Enterprise Geodatabase: Automating Administration Tasks Using Python

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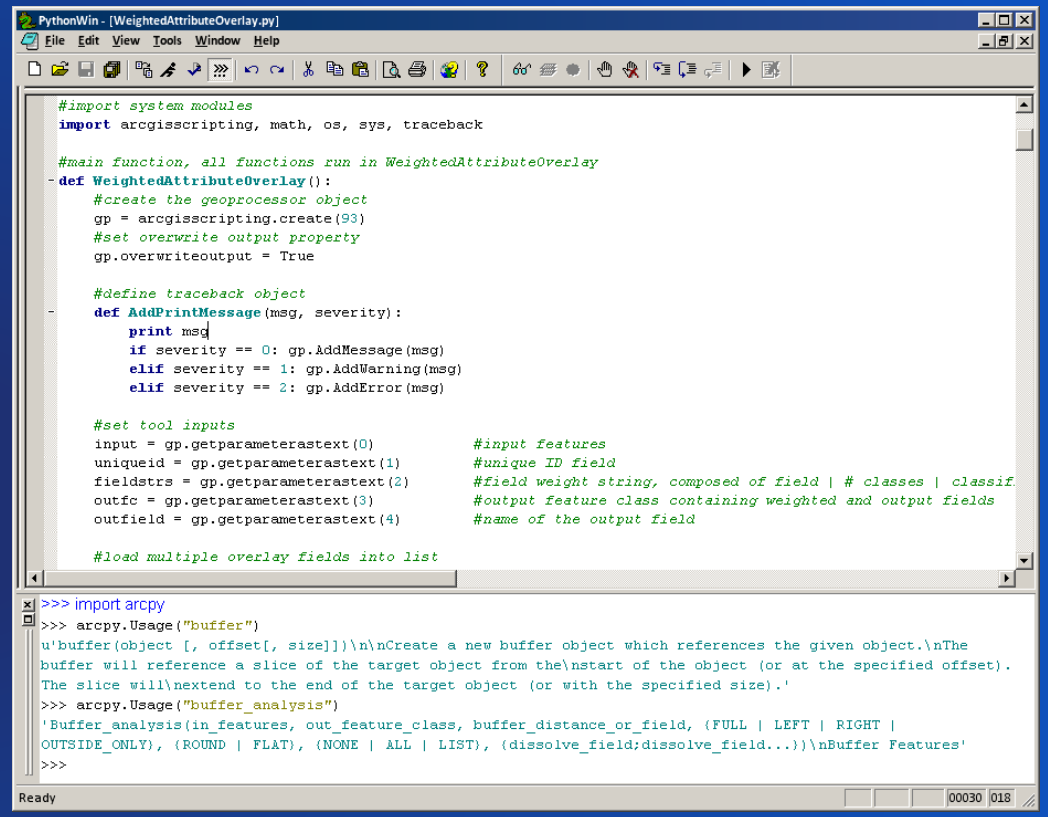
Roadmap

Session is divided into three parts

- **Part 1: Types of Administrators**
- **Part 2: Geodatabase Creation**
- **Part 3: Version Management**

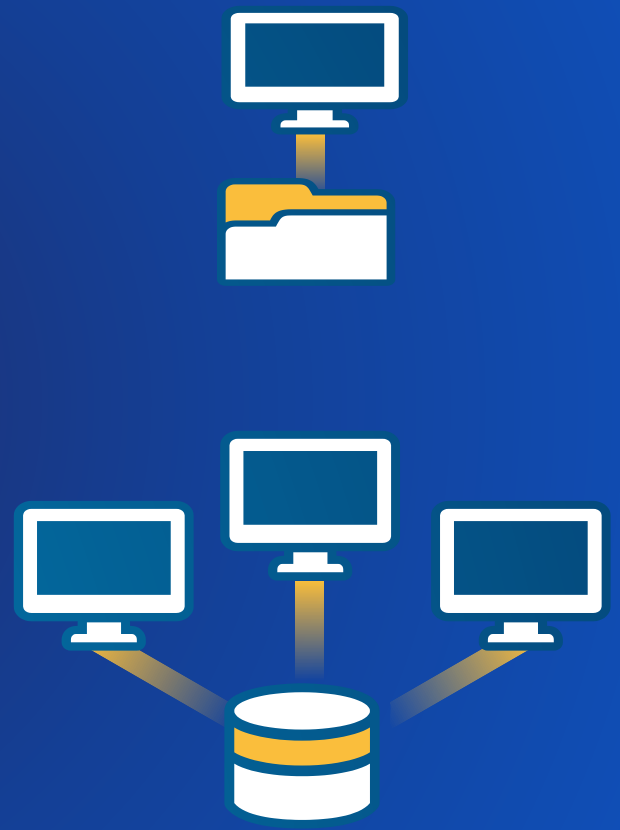
Python

- Free
- Simple and easy to learn
- Easy to maintain
- Wide-acceptance
- Modular
- Cross platform
- Scheduling
- Documentation of workflows



