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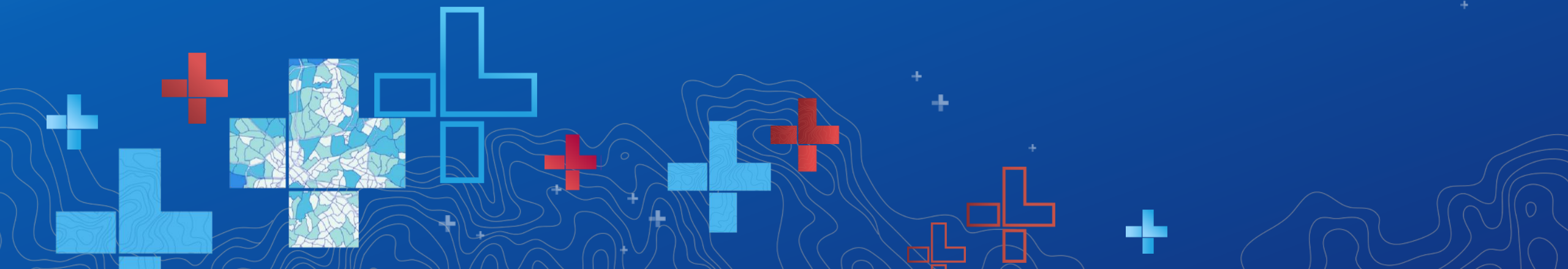
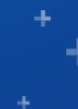
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Analyzing Vector Tile Performance

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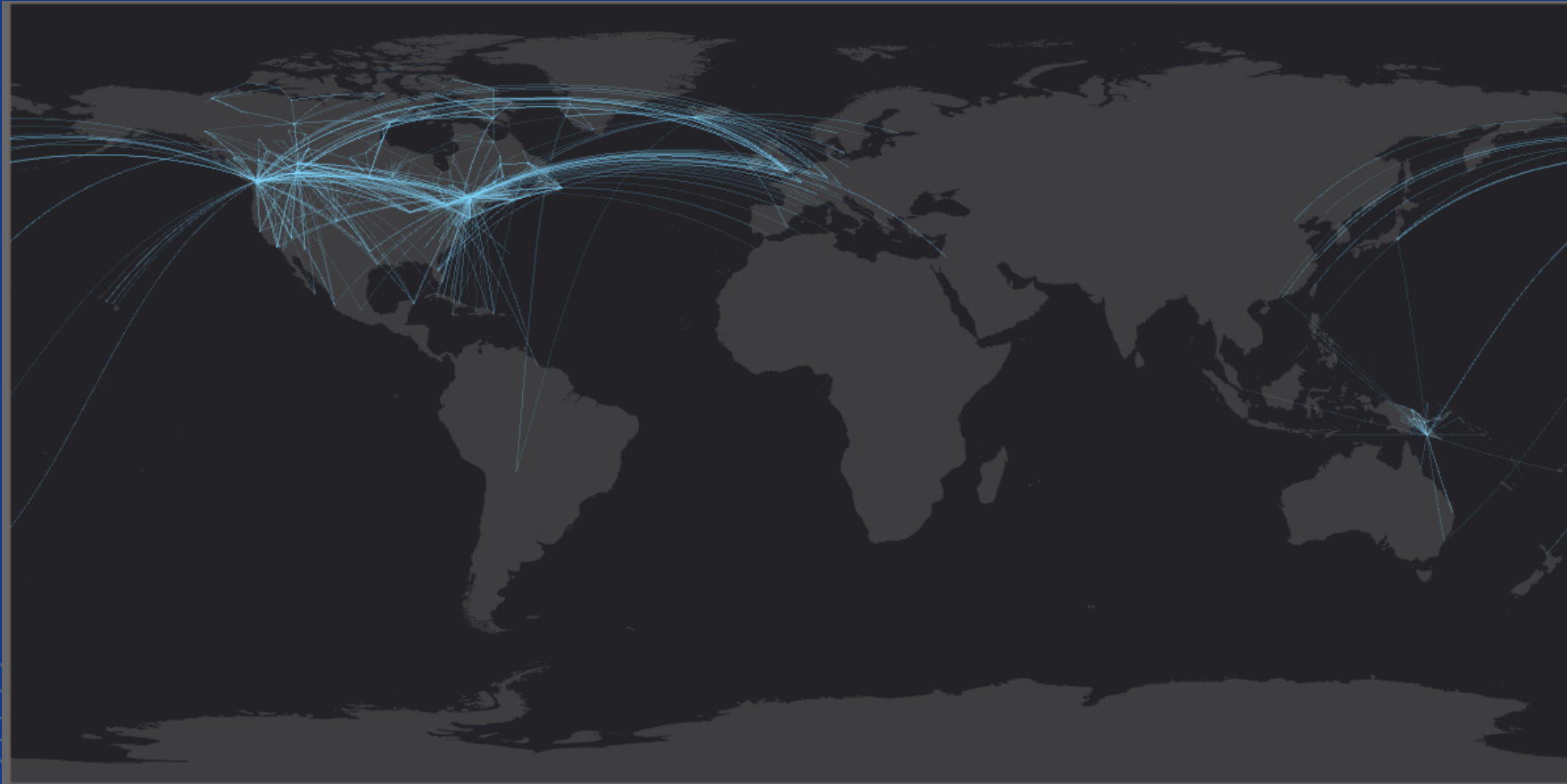
What went wrong?

