

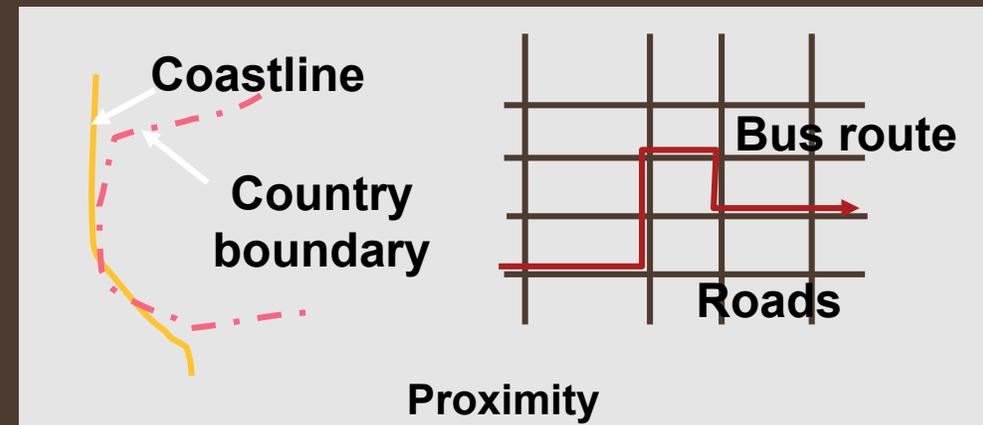
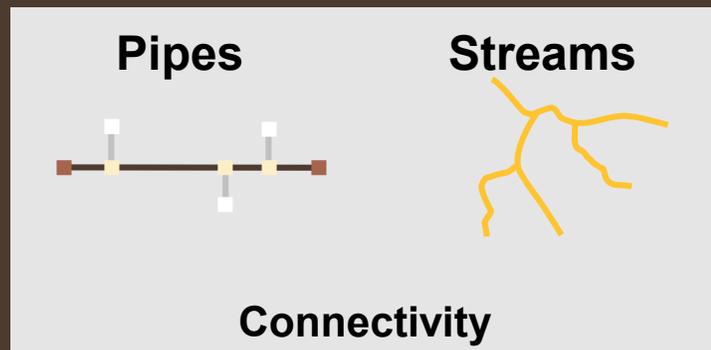
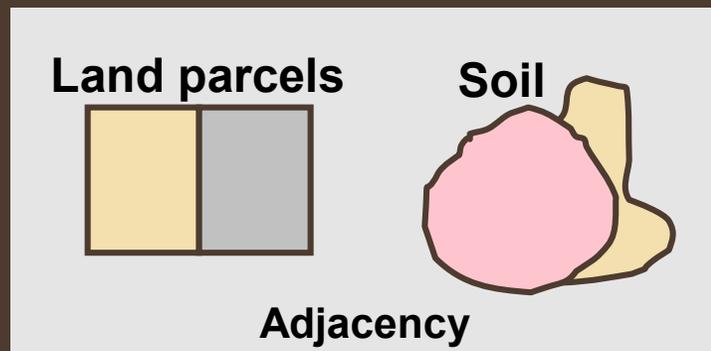
TOPOLOGY

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WHAT IS TOPOLOGY?

- A set of rules and behaviors that model how points, lines, and polygons share geometry.



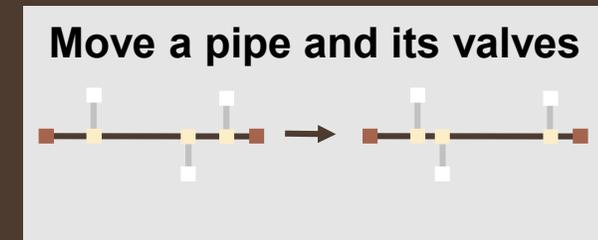
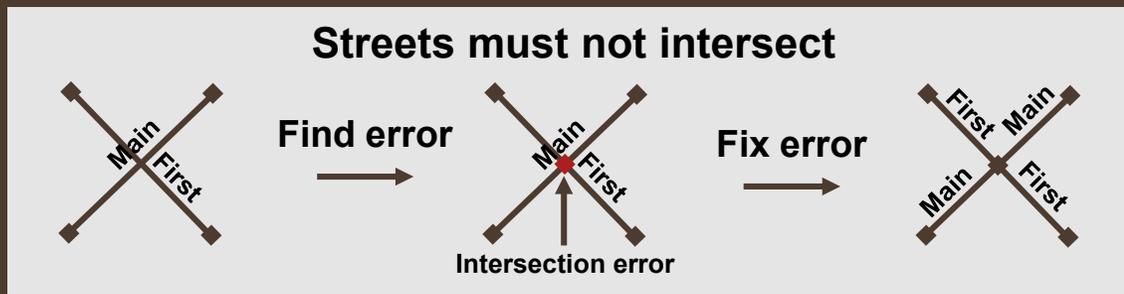
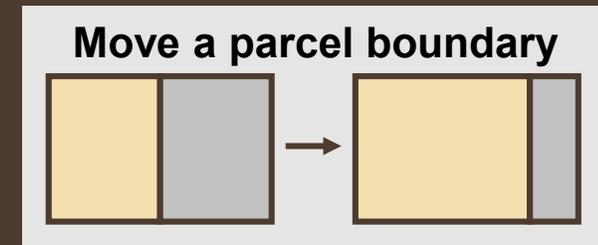
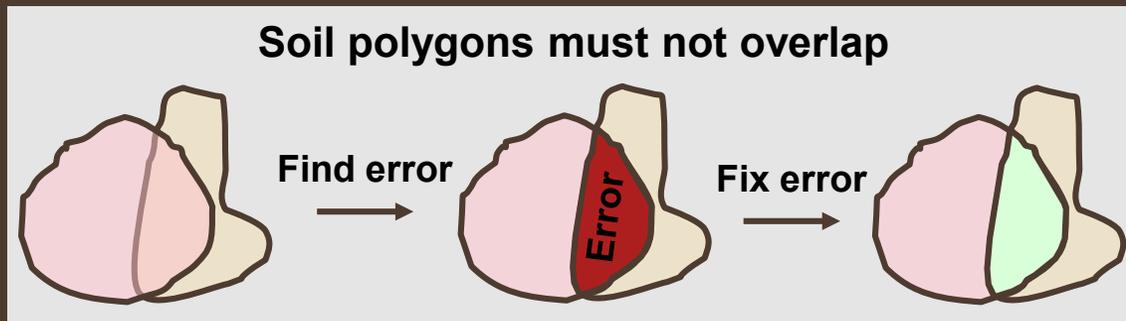
TOPOLOGY

- Preserve data integrity by managing spatial relationships.
- Required for some spatial analyses: network analysis
- In ArcGIS
 - Can only be created inside a feature dataset in a geodatabase.
 - Error features are stored as: Point errors, Line errors, and Area errors
 - If errors are acceptable, can be marked as exceptions.
 - A geodatabase can have multiple topologies, but one feature class can participate in only one topology.
 - Topology rules can be defined between subtypes of feature classes.