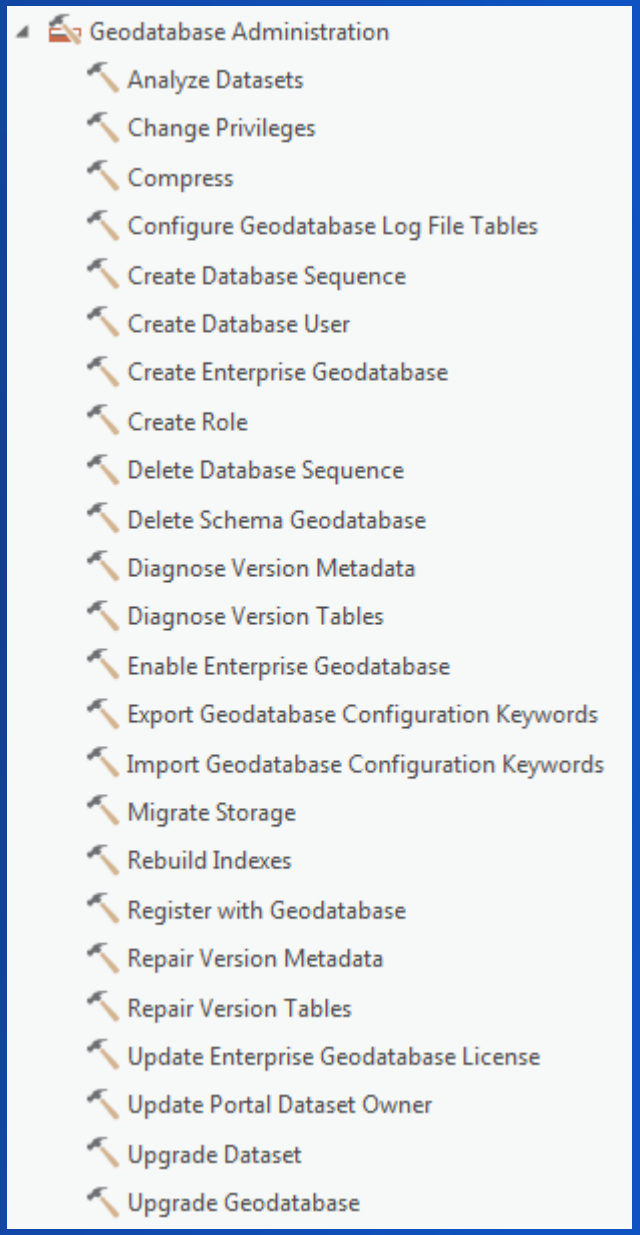
Data Sources

- File Geodatabases
  - System files in a file folder
- **Enterprise Geodatabases**
  - **Oracle, SQL Server, PostgreSQL,**
  - **DB2, SAP HANA**
- Enterprise Databases
  - Altibase, Demang, Netezza, Teradata
- Other systems
  - Hadoop



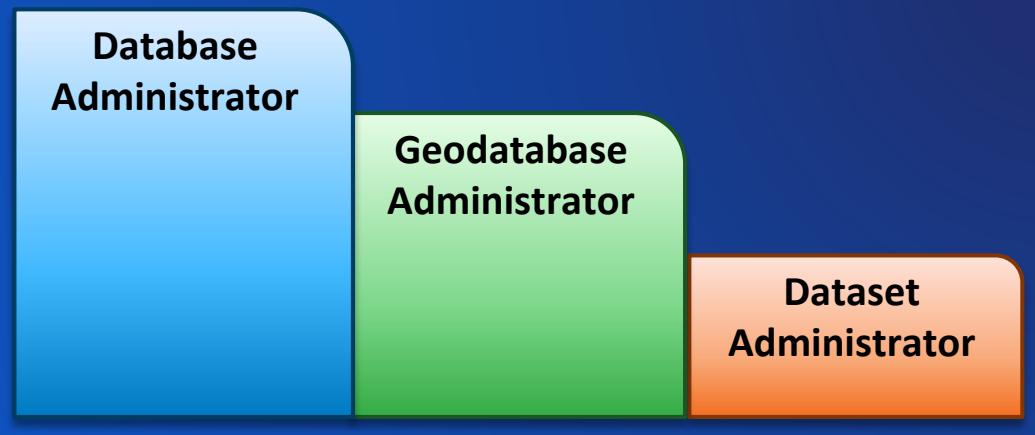
Administration in Desktop and Server

- **ArcGIS Desktop**
  - GUI Tools
  - GP Tools
- **ArcGIS for Server**
  - GP Tools / Python



