

Loading Custom Python GP Tools into a Python Addin Toolbar

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My needs:

- Several different workflows with custom py script tools
- Scripts (about 10/workflow) run from 10 secs – 7 days
- Workflows are often repeated
- Scripts tools stored in ArcGIS Toolbox
- Scripts take advantage of the built in parameter GUI

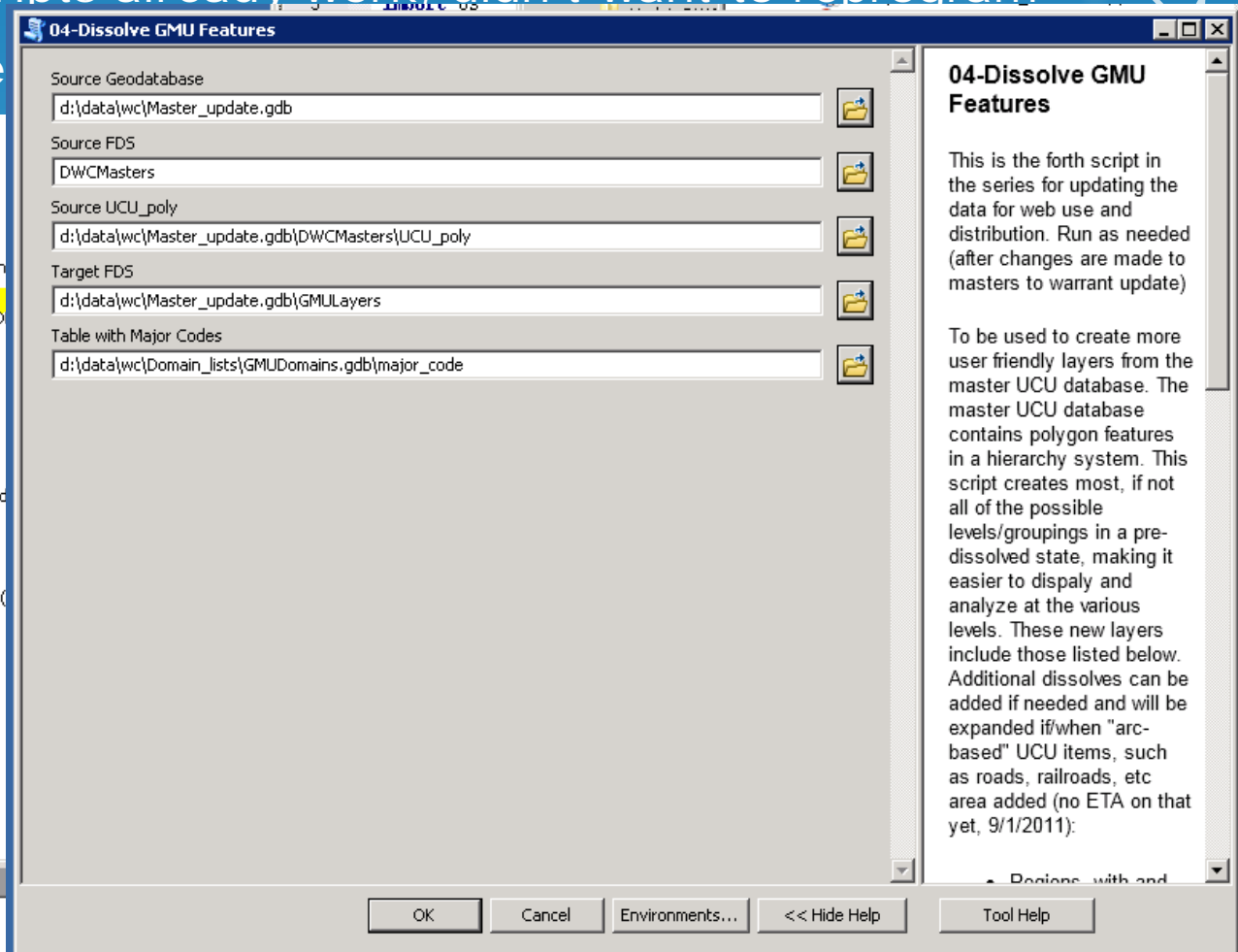
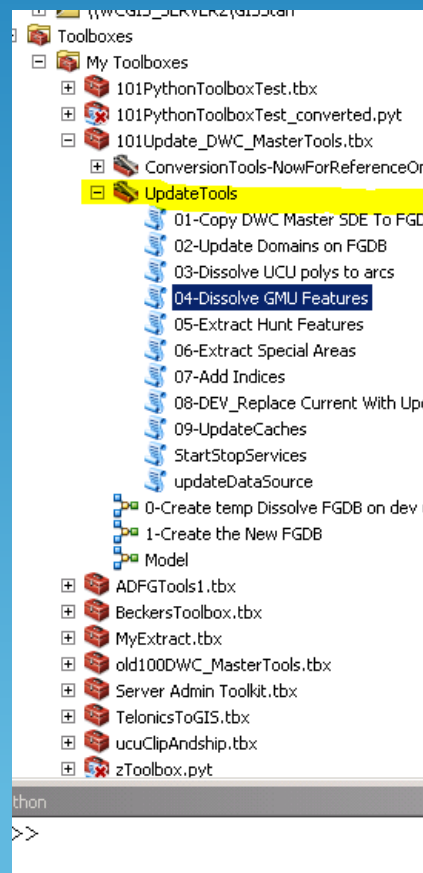
Why Move Tools to an Addin

