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With so many different online "map" websites, it can be a trek just to figure out which one can do what. Well, one site, having been in the online mapping business for a surprising twenty years, is still introducing new ideas and functions: Mapquest. One such idea is their new "Mapquest Local" site, which goes way beyond simply offering directions. Here you'll be able to get a quick overview of just how useful the "Local" site is to the average person's array of everyday needs.

First Things First

First things first. You're going to need to type local.mapquest.com into your web browser. To get an idea of the site, you can simply type in your zip code or city, but if you want to be able to save your settings you're going to need to quickly register a free account. Once you've done this, you'll notice that there are a series of boxes on the homepage, all with info relative to your location. That is essentially what this site is. You can add or delete whatever suits your needs, but here are a few handy services available.

Traveling Needs

If you have this page waiting for you when you wake up for work, then a good idea would be to take advantage of all the commuting info available. Aside from the maps function, which is self-explanatory, there are gas prices, by station, corresponding to your location. Just as useful is the traffic update box that gives you up-to-the-minute info on any accidents or construction slowing things down. Also, don't forget the weather box to find out what kind of coat to wear.

Daily Info

Also available are headlines from around the world. You can, of course, narrow these down to your particular trusted news sources. Plus, if there are any specific news sections you follow adamantly, such as sports or business, you can create a box for just those headlines. It doesn't have to just be news, of course. If you are one of the million Tweet-obsessed users out there, just tack your Twitter feed right onto your page too.

Entertainment Needs

There are just as many features for the nighttime as there are for the morning. There are boxes available that display the times of local cinema, theater and music concerts, with the option of narrowing it down to specific venues. Even if you are just pondering the idea of a weekend getaway, you can add a box that tracks your vacation and flight options for you.

And On and On...

You get the idea by now. All of these boxes are interchangeable. You can switch them around the page like a puzzle, placing them in order of importance. If it's getting too crowded, you also have the option to delete any of them. If that's not convenient enough, you can now add this application to your phone and stay in constant connection.

So, you see, sometimes it's worth taking a moment to figure what some of these sites are capable of. Now, not all of them are that simple, granted, but with services like, Mapquest Local, for instance, the interface is user-friendly and the possibilities are most likely more than you could have imagined.

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