Types of administrators

1. **Database administrator** (DBA)
2. **Geodatabase administrator** (sde)
3. **Dataset administrator** (a.k.a data owner)



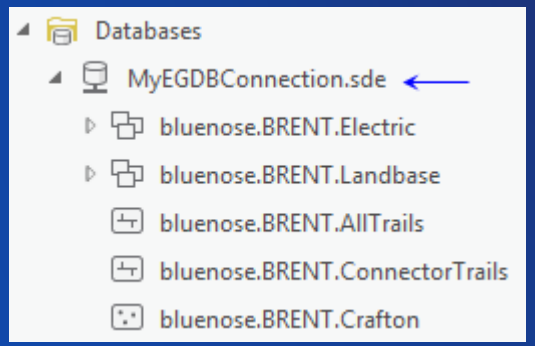
Types of administrators

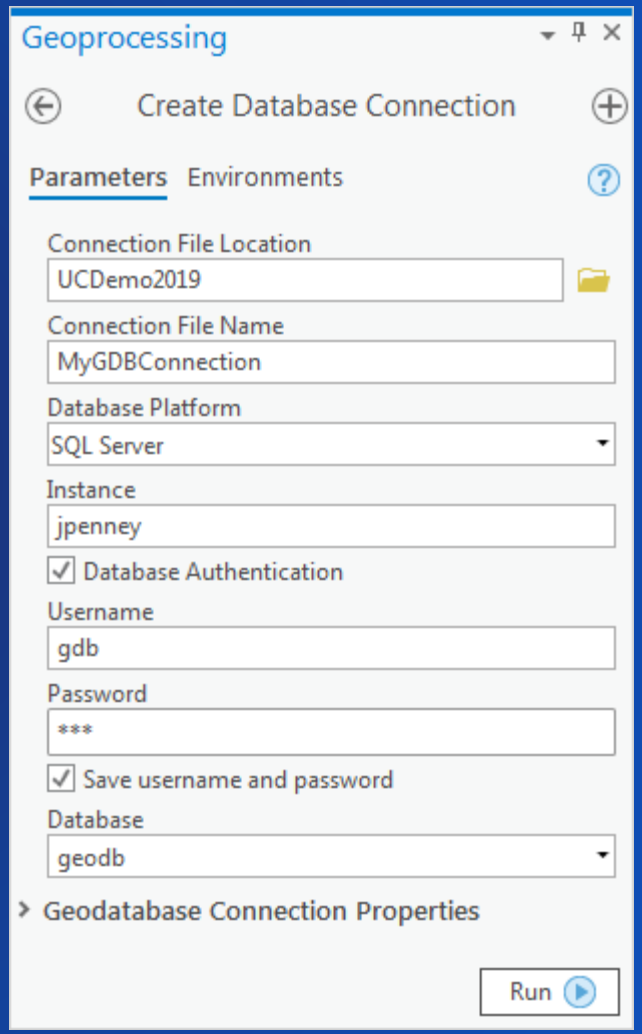
Database Administrator (DBA)	Geodatabase Administrator (sde user)	Dataset Administrator (data owner)
• Instance level admin • User management • Database backup • Performance monitoring	• Creates the geodatabase repository • View and reconcile any version • Performs Compress • Configuration keyword maintenance	• Grant privileges on data that they own • Modifying schema • Database statistics and index maintenance • Enabling geodatabase behavior on data tables

Connecting to an enterprise geodatabase

Connect to the geodatabase

- Create Database Connection GP tool
- Connection files are used by all admins and users
- Can use database or OS authentication
- Connection to a specific version





Geodatabase Creation

Performed by Database Administrator (DBA)

Geodatabase Creation
- Create Enterprise Geodatabase GP tool
  - SQL Server, PostgreSQL, Oracle, etc.
  - License File required

Create Roles in the Geodatabase
- Create Role GP tool
  - Easy to assign/revoke privileges to a group of users

Create Users in the Geodatabase
- Create Database User GP tool
  - Assign to a role when creating a new user
  - Can be database or OS authentication

