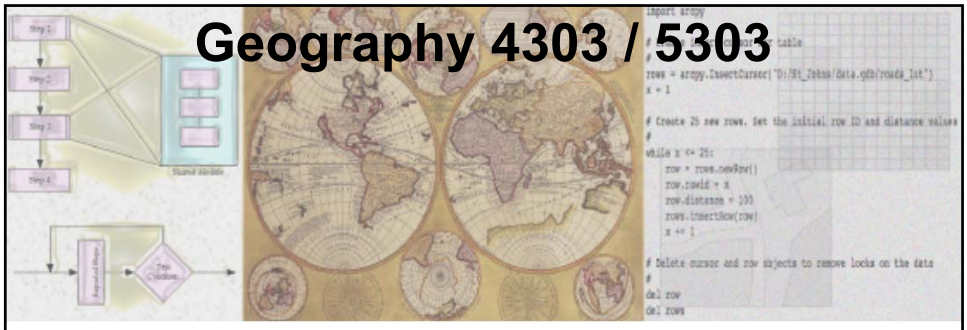

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GIS PROGRAMMING FOR SPATIAL ANALYSIS

Class 03: Geoprocessing in Python

Some Updates

- Class website
- Reminder: Project proposals … and procedure
- Lab exercises and demos… any questions?

Last Lecture / Last Week

- We talked about the basic concepts of **data types** in Python and how to work with them
- Simple and complex data types
- Structures designed for advanced programming techniques such as **batching** or **iteration**
- The “implicit“ use of **logic elements** and different data types in programming

Today ‘s Outline

- ***Part 1***: How to **write arcpy scripts** using tools from ArcToolbox as methods
- ***Part 2***: Managing, organizing, listing and manipulating spatial data with arcpy
- ***Part 3***: Data access - **Cursor** objects and **Geometry**; how to query, change and create spatial data geometry

Learning Objectives

- You will refresh how to integrate and use the **arcpy** site package and its modules
- **Arcpy Geoprocessing**: Methods and properties in Python programs
- Designing and writing **geoprocessing scripts** in Python
- Overview of Geoprocessing scripting

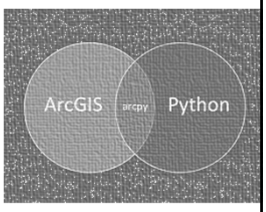
Part 1
How to write geoprocessing (arcpy) scripts

‘Tool functions‘

EXAMPLE script tools and exported tools

Parts of your arcpy script

1. Import arcpy and other modules
2. Define workspace
3. Variable definitions
4. Add try: and except: blocks
5. Add geoprocessing function (see Help)
  - # check to see if output already exists
  - # if it does, delete it
  - # Parameters using variables
  - (indent within the try: block)



EXAMPLE (class03_01 prog struc)

Access to arcpy

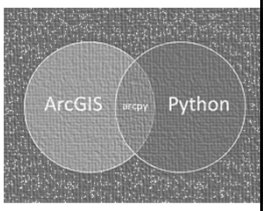
- Python needs to know we want to use **arcpy and its functionality**
- Import the modules you need

```
import arcpy, ...
from arcpy import env          #env class
from arcpy.mapping import *  #mapping module
import arcpy as ap
```

- Structure your program

  variable declaration/assignments

  `try:` / `except:`



Other important modules

- `os`

access to operating system functionality e.g., file and directory path operations; often needed for file and data management that use Python standard syntax

- `sys`

Python system functions access e.g., for user input variables `(sys.argv[1])`

- `traceback`

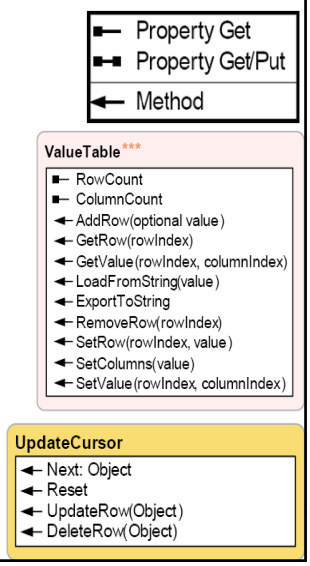
error handling

Interacting with the Geoprocessing Environment

- Through import arcpy access to properties and methods

  Property: Characteristic of an object – Get/Put option

  Method: Action an object can perform, may return a value or object
- We **interact** with **arcpy** by calling methods and properties, creating other objects, ...



