

Training Course on GIS for Supply Chain Optimization

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Strategically analyze supply chain networks using geospatial data and location intelligence.
2. Optimize facility location and warehouse placement for maximized efficiency and reduced costs.
3. Implement dynamic routing algorithms and real-time fleet management for enhanced delivery performance.
4. Conduct demand forecasting and inventory optimization with a spatial perspective, integrating predictive analytics.
5. Assess and mitigate supply chain risks through geospatial vulnerability analysis and disaster preparedness planning.
6. Utilize GIS for supplier relationship management and global sourcing optimization.
7. Develop sustainable supply chain practices by minimizing carbon footprint through optimized logistics.
8. Integrate GIS with IoT devices and big data analytics for enhanced supply chain visibility and control.
9. Apply geospatial modeling for scenario planning and what-if analysis in complex supply chains.
10. Leverage GIS for market analysis, customer segmentation, and last-mile delivery optimization.
11. Design and implement geodatabases for efficient management of spatial and non-spatial supply chain data.
12. Create compelling interactive maps and spatial dashboards for executive decision-making and stakeholder communication.
13. Drive digital transformation in supply chain operations through the strategic adoption of GIS technology.

Organizational Benefits

- Optimized routing, facility placement, and inventory management lead to reduced fuel consumption, transportation costs, and warehousing expenses.
- Streamlined processes, improved delivery times, and better resource allocation boost overall supply chain performance.
- Proactive identification and mitigation of risks, better disaster response planning, and increased adaptability to disruptions.

- Real-time tracking, comprehensive data visualization, and improved information flow across the entire supply chain.
- Empowering management with actionable spatial insights for strategic planning and tactical adjustments.
- Faster, more reliable, and accurate deliveries lead to improved customer experience and brand loyalty.
- Leveraging cutting-edge geospatial technology to outperform competitors in efficiency, speed, and responsiveness.
- Contributing to environmental goals through reduced emissions and optimized resource utilization.
- Better deployment of vehicles, warehouses, and other assets.

Target Audience

1. Supply Chain Managers and Directors
2. Logistics Coordinators and Analysts
3. Operations Managers
4. Transportation Planners and Fleet Managers
5. Warehouse Managers and Inventory Specialists
6. Business Analysts focused on Supply Chain
7. GIS Professionals seeking to apply skills in Logistics
8. Consultants specializing in Supply Chain and Operations

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Module 1: Introduction to GIS and Supply Chain Fundamentals

- Overview of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and their core components.
- Understanding the modern supply chain: components, challenges, and trends.
- The convergence of GIS and Supply Chain Management: why spatial matters.
- Introduction to key GIS software platforms (e.g., ArcGIS, QGIS).
- **Case Study:** Analyzing a major retailer's supply chain network on a global map to identify key distribution hubs and potential geographic vulnerabilities.

Module 2: Spatial Data Acquisition and Management

- Types of spatial data relevant to supply chains
- Sources of geospatial data: public, commercial, proprietary.
- Data collection methods: GPS, remote sensing, mobile mapping.
- Geodatabase design and management for supply chain applications.
- **Case Study:** Integrating traffic data, weather patterns, and historical delivery logs into a unified geodatabase for a national courier service.

Module 3: Geospatial Analysis for Network Optimization

- Network datasets and their creation: roads, rail, air, sea routes.
- Shortest path, fastest route, and optimal route analysis.
- Service area analysis and territory optimization.
- Vehicle routing problem (VRP) solutions using GIS.
- **Case Study:** Optimizing delivery routes for a food distribution company in a metropolitan area, considering time windows and vehicle capacity constraints.

Module 4: Facility Location and Site Selection

- Principles of facility location theory in supply chain.
- GIS tools for optimal warehouse and distribution center placement.
- Factors influencing site selection: demographics, infrastructure, labor, regulations.
- Suitability modeling and multi-criteria decision analysis.
- **Case Study:** Identifying the best location for a new regional distribution center for an e-commerce giant, factoring in customer density, transportation costs, and land availability.

Module 5: Inventory and Demand Management with GIS

- Geospatial insights into inventory placement and levels.
- Spatial demand forecasting techniques and models.
- Proximity analysis for stock allocation and replenishment.
- Impact of geographic factors on inventory holding costs.
- **Case Study:** Using GIS to determine optimal safety stock levels for perishable goods across multiple retail outlets based on regional demand patterns and transportation lead times.

Module 6: Supply Chain Risk and Resilience

- Identifying and mapping supply chain disruption points
- Vulnerability assessment and risk exposure mapping.
- Scenario planning and simulation for disaster preparedness.
- Developing resilient supply chain networks using GIS.
- **Case Study:** Analyzing the impact of a hurricane on a regional manufacturing supply chain, identifying affected suppliers and alternative routes for critical components.

