

# Garbage Collection with FOSS4G

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# This Old Earth

"This old earth  
Needs our help  
To stay fresh and clean and green  
With a pick it up; pitch it in; and throw it in the can--  
This old earth needs a helping hand!"

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# The Problem

Sustainable City

Waste output

Garbage Collection

Using FOSS4G tools

Montevideo City

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# Sustainable City

Consideration of  
environmental impact

Minimization of

- Required inputs of energy
- Waste output
- Pollution

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# Waste Output

- Household waste
- Industry waste
- Dry waste
- Wet waste (organic)
- Recyclable waste



# Garbage Collection

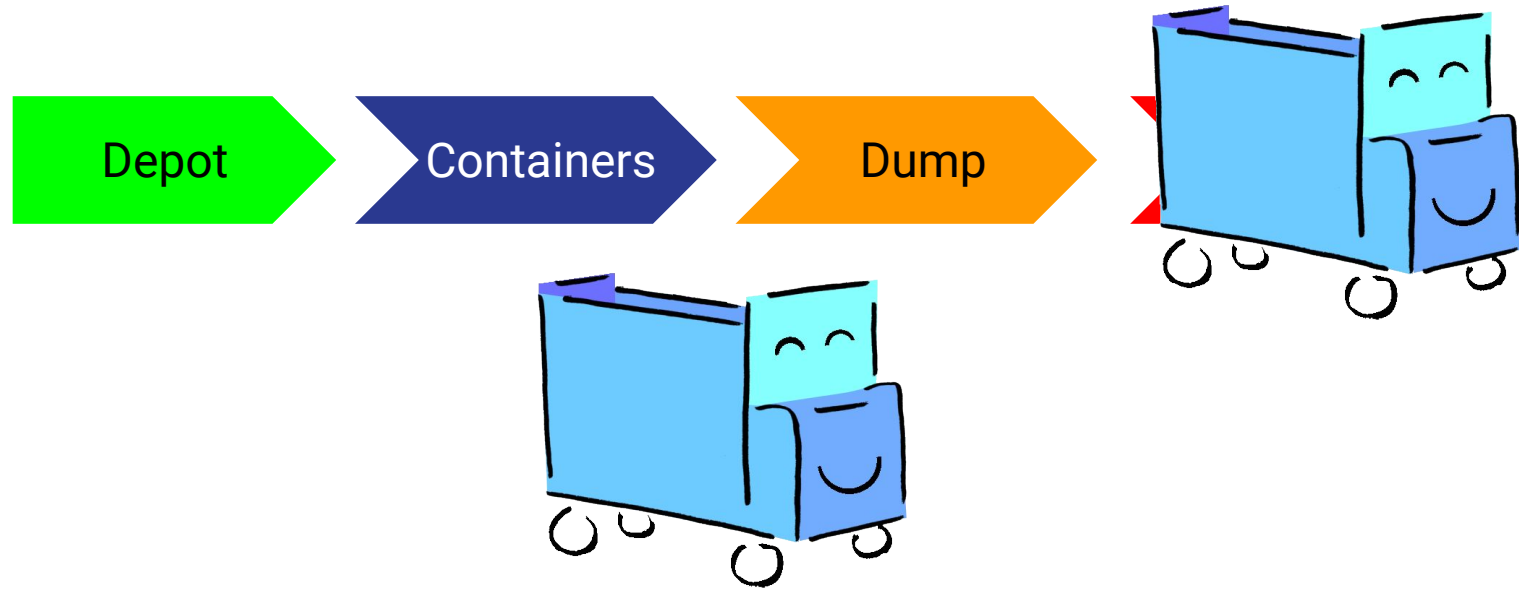
VRP

Vehicle  
Routing  
Problem

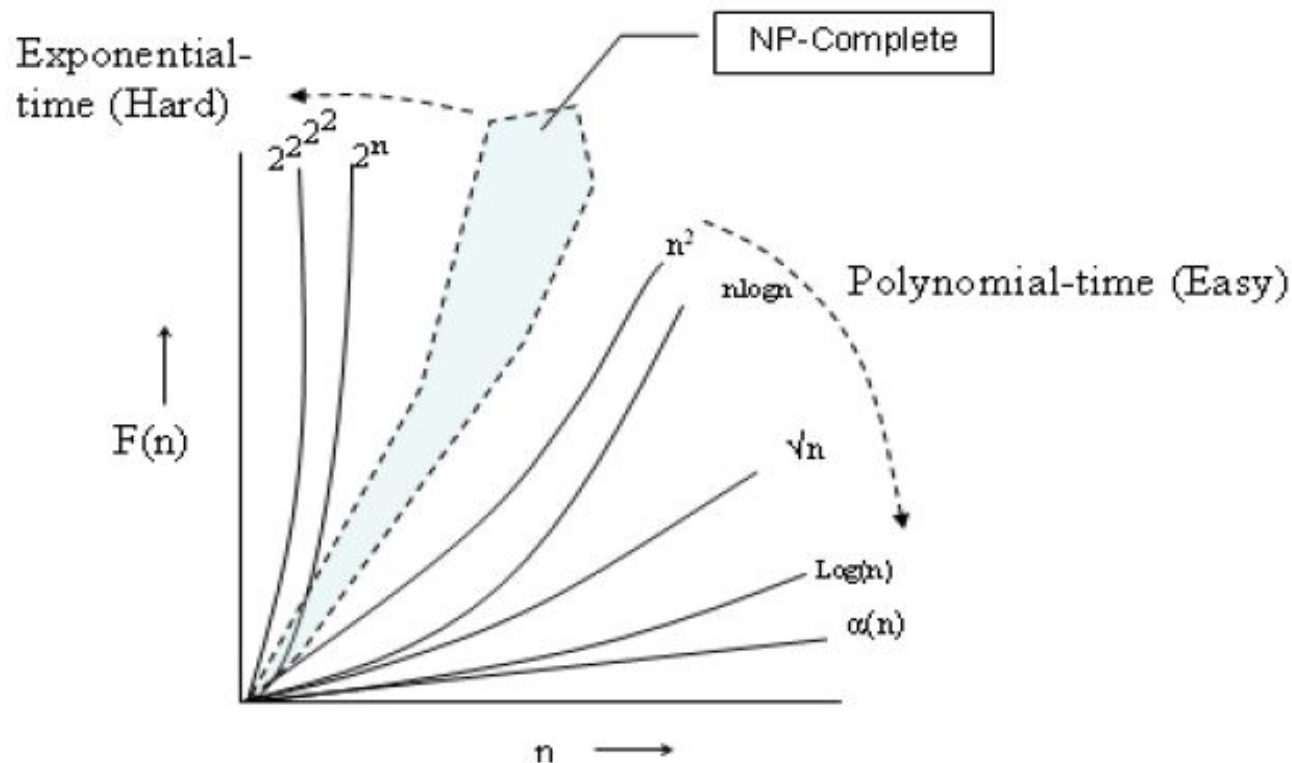
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# VRP simple Truck's trip



# NP Problem:



# VRP: variants

## CVRP

C = capacity

The vehicles have limited carrying capacity.

## VRPMT

M = Multiple T = trips

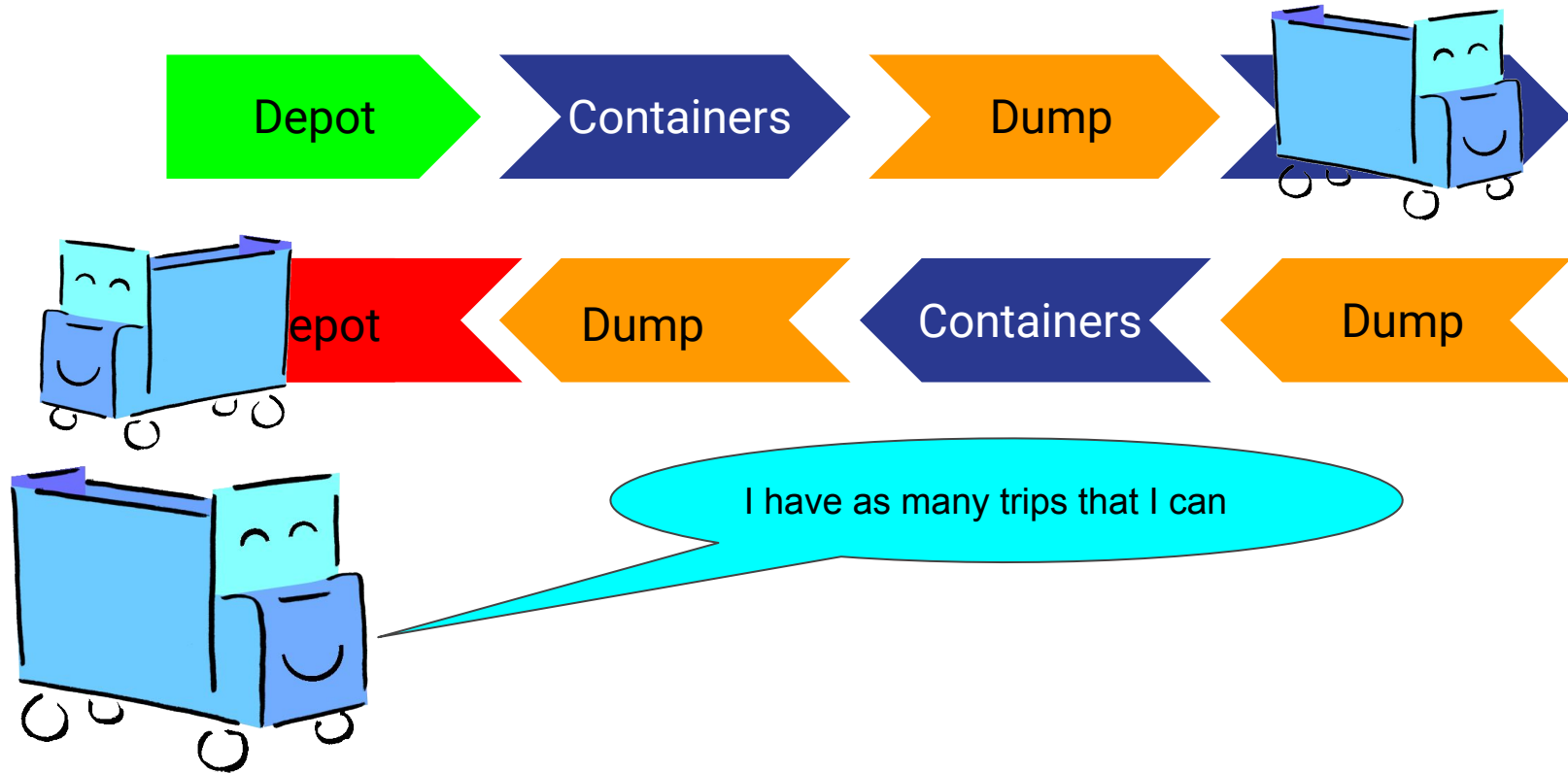
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## VRPTW

