

Chapter 12 Tech Tips

In April 2017, Google made significant changes to Google Earth – Google Earth now operates as a Web-based app (though there is also a downloadable desktop version) that is very different than previous versions of Google Earth. However, Google Earth Pro remained the same and still contains the features that were part of Google Earth for years (turning layers on and off, etc).

The current version of Google Earth Pro (the current version, 7.18) is available for free download at <https://www.google.com/earth/download/gep/agree.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 desktop program in this chapter to take advantage of its many additional features.

You will likely not have to do this, but after you download Google Earth Pro if you are prompted for a username and a password, 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).

Note that in this chapter you will also be using the browser version of Google Earth in addition to Google Earth Pro to visualize and analyze some satellite imagery KML files. At the time of writing, the files you use in Google Earth would not open properly in Google Earth Pro (but would open fine in Google Earth) hence the using of two different programs.