



# THE RED PROJECT

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The RED Project will predict the distribution of Wi-Fi access points in a neighborhood of your choice.  
To begin, type a US address:

*Examples:* 702 S. Wright St. Urbana, IL  
5th Ave. and W. 34th St. New York, NY  
Mountain View, CA

Not sure where to start? [Take the tour.](#)

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To use it, [Flash Player 8+](#) and a broadband Internet connection are required.

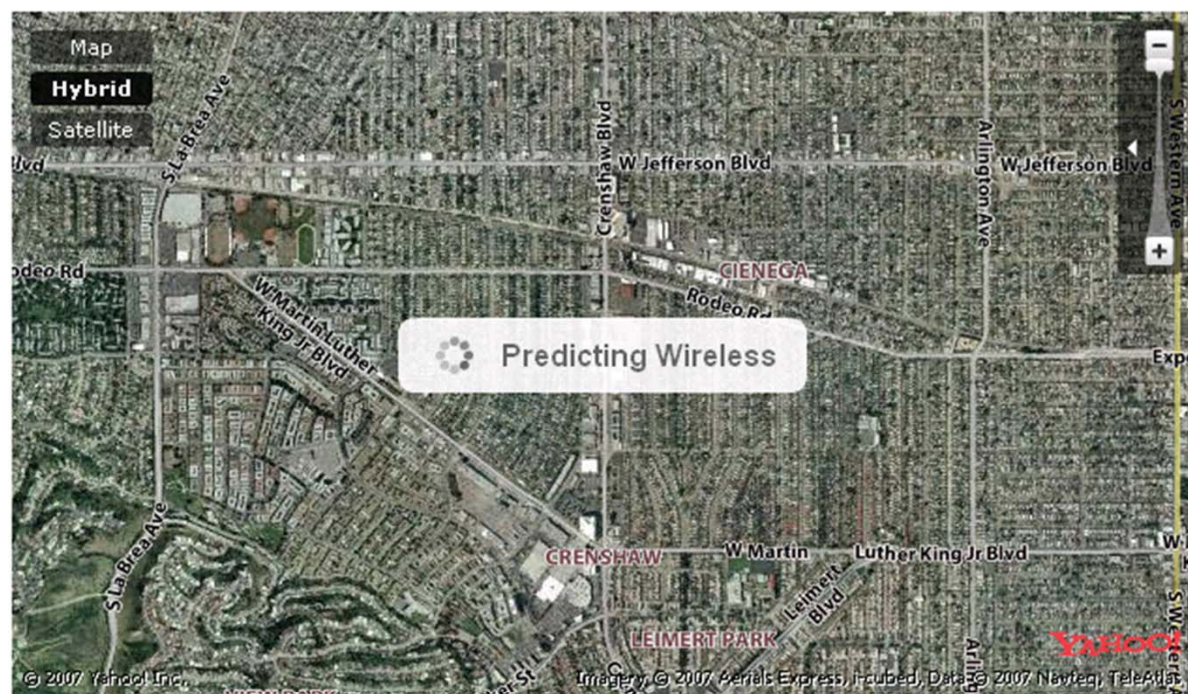
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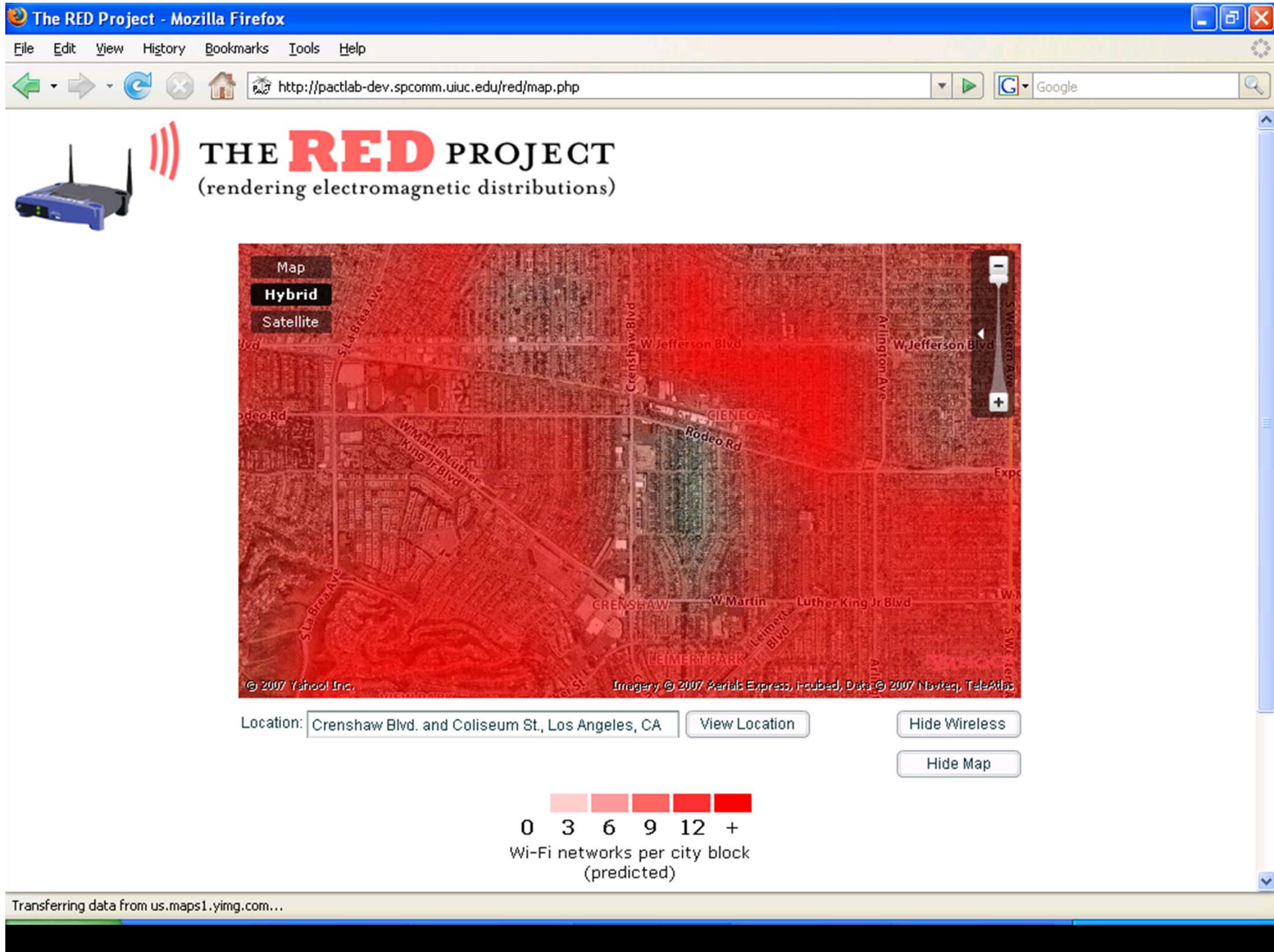


