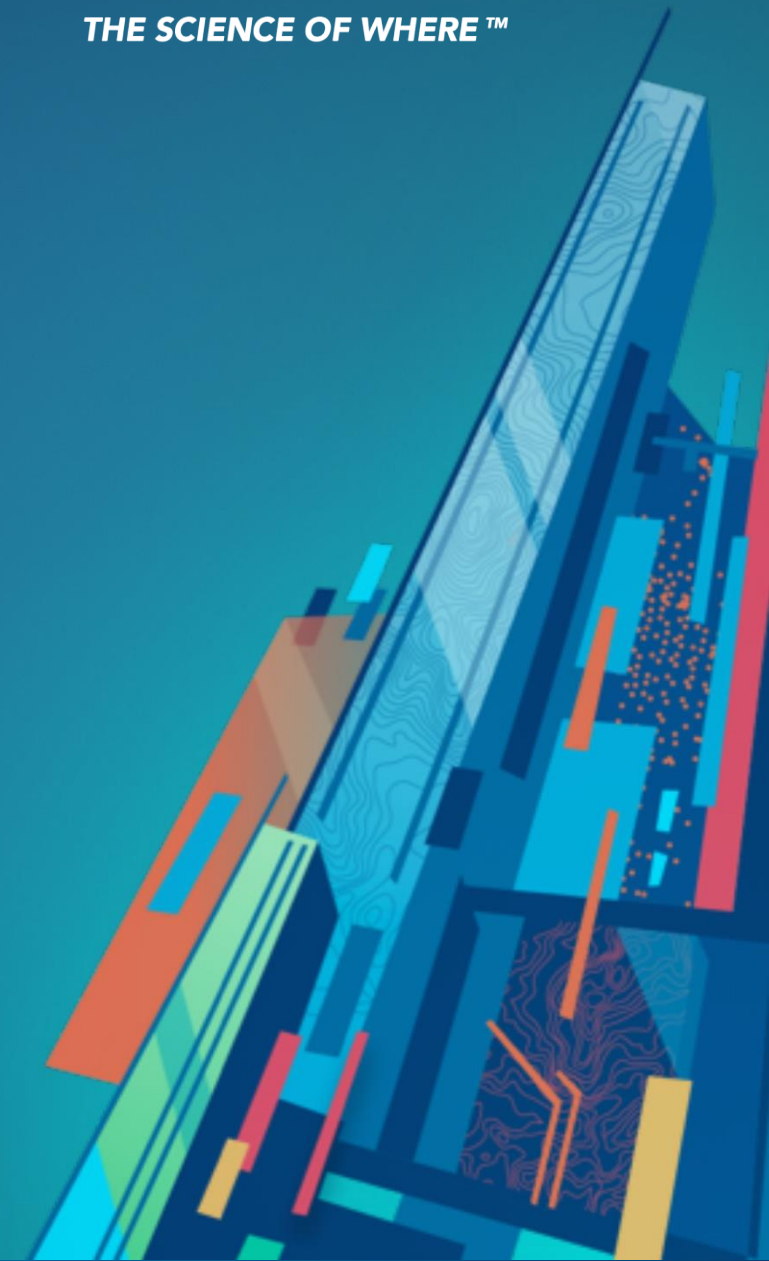


Arcade's Fire: Inside Esri's Scripting Language

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