



# Advanced Data Interoperability: LiDAR, 3D, and BIM

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# ArcGIS Data Interoperability Extension

- Convert and transform data in 100+ formats
- Graphical workflow authoring



# **LiDAR**

**Overview of point cloud scenarios**

# Converting point cloud formats

Import point clouds and automatically generate .lasd for quick LAS use in ArcGIS.

- ASPRS Lidar Data Exchange Format (LAS)
- Point Cloud XYZ
- RIEGL Laser Scan Database (RDB)
- Mojang Minecraft
- ASTM E57
- Oracle Spatial Point Cloud
- Terrasolid TerraScan
- Z+F LaserControl ZFS



# Demo

Convert TerraScan directory to LAS

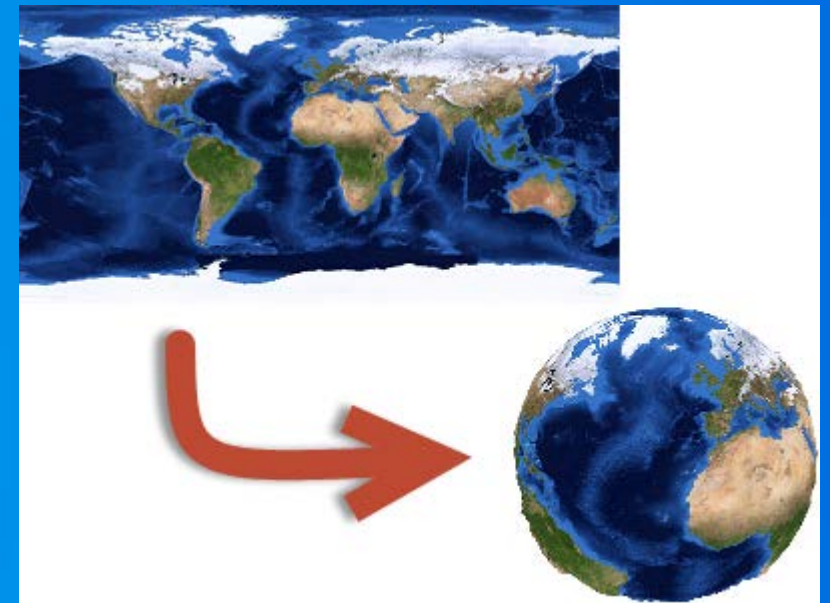
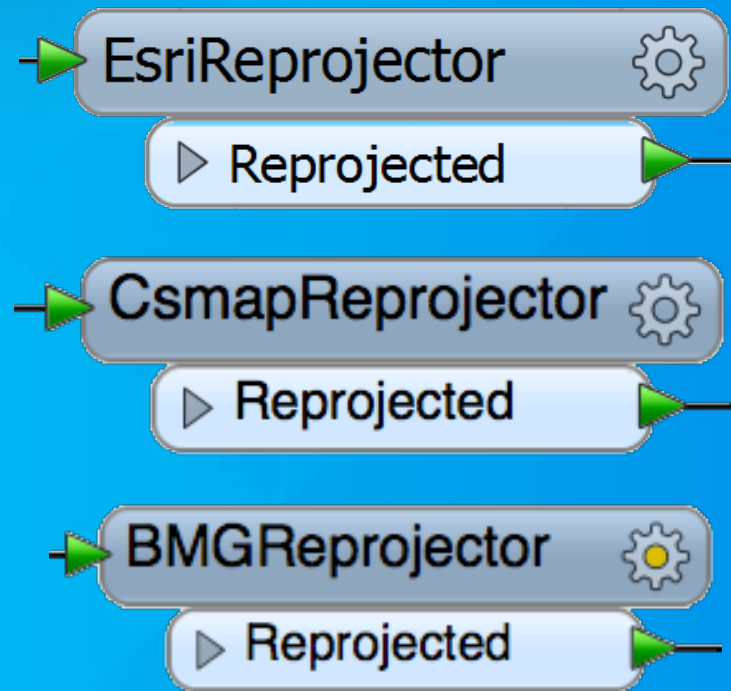
# Transforming point clouds

- Thinning
- Drape to create a surface model
- Slicing/profiling to divide along a line
- Update extents
- Combine
- Set components manually
- Point-by-point calculations
- Point-by-point filtering
- ...



