FME and MapInfo FAQ

What FME® capabilities are available in MapInfo Professional 9.0?

MapInfo Professional users receive out-of-the-box direct read for MapInfo Universal Translator formats, no translation required. As an added bonus, support for ArcSDE and Geodatabase* reading is also included.

Users must have ArcGIS installed on their machine to be able to use these data sources. To extend MapInfo with FME, you must have a license for FME.

What formats can FME read?

FME significantly extends format reach for MapInfo users. MapInfo Professional includes direct read support for 9 formats at no charge. By upgrading to an FME license, MapInfo users also receive the ability to read and write data in hundreds of additional GIS,CAD, vector, raster, spatial, non-spatial, and database formats. A detailed listing of supported formats is available at: *www.safe.com/mapinfo*.

How can I evaluate using FME with MapInfo Professional?

If you have MapInfo Professional installed, download a 14-day free trial of FME at *www.safe.com/tryit*. After you have installed and licensed your evaluation copy of FME, the format capabilities of MapInfo Professional are automatically. To import data in additional formats using FME, select Universal Data from the File menu.

Can I export data using FME?

Yes. This is supported when using a full license of FME. It is not available in the free integration provided in MapInfo Professional.

Is there a limit to the number of datasets I can access within a single FME workspace?

No. FME gives users the flexibility to directly select individual datasets, multiple datasets, or entire data warehouses.

Does the coordinate system setting in the Open Universal Data dialogue box perform a coordinate system conversion?

No. It simply tags the features with a selected coordinate system. If the data contains coordinate system information, it can be marked as "read from source" or left blank and the coordinate system will be read from the data.

Can non-MapInfo layers be saved in a MapInfo workspace?

Yes. After the workspace is re-opened, these layers will be read back so they are available for future use.

At the end of a session, what happens to thematic maps or labels with non-native layers?

If you save the workspace, all thematic layers will be restored the next time they open the workspace. If features were changed or deleted or new features were added to the data source in its own format, this will still be reflected in MapInfo.