

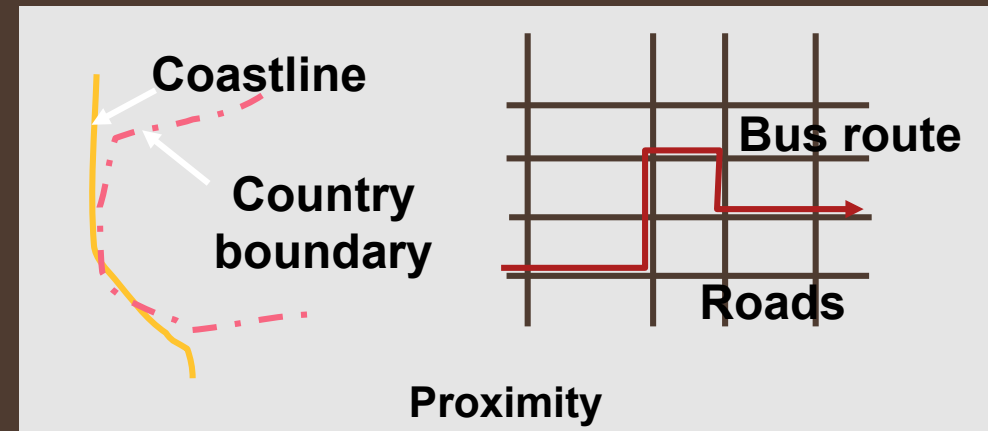
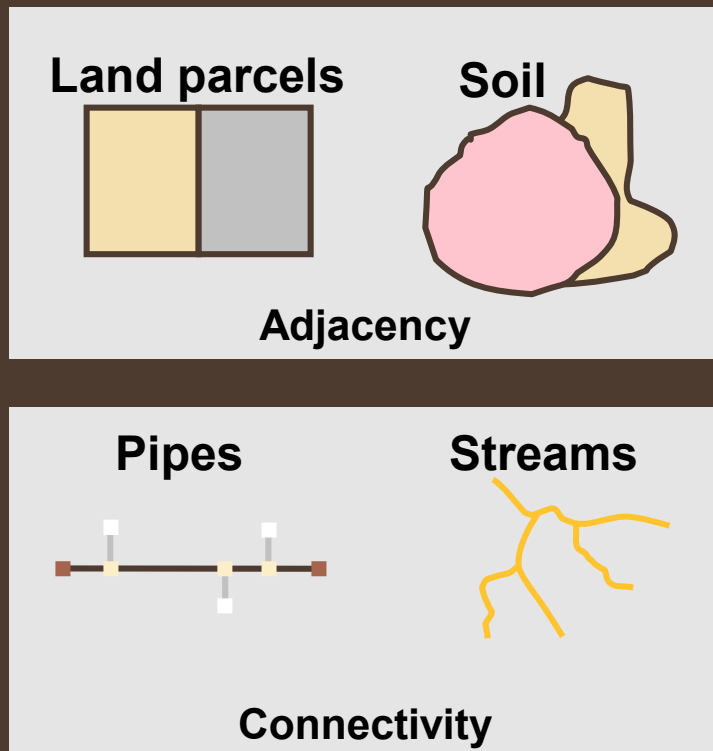
TOPOLOGY

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WHAT IS TOPOLOGY?

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



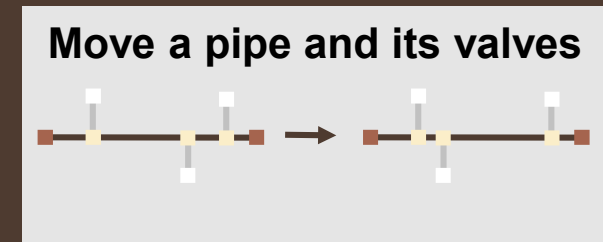
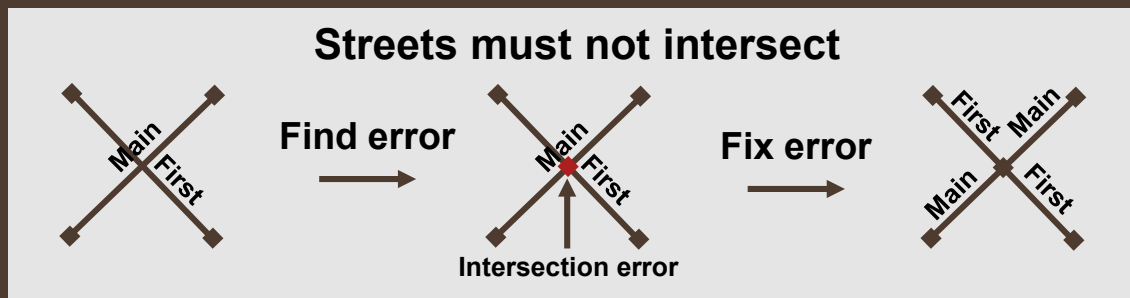
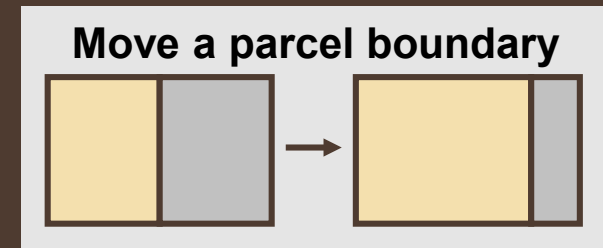
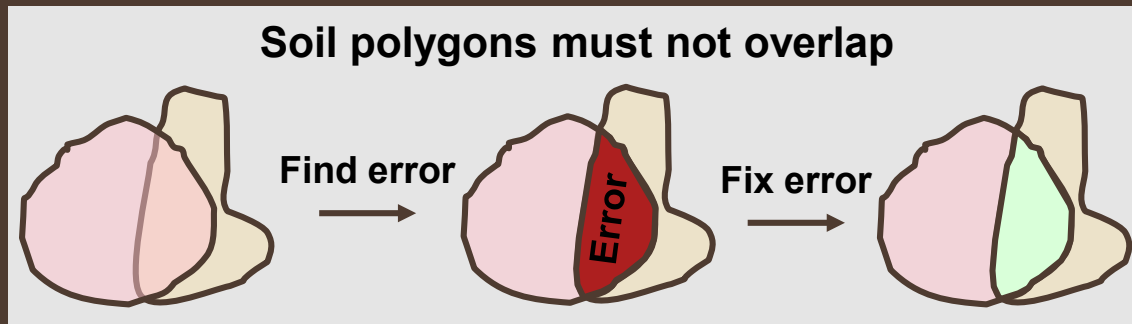
TOPOLOGY

- 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.