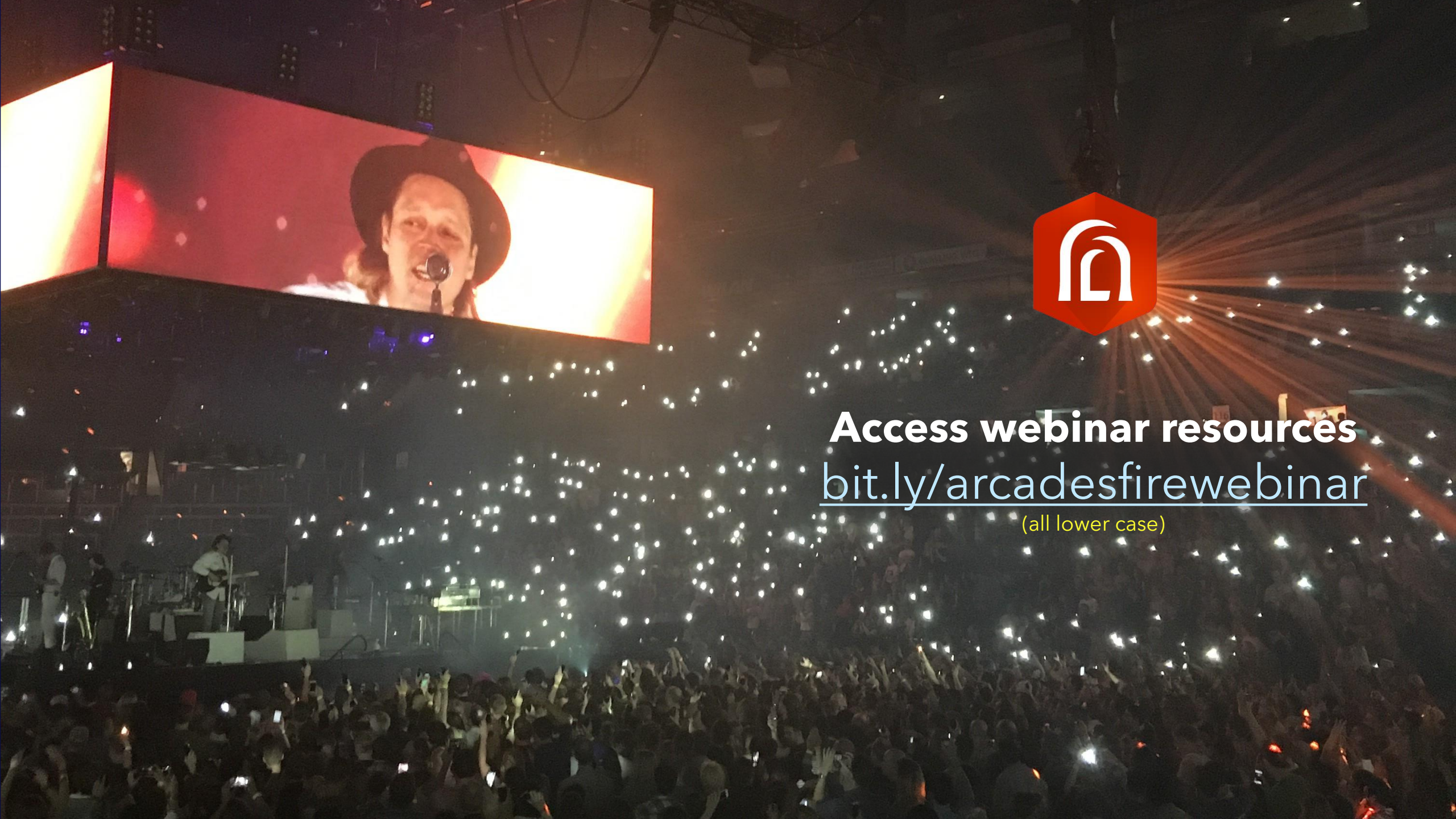
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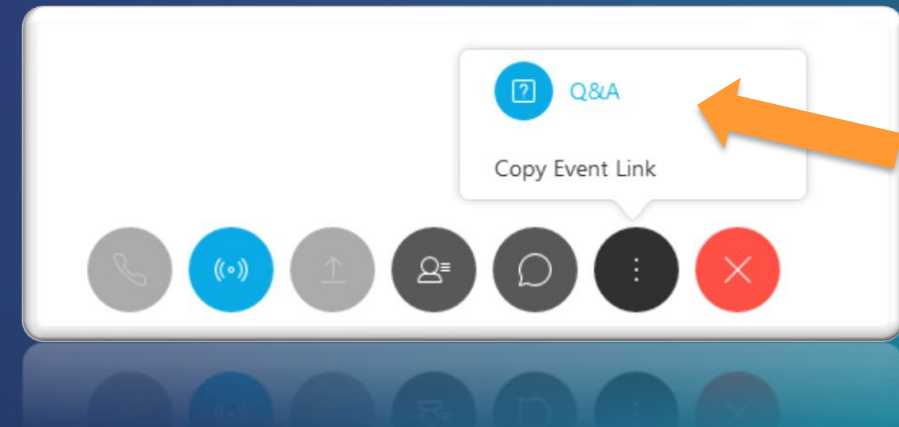
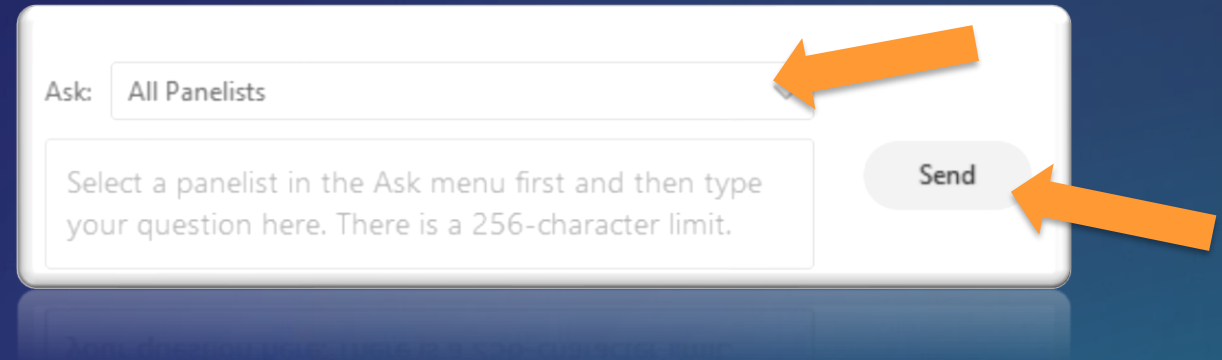