- Easier access on the toolbar vs. navigating Catalog
- Addin allows easy deployment on other machines
- Easy to create and modify



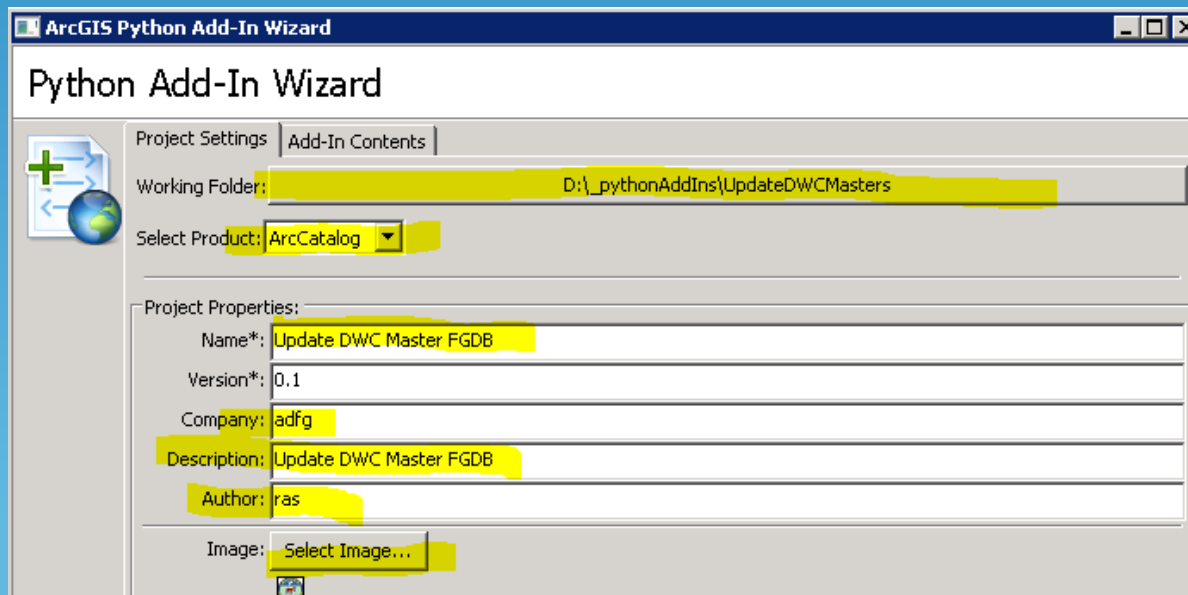
My Challenge:

- My .py scripts already work, didn't want to reprogram
- Addin doe



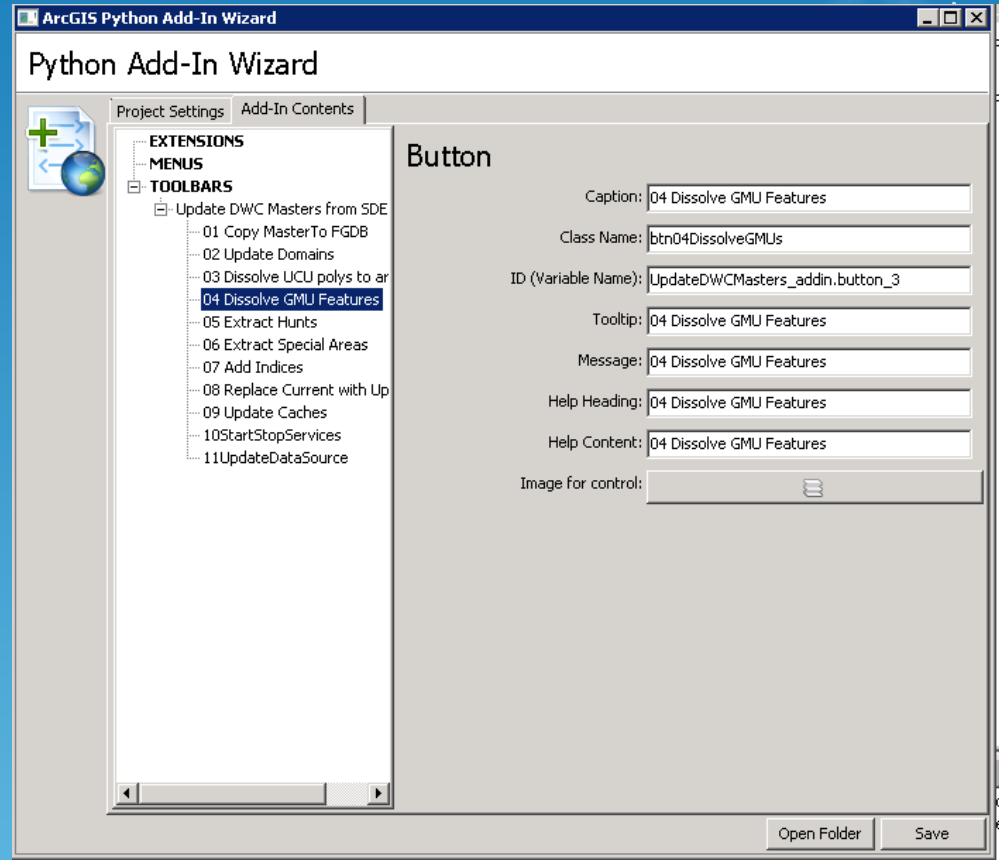
After downloading/unzipping the Wizard...

- Double-click `\addin_assistant\bin\addin_assistant.exe`
- Select an empty folder name for the Addin workspace
- Determine if this will be run in ArcCatalog or ArcMap
- Replace "Project Properties" as needed
- Select a new icon (optional)
- Hit Save - - this creates the folder and puts the initial addin structure



Wizard (cont).....

- Move to Add-in Contents tab
- Right-Click on TOOLBARS, add a new toolbar, modify name and any other properties
- Right-Click Toolbar and add as many buttons as desired; modify fields; modify properties
- Save – this creates the stubbed out structure
- Click - Open Folder



Once the folder is open....

- **Copy or Move your Toolbox (.tbx) to the workspace's "Install" folder**
- Then modify the <workspace>_addin.py file located in the "Install" folder..

- At the top add (after import pythonaddins):

```
import os
```

```
relPath = os.path.dirname(__file__)
```

```
For each button, under def onClick(self):
```

```
→ replace pass with (using GISInventoryTools.tbx as example)
```

```
toolPath = relPath + r"\GISInventoryTools.tbx"
```

```
pythonaddins.GPToolDialog(toolPath, <toolname>)
```

- save

Next create/update the .addinthen install:

- In workspace root directory, doubleclick `makeaddin.py` which creates `<workspace>.esriaddin`
- Double-click on `<workspace>.esriaddin` to install addin.
- Open Catalog or ArcMap (which ever type was created)
- Test.
- Modify, repeat process if needed

