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Module 2.2 - Web-based Mapping Clients: Google Maps API - Part 1

Outline

- What is an API
- The Google Maps API
 - Version
 - Reference Information
 - Key Components
 - Examples

What is an API

- API Stands for Application Programming Interface

An Application Programming Interface (API) is a particular set of rules and specifications that a software program can follow to access and make use of the services and resources provided by another particular software program that implements that API. It serves as an interface between different software programs and facilitates their interaction, similar to the way the user interface facilitates interaction between humans and computers. – From Wikipedia: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Api>

- The Google Maps API provides an interface for interacting with Google's mapping services from external web applications

Google Maps API Version

- The version of the Google Maps API used in this class is v3 of the Javascript API
 - Freely usable for free applications
 - Subject to Google's Terms of Service
 - No longer requires a Google API key
- Key capabilities in v3
 - Interactive maps based on Google's mapping engine (contrast w. static maps API)
 - Optimized for desktop and mobile platforms and applications

Reference Information

Google Maps API Family <http://code.google.com/apis/maps/>

Javascript API Home Page <http://code.google.com/apis/maps/documentation/javascript/>

Javascript Basics Entry Page <http://code.google.com/apis/maps/documentation/javascript/basics.html>

Javascript API v3 Tutorial Page <http://code.google.com/apis/maps/documentation/javascript/tutorial.html>

Key Components

- Map [object options](#)

Types (required) ROADMAP

SATELLITE

HYBRID

TERRAIN

Latitude and Longitude (required) specification of where the map should initially be centered

Zoom Level (required) 0=global, higher values increasingly local. Limited by map type

Controls

- Available Controls (enabled through map options) [default controls](#)
 - Zoom Control
 - Pan Control
 - Scale Control
 - MapType Control
 - Street View Control
- Different control styles may be defined
- Controls may be positioned [positioning options](#)
- Custom controls may be defined and attached to fixed location in the map

Overlays

Overlay Types [documentation](#)

Marker points depicted by specified or defined icons at locations within the map

Polyline linear features defined by multiple points with a defined style for the line

Polygon closed features defined by multiple points. Supports multi-polygons, and donuts. Line and fill styles may be specified.

(Ground) Overlay Maps Image-based map layers that replace or overlay Google layers - registered to the map coordinates

Overlays (continued)

Info Windows floating content windows for displaying content defined as HTML, a DOM element, or text string

Layers Grouped display content assigned to a specific layer: KmlLayer, FusionTablesLayer, TrafficLayer, BicyclingLayer

Custom Overlays definition of programmatically controlled layers

Services

- Geocoding Service
 - Forward and reverse geocoding:
 - * address to LatLon
 - * LatLon to Nearest Address
 - May be biased to current viewport, region
- Directions
 - Based upon an origin, destination, and a variety of additional options
 - Available directions and rendered route

Services

- Elevation
 - Delivery of elevation data for locations or paths
- Streetview
 - Integration of Google Streetview within a DOM element
- Maximum Zoom
 - Provides information about the maximum available zoom level

Events

- Events provide the ability to attach custom behaviors to events in the interface. For example:
 - Changing items in the interface as the user zooms in on a map
 - Displaying additional information outside the map when the user clicks a location in the map
 - Synchronizing the behavior of multiple maps as the user interacts with one map
- Requires higher-level Javascript that we will cover in this course

Examples

Simple - Roadmap

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3   <head>
4     <style type="text/css">
5       html { height: 100% }
6       body { height: 100%;
7         margin: 0px;
8         padding: 0px;
9         background-color: black;
10        color: #CCCCCC;
11        text-align: center}
12      #map_canvas { width:90%;
13        height:80%;
14        margin-left:auto;
15        margin-right: auto }
16    </style>
17    <script type="text/javascript"
18      src="http://maps.google.com/maps/api/js?sensor=false">
19    </script>
20    <script type="text/javascript">
21      function initialize() {
22        var classroom = new google.maps.LatLng(35.084280,-106.624073)
23        var myOptions = {
24          zoom: 8,
25          center: classroom,
26          mapTypeId: google.maps.MapTypeId.ROADMAP
27        };
28        var map = new google.maps.Map(
```

