

# OpenStreetMap on PostgreSQL

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# Map of the hour

- What is a free map
- How OpenStreetMap works
- How to use the data with PostgreSQL

# What is OpenStreetMap

- A project to collect & distribute free geographic data
- A wiki-editable map of the world
- CC-by-SA licensed



Is Your Map Free?

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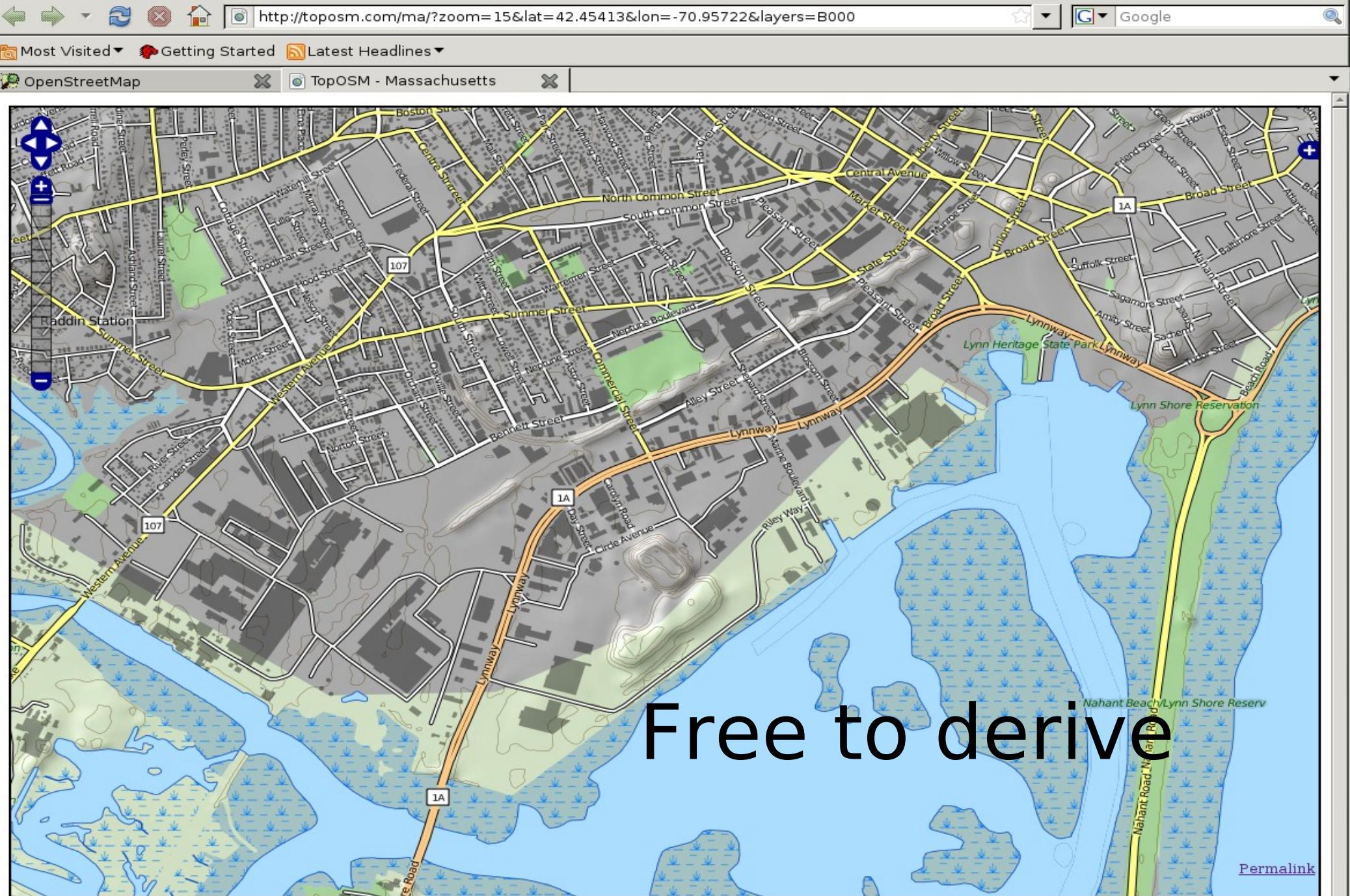
# Free to See



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# Free to give

- Publishing
- Distribution (embedded devices)
- Sell



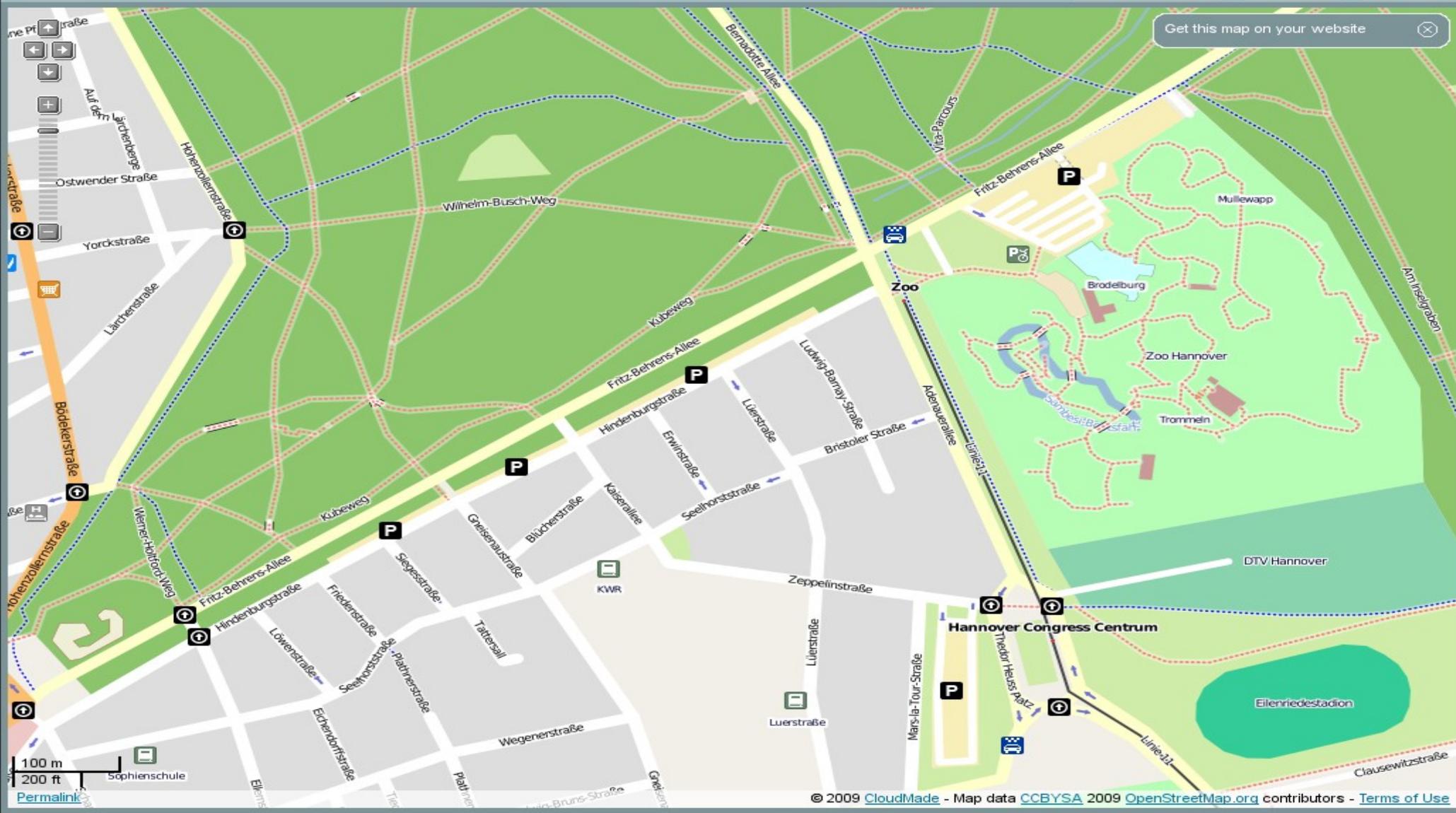
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# Free to style