Geodatabase Creation

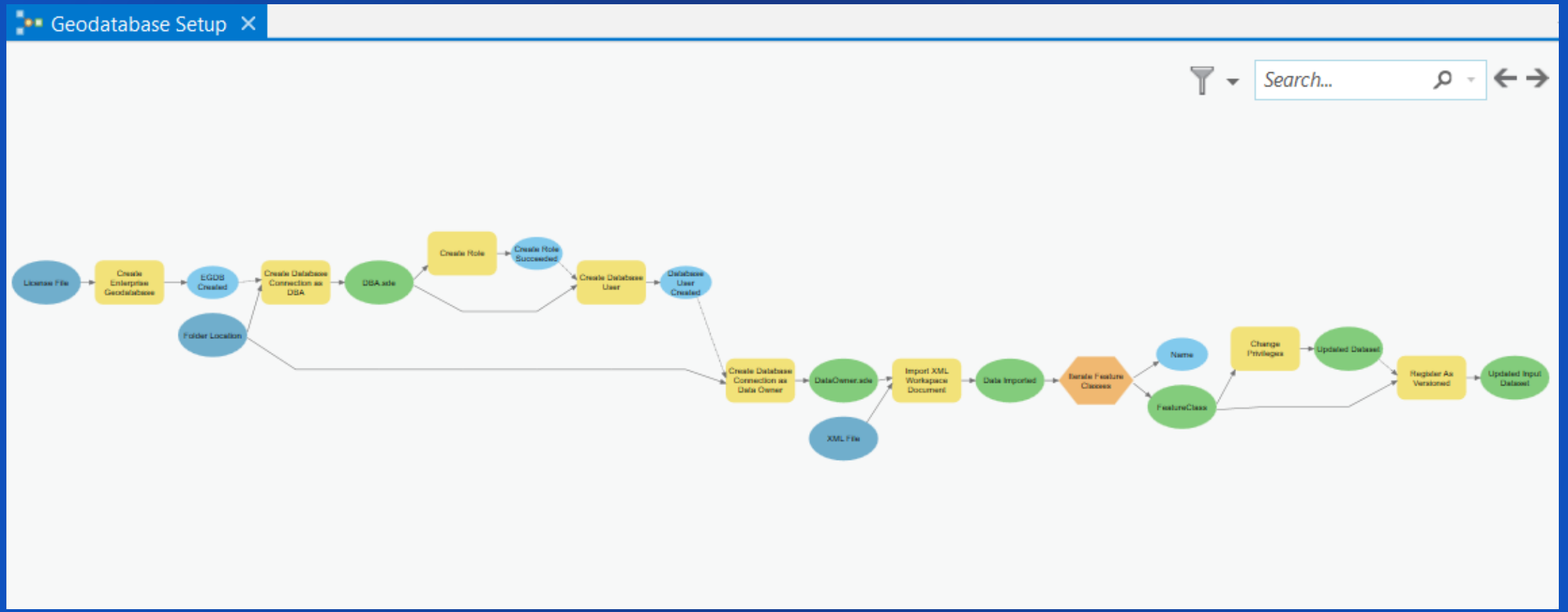
Performed by Dataset Administrator (data owner)

Create or Load Data into the Geodatabase
- Create Table, Create Feature Class, etc.
- Import XML Workspace, Copy, Feature Class to Geodatabase, etc.

Manage Privileges
- Change Privileges GP tool
    - Grant or revoke view or edit permissions

Register As Versioned
- Register As Versioned GP tool
    - If using versioned editing workflows

