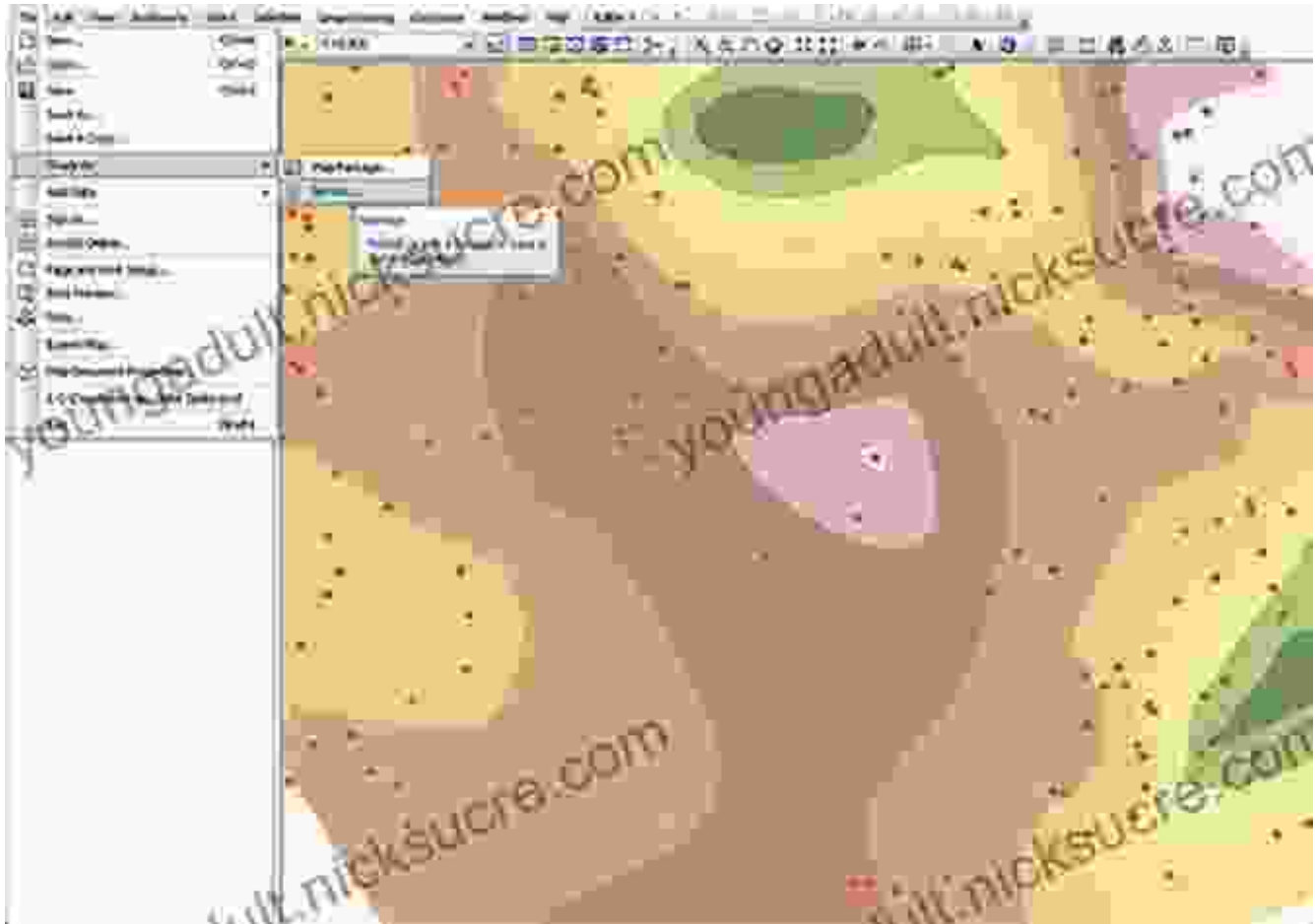# ArcGIS Desktop 10: A Comprehensive GIS Tutorial for Health

