

Geospatial data processing with Python

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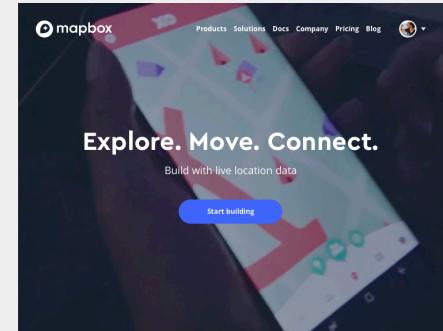
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- Geospatial developer
- Self taught Python dev
- Full stack







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Why Python ?

Community

- Everyone use it
- Tons of Open source modules



A scientific language

- Numpy
- Jupyter
- TensorFlow
- Spark
- Pandas
- Scipy
- ...



A Web language

- Django
- Flask
- FastAPI
- ...



Geospatial processing

- Read/Write files in various format
- Perform spatial prediction (e.g. Point in Polygon), operation (e.g buffer), computation (e.g length)
- Projection transformation (e.g from WGS84 to UTM)

Geospatial Libs

Capability	C/C++
Spatial Operations	GEOS
Vector I/O	GDAL (OGR)
Raster Operations and I/O	GDAL
Projections	PROJ.4
Spatial Indexing	libspatialindex

ref: <http://jwass.github.io/maptime-boston-python/slides/>

Vector

GDAL (I/O)

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- Low level access to GDAL api



```
from osgeo import ogr, osr
file = "my-shape.shp"

if file.endswith('.shp'):
    driver = ogr.GetDriverByName('ESRI Shapefile')
elif file.endswith('.geojson'):
    driver = ogr.GetDriverByName('GeoJSON')

inShp = driver.Open(file, 0)

inShp.GetLayerCount()
1

print(inLyr.GetSpatialRef())
PROJCS["NAD83 / Statistics Canada Lambert",
GEOGCS["NAD83",
    DATUM["North American Datum 1983",
        SPHEROID["GRS 1980", 6378137.298, 257222101,
            AUTHORITY["EPSG", "7019"]],
        TOWGS84[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
            AUTHORITY["EPSG", "6269"]],
        PRIMEM["Greenwich", 0,
            AUTHORITY["EPSG", "8901"]],
        UNIT["degree", 0.0174532925199433,
            AUTHORITY["EPSG", "9122"]],
            AUTHORITY["EPSG", "4269"]],
        PROJECTION["Lambert_Conformal_Conic_2SP"],
        PARAMETER["standard_parallel_1", 49],
        PARAMETER["standard_parallel_2", 77],
        PARAMETER["latitude_of_origin", 63.390675],
        PARAMETER["central_meridian", -91.86666666666666],
        PARAMETER["false_easting", 6200000],
        PARAMETER["false_northing", 3000000],
        UNIT["metre", 1,
            AUTHORITY["EPSG", "9001"]],
        AXIS["Easting", EAST],
        AXIS["Northing", NORTH],
        AUTHORITY["EPSG", "3347"]]

for feature in inShp.GetLayer():
    print(feature.GetGeometryRef())

POLYGON ((5700075.94857 1682980.84857, 5700146.794285 1682917.9, 5700203.46857 1682968.474285, 5700242.657145 1682997.03
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inShp = None
```

Fiona (I/O)

pip install fiona

« To eliminate unnecessary complication. Fiona aims to be simple to understand and use, with no gotchas. »

<https://fiona.readthedocs.io/en/latest/manual.html>

- Better python code
 - Better documentation
 - Well maintained
 - **Shipped with GDAL** (wheels)
 - Plugins

<https://github.com/Toblerity/Fiona>

```

import fiona
file = "my-shape.shp"

with fiona.open(file) as src:
    print(src.meta)
    print(len(src))
    print(src[1])

{'driver': 'ESRI Shapefile', 'schema': {'properties': OrderedDict([('DAUID', 'str:8'), ('PRUID', 'str:2'), ('PRNAME', 'str:100')]), 'geometry': 'Polygon', 'crs': {'init': 'epsg:3347'}, 'crs_wkt': 'PROJCS["NAD83 / Statistics Canada Lambert",GEOGCS["NAD83",DATUM["North_American_Datum_1983"],SPHEROID["GRS 1980",6378137,298.257222101,AUTHORITY["EPSG","7019"]],TOWGS84[0.0,0.0,0.0,AUTHORITY["EPSG","6269"]],PRIMEM["Greenwich",0,AUTHORITY["EPSG","8901"]],UNIT["degree",0.017453292519433,AUTHORITY["EPSG","9122"]],AUTHORITY["EPSG","4269"]],PROJECTION["Lambert_Conformal_Conic_ZSP"],PARAMETER["standard_parallel_1",49],PARAMETER["standard_parallel_2",77],PARAMETER["latitude_of_origin",63.390675],PARAMETER["central_meridian",-91.86666666666666],PARAMETER["false_easting",6200000],PARAMETER["false_northing",300000],UNIT["metre",1,AUTHORITY["EPSG","9001"]],AXIS["Easting",EAST],AXIS["Northing",NORTH],AUTHORITY["EPSG","3347"]]}}, 4657
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```



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Shapely (Manipulation)

pip install shapely

« If you enjoy and profit from idiomatic Python, appreciate packages that do one thing well, and agree that a spatially enabled RDBMS is often enough the wrong tool for your computational geometry job, Shapely might be for you. »

<https://shapely.readthedocs.io/en/latest/manual.html>

- Good python code
- Good documentation
- Well maintained
- **Shipped with GEOS** (wheels)

<https://github.com/Toblerity/Shapely>

