Workshop 2: Cleaning Tree Locations with BAN API

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Steps Overview

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- 2. Understand the BAN API and how to make requests.
- 3. Write a function to retrieve addresses based on geolocation.
- 4. Parse the returned JSON data.
- 5. Update the database with formatted addresses.

Step-by-Step Instructions

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2. Understand the BAN API

The BAN API provides official addresses based on latitude and longitude.

API Endpoint:

https://api-adresse.data.gouv.fr/reverse/?lon=<longitude>&lat=<latitude>

• Example Request:

Example Response

The API returns a JSON object. Below is a sample response:

You will extract the following fields from the response:

- banld
- · name (address)
- · postcode
- city

3. Write a Function to Fetch Tree Location

Create a PL/pgSQL function that:

- Takes a tree ID as input.
- Queries the tree's longitude and latitude.
- Constructs the API request URL using the longitude and latitude.
- Sends a request to the BAN API.
- Returns the full JSON response.

4. Parse the JSON Response

Write another function that:

- Takes the **JSON response** from the API.
- Extracts and returns a set of:
 - banld
 - name
 - postcode
 - city

5. Add New Columns to the location Table

Update the location table to include:

- banId
- name
- postcode
- city

6. Write a Function to Update the Table

Create a third function that:

- Takes the extracted address fields (banld, name, postcode, city).
- Updates the corresponding columns in the location table.

7. Combine Everything in One Function

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- Calls the previous three functions sequentially:
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8. Test the Function on a Small Dataset

Run the combined function on a small subset of the database to ensure everything works correctly.

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--- more verbose version

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