

OSM in public transport Helsinki Finland

case Helsinki, Finland

State of the Map 2018
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What does HSL do?





Is responsible for the preparation of the Helsinki Region Transport System Plan (HLJ).



Approves the public transport fare and ticketing system as well as public transport fares.



Plans and organizes public transport in the region and work to improve its operating conditions.



Is responsible for public transport marketing and passenger information.



Procures bus, tram, Metro, ferry and commuter train services.



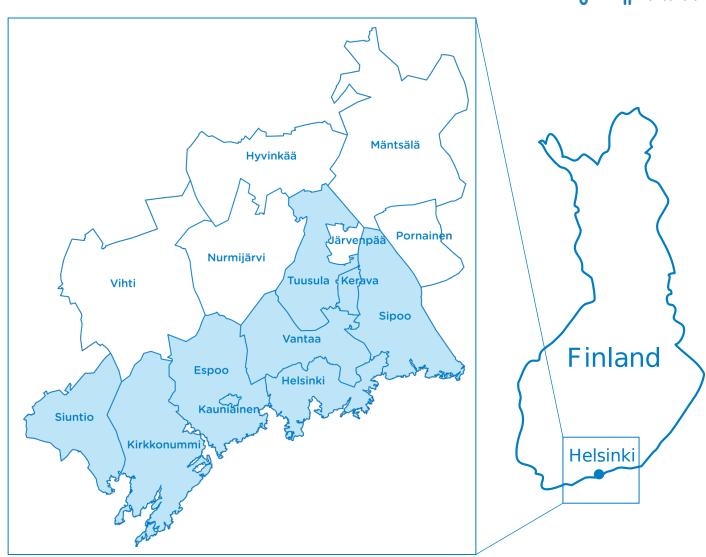
Organizes ticket sales and is responsible for ticket inspections.

Cooperation area of HSL



9 municipalities:
Helsinki, Espoo,
Kauniainen, Vantaa,
Kerava, Kirkkonummi,
Sipoo, from 1 Jan 2018
Tuusula and Siuntio

According to its charter, HSL may expand to cover all 14 municipalities in the region.



Map production renewal

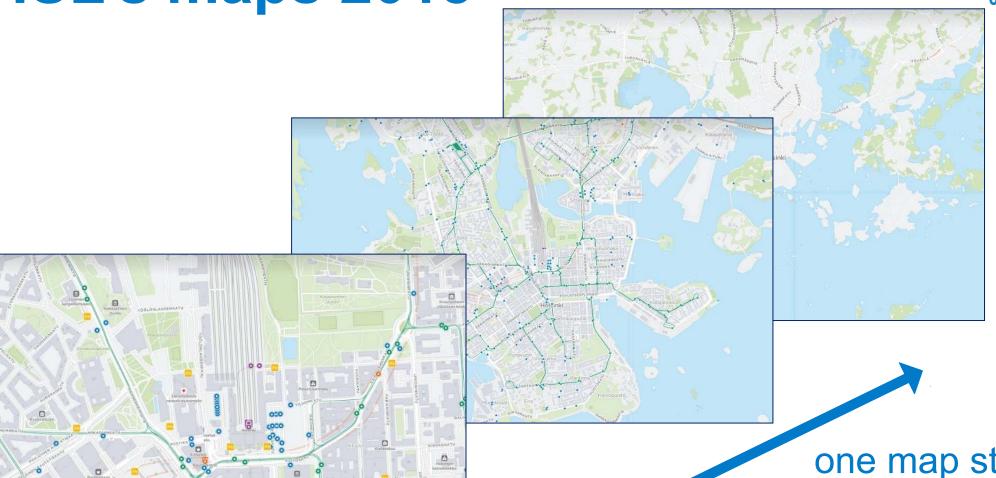


- Consistent visual look and feel for all our maps
 - Digital and printed maps
- Systematic and effective processes
 - Reduce manual work
 - Ability to react on changes
 - Use of OSM as main data source
 - Map products based on customer needs
- Renew public transport register's map interface as well
 - Out of date technology and & lacking map functionalities

