GPS Basics & Integration with Asset Management

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GPS BASICS

GPS: (Global Positioning System)

Managed by the USAF Min SV's: 24 Current SV's: 32+ Real-Time Accuracy 10-15m





GLONASS

Russian Space Forces 21+ SV's Real-Time Accuracy -approx 4.5-8.5m (7+SV's)



Other Systems

Galileo – European Union

<u>COMPASS</u> – People's Republic of China

IRNSS –India

<u>QZSS</u> – Japan



Put them all together...

90+ total

GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System)

More is better!



GNSS Segments



It's All About Distance and Time



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Sources of Error





GNSS Accuracy vs Precision

Accuracy: how close a measured value is to true value

Precision: how close measured values are to each other





Horizontal Accuracy







Location Services

- Smart devices
- Assisted GPS
 - Satellites
 - WiFi
 - Cell Towers
- Determine Location Quickly



15 meter Accuracy (Raw GPS)





8 meter Accuracy (Location Services)



1 meter Accuracy



1 foot Accuracy



- Real Time
 - SBAS (WAAS: Wide Area Augmentation System)
 - Designed for aircraft navigation
 - No internet connection
 necessary
 - Free
 - < meters accuracy typically



• Real Time (WAAS)





- Real Time
 - VRS (Virtual Reference Stations)
 - Operated by ODOT
 - Tracks both GPS (US) and GLONASS (Russian)
 - Requires an internet connection
 - Free

Real Time

VRS (Virtual Reference Stations) Ohio







- Real Time
 - Satellite Delivered Correction Services
 - No Internet connection required
 - Ideal for remote environments
 - Not limited by state locations
 - Subscription required

Post Processing







Vertical Accuracy

Vertical Accuracy / Elevation

- Key Terms
 - (HAE) Ellipsoid: A mathematical representation of the Earth as an oval
 - Geoid: a locally calculated geometric representation of the actual physical shape of the earth.
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HAE (Height Above Ellipsoid)



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Integration with Asset Management

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Tablet / Phone (Stand-alone GPS) vs All-In-One Handheld

- Convenience
- Ruggedness
- Platform
- Security
 - Find my Android
- Power usage





Integration with Asset Management

- Platform
 - Android
 - iOS
 - Windows







Integration with Asset Management

- Software for data collection
 - IAMGIS
 - ESRI
 - QGIS









Next Generation GNSS

New GPS Signal

- L1 Signal
 - Oldest
 - Available on most GPS devices
 - Slow and most prone to distortion
- L2 Signal
 - Lower frequency
 - Travels better through trees, clouds
 - Military and Civilian portion

New GPS Signal

- L5 Signal
 - Higher frequency
 - Transmitted with more power
 - Indoors and autonomous vehicles



Questions

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