# Map your world with Google Map Maker

## HIGHLIGHTS

• Map your world for all to see with Google's easy-to-use online tool

• Add roads, rivers, businesses, neighborhoods and even entire regions

• Collaborate with Google and the mapping community to organize the world's geographical information

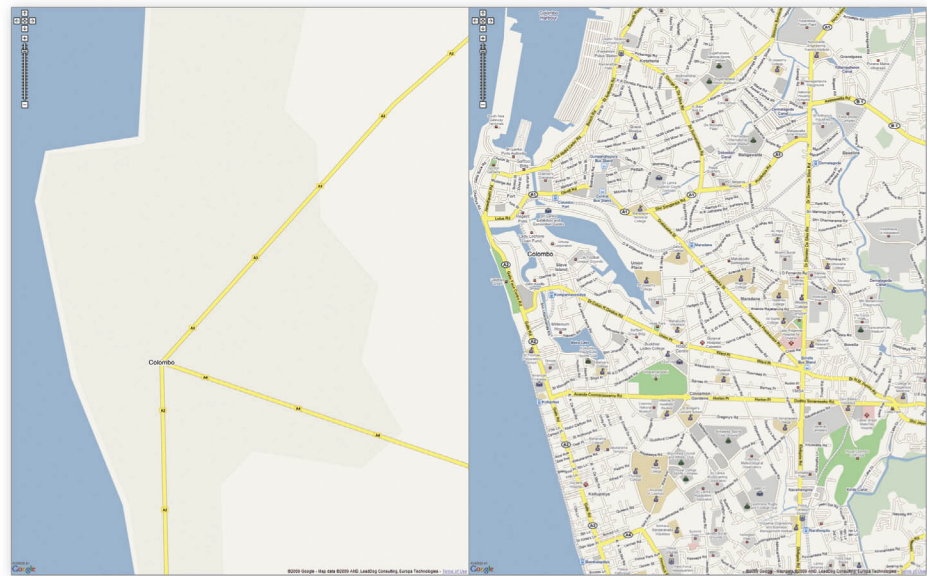• Disaster relief crews mapped Myanmar (Burma) to help reach victims after Cyclone Nargis

For more information on Google Map Maker, visit:
http://www.google.com/mapmaker

### What is Google Map Maker?

Google Map Maker™ allows you to map a neighborhood, a city or even an entire country. You can draw roads and landmarks, add local businesses, and edit locations added by other map makers. Your changes will appear instantly on Google Map Maker for everyone to see. A small group of map makers can place an enormous region on the map in a short amount of time. See below an example of the map of the city of Colombo, Sri Lanka before and after Google Map Maker.



Now you can put the areas you care about on the map for the world to see. Google Map Maker empowers you to share knowledge about the neighborhoods you know best.
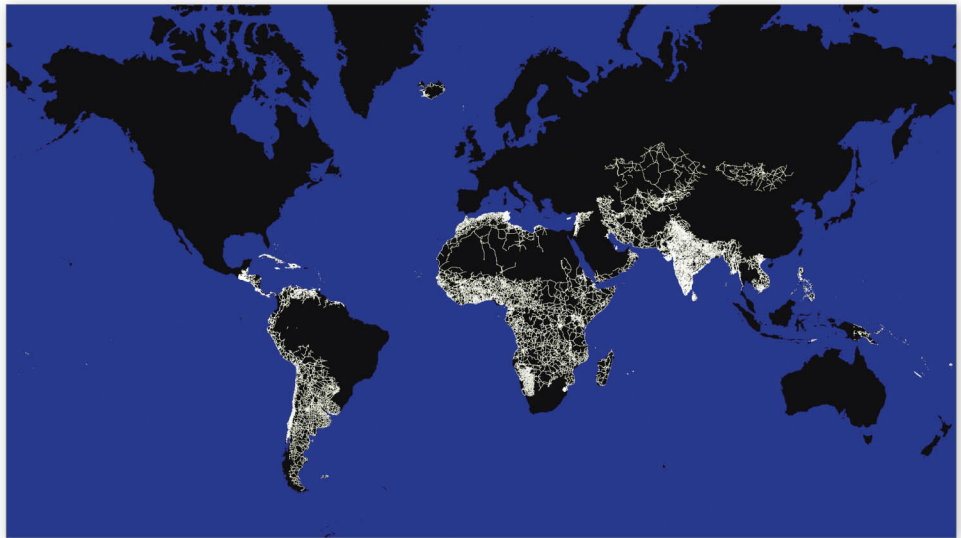
*"I am passionate about Google Map Maker because I know that it will help a lot of people. I hope that Google Map Maker will continue to evolve and may continue to be a platform to showcase the power of local community contributions and knowledge."*

—Wayne Manuel, contributor of 6,000 Google Map Maker edits and counting

### Why am I doing this?

Half of the world's population does not have high-quality, up-to-date maps. The maps that do exist in these regions lack detailed knowledge of roads, places and local businesses. To make maps a truly useful tool for everyone, we need locals like you to share your in-depth knowledge of your neighborhoods.

Take a look at the maps that map makers around the world have created:



Each map created with Google Map Maker is represented with a point of light. Without your knowledge, none of these areas would have mapping data at all.

In addition, your contributions to Google Map Maker are frequently used to update Google Maps. This puts your maps before the audience of the #1 mapping site in the world!

## How do I get started?

Go to http://www.google.com/mapmaker and click "Sign in" in the upper right hand corner. Sign in to your Google Account or quickly create an account for free if you don't have one. With that, you're ready to go. Watch a tutorial on how to start mapping at our YouTube channel:
http://www.youtube.com/googlemapmaker

## Resources:

Google Map Maker Website:
http://www.google.com/mapmaker

Data Download Page:
http://mapmaker.google.com/datadownload

Countries Where launched:
http://maps.google.com/support/bin/answer.py?answer=155415

Help Sites Page:
http://maps.google.com/support/bin/topic.py?topic=23521

Google Groups Discussion Forum:
http://groups.google.com/group/map-your-world

YouTube channel
http://www.youtube.com/googlemapmaker

Host your own mapping party
http://sites.google.com/site/mapmakeruserhelp/mappingkit

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