

Re: MapSource Topo 2008 downloading maps question

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Jack Erbes wrote:

eCS and OS/2? Almost time to move up to Windows ME, no? Just joking of course, I'm stuck at Windows 2000 Pro for now, not sure when or if I'll get much beyond that.

This machine, a ThinkPad T60, came with XP. My T23, with W2000 pro, By and large I prefer W2K over XP and fail to see any advantage to XP for my few uses of Windoze – MapSource, nRoute and Google Earth. Everything else I use runs better and faster under eCS and with no need to defrag ever.

FYI, eCS is the successor to OS/2. When IBM quit supporting OS/2, a European outfit took it over and continues development under the name eCS. I have read about people having to periodically re-install Windows. I have done only four installs of OS/2–eCS in 10 years of use. Once when I first got OS/2 Warp4 in '97, once when I got a new machine, once when I went to eCS from OS/2 and twice when I got new machines. Only once in that ten years have I crashed the system so badly (through a combination of a very bad piece of software and me doing something stupid) that it appeared a re-install would be necessary. However formatting the boot drive and unzipping my most recent backup to it had me back up in only a few minutes and with no loss of software or data.

The gmappsupp.img file is the compiled (if that is the right word for the process) supplemental map image file that is created and uploaded by MapSource as part of the process of adding supplemental maps to a Garmin. That folder and filename is the default for all Garmins and, as far as I know, it is the only location and name that the Garmin software will use.

Interesting. My previous unit was a GPS–V which had only 19MB available for maps. I moved to the 76Cx for the SIRF chip, the colour screen and the ability to use very much expanded memory.

The gmappsupp.img files can be copied off of the GPS and saved for later use. Doing that is generally faster than recreating the file again. If you want to put multiple gmappsupp.img files