

Beginner Guide: Quick Tour ArcPy

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Agenda



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- What is Python?
- Why Learn Python?
- Python Use Cases



ArcGIS

- Python in Esri products
- ArcPy and Geoprocessing
- Writing Python scripts for Geoprocessing



What is Python?

- Python is an open-source programming language
 - Released in 1991 by Guido Van Rossum
 - Interpreted no compilation
 - Interactive REPL (Read, Evaluate, Print Loop)
 - Object-oriented
- Integrated into ArcGIS
 - Geoprocessing Scripts
 - Python Window
 - Field Calculator Expressions
- Desktop and Web GIS
 - arcpy
 - ArcGIS Python API





Why Learn Python?

- Accessible to new-comers
 - Top language for intro CS courses
- Large demand in multiple industries
- Create your own geoprocessing tools
 - Create suite of custom tools
 - Suit client's needs better than generic tools
 - Scheduling tasks

- A Versatile Language
 - "Glue" language that works with Operating System, Server and the Web
- Extend the capabilities of ArcGIS
 - Utilize third-party and/or open-source code in your scripts
 - Built-in package management
- Automate repetitive tasks
 - Saves time and money
 - Frees up analysts for non-trivial work

Should I Learn Python 2 or Python 3?



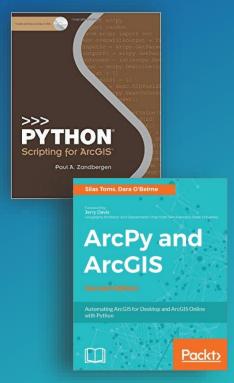
- ArcGIS Desktop
 - ArcGIS 10.7.1 Python 2.7.16
 - Maintaining Existing Tools
 - Extending functionality of ArcMap, ArcCatalog
 - End of Official Support in 2020

- ArcGIS Pro
 - ArcGIS Pro 2.4 Python 3.6.8
 - New functionality of Python and ArcGIS
 - Deep Learning Tools
 - Parallel processing
 - In active development

Resources to Learn Python

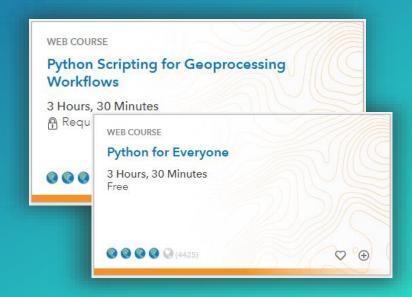
- Websites
 - Python.org
 - Beginner's Guide
 - Language Reference
 - Learnpython.org
 - Online Course
- Esri Training
 - Free and Paid Courses
- Books
 - Python Scripting for ArcGIS
 - Learning Python, 5th Edition







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Mainly used for





Web and Internet Development
Desktop GUI Apps
Scientific and Numeric Apps
Software Development
Database Access
Enterprise Apps
Robotics
Computer Vision
Machine Learning
Data Analysis
Scripting
Network

















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ArcGIS®

ArcMap™ 10

Python

2.7

2010

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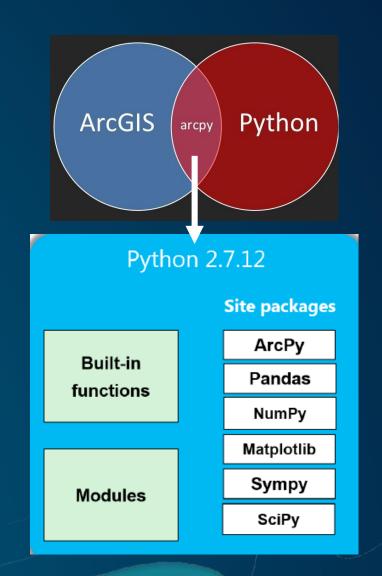
1 import arcpy
2 arcpy.Intersect_analysis()

ArcGIS 9

ArcMap

1 import arcgisscripting
2 gp = arcgisscripting.create()

