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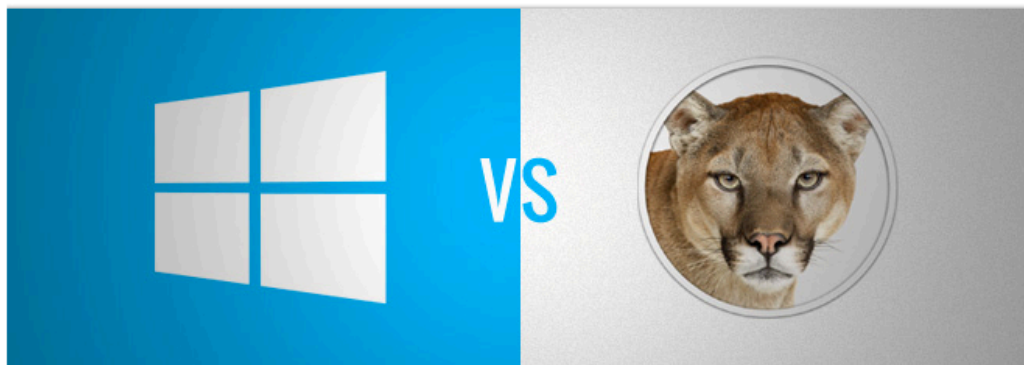
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Windows 8 vs OS X Mountain Lion: A Battle Of Features

by Fatima Wahab on November 06, 2012

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Three years after Windows 7, Microsoft has released the next version of Windows dubbed Windows 8. If you've been following any of the pre-launch buzz surrounding this release or have tried your hand at either the consumer or developer preview, you will know that it's the largest interface overhaul that Microsoft has ever made to its operating system. It's also something of a hybrid that's meant for both desktop PCs and tablets, specifically the Surface. Windows 8 is mostly being compared to its predecessor and how easy or difficult it will be to adapt to for users running Windows 7. In what follows, we will take a look at some

App Switch Moves The Mouse To The Appropriate Display When Switching Apps In OS X

by Fatima Wahab

OS X does a lot of things really well, and even desktop users who prefer Windows over Mac appreciate the genius behind some of its features. What it doesn't do as well as it should is the way it manages multiple displays. You can simply plug in a second display and it will work, but there are some inconveniences that are still there; for instance, the Dock does not appear on the second screen and if you view an app in full screen on one display, the other display is rendered useless with the grey linen background. Perhaps, the most peculiar behavior that's observed with multiple displays is when you switch to an app open in the other display; although it activates the window, the cursor remains where it is and does not move to the second screen. **App Switch** is a menu bar app for Mac OS X that fixes this behavior by moving the mouse pointer to the exact center of the screen that you selected.

App Switch has a very small function, but it does make it easy to use multiple displays with a Mac. It adds a small arrow to the Menu Bar to indicate that it's running and has no preferences. You can, however, set the app to start at login from its menu bar options.

App Switch does not modify any of the keyboard shortcuts, so you can use Command+Tab to switch to another app via the on-screen selector, it detects which screen the app you're switching to, is on and moves the cursor to that screen.

The app is free and does what it claims to do perfectly. A feature that displays the app switching panel on whichever of your displays you're working on would be an excellent addition. App Switch will work with all apps and should work for as many displays as you connect, though it doesn't explicitly say how many displays are supported.

Apps like this highlight that as far as multiple monitors go, Mac OS X could do with some substantial improvement to its current features. There are still multiple problems with using two displays in OS X and there are small apps like this one that help fix some of them, but an OS wide solution or a single app that fixes all the multi-monitor related issues is still hard to find.

Clusters
for Mac OS X 10.6+

Clusters takes advantage of the file compression technology in Mountain Lion, Lion and Snow Leopard to help you regain space, keep your system tidy and launch your files faster. Clusters is a background and transparent file compressor: Mac OS and your apps will use compressed files without having to expand them first - they will just take less disk space and load faster.

How does it work? Just select some folders to compress and Clusters will silently work in the background, using your system spare resources to increase free space and make file access faster. Clusters will watch for changes in the folders you configure: for example, set Clusters to work on your Applications folder to automatically compress any new apps you install, thus having them launch faster.

