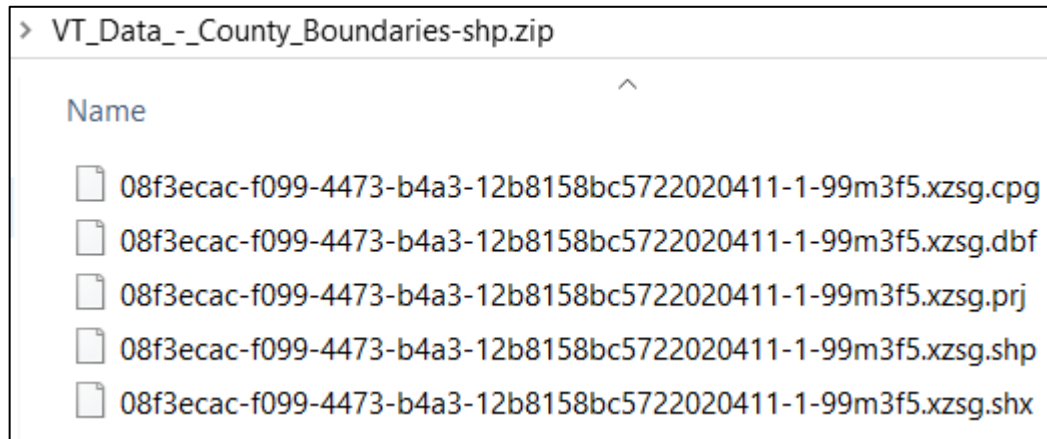


# Workaround for Odd Shapefile Name & Attribute-Table Error– #BUG-000130655

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## THE ISSUE

Some shapefiles downloaded from the open-data portal have an odd GUID-like name—instead of an intuitive name. For example:



For some of those shapefiles, the attribute table is inoperable (error message in ArcMap and possibly other clients), due to inclusion of fields that don't have valid shapefile field-names (e.g., Shape.STAr).

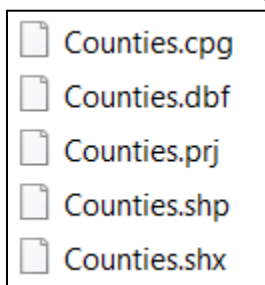
The portal runs on the Esri ArcGIS Hub platform; Esri has logged a bug (#BUG-000130655) for this issue.

## THE WORKAROUND

1. Close GIS clients that are open. Carefully—use the operating-system file-explorer (e.g., Windows Explorer) to rename the shapefile's constituting files; name all of the files w/ the **EXACT** same name.



Normally, a shapefile's constituting files shouldn't be altered using anything other than GIS software. Doing so has a risk of damaging the shapefile.



2. If the shapefile's attribute table is inoperable:
  - a. Add shapefile to ArcMap.
  - b. Right-click shapefile in table of contents | Properties | Fields tab

- c. Turn-off visibility of fields that begin w/ **Shape.** | OK
- d. Right-click shapefile in table of contents | Data | Export Data
- e. Export to a new shapefile, which should be operable.