HSL's maps 2015

HSL's maps 2018





one map style several zooming levels source data as vector layers

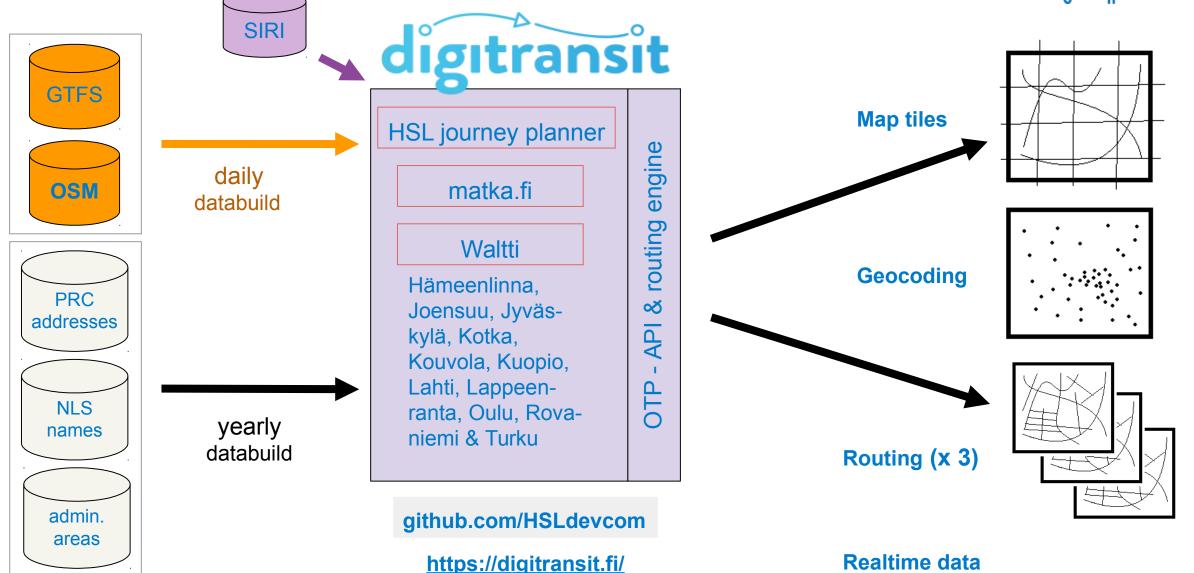
HSL Map Style



- Produced with MapBox
 - https://github.com/HSLdevcom/hsl-map-style
 - Based on OSM Bright Template
 - Three language versions: finnish, swedish & finnish+swedish
- API available (https://digitransit.fi/en/developers/apis/3-map-api/)
 - Raster background
 - MapBox vector tiles for "HSL layers"
 - stops, terminals, vending points, park&ride-sites and city bike stations (+ fare zones)

Journey planner (reittiopas.fi)





