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Why My Data Doesn't Line Up

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- **Missing**
- **Incorrect**
- **Geographic/datum transformation not set**

Scenario

- Routing application for Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio.
- Indiana and Michigan data are in the same coordinate system.
- New Ohio data does not line up.

Goals

- **Do any layers have an unknown coordinate system?**
- **Where is the 'unknown' data relative to the 'known' data?**
- **Use ArcMap to identify the unknown coordinate system**
- **If found, use ArcCatalog to define the metadata**

Demonstration!



Does it work? **NO**

- Research for more information.
- Metadata?
- Data provider or source?
- Similar data types (1:24k quad)?
- Common coordinate systems used in the area?
- Spatial Adjustment or Georeferencing toolbars

Resources

- Esri Knowledge Base (support.esri.com)
- Article ID #: 23025
 - FAQ: Projection Basics: What the GIS professional needs to know
- Article ID #: 24893
 - HowTo: Identify an unknown coordinate system using ArcMap
- EPSG Geodetic Parameter Dataset
 - <http://www.epsg-regisry.org> or <http://www.epsg.org>

Questions?



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