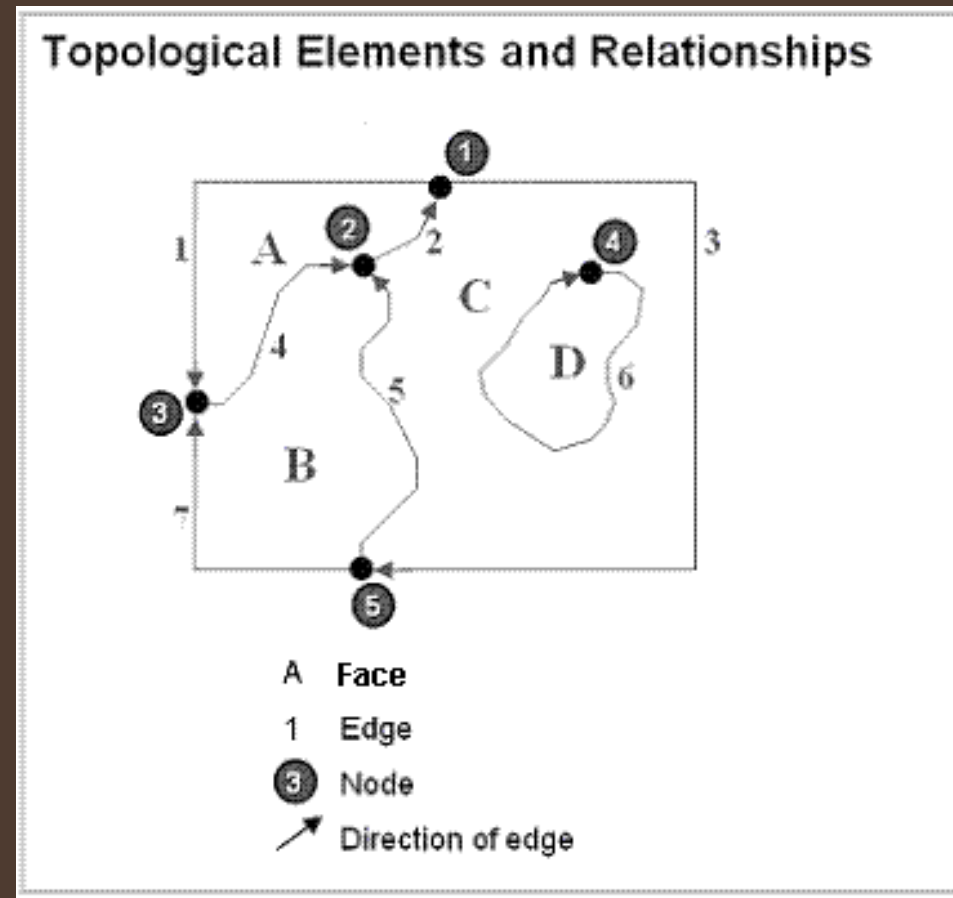
WHY TOPOLOGY?

- Manage how features share geometry
 - Adjacent polygons (parcels, administrative areas) share edges and linear networks (such as streets, streams/rivers, 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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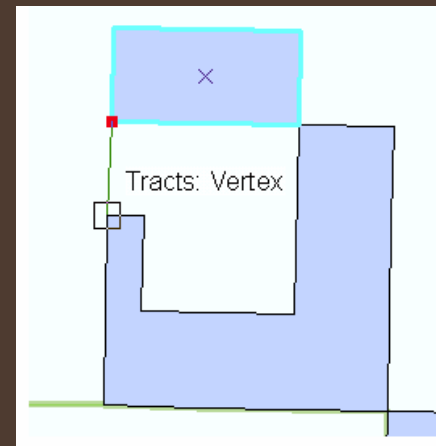
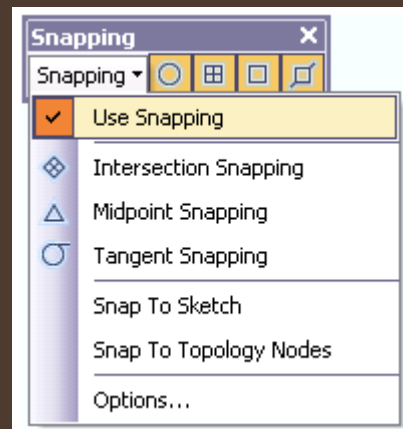
- Utilities
 - Modeling electric transmission and distribution networks, outage management
 - Petroleum, natural gas pipeline management and maintenance, flow detection and management, emergency response
 - Telecommunications networks and resources