Use Properties and Methods

- Assignment of property values:
  `<object.property = value>`
  `arcpy.env.workspace = "C:\\Temp"  #prop. of env class`
- Get a property value
  `<object.property>`
  `print arcpy.env.workspace`
- Call and use a method with the arguments needed
  `<object.Method(arg1,arg2,…)>`
  `arcpy.Buffer_analysis("Roads","Roadsbuffer”,"100")`
  Arguments in parentheses, separated by commas (strings, objects or numbers)

Demo interactive

Tools as Methods

- Be specific about the tool you want to run by using the **alias** of the toolbox in referencing the tool

```
arcpy.Buffer_analysis(...)

OR:
arcpy.analysis.Buffer(...)
```

```
import arcpy

roads = "c:/St_Johns/data.gdb/roads"
output = "c:/St_Johns/data.gdb/roads_Buffer"

# Run Buffer using the variables set above and pass the remaining parameters
#   in as strings
#
arcpy.Buffer_analysis(roads, output, "distance", "FULL", "ROUND", "NONE")
```

Alias list

- Analysis Tools—analysis
- Conversion Tools—conversion
- Data Management Tools—management
- 3D Analyst Tools—3d
- Cartography Tools—cartography
- Coverage Tools—arc
- Data Interoperability—interop
- Geocoding Tools—geocoding
- Geostatistical Analyst Tools—ga
- Linear Referencing Tools—lr
- Multidimension Tools—md
- Network Analyst Tools—na
- Samples—samples
- Spatial Analyst Tools—sa
- Spatial Statistics Tools—stats

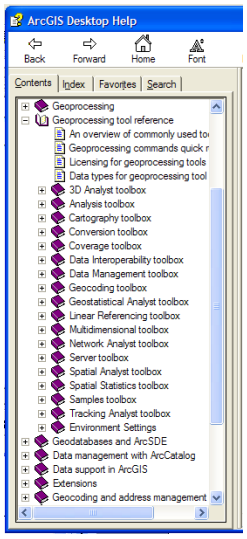
Intellisense & gdb

How to Get Help ...

- ArcGIS **Desktop and online Help** provide:

  (1) Usage, command syntax and examples of how to create scripts with **standard tools** from ArcToolbox

  (2) Usage and syntax of **additional properties and methods**, which are accessible through scripting only



Show options

Handling of errors

- **Try/Except blocks & print statements:**

  If an error occurs in the **try** statement, **exception** is raised and code under the except: statement is executed

```
try:
  # Process: Buffer...
  arcpy.Buffer_analysis()
except:
  print "Oops, here is something wrong..."
```

Demo
class03_02_try_except w/out traceback

Tracking Python Errors

- **traceback module:**

  For more sophisticated error search and handling

  If exception is raised traceback can identify the location where program crashed

```
except:
   print "Bump! Here something crashed"
  tb = sys.exc_info()[2]
  tbinfo = traceback.format_tb(tb)[0]
  pymsg = "PYTHON ERRORS:\nTraceback Info:\n" + tbinfo + "\nError
   Info:\n " +str(sys.exc_type) + ": " + str(sys.exc_value) + "\n"
  print pymsg
```

Demo
class03_02_try_except with traceback

Error Reporting with arcpy…

- .GetMessages() method

  `arcpy.GetMessages(0)` – all messages returned

  `arcpy.GetMessages(1)` – warning messages

  `arcpy.GetMessages(2)` – error messages

- Messages appear in the interactive window

```
try:
       # Process: Buffer...
       arcpy.Buffer_analysis(input, output, Distance)
except:
       print "Oops, here is something wrong"
       arcpy.GetMessages(2)
```

Run class03_03 prog struc w/ traceback

Python & arcpy Errors Combined

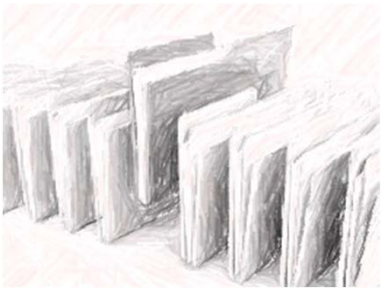
```
except:
    # Get the traceback object
    #
    tb = sys.exc_info()[2]
    tbinfo = traceback.format_tb(tb)[0]

    # Concatenate information together concerning the error into a message string
    #
    pymsg = "PYTHON ERRORS:\nTraceback info:\n" + tbinfo + "\nError Info:\n" + str(sys.exc_info()[1])
    msgs = "ArcPy ERRORS:\n" + arcpy.GetMessages(2) + "\n"

    # Return python error messages for use in script tool or Python Window
    #
    arcpy.AddError(pymsg)
    arcpy.AddError(msgs)

    # Print Python error messages for use in Python / Python Window
    #
    print pymsg + "\n"
    print msgs
```

Summary Part I

- All about **scripting** for Geoprocessing
- The idea to **implement** the Geoprocessing object follows the principle of using **IDispatch** interfaces (using **COM** objects)
- While scripting we use available **tools** as **methods** and **properties** accessed via arcpy
- Geoprocessing Scripting in Python is **EASY**.
- Each tool in **ArcToolbox** relates to one logical line of source code, generally

AddField Script?

