
Subject: Re: Creating Polygon Shapefile with IDL
Posted by [Matt\[2\]](#) on Fri, 10 Jun 2011 17:31:44 GMT
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On Jun 10, 10:16 am, Patrick Leinenkugel <lei...@googlemail.com> wrote:

> <snip> I got my shapefile with the polygons and their respective
> attributes. However, when I open the shapefile with ArcGIS, it seems that
> one edge, namely the edge between the starting vertex and the end vertex is
> missing, <snip>

> What am I doing wrong? Do I have to 'close' the polygon shapefile by
> adding a fifth vertex, namely the same vertex as the starting vertex,
> to the entity? I tried this out but it didn't work either. I am sure
> there is a very simple solution to this problem. If anybody has the
> answer, it would be very nice of you to let me know.

I'm not an expert, but I have a guess. My first thought was that you had to close your polygon, but you say you tried that. My next guess would be, that you aren't using the correct entity identifier when you start your shapefile. Polygon (5) vs. polyline (3)?

If this doesn't solve it, you'll probably have to post some sample code that replicates the problem.

Good luck, hope this is useful.

Matt

Subject: Re: Creating Polygon Shapefile with IDL
Posted by [Klemen](#) on Sat, 11 Jun 2011 11:54:35 GMT
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You have to close the polygon - first and last point have to be the same. Take a look at this example that creates a geolocation shape for a region of MODIS image.

http://groups.google.com/group/comp.lang.idl-pvwave/browse_thread/thread/ef1136e58091682/348732867553aef7?hl=en%3Fhl%3De n#348732867553aef7

Cheers, Klemen

Subject: Re: Creating Polygon Shapefile with IDL
Posted by [Patrick Leinenkugel](#) on Tue, 14 Jun 2011 07:27:46 GMT

On 11 Jun., 13:54, Klemen <klemen.zak...@gmail.com> wrote:

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- > Cheers, Klemen

It worked!!

Indeed, the problem was that I have not closed the polygons correctly.

Thank you very much for your help, Klemen and Matt!

Cheers, Patrick