Geodatabase Creation using ModelBuilder



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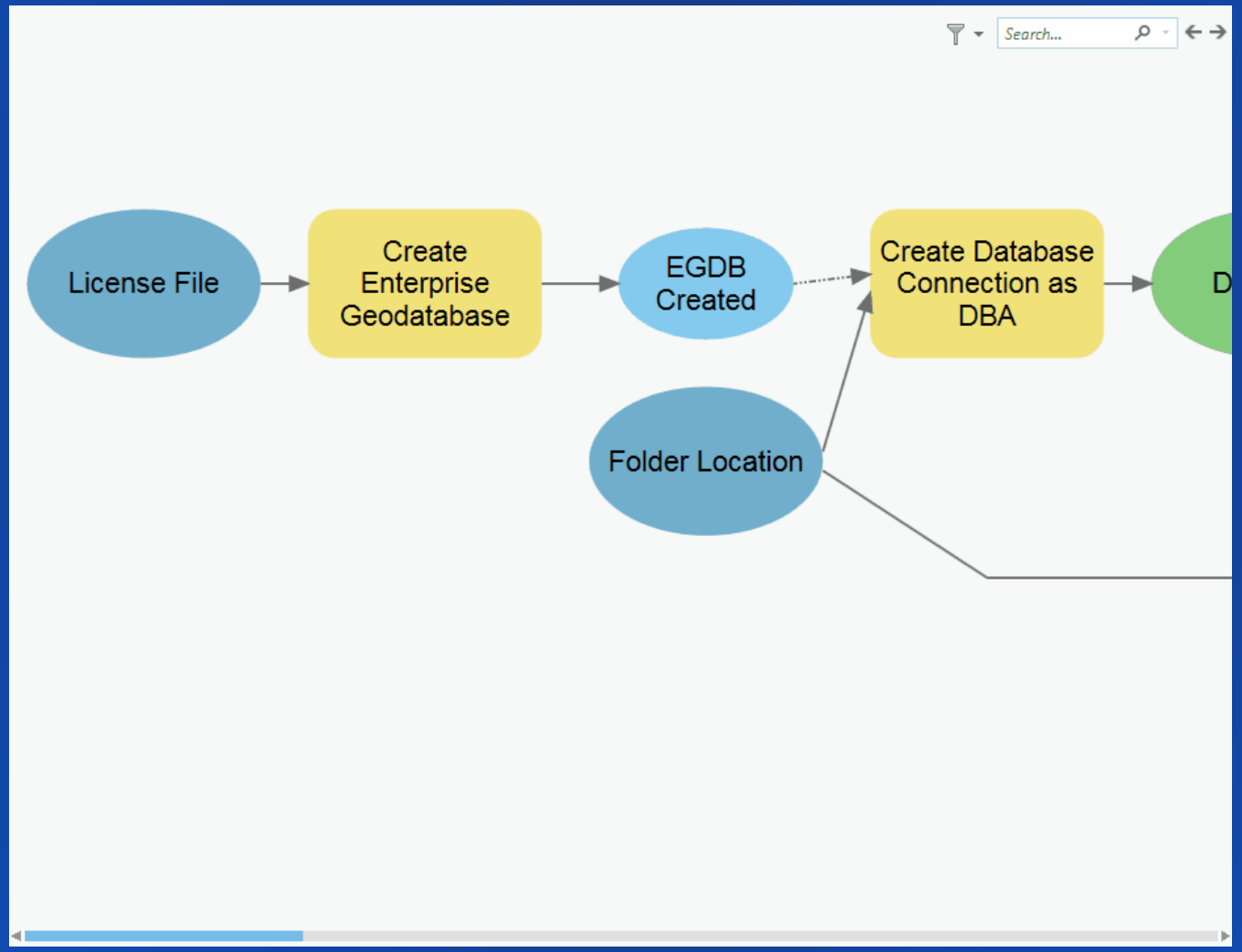

```
# Once the database has been created we will create an admin
# connection so that we can create users in it.
print("Creating connection to geodatabase as the DBA user")
adminConn = arcpy.CreateDatabaseConnection_management('C:/presentations/UC2019/AutomateGDBAdmin/dem
                                                      'Admin.sde', platform, instance, authenticati
                                                      databaseAdmin, databaseAdminPass,'', database


# First create a few roles for data viewers and data editors.
print("Creating the viewers and editors roles")
arcpy.CreateRole_management(adminConn, 'viewers')
arcpy.CreateRole_management(adminConn, 'editors')

# Next create users and assign them to their proper roles.
# Generate a list of users to be added as editors and a list to be added as viewers.
print("Creating users")
editors = ['matt', 'colin', 'andrew', 'gary']
viewers = ['heather', 'jon', 'annie', 'shawn']
for user in editors:
    arcpy.CreateDatabaseUser_management(adminConn, 'DATABASE_USER',
                                        user, user, 'editors')
for user1 in viewers:
    arcpy.CreateDatabaseUser_management(adminConn, 'DATABASE_USER',
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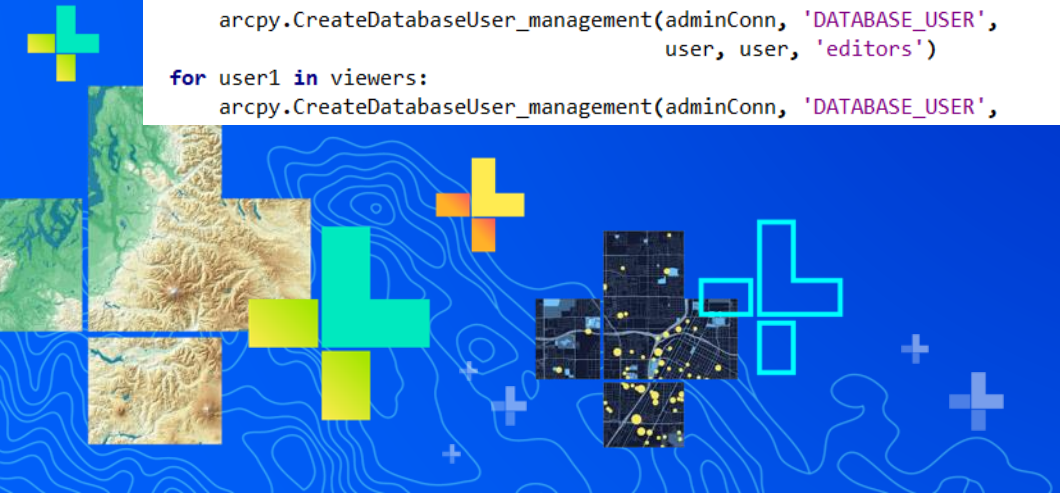


Geodatabase Creation

Creating users and roles,
loading data,
