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## Requirements

This program requires the Microsoft Framework version 2.0 or higher. If your PC does not have the Framework installed, please download it from the Microsoft website.

The recommended minimum screen size for Mapdraw is 1024x768. Smaller screens have some limitation. See 'Small Screens' section in this manual.

## Important

This version of Mapdraw is the Metric (Azimuth) version. For a North-South-East-West version (used mainly in the USA), please download the standard Mapdraw version.

Please download the latest version of this user manual from [www.informatik.com/manuals.com](http://www.informatik.com/manuals.com). Make sure that you always have the latest version of the software.

The properties and settings are defaulted to the most common usage but most settings can be changed in Setup. Setup can be accessed via the File menu.

The trial version caters for up to 12 line entries. If you have more than 12 entries, the system will still complete the map, but the map will be marked with 'DEMO VERSION' stamps. The licensed version allows for several hundred entries.

Please read the entire manual at least once so that you become aware of the many features of the Mapdraw.

## Troubleshooting

The common entry errors are alerted with a flashing red error icon. When you move the mouse over the error icon, a short description of the error is displayed. The error message is also shown in the status bar at the bottom on the window. Don't click on the error icon as this will disable the icon. If it is disabled and you need to see the error text again, simply move to another line in the data entry table so that the error icon reactivates.

If you cannot resolve a line error, clear the line (click on the Clear Row button) and make a new entry.

If the system encounters a processing error, you will get an error message. Often that error message is too technical to give any useful information about the problem. If you encounter such an error, run the Global Validate from the Edit menu. The Global Validate will run thru all the entries and report any data entry errors. If you need to contact technical support, always provide the full text of the error message.

## Sample Cases

For some oversimplified sample cases, that demonstrate the syntax of the data input, go to the Help menu and click on one of the several sample maps. Play with the maps, make changes and experiment. The sample data is embedded into the program and you cannot corrupt it.

## Your First Project

Simply read the deed description and enter the bearing and distance (and curve) information for each line segment in the data entry table. When you click on the next line, the data is validated and the map is redrawn. If the entry is incorrect, an error icon flashes. With your mouse, move over the error icon to see the error message.

First some comments about the navigation around the data entry table. The table has 10 visible lines and an initial 50 lines are accessible via the scroll bar. To insert a row at the current location, click on the 'Insert a Row' button or right-click on the first cell and choose the option. To add additional block of lines at the bottom, simply click 'Add 10 Rows' button. Lines can be deleted or cleared either by right-clicking on the first cell or by clicking the 'Clear Row' or 'Delete Row' buttons.

The bearings (angles) are entered in the 360 degree format, either in the degrees with optional decimals or a combination of degrees, minutes and seconds. The degree value must not exceed 360 and the Minutes and Seconds values must not exceed 60. Values can also be entered in decimals. All numbers must be positive. For zero values leave the field blank or type a 0. A version that uses the North-South/East-West notation (instead of 360 degrees) is also available.

For straight lines, simply enter the distance. For curves, enter the arc distance in the Distance field, or enter the chord in the Chord field (never both). For curves, the Radius and left/right designation are always required. For a section discussing curves, see the separate section below.

For a straight line with a bearing of the previous curve's tangent, leave the angle field blank.

The color of the lines will be solid black, unless you specify a color or drawing style (dash, dotted). The color and line style can be specified in the last column of the entry table.

Finally, there are many options for pointers that allow you to go back to the point of beginning, draw additional lots, lines from one point to another point. For this advanced options, see separate sections below.

As you enter the data and move to the next line, a draft of the map is drawn and displayed. By default, only the first 30 courses are automatically displayed, but you can change that threshold in Setup (Number of Real-time Updates setting). If not automatically displayed, click on the Redraw Map to update the draft drawing.

The Enter key moves the entry point to the next cell; the Tab key moves the entry point to the first cell on the next line.

