Training Course on AI-Powered Image Processing for Geospatial Data

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	GIS	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the fundamental concepts of Geospatial AI (GeoAI) and its integration with remote sensing.
2. Apply advanced machine learning algorithms to analyze diverse geospatial datasets.
3. Implement deep learning architectures, including Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), for image classification and object detection in geospatial imagery.
4. Master techniques for geospatial data preprocessing, cleaning, and preparation for AI model training.
5. Utilize popular open-source AI and GIS tools like Python libraries (TensorFlow, PyTorch, scikit-learn, Rasterio, GeoPandas) for practical applications.
6. Perform automated feature extraction and land cover mapping using AI-powered methods.
7. Conduct change detection analysis on satellite and aerial imagery to monitor dynamic spatial phenomena.
8. Develop and evaluate predictive models for various geospatial applications, such as yield forecasting or risk assessment.
9. Leverage cloud-based geospatial platforms like Google Earth Engine for scalable analysis and big data processing.
10. Integrate AI models with traditional Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for seamless workflows.
11. Interpret and visualize complex geospatial AI outputs for effective communication and decision-making.
12. Address ethical considerations and bias in AI-powered geospatial analysis.
13. Apply AI-driven geospatial insights to solve real-world problems in sustainability, infrastructure, and resource management.

Organizational Benefits

- Automate repetitive and time-consuming tasks in geospatial data processing, leading to substantial time and cost savings.
- Gain deeper, more accurate, and timely insights from geospatial data, enabling data-driven strategic planning and improved operational decisions.
- Leverage AI's ability to identify subtle patterns and make more precise predictions, reducing errors and increasing the reliability of geospatial analysis.

- Utilize predictive analytics for better resource management, whether in agriculture, urban planning, or disaster response.
- Stay at the forefront of technological advancements by integrating cutting-edge AI capabilities into geospatial workflows, fostering innovation and market leadership.
- Enhance early warning systems, conduct more accurate damage assessments, and improve response strategies for natural disasters.
- Effectively process and analyze vast volumes of geospatial data using cloud-based AI platforms, unlocking insights from otherwise unmanageable datasets.
- Support environmental monitoring, climate change assessment, and sustainable urban development through advanced geospatial intelligence.

Target Audience

1. GIS Professionals & Analysts.
2. Remote Sensing Specialists.
3. Data Scientists & Machine Learning Engineers.
4. Environmental Scientists & Researchers.
5. Urban Planners & Civil Engineers.
6. Agricultural Scientists & Agronomists.
7. Disaster Management Professionals.
8. Postgraduate Students & Academics

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Module 1: Introduction to Geospatial AI (GeoAI) and Remote Sensing Fundamentals

- Defining GeoAI: The convergence of Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Geospatial Science.
- Overview of Remote Sensing: Platforms, sensors, and types of imagery.
- Key Geospatial Data Concepts: Pixels, resolution, and coordinate systems.
- Challenges and Opportunities: Addressing big geospatial data, computational demands, and ethical considerations.
- Setting up the Development Environment: Introduction to Python, Jupyter Notebooks, and essential geospatial libraries.
- **Case Study**: Examining how GeoAI is revolutionizing global land cover mapping initiatives by processing petabytes of satellite imagery for dynamic change detection.

Module 2: Geospatial Data Acquisition and Preprocessing

- Sources of Geospatial Imagery: Sentinel, Landsat, MODIS, commercial high-resolution imagery, and drone data.
- Data Access and API Integration: Accessing imagery from cloud platforms and OGC services.
- Image Rectification and Registration: Georeferencing, projection transformations, and aligning multi-temporal datasets.
- Radiometric and Atmospheric Corrections: Techniques for normalizing image brightness and removing atmospheric effects.
- Mosaicking and Clipping: Combining multiple images and extracting areas of interest for analysis.
- **Case Study**: Preprocessing a time-series of Sentinel-2 images to monitor agricultural field health, correcting for atmospheric variations and aligning images from different dates.

