

External references and supporting material for AutoFindr:

8-50% of cars reported stolen are actually just misplaced:

Depending on time of geographic location, crime rate and time of year the statistical probability of a car actually being stolen can be lower than expected. Although a typical figure is 8% for a country like Sweden it turns out that during holiday season the figure increases to ca 30%. Think Christmas shopping with the kids and finding your way back thru a maze of parked cars in a giant, dark, parking lot with heavy shopping bags...

There are even reports that for certain locations like casino's the figure may be as high as 50% - but perhaps for different reasons...

AutoFindr supports the relatively new Apple indoor navigation and will present additional information such as the floor when available but it needs Wifi, Bluetooth or GPS coverage to pinpoint location.

Some may remember that Seinfeld made an episode about losing the car in a parking garage:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=seinfeld+lost+in+parking+garage

Sweden averages 8%:

http://www.mynewsdesk.com/se/if_skadeforsakring/pressreleases/maangattappar-bort-bilen-i-julstressen-1097582

<http://www.nashville.com/news/nashville-community-news/38-of-stolen-car-reports-are-people-who-were-towed-or-forgot-where-they-parked>

This following link includes a comment about reporting a missing car as stolen to the police; and the fact that if a BOLO is put out and the car is later found by the owner the only safe course of action is to report the location to authorities and later collect it from the impound. **If the owner drives away in a car reported stolen it may result in the owner being treated as a car thief, which may result in being held at gun point...**

<http://www.quora.com/How-many-cars-reported-stolen-are-in-fact-simply-misplaced>

Close to 10M parking tickets in New York alone:

The average citation amount depends on geographic location but in NYC it is often USD 115. A sampling of NYC open data indicate that more than 10% of citations were due to parking restricted by schedule. This is a type of scenario where a small reminder might have helped to avoid up to USD 50M in parking citations per year in NYC alone.

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/24/nyregion/24parking.html?_r=0

<https://data.cityofnewyork.us/City-Government/Parking-Violations-Issued-Fiscal-Year-2014-August-/jt7v-77mi>

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