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#### **Overview**

- 1. Review Reading Raster Data
- 2. Writing Raster Data
- 3. Processing Data

- Open a dataset
- Get desired band
- Read band as array
  - whole or part

```
from osgeo import gdal

dataset = gdal.Open(r"C:\data\rasters\landcover.img")

# Open() will return None if fails to open data at path
if not dataset:
    raise Exception("Failed to read specified dataset {}".format(dataset))

band = dataset.GetRasterBand(1)
# could check to see if band is None to make sure this worked

# we can read the whole band into an array
array = band.ReadAsArray(0, 0, dataset.RasterXSize, dataset.RasterYSize)
```

- For many applications reading whole band can be effective
  - But it is memory intensive!

- Best general-case solution is to read in image by blocks
  - We can get block size from the band before reading

```
# get the blocksize from the band
# returns a list of len 2, [0] is # of cols in block and [1] is # of rows
blocksize = band.GetBlockSize()
rows = dataset.RasterYSize
cols = dataset.RasterXSize
# iterate through rows of blocks
for row in xrange(0, rows, blocksize[1]):
    if row + blocksize[1] < rows:</pre>
        row read size = blocksize[1]
    else:
        row read size = rows - row
    # iterate through columns of blocks
    for col in xrange(0, cols, blocksize[0]):
        if col + blocksize[0] < cols:</pre>
            col read size = blocksize[0]
        else:
            col read size = cols - col
        data = band.ReadAsArray(col, row, col read size, row read size)
        # do something with the block data here
```

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```
# open a raster with update
writable_dataset = gdal.Open(r"C:\data\rasters\landcover.img", gdal.GA_Update)
# could also just do gdal.Open(path, True)
```

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```
# first need to explicitly register a driver so GDAL knows the format to use
driver = gdal.GetDriverByName("HDA") # HDA is ERDAS Imagine .img format
driver.Register()

# note: we could also get the driver from an existing opened dataset
indriver = dataset.GetDriver()

# now we can create a dataset
cols, rows, bands = 1000, 500, 1
datatype = gdal.GDT_UInt32
created = driver.Create(r"C:\data\rasters\new.img", cols, rows, bands, datatype)

# our created dataset exists but is not georeferenced
# we need to use the SetGeoTransform(gt) and
# SetProjection(osr.SpatialReference) methods
```

• GDAL supports the follwing datatypes (but some drivers may not):

```
    GDT_Byte = 1
    GDT_CFloat32 = 10
    GDT_CFloat64 = 11
    GDT_CInt16 = 8
    GDT_CInt32 = 9
    GDT_Float32 = 6
    GDT_Float64 = 7
    GDT_Int16 = 3
    GDT_Int32 = 5
    GDT_TypeCount = 12
    GDT_UInt16 = 2
    GDT_UInt32 = 4
    GDT_Unknown = 0
```

- Not all drivers support writing or copying data
  - See the driver list
- We can programmatically check a driver for support:

- To write data we need a writable output raster
  - 1. We can open a raster with update = True, providing write access
  - 2. We can create a brand new raster
  - 3. We can make a copy of an existing raster

```
# again, need to get and register a driver
driver = gdal.GetDriverByName("ENVI")
driver.Register()

# now we can copy an existing opened dataset
strict = True
copied_dataset = driver.CreateCopy(dataset, r"C:\data\rasters\copy.tif", strict)
```

• With a writeable dataset, writing data is simply a matter of getting a band and writing an array via the method WriteArray(array, xoff=0, yoff=0)

```
import numpy
rows, cols = 354, 455
# create an array
array = numpy.zeros((rows, cols)), dtype=numpy.uint32)
# register a driver
driver = driver.GetDriverByName("MEM")
driver.Register()
# create output raster dataset
output_ds = driver.Create("", cols, rows, 1, gdal.GDT_UInt32)
# get band
band = output ds.GetRasterBand(1)
# write array to band and deallocate array memory
band.WriteArray(array)
array = None
# close everything
band = None
output ds = None
```

- Set a NoData value on a band using SetNoDataValue(value)
  - Read the NoData value with GetNoDataValue()
- Caluculate statistics on a band via ComputeStatistics(approx\_ok)
  - returns list of min, max, mean, and stdev
- Get just min or max from GetMinimum() and GetMaximum()
- Get histogram using GetHistogram(min=-0.5, max=255.5, buckets=256)
- Add pyramids to a band with outDataset.BuildOverviews(overviewlist= [2,4, 8,16,32,64,128])
- HOWEVER, if you want to do something with a band after running WriteArray(), you must use FlushCache() to flush the data to disk
- Note we could also have done the previous example using Fill(value)
- See Band class reference for more methods and details

What about writing data in blocks?

```
rows, cols = in dataset.RasterYSize, in dataset.RasterXSize
inband = in dataset.GetRasterBand(1)
outband = new dataset.GetRasterBand(1)
blocksize = inband.GetBlockSize()
for row in xrange(0, rows, blocksize[1]):
    if row + blocksize[1] < rows:</pre>
        row read size = blocksize[1]
    else:
        row read size = rows
    for col in xrange(0, cols, blocksize[0]):
        if col + blocksize[0] < cols:</pre>
            col read size = blocksize[0]
        else:
            col read size = cols - col
        data = band.ReadAsArray(col, row, col read_size, row_read_size)
        # do something with data to generate out_array
        outband.WriteArray(out array, col, row)
```

- Once data is read into an array, we can use numpy functions or other packages that support numpy arrays to process the data
- numpy arrays make conditional statements/comparisons, mathematical operations, and logic easy
  - Works just like map algebra in arcpy (perhaps a bit more picky about parentheses)

- Like arcpy.sa.Con()? Try numpy.where(condition, if\_true, if\_false)
- where() without if\_true and if\_false will return a tuple of indicies for all cells meeting the condition

```
>>> array = numpy.arange(10)

>>> print array
[0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9]

>>> print numpy.where(array % 2 == 0, 50, 1)
[50 1 50 1 50 1 50 1]

>>> print numpy.where(array ** 2 < 50)
(array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]),)
```

Another key syntax is conditional indexing

```
>>> array = numpy.arange(10)
>>> array[array > 3] = 12
>>> print array
[ 0 1 2 3 12 12 12 12 12 12]
# conditional array can be different array
>>> other array = numpy.zeros like(array)
>>> other array[array == 12] = -99
>>> print other_array
          0 0 -99 -99 -99 -99 -99]
# conditional array can be smaller than the array on which it is operating
# and can be larger ONLY IF the condition does not provide an index out of
# bounds on the array on which it is operating
```

Want to find all cells matching a range of values? Use numpy.in1d()

• Have a multiband raster? Want to keep the bands together? Make a 3-dimensional array!

```
dataset = gdal.Open(r"C:\data\rasters\bgrimage.img")
arrav = None
for band in xrange(dataset.RasterCount):
   if not array:
        array = dataset.GetRasterBand(band + 1).ReadAsArray()
   else:
        array = array.dstack((array, dataset.GetRasterBand(band + 1).ReadAsArray()
# now by using subscripting we can access a pixel in array
# get upper left pixel
array[0, 0]
# want to use subscripting to get a band instead of a pixel?
# need to transpose
array = array.transpose(2, 0, 1)
# get band 3
array[2]
# now switch back?
```