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Creating a Census/GIS training program

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Opportunity Noticed

- Passing patrons with similar needs between GIS and Documents
- Mostly graduate students needing census data for GIS, but also needing further GIS assistance



Developing a Workshop

- Goal: ability to integrate census data into research and assignments
- We did not want to teach principles of GIS
- Instructors' expertise in geospatial technology and government documents essential to offer a comprehensive workshop



Developing a Workshop

- Crucial Needs to teach
 - How to use AFF
 - Downloading TIGER files
 - Joining boundaries to tabular data
 - Symbology help
 - Services and databases Libraries provide



Census Training

- Census Geography Overview
 - Legal vs. census
 - Nesting
 - What sizes were available in survey types



Census Training

- Difference between ACS and Decennial data
 - 2010 short form only
 - ACS data are estimates
 - ACS currency vs. accuracy

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Census Training

Using American FactFinder

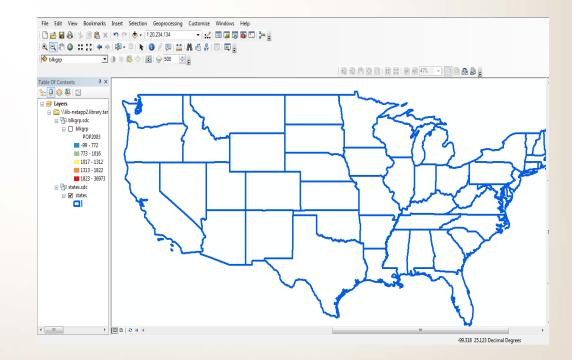
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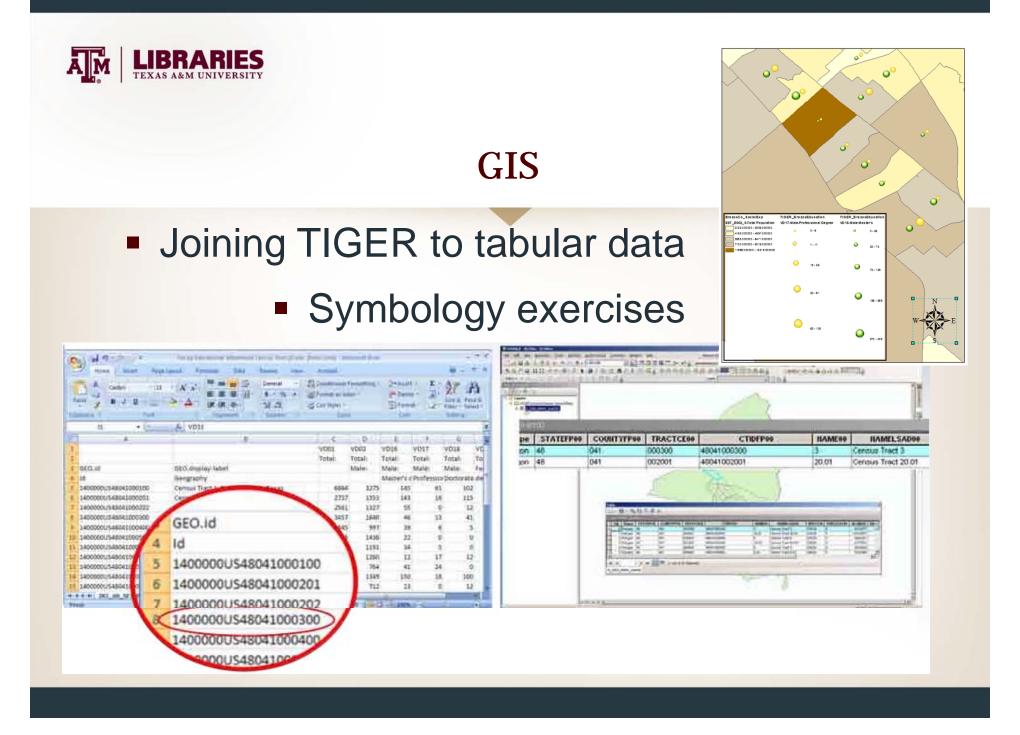
Advanced search for census tract data





- Cleaning downloaded AFF data
- Getting TIGER shapefiles

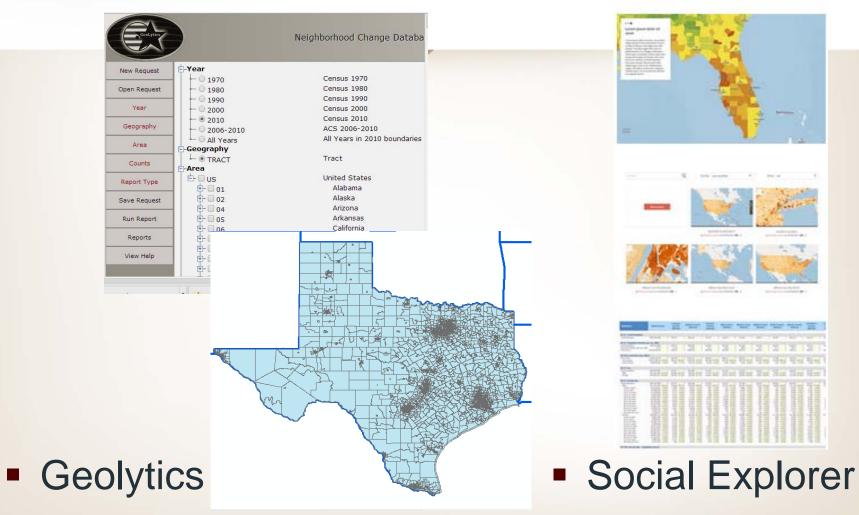






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GIS at Texas A&M

- Campus-wide Esri software license
- Free GIS Student license (personal computers)
- ~20 GIS instructors
- ~45 GIS and Remote sensing courses
- Texas A&M GIS Group (320 members)
- Undergoing initiative to start a GIS Center
- Texas Census Research Data Center (1 of 12 in the U.S.)

Source: http://s44.radikal.ru/i106/1206/a4/e446b3a31f5c.jpg



What we Developed

- Time Savers
 - Have students log into lab computers and open GIS desktop before class
 - Have students download AFF tables and shapefiles before class



What we Developed

Hands on Help

GIS student worker in class



What we Developed

Backend

- LibCal for enrollment
- Advertise classes at University level



Diverse attendees

- Student, staff and faculty members
- Across Texas A&M System
- Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities



Feedback

- Pace too fast or just right
- Data wanted to download data specific to their discipline
- Review glad to have a review



Outcomes

Created other instruction requests

 More people learn about our specialties



Improvements

- Restrict to only people who have had GIS online training or taken a semester long GIS course
- Create a webinar for students not familiar with GIS



Developing a Workshop

Learned there is high demand for shortterm GIS learning

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	Percent	Count	
I heard GIS is beneficial, and want to learn the technology	38.5%	ł	
I am not familiar with GIS, but need to use it on my project (i.e. work, assignment, thesis, etc.)	46.2%		
am a GIS User, and need to learn how to integrate census tables into my GIS project	15.4%	Ċ	
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Survey Monkey



Future plans

 Bringing expertise of learning and outreach department to produce a high-quality archived webinar



GIS Help



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My regrets for not being at this conference (Besides, Washington D.C. is on my bucket list!)



Questions

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