

KB2009: How to open a catalogued file into ESRI ArcGIS.

This document outlines the feature of opening a file compatible with ESRI's ArcGIS (i.e. Shapefile - .shp) into the ArcGIS map window.

Unlike MapInfo, where double clicking on a file reference in MAAD2GO opens a MapInfo file (tab) directly into the MapInfo active map window, using this same method in ESRI ArcGIS is not possible.

A solution has been devised to physically drag the file from MAAD2GO and drop it into an open ArcGIS active map window. This drag and drop function can be used for other applications as well, such as Word, Adobe PDF, etc

1. The option where you physically drag a file reference from MAAD2GO to another opened application is contained within the selected records Metadata window. Roll the mouse cursor over the popup preview column for a record (1) and select to display the Metadata window.



Column 1 displays the popup preview window, as well as the spatial extents within the MAAD2map window.

2. From within the Summary Panel of the record's Metadata window, physically select the full filename and path textbox (located next to the small thumbnail image).

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3. Then, drag and drop the filename reference into the ArcGIS application interface to open and display the file.



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