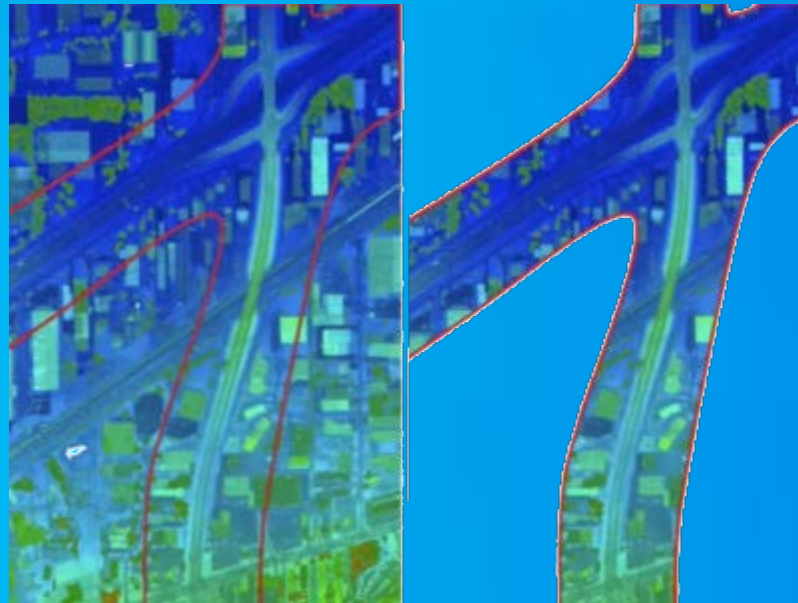
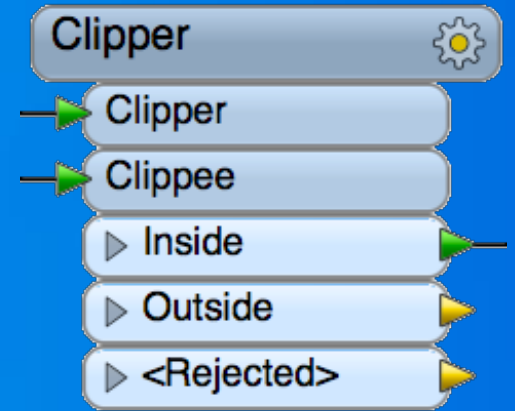
# Reprojection

- Change a point cloud's coordinate system
- Support for geocentric coordinates and orthometric heights



# Clipping

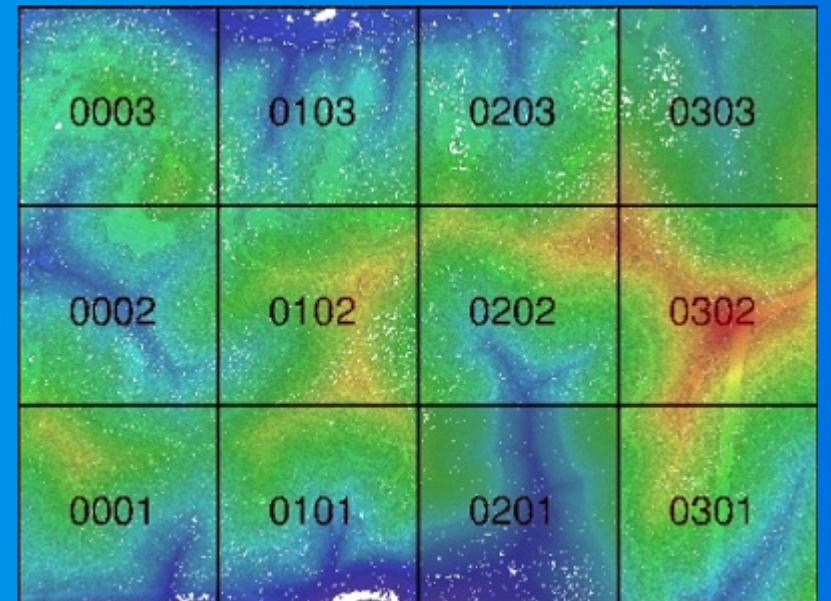
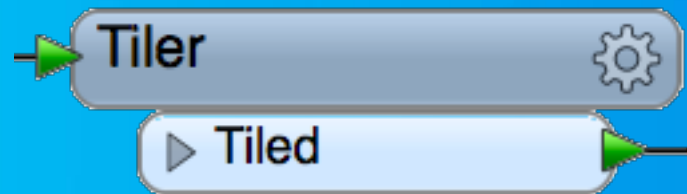
- Toss away points outside a defined area
- Cubic clipping: clip to a 3D solid
- Clip to just the area you need
- Data becomes more manageable to work with