```

29         document.getElementById("map_canvas"),
30         myOptions);
31     }
32     </script>
33 </head>
34
35 <body onload="initialize()">
36     <h1>Sample Map</h1>
37     <div id="map_canvas"></div>
38 </body>
39 </html>

```

<http://karlbenedict.com/GEOG485-585/lectures/examples/gmaps01.html>

Simple - Satellite

```

1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2
3  <html>
4      <head>
5          <style type="text/css">
6              html { height: 100% }
7              body { height: 100%;
8                  margin: 0px;
9                  padding: 0px;
10                 background-color: black;
11                 color: #CCCCCC;
12                 text-align: center}
13             #map_canvas { width:90%;
14                 height:80%;
15                 margin-left: auto;
16                 margin-right: auto }
17         </style>
18         <script type="text/javascript"
19             src="http://maps.google.com/maps/api/js?sensor=false">
20         </script>
21         <script type="text/javascript">
22             function initialize() {
23                 var classroom = new google.maps.LatLng(35.084280,-106.624073)
24                 var myOptions = {
25                     zoom: 8,
26                     center: classroom,
27                     mapTypeId: google.maps.MapTypeId.SATELLITE
28                 };
29                 var map = new google.maps.Map(
30                     document.getElementById("map_canvas"),
31                     myOptions);
32             }
33         </script>
34     </head>
35
36     <body onload="initialize()">
37         <h1>Sample Map</h1>

```

```

38         <div id="map_canvas"></div>
39     </body>
40 </html>

```

<http://karlbenedict.com/GEOG485-585/lectures/examples/gmaps02.html>

Simple - Hybrid

```

1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3      <head>
4          <style type="text/css">
5              html { height: 100% }
6              body { height: 100%;
7                  margin: 0px;
8                  padding: 0px;
9                  background-color: black;
10                 color: #CCCCCC;
11                 text-align: center}
12             #map_canvas { width:90%;
13                 height:80%;
14                 margin-left: auto;
15                 margin-right: auto }
16         </style>
17         <script type="text/javascript"
18             src="http://maps.google.com/maps/api/js?sensor=false">
19         </script>
20         <script type="text/javascript">
21             function initialize() {
22                 var classroom = new google.maps.LatLng(35.084280,-106.624073)
23                 var myOptions = {
24                     zoom: 8,
25                     center: classroom,
26                     mapTypeId: google.maps.MapTypeId.HYBRID
27                 };
28                 var map = new google.maps.Map(
29                     document.getElementById("map_canvas"),
30                     myOptions);
31             }
32         </script>
33     </head>
34
35     <body onload="initialize()">
36         <h1>Sample Map</h1>
37         <div id="map_canvas"></div>
38     </body>
39
40 </html>

```

<http://karlbenedict.com/GEOG485-585/lectures/examples/gmaps03.html>

Simple - Terrain

```
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3    <head>
4      <style type="text/css">
5        html { height: 100% }
6        body { height: 100%;
7              margin: 0px;
8              padding: 0px;
9              background-color: black;
10             color: #CCCCCC;
11             text-align: center}
12        #map_canvas { width:90%;
13                      height:80%;
14                      margin-left: auto;
15                      margin-right: auto }
16      </style>
17      <script type="text/javascript"
18        src="http://maps.google.com/maps/api/js?sensor=false">
19      </script>
20      <script type="text/javascript">
21        function initialize() {
22          var classroom = new google.maps.LatLng(35.084280,-106.624073)
23          var myOptions = {
24            zoom: 8,
25            center: classroom,
26            mapTypeId: google.maps.MapTypeId.TERRAIN
27          };
28          var map = new google.maps.Map(
29            document.getElementById("map_canvas"),
30            myOptions);
31        }
32      </script>
33    </head>
34
35    <body onload="initialize()">
36      <h1>Sample Map</h1>
37      <div id="map_canvas"></div>
38    </body>
39
40  </html>
```

<http://karlbenedict.com/GEOG485-585/lectures/examples/gmaps04.html>

Simple - Hybrid - Zoomed

