

Testing OSM tools for data collection (part 2)

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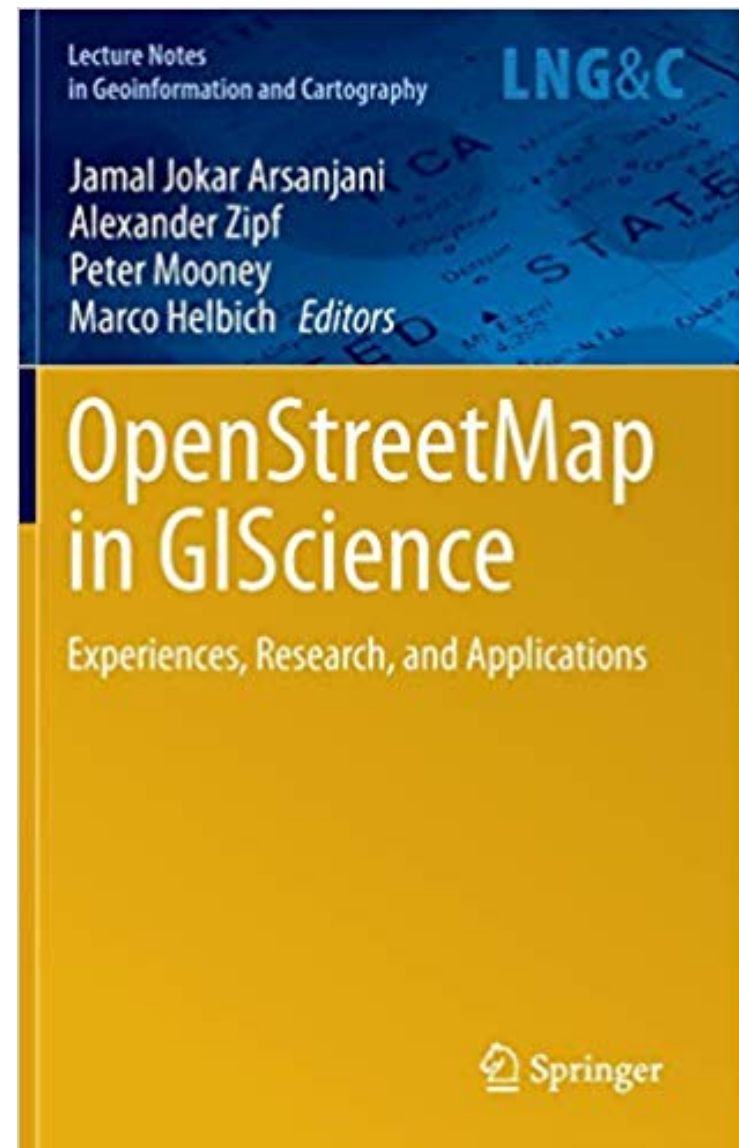


Who am I?

- Lecturer in Computer Science
- Maynooth University has ~12,000 students
- **Specialist Areas:** Geospatial Data: (Databases, Machine Learning, Pattern Analysis), Data Quality, User-Generated Content
- **Teaching/Learning:** Wide range of Comp Sci and GIS modules including: Spatial Analysis, Web-based Programming, Mobile Application Development.

OpenStreetMap connection

- Working with OpenStreetMap (OSM) since around 2007/2008
- Widely published in with research related to OSM.
- Organiser and leader of many OSM-focused Research Events and programmes.



SoTM Academic Tracks



So what is TAGGING?



Metadata: Food Labelling

Each grilled burger (94g) contains

Energy 924kJ 220 kcal	Fat 13g	Saturates 5.9g	Sugars 0.8g	Salt 0.7g
11%	19%	30%	<1%	12%

of an adult's reference intake

Typical values (as sold) per 100g: Energy 966kJ / 230kcal



nutrition			
Servings per can - 2			
Typical values	Per 100g	Per ½ can	%RI*
Energy	282kJ 67kcal	584kJ 139kcal	7%
Fat	0.2g	0.4g	1%
– of which saturates	Trace	Trace	<1%
Carbohydrate	9.9g	20.5g	8%
– of which sugars	2.3g	4.7g	5%
Fibre	3.7g	7.6g	
Protein	4.5g	9.4g	19%
Salt	0.4g	0.9g	15%

*RI per serving. Reference intake of an average adult (8400 kJ/2000 kcal)

Metadata: It is very important that the same 'schema' is used for objects in the same class. Otherwise comparison of objects is difficult



Nutrition Facts	
Valeur nutritive	
Per 355 mL / par 355 mL	
Amount	% Daily Value
Teneur	% valeur quotidienne
Calories / Calories 150	
Fat / Lipides 0 g	0 %
Sodium / Sodium 15 mg	1 %
Carbohydrate / Glucides 41 g	14 %
Sugars / Sucres 41 g	
Protein / Protéines 0 g	
Not a significant source of saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol, fibre, vitamin A, vitamin C, calcium or iron.	
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TENEUR EN CAFÉINE : 38 mg/355 mL

Nutrition Facts	
Valeur nutritive	
Per 1 can (222 mL)	
pour 1 canette (222 mL)	
Amount	% Daily Value
Teneur	% valeur quotidienne
Calories / Calories 90	
Fat / Lipides 0 g	0 %
Sodium / Sodium 15 mg	1 %
Carbohydrate / Glucides 24 g	8 %
Sugars / Sucres 24 g	
Protein / Protéines 0 g	
Not a significant source of saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol, fibre, vitamin A, vitamin C, calcium or iron.	
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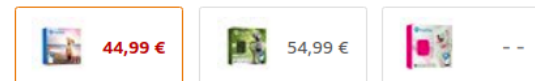
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The TAG in OpenStreetMap

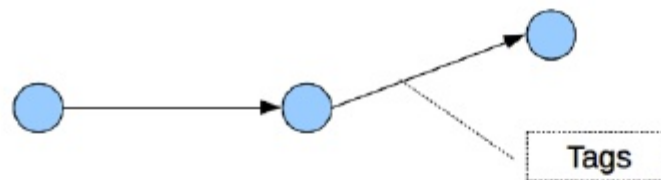
The OpenStreetMap data model

Geometry model

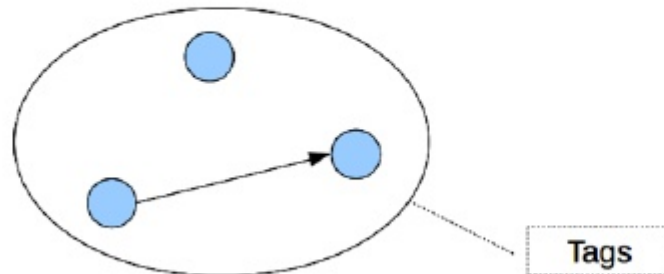
Node



Way



Relation



A node can have ZERO tags

WAYS and RELATIONS must have AT LEAST ONE tag

The OSM TAG

`{key => value}` - a pair

`{"name" => "Joe's Cafe"}`

`{"capacity" => 46}`

`{"WiFi" => "Yes"}`

The OSM Map Features Page is a very important authoritative source



The screenshot shows the OpenStreetMap Wiki page for "Map Features". The page is in English and includes a search bar, navigation tabs (Page, Discussion, Read, View source, View history), and a list of available languages. The main content area discusses the use of tags for physical features on the ground, the free tagging system, and the importance of verifiable tag values. A table of contents is visible at the bottom of the page.

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OpenStreetMap represents physical **features** on the ground (e.g., roads or buildings) using **tags** attached to its basic data structures (its **nodes**, **ways**, and **relations**). Each tag describes a geographic attribute of the feature being shown by that specific node, way or relation.

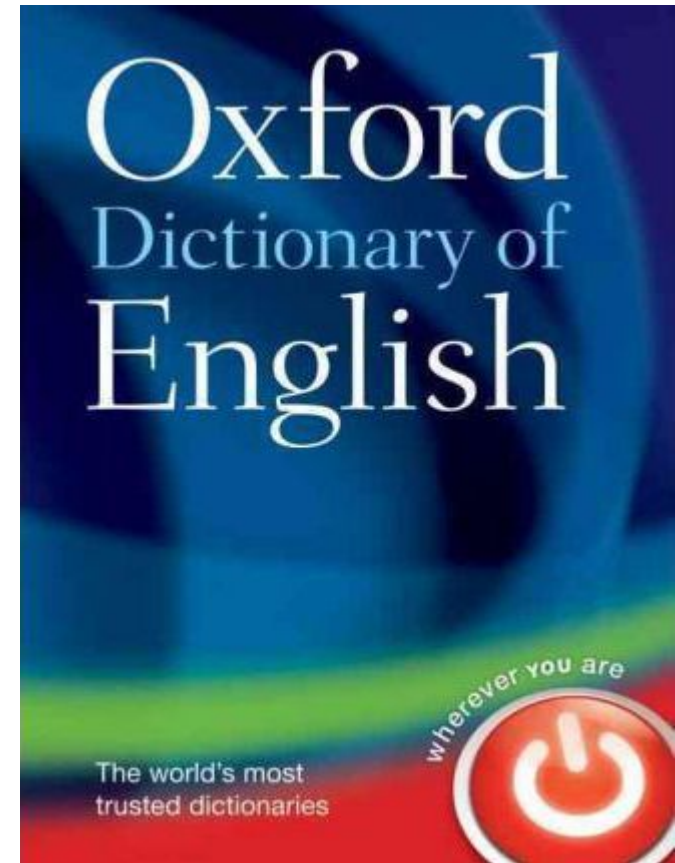
OpenStreetMap's **free tagging system** allows the map to include an unlimited number of attributes describing each feature. The community agrees on certain key and value combinations for the most commonly used tags, which act as informal standards. However, users can create new tags to improve the style of the map or to support analyses that rely on previously unmapped attributes of the features. Short descriptions of tags that relate to particular topics or interests can be found using the **feature pages**.

Most features can be described using only a small number of tags, such as a path with a classification tag such as **highway=footway**, and perhaps also a name using **name=***. But, since this is a worldwide, inclusive map, there can be many different feature types in OpenStreetMap, almost all of them described by tags.

For details of more tags and proposed changes to existing tags see **Proposed Features**, **Inactive Features** and **Deprecated features**. If you do not find a suitable tag in this list then feel free to make something suitable up as long as the tag values will be **verifiable**. Over time, you may find that the tag name is changed to fit with some wider consensus. However, many good tags were used first and documented later.

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Example: A hospital in Lisbon

Relation: Hospital Santa Marta
(6551427)

a adicionar tags do wikidata em Lisboa

Edited 8 months ago by pizzaiolo

Version #3 · Changeset #63506320

Tags

addr:city	Lisboa
addr:housenumber	50-50 I
addr:postcode	1169-024
addr:street	Rua de Santa Marta
amenity	hospital
contact:email	administracao@hsmart a.min-saude.pt
contact:phone	+351 213 594 000
contact:website	www.hsmarta.min- saude.pt
name	Hospital Santa Marta
owner	Centro Hospitalar Lisboa Central
ownership	national
type	multipolygon
wikidata	Q10298546



Example: Hospitals represented as relations in Coimbra

Relation: 3370067 ✕

adicionado edificio e acessos do hospital militar

Edited over 5 years ago by [Rui Oliveira](#)

Version #1 · Changeset #19367720

Tags

building	yes
type	multipolygon

Members

- Way 251081129 as outer
- Way 251081130 as inner
- Way 251081131 as inner



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Relation: Centro Hospitalar e Universitário de Coimbra (4861848) ✕

added short names and english names, various universidade de coimbra units

Edited about 4 years ago by [Josef K](#)

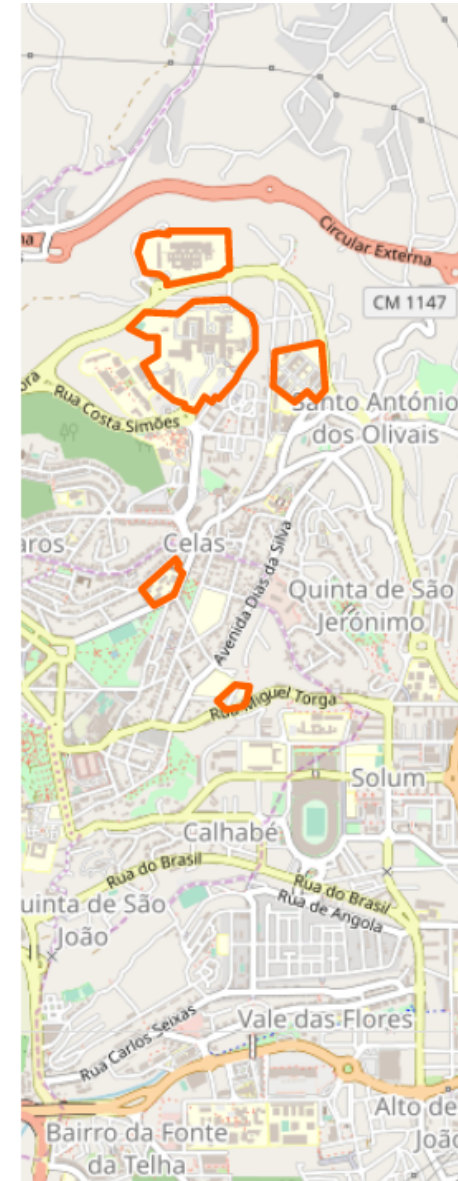
Version #2 · Changeset #30765098

Tags

name	Centro Hospitalar e Universitário de Coimbra
short_name	CHUC
type	site

Members

- Way [Hospitais da Universidade de Coimbra - Bloco Central \(169536209\)](#)
- Way [Hospitais da Universidade de Coimbra - Blocos de Celas \(279668688\)](#)
- Way [Maternidade Doutor Daniel de Matos \(342652619\)](#)
- Way [Hospital dos Covões \(141331099\)](#)
- Way [Hospital dos Covões - Consultas Externas \(141331271\)](#)
- Way [Hospital Pediátrico de Coimbra \(112547859\)](#)
- Way [Hospital Psiquiátrico Sobral Cid \(285542835\)](#)
- Way [Maternidade Bissaya Barreto \(112545594\)](#)



Tagging

- Strive for consistency between objects of the same class (ie hospitals, schools, bridges, motorways)
- Use the same tagging schema
- The {key->value} pairs use values from code-lists or other sources.
- Keys are used from a specific schema.

TagInfo

← → ↻ https://taginfo.openstreetmap.org



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KEYS

building • highway • name •
source • amenity • addr:street •
shop • addr:housenumber •
surface • ...

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TAGS

building=yes •
highway=residential •
building=house • highway=service
• ...

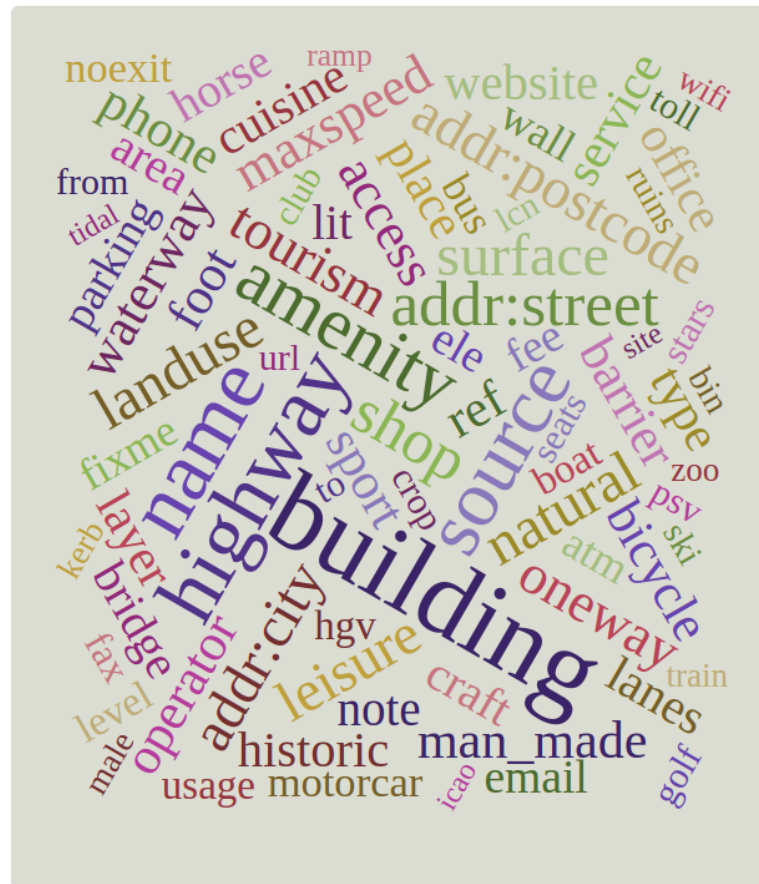
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RELATION TYPES

multipolygon • restriction • route •
boundary • associatedStreet •
public_transport • site •
destination_sign • ...

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SOME POPULAR KEYS



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TagInfo: Most popular KEYS



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KEYS

This table shows all tag keys that exist in the database or in any of the other sources.

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Key	Objects	Nodes	Ways
building	346 736 753 5.93%	909 744 0.63%	345 190 950 59.03%
source	196 131 071 3.35%	45 401 625 31.63%	149 691 254 25.60%
highway	148 501 370 2.54%	11 179 783 7.79%	137 283 992 23.48%
addr:housenumber	90 503 044 1.55%	47 810 215 33.30%	42 569 616 7.28%
addr:street	83 742 139 1.43%	42 280 085 29.45%	41 332 956 7.07%
name	69 094 460 1.18%	17 892 564 12.46%	49 057 751 8.39%
addr:city	65 360 527 1.12%	33 444 015 23.30%	31 811 322 5.44%
addr:postcode	59 855 747 1.02%	31 653 159 22.05%	28 065 857 4.80%
natural	36 254 526 0.62%	13 256 732 9.23%	21 611 626 3.70%
addr:country	27 257 358 0.47%	11 990 087 8.35%	15 171 555 2.59%
surface	26 044 817 0.45%	78 163 0.05%	25 935 483 4.44%
landuse	25 356 055 0.43%	148 699 0.10%	24 049 218 4.11%
source:date	25 339 185 0.43%	10 584 486 7.37%	14 641 847 2.50%

TagInfo: Most popular TAGS



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TAGS

This table shows the most common tags in the database.

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Tag	Objects	Nodes	Ways
building=yes	284 319 161 4.86%	353 186 0.25%	283 523 204 48.49%
highway=residential	45 968 668 0.79%	3 138 0.00%	45 964 064 7.86%
building=house	31 863 567 0.54%	280 191 0.20%	31 537 201 5.39%
highway=service	24 926 402 0.43%	422 0.00%	24 922 758 4.26%
source=BAG	19 350 481 0.33%	9 122 786 6.35%	10 217 606 1.75%
highway=track	16 560 298 0.28%	910 0.00%	16 559 132 2.83%
source=Bing	13 782 117 0.24%	1 981 163 1.38%	11 774 477 2.01%
highway=unclassified	12 248 196 0.21%	687 0.00%	12 247 278 2.09%
natural=tree	12 075 932 0.21%	12 073 901 8.41%	1 964 0.00%
wall=no	11 967 965 0.20%	210 0.00%	11 961 131 2.05%
source=cadastre-dgi-fr_source_:_Direction_Générale	11 818 629 0.20%	290 165 0.20%	11 525 908 1.97%
waterway=stream	11 681 908 0.20%	6 258 0.00%	11 656 091 1.99%
power=tower	11 656 005 0.20%	11 655 690 8.12%	315 0.00%

highway

The highway tag is the primary tag used for any kind of street or way.

