

## Here is how to create Google Maps with your own links:

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Basically, you go to <http://maps.google.com> , then click on the My Maps link. On the next page, click on the "Create new map" button. On the next page it will ask you to login with your Google account, or if you don't have one, click on the link that says "Create an account now". You can sign up to use Google maps with your existing email account (it will send you an email to verify the address). Once you verify your email address by clicking on the link sent to you, go back to <http://maps.google.com>, click on My Maps, then Create new map (then either login with your details or it might have you already logged in).

When you're all logged in and in the Create new map area, it has a new map called Untitled. You can rename it, add a description, and make it public or unlisted. On the map part in the upper left hand corner there are 4 buttons- hand, placemark, link, or shape. The hand moves stuff and the other buttons create those things on the map. For instance, for a placemark, just click on the placemark button and move your mouse to where you want to place it. Once you place it, you can add a title and description for the placement. With placemarks, you can click and drag it somewhere else if you want to. Make sure you click the Save or Done button in the left hand side when you are done. When you go back into an already created map, click the Edit button on the left hand side. Above the map on the right hand side, click on "Link" to get a web address you can reference back to or send to someone in an email.

I use it sometimes just to put one placemark for a meetup spot, and send that link out to everyone.