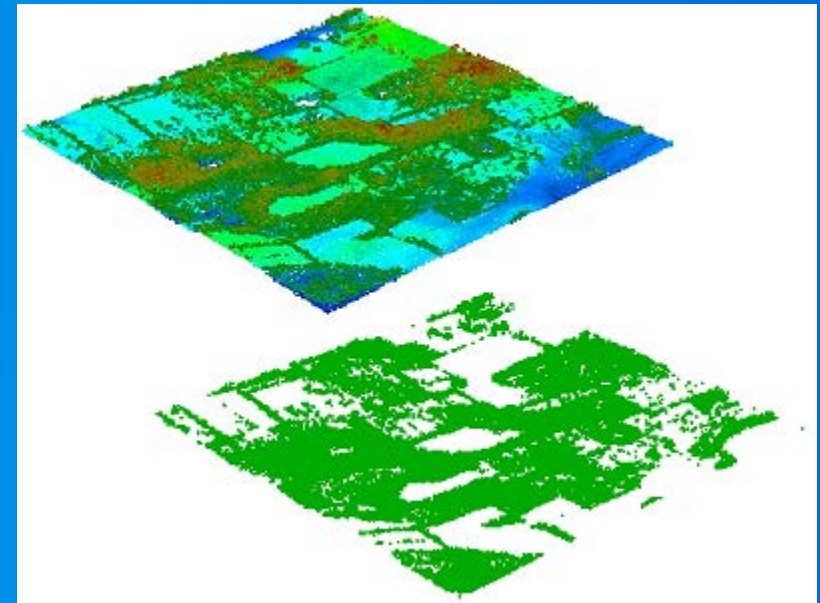
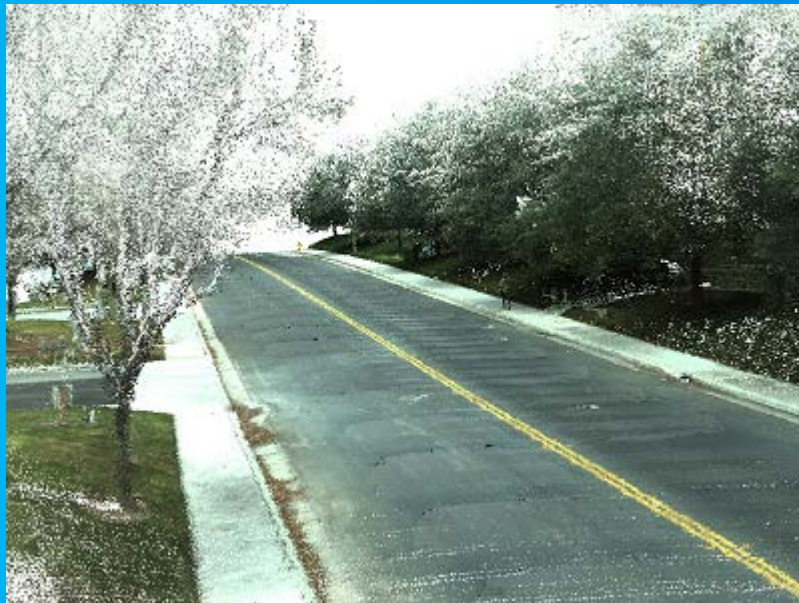
# Tiling

- Chop points into a series of tiles
- Speed up processing time using parallel processing on tiles
- Easier delivery for large point clouds



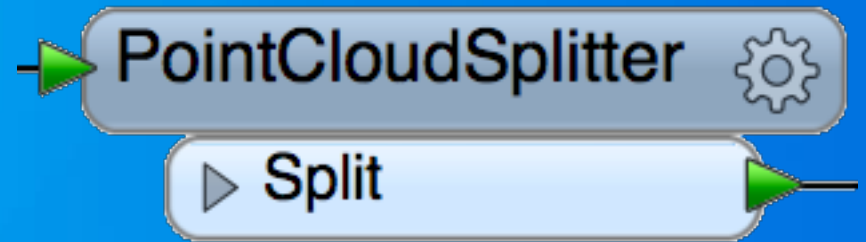
# Splitting

- Extract points based on the value of any component
- E.g. color, classification, intensity
- Can split based on exact value or range



