TEACHMEGIS.COM
GIS TRAINING CENTER

Techniques for Effective Street Centerline Mapping

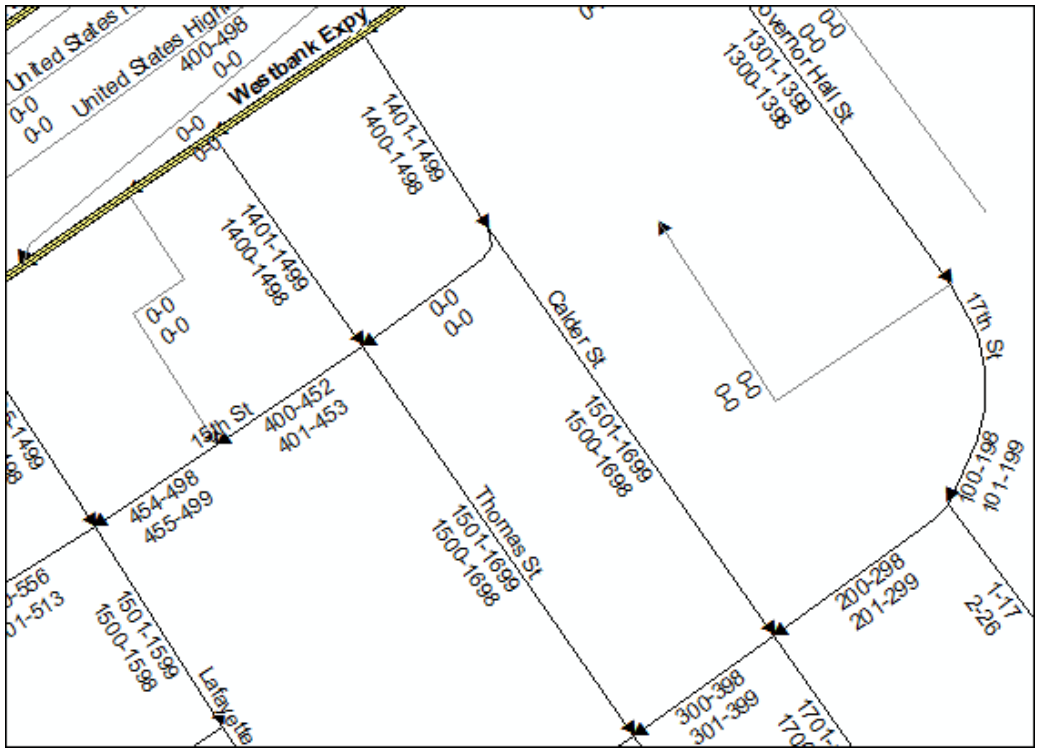
Techniques for Effective Street Centerline Mapping

- Symbology
- Queries
- Scripts
- Geoprocessing Tools
- Topology
- Editing Tips

Symbology

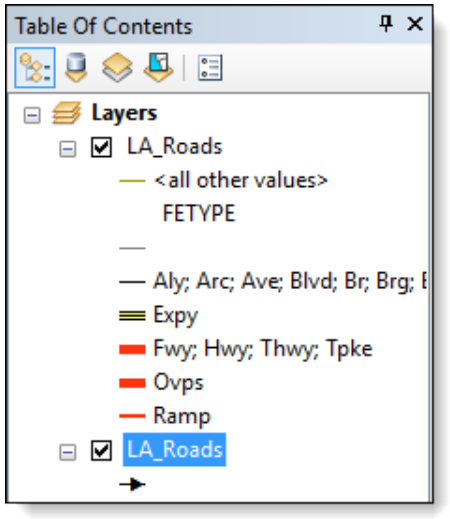
Street Centerline Symbology

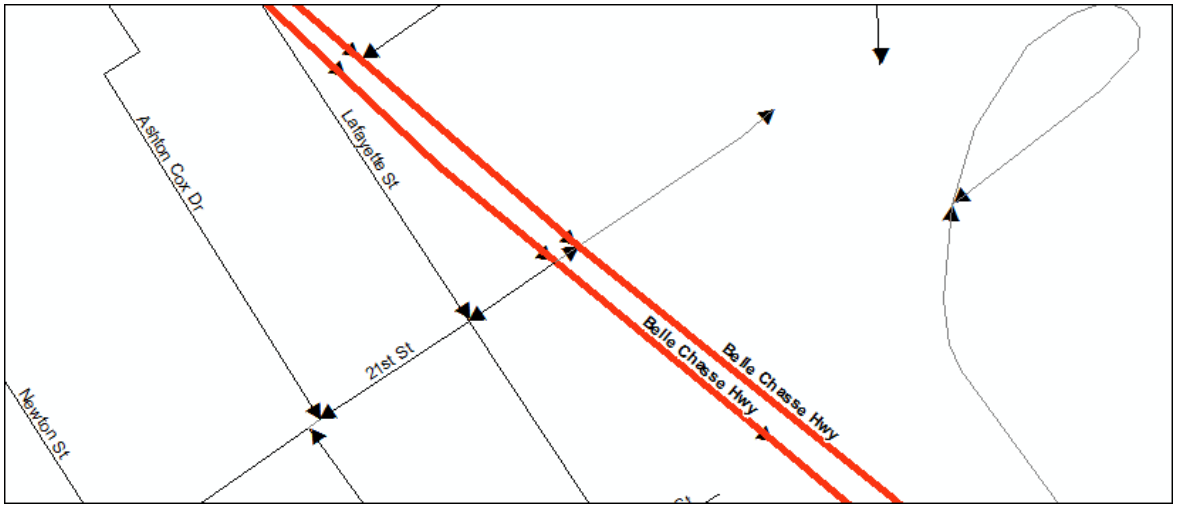
- Symbolize by street type, direction, city, etc. for general checking
- Symbolize lines with Unique Value, Many Fields to show left/right city names, left/right zip codes, etc.



Street Symbology for QC

- To show street direction:
  - Copy the layer and move the copy underneath the main layer
  - Symbolize the copy with a simple black line with an arrow at the end (in the Symbol Selector, toward the bottom)
  - You will be able to see the arrow underneath the main street symbology