When all entries are made, click on the Finalize Map button. Mapdraw will draw the full map on a separate screen, ready for you to edit it. By default, the map will be drawn at the optimum scale. You can set your own scale if you check the 'Prompt for Scale' checkbox. The drawn map will include the course labels drawn around the contour of the map. You have an option to leave out the call labels so that you can enter them yourself, or to add reference numbers and a reference table. Mapdraw will only insert the labels if there is space. The lines that are left without a label are marked in the Course Label list with an asterisk (\*). You can easily enter labels yourself at the correct format, location and angle. See the Editing section below for the methods of manually entering labels.

You have many editing and annotation options, including:

- Lines
- Arrows
- Rectangles
- Type text at any font, size, direction
- Insert curved text
- Change or add call labels
- Fill an area with color
- Fill an area with a hatch pattern
- Copy, cut, move and save sections
- Add images from a file or clipboard
- Erase

When done, save the map data and image map and print the map.

To cancel the last editing, choose 'Undo Last Step' from the Edit menu. For additional editing options, save the map as a graphics file (for example TIFF) and open it in Informatik Markup program. A free demo version of Informatik Markup can be downloaded from the [www.informatik.com](http://www.informatik.com) website.

## **Data Entry Table**

The table has 10 visible lines and an initial 50 lines are accessible via the scroll bar. To insert a row at the current location, click on the 'Insert a Row' button or right-click on the first cell and choose the option. To add additional block of lines at the bottom, simply click 'Add 10 Rows' button. Lines can be deleted or cleared either by right-clicking on the first cell or by clicking the 'Clear Row' or 'Delete Row' buttons.

If you use the numeric keyboard, simply enter any number to toggle between the entry values.

## **Finalizing the Map**

The Data Entry window has the following map rendering options. These options take effect when you realize the map by clicking on the 'Finalize Map' button:

### **Prompt for Scale:**

If checked, you will be prompted to enter the desired scale. See separate section on Scale.

### **Include Line List :**

If checked, the printed map will include a line list (listing of course calls). Up to 30 items fit at the bottom of the map page. If the number of segments is more than 30, you will be alerted and asked to save the list of course calls in a separate text file so that you can print it out on a separate page (using a text editor or a word processor).

### **Show Hectares / Acres:**

If checked, the printed map will include the calculated acreage value (if available).

**Show Scale:**

If checked, the printed map will include the map's scale.

**Show Corner Circles:**

If checked, the printed map will include corner circles

**Thicker Lines:**

If checked, the printed map will have thicker lines.

**Course Labels:**

Options are:

- Numbered course labels
- Text-only course labels (not numbered)
- Course reference numbers (instead of labels)
- No labels

Generally, the course labels are printed on the outside of the map's outline. Depending on the aspect of the map, in some cases, the labels may be printed inside the outline. If so, return to the main window and check the 'Labels Inside/Outside' checkbox and press the 'Finalize Map' button again. This may (in most cases) fix the problem.

## Scale

When you select 'Finalize Map', Mapdraw will default to the optimum scale, calculated so that the map fits comfortably on the printed paper. The scale calculation is based on the positions of the end-points of each line segment, without regard to the arc height of curves. So, for deep curves with vertical or horizontal bearings, the map image might (rarely) reach the borders or intrude into the text area. If the map does not fit onto the paper, or if you prefer smaller sizes, check the 'Prompt for Scale' checkbox before you finalize the map, and select your own scale.

## Editing

After all entries are posted to the data entry table, you click on the 'Finalize Map' button. The Edit Map window opens with the exact drawing of the map. You can

now edit the map, then save it and print it. The following edit options are available:

- Lines
- Arrows
- Rectangles
- Copy, Cut, Move
- White-out
- Insert Course Labels
- Insert Text
- Insert Image File
- Insert Image from Clipboard
- Watermarks
- Color-Fill
- Hatch Pattern
- Insert Curved Text
- Eraser

To cancel the last editing, choose 'Undo Last Step' from the Edit menu.

