### Location, location, location... Don McAllister Host/Producer of ScreenCastsONLINE

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- How Location Based Services Work
- Mac & iOS Core Applications
- Third Party Apps Using Location
- Privacy Issues

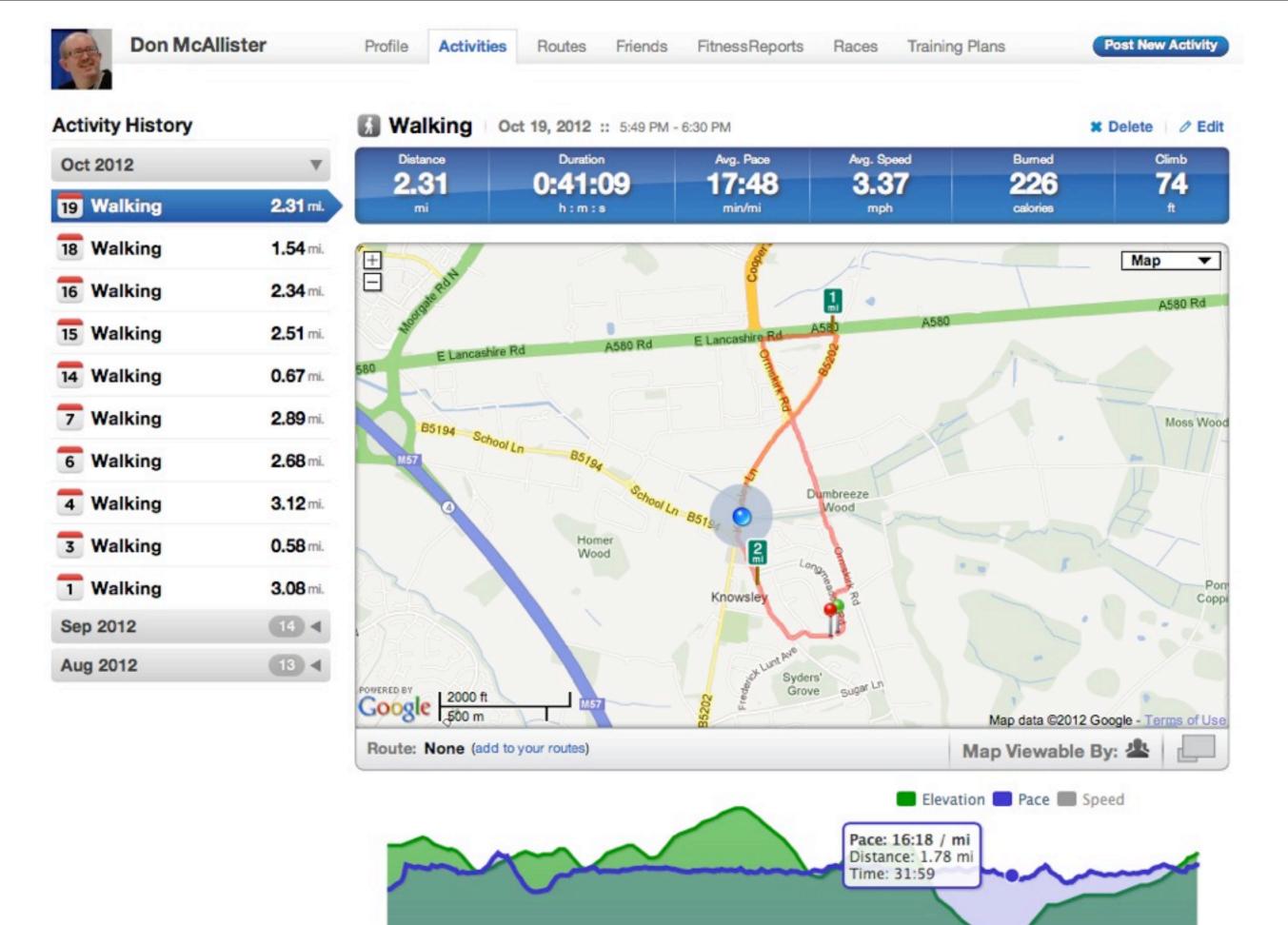
