Virilio spoke of telepresence but Google Earth seems to invoke the opposite. What does it mean to see the intimate from far away?

For instance, I can sit in my house and look at my house from outer space right now.

Possible terms for this?
Auto-unpllesiant
The Real
Auto-trace
Extratelechy

Sorry, a term for to see the near from far away is not in the dictionary. Check the spelling and try removing suffixes like "-ing" and "-s".

Not found what you were looking for?
Go to our community to suggest a term or definition.
Tip: Find your house on Google Earth

Click Fly To. Enter the address in the input box and click the Search button.

In the search results, double click the address. Google Earth flies you to this address.

Find more cool stuff in Google Earth »
Extratelechy

Expiration of an aspiring martian. Taking the shape I do by virtue of the web of relations. I live in the network called 5104 Skillman Avenue, a student of the generalized symmetry that allows me to act on Skillman Avenue as seen from space.

This picture of earth is a blind, myopic, workaholic, trail-sniffing, and collective traveler. It is playing the part of an actor composed of other parts who may or may not be aware of each other but whose actions all converge, in a Darwinian sense, into this picture.

From extra (outside), tele (from a distance) and échein (to have), to signify "having distance from without", therefore, to have X from beyond X. Observation of forms in full working order due to other’s efforts to picture things of which one happens to be a part.
Where I live is real because I can see it from outer space.

I am I because somebody always may be watching.

I have blocked out the sounds of planes and helicopters taking footage of where I live and I know this to be true because in my audio recordings of my neighborhood their sound obscures almost everything. Listening, I think of “the last chopper out of Saigon.”

I can hear firsthand the sound of the subway two blocks away because I pay money not to have to live near there and try to fall asleep at night.

The image of someone filming here through the subway window as they pass by can be linked to other images and will appear as the turning of the earth in close-up on Google Earth.

Who is still then? The camera or the object? Time, if you stop clicking.

Some did not believe when TV showed a man on the moon.

Now we are all the man on the moon on laptops in our own living room wearing pajamas.

I have yet to see myself but I don’t need to because it’s consensus.

I can go on Google Earth, grab an image and write under it “This is not planet Earth.” But that is not interesting.
Here is someone walking by my building in 2009. It appears to be fall, so it could have been me, but I am sure that is not me. I do not have a shirt like that and I am not shaped like this person. I have a mirror so I know this to be true. But it could have been anyone. I wonder if I saw this woman and told her she was on Google Earth, if she would know what I mean, or care. I wish I could get close enough to see her face but the Google Maps Van doesn’t get that close, I guess.

All the little yellow cameras in the upper image represent places you can click on to get another image. Does it seem strange that there is one next to the first floor window? That is not my window. Actually, I am pretty certain it is my landlord’s window.
Google Earth is a virtual globe, map and geographic information program that maps the earth by the superimposition of images obtained from satellite imagery, aerial photography and 3D geographical data.

Some citizens may express concerns over aerial information depicting their properties and residences being disseminated freely. As relatively few jurisdictions actually guarantee the individual's right to privacy, as opposed to the state's right to secrecy, this is an evolving, but minor, point. Perhaps aware of these critiques[55], for a time, Google had Area 51 (which is highly visible and easy to find) in Nevada as a default placemark when Google Earth is first installed.

As a result of pressure from the United States government, the residence of the Vice President at Number One Observatory Circle was obscured through pixelization in Google Earth and Google Maps, but has since been lifted. The usefulness of this downgrade is questionable, as high-resolution photos and aerial surveys of the property are readily available on the Internet elsewhere.[56] Capitol Hill used to also be pixelized in this way, but this was lifted.

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Google Earth gets its images from satellites, civilian remote sensing spacecraft, Earth observation satellites, NASA's Landsat program, Canada's RADARSAT-1, commercial satellite imagery companies, map data, low-flying airplanes, and various national space agencies.

**Image providers**
1) DigitalGlobe
2) EarthSat
3) GeoEye-1 (ORBVIEW-3's successor)
4) GlobeXplorer
5) IKONOS (ORBVIEW-2 is successor)
6) Pictometry
7) Spot Image
8) TerraLook
9) ViewGL - updated aerial imagery for Google Earth
10) CNES
While it is true that most of Google Earth’s imagery is captured by satellites owned by such companies as DigitalGlobe, Spot Image, and more recently GeoEye, a good percentage is aerial photography taken by planes flying at various altitudes. Then, like all Google Earth imagery, each photo is carefully patched into the “quilt” that is the Google Earth globe.

