



Google Earth

AT A GLANCE

Visualize

- View multiple layers of mapping data
- Add rich content to the globe to tell your story
- Historical imagery from around the globe
- Ocean floor and surface data from marine experts
- Simplified touring with audio and voice recording

Learn more:

<http://earth.google.com>

With Google Earth, you can fly anywhere on Earth to view satellite imagery, maps, terrain, and 3D features. You can explore rich geographical content, save your favorite places, and share with others.

Google Earth uses Keyhole Markup Language, or KML, which is an XML file format for storing geographic data for display in Google Earth. A KML file is processed in much the same way that HTML (and XML) files are processed by web browsers. Like HTML, KML has a tag-based structure with names and attributes used for specific display purposes. Thus, Google Earth acts as a browser for KML files.

Any data you create in Google Earth are stored as files on your computer. This information is generally very safe, because it is stored only on your computer. For this reason, Google Earth is good for sensitive and secret information, if you save it to your computer and do not post it on a public website.

You can still share these maps by emailing the KML files created in Google Earth to friends or partners. You can also upload these KML files to public or private websites for people to download. Just remember that if the KML files contain sensitive and secret information, you should only put it on websites that are password protected.

To download and install Google Earth on your computer, visit <http://earth.google.com>.



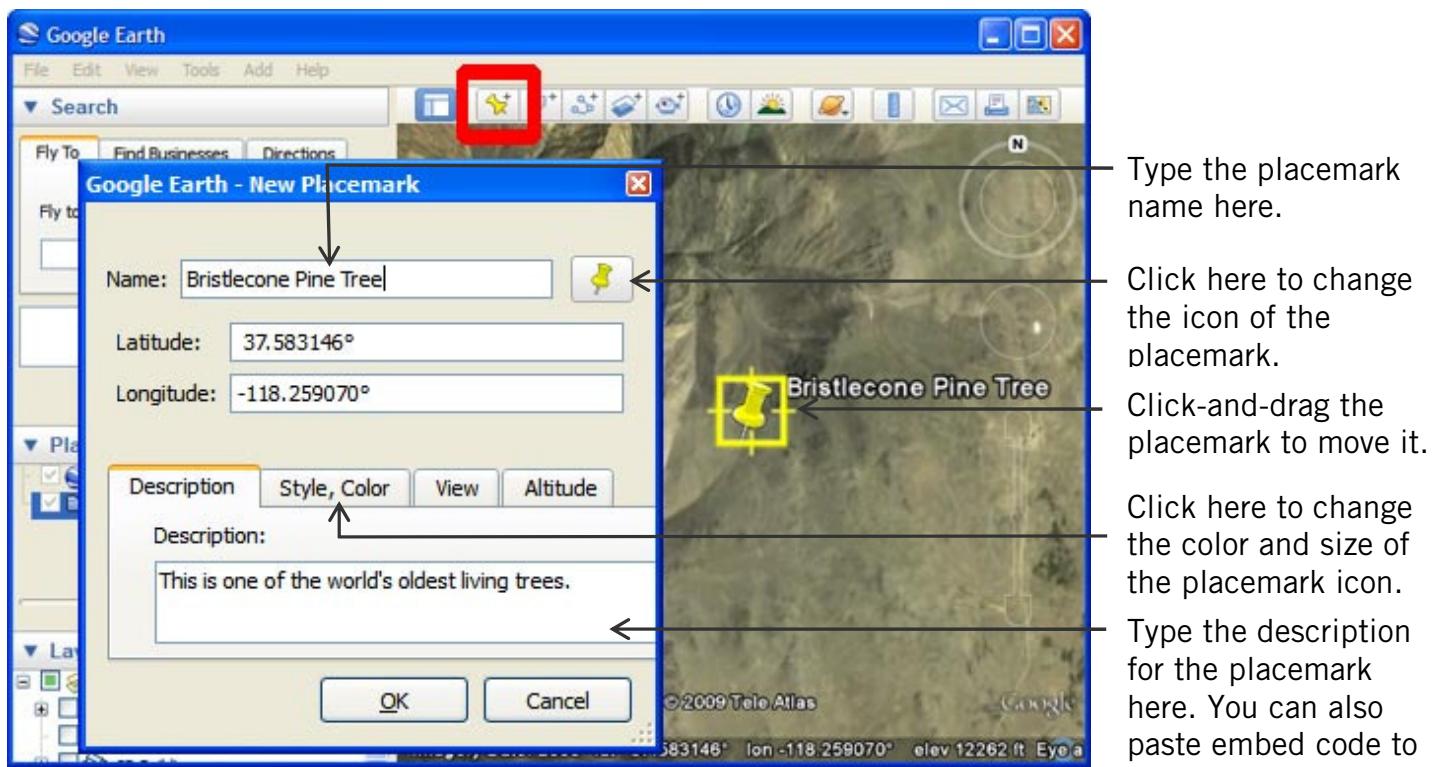
Google Earth combines global imagery coverage with navigational features to enable people to find geographic information and explore places around the world, and add their rich content to tell their stories.

Pictured here is the *Crisis in Darfur* Google Earth Project. Find out more information at <http://www.ushmm.org/maps/projects/darfur/>

Get started with Google Earth

To create a **placemark**, or point:

1. Click the Add Placemark tool button on the toolbar: 
2. Place the placemark in your preferred location by clicking and dragging it to your preferred location.
3. In the “New Placemark” window that appears, type in a name and description for the placemark.
4. Click on the Style, Color tab, and choose a color, scale (or size), and opacity for the placemark icon and label text.
5. Click on the icon button in the top-right corner of the window, and choose an icon for your placemark.



Use the toolbar to create and use other features.