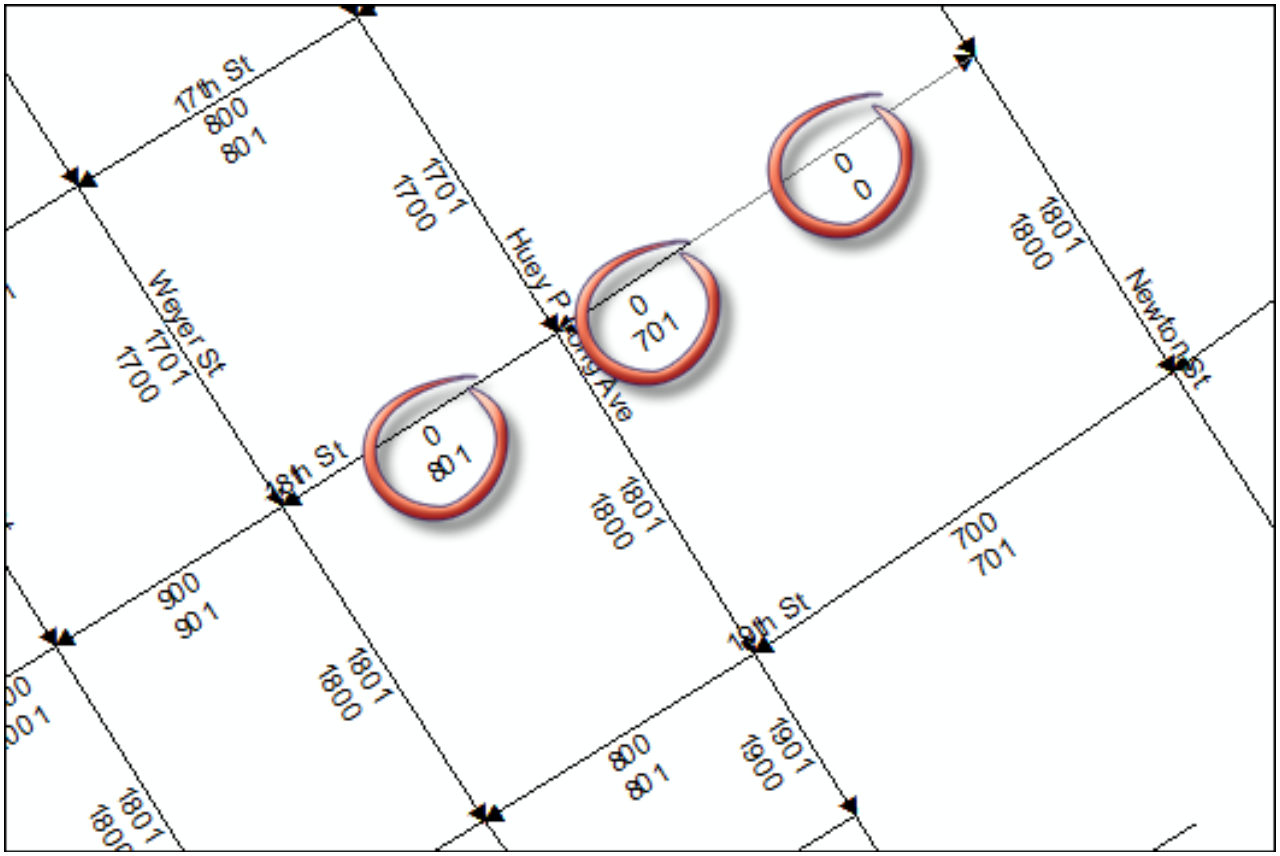


Street Centerline Symbology

- Symbolize streets by:
  - One-way
  - Start address (colors)
  - Jurisdictions, zones, …
- Keep them all as different layers inside your edit MXD.
- Comparing two street layers with thick & light lines on bottom and thin and intense lines on top to see both at one time

Street Labels for QC

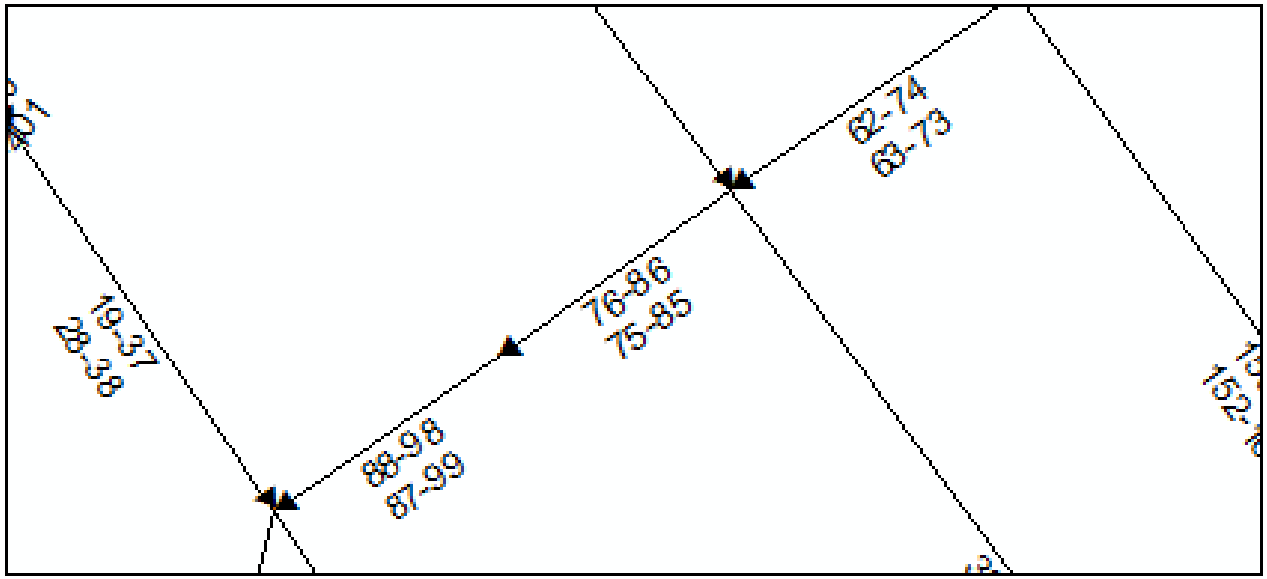
- Address ranges: label with address minimum values (Left-From field) to show anomalies and nulls



Label Expressions

- Use label expressions to get all information from multiple columns
  - Example for address ranges:

```
[LeftFrom] + "-" + [LeftTo] + "\n" +
[RightFrom] + "-" + [RightTo]
```

