

# Geospatial Vector Data Handling and Analysis using Python

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# Python Package Index (pypi.org)

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-  **tilecloud-chain 1.12.3**  
Tools to generate tiles from WMS or Mapnik, to S3, Berkley DB, MBTiles, or local filesystem in WMTS layo...
-  **pysal 2.0.0**  
A library of spatial analysis functions.
-  **pygeoprocessing 1.7.0**  
PyGeoprocessing: Geoprocessing routines for GIS
-  **geomet 0.2.0.post2**  
GeoJSON <=> WKT/WKB conversion utilities
-  **pynmea2 1.15.0**  
Python library for the NMEA 0183 protocol
-  **mapboxgl 0.10.2**  
MapboxGL plugin for Jupyter Notebooks

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# Vector Data Handling in Python

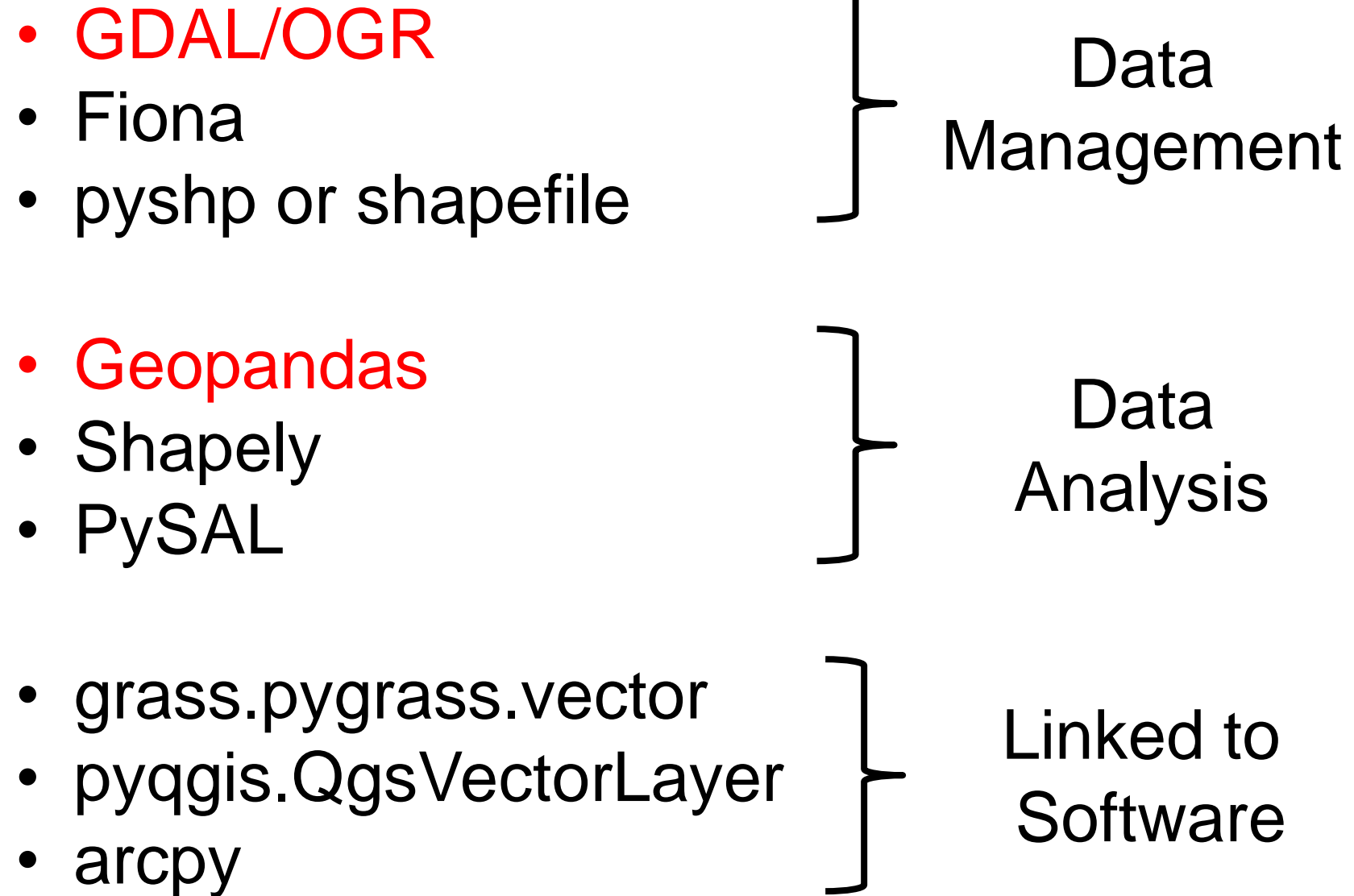
- GDAL/OGR
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- PySAL
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- pyqgis.QgsVectorLayer
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*Non Exhaustive!*

# Last release

- GDAL/OGR Jul'19
  - Fiona Mar'19
  - pyshp or shapefile Feb'19
  
  - Geopandas Jul'19
  - Shapely Jun'19
  - PySAL Jan'19
  
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  - arcpy
- } Under Active Development

# Purpose



*Several more categories like Space-Time Analysis, GPS, Projections, Network Analysis, Mapping etc.*

# OGR

- OGR is a **translator library for vector** geospatial data formats, released under an **Open Source** license.
- Presents a **single vector** abstract data model to the calling application for all supported formats.
- Comes with a variety of useful **command line utilities** for data translation and processing.