Imagery available for Google Earth must be available for lease or purchase. We don’t like bad weather, even though we never show people sunning themselves on the beach. A few widely scattered clouds are OK it seems (but there is always some guy whose house is under that little cloud and he will complain that he used to be able to see his house, but now he can’t.)

Actually, so far there are no close-ups of any beach anywhere in the world. There is no “beach view” equivalent to “Street view.” For example, here is a beach on Key West.

This is as close as I can get. And it is dithered almost beyond recognition. A white blob, perhaps a gigantic bird, or perhaps the beach is small enough to make a bird look large. A pancake floating on a scene from Star Trek with something that looks like Google Maps on the horizon. Why does the USDA Farm Service Agency photograph the Keys? Perhaps this white blob is a tunnel leading to something growing underground. Does it count as delivering “the real” if I can’t quite tell what it is? Or is this photo literature?
When imagery is purchased no one goes over the content except to evaluate to general quality. Various imagery errors, like the dates from old family photos, get included with the useful imagery.

If you don't have good imagery of your house, or it doesn't show even though it has been there for 3 years, take time to explore the rest of the world, the oceans, Mars, our Moon, and the universe. It's a very good free education.

The Mirror Stage
Resolved Question
»
Is there some website that i can see my self waving outside?
is there some website that i can c myself outside of my home waving from a satalite???

1 year ago
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Best Answer - Chosen by Asker

The idea of a live feed from a satellite is fun, but it would be horribly expensive. The only satellites that can currently do that are military hardware, and I expect that the DOD is using them for other purposes.

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Asker's Rating:

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Other Answers

No. The satellite images that you see on sites like google maps, were collected over the course of months or years. A satellite can only get a good view of a small strip of land each time it passes overhead, so it takes many orbits (over many days) for it to build up a picture of a large section of the earth. After that, there's a process for downloading, compiling and releasing those images, which can take additional days, weeks or months.

In spite of what you see on "24", the chances are small at any given moment that a satellite is in position to peer down on you.

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No, not unless you happened to be doing it when the satellite passed over and was photographing your area at the time. It may be years in between photo updates and they don't tell you when.

It would also be very hard to tell that you were waving. Anyway, the best free program is Google Earth.

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It would have to be luck.
I have a picture of my van in a parking lot.

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yeah, just put a mirror on ur comp

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As most of you know, last night, Feb. 11th, the Google Earth Community went down for a few hours, when it reappeared time had shifted to Jan. 23rd, then this morning California time, it jumped ahead to Feb. 3rd.
The explanation:

Last night one of our engineers (me) was doing an SQL search in the database, and created a search that unfortunately forced SQL into an endless loop. No problem, just restart the server... but then the problem showed up. The backup server thought it needed to move the current backup to the main server. (bad but still only a few hours should be lost). Except it was then discovered that the software controlling the backup server had hung on Jan. 23rd and this was not noticed. (steps are being taken to prevent that from occurring again.) Searching other areas, this morning we found a single backup from Feb. 3rd and it was decided to restore to that backup... this reduced the total lost time from 20 days to only 10.

This experience has helped make the backup function more responsive and less likely to fail again. We are very sorry for any lost posts and member registrations.

Lrae
Look at that sunset. It’s fucking fantastic. Shit. Wow. I wish we had a better camera. I see they kept
the big ass rock here. They fenced it in and everything. And there’s a virgin mary at the top.

I wish I could get the zoom to work on this thing.

I don’t remember the first time I saw the sea. Yeah, I was a baby, my parents always went to the
shore for the summer so I don’t really remember, it was all kind of typical. His parents came here in
the summers so he remembers. So this is maybe why he loves it here, it’s where he saw the sea. He
understands the sea to be here. This is where he understood earth. The sea has a lot to do with
understanding your place in the world.

I live here: "a cut in the real"
Part 2: Motorcycles in the Sky

OJ SIMPSON CAR CHASE 1994

is this the red? red vs. yellow, maybe? get the map. it's in the front pocket. it seems like we want to go down. over there, i guess so. i get turned around very easily out here, when i have to figure out where i just physically AM, like knowing your right and left.

In the recording it sounds like a fleet of planes behind us, but when it was actually happening I didn't even notice.