Overview

Values

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Values used with this key

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Value	Count	
residential	45 968 668	30.96%
service	24 926 402	16.79%
track	16 560 298	11.15%
unclassified	12 248 196	8.25%
footway	10 323 822	6.95%
path	7 475 424	5.03%
tertiary	5 627 224	3.79%
secondary	3 644 396	2.45%
crossing	3 235 024	2.18%
primary	2 469 509	1.66%
bus_stop	2 385 745	1.61%
turning_circle	1 757 201	1.18%

KEYS

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Filter: No filter

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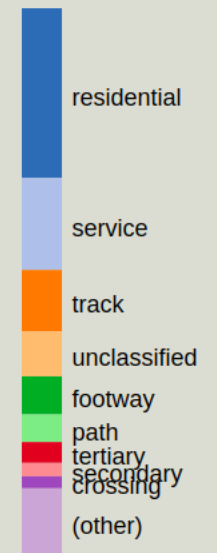
Map

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Distribution of



Overview

Type	Number of objects	
All	148 501 370	2.54%
Node	11 179 783	7.79%
Way	137 283 992	23.48%
Relation	37 595	0.55%

TagInfo: Example tag `natural=tree`

 **taginfo** English Data from: 2019





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natural=tree

A single tree Comparison list (0 items) Filter: XAPI JOSM Level

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Overview

Type	Number of objects	Percentage
 All	12 075 932	0.21%
 Node	12 073 901	8.41%
 Way	1 964	0.00%
 Relation	67	0.00%



Combinations

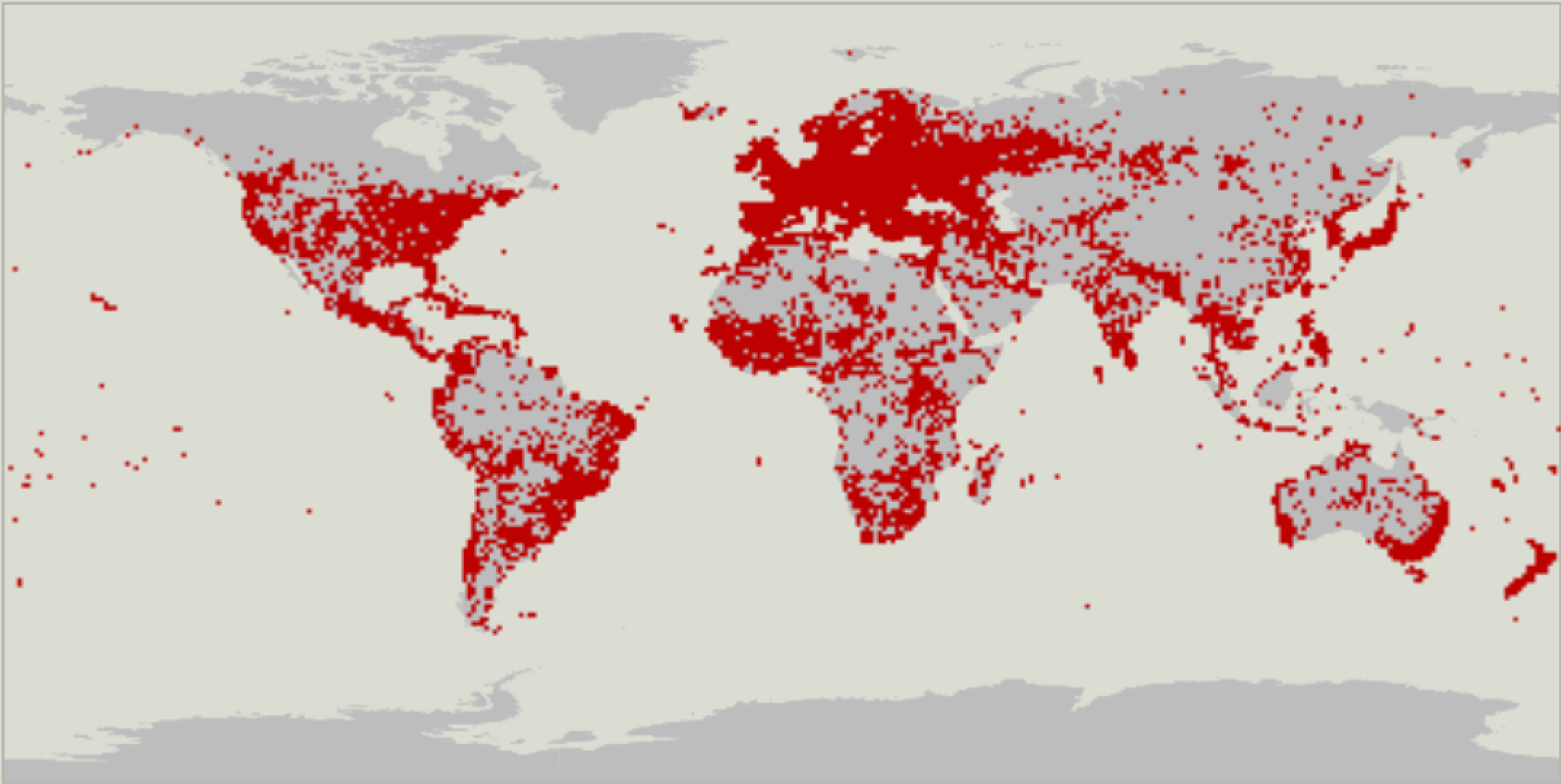
This table shows only the most common combinations of the tag `natural=tree`.

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Count	Percentage	Other tags
2 228 589	18.45%	<code>source=*</code>
1 803 429	14.93%	<code>leaf_type=*</code>
1 643 120	13.61%	<code>leaf_type=broadleaved</code>
998 097	8.27%	<code>species=*</code>
992 654	8.22%	<code>leaf_cycle=*</code>
865 868	7.17%	<code>denotation=*</code>
814 116	6.74%	<code>leaf_cycle=deciduous</code>
583 524	4.83%	<code>denotation=urban</code>
575 351	4.76%	<code>height=*</code>
492 715	4.08%	<code>circumference=*</code>
481 887	3.99%	<code>genus=*</code>

TagInfo: Example tag `natural=tree`

Geographical distribution of this tag



What can we learn from TagInfo?

- We can learn A LOT about Tagging in OSM from TagInfo if we are willing to dig into the data
- **TagInfo gives a global summary of the usage of tags in the OpenStreetMap database.**
- TagInfo can be very useful in guiding us about what the most popular or well used combinations of tags are.

Example: Suppose you are mapping a defibrillator device

- Are you unsure of which tags you should use?
- You can consult Map Features AND TagInfo for some guidance and assistance

emergency=defibrillator

Defibrillator, an external and portable electronic device that diagnoses heart automatically (aka Automated External Defibrillator, AED)

Comparison list (0)

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This table shows only the most common combinations of the most c

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Count →	Other tags
5 985 29.99%	indoor=*
4 054 20.31%	indoor=yes
3 846 19.27%	source=*
3 243 16.25%	opening_hours=*
3 026 15.16%	name=*
2 572 12.89%	operator=*
2 537 12.71%	access=*
1 863 9.34%	addr:city=*
1 838 9.21%	opening_hours=24/7
1 728 8.66%	addr:street=*



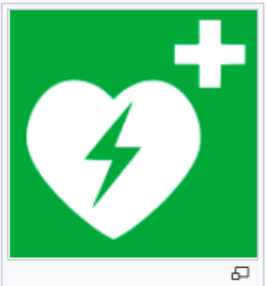
Status

This feature was previously tagged as **emergency=aed** or **medical=aed** but a new poll showed that the plain word is preferred to its abbreviation; see [Proposed features/automated external defibrillator](#).

Tags to use in combination

- **opening_hours=***, if the defibrillator is only accessible during certain opening hours.
- **phone=***, number of the location responsible for the device.
- **defibrillator>manual**, if the device is not automated (e.g., in hospitals emergencies).
- **defibrillator:location=***, a textual description where the device is located (e.g., "in the porter's lounge"). Formerly *aed:location*; if you are a data user, please recognize both.
- **access=***, if the access to the device is restricted.
- **indoor=***, if the defibrillator is mounted on a wall, clarify with this tag whether it is the external or internal side of the wall.

Rendering



- Rendered on:
- OSM-FR tiles (Example: <http://tile.openstreetmap.fr/?zoom=17&lat=44.12069&lon=4.83901&layers=B000000FFFF>)
 - Tappenbeck tiles (Example: <http://www.tappenbeck.net/osm/maps/deu/index.php?id=1029&zoom=7&lat=40.18827&lon=-3.9201&layers=BFTTT&lang=d>)

automatically (aka Automated External Defibrillator, AED)

Group: Restrictions

Used on these elements



Useful combination

- **access=***
- **opening_hours=***
- **phone=***

TagInfo

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1 863 9.34%	addr:city=*
1 838 9.21%	opening_hours=24/7
1 728 8.66%	addr:street=*

MAP FEATURES

TagInfo: Stats and data can be downloaded as SQLite Databases



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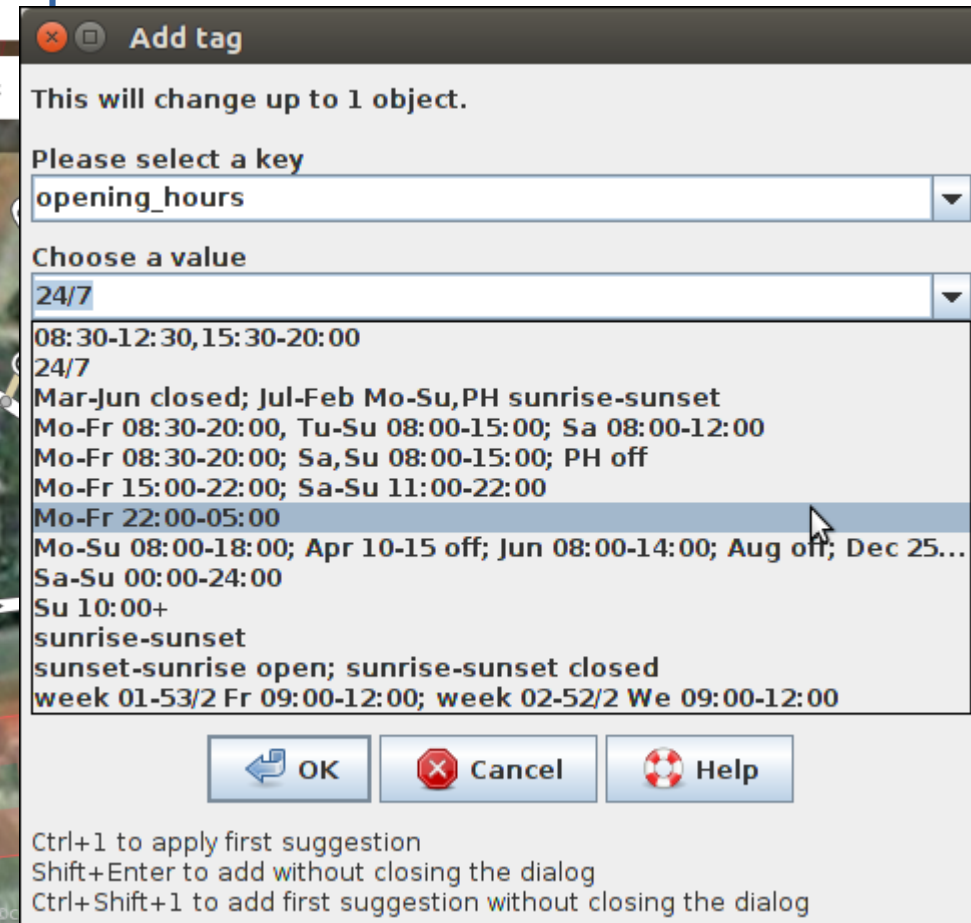
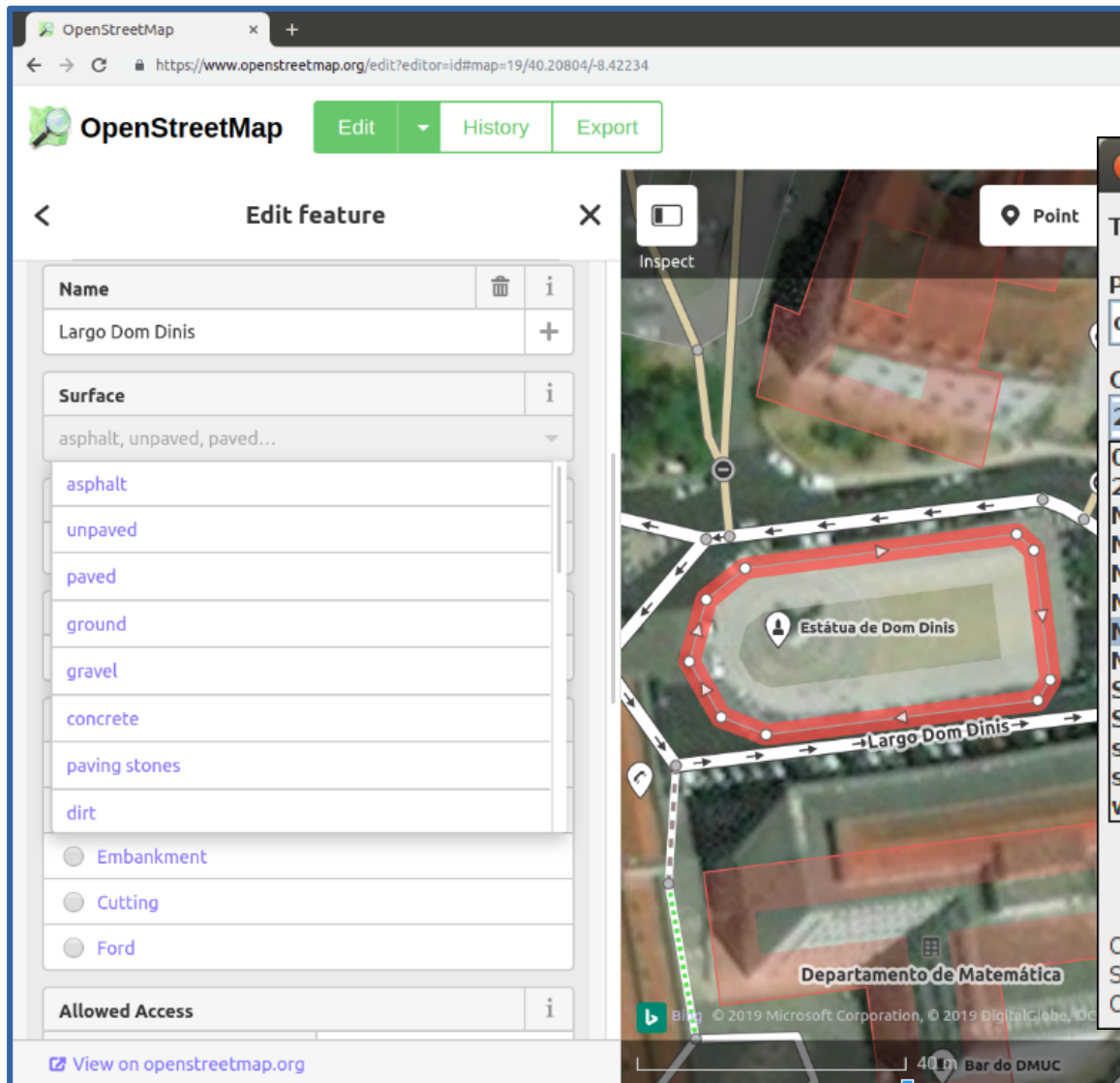
Here you can download the databases used by taginfo. All the data is stored in → [Sqlite](#) databases. The database files with → [bzip2](#).

If you don't want to download these databases, but need automated access to the data, you can also use the [API](#).

File	Packed*	Unpacked*	Description
taginfo-master.db.bz2	383 kB	880 kB	Aggregate statistics and miscellaneous data needed for the taginfo user interface.
taginfo-history.db.bz2	1 MB	7 MB	Aggregate statistics over time.
taginfo-db.db.bz2	1233 MB	16073 MB	Statistics about each key and each tag from the main OSM database (planet file).
taginfo-wiki.db.bz2	11 MB	55 MB	Data from the tag and key pages of the OSM wiki.
taginfo-languages.db.bz2	131 kB	456 kB	Language names, codes, etc. from IANA and Unicode registries.
taginfo-projects.db.bz2	3 MB	92 MB	External projects and the OSM keys/tags they use.

* Some indexes are not in the databases available for download here. The 'Packed' size is the size without those indexes, the 'Unpacked' size includes the indexes you probably want to build after downloading.

Tagging Presets in OSM Editors



[*sequence of items*] means that the *sequence of items* is optional;
| indicates that one of the sequences of items (separated by this symbol) must be chosen;

General syntax

`opening_hours= rulesets [; rulesets]...`

Each *ruleset* is evaluated in order, the next *ruleset* possibly overriding the initial open or closed

rulesets: `rule [|] rule]...`

Each *rule* is evaluated in order until it matches for the indicated dates or times, otherwise the ne

rule: `range [status] [comment]`

range: `[years] dates [[times] | times | 24/7`

Syntax for specifying optional years

years: `year_range [, year_range]...`

year_range: `year [- year | +] [/ n`

An optional period of *n* years may be specified for years to include within the specified

year: A 4-digit year number in the Gregorian calendar.

Syntax for specifying dates (with optional times)

dates: `monthly | weekly | daily | variably | holidays`

monthly: `monthdays [[weekdays]`

weekly: `[week [week_range [, week_range]... [weekday_range [, weekday...`

daily: `months [monthdays [, monthdays]...`

variably: `variable_date [- variable_date]`

months: `Mth [- Mth]`

monthdays: `dd [- dd]`

week_range: `ww [- ww | +] [/ n`

An optional period of *n* weeks may be specified for weeks to include within the specified

weekdays: `weekday_range [, weekday_range]... | Wd [n [, n]...`

Week days may be followed by rank numbers, counted positively from the start of the m

e.g. `Mo-Fr 08:00-09:00`, or `Mo[1,3] 08:00-09:00`;

e.g. `Su[1]` means the first Sunday of the month, and `Su[-1]` means the last Sunda

weekday_range: `Wd [- Wd]`

ww: A 2-digit week number (in ISO year) in range 01-53, e.g. `week 25 Mo 08:30-20:00`

dd: A 2-digit monthday number in range 01-31, e.g. `Dec 25`

Mth: `Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec`

A 3-letter abbreviated English month name, e.g. `Dec 25`

Wd: `Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa | Su`

A 2-letter abbreviated English weekday name, e.g. `Fr 08:30-20:00`

https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Key:opening_hours

Add tag

This will change up to 1 object.

Please select a key

Choose a value

08:30-12:30,15:30-20:00
24/7
Mar-Jun closed; Jul-Feb Mo-Su,PH sunrise-sunset
Mo-Fr 08:30-20:00, Tu-Su 08:00-15:00; Sa 08:00-12:00
Mo-Fr 08:30-20:00; Sa,Su 08:00-15:00; PH off
Mo-Fr 15:00-22:00; Sa-Su 11:00-22:00
Mo-Fr 22:00-05:00
Mo-Su 08:00-18:00; Apr 10-15 off; Jun 08:00-14:00; Aug off; Dec 25...
Sa-Su 00:00-24:00
Su 10:00+
sunrise-sunset
sunset-sunrise open; sunrise-sunset closed
week 01-53/2 Fr 09:00-12:00; week 02-52/2 We 09:00-12:00

Ctrl+1 to apply first suggestion
Shift+Enter to add without closing the dialog
Ctrl+Shift+1 to add first suggestion without closing the dialog

OSM Mailing List Tag Discussions

- The OSM Mailing Lists can sometimes be a very useful platform for learning about the correct usage of tags.
- It is possible to post questions about tagging, in particular if you want to find out the best or most appropriate way to tag an object (or group of objects)
- However, mailing list discussions can become rather heated and drawn out.

Is `landuse=forest` or `natural=wood`?



<https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Forest>

nearly all data consumers treat both `natural=wood` and
`landuse=forest` as synonymous tags for a forested area.

[OSM-talk] Woods vs Forests

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Thu Oct 26 22:49:35 UTC 2017

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The woods/forest problem is one of the worst tagging cock-ups in OSM. It's bad enough when alternate values are used to differentiate what is actually the same object, but in this case it's also the key!

I think you'd be hard pressed to find any area of trees which hasn't been managed in one way or another by humans; especially in the Western world. Even in the depths of the Amazonian rainforest or Borneo the locals use wood for tools/fire/building etc.

Ignoring the landcover argument for a moment, all areas of trees should be primarily tagged as natural=wood. As with other entities, any further details which gives clarity should be provided in sub-tags.

Approach 2 is the appropriate example:
<https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Forest>,

The four render options on the website render wood & forest primary tags the same

DaveF

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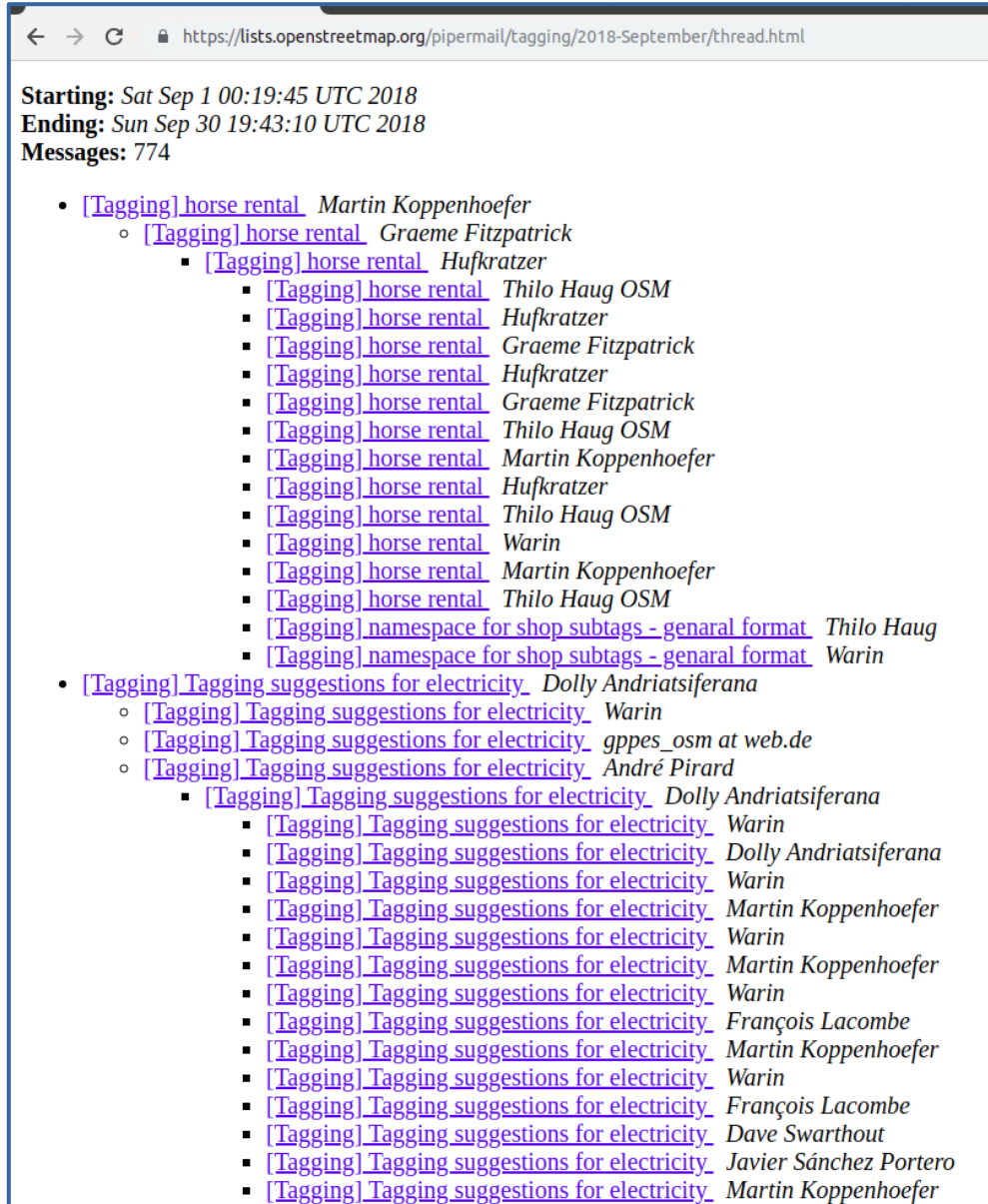
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<https://lists.openstreetmap.org/pipermail/talk/2017-October/079329.html>

It can be very useful to read these Tagging discussions to better understand contributor's rationale in using certain tags



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Tagging: Sometimes there are multiple approaches suggested

<https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Forest>

Approach 1

- `natural=wood` is used to mark areas covered by trees.
- `landuse=forest` is used to mark areas of land managed for forestry.

