

The Million Points on a Map Problem: Advanced Techniques

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Point features are aggregated into artificial bins



Spatial aggregation in bins

Why spatial aggregation?

Sometimes drawing the raw data is overwhelming and doesn't provide any value



Artificial geography types

- Rectangular bins
- Hexagons (hexbins)





Creating geographies

Create multiple levels to support aggregation at smaller to larger scales



Use an equal-area projection

Authoring your map

Set scale dependencies for each level of geography



Using standardized geographies

Select the appropriate level of geography

- South Africa example:
 - Nation
 - Province
- District

- Do not necessarily use the most detailed geographies



South African provinces and districts

Tornado example



Aggregation approaches

On-the-fly Provides flexibility Immediately shows updated data Is appropriate for data that changes often Pre-calculated Can have faster drawing speed Requires upfront processing time from the author Is appropriate for unchanging data

Pre-calculated aggregation options

Geoprocessing tools



Native RDBMS SQL

SELECT [..] INTO Tornado_Aggregate FROM Tornado t INNER
JOIN Tornado_Bins bins ON
bins.geom.STIntersects(t.geom) = 1 WHERE [..]

On-the-fly aggregation in ArcMap

Query layer with custom SQL





On-the-fly aggregation in ArcGIS Pro

Query layer with custom SQL



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