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with R

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# Motivation

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My Day9 #30daymapchallenge. A monochrome map of #Trier in Germany. I made this map with the #rstats #osmplotr package.



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# About the tutorial

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- Four sections with each 20 min presentation and 10 minutes testing time for you

## Sections

- ❶ Focus is on quick maps - I will present some classics
- ❷ Simple Features in R - the new way to work with geodata in R
- ❸ OSM data in R
- ❹

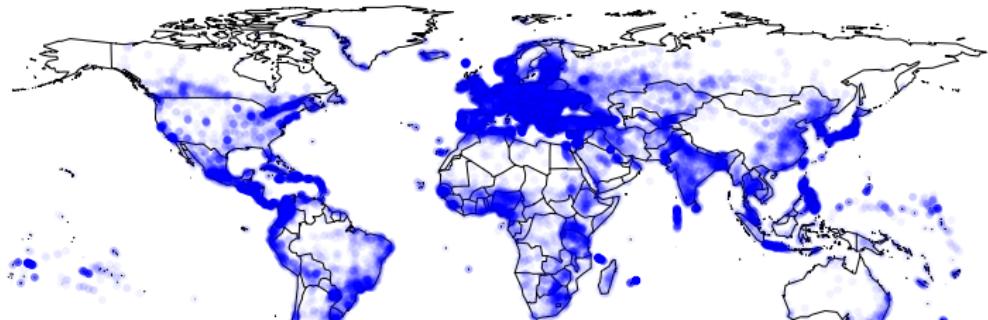
# A classic - the maps package

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- maps package by Richard A. Becker, Allan R. Wilks and Ray Brownrigg

```
library(maps)
data(world.cities)
map()
map.cities(world.cities,col=rgb(0,0,1,.05),cex=2,pch=
```

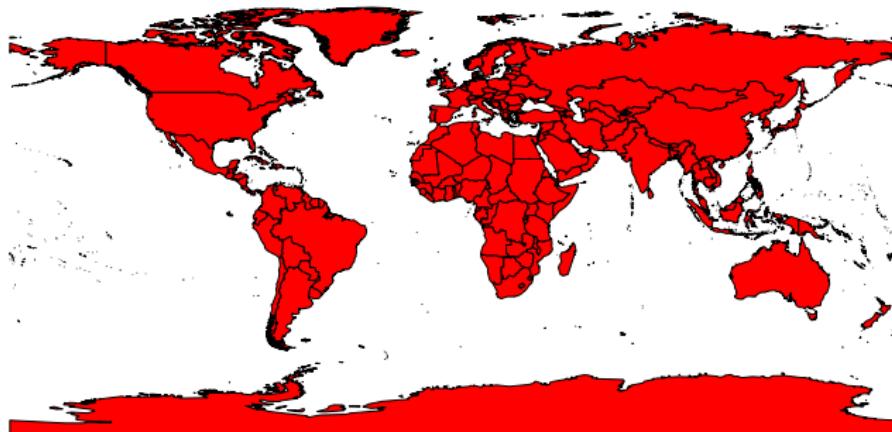


## A second classic - maptools package

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```
library(maptools)
data("wrld_simpl")
plot(wrld_simpl,col="red")
```



# The wrld\_simpl package

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```
head(wrld_simpl@data)
```

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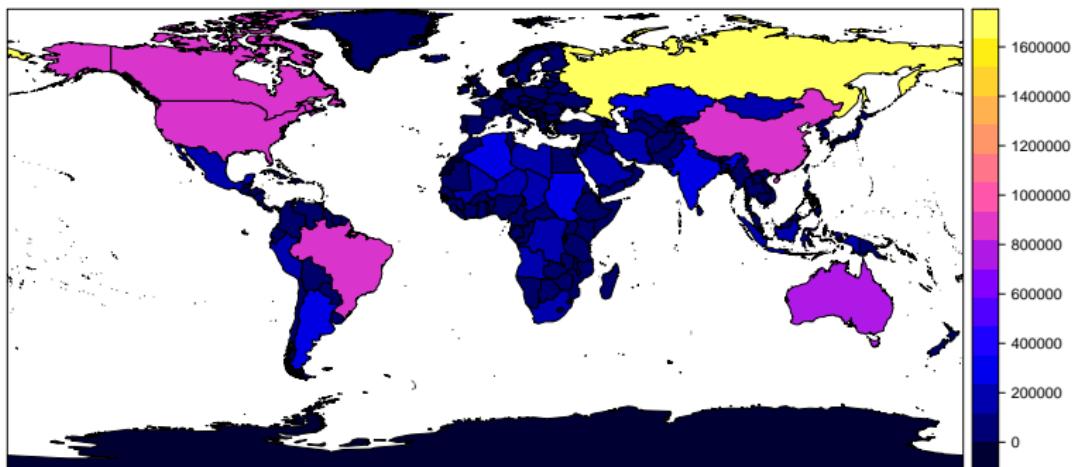
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# The sp package

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```
sp::spplot(wrld_simpl, "AREA")
```



# The `qtm` command from the `tmap` package

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## Fast thematic map

- With `qtm` you can create a fast thematic map
- Example from the **Vignette** for the `tmap` package

```
library(tmap)  
data(World)  
qtm(World)
```



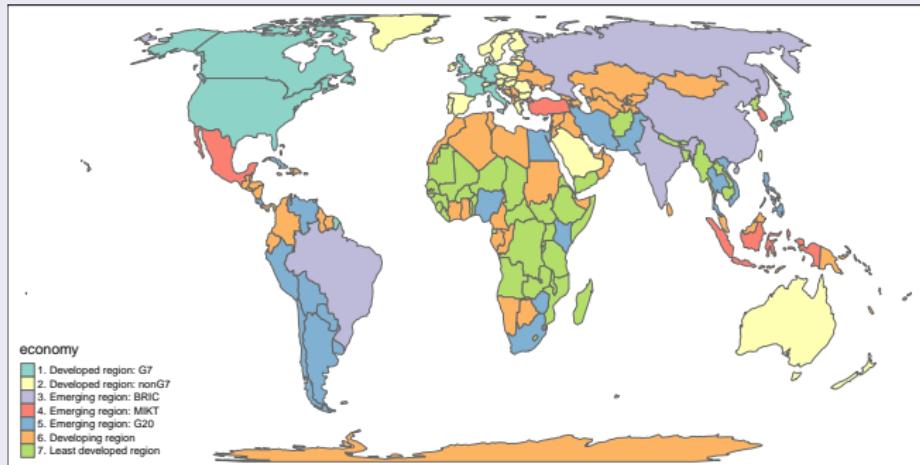
# To get more color in the map

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## Economic development status

