Fundamental Concepts & Data Structure

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Point

• Pinpointing a location on a map is possible using a latitudinal and longitudinal coordinate

stored in the database.



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170	116.388036	39.906189	Beijing	China



Line & polygon

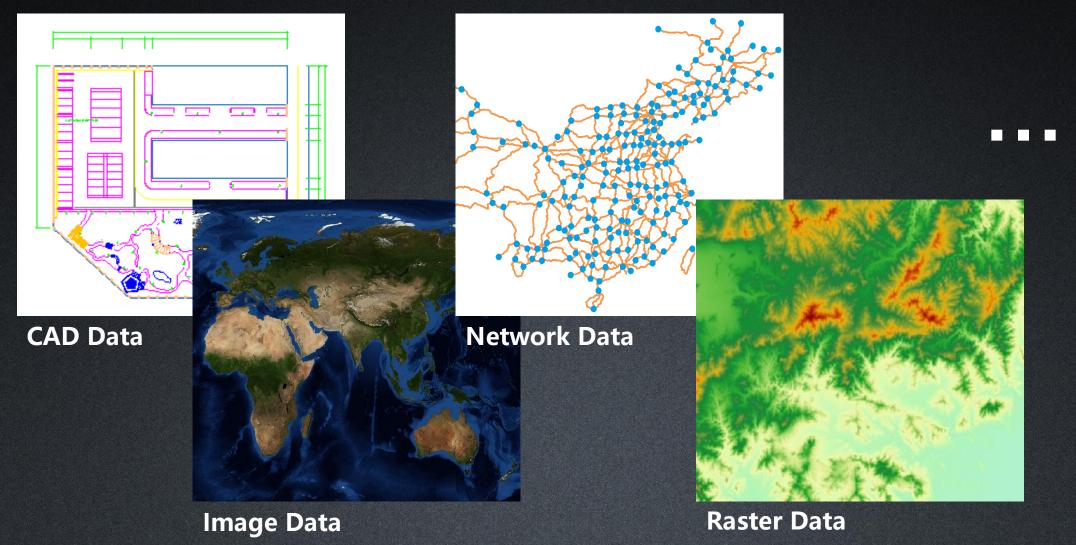
 A series of latitudinal and longitudinal data can be used to either draw separate lines on the map, or draw an entire country's boundaries







More types of data





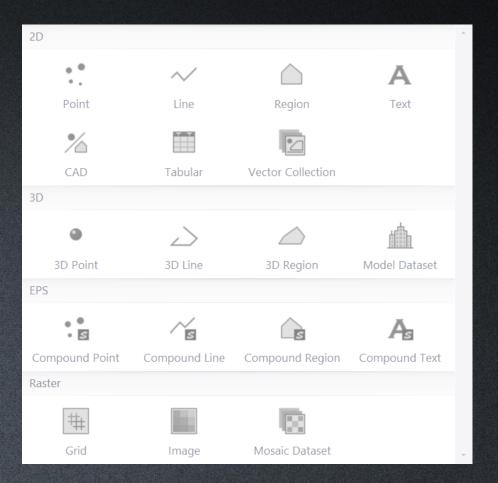
Dataset

Definition:

 A dataset is a collection of similar types of data.

Storage:

 Datasets can be stored in a file or database datasource.