- WebGL – graphics card driver issue
- Tiles are too big



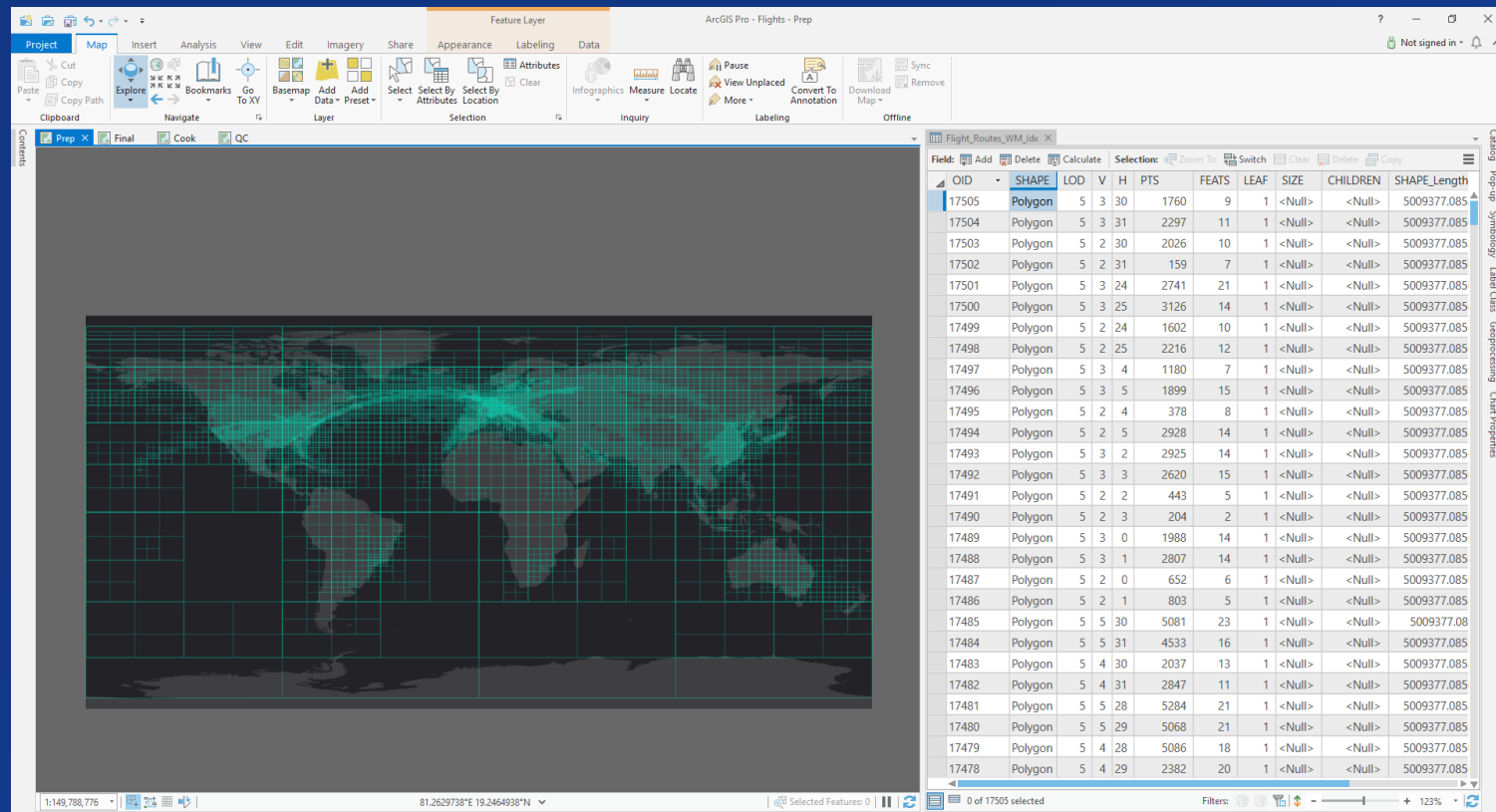
Were there warning signs along the way?

- Map is very slow to draw when authoring



Were there warning signs along the way?

- Index featureclass contains an excessive amount of records



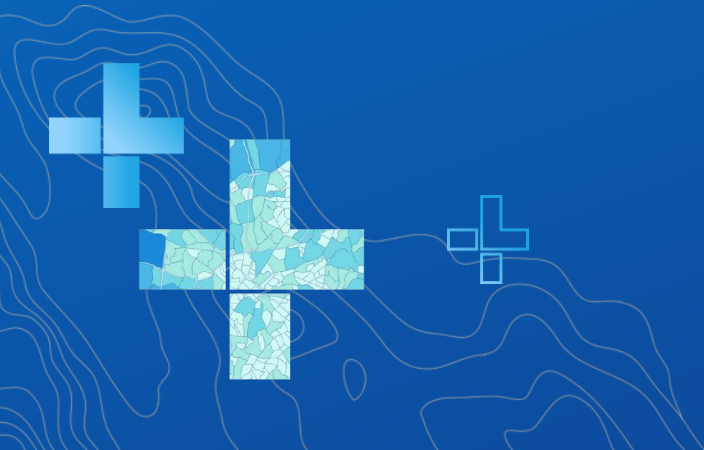
Were there warning signs along the way?

- Cooking process took a long time
- VTPK is unreasonably large



Now what?

#ThereWillBeCode and #ItWillBeUgly



Analyze tile sizes

- Manually browse map with dev tools in the browser
- Fine grain PBF inspection courtesy of Hannes Fleischer
 - <https://github.com/hfleischer/vector-tile-analysis>



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The screenshot shows the QGIS desktop environment. At the top, there are two tabs: 'tile details' and 'map details'. Below the tabs, the 'Layers' panel on the left lists the loaded data. The 'Flights' layer is expanded, showing 'Flight Routes (12707 features, 47431 vertices)'. The map area in the center is mostly black, representing the flight routes. A small white box in the bottom right of the map area indicates the bounding box of the selected layer. The bottom status bar shows the text 'Flight Routes (12707 features, 47431 vertices)' and '398.51 kB'.

