

## Re: GPS and Map interactivity

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"john" <[john@hudson8889.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:john@hudson8889.fsnet.co.uk)> wrote:

>My cynical interpretation is that the car routers have bought/digitized a  
>low grade/outdated copy of the OS maps to avoid copyright problems and cut  
>costs. They have then checked out the major routes and town centres and  
>corrected their maps by GPS but haven't bothered with the rural routes.

My guess is that the people who are doing the digitizing probably rely on consumer grade maps, especially city maps, rather than use official, surveyed maps. In addition, the people doing the digitizing, naturally have absolutely no local knowledge of the places they are working on.

I have noticed that publishers of street maps (the tourist stuff you get at the gasoline station), often introduce deliberate errors into their maps. On occasion it may be just a poor choice to include a road where there is only a legal easement but no actual road had been built. Misspelled local names are rather frequent as well.

Let's face it, to map the entire planet to the satisfaction of most GPS aficionados would be a rather monumental task and to do so accurately would be nearly impossible. If most people consider the current products to be expensive, and I am one of them, just imagine how much it would have to cost if they did a really good job of the maps.

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Greetings from Lotusland