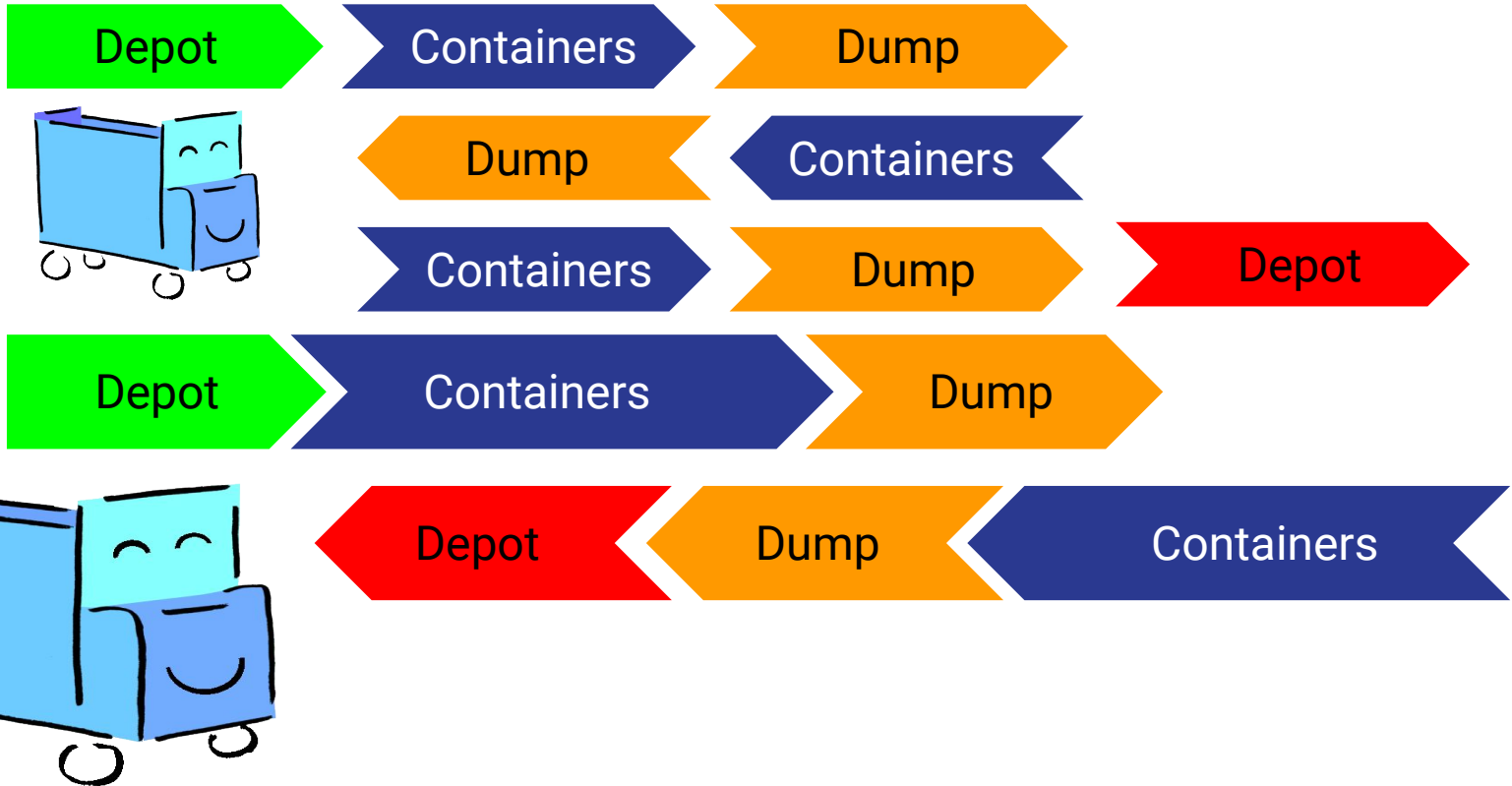
T = time W = windows

The locations have time windows within which visits must be made.

