

Chapter 14 Tech Tips

In May 2017, Trimble changed how you can access a base layer for starting to work with SketchUp for location-based modeling (step 14.2). Prior to this time you could use the free SketchUp Make program (the one used in this lab) to get a 'snapshot' of Google imagery complete with terrain and import it into SketchUp to begin digitizing the footprint of the building.

However, now SketchUp Make will only allow you to obtain an OpenStreetMap map of the area without terrain. While this is less than ideal for digitizing things such as building footprints, it still serves as a decent initial source to create the initial building footprint.

You will also need to be running SketchUp Make 2017 (or presumably higher) to get access to this form of obtaining location data.

If you are using SketchUp Pro rather than SketchUp Make you can still access imagery and terrain for this step.

More information about these changes is available online here:
<https://help.sketchup.com/en/geodatachange>