

Re: Real time, GPS-localized, Wikimapia and news

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It would be nice if someone came out with a GPS receiver that could download Wikimapia data and real time data (News, etc.) that would be played back in audio, text and/or video as one moved around.

Features should include such things as the selection of, and the distance and direction to, the kinds of things and events of interest.

A satellite news subscription service could be set up to feed live data (news, etc.) to receivers all over the globe, and of course the military could set up a system to map and report battlefield conditions, and alert units of items of affecting them..

For example, you could be driving along and be alerted to the fact that there was an accident, traffic problem, fire, interesting event, etc. near you, and you could be alerted to the places of interest near you as you walked or drove around.

New knowledge-based, low power consumption toys are needed to grow the economy while reducing the load on the planet.

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Tom Potter

Traffic alerts already exist by ordinary digital radio (at least in Britain). Turn the feature on and the alert breaks in on the music.

Make yourself some money, get on and write it, it is always nice if someone else does the work, it sounds as if it is something Google might try.

I'd be happy if I could download books to my phone instead of going to the library, although I'd really want a page-sized screen and twin batteries, one on charge while I used the other, as I do with my mouse.

I love to lay in bed reading a book, but some are way too heavy to hold at a comfortable angle. A lightweight illuminated screen as on a gameboy (with zoom feature) would be ideal, all I want is text but illustrations would be simple enough. I'd save money, too by turning the bedroom light off. Who needs paper anyway? It may be an advance over clay tablets, but it is still primitive and a fire hazard.

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