Mark the Spot
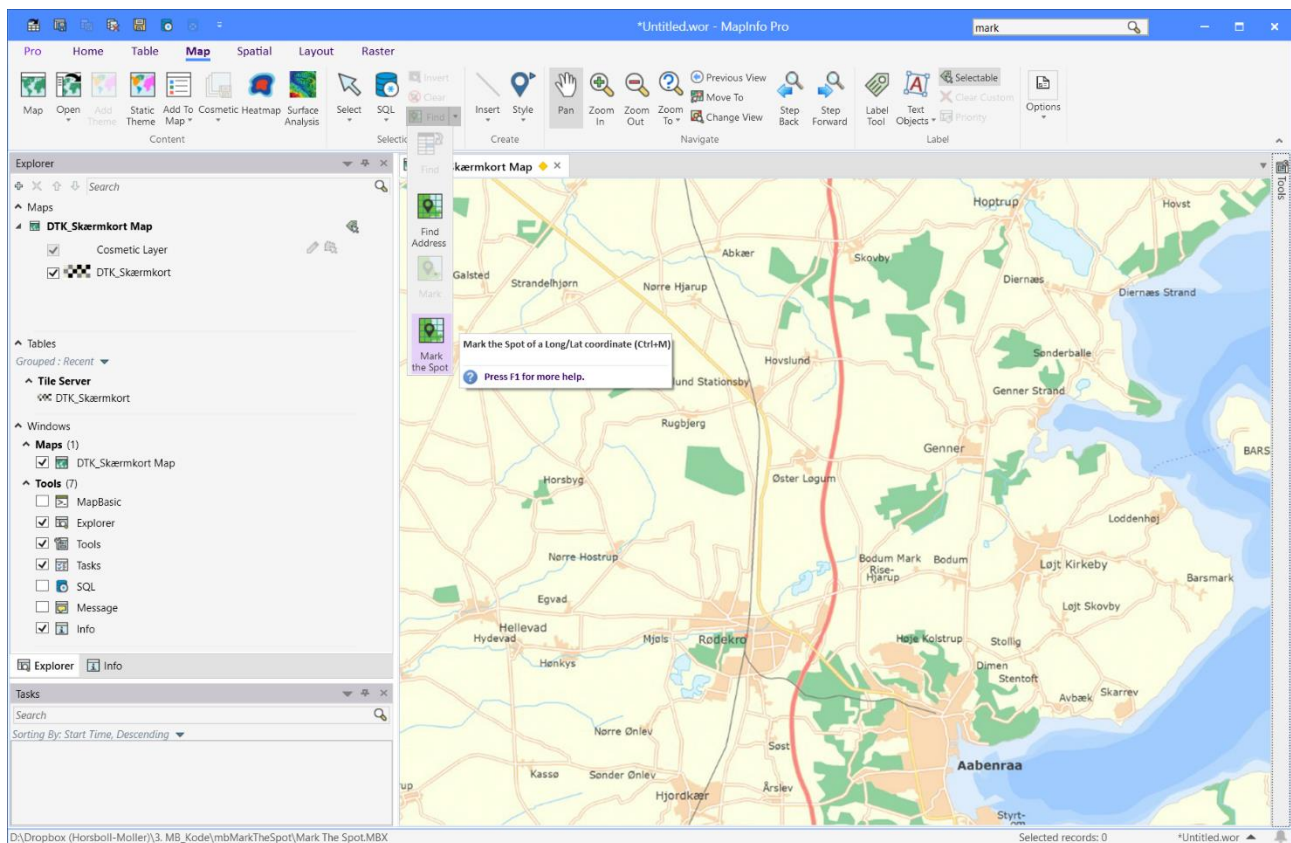
This application for MapInfo Pro can help you find a specific location using a lat/long or coordinate in the coordinate system of the map window.

Using the application

First, you need to run the application in MapInfo Pro. If you use it often, it is advised to set the application to be auto-loaded from the **Tools window**.

You can activate the application in a number of ways:

- Double-click on the application in the *Tools* window
- Use the *Quick Search* field in the top right corner of MapInfo Pro and search for "*mark*" and then click on "*Mark the Spot*" under *Map*.
- Activate the **Mark the Spot control** directly from the **Find dropdown** on the **Map tab** in the **Selection group**
- Use the keyboard shortcut *Ctrl+M*.

You will now see the **Mark the Spot dialog** on your screen.

In the **Enter Coordinate field**, you will see the current Lat/Long coordinate of the active map window. You can use **Alt+E** to jmp to the **Enter Coordinate field**.

You can copy this for use in another application if needed using the **Copy button**. **Alt+C** can be used as a shortcut.

When using the **Copy button**, the coordinate string will have any formatting removed. The numbers will use US formatting. If you copy the string using **Ctrl+C**, the shown formatting will be kept.

Note that the order of the Latitude and Longitude value is controlled by the radio-buttons (**Lat/Long**, **Long/Lat**, and **Map Coordsys**) under the field. Changing the order will also change the order of the currently seen values in the field.

You can also use **Map Coordsys** to work in the current coordinate system of map window.

Paste or write the coordinate that you want to center the map on. Note the order must match the order and coordinate system from the radio-buttons as mentioned above.

The decimal point must match your regional settings. The dialog expects the coordinate to be divided by a space, a tab, a semicolon, or a pipe. It will also try using a comma but that can be tricky, especially if you are pasting formatted values where a comma is the decimal separator.

You can also use the **Paste button** to insert values copied from Google Maps and Bing Maps. When using the **Paste button**, the tool assumes the values aren't formatted. The values will be formatted when inserted into the field.

The "*Symbol*" checkbox controls if a point will be inserted into the Cosmetic layer when you click on the "*OK*" button. The style of the point can be set using the "*Symbol Style*" button just under the "*Symbol*" checkbox.

The **Zoom checkbox** controls if the map will be zoomed when you click on the **Show button**. If the **Zoom checkbox** is checked, the map will be zoomed to the value specified in the field below the **Zoom checkbox**. If it isn't checked, the map will only be centered on the coordinate specified.

To center the map on the lat/long, and potentially zoom, click on the **Show button**.

To close the dialog after having copied the coordinate, click on the **Close button**.