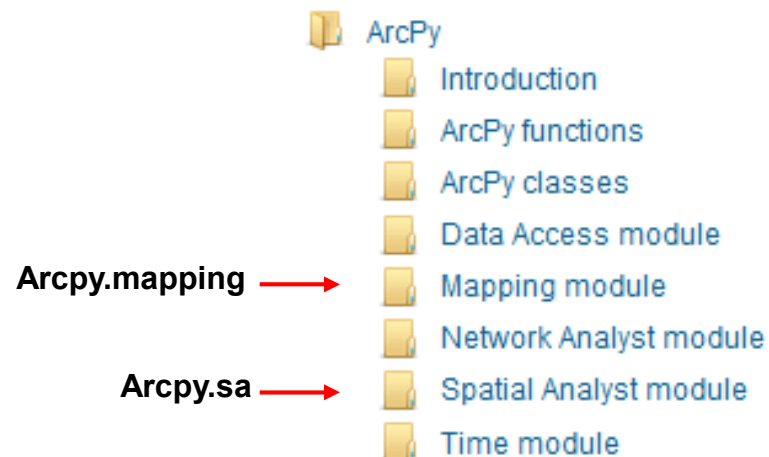
<http://resources.arcgis.com/en/help/main/10.1/index.html#/na/000v000000v7000000>

Arcpy provides access to **geoprocessing tools**, as well as functions, classes, and extra modules in order to design both single and complex workflows:

- data description, lists, fields, cursors, geometries, raster, etc.

some extra modules:

- arcpy.mapping: designed mainly to manipulate the contents of existing map documents (.mxd) and layer files.
- arcpy.sa: spatial analysis module





Classes

- Cursor
- Exceptions
- FeatureSets/RecordSets
- Fields
- General
- Geometry → Geometry
- Geostatistical Analyst
- Graphing
- Parameter
- Multipoint
- Point
- PointGeometry
- Polygon
- Polyline

Functions

- Cursors → InsertCursor
- Data store
- Describing data
- SearchCursor
- UpdateCursor
- Environments and settings
- Fields
- Geodatabase administration
- Geometry
- General
- General data functions
- Getting and setting parameters
- Licensing and installation
- Listing data
- Log history
- Messaging and error handling
- Progress dialog
- Publishing
- Raster
- Spatial references and transformations
- Tools and toolboxes



Arcpy.mapping (what's it used for?)

- # Making reports with the project content (dataframe name, layers, reference system, etc.).
- # Updating, reparing or replacing data sources.
- # Updating symbology with a document closed.
- # Searching and replacing text strings of all projects in a folder.
- # Saving projects for older versions of ArcMap.
- # Updating project metadata.
- # Making new data sources in “batch” mode using export commands.
- # Publishing maps to ArcGIS Server.
- # Making maps and atlas in PDF format.



Arcpy.mapping

Classes

- DataDrivenPages
- DataFrameTime
- DataFrame
- GraduatedColorsSymbology
- GraduatedSymbolsSymbology
- GraphicElement
- LabelClass
- Layer
- LayerTime
- LegendElement
- MapDocument
- MapsurroundElement
- PDFDocument
- PictureElement
- RasterClassifiedSymbology
- StyleItem
- TableView
- TextElement
- UniqueValuesSymbology