# Demo

Split a point cloud



# Colorization

- Automatically set color components
- Overlay point cloud on raster



# Demo

Colorize point cloud with orthophoto

PointCloudOnRasterComponentSetter 

→ PointCloud

→ Raster

▶ PointCloud 

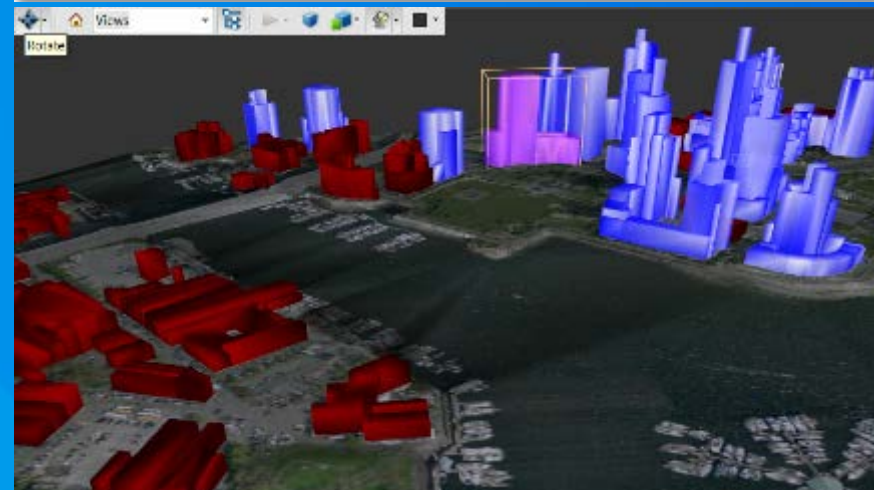
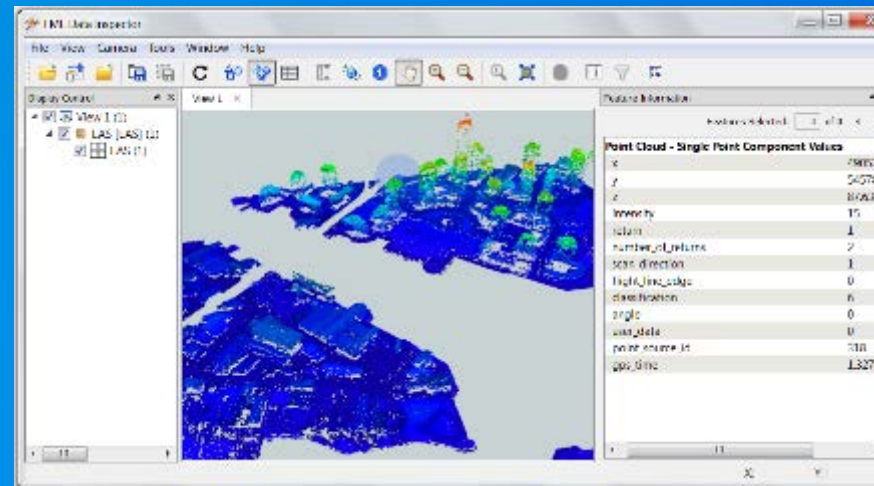
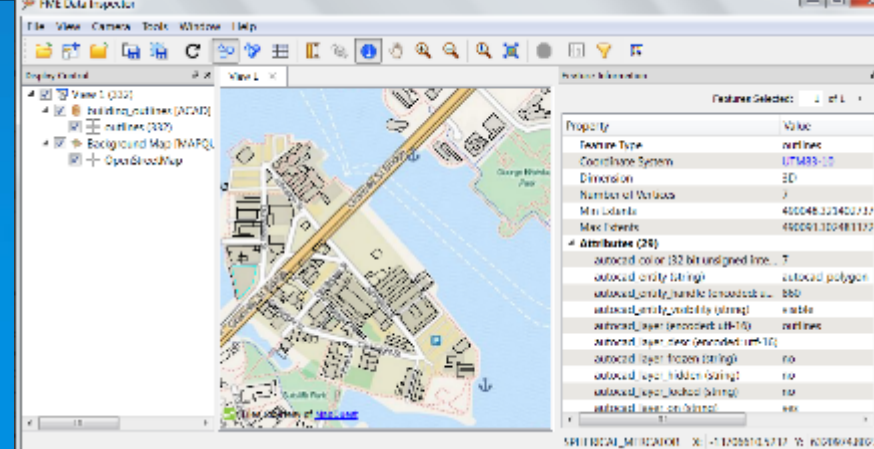
# 3D GIS

Working with 3D data



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- Converting 2D building outlines to 3D
  - FeatureMerger joins outlines with tabular data containing building heights
  - Extruder adds 3<sup>rd</sup> dimension to create 3D solids
  - 3DForcer to set base heights for 3D
- TINGenerator creates TIN from a point cloud
- AppearanceSetter defines details of 3D surface



# Demo

- Convert Shapefile to Sketchup
- Create surface model TIN using height information from a point cloud