Grab Clusters now and see for yourself. The demo version will allow you to gain up to 50MB of space.

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16	diskarbitrationd	root	6.1	4	2.3 MB	Intel (64 bit)
98	WindowServer	_windowserve	2.7	4	97.8 MB	Intel (64 bit)
403	Agent	cyberdavew	2.7	16	9.3 MB	Intel
0	kernel_task	root	1.5	85	813.2 MB	Intel (64 bit)
345	Safari	cyberdavew	1.2	19	254.0 MB	Intel (64 bit)
184	Skype	cyberdavew	0.9	24	155.1 MB	Intel
165	launchd	cyberdavew	0.8	2	1.6 MB	Intel (64 bit)
1	launchd	root	0.7	3	2.6 MB	Intel (64 bit)
186	Activity Monitor	cyberdavew	0.5	5	19.8 MB	Intel (64 bit)

Savings: 4.70 GB
Status: Idle
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iOS

gMaps Browser Brings Google Maps With Street View & Weather To iOS 6

by Hamza Khalid

Apple Maps have been subjected to so much ridicule since iOS 6 was released that any more negative comments and jibes at the app would be pointless. Besides, Apple's CEO Tim Cook has formally apologized for the inadequacy of the Maps app in an open letter, indicating that it is time to move forward (carefully, if you happen to be using Apple Maps) and look for some good alternatives that are already present in the App Store. The big names come to mind first of all, like Bing and