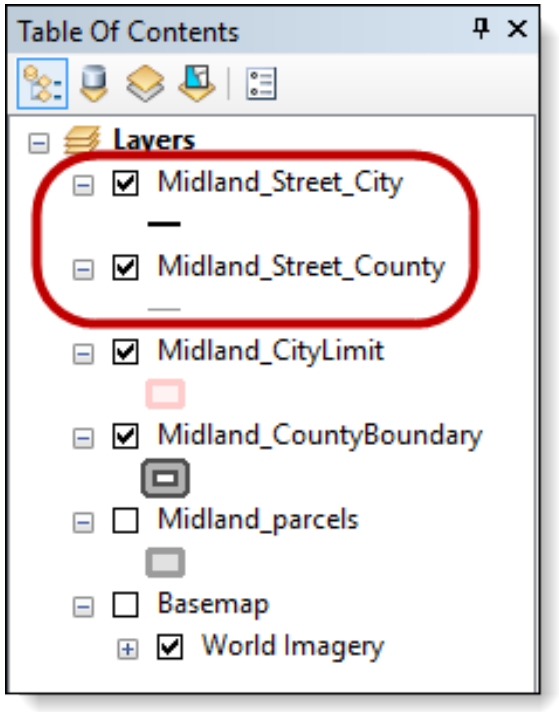


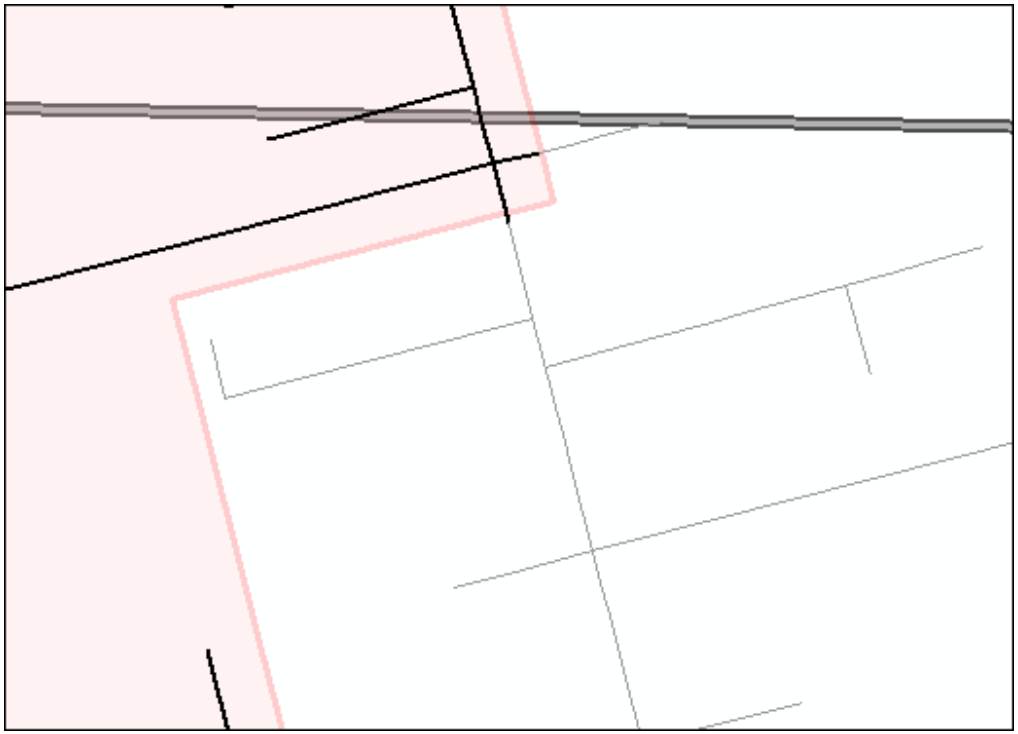
Queries

Multiple Layers with Filters

- Use definition queries on copies of a layer to give different features different symbols
- Turn the layers on and off separately

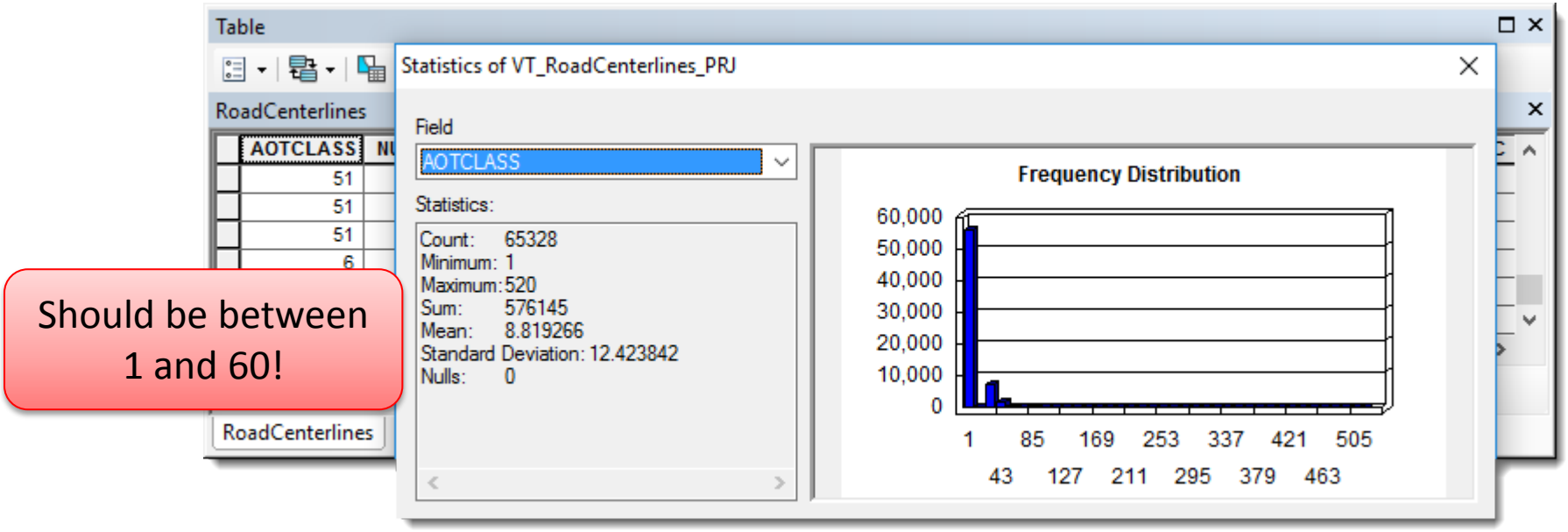
  Hint: Use group layers to organize the layers





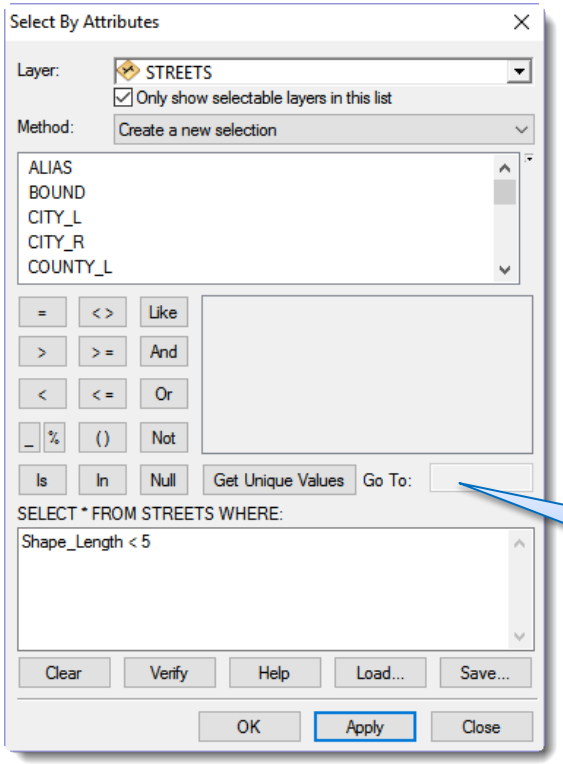
Finding Errors

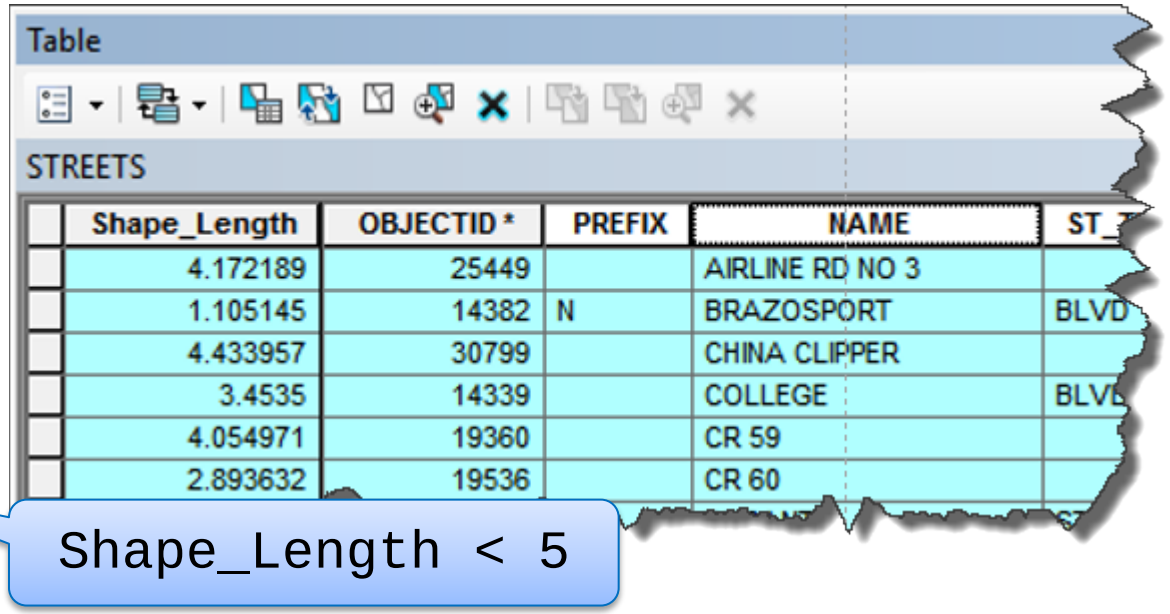
- Sort your table to find values too big or too small, and to find Nulls.
- Use **Summarize** to see mistakes in codes or types… where you should see just a few values.
- Use **Statistics** to find numerical outliers



