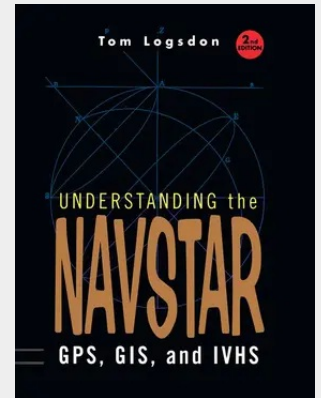


Understanding the Navstar

GPS, GIS, and IVHS

Two complete new chapters have been introduced. The first one, Chapter 16, amplifies the many rich interactions between Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and the Navstar GPS. The words and pictures in this new chapter focus on the powerful electronic mapping techniques that rely on Navstar navigation together with the many benefits stemming from the full-colored "layered" maps now being produced. Chapter 17, which is also new, deals with Intelligent Vehicle Highway Systems (IVHS). Navstar navigation techniques form the hidden backbone of most of the new electronic technologies that are helping to make America's traffic flow more smoothly. Chapter 17 closes with narrative descriptions of three interesting IVHS projects: emergency tow-truck dispatching, optimum ambulance-routing, and the in-car traffic reports now being beamed into family cars cruising along America's major traffic arteries. Many helpful individuals contributed toward the successful completion of Understanding the Navstar. My lovely wife, Cyndy, was unquestionably the most beneficial contributor. Her affectionate comments and her broad-ranging support were greatly appreciated. So was her diligent and uncomplaining work in word-processing the many drafts of the final manuscript. The artists, Lloyd and Inka Wing and Anthony and Dianne Vega, were also enormously helpful in providing quality figures and tables on schedule. They have become true masters of the Macintosh computer with its many bells and whistles. Preparing a book for publication is a time-consuming, invigorating task. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoyed putting it together for your use.


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