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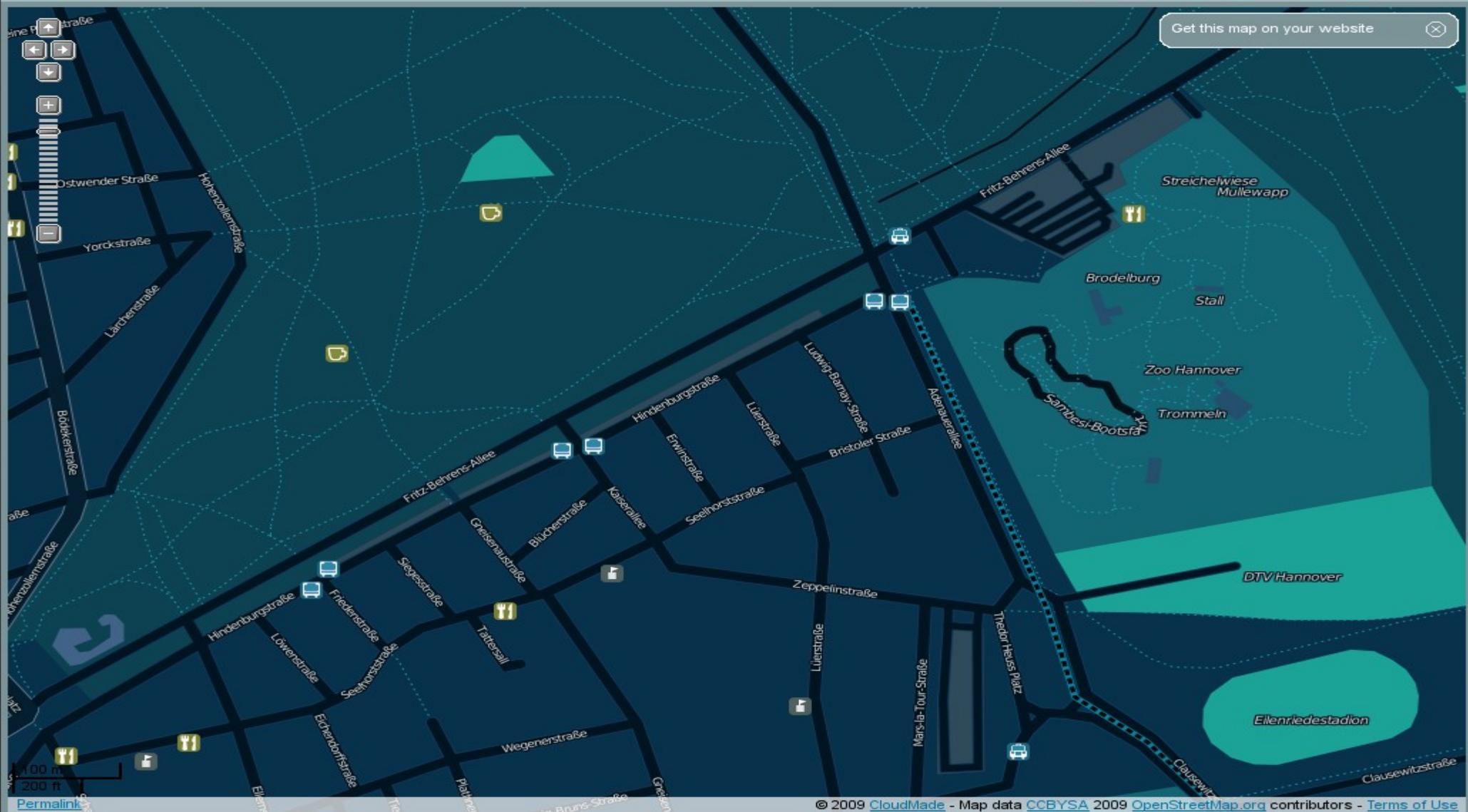
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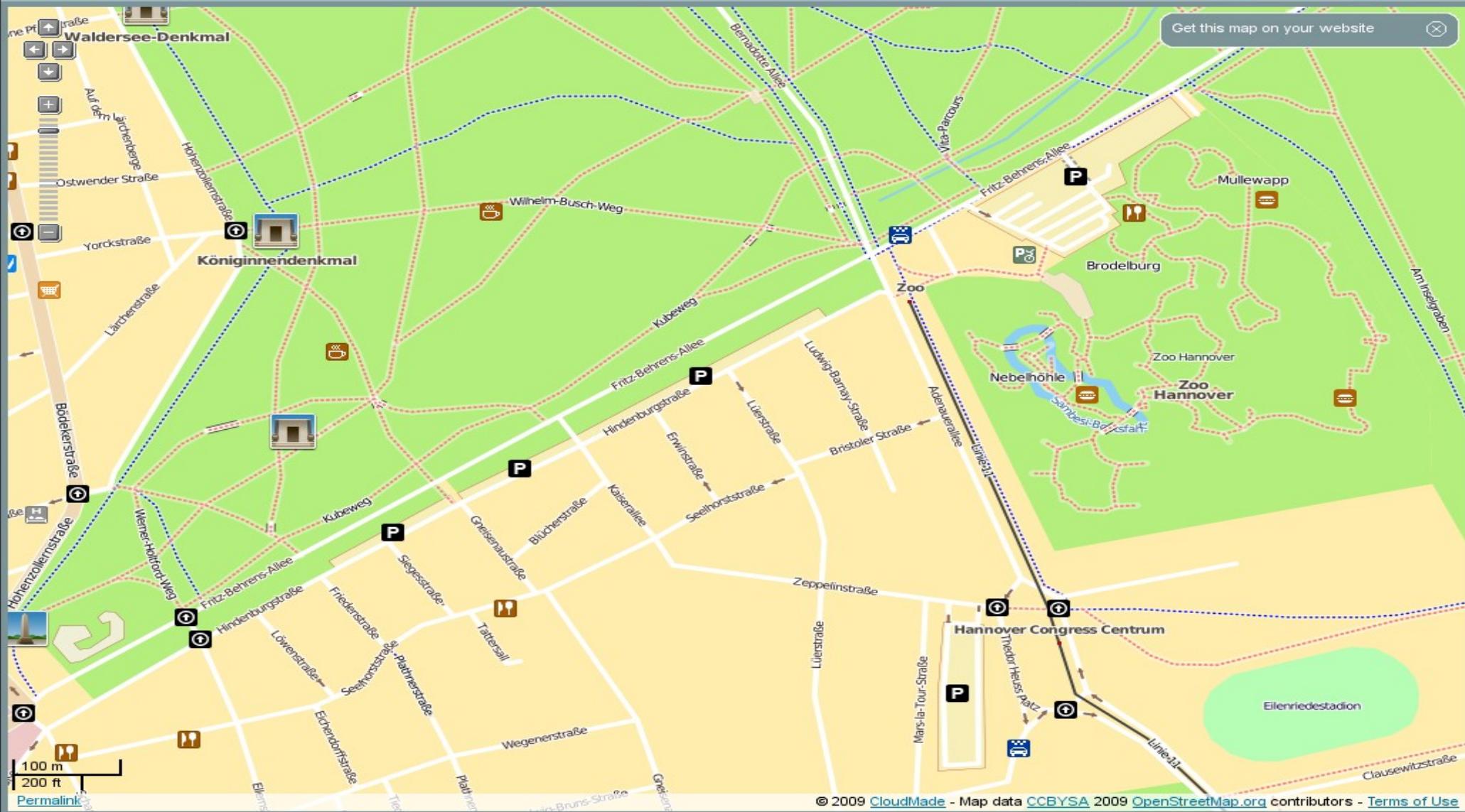
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The screenshot shows the Java OpenStreetMap Editor interface. The main area displays a map of a university campus, specifically the University of Ottawa, with buildings, roads, and other geographical features. A large white text overlay in the center reads:

Free to edit  
Add places  
Correct mistakes  
Add new roads

The interface includes several toolbars and panels:

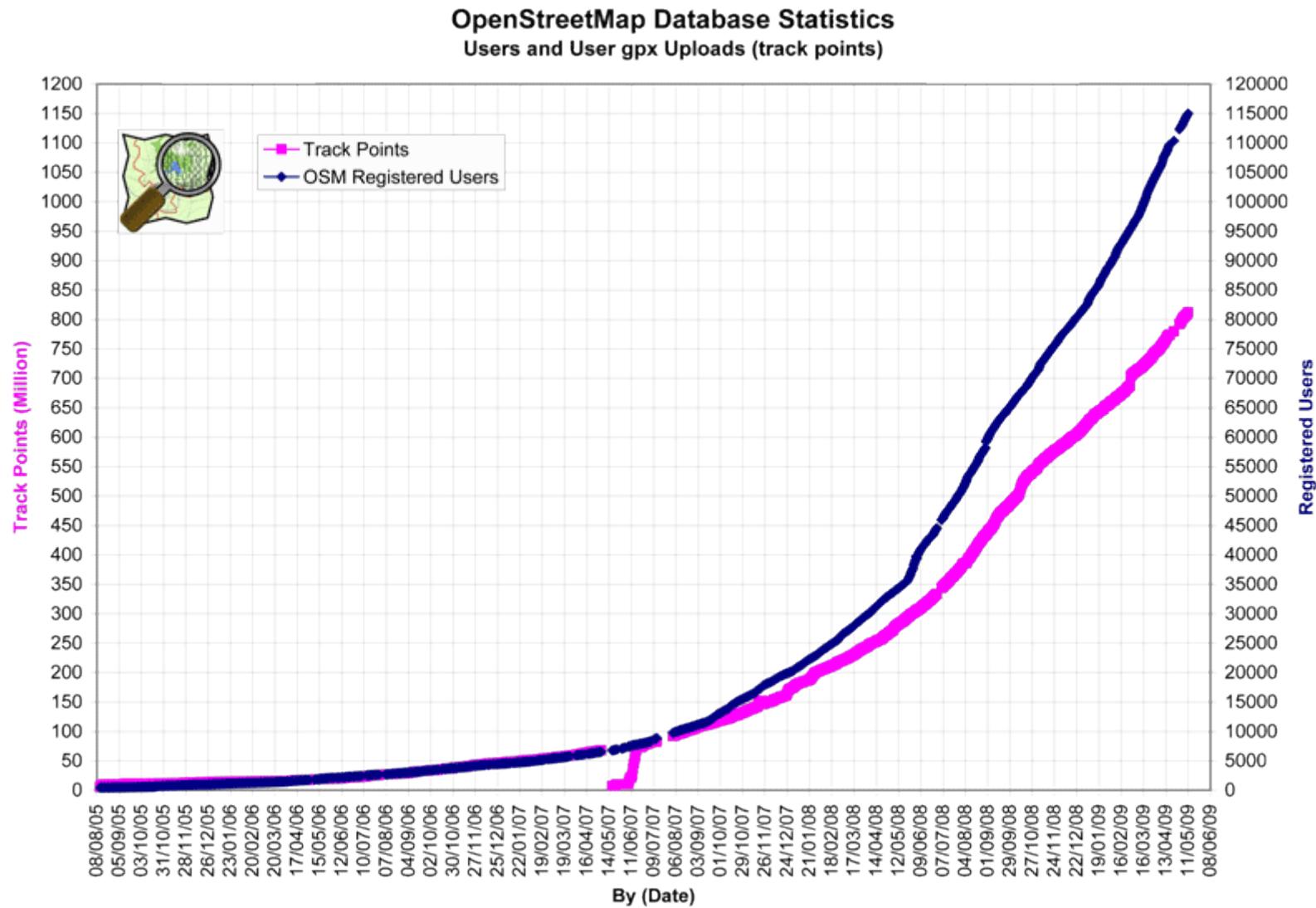
- Top Toolbar:** Includes icons for File, Edit, View, Tools, Presets, WMS, User, Audio, Help, and various file formats like GPX.
- Left Sidebar:** Contains icons for selection, drawing, measurement, zoom, and other editing functions.
- Layers Panel:** Shows layers including Validation errors, Data Layer 1, and YAHOO (WebKit). It also includes a Properties/Memberships section with a note to select objects for change.
- Tool Buttons:** Add, Edit, Delete, History, Current Selection, Select, Reload, Search, Command Stack, Relations, New, Edit, Delete, and Validation errors.
- Bottom Panels:** Relations and Validation errors.