For additional editing options, save the map as a graphics file (for example TIFF) and open it in Informatik Markup program. A free demo version of Informatik Markup can be downloaded from the [www.informatik.com](http://www.informatik.com) website.

If you have some time, view the video tutorial in the Help menu.

## ***Lines***

Right-click on the map image in the Map Edit window. From the drop-down menu, choose 'Draw Line'. In the popup menu, select the thickness, or simply ignore the popup (it will disappear when you start drawing). The cursor changes to a 'cross'. With the left mouse button pressed, draw the outline of the line. Release the mouse button and the line will be drawn.

If you press the SHIFT key while drawing the line, near-horizontal draft lines will be changed to exact horizontal lines, and near-vertical draft lines will be changed to exact vertical lines.

If you draw an immediate other line the beginning point will join up with the ending point of the previous line if the two are within 3 pixels. If you press ALT while drawing lines, all lines are joint forming a continuous path. Try the following to demonstrate this feature: Draw a first line, then while holding down the ALT key, draw other lines, then click at various points to outline the path that you wish to create.

The drawing color can be selected by doing one of the following:

- Clicking on the color icon in the toolbar
- Clicking on the color sample in the toolbar
- Clicking 'Drawing Color' from the Edit menu.

To cancel the last editing, choose 'Undo Last Step' from the Edit menu.

## **Arrows**

Right-click on the map image in the Edit Map window. From the drop-down menu, choose 'Draw Arrow'. In the popup menu, select the thickness, or simply ignore the popup (it will disappear when you start drawing). The cursor changes to a 'cross'. With the left mouse button pressed, draw the outline of the arrow. Release the mouse button and the arrow will be drawn.

If you press the SHIFT key while drawing the line, near-horizontal draft lines will be changed to exact horizontal lines, and near-vertical draft lines will be changed to exact vertical lines.

If you draw an arrow starting within 3 pixels of an immediate prior line, the arrow will join up forming a continuous line.

The drawing color can be selected by doing one of the following:

- Clicking on the color icon in the toolbar
- Clicking on the color sample in the toolbar
- Clicking 'Drawing Color' from the Edit menu.

To cancel the last editing, choose 'Undo Last Step' from the Edit menu.

## **Rectangles**

Right-click on the map image in the Map Edit window. From the drop-down menu, choose 'Draw Rectangle'. In the popup menu, select the thickness of the rectangle line, or simply ignore the popup (it will disappear when you start drawing). The cursor changes to a 'cross'. With the left mouse button pressed, draw the outline of the rectangle. Release the mouse button and the rectangle will be drawn.

Rectangles are always horizontal. To draw a polygon or an irregular area, use the Line option. Draw the first line, then while holding down the ALT key, click on the two corners of the shape.

The drawing color can be selected by doing one of the following:

- Clicking on the color icon in the toolbar
- Clicking on the color sample in the toolbar
- Clicking 'Drawing Color' from the Edit menu.

To cancel the last editing, choose 'Undo Last Step' from the Edit menu.

### ***Cut, Copy, Move, Save***

You may want to remove a section of the image, move a section to another location on the image, or copy a section to the clipboard for use in other applications.

Right-click on the map image in the Map Edit window. From the drop-down menu, choose 'Copy, Cut, Move, Save'. The cursor changes to a 'cross'. With the left mouse button pressed, outline the area of interest. Release the mouse button. The selected area is encased in a square box and a popup menu appears. Chose and option from Copy, Cut or Move. Copy and Cut will copy the selected area to the Clipboard (Cut will white out the section, Copy will leave the image intact). 'Save' will create a bitmap file in 300x300 resolution.

