

LandView® 6 ReadMe File

LandView 6 is published in two release formats— *LandView 6 National DVD* and *LandView 6* (2-DVD set). Each DVD includes the LandView Install program available either from an Autorun screen, displayed on insertion of the DVD, or from an Install directory on the DVD. By default, LandView is installed at the root level of the C:\ drive, at *c:\lv6a*. This application directory requires approximately 20 MB of drive space.

While the application program requires little drive space, LandView's data and map files require several gigabytes of drive capacity, and users must decide whether or not to access the data from the DVD or from their hard drives. For more information on system requirements, please see the *System Requirements* Help topic which can be found at the LandView 6 Help site, URL: http://landview.census.gov/geo/landview/lv6help/lv6_contents.html

The LandView 6 Publication Formats

LandView 6 is published as a 2 DVD set—*LandView East* and *LandView West*. Each DVD contains complete data and map sets for one half of the United States—the States of Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana are common to both DVDs. While primarily intended for accessing data and maps directly from the DVD, the data sets from either *LandView East* or *LandView West* can be installed on a Local Area Network (LAN) or on a hard drive of sufficient capacity.

The *LandView 6 National DVD* comes *without* the TIGER/Line® map layers, an essential element for displaying LandView data in an appropriate geographical reference. These detailed topological files—miscellaneous, railroads, roads, roads (major), shoreline and water—must be obtained either from *LandView 6* or the previously published *LandView 5*.

Providing TIGER/Line Maps for the LandView 6 National DVD

The *LandView 6 National DVD* is intended for installation on either a LAN or on a hard drive of sufficient capacity. LandView Help files provide additional information relating to these installations. In addition to the Install directory, the National DVD contains two data directories—LV6 which contains the LandView data files and MAPS which contains the MARPLOT® map files. The DVD also contains a file, *marplot.vnx*, which provides instructions to MARPLOT as to the location of available maps. However, MAPS on the National DVD contains only those map files linked to EPA, Census, and USGS LandView data files. *They do not contain TIGER/Line map layers—those files providing topological data such as roads, railroads, rivers, etc.*

The TIGER/Line layers are available either from the 2-DVD release of LandView 5 or the current 2-DVD release of LandView 6. For further information on how to set up the *LandView 6 National DVD* please see *The LandView 6 National DVD* Help file, available on installation from the LandView Home page.

Getting Started with LandView

Upon installation, LandView places a startup icon on the desktop. With or without the DVD still in the DVD drive, start LandView. The application opens to the LandView Home page.

It is suggested that users first access the **Help** button. A **Table of Contents** directs users to specific facets of the program. Two articles are of immediate interest—*Network Installation of LandView* and *Alternate Installations of LandView*. Based on decisions made here, users can now complete the installation of their LandView program.

Users of earlier versions of LandView may feel comfortable enough to attempt immediate navigation of LandView and its mapping program, MARPLOT, from the available buttons and MenuBars. Most users will profit from two additional Help articles—*Getting Started* and *The FileMaker® Interface*.

The **Tutorial**, also available from LandView Home, is a programmed approach to exploring many of the features of LandView and MARPLOT while employing examples taken directly from a user's home geography.

Upgrading from LandView 5

If you, as a user, are upgrading from LandView 5, there are two cases to consider—either you installed the LandView 5 application on your hard drive and accessed the data files from a LandView 5 CD/DVD or, with LandView installed, you copied the data and map files either to a LAN or to your hard drive.

In either case, you should un-install the LandView 5 application, primarily because LandView 5 contains its own version of MARPLOT, and it is poor practice to have two versions of the MARPLOT program on your computer. You can run the LandView un-install program from the Control panel, but you will have to manually delete the *c:\lv5* directory from your computer.

All Census files from LandView 5 (the DP-1 table) are repeated in LandView 6 together with the added Census Tables DP-2 to DP-4. Both the U.S. EPA database and the GNIS database have undergone minor updating.

If, however, you have installed data and map files to a LAN or to a hard drive, you need to take additional steps. If this is the case, you probably have copied: an LV5 folder, a MAPS folder and a file—*marplot.vnx*. Also, you may have installed LandView 5 from a State CD and you are now upgrading to a national data set. If you are upgrading from a State CD, there is nothing to save, and all of the above should be deleted.

Again, if you purchased LandView 5 and are replacing it with LandView 6, there is little point in saving the map files. It is easier to delete the above and start from scratch.

The exception comes if you purchased and installed the LandView 5 National DVD. If so, you most likely have a more complete set of TIGER/Line layers on your computer, and these should be saved. LandView 6 again comes with a LV6 data file directory, a MAPS directory and a *marplot.vnx* file. The LV6 data directory replaces the LV5 data directory. The new *marplot.vnx* file replaces the identically named *marplot.vnx* from LandView 5. The LandView 5 MAPS directory contained five subdirectories—CENSUS, EPA, FEDLANDS, USGSGNIS and TIGER. Each of these agency maps have changed. Each should be deleted and replaced with the identically named directories from LandView 6 MAPS. However, unless you have made other changes, the TIGER subdirectory, containing all state map sets with individual county sub directories, should be the same for both LandView 5 and LandView 6.