
Subject: Re: Shapefile 'parts' woes

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 19 Mar 2008 12:33:46 GMT

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Gaurav writes:

> I have a shapefile with many polygons. Most of these polygons have
> holes and hence these have multiple parts. I wish to create a new
> shapefile by modifying points in some 'parts' of the polygons. How do
> I access the points of a particular 'part' of a polygon? I went through
> the two examples: the one in help and the other in demo programs-
> showing the globe, but could not deduce how to solve my problem.

You might be able to deduce how to access these parts, which I
call "cuts" in DRAWSTATES, a program to try shapefiles:

<http://www.dfanning.com/programs/drawstates.pro>

> Would anyone be kind enough to bail me out of the rut or point me to
> some link where I might be shone upon with the divine light?

Don't look for divine light from me. I remember it as
a confusing slog, with more perspiration than inspiration.
What you see in that program is the sum total of my knowledge
of shapefiles, if not more.

Cheers,

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.dfanning.com/>

Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
