



## MAPdataCanada - General Information

### INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Avenza MAPdataCanada set of ESRI shapefiles. Your MAPdataCanada DVD contains files in shapefile format for the provinces and territory's of Canada. The shapefiles are based upon various Canadian government data source files and form the perfect base for cartographic production of any portion of Canada. Organized by province or territory, this set provides 8 data layers for each and every province or territory in Canada. For a complete list of the data layers please see the document entitled layers.pdf included on this DVD.

Each province or territory's data files are contained in a folder named according to the province's name. For example, all of the province of Alberta's data would be contained in an folder called "Alberta". Some of the larger provincial datasets such as Alberta have also been further subdivided into distinct geographic districts such as "Alberta North" and "Alberta South" for convenience and for further use in MAPublisher. Please refer to the "Keymap.pdf" document contained on this DVD for additional information regarding the divisional boundaries incorporated in this dataset. Each provincial folder contains the data files for all data layers available for that province. The data file name is a combination of the province name and the data descriptor (e.g. roads) followed by the data files extension. For example, the road data files for the entire province of Alberta would be named "Alberta roads.shp", "Alberta roads.dbf" & "Alberta roads.shx". Additional data layers for the province of Alberta would be named "Alberta xxx.yyy" where xxx is the feature descriptor and yyy is the file extension. In addition to the standard road layers provided for each province this dataset also includes polylined versions of the road datasets which may be identified by the inclusion of a "-j" suffix in the file name. For example, the joined version of the "Alberta South" road dataset would be named "Alberta South roads-j".

There is one one master data folder per province.

The DVD also includes several Adobe Acrobat documents in addition to this readme file.

**Layer names and attribute codes.pdf** - a listing of each unique data layer type included with the dataset as well as a description of the attribute columns contained in those datasets

**Keymap.pdf** - A pdf map displaying how the map data has been divided.

**Metadata.pdf** - a brief on the datum and projection of the source data.

**Disclaimer.pdf** - a disclaimer on certain limitations of the base TIGER data and resultant shapefiles included in this data set.

**Legal Notes.pdf** - the legal terms for using the files included in this data set.

**Standard License Agreement.pdf** - the license for using the data files contained in this data set as a stand-alone, single computer data set.

**Server License Agreement.pdf** - the license for using the data files contained in this data set on a server or in a server-based application.

## **HOW TO ACCESS THE DATA**

Each file folder contained on this DVD is clearly named using the province or territory name. Simply import the desired data layers using MAPublisher or your preferred GIS software.

## **TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

For technical support and additional information on the use of the data files contained in this set please email [support@avenza.com](mailto:support@avenza.com) or call 416-487-6442. Please note that technical support is provided free of charge for the first 90 days following the purchase date. Support inquiries after that time period are subject to a per incident fee.



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