Part 2
Managing, organizing, listing and describing spatial data with arcpy



A Step Back

- => Tool functions (ArcToolbox)
- => Cataloguing, organizing and listing spatial data: Batching
- => Describing spatial data and their properties
- => Creating, editing and manipulating spatial data
- => More complex tasks combining above (e.g., Sampling in space w/ geometry)

Additional arcpy functionality

Additional properties and methods, which are accessible through scripting only

These are displayed in the **Geoprocessor Model Diagram**

In short, these are functionalities for **cataloguing**, **describing**, **listing** and creating/**editing** spatial data

arcpy.Exists(infile)

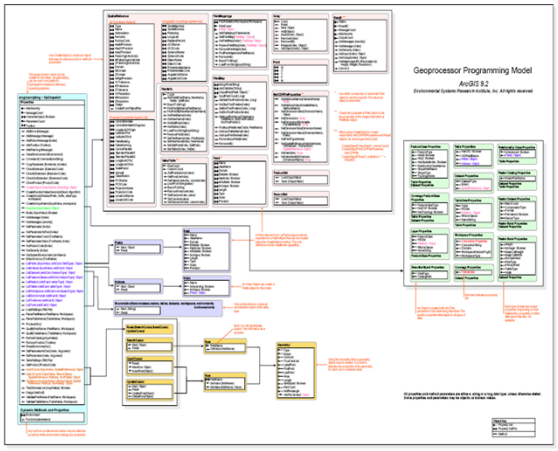
```
import arcpy

# Set the current workspace
#
arcpy.env.workspace = "c:/base/data.gdb"

# Check for existence of data before deleting
#
if arcpy.Exists("roadbuffer"):
    arcpy.Delete_management("roadbuffer")
```

arcpy.Describe(infile)

```
import arcpy

# Create a Describe object
#
desc = arcpy.Describe("C:/data/Install.log")

# Print some Describe Object properties for the file
#
print "Data Type: " + desc.dataType
print "Path:      " + desc.path
print "Base Name: " + desc.baseName
print "Extension: " + desc.extension
```