```
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3    <head>
4      <style type="text/css">
5        html { height: 100% }
6        body { height: 100%;
```

```

7         margin: 0px;
8         padding: 0px;
9         background-color: black;
10        color: #CCCCCC;
11        text-align: center}
12    #map_canvas { width:90%;
13        height:80%;
14        margin-left: auto;
15        margin-right: auto }
16    </style>
17    <script type="text/javascript"
18        src="http://maps.google.com/maps/api/js?sensor=false">
19    </script>
20    <script type="text/javascript">
21        function initialize() {
22            var classroom = new google.maps.LatLng(35.084280,-106.624073)
23            var myOptions = {
24                zoom: 18,
25                center: classroom,
26                mapTypeId: google.maps.MapTypeId.HYBRID
27            };
28            var map = new google.maps.Map(
29                document.getElementById("map_canvas"),
30                myOptions);
31        }
32    </script>
33    </head>
34
35    <body onload="initialize()">
36        <h1>Sample Map</h1>
37        <div id="map_canvas"></div>
38    </body>
39
40    </html>

```

<http://karlbenedict.com/GEOG485-585/lectures/examples/gmaps05.html>

Simple - Zoomed - Modified Controls

```

1    <!DOCTYPE html>
2    <html>
3        <head>
4            <style type="text/css">
5                html { height: 100% }
6                body { height: 100%;
7                    margin: 0px;
8                    padding: 0px;
9                    background-color: black;
10                   color: #CCCCCC;
11                   text-align: center}
12            #map_canvas { width:90%;
13                height:80%;
14                margin-left: auto;

```



```

15         margin-right: auto }
16     </style>
17     <script type="text/javascript"
18         src="http://maps.google.com/maps/api/js?sensor=false">
19     </script>
20     <script type="text/javascript">
21         function initialize() {
22             var classroom = new google.maps.LatLng(35.084280,-106.624073)
23             var myOptions = {
24                 zoom: 18,
25                 center: classroom,
26                 mapTypeId: google.maps.MapTypeId.HYBRID,
27                 zoomControl: true,
28                 zoomControlOptions: {style: google.maps.ZoomControlStyle.SMALL},
29                 mapTypeControl: true,
30                 mapTypeControlOptions: {
31                     style: google.maps.MapTypeControlStyle.DROPDOWN_MENU},
32                 streetViewControl: false
33             };
34             var map = new google.maps.Map(
35                 document.getElementById("map_canvas"),
36                 myOptions);
37         }
38     </script>
39 </head>
40
41 <body onload="initialize()">
42     <h1>Sample Map</h1>
43     <div id="map_canvas"></div>
44 </body>
45
46 </html>

```

<http://karlbenedict.com/GEOG485-585/lectures/examples/gmaps06.html>

Markers

```

1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3     <head>
4         <style type="text/css">
5             html { height: 100% }
6             body { height: 100%;
7                 margin: 0px;
8                 padding: 0px;
9                 background-color: black;
10                color: #CCCCCC;
11                text-align: center}
12            #map_canvas { width:90%;
13                height:80%;
14                margin-left: auto;
15                margin-right: auto }
16        </style>

```

```

17     <script type="text/javascript"
18         src="http://maps.google.com/maps/api/js?sensor=false">
19     </script>
20     <script type="text/javascript">
21         function initialize() {
22             var classroom = new google.maps.LatLng(35.084280,-106.624073)
23             var office = new google.maps.LatLng(35.084506,-106.624899)
24             var myOptions = {
25                 zoom: 18,
26                 center: classroom,
27                 mapTypeId: google.maps.MapTypeId.HYBRID
28             };
29             var map = new google.maps.Map(
30                 document.getElementById("map_canvas"),
31                 myOptions);
32
33             var classroomMarker = new google.maps.Marker({
34                 position: classroom,
35                 title:"Geography 485L/585L Classroom, Bandelier East, Room 106"
36             });
37             classroomMarker.setMap(map);
38
39             var officeMarker = new google.maps.Marker({
40                 position: office,
41                 title:"Office, Bandelier West, Room 107"
42             });
43             officeMarker.setMap(map);
44         }
45     </script>
46 </head>
47
48 <body onload="initialize()">
49     <h1>Sample Map</h1>
50     <div id="map_canvas"></div>
51 </body>
52
53 </html>

```

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Polyline

