

# Spatial Thinking with Python

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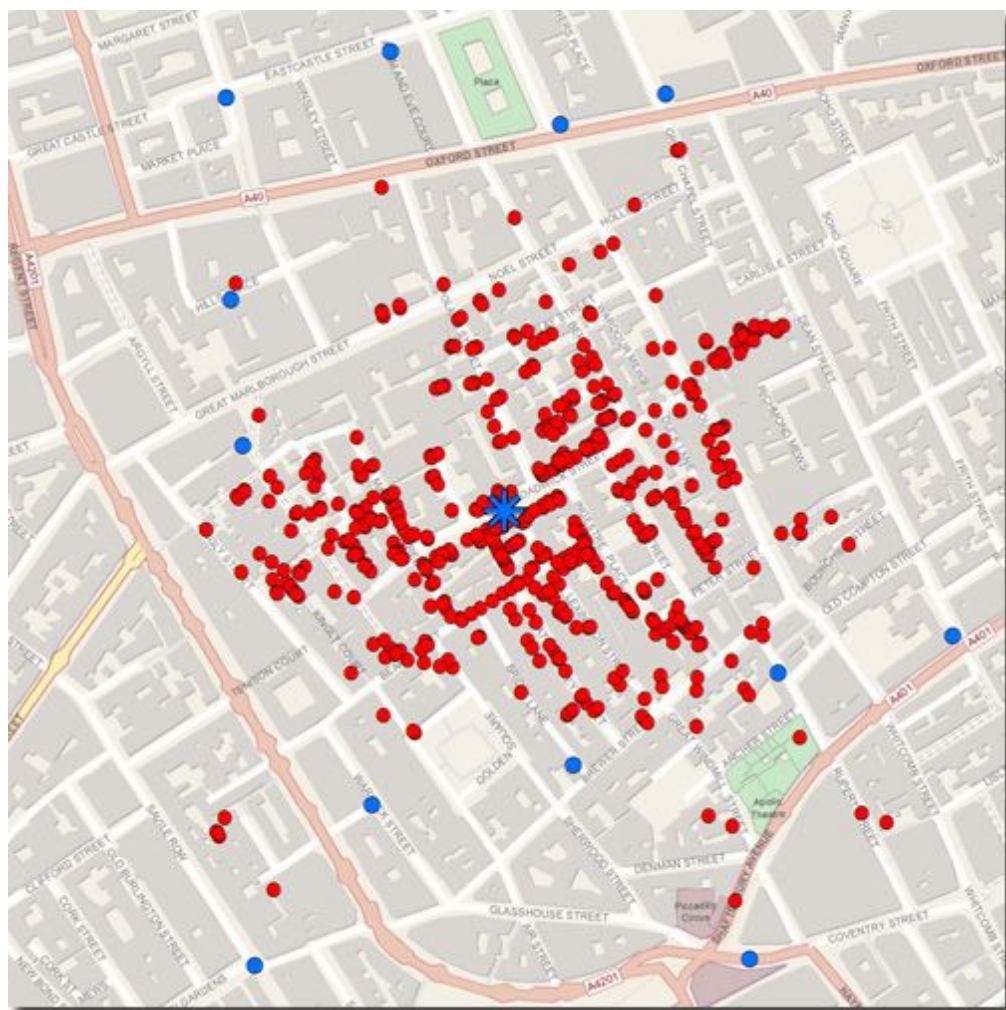


**That one person  
who appreciates  
memes**

**The geostory begins**

When you realize that John Snow was basically the first person to effectively make use of geospatial data