The Old Geoprocessor Programming Model

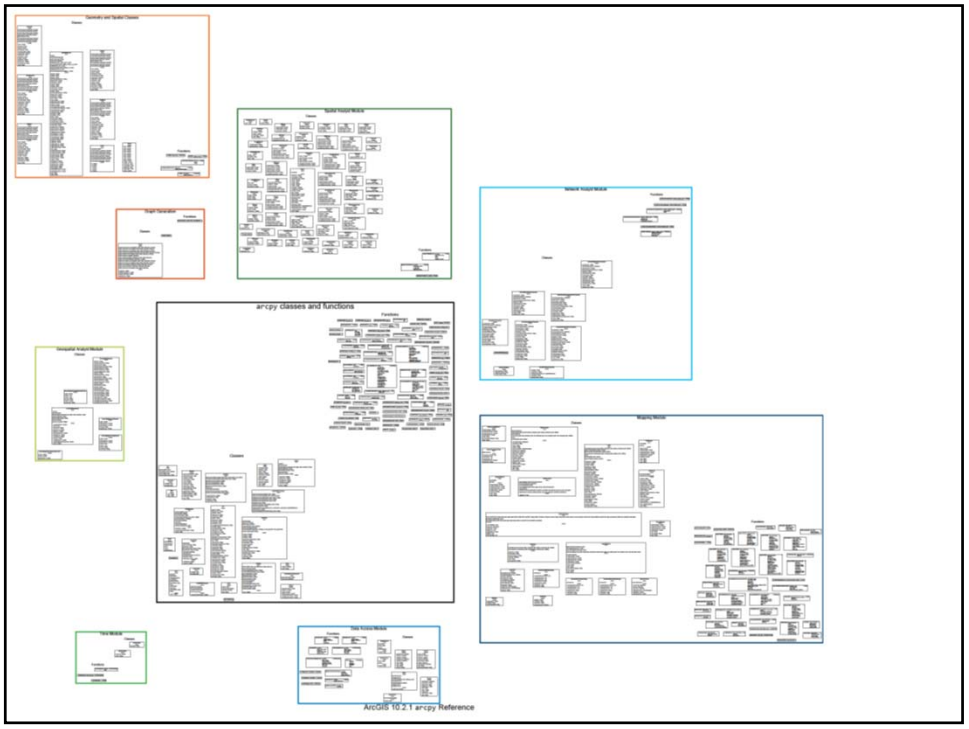
- "Road Map" for GP

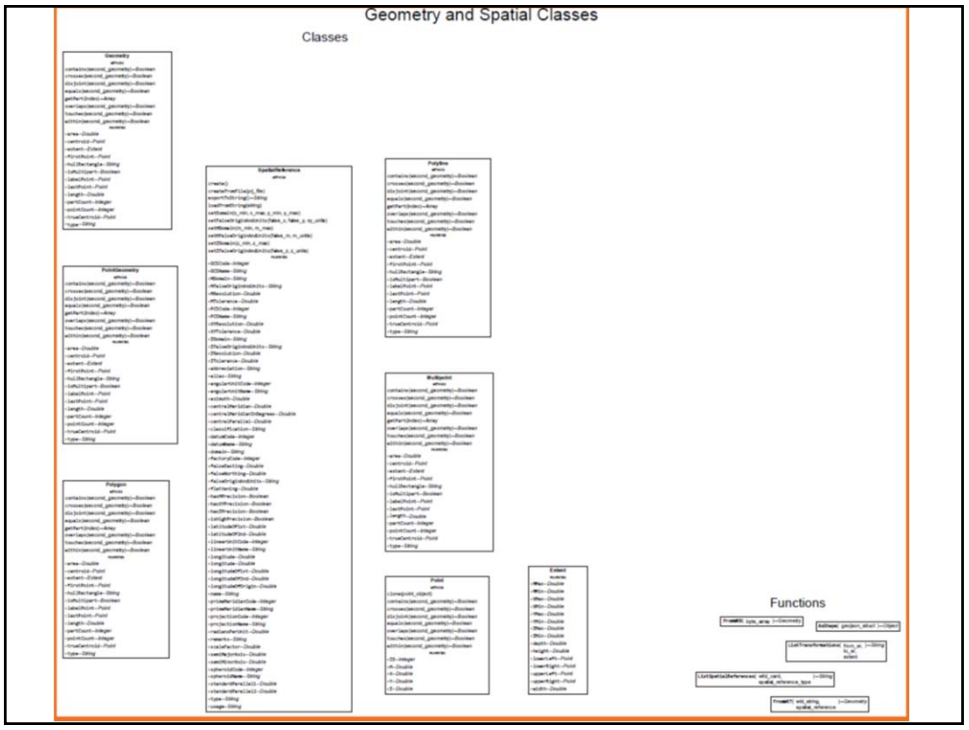


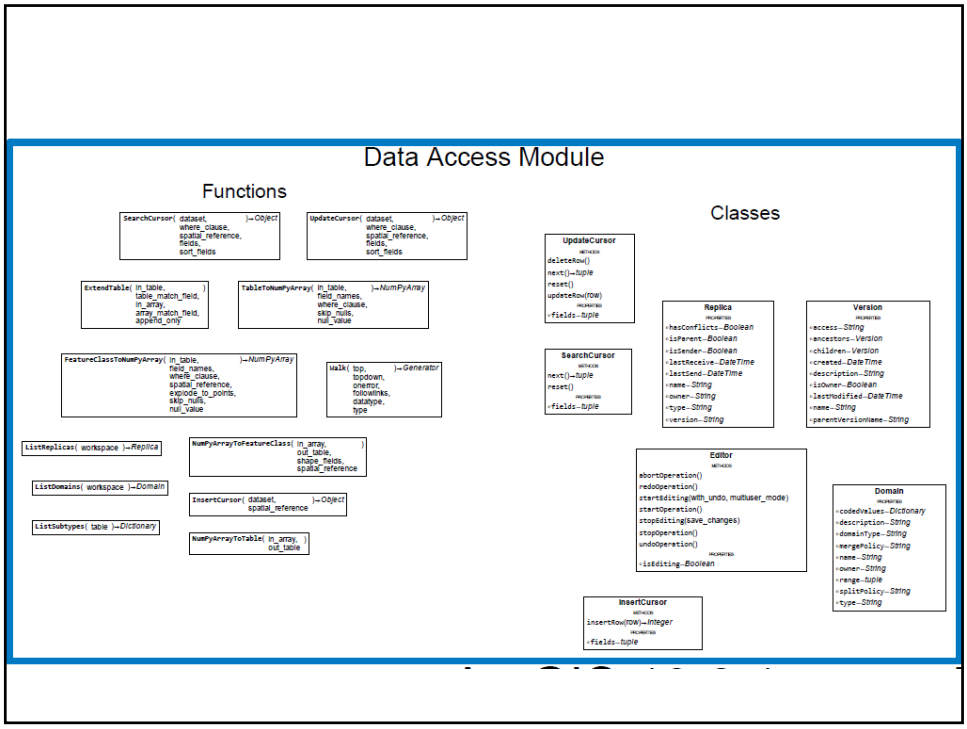
Property Get
Property Get/Put
Method

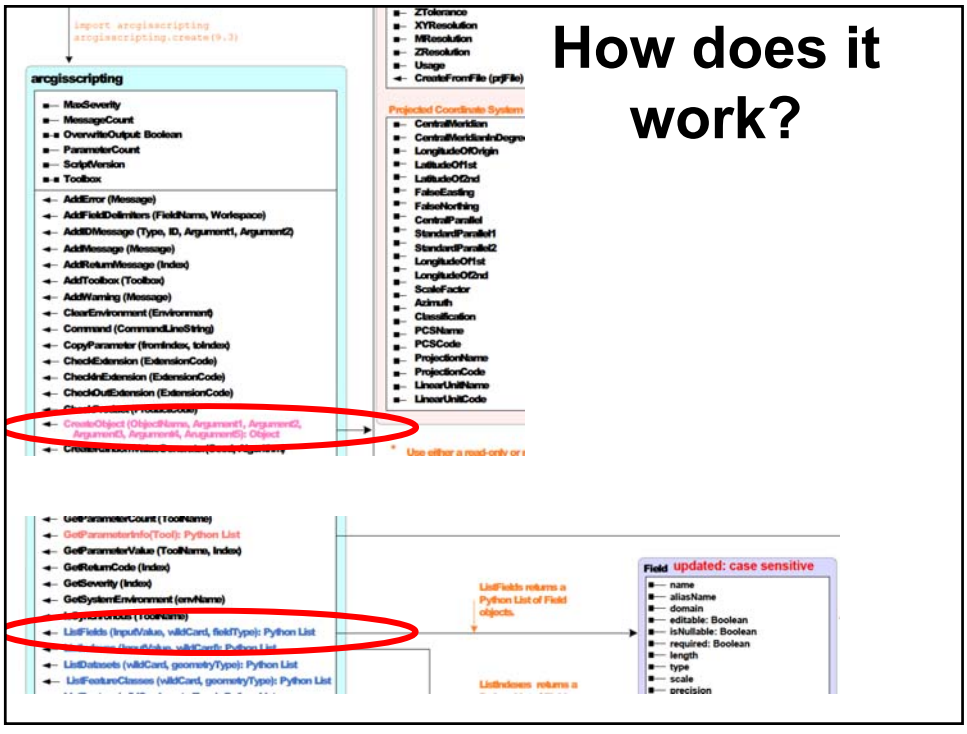
ValueTable***
- RowCount
- ColumnCount
- AddRow(optional value)
- GetRow(rowIndex)
- GetValue(rowIndex, columnIndex)
- LoadFromString(value)
- ExportToString
- RemoveRow(rowIndex)
- SetRow(rowIndex, value)
- SetColumns(value)
- SetValue(rowIndex, columnIndex)

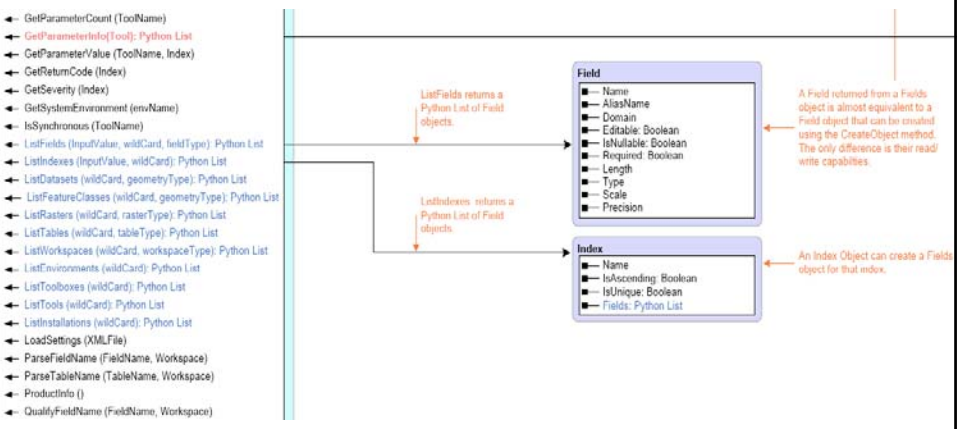
UpdateCursor
- Next: Object
- Reset
- UpdateRow(Object)
- DeleteRow(Object)


arcpy classes and functions
ArcGIS 10.2.1 arcpy Reference


Geometry and Spatial Classes
Classes
Functions


Data Access Module
Functions
SearchCursor(dataset, where_clause, spatial_reference, fields, sort_fields)→Object
UpdateCursor(dataset, where_clause, spatial_reference, fields, sort_fields)→Object
ExtendTable(in_table, table_match_field, in_array, array_match_field, append_only)
TableToNumPyArray(in_table, field_names, where_clause, skip_nulls, null_value)→NumPyArray
FeatureClassToNumPyArray(in_table, field_names, where_clause, spatial_reference, explode_to_points, skip_nulls, null_value)→NumPyArray