```
library(tmap)  
data(World)  
qtm(World, fill="economy")
```



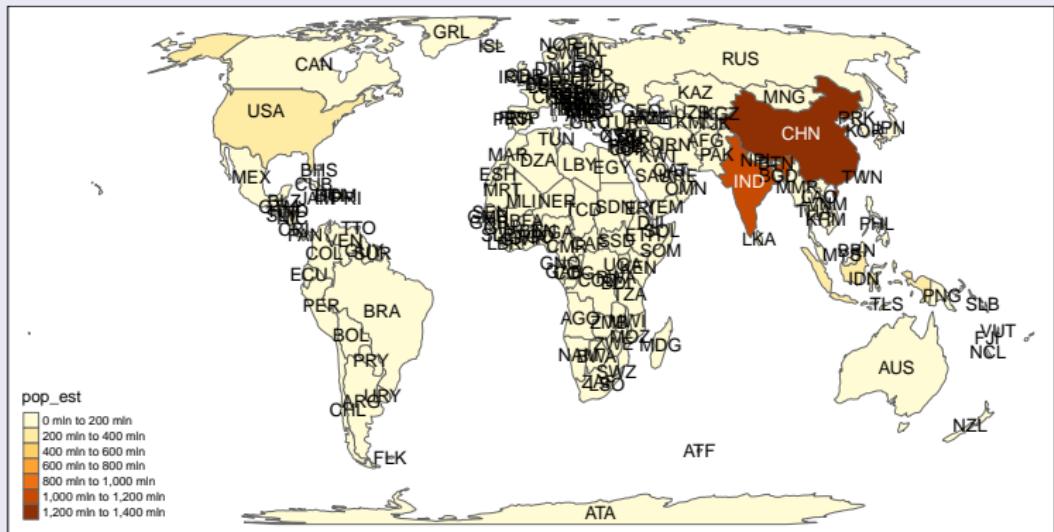
# A map with text

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## Population

```
qtm(World, fill="pop_est", text="iso_a3")
```



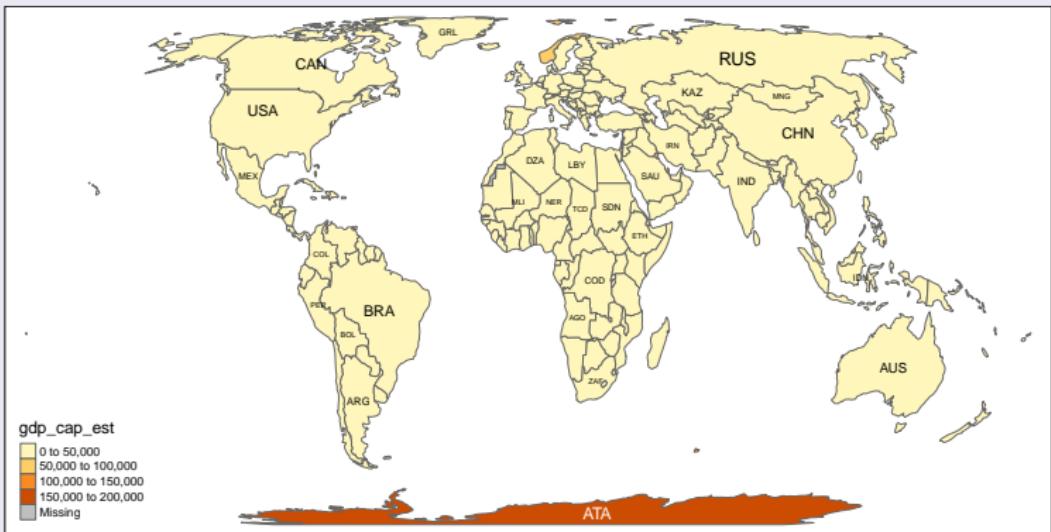
# This Scheme is better:

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## GDP per capita

```
qtm(World, fill="gdp_cap_est", text="iso_a3",  
text.size="AREA")
```

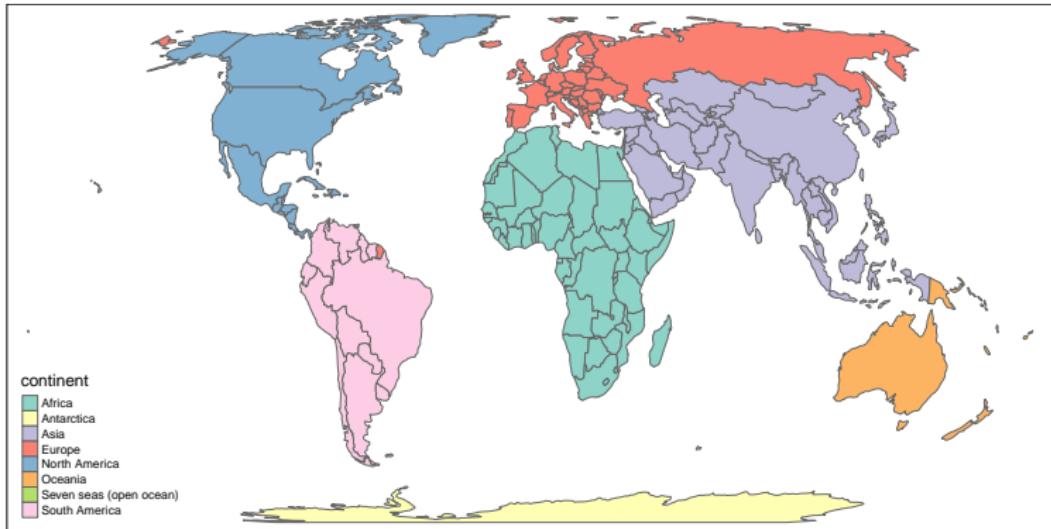


# The variable continent

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```
qtm(World, fill="continent")
```