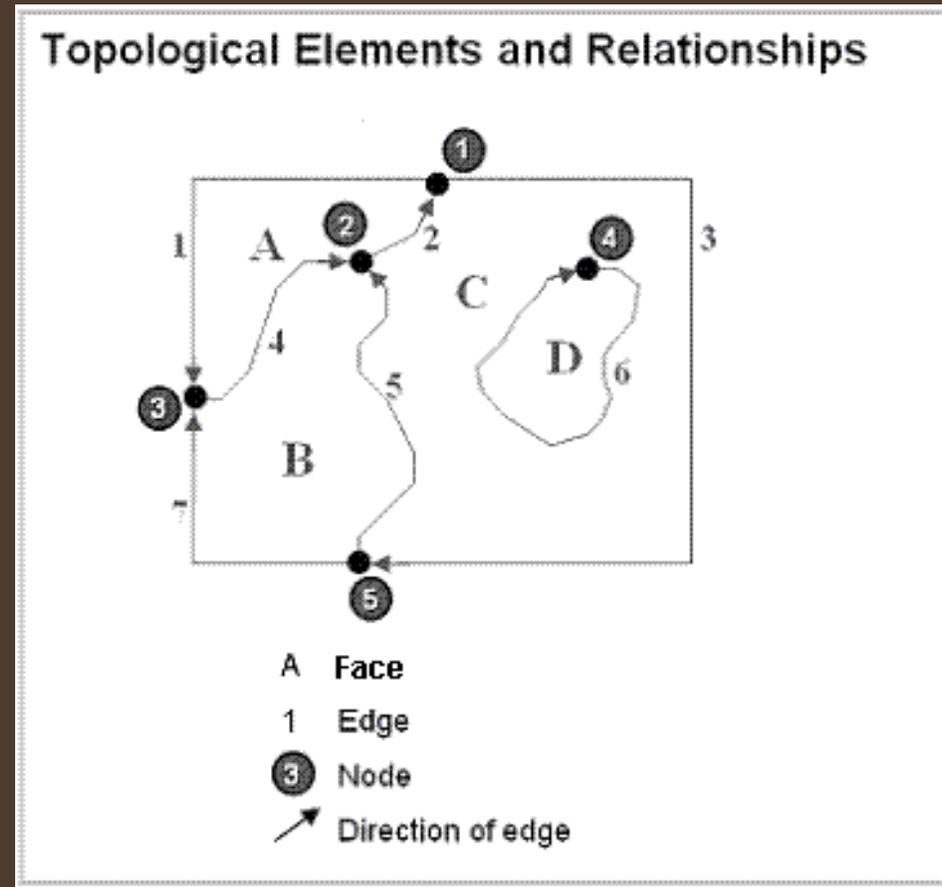
WHY TOPOLOGY?

- Manage how features share geometry
 - Adjacent polygons (parcels, administrative areas) share edges and linear networks (such as streets, streams/streams, electric distribution lines) share nodes
- Define and enforce data integrity rules
 - No gaps can exist between polygons, there can be no overlapping features, road centerlines must connect at endpoints, etc.
- Perform feature relationship analysis and queries
 - Identify features that are connected to each other; navigate networks
- Apply editing tools that enforce rules as data is manipulated
 - Concurrently edit features that share geometry; update all features that share common edges, i.e. parcels, easements, rights-of-way, etc.
- Create new features from unstructured geometry
 - Build new polygon features from line work

TOPOLOGY RULES



TOPOLOGICAL ELEMENTS



WHO USES TOPOLOGY?

- Transportation - Modeling and analyzing modes of transportation and transit networks
 - Highways, roads, hiking and biking trails, rail and bus networks
 - Logistics and fleet management, fire, rescue, EMS routing
- Water/wastewater
 - Modeling and maintaining water, sewer, and drainage networks
 - Modeling surface water networks
- Land Records
 - Managing boundaries, administrative areas and jurisdictions, service areas
 - Survey networks

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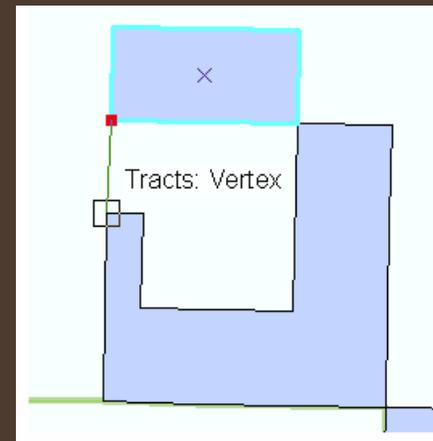
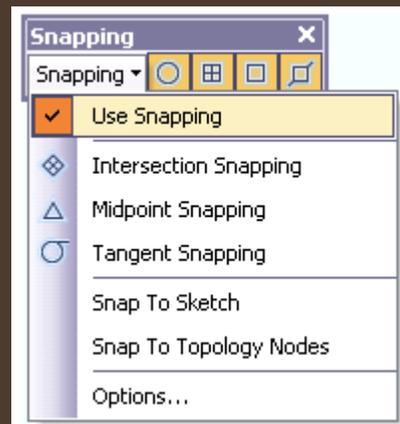
- Utilities
 - Modeling electric transmission and distribution networks, outage management
 - Petroleum, natural gas pipeline management and maintenance, flow detection and management, emergency response
 - Telecommunications networks and resources

TYPES OF TOPOLOGY

- Geodatabase Topology
 - Must be created within a geodatabase
 - All feature classes within the topology can be editable
 - Topology and the rules can be stored within a geodatabase
- Map Topology
 - Editing features that are visible and editable within the map
 - Temporary editing mode to fix issues in coincident geometry
 - Allows simultaneous editing of shared geometry

SNAPPING

- Create features that connect to each other
- Edits are more accurate, with fewer errors
- Works only for visible layers
- A snapping tolerance allows feature snap to another feature location within a distance.



GEODATABASE TOPOLOGY

Based on topology rules implemented in a geodatabase

DESIGNING TOPOLOGY

- Define a name for the topology to be created
- Set a cluster tolerance used for topology operations
- Make a list of feature classes that share geometry
- Assign relative accuracy ranks for each feature class (coordinates).
- Specify topology rules between feature classes

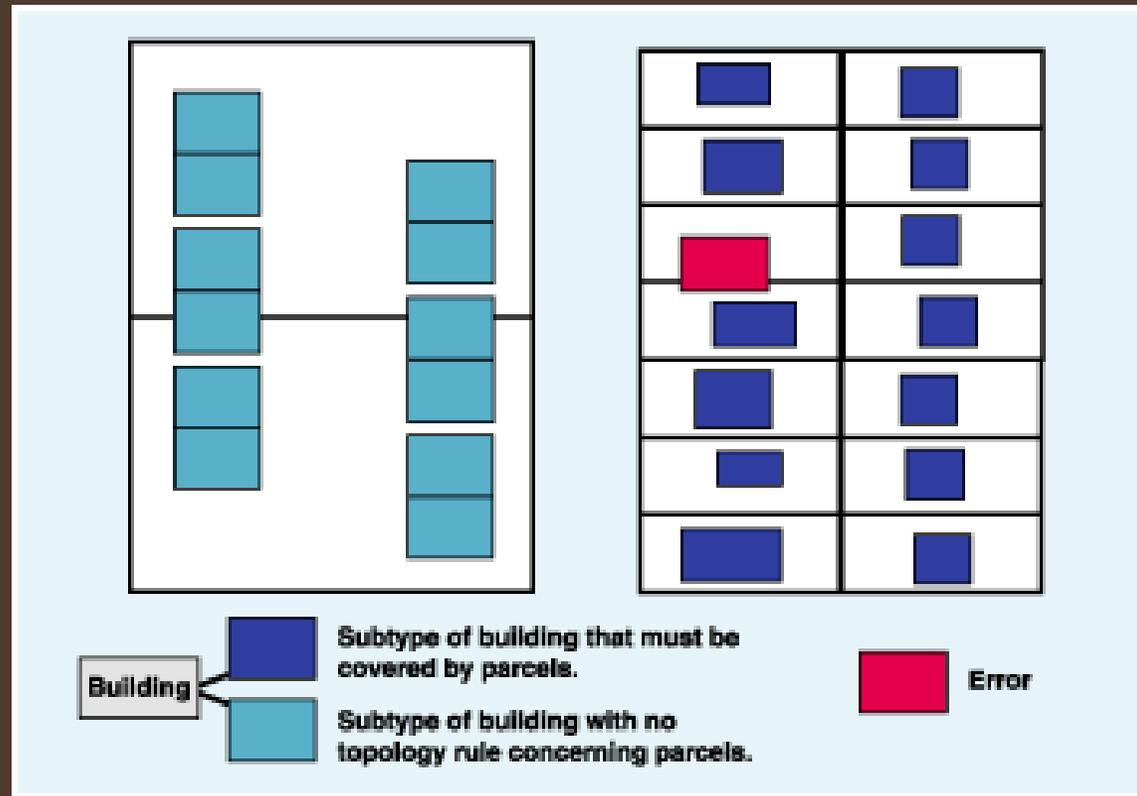
SHARED TOPOLOGY

Data theme	Feature classes	Subsample of topology rules
Parcels	Parcel polygons, Parcel boundaries (lines), Parcel corners (points)	Parcel polygons must not overlap. Parcel polygon boundaries must be covered by Parcel boundary lines. Parcel boundary endpoints must be covered by Parcel corner points.
Street centerlines and census units	Street centerlines, Census blocks, Census block groups, Census tracts	Street lines must not intersect or touch interior. Census blocks must not overlap. Census block groups must be covered by census blocks. Census block groups must not overlap. Census tracts must be covered by census block groups. Census tracts must not overlap.
Soils	Soil type polygons	Soil polygons must not overlap. Soil polygons must not have gaps.
Hydrology	Hydro lines, Hydro points, Watersheds (polygons)	Hydro lines must not self-overlap. Hydro points must be covered by hydro lines. Watersheds must not overlap. Watersheds must not have gaps.

