

Armchair humanitarian mapping with OpenStreetMap.org

Make an OpenStreetMap account

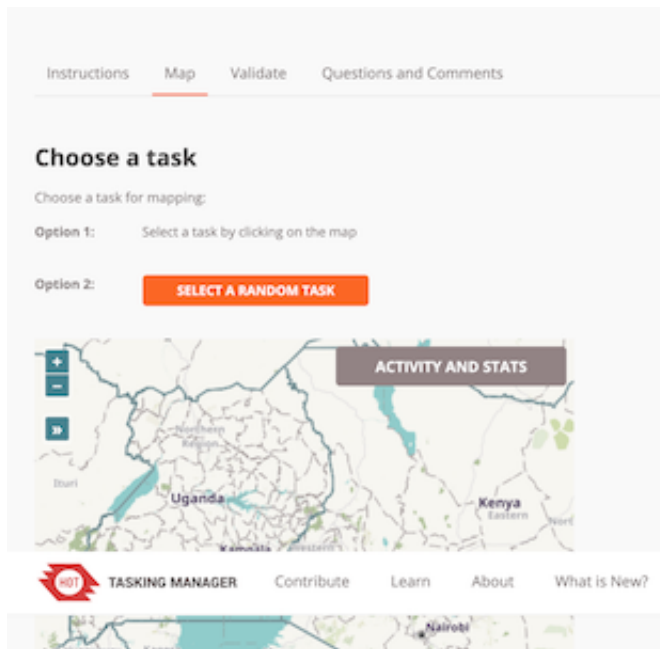
1. First, go to openstreetmap.org and click on **Sign Up**, at the top-right corner of the page.
2. Create a new account (note that you have the option to use an existing account with Google, FB, etc... for authentication).

Use your OpenStreetMap account to login on tasks.hotosm.org

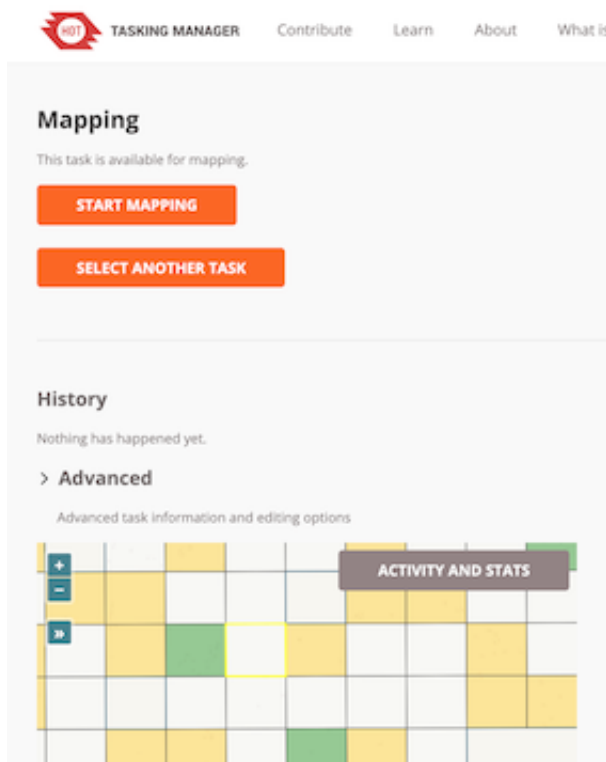
1. Once you have an account, go to <https://tasks.hotosm.org/explore?difficulty=BEGINNER>
2. If necessary, click on the **Login** button at the top-right of the page and login with your **OpenStreetMap** credentials.
3. Select a project! You can select any project that caught your attention. Choose somewhere close to home, if you can, or choose somewhere you've never been!

Mapping buildings

1. Read the **Instructions** section of the Project Page (we'll do this together)
2. Click on the **Map tab** of the Project Page (you might be prompted to login, again)
3. Click on **Select a Random Task**