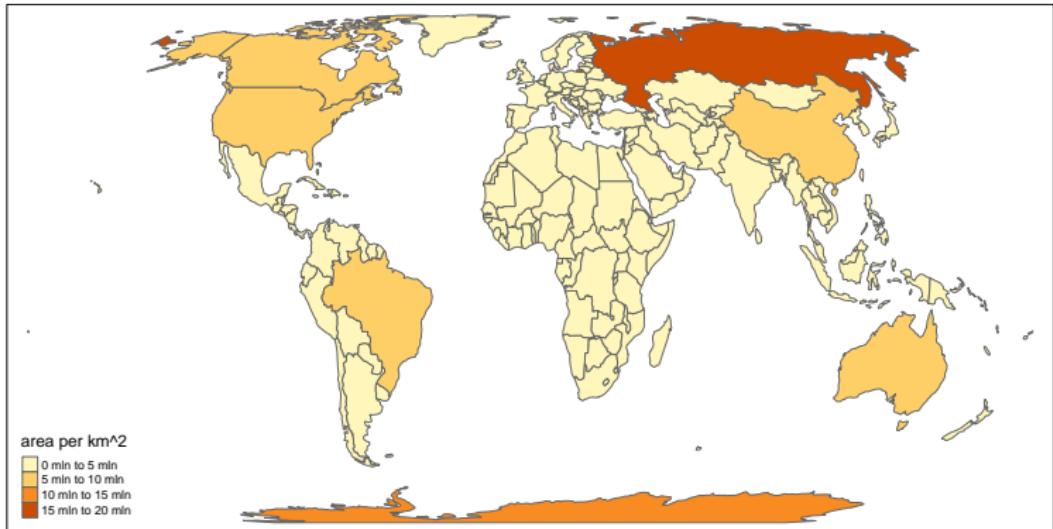


# The variable area

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```
qtm(World, fill="area") # Russia is huge
```

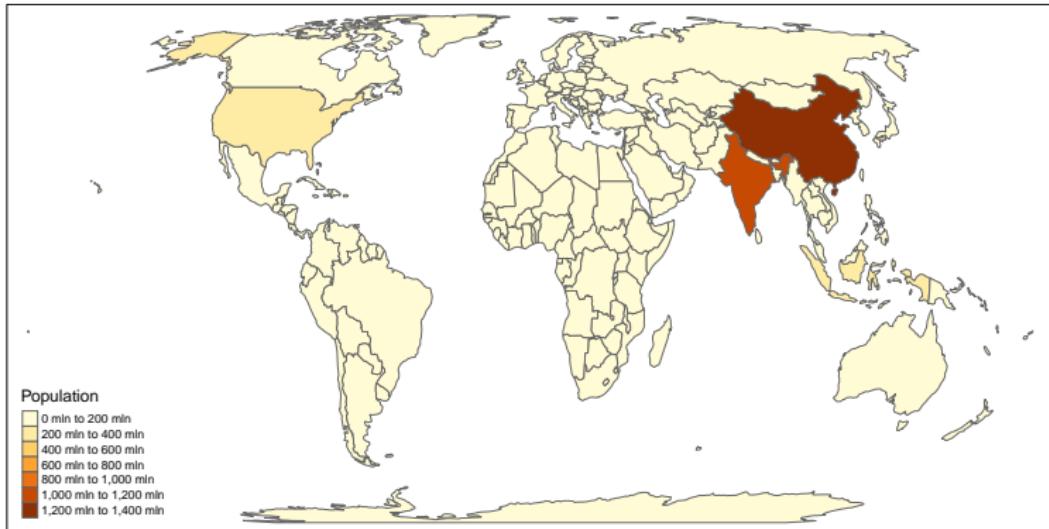


# Population

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```
qtm(World, fill="pop_est",fill.title="Population")
```



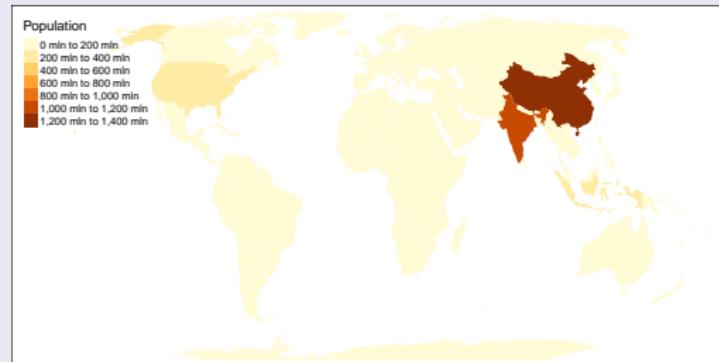
# Two maps

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## Population and level of development

```
tm_shape(World) + tm_fill(c("pop_est", "economy"),  
                           title=c("Population", "Economy"))
```

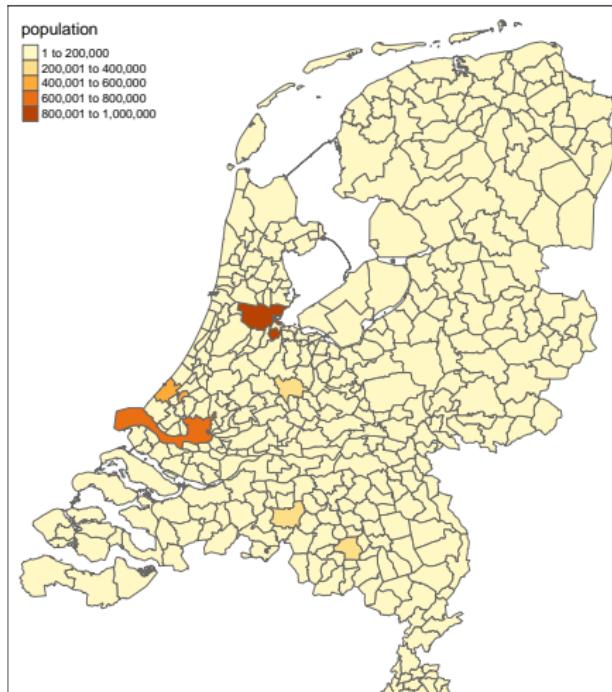


# Population in Dutch municipalities

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```
data(NLD_muni)  
qtm(NLD_muni, "population")
```



# The World dataset

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## Natural Earth

- Dataset contains information from **Natural Earth**

```
library(tmap)  
data(World)
```



# Natural Earth

Free vector and raster map data at  
1:10m, 1:50m, and 1:110m scales

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# Topics of the World dataset

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## Available variables in the data set

- ISO classification
- country name
- Area, population, population density,
- Gross Domestic Product
- Gross domestic product at purchasing power parities
- Economy, income group

## Variables of the World Dataset

	economy	income_grp	gdp_cap_est	life_exp	well_being	footprint	inequality	HPI
1	7. Least developed region	5. Low income	784.1549	59.668	3.8	0.79	0.4265574	20.22535
2	7. Least developed region	3. Upper middle income	8617.6635	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
3	6. Developing region	4. Lower middle income	5992.6588	77.347	5.5	2.21	0.1651337	36.76687
4	6. Developing region	2. High income: nonOECD	38407.9078	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	geometry							
1	MULTIPOLYGON (((5310471 451...							
2	MULTIPOLYGON (((1531585 -77...							
3	MULTIPOLYGON (((1729835 521...							
4	MULTIPOLYGON (((4675864 313...							

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`library(sf)`



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```
class(World)
```

```
## [1] "sf"           "data.frame"
```

- **Vignette of the sf package**

# Attribute values and an abridged version of the geometry

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```
## Simple feature collection with 100 features and 6 fields
## geometry type:  MULTIPOLYGON
## dimension:      XY
## bbox:            xmin: -84.32385 ymin: 33.88199 xmax: -75.45698 ymax: 36.58965
## epsg (SRID):    4267
## proj4string:    +proj=longlat +datum=NAD27 +no_defs
## precision:      double (default; no precision model)
## First 3 features:
##   BIR74 SID74 NWBIR74 BIR79 SID79 NWBIR79
## 1 1091     1     10 1364     0     19 MULTIPOLYGON((( -81.47275543...
## 2 487      0     10  542     3     12 MULTIPOLYGON((( -81.23989105...
## 3 3188     5     208 3616     6     260 MULTIPOLYGON((( -80.45634460...
```

Simple feature

Simple feature geometry list-column (sfc)

Simple feature geometry (sfg)

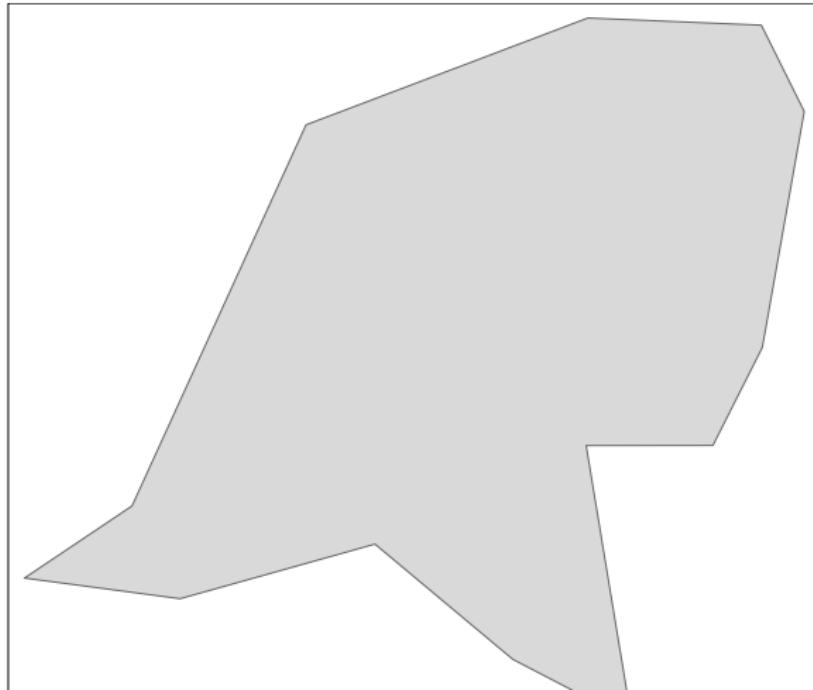
->

# Use another country

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```
tm_shape(World[World$name=="Netherlands", ]) +  
  tm_polygons()
```