Selecting Line Fragments

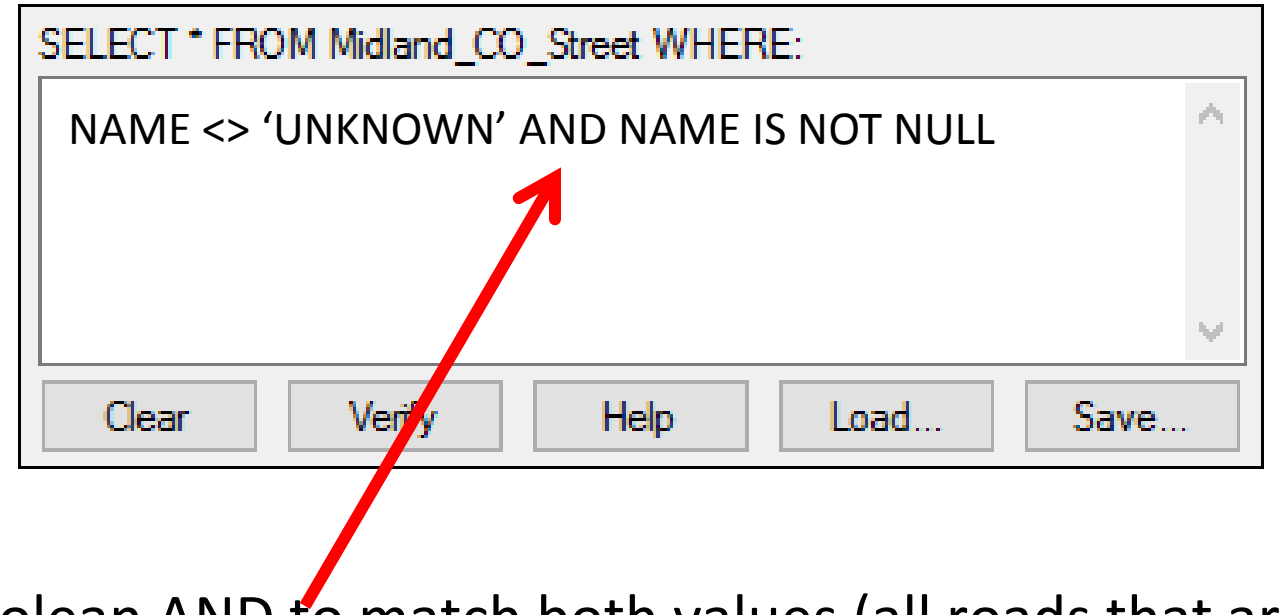
- Often, really small streets (like shorter than 5 feet) are digitizing errors.
- Write a SQL query to select the streets shorter than 5 feet





Finding Known Street Names

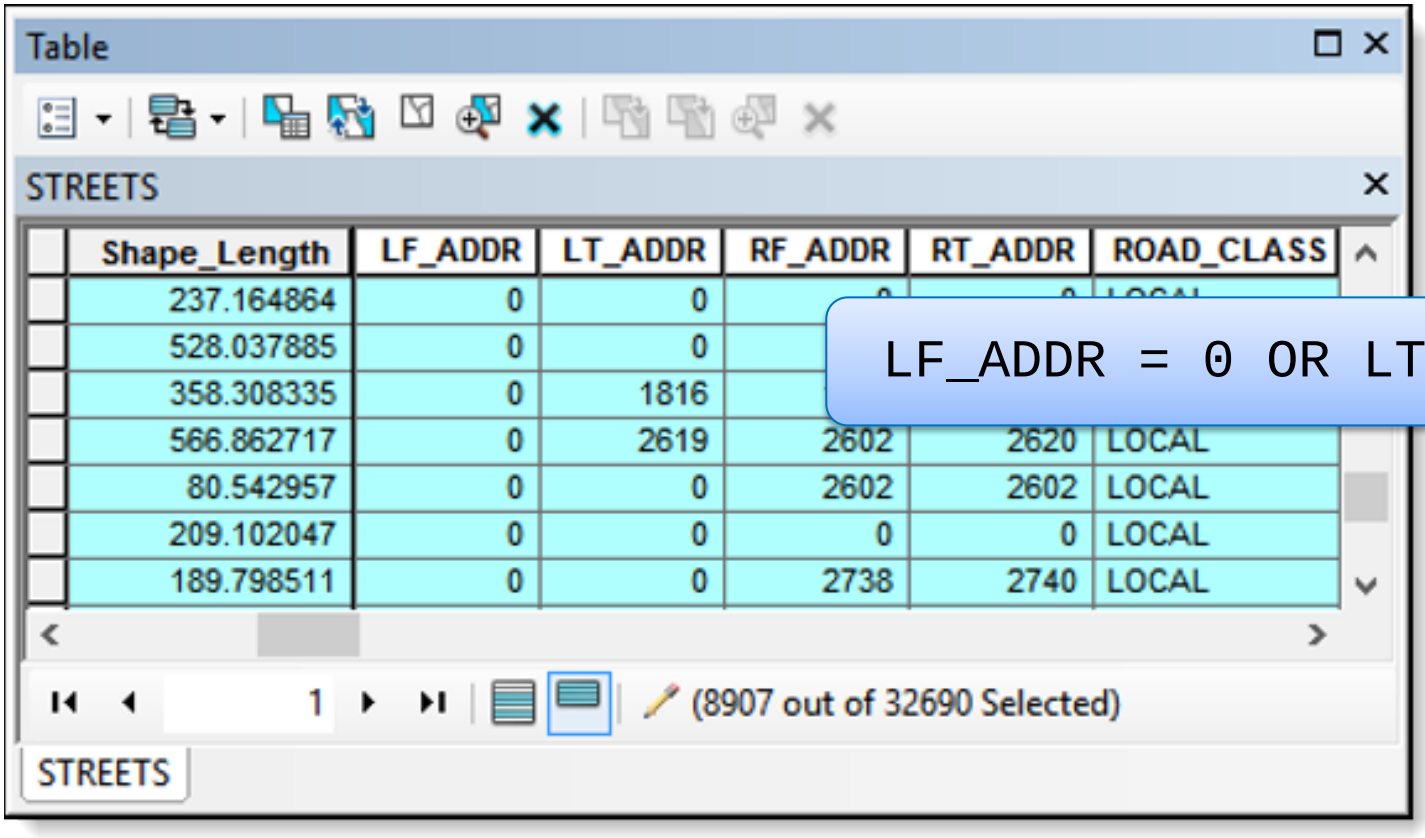
- Use the “not equal to” operator to search for all street names that are not listed as unknown or NULL (left blank)



- Use a Boolean AND to match both values (all roads that are NOT named “UNKNOWN” and at the same time are not NULL)

Find Incorrect Numerical Values

- Use equal to/not equal to in order to find FROM and TO values entered as 0, or any that were not entered as 0
  - Use OR to combine queries



Comparing From/To Values

- You can use mathematical operators to compare from and to values to find anomalies
- For example, you can search for cases where the FROM values are larger than the TO values

Only if address ranges are numeric columns!

