

## Data Analyst Nanodegree Assignment III—Wrangle OpenStreetMap Data

### **Map Area:**

For this project, I chose to analyze data from Toronto, Canada. I chose this region because it is the setting of my favorite detective show, *The Murdoch Mysteries*.

### **Benefits:**

The dataset does a good job of sorting out the various types of establishments and their counts. It is pretty easy to access the different types of nodes from the dataset just by running the queries. On a related note, the dataset is also a good indicator of how many different types of ethnic groups live in Toronto.

### **Problems:**

One problem that I noticed arose when I used sqlite3 to examine place names. There are two entries for Yola's (shown below): They are "Yola's" and "Yola's Nails, Hair Design & Esthetics." It is unclear whether these are in fact two completely separate places or the same place entered twice by mistake.

```
Yola's | 2  
Yola's Nails, Hair Design & Esthetics | 2
```

The same problem arises under yogurt shops. I found several misspellings and inconsistencies in their names, as shown below.

```
Yoguart's Froyo | 2  
Yogurt's | 2  
Yogurtys | 2  
Yogurtys Froyo | 2
```

On a related note, some places are entered multiple times with the same count. For example, Sherway Gardens Road is entered three times, once as "Sherway Gardens; The Queensway," another time as "Sherway Gardens; The Queensway; Evans Avenue; Browns Line," and once more as "Sherway Gardens; The Queensway; Evans Avenue; Browns Line 1 km / Dundas Street."

```
Sherway Gardens Road; The Queensway | 2  
Sherway Gardens Road; The Queensway; Evans Avenue; Browns  
Line | 2  
Sherway Gardens Road; The Queensway; Evans Avenue; Browns  
Line 1 km / Dundas Street | 2
```

The same issue arises in Sherwin Williams. In some instances, it is written as "Sherwin Williams" and in other instances it is written as "Sherwin-Williams." Other flaws include omissions of the word "Paints."

```
Sherwin Williams | 2
Sherwin-Williams Paint | 2
Sherwin-Williams | 2
Sherwin-Williams Paint | 2
Sherwin-Williams Pants | 2
```

### Relevant Demographic Data:

As I expected, the three most popular religions in Toronto are Christianity, Islam, and Judaism. The following snippet displays the religions represented in Toronto and the number of people who follow each religion (presumably in thousands).

```
christian | 660
muslim | 34
jewish | 18
buddhist | 10
hindu | 6
taoist | 6
eckankar | 2
scientologist | 2
sikh | 2
zoroastrian | 2
```

I also tried to determine the male-to-female ratio within Toronto, whereupon I ran into some problems. When I ran the query to determine the number of males, I got this result:

```
yes | 32
no | 2
```

But when I ran the query to determine the number of females, I was expecting:

```
yes | 2
no | 32
```

But instead I got:

```
yes | 22
```

This could possibly be due to men misidentifying themselves, because there is no “no” line when I ran the query for females.

### Different counts of the CSV:

After running the query to determine the size of each CSV, I discovered that there are 4,891,770 nodes, 716,252 ways, 4,650,570 nodes in tags, and only 1 tag in ways.

**Suggested Fixes:**

One way to fix the dataset would be to include places beginning with the same name under one umbrella. For example, instead of recording all instances of “Sherwin-Williams” separately, include them all under the “Sherwin-Williams” umbrella since they all have the same count (2).

Another way to fix the dataset would be to use Google Maps to try to sort the different types of establishments in Toronto. This would reduce the number of duplicate entries because they would improve the location services of the different types of establishments.

**Anticipated Problems:**

However, the fixes proposed above could have problems. For example, even Google Maps could fail because it would group establishments with the same name in different locations together. From the data that I obtained, it is difficult to determine whether repeat instances of certain establishments appear because of accidental reentry, or because they are franchises, in which case they would have multiple locations.

**Sources:**

I obtained the queries from the sample project found here:

[https://gist.github.com/carlward/54ec1c91b62a5f911c42#file-sample\\_project-md](https://gist.github.com/carlward/54ec1c91b62a5f911c42#file-sample_project-md)