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Geographic Mapping of Emotions

Posted by [timothy](#) on Thursday July 13, @12:57PM
from the [girlfriend's-apartments-marked-in-red](#) dept.

[datafr0g](#) writes "New Scientist has an [overview of a project that maps emotional responses to geographic locations](#). Emotions are read from an individual using a [Galvanic Skin Response Sensor](#). This data is combined with that from a GPS Receiver and the results can be viewed with mapping software such as Google Earth to show where the emotional highs and lows of the day traveling were spent. Points of significance on the map could also be tagged with more info by the user, which could make the information even more useful for town planners, architects, etc. From the project site: 'Bio Mapping is a research project which explores new ways that we as individuals can make use of the information we can gather about our own bodies. Instead of security technologies that are designed to control our behaviour, this project envisages new tools that allows people to selectively share and interpret their own bio data.'" I like the concept of architecture designed with emotion in mind, but galvanic skin response [might not be the most accurate way](#) to read "emotion" -- it might show that joggers are just as happy as sunbathers.



- **First Emotion**

(Score:1)

by [ReidMaynard \(161608\)](#) on Thursday July 13, @01:14PM ([#15713448](#))
(<http://slashdot.org/>)

Fear

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- **Mapping Fear**

(Score:4, Funny)

by [krell \(896769\)](#) on Thursday July 13, @01:18PM ([#15713470](#))

Here ya go: <http://www.waywelivednc.com/maps/historical/cape-f ear.gif>

[[waywelivednc.com](#)]

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Imagined places can change emotion too

(Score:5, Interesting)

by [PurifyYourMind \(776223\)](#) <ajlovesportland@gmail.com> on Thursday July 13, @01:18PM ([#15713467](#))

(<http://atheistunderwear.blogspot.com/>)

Years ago at a sports psychologist's office I had these skin-response devices (among other things) attached to me while I was told to close my eyes and imagine being in a relaxing natural setting. It was neat to see my brain activity mapped out on a monitor and change drastically because of those thoughts. So not only do real places affect us, but imagined ones as well.

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- **Re:Imagined places can change emotion too**

(Score:4, Interesting)

by [shotgunsaint \(968677\)](#) on Thursday July 13, @01:25PM ([#15713500](#))

I, for one, would love to see comparisons between emotional data gathered from people in real-world locations; people on guided, tour-like meditations of the same locations; and people in self-guided meditations. I've often wondered whether peoples' minds are better equipped to relax themselves than relaxing vacations.

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- [Re:Imagined places can change emotion too](#) by andrewman327 (Score:3) Thursday July 13, @03:10PM
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- **Yay!**

(Score:4, Funny)

by [growse \(928427\)](#) on Thursday July 13, @01:28PM ([#15713515](#))

(<http://www.growse.com/>)

Every day, we see more and more silly things to do with GPS and Google Earth. I, for one, embrace silliness.

Soon, we'll be able to draw big maps of the earth showing which countries are happier than others. There could be league tables of happiness, angriyness, sadness, fear etc. Maybe entire gambling rings....

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- [Re:Yay!](#) by jginspace (Score:2) Thursday July 13, @02:09PM
- [Re:Yay!](#) by Ohreally_factor (Score:3) Thursday July 13, @02:23PM
- [sensory to location translation table](#) by Walt Dismal (Score:3) Thursday July 13, @02:42PM

- **Pointless**

(Score:3, Insightful)

by [Billosaur \(927319\)](#) * on Thursday July 13, @01:35PM ([#15713552](#))

(Last Journal: [Monday July 10, @10:04AM](#))

Who thinks I need a map to tell me where I'm happy and sad and so forth day-to-day? Let's cut to the chase: Happy - in front of the TV watching baseball or Law & Order; Unhappy - work; Angry - commuting.

Just because we have certain technologies does not mean they should be combined to created mindless information for mass consupmtion. Are we going to end up with the Google Happy Zone, with a Google Earth map with little emoticons all over it? Are the going to link this to

your IM so people on the other end of your messages know your mood? All this is a high-tech version of the 70's mood ring.

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- [Re:Pointless](#) by Ana10g (Score:1) Thursday July 13, @01:46PM
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- [Re:Pointless](#) by pembo13 (Score:1) Thursday July 13, @04:04PM
 - [Re:Pointless](#) by Pulse_Instance (Score:1) Thursday July 13, @04:14PM
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- **Dont show to wife**

(Score:5, Funny)

by [novus ordo \(843883\)](#) on Thursday July 13, @01:35PM ([#15713553](#))

"Honey, what is this redlight district?"

