OSM Hall Monitor:
Tracking objects, tags, and users

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OPPORTUNITY

► Create a lightweight automated tool to scan changesets

Basics of Package

osm_hall_monitor: python package

- ▶ Maintains databases of objects, users, and key/values to monitor,
- ▶ Scans diff files for any events that correspond to tracked things (minute to day resolution), and
- ▶ Provide a log of these events with optional notification.

osmhm_site: python package

- ▶ Provides front-end interface for database management and log viewing, and
- ▶ Allows authentication via OSM for multi-user setups.

Configuration

To get OSM Hall Monitor running after installation:

▶ Create database and user credentials, then supply them through environmental variables or directly in Python.

▶ Add something to track.

▶ Use the overarching run program that will download diff files in realtime and search for your tracked item.

Application Tracking a Tag: Pokestops

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OpenStreetMap Hall Monitor   User watch list   Object watch list   Key watch list   Admin panel   Logout

Keys on list

Clear this log

Last update: 2016-09-22T12:00:00Z

Key Watch List

Click a row to expand the actual changeset numbers.

Key	Value	Username	Changeset Count	Object Count	Delete User's Events
name	Pokemon Gym		1	1	✖
name	Pokemon		2	2	✖

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Other Sample Applications (From a DWG Perspective)

► Tracking users who have been blocked
► Watching particular objects
► Looking for incompatible sources

Wrapping Up...

- ▶ Big Brother for OpenStreetMap
- ▶ No *a priori* OSM database required
- ▶ Still in its infancy
- ▶ Collaboration and ideas welcomed!

Thanks!

http://github.com/ethan-nelson/osm_hall_monitor

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Demo (until it crashes):
http://osm-hall-monitor.herokuapp.com