Broken Promises and Technical Difficulties

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2008: Changesets and Reverts Proposal

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Improve API

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API as a Data Model

API 0.7

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- Areas
- Locations on ways
- Removing untagged nodes

Simple Features

Being different is strength

References

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<parent type=... id=... />
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Better Versioning

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<nd ref=... version=... />
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Changing API is hard

Changing API means...

- Finding developers with the infrastructure knowledge
- Paying them for a few months' work
- Planning, testing, reaching out, etc
- Convincing gatekeepers the change is needed

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API as an interface

New interfaces are a mess

Deleted Objects + Enhanced History

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2008: «The API would then basically support a call that says "revert changeset xy"»

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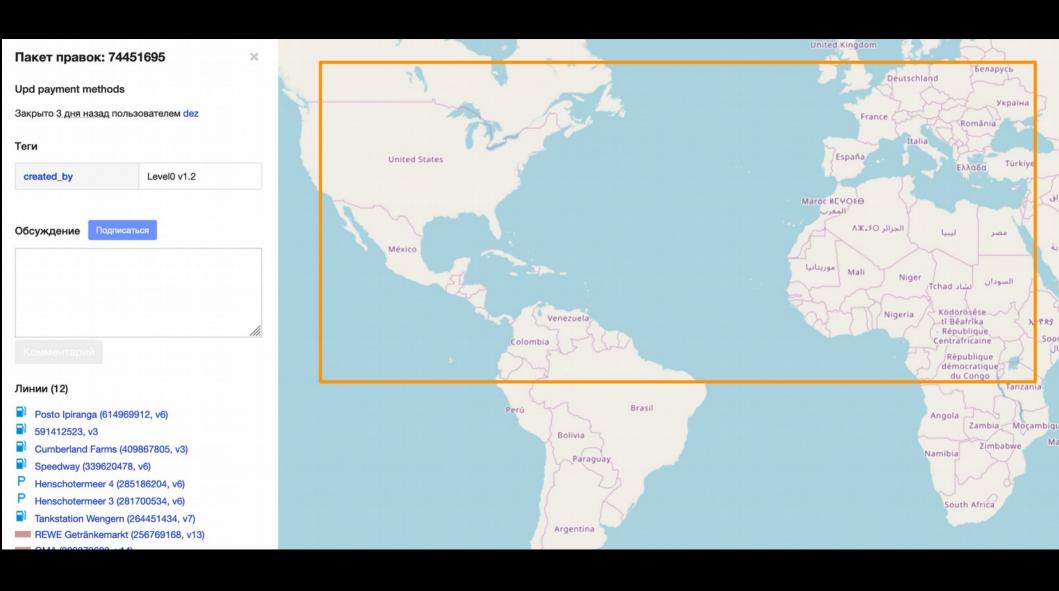
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Bypass API

Overpass API

Monitoring changesets



Data model defines you

Roads: segments + relations

API defines your tools

Changesets do not work

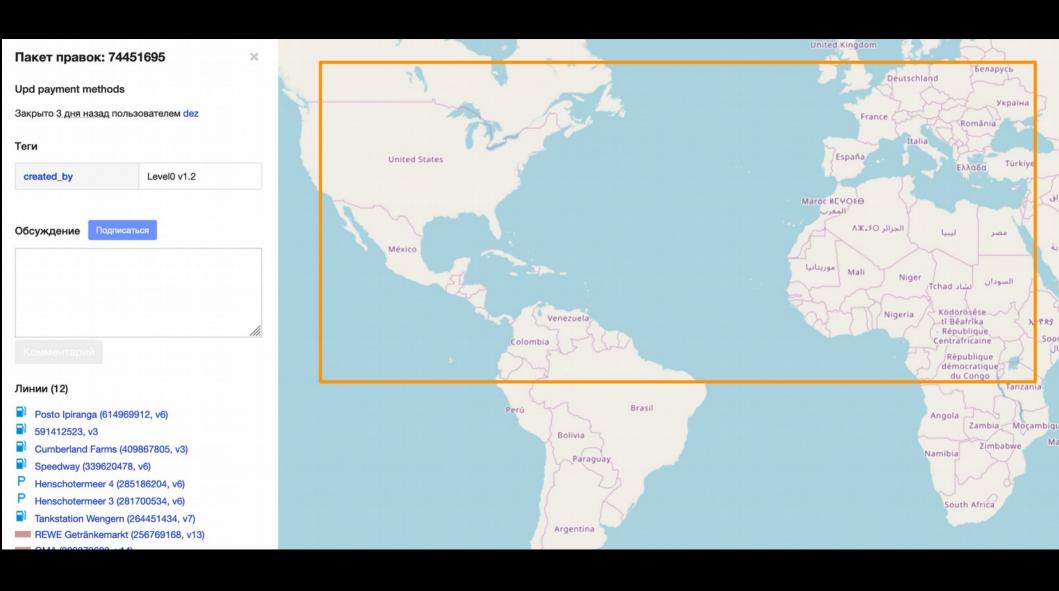
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Changeset comment:

WHY, not WHAT



«Added two buildings in Chile and one in Kamchatka»

«Did an OSM Streak task»

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Think beyond the data model

Thank you!

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