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

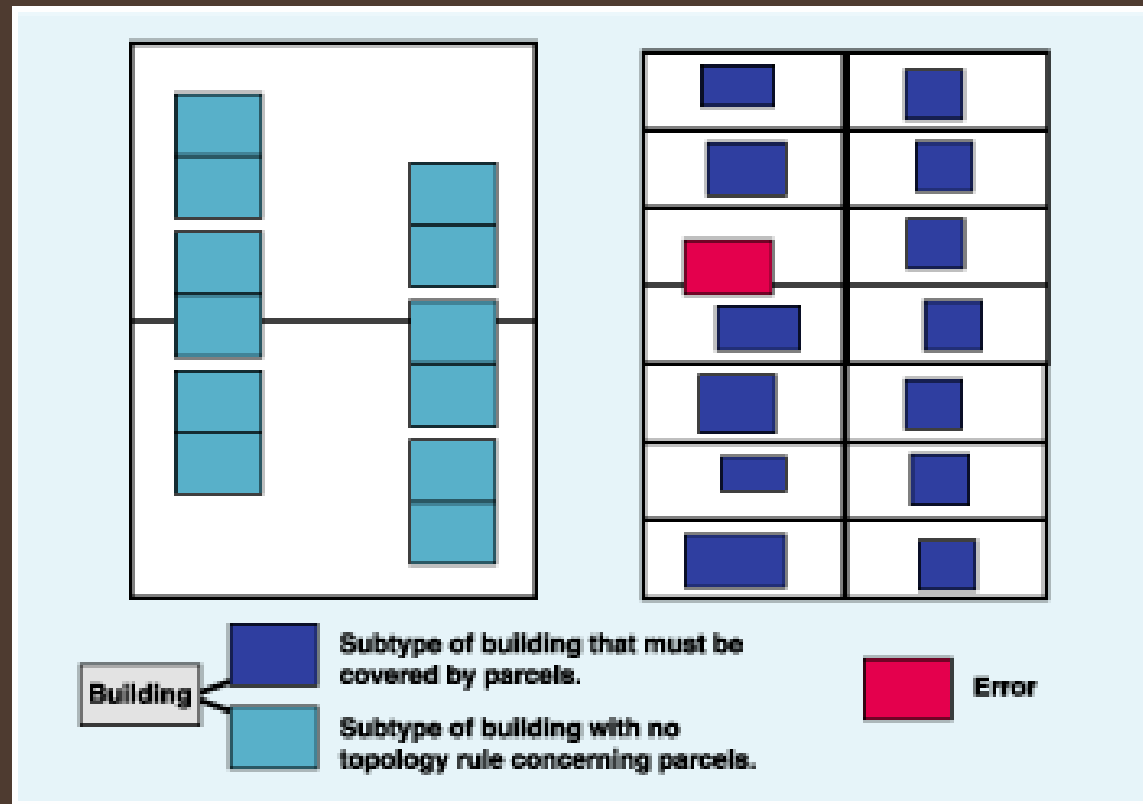
SHARED TOPOLOGY

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

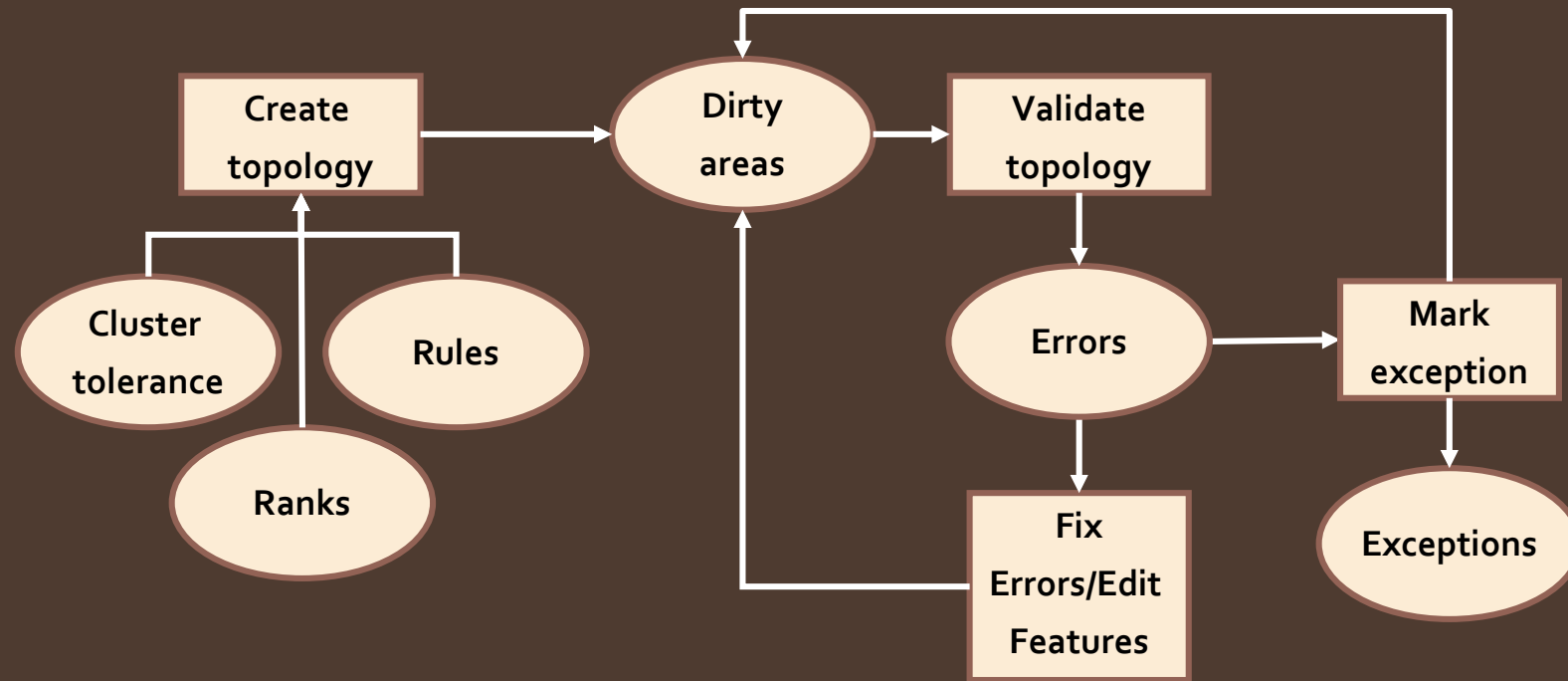
- To manage a subset of features within a feature class.
 - *Streets feature class - could be categorized into three subtypes: local streets, collector streets, and arterial streets.*
 - *Parcel feature class – might have subclasses of normal parcels (which cannot overlap) and condo parcels (which are 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