# Location Intelligence

Intelligence you acquire from spatial thinking

When you realize that spatial data doesn't get the attention it deserves





**WHAT IS GEOSPATIAL DATA ?**

**Geospatial data is any data with a geographic component that can be layered onto a map**

**Types of these  
geographic components ?**

## Vector

Points / Geometries  
/Shapes

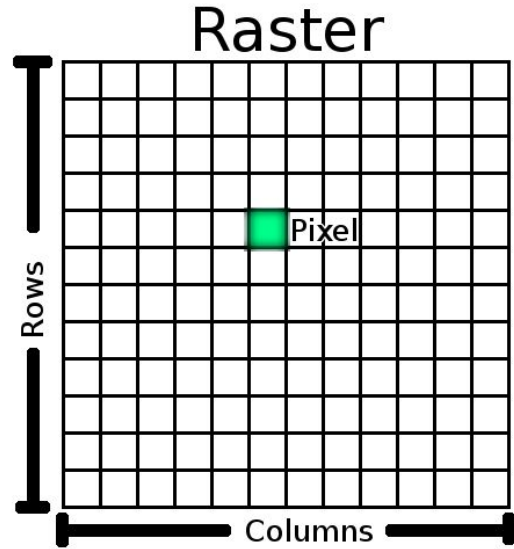
eg: Shapefiles, GEOJSON

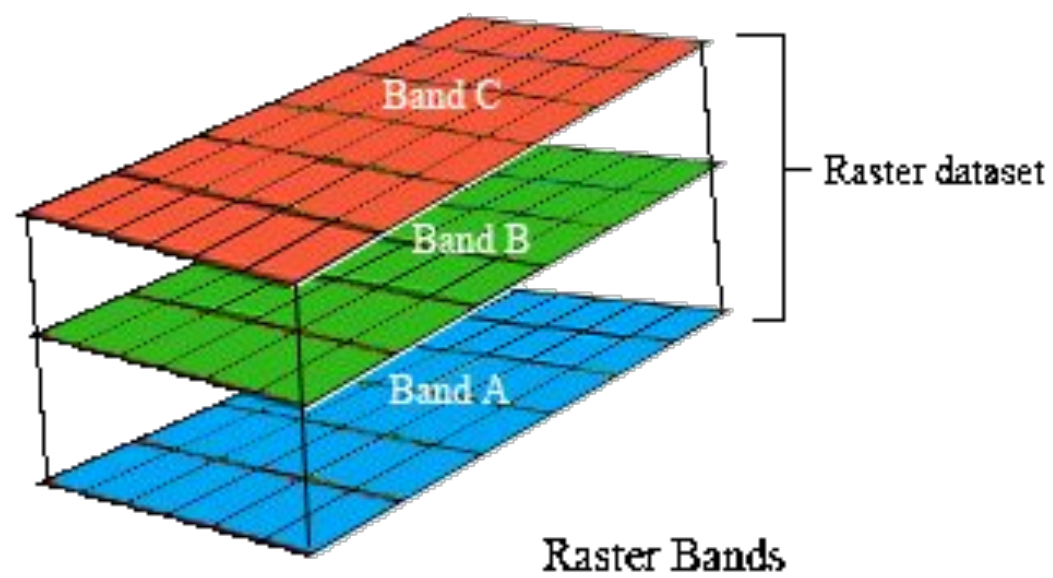
## Raster

Pixels with or without  
spatial metadata

eg: GEOTIFF, TIFF

# Raster Data





**We can get our Raster's degree now**



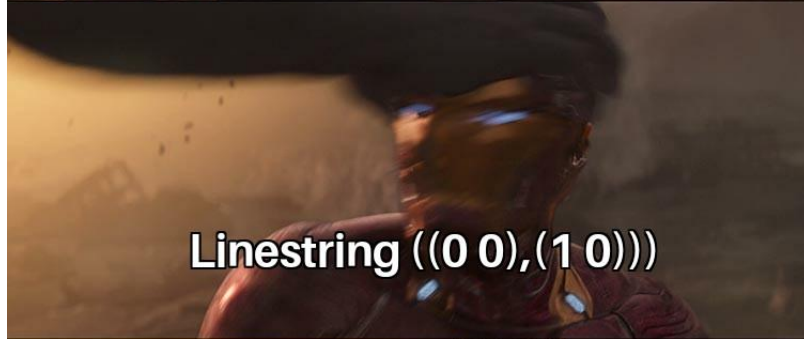
## **We can get our Raster's degree now**

- Monitoring and predicting natural phenomena like Hurricanes, Forest fires etc
- Do tons of cool analysis over time like calculating the Affluence of the area, Extent of vegetation, Types of buildings, Road network, Population, Nightlights.





My Compiler



Linestring ((0 0),(1 0)))



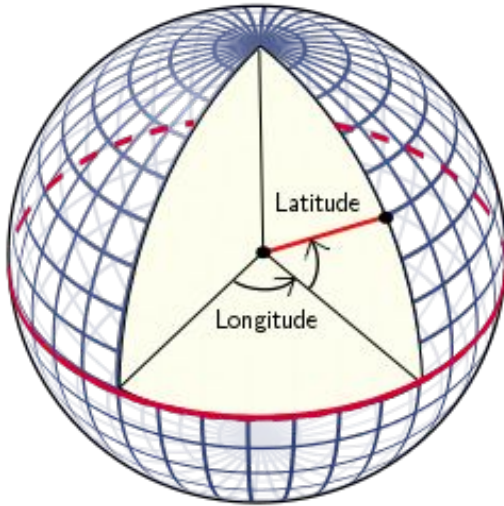
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Well Known text

