

"GeoWeb" of the Future Subject of Online Radio Show

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Last year it was Google Earth. This year it's the *Geospatial Web* that is democratizing spatial information. *Geoweb* (for short) combines map data with web-like hypermedia - webpages, video objects, audio objects, etc. - that are tagged with location coordinates in addition to a URL. It allows us to learn about the environment as we move through it.

These are the words of Mike Liebhold, Senior Researcher at the Institute for the Future. He is a keynote speaker at this spring's forum, *Imagining Possibilities: The Next Frontier for Geographic Information Technology*. You can learn more about this June 1 event and register for it at www.mngisllis.org/metrogisforum.htm.

Liebhold spoke on a radio show, *On Point: A New Sense of the Web* that was aired on many public radio stations January 3, 2006. You can listen to the full broadcast at www.onpointradio.org/shows/2006/01/20060103_b_main.asp.

Here is how the show is described:

"Just a decade after it became ubiquitous, the World Wide Web has made us blasé about information. We assume we can learn almost everything about almost anything at the touch of a PC keyboard. But the digital revolution is hardly over.

Now, the digital realm is exploding into the physical world. They call it the "geo-spatial web." Already it means online maps loaded with information about the physical world, and someday soon, that physical world itself will be tagged and teeming with data for the asking: What is that building? Where is my dog? Who is that man?

The implications are huge, exciting and scary, and the result will be a world alive with information.

Hear about the ambitions and implications of the "geospatial web."

Guests:

- Mike Liebhold, Senior Researcher, Institute for the Future
- Christopher Allen, Founding Partner, Counts Media
- Peter Morville, author of "Ambient Findability"

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