SUBTYPES

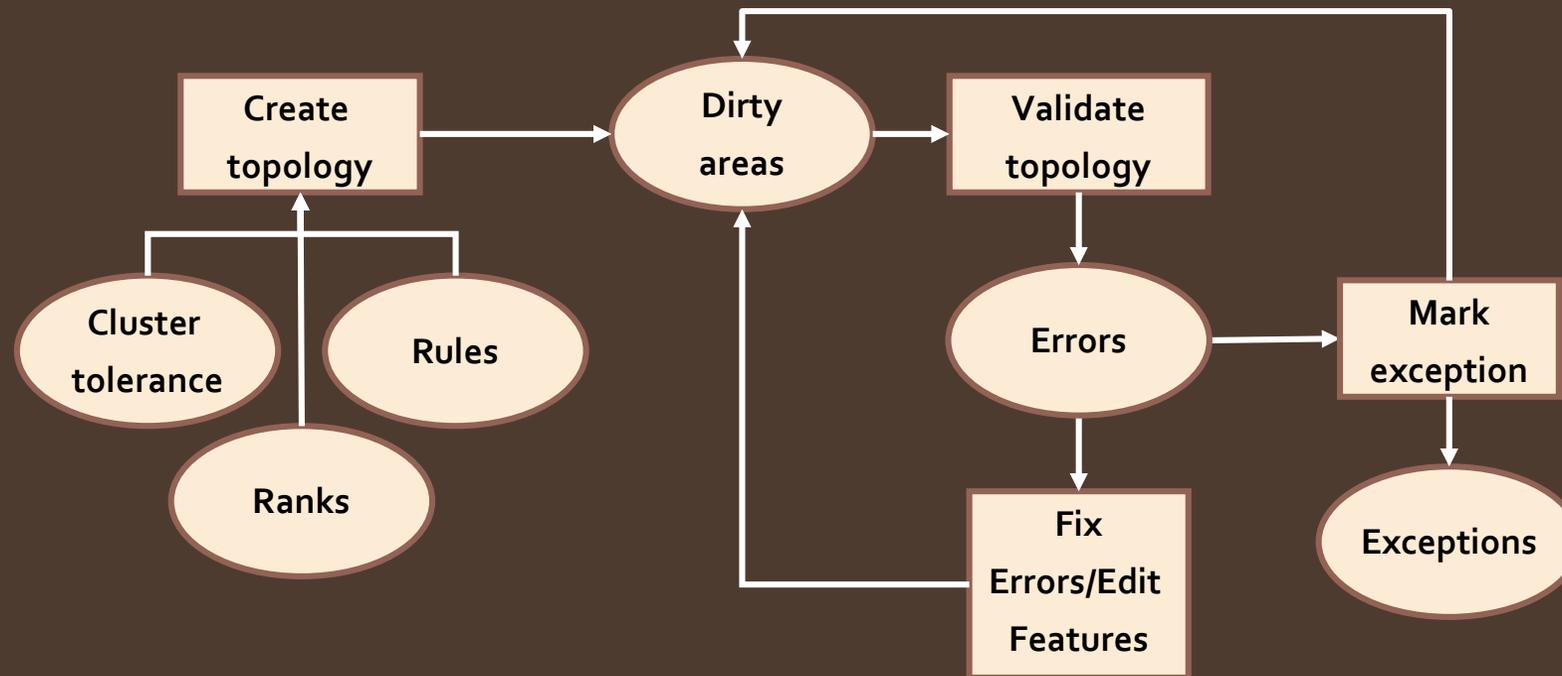
- To manage a subset of features within a feature class.
 - *Streets feature class - could be categorized into three subtypes: local streets, collector streets, and arterial streets.*
 - *Parcel feature class – might have subclasses of normal parcels (which cannot overlap) and condo parcels (which are allowed to overlap).*
- Subtypes share common data attributes.
- Apply coded or range domains to features.
- Create connectivity rules between other subtypes and feature classes.
 - *In a water network, a hydrant can connect to a hydrant lateral but not to a service lateral.*
- Create topology rules between subtypes and feature classes.
 - *Road segments must be connected to other roads at both ends, except in case of dead-end subtypes*

SUBTYPES



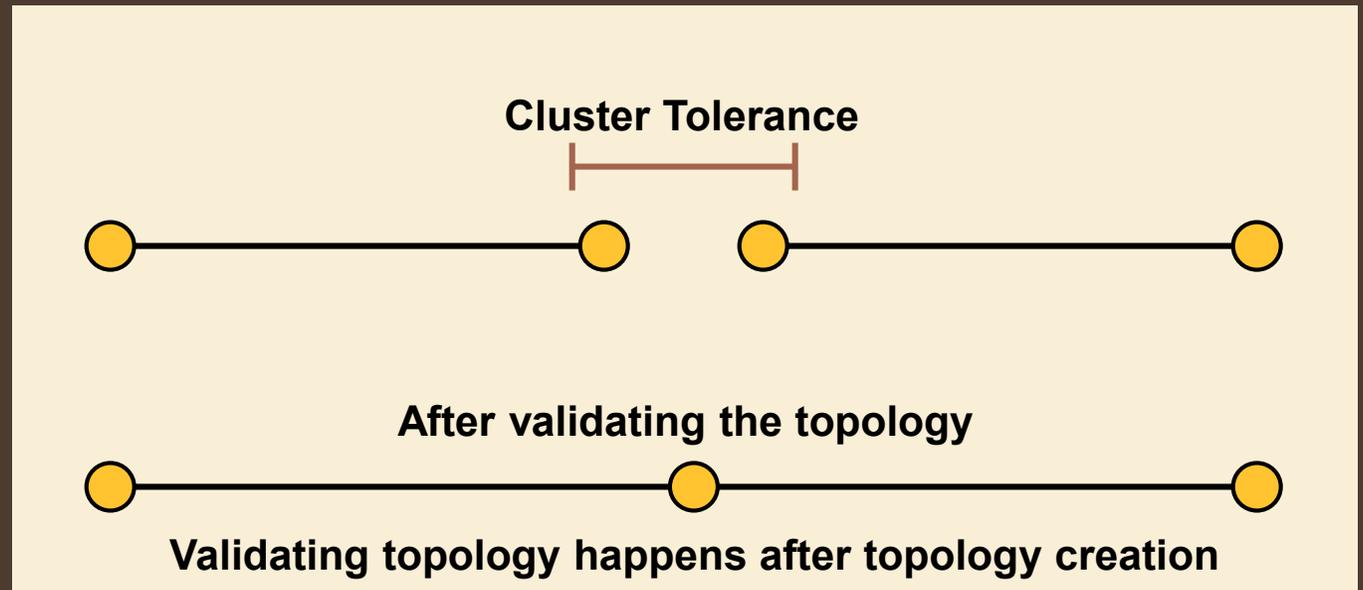
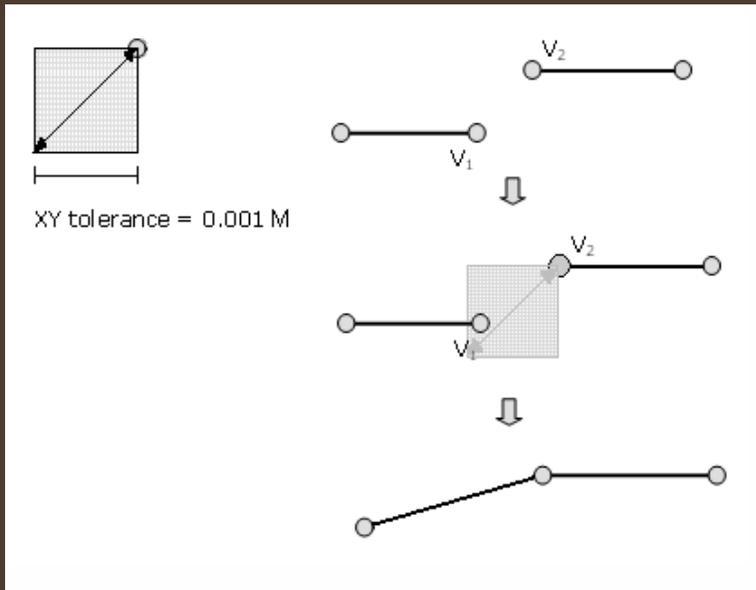
Modeling building footprints, where a small percentage of buildings legitimately cross parcel boundaries by creating subtypes of buildings and only creating the Must Be Covered By rule for the subtypes that cannot extend across a parcel.

