

MP-30 "Edo/Tokyo Maps, Etc." July 28th, 2001



Present day Tokyo on the left, and the same area during the Edo Era on the right. The purple areas are cemeteries.



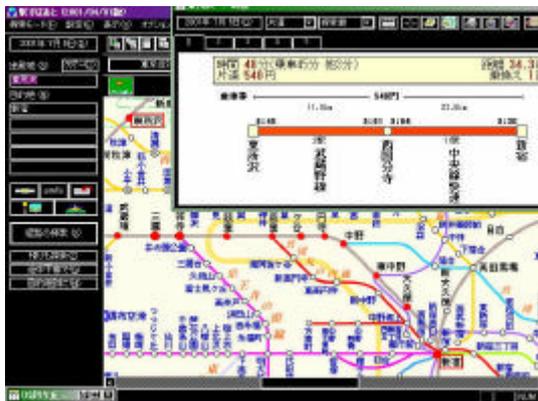
More map software. This particular one lets you click back and forth between a standard map (left) and an aerial photograph of the same area (right).



The tower on the left is in Shibuya and the other two photos are in Shinjuku. The middle photo is something you have to search for to find in Tokyo these days. And even then it required careful angling of the camera not to show all the newer junk all around these three small old buildings.



First off, allow me to hastily say that there is no wry comment being made here about the two pictures on the left! I am just tossing in this photo of the can to show both a Japanese style toilet, and also the fact that a lot of places take the middle road by providing both western and Japanese styles, as in this photo. The old building I worked in also had one of each, but the new one only has two western style... er... fixtures.



Still more software... the left one a very good program that very accurately shows you the best route between any two stations in the entire country, along with total distance traveled, number of transfers, cost of monthly passes, etc. etc. The Tokyo subway map on the right is just a single image and not part of any particular software that I have.



One more example of map software I have - this showing a park I visited a few months ago, and on the right... my computer. It's a good computer, but the design doesn't allow for adequate cooling, so I removed the cover, enabling it to run much cooler (and quieter). The large aluminum heat sink in the middle was recently installed by Dell as a replacement for the overly small one that originally came from the factory.

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