

Running every street in Paris with Python and PostGIS

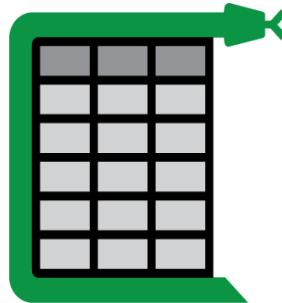


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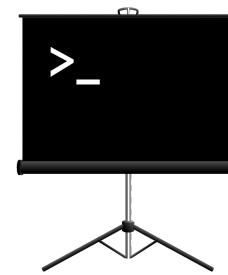
Outline

- Motivation
- GIS and related concepts
- OpenStreetMap and street networks
- Storing data in Postgres with PostGIS
- Map matching runs and visualizing progress

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Camelot

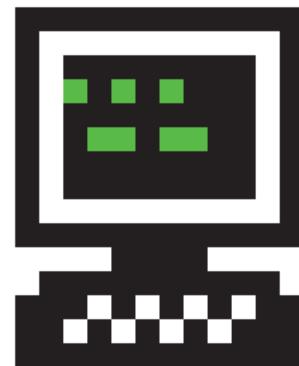


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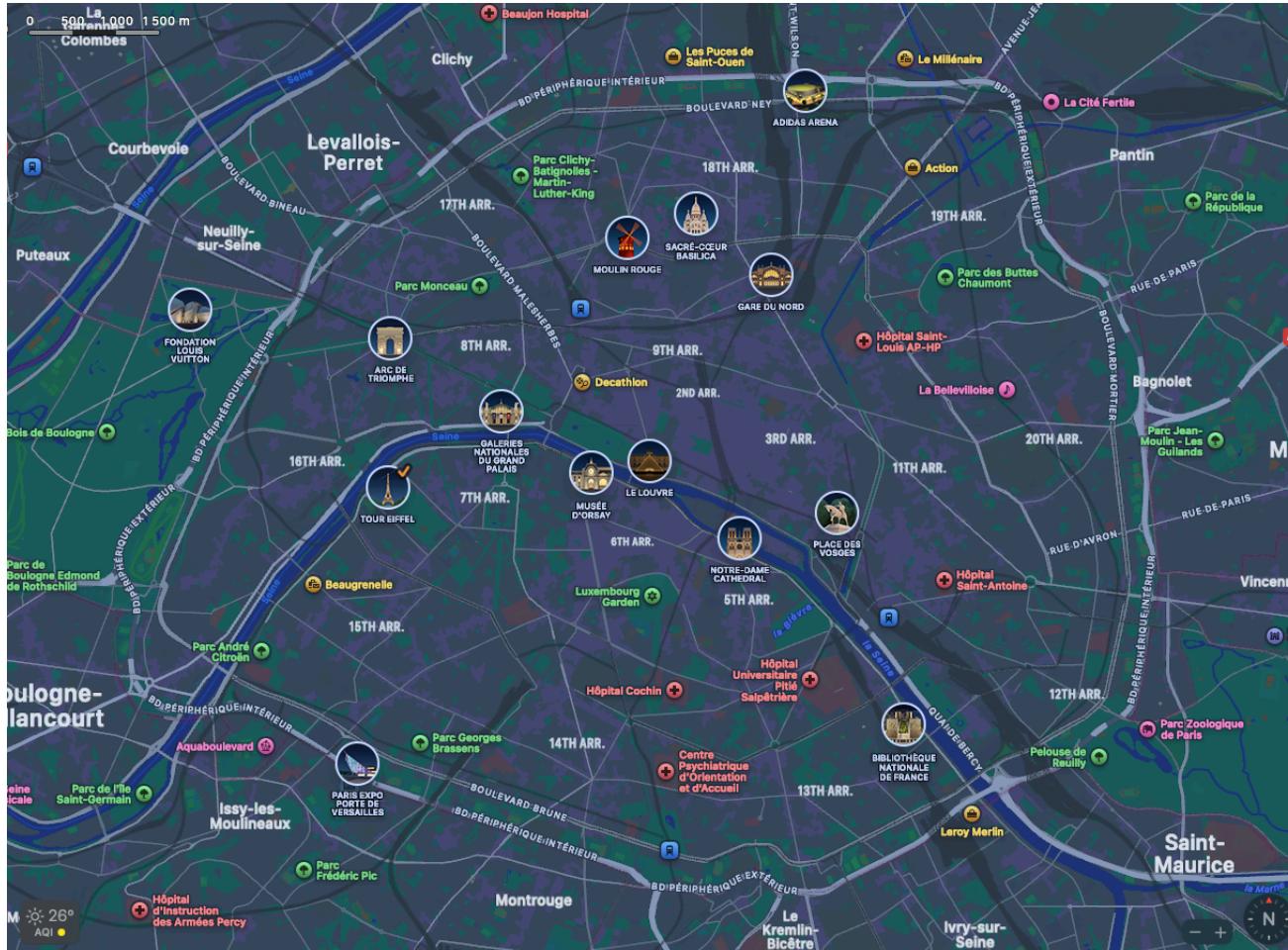