TOPOLOGY WORKFLOW IN ARCGIS



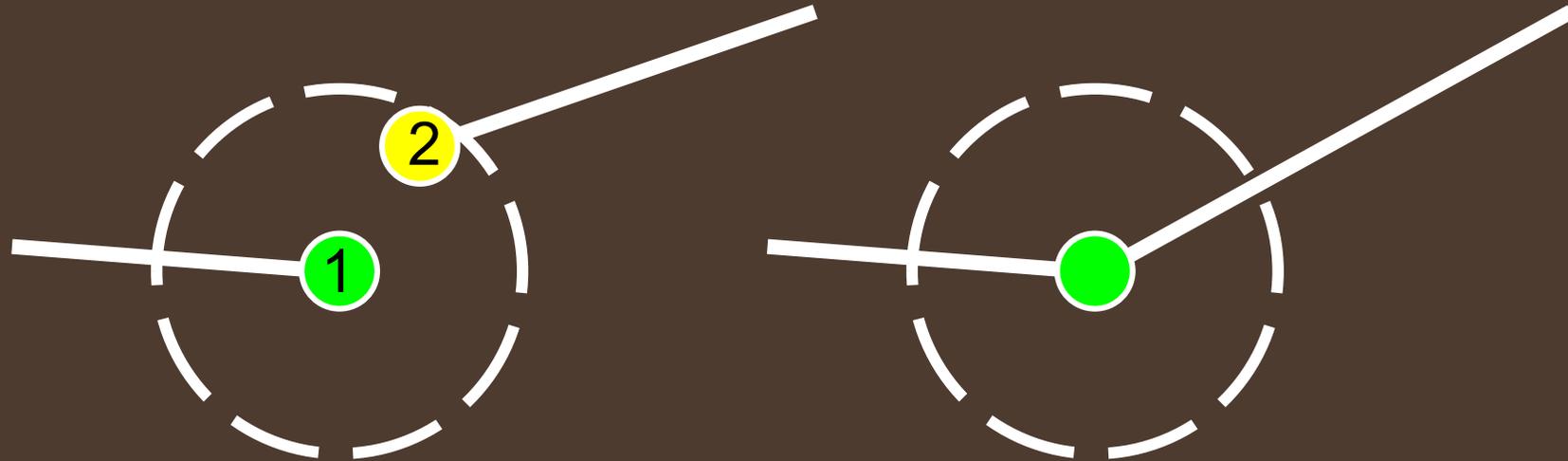
CLUSTER TOLERANCE

- A distance range in which all vertices and boundaries are considered identical, or coincident
- The tolerance should be small, so only vertices that are very close together are assigned the same coordinate location.



RANKS

- Define how vertices move during validate topology
 - Snap low quality feature classes to high quality feature classes
- Lower ranked (higher numbers) vertices move to higher ranked (lower numbers) vertices
 - 1(highest) – 50(lowest)



RULES

- Polygon Rules
 - Must Not Overlap, Must Not Have Gaps, Must Not Overlap with, Must Be Covered by Feature Class of, Contains Point, ...
- Line Rules
 - Must Not Overlap, Must Not Intersect, Must Not Have Dangles, Must Not Have Pseudo Nodes, Must Be Inside,...
- Point Rules
 - Must Coincide with, Must Be Covered By Boundary Of, Must Be Properly Inside,...

<https://pro.arcgis.com/en/pro-app/latest/help/editing/geodatabase-topology.htm>

ArcGIS® Geodatabase Topology Rules

Topology in Esri® ArcGIS® allows you to model spatial relationships between feature classes in a feature dataset. Topology rules allow you to define those relationships between features in a single feature class or subtype or between two feature classes or subtypes. Topology rules allow you to define the spatial relationships that meet the needs of your data model. Topology errors are violations of the rules that you can easily find and manage using the editing tools found in ArcGIS®.



How to read these diagrams:

Topology rule name

Description and examples of a topology rule violation. The diagram shows a polygon with a hole, and a description of how the rule is violated.

Generalized description of when to use this rule.

Description of a real-world application of the topology rule.

Polygon

Must not overlap

Polygons must not overlap. This rule is used to ensure that polygons do not overlap in the same feature class or subtype.

Use this rule to make sure that no polygons overlap another polygons in the same feature class or subtype.

Polygon

Must not have gaps

Polygons must not have gaps. This rule is used to ensure that polygons do not have gaps between them.

Use this rule when all of your polygons should form a continuous surface with no voids or gaps.

Line or Polygon

Must be larger than cluster tolerance

Clear objectives in the real world are often represented by lines or polygons. This rule is used to ensure that lines and polygons are larger than the cluster tolerance.

This rule is applied to all line and polygon feature classes that participate in the topology.

Line

Must not have pseudo nodes

The end of a line cannot be a pseudo node. This rule is used to ensure that lines do not have pseudo nodes at their ends.

Use this rule to clean up data with inappropriately subdivided lines.

Polygon

Contains point

Each polygon of the feature class must contain at least one point. This rule is used to ensure that polygons contain at least one point.

Use this rule to make sure that all polygons have at least one point within their boundaries. Overlapping polygons was also a point in that overlapping area.

Polygon

Contains one point

Each polygon of the feature class must contain exactly one point. This rule is used to ensure that polygons contain exactly one point.

Use this rule to make sure that there is a one-to-one correspondence between features of a polygon feature class and a point feature class.

Line

Must not have dangles

The end of a line must be a node. This rule is used to ensure that lines do not have dangles at their ends.

Use this rule when you want lines in a feature class or subtype to be connected to other lines.

Line

Must not self-overlap

Lines must not overlap themselves. This rule is used to ensure that lines do not overlap themselves.

Use this rule with lines whose segments should never overlap the same space in another segment on the same line.

Polygon

Must be covered by feature class

Polygons must be covered by a feature class. This rule is used to ensure that polygons are covered by a feature class.

Use this rule when each polygon in one feature class or subtype should be covered by all the polygons of another feature class or subtype.

Polygon

Boundary must be covered by

Polygon boundaries must be covered by a feature class. This rule is used to ensure that polygon boundaries are covered by a feature class.

Use this rule when polygon boundaries should be coincident with another line feature class or subtype.

Line

Must not overlap

Lines must not overlap. This rule is used to ensure that lines do not overlap.

Use this rule with lines that should never occupy the same space with other lines.

Line

Must not self-intersect

Lines must not self-intersect. This rule is used to ensure that lines do not self-intersect.

Use this rule when you only want lines to touch at their ends without intersecting or overlapping themselves.

Polygon

Must not overlap with

Polygons must not overlap with another feature class. This rule is used to ensure that polygons do not overlap with another feature class.

Use this rule when polygons from one feature class or subtype should not overlap polygons of another feature class or subtype.

Polygon

Must be covered by

Polygons must be covered by another feature class. This rule is used to ensure that polygons are covered by another feature class.

Use this rule when you want each set of polygons to be covered by some part of another single polygon in another feature class or subtype.

Line

Must not intersect

Lines must not intersect. This rule is used to ensure that lines do not intersect.

Use this rule with lines whose segments should never cross or occupy the same space with lines in another feature class or subtype.

Line

Must be single part

Lines must be single part. This rule is used to ensure that lines are single part.

Use this rule when you want lines to be composed of a single node of connected segments.

Polygon

Area boundary must be covered by boundary of

Polygon area boundaries must be covered by a feature class. This rule is used to ensure that polygon area boundaries are covered by a feature class.

