

Creating and Sharing Maps Using ArcGIS Online



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10:30am – 11:30am (**Online**)

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Participants are invited to attend seven workshops and receive a certificate of attendance. To verify your participation in today's workshop, we will provide a code and additional instructions at the end of the session.

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Fall 2025: Upcoming Workshops

Data Analysis Support Hub (DASH)

November 27: Microdata Analysis with Python using Statistics Canada Data

January 15: Introduction to R Programming

Digital Research (DR)

January 21: Tracking the Impact of Non-Traditional Research Outputs

February 11: Visualizing Bibliometric Networks with VOSviewer

Research Data Management (RDM)

January 14: Best Practices for Managing Data in your Research

January 27: Streamline Your Research Materials Photos with Tropy

Do More with Digital Scholarship (DMDS)

February 6: Create a Digital Exhibition with Omeka S

February 9: Rethinking “Good” Data: Power, Vulnerability, and Queer Data Care

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Learning Objectives

By the end of this workshop, you will:

- Explain key concepts of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and recognize various real-world applications.
- Identify and access reliable sources of geospatial data for mapping projects.
- Create a simple, functional map using ArcGIS Online by applying the skills learned during the workshop.

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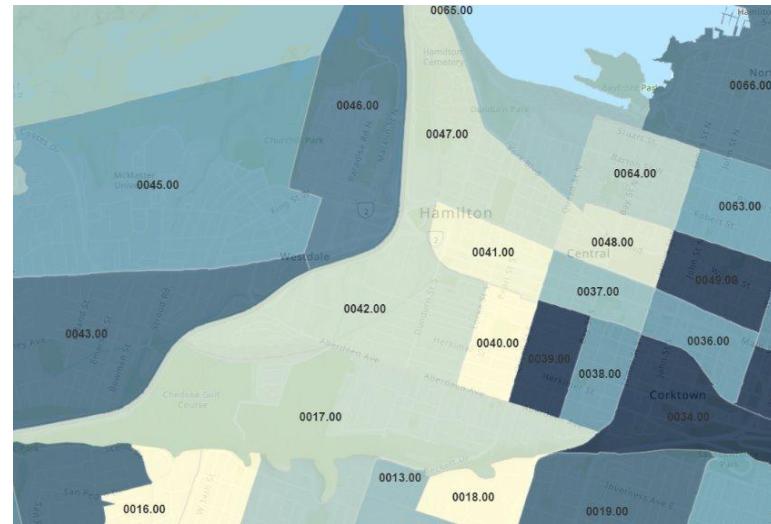
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GIS

- Geographic Information Systems
- “Computer-based tools used to store, visualize, analyze, and interpret geographic data”(CDC)
- “Connects data to a map, integrating location data (where things are) with all types of descriptive information” (Esri)