Approach 2

- `natural=wood` + `managed=yes` - managed wood
- `natural=wood` + `managed=no` - wood without management of any kind
- `operator=*` - optional

Note that visiting location is not enough, checking whatever land is managed for forestry requires more extensive research and tagging distinction between managed and unmanaged forest.

Tag `managed=*` is very rarely used (less than 6500 instances in database [\[1\]](#))

Approach 3

- `landuse=forest` is used for maintained or managed woodland. This approach views most woodland as managed.
- `natural=wood` is used for ancient or virgin woodland, with no forestry use.

Approach 4

- `wood=yes` is used to mark the presence of trees. Use of `wood=*` is deprecated for indicating vegetation types in database [\[2\]](#).
- `natural=wood` is used to mark areas of unmanaged forest. It implies `wood=yes`.
- `landuse=forest` is used to mark areas of managed forest. It implies `wood=yes`.

Approach 5

- `landcover=trees` is used to mark the presence of trees. It does not imply the use nor origin of the trees. Note [\[3\]](#) compared to overall use of `natural=wood` and `landuse=forest` tags.

Approach 6

- `natural=wood` is used to mark areas covered by trees
- `landuse=forest` is used to mark areas covered by trees



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In crowdsourced cartographic projects, mappers coordinate their efforts through online tools to produce digital geospatial artefacts, such as maps and gazetteers, which were once the exclusive territory of professional surveyors and cartographers. In order to produce meaningful and coherent data, contributors need to negotiate a shared conceptualisation that defines the domain concepts, such as road, building, train station, forest and lake, enabling the communication of geographic knowledge. Considering the OpenStreetMap Wiki website as a case study, this article investigates the nature of this negotiation, driven by a small group of mappers in a context of high contribution inequality. Despite the apparent consensus on the conceptualisation, the negotiation keeps unfolding in a tension between alternative representations, which are often incommensurable, i.e., hard to integrate and reconcile. In this study, we identify six complementary dimensions of incommensurability that recur in the negotiation: (1) ontology, (2) cartography, (3) culture and language, (4) lexical definitions, (5) granularity, and (6) semantic overload and duplication.

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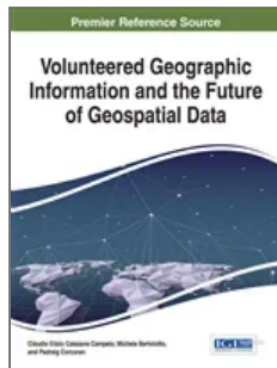
In some cases OSM tagging can be drawn or modelled on existing nomenclature from other domains

- This approach means that tags are (converted, borrowed or transformed) from an external nomenclature(s) to OSM (or vice versa)
- One of the most famous examples of this the IMPORT of CORINE geographical data into OSM
- CORINE has a metadata schema or nomenclature for LANDCOVER in Europe

CORINE Import (France)

https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/FR:Corine_Land_Cover/Nomenclature

	13		Mines, décharges et chantiers	
	131	(1 684)	Extraction de matériaux	• landuse=quarry
	132	(146)	Décharges	• landuse=landfill
	133	(185)	Chantiers	• landuse=construction
	14		Espaces verts artificialisés, non agricoles	
	141	(428)	Espaces verts urbains	
	142	(2 155)	Équipements sportifs et de loisirs	
	2		Territoires agricoles	
	21		Terres arables	
	211	(26 425)	Terres arables hors périmètres d'irrigation <i>Céréales, légumineuses de plein champ, cultures fourragères, plantes sarclées et jachères. Y compris les cultures florales, forestières (pépinières) et légumes (maraîchage) de plein champ, sous serre et sous plastique, ainsi que les plantes médicinales, aromatiques et condimentaires. Non compris les prairies.</i>	• landuse=farmland
	212	(5)	Périmètres irrigués en permanence <i>Cultures irriguées en permanence ou périodiquement, grâce à une infrastructure permanente (canal d'irrigation). Une grande partie de ces cultures ne pourrait pas être cultivée sans l'apport artificiel d'eau. Non compris les surfaces irriguées occasionnellement.</i>	• landuse=farmland
	213	(29)	Rizières <i>Surfaces aménagées pour la culture du riz. Terrains plats avec canaux d'irrigation. Surfaces régulièrement recouvertes d'eau.</i>	• landuse=farmland + crop=rice
	22		Cultures permanentes	
	221	(4 035)	Vignobles <i>Surfaces plantées de vignes.</i>	• landuse=vineyard
	222	(2 085)	Vergers et petits fruits <i>Parcelles plantées d'arbres fruitiers ou d'arbustes fruitiers : cultures pures ou mélange d'espèces fruitières, arbres fruitiers en association avec des surfaces toujours en herbe. Y compris les châtaigneraies et les noiseraies.</i>	• landuse=orchard
	223	(134)	Oliveraies <i>Surfaces plantées d'oliviers, y compris oliviers et vignes sur la même parcelle.</i>	• landuse=orchard + trees=olive_tree
	23		Prairies	
	231	(36 057)	Prairies <i>Surfaces enherbées denses de composition floristique composées principalement de graminacées, non incluses dans un assolement. Principalement pâturées, mais dont le fourrage peut être récolté mécaniquement. Y compris des zones avec haies (bocages).</i>	• landuse=meadow



Using OpenStreetMap to Create Land Use and Land Cover Maps: Development of an Application

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Abstract

OpenStreetMap (OSM) is a bottom up community-driven initiative to create a global map of the world. Yet the application of OSM to land use and land cover (LULC) mapping is still largely unexploited due to problems with inconsistencies in the data and harmonization of LULC nomenclatures with OSM. This chapter outlines an automated methodology for creating LULC maps using the nomenclature of two European LULC products: the Urban Atlas (UA) and CORINE Land Cover (CLC). The method is applied to two regions in London and Paris. The results show that LULC maps with a level of detail similar to UA can be obtained for the urban regions, but that OSM has limitations for conversion into the more detailed non-urban classes of the CLC nomenclature. Future work will concentrate on developing additional rules to improve the accuracy of the transformation and building an online system for processing the data.

OSM Japanese Railway Network

← → ↻ https://www.openstreetmap.org/way/678666525#map=14/37.2195/140.7414



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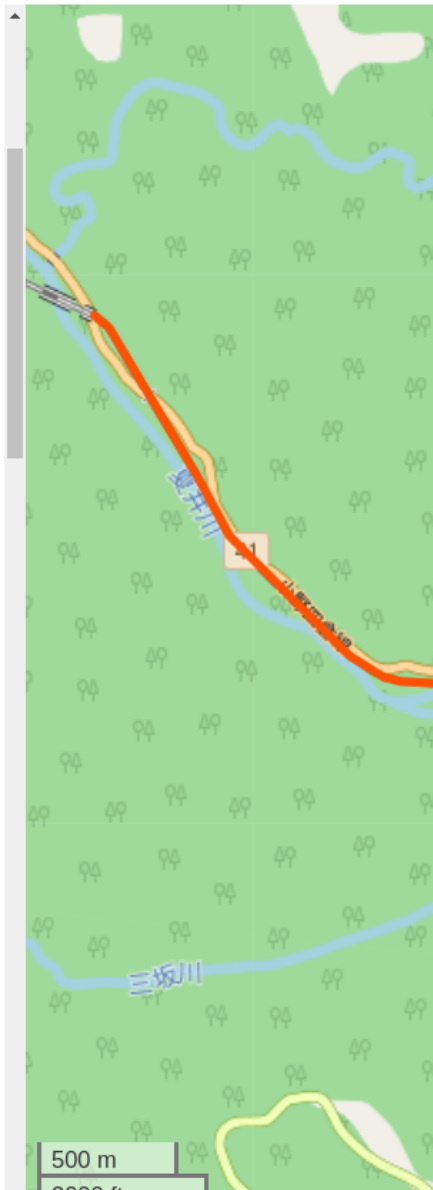


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name:en	JR Banetsu East Line
name:ja	JR磐越東線
name:ja_rm	JR Ban'etsu-tō-sen
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note:ja	国土数値情報（鉄道データ）平成19年 国土交通省
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operator:ja	東日本旅客鉄道
railway	rail
source	KSJ2



データのダウンロード (2.各データ詳細)

選択したデータ項目は
国土数値情報 鉄道データ です。

最新のデータは製品仕様書第1.1版に基づいています。 (データ作成年度:平成17~20年度)

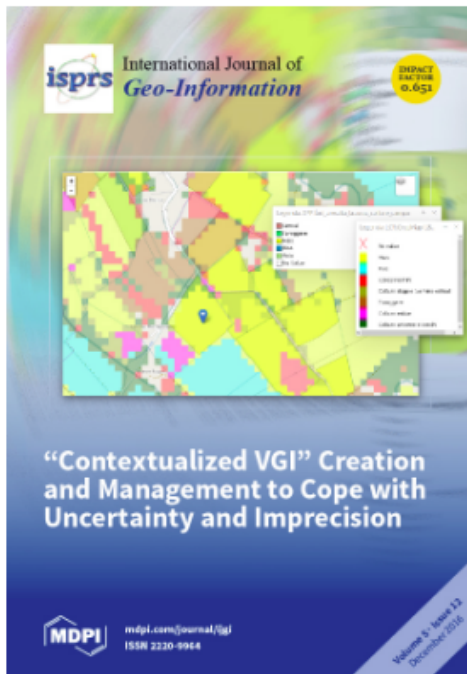
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関連する法律	-	
データ作成年度	平成17年度（作成時点：平成18年1月1日） 平成18年度（作成時点：平成18年7月31日） 平成19年度（作成時点：平成19年7月31日） 平成20年度（作成時点：平成21年3月20日）	
原典資料	数値地図25000（空間データ基盤）、鉄道要覧（国土交通省鉄道局監修）、鉄道事業者の公式HP、時刻表（JTB） ※この地図は、国土地理院長の承認を得て、同院発行の数値地図25000（空間データ基盤）を複製したものである。（承認番号 平成17総複、第520号）	
作成方法	数値地図25000（空間データ基盤）を基に作成し、さらにデータ作成基準日までに開通された路線や新設・名称変更された駅を反映させた。	
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Report for Tag: railway=railWARSAW

Total number of objects: 2922

<i>name</i>	67	2.3%	POOR
<i>gauge</i>	2510	86.0%	EXCELLENT
<i>electrified</i>	2445	83.7%	EXCELLENT
<i>frequency</i>	1619	55.4%	AVERAGE
<i>voltage</i>	1623	55.6%	AVERAGE
<i>usage</i>	1076	36.9%	FAIR
<i>service</i>	1913	65.5%	GOOD
<i>bridge</i>	289	9.9%	POOR
<i>tunnel</i>	61	2.1%	POOR

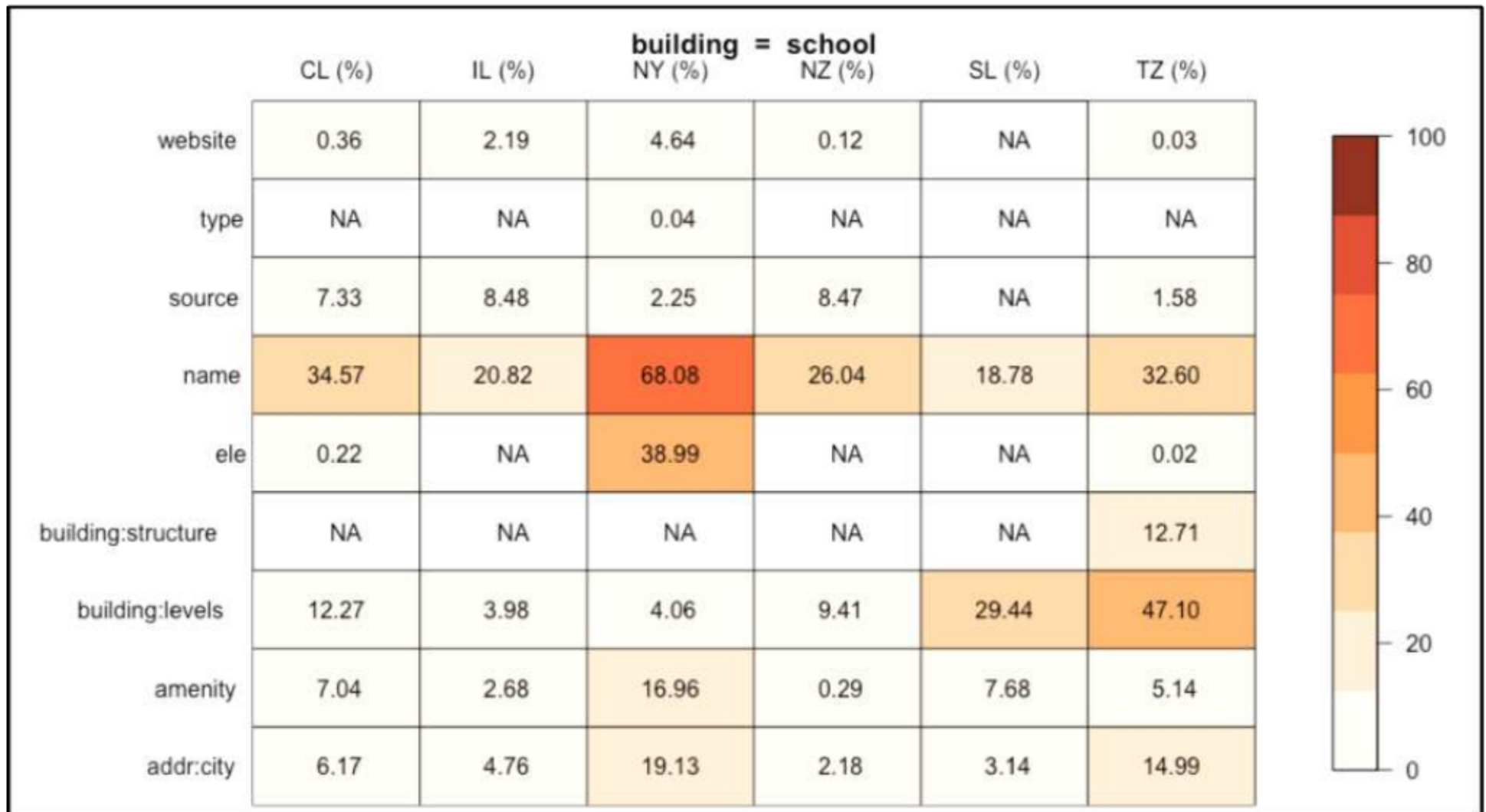
Total number of different tags used: 30

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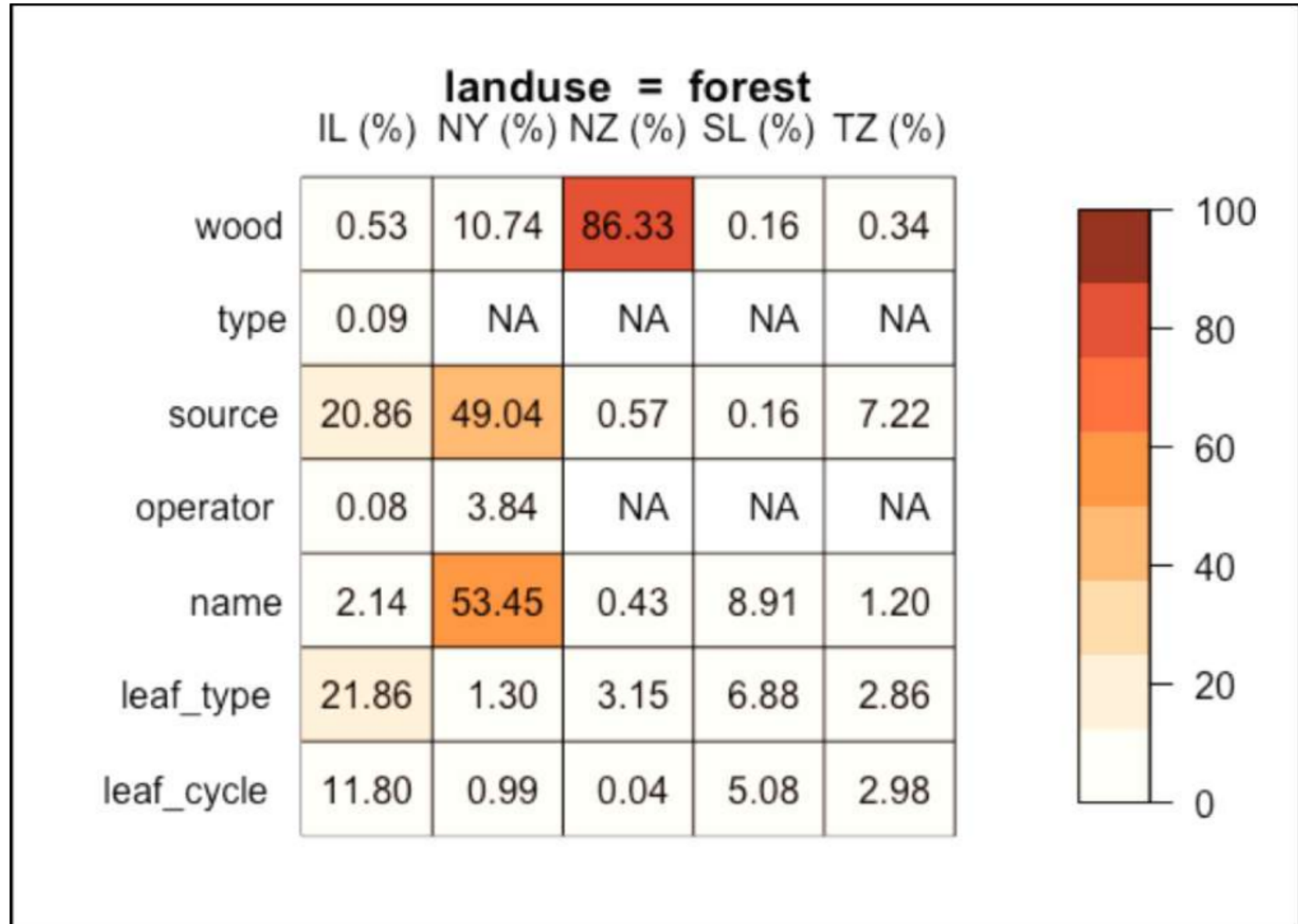
KEY	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent
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<i>ref</i>	31	5	2	2	0
<i>name</i>	1	4	5	13	17
<i>oneway</i>	6	16	12	6	0