Use this rule when the boundaries of polygons in one feature class or subtype should align with the boundaries of polygons in another feature class or subtype.

Polygon

Must cover each other

Polygons must cover each other. This rule is used to ensure that polygons cover each other.

Use this rule when you want the polygons from two feature classes or subtypes to cover the same area.

Line

Must not intersect with

Lines must not intersect with another feature class. This rule is used to ensure that lines do not intersect with another feature class.

Use this rule with lines whose segments should never cross or occupy the same space with lines in another feature class or subtype.

Line

Must be covered by feature class of

Lines must be covered by a feature class. This rule is used to ensure that lines are covered by a feature class.

Use this rule when you have multiple groups of lines describing the same geographic feature.

Point

Must coincide with

Points must coincide with another feature class. This rule is used to ensure that points coincide with another feature class.

Use this rule when points from one feature class or subtype should be aligned with points from another feature class or subtype.

Point

Must be disjoint

Points must be disjoint. This rule is used to ensure that points are disjoint.

Use this rule when points within one feature class or subtype should never occupy the same space.

Line

Must not intersect or touch interior

Lines must not intersect or touch interior. This rule is used to ensure that lines do not intersect or touch interior.

Use this rule when you only want lines to touch at their ends and not intersect or overlap with lines in another feature class or subtype.

Line

Must be covered by boundary of

Lines must be covered by a boundary. This rule is used to ensure that lines are covered by a boundary.

Use this rule when you want to model lines that are coincident with the boundaries of polygons.

Point

Must be covered by endpoint of

Points must be covered by an endpoint. This rule is used to ensure that points are covered by an endpoint.

Use this rule when you want to model points that are coincident with the ends of lines.

Point

Point must be covered by line

Points must be covered by a line. This rule is used to ensure that points are covered by a line.

Use this rule when you want to model points that are coincident with lines.

Line

Must not intersect or touch interior with

Lines must not intersect or touch interior with another feature class. This rule is used to ensure that lines do not intersect or touch interior with another feature class.

Use this rule when you only want lines to touch at their ends and not intersect or overlap with lines in another feature class or subtype.

Line

Must be properly inside

Lines must be properly inside a polygon. This rule is used to ensure that lines are properly inside a polygon.

Use this rule when you want lines to be contained within the boundaries of polygons.

Point

Must be properly inside

Points must be properly inside a polygon. This rule is used to ensure that points are properly inside a polygon.

Use this rule when you want points to be completely within the boundaries of polygons.

Point

Must be covered by boundary of

Points must be covered by a boundary. This rule is used to ensure that points are covered by a boundary.

Use this rule when you want points to align with the boundaries of polygons.

Line

Must not overlap with

Lines must not overlap with another feature class. This rule is used to ensure that lines do not overlap with another feature class.

Use this rule for lines that should never occupy the same space with lines in another feature class or subtype.

Line

Endpoint must be covered by

Line endpoints must be covered by a feature class. This rule is used to ensure that line endpoints are covered by a feature class.

Use this rule when you want to model the end of lines in one feature class or subtype that are coincident with point features in another feature class.

VALIDATING TOPOLOGY

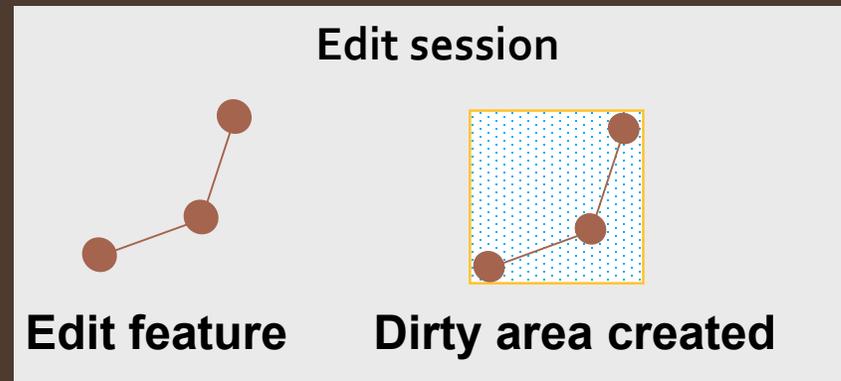
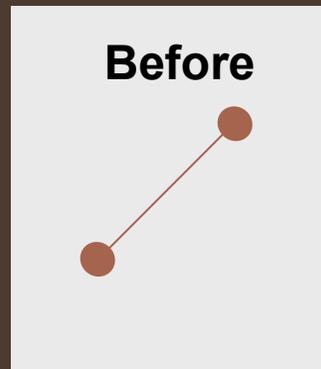
- Integrates the geometries based on cluster tolerance
 - Cracking – Adding vertices to lines
 - Clustering – Snapping vertices
- Validates topology rules which may generate errors
 - Deletes errors if the rules are no longer violated
- No new features are created
- A topology is validated in entirety at once. All other validations will only validate dirty areas where changes occurred.

STATES OF TOPOLOGY

- Not Validated
 - Dirty areas exist
 - Can be saved in the database
- Validated - Errors exist
 - All dirty area have been validated and errors were found
- Validated - No Errors
 - All dirty areas have been validated and no errors were found

DIRTY AREAS

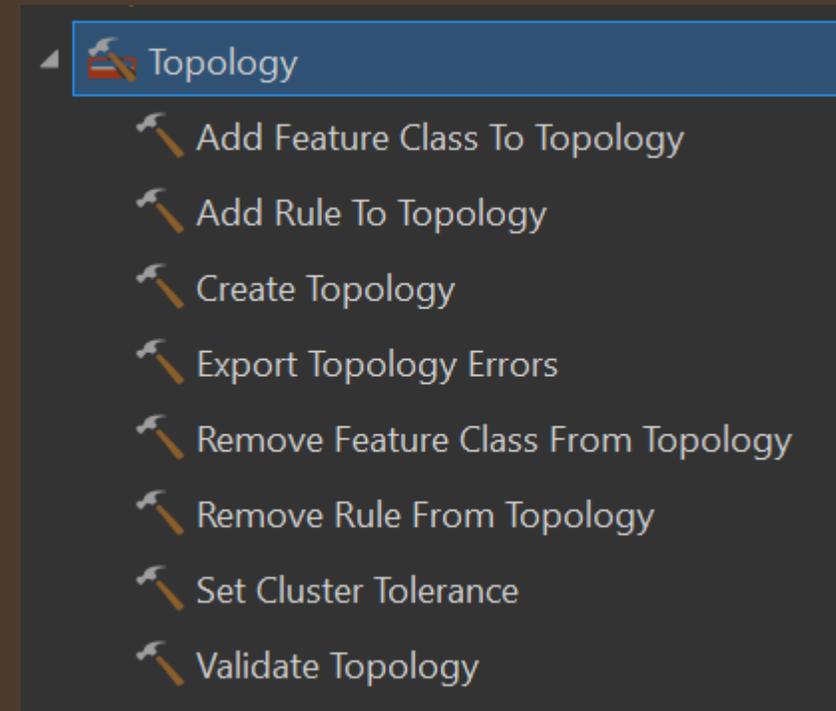
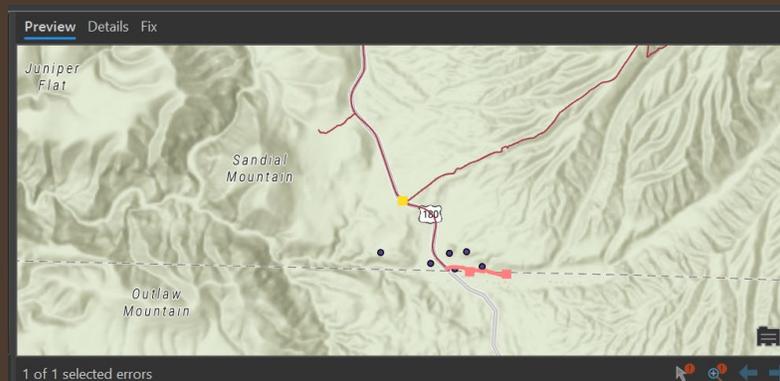
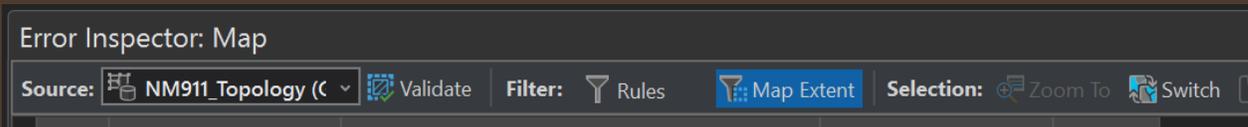
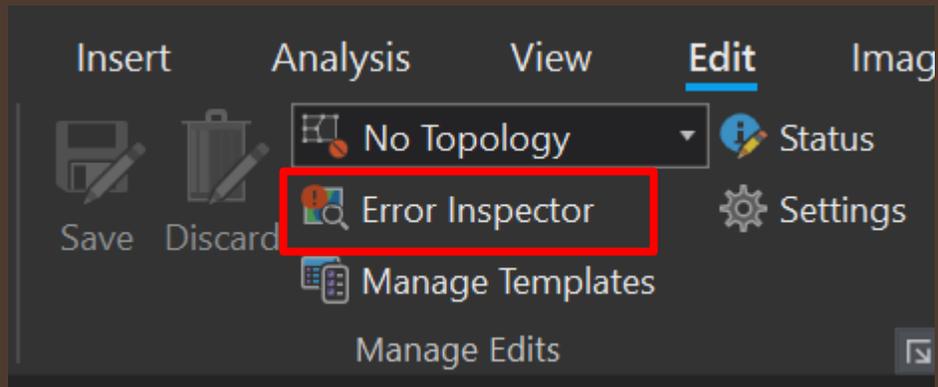
- Represent areas that have not been validated
- Edits create dirty areas
- Dirty areas may contain existing or undiscovered topology errors
- Entire extent is dirty when the topology is first created.
- Dirty areas are cleared when the network topology is validated.

