

# TNTmips for Mac OS X

## How good is it?

Reproduced here is an email copied to MicroImages from a new client who has been testing the V6.6.5 beta release. It was sent (3 May) to another individual who is not a MicroImages client but the moderator of a GIS list.



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	TNTmips for Mac OS X	6 May 2002 1:31 PM	<p><i>I thought I would touch base with you and let you know that MicroImages, the makers of TNTmips GIS/RS package, is gearing up to release their software for Mac OS X. Right now a beta version of TNTlite is available for download at <a href="http://www.microimages.com">www.microimages.com</a>. The full release will be available sometime in June. It will be version 6.70 and the first version to run on OS X.</i></p> <p><i>TNTlite is the free software version of the main TNTmips flagship product. TNTlite has all the same features as TNTmips, but you are limited in file size and have no export capabilities. TNTlite is a great training tool or for use in small projects. In addition, MicroImages has a number of tutorial booklets available for download as PDF file which provide excellent documentation and training guides. All of these are free at the web site as well. I'm not sure if you have ever tried their software, but I find it to be one of the most comprehensive I've ever seen for GIS and RS. It is also a bargain compared to buying ESRI products that could do the same thing. TNTmips has the capability of Arc/Info and ArcView (with 3D, Image and Spatial Analysis extensions). It costs roughly half of the equivalent combined ESRI products. I also have never seen a program that supports so many formats as TNTmips does. TNTmips has then all in there for export and import. Very impressive. It handles all of the ESRI native file types such as .e00, ungenerate, and shapefiles. It also handles just about every raster format there is too, so TNTmips can play nice with other GIS products across platforms.</i></p> <p><i>I've been beta testing TNTmips in OS X for the past few weeks and it is very good. It uses Xdarwin and OroborOSX which are nicely implemented through the Open Source community. Plus the rendering engine is very fast in OS X. I loaded 4 Digital Ortho Quads, 2 DRG files and 4 DEM files and it renders these faster than any other GIS I've used.</i></p> <p><i>I know you are a fan of the Mac so I wanted to point this out to you. I will post this information to the Caribbean-GIS list as well if that is OK, just so people are aware of this.</i></p> <p><i>A PowerMac setup with TNTmips running in OSX would be pretty slick setup for geospatial specialists. I think this would be especially good for small geospatial companies or individuals. For the price of ESRI software you could put TNTmips and the Mac hardware to run it on your desk with change to spare. Put the word out if you get a chance.</i></p> <p><i>Thanks!</i></p>