Talking About ArcView 8.1

The terminology used to describe the core functions in ArcView 8.1 differs from the terms used in ArcView 3.*x*. This table lists ArcView 3.*x* terms with the translations or analogous functions in ArcView 8.1. The majority of the functions listed are accessed through ArcMap; those available in ArcCatalog are noted. Familiarity with the locations and use of ArcView 3.*x* commands is assumed but, for some ArcView 8.1 entries, the menu choice needed to locate the function is supplied.

ArcView 3.*x*	ArcView 8.1
General	
Project (.apr file)	Map document (.mxd file)
Avenue scripts	Visual Basic for Applications (VBA) macros
CAD Reader extension	Add a CAD layer directly for analysis or display
Charts	Tools > Graphs
DDE	OLE
Extensions	Tools > Extensions to load extensions
	View > Toolbars to access extension toolbars
Image catalog	Raster catalog
SQL Connect	Add OLE DB Connection (in ArcCatalog)
Views and Data Frames	
Active theme	Selection > Set Selectable Layers
Add theme	Add data
Brightness theme (ArcView Spatial Analyst)	Transparency
Convert to Shapefile	Right-click on layer, Data > Export
Database theme	Geodatabase layer
Feature theme	Feature layer
Grid theme	Raster layer
Hotlink	Hyperlink
Image theme	Raster layer
Label button > Callout tool	Drawing toolbar >Text Callout tool
Load an AVL file (i.e., legend file)	Import symbology from layer file
Projection	Coordinate system
Select by Theme	Selection > Select by Location
Symbol files	Styles
Symbol window	Symbol Selector
Table of contents	Table of contents
Theme	Layer
TIN theme	TIN layer
View, View frame	Data frame
Tables	
Add field	Open Attribute Table, Options > Add Field (in ArcMap)
	or Properties > Fields (in ArcCatalog)
Create index	Properties > Fields (in ArcCatalog)
Ftab	Recordset
Promote Selected	Open Attribute Table, Show Selected button
Sort	Open Attribute Table, right-click on column,
	choose Sort Ascending or Sort Descending
Spatial join	Right-click on layer, Joins and Relates > Joins > Join by Location
SQL Query Builder (button or menu choice)	Selection > Select by Attributes
Layouts	
Layout	Layout, Layout view
Legend Frame	Insert > Legend
Multiple layouts	Multiple documents
North Arrow Frame	Insert > North Arrow
Picture Frame	Insert > Picture
Scale Bar Frame	Insert > Scale Bar
Table Frame	Open Attribute Table, Options menu > Add table to layout

In many cases, ArcView 8.1 provides more functionality or additional tools not available with ArcView 3.*x*. Some functionality, such as the ability to read CAD data, was supplied through extensions in ArcView 3.*x*, but in ArcView 8.1 it is built into the core application. **AU**