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Friend Locator User Manual

Welcome to Friend Locator

Friend Locator is a mobile location software developed by Yihubai, providing services in mobile tracking, mobile real-time location, and friend location!

We welcome you to register at Yihubai's official webstie www.yihubai.com to learn about the functions of our Friend Locator software and information on Yihubai.

Please follow Yihubai on its official weibo page http://weibo.com/yihubai, or join our Friend Locator QQ Group: 169421434 or 169422042. Log in onto Sina Weibo for the latest updates on Friend Locator, or join our QQ group to meet fellow users and lovers of Friend Locator to discuss and share your experiences.

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Our product is being constantly updated, the instructions in your manual may differ from actual operation.

Please download the latest version of our user manual from Yihubai's official website.

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Chapter 1 Introduction

Purpose

The purpose of this manual is to adequately describe and present the functions and operating environment of this software, so that users may familiarize themselves more quickly and more easily with the many ways of using Friend Locator software. It also provides necessary information on Friend Locator software maintenance and updates. (The following content are based on Friend Locator software version 2.67, with iphone mobile device illustrations.)

Chapter 2 Overview

Software usage

Friend Locator is a mobile location service software, it allows users to actualize mobile tracking, friend location, establishing meeting locations, as well as navigation services, friend messaging, and Weibo instant sharing services. Friend Locator allows you to quickly find your friends and meeting spots in an increasingly busy lifestyle, saving you loads of valuable time.

Places where you can use our software
1. Visiting: When you are visiting a friend for the first time and don't know exactly where their home is, turning on both your location software allows you to instantly see where your friend's home is. Friend Locator also provides navigation services and designates travel routes.
2. Gatherings: The organizer only needs to create an event using the date routes service and invite guests to quickly and accurately send them the event information and directions. Your friends may also use the navigation function to access travel routes.
3. Safety monitor: In the increasing complicated cities, if elders and children were provided with friend locators and the backstage functions turned on, you can quickly find lost persons and pinpoint their exact locations, guaranteeing safety for your elders and children.
4. Convenience: When your friends or family are outside, you can both turn on Friend Locator software to see where they are shopping, where they are stuck in traffic, or how far away from home. Friend Locator brings great convenience to our lifestyle.

Software operating equipment
Friend Locator currently supports iPhone, iPad, Android phones, and PC browsers.

Software characteristics
1. Real-life location: As long as you and your friend both install our software, you can share your real-time locations with each other, and see where one another are moving, the perfect companion to finding friends when you're out.

2. Multiple location: Supports multiple locations, you may simultaneously locate multiple friends.
3. Accuracy correction: Corrects location accuracy in consideration of the offset issues in maps of China, ensuring accurate location services for the user!
4. Online paging: If friends are offline, you can page him/her online by sending a pushed message via our automatic system. Find your friends, instantly!
5. Completely free: This software is completely free, no ad strips, ensuring the best user experience!
6. Background location: Supports background Location Refreshing Services, locations are instantly synced, allowing friends to find you instantly.
7. Share mode: Different share modes according to degree of intimacy allows you to protect your privacy.
8. Look Who's Using: Automatic contact list matching allows you to find which friends are using Friend Locator and to manually add them to your friend list.
9. Inter-platform Support: Friend Locator supports multiple smart phone platforms, including iPhone and iPad, Android phones, PC browsers and so on.
10. Multi-network support: Simultaneously supports GPS/3G/WIFI/GPRS multiple networks, superior power, providing location services even in your bedroom!

Software performance
1. Response performance: Friend Locator is a high performance accuracy-oriented instant location software, an easily accessible mobile location device with fast registration and friend addition. It is equipped with powerful background service support, response rate is fast and instant.
2. Flow performance: The latest version of Friend Locator is equipped with our smart data flow saving function, bringing our users accuracy location services as well as avoiding unnecessary data charges. Latest test results show that turning on Friend Locator for the entire day only requires just over 2M of data flow, and if operated in background mode, less than 1M.
3. Energy-saving performance: Mobile GPS location service is an energy-consuming function, this is an unavoidable fact. However, Friend Locator energy-saving performance has been drastically improved to provide better user experience. In systems settings, users may choose the cycle frequency of GPS location, the longer the cycle, the less energy it consumes, but on the other hand this weakens instant accuracy and increases chances of offset in location services. For reference (tested on an iPhone 4): with a 5 min cycle, battery consumption per hour was at 5%-6%. With a 10 min cycle, battery consumption was at 4%-5% per hour.

