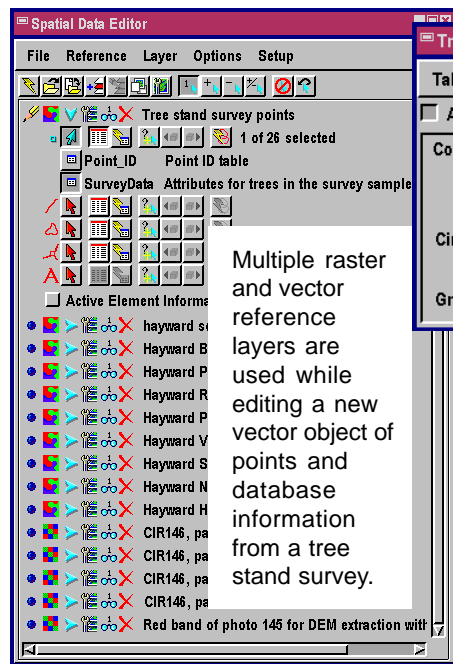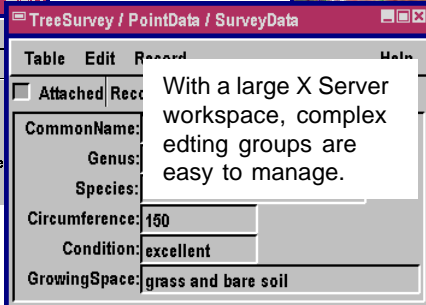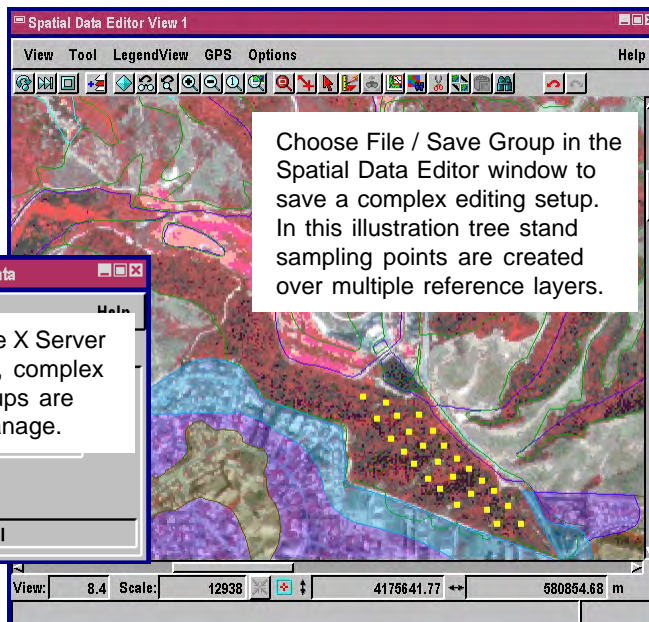# Save/Restart a Complex Editing Session

The Spatial Data Editor lets you create a complex editing group with several editing layers and several reference layers. You can save the whole group and reopen it another time. A saved editing group retains all editing conditions, so when you open the group in your next session, you can resume your work exactly where you left off.

Choose File / Save Group in the Spatial Data Editor window to save a complex editing setup. In this illustration tree stand sampling points are created over multiple reference layers.

With a large X Server workspace, complex editing groups are easy to manage.

Multiple raster and vector reference layers are used while editing a new vector object of points and database information from a tree stand survey.

Save a group To save an editing group, select Save Group from the File menu in the Spatial Data Editor window.
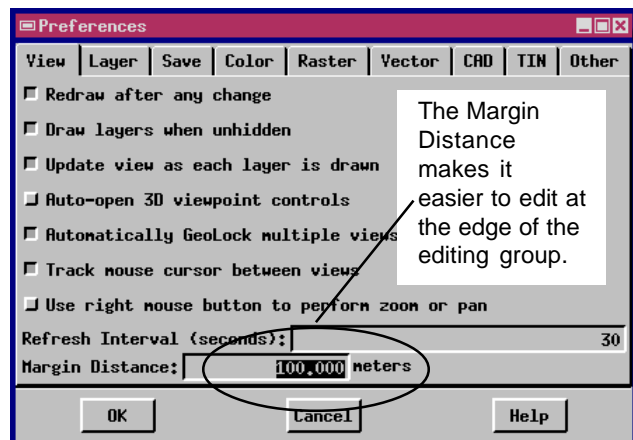
Open a group To open a previously saved editing group, select Open from the File menu in the Spatial Data Editor window.

View a group You can view an editing group in the display process by selecting Open Group from the Open menu in the Spatial Data Display toolbar.
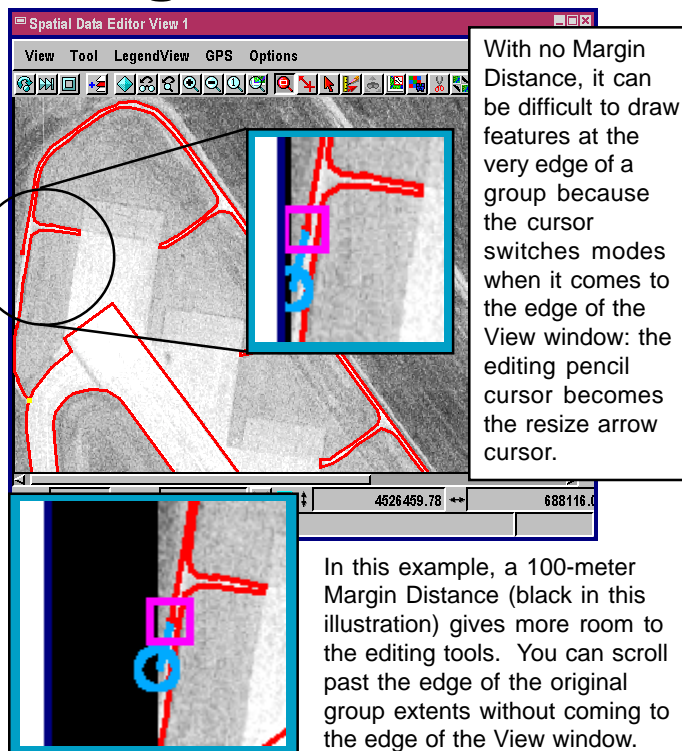
Setting a Group Margin Distance

The View tab in the Preferences dialog (Setup / Preferences) in the Spatial Data Editor lets you set a margin distance that makes editing easier at the edge of the group. Note: this Margin Distance is for the editing process and has nothing to do with margins used for Display Layouts and Hardcopy Layouts.

The Margin Distance makes it easier to edit at the edge of the editing group.

With no Margin Distance, it can be difficult to draw features at the very edge of a group because the cursor switches modes when it comes to the edge of the View window: the editing pencil cursor becomes the resize arrow cursor.

In this example, a 100-meter Margin Distance (black in this illustration) gives more room to the editing tools. You can scroll past the edge of the original group extents without coming to the edge of the View window.

Select Preferences from the Setup menu in the Spatial Data Editor window and click on the View tab in the Preferences dialog.