PocketFAAR

FAAR® mobile viewing software has become the industry standard tool for accessing your GIS data. Now FAAR is available for handheld and Pocket PC devices operating in the Pocket PC environment.

The addition of PocketFAAR allows utilities to choose from a range of hardware options for their field personnel. The cost of deploying laptop PCs to the field is generally one of the largest obstacles to field automation. The ability to use today’s powerful yet less-expensive handheld and pocket devices allows utilities easier entry to field automation and the distribution of GIS data increasing productivity, further leveraging your GIS investment.

FAAR’s power and ease of use has been maintained in the Pocket PC version, allowing you to quickly search for and display facilities such as poles, valves, cross-boxes, addresses and street intersections. FAAR’s compressed file format, already proven on mainstream platforms, maximizes the amount of data that may be taken to the field on a Pocket PC device. This eliminates the need to switch between two, three, or more maps, giving users all the information they need when they need it. Tasks now take less time and productivity is increased because employees can spend more time actually working on the task at hand rather than searching for information.

Once the area of interest is identified, powerful view manipulation tools let you move around the view effortlessly. Different layers may be toggled on and off as needed to isolate facilities by placement (underground vs. overhead), type (primary/secondary/services), or other distinctions.

PocketFAAR has preserved the standard FAAR platform independence that allows data from virtually any GIS system to be displayed.

PocketFAAR features include:

- Seamless display – View multiple maps simultaneously.
- Easy to use – Minimal training time.
- Compact – Take more data to the field, decreasing travel time.
- Navigation – Zoom In, Zoom Out and Shift.
- Markup – Make notes on the surface of the map.
- Measure – Measure distances between objects.
- Query – Display information about specific facilities.
- GPS compatible – Show current or relative position.

With PocketFAAR, it’s easy to zoom to a specific street intersection with just a few taps. You can select a customer parcel and review customer contact information such as name, phone number, and meter location or query a specific facility for installation date, repair history, and a schematic drawing.

All of this is possible with PocketFAAR, and redlining tools allow users to easily add notes and make sketches as needed.

PocketFAAR is easy to use. Training time is measured in hours, not days. User acceptance is phenomenal, even among those with little or no computer experience.

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