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Perception

Just thought, that our perception of the world is heavily influenced by the representations of it ... like a map. Just to demonstrate, a question: Assume you are a pilot. You are flying from Frankfurt to San Francisco. You are a lazy pilot and you are allowed by air traffic control to set the shortest direct course on the autopilot and don't touch it again. What is the initial heading you are setting? Just answer with the first thought! No degrees needed ... just something like west, east, south or southeast.

Posted by Joerg Moellenkamp in General at 13:04

northeast

Anonymous on Dec 16 2011, 14:00

My initial response? North.

Turns out it's actually just shy of an adjacent compass point, which I won't give away

Anonymous on Dec 16 2011, 15:18

Probably about North East.

Anonymous on Dec 16 2011, 17:29

Sorry, I mean North West (i.e. up and to the left)

Anonymous on Dec 16 2011, 17:30

Must be north, since it's not included in your listing

Anonymous on Dec 16 2011, 17:56

via Moscow? Does not exactly jump to mind.

Anonymous on Dec 16 2011, 17:57

Proof: <http://www.wolframalpha.com/input/?i=frankfurt+to+san+francisco>

Anonymous on Dec 16 2011, 17:58

You'd want the great circle route. IIRC, that goes over Iceland so you'd want WNW.

Anonymous on Dec 17 2011, 18:32

NW

<http://www.gcmap.com/mapui?P=FRA-SFO>

Anonymous on Dec 21 2011, 17:14

ofcourse straight north, great circle routes

Anonymous on Dec 27 2011, 04:17

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