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```
library(dplyr)  
library(ggplot2)
```

## Tools for Eurostat Open Data

```
library(eurostat)
```

```
# Download Geospatial Data from GISCO:  
df60 <- get_eurostat_geospatial(resolution = 60)  
# Same data - less detailed:  
df1 <- get_eurostat_geospatial(resolution = 1)
```

## The dataset

	<a href="#">id</a>	<a href="#">CNTR_CODE</a>	<a href="#">NUTS_NAME</a>	<a href="#">LEVL_CODE</a>	<a href="#">FID</a>	<a href="#">NUTS_ID</a>	<a href="#">geometry</a>	<a href="#">geo</a>
1	BG	BG	БЪЛГАРИЯ	0	BG	BG	[object Object]	BG
2	CH	CH	SCHWEIZ/SUISSE/SVIZZERA	0	CH	CH	[object Object]	CH
3	CY	CY	КУПРОС	0	CY	CY	[object Object]	CY

# A more detailed map of the Netherlands

```
plot(df60[df60$LEVL_CODE == 0 & df60$CNTR_CODE == "NL"])
```



# NUTS2 of the Netherland

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```
CE.sf <- df60 %>%
  filter(LEVL_CODE == 2 &
CNTR_CODE %in% c("NL")) %>%
  select(NUTS_ID)
plot(CE.sf,col=1:12)
```



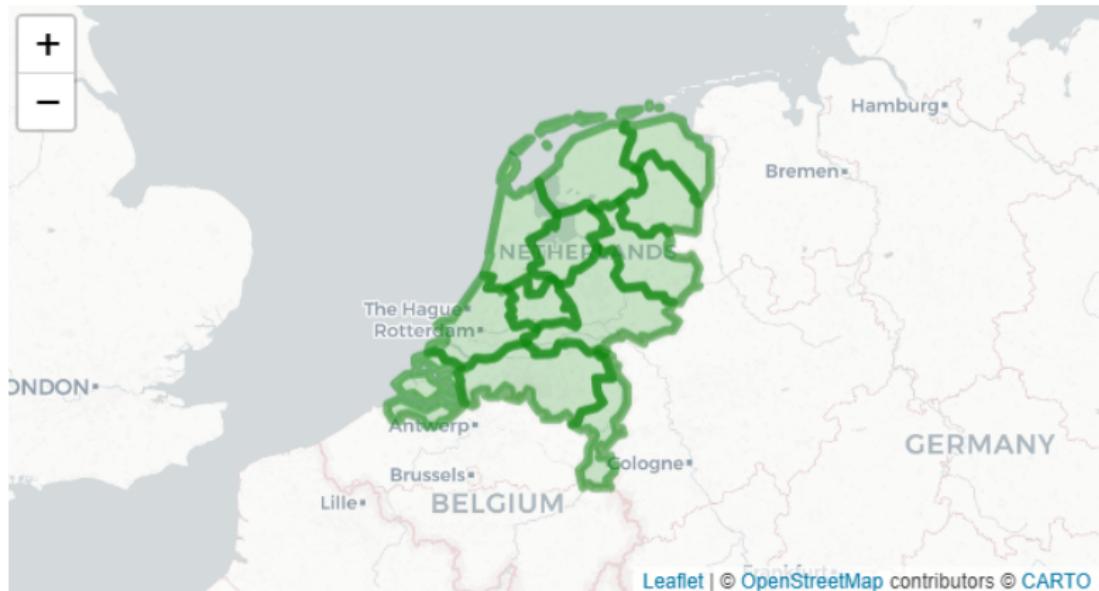
- NUTS 3 is the limit

# An interactive map of the Netherlands

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```
library(leaflet)  
leaflet(CE.sf) %>%  
  addProviderTiles("CartoDB.Positron") %>%  
  addPolygons(color = "green")
```

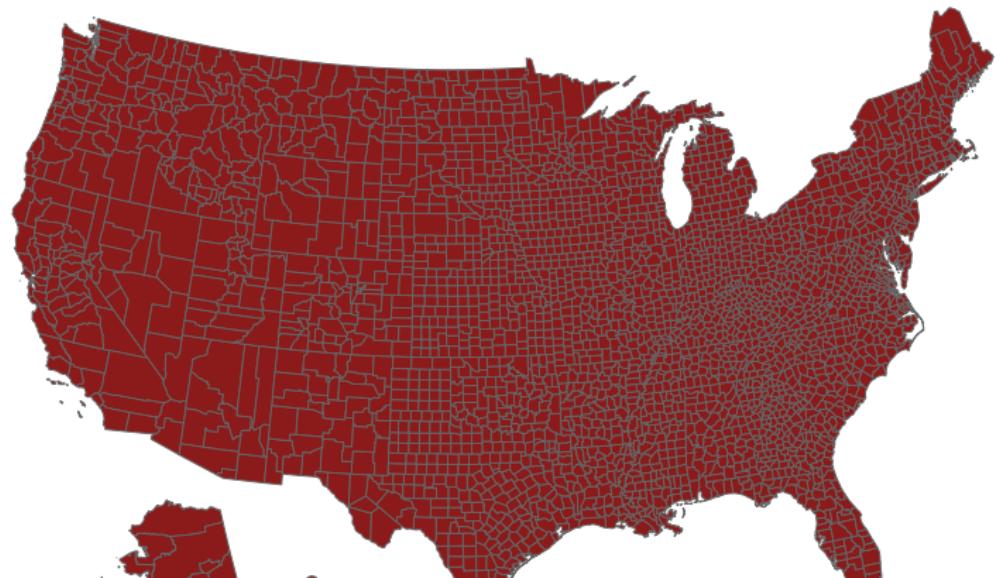


# The package `tidycensus`

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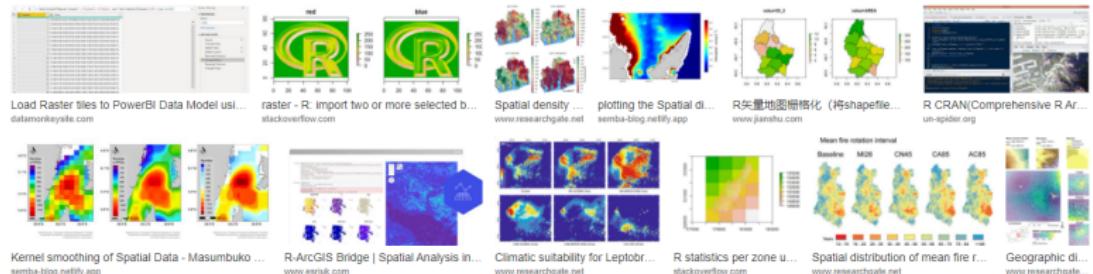
```
library(tidycensus)  
data(county_laea)  
  
qtm(county_laea, fill=c("#8B1A1A"))
```



# raster - Geographic Data Analysis and Modeling

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## Description:

Reading, writing, manipulating, analyzing and modeling of spatial data. The package implements basic and high-level functions for raster data and for vector data operations such as intersections.

## Author and contributors:

Robert J. Hijmans [cre, aut], Jacob van Etten [ctb], Michael Sumner [ctb], Joe Cheng [ctb], Dan Baston [ctb], Andrew Bevan [ctb], Roger Bivand [ctb], and many more

# Global Administrative Boundaries

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## Get the data

