



Humanitarian  
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Team

# Data review



# Data review

- Validation
  - data warning and errors
  - conflict resolution
- Using filters and optical analysis
- Re-survey sample areas

# Validation

Before uploading, JOSM will notify you of found errors/warnings.

**READ, AND UNDERSTAND, THEM!**

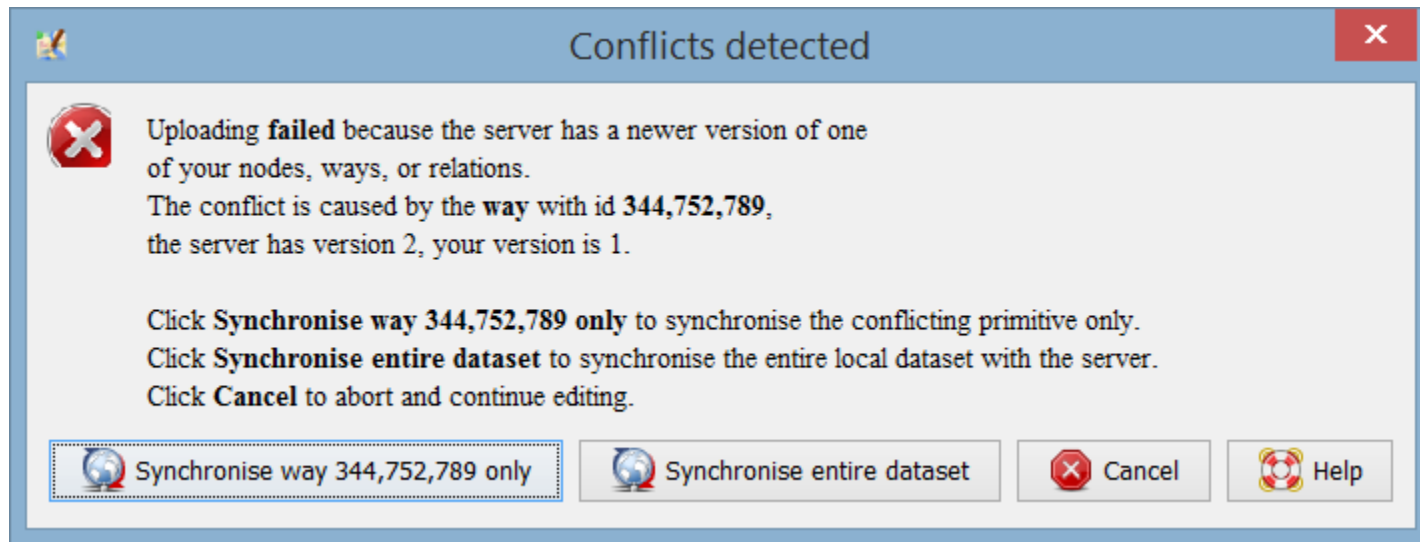
Then: 1) fix them, or 2) request help.

# Conflict resolution

- Best option: avoid conflicts: upload data often, in small portions
  - (at least once every 15 minutes!)
- If a conflict happens while uploading:
  - Find the person whose data you're conflicting with
  - Figure out what's happening
  - In short, TALK

# Conflict resolution

**Be conservative!** When given the choice, and you're not sure, choose the other party's data (which is already on the server)



# Filters and optical analysis

- Spotting common mistakes
- Using filters

# Optical analysis

Look at the map closely...

- Are there any double buildings?
- Footways that don't connect to roads?
- Things with a *name* that should be in another key (trees, buildings, etc)
- Secondary/tertiary ways that don't connect to a road network?
- Strangely shaped buildings?
- Crossing roads without a node to connect them?
- Overlapping building?
- Untagged ways?

# Common mistakes: ‘name’ tag

Using the “name” tag when it shouldn’t

(here, “building=type”,  
“amenity=service” and  
“building:levels=4”)





# Names and capitalization

Good:

DJ Mrisho Records, Rama Garage, Feti Cafe

Bad:

DJ MRISHO records, MUSIC SHOP, Peace  
and love Pub, Feti cafe

# Names and capitalization

## Good:

Pongwe Road, Kondoa Street, Zinga Road

## Bad:

Mufindi **s**treet, **k**ikwetu **s**treet

## Avoid:

Abbreviations like Mt., St., Str for Street

# Names and capitalization



# Common mistakes: mapping trees

Good:

species:en=coconut

Bad:

name=Coconut Tree

# Common mistakes: top of building

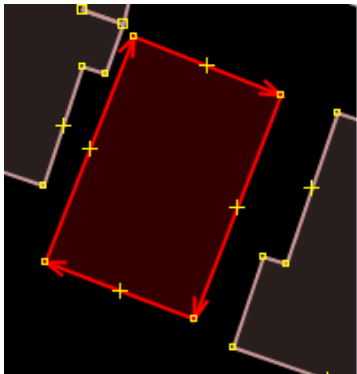
Wrong:



Correct:



# Building=yes, no levels, should not have a name

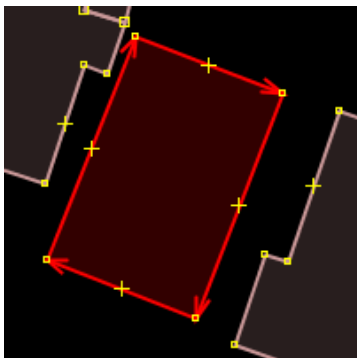


Tags: 2 / Memberships: 0

Man Made/Man Made/Building ...

Key	Value
building	yes
name	Multi-Storey building,4 floor-Residential

+ Add Edit Delete



Tags: 2 / Memberships: 0

Man Made/Man Made/Residential Building ...

Key	Value
building	residential
building:levels	4

+ Add Edit Delete

# Filters

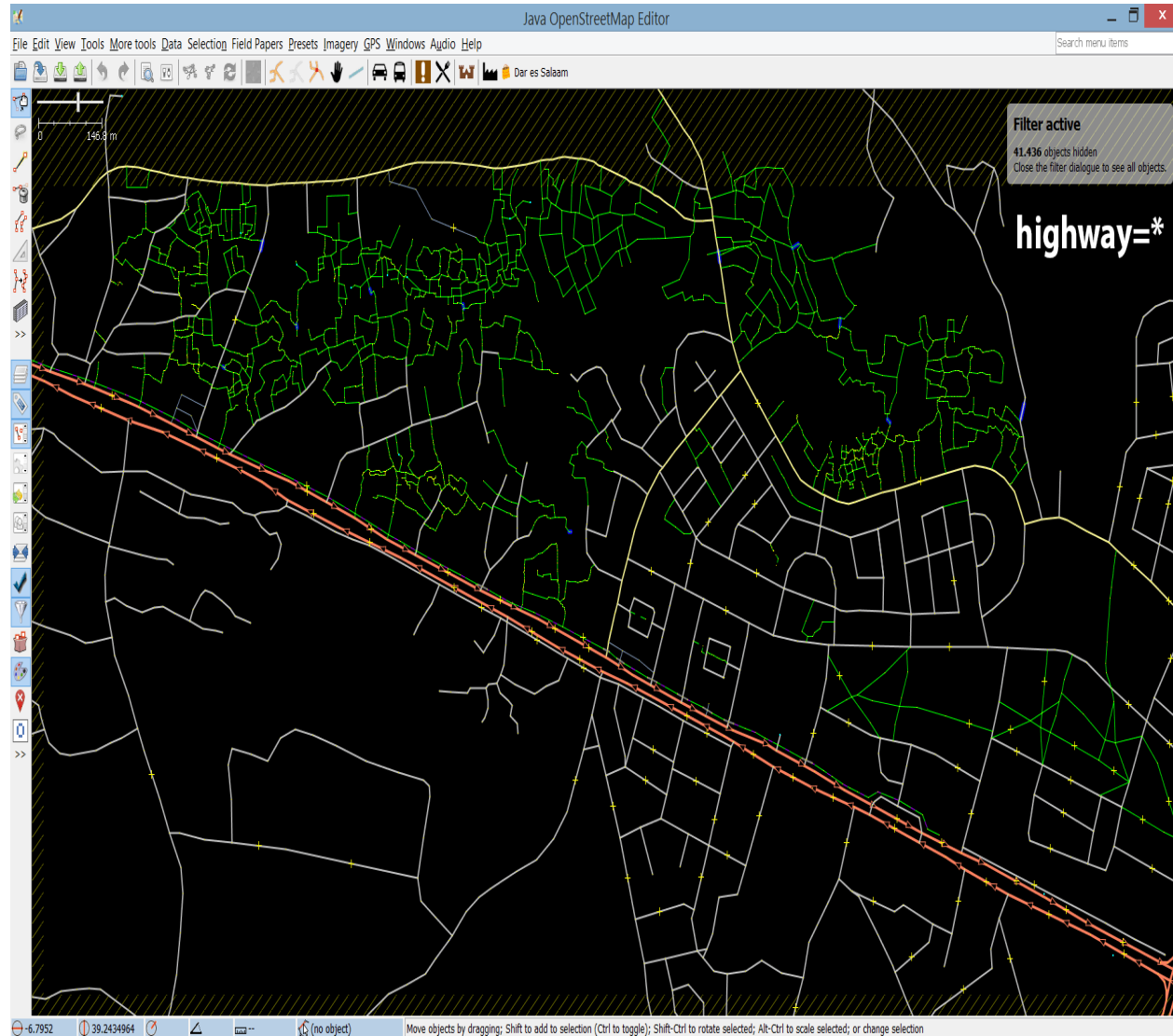
Filter	Purpose
<code>waterway=*   natural=wetland</code>	Focus on the drainage network, very useful for targeted analysis.
<code>highway=*</code>	Focus on the road network, very useful for targeted analysis.
<code>building=*</code>	Focus on the buildings.
<code>building=* &amp; (-building\:levels   -building\:material)</code>	Find any buildings that don't have either the 'building:levels' or the 'building:material' tag.
<code>building=* &amp; addr\:houzenumber &amp; -addr\:street</code>	Find any buildings that have a house number, but lack a street name.