Chapter 3 Software Functions

Software Installation
Search "yihubai" or "Friend Locator" on all mobile app stores or markets, download the "Friend Locator-Yihubai" installation kit and complete installation.

Software registration

The first time you use Friend Locator software you will need to register your user account. Click "Log in/Register" to enter the log in page, as shown:

Click to enter the registration page, fill in the required information as shown below:

(Note: remember to fill in frequently used email account to retrieve your password.) After all required information has been provided, click "register" to complete registration. After registration is completed, the software automatic log in page will jump to your maps to start using the Friend Locator software.

Adding friends

1. Adding friends: After you open the Friend Locator software and log in, click on "Friend List" as shown in the picture:

Click "Friend List: to access the friend list interface as shown:

Click "Add Friends" to access the friend adding interface, and enter your friends' mobile numbers to add them. If their mobile numbers have been registered with Friend Locator, they will be added to your friend list once they accept your friend request. When you turn on Share Mode, you will be able to see your friends' location information. If your friends' mobile numbers have not been registered with Friend Locator," you can use the "Tell Friends" function to share this software with them.

2. Look who's online: Clicking "Look who's online" on your friend list and match your contact list with all users currently using Friend Locator, so you can add them with just a touch.

3. Tell friends: If you think Friend Locator is a software you are willing to share with your family and friends, you can use the "Tell Friends" function to share it with everyone, and invite everyone to share locations with each other. There are three ways to "Tell Friends," as shown below:

Main Interface Map Operations
1. Overview: As with any location service, map operations are of great importance. Friend Locator software's map operations bring users a pleasant experience.
2. Functions: (1) Main interface right-left arrows: you can use the right-left arrows on the map to

quickly locate your friends or meeting places, as shown in the picture:
The pin the middle represents your own location, and shifts with follow mode and compass mode. Follow mode literally means that when the user is moving, the user's point of location on the map moves along with him/her, making it easier to locate the user's current location. Compass mode means that shifting mobile maps follow the direction of user movement, providing good direction location when users don't know where they are on the map or in real geographic locations.

(2) Friend Locator software supports satellite mode, click on the 'globe' button on the map to alternate between map mode and satellite mode. Satellite mode provides more realistic representations of real-life maps. Please refer to the demonstration below:

(3) Instant Sharing: Instant sharing shows friends on your list whom you are mutually sharing your locations with, as well as your current event list and information. You may use the instant sharing function to quickly locate your friends and the event you are attending. To operate, click the "Instant Sharing button (shown in red in the picture), as shown in the picture below:

 after you click on it, a retractable screen will pop up, as shown:

when you click it again, the pop-up screen will fold down again to show the original main interface.

Friend List

1. Overview: Your friends are divided into "Online Friends," "Offline Friends," and "Not Validated," (friends whom you have added, but have not yet validated their accounts.) You may click the "chat" button on your friend list to message your friends (in upcoming versions we will add the voice chat function). The picture below shows the chatting interface:

2. Friend Info: On your friend list, click on any friend's "Friend Info" to see their information interface. In Friend Info, you can see their current geographical locations, their individual signatures, and mobile numbers, you can also choose "navigate" to find the best travel route to where your friend is located. Please operate according to the picture below:

3. Share Settings: Enter the Share Mode settings, choose which friends to share your location with and choose the always share option: this way you will always be able to your friends' location information on your map. The always share option is suited to close friends and family, so that your closest friends will always be able to share geographical locations with you. If you choose to use the one-time sharing option, you will only be able to see their location information after they have accepted your request each time for location sharing. One-time sharing is suitable for ordinary friends and acquaintances, and protects the privacy of users, as shown below:

4. Page him/her online: You may "page online" offline friends, when friends are offline, you may use this function to send a push notification to the recipients' mobile devices, notifying them to go online.