# History

- Launched in late 1998 by Frank Warmerdam
  - **Core Team:** Even Rouault, Howard Butler, Markus Neteler, and many more.
- URL: [www.gdal.org](http://www.gdal.org)
- Software using GDAL
  - Around 107 listed on the website <sup>1</sup>
  - Includes all popular software like ArcGIS, QGIS, Google Earth, GRASS GIS, IDRISI, ILWIS, SAGA, SkylineGlobe, Geoserver etc.



<sup>1</sup> [https://gdal.org/software\\_using\\_gdal.html#software-using-gdal](https://gdal.org/software_using_gdal.html#software-using-gdal)



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This is your periodic reminder that if @EvenRouault is ever hit by a bus, the **\*\*whole\*\*** spatial community is well and truly doomed 🙏

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# Why OGR?

- Supports all known GIS file formats
- Supported vector formats (**95 drivers**<sup>2</sup>): ESRI **Shapefile**, ESRI ArcSDE, ESRI FileGDB, MapInfo (tab and mid/mif), GML, **KML**, PostGIS, Oracle Spatial, GeoPackage, ...

<sup>2</sup> <https://gdal.org/drivers/vector/index.html>

# Getting hands dirty ...

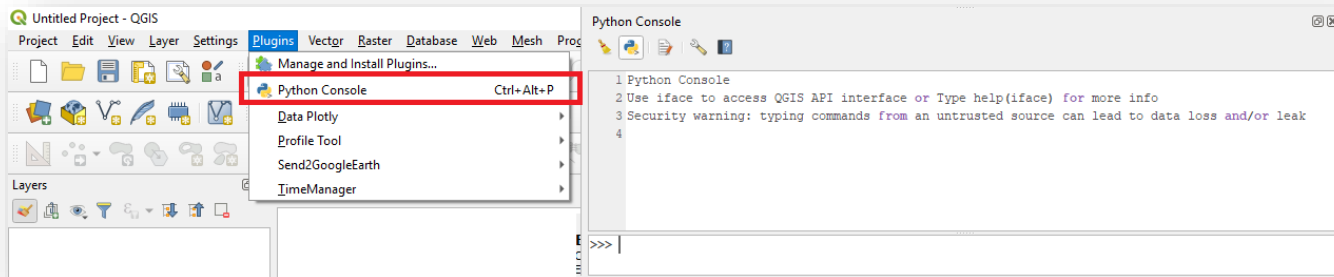
- Installing OGR is as simple as typing in **Anaconda Prompt**

```
conda install gdal
```

- Assumptions:
  - Anaconda is your python distribution
  - It is updated (if not type **conda update --all**)
- Latest build (July 23, 2019) available on conda is GDAL-2.3.3 which requires Numpy 1.16.4 on Python 3.7.3

# Warning!

- GDAL/OGR can be a nightmare in installation.
- **PLEASE** follow steps advised.
- **Last Resort:** If you are facing installation issues, suggest to run the **OGR** code in the **Python console of QGIS**.



# GeoPandas<sup>3</sup>

- GeoPandas is an open source project to make working with geospatial data in python **easier**.
- GeoPandas extends the datatypes used by **Pandas** to allow spatial operations on geometric types.
- Geometric operations (**shapely**), file access (**fiona**) and plotting (**descartes** and **matplotlib**).

<sup>3</sup> <https://geopandas.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

# Installation

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conda install geopandas
```

- Assumptions:
  - Anaconda is your python distribution
  - It is updated (if not type **conda update --all**)
- Latest build (July 23, 2019) available on conda is geopandas-0.4.1 on Python 3.7.3

# Classwork

- Hands dirty in Jupyter notebook
- URL with code & documentation

[bit.ly/vector-python](https://bit.ly/vector-python)

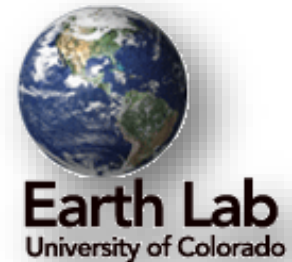
- Type on Youtube comment box Yes/No for:
  - Did you download the slides/notebook?
  - Do you know GIS?
  - Do you know Python?

# Credits

- Prof. Chris Garrard, Utah State University.



- Earth Lab, University of Colorado, Boulder.



- Data:
  - Natural Earth Data
  - Open Street Map
  - Datameet