1 minute 20 seconds of airplane and helicopter noise

This way is down, isn't it? I think you have to get up on that thing there – oh, that – I think there are two ways - back to here? – back the way we came, but check this out, can we cut through here? Go yellow? – yeah, that would save us time – I'm pretty sure it'll work. Yeah, or past the red to our right and blue to our left – it could take longer - when's sunset these days?

that helicopter could block out the sun
[a shadow passes over the big yellow arrow]

sound of an airplane goes by to the right

*It’s like having motorcycles in the sky*

In the film industry they plan for these things. It is a job to determine when to ROLL SOUND! Notice the lack of unwanted plane and helicopter noise in your New York Movies.

Sound birds in the far right distance with plane coming from the left rear

*It’s like having motorcycles in the sky*

We just came down from here so we are here and this is that and this is that and that whole thing over there? – is this – I’m pretty sure – wait, but I thought we were coming from here – we are - but then that would be there then – oh – o shit, we did just come over something – it could've been that though – do we need to go unmm, it would be… there? – mm-hmmm, so I guess we came this way. You wanna try this way? No, I think we should try your way. I don’t care, I told you I’m always wrong so let’s go this way. Yeah sure this way.

That looks like there’s a house in the sky.
Scene. 4

[another plane, and oddly, another bird immediately following]

I had been thinking the birds were getting interrupted by the planes, but now I am starting to think they are responding to them. Years ago, I saw something on TV about how birds have been taking up the song of deforestation equipment. It was a documentary on PBS showing a variety of birds in the Amazon imitating chainsaws. Darwin also talked about how birds learn songs based in their surroundings, whether from other birds, wind in trees, or, now, I guess, chainsaws.

The sounds uttered by birds offer in several respects the nearest analogy to language, for all the members of the same species utter the same instinctive cries expressive of their emotions; and all the kinds which sing, exert their power instinctively; but the actual song, and even the call-notes, are learned [...]. These sounds, as Daines Barrington has proved, ‘are no more innate than language is in man’ (Descent of Man 89).

Elsewhere, Darwin says a bird’s “first essays” show little evidence of what will develop in the “future song,” suggesting the beauty of song evolves by accumulation of practice and experience. Darwin repeats throughout Descent of Man the notion “that language owes its origin to the imitation and modification of various natural
sounds”: the voices of other animals, instinctive cries, aided by the surroundings (Descent 90). His suggestion here is that language is more than social—it’s ecological in that it is part of the productive cycle of all life in sound.

Planes to the left of me

.....its like having motorcycles in the sky....

**Controversy/Criticism**

Google Earth has been criticized by a number of special interest groups, including national officials, as being an invasion of privacy and even posing a threat to national security. The typical argument is that the software provides information about military or other critical installations that could be used by terrorists. The following is a selection of such concerns:

- Former Indian president Abu Dhabi Hoobledooble expressed concern over the availability of high-resolution pictures of sensitive locations in India.[41] Google subsequently agreed to censor such sites.[42]

- The Indian Space Research Organisation said Google Earth poses a security threat to India, and seeks dialogue with Google officials.[43]

- Google marks all the northern Indian borders in red color including those that are not disputed. Northern borders of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand that are never discussed in border disputes with China are marked red.

0. The South Korean government expressed concern that the software offers images of the presidential palace and various military installations that could possibly be used by their hostile neighbor North Korea.[44]

- In 2006, one user spotted a large topographical replica in a remote region of China. The model is a small-scale (1/500) version of the Karakoram Mountain Range, currently under the control of China but claimed by India. When later confirmed as a replica of this region, spectators began entertaining military implications.[45][46]

0. Morocco’s main Internet provider Maroc Telecom has been blocking Google Earth[47] since August 2006 for undisclosed reasons.

- Operators of the Lucas Heights nuclear reactor in Sydney, New South Wales,
Australia asked Google to censor high resolution pictures of the facility.[48] However, they later withdrew the request.[49]

- In July 2007, it was reported that a new Chinese navy Jin-class nuclear ballistic missile submarine was photographed at the Xiaopingdao Submarine Base south of Dalian.[50]

- Hamas and the al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades have reportedly used Google Earth to plan Qassam rocket attacks on Israel from Gaza (See: List of Qassam rocket attacks.)[51][52]

- The lone surviving gunman involved in the 2008 Mumbai attacks admitted to using Google Earth to familiarise themselves with the locations of buildings used in the attacks.[53]