# Filters (2)

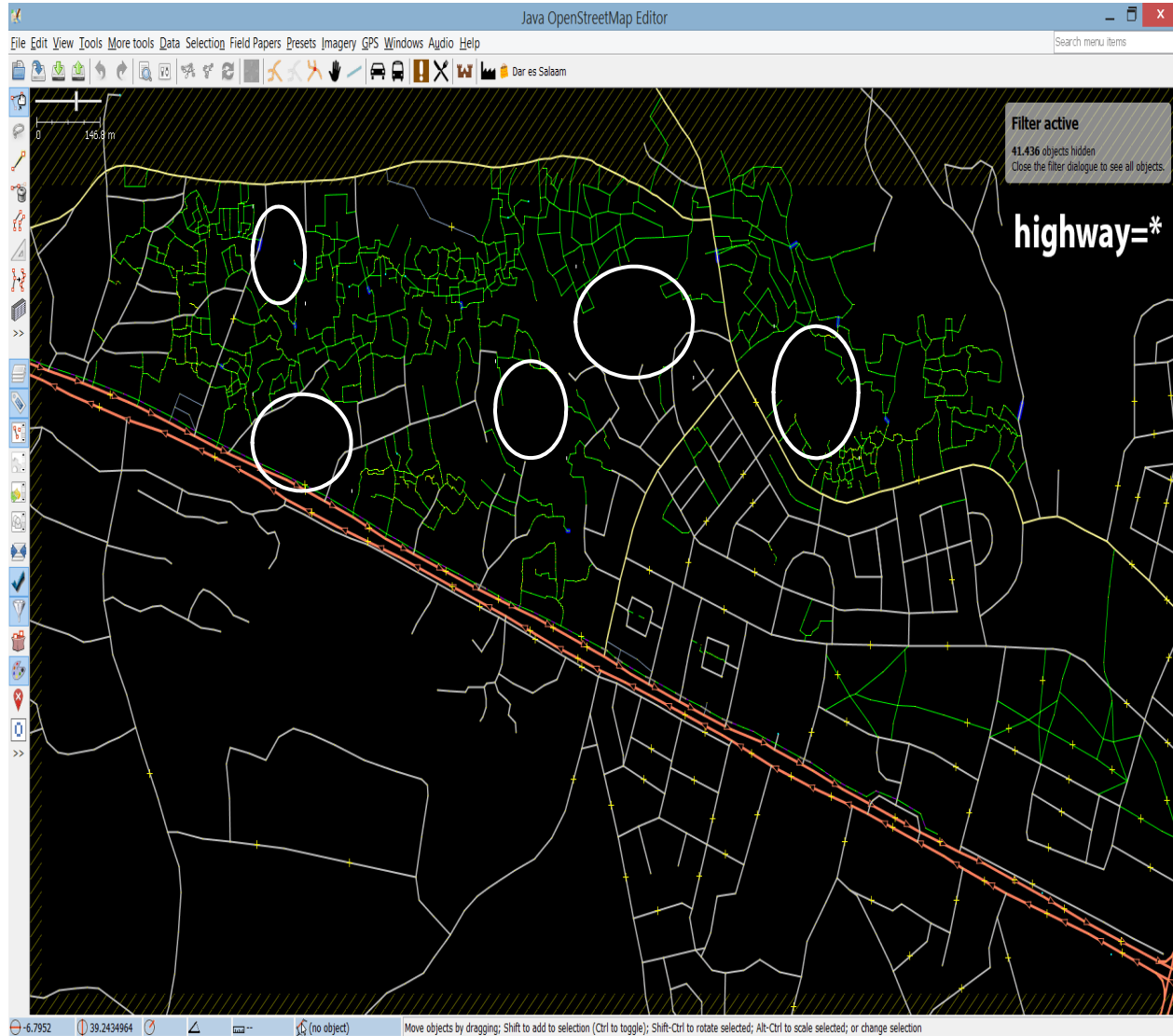
Filter	Purpose
<code>building=* &amp; type=node</code>	Find nodes that are tagged as building; this sometimes occurs due to uncareful selection.
<code>natural=tree &amp; name=*</code>	Trees with a name. Most of the times, this should be put into 'species:en'.
<code>width:[A-Za-z]   height:[A-Za-z]   diameter:[A-Za-z]</code>	Find any 'width', 'height' or 'diameter' attribute that has letters in it, often a unit. This was a common mistake in the first weeks.
<code>timestamp:2015-04-15/ timestamp:2015-04-01/2015-04-12</code>	Focus only on the data for a particular day (or the defined timeframe)



