



GIS247 IN FOCUS

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

GIS247 Website Changes

Our developers have been working on more changes behind the scenes. These enable your organisations GIS247 Administrator to more easily manage your training licence.

It's now clearer how to set up users, create groups and manage course access. Administrators can now also access individual assessment certificates to review progress.



User feedback from the introduction of our new Search function has been good. It allows you to search all the courses, modules and GIS Essentials for a particular word or phrase, returning a list of all the relevant presentations.

It currently works on the ArcGIS training and will be expanded to support the search-ability of the MapInfo training very shortly.

Suggestions on what capabilities you would like to have are welcome. Please email us at info@GIS247.com



GEO Business 2014

GIS247 were delighted to exhibit at the new GEO Business 2014 Conference held in London on 28th – 29th May.

Not only did attendees get to experience the international exhibition of more than 100 Geospatial suppliers from around the world, they were able to see and hear about products and services at over 80 commercial workshop sessions providing the chance to see the latest releases first hand. Conference visitors also had the opportunity to hear what's new and exciting in the fast moving Geospatial industry at this innovative conference.

This new Geospatial event is the result of an extensive consultation process with industry, which has highlighted the need for a joint show that involves all the major players representing the Geospatial community. The conference was put together with the support of the UK's key Geospatial and survey organisations (RICS, ICES, TSA and AGI).

GIS247 were one of the conference sponsors, so members of our training team were at the event showcasing some of our recent training presentations and meeting lots of our customers and future customers!



Debbie Soloman, GIS247 Training Manager commented "We were very pleased to be a sponsor and exhibiting at this new Geospatial event. We spoke to lots of delegates from a range of organisations about their use of GIS and training needs. Some people hadn't considered e-learning before and were surprised when we showed them how simple it is to use and how comprehensive the training is."

The conference was really well organised and the range of keynote addresses and conference papers were very engaging, keeping everyone up to date with the latest developments in the industry. The Conference Programme included papers and work-in-progress reports on all aspects of Geospatial technology and applications ranging from sessions on: 'Making Data Deliverable'; to 'Smart GIS'; to 'BIM meets Geospatial'.

It was fantastic to see some of our customers at the conference and hear how they are enjoying GIS247's training courses and to meet new people interested in e-learning too. We look forward to seeing you all again next year at GEO Business 2015!

GEO Business 2015 will return to the Business Design Centre in London from the 27th – 28th May 2015.



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New Accreditation by the Royal Geographical Society



All GIS247s ArcGIS and MapInfo Professional training courses are now accredited by the Royal Geographical Society (RGS). This means you earn points towards the CPD component of their Chartered Geographer (CGeog) status by following our e-learning. A minimum number of CPD points are needed each year to maintain your CGeog status.

Chartered Geographer (CGeog) is the only internationally recognised professional accreditation for those with competence, experience and professionalism in the use of

geographical knowledge, understanding and skills in the workplace.

The number of course points awarded for completing each GIS247 course will show in each course information box once you log in. We are currently adding this information to reflect our new accreditation.

GIS247 Continues to support the environment

There is no doubt that e-learning is good for the environment – it reduces travel and the need for printing. We are also doing our bit to support recycling by only using pens made from recyclable material.

These were very popular at the GEO Business event where we gave them away. If any of our customers would like some GIS247 pens simply let us know.



GIS247 Workshop at GEO Business 2014

More than 80 Geospatial workshops were held in seven parallel sessions that were hosted through out the 2 days by manufacturers, operators and services providers during the GEO Business 2014 event, and all were free to attend!

Debbie Soloman, Training Manager at GIS247 hosted a great workshop outlining how GIS247 works and how e-learning is accessed, including a live demonstration of the training available. All those that attended enjoyed the session and found it really informative.

Course Updates

New Training that is on its way:

* MapInfo training in versions 11.0, 11.5 and 12.0

- Beginners Guide
- Intermediate Guide
- Mastering Guide
- Advanced Guide

* Courses in QGIS

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



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.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Catherine (GIS247 Sales Coordinator) on the safe arrival of her baby girl. Little Thea was born on 7th May. Mum and baby are doing well.

Interesting the World of GIS

What the Internet really looks like: Undersea cables wiring the Earth

The information age is powered by thin fiber-optic cables buried in the sea bed, spreading between continents to connect the most remote corners of the planet. These massive wire networks account for practically all of our international web traffic, and each one has been logged by Washington research firm Telegeography in its interactive Submarine Cable Map 2014.

For international communications, over 99% is delivered by undersea cables. It's a common belief that satellites are the future of how things are carried, but that hasn't been the case for quite some time. Satellites are used for broadcasting, and are useful for rural communities and very remote places. The main advantage of cable is it's a lot cheaper. Satellite capacity is limited so it's very expensive, whereas cables in comparison can carry a massive amount of data.

Read the full article and check out the maps on the CNN website: <http://edition.cnn.com/2014/03/04/tech/gallery/internet-undersea-cables>



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