
Production Release: Online Tool to Start a Survey Mark Description File

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User-Friendly Online Tool to Build a Survey Mark Description File

[Start a Description File \(SDF\)](#) is a web page that is designed to help users jumpstart the process of creating a simple mark description file. The mobile-friendly web form allows the user to identify marks already in the NGS database, and populate the description file with metadata taken from the database. For new marks, the form facilitates the building of the description file by prompting the user for the necessary metadata inputs. The tool outputs a file in a format that can be loaded into WinDesc for final processing and QA/QC. This product is designed with OPUS Projects users in mind, but is useful for anyone who creates description files.

This is not a web implementation or replacement of WinDesc but is intended as a stop-gap measure to make WinDesc easier to use, until there is a replacement.



Start a Description File (SDF)

Start a Description File (SDF) is a tool that helps you begin the process of creating a description file. To start using this tool enter a list of PIDs that you would like to include in your file. If you have previously worked on a file you can upload the exported JSON file from your previous session. It is also possible that the browser will have remembered your file from a previous session.

Once you are done using this tool, use the "Export to file" button to save your work as a json file. After exporting the file, open WinDesc and use the "File > Import > From a SDF .json file" function to load your data into WinDesc.

Enter PIDs in the box below one line at a time to edit their descriptions

Retrieve Descriptions of PIDs

Load from file

Export to file

Select Mark

1 marks in this file

Add New Mark

Remove this mark

PID ⓘ

SSN ⓘ

Designation ⓘ

Stamping ⓘ

Recovery Agency Category ⓘ

Recovery Agency ⓘ

Recovery Date ⓘ

Recovery COP ⓘ

Condition ⓘ

Monumentation Agency Category ⓘ

Monumentation Agency ⓘ

Mon. Date ⓘ

Mark Type Cat. ⓘ

Mark Type ⓘ

Setting ⓘ

Specific Setting ⓘ

Magnetic ⓘ

Rod depth(m) ⓘ

Sleeve depth(m) ⓘ

Stability ⓘ

Description ⓘ

Latitude ⓘ

Longitude ⓘ

This mark is adjusted. It is not possible to update the position using this form.

Get position from GPS

Get position from map