

# OpenStreetMap Data Case Study

## Map Area

San Francisco, CA, United States

- <https://www.openstreetmap.org/relation/111968>
- [https://mapzen.com/data/metro-extracts/metro/san-francisco\\_california/](https://mapzen.com/data/metro-extracts/metro/san-francisco_california/)

San Francisco is one of the most beautiful cities that I have even been to. So I choose San Francisco to do more investigation and to see if I can provide improvement on OpenStreetMap.org.

## Data Audit

### Unique Tags

After viewing the dataset, we first want to find different types of tag and count the numbers of unique tags. After we run Audit 1.py, we can see information below:

```
'bounds': 1,  
'member': 54146,  
'nd': 7527776,  
'node': 6348477,  
'osm': 1,  
'relation': 6045,  
'tag': 2005366,  
'way': 779061
```

### Patterns in the Tags

Before I process the data and add it into our database, I want to check the "k" value for each tag and see if there are any potential problems. I created 3 regular expressions to check for certain patterns in the tags. Using Audit 2.py, I have counted each of four tag categories.

```
'lower': 1293565,
```

```
'lower_colon': 685834,  
  
'other': 25837,  
  
'problemchars': 130
```

## Problems Encountered in the Map

The original dataset is 1.25GB. We used code in Sample1.py to take a systematic sample from original dataset to do test first. I notice some problems which I will discuss in the following order:

- Overabbreviated street names: "Ave.," "St.," "Plz"
- Incorrect POstal code format: "515", "1087", "CA 94030"

### Overabbreviated street names

The first problem I find in this dataset is Overabbreviated street names. We will use the audit\_3.py to clean these data.

```
Abbreviations: Rd -> Road, Dr -> Drive  
  
LowerCase :STREET->Street  
  
Misspelling :society -> Society  
  
UpperCase Words: Ehs->EHS  
  
Extra_words:By-pass->Bypass
```

### Incomplete and incorrect postal codes

The zipcode of San Francisco begins with "94". We find some zipcode use incorrect 5 digit formats, so first, we will find all zipcode to see what information we need to correct. We will use audit\_4.py to clean all postal codes. Now we will clean zipcode by following function. We will change all format into 5 digit standard formats. We also find some zipcode with string "CA", we will remove them.

```
Incorrect zipcode: ca => None, CA => None  
  
Extra 4 digit zipcode :94002-2121 => 94002  
  
Removing extra string :CA 94544 => 94544
```

## Data Overview

After we audit and clean the data, we will save the new data and use following codes to import data into SQL database through Audit\_5.py. This section contains basic statistics about the San Francisco OpenStreetMap dataset and SQL queries, and also some additional ideas about the data in context.

## File sizes¶

```
san_francisco.osm ..... 1.25 GB
sf_sample.osm ..... 6.5 MB
nodes.csv ..... 514 MB
nodes_tags.csv ..... 9.17 MB
ways.csv ..... 45.2 MB
ways_tags.csv ..... 58.1 MB
ways_nodes.csv ..... 179 MB
```

## Number of nodes¶

```
sqlite> SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Nodes;
```

```
6347454
```

## Number of ways¶

```
sqlite> SELECT COUNT(*) FROM Ways;
```

```
785006
```

## Number of unique users¶

```
sqlite> SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT(e.uid))
        FROM (SELECT uid FROM Nodes UNION ALL SELECT uid FROM Ways) e;
```

```
2673
```

## Top 10 contributing users¶

```
sqlite> SELECT e.user, COUNT(*) as num
```

```

FROM (SELECT user FROM Nodes UNION ALL SELECT user FROM Ways) e

GROUP BY e.user

ORDER BY num DESC

LIMIT 10;

andygol,1293352

ediyes,912008

Luis36995,703533

dannykath,518968

RichRico,403972

Rub21,393065

calfarome,185558

oldtopos,167223

KindredCoda,149671

karitotp,134912

```

## Number of users appearing only once (having 1 post)¶

```

sqlite> SELECT COUNT(*) FROM

      (SELECT e.user, COUNT(*) as num

      FROM (SELECT user FROM nodes UNION ALL SELECT user FROM ways) e

      GROUP BY e.user

      HAVING num=1) u;

```

653

## Additonal Ideas¶

### Most popular cuisines¶

```

sqlite> SELECT nodes_Tags.value, COUNT(*) as num

      FROM nodes_Tags

      JOIN (SELECT DISTINCT(id) FROM nodes_Tags WHERE value='restaurant')

      i

```

```

        ON nodes_Tags.id=i.id

        WHERE nodes_Tags.key='cuisine'

        GROUP BY nodes_Tags.value

        ORDER BY num DESC

        LIMIT 10;

```

mexican,192

chinese,156

pizza,143

japanese,138

italian,129

thai,105

american,98

vietnamese,71

burger,56

indian,55

## Most popular bank

```

sqlite> SELECT nodes_Tags.value, COUNT(*) as num

        FROM nodes_Tags

        JOIN (SELECT DISTINCT(id) FROM nodes_Tags WHERE value='bank') i

        ON nodes_Tags.id=i.id

        WHERE nodes_Tags.key='name'

        GROUP BY nodes_Tags.value

        ORDER BY num DESC

        LIMIT 5;

```

"Wells Fargo",57

"Bank of America",50

Chase,43

Citibank,27

"US Bank",14

## List of Top 20 Amenities in San Francisco

```
sqlite> SELECT value, COUNT(*) as num
        FROM nodes_tags
        WHERE key='amenity'
        GROUP BY value
        ORDER BY num DESC
        LIMIT 20;
```

restaurant,2891

bench,1163

cafe,972

place\_of\_worship,700

post\_box,684

school,590

fast\_food,579

bicycle\_parking,564

drinking\_water,511

toilets,401

bank,369

bar,318

parking,276

fuel,265

car\_sharing,225

waste\_basket,211

atm,208

pub,201

post\_office,162

pharmacy,151

## Conclusion:

The San Francisco dataset is quite large and messy. It is clear that even though I made data cleaning, it's still not 100% clean. Since there are thousands of contributing users, so it is inevitable to have so many human input error. I'm thinking openstreetmaps could create a standard information format for users adding and updating information. When users views maps online, we could add an link to encourage users to find errors and report new locations. Users who did most update will be awarded a small gift every month. We also could build a standard information add-on screen and only let users just put in the detail information in each column, like location name, street name, Apt number,only 5-digit-zipcode, update reason etc. It may cost money to build up this small system, but it will save lots of time to do data wrangling in next step.