
Appendix: Spatial Data Format – ESRI Shapefile

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Overview

ESRI Shapefiles are a relatively simple format for spatial data, consisting of a file containing shape information (*.shp*), a file containing attribute data (*.dbf*), and an index file (*.shx*). The GeoView package currently supports the following shapefile shape types:

- Point (shape type 1)
- Multi-point (shape type 8)
- Arc/Line (shape type 3)
- Polygon type (shape type 5)
- Null shape (shape type 0)

Support for additional shape types may be added in the future, consistent with the shapefile specifications.

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