# Introduction to ArcMap

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# **ArcMap**

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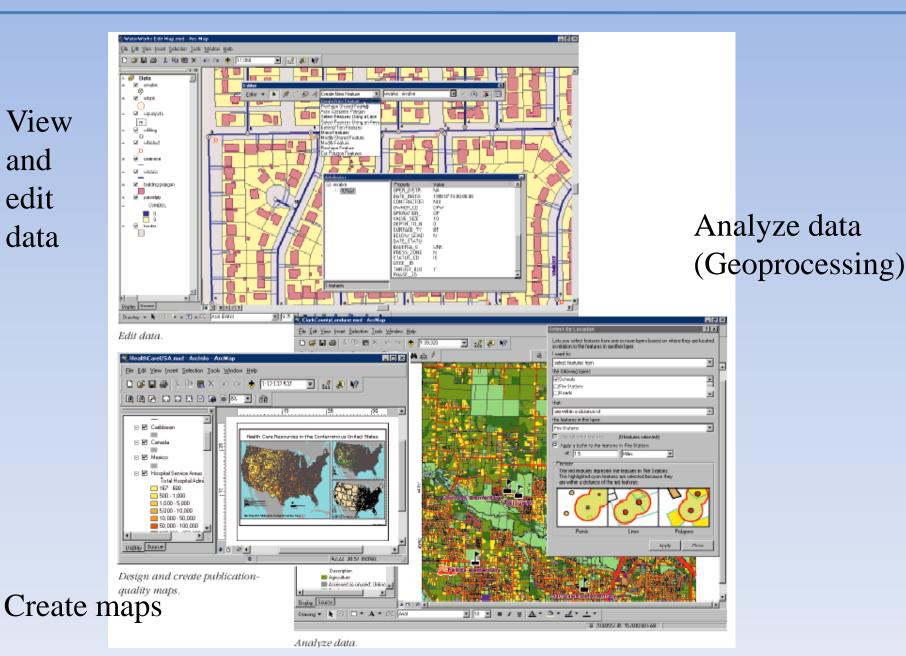
- Mapping
  - Create maps by working geographically and interactively
- Display and present
  - Export or print
  - Publish on WWW
- Edit
  - Update data
  - Modify features
- Query
- Chart
- Reporting
  - Embed maps in reports

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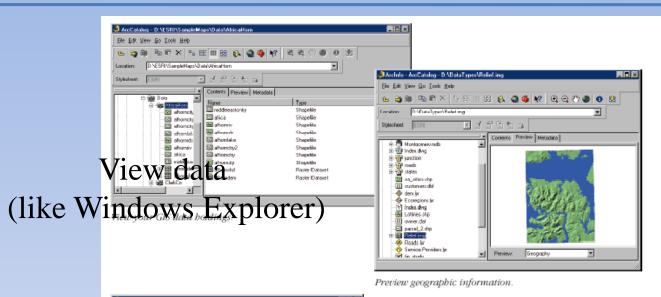
- Analyze
  - Visualize information
    - See patterns
    - Reveal hidden trends
    - Show relationships between features
  - Solve problems
    - Where is
    - How close
    - How much
    - What if
- Develop custom mapping applications based on ArcMap components

### **ArcMap**

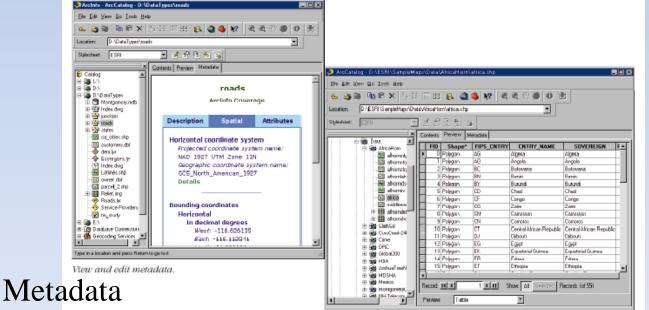
View and edit data



# **Arc Catalog**



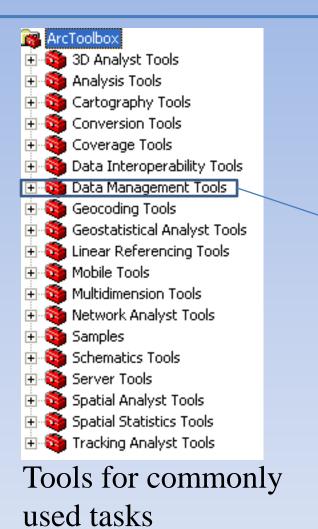
Graphical previews



Work with tables

**Tables** 

#### **Arc Toolbox**



Data Management Tools Data Comparison 🖎 Database Disconnected Editing 陷 Distributed Geodatabase 🖎 Domains 🦄 Feature Class 🖎 Features 陷 Fields File Geodatabase General Generalization Indexes Joins Layers and Table Views Projections and Transformations 陷 Feature 陷 Raster Create Custom Geographic Transformation Define Projection

