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Google Maps Live Traffic Showed the Russian Invasion of Ukraine | Motherboard

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> At 3:15 AM local time, Jeffrey Lewis, an open source intelligence (OSINT) expert and professor at Middlebury Institute, saw a traffic jam in Belgorod, Russia, using the traffic layer of Google Maps. "Someone's on the move," he tweeted.
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> "I think we were the first people to see the invasion," Lewis told Motherboard. "And we saw it in a traffic app."
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> Hours before, Vladimir Putin had [announced](link) a "special military operation" in Donbas, a region in Eastern Ukraine he had declared independent earlier in the week, foreshadowing a potential invasion. But the traffic buildup Lewis was seeing on Google Maps was across the border from a different region of Ukraine, north of Kharkiv. The traffic jam slowly extended to the border, where it then disappeared.
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