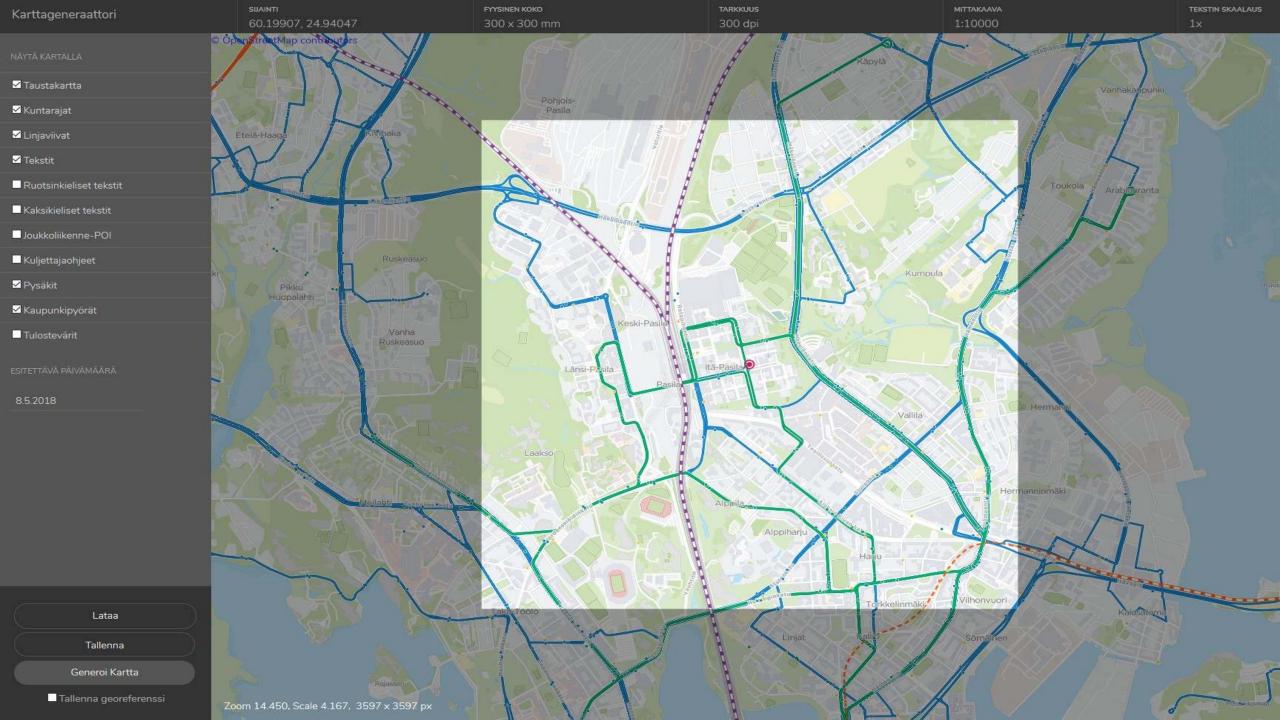
Map Generator



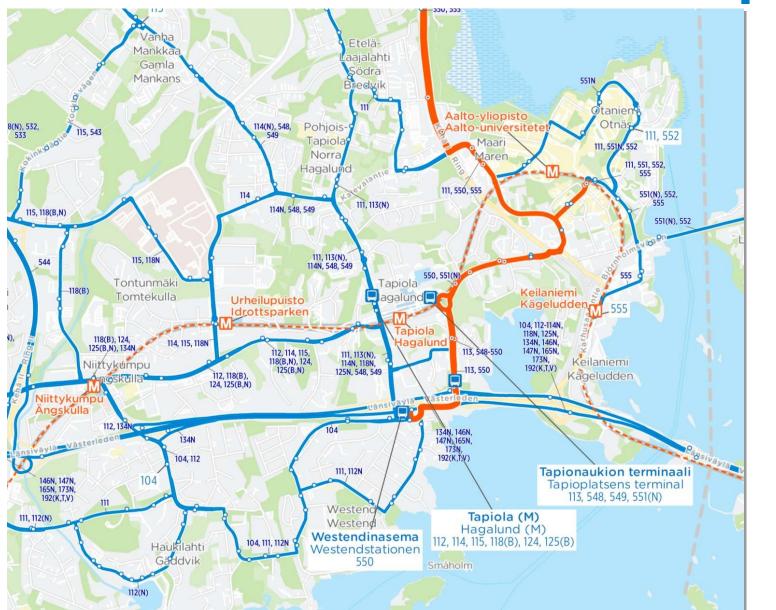
- Web based tool for generating maps
- Output format png (+pgw)
- Source code in github
- Different use cases
 - Route Maps
 - Traffic bulletins
 - etc.