4. Click on **Start Mapping** *Note: Your selected task will be highlighted in yellow*

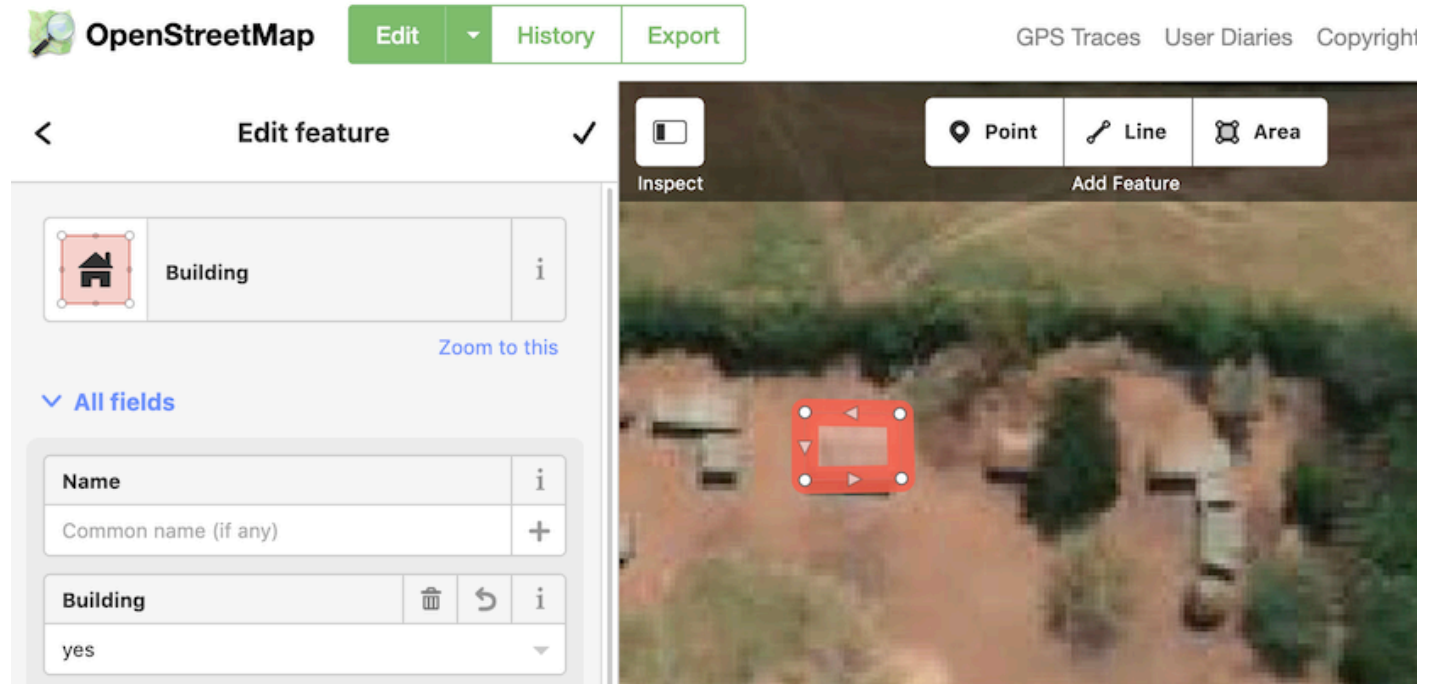


5. Note all of the available options on this page, then use the dropdown to select the **ID Editor** and click Start Editor. You should get a new browser window, with your task area highlighted in purple.

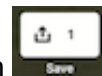


6. Use the Background Settings button to select through the Bing!, Maxar and Esri basemap imagery services and select the best for the area you are working in.
7. Use the Area tool to draw a building footprint, double-clicking on the last corner to finish the drawing
8. Type "**building**" into the **Search panel** on the left and select the **building** tag, which will tag your building

footprint as



Commit your edits to OpenStreetMap.org



1. Click on the **Save** button, at the top-right of the screen
2. *Note that OSM automatically puts the project tags into the comments.* Click on **Upload** to commits your edits. Best practice is to commit every 10-12 edited features to avoid conflicts.

Closing your HOT Task Manager session

1. Close the **OpenStreetMap ID Editor Tab** to return to the HOTOSM Task Manager.
2. If you completed the mapping of all buildings in your task, click on the **Mark as Completely Mapped** button to close your Task Manager session. If you didn't finish mapping all of the buildings, or aren't sure, click **Stop Mapping** to close your session and release the task to another editor.

Task too big to complete quickly? Or is the satellite imagery not good? Choose split task or mark as bad imagery.

⏪ SPLIT TASK

⚠ MARK AS BAD IMAGERY

Can't finish but need to stop mapping? Or have you completely mapped the area? Leave a comment and select one of the options below that matches your editing status.

Edited one feature for testing

4970 characters remaining

Tip: You can use Markdown. (HTML is not allowed)

PREVIEW

⏹ STOP MAPPING

✓ MARK AS COMPLETELY MAPPED