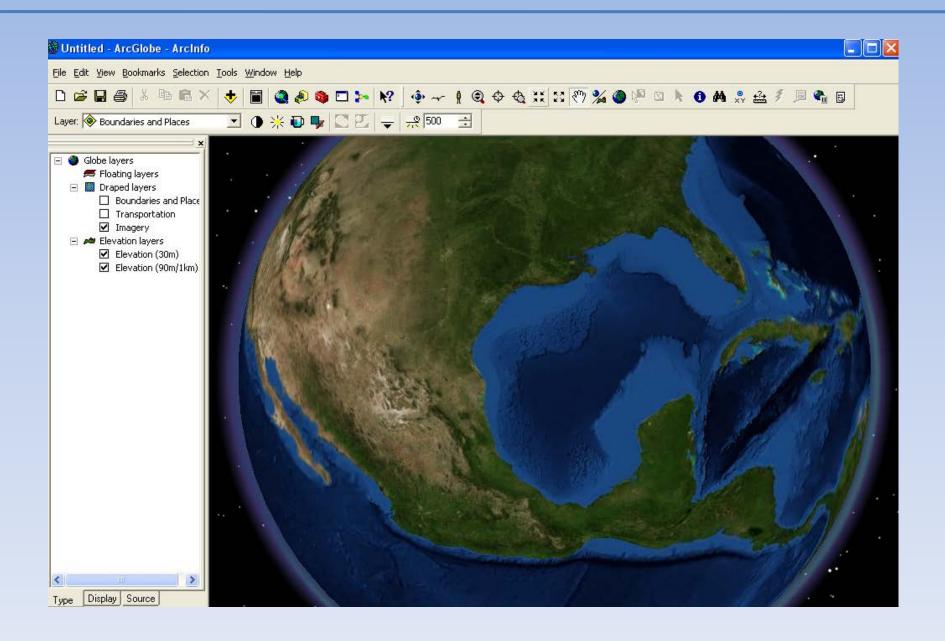
Map Projections

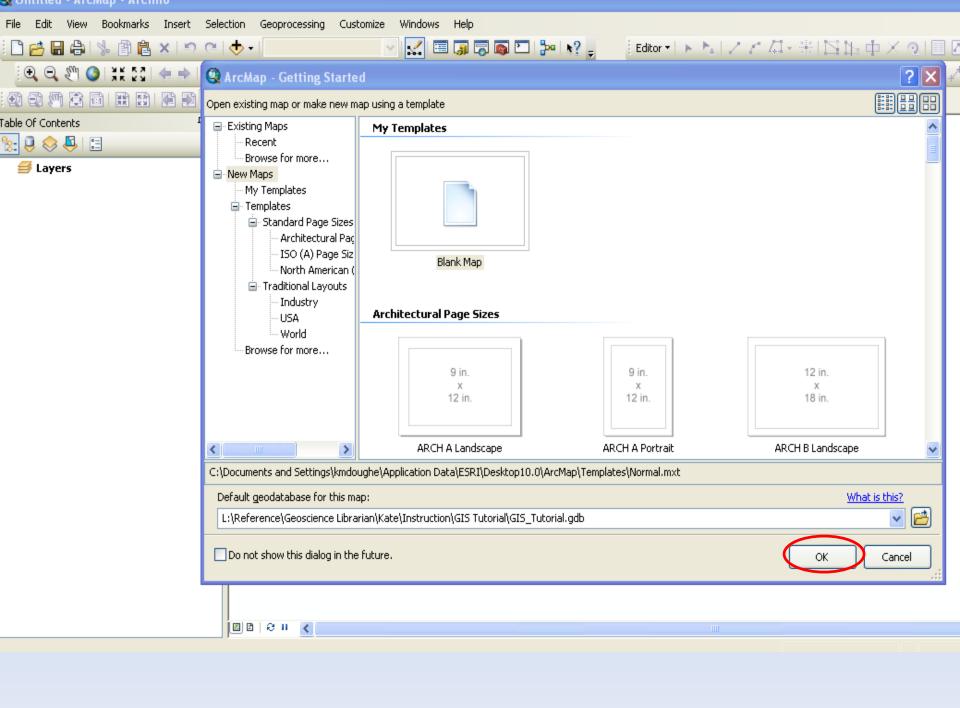
#### **Arc Globe**

- An alternative display to ArcMap
- Design to rapidly display image files and to zoom in rapidly from a global view to a local view
- Works on a spherical earth (not spheroidal)

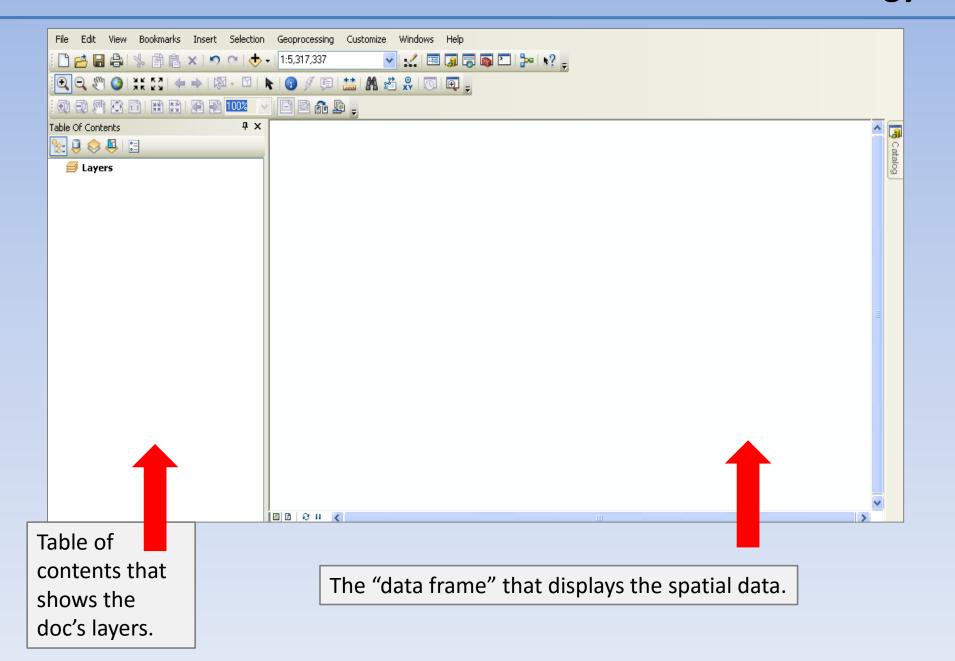


#### **Arc Globe**





# **Terminology**



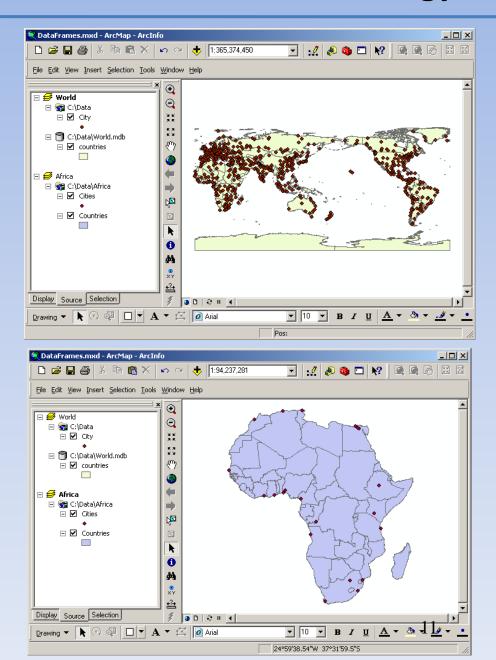
# **Terminology**

#### Data Frame

- Contains layers of map data
- Can have multiple data frames
- Each data frame has properties