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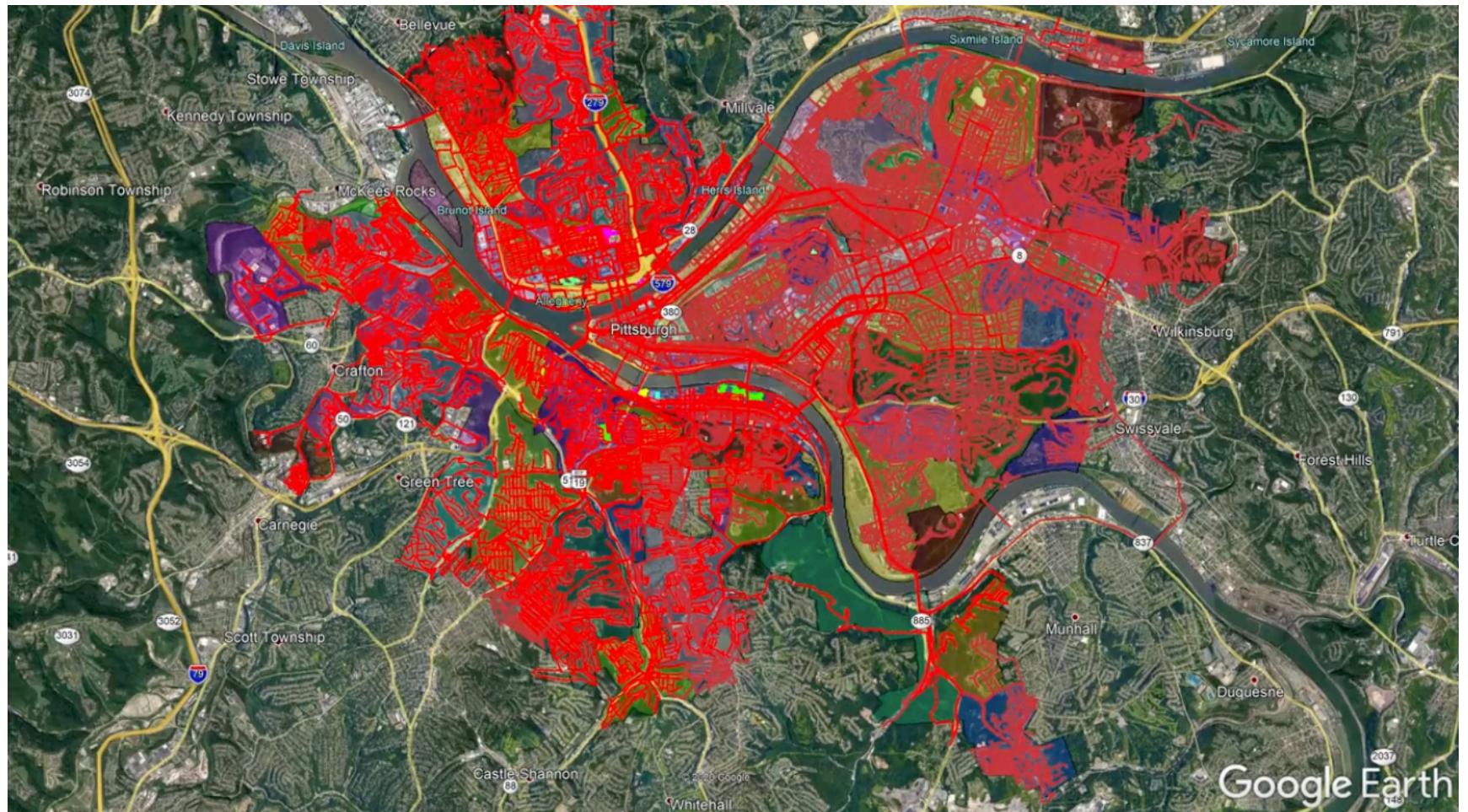