Configure the app

- \js_synergis\main.js

```
11 VectorTileAnalysisApp_1.VectorTileAnalysisApp.addLayerSet({
12     visible: true,
13     id: 'ags_basemap',
14     title: 'Flights',
15     url: 'https://www.arcgis.com/sharing/rest/content/items/2a82bc723e164eb1aacfa6c1a9c7dc3c/resources/styles/root.json'
16 });
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22 });|
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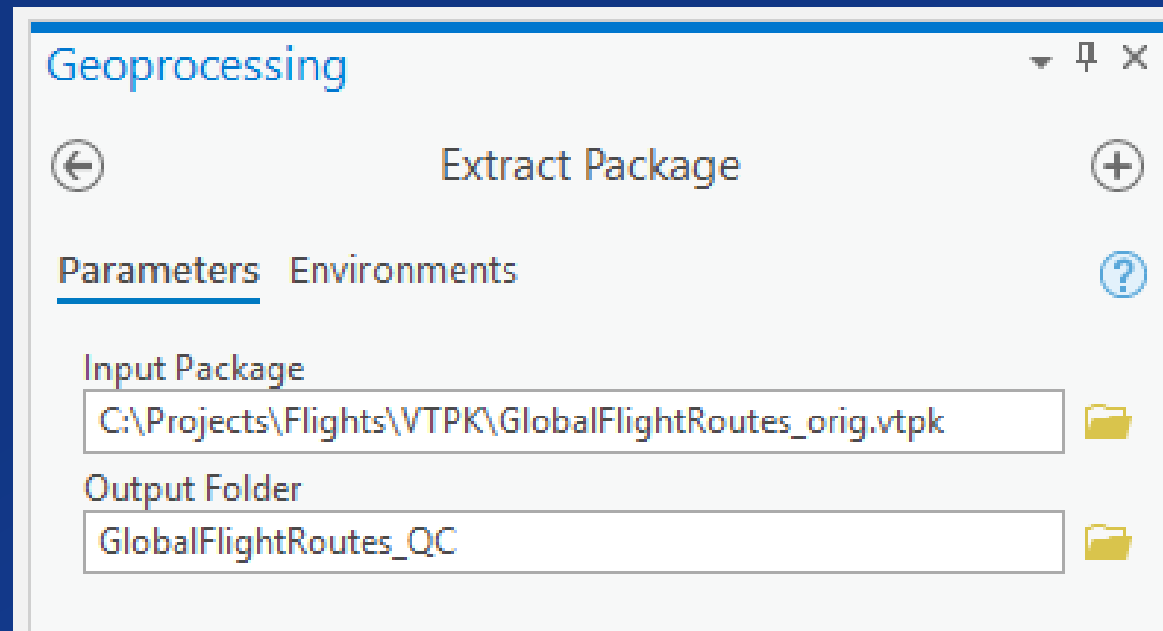
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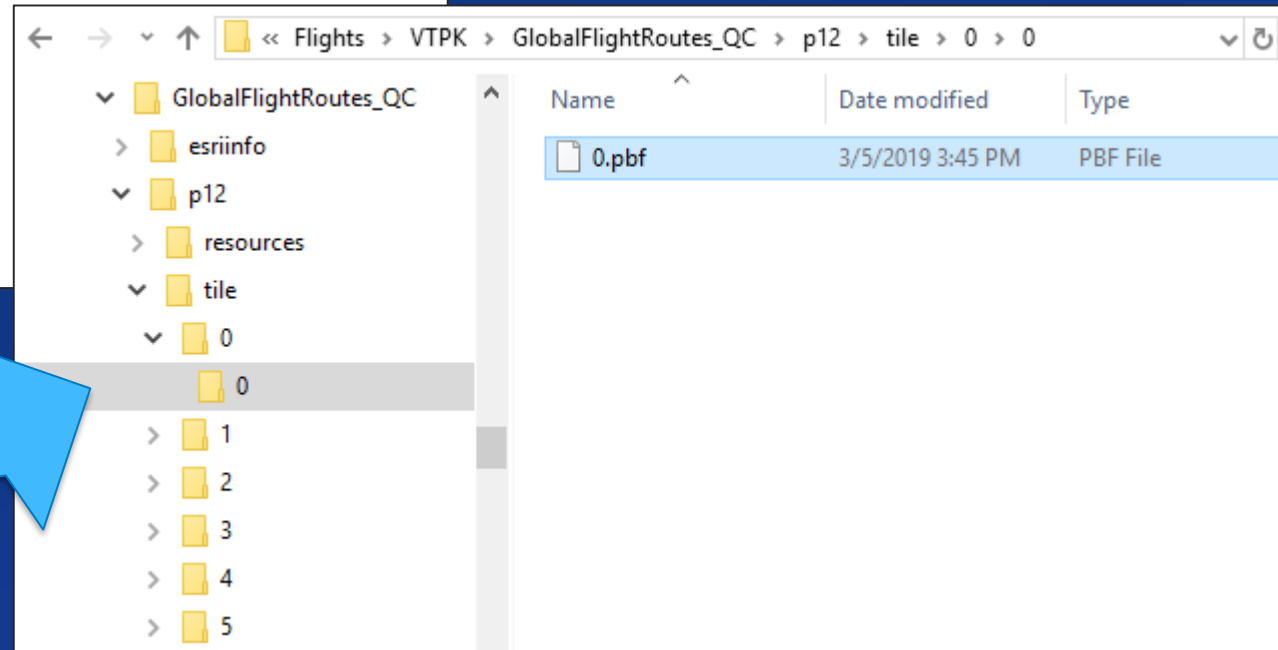
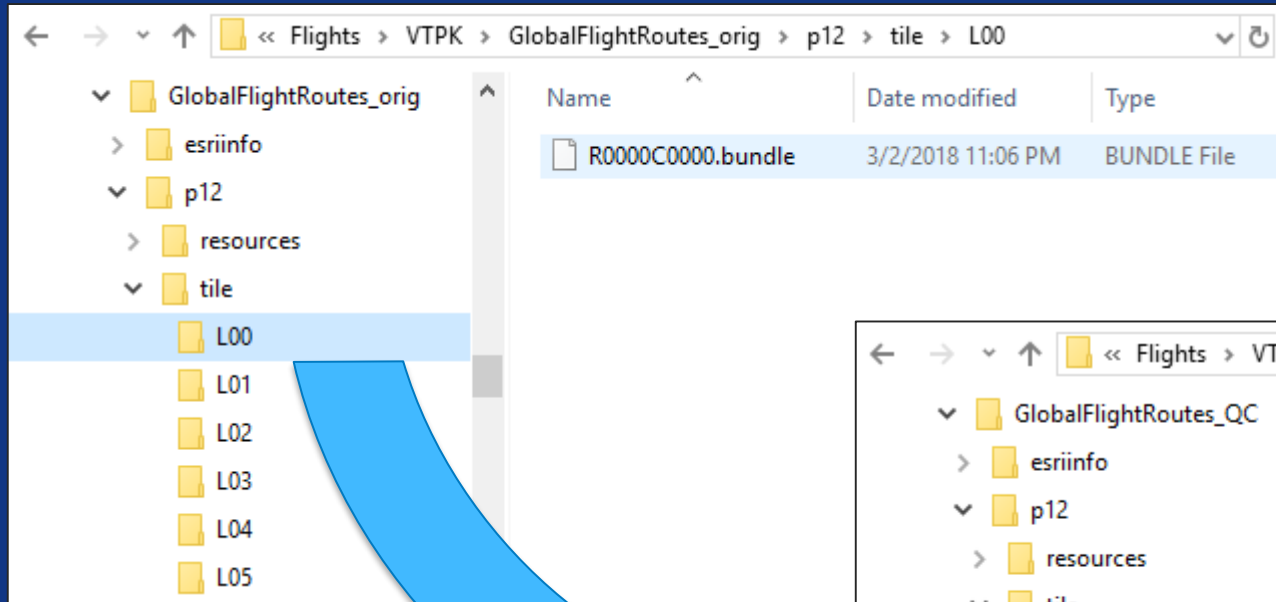
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Analyze tile sizes

- Extract Package



Analyze tile sizes



Analyze tile sizes

- Run some nasty looking python from Tommy
- https://github.com/tfauvell/qc_vt_tileset



File Edit Selection View Go Debug Terminal Help • QC_VT.py - qc_vt_tileset - Visual Studio Code [Administrator]

DEBUG [play] [stop] [gear]

VARIABLES

WATCH

CALL STACK

BREAKPOINTS

- ☐ Raised Exceptions
- ☒ Uncaught Exceptions
- ☒ math.py C:\Pr... 12

GlobalFlightRoutes_QC

File Home Share View

Navigation pane Preview pane Details pane

Panes

Layout

- Extra large icons Large icons
- Medium icons Small icons
- List Details

Current view

Sort by

Show/hide

- ☐ Item check boxes
- ☒ File name extensions
- ☒ Hidden items
- Hide selected items
- Options

Search GlobalFlightRoute...

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
esriinfo	3/5/2019 3:45 PM	File folder	
p12	3/5/2019 3:45 PM	File folder	

2 items

```
59 statsLookup[7] = "[ 256KB - 512KB ]"
60 statsLookup[8] = "[ 512KB - 1MB ]"
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EXPLORER

OPEN EDITORS

QC_VT.py

QC_VT_TILESET

.vscode

launch.json

settings.json

VTPK\QC

Update1

esriinfo

p12

resources

tile

tilemap

root.json

UpdateMin

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__init__.py

.gitignore

LICENSE

QC_VT.py

README.md

OUTLINE

```
QC_VT.py x
QC_VT.py > main

116 def main():
117     print "Analyzing tileset...\n"
118
119     # generator - walk all file paths within vt
120     all_files = (os.path.join(basedir, filename)
121                 for basedir, dirs, files in os.walk(vt) for filename in files)
122
123     # generator - tuples of files, sizes
124     files_and_sizes = ((path, os.path.getsize(path)) for path in all_files)
125     sorted_files_with_size = sorted(
126         files_and_sizes, key=operator.itemgetter(1), reverse=True)
127     print "Collecting statistics..."
128     min_PBF = min(sorted_files_with_size, key=operator.itemgetter(1))
129     max_PBF = max(sorted_files_with_size, key=operator.itemgetter(1))
130
131     fCount = 0
132     flaggedPBF = list()
133     totalSize = 0
134
135     for filePath in sorted_files_with_size:
136         # flag large files and collect stats
137         totalSize += filePath[1]
138         statsD[group_size(filePath[1])] += 1
```

PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL

2: Python Debug Consc

Analyzing tileset...

Collecting statistics...

TILESET STATS: Tier 3 Test

263 tiles, smallest tile: 989.0 B, largest tile: 2.06 MB, total size: 29.03 MB






size range	distribution	# of files
0KB - 1KB	[#.....]	1
1KB - 16KB	[#.....]	12
16KB - 32KB	[##.....]	25
32KB - 64KB	[#####]	58
64KB - 128KB	[#####]	116
128KB - 256KB	[###.....]	37
256KB - 512KB	[#.....]	7
512KB - 1MB	[#.....]	4
larger than 1MB	[#.....]	3

WARNING! Tileset contains 31 tiles larger than 150 KB

C:\Projects\Flights\VTPK\QC\Tier3\p12\tile\0\0\0.pbf	2.06 MB
C:\Projects\Flights\VTPK\QC\Tier3\p12\tile\1\0\1.pbf	1.31 MB
C:\Projects\Flights\VTPK\QC\Tier3\p12\tile\2\1\2.pbf	1.01 MB
C:\Projects\Flights\VTPK\QC\Tier3\p12\tile\1\0\0.pbf	895.65 KB
C:\Projects\Flights\VTPK\QC\Tier3\p12\tile\3\2\4.pbf	787.7 KB
C:\Projects\Flights\VTPK\QC\Tier3\p12\tile\2\1\1.pbf	708.7 KB
C:\Projects\Flights\VTPK\QC\Tier3\p12\tile\4\5\8.pbf	646.71 KB

