

# 2 minutes on Bing Maps

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Consistency, is one thing I test for in software. For example, if software refers to something by a particular name, then [usually] it should always refer to it by that name. Furthermore, when it uses that name e.g. 'London Tube Map' I would expect to see such a map, when I click to view it, and not another kind of map e.g.: a street map.

Conventions, These are also an important part of software. People will [usually] expect your software to use conventions that are appropriate for the field. For example, The traditional London Tube map is a schematic diagram, designed to show the relative positions of the stations rather than their geographic location. Though, sometimes it's actually useful to have geographic information, e.g.: is Queensway (Central line) station very close to Bayswater (Circle line)? So if a map isn't using the schematic form, then the geographic form also has it uses.

I would be surprised if I received a [London Tube map](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tube_map) ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tube\\_map](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tube_map)) that was neither schematic or [geographic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Tube_map_1908-2.jpg) ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Tube\\_map\\_1908-2.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Tube_map_1908-2.jpg)).

Given these two C's, Consistency and Convention, I was puzzled to use Bing Maps...

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