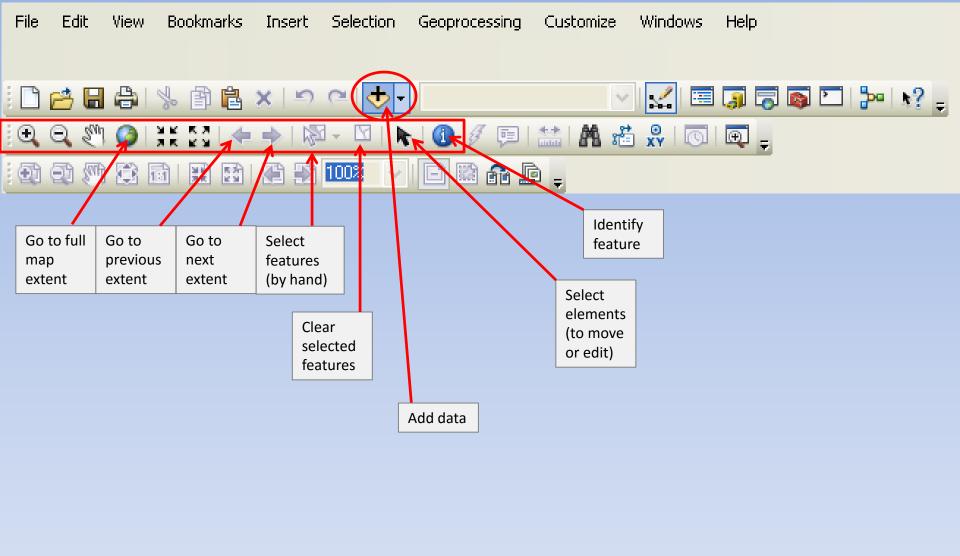
#### Data View

- Default view where you do your mapping, analysis, etc.
- Can only see one data frame at a time
- Right-click/Activate or click/Alt