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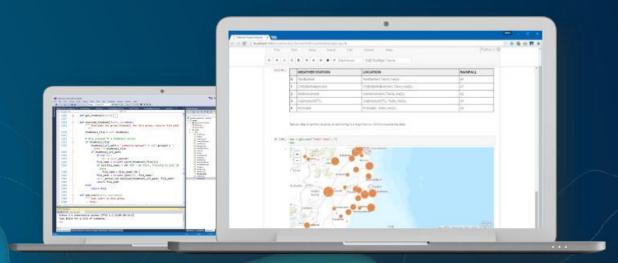
Conda embedded in Pro since 1.3

- "Conda is an open source package management system and environment management system for installing multiple versions of software packages and their dependencies and switching easily between them." -- http://conda.pydata.org/docs/
- Conda solves limitations in core Python infrastructure
 - Handling dependencies
 - Locating, compiling Python libraries
 - Managing multiple Python versions

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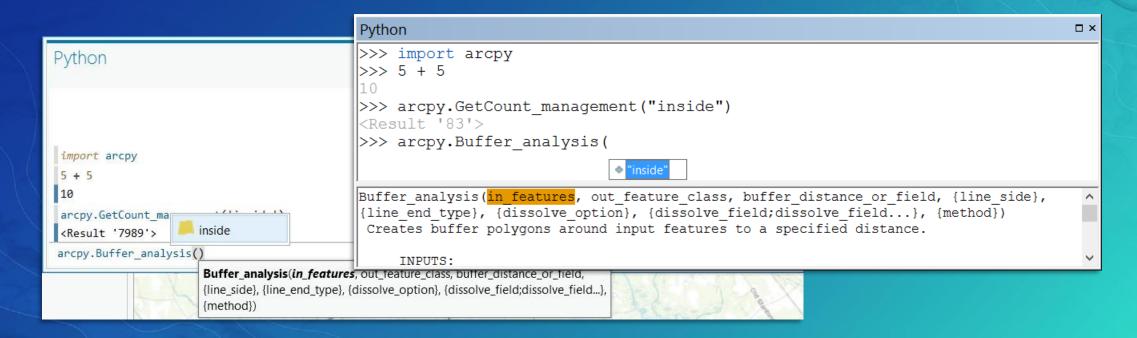
Script and automate your Web GIS

- A pythonic library to interoperate with Esri Web GIS Products
- Designed to integrate with the Jupyter Notebook, an increasingly popular tool for academics and data scientists.



ArcGIS Python window

- Both Desktop and Pro have an embedded, interactive Python command line
- Access to Python and modules within ArcGIS applications
- Interact with maps and layers directly with Python code



ArcPy

- Access point to ArcGIS functionality through Python
 - Desktop, Server, Engine, and Pro
- 1. Geoprocessing tools
- 2. Functions like ListFeatureClasses, Describe
- 3. Classes like Polygon, SpatialReference, FieldMap
- 4. Modules
 - a) Mapping: arcpy.mapping / arcpy.mp
 - b) Data access: arcpy.da
 - c) Map algebra: arcpy.sa
 - d) Network Analyst: arcpy.na

Functions

Automating map production

Listing Data

Accessing field values

Performing spatial analysis

Classes

Points

Polylines

Polygons

Spatial Reference

Cursors

Workflow
Scripting of
geoprocessing tools

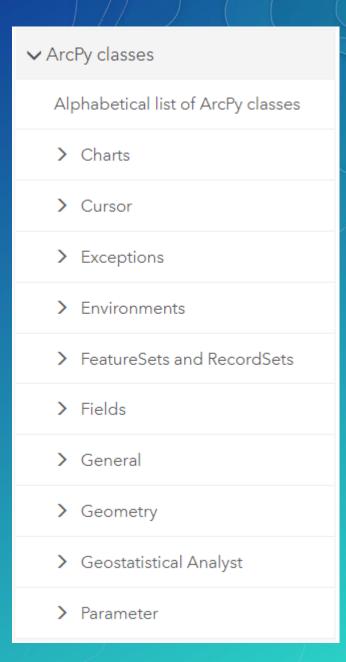
ArcPy - functions

- An ArcPy function for many operations in ArcGIS UI
- Interact with ArcGIS Tool Dialogues
- Describe existing datasets
- Information about installation