```
FRA4 <- raster:::getData('GADM', country='FRA',  
                           level=4)
```

## Overview of the data

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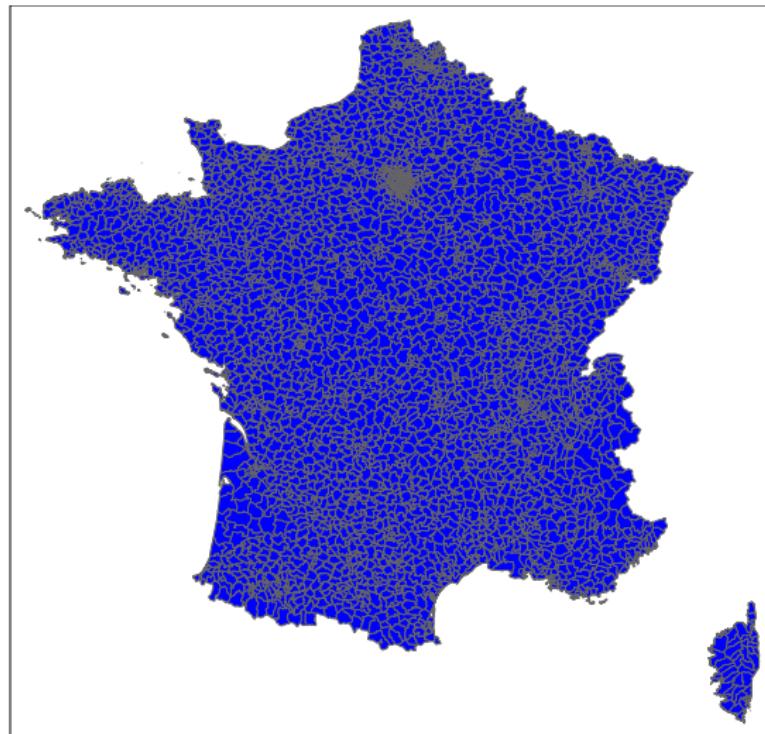
Show 10 entries											Search: <input type="text"/>
	GID_0	NAME_0	GID_1	NAME_1	GID_2	NAME_2	GID_3	NAME_3	GID_4	NAME_4	
1	FRA	France	FRA.1_1	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	FRA.1.1_1	Ain	FRA.1.1.1_1	Belley	FRA.1.1.1.1_1	Ambérieu-en-Bugey	
2	FRA	France	FRA.1_1	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	FRA.1.1_1	Ain	FRA.1.1.1_1	Belley	FRA.1.1.1.2_1	Belley	
3	FRA	France	FRA.1_1	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	FRA.1.1_1	Ain	FRA.1.1.1_1	Belley	FRA.1.1.1.3_1	Champagne-en-Valromey	
4	FRA	France	FRA.1_1	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	FRA.1.1_1	Ain	FRA.1.1.1_1	Belley	FRA.1.1.1.4_1	Hauteville-Lompnes	
5	FRA	France	FRA.1_1	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	FRA.1.1_1	Ain	FRA.1.1.1_1	Belley	FRA.1.1.1.5_1	Lagnieu	
6	FRA	France	FRA.1_1	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	FRA.1.1_1	Ain	FRA.1.1.1_1	Belley	FRA.1.1.1.6_1	Lhuis	

# Plot the map

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```
qtm(FRA4, fill="blue")
```

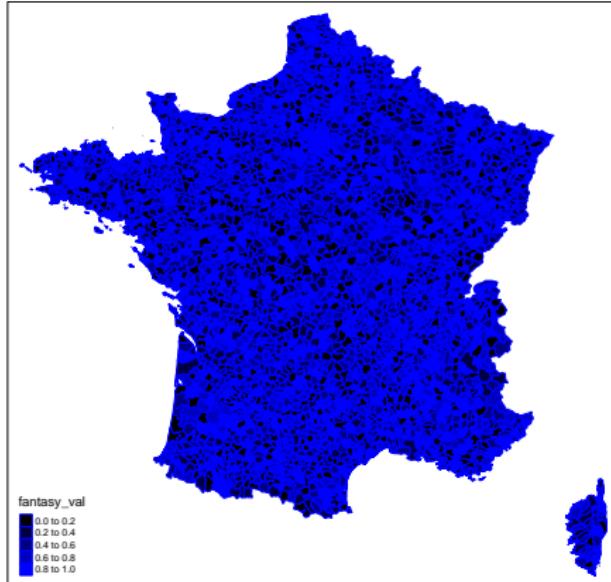


# Create colour gradation

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```
FRA4$fantasy_val <- runif(nrow(FRA4))
qtm(FRA4, "fantasy_val",
    fill.palette = rgb(0,0,seq(0,1,.1),0),
    borders = "blue")
```



# Example: Overpass API

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The screenshot shows the Overpass Turbo web application interface. At the top, there is a menu bar with options: Ausführen, Teilen, Export, Wizard, Speichern, Laden, Einstellungen, Hilfe, overpass turbo, and a search bar. Below the menu is a toolbar with icons for zooming, panning, and saving. The main area consists of two parts: a code editor on the left and a map on the right. The code editor contains the following Overpass query:

```
/*
This is an example Overpass query.
Try it out by pressing the Run button above!
You can find more examples with the Load tool.
*/
node
[leisure=playground]
((bbox));
out;
```

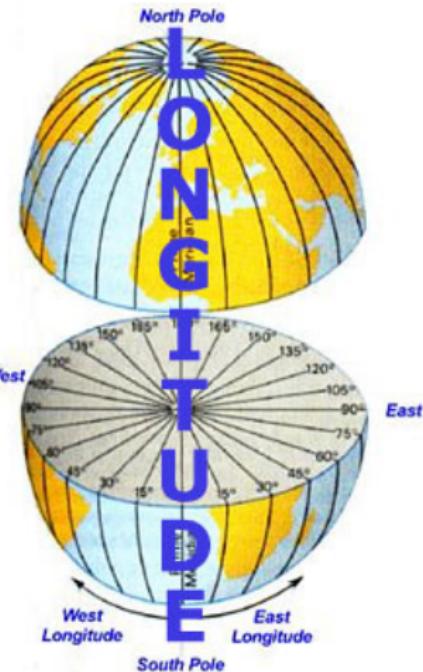
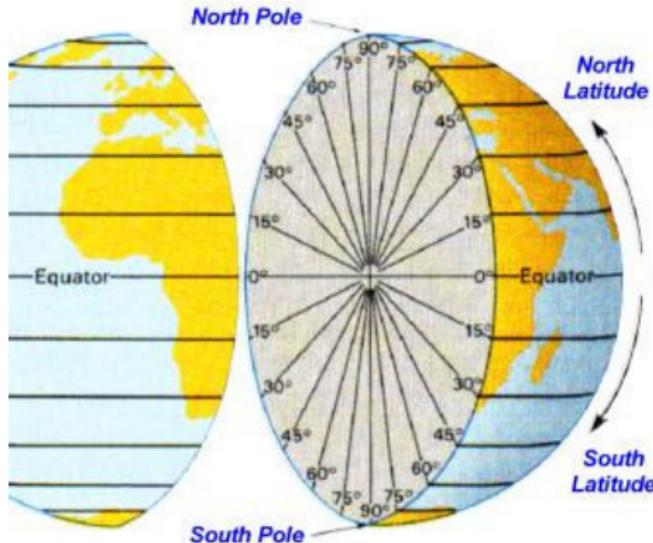
The map displays a geographic area with various locations labeled, such as Frankenthal (Pfalz), Kaiserslautern, and Ludwigshafen. Numerous blue circles are scattered across the map, representing the locations found by the Overpass query. The map also shows roads, rivers, and other geographical features.

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# tmaptools - Thematic Map Tools

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```
library(tmaptools)
```

Author: Martijn Tennekes

```
citation("tmaptools")
```

## Description

Set of tools for reading and processing spatial data. The aim is to supply the workflow to create thematic maps. This package also facilitates 'tmap', the package for visualizing thematic maps.

