How to add a Google maps geographic location and pinpoint it with a baloon

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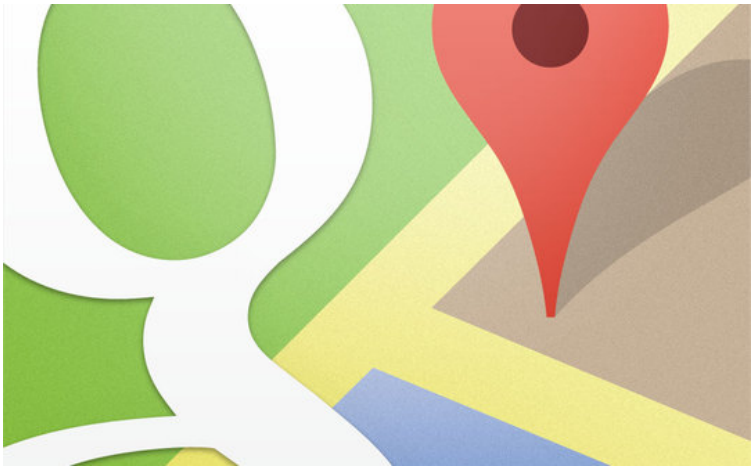

I needed to add to a wordpress based website Google maps location pictures with Google Maps Zoom In / Out controls.

I've seen plenty of plugins available that said to to this but none of them really worked fine for me. Either the plugins I checked in wordperss.org was too complex to set up and required a Google API registration or was marked as Broken (not working).

Finally to add the geographic locations taken from **maps.google.com** I used the embed code generated directly from maps.google.com.

But that was not the end of my Wordpress Google Maps struggles. What followed was rather ridiculous, it seems since some time Google removed the pinning of a location searched for. Moreover the easy old way to simply pin a location on the map is also, gone.

Hence here is what I had to do to pinpoint location on the Google map of my searched country destination:

1. To be able to pinpoint the location, I had to login to my gmail
2. Go to http://maps.google.com in browser
3. Press on **My Places** button
4. Click on **Create map** and fill in the **Title and Description** dialogs
5. The **Privacy and Sharing** radio button should be selected

6. Click on **Done** and **Save** buttons
7. From the left top corner inside the Google map image to select the baloon picture **(Add a Placemark)**
8. Choose the exact desired placemark type and color from the next appearing dialog
9. Choose the location I want to pin on the map

I've created also a small Video tutorial just for fun for all those who want to see the pin a location with a baloon ;) on the google map tutorial, here is the video as well:

For all people who can't properly see the .mov video here is link to the video created with **recordmydesktop** on my Linux showing how the baloon pinning inside a map can be done.