# How it got started

Founded by Steve Coast, Summer of 2004



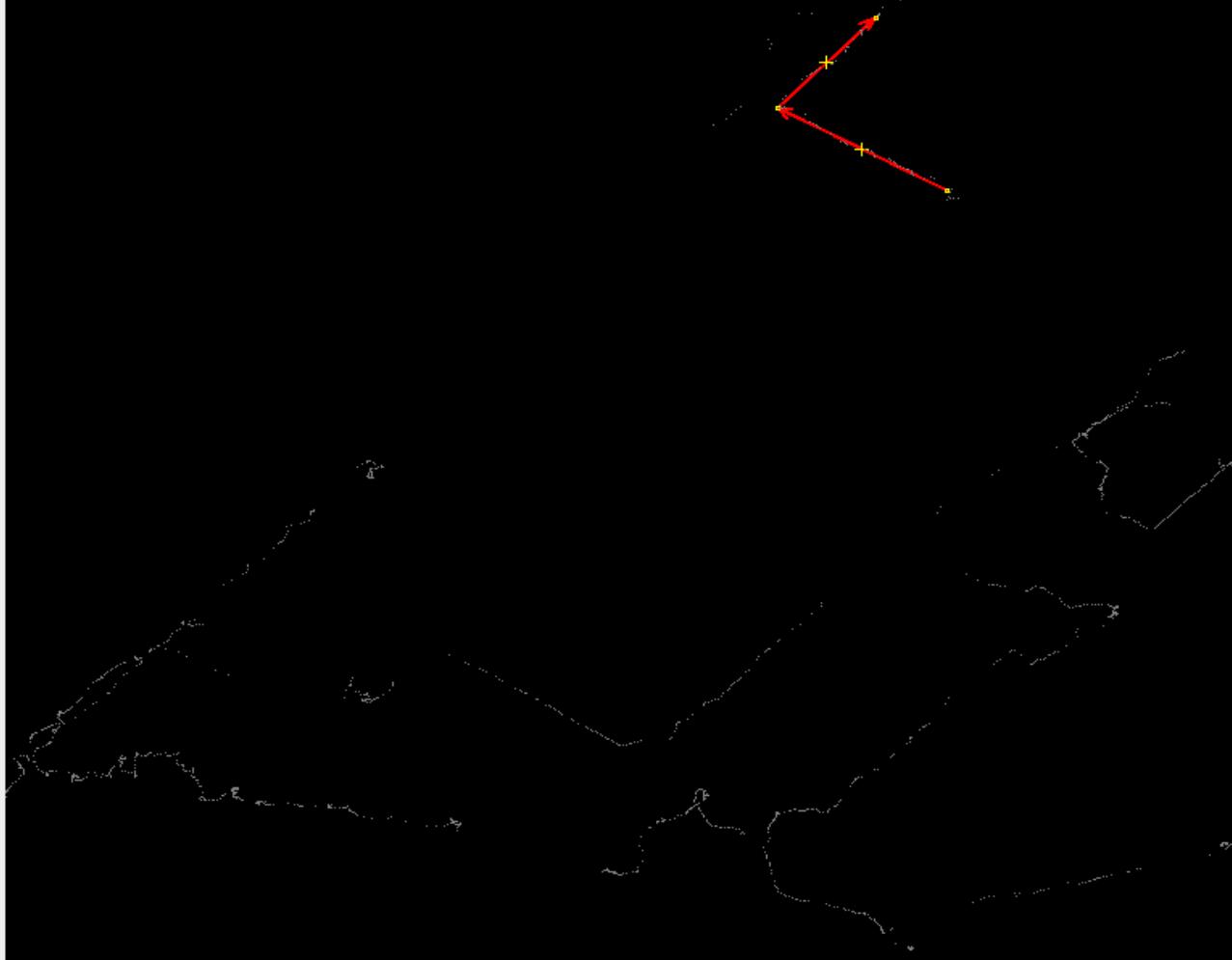
# Crowd Sourcing



File Edit View Tools Presets WMS User Audio Help



# How it works



Layers

- GPX 20090425\_170324.log.gpx
- GPX 20090425\_163850.log.gpx
- GPX 20090425\_163623.log.gpx
- unnamed

Properties/Memberships

Key	Value

Add Edit Delete

History

Current Selection

- 3 nodes

Select Reload Search

Command Stack

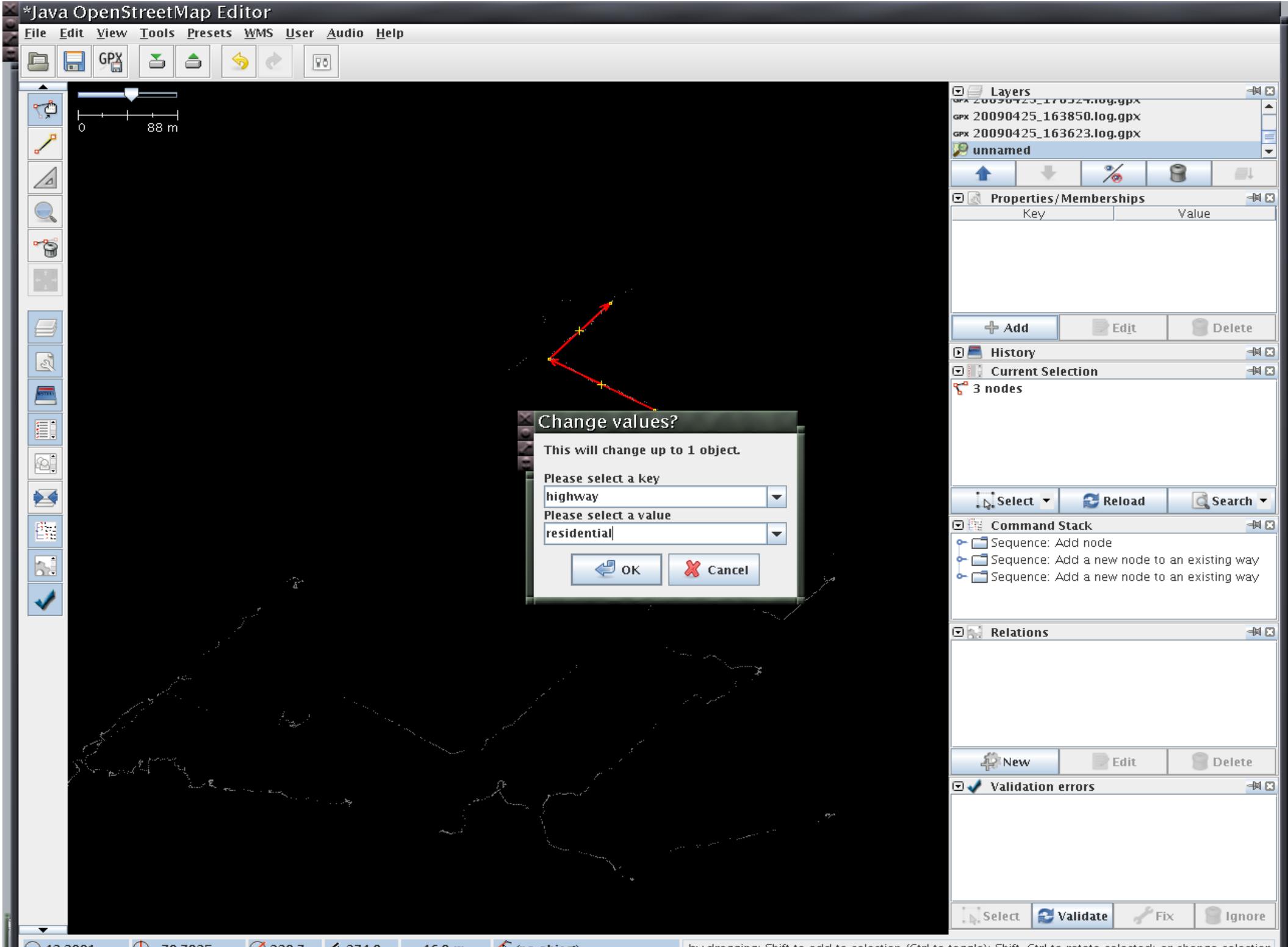
- Sequence: Add node
- Sequence: Add a new node to an existing way
- Sequence: Add a new node to an existing way