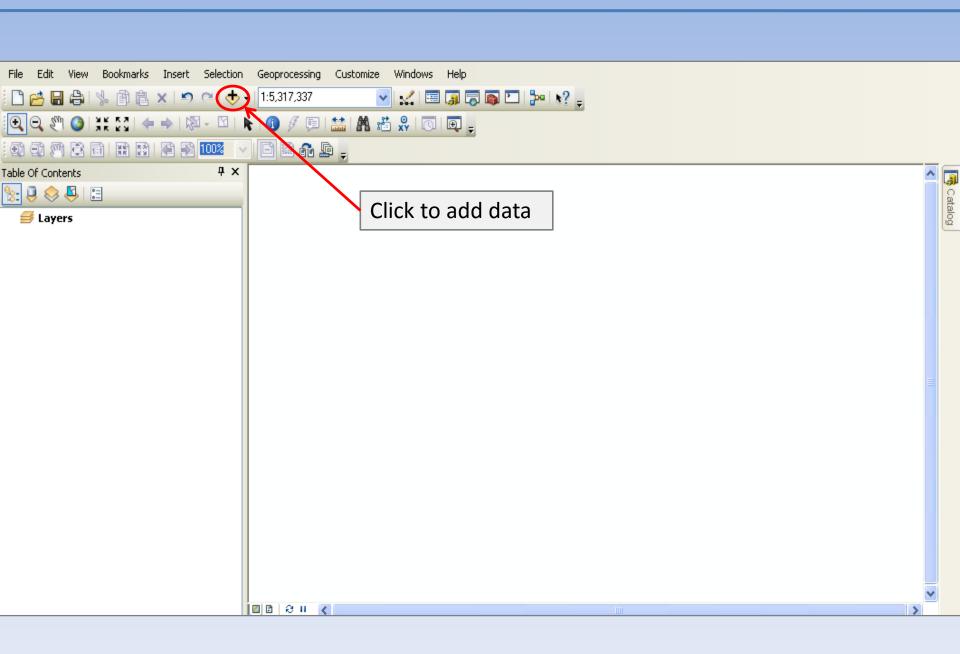


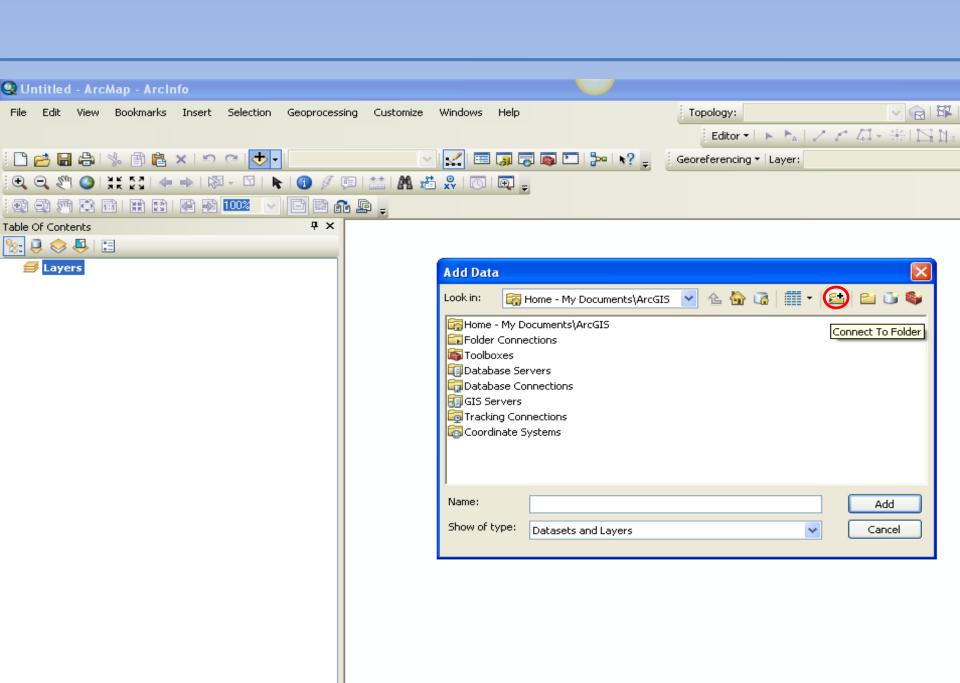
# **ArcMap**

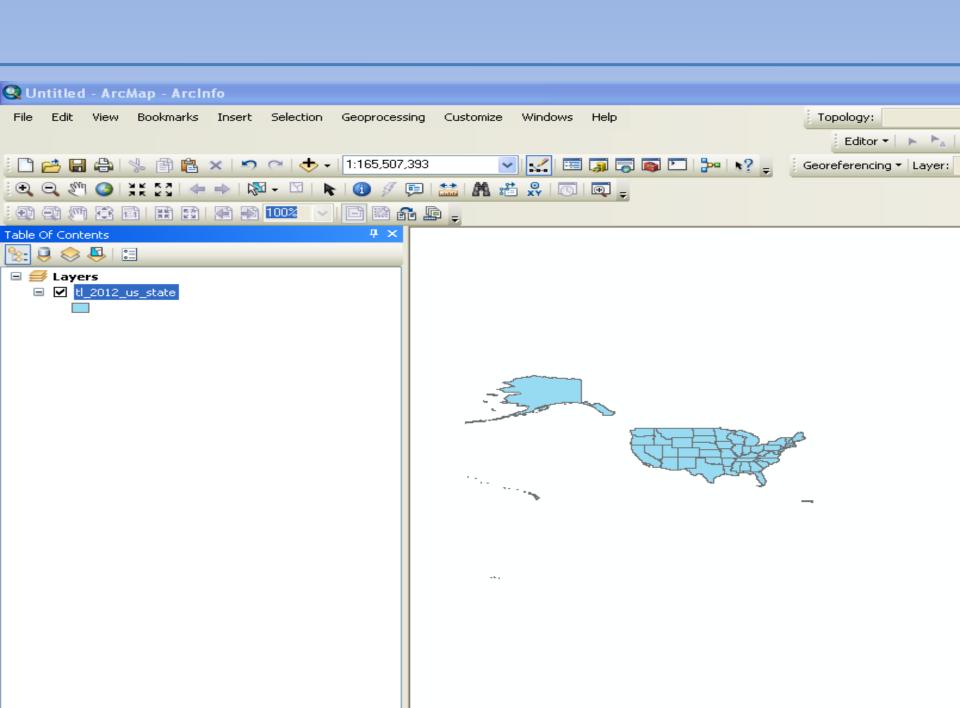
- Is both a data editor as well as map generator
- Provides two different ways to view a map on the fly
  - Data view
  - Layout view



# **Adding Data**







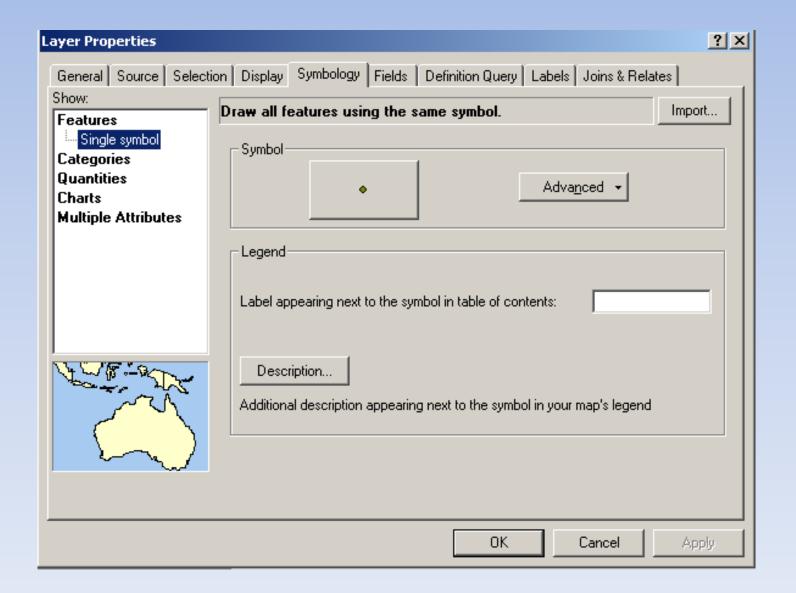
# General Map

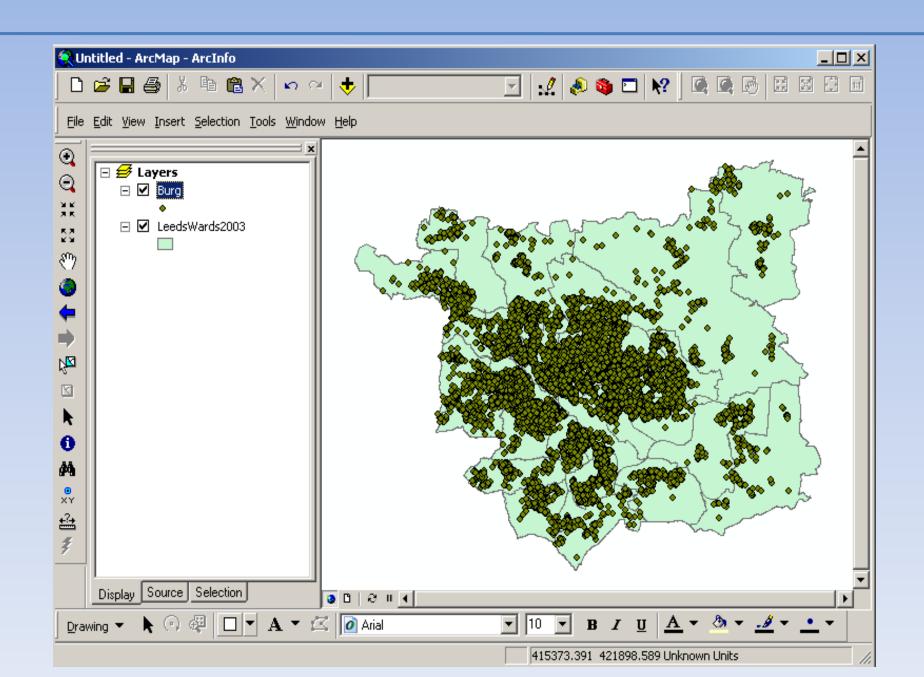
