

## Working with Views

Please read the documentation of [the Mapserver](#) and read the [Maps Mapfile Tutorial](#) if you need to learn the basics of a Mapfile.

## Creating Views

## Specifying the View

The VIEW must be used as VIEW1,VIEW2,VIEW(n)...VIEW30. Followed by a location id/location name and the extents in double quotes.

```
VIEW1 "location id, "  
VIEW2 "location id, "  
VIEW3 "location id, "  
...  
...  
VIEW30 "location id, "
```

## Set View Extents

Get the map extents for the view you want to display and set the minx, miny, maxx, maxy values inside the double quotes " " separated by comma ','.

```
VIEW1 "location id,minx,miny,maxx,maxy"
```

## Adding in the Views

A Mapfile contains a WEB object. Inside the WEB object the METADATA keyword can be used to store your views and close it with an END. You can have up to a maximum of 30 views.

```
#
# Start of web interface definition
#
WEB
...
....
.....
METADATA
  VIEW1 "location id,minx,miny,maxx,maxy"
  VIEW2 "location id,minx,miny,maxx,maxy"
  VIEW3 "location id,minx,miny,maxx,maxy"
  ....
  ...
  VIEW30 "location id,minx,miny,maxx,maxy"
END
....
...
END
```