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Today's Agenda

This webinar is designed to help you understand:

1. The basics of Arcade, including language syntax, logical statements, functions and profiles
2. Examples of how Arcade can be leveraged for creating custom symbology, pop-ups and labeling
3. How to build and implement Arcade-driven attribute rules to better validate your data

What is Arcade?

ar·cade

/är'kād/

noun

1. a simple expression-based scripting language written for use across ArcGIS
2. a covered passageway with arches along one or both sides



Why Arcade?



- Not a full programming / scripting language
- Not designed for writing standalone apps
- Not a replacement for geoprocessing or automation

When to Arcade?

- Simpler things
 - **Combine fields together**
 - **Format existing values in fields**
 - **Perform math and manipulate text**
 - **Calculate new values on-the-fly**
 - **Alter symbology (transparency, rotation)**
 - **Make labels and popups look better**
- Fancier things
 - **Evaluate logical statements**
 - **Query and manipulate geometries**
 - **Establish rules for attributes**
 - **Access related data**
 - **Render based on geographic relationships**



THINK SPREADSHEET FORMULA !

Where to Arcade?

• Profiles

- **Context** and **rules** describing how and where the Arcade expression should be defined and executed
 1. Inputs that are available to the script as global variables
 2. Output types expected from the script
- Example: **Labeling profile**

The labeling profile allows the map author to write an expression that determines the label to show on the map for each feature. The script evaluates for each label as it is to be drawn. It is expected that the script returns a text value, comprising the label to be drawn.

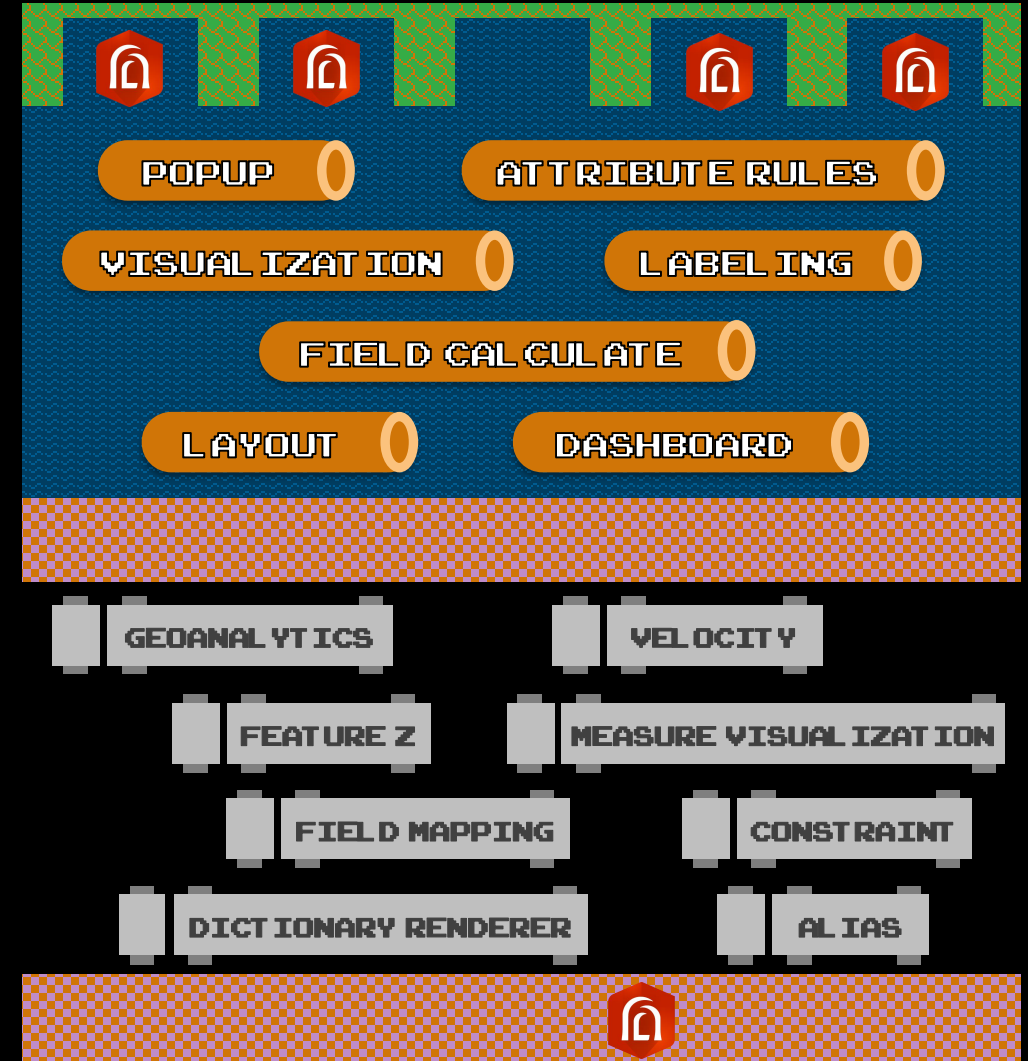
Globals

Variable Name	Type	Description
\$feature	Feature	The feature whose label is to be drawn on the map