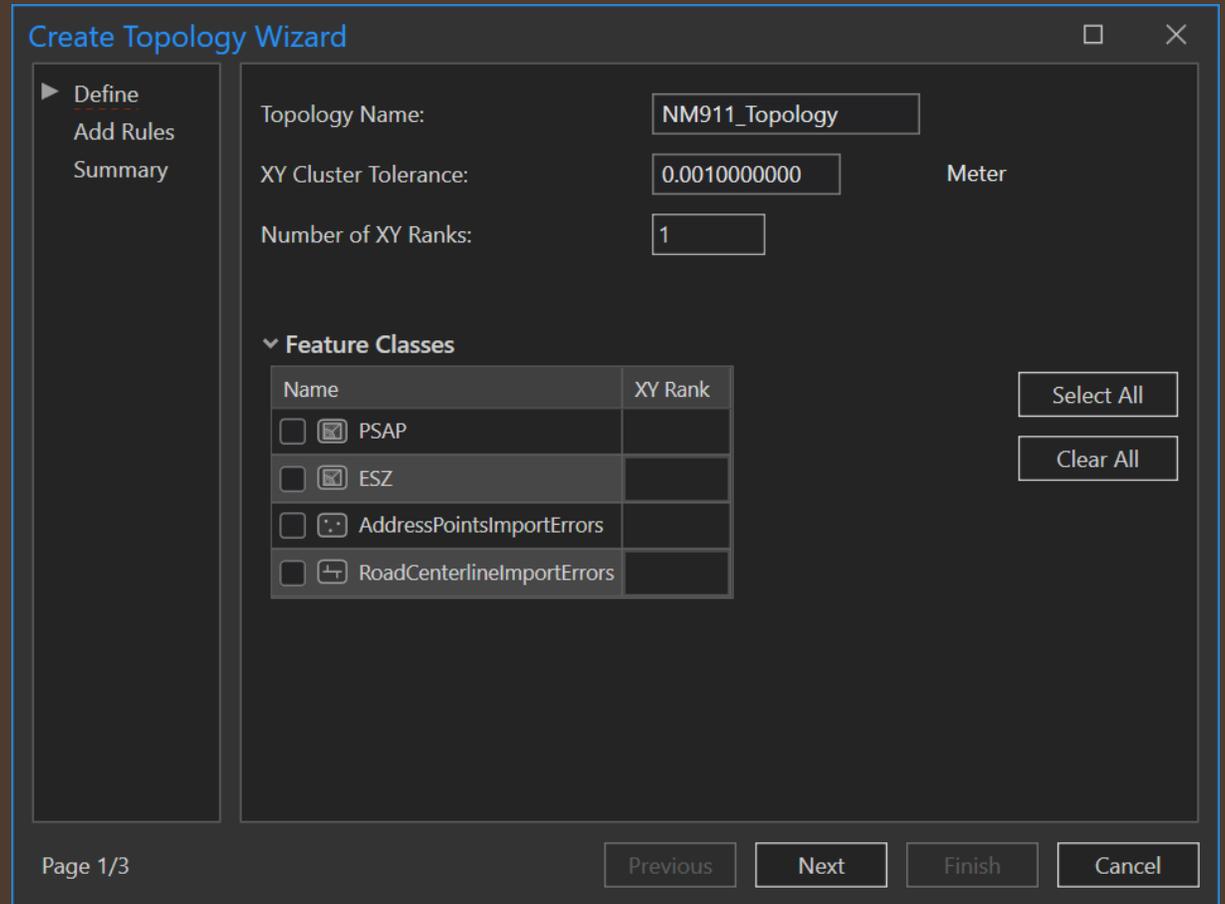
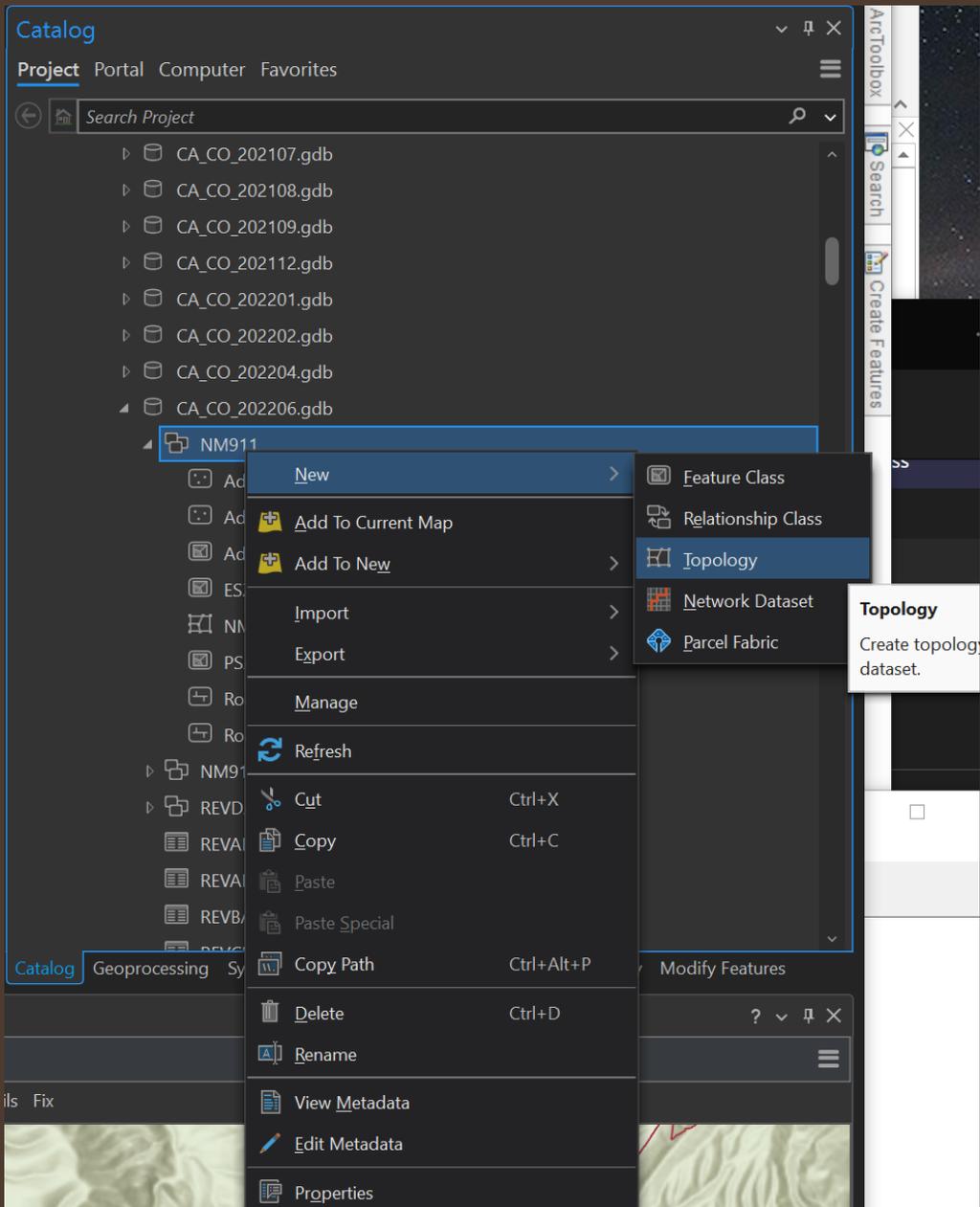