Relations

New Edit Delete

Validation errors

Select Validate Fix Ignore



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## OpenStreetMap



The Free Wiki World Map

OpenStreetMap is a free  
editable map of the whole  
world. It is made by  
people like you.

OpenStreetMap allows  
you to view, edit and use  
geographical data in a  
collaborative way from  
anywhere on Earth.

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examples: 'Alkmaar', 'Regent  
Street, Cambridge', 'CB2  
SAQ', or 'post offices near  
Lünen' [more examples...](#)

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# Tags Can be anything





The Free Wiki World Map

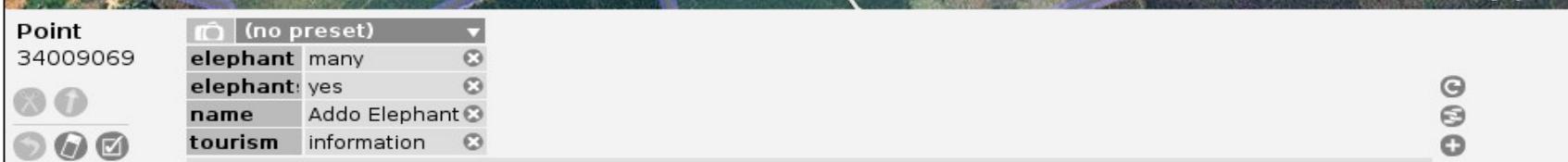
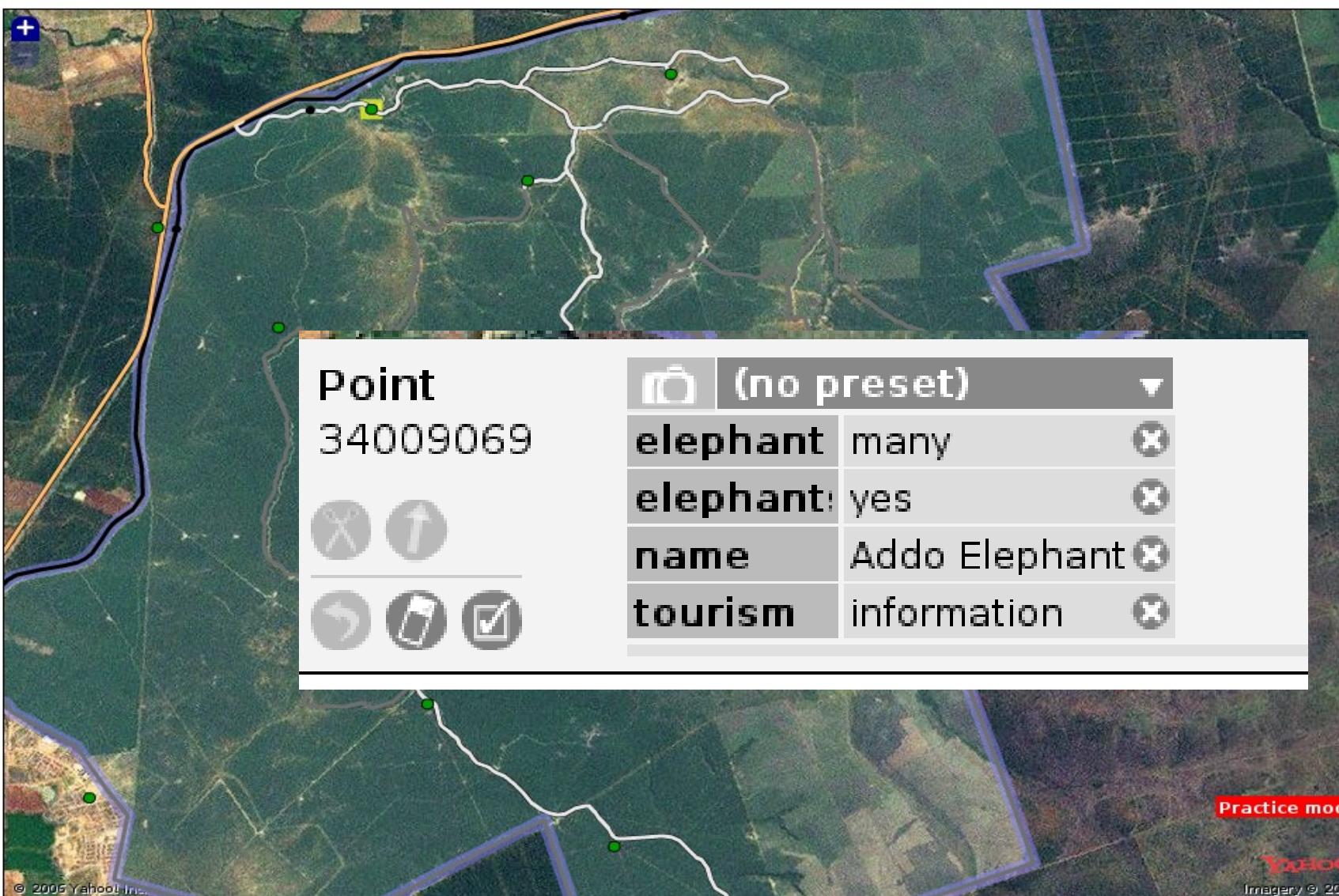
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**Search** Where am I?

examples: 'Alkmaar', 'Regent Street, Cambridge', 'CB2 5AQ', or 'post offices near Lünen' [more examples](#)

