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Who is SkyBase and what do they do?

SkyBase Solutions has slowly gained the position of the only serious, ready to use, oil and gas road data supplier in Canada. Our PatchMap products now have approximately 775,000 kms of roads; increasing daily. All of these roads have speeds attached to them as well as road names, kilometer posts and radio frequencies. This same dataset is embedded in all of our products from a webmap service that fleet management companies use to our PC dispatching product to maps on SD cards for Garmin GPS units … even to paper maps that adorn many a wall and truck door pocket.

This isn't all that we do but everything else hinges on the road dataset. We seldom rent our data to others as the product gets old really fast ... and we want to have control of the process so that the dataset stays as functional and current as possible … and our name is on only the latest version, not a stale version from who knows when, that someone refuses to update. PatchMap is always **only** available from us directly or through our partner ecosystem.

It turns out that once you have a full bodied oil and gas map it acts like a backbone ... a multitude of other datasets can be draped over it for more particular applications … and as far as we know, no others offer this functionality. . Someone can take a singular dataset and have their very own unique mapset with a fraction of the effort; no particular map skills needed, in a short day … who has a desire to start building a map completely from scratch? (even we don't)

Other ways we differentiate ourselves:
There are other companies that will sell you (rent, actually) datasets, that you have to process over and over and over if you are going to utilise them in any constructive way and when we were part of that system (as a user) we found that they didn't have (and refused to develop) any mechanism to take our corrections into the datasets so as to make real improvement as a normal part of development.

As that didn't make sense to us, our system is inclusive … you feed anything you want to us, we utilise it as a normal part of how things get done. In fact, we built our system to encourage quick and easy sharing. If you have a GPS track that covers new roads or perhaps corrects our old roads, it could be in our on-line dataset within the week … and in that month's Garmin GPS update.

Of course we QC the data and only use it as the basis of the end product 'cause that is what we do. In the end, the best dataset possible resides in one place, continually QC'd by people who get paid to be perfectionists and produce the very best product that could possibly be created. (We are not perfect … but we try the hardest) Then we make it available to others in as many forms as possible.

One thing that is particularly important to us is to NOT develop tools that cannot be part of the rest of our development environments … ie. the GPS needs to talk to the PC product and the PC product needs to contain the exact same data that the on-line tools use so that no matter where you are looking at our maps, they should all look and work as close to the same as the development environment will allow.

Don't be shy … we have trial versions available within an hour of your first call ! (except for the GPS)