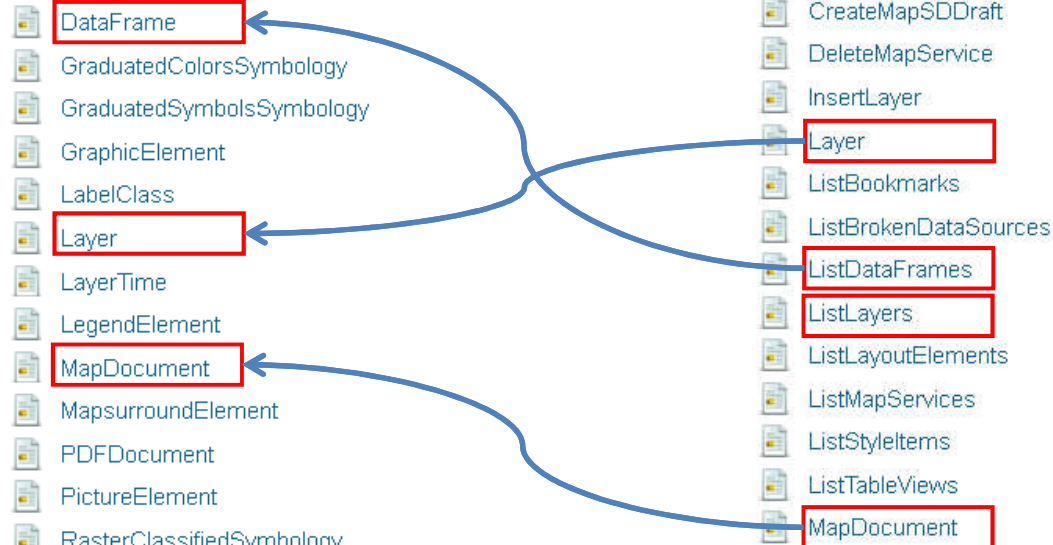
Managing Documents and Layers

- AddLayer
- AddLayerToGroup
- AddTableView
- AnalyzeForMSD
- AnalyzeForSD
- ConvertToMSD
- ConvertWebMapToMapDocument
- CreateGISServerConnectionFile
- CreateMapSDDraft
- DeleteMapService
- InsertLayer
- Layer
- ListBookmarks
- ListBrokenDataSources
- ListDataFrames
- ListLayers
- ListLayoutElements
- ListMapServices
- ListStyleItems
- ListTableViews
- MapDocument
- MoveLayer
- PDFDocumentCreate
- PDFDocumentOpen
- PublishMSDToServer
- RemoveLayer
- RemoveTableView
- TableView
- UpdateLayer

Functions

Exporting and Printing Maps

- ExportReport
- ExportToAI
- ExportToBMP
- ExportToEMF
- ExportToEPS
- ExportToGIF
- ExportToJPEG
- ExportToPDF
- ExportToPNG
- ExportToSVG
- ExportToTIFF
- ListPrinterNames
- PrintMap





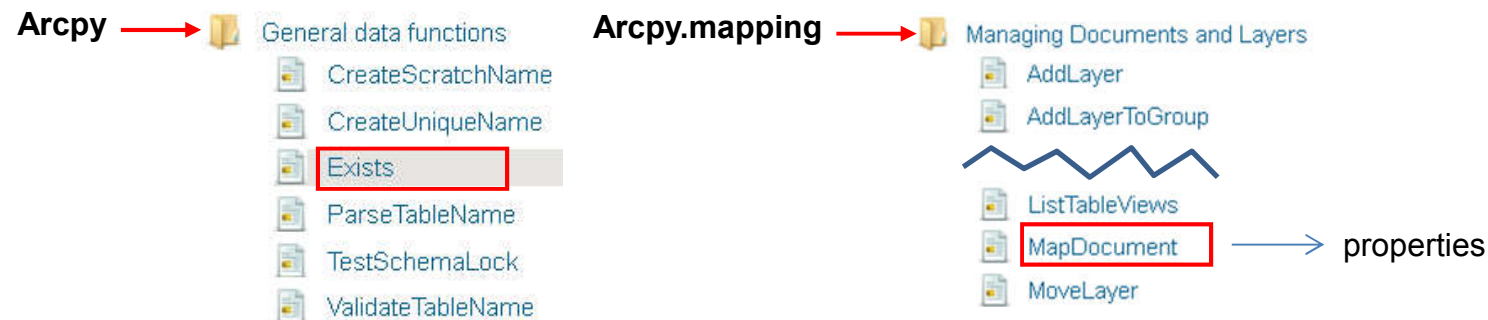
Accessing to the project

arcpy.Exists(mxd path): checks if a Project exists

arcpy.mapping.MapDocument(path): returns the object "Project" and assigns this value to a variable. That way we can Access to its properties:

<http://resources.arcgis.com/en/help/main/10.1/index.html#//na/00s30000000n000000/>

- Title (r/w): project title.
- Author (r/w): project author.
- activeView (r/w): active view (either data view or layout view).
- activeDataframe (r): active dataframe



