Sharing Data over a Network

For your student projects, you may want to access the data on the shared GISdata drive. This will allow you to access:

- ArcGIS Tutorial Guides and Documentation
- Digital Ortho Photos (VT DOQ, NAIP, and historical air photos)
- VCGI data in a personal geodatabase format (.gdb)
- Plus much much more!

Mapping a drive to another computer over a network allows you to access those remote accounts just like it was a hard disk on the PC you are using. The PCs in Aiken room 222 automatically map a drive to your personal Zoo account (and assign Drive Z) when you log on to the PC. For other PCs, however, you will need to map a drive. To map a drive, click on the “My Computer” icon in the Start list. Under the Tools menu, select MAP NETWORK DRIVE.

The system will select an available drive letter and then type in “\zoofiles\gisdata”.

![Map Network Drive](image)

Windows can help you connect to a shared network folder and assign a drive letter to the connection so that you can access the folder using My Computer.

Specify the drive letter for the connection and the folder that you want to connect to:

- Drive: Y:
- Folder: \zoofiles\gisdata

Example: \server\share
- Reconnect at logon
- Connect using a different user name.
- Sign up for online storage or connect to a network server.
Check it out!

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