# BIM and GIS

Working with BIM data



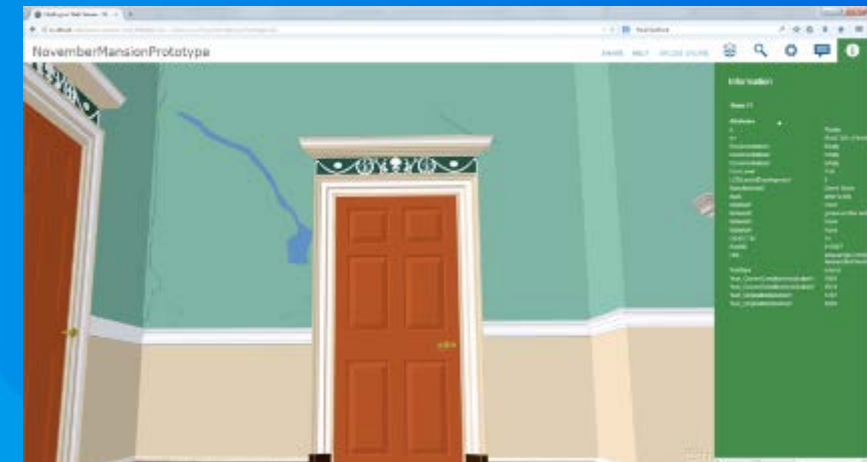
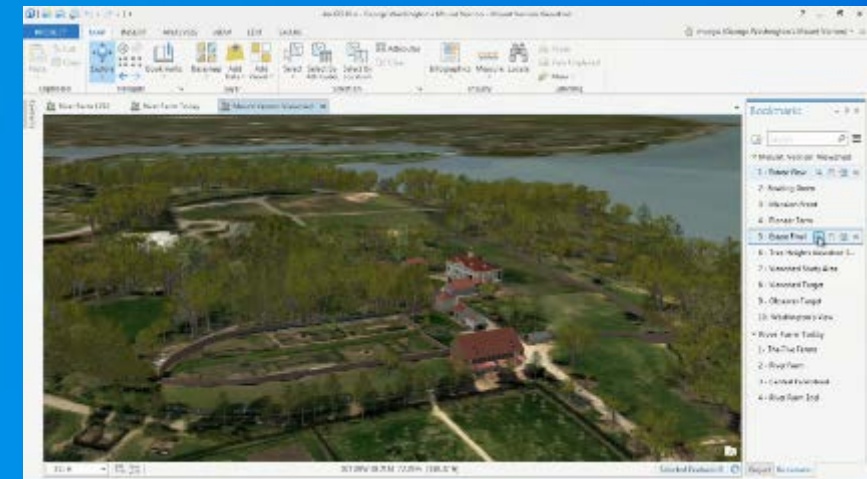
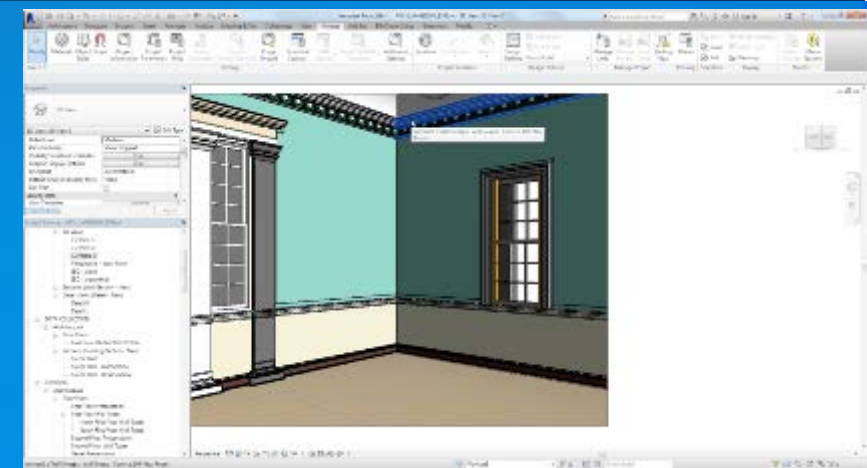
# Working with BIM

- File size and complexity make BIM data hard to repurpose
- BIM exports IFC (too complex) or DWG (too simple)
- Key: keep what you need, discard what you don't



# BIM to GIS: Mount Vernon

- George Washington's home laser scanned to create high quality BIM in Revit
- Data Interoperability extension used to convert BIM to GIS
  - Export Revit data (plus added georeferencing) with FME Revit Exporter
  - Import to ArcGIS with Data Interoperability extension
  - Reconnect attribution
- Browser delivery – easy sharing
- Rich detail of BIM with spatial context of GIS

