Working With Street Addresses

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Common Problems

- 123 Main St S, Schenectady, NY 12345
- 123 Main Street S, Schenectady, NY
- 123 Main St South, Schenectady, NY 12345
- 123 Main Street South, Schenectady, NY 12345
- 123 Main St S, Schenectady, NY 12345
- 123 Main St S, Skanecktidy, NY 12346

Cliff Clavin



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cliff_Clavin

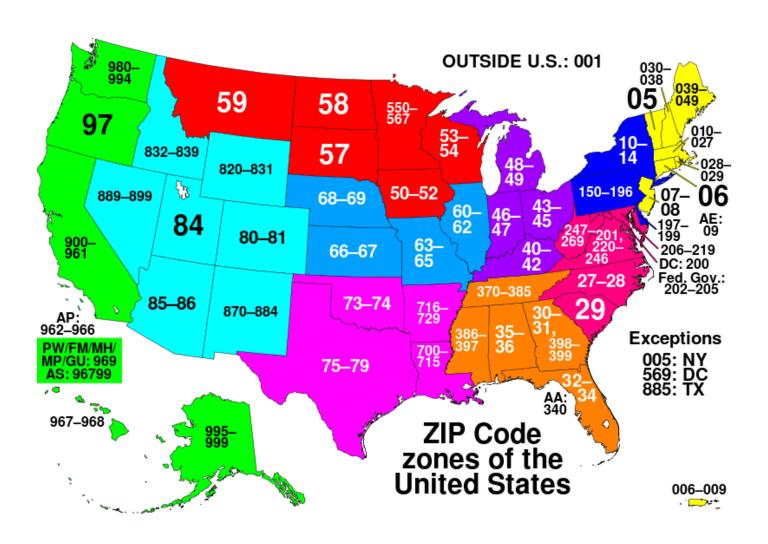
Postal Barcode

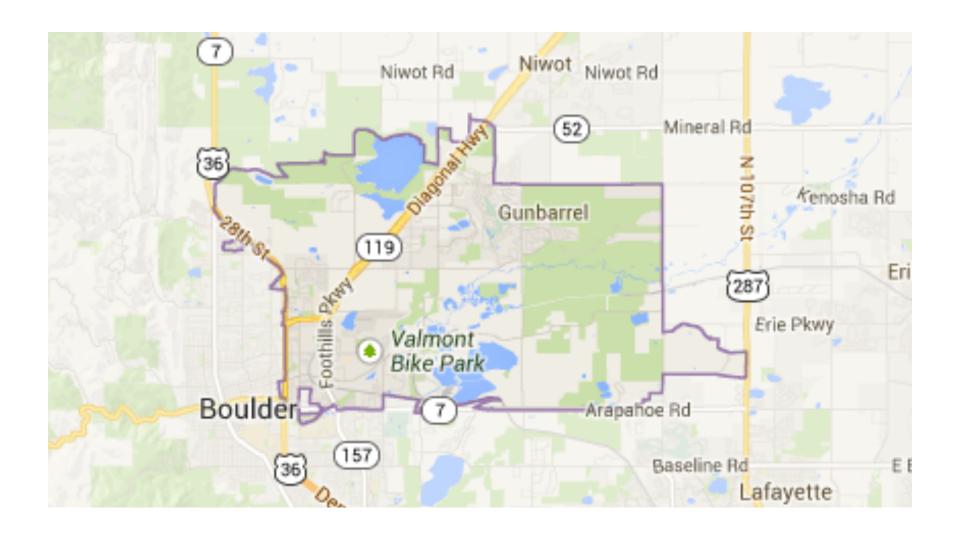




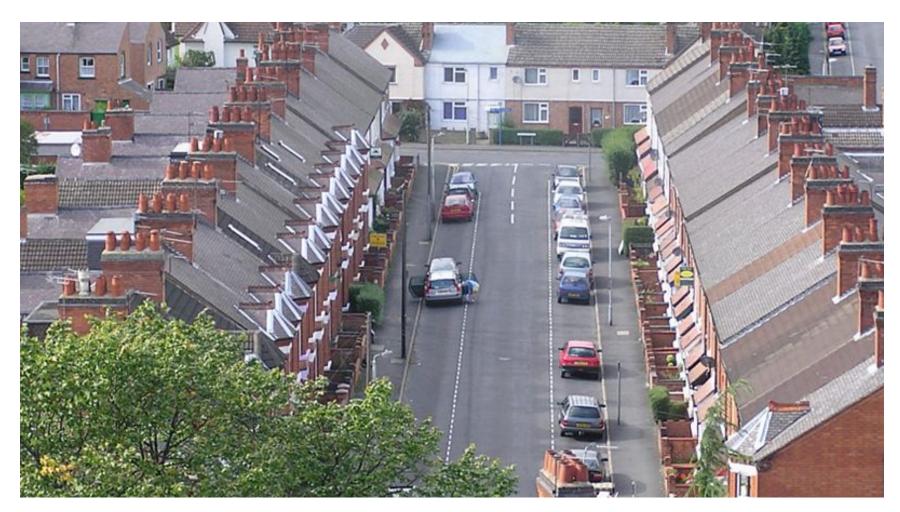
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Zip Code Zones





ZIP+4



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terraced_house

Highrise +4



Delivery Point



Final Delivery

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Unique Key



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Data Hygiene

Use 3rd Party Software to cleanup addresses:

- 1 Microwsoft Weigh, Redmund, WA =>
- 1 Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA 98052-8300
- Coding Accuracy Support Software (CASS)
- A list of CASS certified software vendors can be obtained from the USPS or by searching online.

Summary

- Use third party CASS software for data hygiene.
- Include standardized data & bar code elements in your dataset.
- Create an indexed key using the bar code data.
- Presentation & notes at https://github.com/brianlong/street address
- I will offer free CASS service for open data projects.

Questions?

- What if a property doesn't have a street address (e.g. vacant land)?
- What if the address is incomplete?
- Are there edge cases to be aware of?