

Software ease of use

Information in brackets relates to where a teacher evaluation differed from that of the GIS professional.
This is to give some indication of how the ease of use may change once the user has more experience.

| | Obtaining | | | | User Interface | | | | Licensing | | | | Performance ^x | Data | | | | Help | | | | | |
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| | Web-based Tool | Method* | Obtain Easily | Install Easily | Familiar Environment | User Friendly | Learning Curve | Ease of Navigation | Number of Machines** | Period of Time*** | Use at Home? | School deals? | | Data Preloaded | Included Data to be Imported | Download From Website | Location of Saved Files ^{xx} | Built into Software | On Vendor's Website | Hardcopy of Manual | Extent of Help | Level of Help | Quality of Help |
| Software | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AEGIS 3 | | P | | ✓ | L (M) | M (H) | H (M) | M (H) | S/Site | | ✓ | ✓ | H (L) | ✓ | | UD | ✓ | ✓ | | H | M (H) | H | H (M) |
| Arc Explorer | | D | X | ✓ | H | H (L) | L (H) | H (L) | U | U | ✓ | | H | ✓ | ✓ | N/A | ✓ | ✓ | | H | L (H) | H (M) | H |
| ArcView | | P | | ✓ (X) | H (M) | H (L) | M (H) | H (L) | Site | U | | ✓ | H (L) | ✓ | ✓ | UD | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | H | M (H) | H (M) | H (M) |
| Cadcorp | | P | | ✓ | H | M | H | H | | | | | H | ✓ | ✓ | D/UD | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | M | H | H | H |
| Digital Worlds | | P | | ✓ | M | M (L) | M (H) | M | U | U | | ✓ | M (H) | ✓ | | UD | ✓ | | | M (H) | M | L (M) | L (M) |
| Geomatica Freeview | | D/P | | ✓ | L | L | M (H) | M (H) | U | U | ✓ | | M (H) | ✓ | | N/A | ✓ | ✓ | | H | M (H) | H | H (L) |
| Geomedia Pro | | P | | X | H | H | H | M (H) | S/Site | A/U | ✓ | ✓ | H | ✓ | | UD | ✓ | ✓ | | H | H | H | H |
| Geomedia Viewer | | P | | ✓ | H | L (M) | H | H (M) | U | U | ✓ | | H | ✓ | | UD | ✓ | ✓ | | H | H | M (H) | L (H) |
| IDRISI | | P | | ✓ | H (L) | H (L) | M (H) | H (M) | S/Site | U | ✓ | ✓ | H | ✓ | ✓ | UD | ✓ | ✓ | | H | H | H | H |
| InfoMapper | ✓ | R | ✓ | ✓ | L (M) | H | M (H) | M (H) | Site | A | | ✓ | H | ✓ | ✓ | W | ✓ | | | H | M (H) | M (H) | M (H) |
| Local Studies | | P | | ✓ | M (H) | H | M (L) | M (H) | 1-5 | | ✓ | | H | ✓ | | UD | ✓ | | ✓ | M (H) | L (H) | H (M) | H (M) |
| Manifold | | P | | X | M | L | H | M | Site | | | | H | | ✓ | UD | ✓ | ✓ | | H | M | H | H |
| Map Explorer | | D/P | X | ✓ | M (L) | H (L) | M (H) | H (M) | U | U | ✓ | | H | | | UD | ✓ | ✓ | | M (H) | L (H) | M (L) | H (L) |
| Map Importer | | P | | ✓ | H | H | L (M) | H | | | | | H | ✓ | | UD | ✓ | | | M (L) | M (L) | H (M) | H |
| Maptitude | | P | | ✓ | M (H) | M | H | M (H) | S/Site | U | ✓ | | H | ✓ | | UD | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | M (H) | L (H) | M (H) | M |
| Mapping Skills | | P | | ✓ | M (H) | H | M | H | S | | | | H | ✓ | | D/UD | ✓ | | ✓ | M | M | M (H) | H |
| Maps Direct | ✓ | R | | ✓ | M (H) | H | L | H | Site | A | | ✓ | M (L) | ✓ | | N/A | ✓ | | | L (M) | L | H (M) | H (M) |
| Map Skills Plus | | P | | ✓ | L | M (L) | M | L (M) | 1-35 | | | ✓ | H (M) | ✓ | | UD | ✓ | | | L | M (L) | L | L |
| Memory Map | | P/D | | ✓ | M (H) | H | L (H) | H | S/Site | | | ✓ | H | ✓ | | N/A | ✓ | | | H (M) | M (H) | H (M) | H (M) |
| Multimap | ✓ | | | | H | H | L | H | U | U | ✓ | | H | ✓ | | N/A | ✓ | | | L (H) | L (H) | M (H) | H (M) |
| Our School Aerial | | P | | ✓ | M | H (M) | L (H) | H (M) | | | | ✓ | M | ✓ | | ? | | ✓ | | H (M) | M (M) | H (M) | H (M) |
| Streetmap | ✓ | | | | M (H) | H | L | H | U | U | ✓ | | M (H) | ✓ | | N/A | ✓ | | | L | L | M (L) | M (L) |
| Tracklogs 50 | | P | | ✓ | H | H | L | H | 1 | U | | | M (H) | ✓ | | UD | ✓ | ✓ | | H | M (H) | H | H |

H = High, M = Medium, L = Low

* D = Download, P = Purchase, R = Register

**S = Single Machine, Site = Site Licence, U = Unlimited

*** A = Annual, U = Unlimited

^x Based on performance and stability of the software on evaluation including processing time and if it crashed during testing

^{xx} D = Default, UD = User Defined, W = Web space