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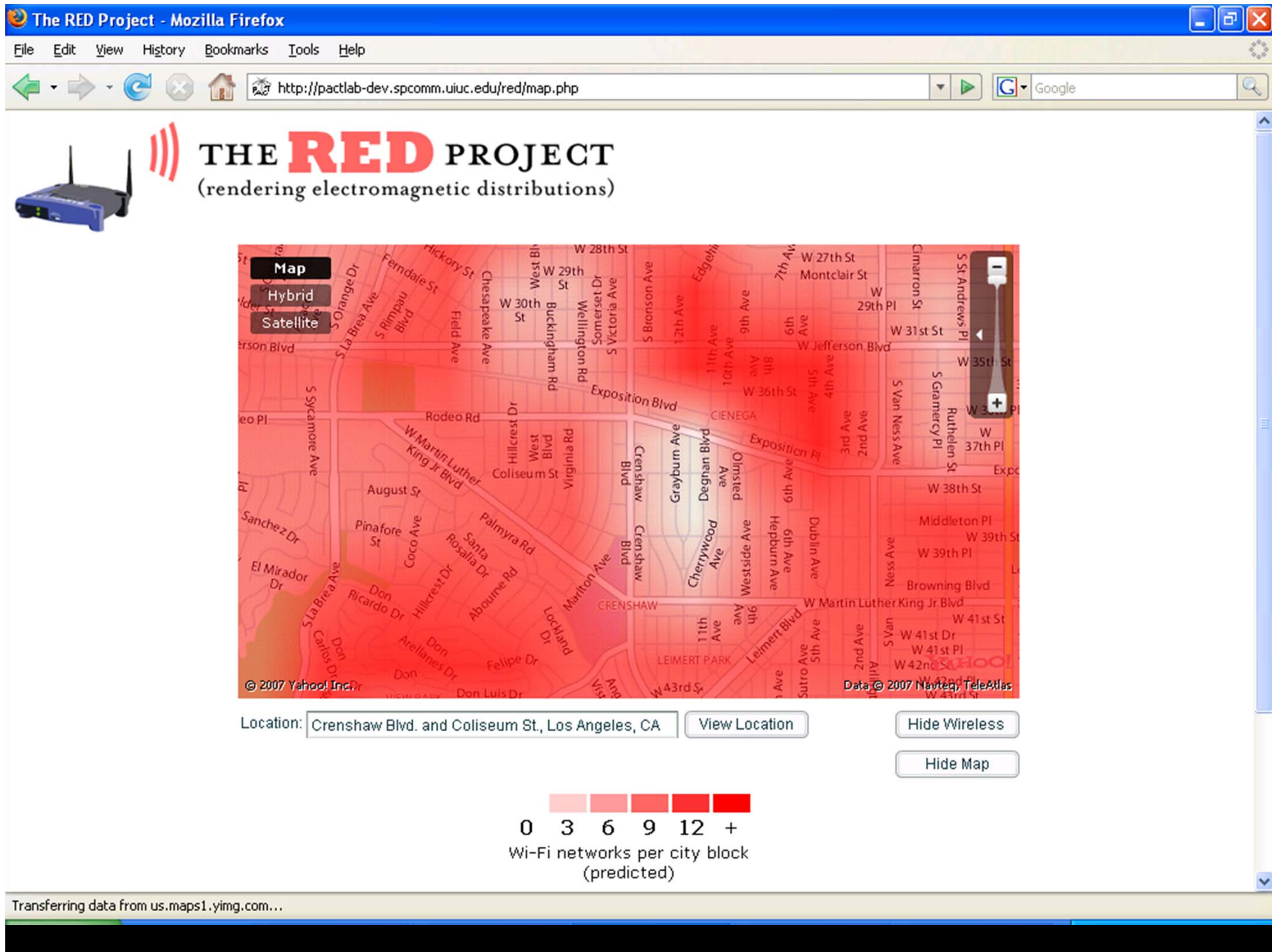
