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The concept of a  $D$ -space was introduced by Eric van Douwen back in the 1970's. The initial concept is not hard:  $X$  is a  $D$ -space if for every neighbor net  $\{V_x : x \in X\}$  of  $X$  there exists a set  $D \subset X$  such that  $D$  is closed and discrete and  $\cup\{V_d : d \in D\}$  covers  $X$ . A set-theoretic tree,  $T$ , is said to be  $L$ -special if there exists a function,  $f : T \rightarrow L$  such that if  $s <_T t$ , then  $f(s) <_L f(t)$ . This talk will discuss for which  $\alpha < \omega_1$ ,  $[0, 1]^\alpha$ -special trees are known to be  $D$ -spaces, and which are known to be hereditarily  $D$ -spaces. (Received January 18, 2011)