

# GIS & Training News from TeachMeGIS

February 2012

## February Training Special

Register 2 students for the same class and get \$100 off each student!

### GIS Training Available in February 2012

- 1 - 3: ArcGIS Desktop II (10)
- 6 - 7: Intermediate ModelBuilder (10)
- 8 - 10: Python for GIS (10)
- 13 - 14: ArcGIS Desktop III (10)
- 13 - 14: Fundamentals of ArcGIS for Petroleum (9.3)
- 15 - 16: Intermediate GIS Concepts for Petroleum (9.3)
- 27 - 28: Fundamentals of ArcGIS for Petroleum (10)
- 29 - Mar 1: Intermediate GIS Concepts for Petroleum (10)
- 29: Queries and Tables (10)

Special applies to classes offered in February 2012 ONLY.

## Ten Tips for Speeding Up ArcGIS 10

If ArcGIS 10 seems slower than it should be, there are some things you can do to help speed it up. For example, if your data isn't changing frequently, adjust the Incremental Index time to a longer period, or pause indexing altogether!

ESRI has put together a list of ten tips like this for helping to speed up ArcGIS 10, which can be found in the [2011 User Conference Q&A](#). The page also lists several known issues that they are working to improve in 10.1.



Find the article at: <http://events.esri.com/uc/QandA/index.cfm?fuseaction=answer&conferenceld=DD02CFE7-1422-2418-7F271831F47A7A31&questionId=3914>

## Mastering Expressions with Queries and Tables

Last year at the PUG, TeachMeGIS gave a presentation about Mastering Expressions. If you were in attendance, or found the presentation document afterward, you know the power of expressions in ArcGIS. For example: use VBScript, Jscript, and/or formatting tags to change the information in your labels, and how the information in the labels is displayed.

The `ucase()` VBScript function will return the field in all capital letters.

`Ucase ([StateName])`

The `<bol></bol>` formatting tag will return the information in bold text.

`<bol>[CountyName]</bol> & ", " & [StateName]`

(This expression will return only the county name in bold.)

Our Queries and Tables version 10 class is all about mastering expressions and getting the most out of the information in your data's attribute tables.

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## Upcoming Conferences

Join us at the following GIS conferences in 2012!



**South Central Arc User Group (SCAUG) Conference**  
McAllen, TX — March 26 - 30



**GIS for Transportation (GIS-T) Symposium**  
Loveland, CO — April 16 - 18



**ESRI Petroleum User Group Conference (PUG)**  
Houston, TX — Apr 30 - May 2