Return types

Text

- ArcGIS Pro, ArcGIS Online, ArcGIS Enterprise, ArcGIS API for JavaScript, ArcGIS Runtime SDK



How to Arcade?

• Structure and Logic

- Variables

- Declare with **var**

```
var city = "Prince Rupert";
```

- Global variables may be used depending on the **profile**

```
var pop = $feature.POPFIELD;
```

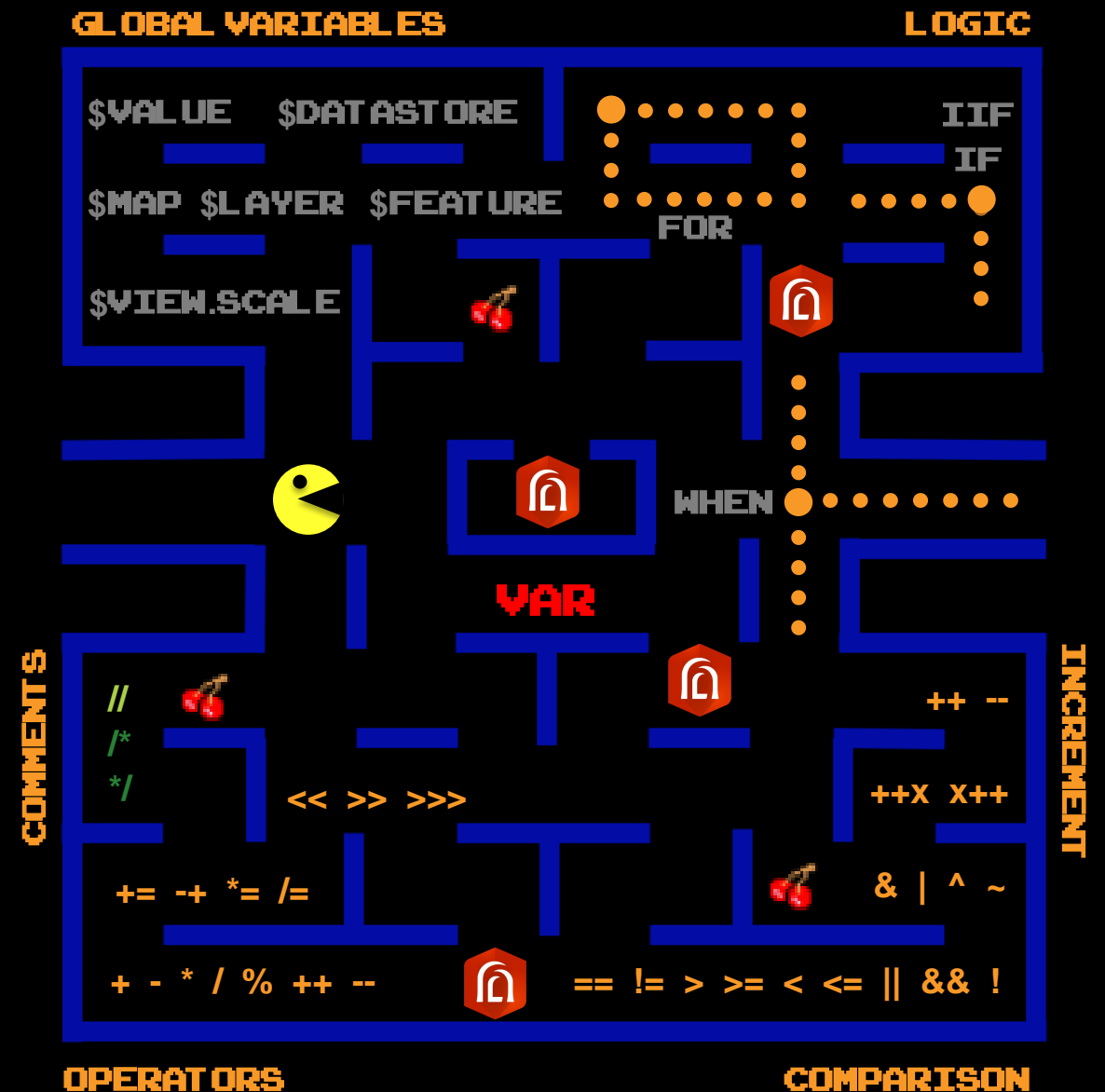
- Control flow

- Branches `If()` `IIf()` `When()`

- Loops `For()`

- Syntax

- Single-line and multi-line comments
- Arcade is forgiving
 - Case insensitive
 - Explicit vs. implicit return, type casting



How to Arcade?

