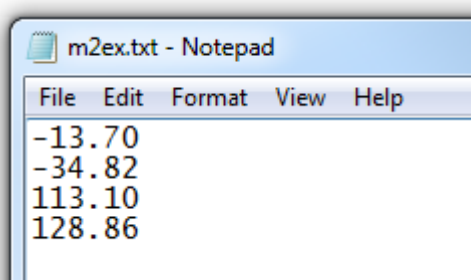


KB3012 – Use a Non-Spatial Projection Extents File when Cataloguing Textual Documents and files

This document outlines the function introduced in version 5.0.5 to create and add a projection extents file to aid the cataloguing of non-spatial files (i.e. pdf, MS Word documents, etc). This will now enable a faster and more accurate method when cataloguing non-spatial files within folder, particularly when using the bulk add method.

Previously when cataloguing non-spatial files, geographic extents were derived from the current active MAAD2map map window extents. The ability to derive extents for non-spatial files residing within a folder, or sub-folders beneath has now been introduced.

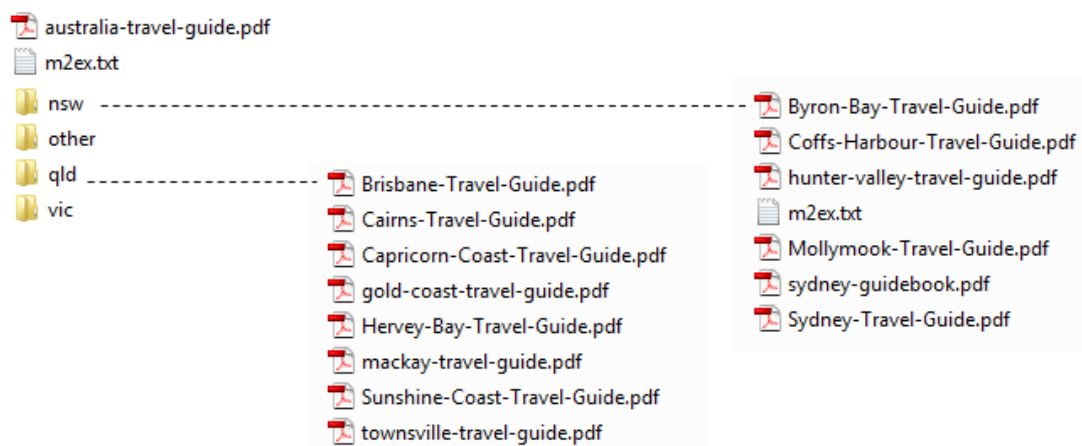
Simply create a text file called **m2ex.txt** and on **4** lines enter the **Top, Bottom, Left** and **Right** geographical extents in latitude\longitude decimal degrees.



^ Example of m2ex.txt structure

- Line 1: Top extent Latitude
- Line 2: Bottom extent Latitude
- Line 3: Left extent Longitude
- Line 4: Right extent Longitude

When cataloguing and a **m2ex.txt** file is encountered within the filename of the non-spatial file being catalogued, it will use the coordinates within to describe the extents, otherwise the active MAAD2map map window extents are used. The cataloguing process will look up the folder tree from the file to search for a m2ex.txt file (not top down).



From the example above, files that are located within the nsw folder will use extents associated with the m2ex.txt contained within that folder. Files in other folders (i.e. qld) that do not have a m2ex.txt file within the same folder as the files, will use the next m2ex.txt file that is locatable up the folder tree (in this case the m2ex.txt file in the root folder).

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