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```
<node id='34009069' lat='-33.4442638' lon='25.746064
  ' user='Firefishy' xapi:users='CoreyBurger,
  Firefishy' timestamp='2009-03-23T00:09:07Z'
  version='2'>
<tag k='elephant' v='many'/>
<tag k='elephants' v='yes'/>
<tag k='name' v='Addo Elephant National Park'/>
<tag k='tourism' v='information'/>
</node>
```

# Where does the data come from

- 100,000+ contributors
- GPS traces
- local knowledge
- Bulk imports
- Imagery traces

# GPS



\*Java OpenStreetMap Edit

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GPX

Layers

- gpx 20090425\_170327.log.gpx
- gpx 20090425\_163850.log.gpx
- gpx 20090425\_163623.log.gpx
- unnamed

Properties/Memberships

Please select the objects you want to change properties for.

Add Edit Delete

History Current Selection

Select Reload Search

Command Stack

- Sequence: Add node
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Relations

New Edit Delete

Validation errors

Select Validate Fix Ignore

Tracing

43.4021 -79.7100 320.7 ... 274.8 ... 46.9 m (no object)

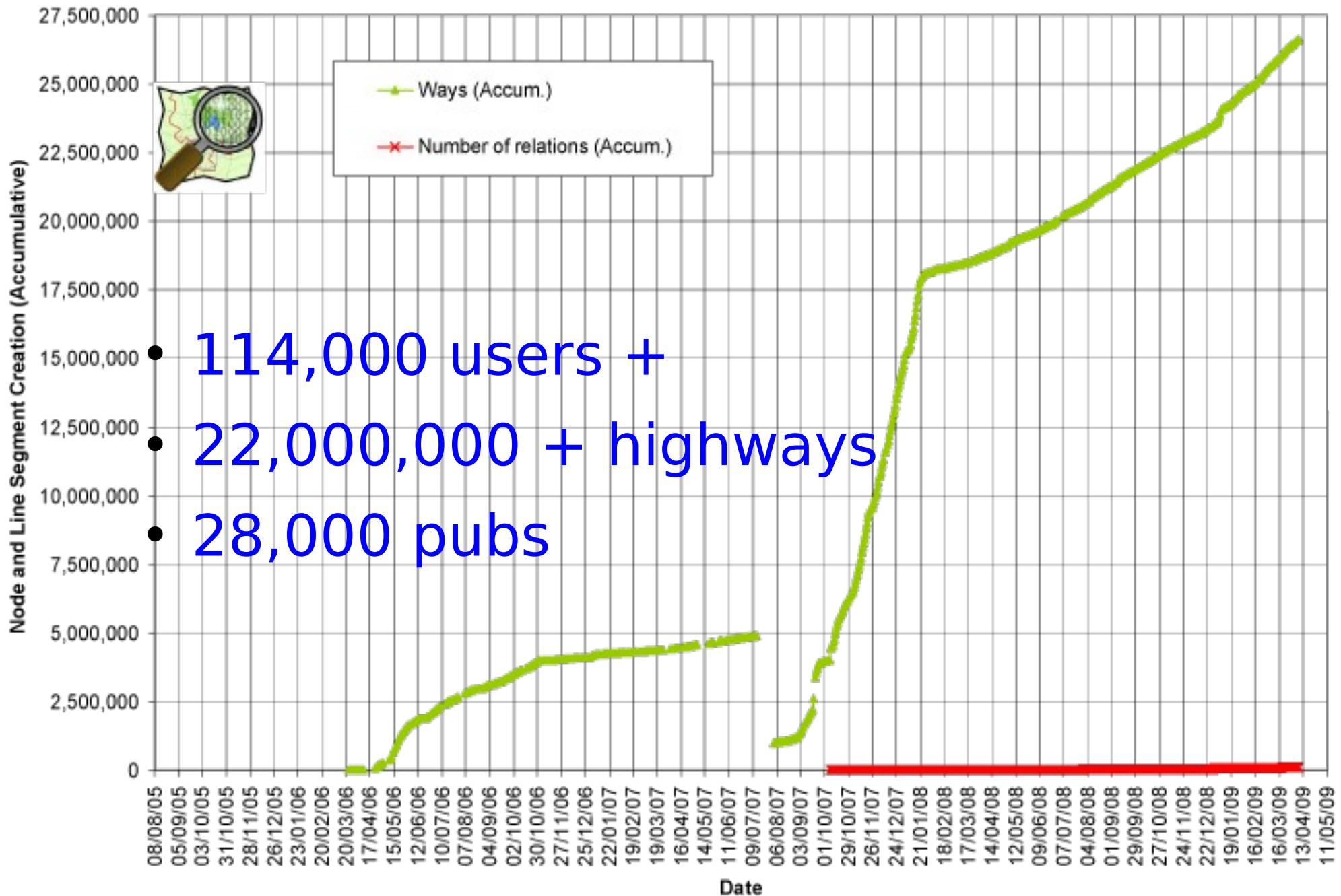
by dragging; Shift to add to selection (Ctrl to toggle); Shift-Ctrl to rotate selected; or change selector

# Data Imports

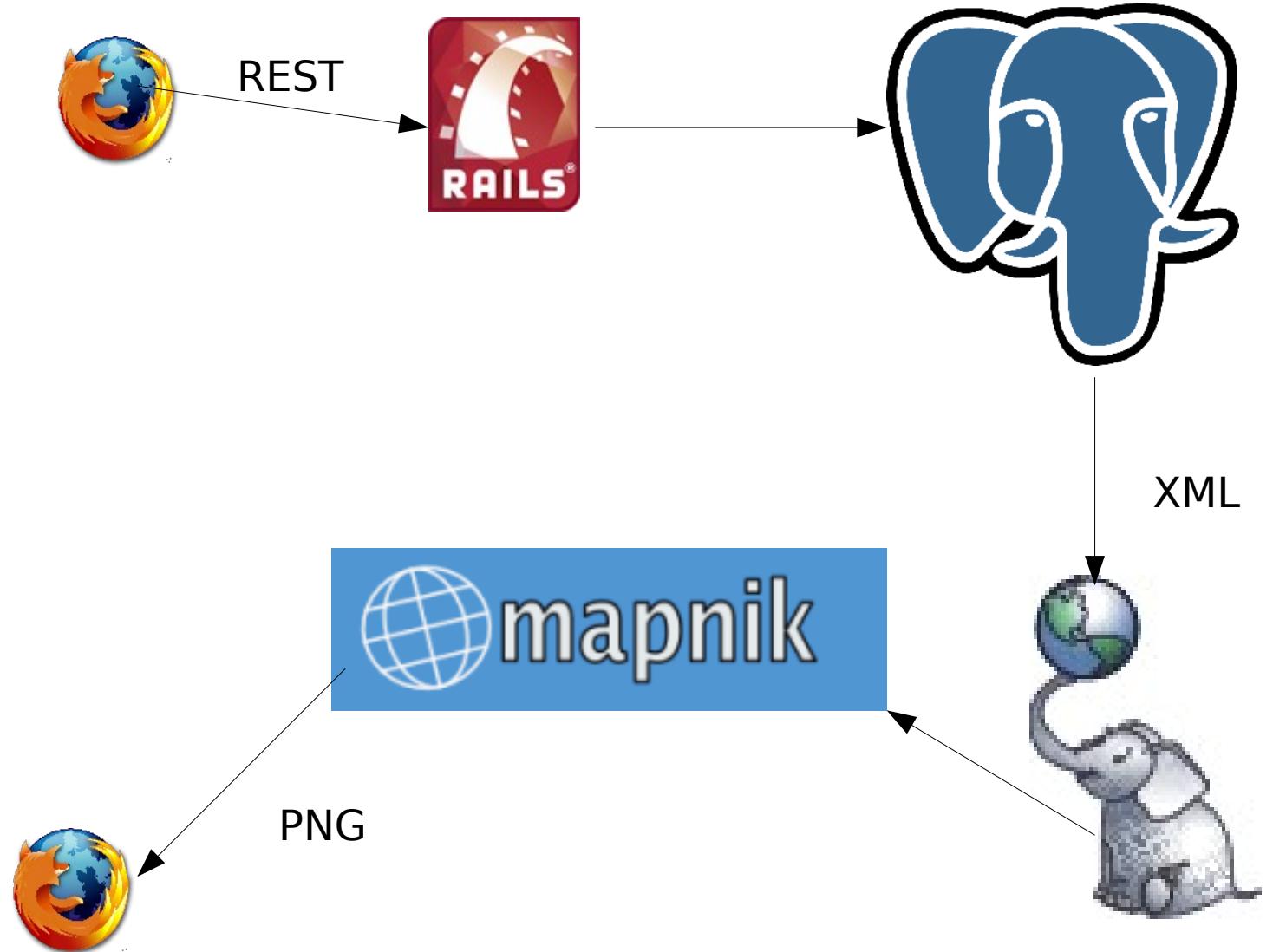
- Copyright compatible datasets
- TIGER, vmap0 (US),
- GeoBase(Canada)
- NAND (Netherlands)