Walk(top, topdown, onerror, followlinks, datatype, type)→Generator
ListReplicas(workspace)→Replica
ListDomains(workspace)→Domain
ListSubtypes(table)→Dictionary
NumPyArrayToFeatureClass(in_array, out_table, shape_fields, spatial_reference
InsertCursor(dataset, spatial_reference)→Object
NumPyArrayToTable(in_array, out_table
Classes
UpdateCursor
deleteRow()
next()→tuple
reset()
updateRow(row)
+fields→tuple
SearchCursor
next()→tuple
reset()
+fields→tuple
Replica
+hasConflicts→Boolean
+isParent→Boolean
+isSender→Boolean
+lastReceive→DateTime
+lastSend→DateTime
+name→String
+owner→String
+type→String
+version→String
Version
+access→String
+ancestors→Version
+children→Version
+created→DateTime
+description→String
+isOwner→Boolean
+lastModified→DateTime
+name→String
+parentVersionName→String
Editor
abortOperation()
redoOperation()
startEditing(with_undo, multiuser_mode)
startOperation()
stopEditing(save_changes)
stopOperation()
undoOperation()
+isEditing→Boolean
Domain
+codedValues→Dictionary
+description→String
+domainType→String
+mergePolicy→String
+name→String
+owner→String
+range→tuple
+splitPolicy→String
+type→String
InsertCursor
insertRow(row)→Integer
+fields→tuple


