Quick Guide

TopoExplorer *designed for BlackBerry® Wireless Handheld*

Installation

Extract all contents of the .zip file to a single directory and select the .alx in the "Application Loader" of your "BlackBerry Desktop Manager". Follow the instructions and the program will be installed on your BlackBerry®. A more detailed guide on third party program installation can be found here:

- Install Applications using a Microsoft Windows Desktop
- Install Applications using a Mac OS X Desktop

How to get map files

You can only see a world map but no topographic map files? Get a map pack for your region!

You can get it here:
http://www.skylab-mobilesystems.com/en/products/topoexplorer_maps.h

How to use TopoExplorer

To make full use of the TopoExplorer capabilities you need to have a GPS enabled BlackBerry device or a device paired with an external bluetooth GPS receiver.

By pressing the trackball button TopoExplorer will move the map to the current GPS coordinate. This position might be out of the current map – this is the case if you see the GPS position on a blank screen. You can manually load maps by opening the "MapManager" from the menu or by selecting "autoselect optimal map".

Using the "MapManager" you can load and browse through maps which are not at your current location.

You can navigate through the map with the BlackBerry trackball. Pressing the trackball will get you back to the GPS position. The GPS position will be marked with a dot if you move the cursor away from it.

How to install Map files

You get map files for TopoExplorer either by instant download or delivered on DVD.

DVD:
You will find .tpx files on your DVD. Each .tpx file is an independent map file. Simply copy all files from the DVD(s) to your BlackBerry SD-Card "Maps" folder. You might have to create the folder if it does not exist. To see the SD-Card contents you have to connect your BlackBerry to you computer via USB-Cable or directly use the card in a card reader.

Download:
You will get instant download links to big .rar files, which is a compressed format. You first have to decompress them. You can use the free 7-Zip program for example. After that copy all decompressed .tpx files to your BlackBerry SD-Card "Maps" folder. You might have to create the folder if it does not exist. To see the SD-Card contents you have to connect your BlackBerry to you computer via USB-Cable or directly use the card in a card reader.

Not enough space on SD-Card?:
As topographic map files are rather big, you might want to get a big microSD-card. The current biggest size available is 16GB. 32GB card will be available soon. Get it from Amazon.

If there is still not enough space on your card you can filter the map files relevant to your region. The TopoExplorer Map files have the following file name convention:

Example: o34094d1.tpx

The first character can be ignored. After that you have a 2 digit and a 3 digit number. You can ignore the last 2 characters as well. So we got the following:

34
094

The first number indicates the latitude of the upper left map corner coordinate and the second number the longitude. By this you can select map files that are in the area relevant to your needs.