Training Course on Machine Learning for Geospatial Data Classification

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	GIS	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

By the end of this training course, participants will be able to:

1. Comprehend the core principles of ML and its specific applications in **GIS** and **remote sensing**.
2. Gain proficiency in Python programming for **geospatial data manipulation**, analysis, and visualization.
3. Apply various supervised learning algorithms for **land cover classification**, object detection, and predictive mapping.
4. Employ clustering techniques to identify spatial patterns and anomalies in large geospatial datasets.
5. Effectively handle and preprocess **satellite imagery** and other remote sensing data for ML applications.
6. Build and evaluate models for forecasting spatial trends, risks, and environmental changes.
7. Understand and implement **Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)** and other deep learning architectures for complex image analysis.
8. Design and execute automated pipelines for efficient processing and analysis of **geospatial big data**.
9. Assess the accuracy and reliability of ML models using appropriate spatial validation techniques and metrics.
10. Learn techniques for **data fusion** and integration from various geospatial sources
11. Create compelling and interactive visualizations of ML results for effective communication.
12. Understand the ethical considerations and challenges associated with applying AI in location intelligence.
13. Apply learned techniques to practical case studies in **urban development**, **environmental conservation**, and **disaster response**.

Organizational Benefits

- Leverage advanced analytics to gain deeper insights from **spatial data**, leading to more informed and strategic decisions in areas like site selection, resource allocation, and policy development.
- **Automate** time-consuming manual processes for data classification, feature extraction, and change detection, significantly reducing labor costs and accelerating project timelines.
- Develop **predictive models** to forecast trends, identify potential risks, and optimize resource management, moving from reactive to proactive strategies.

- Accurately classify and monitor **land use/land cover**, agricultural health, forest resources, and water bodies, leading to more sustainable and efficient resource utilization.
- Equip teams with cutting-edge **GeoAI** skills, enabling the development of novel solutions and services that differentiate the organization in the market.
- Utilize **machine learning for disaster management** and risk assessment, enhancing preparedness and response capabilities for natural hazards and security threats.
- Identify previously unobservable patterns and relationships within **geospatial big data**, leading to the discovery of new markets, services, or operational efficiencies.
- Transform raw geospatial data into actionable intelligence, supporting enhanced situational awareness and strategic planning across various departments.

Target Audience

1. GIS Analysts & Specialists.
2. Remote Sensing Scientists
3. Data Scientists & AI Engineers
4. Urban Planners & Developers.
5. Environmental Scientists & Conservationists.
6. Disaster Management & Humanitarian Aid Workers.
7. Researchers & Academics
8. Anyone working with large spatial datasets

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Module 1: Introduction to Machine Learning for Geospatial Data

- Overview of ML & AI in Geospatial Context.
- Types of Geospatial Data
- ML Paradigms for Spatial Problems.
- Key Python Libraries.
- Setting up the Development Environment.
- **Case Study**: *Analyzing land use change detection through historical satellite imagery using basic classification concepts.*

Module 2: Geospatial Data Acquisition and Preprocessing

- Sources of Geospatial Data
- Geospatial Data Formats & Projections
- Data Cleaning and Handling Missing Values.
- Raster and Vector Data Manipulation.
- Feature Engineering for Spatial Data
- **Case Study**: *Preprocessing and normalizing multi-spectral satellite images to prepare them for land cover classification, focusing on atmospheric correction and radiometric calibration.*

Module 3: Exploratory Spatial Data Analysis (ESDA)

- Spatial Data Visualization
- Identifying Spatial Patterns.
- Descriptive Statistics for Geospatial Data
- Dimensionality Reduction.
- Interactive Mapping for Exploration.
- **Case Study**: *Using ESDA to identify urban heat island effects by analyzing temperature readings across a city, pinpointing areas with significant anomalies.*

Module 4: Supervised Learning for Geospatial Classification

- Fundamentals of Supervised Learning
- Classification Algorithms
- Training Geospatial Classification Models.
- Model Evaluation Metrics.
- Cross-Validation Techniques for Spatial Data
- **Case Study**: *Classifying different crop types from time-series satellite imagery using Random Forest, evaluating model accuracy against ground truth data.*