1_access_project.py



Accessing to the project

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

try:
    #definition of variables
    ruta = r'C:\asignaturas\master\DAS\temario\sesion1\teoria\scripts\castilla_leon.mxd'
    if arcpy.Exists(ruta): #checking if the file exists
        mxd = map.MapDocument(ruta)
    else:
        raise IOError

    # How to use some properties (title, author and summary)
    print "Title: " + mxd.title + " Author:" + mxd.author
    print mxd.summary

    #memory releasing
    del mxd
    # raw_input: keyboard input. Only makes sense if we run the script on console mode
    raw_input()
except IOError:
    print " One error has occurred: file doesn't exist"
    raw_input()
```



Accessing to the project

```
import arcpy
import arcpy.mapping as map

def printList(lista):
    for l in lista:
        print l

def getName(ruta):
    pass

ruta_mxd = r'C:\asignaturas\master\DAS\temario\sesion1\teoria\scripts\castilla_leon.mxd'
metadatos = []
if arcpy.Exists(ruta_mxd):
    mxd = map.MapDocument(ruta_mxd)
    titulo = mxd.title
    autor = mxd.author
    descrip = mxd.description
    ruta = mxd.filePath
    metadatos.append(titulo)
    metadatos.append(autor)
    metadatos.append(descrip)
    metadatos.append(ruta)
    printList(metadatos)
else:
    print "File doesn't exist"
```



Pay attention on the "file Path" function. change the function "getName" in order to print only the name of the project (without extension)

mxd_metadata.py



Accessing to the project

We can run the same script using the python console of ArcMap.

We need just write the next statements:

```
>>> import os
```

```
>>> os.system(script path / parameters')
```

You must write the path without white spaces

We also can copy the whole code and paste it on the python console

If a script needs some parameters, put these lines on the ArcMap python console:

```
import sys # system module
```

```
....
```

```
ruta = sys.argv[1] # getting the first parametre
```



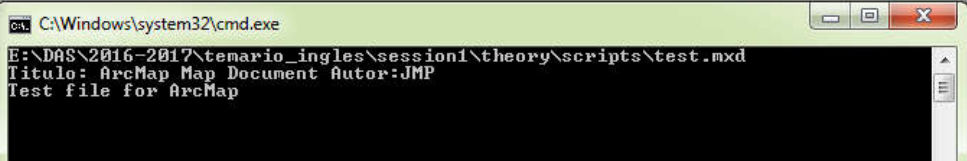
Accessing to the project

```
#Import modules
import arcpy
import arcpy.mapping as map #change the module name
import sys

try:
    #Definition of variables
    ruta = sys.argv[1] #'Current' doesn't work
    print ruta
    if arcpy.Exists(ruta): #check if path exists
        mxd = map.MapDocument(ruta)
    else:
        raise IOError

    #Using some properties (title, author and summary)
    print "Titulo: " + mxd.title + " Autor:" + mxd.author
    print mxd.summary
    #keyboard input. Only makes sense if we run the script on console mode
    raw_input()
except IOError:
    print "File doesn't exists"
    raw_input() #hace que la ventana de comandos no se cierre para ver el print
```

```
Python
>>> import os
>>> os.system(r'2_access_project_python_window.py E:\DAS\2016-2017\temario_ingles\session1\theory\scripts\test.mxd')
```



```
E:\DAS\2016-2017\temario_ingles\session1\theory\scripts\test.mxd
Titulo: ArcMap Map Document Autor:JMP
Test file for ArcMap
```

2_access_project_python_window.py



Accessing to the project

If we need deal with the open project, we must use the reserved word «CURRENT» as parameter in the function MapDocument .

```
Python
>>> import arcpy
... import arcpy.mapping as map # renaming module
...
... #Definition of variables
... ruta = 'CURRENT' #reference to the current project
... mxd = map.MapDocument(ruta)
... #Using some properties (title, author and summary)
... print "Titulo: " + mxd.title + " Autor:" + mxd.author
... print mxd.summary
...
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Test file for ArcMap
>>>
```



Accessing to the project

```
# This only works if you copy the whole code into the command line and then press  
# enter.  
  
