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### 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 coma ','.

```
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
```