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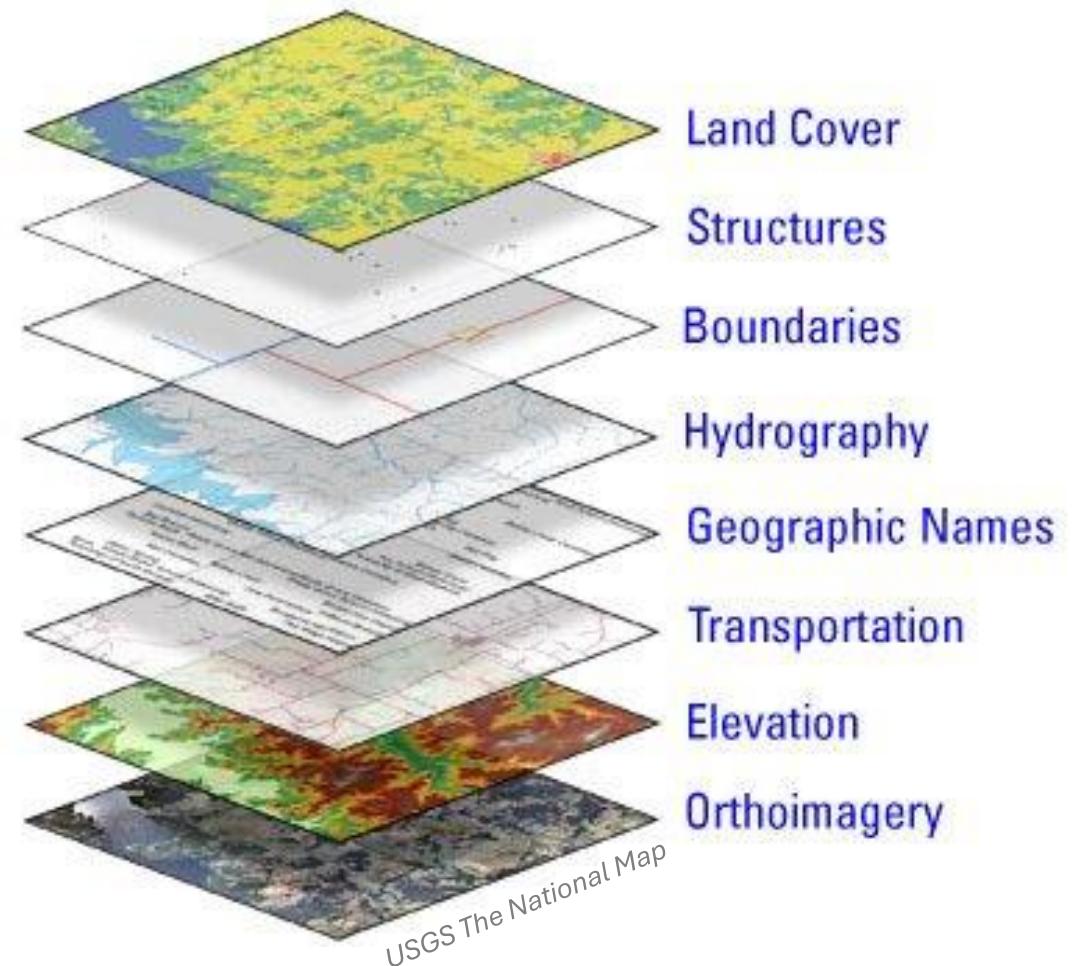
