Chapter 8 Tech Tips

The current version of Google Earth Pro (the current version, 7.1) is available for free download at <https://www.google.com/earth/explore/products/desktop.html>

You used to have to pay for Google Earth Pro - however as of early 2015, Google has released Google Earth Pro for free. As such, you’ll be using Google Earth Pro instead of the regular Google Earth in this chapter to take advantage of its many additional features (particularly its batch geocoding capability) that are not available in regular Google Earth.

After you download Google Earth Pro you’ll require a username and license key when installing it. The download page (here: <https://www.google.com/earth/download/gep/agree.html>) will give you these same instructions, but use your e-mail address for your user name and GEPFREE as the license key (you’ll only have to input this information once when installing the software and then not bother with it again when you use it).

One example of time quickly catching up with technology is in *Hands-on Application 8.3*. This highly useful app was created using a version of Java that is quickly not being supported by many Web browsers. There are a couple of ways around this. For instance, to get this Website (and others using the same type of Java apps) to open properly in Google Chrome at the time of writing, do the following (instructions here are taken from the Google Chrome website):

1. Open Chrome.

2. In the address bar at the top of the screen, type: chrome://flags/#enable-npapi

3. In the window that opens, click the link that says *Enable* under the Enable NPAPI flag.

4. In the bottom left corner of the page, click the Relaunch Now button.

If this workaround doesn’t work for you, you can use the Java Control Panel on your Windows or Mac machine to set up the Website as an “exception” to properly run. Instructions for doing this are located here: <https://www.java.com/en/download/help/jcp_security.xml>