setting permissions

Version Management

Connection management and versioning workflows

Managing connections with arcpy functions

Performed by the Geodatabase Administrator (sde user)

Block or allow new connections

- `arcpy.AcceptConnections()`

View connected users and their connection properties

- `arcpy.ListUsers()`

Disconnect users (use caution)

- `arcpy.DisconnectUser()`

Version administration tasks

Performed by several administrators as well as users with editing privileges

Data is registered as versioned

- Register as Versioned GP tool
  - Data Owner

Version created for editors

- Create Version GP tool
  - Database users with permissions on data

Editors connect to a specific version to make edits

- Use GP tools or manual edits in the map
  - Database users with edit permissions on data

Version administration tasks

Performed by Geodatabase Administrator and Data Owner

Reconcile and post

- Reconcile = pull changes from parent to child version
- Post = push reconciled changes from child to parent version
- Reconcile Versions GP tool
  - Automate the process
  - Must define how to deal with conflicts
  - Recommended to run as Geodatabase Administrator

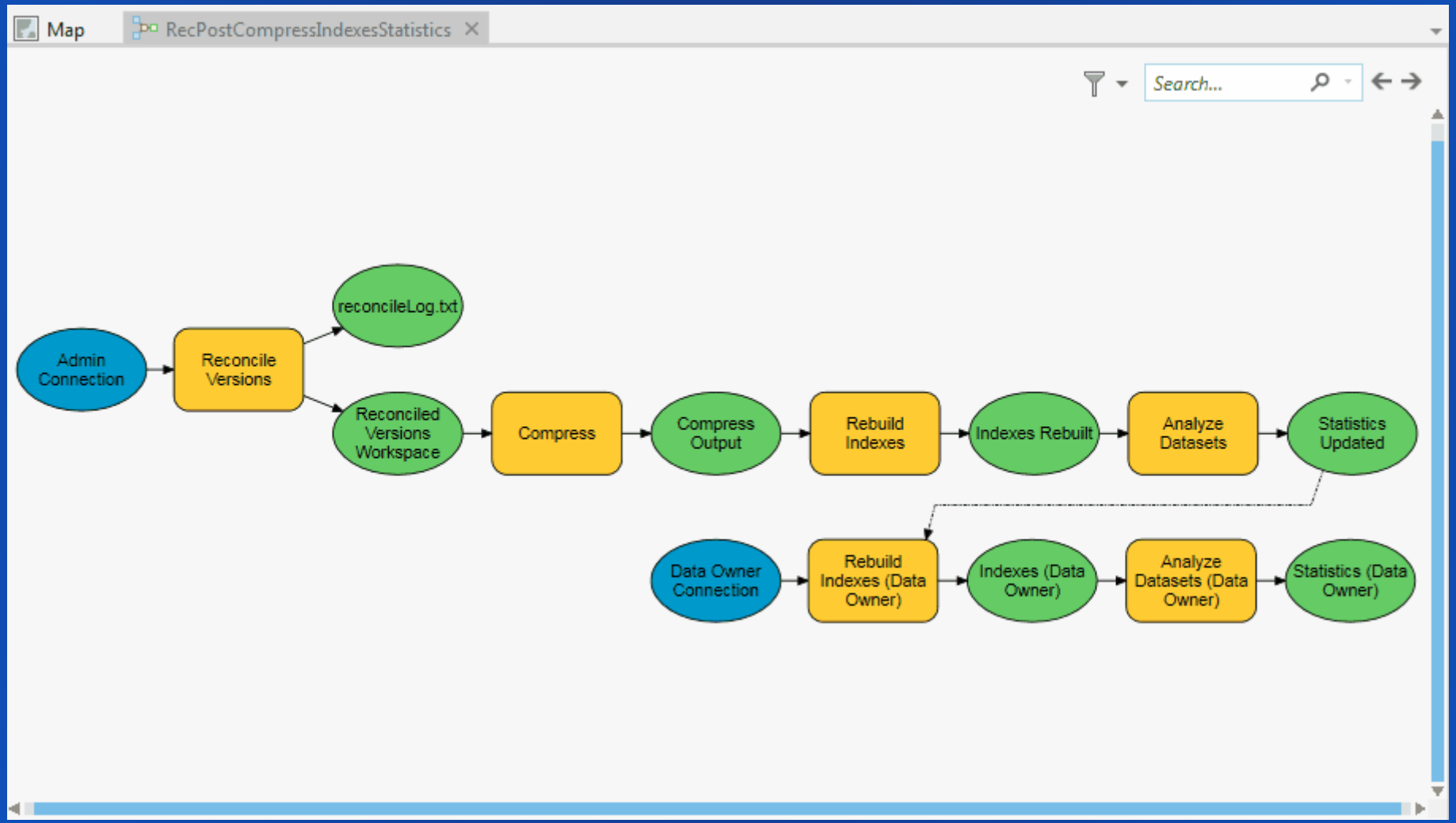
Compress

- Compress GP tool
  - Geodatabase Administrator

Update statistics and rebuild indexes (if needed)

- Analyze Datasets GP tool
- Rebuild Indexes GP tool
- Executed by both the Geodatabase Admin and Data Owner

Geodatabase Maintenance using ModelBuilder



