
Subject: attractive base map for animation

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Hi IDL geniuses,

A different sort of problem for me. I am trying to illustrate some of the complications of using data with an observation scale of $1E4$ meters to observe phenomena with variation at scales of $1E3$ or $1E2$ meters. So instead of the rivers, continents, and sometimes states that I generally need for map annotation, I am looking for a basemap that will show urban features like freeways.

What do folks use for this? A long time ago, I would have done this in ArcMap, but 1) I don't have that software anymore, 2) I've long since forgotten how to use it; and 3) I'm hoping to make an animation, so I'm pretty sure I want to do it in IDL. The animation makes it tricky, if I needed a single image I guess I'd make a KML and lay it out in Google Earth.

Any suggestions welcome,

--Edward H.