Considering Suggested Tag Usage

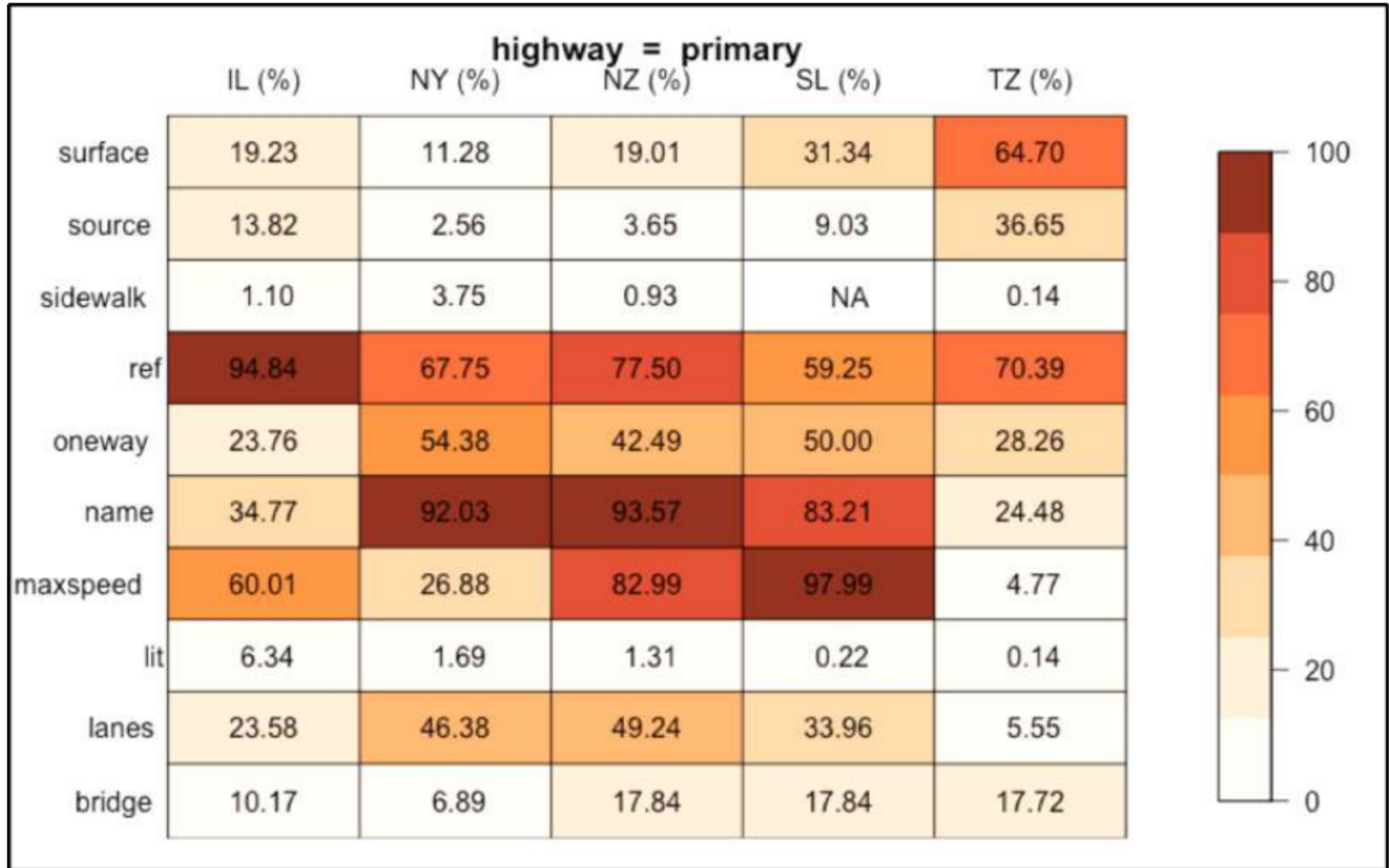
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Tag: Landuse = forest and suggested combinations



Tag: highway = primary and suggested combinations

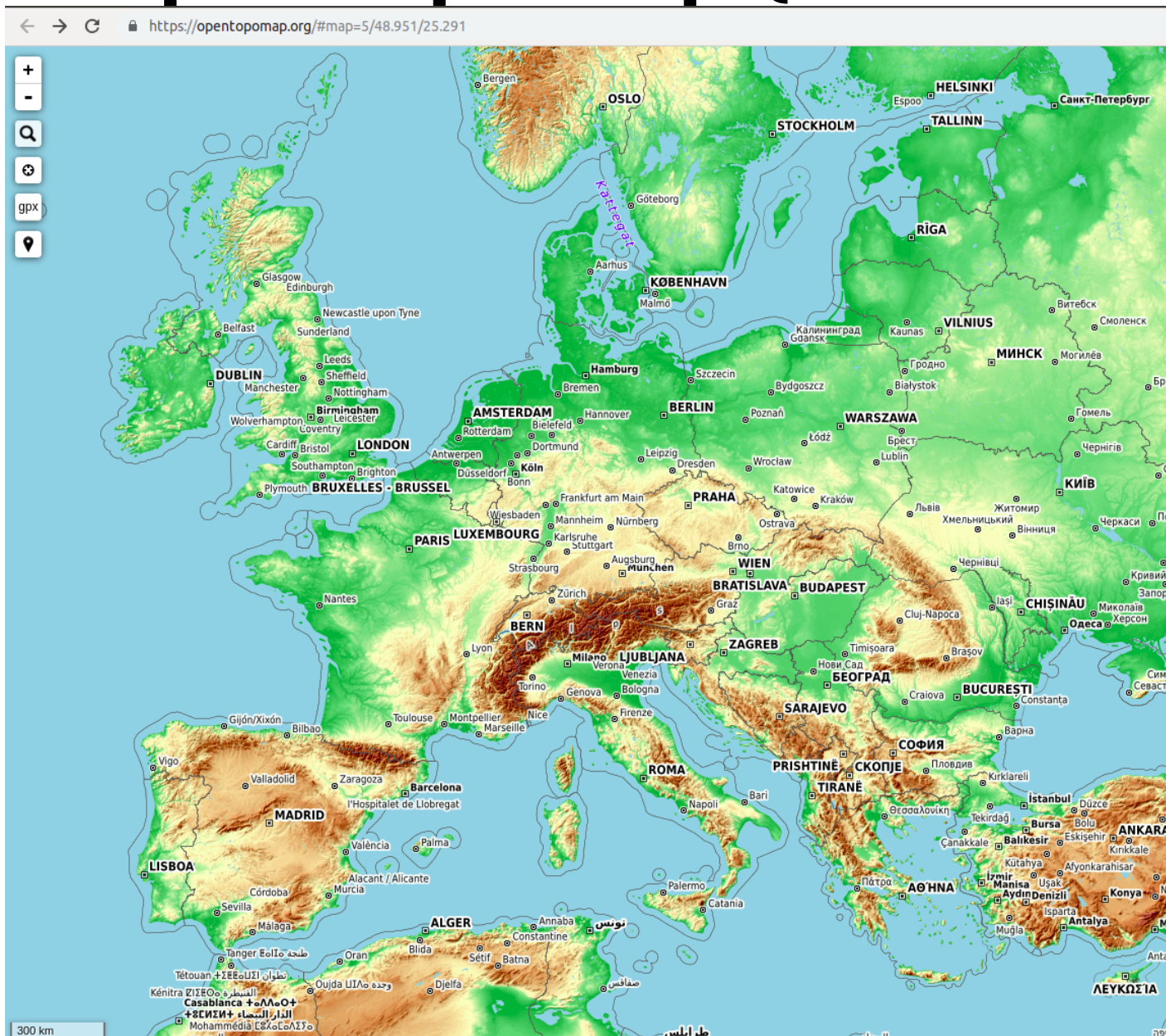


Peter's OSM Tag Checklist

- BEFORE starting an analysis on any OSM data **ALWAYS explore and try to understand the structure and quality of tagging in the data**
- **TAGGING may not always be homogeneous** in a given region or country for a particular object class or theme
- **Become familiar with using TagInfo and MapFeatures** in order to assist you in (1) assessing tags and (2) choosing tags
- If you're confused about the tagging – ask someone for some help

High quality TAGGING is very important for applications using OSM data as a primary source

Ex: The OpenTopoMap (OSM + SRTM)



<https://opentopomap.org/#map=5/48.951/25.291>

Services such as OpenTopoMap relies on accurate and up-to-date tagging

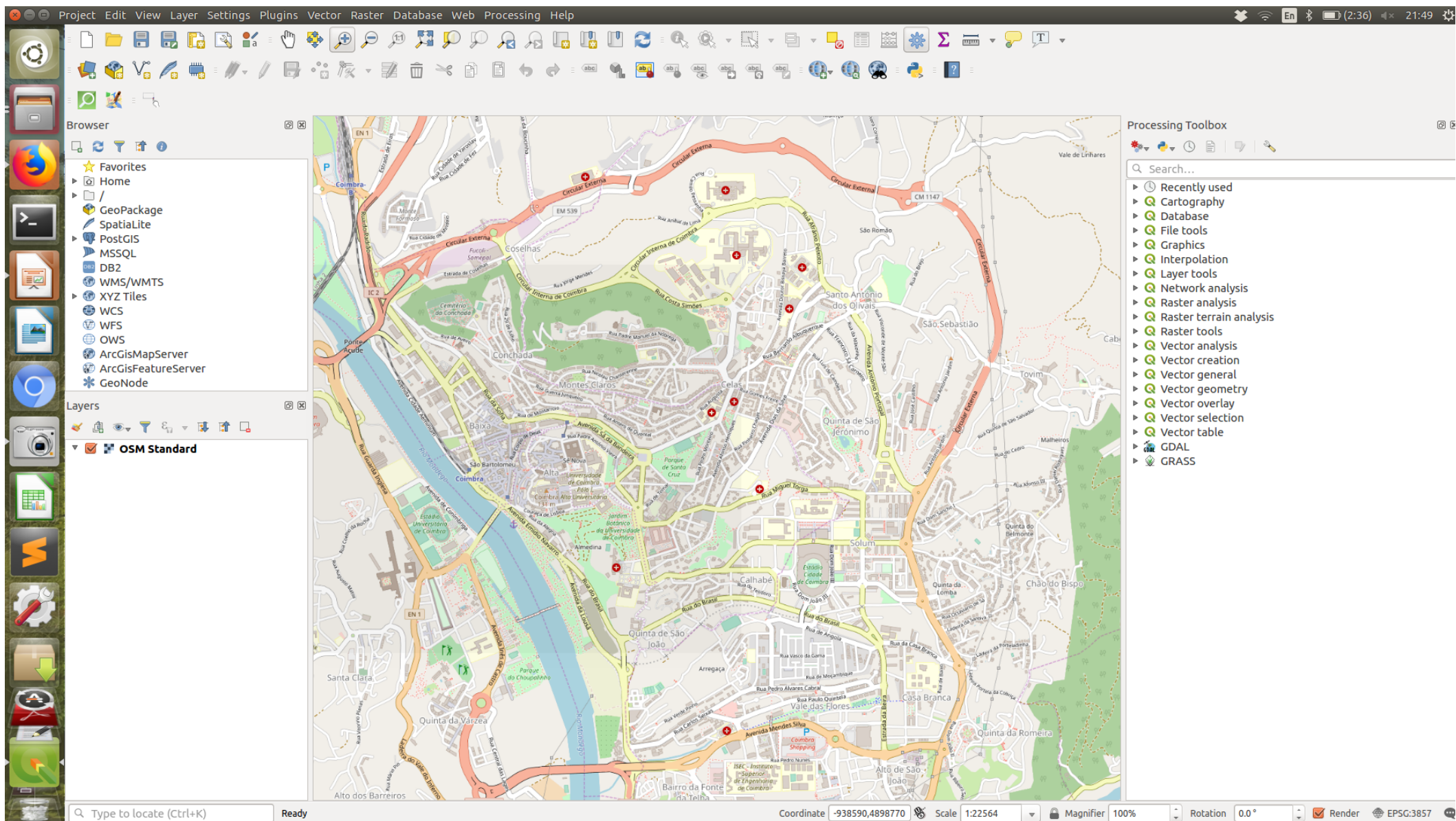
- Tags on Topographical objects in OSM are used with the SRTM Imagery to create the Topographic Map.
- The quality and correctness of the tags is very important



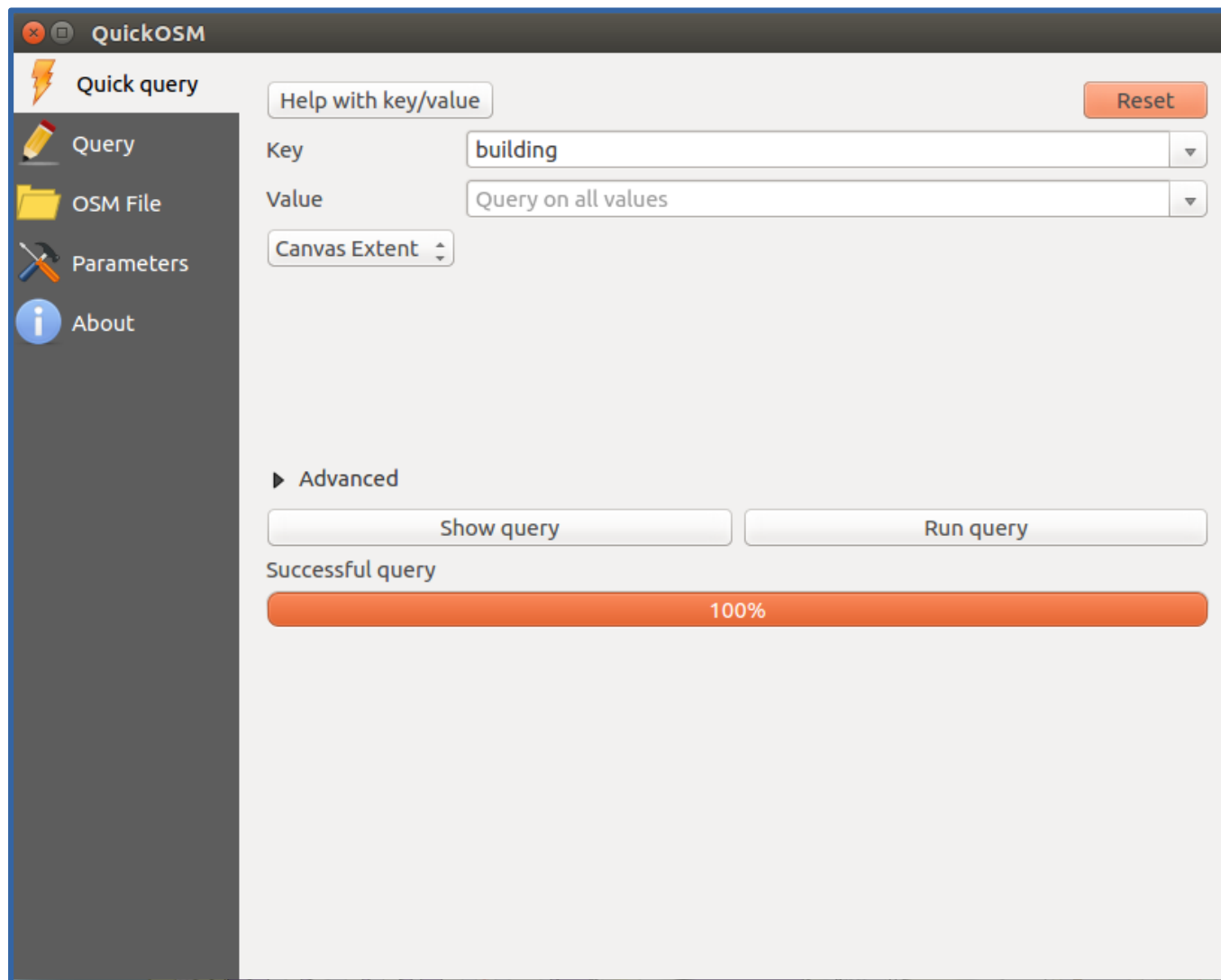
OpenRouteService

Using QGIS for some quality analysis

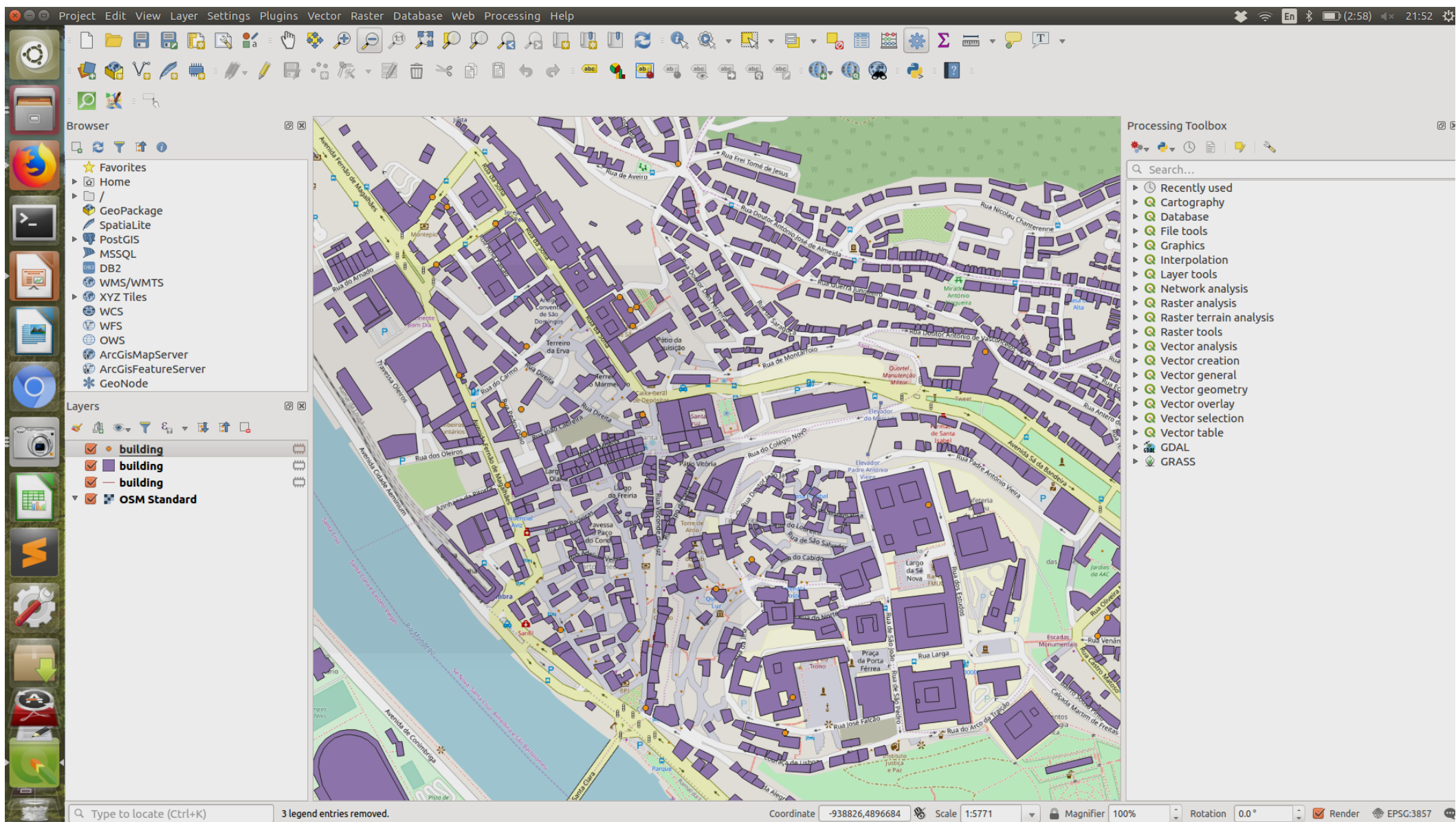
Step 1: Open Coimbra in QGIS



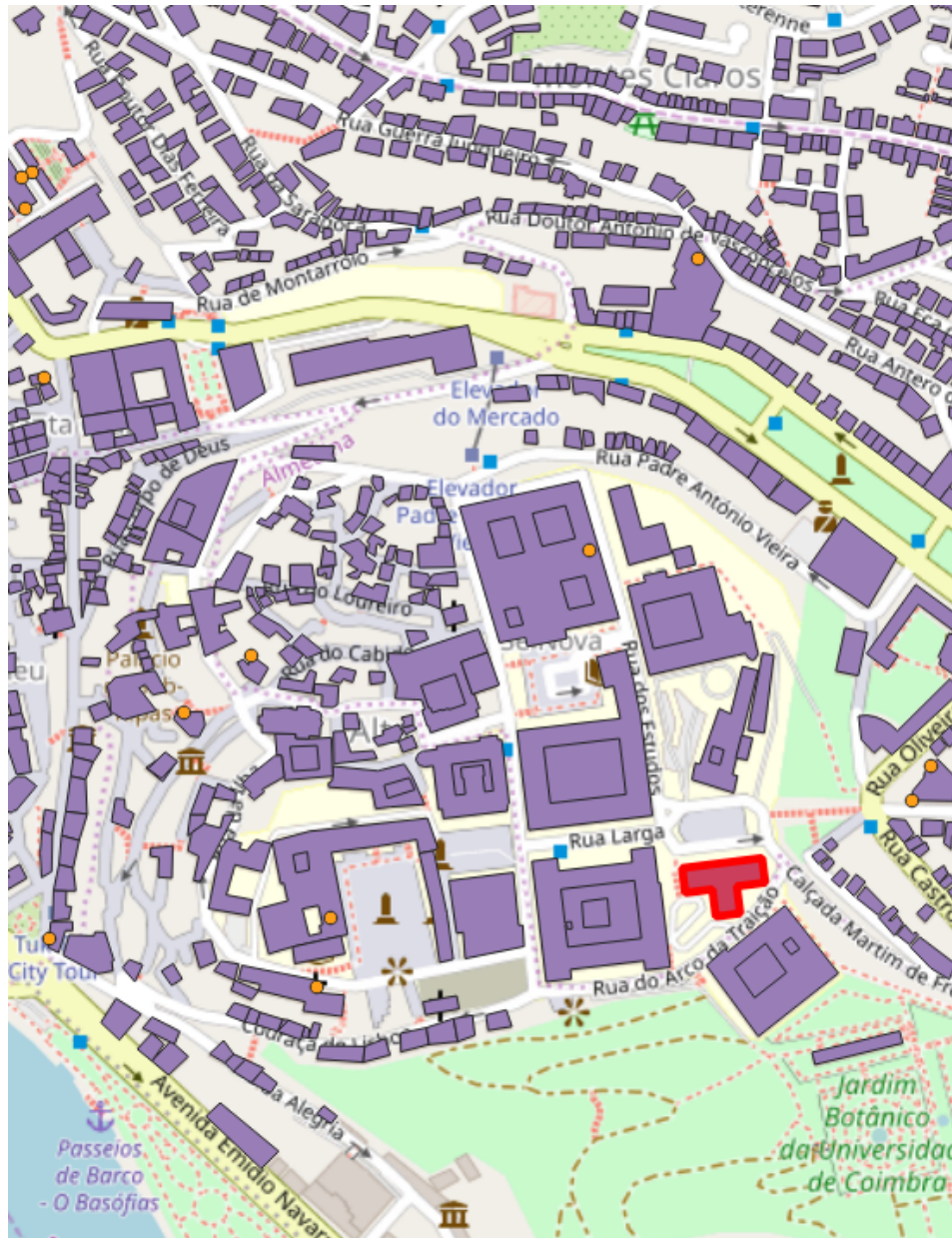
Step 2: Use the QuickOSM plugin to download OSM data for the region



