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Subject: Re: county and urban shapefiles

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On Feb 1, 12:33 pm, mcn...@neo.tamu.edu wrote:

> I'm looking to add county and urban borders to some plots I'm  
> producing for my graduate work (more specifically, the city limits of  
> Houston and borders of the surrounding counties). Does anybody know  
> where I can find these shapefiles and how I can implement them into my  
> code?  
>  
> Thanks! -Andy McNeel

I like to visit the GIS Depot to get those (free) administrative and political shapefiles.

<http://data.geocomm.com/catalog/US/61085/sublist.html>

Also, the ESRI ArcData site has a nice way to extract (free) data for shapefiles over different parts of the world, like Dunedin, New Zealand. You select the region of interest and the site will save all the shapefiles in a nice downloadable zip file.

[http://arcdata.esri.com/data\\_downloader/DataDownloader?part=10200](http://arcdata.esri.com/data_downloader/DataDownloader?part=10200)

And of course, David Fanning has tutorials for reading these files with IDL and applying them for your project.

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