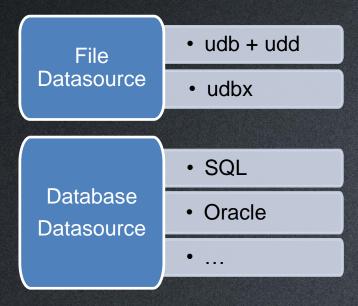


Datasource

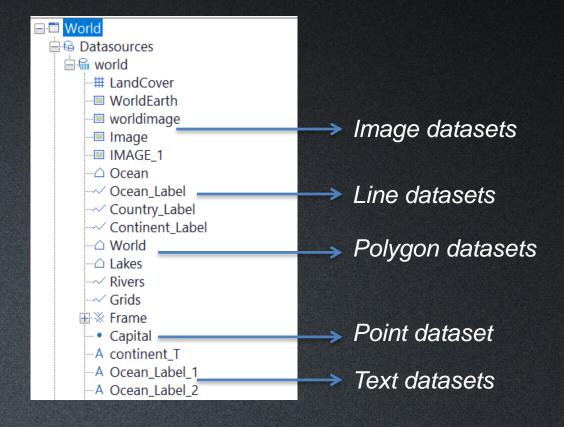
Definition

 A datasource consists of various types of datasets and is the physical storage of spatial data.

Storage



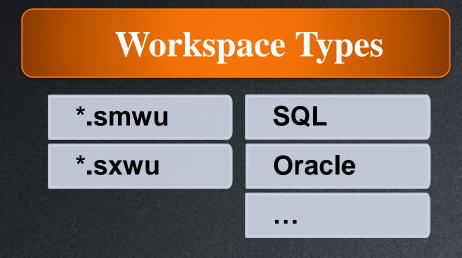
Datasource & Dataset



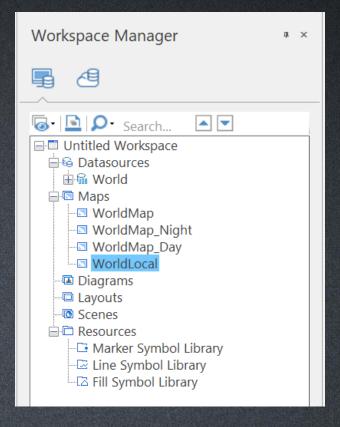


Workspace

- The workspace file stores the connection information of one or more datasources.
- The workspace file stores maps, layouts, scenes, resources and diagrams.



Attention: a file datasource cannot be opened in two workspaces at the same time.





Map

Definition

 When one or more datasets are given a certain display style and are displayed in the same map window, they constitute a map.

Storage

The map is stored in the workspace so the workspace must be saved after the map.

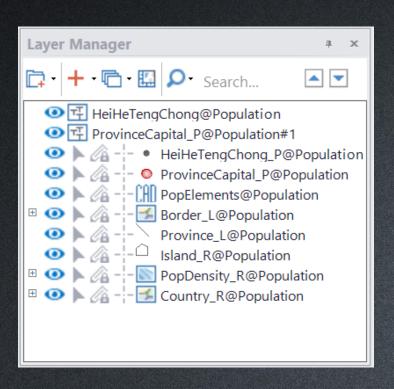
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Layer

Definition

Layers are a way of displaying datasets in a map window.



- Layers can be understood as transparent canvases which are put into stacks in the map window.
- A dataset can be added multiple times to the map window to render multiple layers of different styles.
- if the data changes, the layers and maps connected with it will change too.



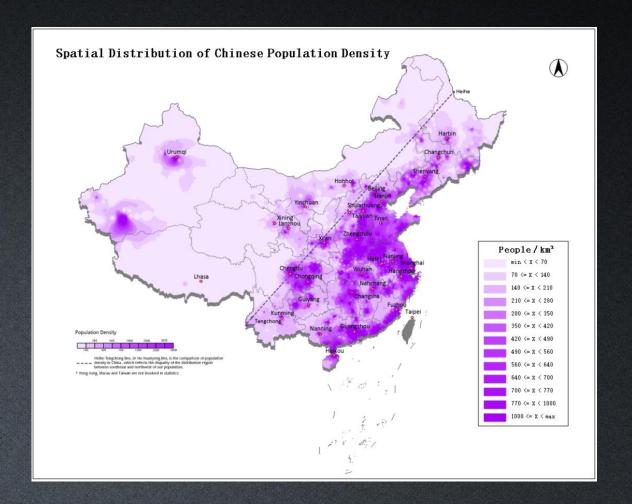
Layout

Definition

 To print your map, it is required to create a layout which is composed of map(s) and elements such as the map name, legend, scale, north arrow, etc.