Step 3: QuickOSM will download nodes, ways and lines

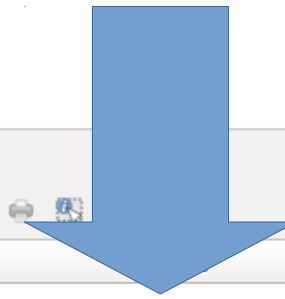


Step 4: EXPLORE the data



- ▶ Interpolation
- ▶ Layer tools
- ▶ Network analysis
- ▶ Raster analysis
- ▶ Raster terrain analysis
- ▶ Raster tools
- ▶ Vector analysis
- ▶ Vector creation
- ▶ Vector general
- ▶ Vector geometry
- ▶ Vector overlay
- ▶ Vector selection
- ▶ Vector table

List of possible tags
(keys on the left)



Identify Results

Feature

▼ building

▼ Title

w23486864

▶ (Derived)

▶ (Actions)

full_id

w23486864

osm_id

23486864

osm_type

way

type

building

university

name

Departamento de Matemática

short_name

tourism

wikidata

amenity

religion

int_name

name:en

Mode Current layer

Auto open form

View Tree

Help

Coordinate -937768,4896538

Scale 1:6884

Magnifier 100%

Rotation 0.0°

Render

EPSG:3857

Step 4: EXPLORE the data (2)

Vector analysis
Vector creation
Vector general
Vector geometry
Vector overlay
Vector selection
Vector table

Identify Results

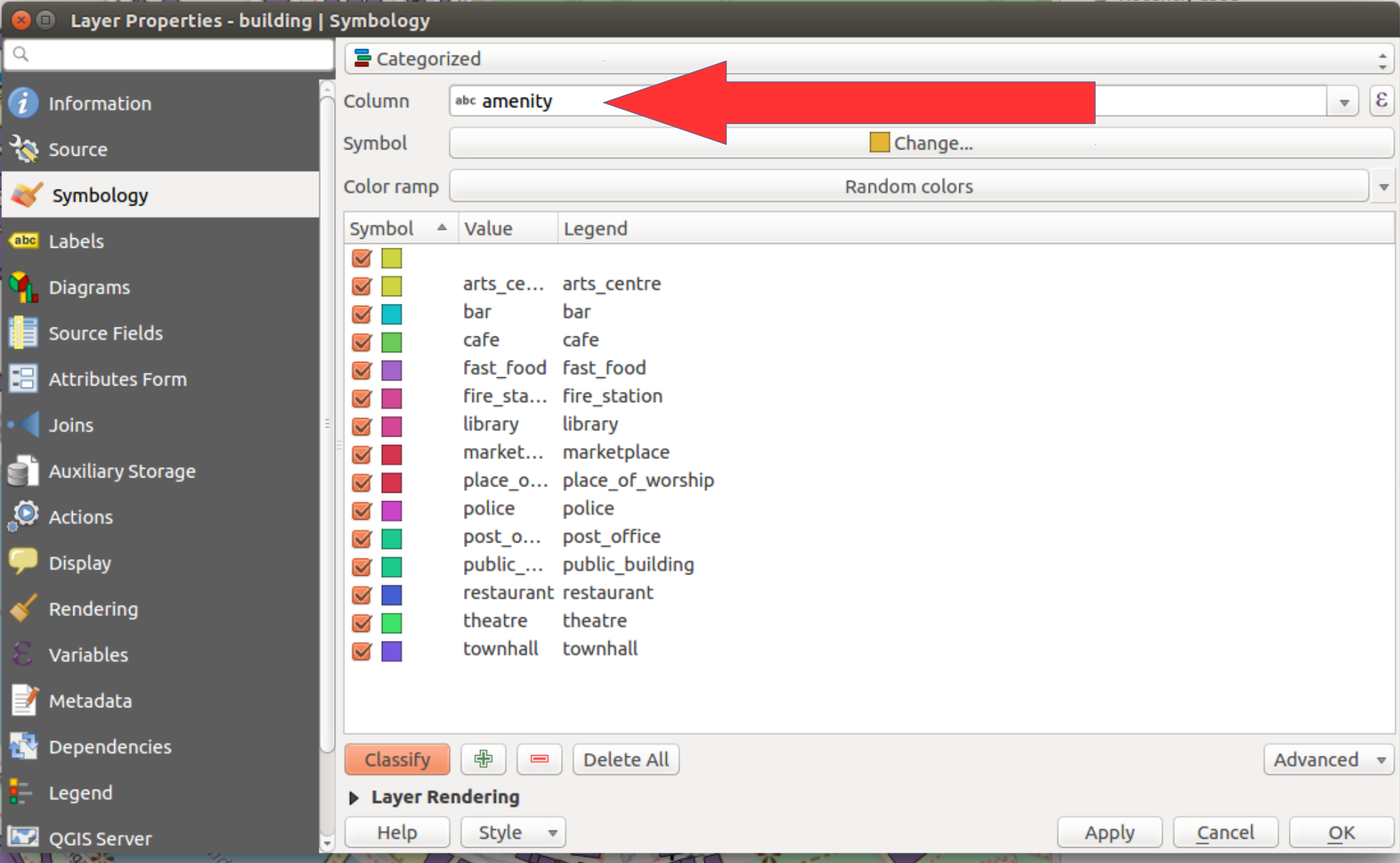
Feature	Value
▼ building	
▼ Title	w51292989
▶ (Derived)	
▶ (Actions)	
full_id	w51292989
osm_id	51292989
osm_type	way
type	
building	yes
name	Biblioteca Geral da Universidade de Coimbra
short_name	
tourism	
wikidata	Q7895277
amenity	library
religion	
int_name	
name:en	University of Coimbra Main Library

Mode Current layer Auto open form

View Tree [Help](#)

Coordinate -937713,4896582 Scale 1:6999 Magnifier 100% Rotation 0.0° Render EPSG:3857

Step 5: We can add some basic visualisation to the map



The screenshot shows the QGIS Layer Properties dialog box for a layer named 'building'. The 'Symbology' tab is active, and the 'Column' dropdown is set to 'amenity', which is highlighted by a red arrow. The 'Color ramp' is set to 'Random colors'. Below these settings is a table with columns for 'Symbol', 'Value', and 'Legend'. The table lists various amenity types with corresponding color swatches and legend entries.

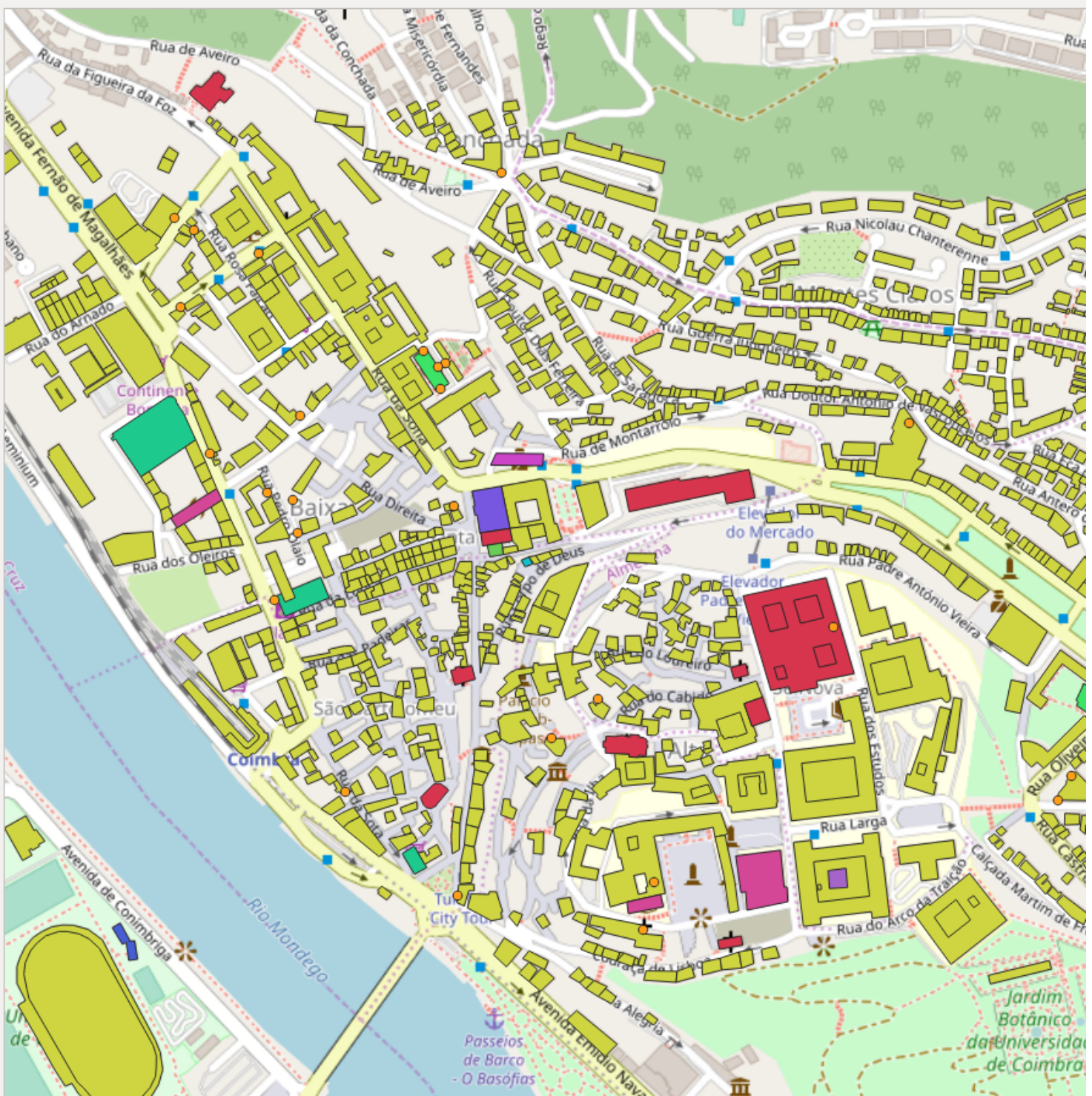
Symbol	Value	Legend
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	arts_ce...	arts_centre
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	bar	bar
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	cafe	cafe
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	fast_food	fast_food
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	fire_sta...	fire_station
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	library	library
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	market...	marketplace
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	place_o...	place_of_worship
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	police	police
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	post_o...	post_office
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	public_...	public_building
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	restaurant	restaurant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	theatre	theatre
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	townhall	townhall

Browser

- ★ Favorites
- ▶ Home
- ▶ /
- ▶ GeoPackage
- ▶ SpatiaLite
- ▶ PostGIS
- ▶ MSSQL
- ▶ DB2
- ▶ WMS/WMTS
- ▶ XYZ Tiles
- ▶ WCS
- ▶ WFS
- ▶ OWS
- ▶ ArcGisMapServer
- ▶ ArcGisFeatureServer
- ▶ GeoNode

Layers

- building**
- building**
- building
- arts_centre
- bar
- cafe
- fast_food
- fire_station
- library
- marketplace
- place_of_worship
- police
- post_office
- public_building
- restaurant
- theatre
- townhall
- building**
- OSM Standard**



Building objects ONLY (where one tag is {building=yes})



- Database
- File tools
- Graphics
- Interpolation
- Layer tools
- Network analysis
- Raster analysis
- Raster terrain analysis
- Raster tools
- Vector analysis
- Vector creation
- Vector general
- Vector geometry
- Vector overlay
- Vector selection
- Vector table

Identify Results

Identify Results interface showing a table of feature values and a mode/view selector.

Feature	Value
▼ building	
▼ full_id	w473355127
▶ (Derived)	
▶ (Actions)	
full_id	w473355127
osm_id	473355127
osm_type	way
type	
building	yes
name	
short_name	
tourism	
wikidata	
amenity	
religion	
int_name	
name:en	

Mode: Current layer
View: Tree

res at this position found.

Coordinate -938626,4897076

Scale 1:6999

Magnifier 100%

Rotation 0.0°

Render

Building Objects with tags

{amenity=*, building=yes}

The screenshot displays the QGIS desktop environment. The main map area shows a street grid in Coimbra, Portugal, with building footprints highlighted in yellow and green. A specific building is highlighted in red. The interface includes a browser on the left, a layers panel, a processing toolbox on the right, and an identify results window. The status bar at the bottom indicates that 658 features are selected on the 'building' layer.

Browser

- Home
- GeoPackage
- SpatiaLite
- PostGIS
- MSSQL
- DB2
- WMS/WMTS
- XYZ Tiles
- WCS
- WFS
- OWS
- ArcGisMapServer
- ArcGisFeatureServer
- GeoNode

Layers

- building
- building
- building
- OSM Standard

Processing Toolbox

Search...

- Recently used
- Cartography
- Database
- File tools
- Graphics
- Interpolation
- Layer tools
- Network analysis
- Raster analysis
- Raster terrain analysis
- Raster tools
- Vector analysis
- Vector creation
- Vector general
- Vector geometry
- Vector overlay
- Vector selection
- Vector table

Identify Results

Feature	Value
building	
full_id	w117596063
(Derived)	
(Actions)	
full_id	w117596063
osm_id	117596063
osm_type	way
type	
building	yes
name	ctt
short_name	
tourism	
wikidata	
amenity	post_office
religion	
int_name	
name	

Mode: Current layer

View: Tree

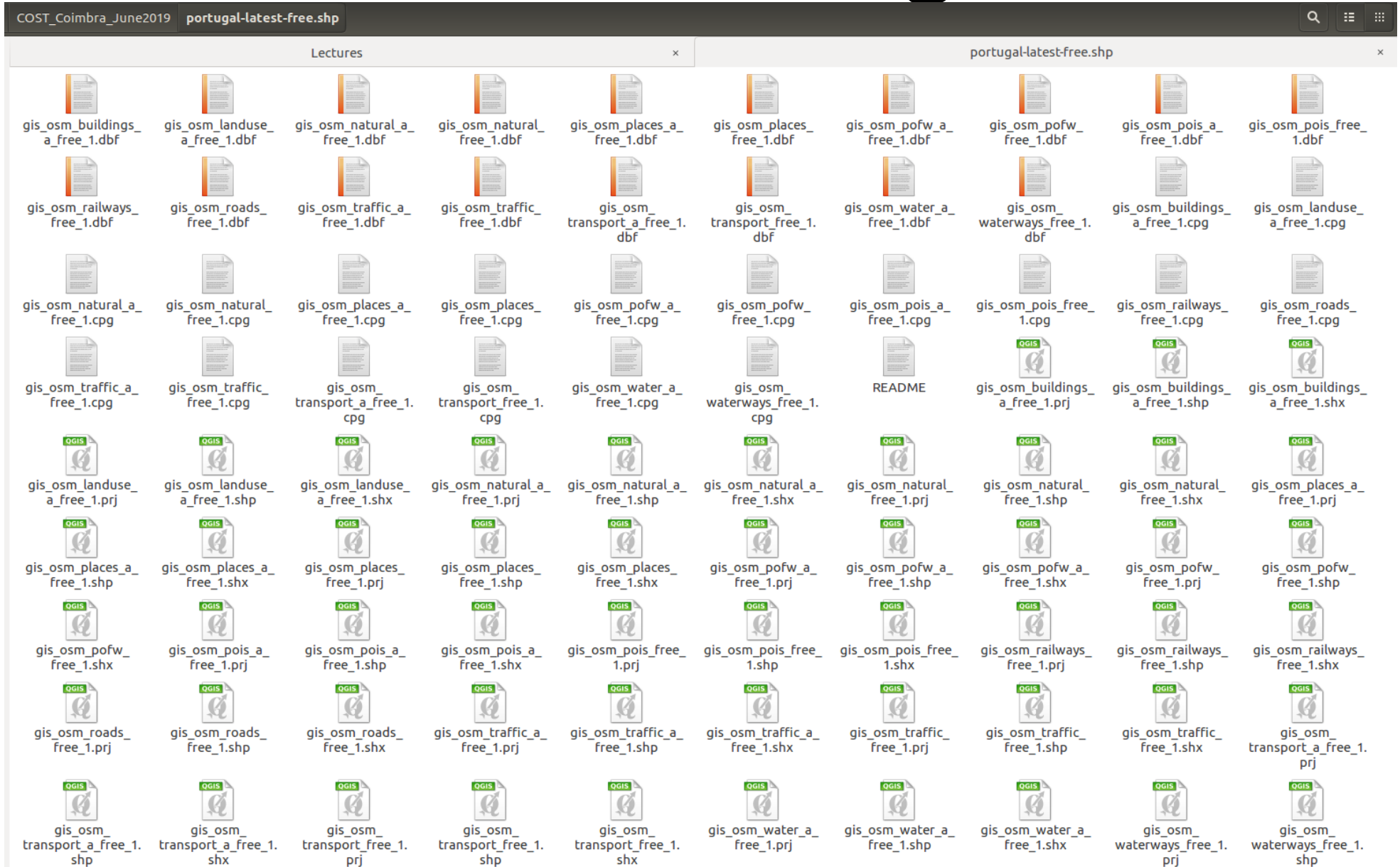
Type to locate (Ctrl+K) 658 feature(s) selected on layer building. Coordinate: -938389,4897293 Scale: 1:6999 Magnifier: 100% Rotation: 0.0°

Using QuickOSM in QGIS

- VERY USEFUL for a quick visualisation of the OSM data in a small region.
- However, it is a little difficult to perform analysis on the tags.
- Every object is allocated a table row. Each column represents a tag key. If that tag key exists on that object, then the value is inserted into the column.
- This makes analysis a bit difficult.

Working with the OSM GeoFabrik Shapefiles

GeoFabrik: Downloaded Shapefiles for all of Portugal



Browser

Home / Favorites

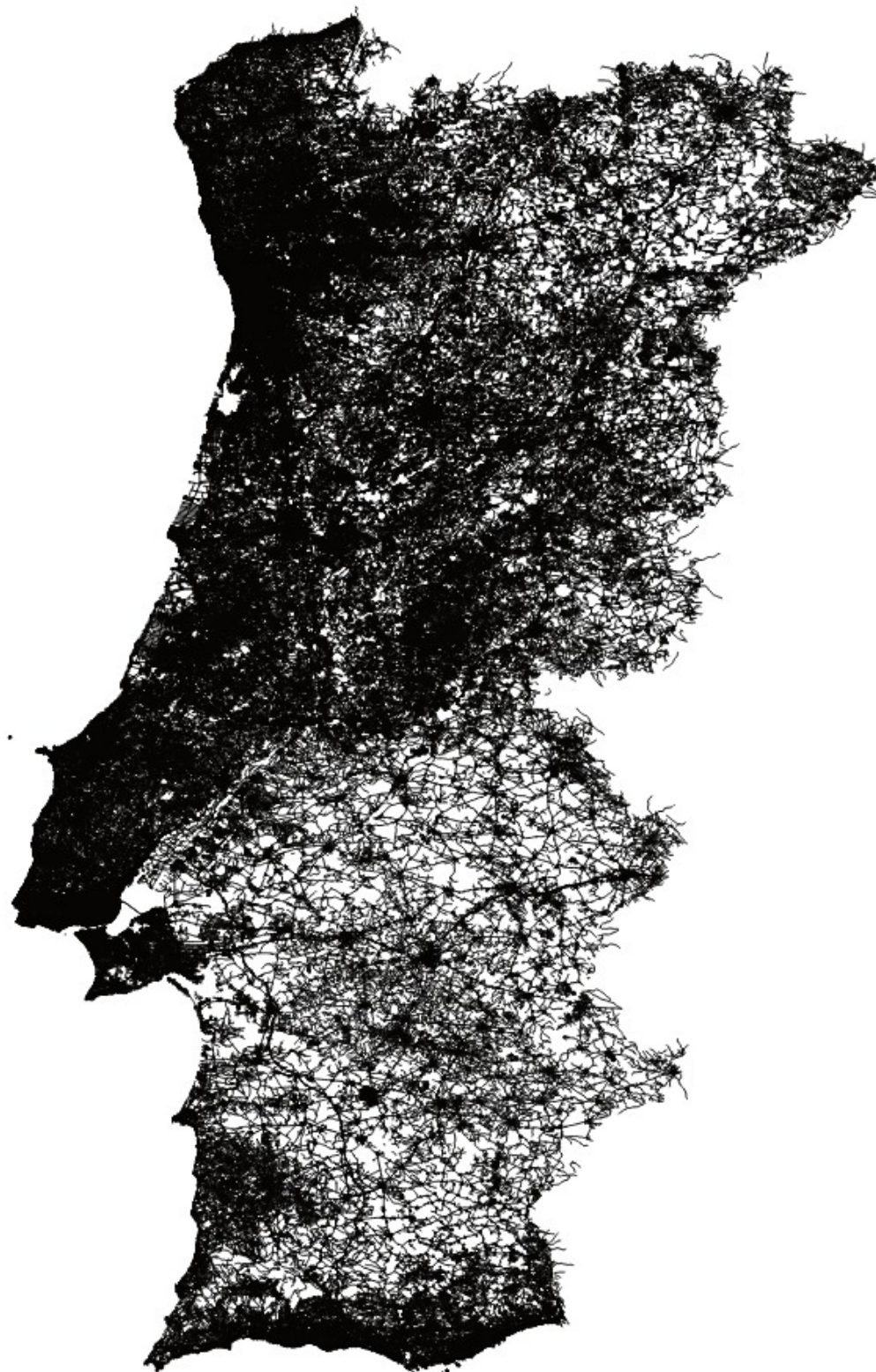
- Home
- /
- GeoPackage
- SpatiaLite
- PostGIS
- MSSQL
- DB2
- WMS/WMTS
- XYZ Tiles
- WCS
- WFS
- OWS
- ArcGisMapServer
- ArcGisFeatureServer
- GeoNode