How does it work?
import arcgisscripting
arcgisscripting.create(9.3)
arcgisscripting
MaxSeverity
MessageCount
OverwriteOutput: Boolean
ParameterCount
ScriptVersion
Toolbox
AddError (Message)
AddFieldDelimiters (FieldName, Workspace)
AddIDMessage (Type, ID, Argument1, Argument2)
AddMessage (Message)
AddReturnMessage (Index)
AddToolbox (Toolbox)
AddWarning (Message)
ClearEnvironment (Environment)
Command (CommandLineString)
CopyParameter (fromIndex, toIndex)
CheckExtension (ExtensionCode)
CheckInExtension (ExtensionCode)
CheckOutExtension (ExtensionCode)
CreateObject (ObjectName, Argument1, Argument2, Argument3, Argument4, Argument5): Object
ZTolerance
XYResolution
MResolution
ZResolution
Usage
CreateFromFile (prjFile)
Projected Coordinate System
CentralMeridian
LongitudeOfOrigin
LatitudeOf1st
LatitudeOf2nd
FalseEasting
FalseNorthing
CentralParallel
StandardParallel1
StandardParallel2
LongitudeOf1st
LongitudeOf2nd
ScaleFactor
Azimuth
Classification
PCSName
PCSCode
ProjectionName
ProjectionCode
LinearUnitName
LinearUnitCode
GetParameterInfo(Tool): Python List
GetParameterValue (ToolName, Index)
GetReturnCode (Index)
GetSeverity (Index)
GetSystemEnvironment (envName)
ListFields (InputValue, wildCard, fieldType): Python List
ListDatasets (wildCard, geometryType): Python List
ListFeatureClasses (wildCard, geometryType): Python List
ListFields returns a Python List of Field objects.
Field updated: case sensitive
name
aliasName
domain
editable: Boolean
isNullable: Boolean
required: Boolean
length
type
scale
precision



ListFeatureClasses and ListFields return a Py List
Let's see what is in these lists…

Run (quickly) class03_04 ListGP_Py

Cataloguing & Listing Spatial Data

- Important task category to support **Batch Processing**
- Return List objects
- Organizing and cataloguing different data types by using List methods (filtering)

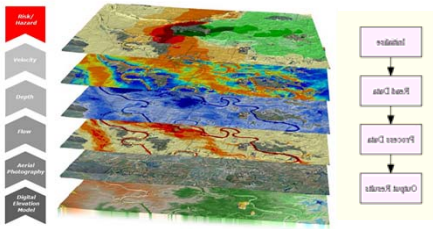
ListFields(dataset, wild_card, field_type)	Returns a list of fields found in the input value
ListIndexes(dataset, wild_card)	Returns a list of attribute indexes found in the input value
ListDatasets(wild_card, feature_type)	Returns the datasets in the current workspace
ListFeatureClasses(wild_card, feature_type)	Returns the feature classes in the current workspace
ListFiles(wild_card)	Returns the files in the current workspace
ListRasters(wild_card, raster_type)	Returns a list of rasters found in the current workspace
ListTables(wild_card, table_type)	Returns a list of tables found in the current workspace
ListWorkspaces(wild_card, workspace_type)	Returns a list of workspaces found in the current workspace
ListVersions(sde_workspace)	Returns a list of versions the connected user has permission to use

Batch (Geo-)Processing

- Batch programming is one typical structure of programs
- Automating repetitive tasks
- Amounts of inputs and outputs to be organized for geoprocessing

- ListFields (InputValue, wildCard, fieldType): Python List
- ListIndexes (InputValue, wildCard): Python List
- ListDatasets (wildCard, geometryType): Python List
- ListFeatureClasses (wildCard, geometryType): Python List
- ListRasters (wildCard, rasterType): Python List
- ListTables (wildCard, tableType): Python List
- ListWorkspaces (wildCard, workspaceType): Python List
- ListEnvironments (wildCard): Python List
- ListToolboxes (wildCard): Python List
- ListTools (wildCard): Python List
- ListInstallations (wildCard): Python List

```
import arcpy

# For each field in the Hospitals feature class, print
#  the field name, type, and length.
fields = arcpy.ListFields("c:/data/municipal.gdb/hospitals")

for field in fields:
    print("{0} is a type of {1} with a length of {2}"
          .format(field.name, field.type, field.length))
```



Details of class03_4_GPLists.py

Parameters as Filters for List Methods

- **Wild card**: Restrict the objects and datasets to be inserted into the list by **name** using an **asterisk (*)**(name filter)

```
myForestList = arcpy.ListFeatureClasses("F*")
myForestList = arcpy.ListFeatureClasses("*forest*")
```