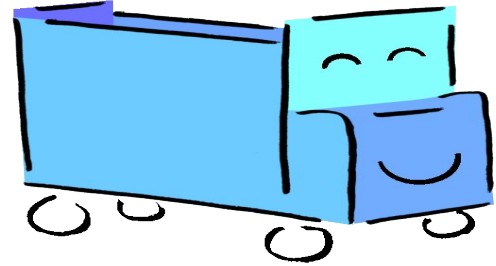
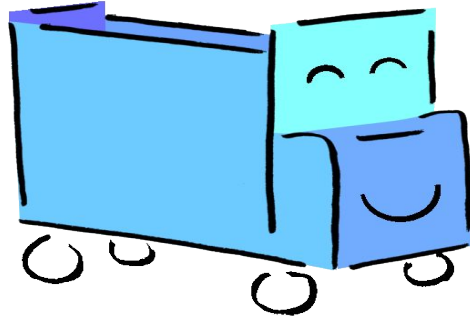
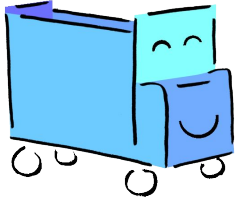
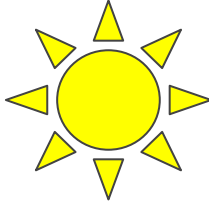
# Garbage Collection Truck Trip



# Truck with different capacity



# Truck Drivers With Different Schedules



# VRP variants on Garbage collection

Is a CVRP ?

YES!!!

The vehicles have limited carrying capacity.

Is a VRPMT?

YES!!!

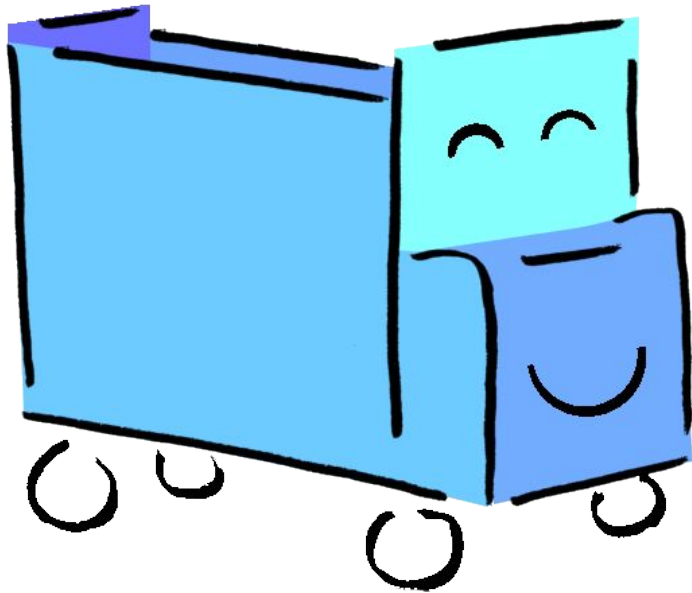
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VRPTW

YES!!!

The locations have time windows within visits must be made.

# CVRPTWMT



Garbage Collection:

Is a Capacitated  
Vehicle Routing  
Problem with Time  
Windows and  
Multiple Trips

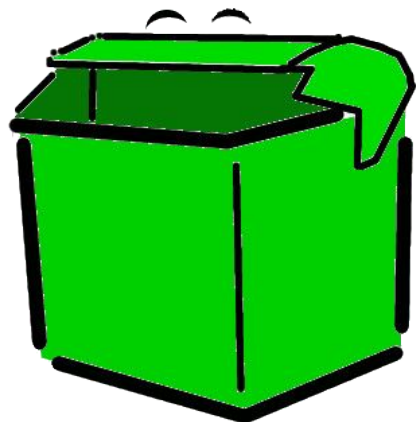
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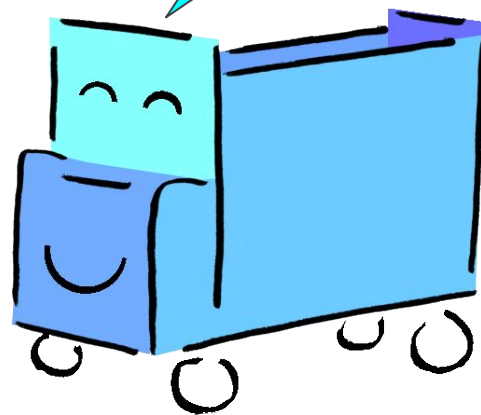
# More Restrictions



I am in a  
street market



I am on the  
right side of  
the street



Can not  
make U turns

I pick up from  
the left side.

# More Restrictions

## Municipalities

A truck that picks from one municipality, can not pick from another.  
Exception: trucks that pick up hospitals biomedical waste.

## Waste - Truck relationship

For some types of waste there are special types of trucks

## Container - Truck relationship

For some types of containers there are special types of trucks

# More Restrictions

## Access Restriction

A truck can not access areas within a certain times.