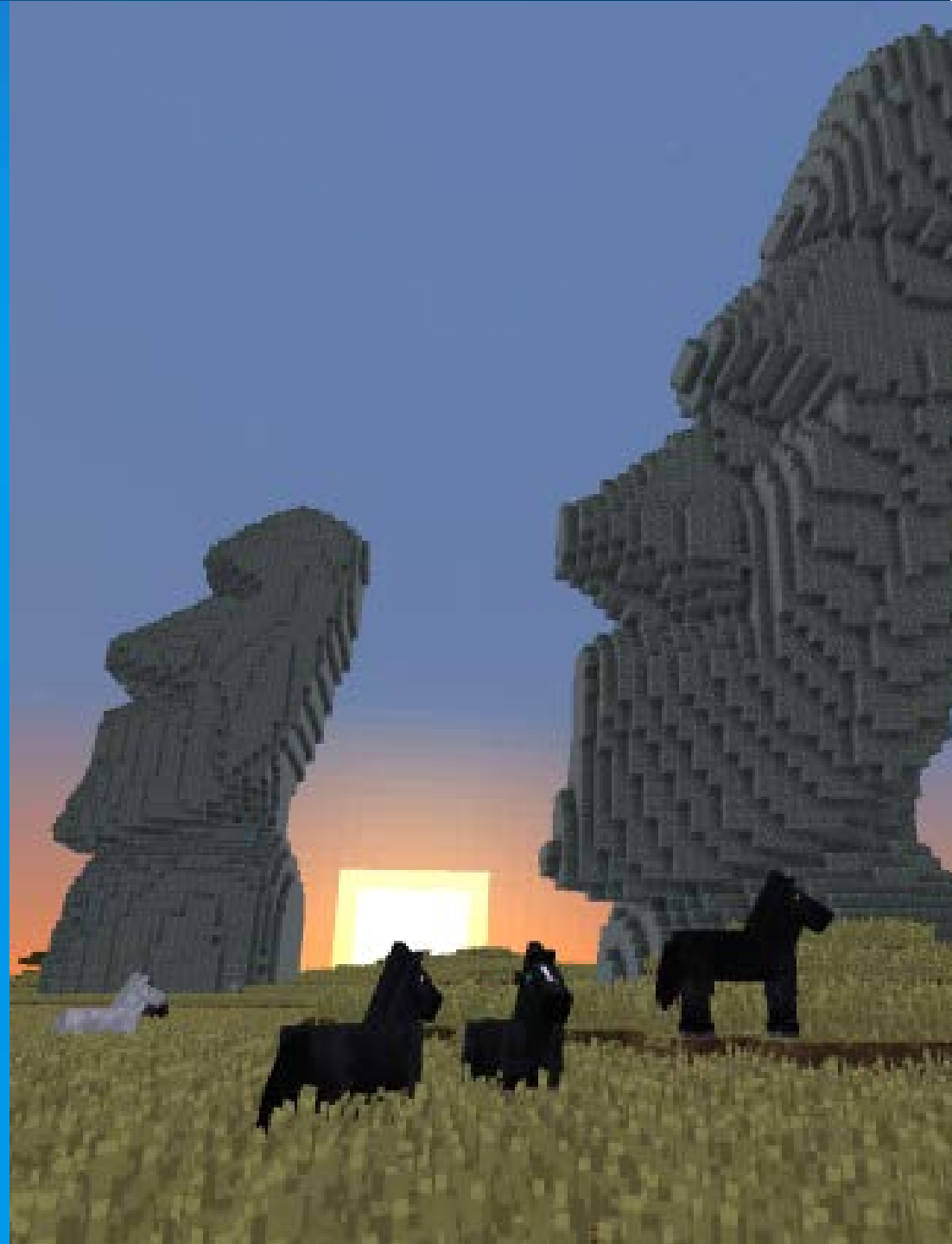


# BIM to GIS Scenarios

- Translate Revit floorplan to Geodatabase
- Extract/use BIM georeferencing
- Complete control over IFC hierarchies
- Reduce BIM data volumes
- Update BIM from Excel tables
- Webinar: GIS and BIM Interoperability - [fme.ly/gisbim](http://fme.ly/gisbim)



Exporting to  
**Minecraft**



# Working with Minecraft

- A Minecraft world is a point cloud
- blockID and blockData components
- Convert any data to Minecraft
  - Vector
  - Raster
  - LiDAR
  - BIM
  - etc.





