

LAS Files

a. Downloads .LAS files from MN DNR [1]

[1] DNR FTP server: <https://resources.gisdata.mn.gov/pub/data/elevation/lidar/>
(<https://resources.gisdata.mn.gov/pub/data/elevation/lidar/>) -- I recommend using their example .las datasets as they're more reasonably sized.

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In [2]: import requests
response = requests.get("https://resources.gisdata.mn.gov/pub/data/elevation/lidar/examples/lidar_sample/las/4342-12-05.las")
#print(response)
with open('filename.las', 'wb') as f:
    f.write(response.content)
    f.close()
#download .las file using FTP
#takes about 5 minutes, be patient.
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b. Converts the .LAS file into both a DEM and a TIN

c. Saves the new DEM and TIN to disk

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In [1]: import arcpy
in_las = 'filename.las'
arcpy.env.workspace = 'C://Users/Cole/Documents/GitHub/GIS5572/Lab2'
arcpy.LasDatasetToTin_3d(in_las, 'TINoutput', thinning_type = 'RANDOM', thinning_method = "PERCENT", thinning_value = 30)
#confirmed, creates TIN that looks right in ArcPro in same folder as notebook
# 'It is not possible to create TIN's in a geodatabase'
#this explicitly forces the raster into the Lab2 folder and not the GDB
arcpy.conversion.LasDatasetToRaster(in_las, 'RASoutput', 'ELEVATION')
# ahHA, now i've saved it to the right level
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Out[1]:

Output

C://Users/Cole/Documents/GitHub/GIS5572/Lab2\\RASoutput

Messages

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d. Exports PDFs of the DEM and TIN with correct visualization

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In [5]: #export DEM and TIN to pdf with correct visualization
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In [25]: import arcpy
apr_x_file = arcpy.mp.ArcGISProject('CURRENT')
map_in_aprx = apr_x_file.listMaps("Map1")[0]
TopLayer = map_in_aprx.listLayers("TINoutput")
# ArcPro Step Here, create a Layout for both the TIN and RAS
Layout1 = apr_x_file.listLayouts()[0]
Layout1.exportToPDF(r"TIN_PDF")
map_in_aprx.removeLayer(map_in_aprx.listLayers()[0])
Layout2 = apr_x_file.listLayouts()[0]
Layout2.exportToPDF(r"RAS_PDF")
#works!
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Out[25]: 'RAS_PDF.pdf'
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