### **Location Based Services**

#### What do we mean?









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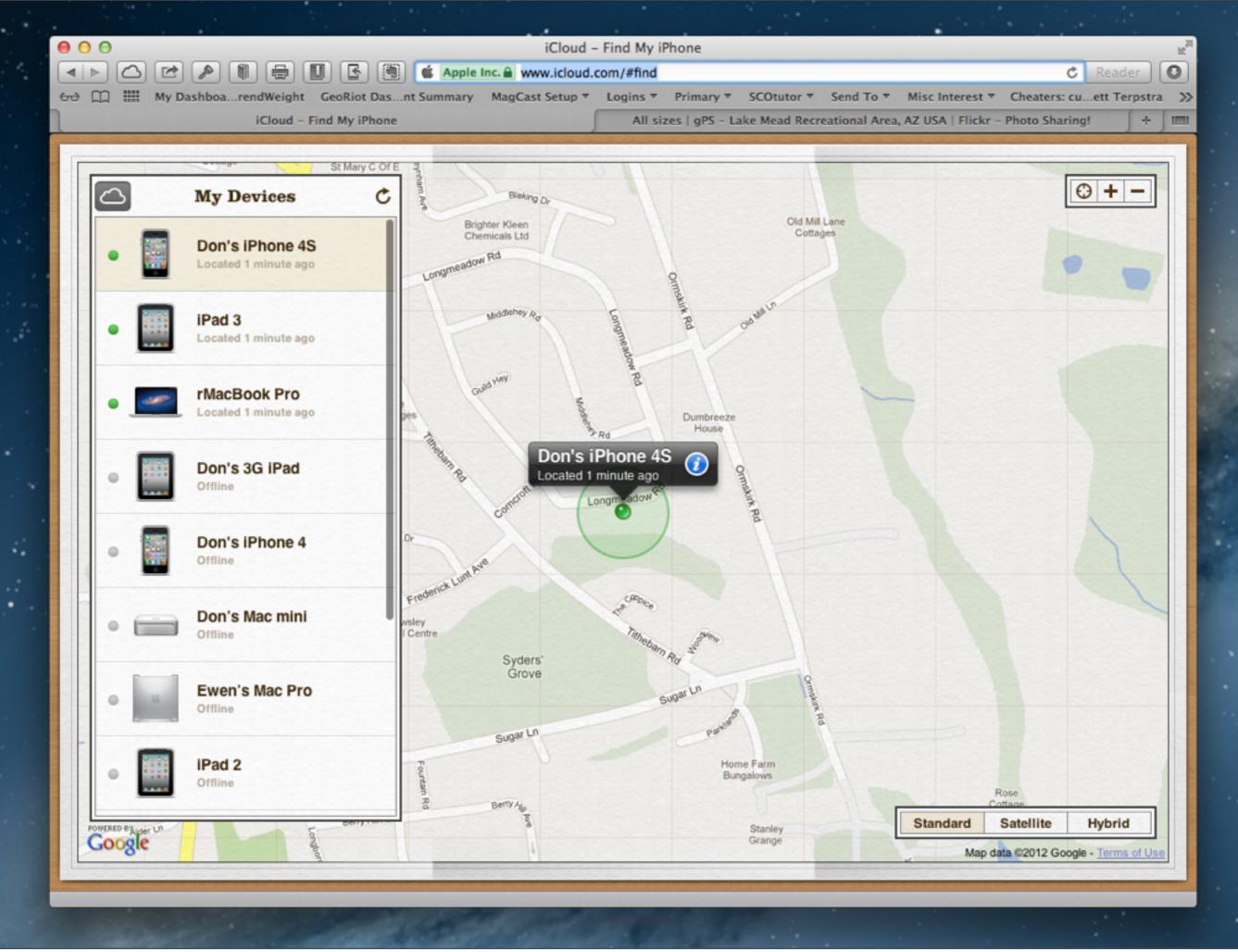
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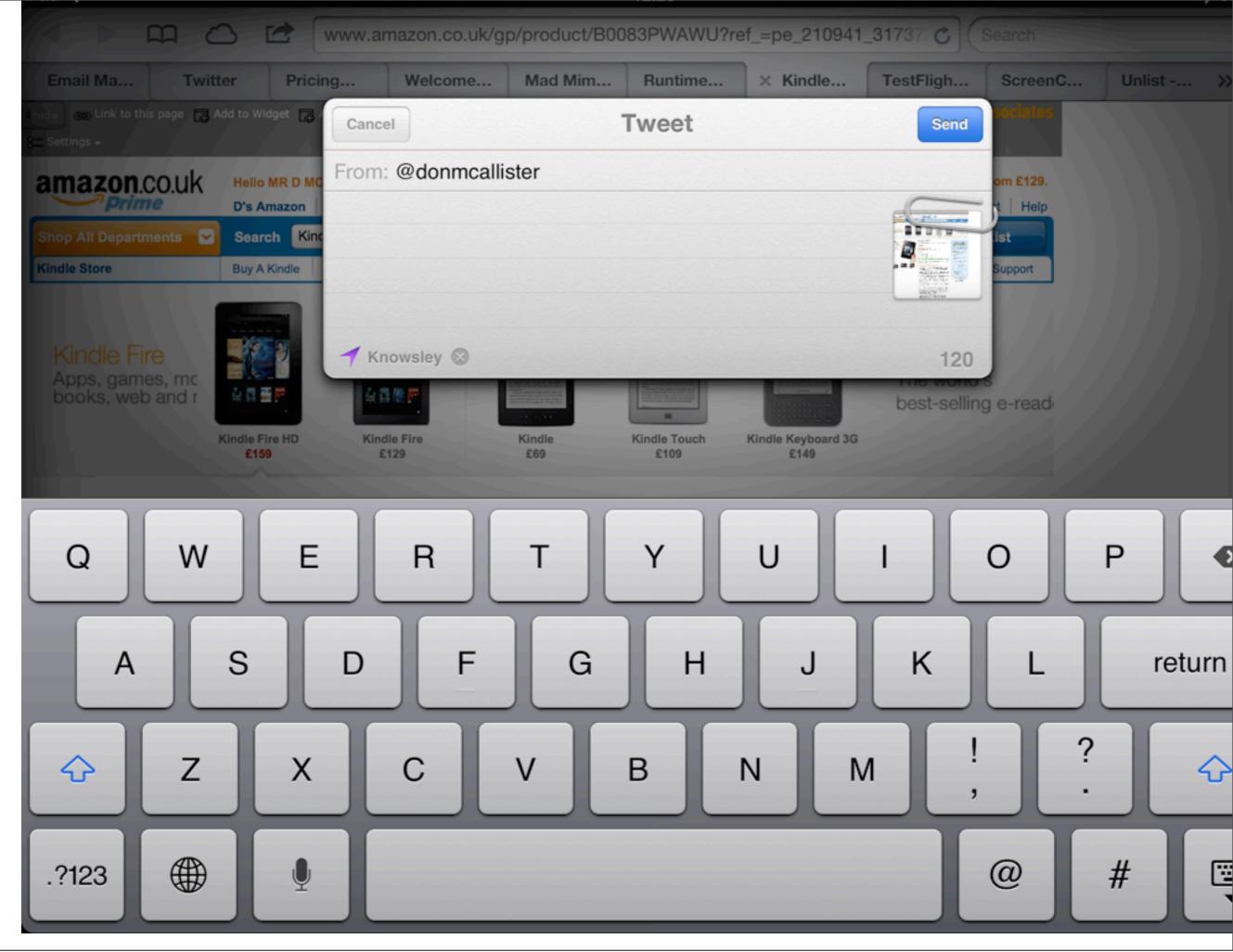
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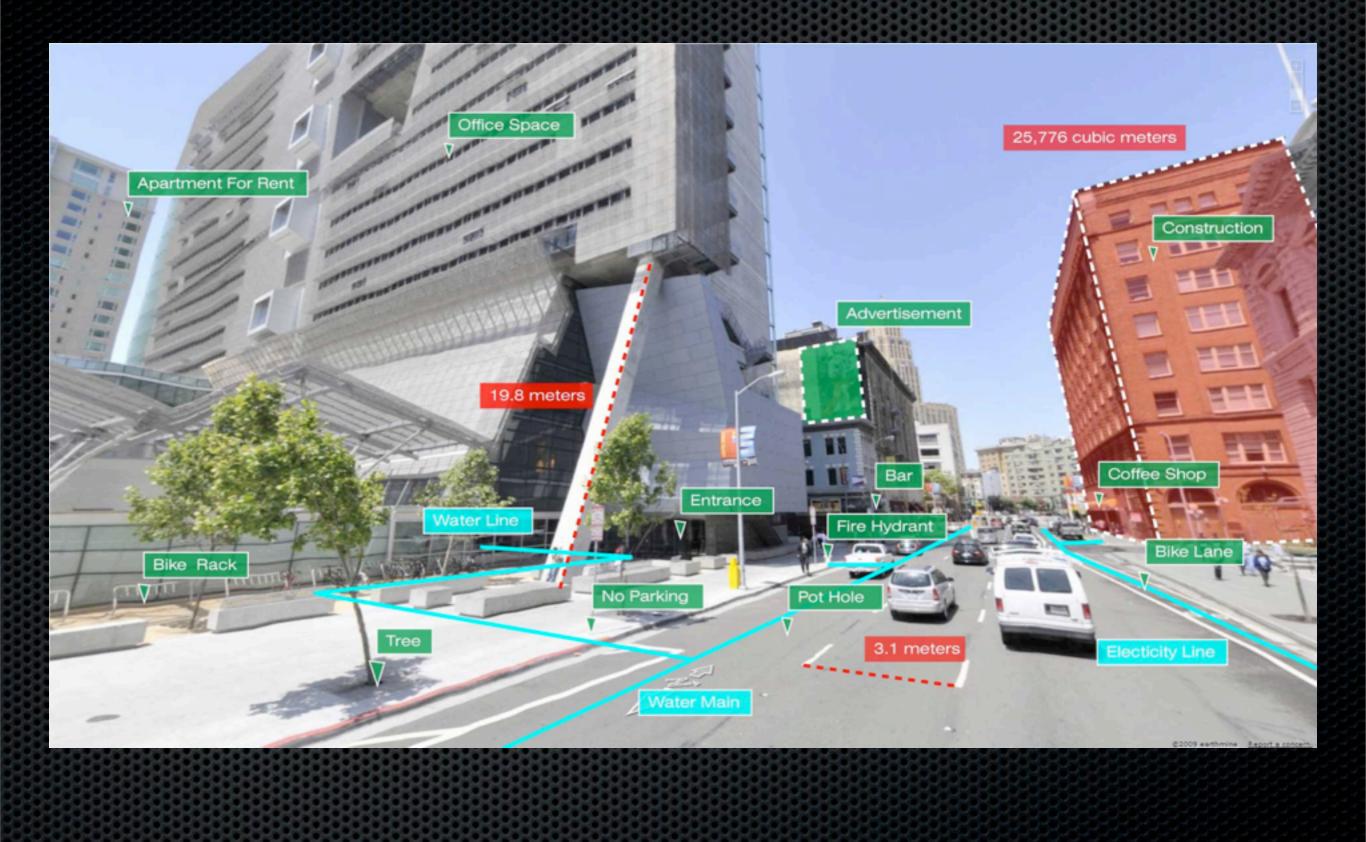


