

## Re: gps receiver with linux

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On Wed, 03 Nov 2004 09:46:04 -0600, Nathan wrote:

> *JiggaHertz wrote:*

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>> *I am interested in getting started in gps navigation. I am looking for a  
>> cheap gps receiver that uses NMEA interface to use with my linux  
>> laptop. I remember reading in the past that those with a serial interface  
>> are less problems with linux. Is this still true? If anyone has any  
>> recommendations for a starter gps receiver, I would greatly appreciate it.*

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> *I don't know if your laptop has USB, but for laptop use, I find the  
> USB GPS 'mouse' is the best bet. They're small, inexpensive and are  
> powered by the laptop so you only have a single cord to worry about.*

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> <http://www.gpscocity.com/gps/brados/2012.1.3384970736810245415/laptopgps.html>

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Thanks, this was exactly what I was looking for. Do you have any recommendations on any of the gps usb mice on gpscopy? The Garmin 18 – USB says

The output format on the OEM 18 USB will only work with the Garmin MapSource Software. The GPS unit will not do live tracking with any other software available.

Does this mean I couldn't use one of the opensource programs that supports the NMEA format?