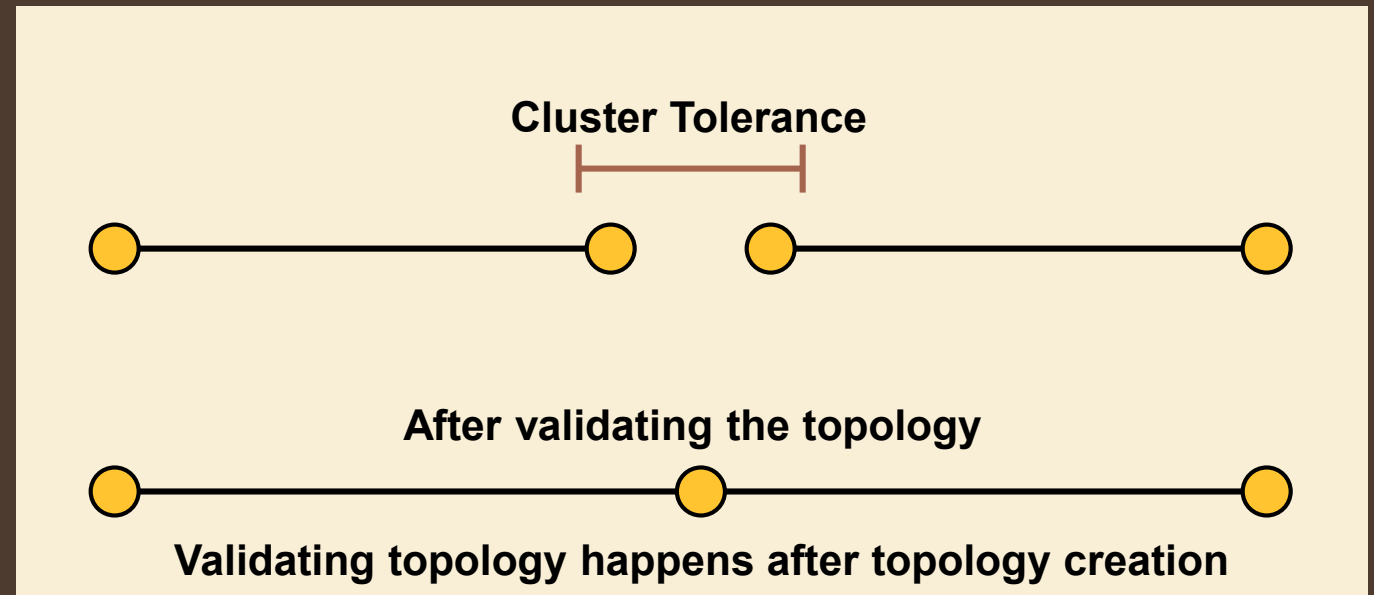
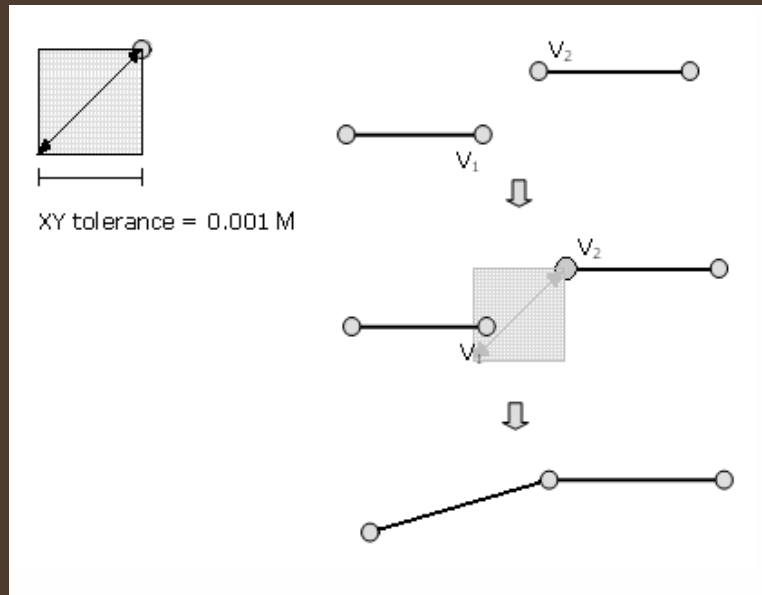
Modeling building footprints, where a small percentage of buildings legitimately cross parcel boundaries by creating subtypes of buildings and only creating the Must Be Covered By rule for the subtypes that cannot extend across a parcel.

TOPOLOGY WORKFLOW IN ARCGIS



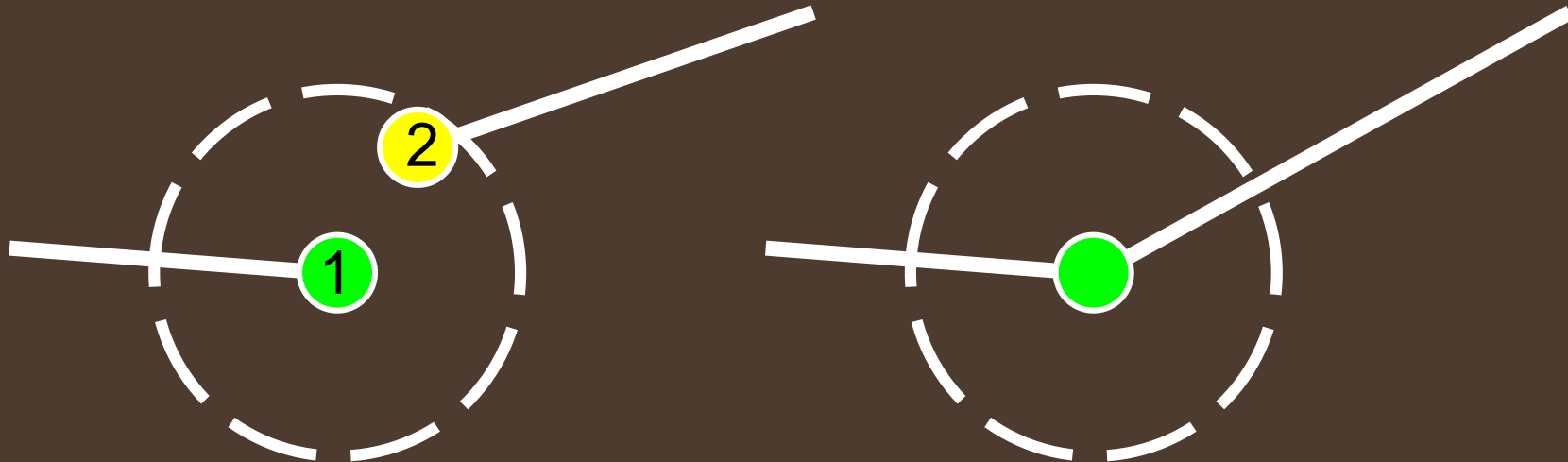
CLUSTER TOLERANCE

- 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 must be allowed by 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



Polygon

Must not overlap

Polylines must not overlap. This rule is used to ensure that no two polygons overlap another polygon in the same feature class or subtypes.