- Variety of information of equal importance
- Not targeting a specific audience (e.g. topographic map)
- Subtle Symbology

# Thematic Map

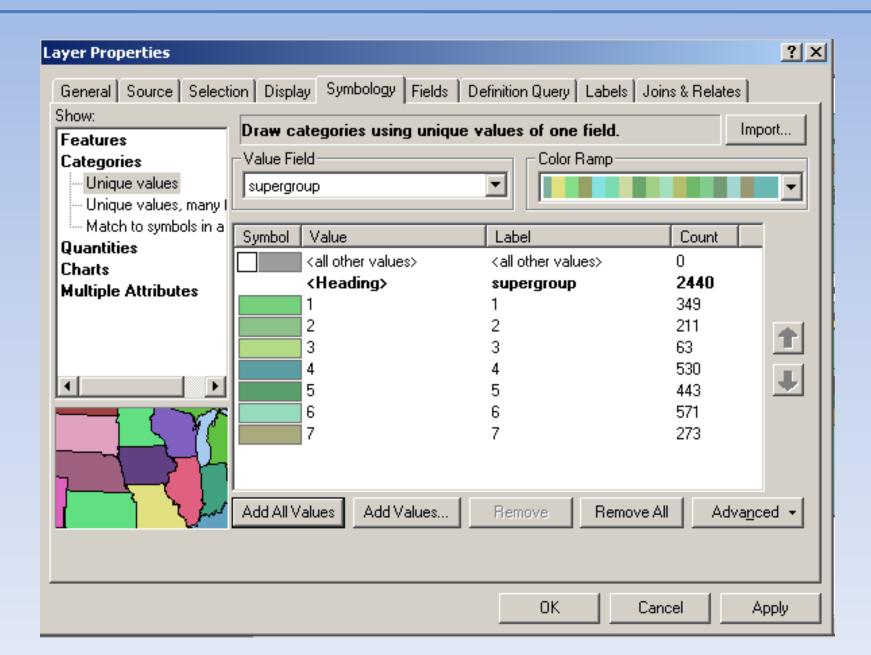
- Focussed
- Importance of information can vary on the map
- Symbology can dominate
- Qualitative (no importance in terms of size) vs quantitative (size differences)

