

Cry for Help

Computer Tips & Tricks

Navigation

Mobile navigation has been around for a long while and continues to save time and effort when travelling. The main reason being that Google and Apple maps aim to get you to your destination in the quickest possible time. By knowing how the traffic is travelling on all roads, it can guide you on a route that by-passes all the slow spots. And because the road data is coming from an on-line database, it always has the latest new roads and road alterations.

Built-in car navigators can be updated to have the latest roads and speed restrictions included, but unless they have a connection to the internet they will never be able to predict road flow due to accidents or congestions. Their ability to monitor your speed within a speed limit is great, but speed zones change so often there are always going to be inaccuracies with this type of system (without regular updates).

But back to on-line systems, their ability to amaze is only limited by the imagination of the app developer. There is the “nearest park to me” app, and a “public toilets” app. Both very handy in an unfamiliar city. They don’t yet have full knowledge of “Dry Weather Road Only” situations, but they are getting better day by day. Google maps gives options of travel mode like walking and cycling as well as driving, and it now has a good handle on public transport integration. So if you need to use a combination of bus, walking and train, Google can still be a great help.

Safe travels!

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