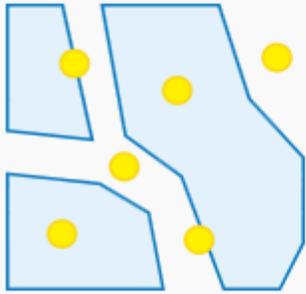
EDITING FEATURES

- Use the editing environment to identify and fix errors.
 - Develop a workflow for editing/fixing errors
 - Fix all overlaps first?
 - Dangles
 - Snapping issues?
- Manage topology within a versioned geodatabase.
 - Accidentally delete a whole subdivision? Revert to old version with the subdivision present.
- Perform many other common editing tasks.
 - Check attributes, are they correct?

TOPOLOGY TOOLS

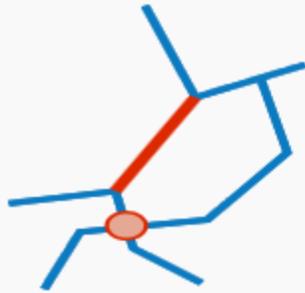






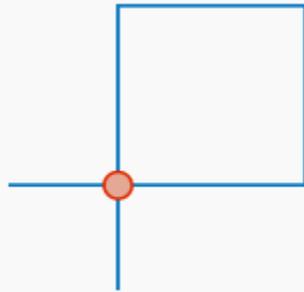
Must Be Properly Inside Polygons

Points in one feature class or subtype must be inside polygons of another feature class or subtype. Point errors are created where the points are outside or touch the boundary of the polygons.



Must Not Intersect

Lines must not cross or overlap any part of another line within the same feature class or subtype. Line errors are created where lines overlap, and point errors are created where lines cross.



Must Not Self-Intersect

Lines must not cross or overlap themselves within a feature class or subtype. Lines can touch themselves and touch, intersect, and overlap other lines. Line errors are created where lines overlap themselves, and point errors are created where lines cross themselves

Topology Properties: NM911_Topology



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Feature Class

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Errors

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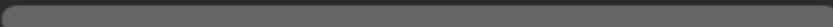
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RoadCenterline		Must Not Overlap (Line)	
RoadCenterline		Must Not Intersect (Line)	
RoadCenterline		Must Not Self Overlap (Line)	
RoadCenterline		Must Not Self Intersect (Line)	
RoadCenterline		Must Be Single Part (Line)	
RoadCenterline		Must Be Inside (Line-Area)	Administra

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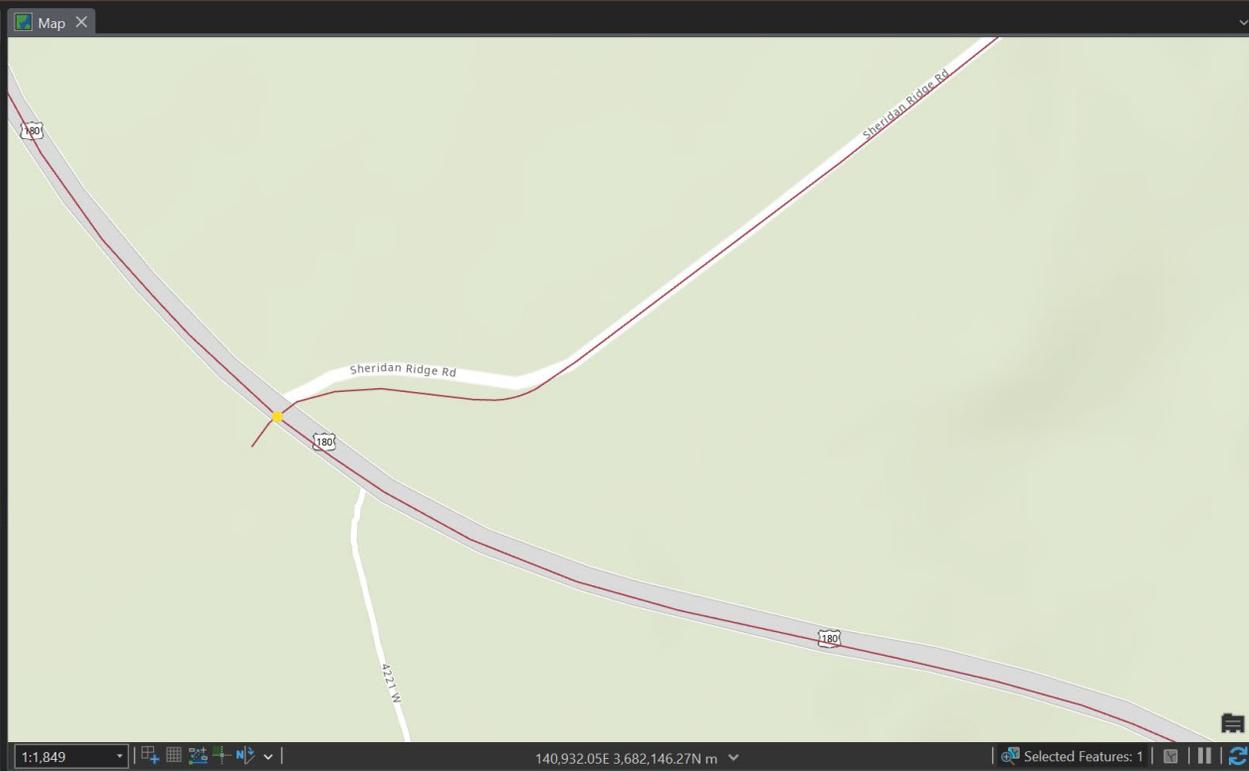
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Geoprocessing

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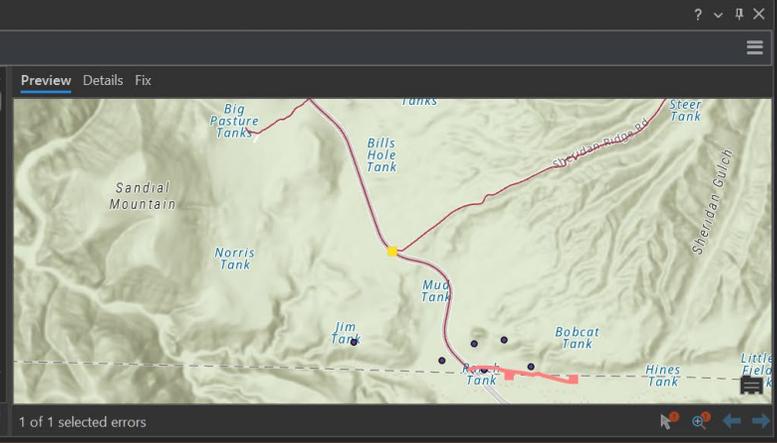
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Error Inspector: Map