If you select the Move option you can now move the selected area to a new location. With your left mouse button pressed, move the rectangle. When you release the mouse a new popup menu appears. Ignore it if you like to move the object again. When done, select from Cut or Copy from the popup menu. The rectangle image is inserted at the new location. Cut will white out the original location of the rectangle; Copy will leave the original location unchanged. Select Confirm from the popup menu, or Cancel.

To cancel the last editing, choose 'Undo Last Step' from the Edit menu.

## ***Redact (White-out)***

Use the Cut option in the 'Cut, Copy, Move' function, as explained in the paragraph above.

## ***Insert Course Labels***

See Course Labels section below.

## ***Insert Text***

The Insert Text function offers a comprehensive list of features and options:

- Font name, size, color
- Alignment (Left, Centered)
- Background color
- Framing (black or colored)

Right-click on the map image in the Map Edit window and choose 'Insert Text'. A Text Insert window opens where you can enter your text and choose from many options, including font name and size, text color, alignment, etc. Click on the OK button, then move the text object to the desired location and confirm.

To insert curved text, and an alternate method of inserting rotated text, see 'Curved Text' section below.

To cancel the last editing, choose 'Undo Last Step' from the Edit menu.

## ***Insert Image***

To insert an image from a file, for example your company logo, right-click on the map image in the Map Edit window and choose 'Insert Image'. Mapdraw will ask you for the file name, then opens the image specification window, where you can specify the scale (normally 100), optional rotation and transparency. If the inserted image has a white background and you want the background to be transparent, click on the Transparent White checkbox (defaulted). If you like the entire image to be partially transparent, for example for watermarks, set the Opacity to the desired level. Click on the OK button, then move the image to the desired location and confirm.

To cancel the last editing, choose 'Undo Last Step' from the Edit menu.

## ***Insert Image from Clipboard***

To insert an image from Clipboard, right-click on the map image in the Map Edit window and choose 'Insert Clipboard Image'. The option is enabled only if the clipboard contains a graphics image. The graphics specification window opens, where you can specify the scale (normally 100), optional rotation and transparency. If the inserted image has a white background and you want the background to be transparent, click on the Transparent White checkbox (defaulted). If you like the entire image to be partially transparent, for example for watermarks, set the Opacity to the desired level. Click on the OK button, then move the image to the desired location and confirm.

To cancel the last editing, choose 'Undo Last Step' from the Edit menu.

## ***Insert Rubber Stamp***

To insert a 'rubber stamp', right-click on the map image in the Map Edit window and choose 'Insert Rubber Stamp'. On the prompt, enter the text of the stamp and click on the OK button. The stamp object is displayed, move it to the desired location and confirm.

To cancel the last editing, choose 'Undo Last Step' from the Edit menu.

## ***Watermarks***

For watermarks, use the Insert Image function and set the opacity to 20-30 percent.

To cancel the last editing, choose 'Undo Last Step' from the Edit menu.

## ***Fill an Area (Color)***

'Fill an Area' fills the space that is clicked. The space in the enclosed area that is of the exact same color as the color of the clicked pixel. So, for example, a white area that is bounded by a black line will be filled with a specified color.

To color-fill an area, right-click on the map image in the Map Edit window and choose 'Fill an Area (Color)'. From the Color dialog window select the fill color. The cursor changes to a 'paint can'. Click on the bounded area that you wish to fill. If successful, confirm.

To cancel the last editing, choose 'Undo Last Step' from the Edit menu.

### ***Fill an Area (Hatch Pattern)***

Hatch-Fill fills the space that is clicked. The space is the enclosed area that is of the exact same color as the color of the clicked pixel. So, for example, a white area that is bounded by a black line will be filled with a specified hatch pattern.

To hatch-fill an area, right-click on the map image in the Map Edit window and choose 'Fill an Area (Hatch Pattern)'. The Hatch Pattern window opens. Select the hatch pattern. Optionally, choose a color (unless you prefer black). Click on OK button. The cursor changes to a 'hatch grid'. Click on the bounded area that you wish to fill. If successful, confirm.

