



## **The Next Step With Google Geo Tools**

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The 2005 release of Google Maps and Google Earth revolutionized the use of online maps for the everyday user. However, one of the limitations for educators and researchers was that these tools provided few to no analytical capabilities, limiting their use to qualitative browsing of data. Indeed, the perception was that Google Geo products do not represent a form of GIS, an argument that may or may not have been true. With the release of Maps and Earth Engine Google Geo has expanded beyond these limitations, and now offer powerful tools for activities ranging from simple visualization to analysis of very large remote sensing datasets.