Contents

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Drawing Order

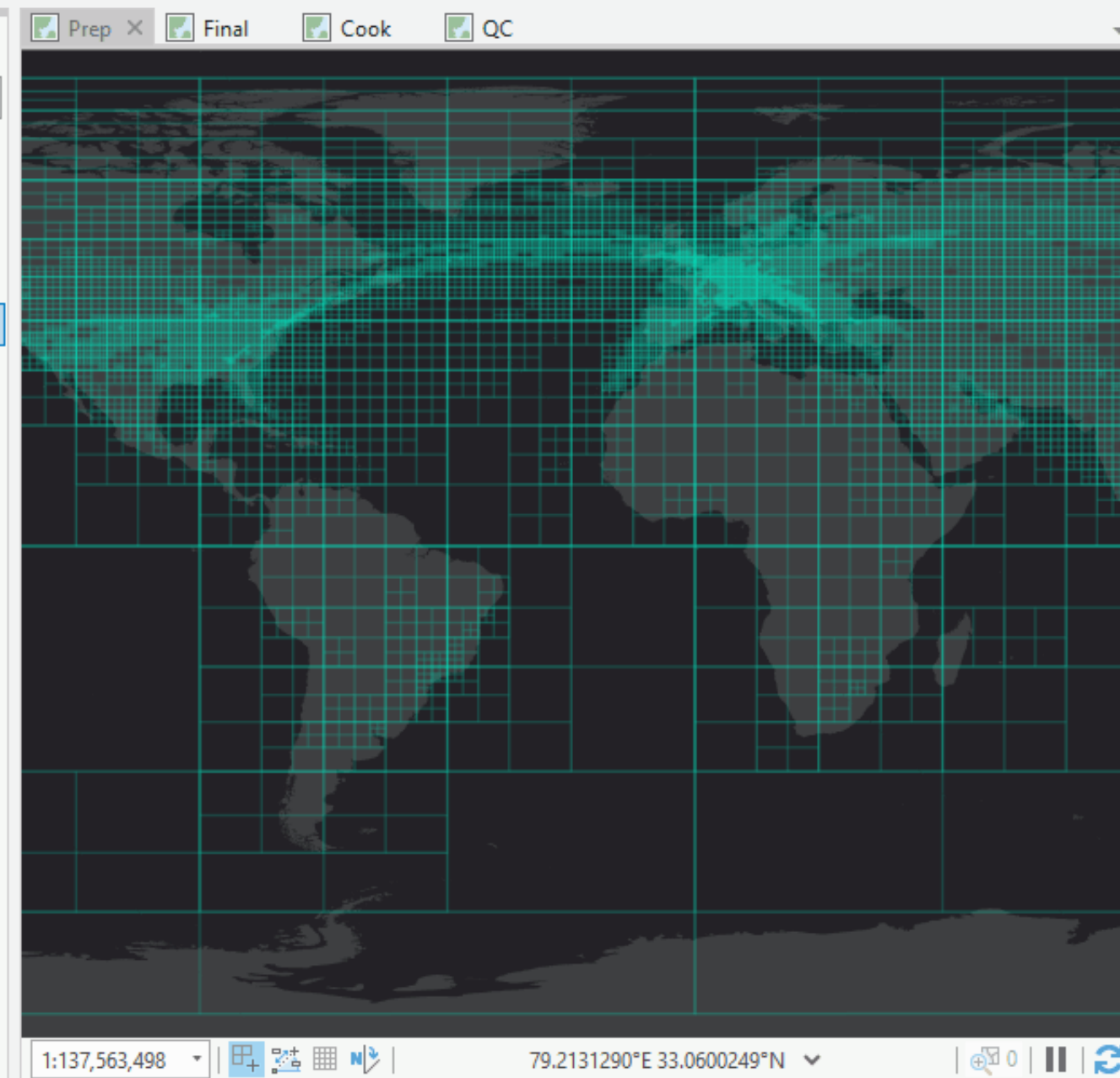
Prep

☒ Flight_Routes_WM_Idx

☐ Flight_Routes_RAW

☒ Prep

☒ Background



Geoprocessing

Select Layer By Attribute

Parameters Environments

Input Rows

Flight_Routes_WM_Idx

Selection type

New selection

Expression

Load Save Clear

Clause SQL

☐ Invert Where Clause

Run

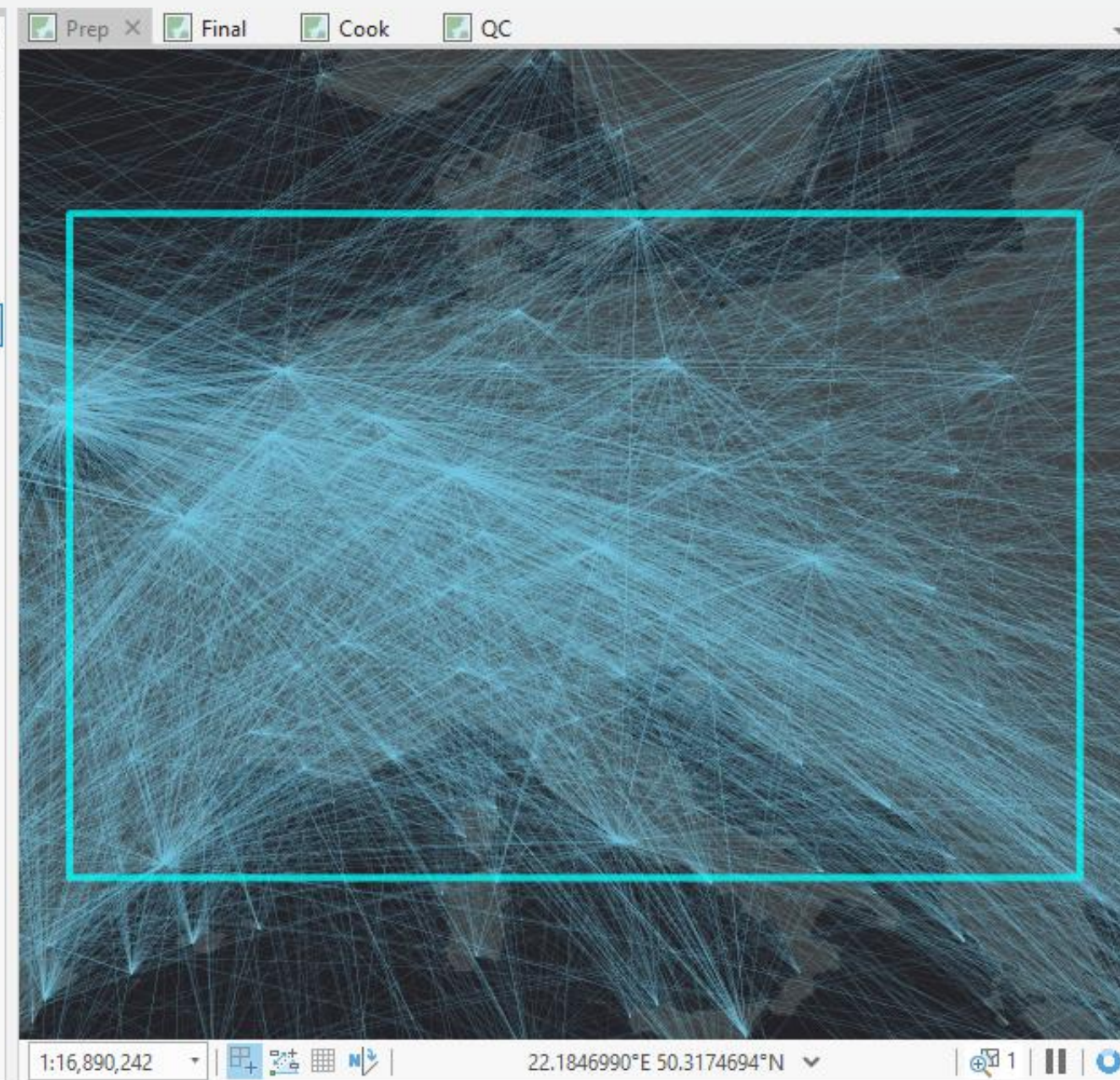
Catalog Pop-up Symbol... Label Cl... Geoproc... Chart Pro...

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LOD = 4 AND V = 5 AND H = 8

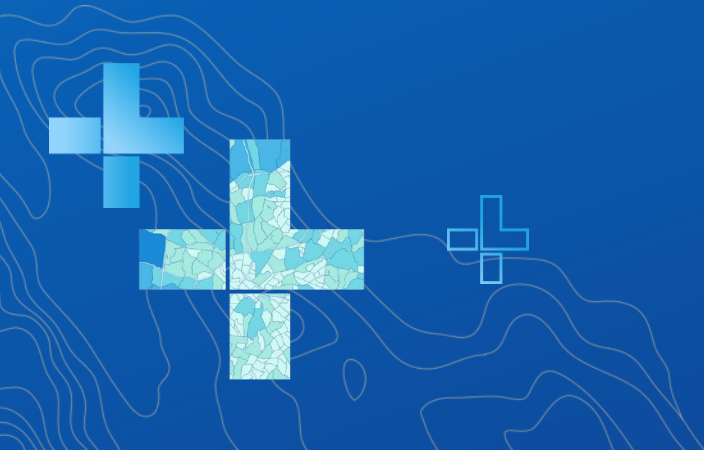
☐ Invert Where Clause

Run

Select Layer By Attribute completed.
View Details Open History

Catalog Pop-up Symbol... Label Cl... Geoproc... Chart Pro...

Next Steps?



Did you make an efficient map?

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Did you make an efficient map?

- <https://pro.arcgis.com/en/pro-app/help/mapping/map-authoring/author-a-map-for-vector-tile-creation.htm>
- <https://pro.arcgis.com/en/pro-app/help/mapping/map-authoring/author-a-multiscaled-map.htm>



Did you make an efficient map?