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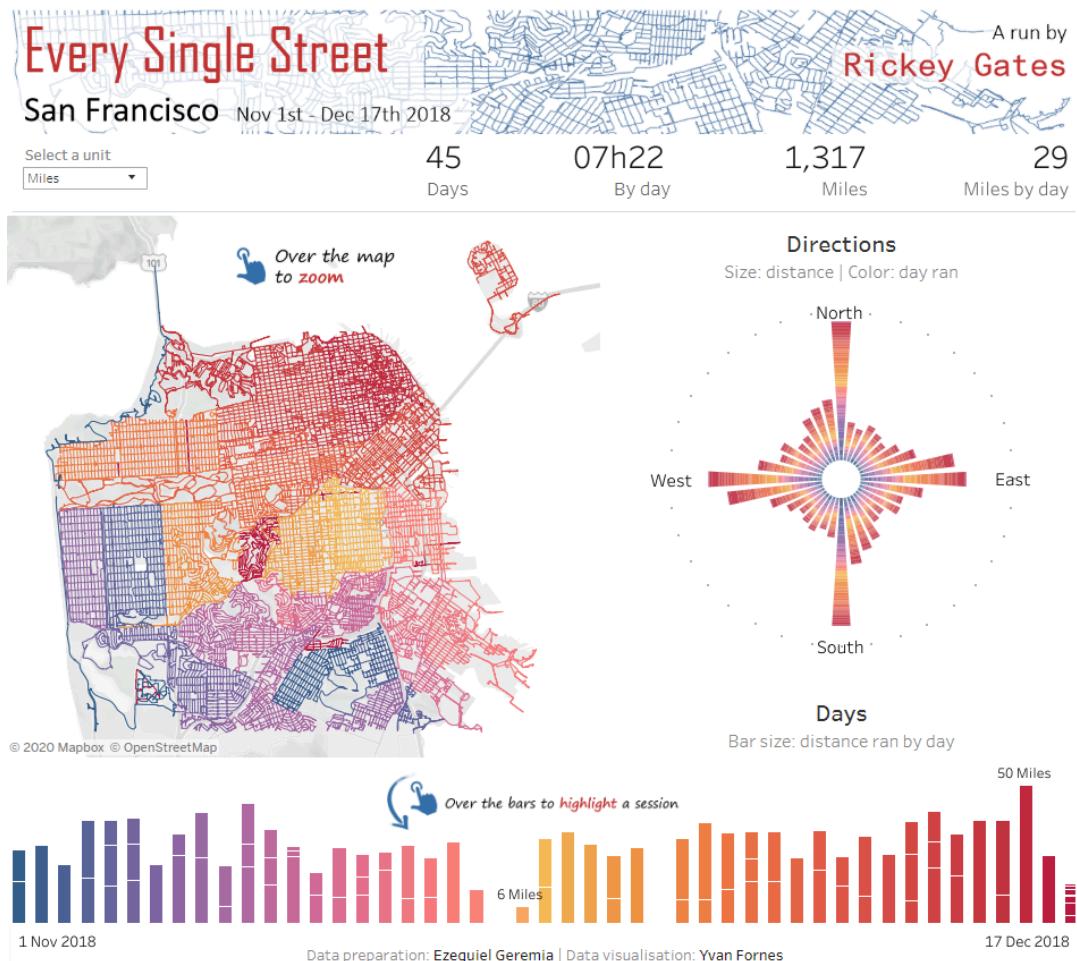