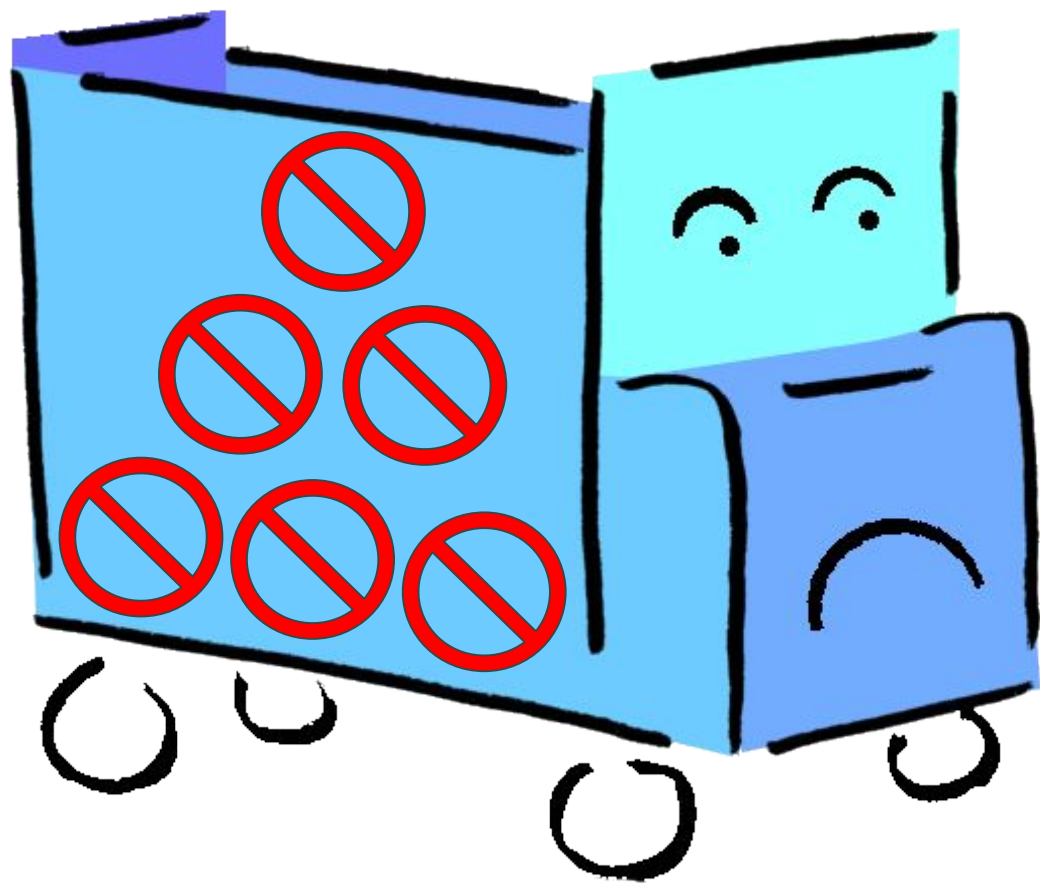


## Speed Limit

The average speed limit can change depending on the time of the day.

## Turns restrictions

A truck can not make a U turn.



# Approach

# FRONTEND

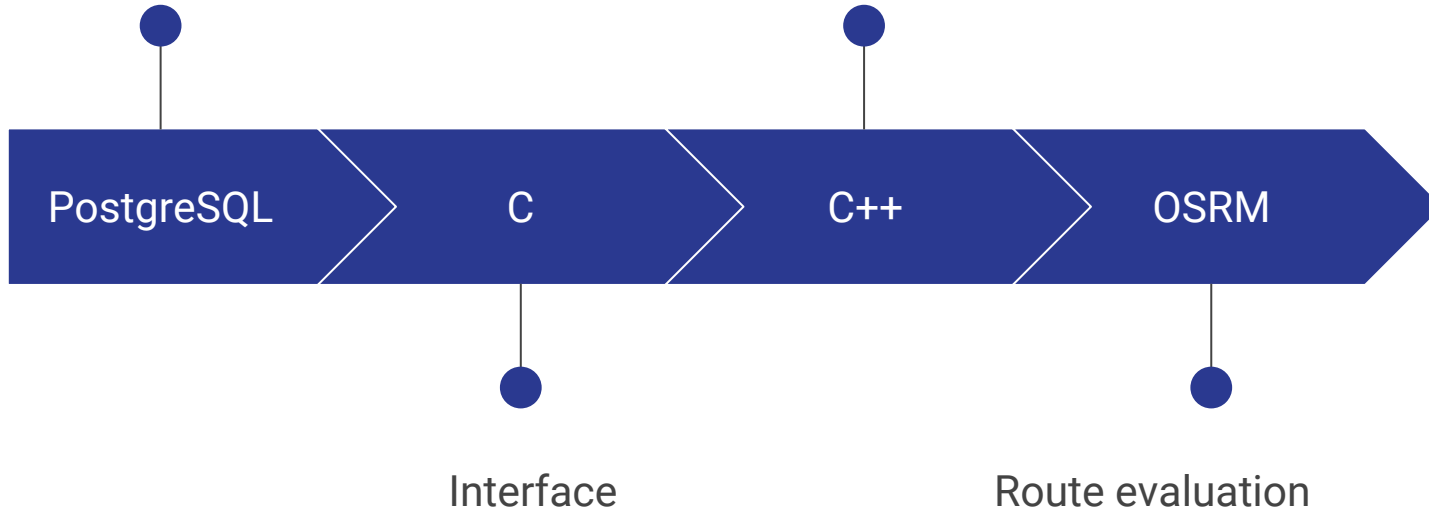
- OSM: Map
- Be able to:
  - Select Containers
  - Select Trucks
  - Select Depot and Dump sites
- Query the Database
- Display results:
  - Route on a map
  - Projected timings

