## Introduction

ArcGIS is a suite consisting of a group of geographic information system (GIS) software products produced by Esri.

ArcGIS is a system for working with maps and geographic information. It is used for: creating and using maps; compiling geographic data; analyzing mapped information; sharing and discovering geographic information; using maps and geographic information in a range of applications; and managing geographic information in a database.

The system provides an infrastructure for making maps and geographic information available throughout an organization, across a community, and openly on the Web. (wikipedia)

Two important components of the suite are ArcCatalog and ArcToolbox.

