

Start Capturing Data Now

QuickProject jump-starts field projects

QuickProject is a ready-to-use data capture project tool. Many users—especially those new to ArcPad—need to get into the field and start capturing data as quickly and easily as possible. QuickProject was designed specifically for this scenario. This handy and effective tool provides a simple and efficient method for capturing data as new shapefiles.

QuickProject is available from both the ArcPad Startup dialog box, which appears when opening ArcPad for the first time as well as in the new submenu, Open ArcPad > New > QuickProject. Once activated, the tool has several features that make creating a new data capture project easy. It closes the existing map or gives the user the option of including existing layers in a new project and creates a uniquely identified project folder featuring a date/time stamp in the title. This helps identify the project.

The tool then creates three basic shapefiles (point, line, and polygon). These shapefiles have a map projection, either the QuickProject default

of World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 1984) or a user-selected projection. A customized QuickForm is generated. It contains five generic data fields and their associated attributes in the categories field. The descriptions and symbology for these categories are fully editable, and additional categories and symbology can be created as required. The QuickProject tool wraps all these items in a Quick Project .apm and loads it onto ArcPad, ready for editing and/or use with the Identify tool.

This quick and handy method of getting basic data collection projects underway in no time at all is a real bonus to new users. For a more detailed explanation of QuickProject and how it works, see "Chapter 6: Creating New Data" in the ArcPad User manual.

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