# dem2basin

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#### INTRODUCTION

dem2basin is Python package to simplify common surface hydrology data preparation steps.

Numerous functions are provided to: - accomplish common vector and raster processing workflows in GeoPandas and GDAL/OGR - accomplish higher-level hydrology data processing goals

#### **1.1 Motivation**

It is common for hydrologists to spend some time preparing raster and vector source data for study at the individual watershed level. Once the source data is prepared, they can then generate HAND or other common terrain model. These preparation steps are largely similar or the same each and every time the hydrologist needs generate a terrain model from source data. This package provided functions to simplify these common preparation steps.

### **1.2 Limitations**

This packages has only been thoroughly tested against Texas Lidar raster data, NHD vector flowline and catchment data, and WBD vector HUC watershed data.

#### There are a number of proposed extensions, including:

- to NED 10m raster data
- to FIM / Fathom 3m raster data
- to non-WBD and non-NHD watershed data, for example internationally
- to Texas Lidar hypsography vector data
- to Texas Lidar point-cloud data

Below I only include the most thoroughly vetted dem2basin functions. These are the vector data processing functions.

While there are workable raster data processing functions, they are currently being significantly refactored, with nearly every existing function being deprecated in favor of entirely different approaches.

#### 1.3 Hydrology data processing functions

- get\_hucs\_by\_shape finds HUCs that intersect a study area given as a vector image
- get\_flowlines\_and\_representative\_points\_by\_huc assigns HUCs to NHD flowlines and their representative points, returning both
- get\_representative\_points retrieve representative points of flowlines and assign HUCs to these points
- set\_roughness\_by\_streamorder assign Manning's n roughness value by each flowline's stream order
- get\_catchments\_by\_huc assigns HUCs to NHD catchments
- set\_index\_by\_huc returns a geodataframe with its index set to its HUC column
- find\_huc\_level finds the name of the HUC column of a geodataframe
- get\_nhd\_by\_shape retrieves specific NHD layer masked by another geodataframe
- get\_hucs\_from\_catchments dissolves NHD catchments into HUC equivalents
- write\_rougness\_table write Manning's n roughness table to CSV filename or concrete path

#### 1.4 Core vector and raster processing functions

- reproject\_to\_utm\_and\_buffer finds best UTM for a geodataframe, reprojects, and then buffers it
- find\_utm finds a single UTM CRS best suited for the geometries of a geodataframe
- find\_common\_utm determines the mode of the UTMs of the representative points of a geodataframe's geometries
- reproject\_and\_buffer reprojects geodataframe to a CRS and then buffers it
- write\_geodataframe write geodataframe to filename or concrete path
- to\_crs reprojects multiples geodataframes simultaneously
- \_drop\_index\_columns drops columns named 'index', 'index\_left', and 'index\_right' either to prevent issues with geopandas functions like geopandas.sjoin and to clean up after some geopandas functions
- clip\_geodataframe\_by\_attribute assign attribute from one geodataframe to another by their mutual index values
- set\_and\_sort\_index sets a geodataframe's index to column and sorts by that column
- read\_file\_or\_gdf enables functions to take either filenames or geodataframes as inputs
- get\_merged\_column returns the mutual elements of an identically names column in multiple dataframes
- index\_dataframe\_by\_dataframe indexes a dataframe by another dataframe
- skip\_function\_if\_file\_exists wrapper to skip a particular step in a workflow if a file already exists
- delete\_file deletes a file in all versions of Python

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