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Welcome Announcement

Dear Students,

We welcome all of you to **From GPS and Google Maps to Spatial Computing**, offered by the **University of Minnesota**. This course will be eight weeks long, running from **September 23 to November 17**, and will feature lecture videos, interviews, problem sets and programming assignments (for those of you who choose the technical track). By taking this course, you can expect to learn about the fundamental ideas underlying spatial computing services and systems, as well as the basic tools and frameworks for working with spatial data. Because of the size of the class, **we will not be able to reply to any direct emails**. However, please **actively participate in the discussion forums, and post any questions you may have**. We will monitor your posts, replies and votes, and provide help through the forums. You can also engage other students through the forums--please help each other when you can.

To help you better prepare for the course, we ask you to **read through the [syllabus](#) and the [Read Me First documents](#)** as soon as possible, but no later than the end of the first week. If you have friends who might be interested in spatial computing and related topics, please tell them about the class and help them sign up for the class too. Studying together can often be more fun than studying alone! Feel free to form any kind of online or offline study group, discussion meeting, or watch party.

As you may know, this course has three different

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tracks: the **Curiosity Track**, the **Concepts Track** and the **Technical Track**. Each track is intended for people with different study goals, technical backgrounds and amounts of available time. Please refer to the [syllabus](#), [Read Me First](#) document, and the [first few videos of the course](#) to help you decide which track you'd like to join.

We also ask that you take a few moments before beginning the course to take a quick [pre-course survey](#) to help us better understand who you are.

Welcome to the course! See you in the discussion forums!

Sincerely,

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Tue 23 Sep 2014 6:00 AM PDT