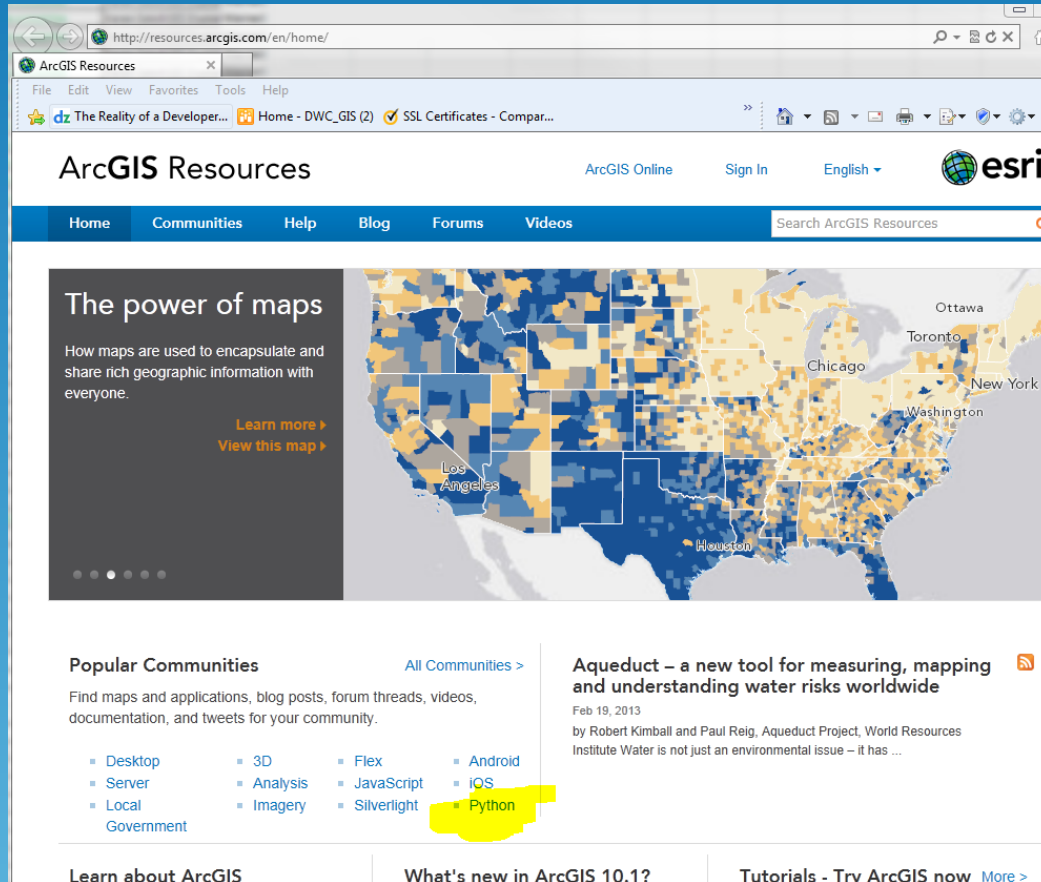
Demo:



Some GPToolDialog Resources

- http://resources.arcgis.com/en/help/main/10.1/#/The_pythonaddins_module/014p00000021000000/
- <http://forums.arcgis.com/threads/41135-Sample-Code-Embedding-gp-tools-or-data-inside-of-a-python-addin-file?highlight=pythonaddins.GPToolDialog>
- <http://forums.arcgis.com/threads/69244-Launch-python-toolbox-from-toolbar-can-it-be-done?highlight=pythonaddins.GPToolDialog>

Step 1 – Download the Addin Wizard



The screenshot shows the ArcGIS Resources website. The main heading is "The power of maps" with a sub-heading "How maps are used to encapsulate and share rich geographic information with everyone." Below this is a map of the United States with various cities labeled: Los Angeles, Houston, Chicago, Washington, New York, Toronto, and Ottawa. The map is overlaid with a grid of colored squares (blue and yellow). To the right of the map, there are links for "Learn more" and "View this map".