```

1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3      <head>
4          <style type="text/css">
5              html { height: 100% }
6              body { height: 100%;
7                  margin: 0px;
8                  padding: 0px;
9                  background-color: black;
10                 color: #CCCCCC;
11                 text-align: center}

```

```

12     #map_canvas { width:90%;
13         height:80%;
14         margin-left:
15         auto;
16         margin-right: auto }
17 </style>
18 <script type="text/javascript"
19     src="http://maps.google.com/maps/api/js?sensor=false">
20 </script>
21 <script type="text/javascript">
22     function initialize() {
23         var classroom = new google.maps.LatLng(35.084280,-106.624073)
24         var office = new google.maps.LatLng(35.084506,-106.624899)
25         var myOptions = {
26             zoom: 18,
27             center: classroom,
28             mapTypeId: google.maps.MapTypeId.HYBRID
29         };
30         var map = new google.maps.Map(
31             document.getElementById("map_canvas"),
32             myOptions);
33
34         var classroomMarker = new google.maps.Marker({
35             position: classroom,
36             title:"Geography 485L/585L Classroom, Bandelier East, Room 106"
37         });
38         classroomMarker.setMap(map);
39
40         var officeMarker = new google.maps.Marker({
41             position: office,
42             title:"Office, Bandelier West, Room 107"
43         });
44         officeMarker.setMap(map);
45
46         var officeVisitCoordinates = [
47             office,
48             new google.maps.LatLng(35.084445,-106.624327),
49             new google.maps.LatLng(35.084309,-106.624308),
50             classroom
51         ];
52         var officePath = new google.maps.Polyline({
53             path: officeVisitCoordinates,
54             strokeColor: "#FF0000",
55             strokeOpacity: 1.0,
56             strokeWeight: 2
57         });
58         officePath.setMap(map)
59     }
60 </script>
61 </head>
62
63 <body onload="initialize()">
64     <h1>Sample Map</h1>
65     <div id="map_canvas"></div>

```

```

66     </body>
67
68 </html>

```

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Polygon

```

1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3      <head>
4          <style type="text/css">
5              html { height: 100% }
6              body { height: 100%;
7                  margin: 0px;
8                  padding: 0px;
9                  background-color: black;
10                 color: #CCCCCC;
11                 text-align: center}
12             #map_canvas { width:90%;
13                 height:80%;
14                 margin-left: auto;
15                 margin-right: auto }
16         </style>
17         <script type="text/javascript"
18             src="http://maps.google.com/maps/api/js?sensor=false">
19         </script>
20         <script type="text/javascript">
21             function initialize() {
22                 var classroom = new google.maps.LatLng(35.084280,-106.624073)
23                 var office = new google.maps.LatLng(35.084506,-106.624899)
24                 var myOptions = {
25                     zoom: 18,
26                     center: classroom,
27                     mapTypeId: google.maps.MapTypeId.HYBRID
28                 };
29                 var map = new google.maps.Map(
30                     document.getElementById("map_canvas"),
31                     myOptions);
32                 var classroomMarker = new google.maps.Marker({
33                     position: classroom,
34                     title:"Geography 485L/585L Classroom, Bandelier East, Room 106"
35                 });
36                 classroomMarker.setMap(map);
37                 var officeMarker = new google.maps.Marker({
38                     position: office,
39                     title:"Office, Bandelier West, Room 107"
40                 });
41                 officeMarker.setMap(map);
42                 var buildingCoordinates = [
43                     new google.maps.LatLng(35.084498,-106.624921),
44                     new google.maps.LatLng(35.084558,-106.624911),
45                     new google.maps.LatLng(35.084566,-106.624970),

```