Tom Murphy's PAC TOM project



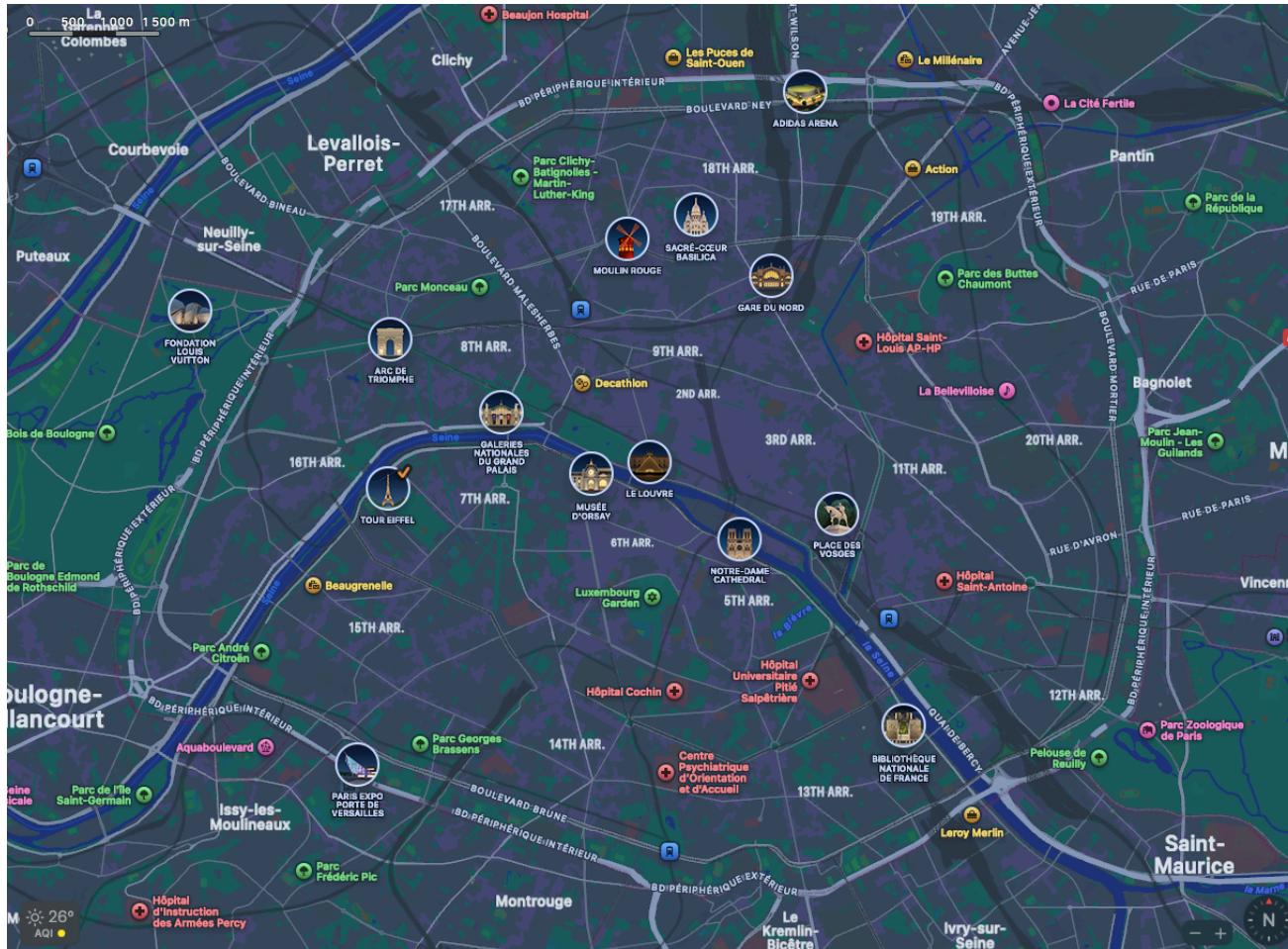
How I ran the length of every street in Pittsburgh: PAC TOM

Rickey Gates' Every Single Street project



<https://www.rickeygates.com/eversinglestreet>

"Could I do it in Paris?!"



Approach

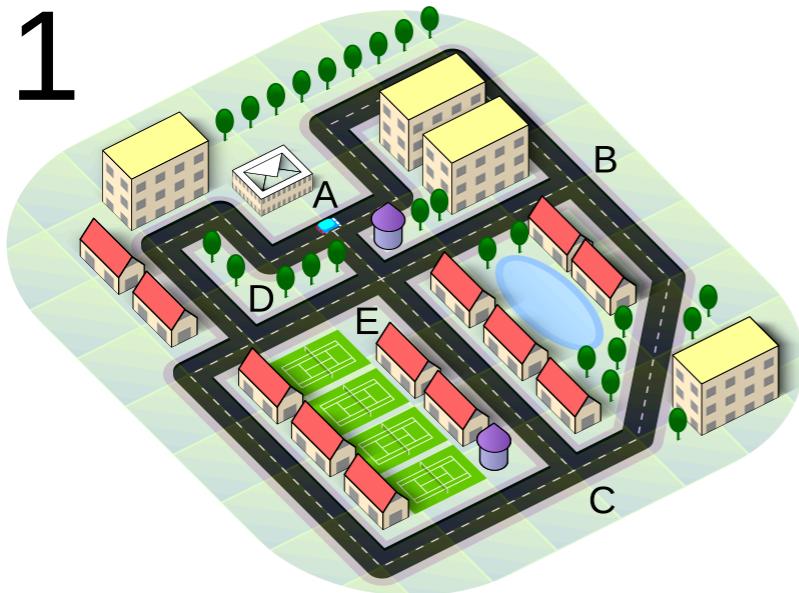
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- Compute routes
- Run 
- Map match
- Visualize progress