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- [Re:Dont show to wife](#) by (arg!)Styopa (Score:3) Thursday July 13, @03:45PM

- **Joggers? Sunbathers?**

(Score:2, Insightful)

by [lorDMUX \(870522\)](#) <mdz3@@@case...edu> on Thursday July 13, @01:38PM

([#15713569](#))

it might show that joggers are just as happy as sunbathers.

Though I can't say I put much faith in the readings of the E-Meter-wannabe, I don't understand the logic behind the above statement. It seems to suggest that joggers are supposed to be less happy... .. having done both of the above, I'd say that the former is much more enjoyable than the latter.

Exercise induced endorphins, anyone?

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- [Re:Joggers? Sunbathers?](#) by Rob T Firefly (Score:2) Thursday July 13, @02:08PM
- [Re:Joggers? Sunbathers?](#) by kalirion (Score:2) Thursday July 13, @02:13PM
- [Re:Joggers? Sunbathers?](#) by TapeCutter (Score:2) Sunday July 16, @09:55AM

- **Lie detector applied to countries**

(Score:1)

by [krell \(896769\)](#) on Thursday July 13, @01:42PM ([#15713597](#))

It sounds like nothing more than a type of polygraph applied to a person's view of certain countries. Think of DeNiro in "Meet the Parents" grilling Ben Stiller: "So... have you ever considered a vacation to... Somalia? Or how about Belize?"

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- **Jogging vs. Sunbathing?**

(Score:4, Informative)

by [wishus \(174405\)](#) on Thursday July 13, @01:51PM ([#15713652](#))

(<http://www.warband1066.com/> | Last Journal: [Tuesday October 25, @08:16PM](#))

it might show that joggers are just as happy as sunbathers.

I would venture to say that joggers are as happy as sunbathers. Maybe I'm outside the norm

here, but I'd rather be jogging than sunbathing. Just like I'd rather be coding than watching TV.

There is a feeling you get in the middle of a good run that is euphoric. You feel like you could run forever. It's a happy feeling.

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- [Re:Jogging vs. Sunbathing?](#) by jfengel (Score:2) Thursday July 13, @02:08PM
- [Re:Jogging vs. Sunbathing?](#) by fireboy1919 (Score:3) Thursday July 13, @03:01PM

- **Sim City**

(Score:1)

by [brother b \(16716\)](#) on Thursday July 13, @02:23PM ([#15713845](#))

(<http://gold-and-silver.blogspot.com/>)

Does this remind anyone of "aura" in Sim City? You can see a map of the happier and unhappier parts of your city so you can figure out what to build where.

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- [Re:Sim City](#) by bcat24 (Score:2) Thursday July 13, @03:21PM

- **check it**

(Score:2, Interesting)

by [the dark hero \(971268\)](#) <adriatic_heroNO@SPAMhotmail.com> on Thursday July 13, @03:05PM ([#15714104](#))

The information age is upon us. <http://wefeelfine.org/> [wefeelfine.org]

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- **US map?**

(Score:3, Funny)

by [192939495969798999 \(58312\)](#) on Thursday July 13, @03:13PM ([#15714142](#))

(<http://www.devinmoore.com/> | Last Journal: [Thursday April 27, @03:04PM](#))

My first impression of that headline is a huge map of the US with smiley faces everywhere but here!

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- **How do they filter out all the noise?**

(Score:4, Insightful)

by [Chabil Ha' \(875116\)](#) on Thursday July 13, @03:22PM ([#15714189](#))

I don't want to sound like I'm trolling, but what relevance does this actually have? For instance, the sum of everyone's emotions on a particular spot I would imagine would equal zero. This is because what makes one person happy, may make another sad, etc. How does any of it make sense through all the emotional noise? For example, the sight of a tall sky scraper may seem like an awe inspiring feat of engineering to one, whilst it is a tearful reminder of the potential destructive force of a rag tag band of terrorists to another. How does all the subjectivity produce any meaningful results?

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- **Why, when We Feel Fine?**

(Score:1, Interesting)

by Anonymous Coward on Thursday July 13, @03:33PM ([#15714254](#))

Check out this emotional guide to the internet: [We Feel Fine](#) [wefeelfine.org] An exploration

of human emotion, in six movements. This is a very interesting Web 2.0 website that harvests emotion information collected in Blogs and organizes it in many ways for easy visualization.
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- **Slashgeo had this in May**

(Score:4, Informative)

by [benj_e \(614605\)](#) <walt.eis@gmail.com [il.' in gap]> on Thursday July 13, @05:42PM (#15714984)

(Last Journal: [Thursday February 17, @10:40AM](#))

Slashgeo (a site for us geospatial types) reported this in May. You can see it [here](#) [slashgeo.org].

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