# Geocoordinates

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```
(gc_z <- geocode_OSM("Zürich"))

## $query
## [1] "Zürich"
##
## $coords
##           x           y
## 8.541042 47.374449
##
## $bbox
##       xmin     ymin       xmax     ymax
## 8.448006 47.320220 8.625441 47.434666
```

# Get more information

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```
gc_z <- geocode_OSM("Zürich",details = T)  
names(gc_z)
```

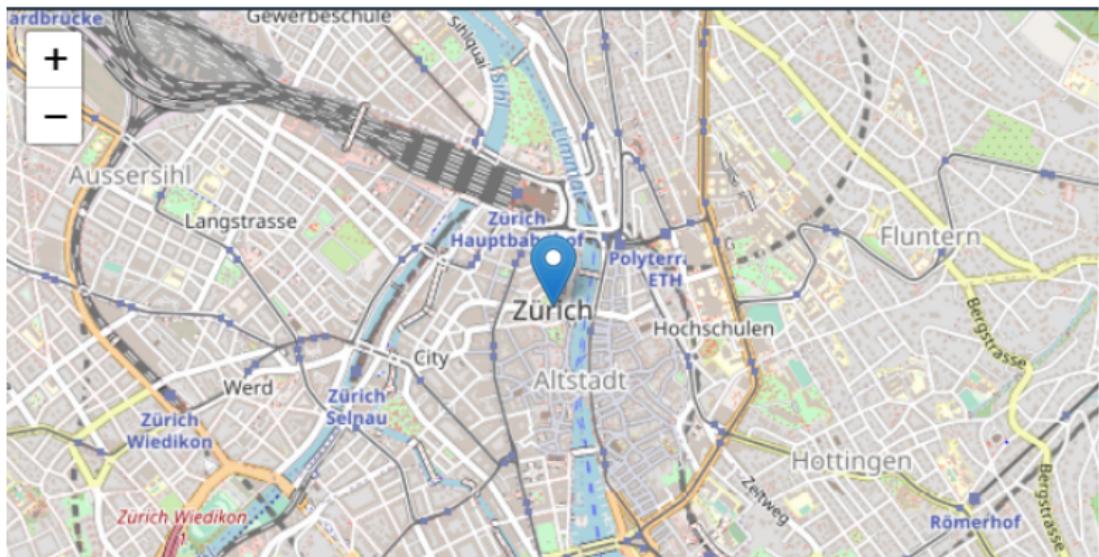
```
## [1] "query"          "coords"        "bbox"  
## [6] "osm_id"         "place_rank"    "display_name"  
## [11] "importance"     "icon"
```

# An interactive map with a popup

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```
library(leaflet)
gcz <- geocode_OSM("Zürich")
leaflet() %>% addTiles() %>%
  addMarkers(lng=gcz$coords[1] , lat=gcz$coords[2] ,
             popup="The conference place")
```



# A package to get Openstreetmap data

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Author: Mark Padgham

```
library(osmplotr)
```

```
citation("osmplotr")
```

The collage includes:

- A GitHub profile for "jan philipp" with a bio: "Meintest du: komplott".
- A screenshot of a map titled "Creating continuous coloured maps with osmplotr" from musardius.be.
- A screenshot of the GitHub repository "ropensci/osmplotr" showing a plot of OpenStreetMap data.
- A logo for "Bespoke Images of OpenStreetMap Data" featuring a blue hexagon with the R logo.
- A dark-themed map titled "osmplotr" from docs.ropensci.org.
- A screenshot of a tweet by Oxpjerry, Maria Averick, with a link to "Making awesome maps with osmplotr".
- A screenshot of the CRAN mirror "cran/osmplotr" on GitHub.
- A screenshot of the METACRAN page for "osmplotr".
- A screenshot of a map titled "Data Maps - OpenSci: osmplotr" from docs.ropensci.org.
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- A screenshot of a map titled "Create custom maps from openstreetmap - RECh" from gisfridat.netlify.app.

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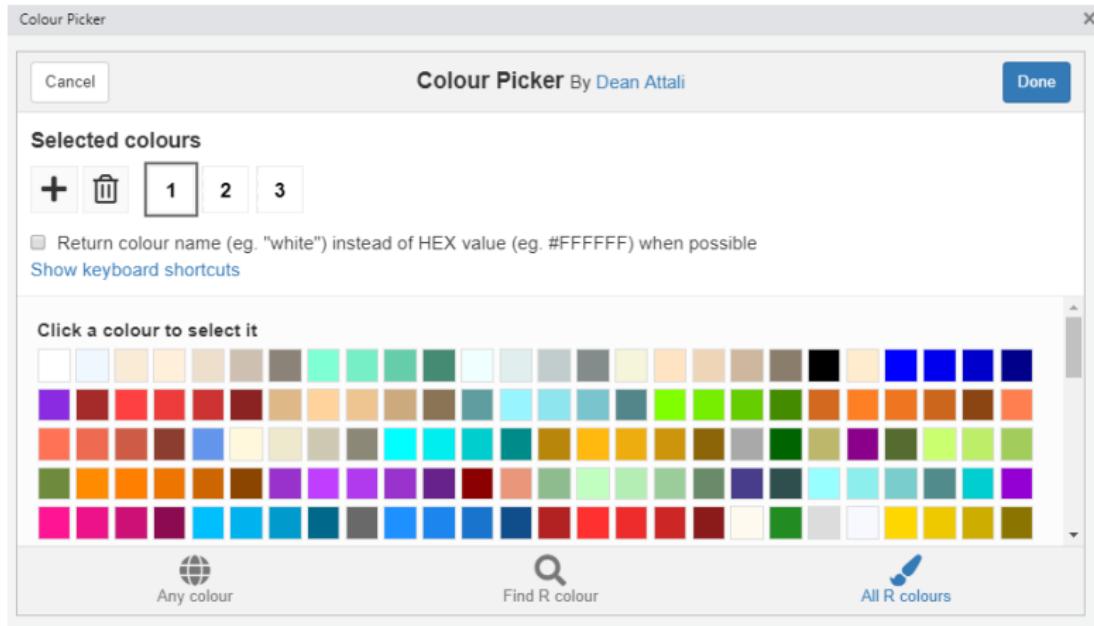
```
bbox <- get_bbox (c(8.4539 , 49.4805 ,  
                    8.4774 , 49.4943 ))  
dat_M <- extract_osm_objects (key = 'building',  
                                bbox = bbox)  
  
qtm(dat_M,fill=c("purple"),borders="black")
```



# Colour picker

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# The package osmdata

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## Install and load osmdata

```
install.packages("osmdata")
```

```
library(osmdata)
```

## Get a bounding box for a city

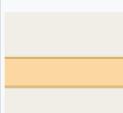
```
bbox <- getbb("Berlin")
```

# Streets of Berlin

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## OSM Map Feature key=highway value=primary

<b>highway</b>	primary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The next most important roads in a country's system.. (Often link larger towns.)	 
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## Get data with package osmdata