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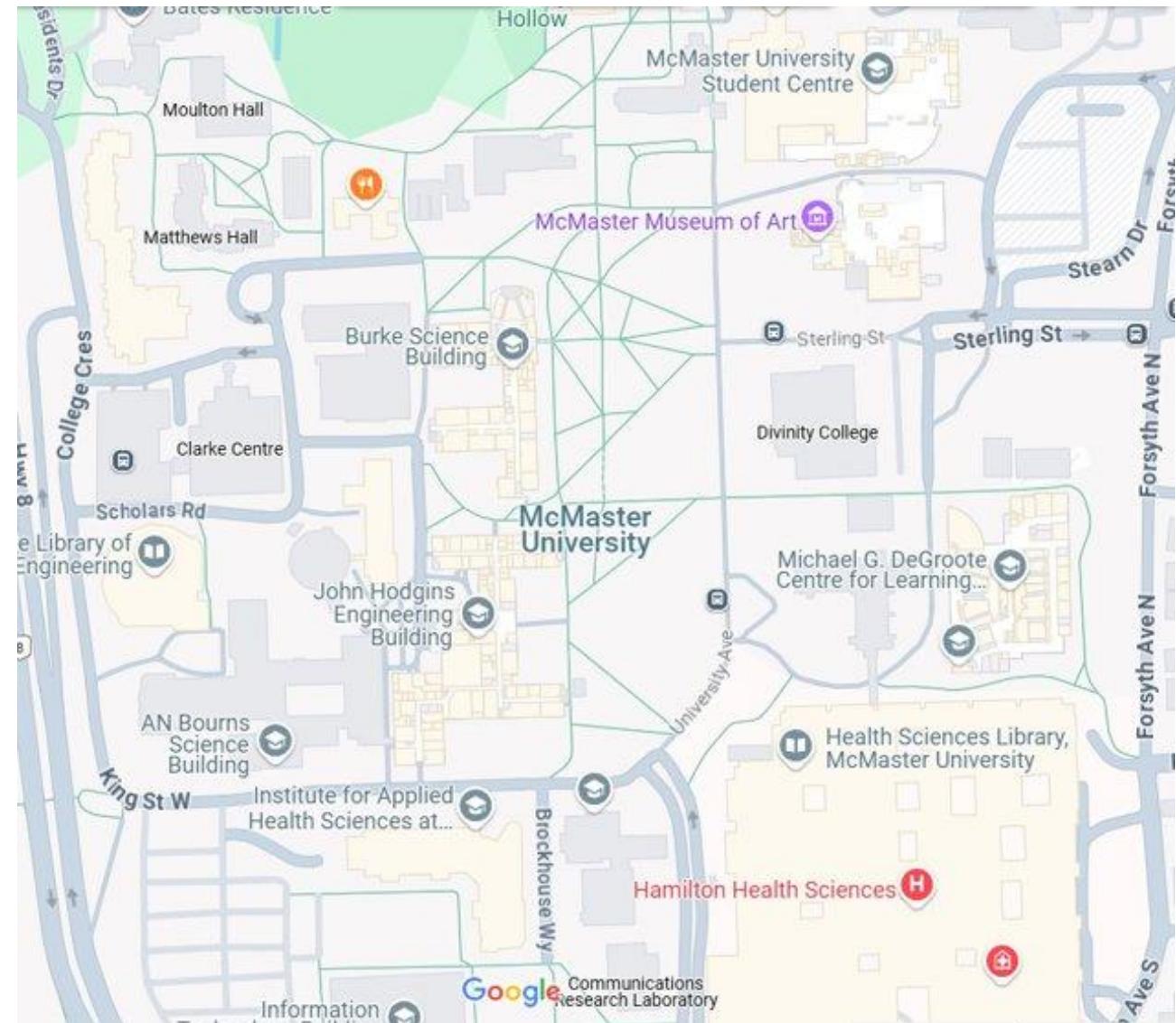
Geospatial Data