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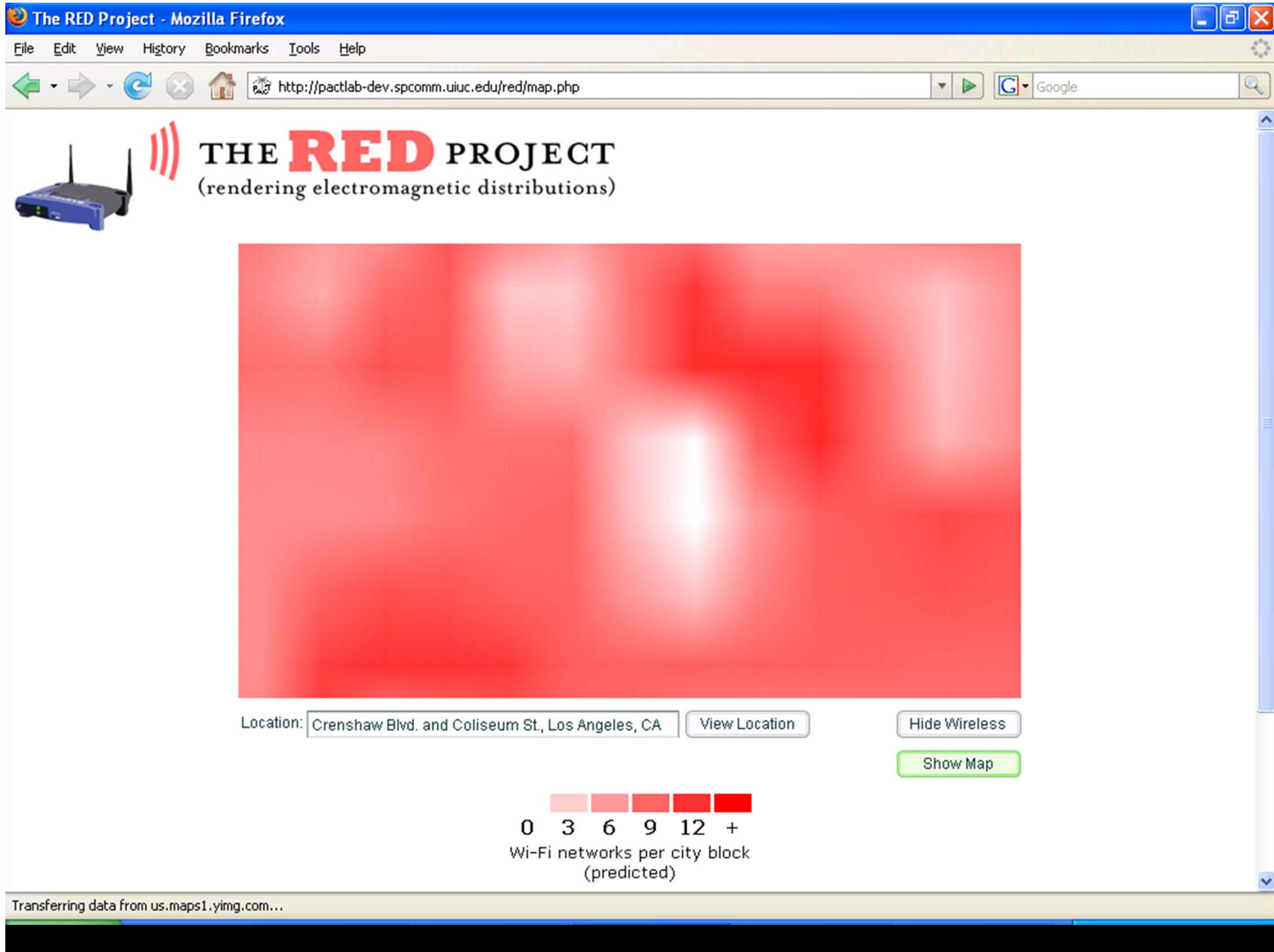















