

OpenStreetMap Data Case Study

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Map Area

[San Jose, CA, USA](#)

[Dataset](#) contains information for San Jose Area. I'm curious to see the map contribution of San Jose, which is my hometown.

Main Procedure to identify Problems in the Map

- Since the original file `sanjose.osm` is 600 MB, which is very large to view, I use `sample_region.py` to subset data. (This is the hint that Udacity provide). The new subset is stored in `sample.osm`, which is about 4MB (Set $k = 100$, it means pick every 100th top level element).
- It is hard to use `less` command in Unix to view file. So I switch to use Sublime Text to view data.
- Codes in `audit.py` are used to view and fix street names, phone numbers and postal codes.
- Run `process_osm` to clean data and export necessary information into CSV files(processed with schema in `schema.py`).
- Choose a smaller k value to get a bigger `sample.osm` file. Then modify `audit.py` to be able to screen and audit more cases.

Problems Encountered In the Map

Overabbreviated and Inconsistent street names: some street types and directions are abbreviated such as `St, Rd, Ave, Blvd, Cir, Ln, Ct` or `1st, 2nd, 10th`

For example: `N 1st St.` should be changed to `North First Street`

However, if I change `1st` to `First`, the road names are not consistent when I figured that there are some road names such as `13th Street` or `128th Street`. So I think instead of changing from `1st` to `First`, I will change `First` to `1st`.

```

street_type_re = re.compile(r'\b\S+\.?$', re.IGNORECASE)
expected = ["Street", "Avenue", "Boulevard", "Drive", "Court", "Place", "Square", "La
ne", "Road",
            "Trail", "Parkway", "Commons", "Circle", "Crescent", "Gate", "Terrace", "
Grove", "Way"]

mapping = {
    "St": "Street",
    "St.": "Street",
    ...
    "W.": "West",
    "W": "West"
}

word_number_mapping = {
    "First": "1st",
    "first": "1st",
    ...
    "ninth": "9th",
    "Tenth": "10th",
    "tenth": "10th"
}

```

I have not fixed extreme cases such as (408) 738-CHEF or placing website address in phone number. Fortunately, there are very few extreme cases in this data.

Incorrect phone number format:

Convert phone number to correct format: +1 (408)###-#### (in fact, beside 408, 699 is another phone area code for San Jose,CA. However, I have not seen. For example:

+1 408 123 4567 to +1 (408)123-4567

+1 408-123-4567 to +1 (408)123-4567

408.123.4567 to +1 (408)123-4567

408.123-4567 to +1 (408)123-4567

123-4567 to +1 (408)123-4567

First of all, I have to remove special characters such as +1 , - , () , whitespace, . or + from phone number.

```

phone_num = re.sub("\+1", "", phone_num)
phone_num = re.sub("-", "", phone_num)
phone_num = re.sub("[()]", "", phone_num)
phone_num = re.sub("\s", "", phone_num)
phone_num = re.sub("\\.", "", phone_num)
phone_num = re.sub("\\+", "", phone_num)

```

Now most of phone numbers do not contain special chracters. We can check whether it is 7 digits long, 10 digits long or 11 digits long.

```

PHONE_7_NUM = re.compile(r'^\d{7}$')
PHONE_10_NUM = re.compile(r'^\d{10}$')
PHONE_11_NUM = re.compile(r'^\d{11}$')

```

Based on each case, we can modify phone number to standard format `+1 (408)###-####`

Incorrect postal code format:

Convert postal code to correct format: `CA #####` or `CA #####-####` .

I have used regular expression to classify all these cases:

```

POSTCODE = re.compile(r'^\d{5}$|\d{5}-\d{4}$')

```

If postal code are not 5-digits number or 9-digits number, it will be classified as wrong postal code then will be excluded from our data.

For example: these are excluded from our data

```

WRONG POSTAL CODE: 95014-218
WRONG POSTAL CODE: 95014-321
WRONG POSTAL CODE: 9404

```

Data Overview

This section contains basic statistics about San Jose OpenStreetMap dataset and the SQL queries used to gather them.