OpenStreetMap



Chinese postman problem

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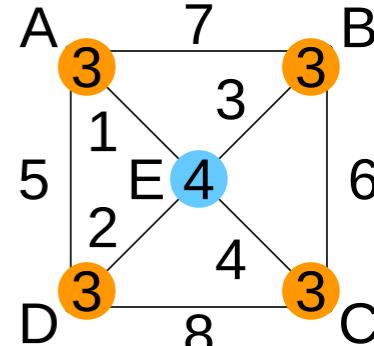
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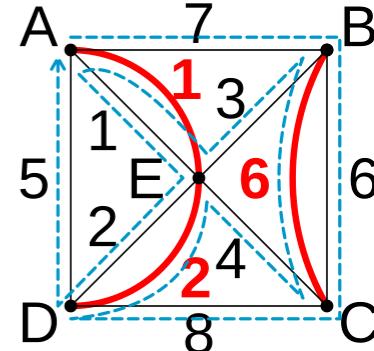
$$A(E)C + B(E)D = 5 + 5 = 10$$

$$A(E)D + BC = 3 + 6 = 9 \checkmark$$

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$$\begin{aligned}L &= 7+6+8+2+4+ \\&\quad 6+3+1+1+2+5 \\&= 45\end{aligned}$$

Approach (revised)

- Fetch OSM data
- ~~Compute routes~~ Draw routes
- Run 
- Map match
- Visualize progress

Progress



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Today at 7:53 PM · Paris

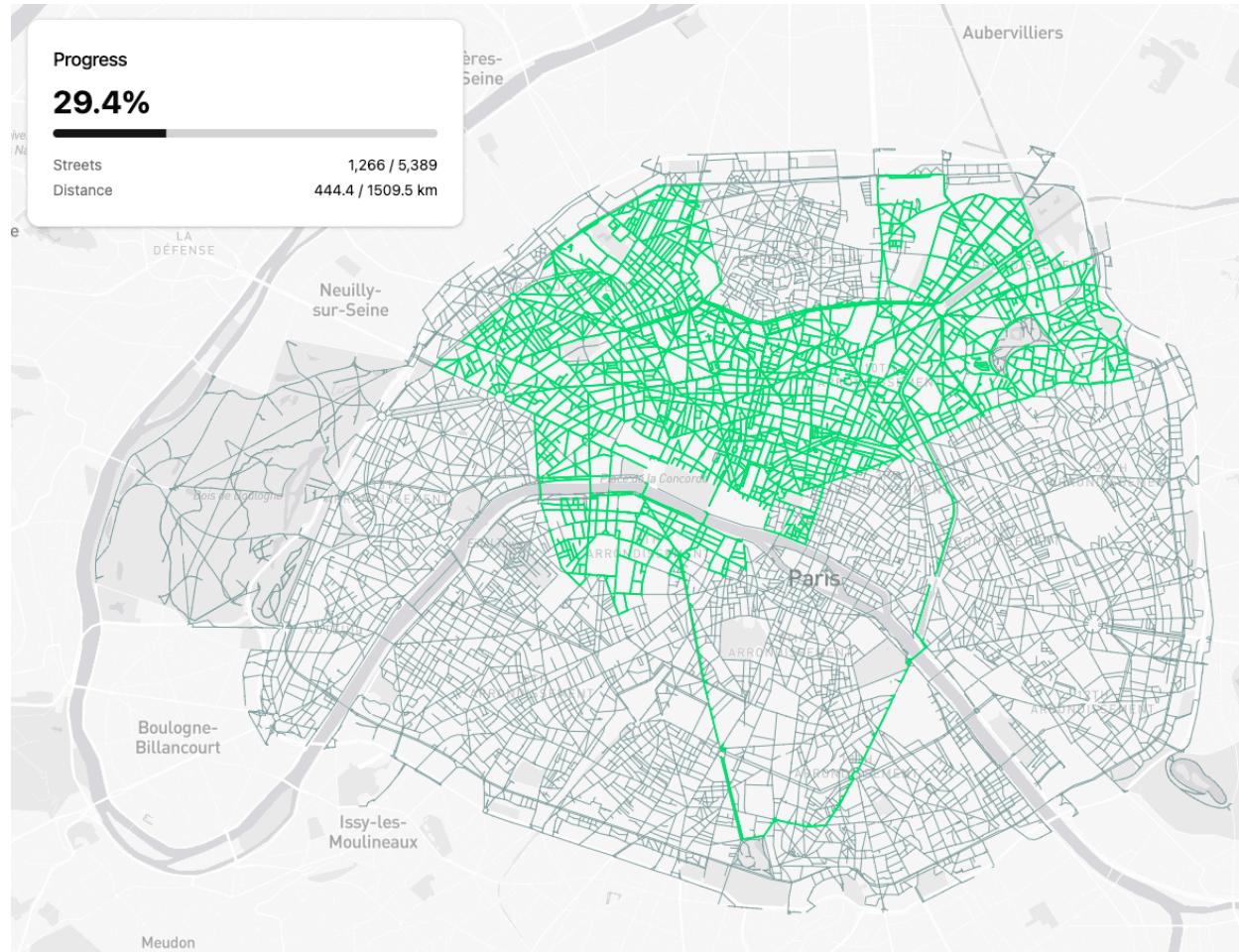
Evening Run



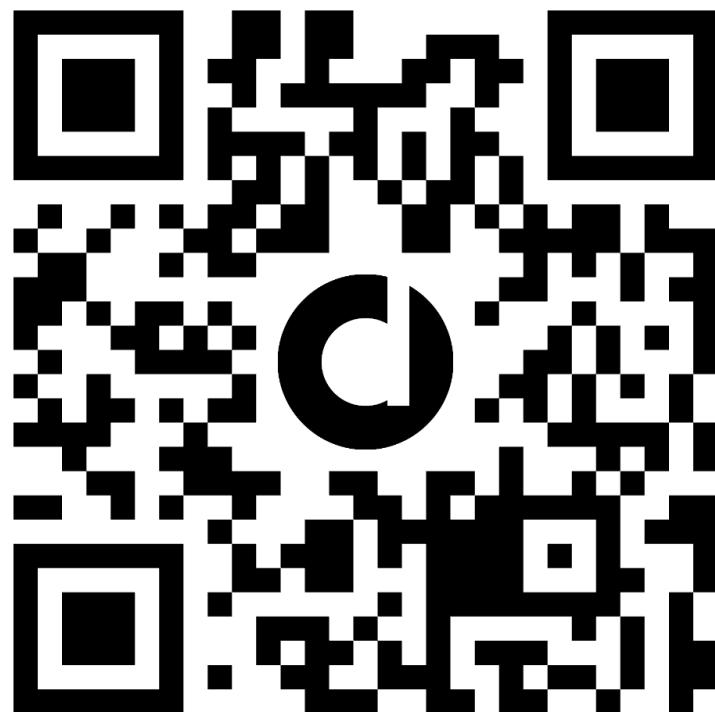
Check out my progress at <https://app.everystreet.run/vinayak/paris> 🏃

- Streets completed: 1,266 / 5,389
- Progress: 29.4% (+0.9%)
- City: Paris

Progress



Progress



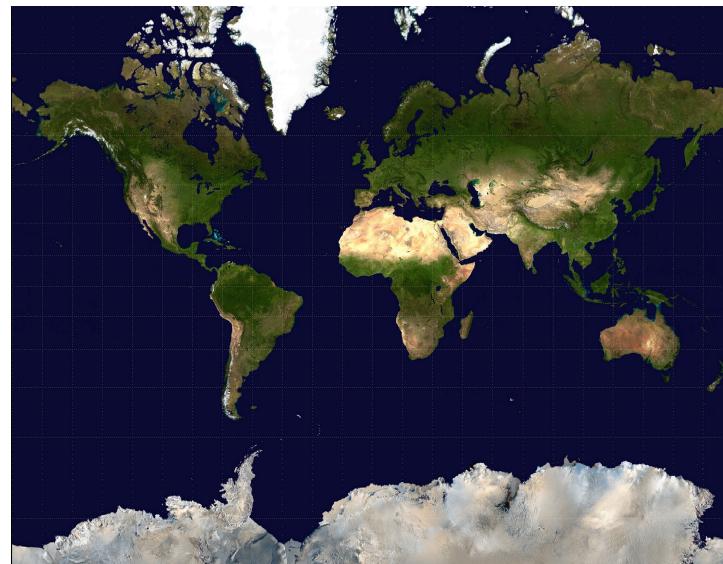
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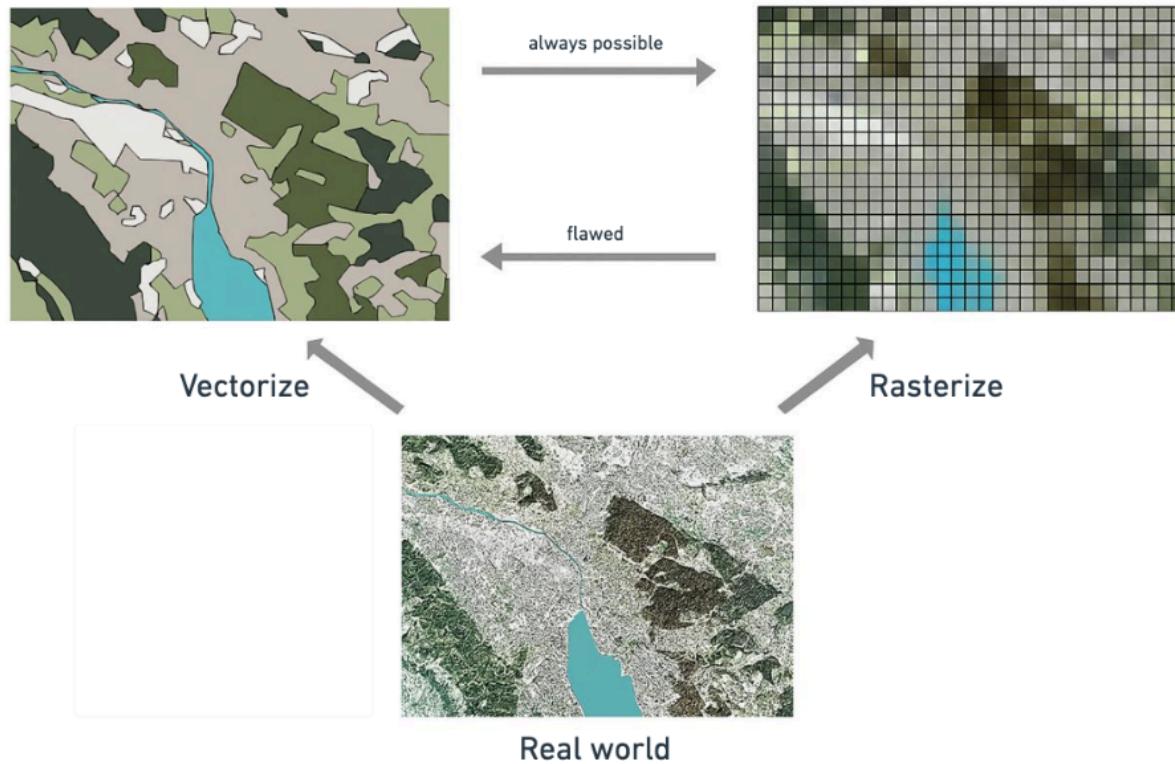


Coordinate systems

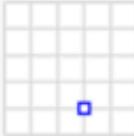
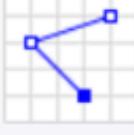
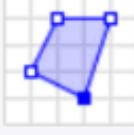
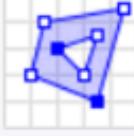
- Geographic coordinate systems (WGS 84, ...)
- Projected coordinate systems (Mercator, ...)