• Type System

- Standard objects

```
var num = 100;           //number
var flg = true;          //boolean
var day = Date(2021,2,11); //date
var arr = ['A', 'B', 'C+', 'F']; //array
```

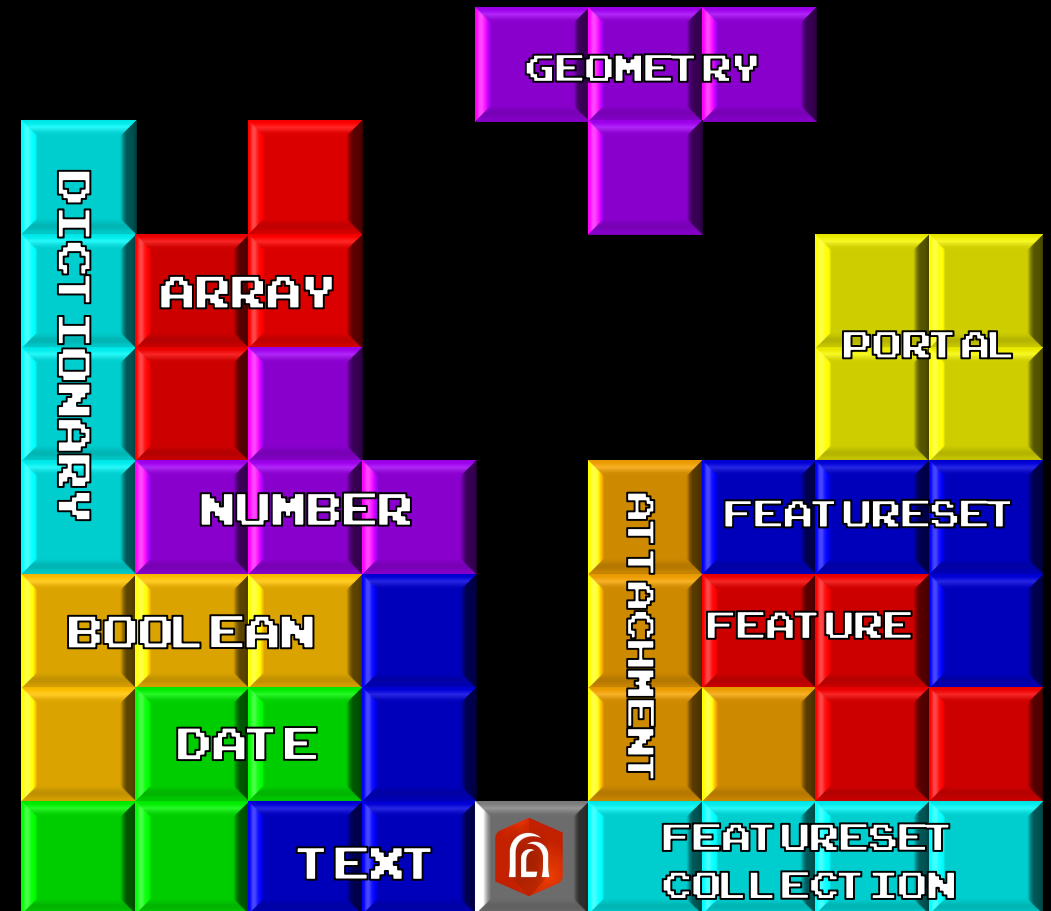
- Geometry objects

- Point, Multipoint, Polyline, Polygon, Extent

```
//general geometry creation
var geom = Geometry({'x':100, 'y':150});
//create with geometry type function
var pt = Point({'x':100, 'y':150});
```

- Geospatial objects

```
//create feature set from layer in map
var parks = FeatureSetByName($map, 'Parks');
var parkscount = Count(parks);
```



How to Arcade?

• Functions

- **Rich library of built-in functions that make it easy to author complex calculations**

- **Examples:**

Mathematical Functions

Abs - Acos - Asin - Atan - Atan2 - Average - Ceil - Constrain - Cos - Exp - Floor - Log - Max - Mean - Min - Pow - Random - Round - Sin - Sqrt - Stdev - Sum - Tan - Variance