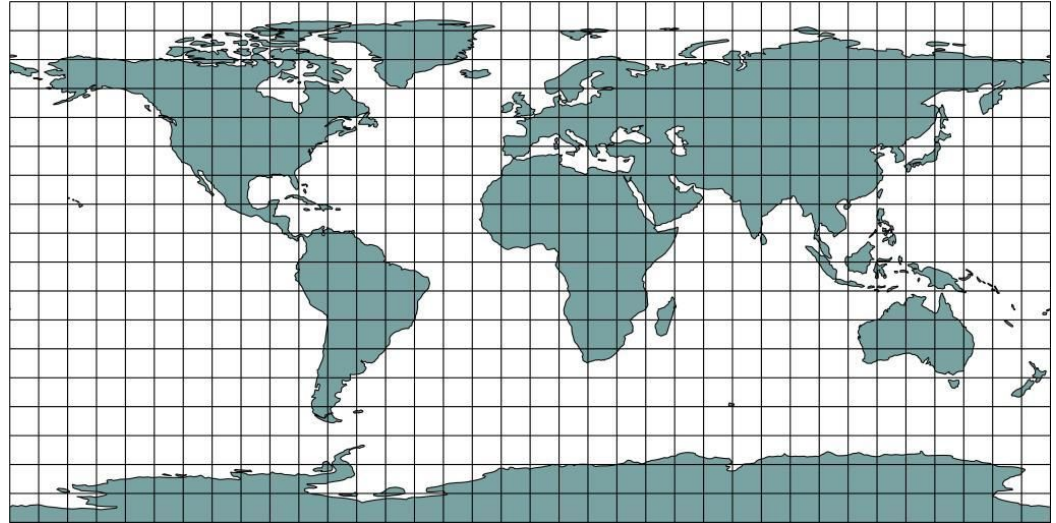
Well known binary

# Spatial Reference System

**Geographic coordinate systems**



**Projected coordinate systems**



Sentinel 2

Geotiff

KMZ

KML

Carto

SHP

Geojson

SHP

KML

GPX

ESRI

GeoRSS

GML

CSV

GSC

**Read/ Write/ Analyze**

Number of geospatial  
python libraries jumping  
from 10 to 1000



# GDAL / OGR

Geospatial Data Abstraction  
Library

YEAR 1998



154 raster and 93 vector  
geospatial data formats

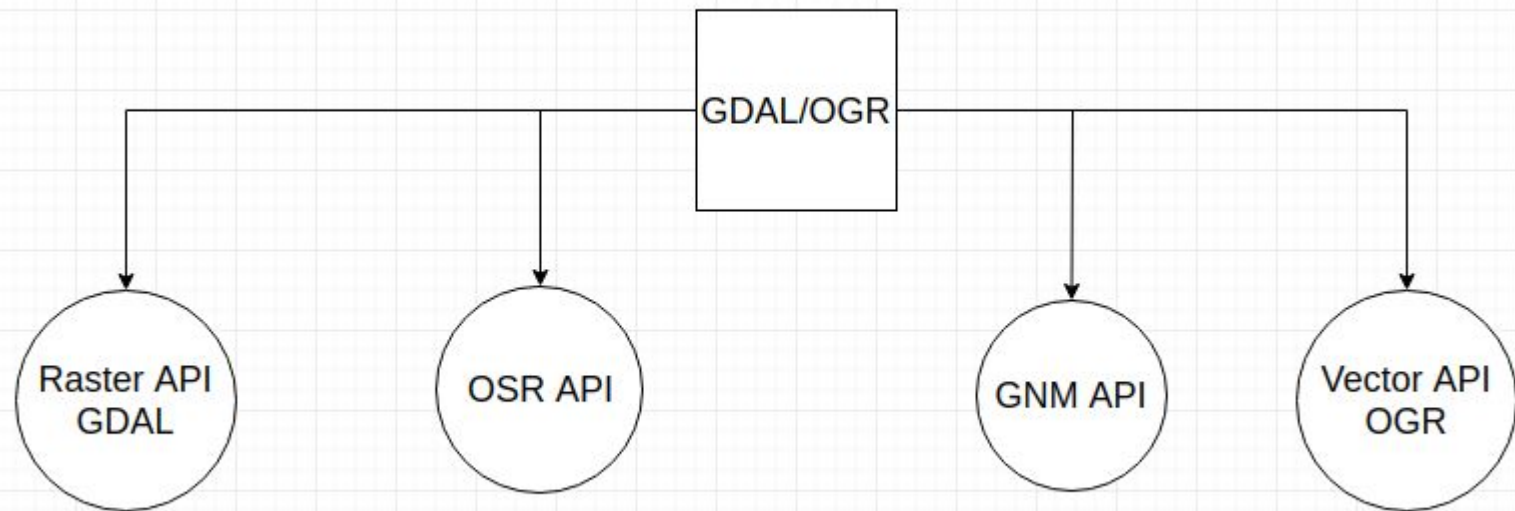
## ogr2ogr can convert data in PostGIS to KML

```
$ ogr2ogr -f "KML" \  
neighborhoods.kml \  
PG:"host=myhost user=myloginname dbname=mydbname password=mypassword" \  
-sql \  
"select gid, name, the_geom from neighborhoods" \  

