



GIS247 – expert knowledge, flexible training. Providing e-learning for GIS users.

GIS247 Website Changes



Our developers have been very busy behind the scenes improving the information that users have available to them on their My GIS247 page.

This page is unique to each user and tracks training progress. It has now been updated and provides several enhancements including:

- [How You're my GIS247 page looks](#)
- [Your assessment certificates now available directly](#)
- [A Clearer account settings and more options](#)
- [Success tracker for your organisation](#)
- [Clearer information on your organisation's administrator](#)

Updates have also been made for the administrator. All assessment certificates can be accessed directly allowing the administrator to review all user progress and achievement.

In development:

Our developers are currently working on a system to enable your administrator to set training targets for their users. Suggestions on what capabilities you would like to have are welcome. Please email us at info@GIS247.com



GIS247 Workshop at GEO Business 2014

Interested in how GIS247 works and what we have to offer?

There is a unique opportunity to attend our training and demonstration session at 4.15pm on Weds 28th May, room F.

The 30 minute session will outline how GIS247 works and how e-learning is accessed.

Registration is on the day but places are limited.

www.geobusinessshow.com

Visit us at GEO Business 2014



GIS247 is a sponsor at the GEO Business 2014 Conference launching in London on 28th May.

GEO Business, is a major new geospatial event for everyone involved in the gathering, storing, processing and delivering of geospatial information. It is a hands-on geospatial event that not only incorporates an international trade exhibition and a cutting edge conference, but also a programme of live workshops and demonstrations featuring the technology and services used by those working with spatial data.

You will be able to meet with members of our GIS247 training team on 28th and 29th May and have the opportunity to discuss your GIS training needs. You will also be able to view our new presentations. The conference is being held at the Business Design Centre in Islington, London.

The exhibition and workshop series is **FREE** but you do need to register. Go to: www.geobusinessshow.com
Come and see us on stand K4!

Newsletters

If you have missed any of our previous month's GIS247 newsletters, don't worry, you can find them on our news page www.gis247.com/gis247_news

In the Spotlight

Louise Shakeshaft - Canal and River Trust

The Mastering ArcGIS course focuses on all the key functions of the ArcGIS software and also covers in detail the further advanced spatial and attribute analysis functions. Some of the course topics include; how to add, display, create, edit, query, manipulate and analyse spatial and attribute data to produce layouts and layout templates. Louise Shakeshaft from the Canal and River Trust has recently followed the Mastering ArcGIS course; this is her experience of GIS247s' e-learning:

"I joined the Canal & River Trust as a South East Waterway Administrator in the summer of 2009. Studying GIS for a third year module as part of my Geography degree is where my interest in GIS started. In September I decided to return to studying and am currently reading for a masters in GIS, part time. I was so excited when my colleague, Zoe Briggs, then won the GIS247 AGI conference competition to win free GIS training and she offered me the prize! I jumped at the opportunity to undertake the GIS247 Mastering ArcGIS course."



"The GIS247 training has consolidated skills I already have and developed my practical skills further. The two courses I am doing complement each other – GIS247 is developing my practical skills and through the masters, I have learnt the theory and literature behind GIS, for example: the history of GIS; Spatial Data Infrastructure; Standards and regulations in particular metadata standards."

"The GIS247 course allows me to go into greater detail than would be available from a one-off hosted training session. The course gives a clear, step by step guide to each tool learnt, covering all aspects about each. There are no time restrictions like there would be on a 'face-to-face' training day, and so the videos last as long as they need to cover all tools in necessary detail. By doing the course online by myself it means that I can go at my own pace, and go back over anything I struggle with. The ability to repeat presentations is really helpful when completing the assessments too.....Read the full article on our GIS247 website www.gis247.com/testimonial

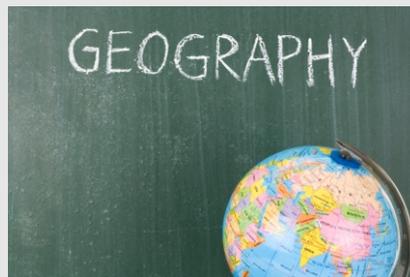
This article has been put together in collaboration with Louise Shakeshaft, Waterway Administrator at the Canal and River Trust.

E-Learning Benefits

UNLIMITED TRAINING

GIS training through GIS247 can provide users with unlimited training in ArcGIS or MapInfo (or both) for a full 12 months. With access to all courses, mini and super modules, for all versions.

As new courses become available they are included in a licence at no additional cost. So you can stay one step ahead of software upgrades and get everyone trained on the latest "What's New" course before installing the upgrades, or even just review the presentations to keep up to date.



As training through e-learning is unlimited you can access as much training as you like, giving you the ability to increase and widen your GIS knowledge beyond the constraints of a one-off traditional course. With courses being available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, users can undertake learning from anywhere with an internet connection.

Read about all the benefits that e-learning has to offer on our website www.gis247.com/benefits_you



GIS247 E-learning Courses

- ArcGIS - beginner through to advanced
- MapInfo - beginner through to advanced
- ArcGIS Extensions
- GIS Essentials

ArcGIS and MapInfo courses are available in all software versions.

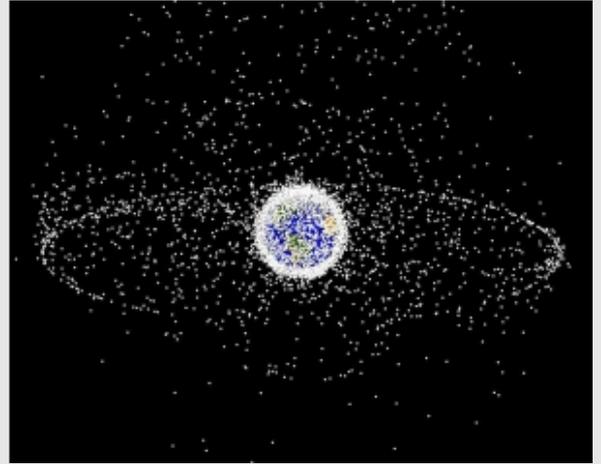
Space debris threat from Envisat

University students reveal the difficulties of de-orbiting the huge Envisat Earth Observation satellite Envisat, which lost contact with Earth in 2012.

Physics students at the University of Leicester in England have pointed out that the satellite, which lost contact with Earth in 2012, could potentially pose a threat similar to the events which plague Sandra Bullock in the Oscar-nominated sci-fi thriller Gravity.

Envisat is an £1.8 billion, 9 metre-long behemoth that was launched by the European Space Agency (ESA) in 2002, and used ten sophisticated sensors to observe and monitor Earth's land, atmosphere, oceans and ice caps.

However, ESA lost contact with the satellite in April 2012. The satellite now orbits the Earth free from human control at an altitude of 790km, where the amount of space debris around the planet is greatest. This means there is a chance of collision with other satellites and debris during the 150 years it is expected to remain in space.



A computer generated image of objects in Earth's orbit that are currently being tracked by NASA

Read the full article on the Geoconnexion website

www.geoconnexion.com/articles/

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