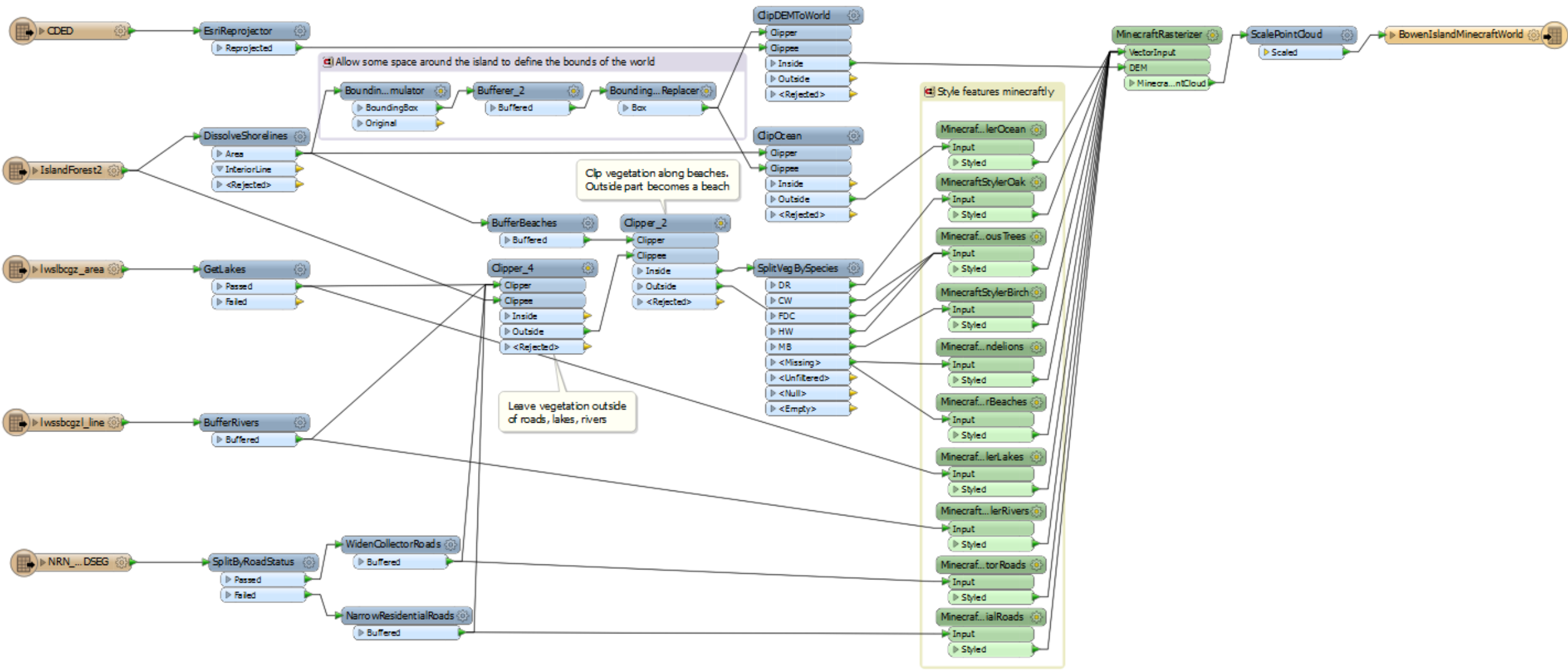
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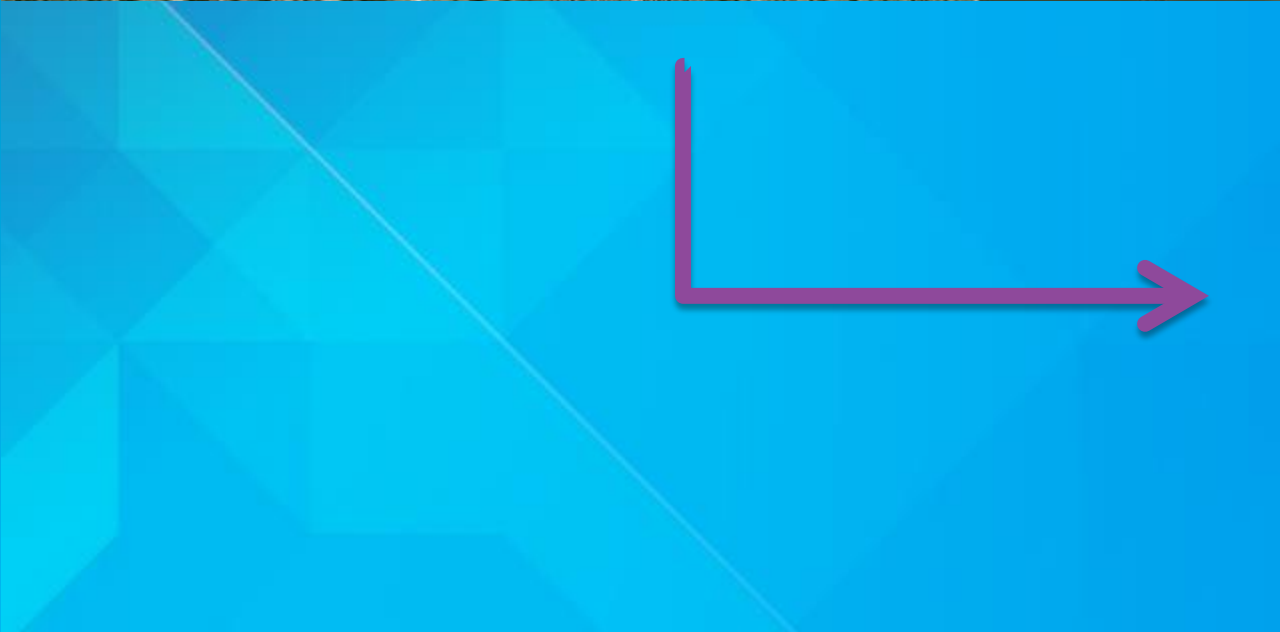
Bowen Island: GIS + DEM to Minecraft