```

## ogrinfo lists information about the data

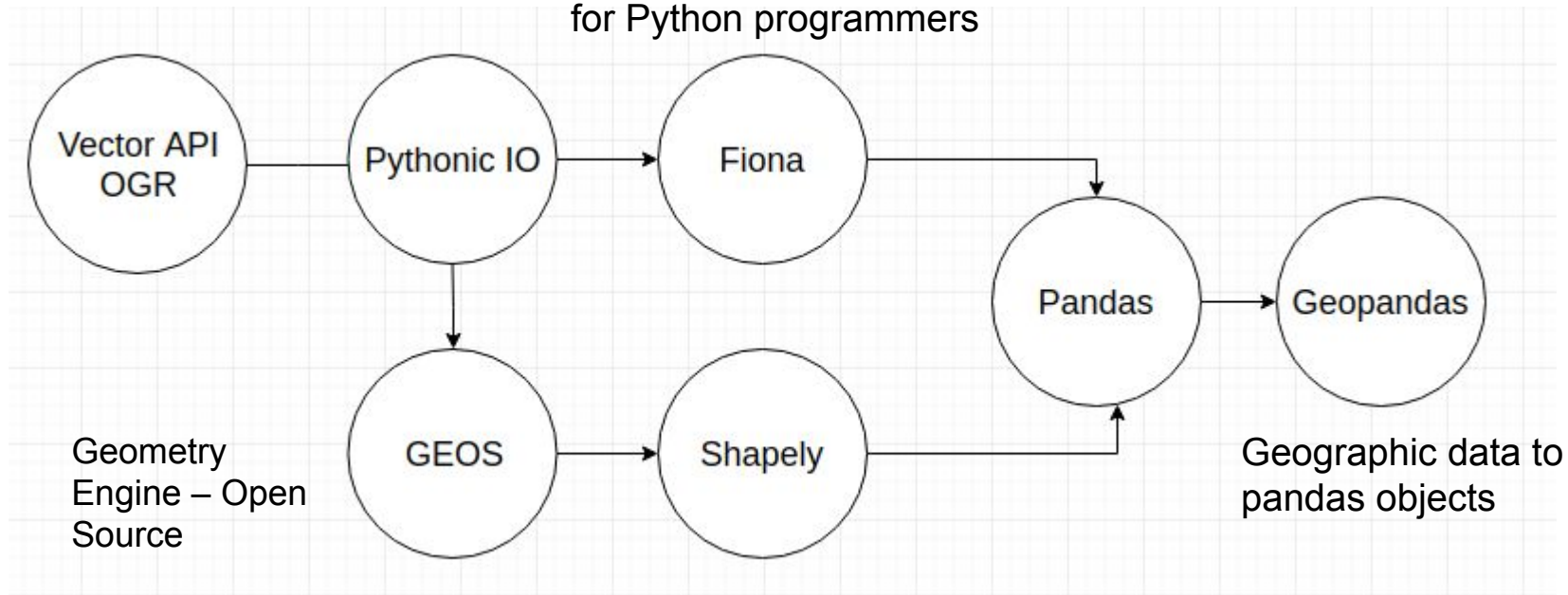
```
$ ogrinfo data/EXAMPLE.NTF
```



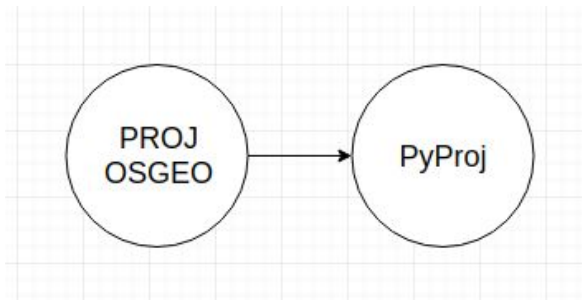


# Vector Data

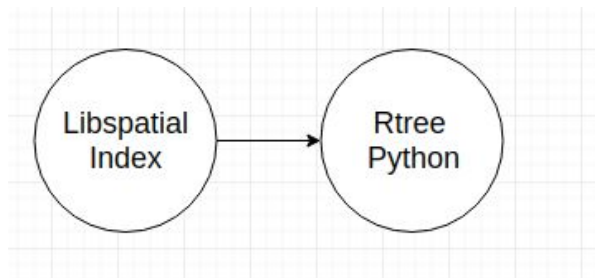
OGR's neat and nimble API  
for Python programmers



# OSR Projections / Rtree



Pythonic cartographic projections and coordinate transformations library



Advanced spatial indexing features

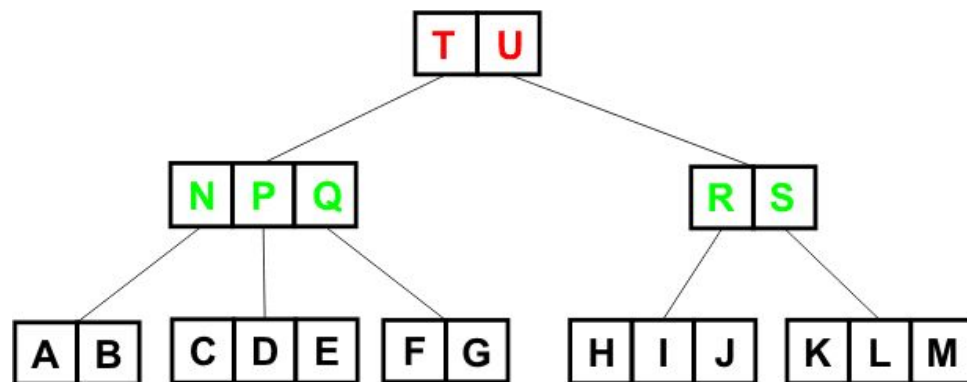
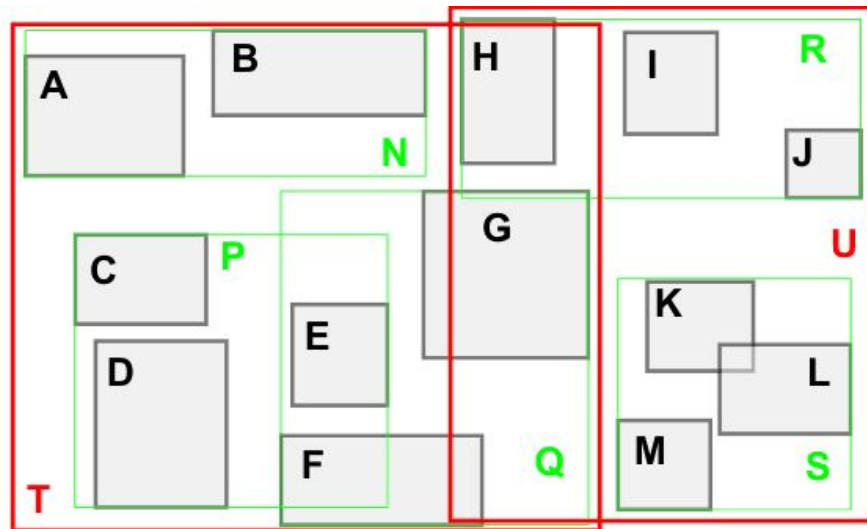
Fiona ,Shapely, Geopandas