`LF_ADDR > LT_ADDR`

Table

STREETS

Shape_Length	LF_ADDR	LT_ADDR	RF_ADDR	RT_ADDR	ROAD_CLASS
140.97526	3404	3206	0	0	LOCAL
361.567454	2401	0	2306	2310	LOCAL
115.108741	27941	24945	27940	27944	LOCAL
60.46985	821	812	824	818	LOCAL
2248.736127	6415	0	0	0	LOCAL
226.657728	1801	1623	1800	1822	LOCAL

(27 out of 32690 Selected)

STREETS

Finding Case Problems

- When multiple users enter attributes, there may be differences in case
- If your street names are supposed to be all uppercase, and you want to search for any that are not, use **upper**

```
upper(NAME)<> NAME
```

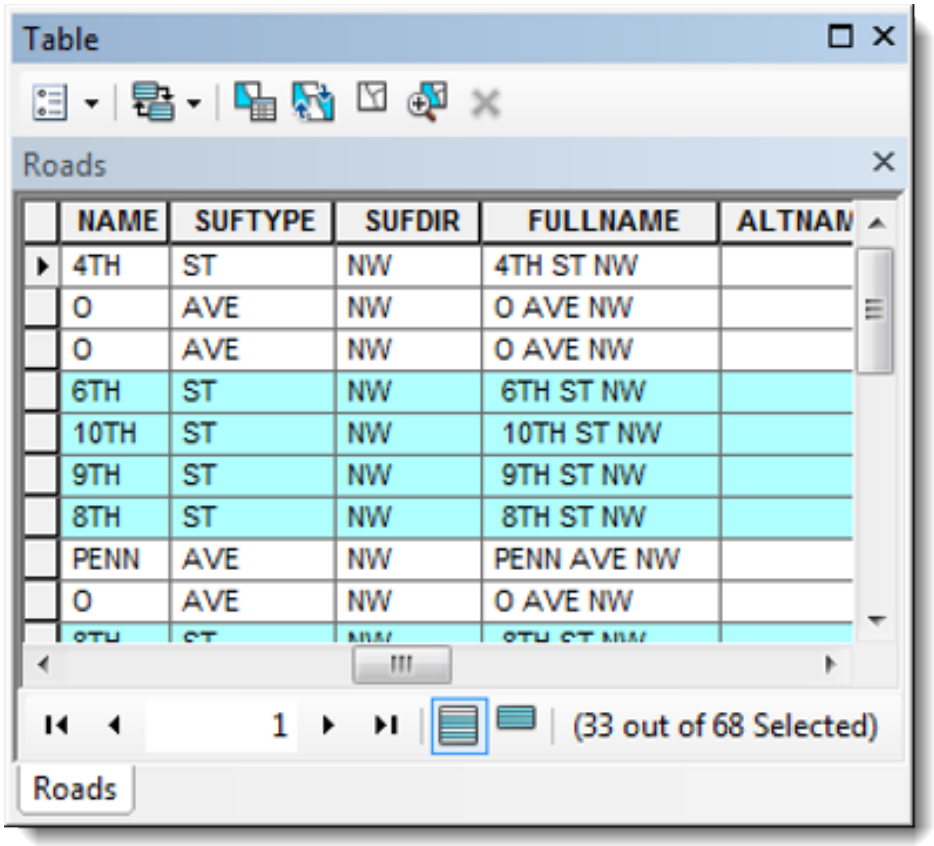
Table

STREETS

Shape_Length	OBJECTID *	PREFIX	NAME	ST_TYPE
323.193017	120	E	TIMBER CUT	CT
179.455581	121		Irish Shores	LN
505.18015	122		CORNERSTONE	ST
.254424	123		FOXDEN	DR
.176545	124		WYCKCHESTER	DR
32.79814	125		SHADYBEND	DR
150.582307	126		Keithwood	CIR
352.676325	127		PHEASANT	LN
285.128164	128		KEITHWOOD	CIR
369.600941	129		ROSEBUD	DR
242.294842	130		LAKECREST	LN

String Concatenation

- You have a Roads layer with columns for the street name, suffix, and direction. There is also a FULLNAME column that should be a concatenation of the previous three columns. Use a SQL query to find out if there are any that do not match.




```
FULLNAME <> NAME ||
' ' || SUFTYPE || '
    ' || SUFDIR
```

Dealing with White Space

- When a column has been populated using pieces of other columns, sometimes a space is left over at the beginning or the end. This will cause values to be left out of your queries.
- Use the Trim function to ignore white space before processing your query.

```
TRIM(RIGHT ‘ ‘ FROM PrefixDir) = ‘SE’
```

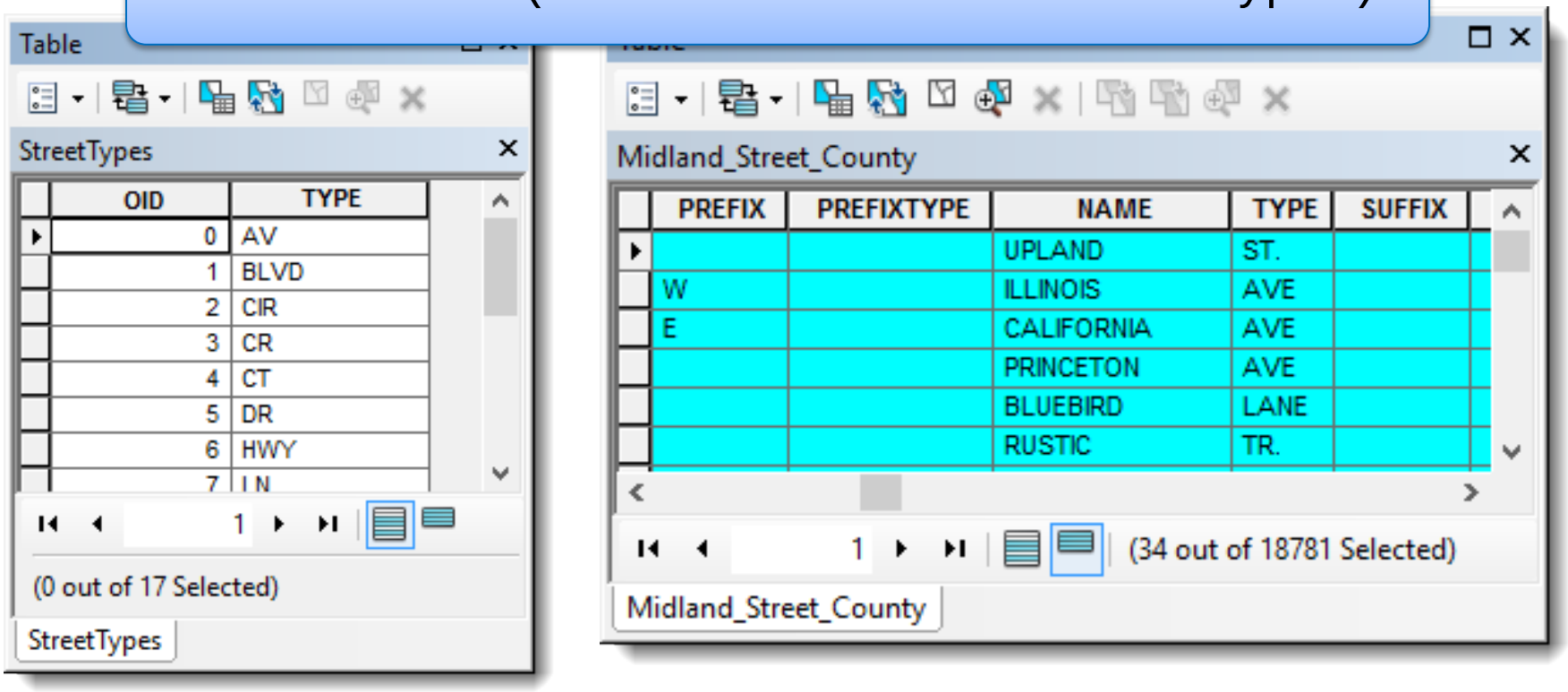
- Use Trim to find values with leading or trailing spaces

```
TRIM(RIGHT ‘ ‘ FROM PrefixDir) <> PrefixDir
```