The Hatch Pattern operation is memory intensive, so the process can be quite slow.

To cancel the last editing, choose 'Undo Last Step' from the Edit menu.

### ***Curved Text (Advanced)***

This option inserts curved text. It also includes an option for rotated text. Optionally, highlight the map's course label from the list on right side of the window. Select the option from the Edit menu or right-click on the map image and choose the option from the dropdown menu. The Curved Text window opens. Type or edit the text and set the font, font size and text color. Select an option from the dropdown list:

**Complex Curve:** Two-sided, s-shaped curve (Bezier curve)

**Symmetric Curve:** Symmetrical curve. (Default)

**Rotatable straight Line**

The background of the image will appear faintly thru the window so that you can slide the window and line up the text. The transparency is quite faint. You can increase the transparency by checking the 'Increase Transparency' checkbox.

#### Complex Curve

Select 'Complex Curve' from the dropdown list. The green icon represents the starting point of the text string; the red icon represents the end point. Move the green and/or red icons to set the general orientation of the text curve. The two square handles define the tangent of the curve, at both ends of the text, either

above or below the text line. Move any of the handles and icons until you get the correct shape.

To center the text along the curve, click on the 'Leading Space' button, until the text is correctly centered.

### Symmetric Curve (Default)

Select 'Symmetric Curve' from the dropdown list. The green icon represents the starting point of the text string; the red icon represents the end point. Move the green and/or red icons to set the general orientation of the text curve. The square handle defines the tangent of the curve; it can be placed above or below the text line. Move the handles and icons until you get the correct shape.

To center the text along the curve, click on the 'Leading Space' button, until the text is correctly centered.

### Rotated Text

For Rotated Text, select 'Rotated Text' from the dropdown list. Move the green or red icon until you get the correct angle. The green icon represents the starting point of the text string; the red icon represents the end point.

When done, click on the OK button. If necessary, move the object to the correct location.

To cancel the last editing, choose 'Undo Last Step' from the Edit menu.

## ***Eraser***

You can erase small areas. Right-click on the map image in the Map Edit window and choose 'Eraser'. The cursor changes to an 'eraser box'. Drag the cursor over the area that you wish to erase.

## **Course Labels**

Course Labels are condensed course descriptions that are drawn around the contour of the map. Unless opted out, Mapdraw inserts the labels automatically, if space is available. If the section line is short, the system will try to split the

label onto two lines. If you opt for the system not to automatically insert the labels, you can choose from many options to add the labels.

For complex maps you may not want the system to add the labels automatically. To not add labels automatically, before clicking 'Finalize Map' select 'None' for course labels; then click 'Finalize Map'. You may choose to do a 'dry run' without labels; if so, click on the 'Insert All' button in Course Labels in the Map Edit window. If the result is not perfect, you can run the Undo, then insert the labels individually or as a group.

Generally, the labels are inserted outside the map's contours. However, depending on the direction of the circuit, the angle and the direction of the curve, the label may be inside. If you need to color the inside map area and if there are labels inside the area, you need to erase the labels and insert them individually at the correct location.

By default, the labels are numbered and refer to the Line Table printed at the bottom of the map. The data entry window has an option for un-numbered labels.

The course labels can be inserted in one of the following ways:

#### **Add the labels automatically:**

If 'Numbered Course Labels' or 'Text-only Course Labels' is selected in the Data Entry window, the course labels are added automatically, as appropriate, when 'Finalize Map' is clicked. Labels are never shown in the draft display.

#### **You choose how to add labels:**

If the 'None' is selected in the Course Labels list in the Data Entry window, the course labels will not be inserted when you click on 'Finalize Map'. This will give you several options to add the labels in bulk or individually.