# Indexing Geospatial Data

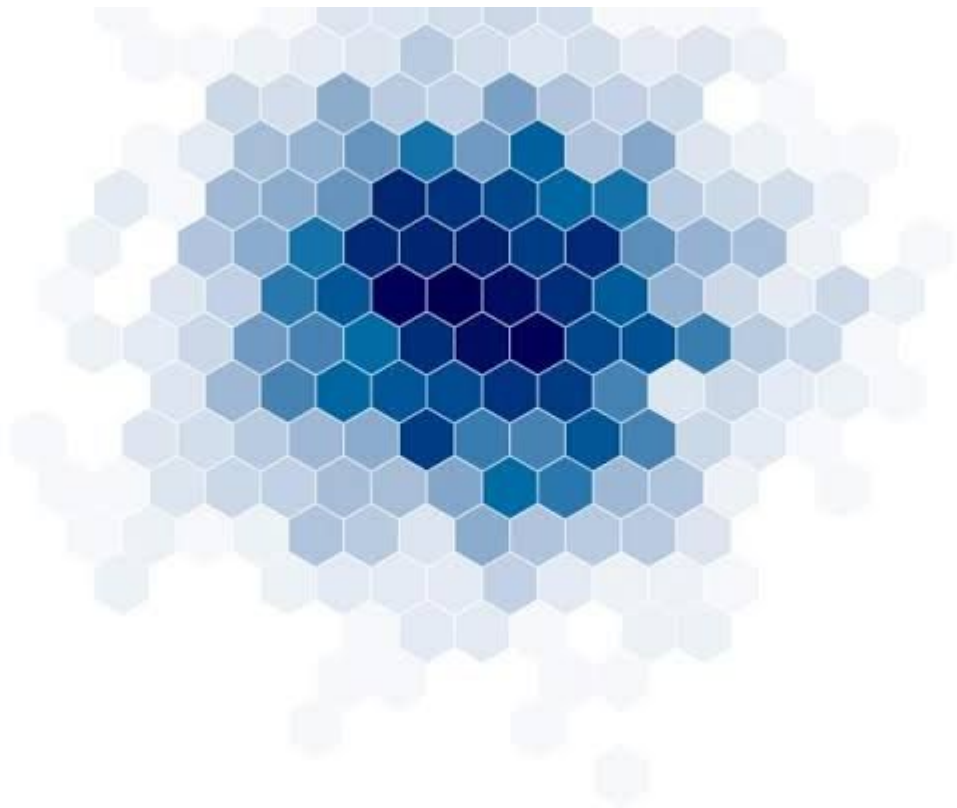
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Suppose you want to find all the geospatial points in a given radius  
Are you gonna iterate? HELL NAHHH

Use Spatial indices provided by the spatial extensions of traditional databases like postgres ( Postgis uses Rtrees )



# Hexagonal grid indexing (Uber H3)



```
SELECT superhero.name  
FROM city, superhero  
WHERE ST_Contains(city.geom, superhero.geom)  
AND city.name = 'Gotham';
```

# Raster Data



Rasterio reads and writes raster formats and provides a Python API based on N-D arrays.

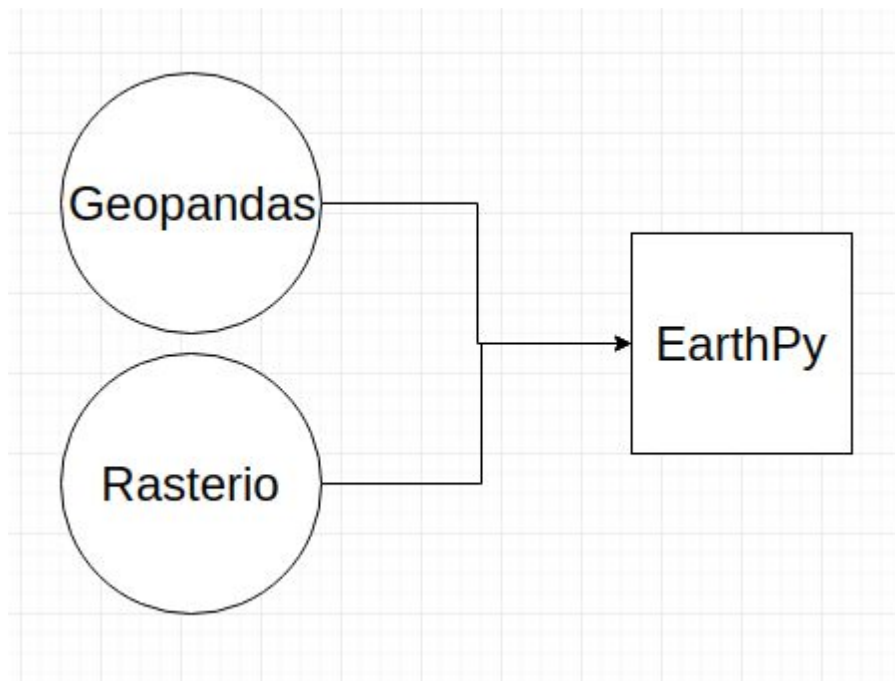


There are also packages than combine these existing packages that are actually wrappers on already existing packages (like inception)



Vector data

Raster data



## OSMNX (OSM + Networkx)

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Work with road network data from osm  
using networkx