# Workspace summary

1. Read road lines (Shapefile), forest polygons (MapInfo), and raster DEM
2. Buffer and clip vectors to avoid overlap
3. Rasterize vector layers
  - Make numeric rasters for Z, blockID, blockData
4. Convert raster pixels to points
  - Set Z value and point cloud components







# Minecraft and the real world

- Hypothetical scenarios
  - Lava flow
  - Forest fires
  - Rising sea levels
- Geodesign
  - Sweden used Minecraft for public urban planning
- Fun: [fme.ly/MazeGenerator](https://fme.ly/MazeGenerator)

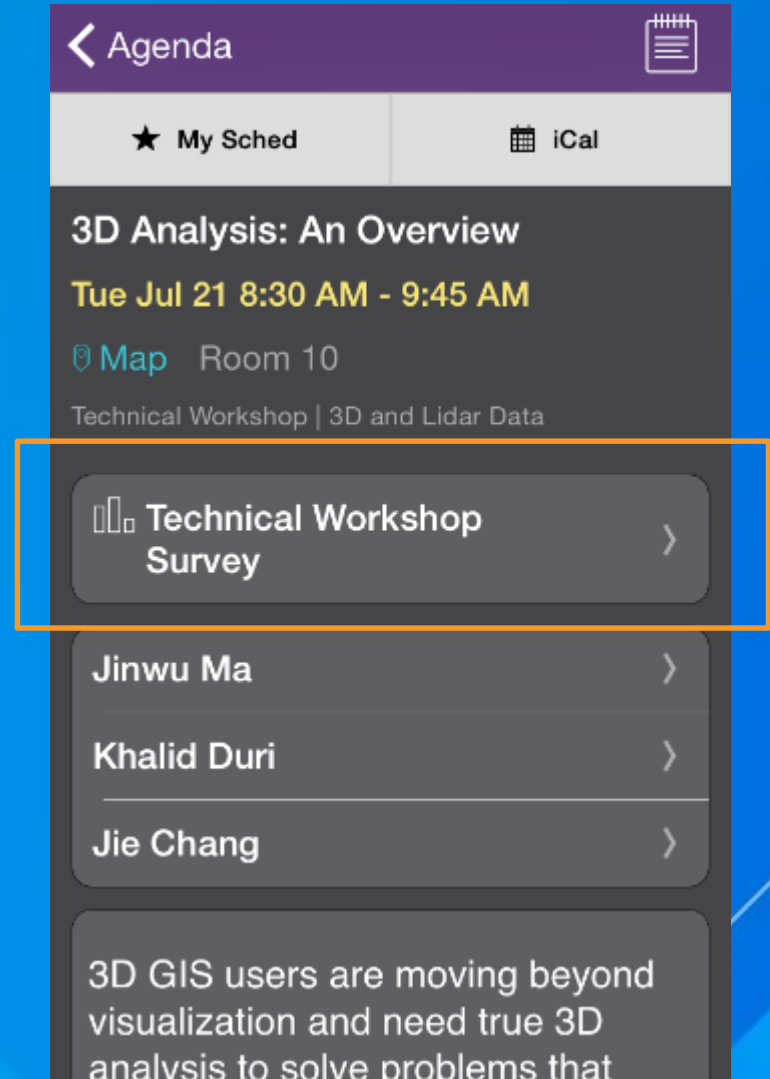


# Resources

- **Download a trial at [esri.com/datainteroperability](http://esri.com/datainteroperability)**
- **Esri Virtual Campus – search “Spatial ETL” on [training.esri.com](http://training.esri.com)**
  - **Transforming Data Using Extract, Transform, and Load Processes**
  - **Controlling Data Translations Using Extract, Transform, and Load Processes**
- **Webinar: GIS and BIM Interoperability - [fme.ly/gisbim](http://fme.ly/gisbim)**
- **Webinar: LiDAR and ArcGIS - [fme.ly/interoplidar](http://fme.ly/interoplidar)**
- **Tutorial: How to make Minecraft worlds in FME - [fme.ly/minecraft](http://fme.ly/minecraft)**

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