Module 3: Fundamentals of Machine Learning for Geospatial Data

- Introduction to Machine Learning: Supervised, unsupervised, and reinforcement learning paradigms.
- Feature Engineering for Geospatial Data: Spectral indices, textural features, and contextual information.
- Traditional Classification Algorithms: Decision Trees, Random Forests, Support Vector Machines (SVMs).
- Regression Techniques: Predicting continuous spatial variables like elevation or pollution levels.
- Model Training, Validation, and Evaluation: Splitting data, cross-validation, and performance metrics.
- **Case Study**: Applying Random Forest for a supervised classification of urban areas, distinguishing impervious surfaces, vegetation, and water bodies from high-resolution aerial imagery.

Module 4: Introduction to Deep Learning for Image Processing

- Neural Network Basics: Neurons, layers, activation functions, and backpropagation.
- Deep Learning Frameworks: Introduction to TensorFlow and PyTorch for image processing.
- Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs): Architecture, convolutional layers, pooling layers, and fully connected layers.
- Transfer Learning: Utilizing pre-trained models (e.g., ImageNet) for geospatial applications to leverage existing knowledge.
- Data Augmentation: Techniques to expand limited geospatial training datasets for robust model training.
- **Case Study**: Using a pre-trained CNN to identify different building types from satellite imagery in a city.

Module 5: Geospatial Image Classification with Deep Learning

- Image Classification Pipelines: Setting up end-to-end workflows for land cover and land use mapping.
- Pixel-based vs. Object-based Image Analysis (OBIA) with Deep Learning: Merging semantic segmentation with object properties.
- Semantic Segmentation Models: U-Net, DeepLab, and their application to land cover mapping at pixel level.
- Building Custom CNN Architectures: Designing models optimized for specific geospatial tasks.
- Hyperparameter Tuning and Optimization: Techniques for improving model performance.
- **Case Study**: Developing a U-Net model for precise land cover classification across a large protected area, accurately delineating forests, wetlands, and open water bodies.

Module 6: Object Detection in Geospatial Imagery

- Introduction to Object Detection: Bounding box regression and object localization.
- Single-Shot Detectors (SSD) and YOLO: Real-time object detection approaches.
- Two-Stage Detectors: Faster R-CNN and Mask R-CNN for more accurate but computationally intensive detection.
- Training Object Detection Models: Preparing annotated datasets for geospatial features (e.g., vehicles, buildings, specific crop types).
- Evaluation Metrics for Object Detection: Intersection over Union (IoU), Mean Average Precision (mAP).
- **Case Study**: Detecting and counting vehicles on roads in urban areas using high-resolution aerial imagery for traffic analysis and infrastructure planning.

Module 7: Change Detection using AI

- Fundamentals of Change Detection: Understanding types of changes and methods (pixel-based, object-based, deep learning).
- Deep Learning for Bi-temporal Change Detection: Using Siamese networks and other architectures to identify changes between two images.
- Multi-temporal Change Detection: Analyzing series of images for trend analysis and anomaly detection.
- Post-classification Change Detection: Comparing classified maps from different time points.
- Applications of Change Detection: Deforestation monitoring, urban expansion, disaster damage assessment.
- **Case Study**: Monitoring deforestation in the Amazon rainforest using a deep learning model to identify areas of significant forest loss over a specified period.

Module 8: Geospatial AI for Environmental Monitoring

- AI for Land Use/Land Cover (LULC) Mapping: High-resolution and national-scale LULC classification.
- Water Quality Monitoring: Using AI to detect algal blooms, pollution, and water body changes from satellite imagery.
- Vegetation Health and Stress Detection: Analyzing spectral indices and AI models to assess plant health and disease.
- Wildlife Monitoring and Conservation: AI-powered tracking of animal movements and habitat assessment from aerial data.
- Climate Change Impact Assessment: Monitoring glaciers, sea ice, and coastal erosion using AI-driven geospatial analysis.
- **Case Study**: Utilizing AI-powered image processing to identify and track illegal mining activities and their environmental impact in a remote region.