import arcpy  
import arcpy.mapping as map # renaming module  
  
#Definition of variables  
ruta = 'CURRENT' #reference to the current project  
mxd = map.MapDocument(ruta)  
#Using some properties (title, author and summary)  
print "Titulo: " + mxd.title + " Autor:" + mxd.author  
print mxd.summary
```



Refresh of the current map

Sometimes, when we use some tools, like add a new layer, we need to update the TOC (table of contents) and the active view. In order to do this, Arcpy has two commands: "**RefreshTOC**" and "**RefreshActiveView**".

arcpy.mapping.ListDataFrames (MapDocument): returns a list of DataFrame objects that exists within a single map document (.mxd)

arcpy.mapping.Layer(string): returns a layer object according to the path indicated as parameter.

arcpy.mapping.AddLayer(DataFrame,Layer): Add a new layer to an specific DataFrame. Add a new layer to an specific DataFrame. After that, we need to refresh both, the TOC and the active view.



Refresh of the current map

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import arcpy.mapping as map

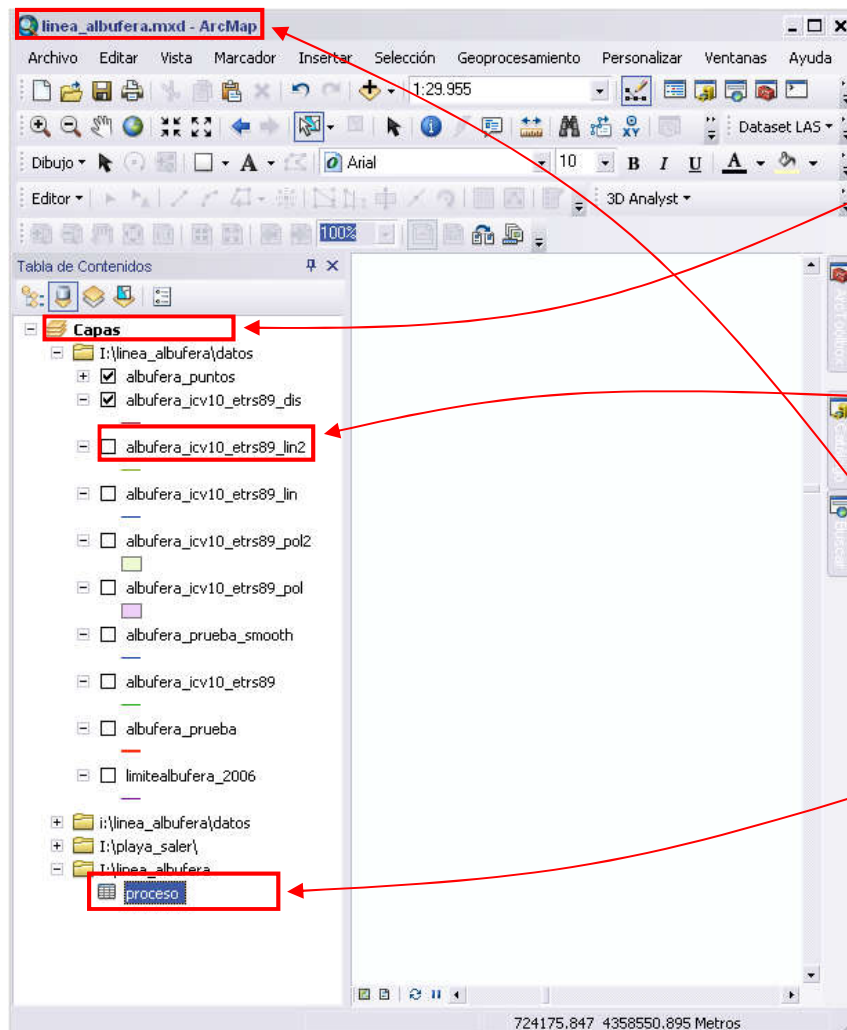
#Definition of variables
ruta = 'CURRENT' #reference to the current project
mxd = map.MapDocument(ruta) #returns the MapDocument
mapa = map.ListDataFrames(mxd)[0] #returns the first dataframe within the MapDocument
#Layer reference accordind a specific path
capa = map.Layer(r'C:\asignaturas\sig avanzado\2014-2015\sесiones\sesion1\practica\castilla-leon\MUNICIPIO.shp')
#Add the new Layer
map.AddLayer(mapa,capa)
#Refreshing of the TOC and the active view
arcpy.RefreshActiveView
arcpy.RefreshTOC
```

Currently, if we use the "AddMap" method, refreshing functions are no longer necessities.