Geographic information systems (GIS) are powerful tools for analyzing, visualizing, and sharing health data. With GIS, you can explore the relationship between health and geographic factors, identify trends, and communicate complex information in a clear and concise way.
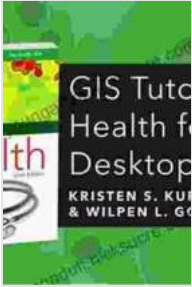
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This tutorial will provide you with a comprehensive overview of how to use ArcGIS Desktop 10 for health. We will cover a wide range of topics, from basic concepts to advanced techniques. By the end of this tutorial, you will be able to use GIS to:

- Analyze health data

- Visualize health data

- Share health data

Getting Started with GIS

Before we begin, we need to make sure that you have ArcGIS Desktop 10 installed on your computer. You can download a free trial from the Esri website. Once you have installed ArcGIS Desktop, you can open the software and create a new project.

The project window is the main interface for ArcGIS Desktop. It contains a map, a table of contents, and a variety of tools and menus. The map is where you will visualize your health data. The table of contents lists all of the data that is currently loaded into your project. The tools and menus allow you to access a variety of GIS functionality.

Adding Health Data to Your Project

The first step in using GIS for health is to add health data to your project. You can add health data from a variety of sources, including the CDC, the World Health Organization, and local health departments. Once you have found a source of health data, you can download the data and add it to your project.

To add health data to your project, click the "Add Data" button on the toolbar. Navigate to the location of the health data file and click "Open." The health data will be added to the table of contents.

Exploring Health Data

Once you have added health data to your project, you can begin to explore it. You can use the map to zoom in and out of the data, and you can use the table of contents to view the attributes associated with each feature.

You can also use the tools and menus in ArcGIS Desktop to analyze the health data. For example, you can use the "Select by Attributes" tool to select features that meet certain criteria. You can also use the "Spatial Join" tool to join data from two different sources.

Visualizing Health Data

Once you have explored the health data, you can begin to visualize it. You can use the tools and menus in ArcGIS Desktop to create a variety of maps, charts, and graphs. These visualizations can help you to communicate the results of your analysis and to identify trends.

To create a map, click the "Map" menu and select "New Map." A new map will be created in the project window. You can add health data to the map

by dragging and dropping it from the table of contents. You can also use the tools and menus in ArcGIS Desktop to customize the map.

To create a chart or graph, click the "Chart" menu and select the type of visualization you want to create. A new chart or graph will be created in the project window. You can add health data to the chart or graph by dragging and dropping it from the table of contents. You can also use the tools and menus in ArcGIS Desktop to customize the chart or graph.

Sharing Health Data

Once you have created a map, chart, or graph, you can share it with others. You can share your work by printing it, exporting it to a file, or publishing it online.

To print your work, click the "File" menu and select "Print." A print dialog will appear. Select the printer you want to use and click "Print."

To export your work to a file, click the "File" menu and select "Export." An export dialog will appear. Select the file format you want to use and click "Export."

To publish your work online, click the "Share" menu and select "Publish." A publish dialog will appear. Select the online service you want to use and click "Publish."

This tutorial has provided you with a comprehensive overview of how to use ArcGIS Desktop 10 for health. We have covered a wide range of topics, from basic concepts to advanced techniques. By the end of this

tutorial, you should have a good understanding of how to use GIS to analyze, visualize, and share health data.

We encourage you to explore the resources provided in this tutorial and to continue learning about GIS. There are a number of online resources available, including the Esri website, the GIS Lounge, and the GIS Stack Exchange. You can also find GIS training courses and workshops offered by Esri and other organizations.

We hope that this tutorial has been helpful and that you will continue to use GIS to improve the health of your community.
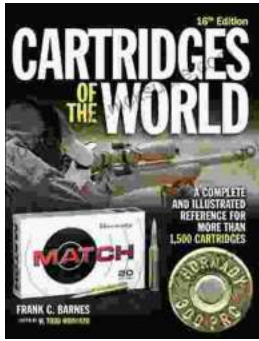
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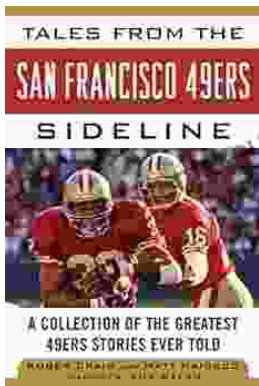
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