File sizes

sample.osm	237 MB
sanjose.db	117.3 MB
nodes.csv	90.7 MB
nodes_tags.csv	1.7 MB
ways.csv	8.1 MB
ways_nodes.cv	30.1 MB
ways_tags.csv	14.3 MB

Number of nodes

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

1048575

Number of ways

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

136514

Average number of nodes per day

```
sqlite> SELECT ROUND(number_of_nodes/(max_day - min_day)) AS average_nodes_per_day
        FROM (SELECT COUNT(*) AS number_of_nodes,
                      julianday(MAX(timestamp)) AS max_day,
                      julianday(MIN(timestamp)) AS min_day
        FROM Nodes);
```

285.0

Users:

Number of unique users

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

1399

Top 5 contributing users

```
sqlite> SELECT ListOfUser.user, COUNT(*) as num
        FROM (SELECT user FROM Nodes
              UNION ALL SELECT user FROM Ways) ListOfUser
        GROUP BY ListOfUser.user
        ORDER BY num DESC
        LIMIT 5;
```

```
nmixter,182215
andygol,113211
mk408,100515
karitotp,62823
RichRico,57426
```

First contributor

```
sqlite> SELECT user, timestamp FROM Nodes
        UNION ALL SELECT user, timestamp From Ways
        ORDER BY timestamp
        LIMIT 1;
```

mikelmaraon,2007-03-08T02:02:46Z

Number of Contributions by Year

```
sqlite> SELECT strftime('%Y', timestamp) AS year, count(*)
        FROM Nodes
        GROUP BY year;
```

```
2007,78
2008,11366
2009,49405
2010,103494
2011,59975
2012,39351
2013,57133
2014,100063
2015,241547
2016,266813
2017,119350
```

Places To Eat:

Most popular cuisine

```
sqlite> SELECT nodesTags.value, COUNT(*) as num
        FROM nodesTags
            JOIN (SELECT DISTINCT(id) FROM nodesTags WHERE value='restaurant') GetRes
taurantId
            ON nodesTags.id = GetRestaurantId.id
        WHERE nodesTags.key = 'cuisine'
        GROUP BY nodesTags.value
        ORDER BY num DESC
        LIMIT 10;
```

```
chinese,42
vietnamese,34
pizza,33
mexican,32
japanese,21
indian,18
italian,15
american,14
thai,14
sushi,12
```

Coffee:

Number of Cafe stores

```
sqlite> SELECT COUNT(*) FROM nodesTags WHERE value = 'cafe';
```

143

Number of Starbucks

```
sqlite> SELECT COUNT(*) FROM nodesTags WHERE value LIKE '%Starbucks%';
```

50



Banking:

5 Most popular bank

```
sqlite> SELECT nodesTags.value, COUNT(*) as num
        FROM nodesTags
          JOIN (SELECT DISTINCT(id)
                FROM nodesTags
                WHERE value='bank') GetBankId
        ON nodesTags.id=GetBankId.id
       WHERE nodesTags.key='name'
       GROUP BY nodesTags.value
       ORDER BY num DESC
       LIMIT 5;
```

Chase,12
"Bank of America",9
"Wells Fargo",7
Citibank,4
"US Bank",2



Religion:

Number of Place of Worship for each religion

```
sqlite> SELECT nodesTags.value, COUNT(*) as num
        FROM nodesTags
            JOIN (SELECT DISTINCT(id) FROM nodesTags WHERE value='place_of_worship')
GetPlaceOfWorshipId
            ON nodesTags.id=GetPlaceOfWorshipId.id
        WHERE nodesTags.key='religion'
        GROUP BY nodesTags.value
        ORDER BY num DESC;
```

christian,108
buddhist,1
caodaism,1
jewish,1
rosicrucian,1
shinto,1
zoroastrian,1

Data Improvement Ideas:

The number of node tags:

```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT(id)) FROM nodesTags;
```

21206

The number of parking for disabled people:

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM nodesTags  
WHERE key = 'disabled' AND value = 'yes';
```

5

Therefore the percentage of node tags with disabled parking information is $5/21206 * 100\% = 0.024\%$. This number is surprisingly low.

I have tried to find city government data to improve the dataset. However, [Data SanJose](#) only contains parking information of some parking garages in downtown of the city.

Another problem is lack of awareness about OpenStreetMaps. Do San Jose people and business owners know that OSM exist? Do they know that they can add data by themselves? And do they know it is free?

For this issue, we can ask friends or create facebook group that can raise awareness to join [Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team](#) to improve dataset, especially for disabled parking.

Conclusion

San Jose is a small town but its dataset is quite large. Therefore it is impossible to clean all the mess inside San Jose CA OpenStreetMap data. However, I believe the dataset is sufficiently cleaned in this project. Most street types abbreviation are replaced by more appropriate street type without abbreviation. Phone number and postal code are handled nicely in the format of `+1 (408)###-####` and `CA ##### or CA #####-####` respectively. Via SQL query, I learned a few new things about my hometown. Throughout this project I have a great time learning how to clean data with python and SQL. However, my code still take nearly 30 minutes to handle 200MB osm file. Faster processing is the next approach I have to achieve for this project.