Layers

- gis_osm_buildings_a_free_1
- gis_osm_roads_free_1

GeoFabrik Roads
Portugal

835,000 objects



Browser

Home / Favorites

- GeoPackage
- SpatiaLite
- PostGIS
- MSSQL
- DB2
- WMS/WMTS
- XYZ Tiles
- WCS
- WFS
- OWS
- ArcGisMapServer
- ArcGisFeatureServer
- GeoNode

Layers

- gis_osm_buildings_a_free_1
- gis_osm_roads_free_1



GeoFabrik
Buildings Portugal

876,000 objects

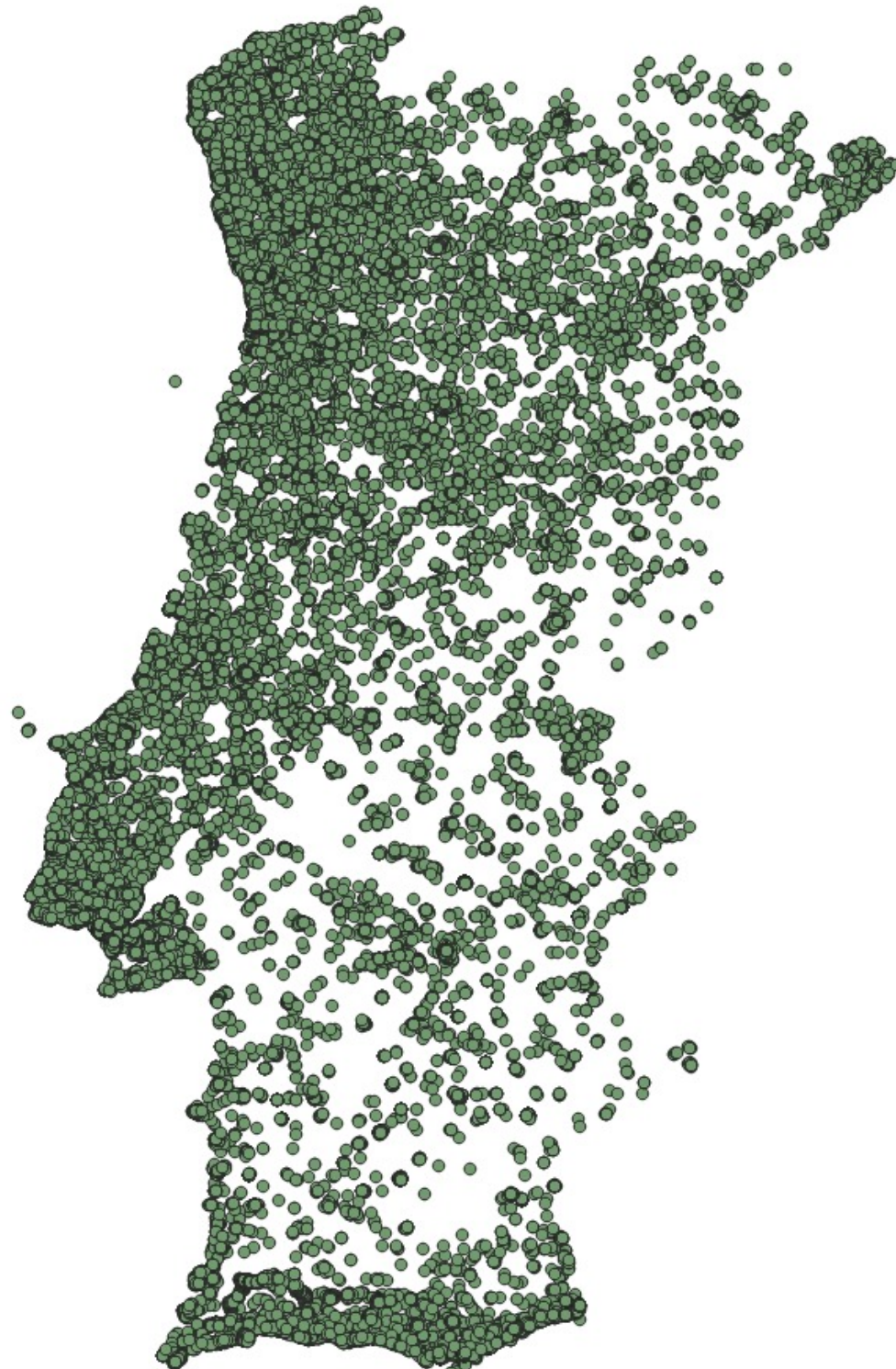


Browser

Home / GeoPackage SpatialLite PostGIS MSSQL DB2 WMS/WMTS XYZ Tiles WCS WFS OWS ArcGisMapServer ArcGisFeatureServer GeoNode

Layers

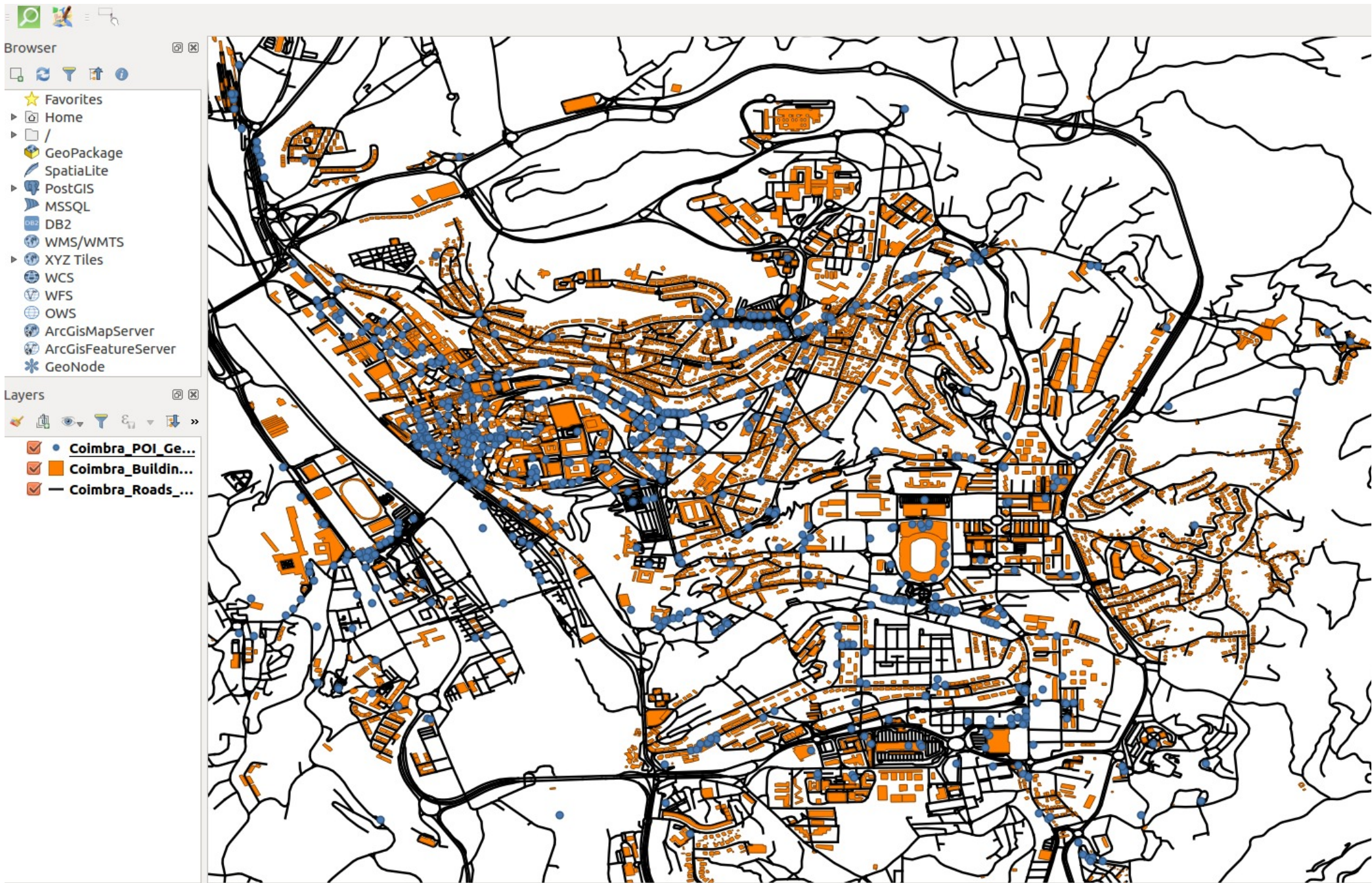
- gis_osm_buildings_a_free_1
- gis_osm_pois_free_1
- gis_osm_roads_free_1



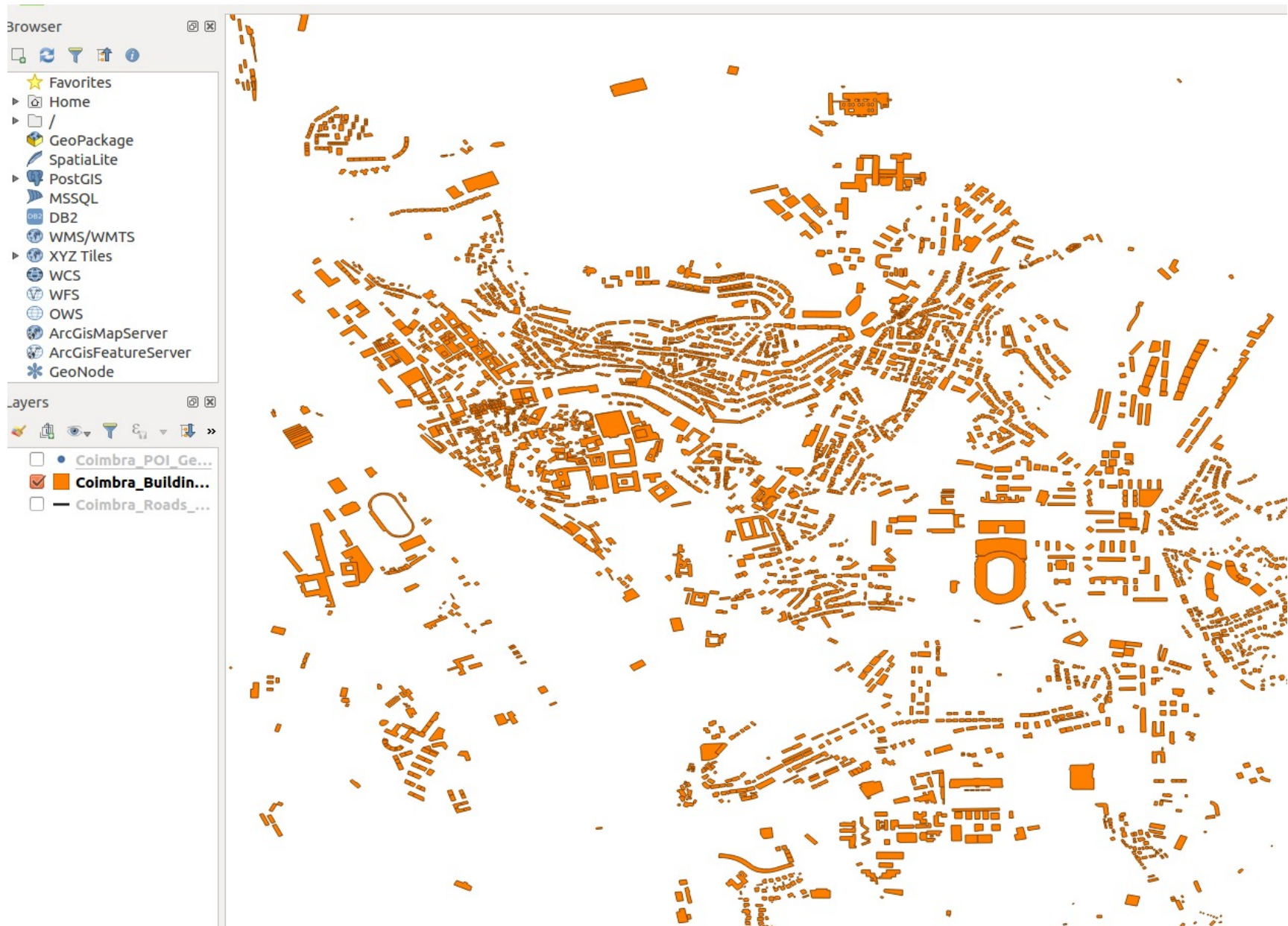
GeoFabrik Points of Interest
Portugal

87,000 objects (NODES)

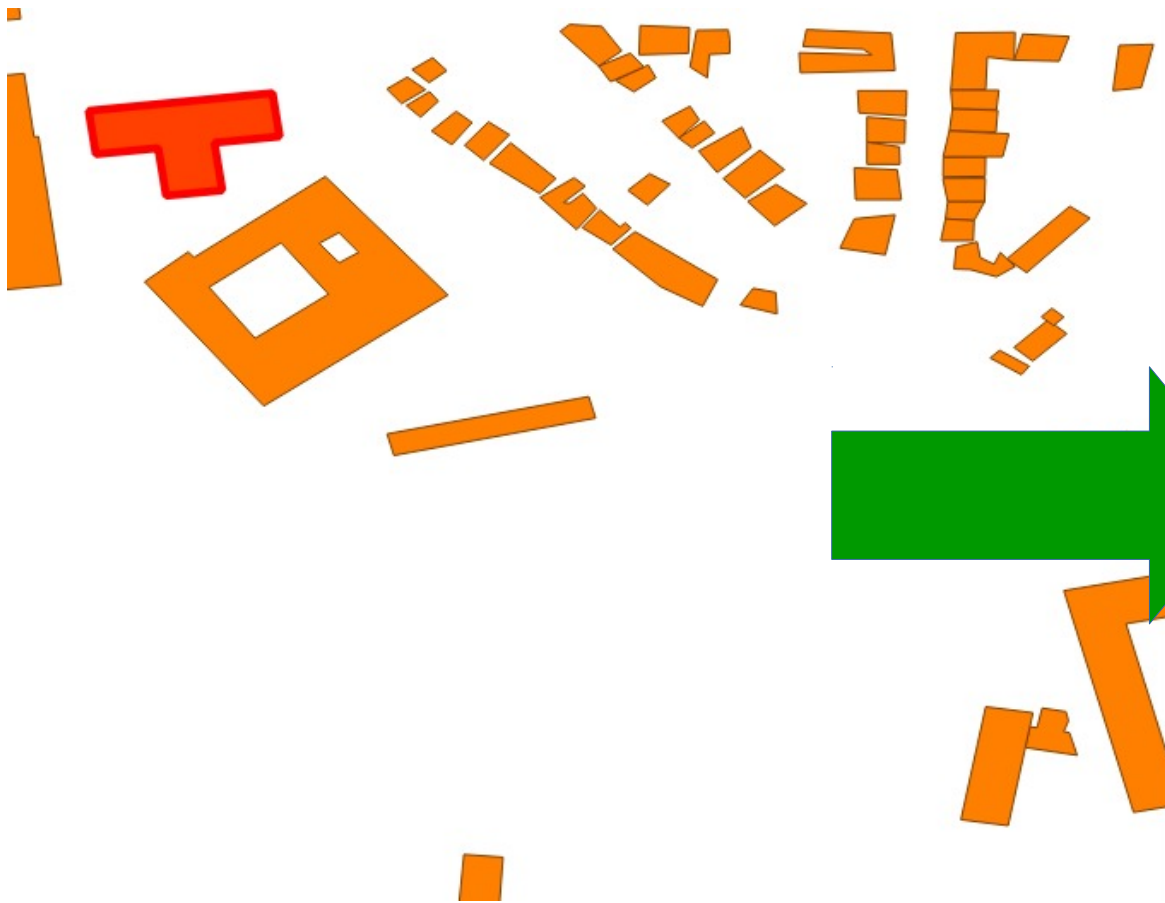
**Use QGIS to extract a small subset –
Coimbra (of course) makes a nice
example for us**



Consider BUILDING Objects



Notice how GeoFabrik use a simplified model for the tags



vector geometry
▶ Vector overlay
▶ Vector selection
▶ Vector table

Identify Results

Feature	Value
▼ Coimbra_Buildings_Geofabrik	
▼ osm_id	23486864
▶ (Derived)	
▶ (Actions)	
osm_id	23486864
code	1500
fclass	building
name	Departamento de Matemática
type	university

Mode: Current layer Auto open

Task – let's look at building objects where the TYPE (amenity) is MISSING

The image shows a 'Select Features by Value' dialog box with the following fields and options:

- osm_id: Case sensitive
- code:
- fclass: Case sensitive
- name: Case sensitive
- type: Case sensitive

Buttons at the bottom:

Buildings: Type Missing (yellow)





- ▶ Raster terrain analysis
- ▶ Raster tools
- ▶ Vector analysis
- ▶ Vector creation
- ▶ Vector general
- ▶ Vector geometry
- ▶ Vector overlay
- ▶ Vector selection
- ▶ Vector table

Identify Results



Feature	Value
▼ Coimbra_Buildings_Geofabrik	
▼ osm_id	2334830
▶ (Derived)	
▶ (Actions)	
osm_id	2334830
code	1500
fclass	building
name	Sé Nova Catedral de Coimbra
type	
▶ osm_id	51292672

Type: place_of_worship ?

Mode Auto open

View

**QGIS – can be very helpful for this
type of basic exploratory quality
analysis of OSM data**

OSM History Datasets



History in Coimbra...

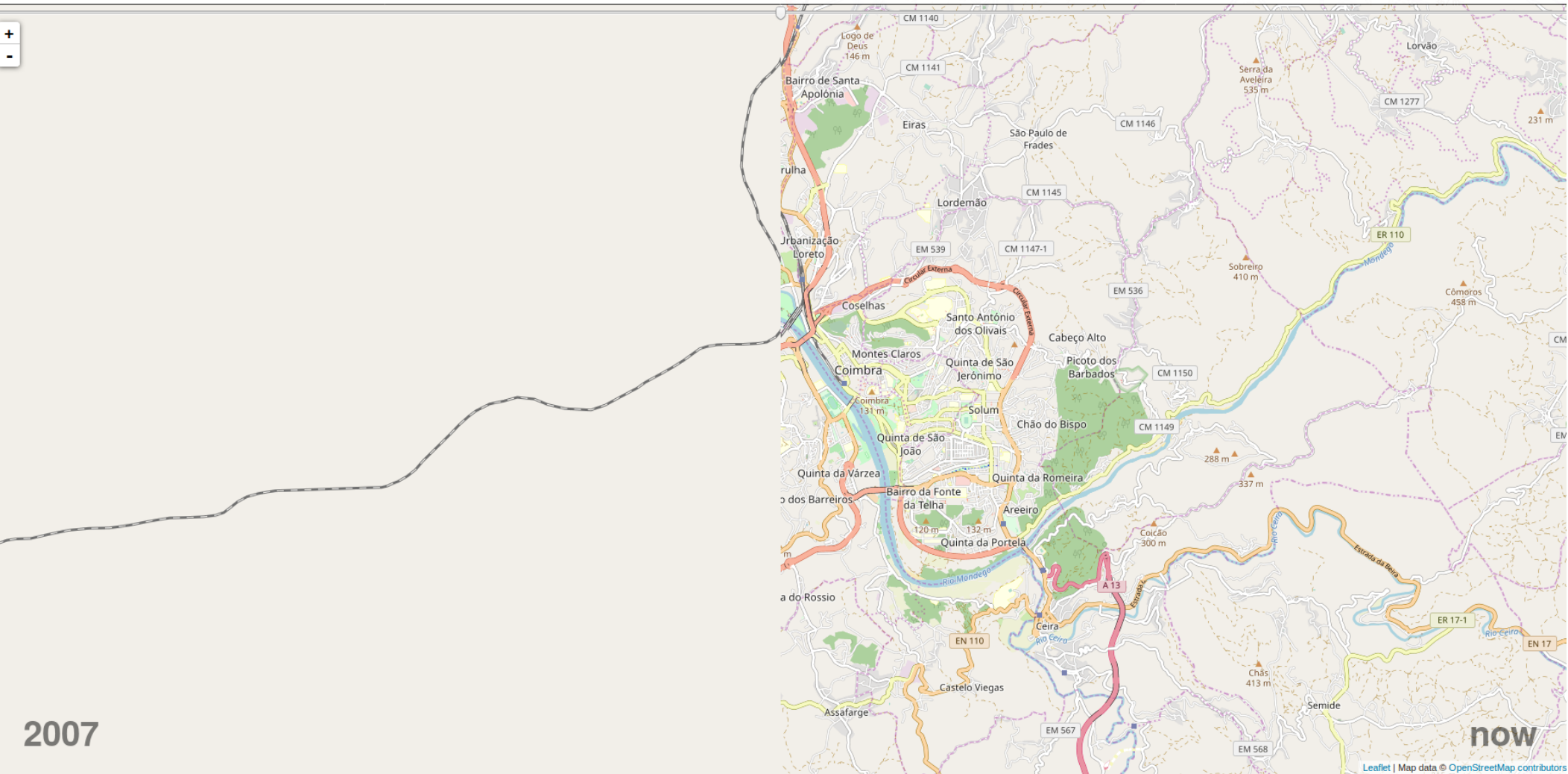
*“The University of Coimbra, was founded as a Studium Generale in Lisbon in **1290** by King Dinis I. The University was relocated to Coimbra in **1308**, but in **1338** the King D. Afonso IV returned the University to Lisbon. The University was definitively transferred to the premises of Coimbra Royal Palace in **1537** by King John III, and expanded by **1544** to occupy the Coimbra Royal Palace.”* Source: Wikipedia