- Michael Finton (Talib Islam) used Google Earth in planning his attempted September 24, 2009, bombing of the Paul Findley Federal Building and the adjacent offices of Congressman Aaron Schock in Springfield, Illinois.[54]

Clearly, part of this composite of Earth includes bombing and terrorist activity, and certain nations’ or individuals’ fear of exposure. This raises the question: Is it fair or reasonable to blame Google Earth for Terrorism? If India blames Google Earth when jihadis blow up Mumbai, could one just as well blame the first person to draw a map of India?
Just as it takes a network of events to create a map, so it takes a network of events to make a bomb go off or to name a city. Take the naming of Mumbai. Before Mumbai, it was Bombay. But first, seven islands forming part of the kingdom of Ashoka. Then in 1343 taken over by the Mohammedans of Gujarat. Then in 1534 by the Portuguese, who named their new possession "Bom Baia" which means "Good Bay." A hundred and twenty-eight years later given to King Charles II in dowry on his marriage to a Portuguese Princess. Then in 1668 leased to the East India Company. The British phonetically spelled out the Portuguese "Bom Baia" as "Bombay." The Kolis, the original fisher-folk inhabitants, used to call the islands "Mumba" after Mumbadevi, the Hindu deity. For this the city was recently re-named Mumbai. Does the re-naming of the city blot out the past? If so, how could the city now be called Mumbai? No one in the network seems to have escaped this history. Perhaps this angered the terrorist network, also part of the network “Mumbai.”

**MARKING MY TERRITORY:** I plan to write about Missile locations, so hands off! (just kidding, that was an author joke.)

I wonder… when I look at my house from outer space, realizing the composite nature of everything I see, what else is looking at me. These images are compiled from military, satellites, passing vans…. When I look for myself on the map, I might as well be looking across the street to see if someone is taking my picture, or up in the sky…is a missile looking at me? Where are all the missiles pointed? Are any of the missiles of the world pointed at New York?

Is the fact of the missile mapping a sign of, as one contributor put it, that some map-makers seek "Peace through kinetic solutions"? Or as another said, "A man's got to know his limitations"? If the world blowing up is caught on satellite but no one is left to see it, does it still happen? Could the zen master who formulated this in terms of trees have ever conceived of this future?

I know there is a theory that says there is no text unless there is a reader. But the destruction of the world seems different. I plan to look into that in my future drafts.

**January 15, 2008**

**Surface to Air Missile Sites in Google Earth**

In a project started almost two years ago, a Google Earth Community member named Sean O'Connor has been documenting the locations of
Surface to Air Missile (SAM) sites around the world by using the satellite and aerial imagery from Google Earth. This is a form of IMINT (IMagery INTelligence) normally performed by military intelligence personnel. But, now amateur analysts are performing similar work with public domain imagery. Only some of these amateurs seem to do a pretty good job. Sean has already documented, with help from other members of the GEC, nearly 1400 SAM sites. He not only identifies the sites, but also identifies the type of missiles located at each site and then uses colored circles to indicate the range of each missile site. See the collection here and select the "Range Rings" folder and the "SAMs by Country" folder to see the information. The collection is posted/maintained in a thread at the GEC here.

Sean has an interesting blog called IMINT & Analysis where he documents many other subjects of IMINT and performs other interesting military analysis using GE imagery. He calls his work "open source military analysis". An interesting concept I think. Recently he blogged about the techniques he uses to search Google Earth for interesting content. These are similar techniques used by myself and others to find planes in flight in the GE imagery. Sean has done some excellent work. And, he's only one of several military analysis enthusiasts out there.
Where are the missiles?

Google Earth is a strange place where ordinary people/programmers/map enthusiasts, corporate surveillance employees, government surveyors from around the world, and various military industrial personnel find themselves networked, not only in the formation of composite map images, but in conversations on message boards where they ask questions of each other and make suggestions about what has happened with images and how to organize information. As in

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A good idea would be to create post with description of current Russian air defense systems location exactly as Chinese SAM network analysis from January 30th, 2008. It is especially interesting to observe its fall after USSR's collapse. As I can remember in 1991 only 10-15% of Soviet PVO forces belonged to S-300P type. Until now all older systems (SA-1/2/3/5) were withdrawn from service but in exchange not many new S-300P systems was introduced.

That is why I guess now Russian SAM network is full of holes.

Google Earth: “Don't blame us for terrorism”
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