Module 9: AI in Urban Planning and Infrastructure Management

- Urban Growth Modeling: Simulating urban expansion and predicting future land use patterns with AI.
- Infrastructure Mapping and Monitoring: Detecting roads, buildings, utilities, and assessing their condition using AI.
- Smart City Applications: Leveraging geospatial AI for traffic management, waste management, and energy optimization.
- Population Density Estimation: Using satellite imagery and AI to estimate population distribution in informal settlements.
- Site Suitability Analysis with AI: Identifying optimal locations for new developments based on multiple spatial criteria.
- **Case Study**: Analyzing urban heat island effects in a large city using AI to classify surface materials and identify areas with high heat absorption for targeted mitigation strategies.

Module 10: AI for Disaster Management and Humanitarian Aid

- Damage Assessment Automation: Rapidly assessing building damage and infrastructure destruction after natural disasters.
- Flood Mapping and Prediction: Using AI to delineate flooded areas and forecast flood extents.
- Wildfire Detection and Extent Mapping: Early detection and real-time mapping of active fires and burned areas.

- Emergency Response Optimization: Leveraging geospatial AI for resource allocation and logistics during crises.
- Population Displacement Tracking: Estimating and tracking displaced populations from imagery for humanitarian aid efforts.
- **Case Study**: Rapid assessment of building damage in a city affected by an earthquake, using pre- and post-event high-resolution satellite imagery and a CNN model.

Module 11: Geospatial AI in Agriculture and Food Security (Precision Agriculture)

- Crop Type Classification: Identifying different crop types across large agricultural landscapes using AI.
- Yield Prediction: Forecasting crop yields based on satellite imagery, weather data, and AI models.
- Disease and Pest Detection: Early identification of crop diseases and pest infestations from drone or satellite imagery.
- Irrigation Optimization: Using AI to monitor soil moisture and plant water stress for efficient water usage.
- Precision Fertilization: Creating variable rate application maps for fertilizers based on AI-driven analysis of nutrient deficiencies.
- **Case Study**: Optimizing fertilizer application for a large farm by using AI to analyze multispectral drone imagery, identifying areas with nutrient deficiencies and generating prescription maps

Module 12: Cloud-Based Geospatial AI Platforms

- Introduction to Cloud Computing for Geospatial Data: Advantages of scalability, storage, and processing power.
- Google Earth Engine (GEE) for AI Workflows: Accessing petabytes of satellite imagery and leveraging GEE's computational power.
- AWS and Azure for Geospatial AI: Utilizing cloud services like EC2, S3, SageMaker for scalable AI model training and deployment.
- Containerization (Docker) and Orchestration (Kubernetes): Managing and deploying geospatial AI models in cloud environments.
- Serverless Computing for Geospatial Tasks: Running AI models on demand without managing servers.
- **Case Study**: Performing a large-scale land cover change detection across an entire continent using Google Earth Engine's AI capabilities and historical Landsat imagery.

Module 13: Geospatial Data Visualization and Interpretation of AI Outputs

- Interactive Data Visualization: Using libraries like Folium, Leaflet, and Plotly for dynamic map creation.
- Visualizing AI Model Outputs: Displaying classification maps, object detection bounding boxes, and change detection layers.
- Storytelling with Geospatial AI: Communicating complex insights effectively to non-technical stakeholders.
- Dashboards and Web Applications: Building interactive dashboards for monitoring and reporting geospatial AI results.
- Ethical AI and Transparency: Understanding model interpretability, bias detection, and responsible AI development in a geospatial context.
- **Case Study**: Developing an interactive web dashboard to visualize the results of a flood extent mapping AI model, allowing users to explore impacted areas and affected infrastructure.

Module 14: Integrating AI Models with GIS Software

- Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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