Waze, but one mustn't ignore lesser-known alternatives. It's not like there weren't many maps apps in the App Store before, but the release of iOS 6 has seen such apps sprout like weeds. Having a third-party client still won't feel the same as the native Google Maps client of course, since it is sure to be missing some features, but it could have some features of its own to make up for that. A shining example of this is the new **gMaps Browser** for iPhone and iPad. This Google Maps client does not offer route planning, but other than that, you'll be getting everything that can be expected from a maps alternative – Street View and public transit maps, along with a tidy interface and a few bonus features including additional map layers for weather and geotagged photos.
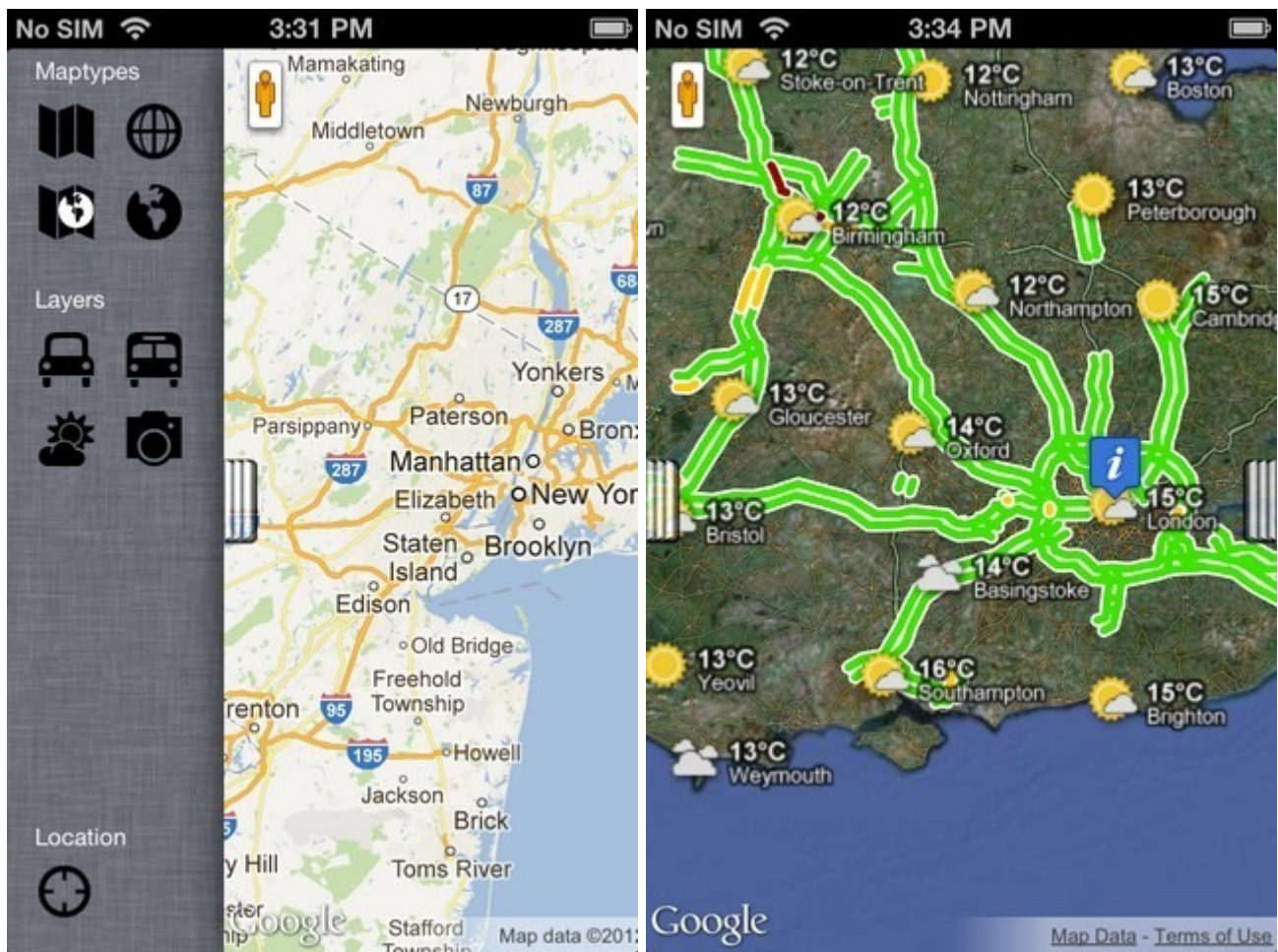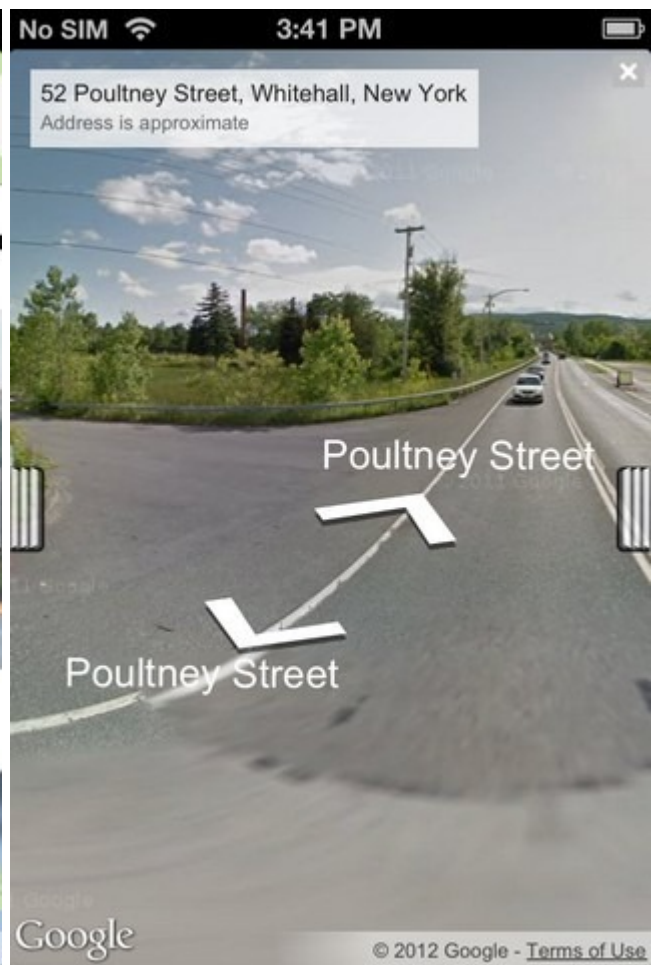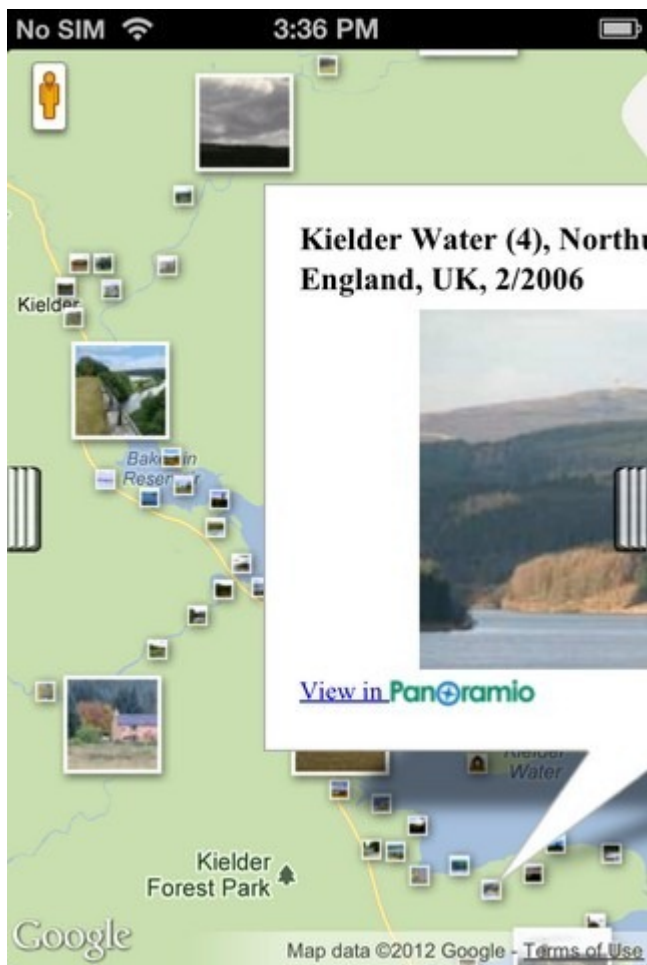
gMaps Browser has a simple options menu that can be brought up by tapping the handle (much like the one at the bottom of the Notification Center) at the left edge of the screen. A handle on the right side hides the search bar. The options menu is divided into two main parts; *Mapstypes* and *Layers*. At the bottom, you'll find a button to navigate to your current location.

