Working with Cartographic Representations

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What are cartographic representations?

- A way to symbolize features to solve cartographic challenges
- A storage model that stores symbols with data
- Part of a feature class, managed through a layer
What can representations do?

Representations can draw features cartographically
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Representations can produce dynamic geometry which may differ from spatial geometry.
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Feature classes can have more than one representation to draw the same data in different ways.
What can representations do?

Representations can be data-driven to tailor symbols to feature attribution

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Streets drawn with one symbol

Casing and fill width from attributes
How do I get started?

Convert a symbolized layer to a representation on the source feature class from the Table of Contents
How do I draw representations?

You can symbolize a layer by a representation if one (or more) exist on the source.
What are representation rules?

- Like symbols: a set of drawing instructions
- Consist of:
  - symbol layers
  - geometric effects
Sample representation rule

- Lake representation rule:
  - marker layer
  - stroke layer
  - fill layer
Working with representations
Geometric Effects and Marker Placement Styles
Representation rules

Representation rules contain:

• symbol layers- *drawing instructions*
• geometric effects- *dynamic geometry changes*
• marker placements- *marker position instructions*
What are geometric effects?

- Dynamically change geometry before symbol applied
  - Affect all symbol layers, or just one
  - Can convert geometry type
- Can work sequentially
- Extensible: write your own
Chaining geometric effects

- The dynamic output of one geometric effect becomes the input geometry for the rule
- Geometric effects can be chained together
- Geometric effects can be applied to the whole representation rule symbol, or just one symbol layer
Representation geometry logic

- The geometry of the last effect in the chain must match the geometry of the symbol layer
  - Else a geometry logic warning appears
Geometric effects examples

- Dashes
- Move
- Extension
- Offset Tangent
- Suppress

Swimming Area
What are marker placements?

• Position representation markers
  - Along lines and polygon outlines
  - Within polygons
  - In relation to points

• Extensible: write your own
Marker placement example

- **stroke layer** - *solid outline*
- **marker layer** - *large dots*
  - placement = along outline
  - offset = -3 pt
- **marker layer** - *medium dots*
  - placement = along outline
  - offset = -7 pt
- **marker layer** - *small dots*
  - placement = inside polygon
  - offset = -10 pt
Creating representation markers

Marker Editor

- Import font glyphs, edit vertices
- Draw polygons and lines
- Align, order, group, rotate
- Resize, erase, warp
Geometric effects and marker placements
Overriding representations
What are representation overrides?

Exceptions to the rule
- Customize individual features
- Made while editing

Property overrides
- Change any property of the rule

Geometry overrides
- Store alternate geometry
Property override

Create an exception to the rule
Geometry overrides

Must enable representation to handle geometry overrides
Creating overrides

- Interactively with the representation toolbar
- Explicitly change rule property
- Use field in the attribute table to define override
- Cartographic Refinement geoprocessing toolset
Interactive overrides

Use the Representation Properties window to manage feature overrides
Overrides in explicit fields

Link symbol layer properties to feature attributes
- Size, width, angle, visibility, etc.

Draw symbols based on current data

Any rule property can use attribute values
- Must use valid field data type

Reduce duplication of rules
Using geoprocessing

Cartographic Refinement
- feature-level

Representation Management
- representation-level
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