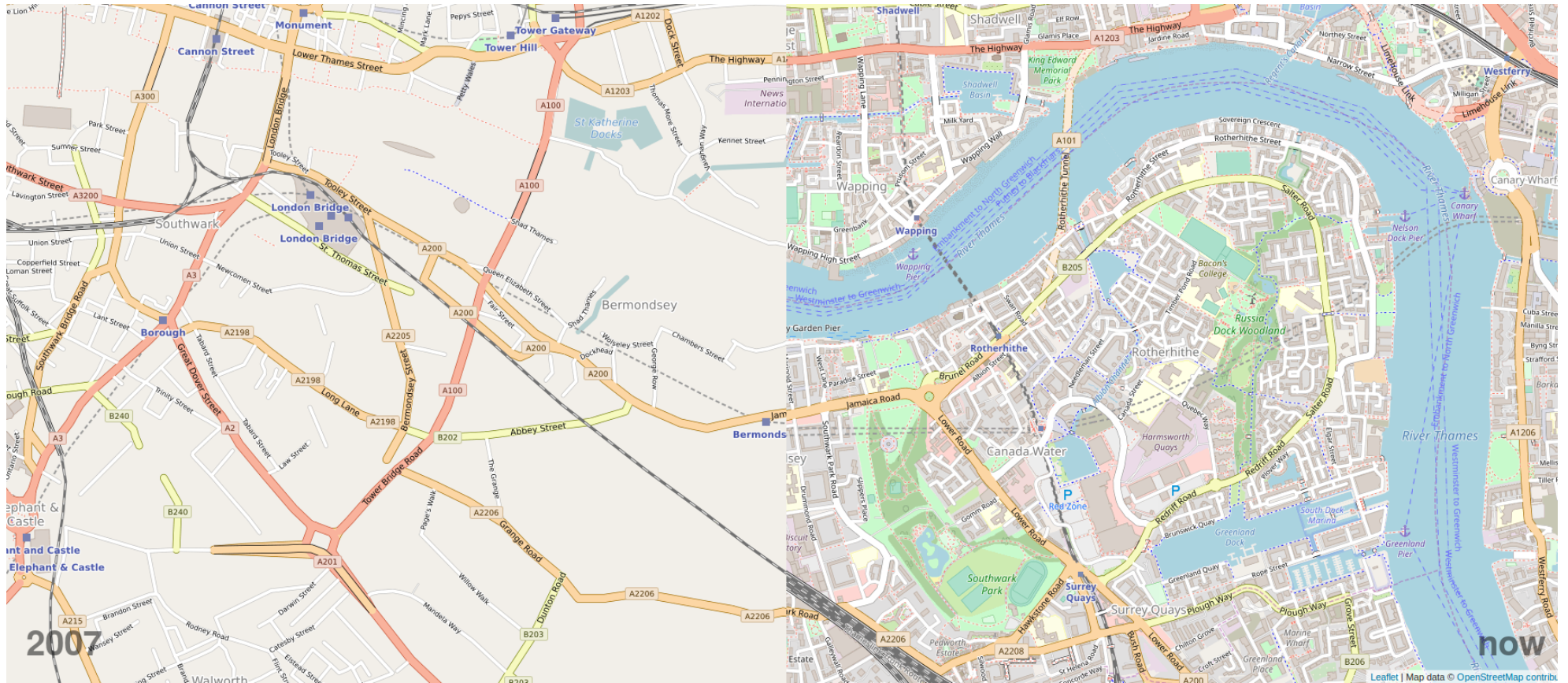
Coimbra didn't exist in 2007???

OSM Then And Now

To the left you see OSM data as it was in early October 2007. To the right you see the current state. Use the slider to see more of the one or the other.
Please be gentle and be patient. The tiles will load eventually. A thing by Martijn van Exel / [fork me on GitHub](#)



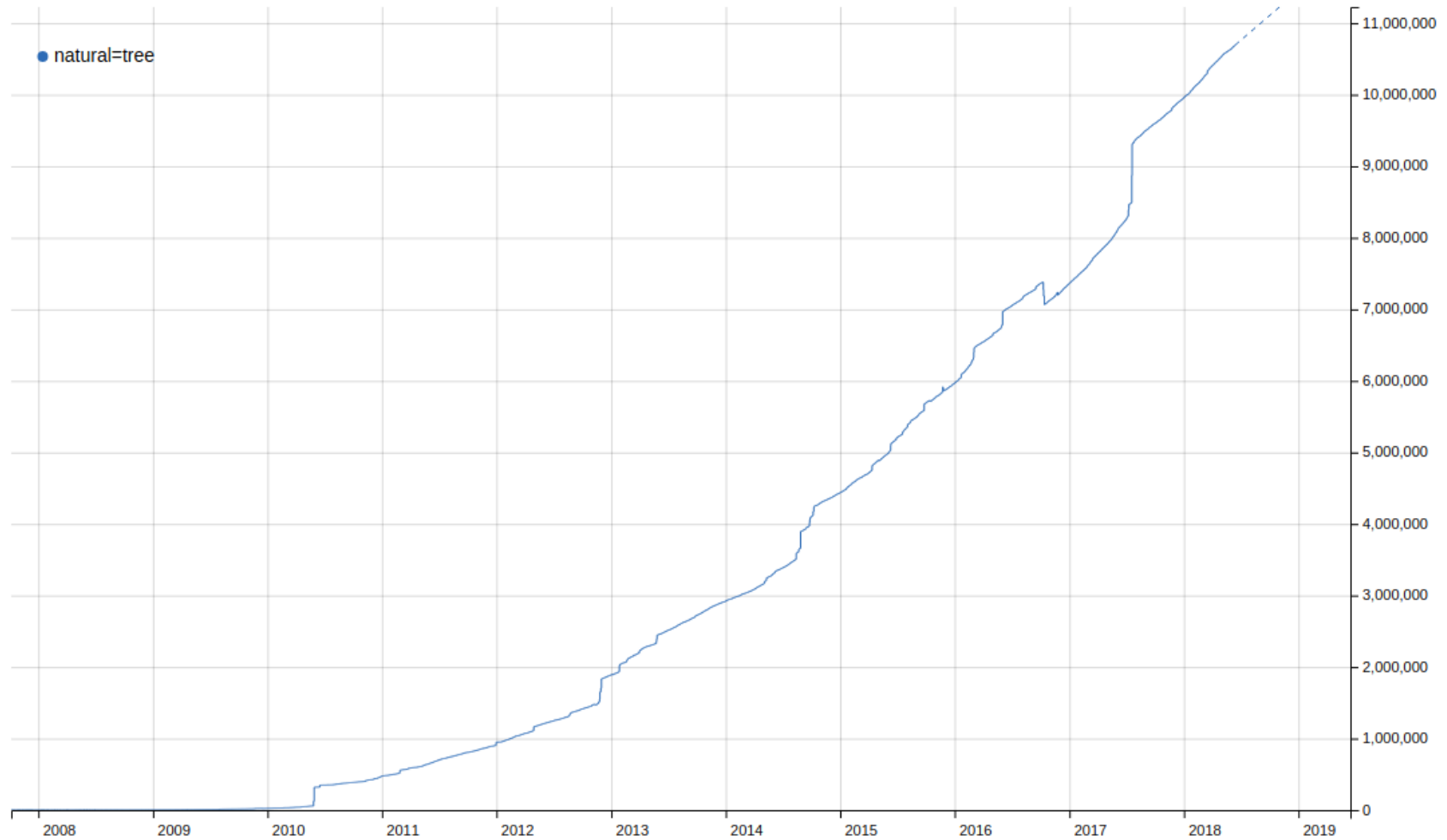
London City



OSM Tag History

[about this tool](#)

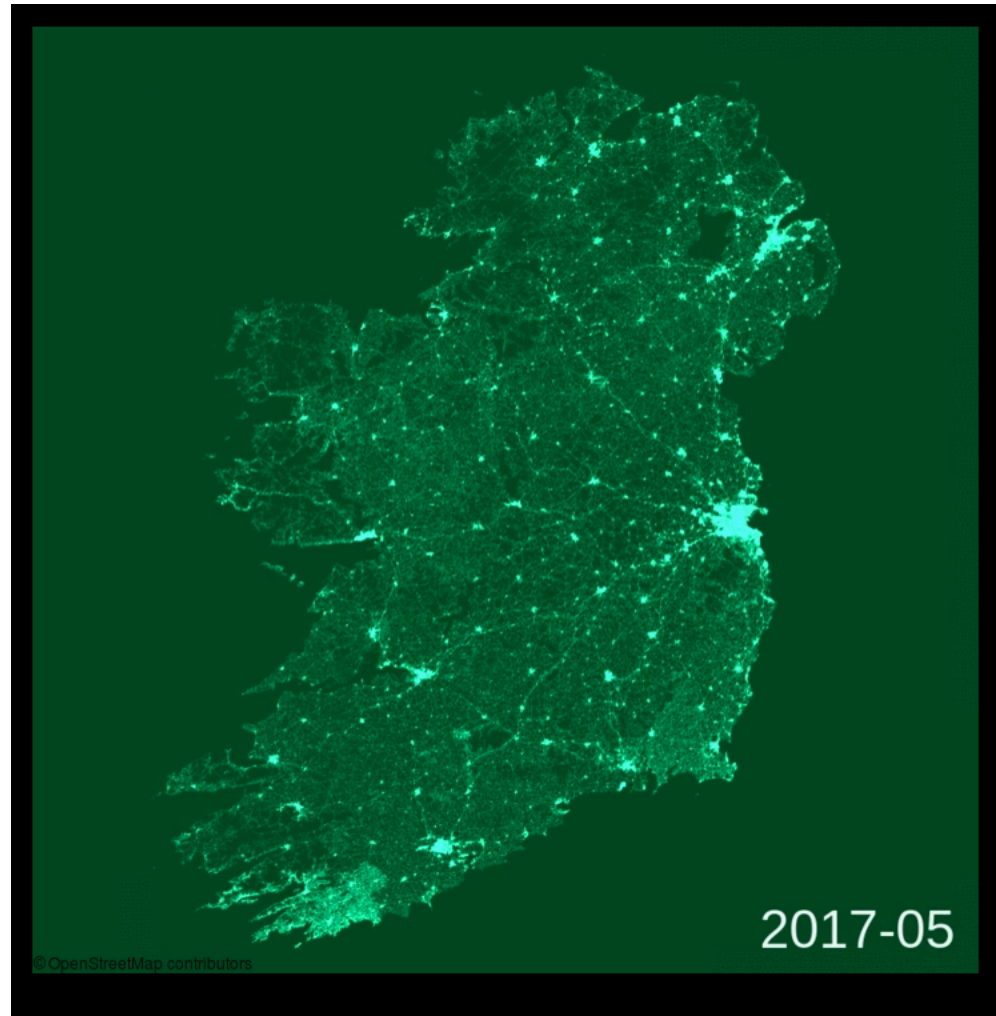
any type ▾ natural tree add tag



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Evolution of the OSM road network in Ireland to 2018



Link here

https://gisforthought.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/osm_roads.mp4?_=1

<https://twitter.com/heikkivesanto?lang=en>

OSM Visual History (tabular)

Search Where is this?

Relation: Coimbra (4875183)

Imported Mira admin_level=10 boundaries and places

Edited over 1 year ago by [dmlu_import](#)
Version #47 · Changeset #55628395

Tags

ISO3166-2	PT-06
admin_level	6
border_type	distrito
boundary	administrative
ine:code	06
name	Coimbra
name:en	Coimbra
name:es	Coimbra
name:fr	Coïmbre
name:pt	Coimbra
official_name	Distrito de Coimbra
official_name:en	Coimbra District
official_name:fr	District de Coimbra
official_name:pt	Distrito de Coimbra
population	430104
population:date	2011

<https://www.openstreetmap.org/relation/4875183>

OSM Deep History allows us to see where the object was edited (and why)

OSM Deep History					
View history of objects in OpenStreetMap					
Version	16	17	18	19	
Time	16 7:40 PM	March 2, 2016 10:38 PM	March 3, 2016 2:29 AM	April 2, 2016 5:20 PM	June 30, 2016 10:31 AM
Changeset	37576377		37578035	38251221	40387382
User	ano_import	ViriatoLusitano_import	ViriatoLusitano_import	Aleks-Berlin	Verdy_p
ISO3166-1	PT-06	PT-06			
ISO3166-2			PT-06		PT-06
admin_level	6	6	6	6	
border_type	distrito	distrito	distrito	distrito	
boundary	ve	administrative	administrative	administrative	administrative
ine:code	06	06	06	06	
name	Coimbra	Coimbra	Coimbra	Coimbra	
name:en					Coimbra
name:es					
name:fr					Coimbra
name:pt					Coimbra
official_name	Coimbra	Distrito de Coimbra	Distrito de Coimbra	Distrito de Coimbra	Distrito de Coimbra
official_name:en					Coimbra District
official_name:fr					District de Coimbra
official_name:pt					Distrito de Coimbra
population	430104	430104	430104	430104	

<https://osmlab.github.io/osm-deep-history/#/relation/4875183>

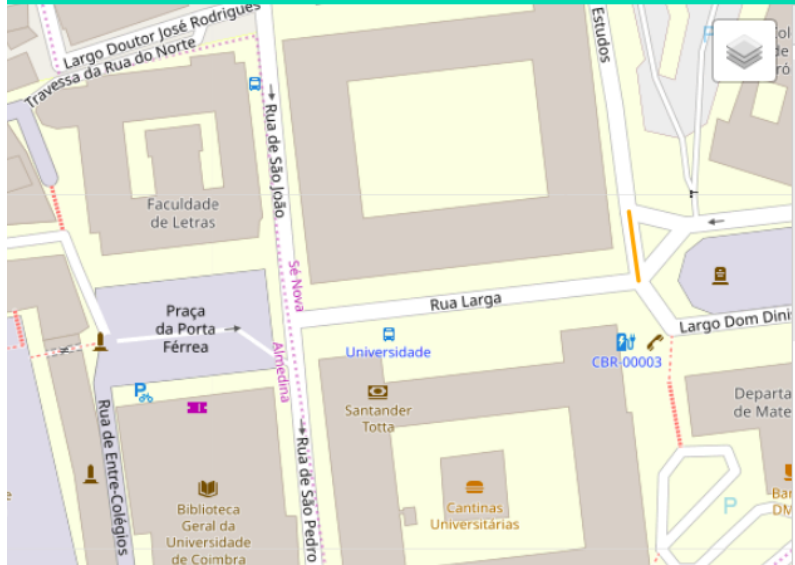
Coimbra: Way 11412629 (version 31)

https://osmlab.github.io/osm-deep-history/#/way/11412629

OSM Deep History

View history of objects in OpenStreetMap

Way 11412629 [Get History](#) [Show More](#)



Version	25	27	29	30	31
Time	March 16, 2012 4:42 PM	March 17, 2012 5:51 PM	July 15, 2012 7:50 PM	August 6, 2012 10:48 AM	January 25, 2016 5:15 AM
Changeset	11000113	11010617	12234159	12630806	36788855
User	O Basofias	O Basofias	OSMF Redaction Account	rtafav2	Josef K
Tags					
highway				residential	residential
name			Largo Dom Dinis		Rua dos Estudos
surface					asphalt

Coimbra: Way 11285068 Geom change (version 21)

OSM Deep History

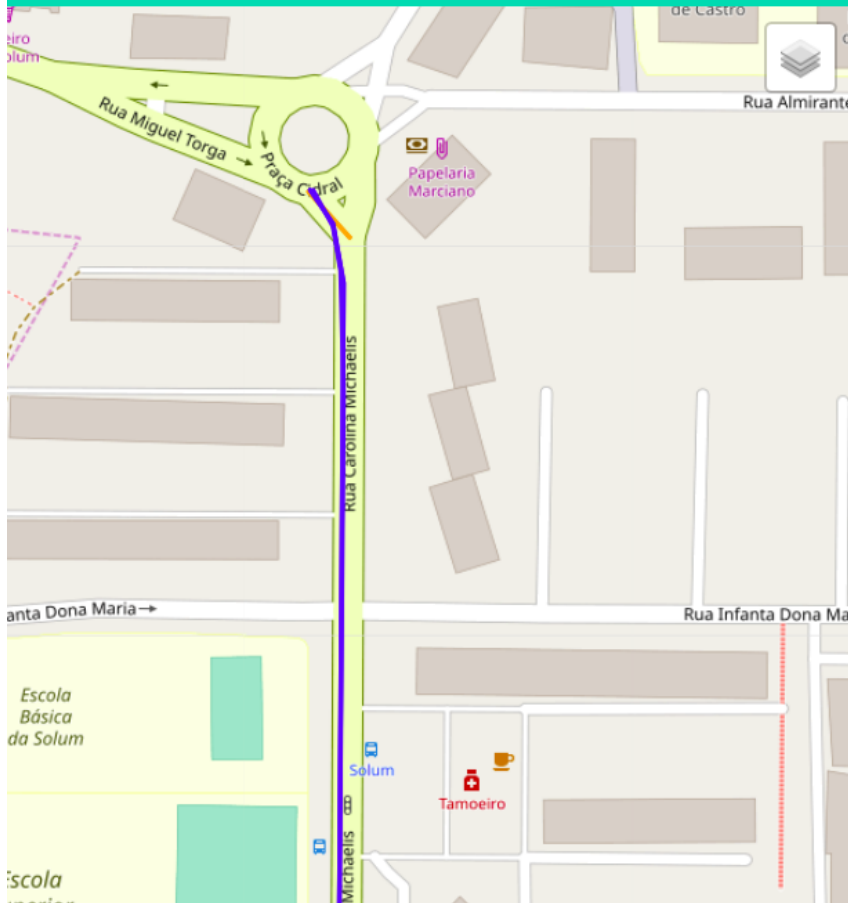
View history of objects in OpenStreetMap

Way

11285068

Get History

Show More



Version	export	20	export	21	export
Time		7 AM	September 10, 2012 3:25 PM	November 9, 2018 3:49 AM	
Changeset			13057662	64313055	
User			El Muto	Josef K	
Tags					
highway			secondary	secondary	
lanes			2	2	
name			Rua Carolina Michaelis	Rua Carolina Michaelis	
oneway			yes	yes	

Coimbra: Way 18479814 (version 6)

OSM Deep History

View history of objects in OpenStreetMap

Way 18479814

Get History

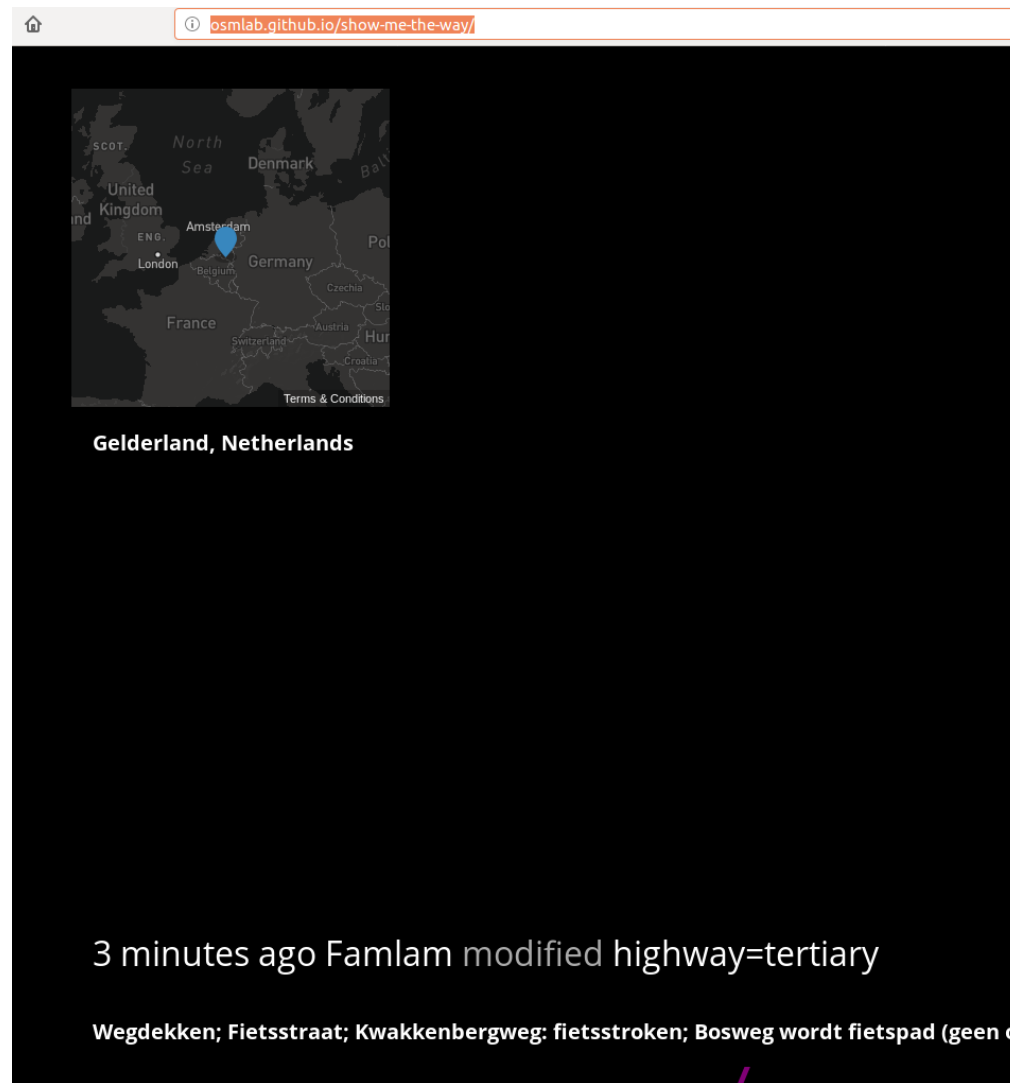
Show More



	4	5	6
Time	October 16, 2012 10:17 AM	January 25, 2016 5:15 AM	June 14, 2019 6:17 PM
Changeset	13516212	36788855	71261291
User	rtafav2	Josef K	Visika
Tags			
created_by			
highway	residential	residential	residential
name			Praça Machado de Assis
oneway	yes	yes	yes
surface		asphalt	asphalt