## OpenStreetMap Database Statistics

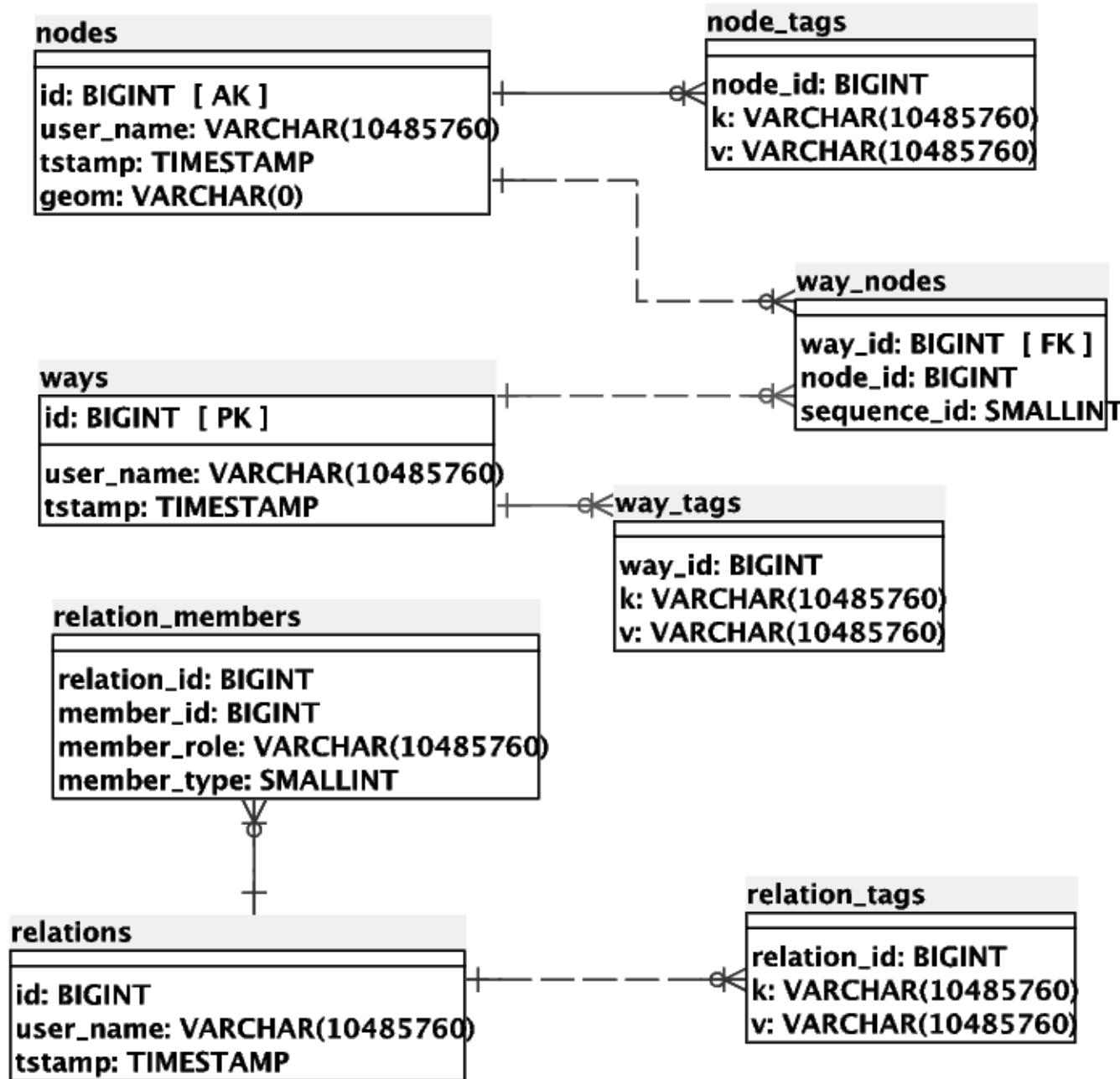
### Ways and Relations



# Where does the data go?



# The simple schema



# Why PostgreSQL

- Pre 0.6 Mysql + MYISAM
- Errors could mean only half an edit
- Solution: Transactions
- InnoDB has no text search

PostgreSQL 8.3



2x Intel Xeon Processor E5420 Quad Core 2.5Ghz

2x 73GB (3.5) SAS 15K

10x 450GB (3.5) SAS 15K

30GB of RAM

# (pg)-stat

- AVG 7.42M tuples fetched per second
- AVG 1.04k tuples inserted per second
- 800GB

Table	Size(GB)
current_node_tags	99
current_nodes	58
current_way_nodes	44
current_way_tags	20
<b>Historical</b>	
nodes	211
node_tags	119
way_nodes	113
gps_points	94
way_tags	32
ways	14

A detailed satellite image of the Earth's surface, focusing on the Eastern Hemisphere. The image shows the continents of Africa, Europe, and Asia, with their respective landscapes, vegetation, and bodies of water. The atmosphere is visible as a thin blue layer around the planet.

Planet Dumps

<http://planet.openstreetmap.org>

# Osmosis, your own API

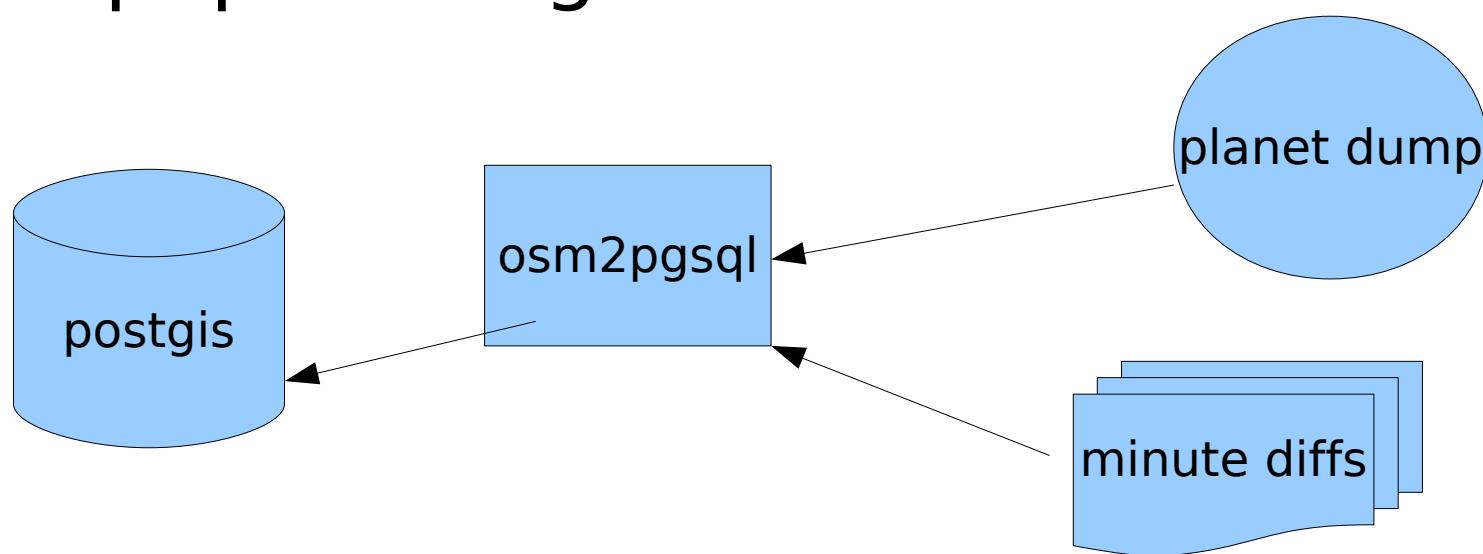
- Populates DB from planet dumps

# But I really want to use PostGIS

- Complex Geometries
- Spatial queries

# osm2pgsql

- Populates postgis from planet dumps
- Creates spatial objects (lines)
- Populates attribute columns for popular tags



# schema

planet\_osm\_polygon