#### **Add labels individually:**

In the Map Edit window (after you have selected 'Finalize Map') click on an item in the Course Label List (right side of the window). The mouse cursor changes to a cross. With the left mouse button pressed, draw a line in any direction where you wish to place the label. When you let go the mouse button, the label text will be inserted. By default, the text is always inserted 'centered'. If you wish to place the text left-adjusted, press the ALT key while you insert the text. If you wish to edit the text before inserting, use the 'Insert Individual Course Labels' option from the edit

menu. Read also the 'Edit the Labels Text' section below for more options.

### **Add several labels as a group:**

This method inserts the selected items as a cluster. It is a useful option if the line segments are very short and you want to add the labels of several sections at the same location. Use the same procedure as above, but select several labels from the Course Label List. Press the CTRL key while selecting the labels. Again, by default, the labels will be 'centered'. To left-align the labels, press the ALT key while you insert the labels.

### **Add all labels:**

Click on the 'Insert All' button in the Course Label list, or select the option 'Insert Contour Course Labels (Include All)' from the Edit menu. This option is useful if the map is complex. Run the 'Finalize Map' with the Labels option set to 'None'. When the raw map is displayed, click on the 'Insert All' button. If the result is not perfect, use the Undo function in the Edit menu (or toolbar) and insert the labels individually, or as a group (see 'Add most but not all labels' option below).

### **Add most but not all labels:**

Sometimes, you may want to insert most but not all labels. In the Course Label List, select the labels that you wish to include. You are probably familiar with the standard Windows functions for selecting items: For example, if you wish to select all, except a few items, click on the first item and on the last item while holding down the SHIFT key (all items are now selected, then while holding down the CTRL key, click on the items that you wish to leave out. From the Edit menu, choose 'Insert Contour Course Labels (Selected Lines)'.

### **Choose your own text for the labels:**

Click on 'Free Text' button' in the Course Label List. In the prompt, enter your own text. With the left mouse button pressed, draw the line where you wish to place the label. When you let go the mouse button, the label text will be inserted. By default, the text is always inserted 'centered'. If you wish to place the text left-adjusted, press the ALT key while you insert the text.

### **Edit the label text:**

Check the Edit Mode checkbox, then select the item(s) from the Course Labels list. (Alternatively, click on an item in the Course Label List while holding down the ALT key.) Click anywhere on the map image. The text is displayed in an Input prompt. Change the text and click on OK button. With the left mouse button pressed, draw the line where you wish to place the label. When you let go the mouse button, the label text will be inserted. By default, the text is always inserted 'centered'. If you wish to place the text left-adjusted, press the ALT key while you insert the text.

### **Remove the labels:**

Labels can be removed with the Eraser option or with the Cut option. Right-click on the map image and choose the option.

## **Reference Numbers**

Instead of showing course labels along the map contour, you can insert reference numbers. The numbers are placed automatically if space allows and the numbers refer to the Line List printed below the map. To enable the reference numbers, before clicking on the 'Finalize Map' button, choose 'Course Reference Numbers' in the Course Labels list in the Data Entry window.

## **Curves**

Curve specifications must always include the radius and a Left-Right indicator.

The bearing of the curve is not specified, it follows the bearing of the preceding call.

If a bearing is specified, but no chord is specified, the bearing is for tangent of the curve. If a chord is specified, the bearing applies to the chord.

If not specified, the bearing follows the bearing of the previous call. In some situations you may need to insert a data row with a zero distance but with an angle specification, ahead of the curve row.

If the call is for a circle of more than 180 degrees, split the call into two separate calls. For example, a 135 degree circle can be split into a call of 90 degrees and a call of 45 degrees. For the second call you need not specify the bearing since the curve would follow from the tangent of the previous call.

To enter 'Central Angles' calculate the arc distance with the 'Calculate Arc Length (given Central Angle)' option in the Map menu and enter the arc value, leaving the Angle fields blank.

