Marble – a virtual globe ...

Marble is a virtual globe and world atlas that you can use to learn more about Earth: You can pan and zoom around and you can look up places and roads. A mouse click on a place label will provide the respective Wikipedia article. Of course it's also possible to measure distances between locations or watch the current cloud cover.

... and a polished jewel

Marble offers different thematic maps: A classroom-style topographic map, a satellite view, street map, earth at night and temperature and precipitation maps. All maps include a custom map key, so it can also be used as an educational tool for use in class-rooms. For educational purposes you can also change date and time and watch how the starry sky and the twilight zone on the map change.

In opposite to other virtual globes Marble also features multiple projections: Choose between a Flat Map ("Plate carré"), Mercator or the Globe.

The best of all: Marble is Free Software / Open Source Software and promotes the usage of free maps. And it's available for all major operating systems (Linux/Unix, MS Windows and Mac OS X).

For software developers the full feature set of Marble is available as a library for use in other applications.

Website: http://www.marble-globe.org
License: GNU LGPL 2+ (Open Source)
Version: 1.1, April 18, 2011
OS: Linux, Windows, Mac OS X, MeeGo
Qt / C++

New features in Marble 1.0 / 1.1

- Intuitive global Online and Offline Routing
- Basic Voice Navigation (Marble 1.1)
- Improved GPS Navigation support
- WMS Support
- Map Creation Wizard (Marble 1.1)
- Earthquake and Social Plugin (Marble 1.1)
- Support for Nokia's N900, improved performance
- Experimental Qt Quick/QML bindings (libMarble)

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Features

Easy to Use
Intuitive map navigation allows for panning and zooming. Map data is automatically being downloaded in the background and cached on the hard disc.

Standard Map Themes
Atlas, Satellite, OpenStreetMap, Plain Map, Earth at Night, Historical Map, Moon Map and more.

Map Data (Tile Server Layouts)
Multiple layers of data can be specified and blended via filters. Supported tile layout schemes include:

- OpenStreetMap
- Google Maps, Ovi Maps
- WMS support
- Custom Server Layouts (specified via XML)

Marble 1.1 provides a map creation wizard for users.

Projections
Globe, Equirectangular, Mercator

Supported File Formats
- KML / Google Earth(TM) user data, no KMZ support
- GPX

Position Providers
GPS (via gpsd, GeoClue, Maemo 5 liblocation)

Routing
The user interface allows for entering routes via drag and drop. The technical specs include:

- Global Online Routing: Yours, OpenRouteService
- Offline Routing: Monav, Routino, Gosmore
- Plugin based routing backends
- Turn-By-Turn Navigation, Voice Navigation
- Profiles (fastest/shortest Car, Bicycle, Pedestrian)
- Via points and alternative route suggestions

Wikipedia Integration

And more ...
A sophisticated plugin architecture makes Marble easily extensible for software developers.

Community support and commercial support available.

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