Note: The front end is not the focus of this presentation

# BACKEND

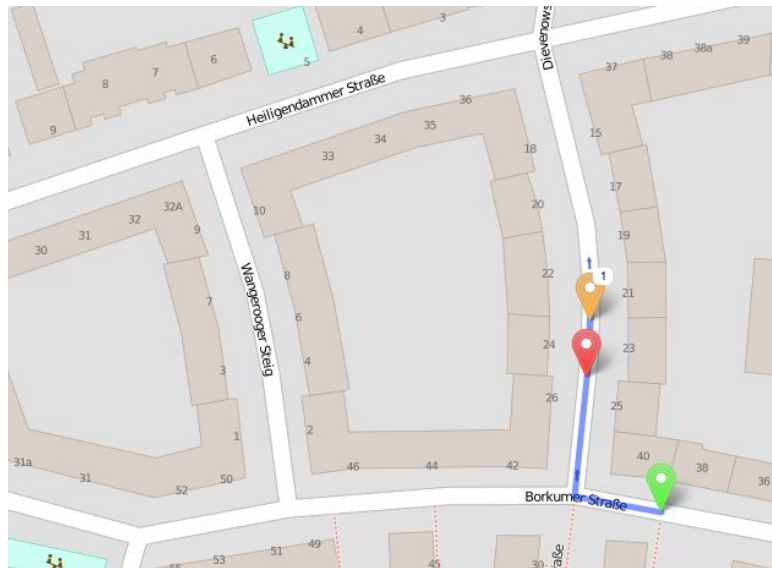
- Trucks
- Containers
- Locations

- Initial Solution
- Tabu Search



# OSRM

- Version 0.3.3
- Instead of calling using web api:
  - a C++ interface class
  - Increased performance
- Difficult to maintain a travel time matrix.
  - Strange loops
  - Strange routes





# Almost ... Tabu Search

- Shake operation is done by having
  - 7 different initial solutions.
- Optimize
  - Trip ordering
  - Minimize cost

```
...  
case 1:  
    insertBestPairInCleanTrip(trip);  
    insertBigSubPathAtBegin(trip);  
    break;  
...
```

