Setting Layer Properties, and Saving a Layer File

To view the legend for the layers you have in your map display, access the Table of Contents (TOC). If the TOC is not visible, open the Windows menu and click on "Table of Contents".



Make sure you are viewing the TOC in the "List by Drawing Order" mode.

Most layers will be turned on and visible as soon as you select them in the MapCatalog tab.

Others may not be turned on. These you will have to place a check in the box to the left of their name in the TOC.

Others may already be checked on, but with the check mark slightly grayed-out. This means that the layer is scale-dependent and that the map view is not at a scale where the layer will display.

From the Table of Contents tab, you can right-click on any layer and perform a number of activities:



Layer Properties dialog

The Layer Properties dialog has eleven tabs that allow you to customize the layer:

From the General tab, you can create (or remove) a scale dependency for the layer.

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Scale Range		
You can specify t	he range of scales at which this layer will be shown:	
Show layer a	at all scales	
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Out beyond:		
In beyond	: <none> (maximum scale)</none>	A Q
		OK Cancel Apply

Layer Properties General Source Selection Display Symbology Fields Definition Query Labels Joins & Relates 1 V Selection Display Symbology Fields Definition Query Labels Joins & Relates 1 V Selection Display Symbology Fields Display Expression Field: DESC Show MapTips using the display expression 	? ×	From the Display tab, you can make the layer partially transparent.
Hyperlinks Support Hyperlinks using field: Feature Exclusion The following features are excluded from drawing:		
Feature ID DESC Restore Drawing Restore All		
OK Cano	cel Apply	

Layer Properties ? × General Source Selection Display Symbology Fields Definition Query Labels Joins & Relates Time HTML Popup Show: Draw categories using unique values of one field. Import. Features Categories Value Field Color Ramp Unique values GRPDESC 4 • Unique values, many Match to symbols in a Symbol Value Label Count -Quantities <all other values> <all other values> Charts <Heading> Zoning **Multiple Attributes** Single-Family residential (R1- Single-Family residential (R1-? Single-Family residential (R1- Single-Family residential (R1-? Single-Family residential - 12 Single-Family residential - 12 ? Single-Family residential (R1- Single-Family residential (R1-? Single-Family residential (R1- Single-Family residential (R1-? Þ Single-Family residential (R1- Single-Family residential (R1-? Single-Family residential (R1 Single-Family residential (R1 ? Residential (R-12, R12) Residential (R-12, R12) 2 Residential (R-18, MF-18) Residential (R-18, MF-18) ? -Add All Values Advanced -Add Values. Remove All OK Cancel

The Symbology tab allows you to change legend types, legend colors, and legend symbols.

Layer Properties	
General Source Selection Display Symbology Fields Definition Query Labels Jins & Relates Time HTML Popup	
Label features in this layer	
Method: Label all the features the same way.	
All features will be labeled using the options specified.	
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	You can change Label characteristics from the
Text Symbol	Labels tab.
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B Z U Symbol	
Other Options Pre-defined Label Style	
Placement Properties Scale Range Label Styles	
OK Cancel Apply	

You can select subsets of a
layer (e.g. only Commercial
and Industrial Zoning) by
using the Definition Query
tab.

Layer Properties			? >
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Definition Query:			
"ZCLSDESC" = 'commercial' OR "ZCLSDESC" = 'industrial'			
Query Builder			
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Saving your settings in a Layer File (.lyr)

In the TOC, right-click on the layer.

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-	Convert Symbology to Representation		
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<u> </u>	Create Layer Package		
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Browse to desired location, provide a suitable Name and click "Save".

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Saved layer files can be imported into ArcMap in the same way as shapefiles or other data.