- Vector and raster data models used to represent the real world
- Spatial or geographic component
- Multiple datasets are stacked or layered
- Tabular data can also be "joined" to spatial data and displayed on a map
- Not restricted to the outdoors or the Earth's surface



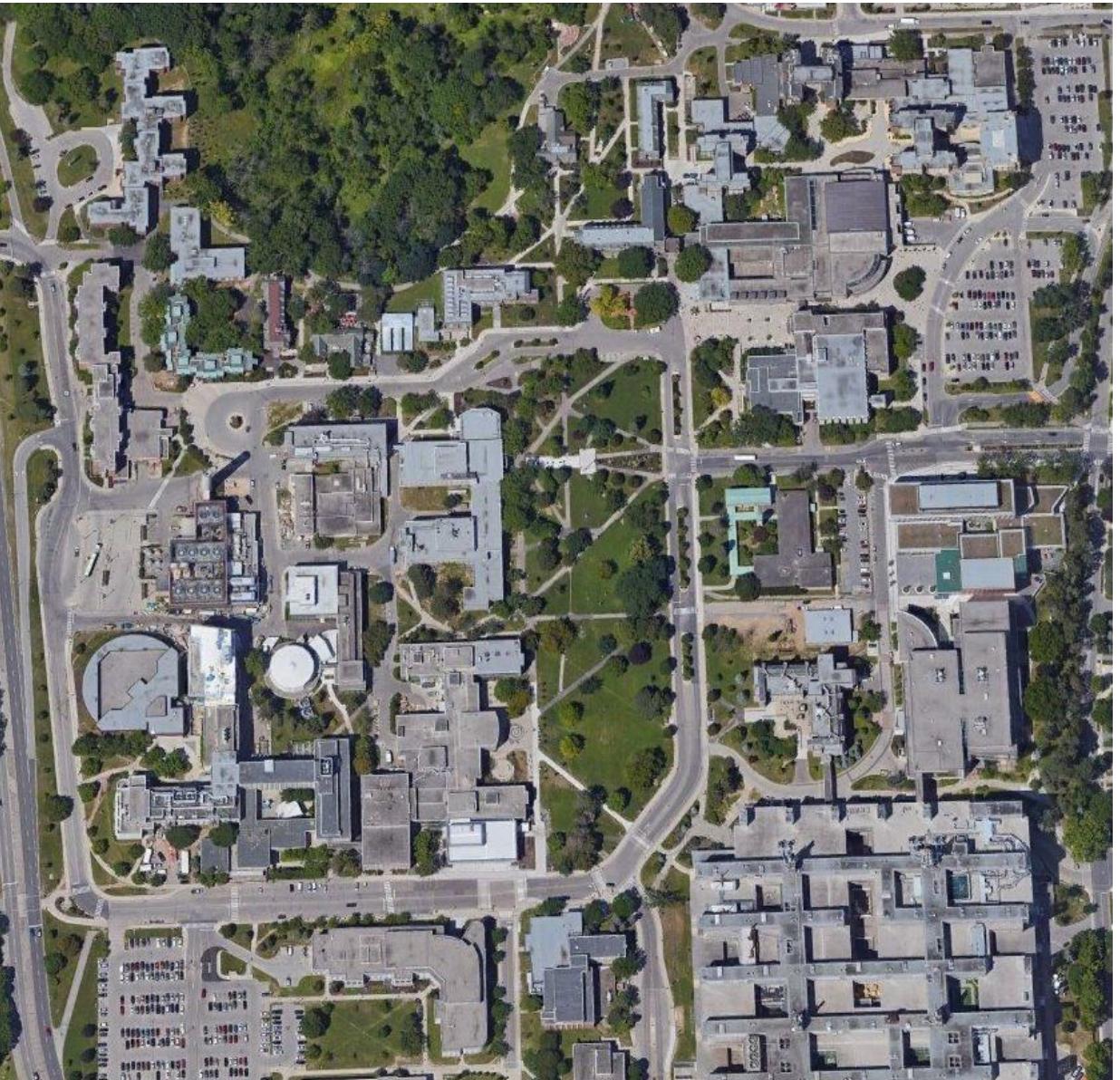
Vector Data

- **Points, lines, and polygons**
- **Points** – x, y locations
- **Lines** – linear features (connected x, y locations)
- **Polygons** – closed figures or areas (multiple connected x, y locations forming a closed figure)
- Good for representing *clearly defined objects*
- Example – Google Maps (google.ca/maps) view of McMaster campus.



Raster Data

- **Grid of cells**
- Number assigned to each cell or pixel that represents the data
- **Categorical** – land use, e.g.
- **Continuous** – temperature, e.g.
- Good for representing *continuously changing* attributes
- Example – satellite image of McMaster campus (Google Earth)



Data Sources

- Surveys, statistics, data tables
- Fieldwork
- Remote sensing / imagery
- Shapefiles
- Scanned and georeferenced maps
- Digitizing

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Data Sources

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- [Scholars GeoPortal](#)
- [McMaster University Libraries](#)
- Contact us!

Online Data Portals

- Open data portals
 - [Open Hamilton](#)
 - [Ontario GeoHub](#)
 - [Open Canada](#)
- ArcGIS Online and Living Atlas
- Online data providers
 - Thematic
 - Imagery
- ...

GIS Software

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GIS Software

- Many, MANY types of software
- Different tools for different purposes
 - Full-featured vs. specialized
 - Open-source vs. commercial
 - User-friendly vs. technical
 - Web-based vs. desktop

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ArcGIS

Education Institutional License

- Eligibility:
 - **Current** students, staff, and faculty
 - **McMaster** coursework and research purposes
- **Cannot** be used for consulting, roles external to McMaster (e.g. Co-op positions), or other uses resulting in personal or commercial gains.
- Accounts and content will **only be available while students, staff, and faculty are active members** of the university.