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### Background Tracking



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## **How Location Based Services Work**

#### **GPS** - Global Positioning System

- 24 Satellites (NAVSTAR)
- US Dept of Defence
- Each orbits twice a day locked in a precise orbit
- 12,000 miles high, 7,000 miles per hour
- Lasts for 10 years



## **How Location Based Services Work**

#### **GPS** - Global Positioning System

- Receiver needs to lock onto 3 satellites for 2D position - (latitude & longitude) and tracking
- Needs 4 or more to determine 3D position altitude



## **Sources of GPS errors**

- Numbers of visible signals
- Atmospheric delays
- Reflections off buildings
- Timing errors

#### So what if I can't lock on?

#### **Assisted GPS or A-GPS**

- Requires data connection
  - Supply orbital data or precise time
  - Other data to calculate more precise GPS position
- WiFi Positioning triangulation based on WiFi base stations
  - Google, Navizon & Skyhook Wireless
- Cell Site Triangulation or other hybrid means

Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic. Arthur C. Clarke, "Profiles of The Future", 1961 (Clarke's third law)

#### **Assisted GPS or A-GPS**

How your phone knows where it is

**Carrier GPS** 

Your cellular network can

assist in locating your

phone by providing the

location and orbit data.

Your provider constantly

orbital data using its own

GPS receiver (located

where it can always see

the satellites above), and

stores the data in a GPS server located near the receiver. Having already obtained the orbital data, your phone now needs far less than 30 seconds to get a location fix.

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#### A primer on GPS and Assisted GPS

#### **GPS** satellites

Thirty of these birds—24 operational plus some spares—are spinning around the earth all the time, and your phone needs a direct line-of-sight connection to at least four of them to get a proper 3D location fix. Without any assistance from cellular or Wi-Fi networks, this process takes about 30 seconds, in which time your phone must learn the positions and orbits of all the satellites, then find the right four of them and measure the time it takes to receive signals from them. The length of those time intervals is what helps your phone determine its place on the globe.

When your phone's line-of-sight view of the satellites is obstructed. your cellular provider can help out by giving the device its rough location based on its distance from the cell towers in the area. Armed with this data (and the satellite orbital data), your phone now needs only about a second of contact with the nearby satellites to derive its exact location.

Cell network

Your phone The GPS receiver in your phone normally scrolls through the frequencies of all the satellites when searching for a connection with four of them. But when your phone has already learned its rough location from the available cellular and Wi-Fi networks, it can quickly zero in on the small set of satellites it has the best chance of connecting with.

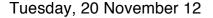
Wi-Fi network Since the orbital data of the satellites is also Webenabled, your phone can access it over a Wi-Fi network in places where the cellular signal is weak or unavailable. Like cellular networks, Wi-Fi networks can find your phone's rough location by detecting its distance to the Wi-Fi access points in the area.

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Illustration: Flying Chill Sources: TechHive research; GPS Review; "Assisted GPS, A-OPS"

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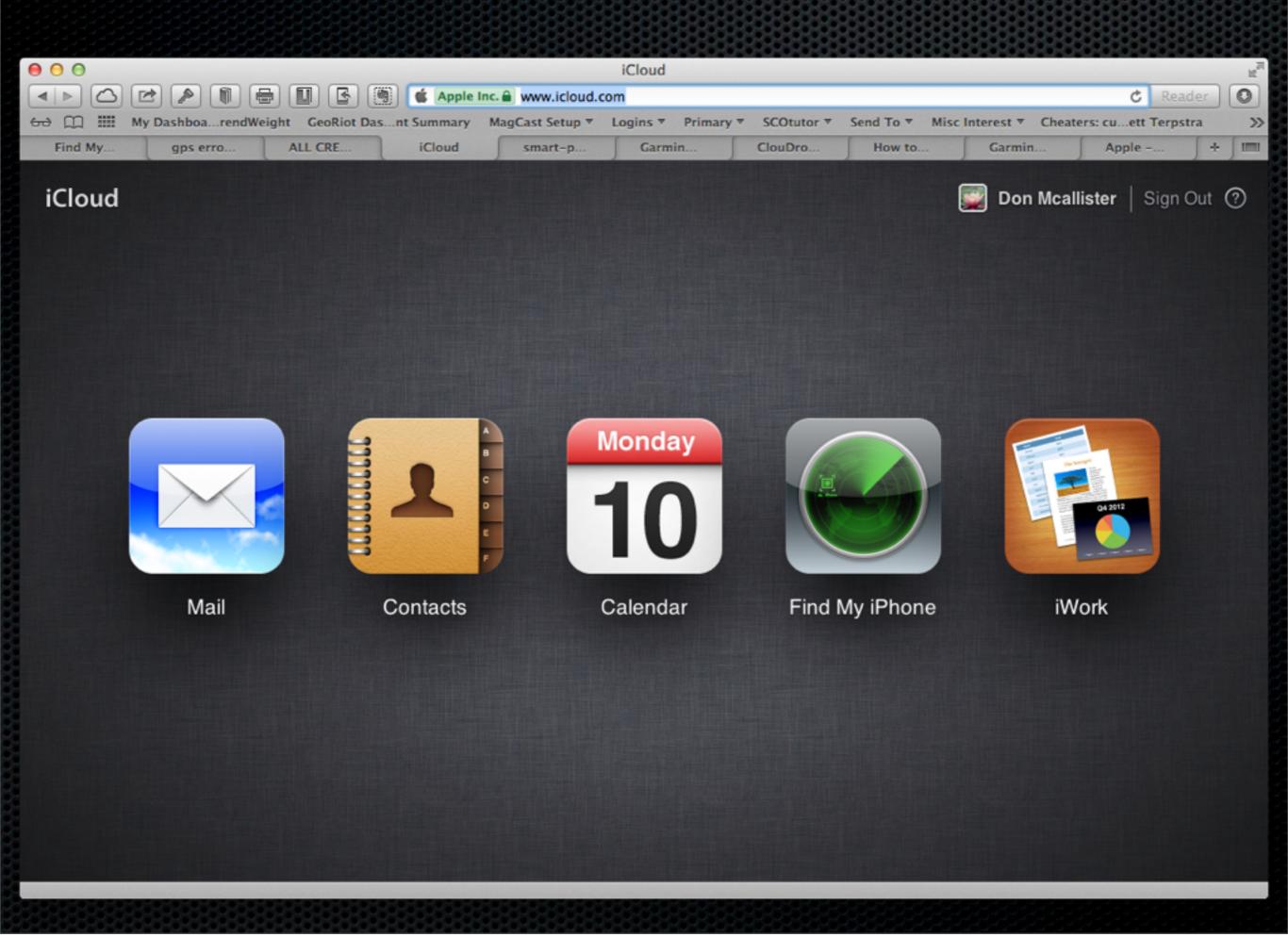