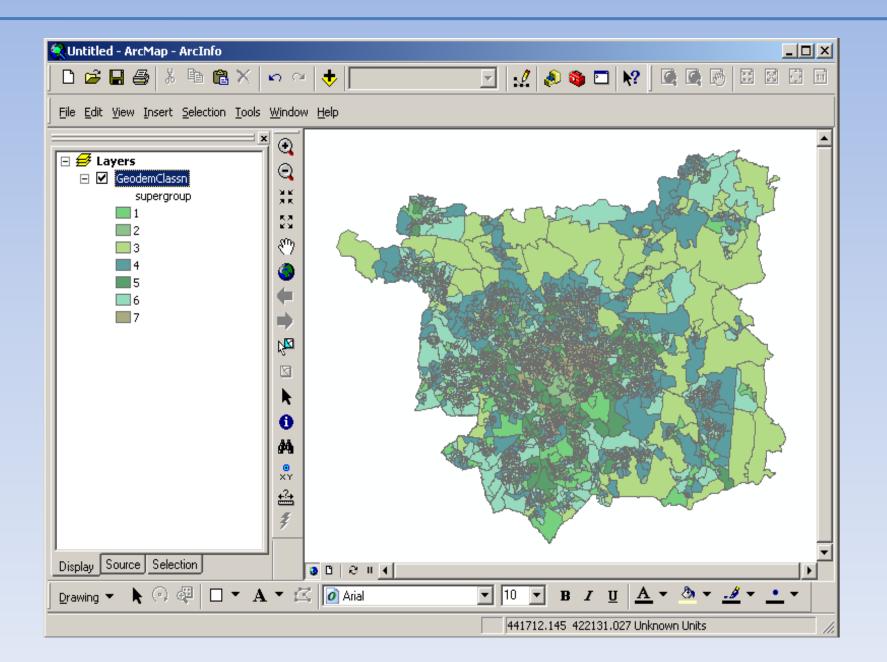
# Symbology - Single Symbol



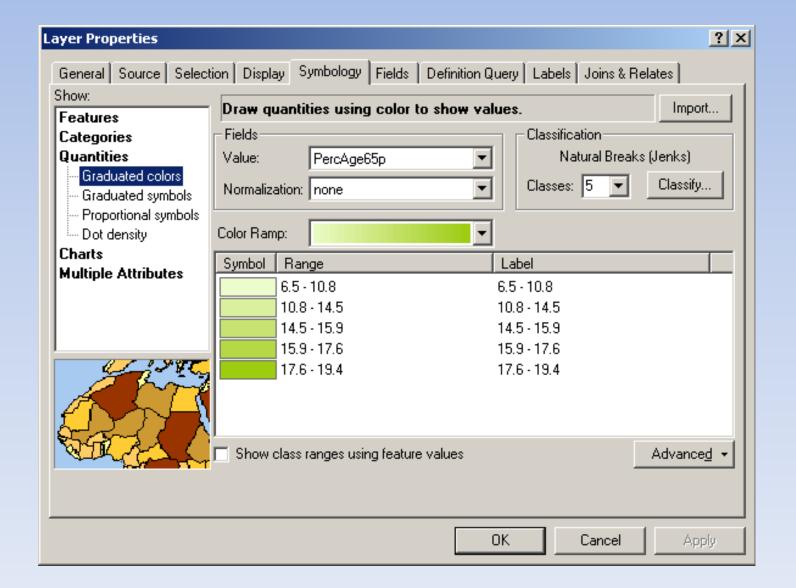


# **Symbology - Categories**

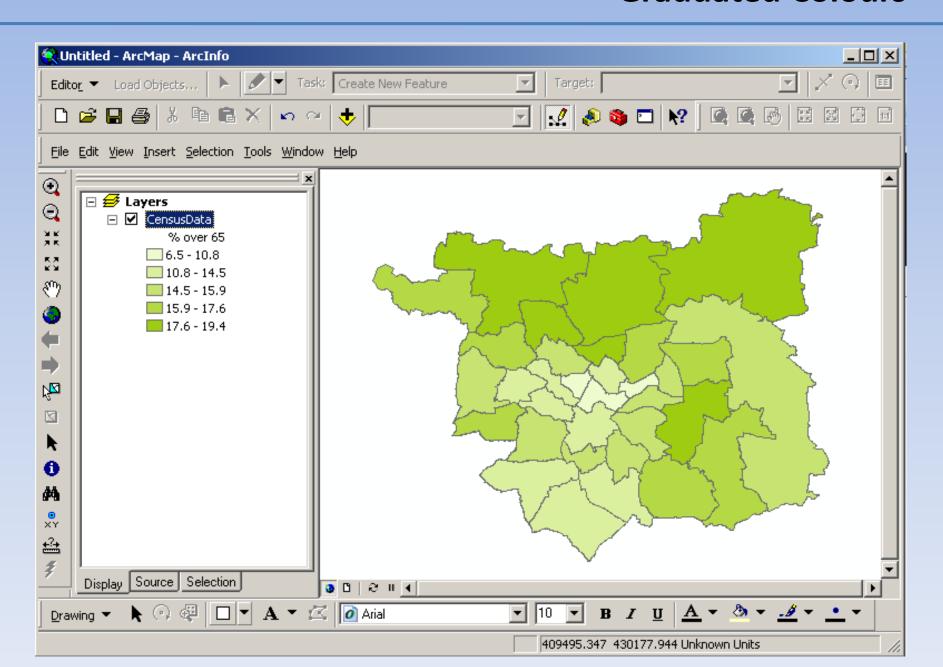




#### **Graduated Colour**



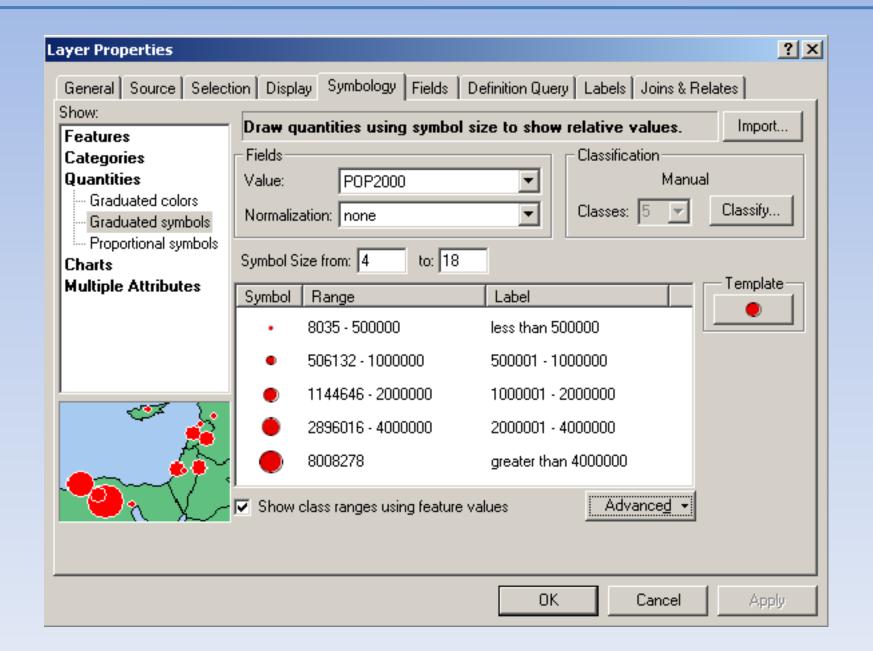
#### **Graduated Colours**



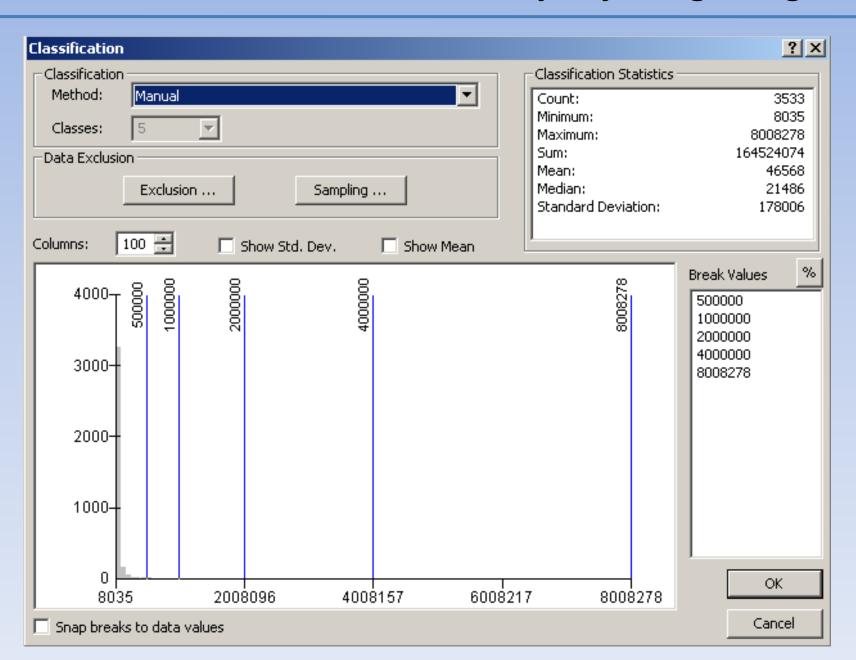
# **Choropleth Maps**

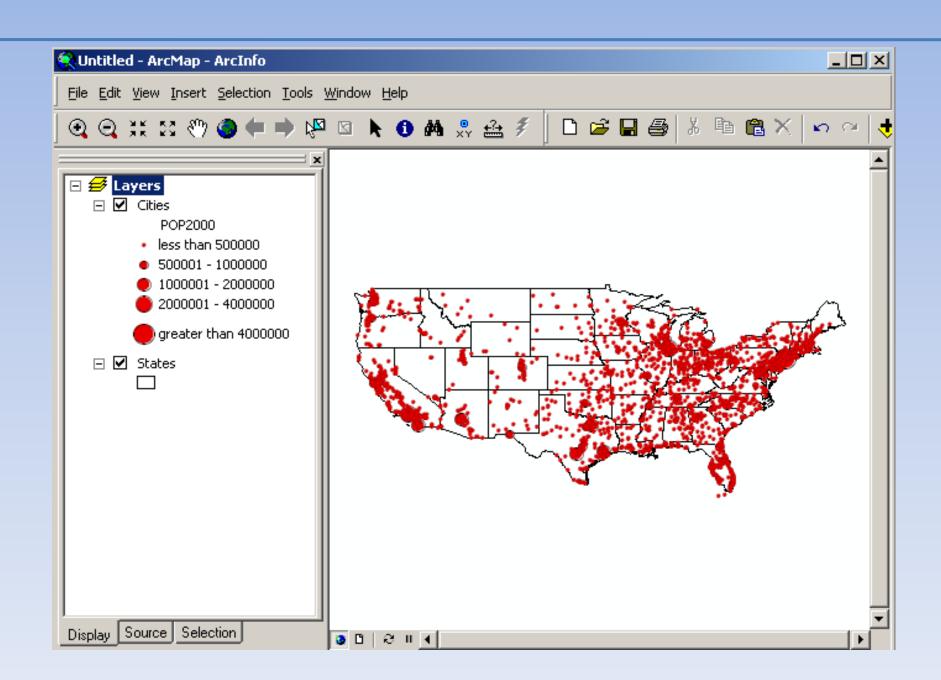
- uses ranges or graduated colours to map data for administrative areas
- Derived from the Greek words choros = space and pleth
  = value
- Shading is used to denote an increase or decrease in a value
- Should technically only plot standardised values (e.g. percentages, ratios) or the maps may be misleading
- Problems of MAUP/ecological fallacy

