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# Why I (still) hate addresses

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# What do we mean by an address?

“An address is a way of locating something within a particular system”

## IP Address

81.202.17.89

81 = Network level 1

202 = Network level 2

17 = Network level 3

89 = specific host  
computer / router

## Memory Address

248,440

248 = Memory block

440 = Specific  
collection of eight 0s  
or 1s

## “Property Address”



UK

Norfolk

Cromer

Hector Street

17

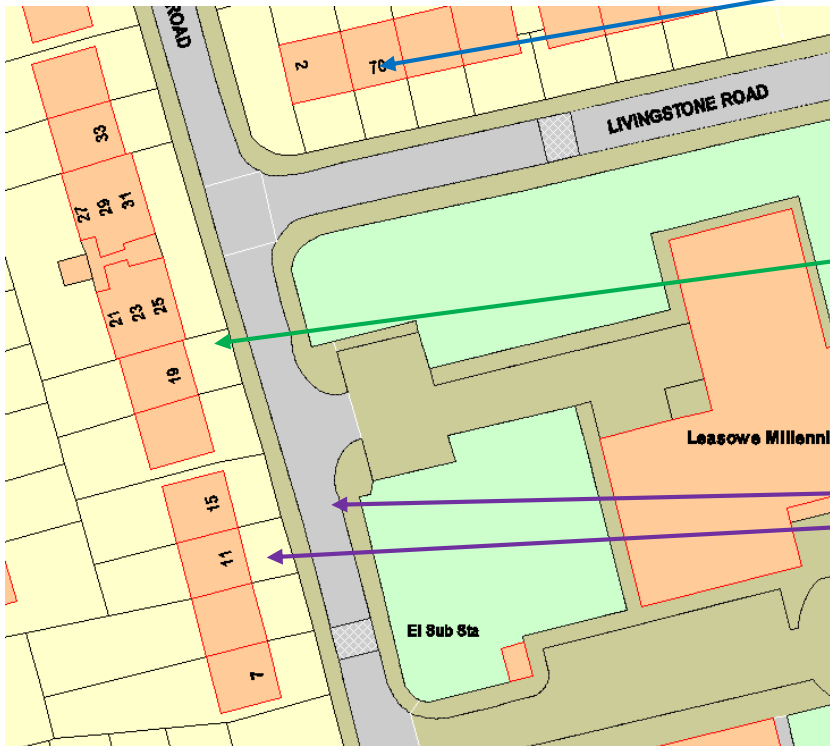
# What system are we using?

VOA

OS /  
Geoplace

Land Registry

# What is reading the address?



“Location” = a specific point on the map or x,y coordinate

“Spatial Unit” = a three dimensional space somewhere in the world.

“Address” = a human understandable, text description of how to find a location or spatial unit

# What's our solution?