Dating routes

1. Overview: Date routes is a very useful function that was presented in version 2.65, users may set up a meeting place with their friends, designate specific information such as time and content. Friends joining the meeting with receive an event notification, and quickly access the location on their maps.

2. Steps: Click the expand button on the lower right side of the software homepage, click "Date Routes" on the pop-up screen, and an event pin will appear on the map. Click edit to edit date content information, choose your guests, designate date and time, click save and create the event. As soon as the event is successfully created, the background service system will send event invitations to invited guests. Click Date Routes to obtain current travel routes. Event creators may enter the event editing interface to "delete current event" and delete the date they have set up. Operate according to the pictures shown below:

Software settings

1. Overview: Software settings include: system settings, account settings, retrieve password, feedback, user manual, tell friends, about us, a total of seven features. Click the settings button on the lower left side of the main interface to access the software settings interface. Operate according to the picture below:

2. System settings: (1) Turn on background location services, meaning that when the user turns on background locations, the software will go into background mode, and Friend Locator will operate in the background to provide location services for the use. When users turn off background location services, if the software goes into background, Friend Locator no longer provided location services. (2) For GPRS location cycle modes, the newest version provides a super energy-saving mode that prevents loss of battery power, but also lowers the accuracy of location services. Instant mode: meaning the software is constantly updating its location services, location accuracy is high, but battery power is consumed faster as well. 5 min mode: location services are activated every 5 min. 10 min mode: location services are activated every 10 min. 15 min mode: location services are activated every 15 min. 30 min mode: location services are activated every 30 min. Note: the longer the location cycle, the more energy-saving it is, but location accuracy is lower and offset larger. The shorter the location cycle, the more

battery power consuming it is, but the higher the location accuracy. (3) Setting chat reminders: chat sound notifications and vibration notifications are available. For operations consult the illustration below:
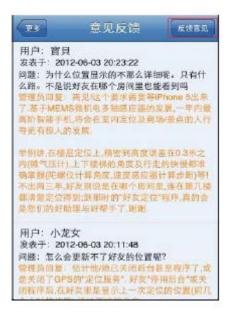

3. Account settings: account settings include: delete account, create image, edit name, change password, setting frequently used email, individual signature and other frequently used setting options. See the illustration below for demonstration:

4. Password retrieval: Password retrieval allows users to retrieve their password when they forget it by entering their registered mobile accounts. Our background servers will send an email with a reset password to your registered email account. Users who receive a reset password should immediately use to access their accounts, and change the password to protect their accounts from fraud. Please see the picture below:

5. Feedback: When users encounter any problems using our product, they may submit their questions or suggestions through our feedback function. Our professional customer service personnel will attend to your questions and suggestions. What differs us from other software feedback services is that we show feedback from different users on our feedback function page, so that users can see our detailed responses to each and every question. If you wish to give us feedback, please click "feedback" on the upper right corner to leave us a question or comment. Please see the picture below:

6. User manual: Here we provide many frequently asked questions raised by our users, and the corresponding answers.

7. Tell friends: If you think this software is worth sharing with friends and family, you may use this function to tell your friends that you are using Friend Locator, and instantly share geographical locations with your friends and family. There are three ways of sharing: SMS, E-mail, and through Sina Weibo.

8. About Us: Here we provide the characteristics of our product, the current version number, check for newer versions and other basic functions, as shown below:

Introduction to PC version

1. Overview: Friend Locator PC version is operated through web browsers, users log in via www.yihubai.com/web to access the PC version and instantly check on their friends statuses, providing easier access to the larger numbers of desktop computer users.

2. Operation: enter www.yihubai.com/web in your browser, fill in your registered username and password to log in. Log in interface shown below: