Pokemon Go and Tulane/Loyola Universities

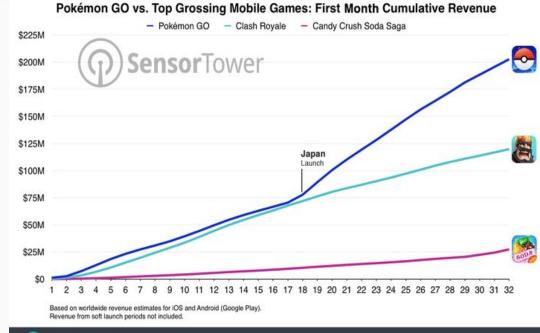
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Itinerary

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What is Pokemon Go and Why Does It Matter?

- Highest first month revenue for a mobile game, ever.
- Eclipsed \$200 million dollar revenue after just ONE MONTH of release.
- Since release (July 6, 2016), has never dropped out of the top 25 apps in daily revenue for iOS OR Android.



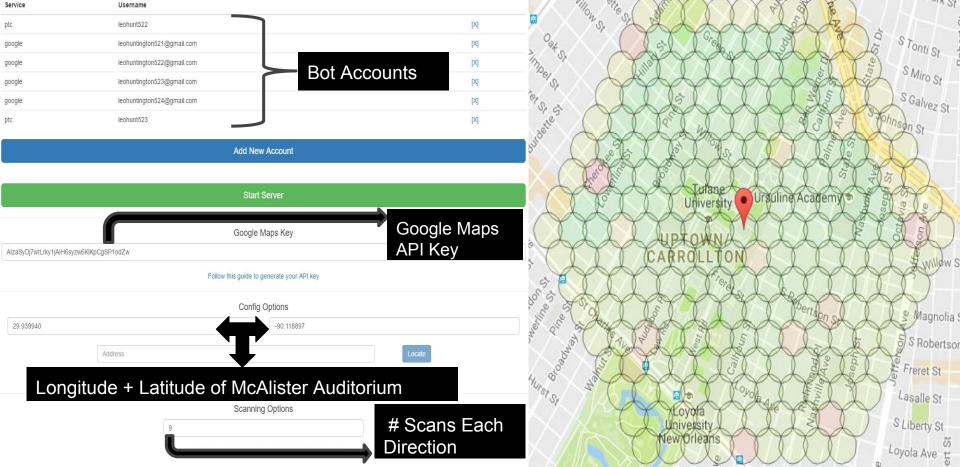


Scans 70 meters in all direction from your current GPS location every 10 seconds.

When nearby Pokemon are detected, they show up and may be "tapped on" to engage in the Pokeball fight.

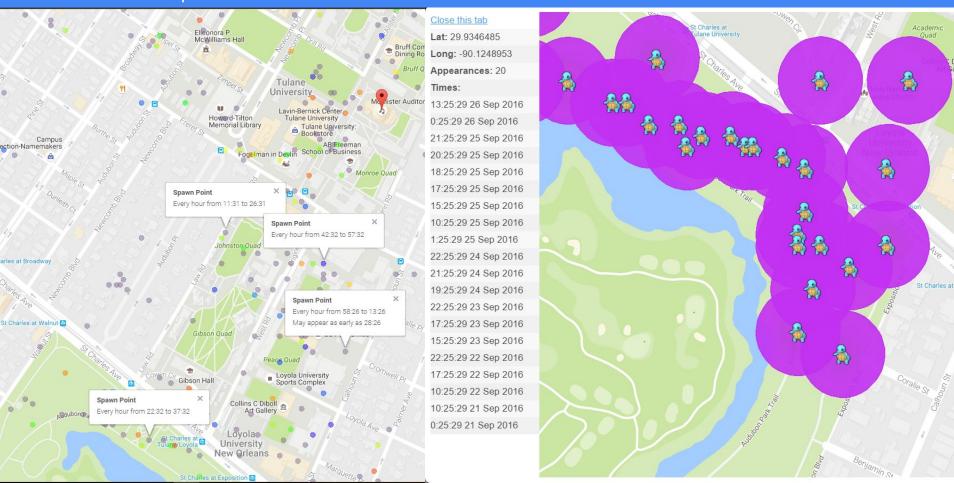
Setting Up The Map

Source: https://github.com/mchristopher/PokemonGo-DesktopMap

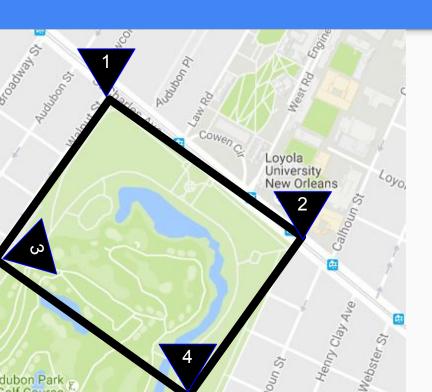


1 Week or 168 Hours of Scanning Later, Two Main Features;

1. Spawn Points 2. Nests



Machine Learning Applications



Defining "Audubon Park" Longitude/Latitude

1 - Latitude: 29.936078, Longitude: -90.125425

2 - Latitude: 29.933144, Longitude: -90.121228

3 - Latitude: 29.932750, Longitude: -90.128169

4 - Latitude: 29.30600, Longitude: -90.122590

ROUGHLY

If(Latitude Input) between {29.30600, 29.936078}

AND(Longitude Input) between {-90.121228, -90.127169}

Input = Audubon, Else Input=Non-Audubon

Sample Data Training

Lat: 29.9346485

Long: -90.1248953

Appearances: 20

Times:

13:25:29 26 Sep 2016

0:25:29 26 Sep 2016

21:25:29 25 Sep 2016 20:25:29 25 Sep 2016

18:25:29 25 Sep 2016

17:25:29 25 Sep 2016

15:25:29 25 Sep 2016 10:25:29 25 Sep 2016

1:25:29 25 Sep 2016

22:25:29 24 Sep 2016 21:25:29 24 Sep 2016 19:25:29 24 Sep 2016

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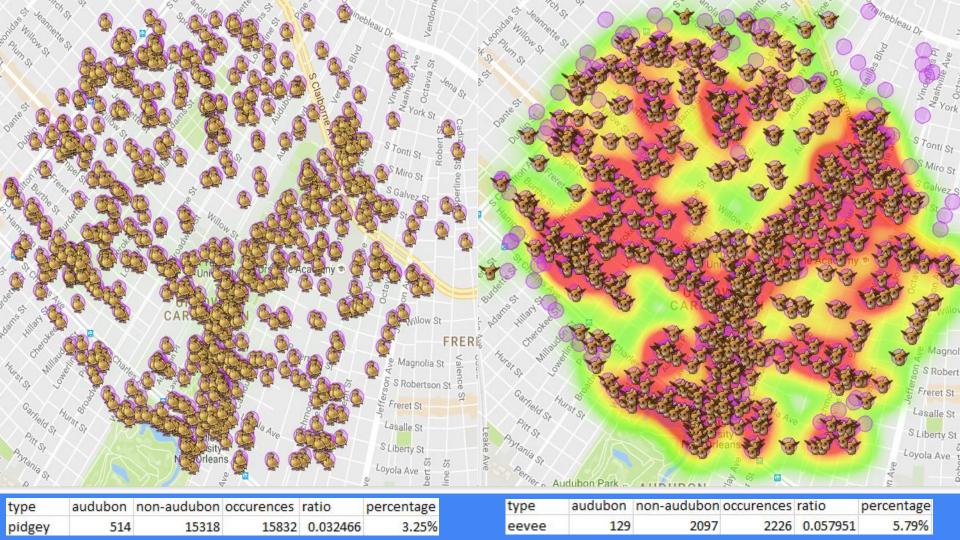
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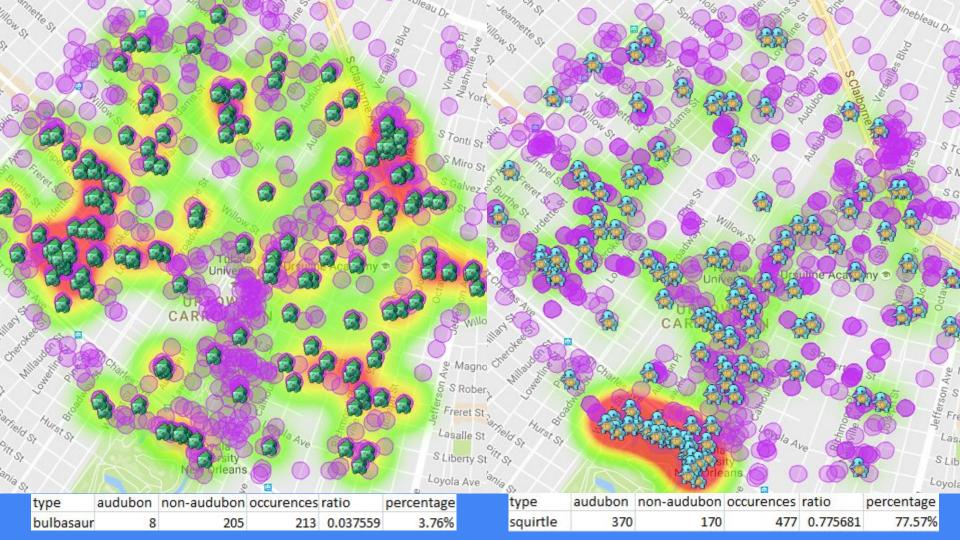
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Spawn Ratios are remarkably similar across time.

By taking a portion of our data and using it as sample data to learn from, we can predict the likelihood of a spawn occurring in Audubon Park based on species.

Our sample data consists of the spawns from 12:00AM September 21st until 11:59PM September 23rd. Using this data, we can train our classifier to calculate the likelihood a spawn is inside or outside of Audubon Park based on the species.





Results/Conclusions

Example A Spawn Point

Every hour from 44:37 to 59:37

Example B

Spawn Point
Every hour from 52:23 to 07:23
May appear as early as 22:23

- Pokemon spawn via an hourly timer at specific locations known as "spawn points".
 - All spawn points operate on a 60 hour timer.
 - Each spawn point will spawn a creature at a specific minute combination every hour for fifteen hours straight when it "starts".
 - Spawn points can be "confident" (example A) or "random" (example B).
 - Certain spawn points have different tendencies to spawn different creatures.
 - Spawn points in an area tend to spawn similar species.
- Confirms Audubon Park being a Squirtle Nest.
 - o 77.57% (370 / 477) of all Squirtles spawned inside the "Audubon Park" defined area.
 - Of the 61,246 OTHER spawn occurrences, no species exceed 10% of their spawns in the Audubon Park area.