- **Fix the Data**
- **Fix the Cartography**



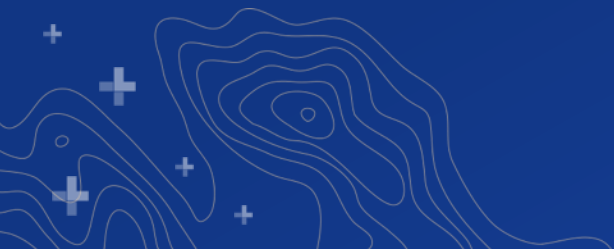
Optimizing | Data

- Use a local FGDB copy / extract of your data
- Clean your data
 - Eliminate duplicates
 - Check/fix geometry errors
- How dense is your data?
 - Set reasonable scale dependencies
 - Generalize



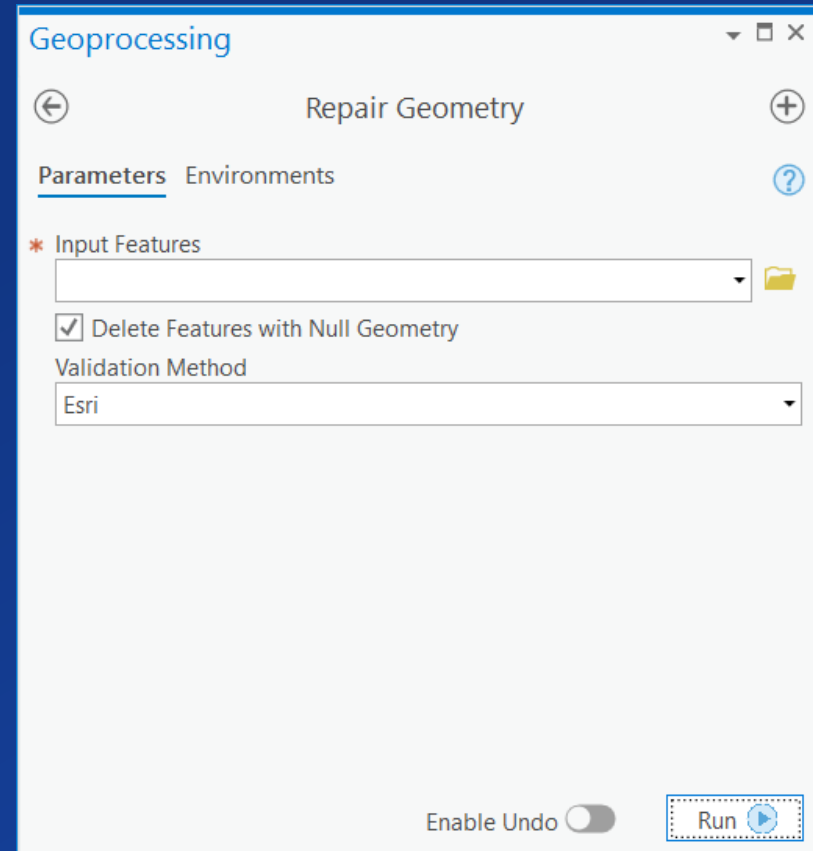
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Generalization | Repair Geometry

- Sanitizes input



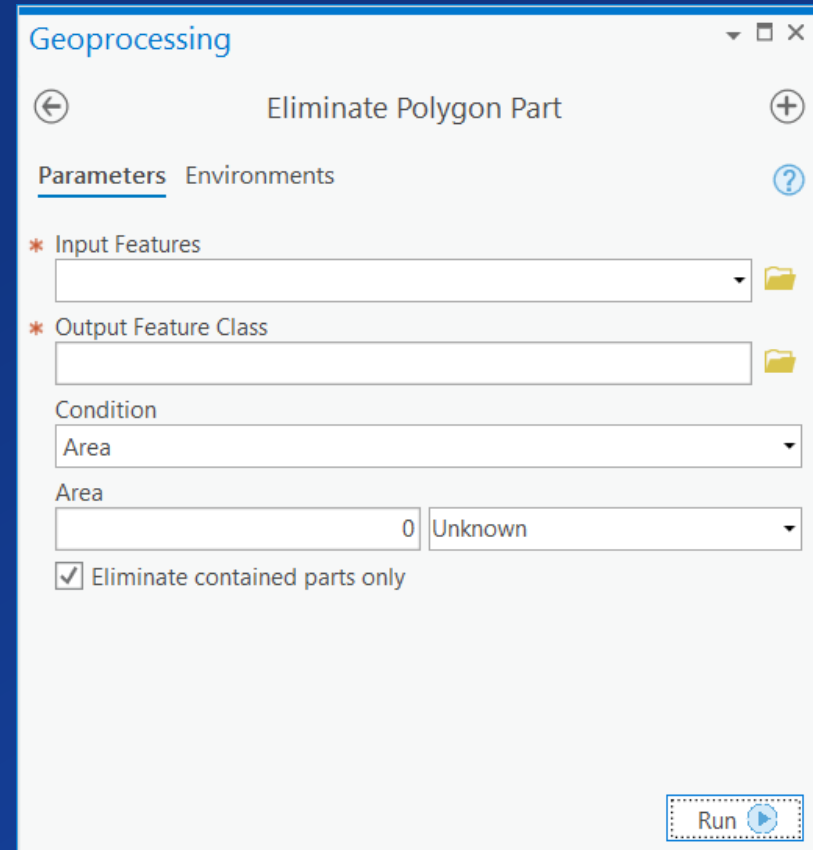
The screenshot shows the 'Repair Geometry' tool window in a GIS application. The window has a title bar 'Geoprocessing' and a subtitle 'Repair Geometry'. It features two tabs: 'Parameters' (selected) and 'Environments'. The 'Parameters' tab contains the following settings:

- Input Features:** A dropdown menu with a folder icon to its right.
- Delete Features with Null Geometry:** A checked checkbox.
- Validation Method:** A dropdown menu with 'Esri' selected.

At the bottom right, there is an 'Enable Undo' toggle switch (currently off) and a 'Run' button with a play icon.

Generalization | Eliminate Polygon Part

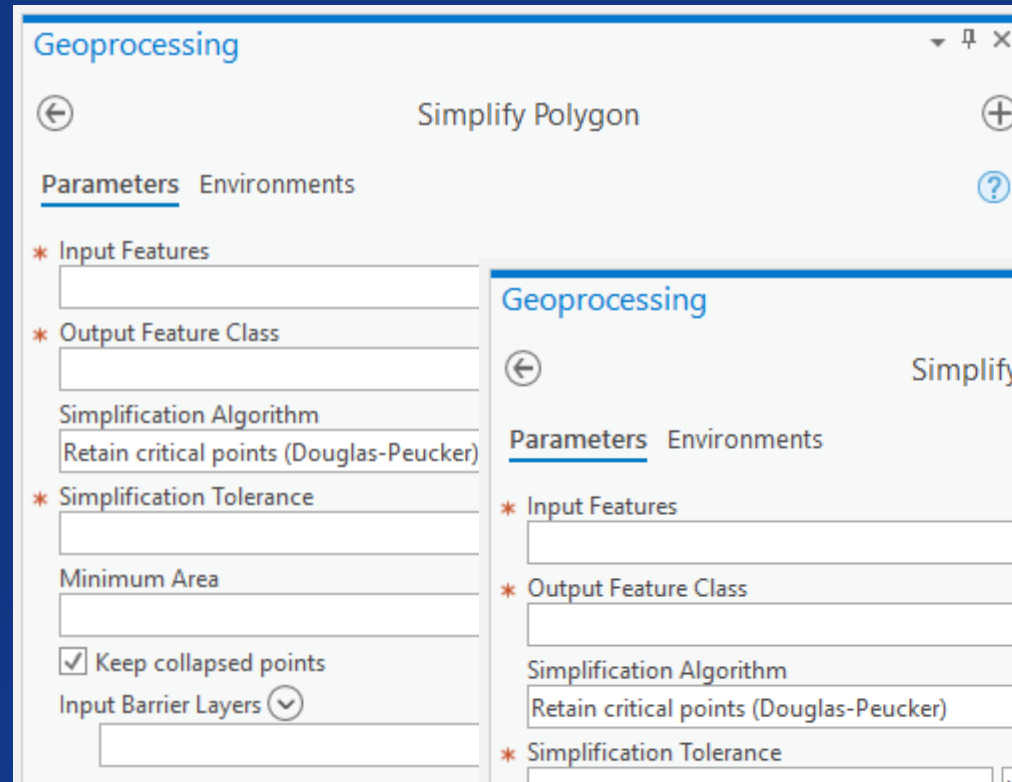
- **Eliminate Parts that are too small to show**
 - Be aware of pixel size
 - Optionally remove holes only