- **Type parameter:** Data property restrictions using type keywords

```
myForestList = arcpy.ListFeatureClasses("*F*", "polygon")
myTables = arcpy.ListFields(table,"G*","Integer")
```

“Filtering” the datasets in your directory

class03_4_GPLists.py

Type Filters for List methods

- Default behavior for List methods is to list all **supported** types
- Type keywords restrict the list to a specific type (**type filter**)

Function	Type keywords
ListDatasets	All, Feature, Coverage, RasterCatalog, CAD, VPF, TIN, Topology
ListFeatureClasses	All, Point, Label, Node, Line, Arc, Route, Polygon, Region
ListFields	All, SmallInteger, Integer, Single, Double, String, Date, OID, Geometry, BLOB
ListTables	All, dBASE, INFO
ListRasters	All, ADRG, BIL, BIP, BSQ, BMP, CADRG, CIB, ERS, GIF, GIS, GRID, STACK, IMG, JPEG, LAN, SID, SDE, TIFF, RAW, PNG, NITF
ListWorkspaces	All, Coverage, Access, SDE, Folder

Online Help

Summary Part II

- The Geoprocessing environment offers sophisticated functionalities for **cataloguing and organizing** spatial data using "**list**"- (and "describe") methods that allow to filter datasets by names and types
- Batch processing can be done very efficiently for **automated** geoprocessing using list constructs (**enumerations**)
- Python offers suitable **built-in** functions to complement more complex tasks in batching (such as String manipulation)

Part 3:
Data access - Cursor objects and Geometry

... how to query, change and create spatial data geometry

Data Access

- **Access objects** are used to manipulate, edit or retrieve tables and features
- **Cursor** objects are such access objects
- For iteration over **sets of rows** in a table or to insert **new rows**
- **To get access to the Geometry object**
- Types of cursors: **search, insert or update**

Cursor Methods

New Data Access Module

Arcpy.da.SearchCursor()

- **SearchCursor**()
  Retrieve rows of a table
- **UpdateCursor**()
  Update and delete rows
- **InsertCursor**()
  Insert rows into a table/feature class & create features

```
SearchCursor( dataset,                    )→Object
              where_clause,
              spatial_reference,
              fields,
              sort_fields
```

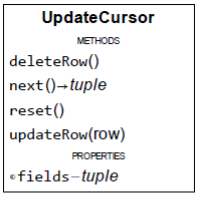
```
UpdateCursor( dataset,                    )→Object
              where_clause,
              spatial_reference,
              fields,
              sort_fields
```

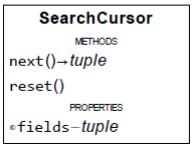
```
InsertCursor( dataset,                    )→Object
              spatial_reference
```

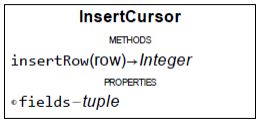
Show table

Cursor Objects

- Cursor methods create **Cursor Objects** (“containers with content”)
- These **Cursor** objects contain data for as many rows as the table has
- Navigation in **forward** direction only
- All rows have the same “**ordered set**” of **fields** defined with the cursor methods (subsets)
- Methods that can be used **vary** depending on the **cursor type**







Start on class03_05_cursorex.py

Iterating through rows

- Cursor objects allow us to iterate through rows and access values for selected fields
- **Looping** structure such as **`for loops`**
- Repeating the process for each row's content until the last row is reached

scur in for loop in class03_05_cursorex.py (only show)

How to work with Cursors

- Two important methods and no properties for enumerations:

  `myCur.Reset()`: ensures that the first element will be addressed (points to the top of the stack)

  `myCur.Next()`: returns the "next" element in the sequence (incrementing the list index); row contents as a tuple…

The Row Content

- The row contents are written into sequences (Python objects) through .Next() cursor methods
- Search Cursor: Tuples (cannot be changed)
- UpdateCursor: Lists (can be changed on the fly)
- **This is basically the Get/Put** mechanism for field values (**SearchCursor**: **only Get** property)

scur interactive (no geom) in class03_05_cursorex.py (run loop)

SQL Queries

- **Update** and **Search** cursors
- **Filtering** of data in a table using queries
- **SELECT WHERE**

```
SearchCursor( dataset,                )→Object
              where_clause,
              spatial_reference,
              fields,
              sort_fields
```

```
UpdateCursor( dataset,                )→Object
              where_clause,
              spatial_reference,
              fields,
              sort_fields
```

← SearchCursor (InputValue, WhereClause, SpatialReference, FieldList, SortFields): Object

← UpdateCursor (InputValue, WhereClause, Spatial Reference, FieldList, SortFields): Object

UpdateCursor()

- **`UpdateRow()`** at **current position** of an update cursor
- **`DeleteRow()`** at the current position of an update cursor
- The row that was last called by `.Next()` is deleted