```
dat <- extract_osm_objects(key = 'highway',  
                           value = "primary",  
                           bbox = bbox)
```

# A quick map for the primary streets in Berlin

`qtm(dat)`



# Get data for secondary roads in Berlin

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## OSM map feature

highway

secondary



The next most important roads in a country's system. (Often link towns.)



## New Information - same bounding box

```
dat_s <- extract_osm_objects(key = 'highway',  
                           value = "secondary",  
                           bbox = bbox)
```

# Plot the map

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```
map <- osm_basemap(bbox = bbox, bg = "#F5F5DC")
map <- add_osm_objects(map, dat, col = "#00008B")
map <- add_osm_objects(map, dat_s, col = "purple")
print_osm_map(map)
```



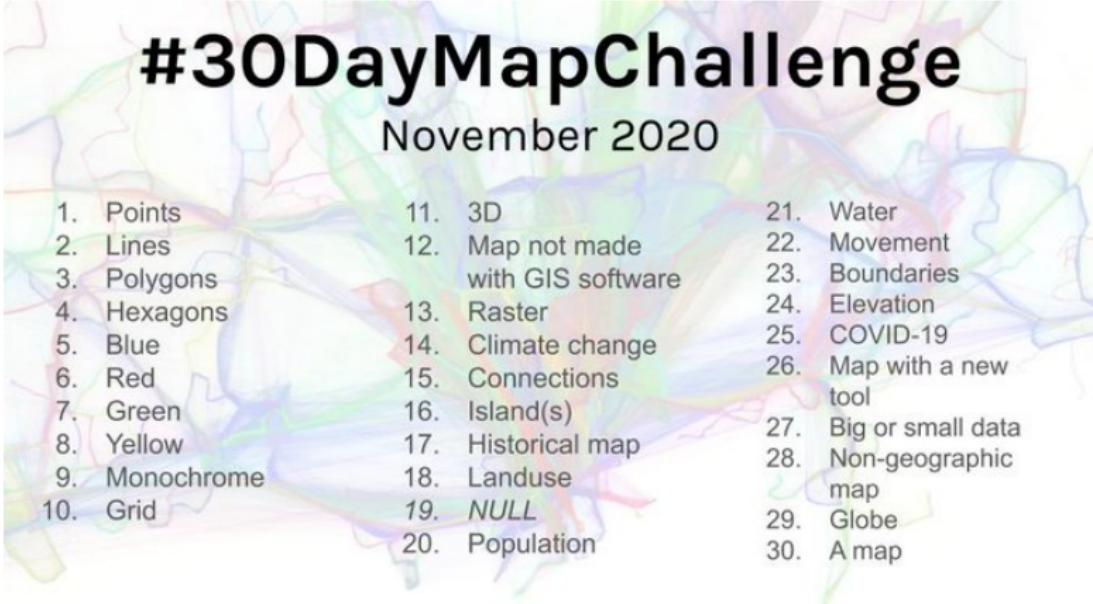
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# #30DayMapChallenge

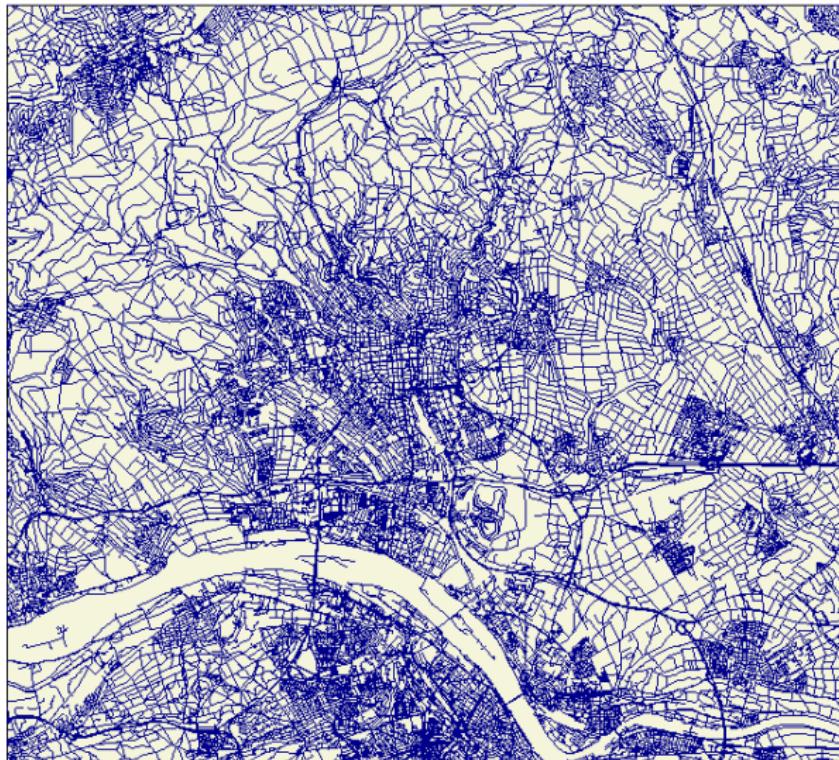
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1. Points
  2. Lines
  3. Polygons
  4. Hexagons
  5. Blue
  6. Red
  7. Green
  8. Yellow
  9. Monochrome
  10. Grid
  11. 3D
  12. Map not made with GIS software
  13. Raster
  14. Climate change
  15. Connections
  16. Island(s)
  17. Historical map
  18. Landuse
  19. *NULL*
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# Load example data

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## Data source Eurostat

- Data about unemployment in Europe

```
url <- "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Japhilko/  
GeoData/master/2015/data/Unemployment07a13.csv"
```

```
Unemp <- read.csv(url)
```

# Excursus: the command `match`

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## Create two example vectors

```
vec_a <- c("A", 2, 6, 1, "C")
vec_b <- c(1, "C", 2)
```

## Bringing the two vectors together

- With the function `match` you can see which element of the first vector matches the second vector.

```
match(vec_a, vec_b)
## [1] NA 3 NA 1 2
```

# Use the package tmap with your data

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```
library("tmap")
```

## Match the data

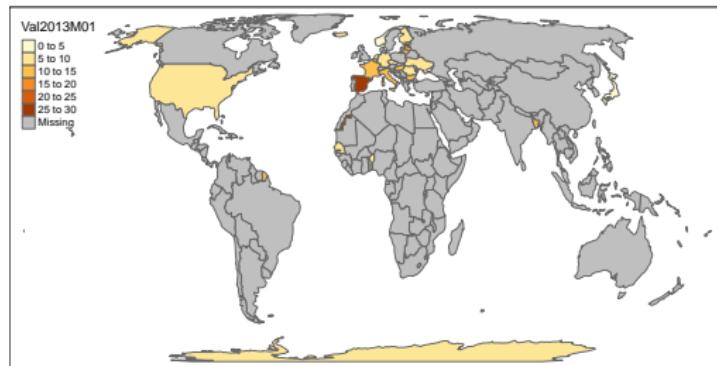
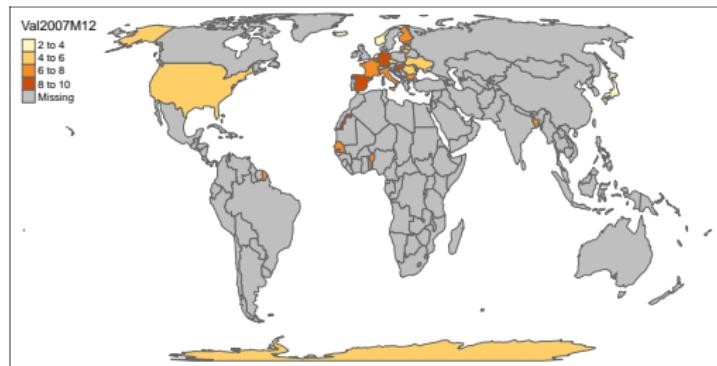
```
iso_a2<- substr(World$iso_a3,1,2)
ind <- match(iso_a2,Unemp$GEO)
World$Val2007M12 <- Unemp$Val2007M12[ind]
World$Val2013M01 <- Unemp$Val2013M01[ind]
```

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```
qtm(World,c("Val2007M12","Val2013M01"))
```

