

## Google launched its 'locator' software

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**Google recently launched a service that allows users to locate their relatives and friends, as well as inform their location with them via mobile phones and other wireless devices.**

When this service is activated, the location of the mobile phone user is displayed with a blue box in the map on the screen. Of course, these positions only show up when the other person accepts the display.

The software includes the latest version of Google Maps for mobile software, allowing users to browse maps on the go.



The Latitude feature developed by Google is said to be interesting to keep in touch with someone. However, it also raises concerns about privacy infringement.

Google product manager Steve Lee said: " *This feature adds Google map capabilities and is very interesting .*" He also added that this feature does not affect personal privacy.

Users can decide whether to allow their location to be displayed with others. This service is designed to help people stay in constant contact with each other.

When using this feature, the user's location will be plotted on the map through information from mobile towers and global positioning systems. If a phone has GPS installed, the user's location will be determined within a few meters radius. If your mobile device does not have a GPS device installed, the location will be determined relative within a few hundred meters.

Displaying the user's location on someone else's phone is only determined when the user opens the navigation system and selects the person they want to share their current location. Users can accept or decline requests to share location with others.

Google said it would avoid abuse of the service by not storing any information about user mobility.

*" You can choose to hide your location from anyone you want or expand your location throughout the city if you want. Plus you can compose your location manually. can specify the location on the screen that you are at work, but can still be happy in a bar, "a Google spokesman said.*

The service will initially be available for BlackBerry phones and phones running Windows Mobile and Symbian S60. Phones using this operating system are mostly Nokia phones.

The service will be available to iPhone users in the next few weeks and will be expanded in 26 countries including the US.

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