A red line indicates the overlap.

Polygon

Must not have gaps

Polylines must not have gaps. This rule is used to ensure that no two polygons have gaps between them.

A red line indicates the gap.

Line or Polygon

Must be larger than cluster tolerance

Cluster tolerance is the minimum distance between two features. This rule is used to ensure that no two features are closer than the cluster tolerance.

A red line indicates the distance between them.

Line

Must not have pseudo nodes

The end of a line segment should not be a pseudo node. This rule is used to ensure that no two line segments are connected at a pseudo node.

A red line indicates the pseudo node.

Polygon

Contains point

Each polygon of the feature class must contain at least one point. This rule is used to ensure that no two polygons are empty.

A red line indicates the point.

Polygon

Contains one point

Each polygon of the feature class must contain only one point. This rule is used to ensure that no two polygons contain more than one point.

A red line indicates the point.

Line

Must not have dangles

The end of a line must not be a dangle. This rule is used to ensure that no two line segments are connected at a dangle.

A red line indicates the dangle.

Line

Must not self-overlap

Lines must not overlap themselves. This rule is used to ensure that no two line segments are connected at a self-overlap.

A red line indicates the self-overlap.

Polygon

Must be covered by feature class

Polylines must be covered by the feature class. This rule is used to ensure that no two polygons are not covered by the feature class.

A red line indicates the polygon.

Polygon

Boundary must be covered by

Polylines must be covered by the boundary. This rule is used to ensure that no two polygons are not covered by the boundary.

A red line indicates the boundary.

Line

Must not overlap

Lines must not overlap. This rule is used to ensure that no two line segments overlap.

A red line indicates the overlap.

Line

Must not self-intersect

Lines must not intersect themselves. This rule is used to ensure that no two line segments intersect themselves.

A red line indicates the intersection.

Polygon

Must not overlap with

Polylines must not overlap with the feature class. This rule is used to ensure that no two polygons overlap with the feature class.

A red line indicates the overlap.

Polygon

Must be covered by

Polylines must be covered by the feature class. This rule is used to ensure that no two polygons are not covered by the feature class.

A red line indicates the polygon.

Line

Must not intersect

Lines must not intersect. This rule is used to ensure that no two line segments intersect.

A red line indicates the intersection.

Line

Must be single part

Lines must be single part. This rule is used to ensure that no two line segments are not single part.

A red line indicates the line segment.

Polygon

Area boundary must be covered by boundary of

Polylines must be covered by the area boundary. This rule is used to ensure that no two polygons are not covered by the area boundary.

A red line indicates the area boundary.

Polygon

Must cover each other

Polylines must cover each other. This rule is used to ensure that no two polygons do not cover each other.

A red line indicates the polygons.

Line

Must not intersect with

Lines must not intersect with the feature class. This rule is used to ensure that no two line segments intersect with the feature class.

A red line indicates the line segment.

Line

Must be covered by feature class of

Lines must be covered by the feature class of the feature class. This rule is used to ensure that no two line segments are not covered by the feature class of the feature class.

A red line indicates the line segment.

Point

Must coincide with

Points must coincide with the feature class. This rule is used to ensure that no two points do not coincide with the feature class.

A red line indicates the point.

Point

Must be disjoint

Points must be disjoint. This rule is used to ensure that no two points are not disjoint.

A red line indicates the points.

Line

Must not intersect or touch interior

Lines must not intersect or touch interior. This rule is used to ensure that no two line segments intersect or touch interior.

A red line indicates the intersection or touch interior.

Line

Must be covered by boundary of

Lines must be covered by the boundary of the feature class. This rule is used to ensure that no two line segments are not covered by the boundary of the feature class.

A red line indicates the line segment.

Point

Must be covered by endpoint of

Points must be covered by the endpoint of the feature class. This rule is used to ensure that no two points are not covered by the endpoint of the feature class.

A red line indicates the point.

Point

Point must be covered by line

Points must be covered by the line. This rule is used to ensure that no two points are not covered by the line.

A red line indicates the point.

Line

Must not intersect or touch interior with

Lines must not intersect or touch interior with the feature class. This rule is used to ensure that no two line segments intersect or touch interior with the feature class.

A red line indicates the line segment.

Line

Must be properly inside

Lines must be properly inside the feature class. This rule is used to ensure that no two line segments are not properly inside the feature class.

A red line indicates the line segment.

Point

Must be properly inside

Points must be properly inside the feature class. This rule is used to ensure that no two points are not properly inside the feature class.

A red line indicates the point.

Point

Must be covered by boundary of

Points must be covered by the boundary of the feature class. This rule is used to ensure that no two points are not covered by the boundary of the feature class.

A red line indicates the point.

Line

Must not overlap with

Lines must not overlap with the feature class. This rule is used to ensure that no two line segments overlap with the feature class.

A red line indicates the overlap.

Line

Endpoint must be covered by

Lines must have their endpoints covered by the feature class. This rule is used to ensure that no two line segments do not have their endpoints covered by the feature class.

A red line indicates the line segment.

