KwikMaps

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Version 1.4.4

SOFTWARE INSTALLATION AND COMPATIBILITY

    KwikMaps requires Palm OS version 4.0 or higher to work. The application file is *KwikMaps.prc* and can be installed either using Palm Desktop and Hotsync or through direct transfer to device (infrared, Bluetooth or over-the-air). However, please read the "License and Disclaimer" section carefully.

    In order to upgrade from a previous version, you simply have to install this new version onto your handheld, without removing the former. User preferences are kept untouched when upgrading.

APPLICATION DESCRIPTION

- *KwikMaps* allows you to select an address from the application screen and within *Contacts* application and loads a map in your web browser on in *GoogleMaps* application, showing the location of the selected address. An Internet connection is required for your handheld/smartphone to load the map.
- Open *KwikMaps* to select the **browser** to be used (a web browser or *GoogleMaps* application) and the **website**[1] to be queried for maps (currently supported services are: [Google Maps](), [MapQuest Mobile]() and [Maporama Wireless]()). *KwikMaps* will remember your selections for future uses.
- *KwikMaps* offers two ways to get the map for a contact's address:
  - Tap on **Lookup map now** to see the list of your contacts and their addresses[2]. Select a contact and tap **Map** button. *KwikMaps* will open the browser and load the map for the selected address.
  - If *KwikMaps* is installed into device memory (not on a card), it can also cooperate with *Contacts* application (formerly called *Address Book*), which is present on most Palm OS devices. In the contact details view, open **Record** menu, then tap **Connect**[3]. You will see a list of available services for Quick Connect. Tap on the contact's **address** and *KwikMaps* will open the browser and load the map for the selected address.

DEVICE/BROWSER COMPATIBILITY INFORMATION

- Before trying *KwikMaps* with your specific device and browser, read this and the following sections carefully, especially "License and Disclaimer".
- Your browser (or *GoogleMaps* application) must be installed into device memory (not on a card) in order to be recognized by *KwikMaps*.
- *KwikMaps* has been tested with the following web browsers:
  - *Blazer* (*Web*) 3 and 4 (Netfront-based), preloaded in recent Palm devices (e.g. Treo 600, Lifedrive and T|X). It works fine with all supported map services.
  - *PalmSource Web Browser* (Netfront-based): it displays maps correctly on MapQuest Mobile and Maporama Wireless websites.
  - *Xiino* 3.4: it displays maps correctly on MapQuest Mobile website.
  - *Universe*: it displays maps correctly on MapQuest Mobile website[4].

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1 Please note that, if you select *GoogleMaps* as browser, website selection is not required.

2 Unfortunately, if more than one address is present for a contact, only the first one will be shown in the list.

3 Unfortunately, *Contacts* application in latest Treo smartphones – Treo 600 and later models – lacks this feature

4 Please note that it is a product in beta stage and still under development, so wider compatibility is expected for the first stable release.

- *iPanel* (formerly known as *EIS Web*): it displays maps correctly on MapQuest Mobile website.
- *AvantGo* 6.0. It opens the map page correctly, but causes a soft reset (no harm for user data) when exiting. It seems a bug not related with *KwikMaps* in particular, but with *AvantGo* itself; further investigation is being performed.
- *Eudora Web*. Latest version (2.1) does not support images, so the web page is loaded correctly but map is not displayed.
- According to user reports, *KwikMaps* works also with the following web browsers:
  - *Netfront* 3.1, preloaded in several Sony CLIE models: it displays maps correctly on MapQuest Mobile website.
  - *NWeb*, available for some Palm OS devices (e.g. Samsung i500 smartphone on Sprint networks and Zodiac handhelds): it works fine with all supported map services.
- *KwikMaps* may also work with the following web browsers, though testing could not be performed due to lack of devices[1]:
  - *Blazer* 1.0/2.0 (Treo models older than 600)
  - *Novarra Web Pro* (for older Palm devices, e.g. Tungsten T[2])
- *KwikMaps* can also use *GoogleMaps* application to load maps.

HISTORY

Dec-16-2006 Version 1.4.4
- Added support for iPanel/EIS Web browser

Dec-7-2006 Version 1.4.3
- Added support for Universe web browser

Dec-2-2006 Version 1.4.2
- Fixed a bug in preparing requests to Google Maps

Nov-18-2006 Version 1.4.1
- Improved support for GoogleMaps application to lookup maps
- Added support for NWeb web browser

Nov-12-2006 Version 1.4
- Added support for GoogleMaps application to lookup maps

Sep-28-2006 Version 1.3.1
- Fixed a bug that prevented phone number dialing from Address Book on some Sony Clie devices

Sep-10-2006 Version 1.3
- Added support for Maporama Wireless service

Sep-3-2006 Version 1.2
- Added support for MapQuest Mobile service
- Added support for Xiino web browser

Aug-31-2006 Version 1.1
- 'Lookup map now' feature added to enable searching a map directly from KwikMaps (most useful for Treo users)
- Italian localization added

Aug-28-2006 Version 1.0
- First public release

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1 User reporting would be appreciated

2 Novarra Web Pro is a proxy-based browser. As far as I know, Palm has discontinued the proxy service, so this browser may be unusable by now.

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FEEDBACK AND ISSUES

I will appreciate any kind of feedback, especially reporting either success or problems with *KwikMaps* and a specific device/browser combination. Moreover, if you discover bugs, if you want to see the source code or if you simply want to give your opinion and suggestions about this application, write at the e-mail address below:

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I hope I will be able to answer everyone. Since I know English and Italian only, please do not write in other languages.

I hope you will find this application useful.

Bari, Italy, December 16th 2006