```
osm_id: INTEGER  
amenity: VARCHAR(10485760)  
area: VARCHAR(10485760)  
barrier: VARCHAR(10485760)  
bicycle: VARCHAR(10485760)  
boundary: VARCHAR(10485760)  
building: VARCHAR(10485760)  
foot: VARCHAR(10485760)  
highway: VARCHAR(10485760)  
historic: VARCHAR(10485760)  
junction: VARCHAR(10485760)  
landuse: VARCHAR(10485760)  
leisure: VARCHAR(10485760)  
name: VARCHAR(10485760)  
natural: VARCHAR(10485760)  
oneway: VARCHAR(10485760)  
place: VARCHAR(10485760)  
railway: VARCHAR(10485760)  
religion: VARCHAR(10485760)  
residence: VARCHAR(10485760)  
route: VARCHAR(10485760)  
sport: VARCHAR(10485760)  
tracktype: VARCHAR(10485760)  
tunnel: VARCHAR(10485760)  
waterway: VARCHAR(10485760)  
z_order: INTEGER  
way_area: REAL  
way: VARCHAR(0)
```

planet\_osm\_roads

planet\_osm\_line

planet\_osm\_point

# planet\_osm\_lines

- Roads
- Rivers
- Trails

# planet\_osm\_points

- POI's
- amenity
- place\_of\_worship
- name

# planet\_osm\_polygons

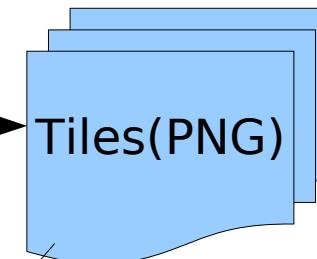
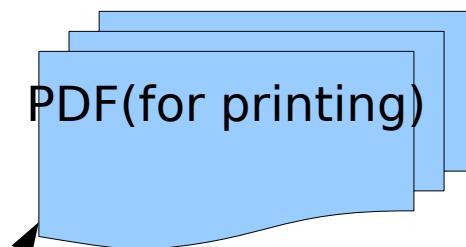
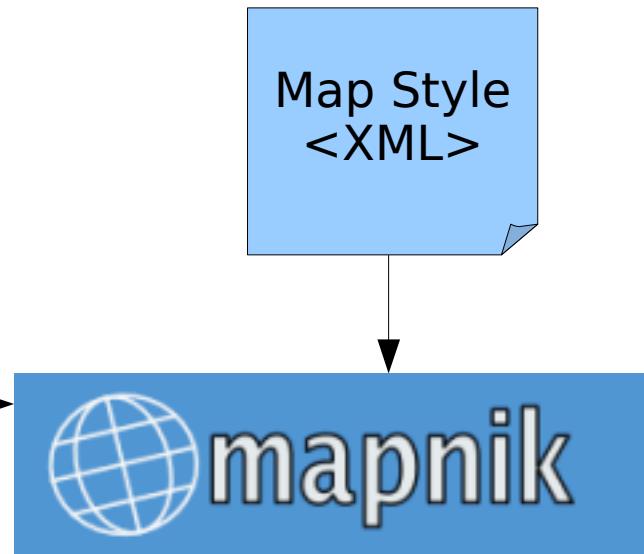
- Areas
- Land use
- building outlines
- lakes

# Is my school a polygon or a point?

- Tags can be anything
- You can map a school as a area, buildings, or a single POI
- Must query all tables (UNION?)

# mapnik

postgis



OpenLayers (Slippery Map)



I can do \*GIS too

# Nearby Pubs

**SELECT**

```
p.name,  
ST_Distance(ST_Transform(p.way,3348),  
ST_Transform(u.way,3348) )
```

```
FROM planet_osm_point p, planet_osm_point u  
where p.amenity='pub'  
AND u.name='University of Ottawa' AND  
ST_Distance(p.way,u.way)<1;
```

~

name	distance
Elephant & Castle	541
D'Arcy McGees	764
Drumlins	937
Meadowlands Pub	7259
Montana's Steakhouse	9565
Rockwell's Sports Bar	9622
Tanglewood Pub	10339
Greenfields Pub	16710
Barley Mow Pub	17698
Cheshire Cat Pub	27110
The Thirsty Moose	48771
Queen's Hotel	48771

(12 rows)

# Spatial queries

- ST\_Intersects
- ST\_UNION
- ST\_Distance

- How free is your map?
- About OpenStreetMap
- How to use with PostGIS

# Questions?

<http://www.openstreetmap.org>

<http://www.mapnik.org>

<http://postgis.refractions.net>

<https://www.openjump.org>

<http://www.qgis.org>

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