VALIDATING TOPOLOGY

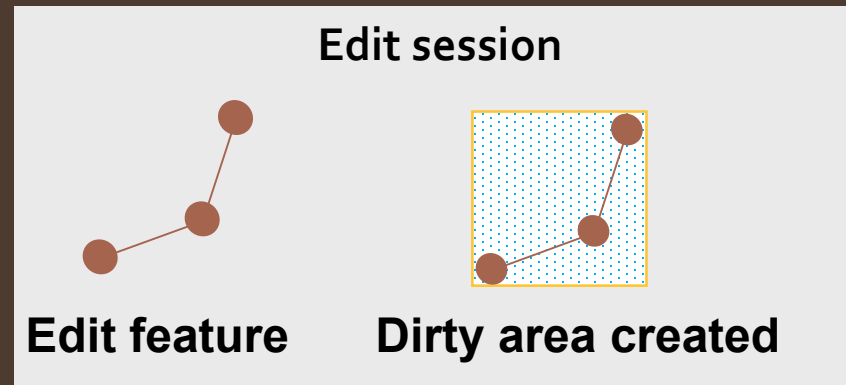
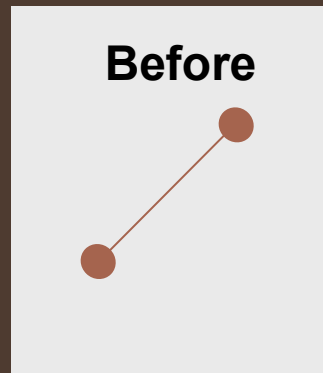
- Integrates the geometries based on cluster tolerance
 - Cracking – Adding vertices to lines
 - Clustering – Snapping vertices
- Validates topology rules which may generate errors
 - Deletes errors if the rules are no longer violated
- No new features are created
- A topology is validated in entirety 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

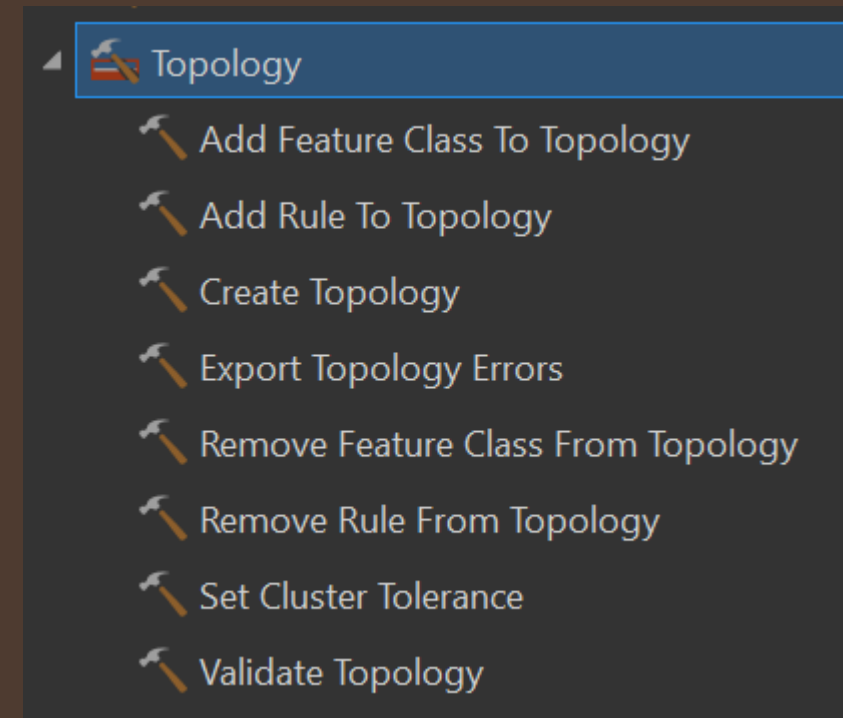
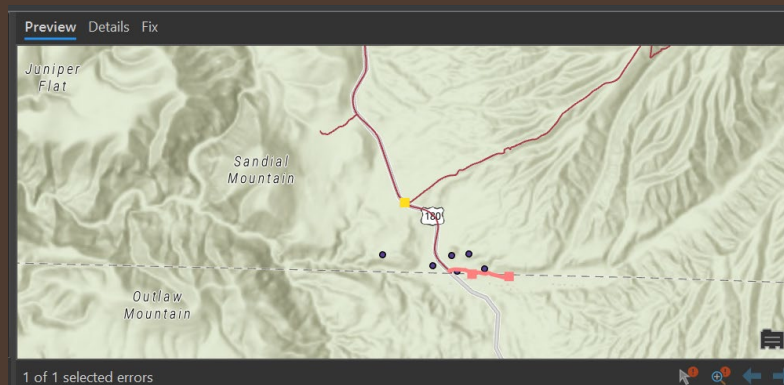
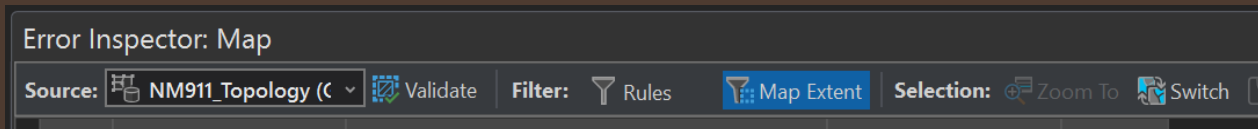
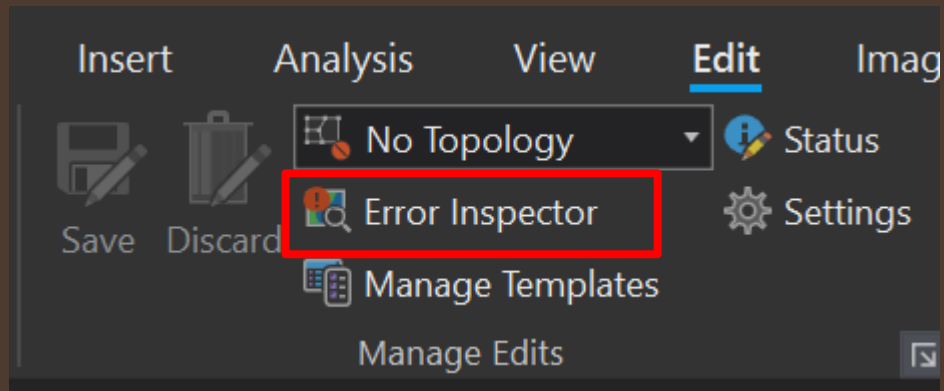
- Represent areas that have not been validated
- Edits create dirty areas
- Dirty areas may contain existing or undiscovered topology errors
- Entire extent is dirty when the topology is first created.
- Dirty areas are cleared when the network topology is validated.