Text Functions

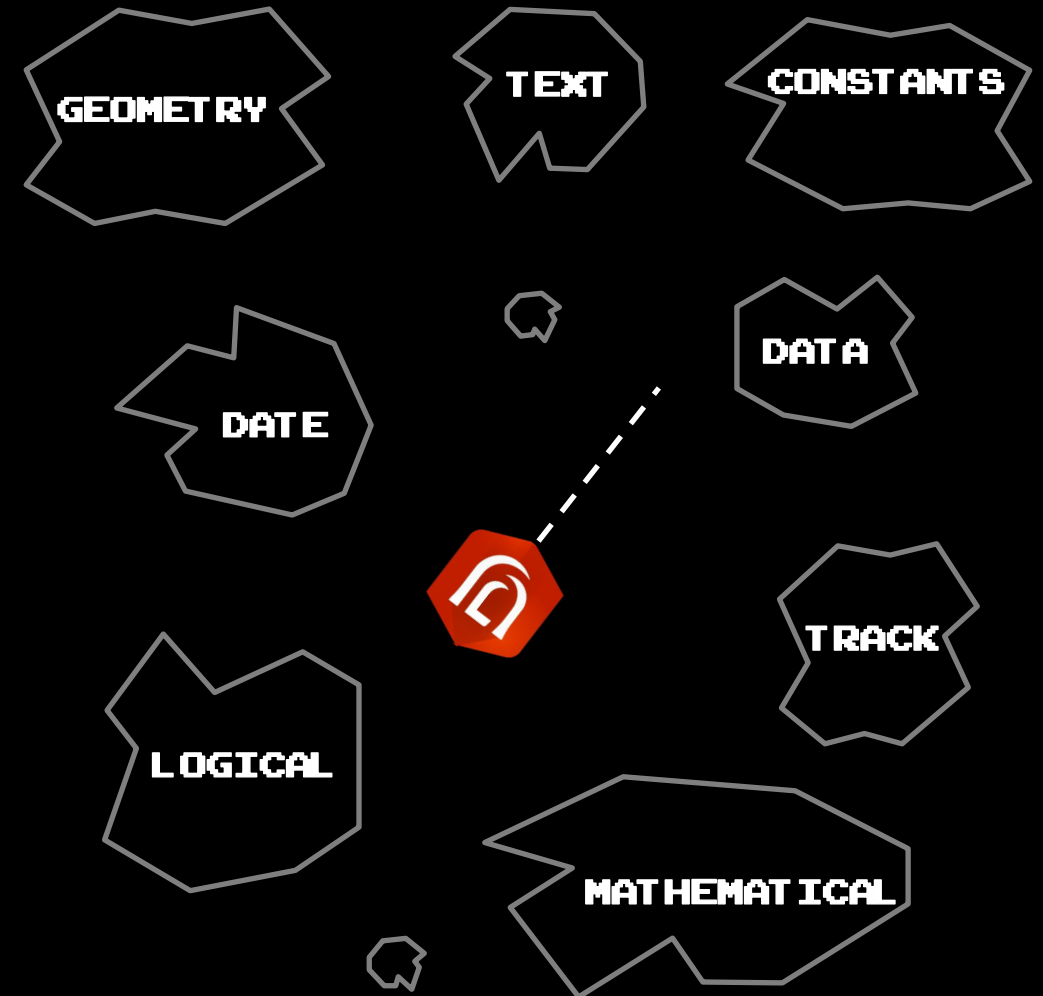
Concatenate - Find - Left - Lower - Mid - Proper - Replace - Right - Split - Trim - Upper - UrlEncode

Geometry Functions

Angle - Area - AreaGeodetic - Bearing - Buffer - BufferGeodetic - Centroid - Clip - Contains - Crosses - Cut - Densify - DensifyGeodetic - Difference - Disjoint - Distance - DistanceGeodetic - EnvelopeIntersects - Equals - Extent - Generalize - Geometry - Intersection - Intersects - IsSelfIntersecting - IsSimple - Length - LengthGeodetic - MultiPartToSinglePart - Multipoint - Offset - Overlaps - Point - Polygon - Polyline - Relate - RingsClockwise - Rotate - SetGeometry - Simplify - SymmetricDifference - Touches - Union - Within

- **Build your own user-defined functions**

```
function tempcalc(x,y) {
  when(y=='F', (x*1.8)+32, y=='C', (x-32)*(5/9), 'n/a');
}
text(round(tempcalc(20.25, 'F'), 2)) + ' degrees';
```



How to Arcade?