Analyze and visualize street networks,  
routing , travel times etc

**Visualize**

When you plot and visualize all  
your spatial layers on a basemap





You need to know javascript to create  
such cool maps



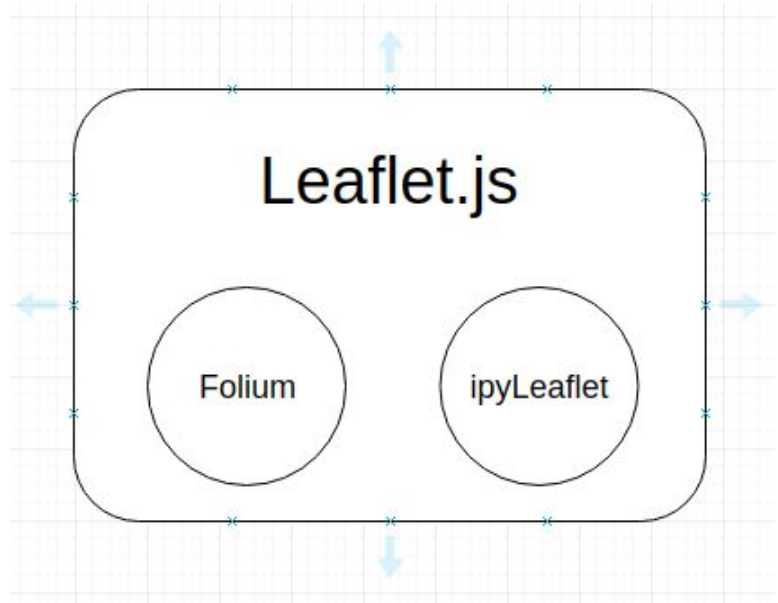
# Just Plot em

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Matplotlib (for everything)

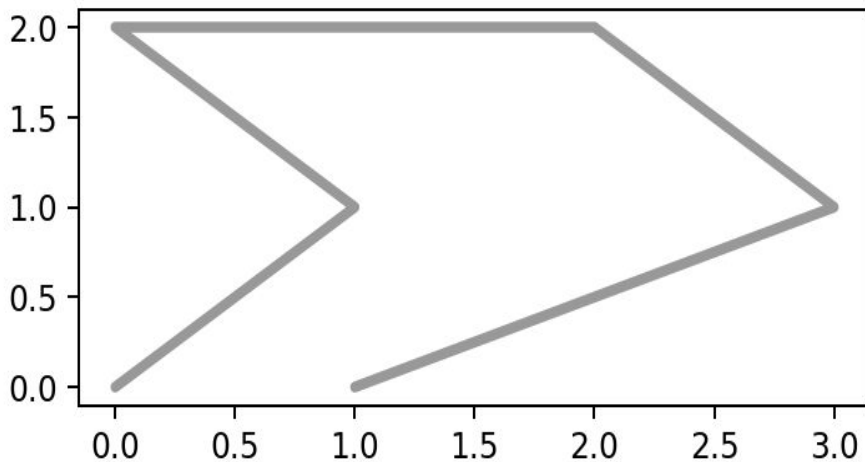
Leaflet / Openlayers / Mapbox

Plotly + Mapbox / Mapboxgl



# Geometry + Matplotlib = Descartes

Enables plotting of  
shapely geometries as  
matplotlib paths/ patches.





```
In [109]: import folium
import pandas as pd

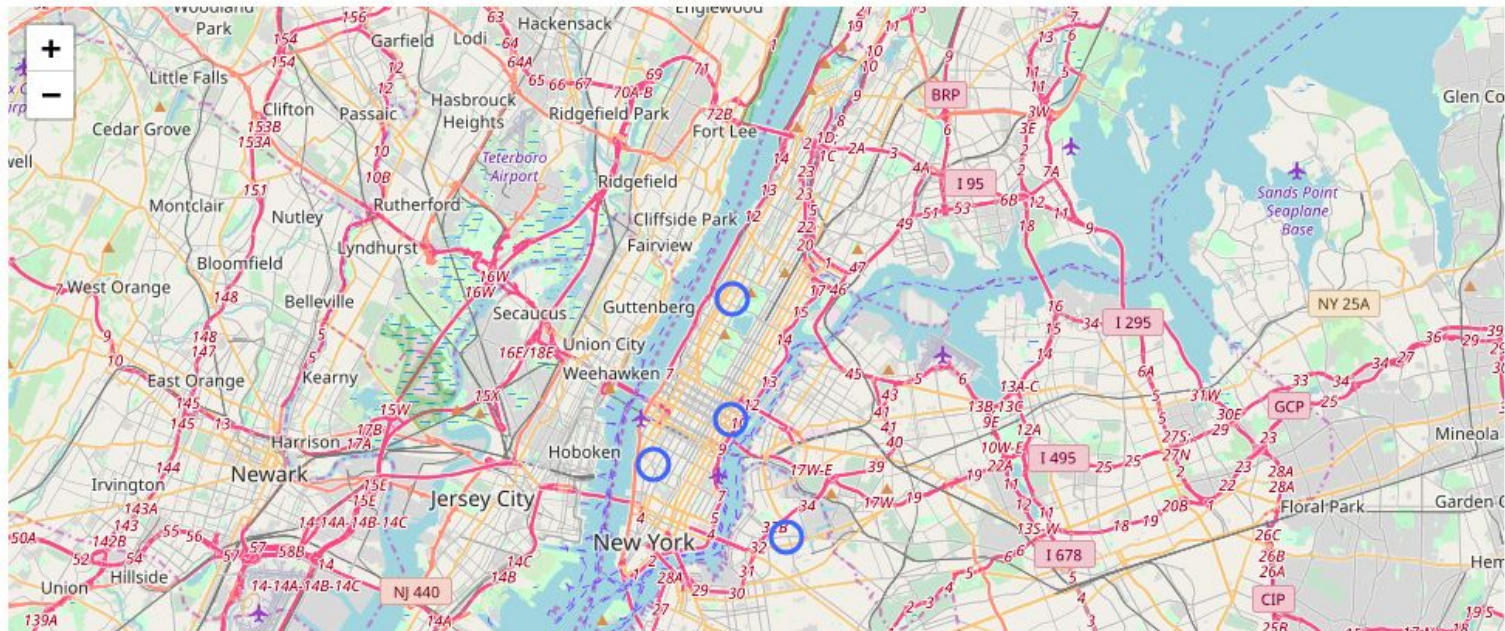
train_df = pd.DataFrame({'Latitude': [40.7145, 40.7947, 40.7388, 40.7539],
                          'Longitude': [-73.9425, -73.9667, -74.0018, -73.9677] })

map_osm = folium.Map(location=[40.742, -73.956], zoom_start=11)

train_df.apply(lambda row: folium.CircleMarker(location=[row["Latitude"], row["Longitude"]],
                                                radius=10)
               .add_to(map_osm), axis=1)

map_osm
```

