## What is a TIN data set?

The 3D Analyst has the ability both to create TIN data sets and to work with them. A TIN data set is stored in a workspace. Each data set is stored as a separate directory that contains files which define the characteristics of the TIN. All output TIN data sets are created in a project's working directory, which is the user's home directory by default.  It can be set either by using the Project Properties dialog or by choosing Set Working Directory from the view or 3D scene File menu.

**Do not use your computer's file system commands on TIN data sets.**

Do not rename or delete any of the files contained in a TIN directory. The 3D Analyst will need to access these files and will search for them by their specific names. Use the Source Manager in the 3D Analyst to manage your TINs. To access the Source Manager, choose the Manage Data Sources in the File menu of a view or 3D scene. Set the Source Type to TIN and move to the location containing the TIN. With the Source Manager you can copy, rename, or delete a highlighted TIN data set.