

Getmapping Introduces Multiple Enhancements to its Online GIS

Getmapping has released version 6 of its highly successful multi-featured Online GIS. The new version has been enhanced with support for worldwide projections, a module for publishing INSPIRE-compliant WMS/WFS and a new module for Getmapping's panoramic imagery product, Street Layer. Getmapping's Online GIS, together with its associated 'cloud' storage and built-in national mapping layers, allows organisations to share information across their users and clients anywhere in the world.

Support within the Online GIS for Worldwide projections now opens up the solution to users around the world, and the software has already been deployed in a number of countries including Uganda, Kenya and South Africa. This, together with the fact that the product can be white-labelled, also opens up significant partnering opportunities. Getmapping Online GIS can be used as an organisation's primary web mapping tool to share a range of map layers including aerial imagery, local mapping, environmental data, and the customer's own data, taking advantage of Getmapping's high-speed Data Centre. It can also perform key GIS tasks such as address searching, measuring, spatial analysis and printing to scale. It can provide everyone within an organisation with access to the company's map information, helping them to do their job more efficiently. This removes the burden of installing traditional GIS software, which is often expensive and difficult to learn.

To assist local government with meeting and exceeding their INSPIRE obligations, a new INSPIRE cloud service has been built based on the Getmapping Online GIS technology. Several key features are included to simplify the process of becoming INSPIRE compliant including a geodata layer uploader, built-in data editing (which is instantly visible), a Metadata importer and editor as well as [Data.gov.uk](https://data.gov.uk) harvesting to enable 'discovery, view and download' services within a few minutes. Competitively priced and easy to deploy, INSPIRE Cloud will have customers publishing map layers within a short amount of time.

Street Layer is another Getmapping product now fully integrated into the Online GIS platform. It allows accurately positioned panoramic images to be viewed alongside high-quality mapping. With the added benefits of 3D measurement tools and GIS overlay capabilities, Street Layer has proven itself in a variety of applications including Local Government, Policing and Fire & Rescue, Insurance risk and claim validation, as well as local community work. Key uses have included measuring the distance from a street to a door, the height of a building or asset, the differences between different years of imagery, as well as improving the quality of asset databases. Trial accounts, including sample data of your area of interest, are now available.

"The enhancements that we have introduced to our Online GIS platform are really significant," said Dave Horner, managing director of Getmapping. "Customers not only benefit from a simple to use application with access to cloud-hosted aerial photography, integration with address gazetteers and national mapping but also now the Street Layer panoramic imagery which in many cases eliminates the need for a site visit. Worldwide projections are now also supported meaning we have a product that can be used anywhere in the world, and we are already seeing the benefits for some of our African customers. Finally, the INSPIRE cloud module helps organisations that need to publish data become INSPIRE compliant."