Finding Invalid Street Types

- If you have a standalone table of valid street types, use a subquery to select invalid street types from your attribute table

```
TYPE NOT IN (SELECT TYPE FROM StreetTypes)
```



Scripts

Python to check addresses

Need to check street segments to see where there are overlapping address ranges for the same street name

- Make a distinct list of all street names
- Go through the list and get all street segments for that street
- Check the segments to see if the current segments addresses overlap or duplicate the addresses from other segments
- Write out a report of all the bad segments

Python to check addresses

```
for intCount in range(0, len(lstSegs)):
    if lstSegs[intCount][0] == ' ' or lstSegs[intCount][1] == ' ' or \
       lstSegs[intCount][2] == ' ' or lstSegs[intCount][3] == ' ' or\
       lstSegs[intCount][0] == '' or lstSegs[intCount][1] == '' or \
       lstSegs[intCount][2] == '' or lstSegs[intCount][3] == '':
        print "Blank values found for OID:",lstSegs[intCount][4], "of", eachstreet[0]
        badcounter = badcounter + 1
        break

    # See if LeftFrom > LeftTo for this segment
    elif lstSegs[intCount][0].isdigit() and lstSegs[intCount][1].isdigit() and \
        lstSegs[intCount][2].isdigit() and lstSegs[intCount][3].isdigit():
        if int(lstSegs[intCount][0]) >  int(lstSegs[intCount][1]):
            print "OID:",lstSegs[intCount][4], eachstreet[0], "LF Address", \
                  lstSegs[intCount][0], ">", "LT", lstSegs[intCount][1]
            badcounter = badcounter + 1
```

Python to check addresses

```
#check LF for overlap
if int(lstSegs[intCount][0]) > int(lstSegs[x][0]) and int(lstSegs[intCount][0])
    print "OID:",lstSegs[intCount][4], "LF Address:", lstSegs[intCount][0], eac
          "overlaps LF", lstSegs[x][0], "and LT", lstSegs[x][1], "of OID:", lst
    badcounter = badcounter + 1

#check LT for overlap
if int(lstSegs[intCount][1]) > int(lstSegs[x][0]) and int(lstSegs[intCount][1])
    print "OID:",lstSegs[intCount][4], "LT Address:", lstSegs[intCount][1], eac
          "overlaps LF", lstSegs[x][0], "and LT", lstSegs[x][1], "of OID:", lst
    badcounter = badcounter + 1

#check RF for overlap
if int(lstSegs[intCount][2]) > int(lstSegs[x][2]) and int(lstSegs[intCount][2])
    print "OID:",lstSegs[intCount][4], "RF Address:", lstSegs[intCount][2], eac
          "overlaps RF", lstSegs[x][2], "and RT", lstSegs[x][3], "of OID:", lst
    badcounter = badcounter + 1

#check RT for overlap
if int(lstSegs[intCount][3]) > int(lstSegs[x][2]) and int(lstSegs[intCount][3])
    print "OID:",lstSegs[intCount][4], "RT Address:", lstSegs[intCount][3], eac
          "overlaps RF", lstSegs[x][2], "and RT", lstSegs[x][3], "of OID:", lst
```

Python to check addresses

- A report showing address range problems by Object ID

```
OID: 534 LF Address: 3037 WOODS RD overlaps LF 1405 and LT 9805 of OID: 3555
OID: 534 LT Address: 3099 WOODS RD overlaps LF 1405 and LT 9805 of OID: 3555
OID: 534 RF Address: 3036 WOODS RD overlaps RF 1406 and RT 9806 of OID: 3555
OID: 534 RT Address: 3098 WOODS RD overlaps RF 1406 and RT 9806 of OID: 3555
OID: 1751 LF Address: 3101 WOODS RD overlaps LF 1405 and LT 9805 of OID: 3555
OID: 1751 LT Address: 3699 WOODS RD overlaps LF 1405 and LT 9805 of OID: 3555
OID: 1751 RF Address: 3100 WOODS RD overlaps RF 1406 and RT 9806 of OID: 3555
OID: 1751 RT Address: 3698 WOODS RD overlaps RF 1406 and RT 9806 of OID: 3555
OID: 2463 RF Address: 28800 YAUPON TRACE DR overlaps RF 2814 and RT 28898 of OID: 2465
OID: 2463 RT Address: 28812 YAUPON TRACE DR overlaps RF 2814 and RT 28898 of OID: 2465
There are 1831 records and 346 errors found.
```

Other Python Uses

- Script to create a report of street name anomalies.

  one segment only
- Script to find zonal errors, report them, and then fix them.

