
Subject: Mapping issue with mapcontinents, /usa and /canada

Posted by [Geo](#) on Wed, 10 Aug 2016 17:04:22 GMT

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Any help appreciated

Cheers

George.

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Subject: Re: Mapping issue with mapcontinents, /usa and /canada

Posted by [Geo](#) on Wed, 10 Aug 2016 21:32:50 GMT

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On Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 11:04:29 AM UTC-6, Geo wrote:

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OK, I figured it out - it's all about using the /hires keyword. I was using hires for the USA - but not for the continents - and there are considerable differences.

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