- Climb to success

5. See if it works in your application(s)
4. Write and **test** your code in the editor

Graffiti Density [Edit](#)

Expression [Test](#) [Globals](#) [Functions](#) [Constants](#) [Existing](#)

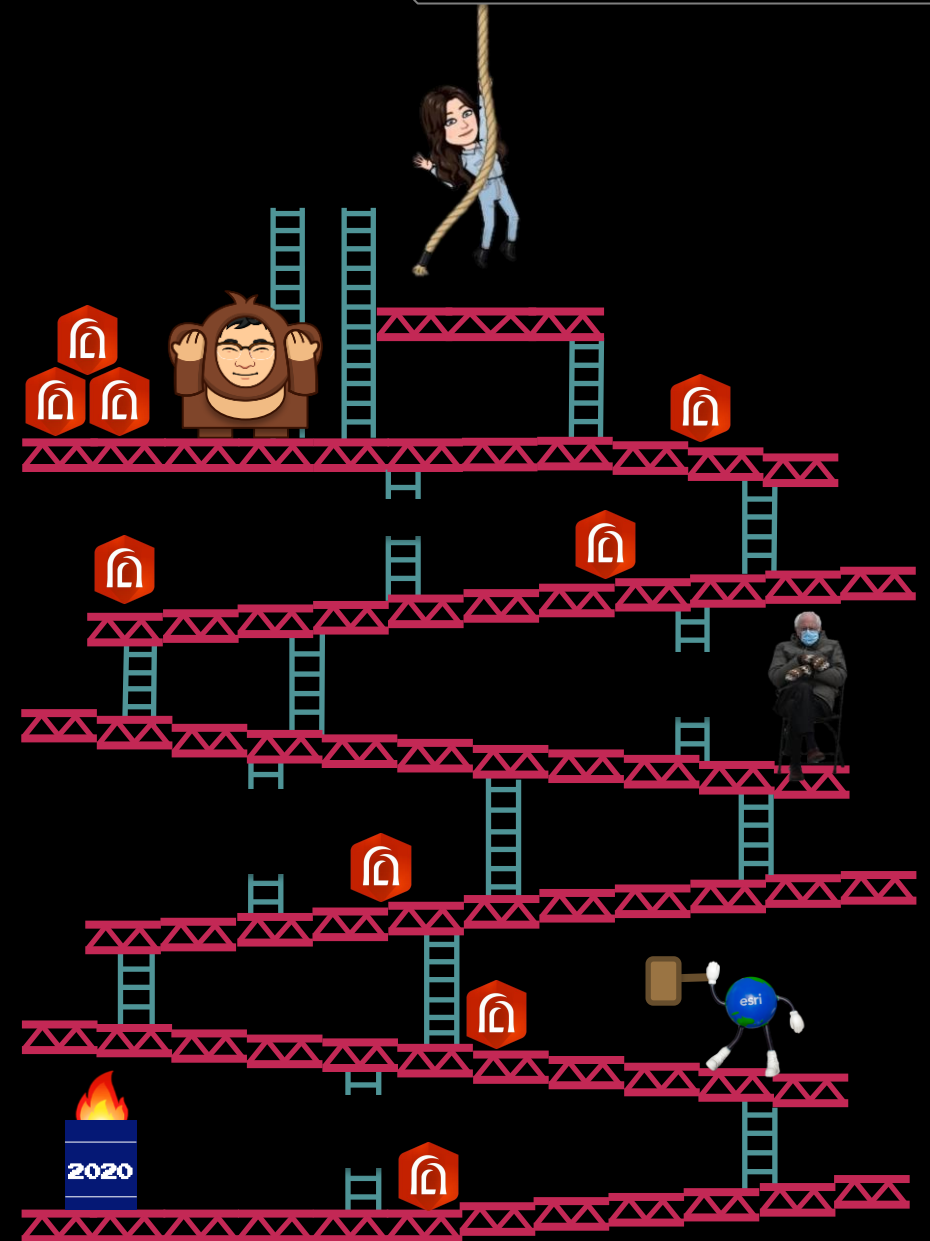
```
5 var graff = FeatureSetByName($map, "Graffiti")
6 var fs_graff = Intersects(graft, $feature)
7 var graff_sum = 0
8
9 for (var x in fs_graff) {
10   graff_sum = graff_sum + number(x.COUNT_)
11 }
12
13 var graff_density = 0
14 graff_density = round(graft_sum / Area($feature, 'square-kilometers'), 2)
15
16 return graff_density
```

Results Messages

Result	Value
Result	246.82
Type	Number

Feature: 59150865
\$feature
Layer: 2017 DAs
\$layer
Feature Layer: 2017 DAs
\$datastore
Web Map: Arcade Demo - Graffiti - Done
\$map

3. Access the Arcade editor (within your context)
2. Pick your application      
1. Review the profile that matches your goals



Who will demo Arcade?