Sometimes, the bearing is indicated as a reference to the Center Point. The Center Point is at a 90 degree angle to the tangent of the curve. Some extra steps are required. Take the angle to the center point and calculate its counter-angle (90 degrees plus/minus the angle). Then enter the counter-angle as the bearing.

## **Undo**

The system backs up the last three (3) edit changes. The Undo function will iterate in rotation through the three undo backups. Small errors can often be corrected with the Eraser option.

If your maps have a large number of sections, you should save the data from time to time so that if there is a system failure you do not need to enter the data again. The system will remind you every 10 records. Simply save the data via the 'Save Map Data' in the File menu of the data entry window.

If you make many edit changes to the map, you may also want to save the image at various stages. The Undo feature only covers the last three changes. From time to time, click on the 'Save to SafetyNet' option in the File menu. Later, to revert back to the 'safety net', choose the option in the 'Undo (SafetyNet)' option in the Edit menu.

Finally, in the Edit Map window, you can restore the map image to the pre-edit status with the 'Restore' option in the Edit menu.

## Calculate Area (Acreage), Perimeter and Gap

The Area, Gap and Perimeter can be calculated with the option in the Map menu in the Data Entry window, or by clicking on the calculator button in the toolbar. Please consider the following effects in the area calculation:

1. If the map does not close, the acreage calculation will be made on the assumption that a straight line exists back to the point of beginning.
2. If you use any of the G, P or N tags, the calculations are not available. Also, if you use measurements other than feet, the acreage is not given; instead the system will provide the square measurements.

The result of the calculation is displayed in the Calculation Information field. The data can be copied and pasted to the Description text box so that the text is printed on the map.

Important: For complex maps, always perform a reasonableness test of the acreage and perimeter.

## Back to Point of Beginning

To draw the last line to the Point of Beginning (POB), proceed as follows:

**Specify the POB:** In the row where you enter the data for the section that leads to the Point of Beginning (POB), click on the Tag cell (second last cell in the row). From the drop-down list, choose the B tag. The B tag must always be on a line that has complete data for a section, never insert the B tag on an otherwise blank line. If the deed does not specify a POB, then do not enter the B tag; the system assumes that the POB is at the point of beginning.

**Draw the line to the POB:** After you have entered all the data for the deed, go to the next free line and click on the Tag cell (second-last cell in the row) and choose the C tag. Click on the Redraw button.

The line drawn to the POB is a straight line. If you need to draw a curved line to the POB, do not use the B or C tags. Instead, proceed up to the last course, then let the system calculate the gap. The calculation is available in the Map menu and in the toolbar. The calculation will give you the gap distance and the bearing. With this information enter the data for a curve, using the gap distance for the chord value.

For linking other points, please see the Tags section of this manual.

# Tags

(See also the sample maps in the Help menu)

The tags are entered in the second-to-last cell on each row. Tags provide special instructions to the drawing functions. Tags can be B, C, P, G and N.

## ***B and C Tags***

Please also read the 'Back to Point of Beginning' in this manual.

The B tag (for Beginning) specifies the Point of Beginning (POB). Setting a B tag allows you to close the map 'Back to the Beginning'. The B tag is entered in the tag cell of the line that specifies the POB. The B tag must never be entered on an otherwise blank line. If a B tag is not specified, the system takes the map's starting point as the POB.

The C tag (for Closing) causes Mapdraw to draw a line back to the POB. The tag must be on the next free line. No other values must be on that line, except optionally the color specification for the line.

## ***P, G and N Tags***

This may be the most confusing area, but you will rarely use it. The P, G and N tags allow you to mark any point in the map (the end of a section), then go back to that point and continue on from that point.

The **P tag** (for Point, as in 'set a point'), specifies a point to which you later will return. The points are set in the Tag cell on the line that terminates with the point that you wish to set. The P tag must be entered on a data line that has either a distance value or a chord value.