```
from shapely.geometry import shape
geom = shape(f["geometry"])
geom

geom.buffer(5000, cap_style=1)

c = geom.centroid
print(c)
POINT (5693345.192108564 1663468.997711802)

c.buffer(10)

c.intersects(geom)
True
```

Geopandas (Analytics)

pip install geopandas

« GeoPandas is a project to add support for geographic data to [pandas](#) objects. »

<https://github.com/geopandas/geopandas>

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```
import fiona
import geopandas as gpd
import pandas as pd
from shapely.geometry import shape

pop = pd.read_csv("population.csv")
geoms = gpd.read_file("my-shape.shp")
geoms.loc[0].geometry
```



```
for ind, item in geoms.iterrows():
    row = pop.loc[pop.GEO_CODE == int(item.DAUID)]
    if len(row) != 1:
        continue
    r = int(row.iloc[0][11])
    d = r / item.geometry.area

print(item)
print(item.geometry.area)
print(r)
print(d)

DAUID          46150068
PRUID          46
PRNAME         Manitoba
geometry      POLYGON ((5553387.9 1652727, 5555548.362855 16...
Name: 4656, dtype: object
845293573.8223829
587
6.944332929749011e-07
```

dask (scale)

pip install dask[complete]

*« Dask provides advanced parallelism for analytics,
enabling performance at scale for the tools you love. »*

<https://dask.org>

- Pandas integration
- Work at scale

<https://github.com/geopandas/geopandas>

Others

- scikit-learn (classification / clustering)
- Supermercado
- Mercantile
- <http://geojson.io>
- <https://gist.github.com>

```
$ cat my-shape.geojson | supermercado burn 6 |  
mercantile shapes | fio collect | gist -f  
shape.geojson
```



Raster

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```
from osgeo import gdal
%pylab inline

ds = gdal.Open("my-raster.tif")
print(ds.GetProjection())
print(ds.GetGeoTransform())
print()
print(ds.RasterCount, ds.RasterXSize, ds.RasterYSize)
arr = ds.GetRasterBand(1).ReadAsArray()
ds = None

Populating the interactive namespace from numpy and matplotlib
PROJCS["Albers",GEOGCS["WGS 84",DATUM["WGS_1984",SPHEROID["WGS 84",6378140,298.256999999957,AUTHORITY["EPSG","7030"]],AUTHORITY["EPSG","6326"]],PRIMEM["Greenwich",0],UNIT["degree",0.0174532925199433],AUTHORITY["EPSG","4326"]],PROJECTION["Albers_Conic_Equal_Area"],PARAMETER["standard_parallel_1",29.5],PARAMETER["standard_parallel_2",45.5],PARAMETER["latitude_of_center",23],PARAMETER["longitude_of_center",-96],PARAMETER["false_easting",0],PARAMETER["false_northing",0],UNIT["metre",1,AUTHORITY["EPSG","9001"]]]
(-2335815.0, 30.0, 0.0, 1867515.0, 0.0, -30.0)

3 8661 8851

imshow(arr)

<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x133ad96d8>
```

A 2D heatmap visualization showing a diagonal band of high intensity (white/yellow) against a dark background, representing a specific geospatial feature or data layer. The axes are labeled from 0 to 8000, indicating the spatial extent of the data.

Rasterio (I/O +)

pip install rasterio

« High performance, lower cognitive load, cleaner and more transparent code. This is what Rasterio is about. »

<https://rasterio.readthedocs.io/en/stable/intro.html>

- Better python code
- Better documentation
- Written in Cython
- Heavily maintained
- **Shipped with GDAL** (wheels)
- Plugins

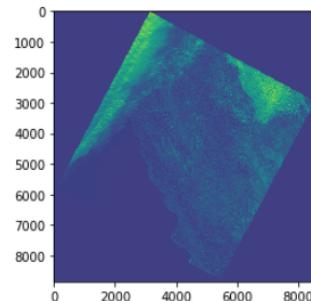
<https://github.com/mapbox/rasterio>

```
import rasterio
%pylab inline

with rasterio.open("my-raster.tif") as src_dst:
    print(src_dst.meta)
    arr = src_dst.read()