# The Cost Function

- Integrate theory with reality
  - Deep mathematical analysis
  - Reflect the analysis within the code

```
//estimated:  
// forcedWaitTime > 0: truck finishes duties before the shift ends  
// forcedWaitTime < 0: truck finishes duties after the shift ends  
// For this problem: serviceE == 0  
// From the point of view of the truck the endingSite closes at end of  
shift  
// therefore the expected value is positive otherwise a time violation  
exists  
// at the ending site  
forcedWaitTime = endTime - (arrivalEclosesLast(C) + serviceE());
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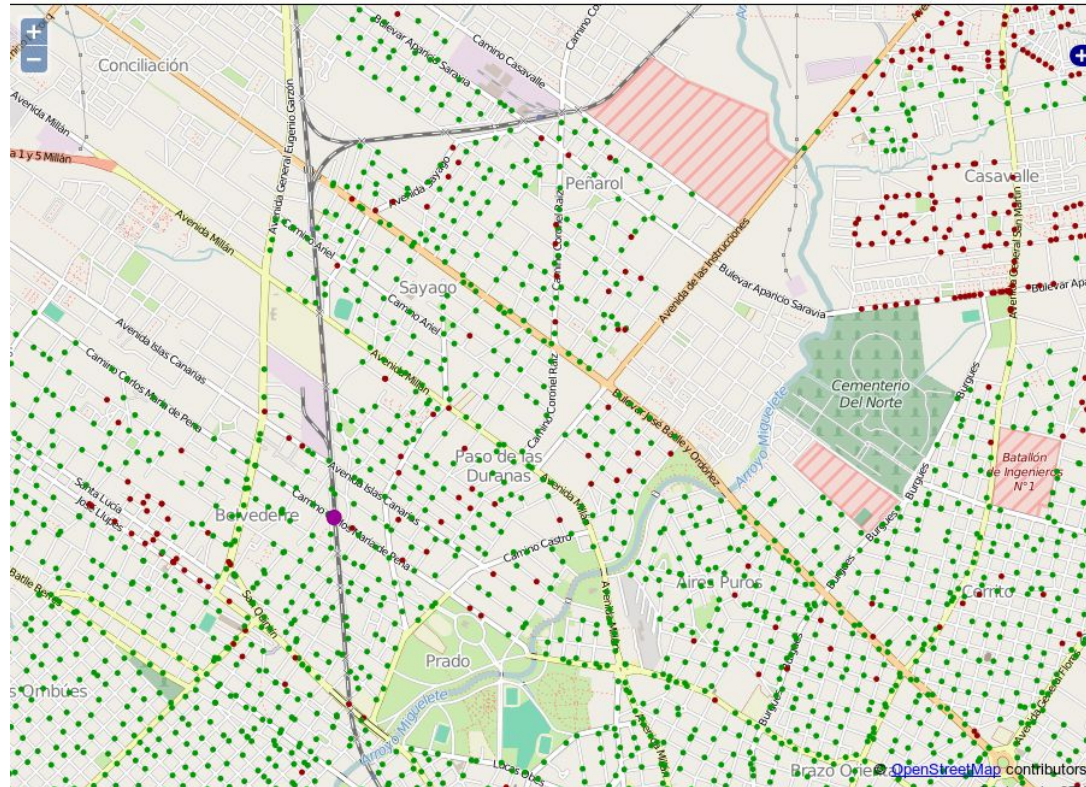
Code snippet taken from:

<https://github.com/woodbri/vehicle-routing-problems/blob/montevideo-release-v4/src/trash-prob/trashWithMovingDumps/solver/Trash/costvehicle.cpp#L104>

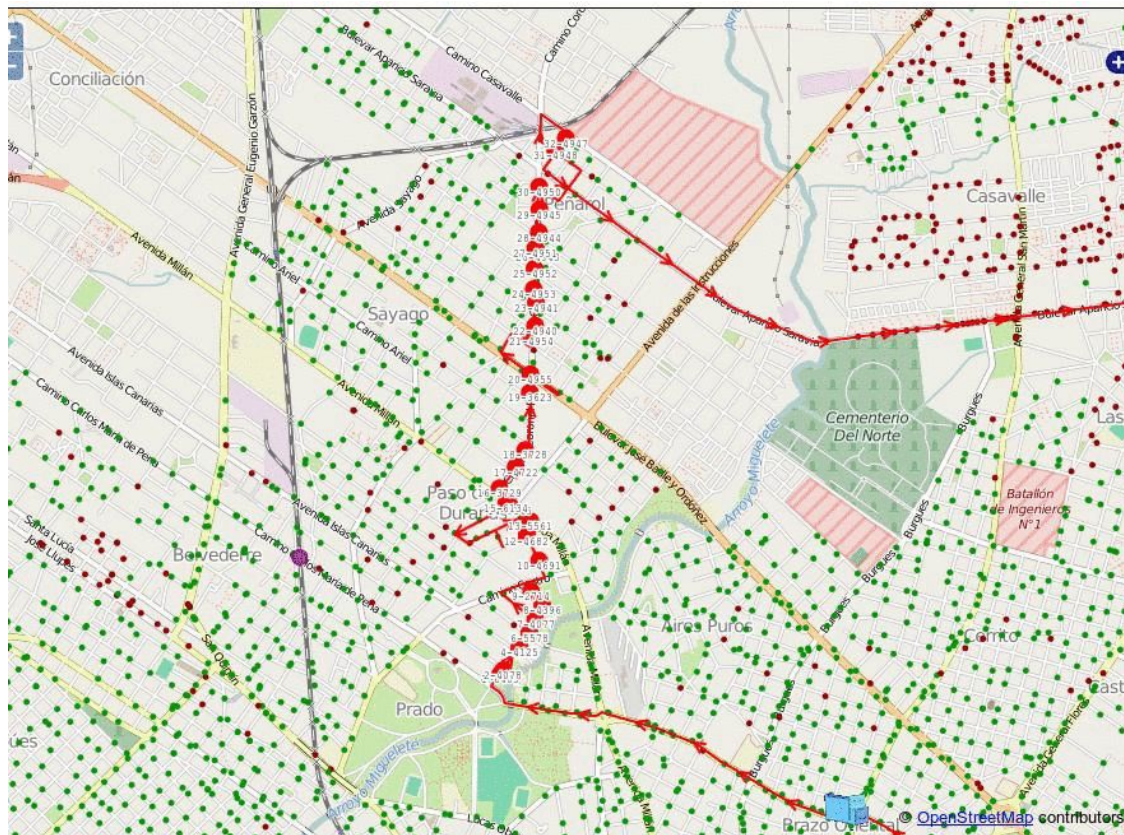


A preview

# Containers

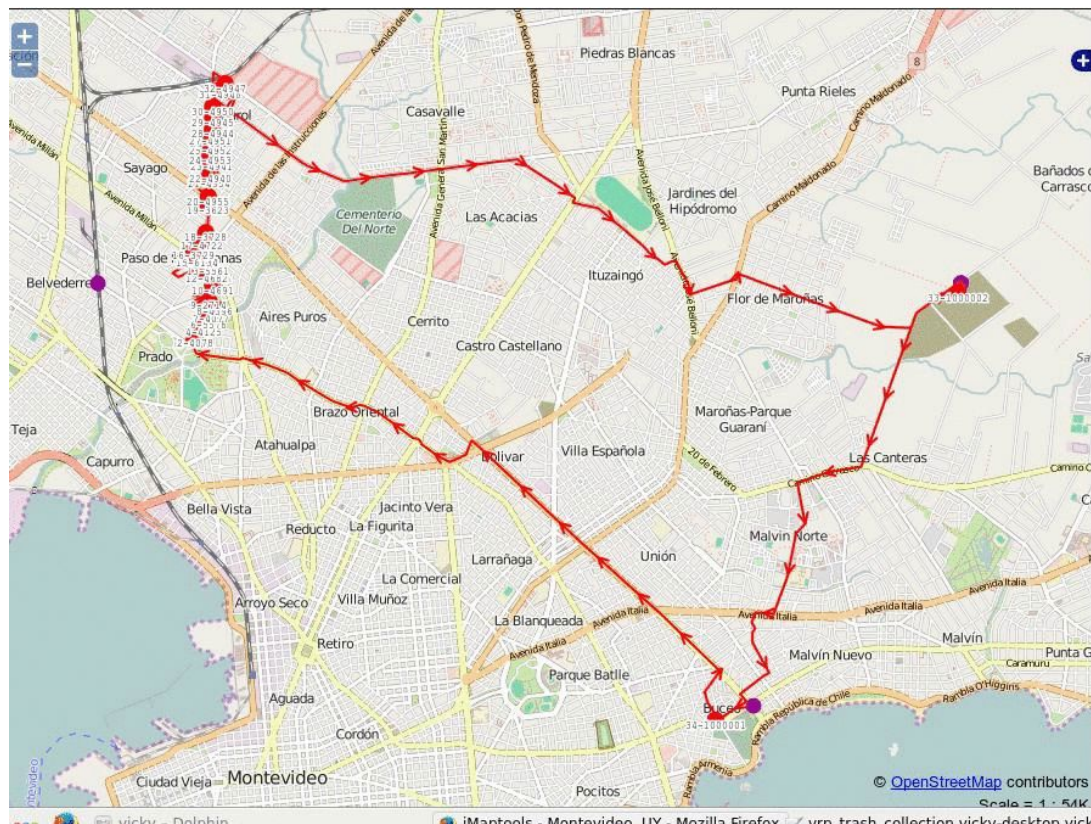


## insertBestPairInCleanTrip

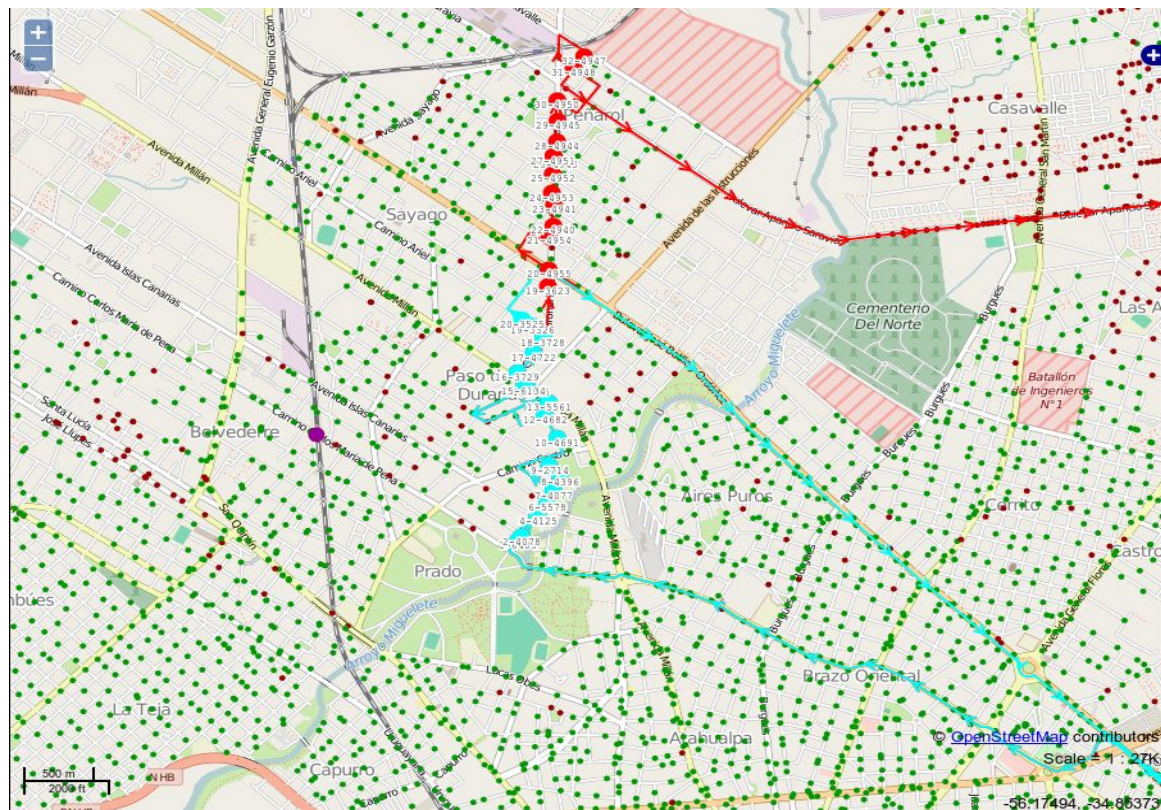




# The complete Route



## insertBigSubPathAtBegin





What's next



# Code

- Many ideas were coded and discarded.
  - There is a lot of unused code.
- Upgrade to be used with OSRM 5.3
  - Under development
- Migrate the code C++14
  - Originally coded with C++98
  - Currently OSRM use C++14
- Develop an open Front End



# Side effects

# Incorporated some ideas into pgRouting

- With Points family of functions
  - Pass in front and visit concepts
  - Left /right driving sides
  - <http://docs.pgrouting.org/2.2/en/src/withPoints/doc/withPoints.html#withpoints>



# Lessons learned

- OSM data
  - Evaluation with OSRM
    - Own storage
  - Postgres (one place have it all)
    - Storage for front end
    - Storage of the problems data
    - Evaluation can be done with other tools like pgRouting

# Theory

- NP problems.
- Exponential growth on time execution
- High level abstraction
  - Not many restrictions
- Euclidean approximations
  - Not good for real problems.

# Reality

- They are NP problems
  - User wants small execution times
  - User has many restrictions
    - Restrictions might change between users
  - Implied restrictions on a city graph.
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