The **G tag** (for Go, as in 'go to'), specifies a point to which you want to go from the current location. G will draw a line to the point specified in P; G1 will draw a line to the point specified in P1, G2 will draw a line to the point specified in P2, and so on. If the P points are not specified, the line will be drawn to the start point. The drawn line will be visible and can be of a color chosen in the Color tag cell (right-most cell on each row). The points are set in the Tag cell on a blank line (other than the optional color tag). The points are named P0 to P9 (0-9) for a total of 10 points.

If you need to go to the 'Point-of-Beginning' you can use the G1 even if P1 is not specified (i.e. the Point-of-Beginning cell is filled with the 'B' tag).

If you need to go to the start-point you can use the G0 even if P0 is not specified.

The **N tag** is identical to the G tag, except that the line drawn to the P point is invisible. The tag allows you to start a new map from a given reference point. The N tag (for New, as in 'new start'), thus specifies a point to which you want to go from the current location. N will draw a line to the point specified in P; N1 will draw a line to the point specified in P1, N2 will draw a line to the point specified in P2, and so on. If the P points are not specified, the line will be drawn to the start point. The drawn line will be visible. The points are set in the Tag cell on a blank line. The points are named P0 to P9 (0-9) for a total of 10 points.

If you need to go to the 'Point-of-Beginning' you can use the N1 even if P1 is not specified (i.e. the Point-of-Beginning cell is filled with the 'B' tag).

If you need to go to the start-point you can use the N0 even if P0 is not specified.

To summarize and emphasize, G and N tags are always paired with an equivalent P tag (except optionally for the point-of-beginning and start point). For example, G5 to P5, N6 to P6. If you link a G or N tag to an unspecified P tag, the P assumes the coordinate values of the map's start point, i.e. zero-zero.

## ***Color Tag***

The color and attributes for the line are specified in the right-most cell on each data entry line. The options are:

- Red Color
- Blue Color
- Dotted
- Dashed
- Invisible

If not specified, the line will be drawn in solid black.

The thickness of the lines are specified with the 'Thick Lines' checkbox in the main window.

## Save a Map File

The data for a map can be saved to a Text file so that later you can re-open it and make changes to the map or simply re-create and print the map image. The data is saved via the 'Save Map Data' option from the File menu in the data entry window.

The map image can be saved as a PDF, GIF, PNG or TIFF file (GIF or PDF is recommended, TIFF files are rather large). The map image is saved via the 'Save Map Image' option from the File menu in the Edit Map window.

In addition you can also save the Course Label List to a text file. This option is important if the number of sections exceed 30 and do not fit on the printed map. In this case you should save the Label List and handle the printing separately outside the Mapdraw. The option is available in the File menu of the Edit Map window.

## Open a Map File

Map data files created with Mapdraw can be opened from the File menu in the data entry window. In the 'File of type' pull-down list in the 'Open File' Dialog, choose from the .map format.

Saved map image files can be opened in the Map Edit window.

## Printing

The map image can be printed from the Print option in the File menu of the Edit Map window. The paper size can be selected in the 'Print Size' dropdown list (Letter/A4 or A3 sizes). For landscape printing, check the Landscape checkbox and use the Landscape option on the printer device. There is no specific print option for printing the data table, but you can save the data, then print it out via Notepad.

For special printing requirements, or in the unlikely case that you should encounter some printing problems, save the image as a TIFF, PDF, etc. file, then open and print it via your favorite graphics viewer.

## **Balance the Map**

If the map does not completely close but you wish to print a map that appears to close, the gap can be balanced. The option is available in 'Create Balanced Map' in the Map menu of the data entry screen.

## **Small Screens**

If your screen size is less than 1000 x 750 some limitations apply. A part of the interface will be hidden, but you can access most of the functions via the menu options. If the map settings are hidden, select and set them via the Setup window (Setup is accessible via the File menu). You will not be able to individually enter course labels, so you should select the 'Numbered Course Labels' option.

Please check with Technical Support for the future availability of a version tailored for small screens.

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