Vector and raster data



Geometries

Type	Examples	
Point		POINT (30 10)
LineString		LINESTRING (30 10, 10 30, 40 40)
Polygon		POLYGON ((30 10, 40 40, 20 40, 10 20, 30 10))
		POLYGON ((35 10, 45 45, 15 40, 10 20, 35 10), (20 30, 35 35, 30 20, 20 30))

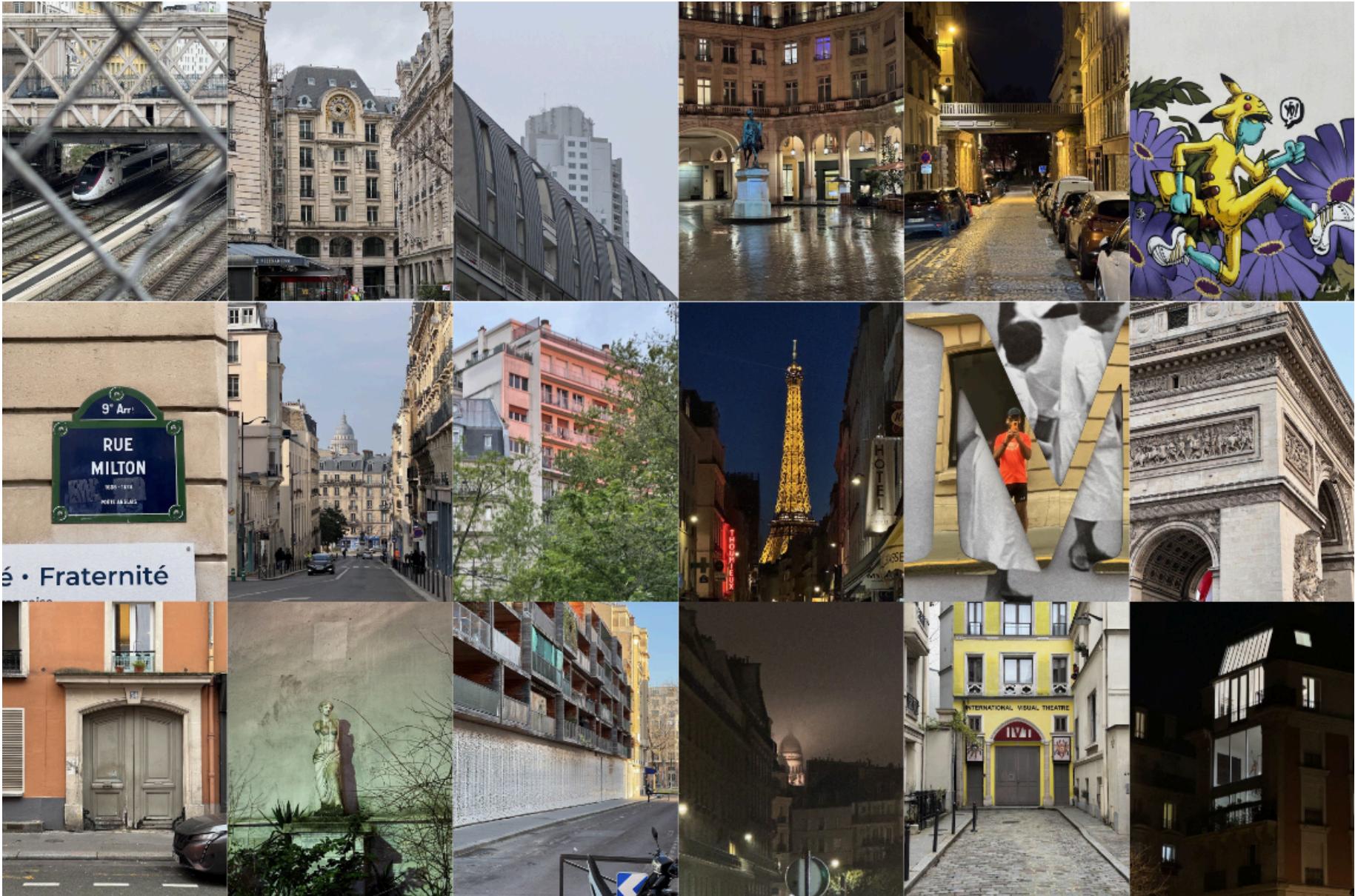
GPX

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  </metadata>
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    <name>Sample Track</name>
    <trkseg>
      <trkpt lat="48.8566" lon="2.3522">
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Postgres and PostGIS

```
-- Enable PostGIS extension  
CREATE EXTENSION postgis;
```

Let's look at some code



Future work

- Viterbi algorithm
- ~~Draw routes~~ Compute routes
- Full coverage by this time next year

Questions

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<https://dub.sh/everystreet>

<https://github.com/vinayak-mehta/running-every-street-talk>

