

**ArcGIS is the most common GIS software in North America.**

The main components of the suite are -

**ArcCatalog**

Accessing, managing, and creating GIS data and metadata.

**ArcMap**

Data display, analysis and communicating results via map products.

**ArcToolbox**

Data conversion, management, processing, and analysis. ArcToolbox is accessed from within either ArcCatalog or ArcMap.

**ArcPad**

Data collection software for GPS-capture and digitizing.

**Licensing Levels**

3 different levels of licensing are available: ArcView, ArcEditor and ArcINFO, in increasing order of functionality.

To determine which level licensing is installed, in ArcMap or ArcCatalog choose, Help / About.