

Steps to Downloading Road Maps from the Internet

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What is Road Maps?

Road Maps is a self-study guide to learning system dynamics. It is organized as a series of chapters, and is currently being written by the System Dynamics in Education Project (SDEP) at MIT under the direction of Professor Jay Forrester. The first seven chapters of Road Maps are available on the Internet. (Please refer to the Road Maps architecture diagram on the next page.) The Road Maps series teaches the reader how to identify different kinds of systems all around us and how to model these systems using a computer. The series can be a resource for both beginners and advanced system dynamics modelers, and requires no previous system dynamics knowledge and only basic math skills. The introduction of each chapter lists what outside reading materials and software you will need.

How to Download Road Maps

We maintain a web site where you may download each Road Maps chapter. All instructions below were written to fit Netscape software. Since most computers are different from another in some way, we apologize if these instructions do not work for you. Please email **webmasters@sysdyn.mit.edu** for more help by sending a note on EXACTLY where you ran into trouble.

Let's get started! If you already have an Adobe Acrobat Reader on your hard drive, begin here. If not or if you are having problems with your Adobe Acrobat Reader, skip to the next section below.

- Go to the SDEP home page at:
“<http://sysdyn.mit.edu/>”
- Follow the links to the Road Maps Table of Contents (or go directly there from “<http://sysdyn.mit.edu/road-maps/rm-toc.html>”)

- Click on the link to the paper or chapter to download the document. Note that most of these are Adobe Acrobat documents (.pdf format) and you will need the Adobe Acrobat Reader to view them.

Downloading an Acrobat Reader

The Adobe Acrobat Reader is a free software program which is needed to view much of the material on our web site, including Road Maps. First, quit all other application programs you may have running.

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Tips on Common Problems

- Step 1, registering your software, is always a good idea. The Adobe Acrobat Reader is free and you will not be asked to send money.
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