Arcpy.mapping

<http://resources.arcgis.com/en/help/main/10.1/index.html#/na/00s300000032000000/>



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DataFrame object

`arcpy.mapping.ListDataFrames (MapDocument)`: returns a list of DataFrame objects that exists within a single map document (.mxd).

`ListDataFrames(mxd)[0]` : returns the first DataFrame.

DataFrame properties:

<http://resources.arcgis.com/en/help/main/10.1/index.html#na/00s300000003000000/>

- `Name (r/w)`: data frame's name.
- `MapUnits (r)`: map units.
- `Scale (r/w)`: map scale.

Methods:

- `panToExtent (extent)`: Pans and centers the data frame extent using a new Extent object without changing the data frame's scale.

Example: `myMap.panToExtent(myLayer.getExtent())`

- `zoomToSelectedFeatures ()`: Changes the data frame extent to match the extent of the currently selected features for all layers in a data frame.

5_access_dataframe.py



DataFrame object

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

try:
    #Definition of variables
    ruta = r'E:\DAS\2016-2017\temario_ingles\session1\theory\scripts\test.mxd'
    if arcpy.Exists(ruta): #checks if the file exists
        mxd = map.MapDocument(ruta)
    else:
        raise IOError
    mapa = map.ListDataFrames(mxd)[0] #first dataframe
    #some dataframe's properties (name, units and scale)
    print 'Name of the data frame (0): ' + mapa.name
    print 'Units: ' + mapa.mapUnits
    print 'Scale: 1:' + str(mapa.scale)
except IOError:
    print 'Se ha producido un error: el archivo no existe'
```



make a tool (in ArcToolBox) to shift the data frame extent.
Hint: look at the EXTENT data frame property

#Exercise: make a tool (in ArcToolBox) to shift the data frame extent.
#Hint: look at the EXTENT data frame property



DataFrame object

Some times, if we need to repeat some pieces of code, it is better to reuse it. A good way to do this is making our own library of functions in separate .py files

This file will store all definitions of the functions we want to use.

In order to get any function, we just use the **"import"** command.



DataFrame object

```
#Import modules
import arcpy
import arcpy.mapping as map
import language as lang #access to the external module

try:
    #Definition of variables
    ruta = r'E:\DAS\2016-2017\temario_ingles\session1\theory\scripts\test.mxd'
    if arcpy.Exists(ruta):
        mxd = map.MapDocument(ruta)
    else:
        raise IOError
    df = map.ListDataFrames(mxd)[0]
    print 'Unidades: ' + df.mapUnits
    #calling changeUnits function
    print 'Unidades: ' + lang.changeUnits(df.mapUnits)