The screenshot shows the 'Geoprocessing' window with the 'Eliminate Polygon Part' tool selected. The 'Parameters' tab is active. The tool has two required inputs: 'Input Features' and 'Output Feature Class', both represented by empty text boxes with folder icons to their right. Below these is the 'Condition' section, which includes a dropdown menu currently set to 'Area'. Underneath the dropdown is a numeric input field containing '0' and a unit dropdown menu set to 'Unknown'. At the bottom of the parameters section, there is a checked checkbox labeled 'Eliminate contained parts only'. A 'Run' button with a play icon is located at the bottom right of the tool's interface.

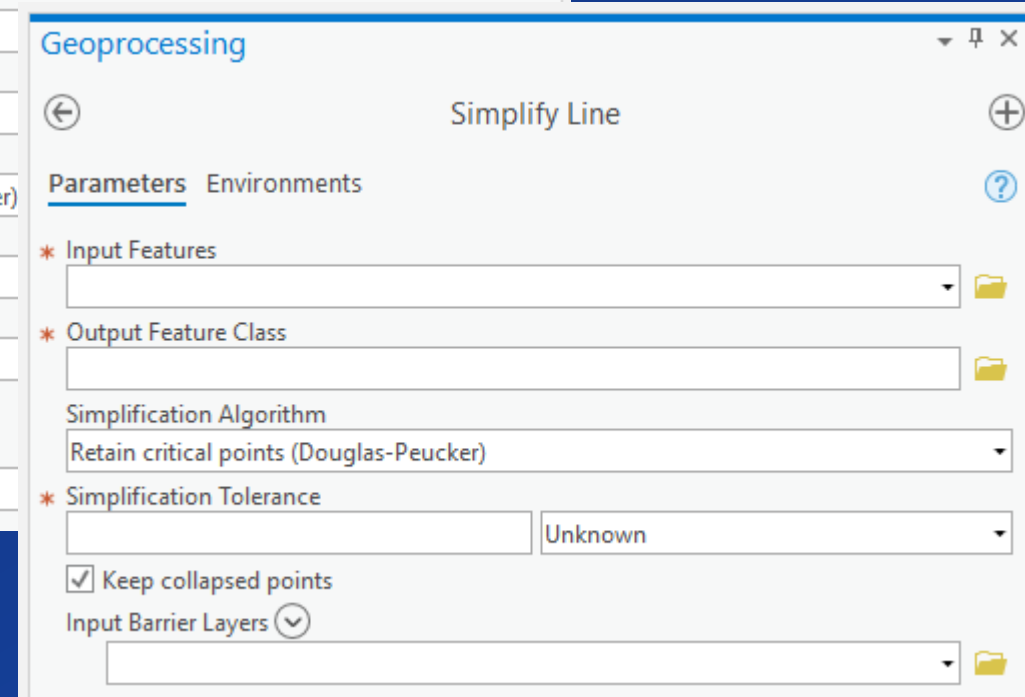
Generalization | Simplify Polygon / Line

- **Reduce polygon / line vertices**
 - Be aware of pixel size
 - Utilize cartographic partitions with large datasets



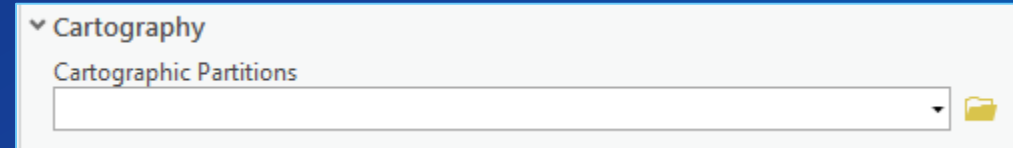
The screenshot shows the 'Simplify Polygon' tool in the Geoprocessing pane. The 'Parameters' tab is active. The tool has the following fields:

- * Input Features:** An empty text box.
- * Output Feature Class:** An empty text box.
- Simplification Algorithm:** A dropdown menu with 'Retain critical points (Douglas-Peucker)' selected.
- * Simplification Tolerance:** An empty text box.
- Minimum Area:** An empty text box.
- ☒ **Keep collapsed points**
- Input Barrier Layers:** A dropdown menu with a downward arrow.



The screenshot shows the 'Simplify Line' tool in the Geoprocessing pane. The 'Parameters' tab is active. The tool has the following fields:

- * Input Features:** A dropdown menu with a folder icon.
- * Output Feature Class:** A dropdown menu with a folder icon.
- Simplification Algorithm:** A dropdown menu with 'Retain critical points (Douglas-Peucker)' selected.
- * Simplification Tolerance:** A dropdown menu with 'Unknown' selected.
- ☒ **Keep collapsed points**
- Input Barrier Layers:** A dropdown menu with a folder icon.