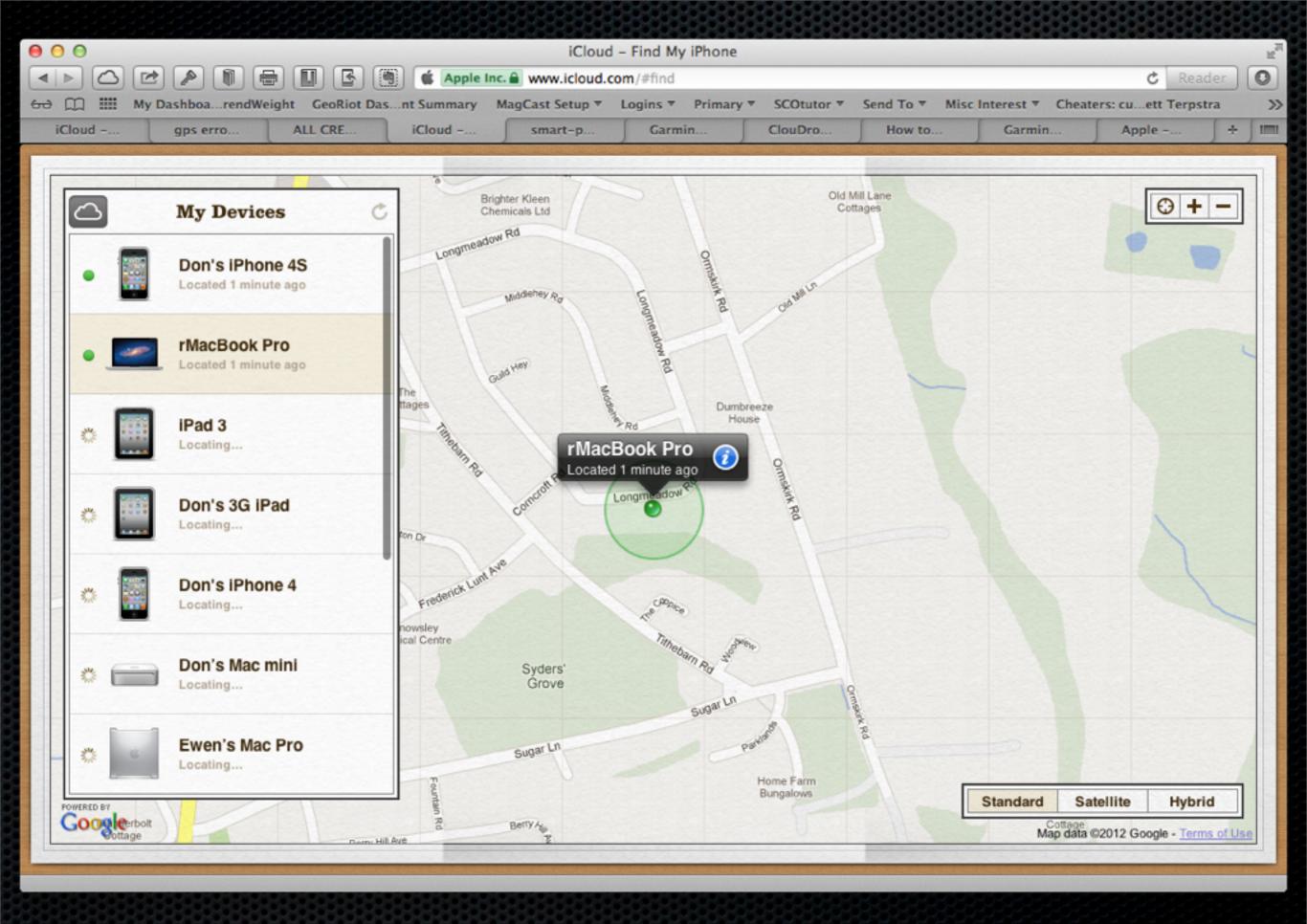
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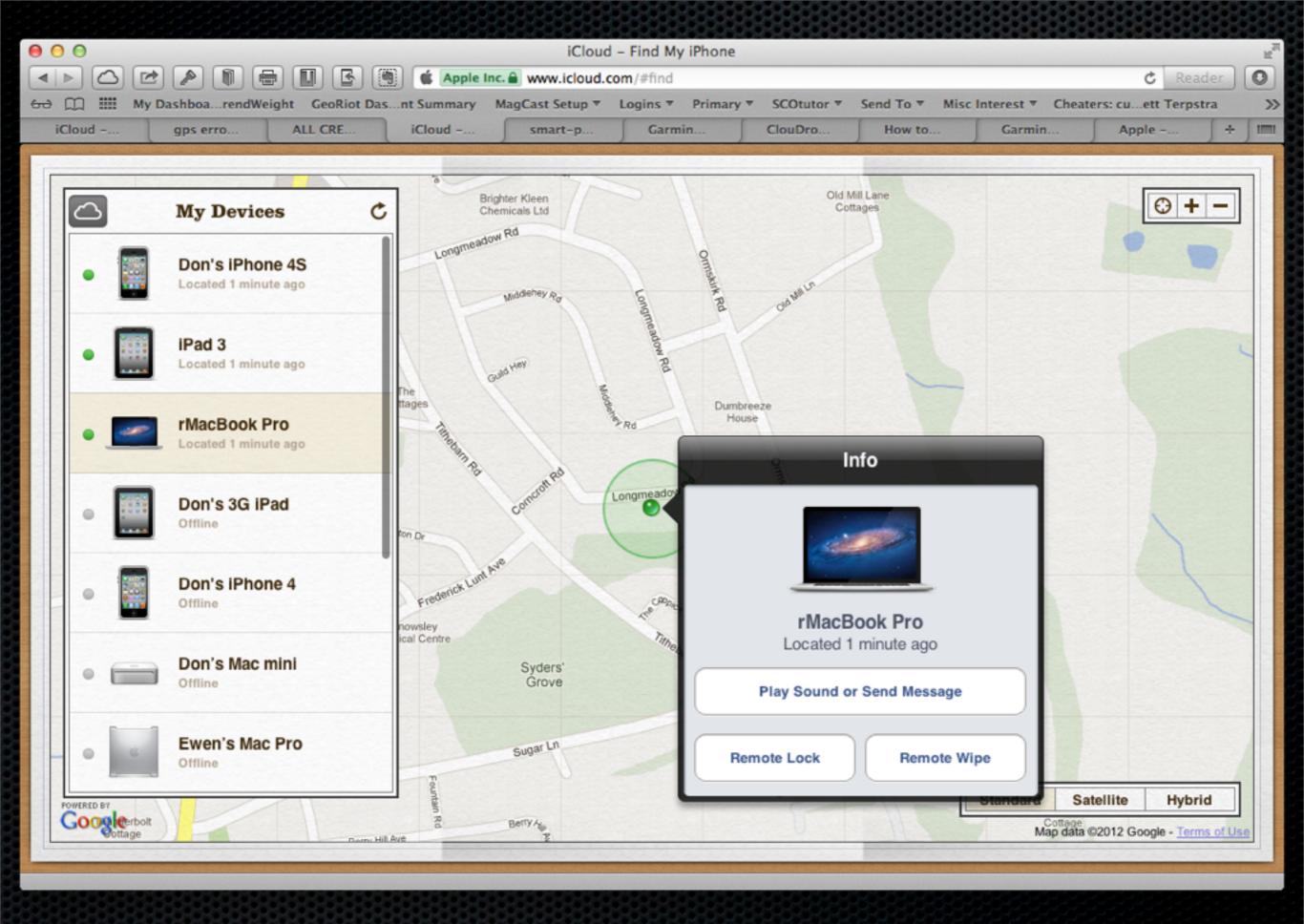


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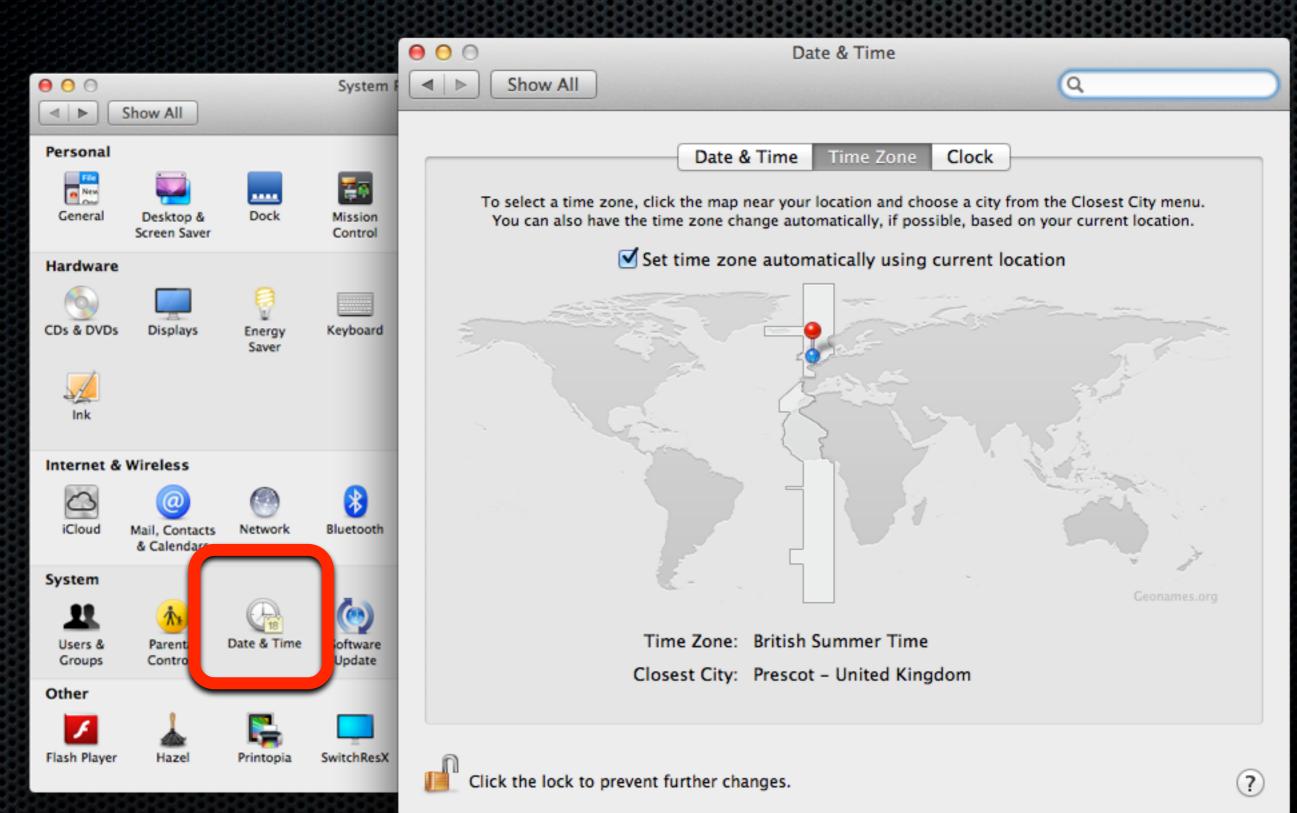
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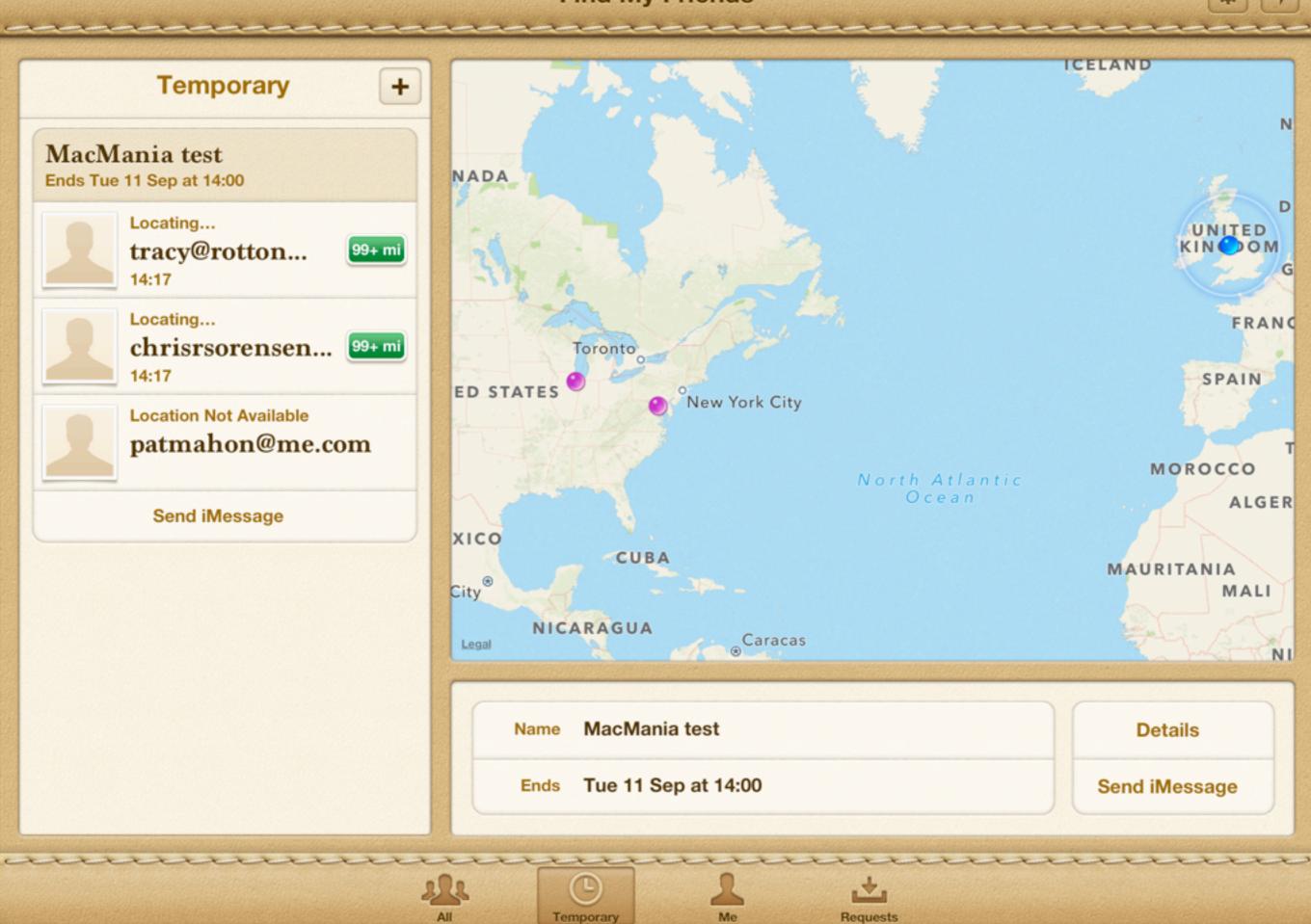