```
y:
  # Get a list of versions to pass into the ReconcileVersions tool.
  # Only reconcile versions that are children of Default
  print("Compiling a list of versions to reconcile")
  verList = arcpy.da.ListVersions(adminConn)
  versionList = [ver.name for ver in verList if ver.parentVersionName == 'sde.DEFAULT']

  # Execute the ReconcileVersions tool.
  try:
      print("Reconciling all versions")
      arcpy.ReconcileVersions_management(adminConn, "ALL_VERSIONS", "sde.DEFAULT",
                                         versionList,"LOCK_ACQUIRED", "NO_ABORT",
                                         "BY_OBJECT", "FAVOR_TARGET_VERSION","POST",
                                         "KEEP_VERSION", sys.path[0] + "/reclog.txt")
      recMsg = 'Reconcile and post executed successfully.\n\r'
      recMsg += 'Reconcile Log is below.\n' #warning this can be very long.
      recMsg += open(sys.path[0] + "/reclog.txt", 'r').read()
  except:
      recMsg = 'Reconcile & post failed. Error message below.\n\r' + arcpy.GetMessages()

  # Run the compress tool.
  try:
      print("Running compress")
      arcpy.Compress_management(adminConn)
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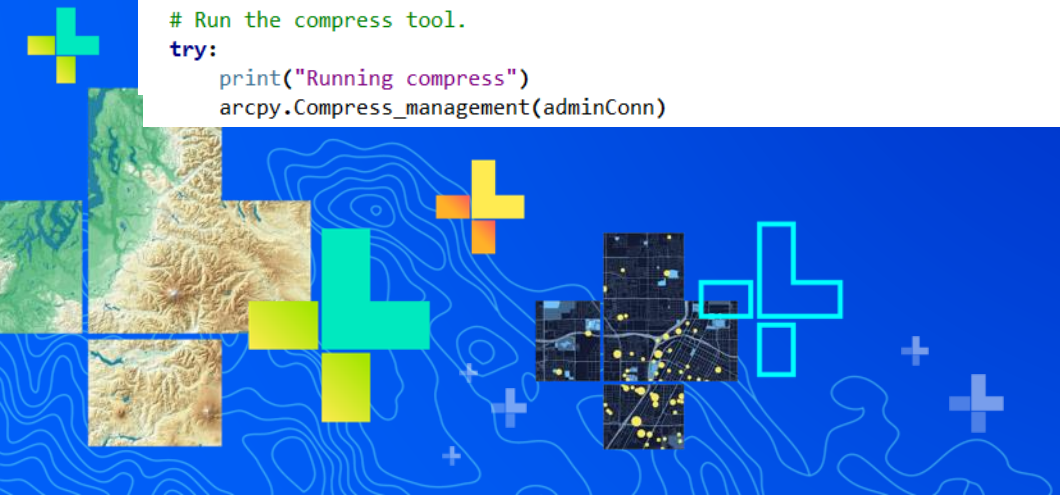

Version Management

Manage connections & version management tasks

Other considerations

- **Ability to run models in Python using arcpy.AddToolbox()**

```
# Import toolbox and run model
arcpy.AddToolbox("C:\\MyToolboxes\\MyToolboxName.tbx")
arcpy.MyModelName_MyToolboxName()
```

- **Use a task scheduler to run scripts overnight**
  - **Windows Task Scheduler**
  - **Linux cron job**

Summary

You can definitely use Python to automate your admin tasks!