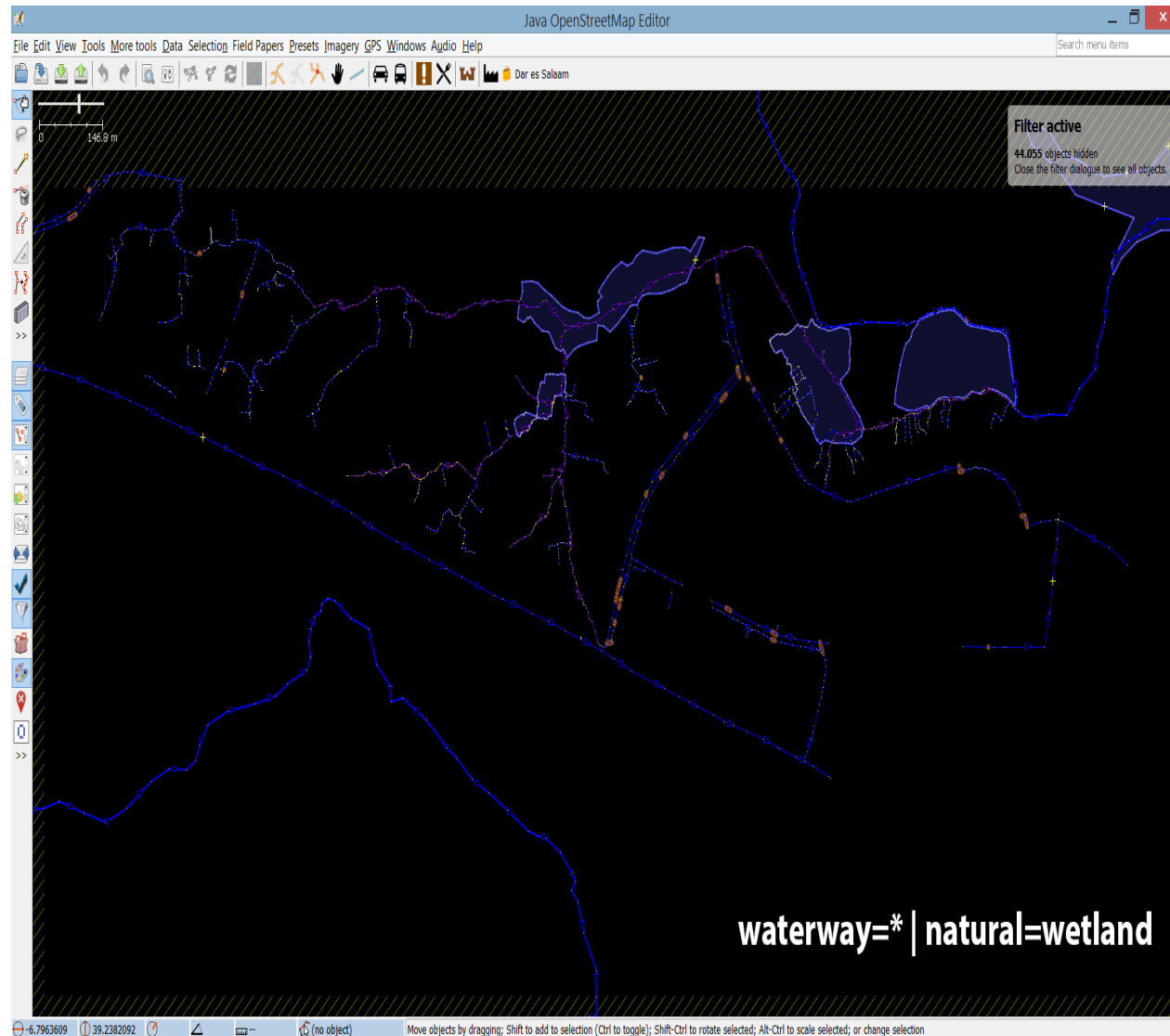
# Gaps in the road network?