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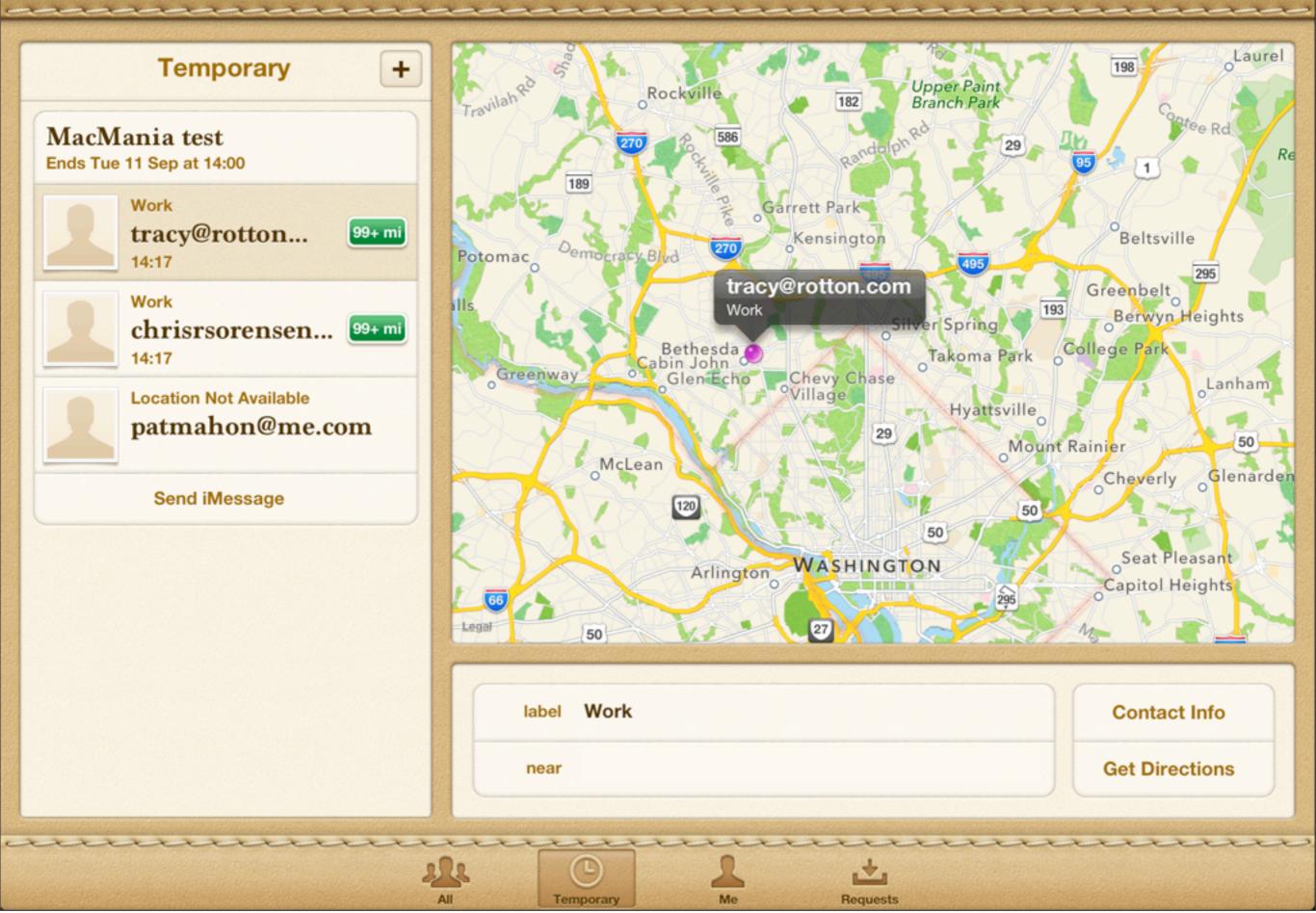
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## Maps & Navigation - iOS

- Brand new Mapping and TBT Navigation in iOS
- Acquired C3 Technology 2011& Poly 9 in 2010
- Google Maps (and StreetView) now gone
- New 3D Flyover view
- Needs good network connection so screencast



## Location Based Siri - iOS6

- Big update in iOS6
- Siri Command
  - Find things based on proximity
  - Instruct to initiate driving instructions
- Not all devices
- Screencast