Storage

The layout is also stored in the workspace





3D Scene

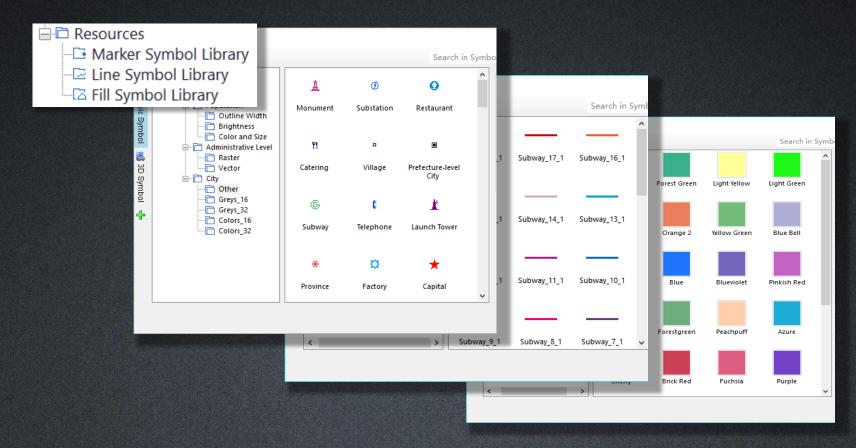
- Definition
 - We can add a combination of 2D and 3D data into 3D layers to organize a 3D scene.
- Storage
 - 3D scene is also stored in a file or database through the workspace.





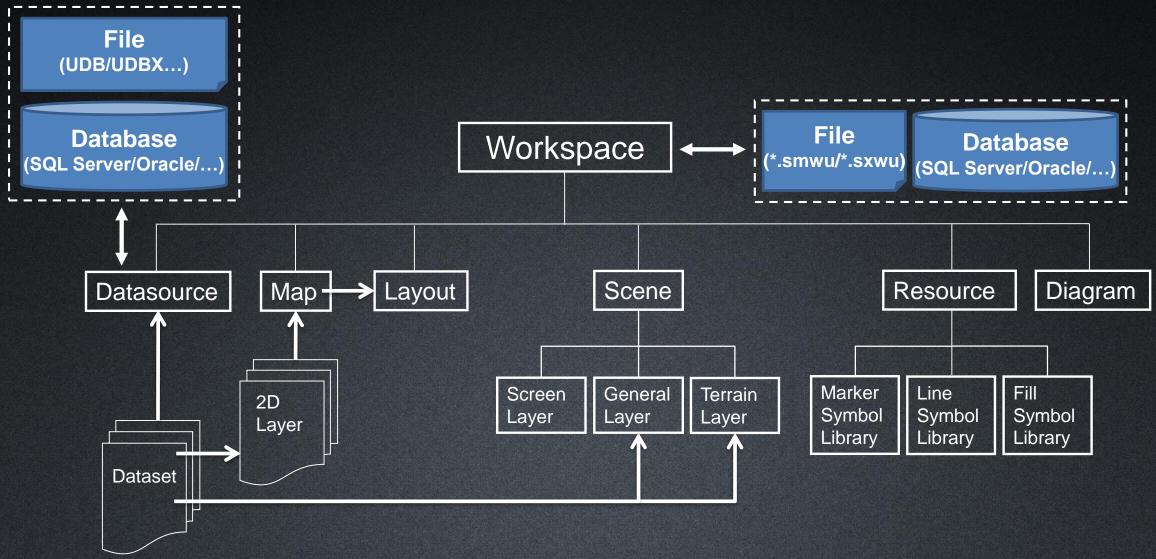
Resource

 Resources primarily manage the symbol libraries used by maps and scenes in the workspace, including point symbol libraries, linetype libraries, and fill symbol libraries.





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