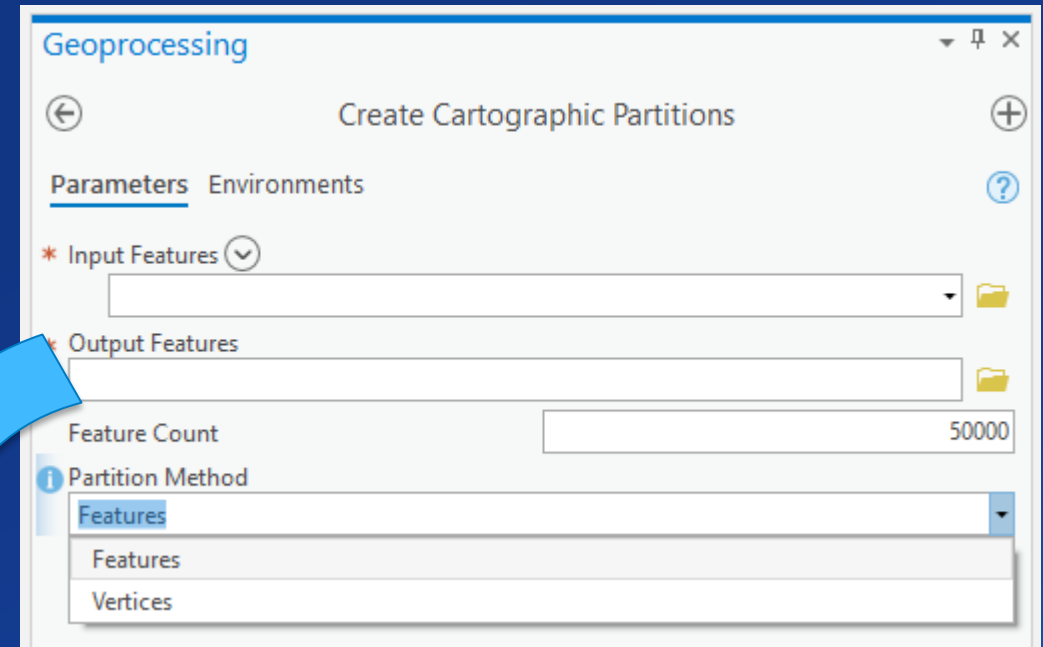


The screenshot shows the 'Cartography' tool in the Geoprocessing pane. The 'Parameters' tab is active. The tool has the following fields:

- Cartographic Partitions:** A dropdown menu with a folder icon.

Generalization | Create Cartographic Partitions

- **Minimize “out of memory” errors with large datasets**
 - Use with Simplify Polygon / Line
 - Enhanced at Pro 2.5 to also evaluate vertex counts



▼ Cartography

Cartographic Partitions

Optimizing | Cartography

- Set your scales according to the tiling scheme you select
- Remember scale logic in Pro is different from ArcMap
 - Uncheck the box
- Convert representations to unique value symbols
- Limit...
 - number of layers
 - duplication of content
 - inclusion of additional fields / data in the tileset



Optimizing | Cartography

- **Avoid...**
 - group layers
 - complex symbols and unsupported symbol effects: hatched / gradient fills
 - unsupported layer types: annotations, basemaps
- **Be mindful of users that want to re-style your maps**



Resources

- **Vector Tile PBF viewer web app**
 - <https://github.com/hfleischer/vector-tile-analysis>
- **Python file size report**
 - https://github.com/tfauvell/qc_vt_tileset
- **Protobuf Editor**
 - https://sourceforge.net/projects/protobufeditor/files/ProtoBufEditor/Test_Releases/Version_0.97k
 - You'll also need:
 - [Protobuf-2.6.1.zip](#) → protoc.exe
 - [vector_tile.proto](#) file

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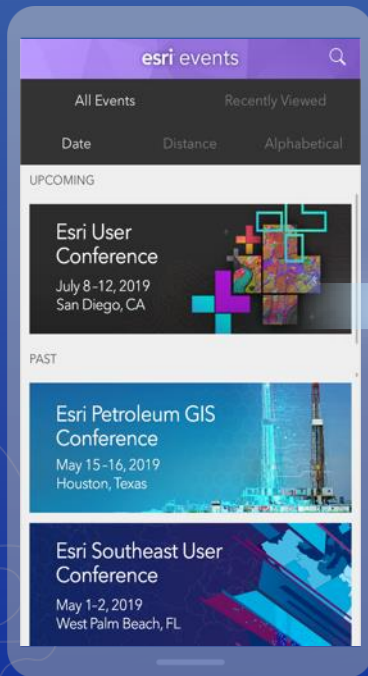
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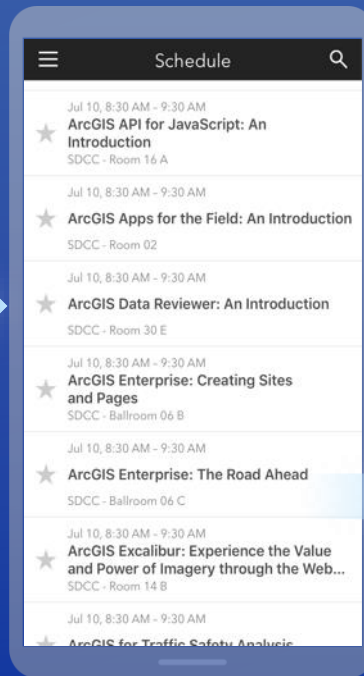
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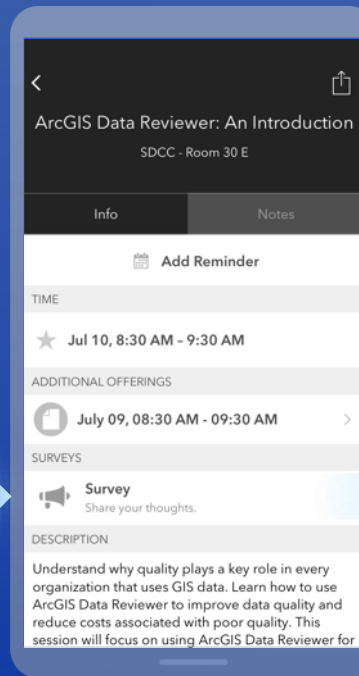
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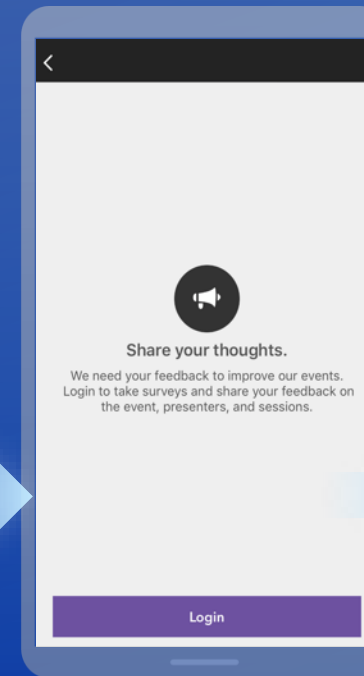
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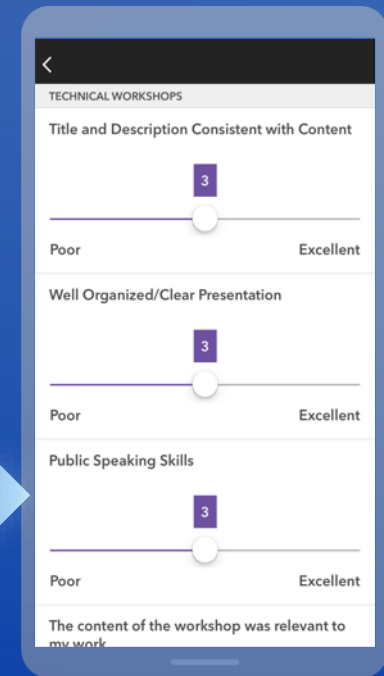
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And maybe some answers?

