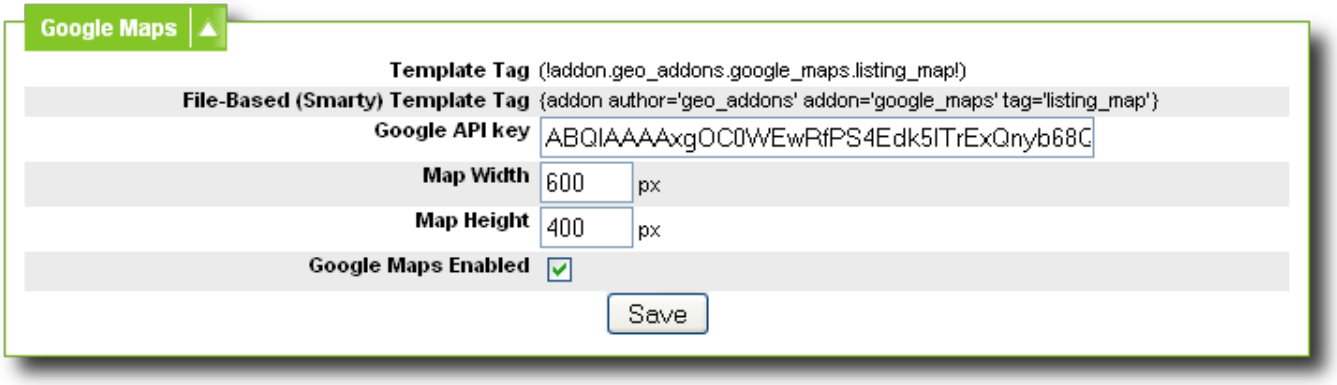
Settings

Google Maps

This holds different configuration options for displaying Google Maps.



Template Tag

This is the tag you must place in the classified details, and auction details templates in order to display the Google Maps. Where you place the tag in the template is where the Google map will display in each listing.

This tag is for sites using DB-Based Design.

File-Based (Smarty) Template Tag

This is the tag to use if you are using file-based overall design, to place in your file template where you want the Google map to display for a listing.

Google API key

This is the API Key provided by Google. You must apply for a Google API key and enter it here in order to be able to use Google Maps on your site. This is a requirement of Google Maps.

<tip c n>**Note:** If you have not entered the API key yet, none of the other settings on the page will be displayed. When that is the case, you will see a link to apply for Google API key, follow that link to get your API key. Note that at this time, Google does **not charge** for obtaining a Google Maps API key from Google.</tip>

Map Width

The width, in pixels, for the Google Map.

Map Height

The height, in pixels, for the Google Map.