Map Types
The map views are the same as those provided by the stock iOS 5 Maps app, plus an additional 'Terrain' view. You can switch between the following views or *Maptypes* from within the aforementioned menu.

- Standard view
- Satellite view
- Terrain view
- Hybrid view

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Layers

Regardless of what Map view you're using, you can simultaneously turn on as many layers as you want. You have the following four options to choose from.

- The first button in the layers section highlights all the roads that are suitable for vehicles.
- The public transit layer shows the routes of all the buses and metro trains in your area.
- Looking for the temperature around a particular city? gMaps has got you covered with its weather layer, which displays the current weather conditions and temperature for all major cities on the map.
- To view photos submitted from different areas to location-based sharing service Panoramio, toggle the photo layer on.
  Hitting the small thumbnails that appear on the map shows larger previews. You may also view each photo in Panoramio by tapping the *View in* option within each preview.

Street View

gMaps Browser indicates Street View support for an area via a small icon in the top-left corner of the map. Wherever the icon is yellow, Street View is available, and you jump

right into it by dragging the small stick figure over to the desired location. Once in Street View, you can move around using the usual pinch and swipe gestures.

As mentioned earlier, gMaps Browser isn't really an option if you're looking for route planning, turn-by-turn navigation or voice directions, which kind of makes it pointless to use it as a Maps alternative. However, its neat interface, the additional features it supports, and a $0 price tag definitely make it worth a try.

gMaps Browser is a free, universal app, and works only with iOS 6

Fayve - A very graphically appealing Entertainment Finding Utility

Dark Sky - Another weather program but with a very unique difference - it actually shows you Radar Weather Fronts.. not just historically but up to 2 hours in the Future.

For camera buffs..

Panoramapallooza! - iOS 6 now allows in camera stitched Panoramas if you own an iPhone 4S or the new iPhone 5. (Demo here... also show Sony A65 in Camera Pano shot).

iPhone 4S below..... 5.8 Megabytes

Sony A65 Pano below...13 Megabytes