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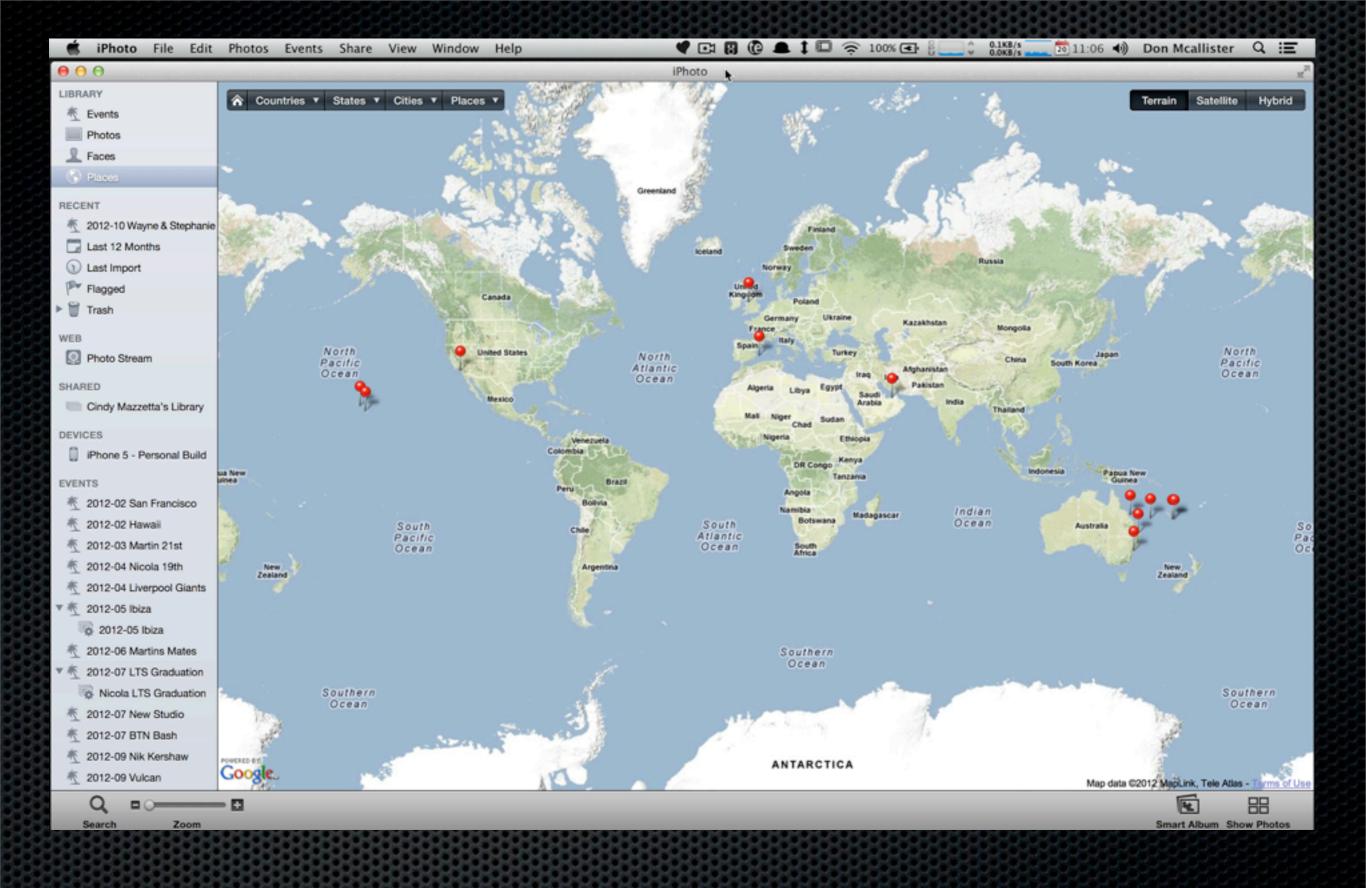
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# **Location Information in Photos**

- Aperture & iPhoto
  - Full support for GPS location
    - Places
  - Read location information in EXIF metadata
  - Requires Internet Connection to display on Map





# **Location Information in Photos**

- Some cameras will assign location data to photos
  - iPhone and iPad
  - Some newer cameras have GPS built in
- DSLR and not GPS aware
  - Starty Dongles or iPhone "tracker" apps
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# **Third Party Apps Using Location**

**Mapping and Navigation Applications** 2,024 results in App Store!

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### **Location Aware Applications** Geofencing Actions

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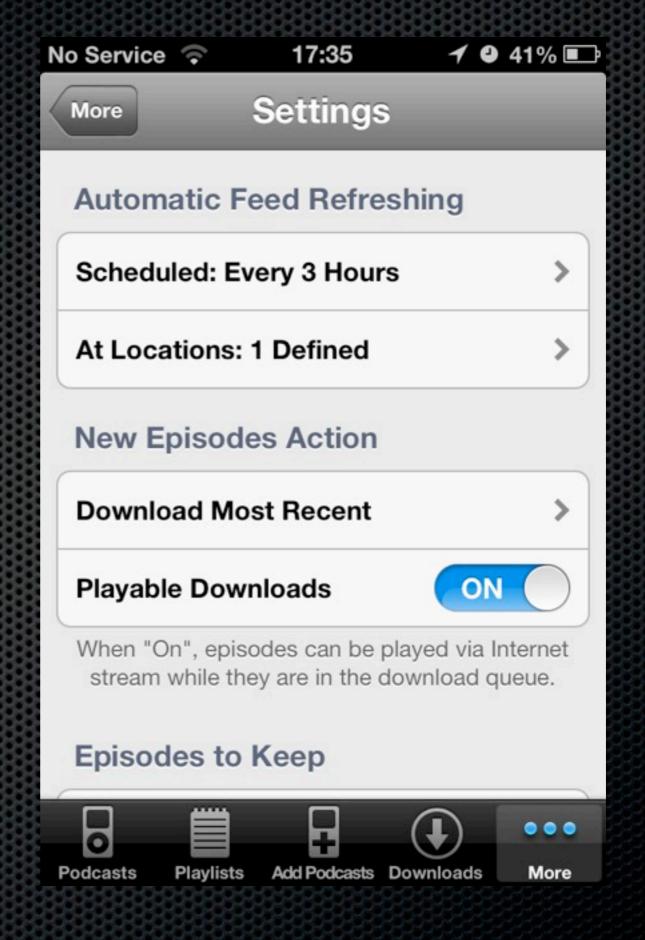