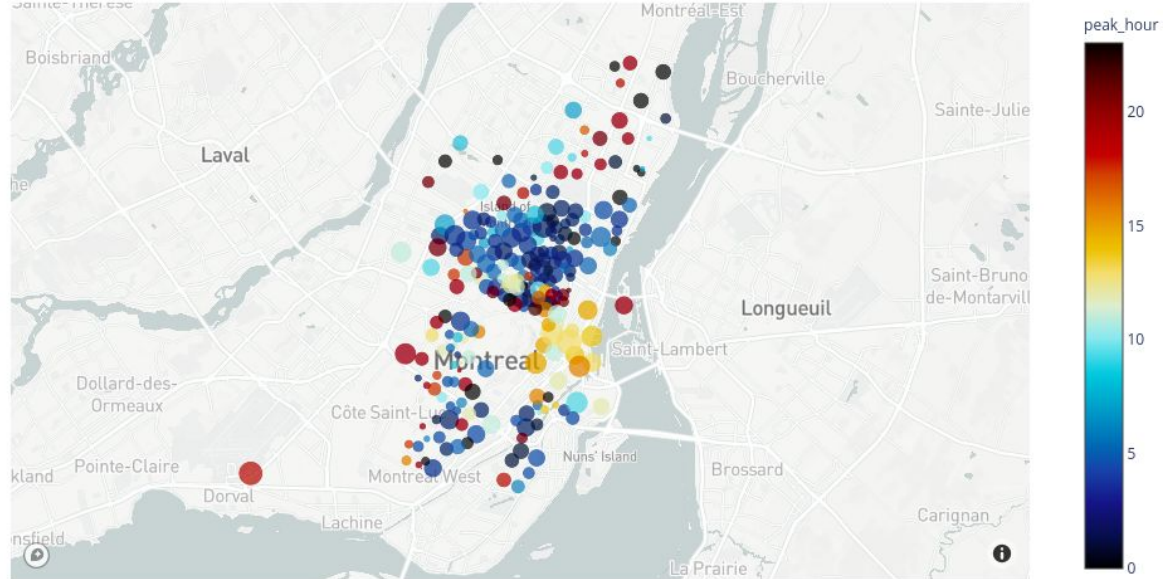
Out[109]:



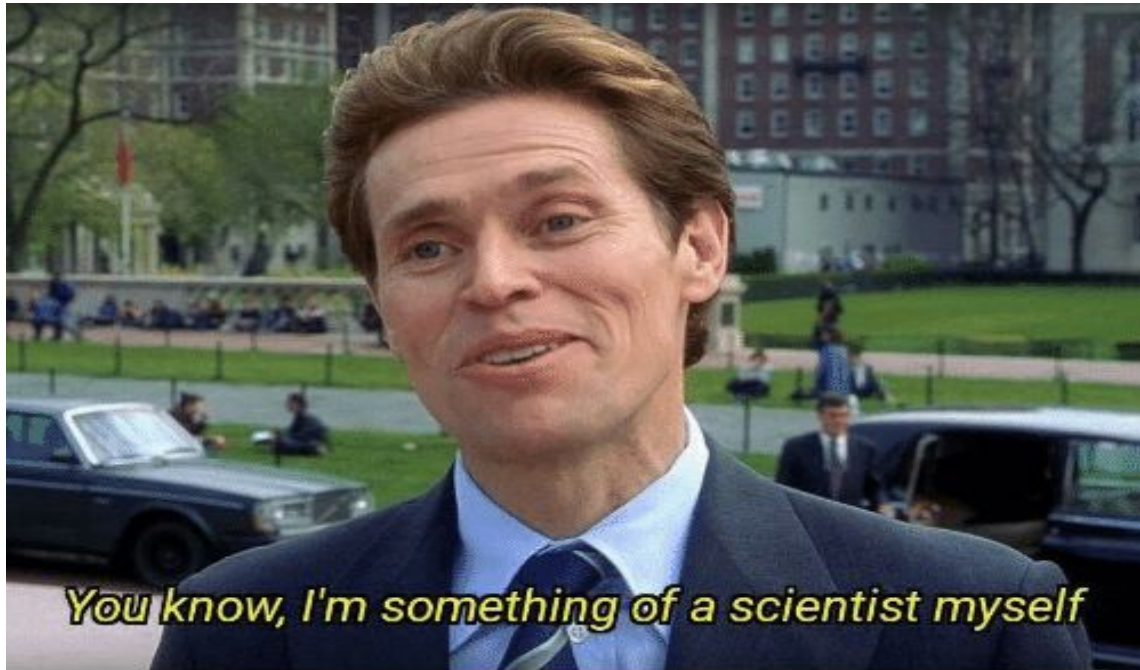
```

import plotly.express as px
px.set_mapbox_access_token(open(".mapbox_token").read())
carshare = px.data.carshare()
fig = px.scatter_mapbox(carshare, lat="centroid_lat", lon="centroid_lon", color="peak_hour", size="car_hours",
                        color_continuous_scale=px.colors.cyclical.IceFire, size_max=15, zoom=10)
fig.show()