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## Tour

We suggest using The RED Project map to examine places that you know. In this tour, we will describe some of the places that we visited for this research project, and our reactions to the predictions of wireless communication there.

From this page, you can visit the electromagnetic spectrum of five neighborhoods in the United States. We suggest you first **read our interpretation**, then **click the "Predict Wireless" button** next to each picture.

On this page: [Lake View, Chicago](#), [Devon Avenue, Chicago](#), [West Humboldt Park, Chicago](#), [The Town of Sidney, Illinois](#), and [South Central Los Angeles](#).

### Lake View, Chicago



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## The Town of Sidney, Illinois



Predict Wireless

The town of Sidney, Illinois contains about 1,000 people, but because US Census Tracts are much larger than that, Sidney's contribution to the Wi-Fi use in the area is difficult to ascertain. Although a prediction can be made, the map is all one color, showing no local variation. Residents of Sidney and the surrounding area were 98% white in the 2000 Census. The per capita income was \$20,085. 49% of residents had a high school diploma, and the median age was 38. This census tract reported 3% unemployment. About one-third of the US population lives in rural areas, although many accounts of technology and communication don't pay these people much attention. The difficulty in using Census tracts to understand small towns is just one illustration of this lacuna. Despite the problems with measuring and describing rural places, the uniform