```

46         new google.maps.LatLng(35.084609,-106.624966),
47         new google.maps.LatLng(35.084544,-106.624383),
48         new google.maps.LatLng(35.084438,-106.624317),
49         new google.maps.LatLng(35.084384,-106.623922),
50         new google.maps.LatLng(35.084164,-106.623970),
51         new google.maps.LatLng(35.084214,-106.624324),
52         new google.maps.LatLng(35.084214,-106.624324),
53         new google.maps.LatLng(35.084391,-106.624284)
54     ];
55     var bldgPoly = new google.maps.Polygon({
56         paths: buildingCoordinates,
57         strokeColor: "#FF0000",
58         strokeOpacity: 0.8,
59         strokeWeight: 2,
60         fillColor: "#FF0000",
61         fillOpacity: 0.35
62     });
63     bldgPoly.setMap(map)
64 }
65 </script>
66 </head>
67
68 <body onload="initialize()">
69     <h1>Sample Map</h1>
70     <div id="map_canvas"></div>
71 </body>
72
73 </html>

```

<http://karlbenedict.com/GEOG485-585/lectures/examples/gmaps09.html>

Adding an Info Window

```

1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3      <head>
4          <style type="text/css">
5              html { height: 100% }
6              body { height: 100%;
7                  margin: 0px;
8                  padding: 0px;
9                  background-color: black;
10                 color: #CCCCCC;
11                 text-align: center}
12             #map_canvas { width:90%;
13                 height:80%;
14                 margin-left: auto;
15                 margin-right: auto }
16             .infoBox { color:black }
17          </style>
18          <script type="text/javascript"
19              src="http://maps.google.com/maps/api/js?sensor=false">
20          </script>

```

```

21 <script type="text/javascript">
22     function initialize() {
23         var classroom = new google.maps.LatLng(35.084280,-106.624073)
24         var office = new google.maps.LatLng(35.084506,-106.624899)
25         var myOptions = {
26             zoom: 18,
27             center: classroom,
28             mapTypeId: google.maps.MapTypeId.HYBRID
29         };
30         var map = new google.maps.Map(
31             document.getElementById("map_canvas"),
32             myOptions);
33         var classroomMarker = new google.maps.Marker({
34             position: classroom,
35             title:"Geography 485L/585L Classroom, Bandelier East, Room 106"
36         });
37         classroomMarker.setMap(map);
38         var officeMarker = new google.maps.Marker({
39             position: office,
40             title:"Office, Bandelier West, Room 107"
41         });
42         officeMarker.setMap(map);
43         var buildingCoordinates = [
44             new google.maps.LatLng(35.084498,-106.624921),
45             new google.maps.LatLng(35.084558,-106.624911),
46             new google.maps.LatLng(35.084566,-106.624970),
47             new google.maps.LatLng(35.084609,-106.624966),
48             new google.maps.LatLng(35.084544,-106.624383),
49             new google.maps.LatLng(35.084438,-106.624317),
50             new google.maps.LatLng(35.084384,-106.623922),
51             new google.maps.LatLng(35.084164,-106.623970),
52             new google.maps.LatLng(35.084214,-106.624324),
53             new google.maps.LatLng(35.084214,-106.624324),
54             new google.maps.LatLng(35.084391,-106.624284)
55         ];
56         var bldgPoly = new google.maps.Polygon({
57             paths: buildingCoordinates,
58             strokeColor: "#FF0000",
59             strokeOpacity: 0.8,
60             strokeWeight: 2,
61             fillColor: "#FF0000",
62             fillOpacity: 0.35
63         });
64         bldgPoly.setMap(map);
65         var classInfoContent = '<div class="infoBox">' +
66             '<p>This is the location for the Geography 485L/585L class</p>' +
67             '</div>'
68         var classInfoWindow = new google.maps.InfoWindow({
69             content: classInfoContent
70         });
71         google.maps.event.addListener(classroomMarker, 'click', function() {
72             classInfoWindow.open(map,classroomMarker);
73         });
74     }

```

```
75         </script>
76     </head>
77
78     <body onload="initialize()">
79         <h1>Sample Map</h1>
80         <div id="map_canvas"></div>
81     </body>
82
83 </html>
```

<http://karlbenedict.com/GEOG485-585/lectures/examples/gmaps10.html>