# INSTALLING USB/ EXTERNAL GPS RECEIVER



## WHY?

The SIMON program and the MapPoint navigation program both require a dedicated GPS to operate. Your tablet has an internal GPS already integrated, but it in not capable of being shared by both of these programs at once. With this limitation, we lose the capability to click a link within SIMON that will automatically begin navigation. Adding this external GPS receiver and configuring it for the map program, restores this capability.

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Head outdoors and insert the tablet into the RAM mount, and start the SIMON program. During setup, you need to have SIMON running with an **active GPS connection**. Yow know SIMON has an active GPS connection when the signal icon is blinking green.

If the icon is blinking green with a GPS lock, skip to page 7. If you <u>do not</u> have an active GPS signal (blinking red) then go to the Motion connection manager to establish one.





After clicking the MCM icon the program will start and you may get a message saying either; the program is *running* or



Now go to the bottom right of your desktop, and click the arrow next to the notification flag. Then click the white icon ("beehive"), and click open.



## The Motion Connection Manager will now open. Select the GPS tab and check the

status.	Motion Broadband Conn	ection Manager		
GPS tab	Motion B Netwo GPS status GPS i Information	GPS GPS Status GPS Started - Acquiring Satellites Satellites in Range 6 Satellites Acquired 0 Latitude Longitude Elevation Speed Heading HDOP Time of Last Fix NMEA Com Port COM8	Stop GPS	Use this button to stop and start the GPS.
		<ul> <li>Start GPS on program start</li> <li>Restart GPS after resume from Sleep or Hibernate</li> <li>Minimize after GPS start</li> <li>Enable GPS XTRA</li> <li>Force XTRA Download</li> </ul>	]	

In the above window you see that the status is "GPS started Acquiring Satellites" This

means that the GPS is started but is not yet ready.



Once you see *"3D fix active"*, the GPS is ready. Close and restart SIMON program, and you should now have a blinking green icon. Now the SIMON program has a GPS lock and you should have the blinking green icon. If it does not, close and restart the SIMON program.



Once you achieve GPS lock, **minimize** SIMON. <u>It is very important that you minimize</u> <u>and not close the program</u>. This will keep the internal GPS busy with SIMON, and make installing the External GPS easier.



Mount the receiver. Included with the puck you should have found a USB extension cable, this gives you more flexibility in positioning the receiver. You can mount the GPS receiver anywhere you prefer, as long as it is able to receive a clear signal. Most commonly the dashboard area provides the best success. You can hold it in place with 2 sided tape, or adhesive backed Velcro strips. Ensure that the location you choose leaves enough slack in the cable to allow for any articulation that you may want in the RAM mount. One mounted, plug the USB cable into a USB port on the bottom of the mount. Remember— if removed and replaced, the same USB port needs to be utilized to avoid repeating the setup process.



Once you plug in the USB cable, the GPS receiver's drivers will download. You will receive a message similar to the one below when completed.



Now we need to configure the new external GPS to work with MapPoint. The next step is to open MapPoint **externally. Do not open it from within SIMON at this time.** 





## Once MapPoint is open. Go to Tools-GPS-Configure GPS.



#### GPS Receiver Settings



Current port:

Available ports:

Scan

Communications port (COM4) Communications port (COM6) Communications port (COM7) Communications port (COM9)

COM8

#### To configure your GPS receiver:

 Ensure that your GPS receiver is NMEA 2.0-compatible and that the input/output format (interface) is set to support the NMEA 2.0 or later data format. For more information, see the documentation for your device.

Install any necessary drivers that came with your GPS receiver. For more information, see the documentation for your device.

For best results, connect the device to your computer, and turn the device on, if necessary.

Choose the port for which your device is configured from the list below, or click Scan to search for available GPS devices.

5. For more help with troubleshooting, dick the Troubleshoot button.

OK.

Troubleshoot

Cancel

Now you should have this window on your screen. Since the internal GPS is busy with SIMON, you need to tell Map-Point where it can find a GPS. If you remember the port from the installation message (page 9) select that port from the menu then click *ok*.

If you forget which port the		
GPS receiver was installed to,		
click <i>scan</i> and it will find it.		
Click the correct port then ok.		



Now go to Tools-GPS-Start GPS Tracking to activate the GPS in the program.



### You should now see your location on the map.



## Now go to Tools- Options.



When the options window opens click *automatically start GPS*, then *ok*.

You can now close MapPoint











The navigation screen is now active. Below is how it appears in full screen mode.



For questions regarding the use of MapPoint. Go to help-MapPoint Tutorial.

