CREATING A MOSAIC DATASET WITH MULTIDIMENSIONAL DATA

This protocol documents how to use a collection of raster images (TIF files) to create a multidimensional dataset. In this example, we will use NDVI derived from Landsat 8 OLI. See also the step-by-step video at https://giscenter.isu.edu/files/Esri_CreateMultidimensionalRasters.mp4

Download Landsat imagery (NDVI) and organize these data in a [RASTERS] data folder.

Using ArcGIS Pro:

1. Use the CREATE MOSAIC DATASET (MD) tool

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Output Location NDVI_Baseline.gdb		
Mosaic Dataset Name NDVI_Baseline_20230901		
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Product Definition None		~
Product Properties		

> Pixel Properties

- 2. ADD RASTERS to this MD. This process follows a very standard add rasters approach and nothing special needs to be done at this point for a MDiD (see the figure on the next page).
 - a. Run this processing tool and understand that a large volume of data can take a substantial amount of time to process (approximately 1.5-2 hours).

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Mosaic Post-processing		
 Build Thumbnails 		
✓ Update Overviews		
 Estimate Mosaic Dataset Statistics 		
Operation Description		

- 3. Once completed, zoom into the Image data and ensure you can see the imagery.
- 4. Open the Footprint attribute table and ensure all layers have been added. There will be some additional overview layers (Ov*.tif) as well. Each layer is represented by one record in the table.
 - a. Populate the ProductName field for the data records (not the overview records) with NDVI
 - b. Create an AcquisitionDate field as LONG.
 - c. Populate this field using the Arcade function:
 - Mid(\$feature.Name,12,8)
 - d. Again, do this only for the data records (not the overview records).
- 5. To support time data and a fully functional multidimensional dataset, date needs to be stored in a real DATE data type field. This is accomplished using the Convert Time Field Tool.

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Output Time Field Type	
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- 6. Next, use the BUILD MULTIDIMENSIONAL INFO tool to add multidimensional awareness to this MD.
 - a. For this to work correctly, we need to specify what variable is being described by these data.
 - b. Set the Variable field to ProductName (which is populated with NDVI).
 - c. Next, we need to add additional information about this variable.
 - d. Set Variable Name to be NDVI
 - e. And add a Description of what this really means
 - f. Secondly, we need to identify the Dimension field.
 - g. Select DateAcquired as the Dimension Field
 - h. Enter Capture Date as the Description
 - i. Enter Date/time as the units

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j. Run this tool.

- k. When finished, the menu/ribbons for the Mosaic Layer will change and the geoprocessing tool will indicate the information has been built successfully.
- 1. Test the temporal profiling tool to ensure it is working correctly. To do this, right click the MD and choose CHART—TEMPORAL PROFILE
- 7. Using the completed MD, click the Multidimensional ribbon and create derived summary layers.
 - a. Summary Statistics---Calculate Mean
 - b. Summary Statistics---Calculate Median
 - c. Summary Statistics---Calculate Maximum
 - d. Summary Statistics---Calculate Standard Deviation
- 8. Create a lower and upper bound NDVI raster layer. To do this:
 - a. Use the TIMES tool to multiply Standard Deviation by 1.96 (this represents a 95% CI).
 - b. Use the MINUS tool (Mean SD_95PCT). This creates an NDVI Lower Bounds layer at 95% CI.
 - c. Use the PLUS tool (Mean + SD_95PCT). This creates an NDVI Upper Bounds layer at 95% CI.
- 9. Publish (share) the NDVI Baseline multidimensional MD and summary layers as image services.