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GIS247 – expert knowledge, flexible training. Providing e-learning for GIS users.

GIS247 Course Updates

Due to the recent release of ArcGIS version 10.2 we have been focusing our training course development on updating existing courses to the latest version. The training that is ready for release addresses the changes to the software.

We also have a new module in our GIS Essentials series.

New training that has arrived:

- What's New in **ArcGIS v10.2** – full course with presentations & exercise
- **GIS Essentials:** Map Projection - An Introduction – presentation

The introduction of 'Closed Captions' on the presentations component of our new courses is proving useful and popular. There are many benefits of using the closed captions option and these are well documented as being beneficial to the learning process.

New training that is on its way:

- Beginners Guide to MapInfo v12.0 – full course with presentations & exercises
- Upgrading from ArcGIS v10.0 to v10.2
- Beginners Guide to ArcGIS v10.2 – full course with presentations & exercises
- Intermediate Guide to ArcGIS v10.2 – full course with presentations & exercises
- Mastering Guide to ArcGIS v10.2 – full course with presentations & exercises
- GIS Essentials: Map Projection - Projection Elements – presentation
- GIS Essentials: Map Projection - Projection Types – presentation

If you would like to see any particular training course, modules or new software/topics become available please do let us know. Email us at info@GIS247.com

Interesting in the world of GIS…

NASA satellites used to predict zebra migrations

One of the world's longest migrations of zebras occurs in the African nation of Botswana, about a 360 mile round trip! But predicting when and where zebras will move has not been possible until now.

Using NASA rain and vegetation data, researchers can track when and where arid lands begin to green, and now for the first time anticipate if zebras will make the trek or, if the animals find poor conditions en route, understand why they will turn back.

Read the full article and watch the news reel to find out how researchers have used cues gleaned from GPS tracking of the zebras and satellite data to predict when the zebras will be on the move - a powerful tool for conservation.

The GIS247 Store is now open!

We have made it even easier to purchase and renew a licence to e-learning in MapInfo and ArcGIS on-line with the launch of our new on-line Store.

All types of licence are available; Ultimate, Set User and an Academic / Charity licence.

Visit: www.GIS247store.com

Course in Focus

Intermediate Guide to ArcGIS

The Intermediate Guide to ArcGIS training course is designed to follow on from the GIS247 Beginners Guide to ArcGIS and provides the opportunity for users to enhance their skills to an intermediate level.

It is also suitable for users who are already using ArcGIS (ArcMap, ArcToolbox and ArcCatalog) periodically, but want to develop their knowledge further.

This Intermediate course builds upon core user skills obtained from the Beginners course by introducing the more complex functions of 'ArcGIS for Desktop' in relation to adding, querying, displaying and analysing data. Additional functions such as creating and building Geodatabases, joining/relating information based on attributes, analysis by location features and creating buffers are considered.

The course is structured as a combination of presentations and hands-on exercises over 9 sections. GIS247 provides the Intermediate Guide to ArcGIS training courses for all previous versions of ArcGIS 9 and 10, with the most recent training courses developed incorporating the latest changes introduced at version 10.2.

GIS247 E-learning Courses

- ArcGIS - beginner through to advanced
- MapInfo - beginner through to advanced
- ArcGIS Extensions
- GIS Essentials

ArcGIS and MapInfo courses are available in all software versions.

Question of the Month: What is a GIS247 Administrator?

Every organisation with a licence to GIS247 appoints a person to be in charge of their training licence. This GIS247 administrator can create accounts for individuals from their organisation giving them unlimited access to the training. They can also delete accounts, re-set passwords, restrict access to certain courses, create groups to organise users and they can also review the progress that each individual has made with their training.

Can there be more than one Administrator?
Yes - We recommend that a second person has administrator capabilities, just in case the main administrator is away and a user needs something like a password re-setting. Individual users can *always* contact GIS247 directly if they need to.
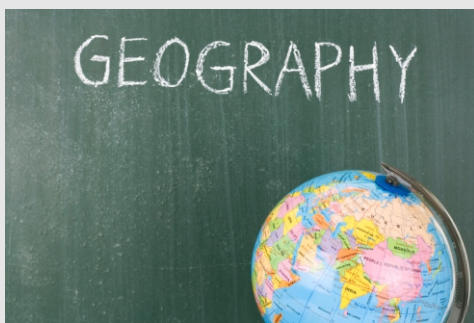
GIS247 Website Changes

Not all the changes and improvements to the GIS247 website are obvious at first. Some of the improvements are under functions

The Administrator has the ability to review which training presentations each user has watched and are therefore able to check their progress. We have changed the way that previously viewed presentations are listed, making big improvements to how easy it is to see each person's progress. Presentations are now listed under a software heading and version, followed by course which is followed by course section.

With the more obvious - you may have noticed that in the last few months we have been using a new logo!!!

If you have any suggestions about how you would like the site to work or look please do let us know. Email us at info@GIS247.com

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E-Learning Benefits

Once of the principal benefits of e-learning is that the training content can be much more thorough than a face to face approach.

Presentations - with no time constraint they can be more extensive and detailed. Important functions can be fully and thoroughly explained with engaging visual aids, graphics and video of the software in action.

Hands on Exercises - again with no time constraint exercises can cover a bigger range of technical steps to a more extensive degree. Of course there is a limit to how much information a person can absorb in one go so the ability to pause and repeat the presentations is ideal. Also the GIS247's exercises are designed into discreet sections so that people can save their progress and return to complete the remaining sections as suits them.

Read about all the benefits that e-learning has to offer.

We are here!

One of the highlights of the AGI's calendar is here!

This week the GeoCommunity '13 'Open for Business' Conference is taking place at the East Midlands Conference Centre in Nottingham. As GIS247 is a sponsor, members of our training team are here showcasing some of our recent training presentations.

The conference is going well and the range of keynote addresses and conference papers are really engaging, keeping everyone up to date with the latest developments in the industry. It has been fantastic to see so many of our customers this week and hear how they are enjoying GIS247's training courses.

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