

ArcSketch 1.0 Support FAQ

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When do I have to explicitly save the sketch features which I've created or edited, and how do I do so?

Before you save a sketch layer, a sketch project, or a map document containing a sketch project, you should explicitly save your sketch work; if you don't, then you might lose some of your work. It is not sufficient to just save the map document.

To explicitly save your edits, click the Sketch Tools button on the ArcSketch toolbar, so that the standard Editor toolbar will appear and the ArcSketch Drawing toolbar will disappear. Click Save Edits from the Editor drop-down menu in the Editor toolbar, then click the Sketch Tools button on the ArcSketch toolbar again to bring back the ArcSketch Drawing toolbar.

What should I know about importing symbols into a symbol set?

When you right-click in white space in the symbol sheet for a particular symbol set, a context menu will appear. If you click From Layer and then click on a layer from which you want to import sketch symbols, all symbols used for sketch features for that layer will be imported into this symbol set, even if they already existed in this symbol set. You would typically want to delete any duplicate symbols. Take note that any symbols created in this symbol set as a result of importing from a layer will be undefined, even if they were previously defined.

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What kinds of layers can I save from and import into a sketch project?

You can save a sketch layer by right-clicking on the name of the layer in the Table of Contents, and clicking Save as Layer File. If you save a default sketch layer (Markers, Lines, or Areas) in this fashion, you won't be able to do anything with it. If you save a defined sketch layer (not within the CompositeSketch group layer) in this fashion, you will be able to import it into a sketch project. If you provide this saved, defined sketch layer to someone else, you'll need to also provide the personal geodatabase (.mdb file) of the sketch project that the defined sketch layer belonged to, since that's where the features reside.

Into a sketch project you can import a defined sketch layer or a standard layer, but not a default sketch layer.

If you want to save a default sketch layer, you should save the entire sketch project which it is a part of.

What role does a symbols category play?

The category of a symbol can be used for sorting the symbols in certain views inside the Symbol Palette and the Style Manager. It has no impact on the functioning of a symbol. It can be left blank.