Module 7: Real-time Visibility and Tracking

- Integration of GPS, IoT sensors, and telematics with GIS.
- Real-time asset tracking and shipment monitoring.
- Geofencing and alert systems for deviations.
- Dashboard creation for live operational insights.
- **Case Study:** Implementing a real-time tracking system for a cold chain logistics provider, ensuring temperature compliance and immediate alerts for excursions.

Module 8: Sustainable Supply Chains and Environmental Impact

- Measuring and visualizing carbon footprint of logistics operations.
- Optimizing routes for reduced emissions and fuel consumption.
- Sustainable sourcing and ethical supply chain mapping.
- Compliance with environmental regulations using GIS.
- **Case Study:** A global apparel brand using GIS to track the environmental impact of its supply chain, from raw material extraction to finished product delivery, identifying areas for greener practices.

Module 9: Last-Mile Delivery Optimization

- Challenges and opportunities in last-mile logistics.
- GIS for route planning in urban environments.
- Crowdsourcing and dynamic delivery models.
- Customer proximity and delivery window management.
- **Case Study:** A food delivery service leveraging GIS to dynamically assign orders to delivery personnel, minimizing wait times and maximizing delivery efficiency in a dense urban area.

Module 10: Integrating GIS with Business Intelligence (BI)

- Connecting GIS platforms with existing ERP and SCM systems.
- Data warehousing and ETL processes for spatial data.
- Creating interactive dashboards and reports for key performance indicators (KPIs).
- Facilitating data-driven strategic decisions.
- **Case Study:** Developing a comprehensive supply chain dashboard for a large electronics manufacturer, combining sales data, inventory levels, and shipment tracking on a geographic interface.

Module 11: Geospatial Big Data and Advanced Analytics

- Handling large volumes of spatial and temporal data.
- Cloud-based GIS platforms for scalability.
- Introduction to machine learning and AI in geospatial analysis.
- Predictive modeling for supply chain disruptions and demand surges.
- **Case Study:** Using satellite imagery and AI to predict crop yields and inform raw material sourcing strategies for a major food processing company.

Module 12: GIS for Global Supply Chain and Trade

- Mapping international trade routes and logistics hubs.
- Analyzing geopolitical impacts on global supply chains.
- Customs and regulatory compliance with a geographic lens.
- Identifying emerging markets and new sourcing opportunities.
- **Case Study:** A pharmaceutical company using GIS to analyze potential disruptions to its global supply chain due to trade wars or political instability in key manufacturing regions.

Module 13: Supply Chain Simulation and Modeling

- Introduction to spatial simulation techniques.
- Building digital twins of supply chain networks.
- Testing different scenarios and strategies virtually.
- Evaluating the impact of changes before implementation.
- **Case Study:** Simulating the expansion of a logistics company's distribution network to evaluate the optimal number and location of new depots under various demand growth scenarios.

Module 14: Implementing GIS in Your Organization

- Developing a GIS implementation roadmap for supply chain.
- Selecting appropriate GIS software and hardware.
- Data governance and best practices for spatial data.
- Building internal GIS capabilities and training teams.
- **Case Study:** A manufacturing firm outlining a phased approach to integrate GIS into its existing supply chain operations, from pilot projects to full-scale deployment.

Module 15: Future Trends in GIS for Supply Chain

- The rise of prescriptive analytics and digital twins.
- Blockchain and geospatial data for supply chain traceability.
- Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) in logistics.
- Autonomous vehicles and drone delivery integration with GIS.
- **Case Study:** Exploring the potential of blockchain-enabled geospatial tracking for ensuring ethical sourcing and authenticity of luxury goods.

Training Methodology

- **Instructor-Led Presentations:** Clear and concise theoretical foundations.
- **Hands-on Software Exercises:** Extensive practical sessions using industry-standard GIS software
- **Real-world Case Studies:** In-depth analysis and discussion of actual supply chain optimization scenarios.
- **Group Discussions and Collaborative Problem-Solving:** Fostering peer learning and diverse perspectives.
- **Practical Demonstrations:** Live walkthroughs of GIS tools and workflows.
- **Q&A Sessions:** Addressing participant queries and clarifying concepts.
- **Interactive Simulations:** Applying learned concepts in simulated supply chain environments.
- **Practical Project/Capstone Exercise:** Participants apply learned skills to a comprehensive supply chain optimization challenge.

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Key Notes

- a. The participant must be conversant with English.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
07 Sep 2026	18 Sep 2026	Physical	\$3,000
14 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$3,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
28 Sep 2026	09 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
05 Oct 2026	16 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000

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19 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
26 Oct 2026	06 Nov 2026	Physical	\$3,000

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