✓ ArcPy functions Alphabetical list of ArcPy functions > ArcGIS Online / Portal Cursors > Data store > Describing data > Environments and settings > Fields > General > General data functions > Geodatabase administration **>** Geometry

ArcPy - Classes

- Python objects representing major base classes in ArcGIS.
- Extend ArcGIS objects for use with other systems.
- Customize behaviors of objects within your scripts.



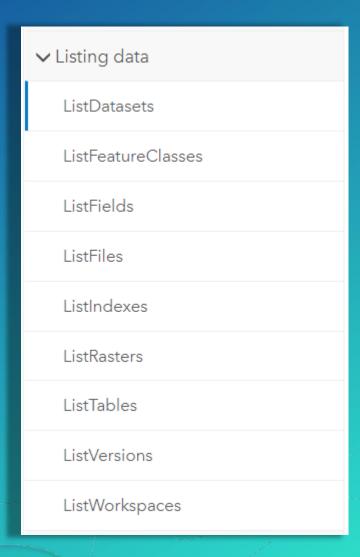
ArcPy - Geoprocessing environment settings

- Control the processing environment of the tools you run
 - "Global" Environment Variables
 - See tool help for honored environments
- Productivity and code cleanup
- Environments are properties on arcpy.env (over 50)

```
    arcpy.env.workspace = "c:/Data"
    arcpy.env.extent = arcpy.Extent(0, 0, 100, 100)
    arcpy.env.outputCoordinateSystem = 4326 # WKID
```

ArcPy - Batch processing

- Automating a process to run multiple times
 - Clip every feature class in a geodatabase to a common boundary
 - Calculate statistics for every raster in a folder
- List functions used in Python to perform batch processing
 - Also arcpy.da.Walk



ArcPy - Batch processing (ListFeatureClasses)

```
□ □ FDs

    □ citylimit

# Set the workspace environment
                                                                 control
•arcpy.env.workspace = 'c:/data/FileGDB.gdb/fds'
                                                                 crime crime
                                                                 faultlines
# output workspace to write to
                                                                 faultzones
                                                                 floodzones
out workspace = 'c:/data/output.gdb'
                                                                 hydro
                                                                 street
# Get a list of all feature classes
•feature_classes = arcpy.ListFeatureClasses()
# Clip each feature classes
•for fc in feature_classes:
     output = os.path.join(out_workspace, '{}_clip'.format(fc))
     arcpy.Clip_analysis(fc, boundary, output)
```

☐ I FileGDB.gdb

ArcPy - Getting data properties

- Describe functions reads data properties
 - Like the properties window when right-click on the data
- Returns an object with properties like:
 - Data type
 - Shape type
 - Spatial reference