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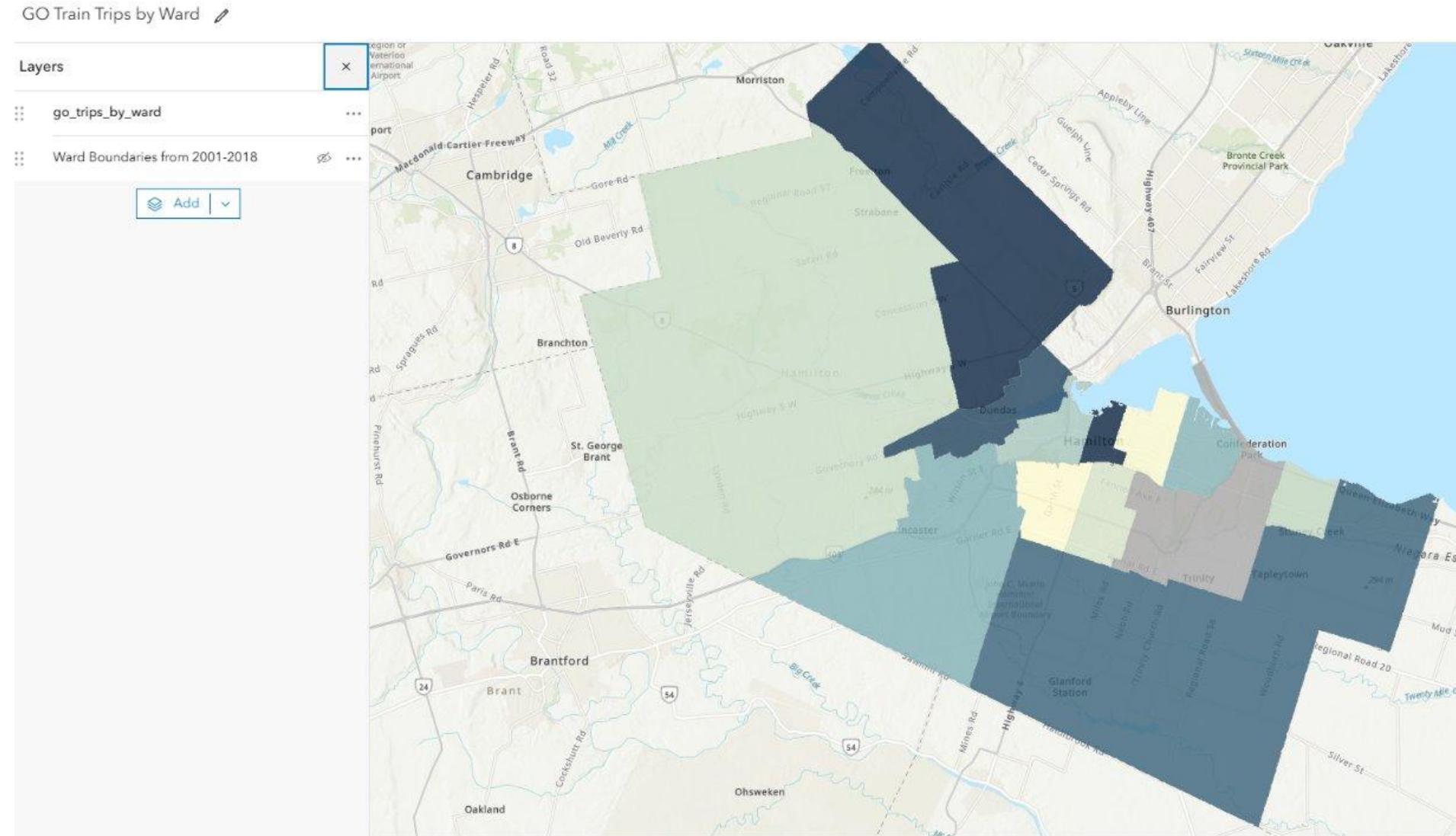
ArcGIS Account Types

- **Organizational account** - full functionality, available while affiliated with McMaster
- **Public account** - limited functionality, permanent account
- [Create an ArcGIS Account](#)

Account type	Description	More information
ArcGIS organizational account	<p>An ArcGIS organizational account allows you to see the organization's customized view of the website, and gives you access to the organization's authoritative data and other geospatial content that you can use to create maps, scenes, apps, and other geospatial content. You can also share and collaborate with other members of your organization, participate in groups, and save your work.</p> <p>With an organizational account, you have access to your organization and ArcGIS apps.</p>	Depending on how you were invited or added to the organization and your organization's security settings, you can sign in to an ArcGIS organizational account using an ArcGIS login, a SAML login, an OpenID Connect login, or a social login (such as Facebook and Google). Your administrator can also enable Esri access on your account, which gives you access to Esri web resources.
ArcGIS public account	<p>An ArcGIS public account is a free account designed for personal, noncommercial use. With a public account, you can create, store, and manage geospatial content, share content, and access content shared by Esri and GIS users around the world.</p> <p>With a public account, you have access to the ArcGIS Online website (with limits on use), My Esri, Esri Community, and other Esri web resources.</p>	You can create and sign in to an ArcGIS public account using an ArcGIS login or a social login (such as Facebook and Google). You can also use your public account to create an organizational account if you're invited to join an organization. The public account becomes an organizational account and all your content moves to the organization.

ArcGIS Online

Web-based
mapping
application



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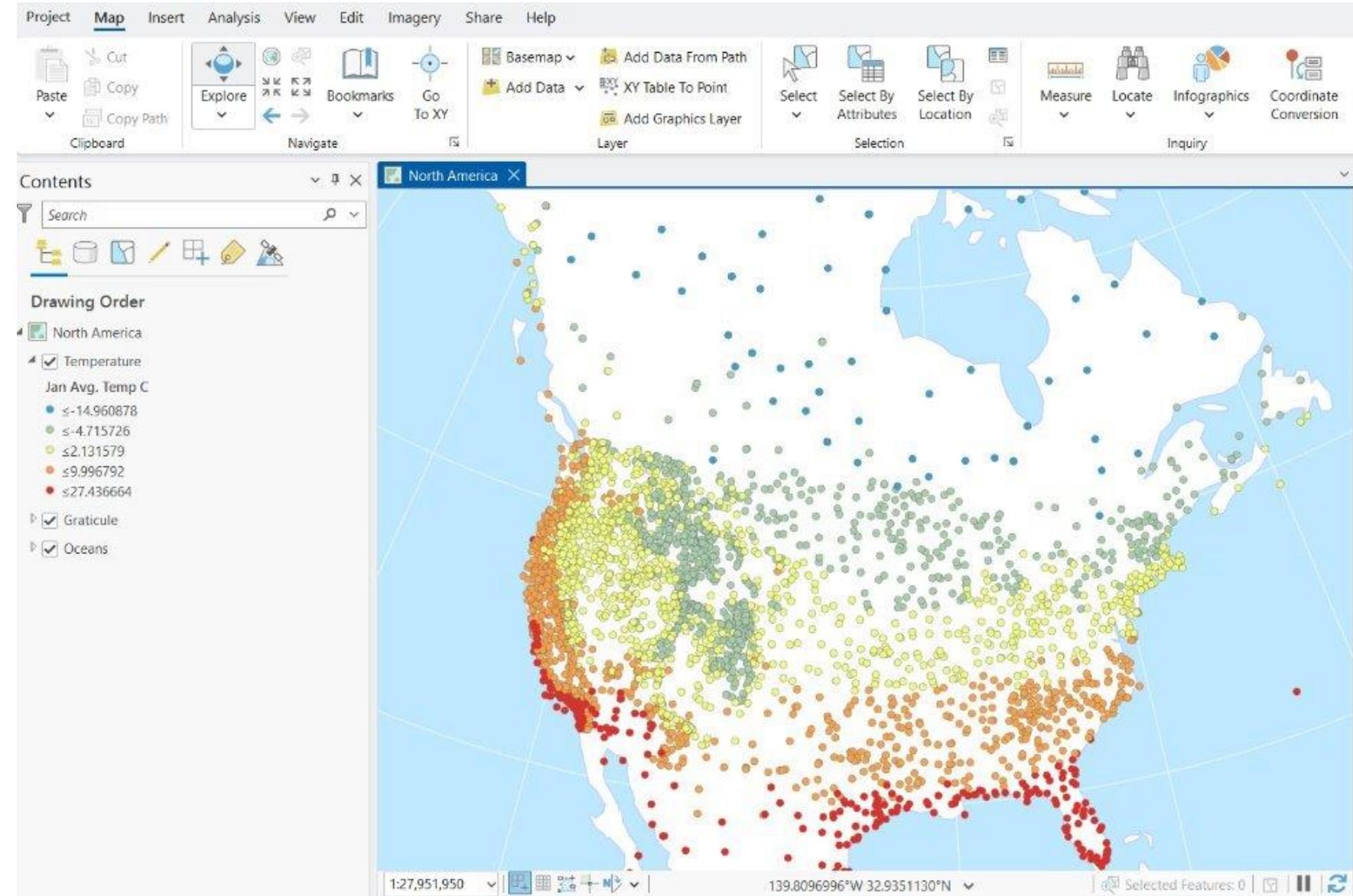
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ArcGIS Pro

Professional Desktop
GIS Software



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Included Licenses:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3D Analyst• Aviation Airports• Aviation Charting• Bathymetry• Business Analyst• Data Interoperability• Data Reviewer• Defense Mapping• Geostatistical Analyst• Image Analyst	Add-on Licenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Locate XT• Location Referencing• Maritime• Network Analyst• Production Mapping• Publisher• Spatial Analyst• StreetMap Premium North America• Workflow Manager	
Applications			
Essential Apps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ArcGIS App Studio• ArcGIS Dashboards• ArcGIS Experience Builder• ArcGIS Hub• ArcGIS Instant Apps• ArcGIS Maps for Adobe Creative Cloud• ArcGIS StoryMaps• ArcGIS Web App Builder• Configurable Apps• Map Viewer• Scene Viewer	Field Apps: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ArcGIS Collector• ArcGIS Field Maps• ArcGIS Quick Capture• ArcGIS Survey 123• ArcGIS Workforce Other Apps: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ArcGIS City Engine• ArcGIS Data Pipelines• ArcGIS Flight• ArcGIS Field Maps Designer• ArcGIS Notebooks• ArcGIS Quick Capture Web Designer• ArcGIS Web Editor Office Apps: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ArcGIS Connectors for Power Automate• ArcGIS for Excel• ArcGIS for Power BI• ArcGIS for SharePoint• ArcGIS for Teams	Capabilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ArcGIS GeoBIM• ArcGIS Image Analysis• ArcGIS Image Hosting ArcGIS Runtime: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ArcGIS Runtime Advanced
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Included applications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ArcGIS Pro Advanced• Essential Apps• Field Apps• Office Apps	Add-on applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ArcGIS Drone2Map• ArcGIS Excalibur• ArcGIS Insights• ArcGIS Mission Manager	
Included extensions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ArcGIS Advanced Editing• ArcGIS GeoBIM		

ArcGIS Resources

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[Esri Canada Webinars](#)

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[Massive Open Online Courses \(MOOC\)](#)

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Workshop

Explore Paris with ArcGIS Online

Learn the basics of navigating and creating maps in ArcGIS Online

- Create and navigate a web map
- Change a basemap
- Search for locations on a map
- Sketch a location on a map
- Create and use a bookmark
- Add a layer to a web map
- Save (and share) a web map

[Learn ArcGIS Tutorial](#) (Esri Tutorials Team, Esri Inc.)



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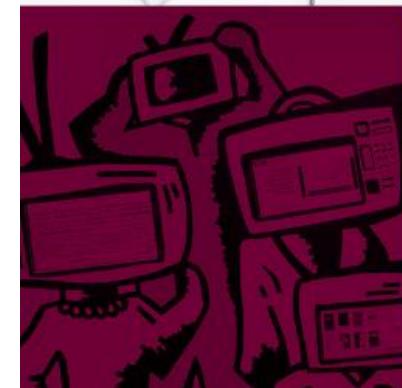
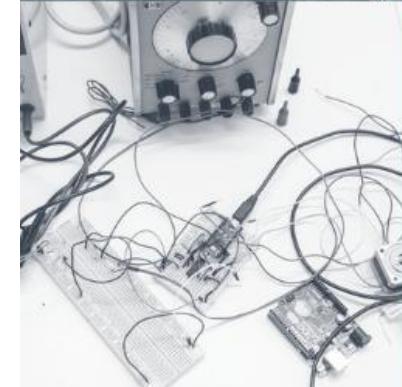
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