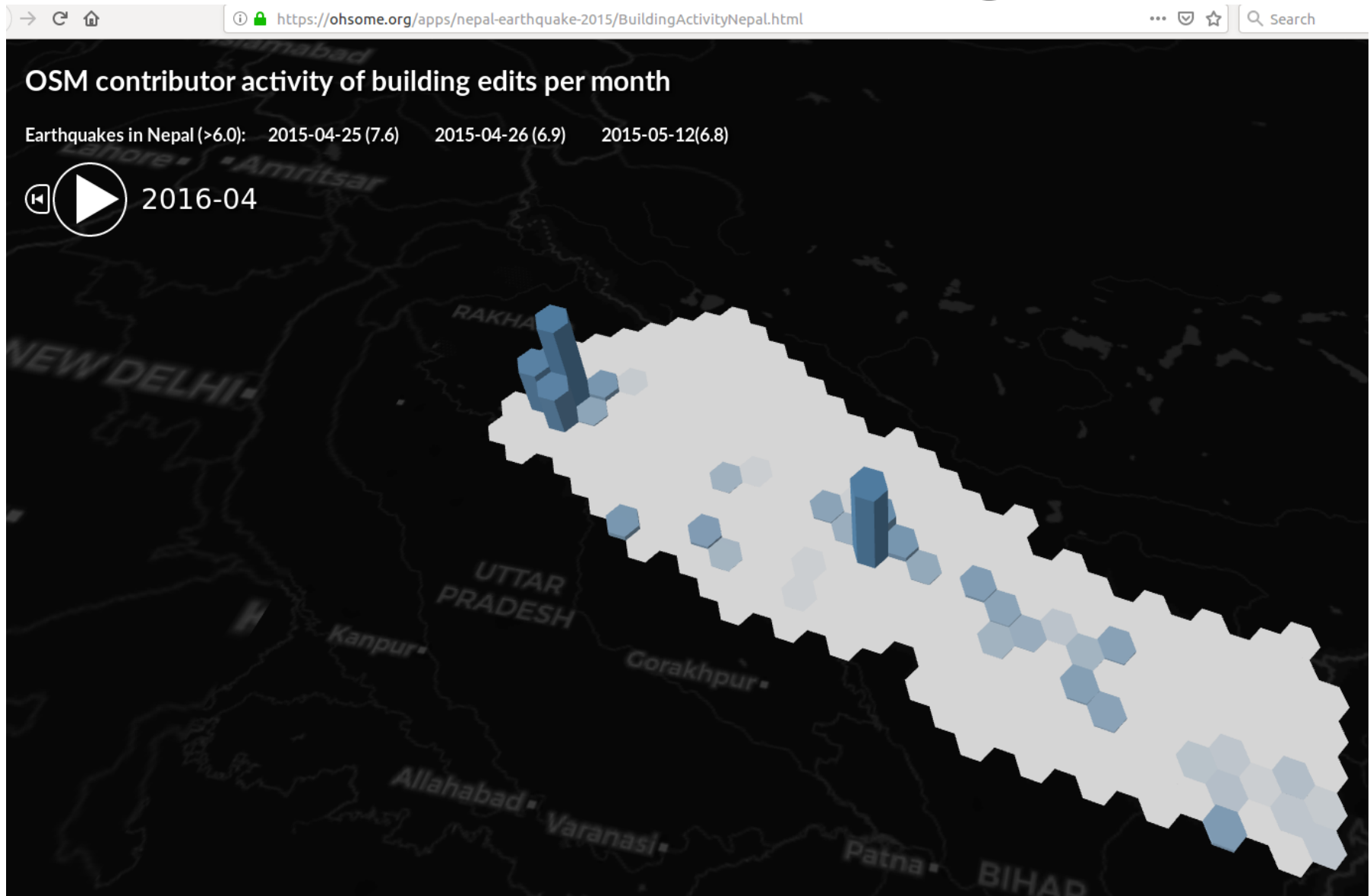
<https://osmlab.github.io/osm-deep-history/#/way/18479814>

OSM Show-me-the-way



<http://osmlab.github.io/show-me-the-way/>

OHSOME – H'berg



<https://ohsome.org/apps/nepal-earthquake-2015/BuildingActivityNepal.html>

OSM tag filter

Key	Value
natural	tree

(leave blank to query all values)

OSM type

node x

Measure

count length area perimeter

Group Results By ...

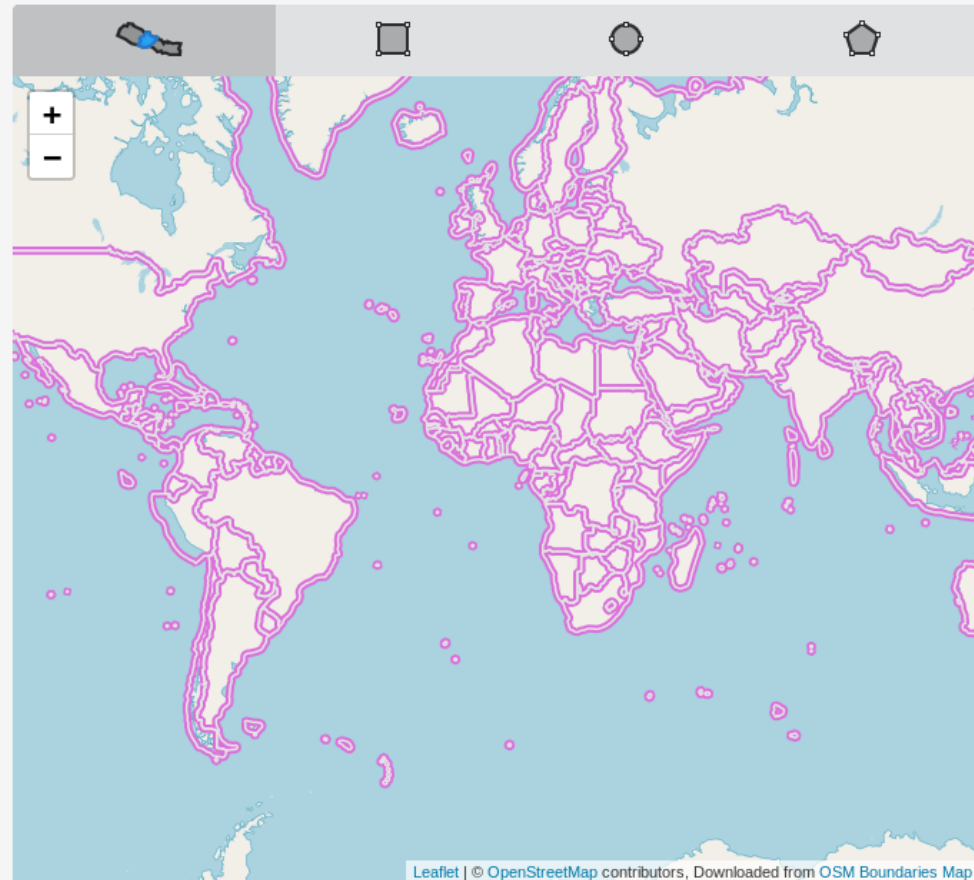
none OSM type boundary tag key

Time period

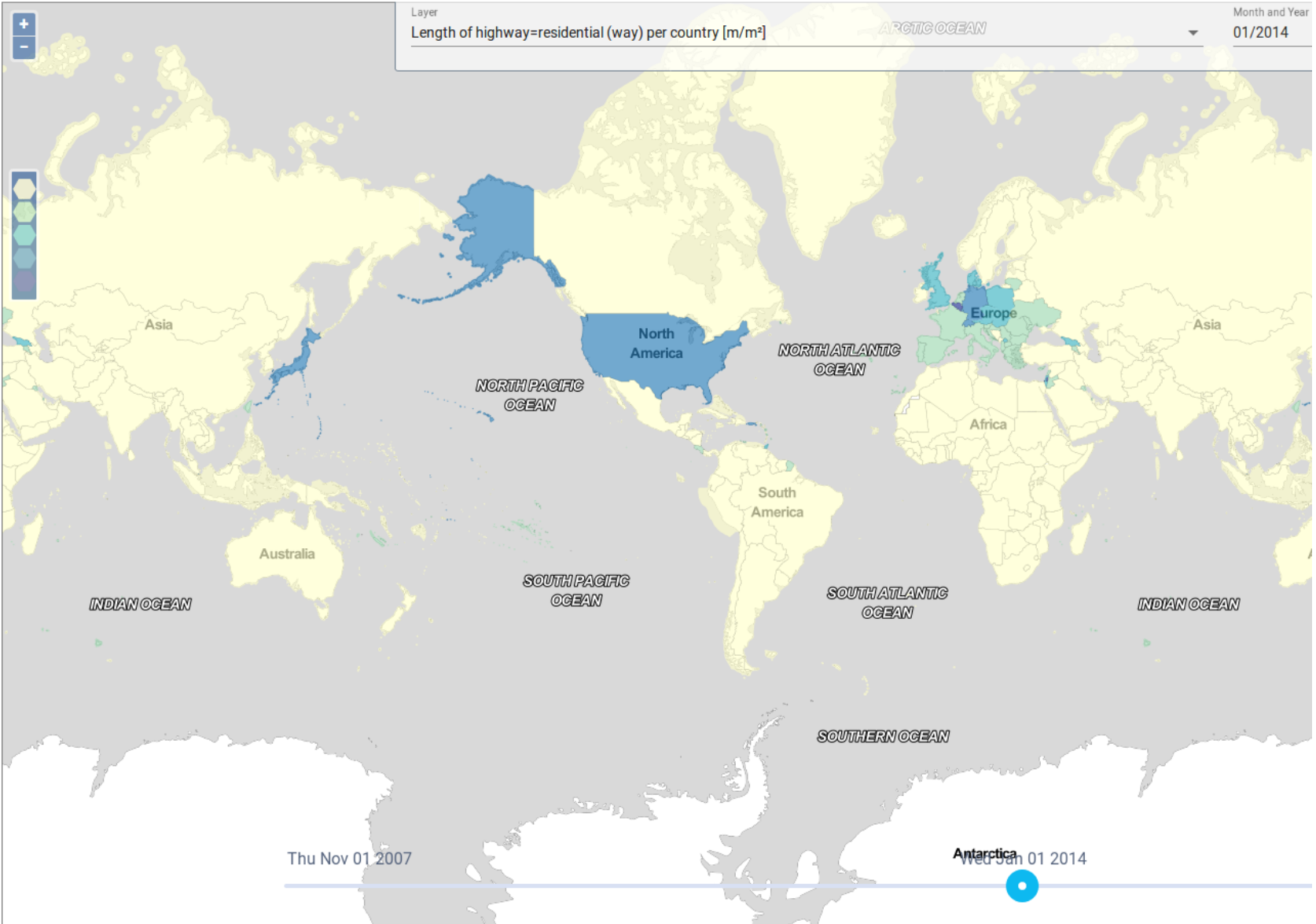
Start	End	Interval
2007-10-08T01	2019-04-21T23	monthly

Send Request

Area of interest



Selected areas



<https://ohsome.org/apps/osm-history-explorer/>

Using the OSM website and XML

OpenStreetMap Edit History Export

Search Where is this? Go

Way: Rua dos Estudos (11412629)

improved access definitions in alta de coimbra, tagged road surfaces

Edited over 3 years ago by Josef K
Version #31 · Changeset #36788855

Tags

highway	residential
name	Rua dos Estudos
surface	asphalt

Nodes

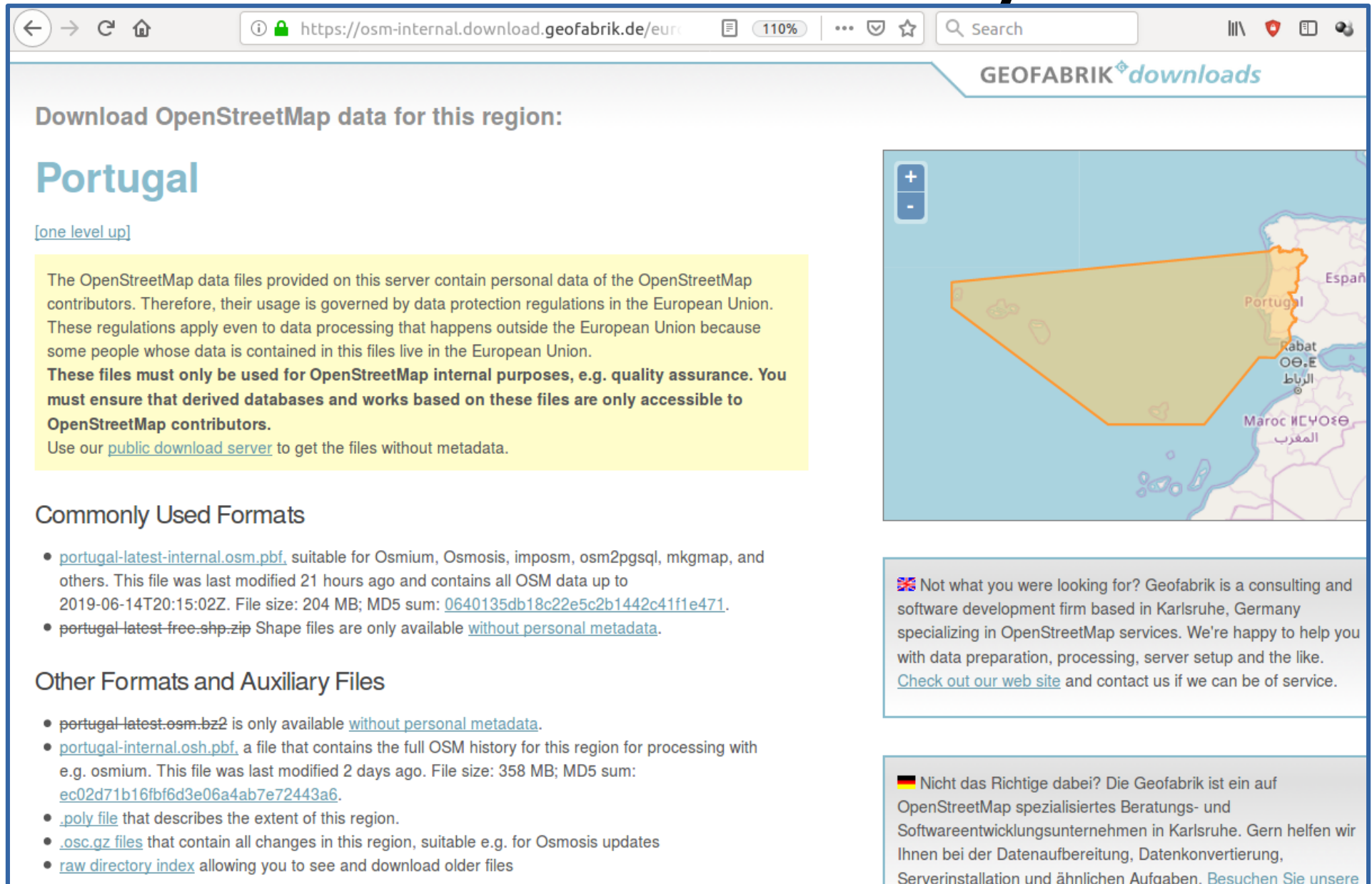
140228672 (part of ways — Largo Dom Dinis (119353834) and — Rua dos Estudos (15220341))
140228350 (part of ways — Rua Larga (14382058) and — Largo Dom Dinis (120040018))

Download XML · View History

```
<osm version="0.6" generator="CGImap 0.7.5 (937 thorn-03.openstreetmap.org)" copyright="OpenStreetMap and contributors" attribution="http://www.openstreetmap.org/copyright" license="http://opendatacommons.org/licenses/odbl/1-0/">
  <way id="11412629" visible="false" version="25"
    changeset="11000113" timestamp="2012-03-16T16:42:14Z" user="0 Basofias" uid="630212"/>
  <way id="11412629" visible="false" version="27"
    changeset="11010617" timestamp="2012-03-17T17:51:30Z" user="0 Basofias" uid="630212"/>
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    changeset="12234159" timestamp="2012-07-15T18:50:54Z" user="OSMF Redaction Account" uid="722137">
    <nd ref="140228672"/>
    <nd ref="140228350"/>
    <tag k="name" v="Largo Dom Dinis"/>
  </way>
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    changeset="12630806" timestamp="2012-08-06T09:48:03Z" user="rtafav2" uid="602999">
    <nd ref="140228672"/>
    <nd ref="140228350"/>
    <tag k="highway" v="residential"/>
  </way>
  <way id="11412629" visible="true" version="31"
    changeset="36788855" timestamp="2016-01-25T05:15:40Z" user="Josef K" uid="47097">
    <nd ref="140228672"/>
    <nd ref="140228350"/>
    <tag k="highway" v="residential"/>
    <tag k="name" v="Rua dos Estudos"/>
    <tag k="surface" v="asphalt"/>
  </way>
</osm>
```

<https://www.openstreetmap.org/way/11412629/history>

GeoFabrik provide access to region-sized full OSM history data



← → ↻ 🏠 <https://osm-internal.download.geofabrik.de/euro> 110% Search

GEOFABRIK *downloads*

Download OpenStreetMap data for this region:

Portugal

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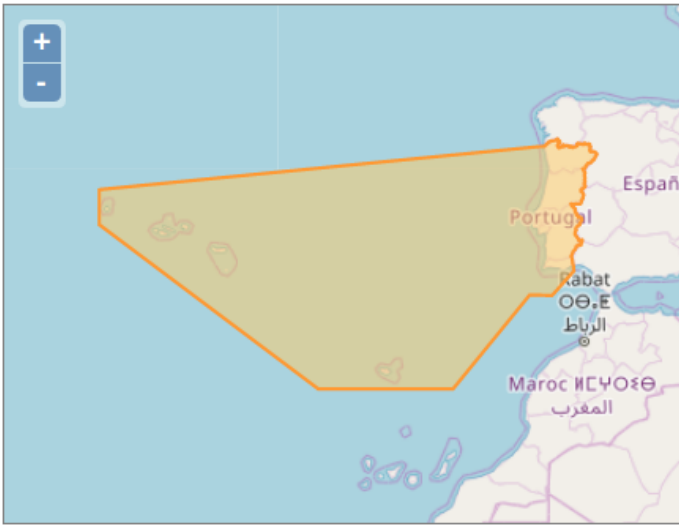
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Commonly Used Formats

- [portugal-latest-internal.osm.pbf](#), suitable for Osmium, Osmosis, imposm, osm2pgsql, mkgmap, and others. This file was last modified 21 hours ago and contains all OSM data up to 2019-06-14T20:15:02Z. File size: 204 MB; MD5 sum: [0640135db18c22e5c2b1442c41f1e471](#).
- [portugal-latest-free.shp.zip](#) Shape files are only available [without personal metadata](#).

Other Formats and Auxiliary Files

- [portugal-latest.osm.bz2](#) is only available [without personal metadata](#).
- [portugal-internal.osh.pbf](#), a file that contains the full OSM history for this region for processing with e.g. osmium. This file was last modified 2 days ago. File size: 358 MB; MD5 sum: [ec02d71b16fbf6d3e06a4ab7e72443a6](#).
- [.poly file](#) that describes the extent of this region.
- [.osc.gz files](#) that contain all changes in this region, suitable e.g. for Osmosis updates
- [raw directory index](#) allowing you to see and download older files



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What can we learn from OSM History?

OSM History: Analysis of how objects change over time

- When you download OSM data – you see the **CURRENT VERSION** of the OSM data only.
- You do not see **HOW** the objects in the dataset evolved or changed since their creation.

```
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</way>
```

OSM History: Analysis of how objects change over time (2)

- **Tag Changes:** You can see how tags change or are updated on objects over time (important for quality in terms of currency, timeliness, accuracy)
- **Geometry Changes:** You can see how the geometry changes over time. For example: if a building is expanded, a green space is made smaller, a new road. Apps: Urban/environmental change
- Geometry changes are vital for accuracy, precision and temporal quality.

OSM is changing EVERY MINUTE



You cannot step into
the same river twice.

Heraclitus

quote fancy

Thanks Everyone!

I hope you enjoyed Day #1