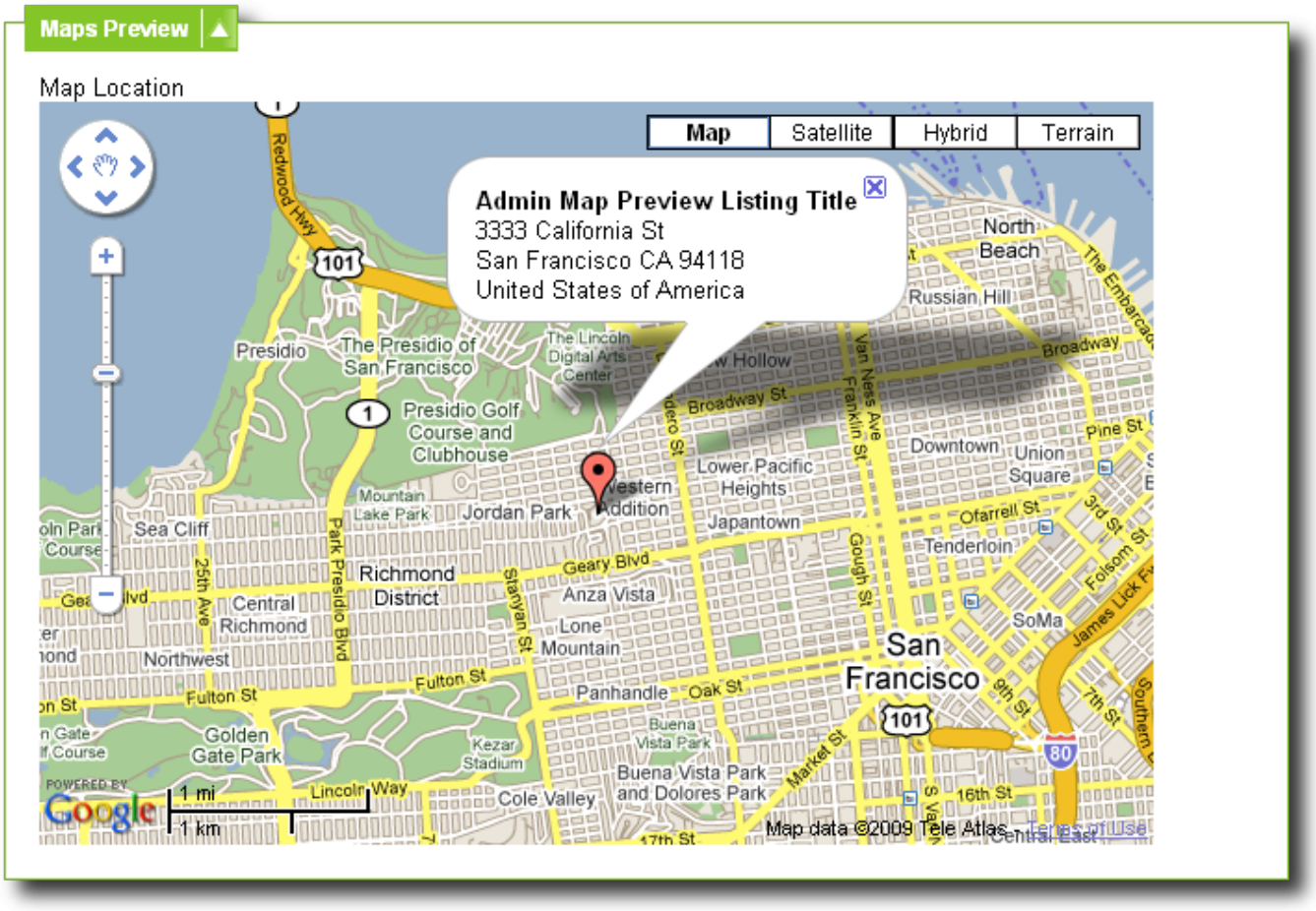
Google Maps Enabled

Check this box to enable displaying google maps for listings with the proper mapping fields populated. Note that you must also place the template tag in your listing template where you want the Google maps to display.

If this setting is un-checked, the Google Maps will not display inside listings, even if the mapping data is filled in for the listing and the proper tag is placed in the template. Un-checking the box effectively turns off Google maps.

Maps Preview

This section will display only if the Google API key setting is filled in. You should see a map similar to the screen shot below. If you do not see the map, the Google API key setting may not be set correctly, or your server might not have **cURL enabled** which is required for Google Maps.



Configuration FAQs

I have placed the tags properly in the design but the map still does not display - Make sure that you are sending a good address to Google within the listing you are trying to check. You can double check this by going to maps.google.com and make sure the address is found there. If the address checks out at Google look to see how they actually display the address in their results. Does it match all the information you are sending them in the listing? We have found that a client was sending a good address but the Google map still would not display. We noticed that the Google maps address on their site did not include the state/province. We removed the state/province field from use in their site (edited that listing to remove that data) and the Google map displayed. Though the state data was correct Google couldn't use it to find a proper address and that once that data was not sent to them they displayed the Google map correctly. Go figure!

What fields does this addon pull address info from to send to Google? - Our software sends the "mapping field data" collected within the listing placement process. These fields in turn are automatically populated from the registration fields for that seller but this is only a convenience. The seller still has the ability to make those fields reflect whatever they want in the specific listing they are inserting.

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