Populating the interactive namespace from numpy and matplotlib
{'driver': 'GTiff', 'dtype': 'int16', 'nodata': None, 'width': 8661, 'height': 8851, 'count': 3, 'crs': CRS.from_wkt('PROJCS["Albers",GEOGCS["WGS 84",DATUM["WGS_1984",SPHEROID["WGS 84",6378140,298.2569999999957,AUTHORITY["EPSG","7030"]],AUTHORITY["EPSG","6326"]],PRIMEM["Greenwich",0],UNIT["degree",0.0174532925199433],AUTHORITY["EPSG","4326"]],PROJECTION["Albers_Conic_Equal_Area"],PARAMETER["standard_parallel_1",29.5],PARAMETER["standard_parallel_2",45.5],PARAMETER["latitude_of_center",23],PARAMETER["longitude_of_center",-96],PARAMETER["false_easting",0],PARAMETER["false_northing",0],UNIT["metre",1,AUTHORITY["EPSG","9001"]]],'transform': Affine(30.0, 0.0, -2335815.0, 0.0, -30.0, 1867515.0)}
```

```
imshow(arr[0])
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x114265128>
```



scipy (processing)

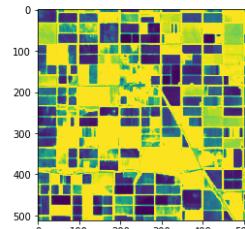
pip install scipy scikit-image

« *scikit-image is a collection of algorithms for image processing.* »

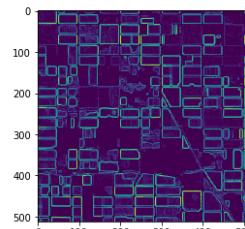
<https://scikit-image.org>

```
pylab inline
from skimage import filters
import rasterio
Populating the interactive namespace from numpy and matplotlib

file = "1649@2x.png"
with rasterio.open(file) as src_dst:
    image = src_dst.read(indexes=(1))
imshow(image)
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x11a1f43c8>
```



```
edges = filters.sobel(image)
imshow(edges)
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x11a305dd8>
```



Others

- xarray
- pillow
- opencv
- rio-tiler



Unsolicited advices



Data format

- Don't use **shapefile**
- Use **Geojson**
- Save raster as **Cloud Optimized GeoTIFF** (rio-cogeo)
- Checkout PostGIS



General Python tips

- Use `python3`
- Use `Virtualenvs`
- Write `docstrings`
- Use a `linter` (`pylint, flake8`)
- `tests` your code
- use `CI` (`travis, circle-ci`)
- Use `pre-commit`
- **Open source** everything



My favorite Python modules

- Click (CLI)
- FastAPI (web)
- Geopandas
- Mock
- mapboxgl-jupyter



\$ click_ 

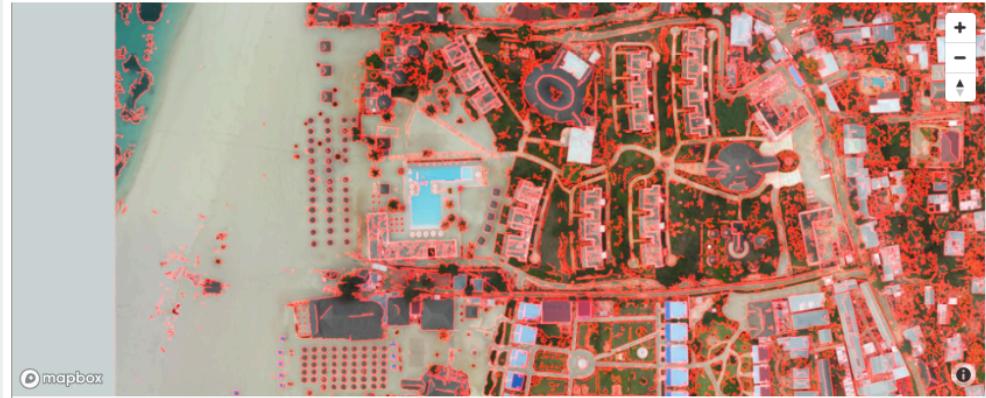
A command-line interface (CLI) command starting with '\$ click_'. A mouse cursor icon is positioned at the end of the command.

mapboxgl-jupyter

demo

```
raster = customRaster(file, indexes=(1,2,3))
ts = TileServer(raster)
ts.start()
```

```
viz = RasterTilesViz(ts.get_tiles_url(),
                      tiles_bounds=ts.get_bounds(),
                      center=ts.get_center(),
                      access_token=token,
                      height='400px',
                      zoom=13)
viz.show()
```



Thanks

Links

- <https://github.com/datapink/robosat.pink>
- <https://github.com/developmentseed/label-maker>
- <https://github.com/sat-utils>
- <https://github.com/cogeotiff>

- <http://jwass.github.io/maptime-boston-python/slides>
- <https://carsonfarmer.com/2013/07/essential-python-geo-libraries/>
- <https://github.com/giswqs/python-geospatial>
- <https://geohackweek.github.io/vector/>
- <https://github.com/pyviz/pyviz>
- <https://jakevdp.github.io/PythonDataScienceHandbook/index.html>
- <https://gist.github.com/vincentsarago/ffe44194990b77ca88a923b0db231bfe>



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