- Labeling



- Visualization



- Popup
- Field Calculate

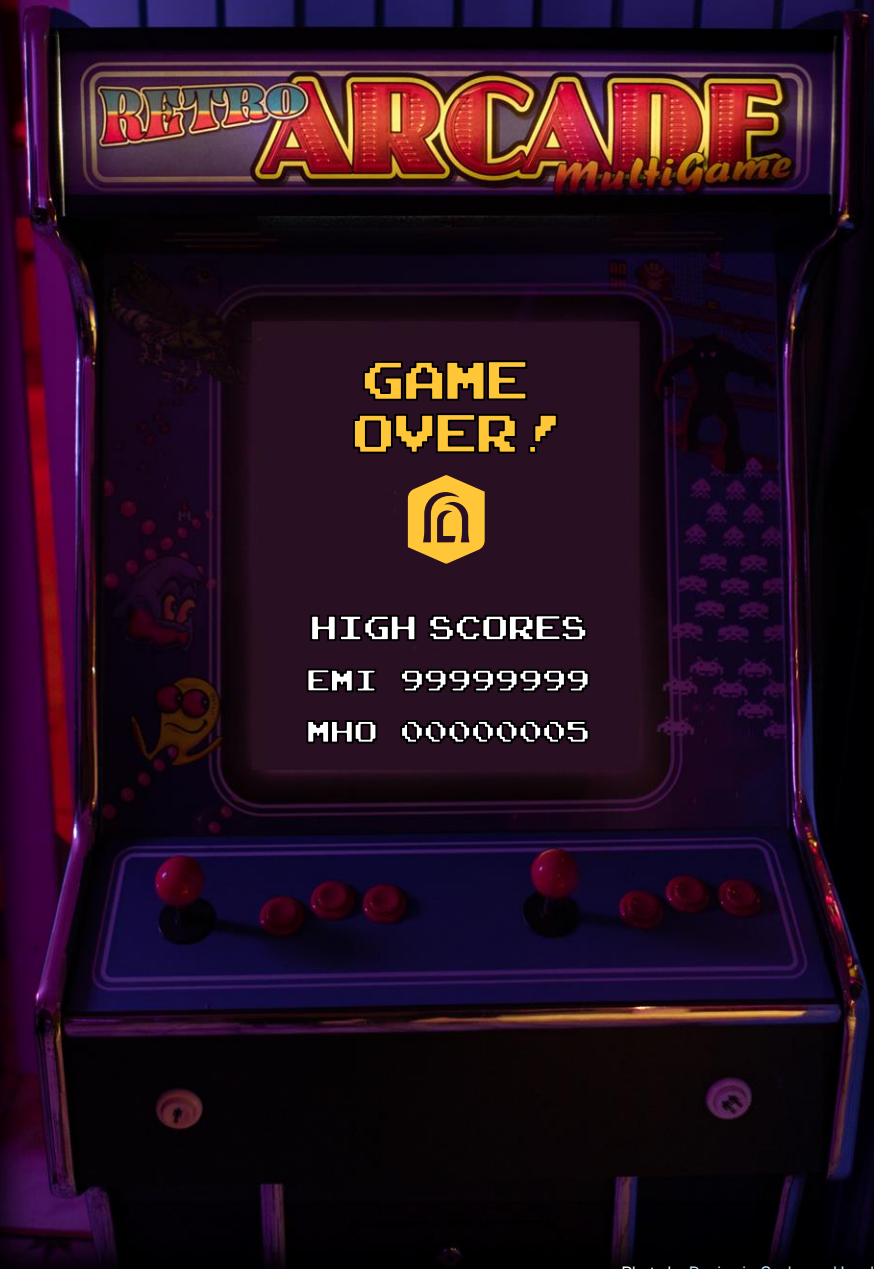


- Attribute Rules



How to Arcade best?

- Don't be heavy
 - **Balance complexity and performance**
 - **Be careful with feature sets**
 - **If you don't need it, don't request it**
- Express efficiently
 - **Have a plan before you start coding**
 - **Chain functions when you can**
 - **Leverage user-defined functions**
- Loving the debugging
 - The **Test** feature and button are your friends
 - Use the **Console** function to post messages
 - Use **Developer Tools** to gauge performance
- You don't have to own the data



Summary

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Resources

- Documentation
 - [ArcGIS for Developers: Arcade expression language](#)
- Story Map
 - [How to Smart Map: Arcade](#)
- Examples
 - [GitHub: Arcade expressions](#)
 - [ArcGIS Online group: Arcade Expressions and You](#)
- Learn ArcGIS
 - [Learning Path: Try ArcGIS Arcade](#)
- Blogs
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 - [ArcGIS Blog: Arcade](#)



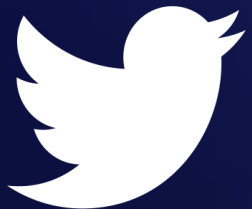
Resources

- Upcoming seminar
 - [ArcGIS Pro: Take Desktop GIS to the Next Frontier](#) – March 31
- Upcoming webinars
 - [Get NG9-1-1 Ready with the Address Management App](#) – February 24
 - [Flying Solo with ArcGIS Field Maps](#) – February 25
 - [Demystifying the ArcGIS Online Sign in Options](#) – March 18
 - [Connecting Geography and Spreadsheets: The Integration of ArcGIS into Microsoft Excel](#) – March 25
- Related training courses
 - [Creating Maps and Visualizations with ArcGIS](#)
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