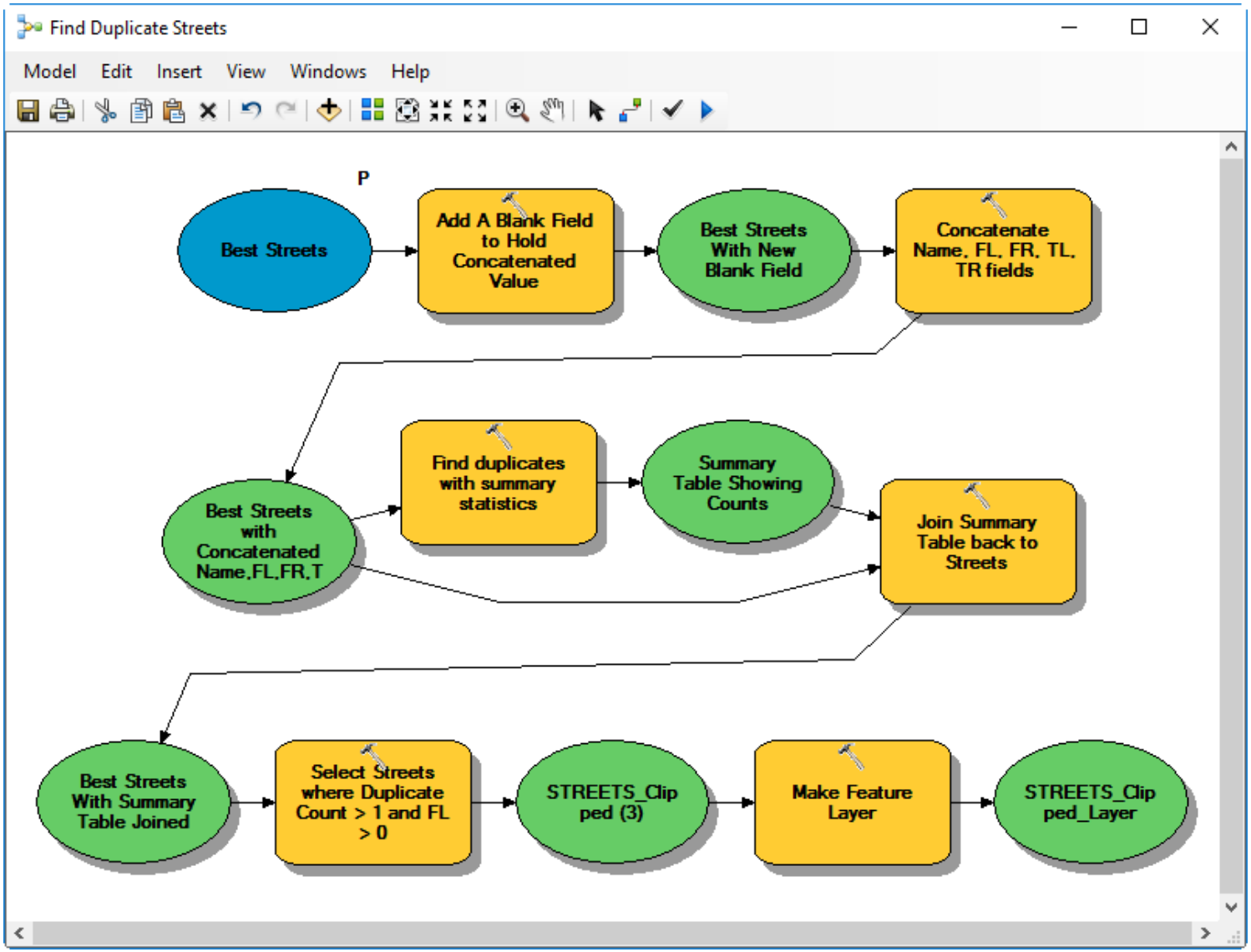
  Zip codes, EMS response areas, …
- Script to compare street segments with address point layer and find discrepancies
- Script to calculate travel time values based on road types, speed limits and segment lengths

In all cases you must know the data structure and be ready to modify your script(s) when changes occur.

Geoprocessing Tools

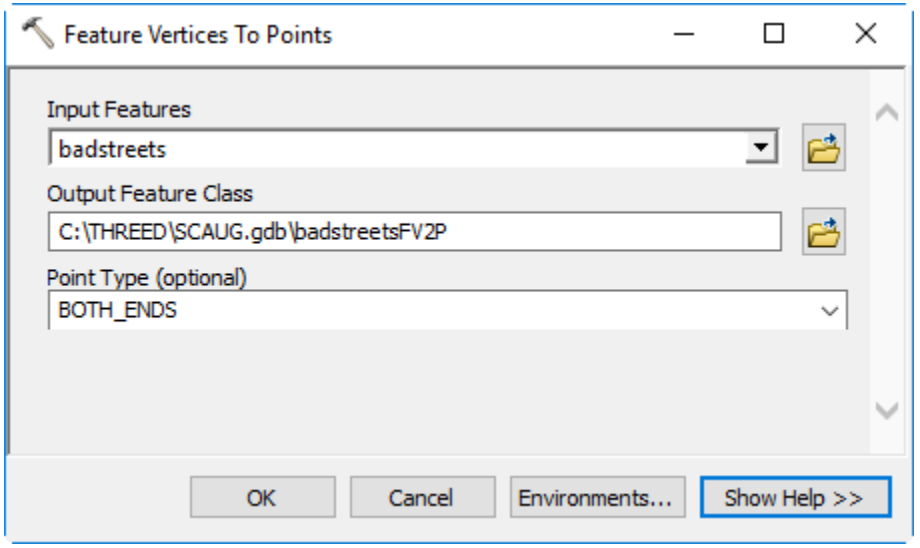
Put it in a model!