Below the map, there is a section for "Popular Communities" with a link to "All Communities". The text says "Find maps and applications, blog posts, forum threads, videos, documentation, and tweets for your community." Below this is a grid of categories:

- Desktop
- Server
- Local Government
- 3D
- Analysis
- Imagery
- Flex
- JavaScript
- Silverlight
- Android
- iOS
- Python

The "Python" category is highlighted with a yellow box. To the right of this grid is a featured article titled "Aqueduct – a new tool for measuring, mapping and understanding water risks worldwide" by Robert Kimball and Paul Reig, dated Feb 19, 2013. The article snippet reads: "Institute Water is not just an environmental issue – it has ...".

At the bottom of the page, there are three navigation links: "Learn about ArcGIS", "What's new in ArcGIS 10.1?", and "Tutorials - Try ArcGIS now More >".

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The screenshot shows the ArcGIS Resources website for Python for ArcGIS. The page features a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Communities', 'Help', 'Blog', 'Forums', and 'Videos'. The main content area includes a featured article about USGS using Python for water quality assessments, a map of National Water-Quality Assessment Study Units, and a 'Quick Links' section with categories like 'ArcGIS Python Code Recipes', 'Learning Python', and 'Python for ArcGIS'. At the bottom, a 'Gallery' of five thumbnails is displayed, with the first thumbnail, 'Python Add-In Wizard', circled in yellow.

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Python for ArcGIS

Communities

USGS uses Python to deliver Water Quality Assessment tools

USGS composed a collection of custom tools that implement geographic information system (GIS) techniques used by the NAWQA Program to characterize aquifer areas, drainage basins, and sampled wells.

[Read more](#)

National Water-Quality Assessment (NAWQA) Study Units

Study Units — Assessment schedule

- Begin 2001
- Begin 2004
- Begin 2007
- High Plains Ground Water Study

Quick Links

ArcGIS Python Code Recipes

- ArcGIS Python Recipes

Learning Python

- Python tutorial
- Python.org beginners guide
- Learn Python the Hard Way
- Dive into Python
- Popular Python recipes
- Python Module of the Week

Python for ArcGIS

- New at 10.1 for Python and ArcPy
- A quick tour of ArcPy
- Extending ArcGIS with Python Tutorials

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- Python—Getting started
- A Whirlwind Tour of ArcGIS for Python
- ArcGIS 10.1 arcpy Wall Paper
- Tutorial 10 Python

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Simplify the development of ArcGIS Desktop add-ins with this Python Add-In Wizard

Desktop Application Template by teampython
Last Modified: April 2, 2012

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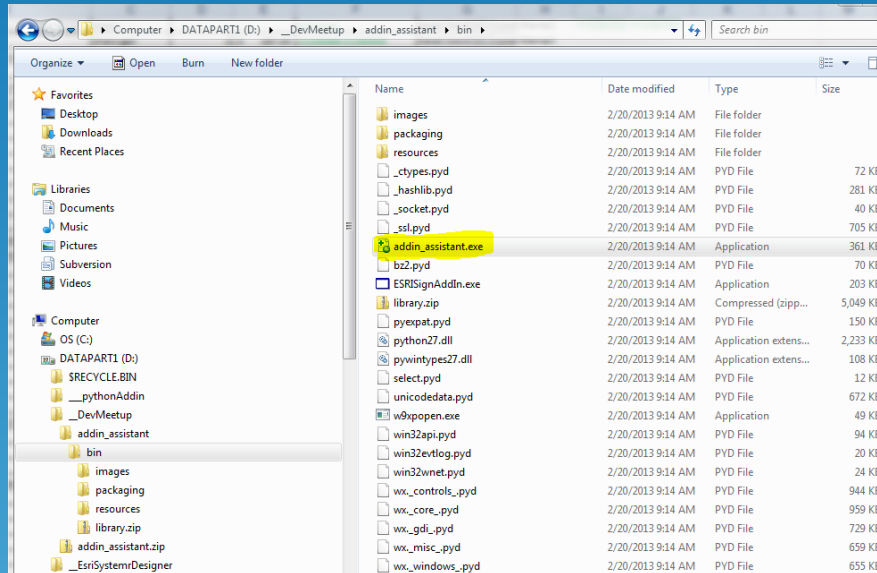
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Extract .zip, Pin Shortcut



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