



This International Standard will describe a Web Map Server (or just Map Server). A Map Server can do three things.

It can:

1. Produce a map (as a picture, as a series of graphical elements, or as a packaged set of geographic feature data),
2. Answer basic queries about the content of the map, and
3. Tell other programs what maps it can produce and which of those can be queried further.

The standard is of particular relevance to the following sectors:

Sector	Of particular interest
Developers of GIS products	Yes
Developers of GIS application systems	Yes
Producers/ suppliers of geographic data	Yes
Users of geographic data and GIS	Yes
Developers of standards	

For further information on this standard and its implementation, please contact ISO/TC 211 secretariat via www.isotc211.org.