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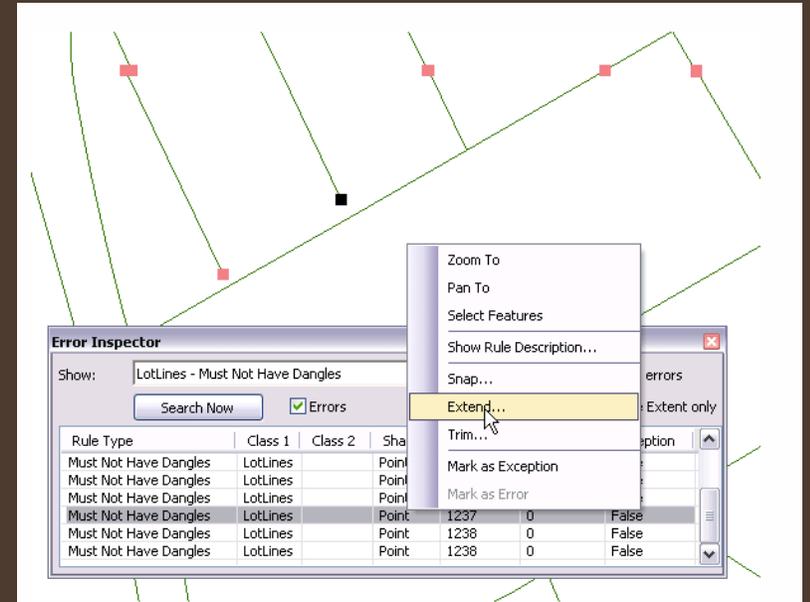
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9	RoadCenterline 2527	Must Not Intersect	RoadCenterline 2938	
10	RoadCenterline 862	Must Not Intersect	RoadCenterline 2775	

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FIXING TOPOLOGY ERRORS

- Fix Topology Error tool allows selecting a topology error and fixing using a predefined fixes set for that error type.
- Different error types have different predefined fixes available for them.
- Examples:
 - A dangling line can be trimmed, extended, or snapped to another line.
 - Errors caused by violations of the Must Be Covered By rules can be fixed by creating a new feature or deleting a feature.
 - Errors caused by overlapping polygons can be merged into one of the polygons; subtracted from both; or turned into a separate, new polygon feature.



For the selected Must Not Have Dangles error, which is shown in black on the map and highlighted in the Error Inspector, extending the line is an appropriate way to fix this error.

TOPOLOGY EXCEPTIONS

- Violations of topology rules are initially stored as errors in the topology, but can be marked as exceptions where the errors are appropriate.
- Examples
 - An assessor's geodatabase might have a topology rule requiring that building features not cross parcel lines as a quality control for the building digitizing effort. This rule might be true for 90 percent of the features in the city, but it could be violated by some high-density housing and commercial buildings.
 - A condominium building feature that crosses parcel boundaries – it will be discovered as an error when you validate your edits, but you can mark it as a legitimate exception to the rule.

MAP TOPOLOGY

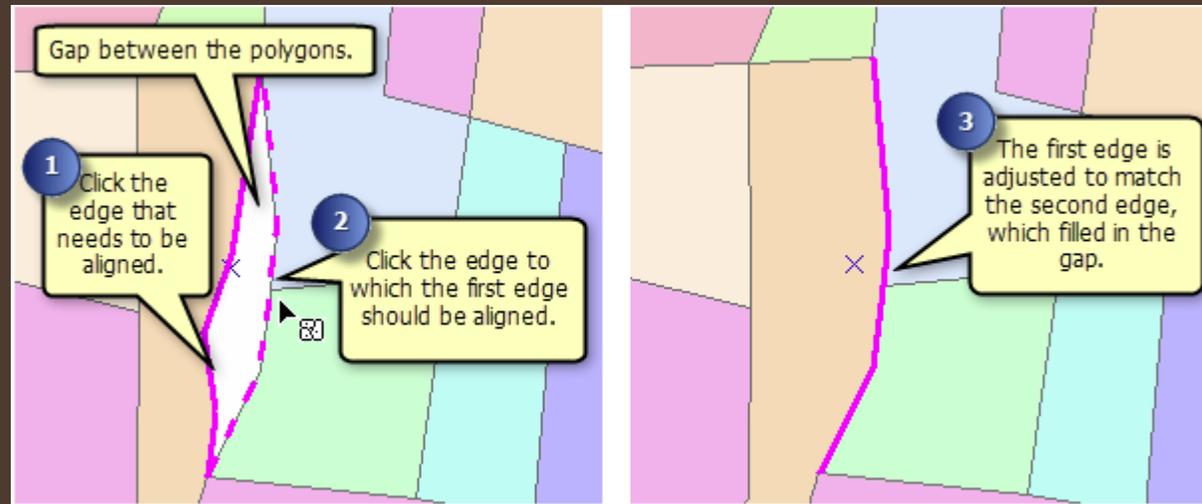
Editing coincident features

MAP TOPOLOGY

- Creates topological relationships between the parts of features that are coincident.
- Features with shared geometry can be edited simultaneously.
- Based on the layers in the map.
- Layer visibility, scale, definition queries are respected.
- Topology Cache – stores topological relationships between edges and nodes of features in a current extent. It needs to be rebuilt when display extent is changed.

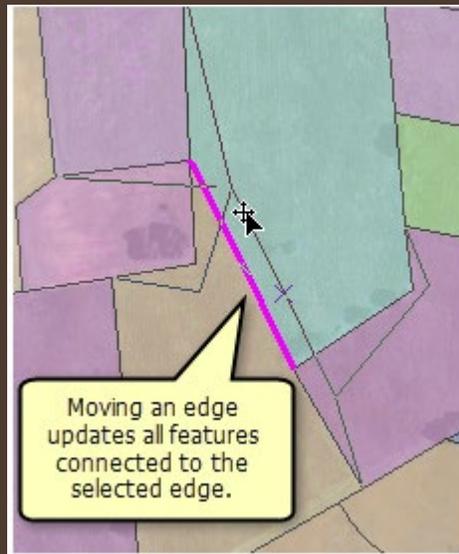
ALIGN EDGE

- Match one edge to another to make them coincident
- Align Edge Tool allows this without having to trace or reshape the edge manually



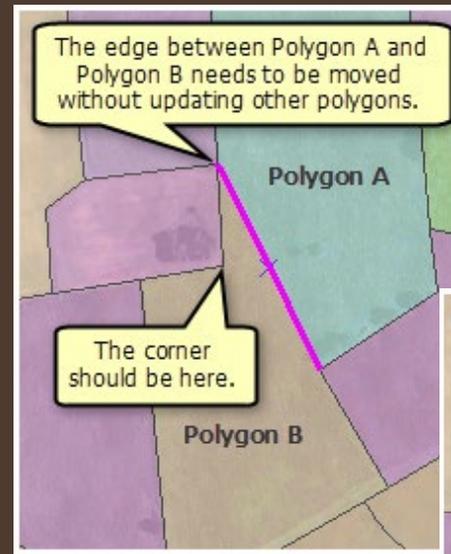
MOVING TOPOLOGY ELEMENTS

Moving a topology element

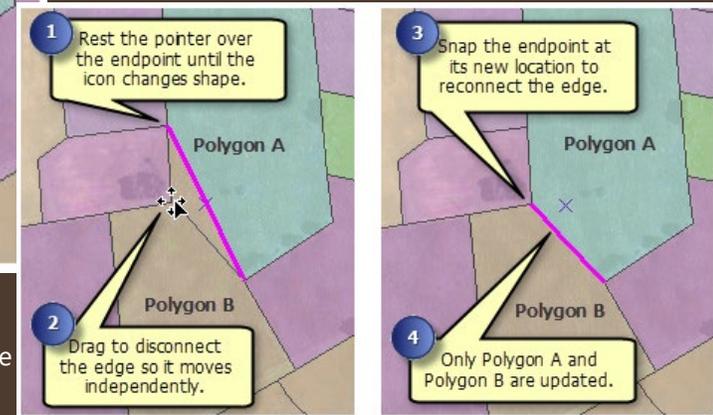


When you move an edge, all features that are connected to the selected edge stretch and move to maintain connectivity.

Moving an edge and reconnecting it at another location



An edge can be detached and reconnect to another edge. This is also known as a split-move because it temporarily splits the connection between the topology elements.



RESHAPING EDGE



Reshaping multiple edges that form a connected path, such as parcel boundaries that need to be updated because of a planned road-widening project.

The left image shows the original road edges that are to be reshaped. The resulting images show the effect on the connecting roads when line connectivity is turned on (the lines continue to connect) and turned off (the lines not being reshaped remain in their original positions).



GENERALIZE EDGE

- Simplifying a topology edge by reducing the vertex count in features