- Model to find duplicate streets



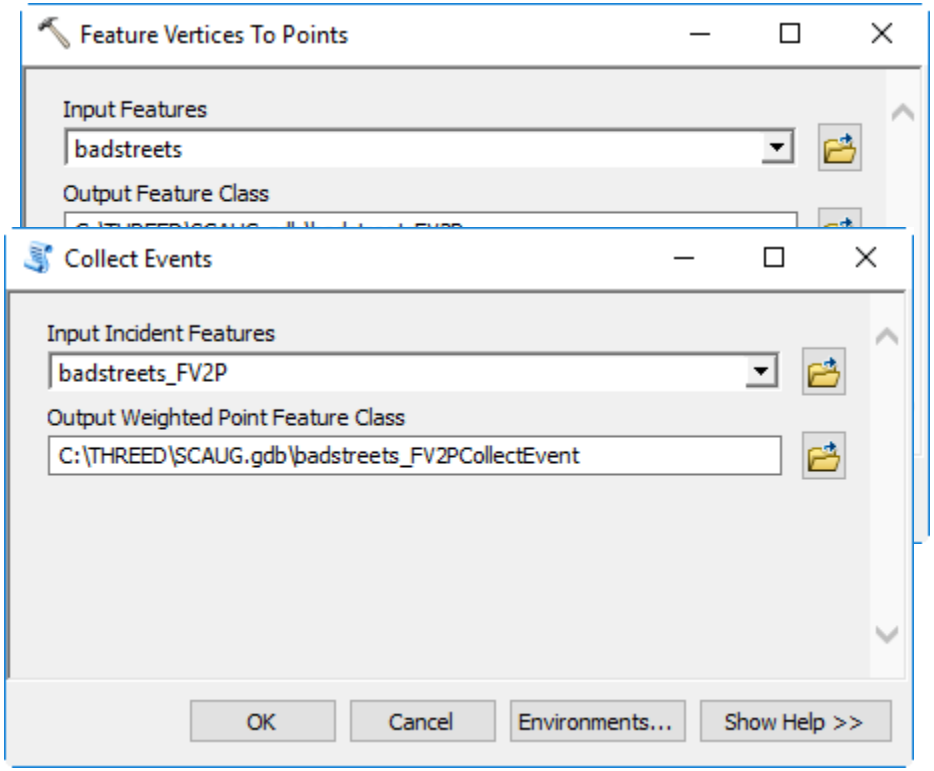
Find bad intersections workflow

- Feature Vertices To Points



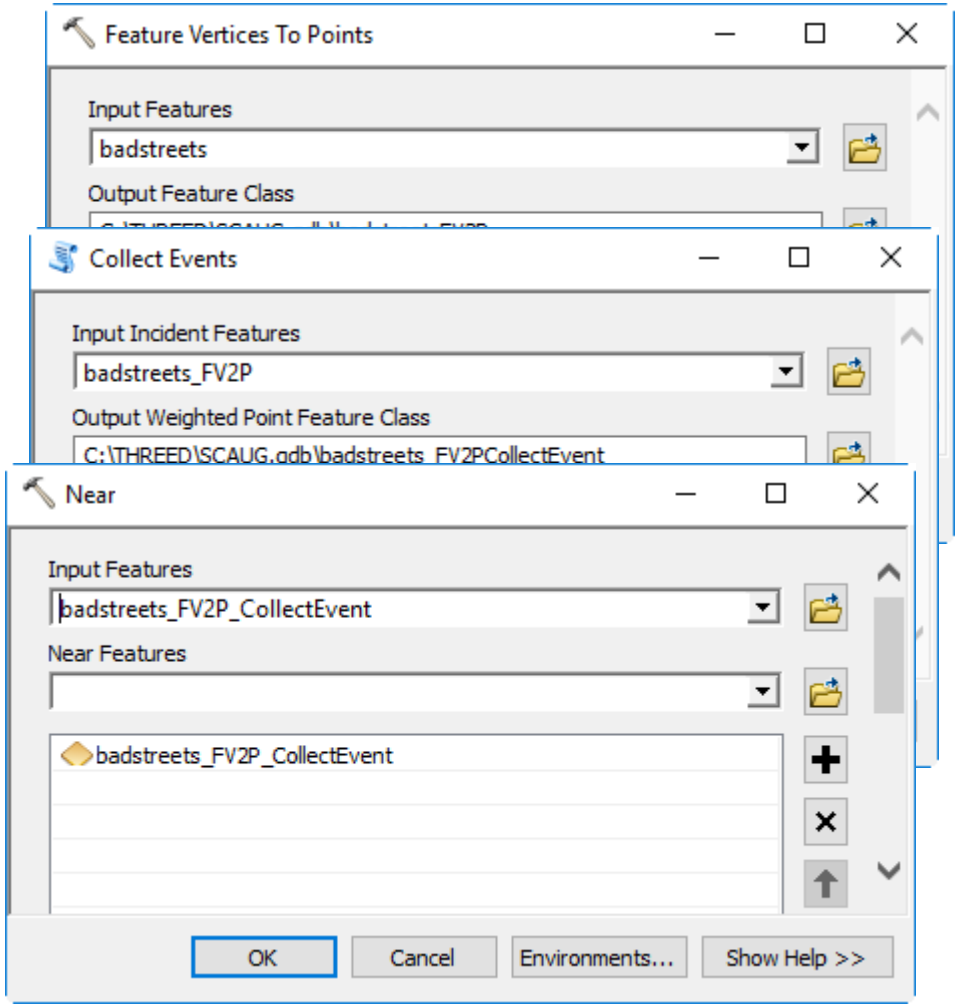
Find bad intersections workflow

- Feature Vertices To Points
- Collect Events



Find bad intersections workflow

- Feature Vertices To Points
- Collect Events
- Near
  - Examine att table
  - Symbolize (-1)
  - Inspect map



Topology

Topologies

- “Features working together”
- Map Topology
  - Edit simultaneous features
  - City limits, council districts, streets
  - Street segments meeting at one intersection
- Geodatabase Topology
  - Employ rules within a geodatabase to find errors
  - Tools to fix errors

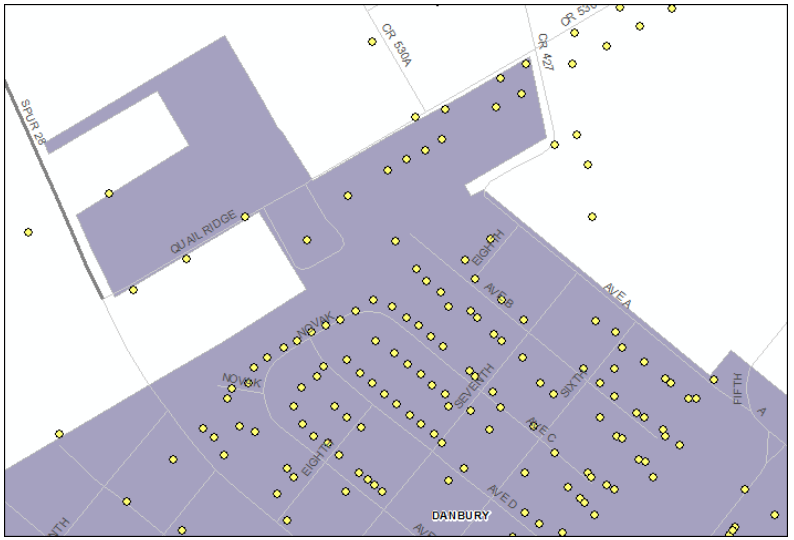
Editing Tips

Plan Before You Edit!

- Think about:
  - Which layers do you need on your map?
  - How should you symbolize the layers so that you can see everything?
  - You may want to create a map document <u>just</u> for editing, different from your regular or published maps

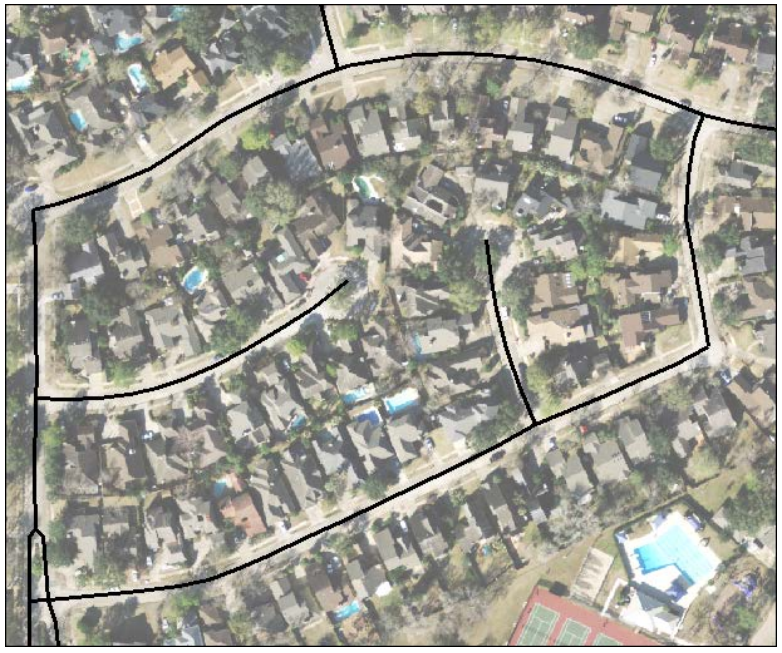
Common Editing Layers

- Some layers you might need for your street edits:
  - Imagery (Esri basemap or aerial photos)
  - Address points, where applicable
  - Parcel polygons
  - Street centerlines themselves
  - Jurisdictional and emergency response boundaries



Imagery

- Used for digitizing new streets and new address points
- Helpful for ground-truthing
  - Divided vs non-divided streets
  - Intersections



- Use transparency to make vector data easier to see

Boundary Polygons

- What jurisdictional or emergency response boundaries are important to your organization?
  - Cities
  - Zip Codes
  - ESN Boundaries
  - Fire Districts
  - Police Beats
  - Anything else?

Planarize

- Enter the street segments as one feature
- Add attributes that all new streets will have in common
  - City, County, Zip
  - Select **all new streets**, enter attributes in Attribute window
- Add attributes that all segments will have in common for one street
  - Name, Type, MPH
  - Select **individual street**, enter attributes
- Then planarize
- Enter values specific to each segment
  - Address Ranges
  - Select **individual street-segment**, enter attributes

Your Turn…

What's your tip?