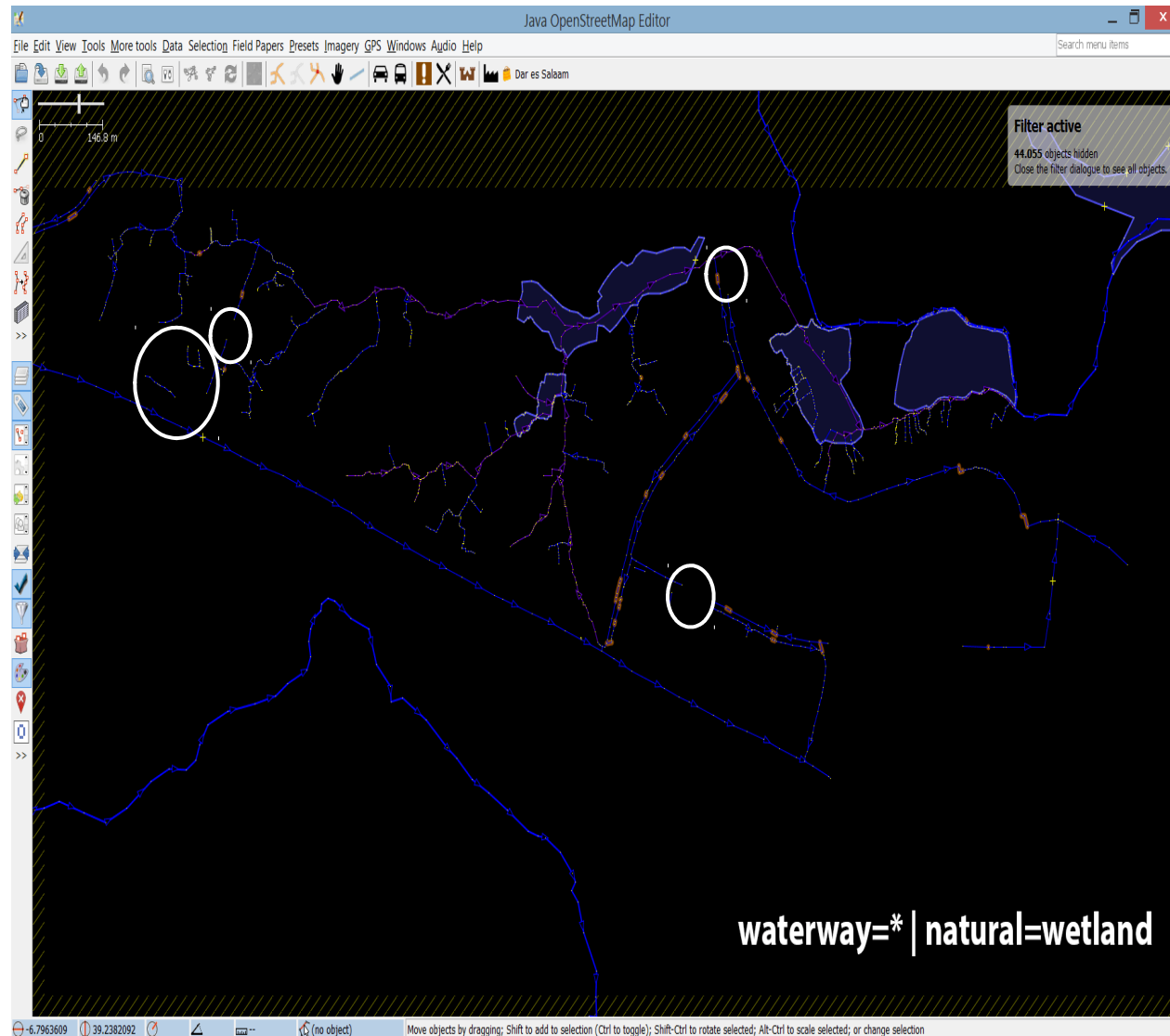
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# Gaps in the drainage network?



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# Re-survey sample area

- Pick a small part area (say, 100x100 meters)
- Go out to recollect data
- Compare collected data with OSM data
  - Fix tagging mistakes
  - Fix missing/incomplete/wrong data
- Takes notes of the found mistakes, and submit to supervisor