UpdateCursor

METHODS

`deleteRow()`

`next()→`*tuple*

`reset()`

`updateRow(row)`

PROPERTIES

◦`fields`–*tuple*

ucur in for loop & interactive (no geom) in class03_05_cursorex.py

InsertCursor()

- **`InsertRow()`** takes a row as argument and inserts the row with defined field values into the table

InsertCursor

METHODS

`insertRow(row)→`*Integer*

PROPERTIES

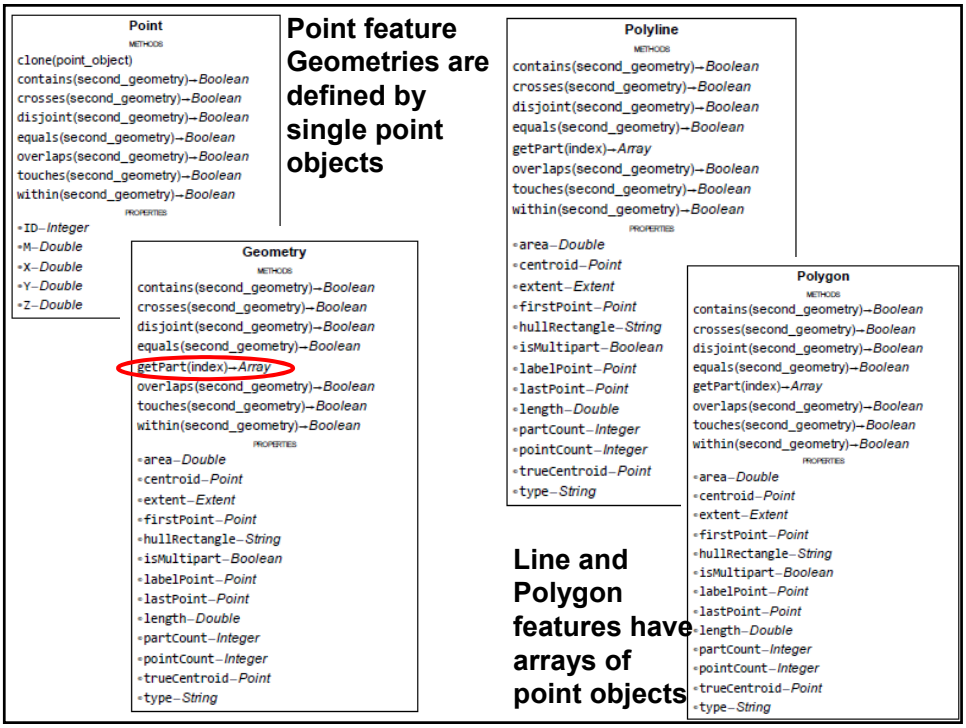
◦`fields`–*tuple*

Geometry Object

- Accessing **feature geometry**
- Geometry type field of feature classes:
  Actual geometry of the feature ("**Shape**")
- Geometry Object created by specifying "SHAPE@" when creating the cursor object
- Geometrical properties of the feature can be exposed
- Geometry tokens: SHAPE@XY, SHAPE@AREA

http://pro.arcgis.com/en/pro-app/arcpy/get-started/reading-geometries.htm

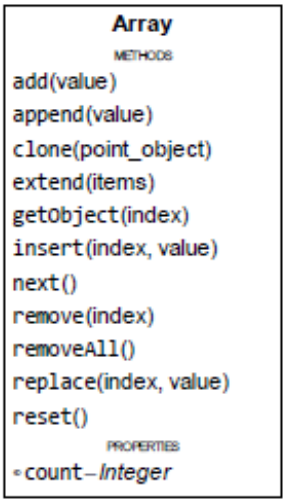
scur interactive for geom properties in class03_05_cursorex.py



Array Objects

- Arrays are the containers for point objects and their properties
- Primitives of the feature geometry

Count	The number of objects in the array.
Reset()	Resets the array to the first object.
Next()	Returns the next object in the array.
Add(Object)	Adds an object to the array in the last position.
Insert(Index, Object)	Adds an object to the array in a specific position.
Remove(Index, Object)	Removes a specific object from the array.
RemoveAll()	Removes all objects and creates an empty array.
GetObject(Index)	Returns a specific object from the array.



Reading Geometries 1

- Each **feature** (each row) is defined by **points** (vertices or single coordinates)
- Accessing these points by using **geometry** objects
- "**Array**" of **point objects** through `.GetPart()`
- OR: just points / multi-points
- Multi-Parts consist of several objects
- Example Hawaii: The geometry of it has several polygons - several arrays describe one object
- `GetPart(0), … , GetPart(1)`

```
# Reading out the point geometry properties for checking
cursor = arcpy.da.SearchCursor(theme,["SHAPE@","MyField"])
row = cursor.next()
pnt=row[0]
p=pnt.getPart(0)
print p.X, p.Y
```

scur test for ex02_pointmaker.py

scur interactive for geom array in class03_05_cursorex.py