# **Graduated Symbols**

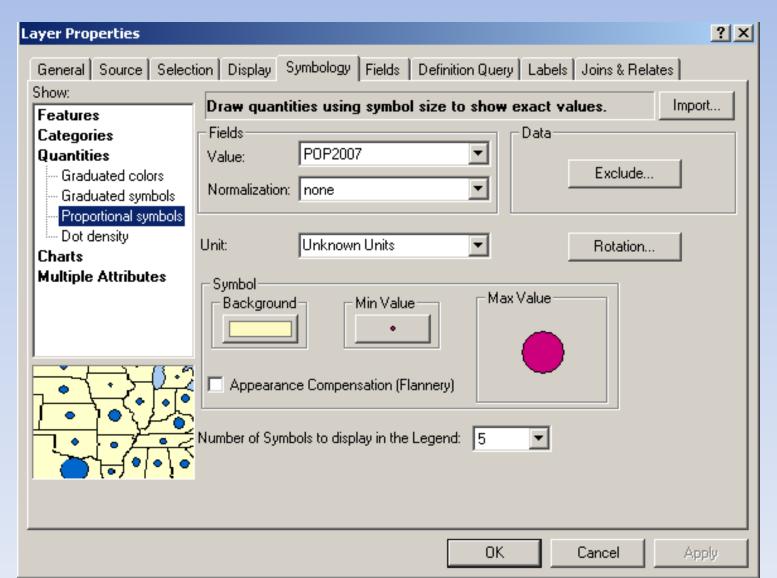


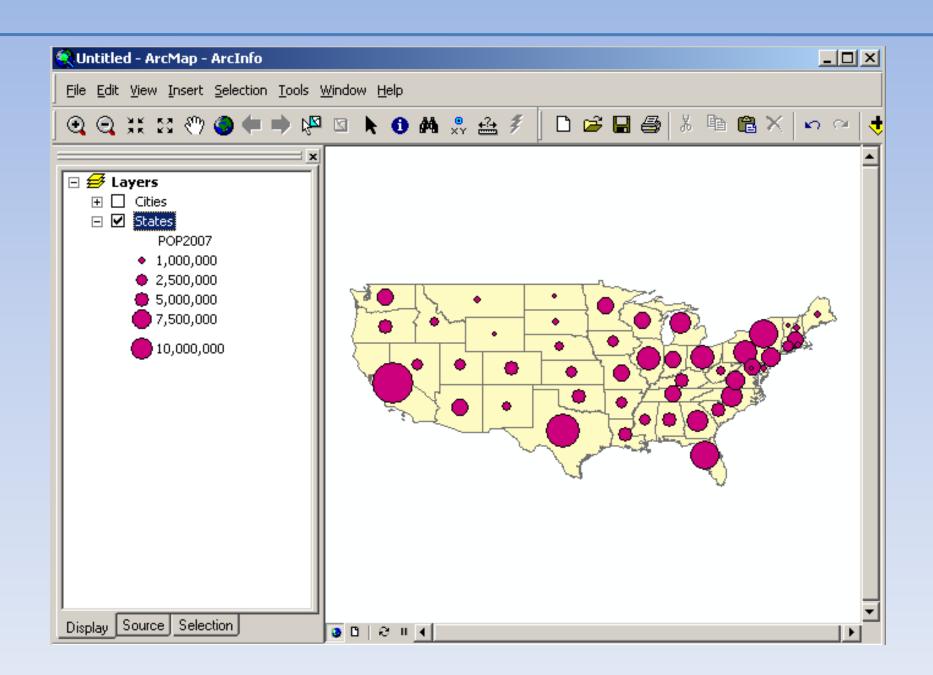
# **Manually Adjusting Categories**



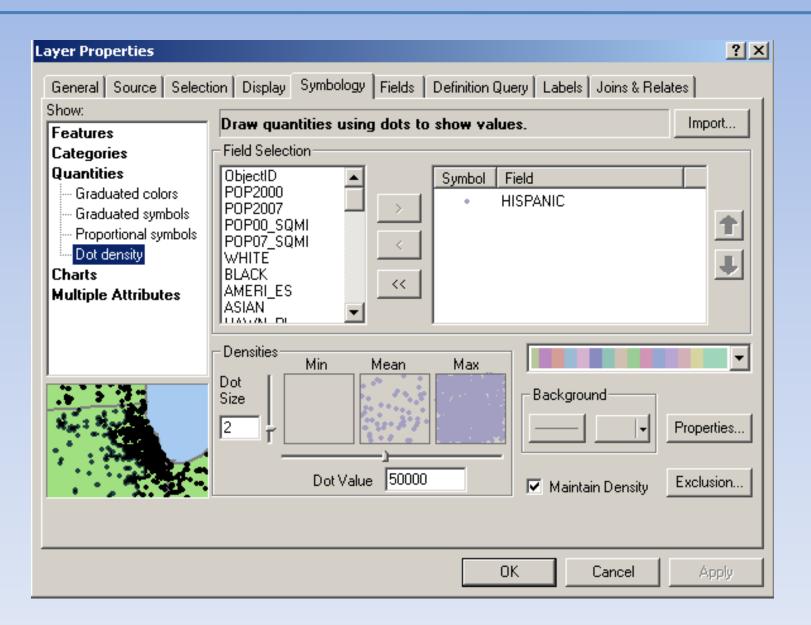


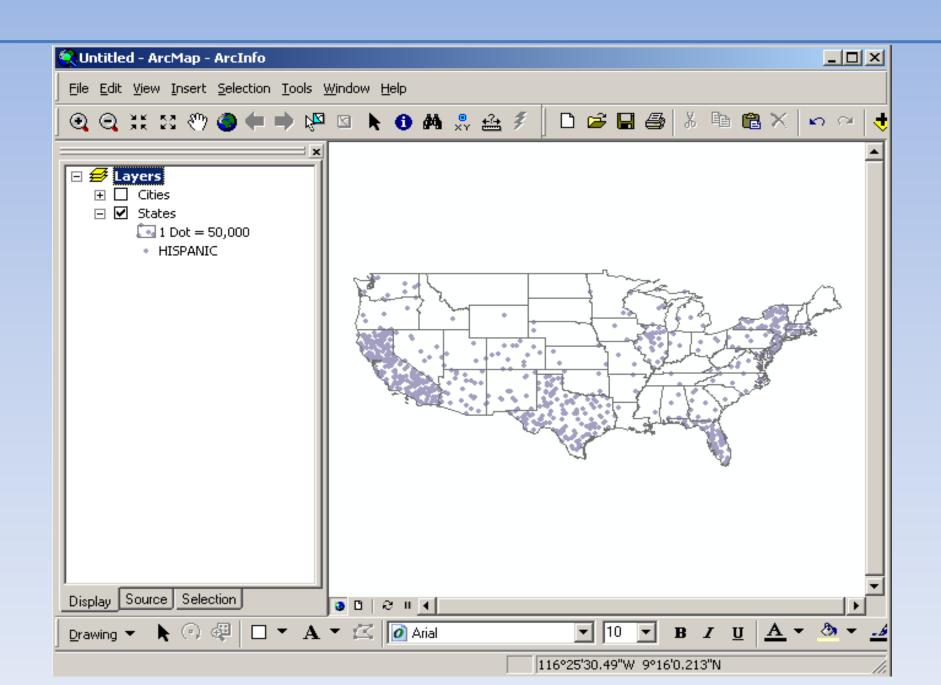
# **Proportional Symbols**





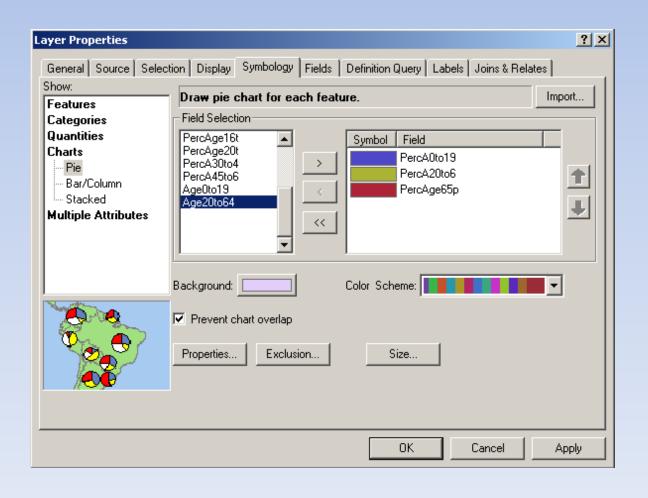
# **Dot Density**

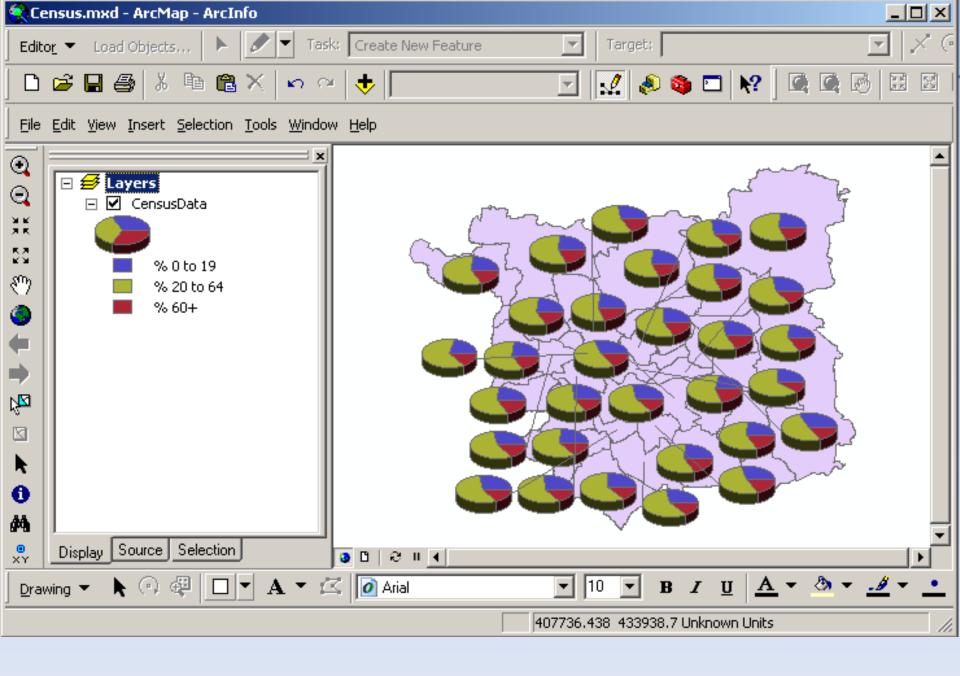




# **Graphs/Charts**

- Pie charts, Bar charts, Stacked bar charts
- Need more than one variable





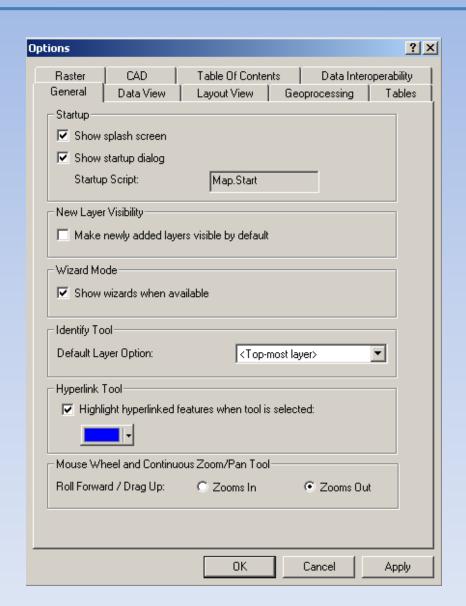
# **Inserting Map Elements**

- ArcMap makes it easy to add.....
  - Titles
  - Legends
  - North arrows
  - Scale bars
  - Scale text
  - Label text
  - Pictures

# **ArcMap Properties**

# Arcmap → Tools → Options

- ✓ Make newly added layers visible by default OFF
- ✓ Return to last used location when Add dialog first used – ON
- ✓ Rendering behaviour on window resize NO redraw



# **Map Documents**

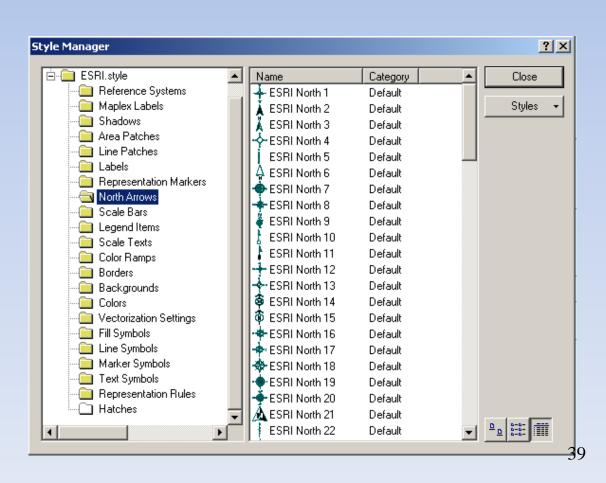
- When you are working, you load different maps, change symbology, create some new maps, etc.
- You can save your work as a Map Document (.mxd)
- You can then click on the .mxd file and it will load ArcMap and all your files
- The .mxd DOES NOT contain the data
- It is a pointer to the data + all your settings
- Can use absolute or relative pathnames (specify in File
  - → Document Properties)

# **Saving Layer Properties**

- Save layer properties for repeated use
- Data is not saved with the properties
- Can save this as an .mxd but do not always work in the same map document
- Definition file (.lyr) that defines the properties that you have set for that layer (e.g. symbols, labels, joins, etc.)
- Can load a combination of different layer files without creating each map from scratch

# **Styles**

- Captures the symbol, text, etc. from a map document
- Tools → Styles →
  - Style Manager
  - Export Style



#### **Bookmarks**

- Stored in the map document
- Can only be accessed from a single map document
- Holds the spatial extent of your map
- Zoom in + View → Bookmarks → Create
- Give the bookmark a meaningful name
- View → BookMarks → Name you gave it
- Each data frame contains its own list of bookmarks

# **Viewing Windows**

Window 
 Overview, Magnifier Windows permit efficient navigation and efficient editing