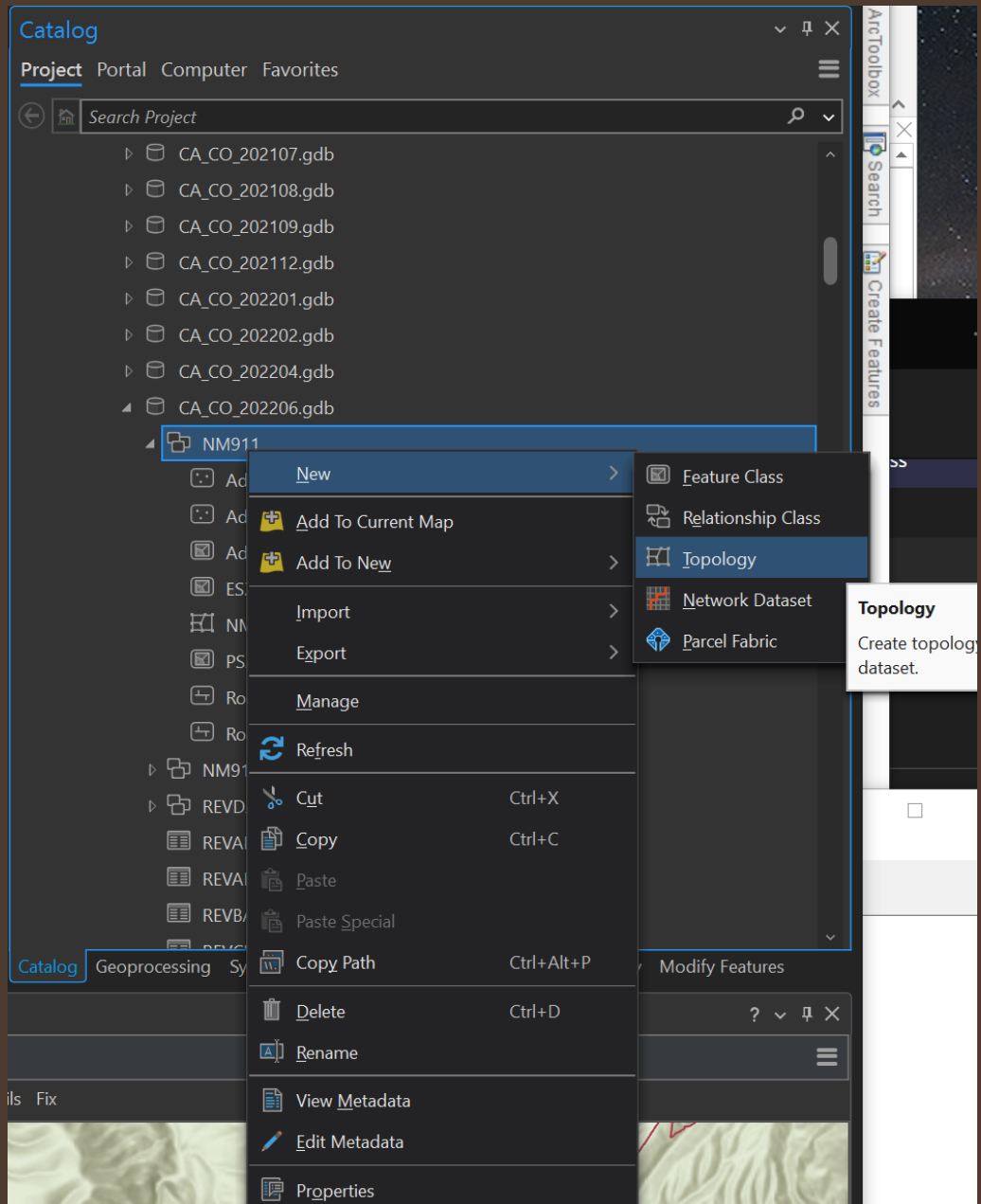


EDITING FEATURES

- 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





Create Topology Wizard

Define
Add Rules
Summary

Topology Name:

XY Cluster Tolerance: Meter

Number of XY Ranks:

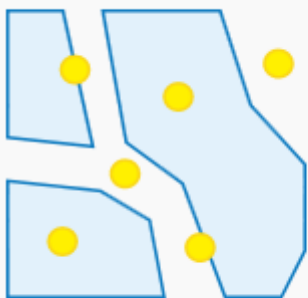
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<input type="checkbox"/> RoadCenterlineImportErrors	

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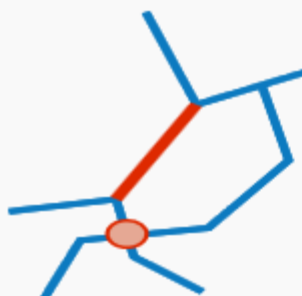
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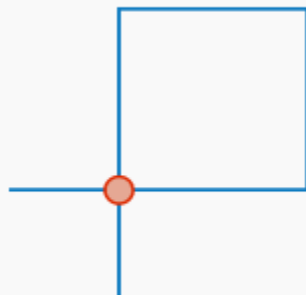
Must Be Properly Inside Polygons

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

General

Feature Class

Rules

Errors

Manage

+ Add

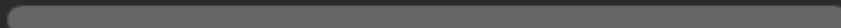
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⬇ Load Existing

💾 Save As

Feature Class 1	Subtype 1	Rule	Feature Class 2
AddressPoints		Must Be Properly Inside (Point-Area)	Administrative
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)	Administrative

Click here to add a new rule.

