

Tim Barnes-Lee kreirao je 1990. godine World Wide Web (web). Važnost weba je za kartografe višestruka. Prvo, web je za kartografe novi mehanizam za distribuciju karata. Drugo, omogućuje korisnicima da pronađu karte koje inače ne bi mogli dobiti. Treće, stimulira javnu potražnju za kartama. I četvrto, omogućuje kartografima da izrađuju potpuno nove vrste karata, tzv. karte na zahtjev. Navedimo za primjer kartu koja se stvara na ekranu ručnog PC-a da bi korisniku pokazala put do nekog traženog objekta, npr. muzeja.

Danas se web koristi za distribuciju animiranih karata, a mnogo manje za kreaciju animiranih karata na zahtjev. Glavni razlog je nedostatak saznanja o potražnji za animiranim kartama na zahtjev. Međutim, animirane meteorološke karte na webu su dobar primjer animiranih karata za koje postoji veliki interes.

Jedan od glavnih razloga što danas na webu ima razmjerno malo animiranih karata je dugotrajnost njihove izrade. Automatizacija izrade animiranih karata smanjila bi cijenu njihove izrade i bitno povećala njihovu dostupnost. Budućnost animiranih karata ovisi u velikoj mjeri o razvoju metoda njihove automatizacije.

Navodimo tri mrežne adrese s primjerima animiranih karata.

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