

ArcGIS 9: What's Next

ArcGIS 9.1 is the next major release of the ArcGIS family of products. Previously, this release was announced as ArcGIS 9.0.2. However, due to additional features and functionality it was renamed ArcGIS 9.1.

ArcGIS 9.1 will be a full release of ArcGIS Desktop (ArcReader, ArcView, ArcEditor, and ArcInfo), ArcInfo Workstation, ArcGIS Engine, ArcGIS Server, ArcIMS, and ArcSDE, for all supported platforms.

ArcGIS 9.1 will focus on improved quality, stability, and performance. It will include all service pack improvements as well as additional enhancements across all the products. The ArcGIS 9.1 enhancements include

- Ability to save map documents to previous versions (ArcGIS 9.0 and 8.3)
- ArcGIS Publisher can now publish globes as well as maps and integrates into the ArcGlobe application of ArcGIS 3D Analyst. ArcReader can read these published Globe documents to allow users to easily share their 2D and 3D maps and globes.
- Release of ArcGIS Network Analyst as an optional extension for advanced routing and network analysis in ArcGIS Desktop, ArcGIS Engine, and ArcGIS Server. ArcGIS Network Analyst provides tools for the creation, maintenance, and analysis of networks including routing (point to point, optimal, time constrained), service areas, and closest facility. ArcGIS Network Analyst also supports multimodal routing between networks (e.g., streets and highways, railways, bus routes, and street sidewalks).
- Enhanced productivity and integration of schematic generation and editing in ArcGIS with an updated release of ArcGIS Schematics as an optional ArcGIS Desktop extension
- Inclusion of the ArcGIS Data Interoperability extension as a standard optional extension
- Introduction of the ESRI Developer Network (EDN) to address the needs of our developer community, including greater availability of additional developer help and developer samples

Users who are current on their maintenance will automatically receive ArcGIS 9.1 once it becomes available. This release is scheduled for the first half of 2005.

For the latest information about future releases of ArcGIS, visit www.esri.com/arcgis.