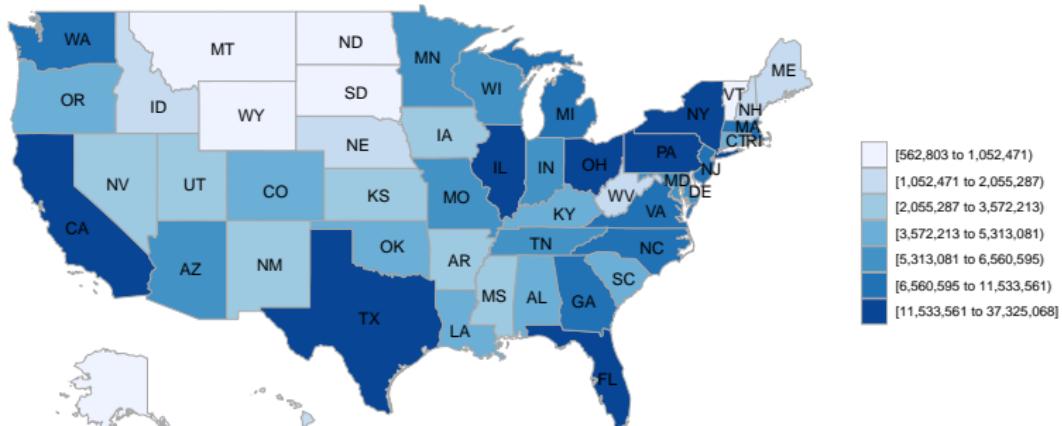


# The package choroplethrMaps

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```
library("choroletchr")
library("choroletchrMaps")
data(df_pop_state)
state_choroletch(df_pop_state)
```



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## Amenity

Used to map facilities used by visitors and residents. For example: toilets, telephones, banks, pharmacies, cafes, parking and schools. See the page [Amenities](#) for an introduction on its usage.

Key	Value	Element	Comment	carto-Rendering	Photo
<b>Sustenance</b>					
amenity	bar		<b>Bar</b> is a purpose-built commercial establishment that sells alcoholic drinks to be consumed on the premises. They are characterised by a noisy and vibrant atmosphere, similar to a party and usually don't sell food. See also the description of the tags <a href="#">amenity=pub;bar;restaurant</a> for a distinction between these.		
amenity	biergarten		<b>Biergarten</b> or <b>beer garden</b> is an open-air area where alcoholic beverages along with food is prepared and served. See also the description of the tags <a href="#">amenity=pub;bar;restaurant</a> . A biergarten can commonly be found attached to a beer hall, pub, bar, or restaurant. In this case, you can use <b>biergarten=yes</b> additional to <b>amenity=pub;bar;restaurant</b> .		

# Get more data from OSM

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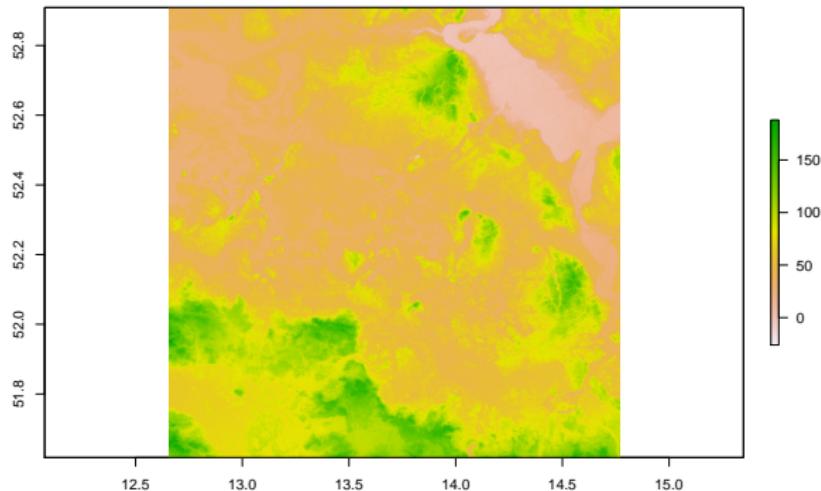
```
bars <- extract_osm_objects(key = 'amenity',  
                           #value = "bar",  
                           bbox = bbox)
```

# The elevatr package

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```
library(elevatr)
# load("data/dat_osm_barcelona_metro.Rdata")
elevation <- get_elev_raster(dat, z = 9)
plot(elevation)
```

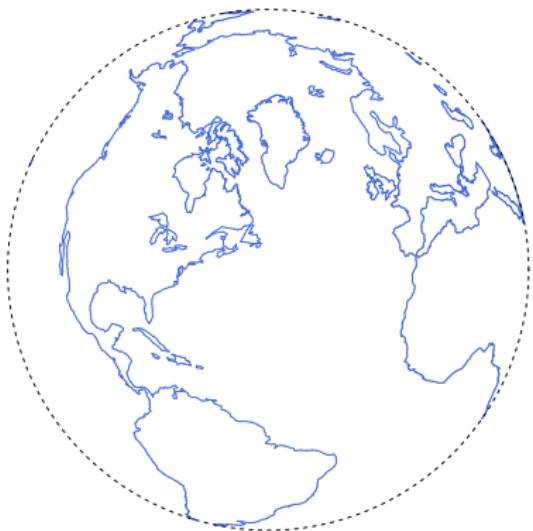


# Coming back to the world

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```
library(globe)  
globeearth(eye=place("titanic"), col="royalblue")
```



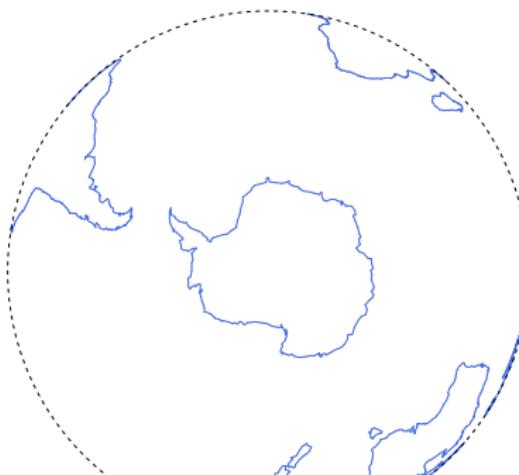
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'nedlands', 'curtin', 'perth', 'northpole', 'southpole', 'casey',  
'mawson', 'madrid', 'aarhus', 'aalborg', 'newyorkcity', 'titanic',  
'pyongyang', 'everest', 'kilimanjaro'

```
globeearth(eye=place("southpole"), col="royalblue")
```



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- github repo on osmplotr at **ropensci**; Intro to the package
- #30daymapchallenge
- Spatial Data Science

# Further resources

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- Tips for working with images in Rmd files