Python – Scripting for Map Automation

Goals of the workshop:

- Review what arcpy.mapping can do and who is the target user
- Provide a guick tour of the API and discuss the key functions and methods for map automation
- Strategies for authoring a map document for use with arcpy.mapping
- Provide a good understanding of the types of applications that can be developed using this new scripting environment

Major topics covered:

- A tour of the arcpy.mapping API
 - o Demonstrations
- The Map Document object
 - Running stand-alone scripts verses referencing a map document using the CURRENT keyword
 - Demonstrations
- Working with list functions to get
 - o DataFrame objects
 - o Layer objects
 - o PageLayoutElement objects
 - Demonstrations
- Strategies for authoring map documents to be used with arcpy.mapping
- Printing and exporting
 - o PDF document management
 - o Compile all components of a map book into a single multi-page PDF document
 - o Demonstrations
- Updating data sources
- Different ways that script can be run including ArcGIS Server
- Resources available to get going with arcpy.mapping immediately
- Arcpy.mapping 10.1 Road Ahead