

Details of file naming convention:

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Watercourse data

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The data for each hydrometric area or rectangle is in a separate group of files.

There are four different types of watercourse (though not all are present in every hydrometric area or rectangle).

These are classified as:

- river (with `_riv_` in the file name),
- 'surface pipes' - man-made channels for transporting water, e.g. aqueducts and mill leets (with `_sp_` in the file name),
- canals (with `_can_` in the file name), and
- miscellaneous channels (these include lake and estuarial centre lines - but in many hydrometric areas these are just classified as river - and some underground channels - though again this classification is not comprehensive (with `_misc_` in the file name)).