```



Me after running  
import tensorflow as tf



# **PySAL: Python Spatial Analysis Library**

Spatially constrained Clustering

Spatio-temporal data analysis

Spatial regression and Statistical modeling



It's Code Time



**What's the POINT(12.22,73.32) ?**

# Marketing

# **GEO - Marketing**



# Your Apps Know Where You Were Last Night, and They're Not Keeping It Secret

Dozens of companies use smartphone locations to help advertisers and even hedge funds. They say it's anonymous, but the data shows how personal it is.

By JENNIFER VALENTINO-DeVRIES, NATASHA SINGER, MICHAEL H. KELLER and AARON KROLIK    DEC. 10, 2018

The millions of dots on the map trace highways, side streets and bike trails — each one following the path of an anonymous cellphone user.

One path tracks someone from a home outside Newark to a nearby Planned Parenthood, remaining there for more than an hour. Another represents a person who travels with the mayor of New York during the day and returns to Long Island at night.

# PennyWISE Decision Making



**Burger King** ✓  
@BurgerKing

how do you order a Whopper sandwich for a penny  
“at” McDonald’s? here’s how.

[#WhopperDetour burgerking.app.link/Dh8MTXeemS](https://burgerking.app.link/Dh8MTXeemS)



12:30 AM · Dec 5, 2018 · [Twitter Media Studio](#)

**2.1K** Retweets   **6.5K** Likes

# **GEO - Surge**

# That was UnUbercool

## How to identify surge in the app

When demand increases in a specific area, that neighborhood will change color. You can zoom into colored areas of your app's city map to see current surge pricing.

The colored areas of the map will range from light orange to dark red. Light orange areas represent small multipliers while dark red areas indicate large multipliers.

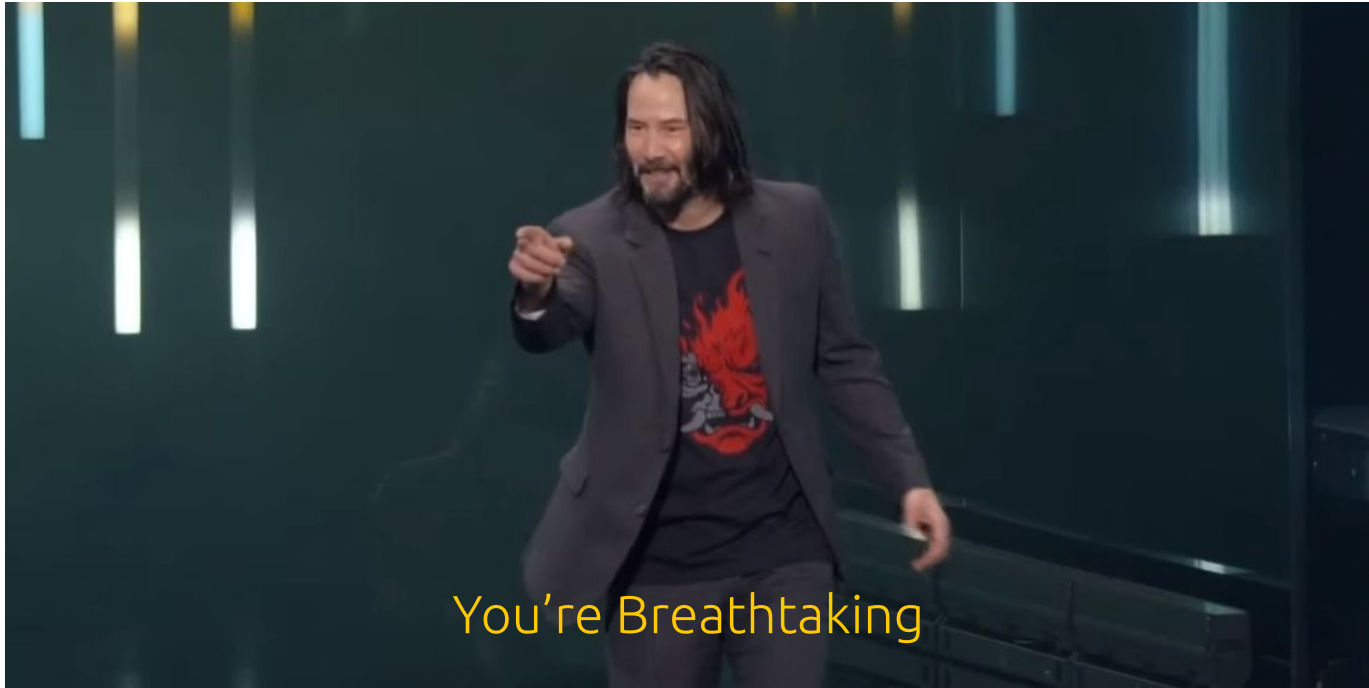
You can see the amount of surge pricing that will apply to a potential trip when you are deciding whether or not to accept a trip in the driver app.

How are surge prices calculated?





**Hey You.... Yes you :)**



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