except IOError:
    print "One error has occurred: file doesn't exist"
```

```
def changeUnits(a):
    unidades = ''
    if a == 'Meters': unidades = 'Metros'
    if a == 'Kilometers':unidades = 'Kilometros'
    return unidades
```



Access to data frame layers

`arcpy.mapping.ListLayers (MapDocument, {filter},{dataframe})`: returns a list with layer objects within a map document or a data frame.

`ListDataFrames(mxd, "", df)[0]` : first layer within a data frame.

Layer properties (**layer class**):

<http://resources.arcgis.com/en/help/main/10.1/index.html#//na/00s300000008000000/>

- `name (r/w)`: name of the layer.
- `isFeatureLayer (r)`: TRUE if a layer is a feature layer.
- `isRasterLayer (r)`: TRUE if layer is a raster layer.
- `dataSource (r)`: returns the complete path for the layer's data source.
- `visible (r/w)`: turns on and turns off a layer.

Methods:

- `getExtent ()`: returns the extent of a layer. Extent is an object that stores the coordinates of the area that covers a layer.
- `save () / saveACopy()`: save a layer.



Access to data frame layers

#import modules

import arcpy

import arcpy.mapping as map

try:

#Definition of variables

ruta = r'E:\DAS\2016-2017\temario_ingles\session1\theory\scripts\test.mxd'

if arcpy.Exists(ruta): *#checks if the file exists*

 mxd = map.MapDocument(ruta)

else:

 raise IOError

df = map.ListDataFrames(mxd)[0] *#first data frame*

capa = map.ListLayers(mxd,"",df)[0] *#first layer within a data frame*

caja = capa.getExtent() *#returns the layer's extent*

#print the name and the coordinates of the extent

print capa.name, caja.XMin, caja.YMin, caja.XMax, caja.YMax

#get the name of all layers within the data frame

for c in map.ListLayers(mxd,"",df):

 print c.name

except IOError:

 print "file doesn't exist"

#EXERCISE. GET THE CENTROID FOR EACH LOADED LAYER



Get the centroid coordinates for each layer within this map document.



Running a script using ArcToolBox

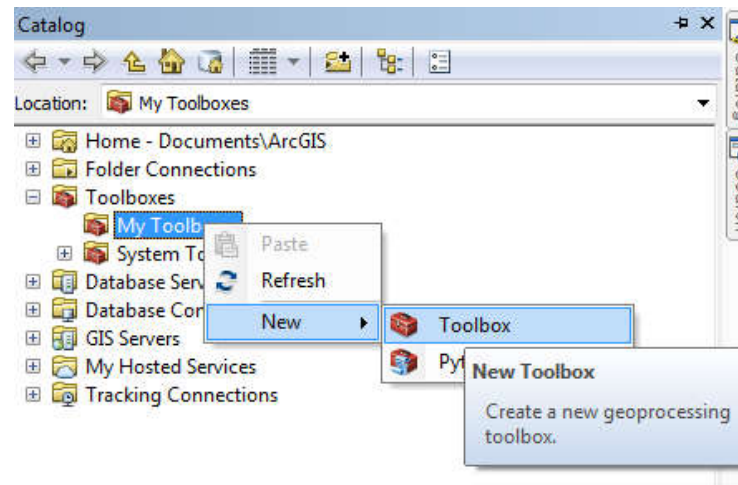
If we need to run a script with "CURRENT" (map document opened), it is better making a new tool with this script linked.

Just pressing a button we can run the script.

If we want to write some messages, instead using the print command, we will use the statement **arcpy.AddMessage()**. This allows us to display messages within the results window when the script is running.

To create a tool with a linked script:

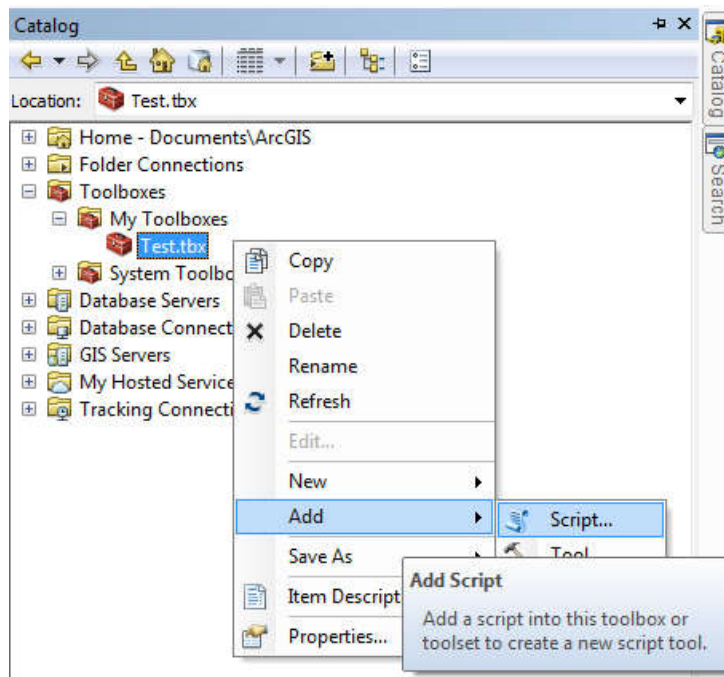
1. Select New -> Toolbox from «My Toolboxes».





Running a script using ArcToolBox

2. Add a new script to the custom tool box.
3. Set the name of the tool and the linked script (.py file)
4. Run the tool.



Link the script 7 to a new tool box.
The script has to show the
messages within the results
window. change the code if
is necessary.