- Various administration functionality available to use
  - For all types of administrators
  - Use where most comfortable
    - Geoprocessing pane
    - ModelBuilder
    - Python
- Setup your geodatabase for multi-user editing
- Connection management
- Geodatabase maintenance tasks
- Use a task scheduler to automate scripts to run

Other sessions at the User Conference

- **Geodatabase Administration**
  - Enterprise Geodatabase: Topics in Oracle Administration (Thursday 1-2pm)
  - Enterprise Geodatabase: Topics in PostgreSQL Administration (Thursday 2:30-3:30pm)
  - Enterprise Geodatabase: Performance Troubleshooting (Thursday 1-2pm)

- **Python/Geoprocessing**
  - Python: Advanced Topics (Thursday 10-11am)
  - Python: Across the Esri Platform (Thursday 8:30-9:30)
  - Python: Building Geoprocessing Tools (Thursday 4-5pm)
  - ArcGIS Pro: Analysis and Geoprocessing Overview (Thursday 4-5pm)

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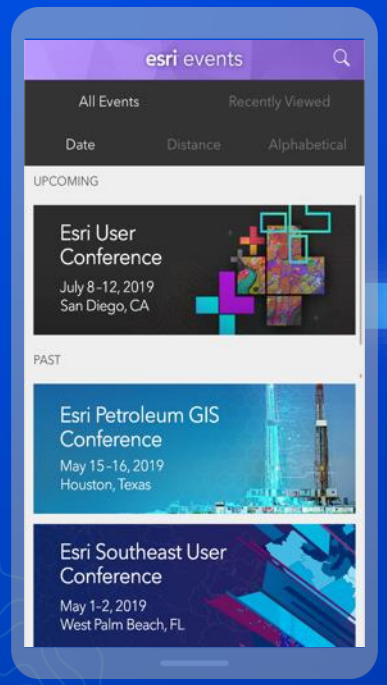

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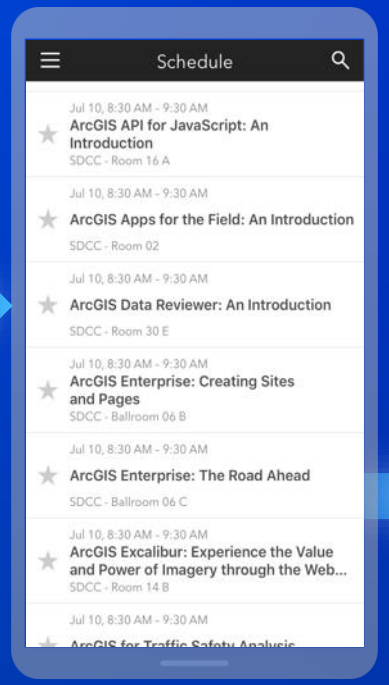

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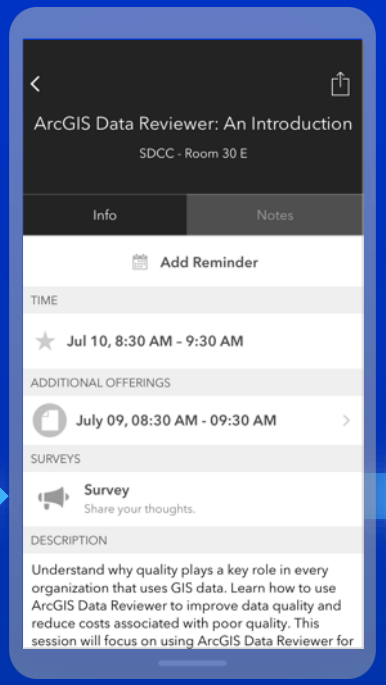

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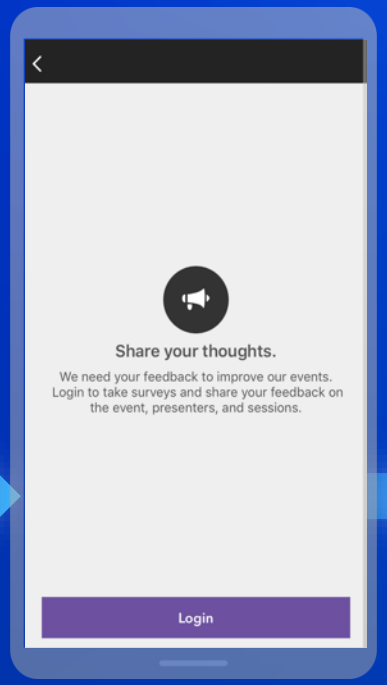

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