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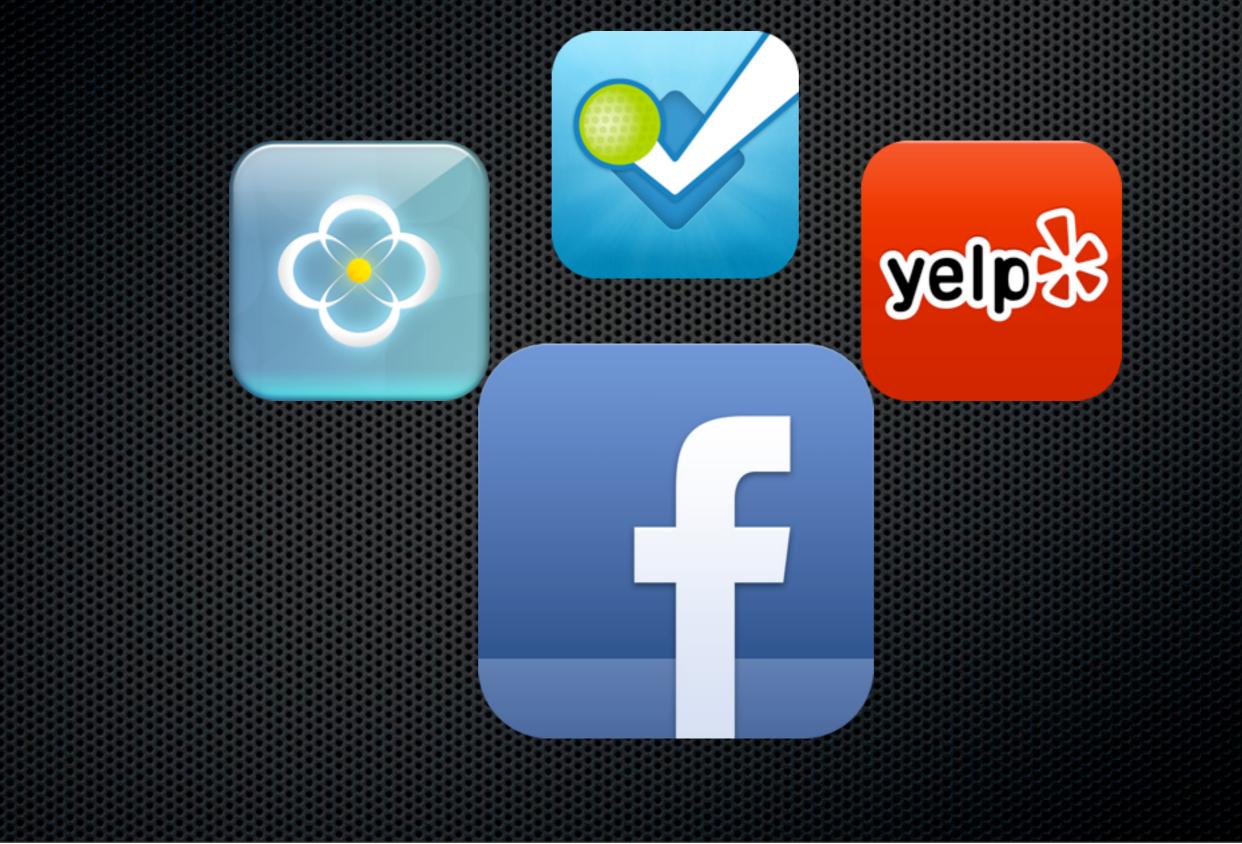
#### **Downcast** Sync when leaving

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#### Location Aware Applications Check In Applications



#### **Location Aware Applications** Fitness Tracking Applications



## **Privacy Issues**

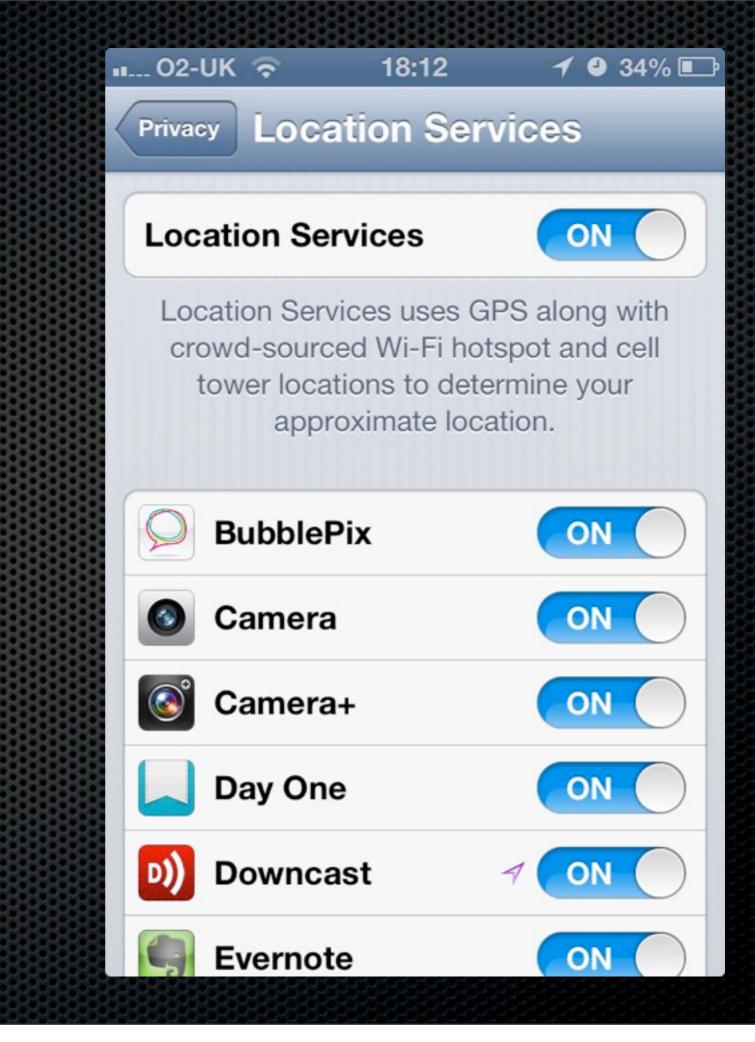
- All location tracking should be entirely optional (?)
- Apple fell foul of background location tracking and now removed
- Two levels of protection
  - iOS Settings
  - Application level







## **App Settings**



Privacy Location Services

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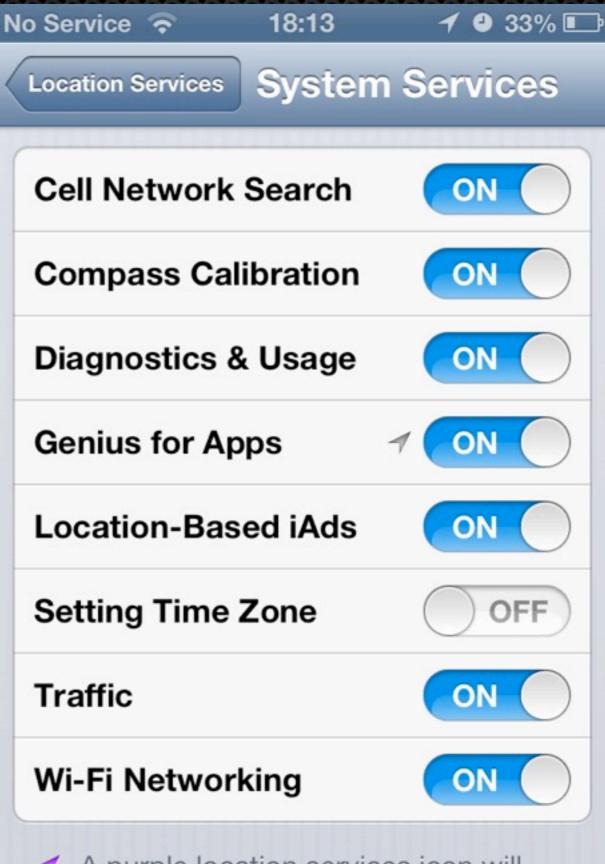
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- A gray location services icon will appear next to an item that has used your location within the last 24 hours.
- An outlined location services icon will appear next to an item that is using a geofence.

A geofence is a virtual perimeter around a location. Apps like Reminders use geofencing to notify you when you arrive at, or leave, these locations.

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#### **Status Bar Icon**



Show the Location Services icon in the status bar when the services above request your location.

# **Any Questions?**

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