

Installation instructions for the Data Menu Tool 3/2/2005  
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This tool was written for ArcGIS 9.x and has been tested with Windows XP and Windows Server 2003.

The DataMenu.exe file is a self extracting zip file.

1. To start the installation, double click the DataMenu.exe file.  
(It is recommended to use the default install location: C:\Program Files\ArcGIS\DataMenu)
2. Click "Yes" then "OK" to the next two dialogs.
3. Start ArcMap, from the "View" menu select "Toolbars" then "Data Menu Toolbar".
4. Click the first button on the toolbar to open the window.

The following files are required for deployment:

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*****THESE FILES MUST BE IN THE SAME DIRECTORY*****  
_INSTALL.bat - registers dll using regsrv32 and runs DataMenuDocWin.reg  
DataMenu.chm - compiled html help file  
DataMenuDocWin.dll - compiled vb project  
DataMenuDocWin.reg - registers the dll in the component categories  
Settings.ini - this file stores the path to Layers.mdb  
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THIS TOOL ONLY WORKS WITH LAYER (\*.lyr) FILES. GROUP LAYERS MAY BE USED BUT THE METADATA FUNCTION WILL NOT WORK CORRECTLY.

MS Access 2000 or greater must be installed or you will not be able to edit the layers and categories.

Layers.mdb - this file stores the theme name, path, and category to be used in the data menu. This database stores the information that is used to build the tree view window. Some categories have been provided but feel free to modify them. The layers table contains sample data to demonstrate what is expected; to create your own layers first delete the existing sample records.

Each layer in the Layers table must have a corresponding category or the layer will not be displayed. You must restart ArcMap after making changes to the database, before the new layers will appear.

The database is located in C:\Program Files\ArcGIS\DataMenu, if you would like to share the same database with multiple users, copy the database to a common location.

Next open the C:\Program Files\ArcGIS\DataMenu\settings.ini file on each machine, under the [DataLocations] key change the path to the location of the Layers.mdb file.