Module 5: Unsupervised Learning and Clustering in Geospatial Analysis

- Introduction to Unsupervised Learning.
- Clustering Algorithms
- Geospatial Segmentation
- Anomaly Detection in Spatial Data.
- Interpreting Clustering Results.
- **Case Study**: *Identifying distinct urban zones or land-use patterns from aggregated socio-economic and satellite image features using K-means clustering.*

Module 6: Deep Learning for Remote Sensing Image Classification

- Introduction to Deep Learning.
- Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs).
- Image Segmentation Techniques
- Transfer Learning for Geospatial Images
- Building and Training Deep Learning Models.
- **Case Study**: *Detecting and delineating building footprints from high-resolution aerial imagery using a U-Net architecture for semantic segmentation.*

Module 7: Geospatial Feature Extraction and Object Detection

- Automated Feature Extraction.
- Object Detection Algorithms
- Creating Training Data for Object Detection
- Performance Metrics for Object Detection
- Applications in Infrastructure Monitoring
- **Case Study**: *Automated detection of informal settlements or changes in refugee camp structures from satellite images over time using YOLO.*

Module 8: Time-Series Geospatial Data Analysis

- Handling Time-Series Spatial Data
- Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) for Temporal Data
- Change Detection with Machine Learning
- Forecasting Geospatial Phenomena:
- Anomaly Detection in Time-Series.
- **Case Study**: *Monitoring deforestation rates in the Amazon rainforest over several years by analyzing time-series Landsat imagery for significant spectral changes.*

Module 9: Geospatial Model Deployment and Scalability

- Model Deployment Strategies.
- Cloud-Based Geospatial Platforms

- Parallel Processing for Geospatial Big Data.
- Containerization with Docker.
- API Development for Geospatial Services
- **Case Study**: *Deploying a trained land cover classification model as a web service using Flask or FastAPI, allowing users to upload images for real-time classification.*

Module 10: Advanced Topics in Geospatial ML

- Explainable AI (XAI) for Geospatial Models
- Reinforcement Learning in Geospatial Optimization
- Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) for Data Augmentation
- Graph Neural Networks (GNNs) for Spatial Networks
- Ethical Considerations in GeoAI
- **Case Study**: *Investigating the interpretability of a deforestation detection model, explaining which image features contribute most to the classification decision.*

Module 11: Geospatial Data Visualization and Storytelling

- Advanced Mapping Techniques
- Interactive Dashboards for Geospatial Insights
- Communicating Complex Geospatial Findings.
- Storytelling with Data
- Visualizing Model Uncertainty
- **Case Study**: *Developing an interactive dashboard to showcase the results of an urban land-use classification, allowing users to filter by class and view accuracy metrics.*

Module 12: Machine Learning for Environmental Monitoring

- Land Use/Land Cover (LULC) Mapping
- Vegetation Health Monitoring
- Water Quality and Quantity Analysis
- Pollution Mapping and Air Quality Monitoring
- Biodiversity Conservation
- **Case Study**: *Monitoring the health of agricultural fields using Sentinel-2 imagery and ML, identifying areas experiencing stress due to water scarcity or disease.*

Module 13: Machine Learning in Urban Planning and Smart Cities

- Urban Growth Modeling
- Infrastructure Monitoring and Management.
- Traffic Flow Prediction and Optimization
- Site Suitability Analysis.
- Public Safety and Crime Prediction
- **Case Study**: *Predicting future urban sprawl based on historical growth patterns and socio-economic factors using a spatial regression model, informing city planning decisions.*

Module 14: Machine Learning for Disaster Management and Humanitarian Aid

- Hazard Mapping and Risk Assessment
- Damage Assessment after Disasters.
- Disaster Response and Logistics Optimization
- Population Displacement and Vulnerability Mapping
- Early Warning Systems

- **Case Study**: *Rapidly assessing flood-affected areas using pre- and post-flood satellite imagery and a supervised classification algorithm to identify inundated regions.*

Module 15: Project & Future Trends in Geospatial ML

- Capstone Project
- Emerging Trends in GeoAI
- Career Opportunities in Geospatial Data Science.
- Open-Source Geospatial ML Ecosystem
- Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

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23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
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