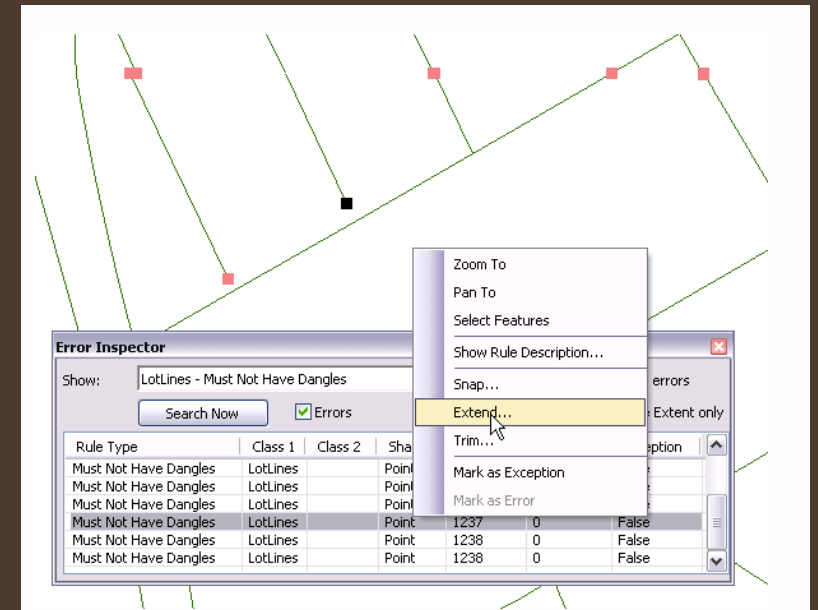


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FIXING TOPOLOGY ERRORS

- 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

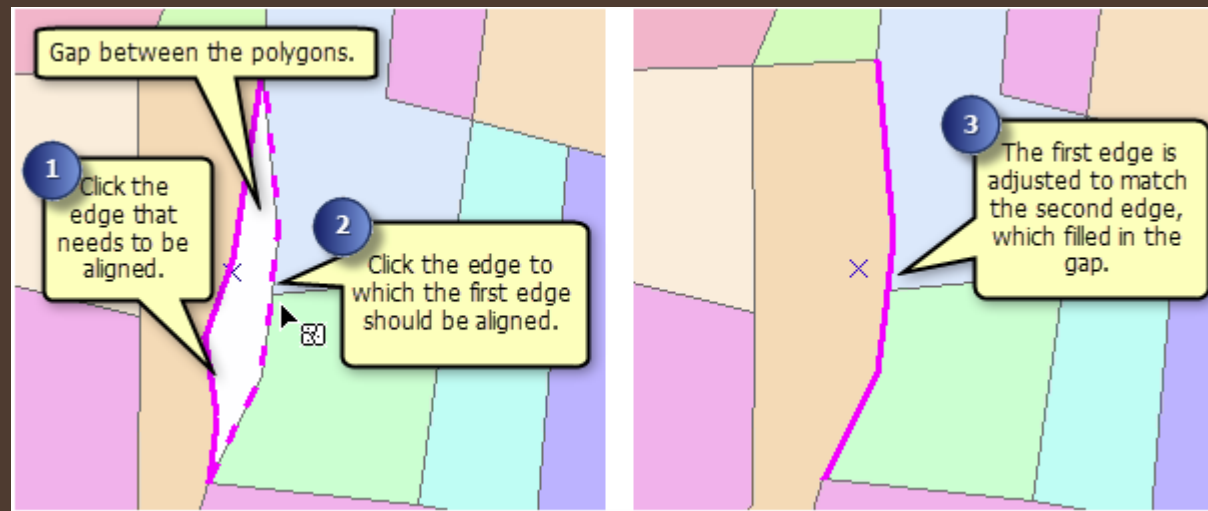
Editing coincident features

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.

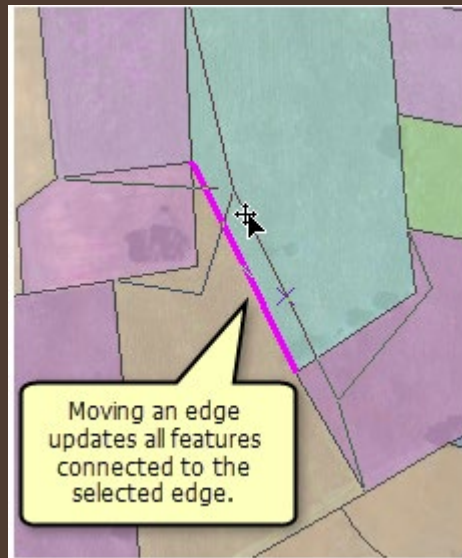
ALIGN EDGE

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



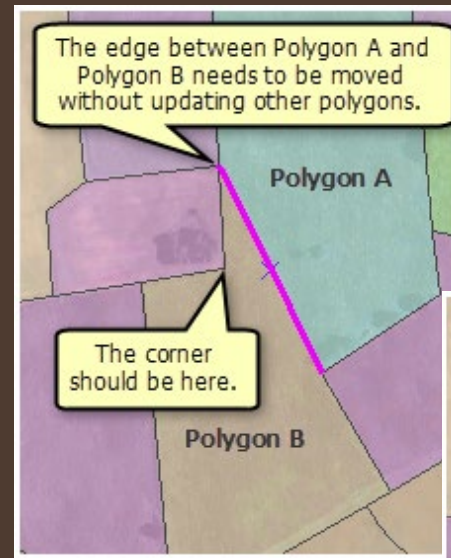
MOVING TOPOLOGY ELEMENTS

Moving a topology element

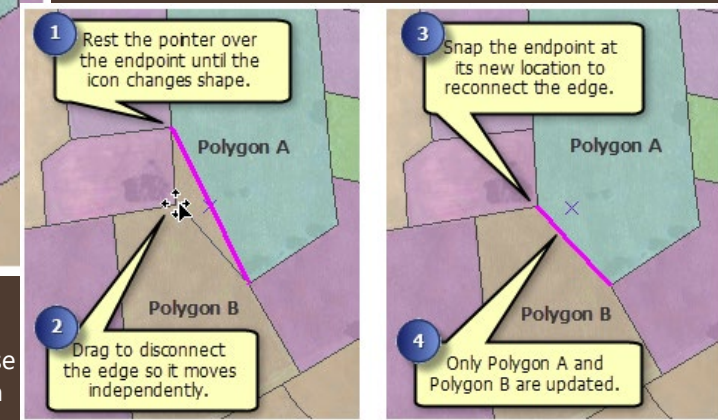


When you move an edge, all features that are connected to the selected edge stretch and move to maintain connectivity.

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