github.com/HSLdevcom

hsl-map-generator-ui hsl-map-generator-server



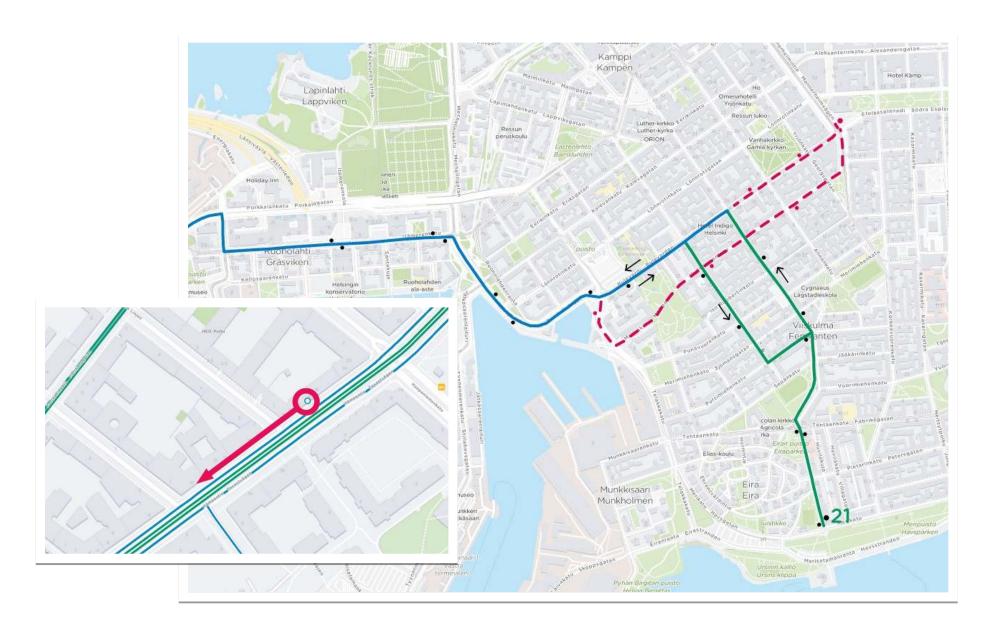
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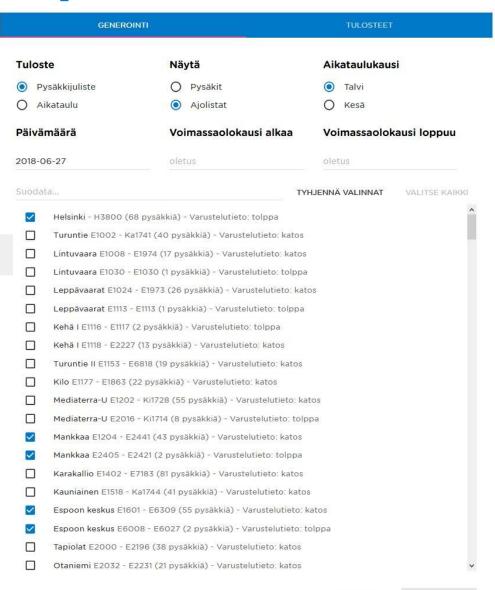




Traffic bulletins



Stop Poster Generator



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pdf

github.com/HSLdevcom

hsl-map-publisher-ui

hsl-map-publisher

Stop posters (A0)









Working with the community



- OSM-wiki
 - Digitransit : https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Digitransit
 - Explicit permission to import HSL CCBY40 data to OSM coming up!
- Mapathons & demos
 - Cooperation with HOT-OSM Finland & Digitransit stakeholders
 - Different mapping themes at various events
 - Simple examples (eg. adding buildings, POIs, stops & roads/paths)





Editing OSM



- Importing
 - Swedish road names import :
 - https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Digitransit/Helsinki_region_Swedish_road_names_import
- Handling and monitoring changes
 - Editing OSM ourselves
 - Using OSM-notes to crowdsource mapping tasks
 - Piloting *Mapillary* to suport OSM-editing
 - Monitoring changes with analytical difference engine maybe OSMCha?

Validation



- Use ready to use tools like Osmose & KeepRight
- Compare OSM with official (open) data, eg.
 - Public transport data @ HSL
 - Topographic data @ National Land Survey
 - Digiroad @ Finnish Transport Agency
 - Address data @ Population Register Centre
 - Service Map @ Helsinki Region municipalities
- Provide the results as open data to the community

OSM-data validation (vision)



Customer feedback

- Multiple channels
- Processing & filtering

Validation tools

- Monitor changes
- Discover errors
- Compare reference data

Journey planner logs - List problems

Open tasklist of OSM-improvements

- Task urgency
- Task level (easy/hard)
- Use OSM Map Notes

OSM "community Manager"

- Handle feedback
- Update OSM
- Data Imports
- OSM Wiki
- Activate & reward
- Mapathons etc.

OSM as the authority's official map 🗘 High



Pros

- Ability to react fast on changes
- Crowdsourcing _ you don't need to do everything yourself
- One new possible channel to distribute your own data

Cons

- Uncertainty about the quality of the data
 - Some areas better mapped than others
 - Diversity in individual mapper's principles
- Challenges between developer's and GIS professional's formats & standards
 - TMS vs WMS/WMTS & web mercator vs ETRS

Challenges



- OSM is far from up to date in Helsinki : edits, imports & mapathons needed
- Can one map style really fulfill all our needs?
- Could there be a more accurate classification for walking routes?
 - We already have...
 - Tracktype = grade*, for motor vehicles
 - Sac_scale = *, for hiking routes
 - Mtb:scale = *, for MTB
- How do we tag invisible stops? (invisible = yes)

Future plans



- Develop validation
 - to improve geocoding, routing and the map itself
- Schematic maps
- Digitransit : develop walking and cycling
 - to get rid of old walking & cycling journey planner <u>https://pk.reittiopas.fi/en/</u>
- Introduce possible new map products



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