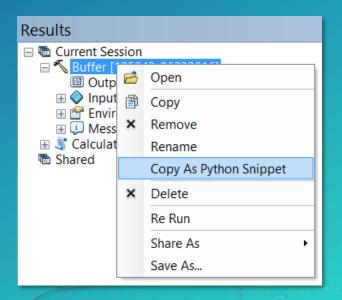
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# Describe a feature class
• desc = arcpy.Describe("c:/Data/Roads.shp")
• print(desc.shapeType) # "Polyline"
```



Run geoprocessing tools

- import arcpy
- Follow tool syntax
 - arcpy.toolname_toolboxalias(parameters)
 or
 arcpy.toolboxalias.toolname(parameters)
- How do I use a specific tool?
 - Tool help page
 - Copy as Python Snippet
 - help(arcpy.Buffer_analysis)

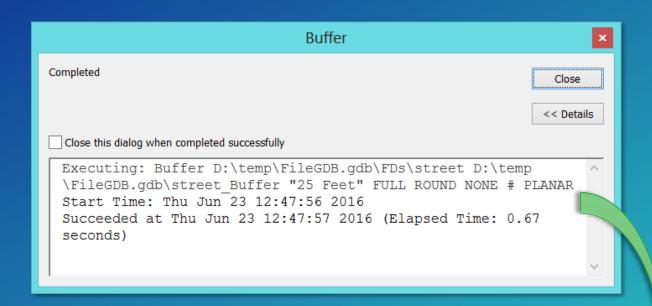
Syntax Buffer_analysis (in_features, out_feature_class, buffer_distance_or_field, {line_side}, {line_end_type}, {dissolve_option}, {dissolve_field}, {method}) Code Sample Buffer example 1 (Python window) The following Python window script demonstrates how to use the Buffer tool. import arcpy arcpy.env.workspace = "C:/data" arcpy.Buffer_analysis("roads", "C:/output/majorrdsBuffered", "100 Feet", "FULL", '





Geoprocessing tool messages

- Three types of messages
 - Informative, warning, error
- Displayed in ArcMap / Pro
 - Results
 - Messages window
 - Python window
- To access messages in Python
 - -\arcpy.GetMessages()
 - arcpy.AddMessage()
 - arcpy.AddWarning()



```
Python 2.7.10 (default, May 23 2015, 09:40:32) [MSC v.1500 32 bit (Intel Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.

>>> import arcpy
>>> arcpy.Buffer_analysis(r'D:\temp\FileGDB.gdb\FDs\street',
... r'D:\temp\FileGDB.gdb\street_Buffer',
... '25 Feet')

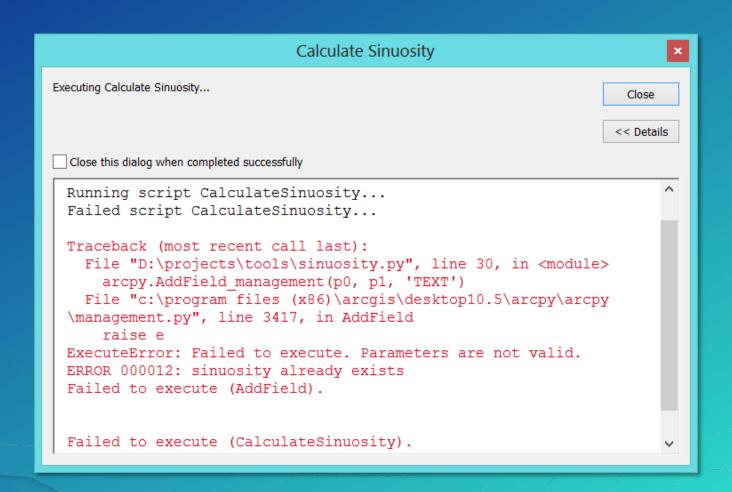
<Result 'D:\\temp\FileGDB.gdb\\street_Buffer'>
>>> print(arcpy.GetMessages())

Executing: Buffer D:\temp\FileGDB.gdb\FDs\street D:\temp\FileGDB.gdb\s
Start Time: Thu Jun 23 12:50:50 2016

Succeeded at Thu Jun 23 12:50:50 2016 (Elapsed Time: 0.26 seconds)
>>>
```

Troubleshooting

- Why do errors occur?
 - Incorrect tool use, typos, syntax, logic errors
- My script doesn't work?
 - Examine the messages
 - Use Python exception handling
 - Debug the script in an IDE



Usefull Link

https://www.esri.com/training/catalog/search/

https://pro.arcgis.com/en/pro-app/arcpy/main/arcgis-pro-arcpy-reference.htm

https://pro.arcgis.com/en/pro-app/arcpy/get-started/importing-arcpy.htm

https://support.esri.com/en/technical-article/000013224



