OpenStreetMap Data Case Study

Map Area

New Orleans, LA, United States

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New Orleans is the city where I studied for my master degree, and where I met my best friend. So I'm interested to see what database querying reveals, and get to know this lovely city better in a different way.

Downloading a Sample Part of the Area

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In [3]:
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import xml.etree.ElementTree as ET
OSM FILE = "new-orleans louisiana.osm"
SAMPLE FILE = "sample.osm"
k = 20
def get element(osm file, tags=('node', 'way', 'relation')):
    context = iter(ET.iterparse(osm file, events=('start', 'end')))
    , root = next(context)
    for event, elem in context:
        if event == 'end' and elem.tag in tags:
            yield elem
            root.clear()
with open(SAMPLE_FILE, 'wb') as output:
    output.write('<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>\n')
    output.write('<osm>\n ')
    # Write every kth top level element
    for i, element in enumerate(get element(OSM FILE)):
        if i % k == 0:
            output.write(ET.tostring(element, encoding='utf-8'))
    output.write('</osm>')
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Exploring the Dataset

Iterative Parsing

Through the count_tags function, we could get a dictionary called "tag_freq". It shows tag names as the key and number of times they showed in the dataset as the value.

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#count_tags function returns a dictionary with the
#tag name as the key and number of times this tag can be encountered in
#the map as value.

import pprint

def count_tags(filename):
    tag_freq={}

    for event, elem in ET.iterparse(filename):
        if elem.tag not in tag_freq:
            tag_freq[elem.tag]=1
        else:
        tag_freq[elem.tag]+=1

    return tag_freq
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In [5]:
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count_tags(SAMPLE_FILE)
Out[5]:
{'mombor': 2940
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{'member': 2940,
  'nd': 354697,
  'node': 320614,
  'osm': 1,
  'relation': 298,
  'tag': 83259,
  'way': 18914}
```

From above result, we can know the number of tags in the SAMPLE_FILE. For example, the number of "node" is 320614, and the number of "way" is 18914.

Explore the dataset a bit more

I used Sublime Text to read our SMAPLE_FILE.

After I looked the dataset thoroughly, I found that the street name values are stored at "tag" element's "v" attribute when attribute "k" equals "addr:street". And possible street types are: Place, Street, Lane, Heights, Drive, Avenue, Boulevard, Court, Road. These would be very helpful when we try to edit and clean the street name values later.

Problems Encountered in the Map

I noticed 4 main problems with the data:

Problem 1

Street names in the second level v needed to be improved, such as "Severn Ave" and "Youngswood Lp". It's better to improve these street names. For example, improve "Severn Ave" to "Severn Avenue", and improve "Youngswood Lp" to "Youngswood Loop".

Problem 2

There're some street names ended with direction, not street types, such as 'Diamondhead Drive West'and 'Bayou View East'.

Problem 3

Abscure street names in the dataset, such as "Longo", "Wainwright".

Problem 4

Street name values are stored in attribute "v" while the second level "k" equals "addr:street" or "name".

I also checked postcode strings in the dataset under nodes tag and ways tag, and find out that they are pretty clean and organized.

Checking the "k" value

First, I checked the "k" value for each "tag" and see if there are any potential problems:

The 'key_type' function below counts each of four tag categories in a dictionary: "lower", for tags that contain only lowercase letters and are valid, "lower_colon", for otherwise valid tags with a colon in their names, "problemchars", for tags with problematic characters, and "other", for other tags that do not fall into the other three categories.

In [6]:

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import re
lower = re.compile(r'^([a-z]|)*$')
lower_colon = re.compile(r'^([a-z]|_)*:([a-z]|_)*$')
problemchars = re.compile(r'[=\+/&<>;\'''\?%\#$@\,\. \t\r\n]')
def key type(element, keys):
    if element.tag == "tag":
        k value=element.get("k")
        l=re.search(lower,k value)
        lc=re.search(lower colon,k value)
        p=re.search(problemchars,k value)
        if 1:
            keys['lower']+=1
        elif lc:
            keys['lower colon']+=1
        elif p:
            keys['problemchars']+=1
        else:
            keys['other']+=1
        pass
    return keys
def process map(filename):
    keys = {"lower": 0, "lower_colon": 0, "problemchars": 0, "other": 0}
    for , element in ET.iterparse(filename):
        keys = key_type(element, keys)
    return keys
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In [7]:

process_map(SAMPLE_FILE)

Out[7]:
{'lower': 32837, 'lower_colon': 34578, 'other': 15844, 'problemchars
': 0}

From above, we can see that there's 32837 k values that contain only lowercase letters and are valid, 34578 k values are valid tags with a colon in their names, 15844 other tags that do not fall into the other three categories and 0 problematic k values in the dataset.
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Checking street names

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In [22]:
from collections import defaultdict
street type re = re.compile(r'\b\S+\.?$', re.IGNORECASE)
#I firstly input normal street types like "Street", "Avenue" and etc. into the ex
pected list. Then
#run the audit(SAMPLE FILE) function to see the results. After that, I adjusted
the expected list
#manually by adding other street types into the list. Also, I updated the mappin
q dictionary after
#looking through following results.
expected = ["Street", "Avenue", "Boulevard", "Drive", "Court", "Place", "Lane",
"Road",
             "Heights", "Parkway", "Terrace", "Alley", "Corner", "Cove", "Circle", "High
way", "Park",
            "Trace", "Trail", "View", "Village", "Randch", "Way", "Walk", "Loop", "Bayou
","Hollow","Hill","Ridge",
           "North", "West", "East"]
mapping = { "St": "Street",
            "St.": "Street",
            "Ave": "Avenue",
            "Rd.": "Road",
           "Pky": "Parkway",
           "Villa":"Village",
           "Lp": "Loop"
            }
def audit street type(street types, street name):
    m = street_type_re.search(street_name)
    if m:
        street type = m.group()
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        if street_type not in expected:
            street types[street type].add(street name)
def is_street_name(elem):
    return (elem.attrib['k'] == "addr:street")
def audit(osmfile):
    osm file = open(osmfile, "r")
    street types = defaultdict(set)
    for event, elem in ET.iterparse(osm_file, events=("start",)):
        if elem.tag == "node" or elem.tag == "way":
            for tag in elem.iter("tag"):
                if is street name(tag):
                    audit street type(street types, tag.attrib['v'])
    osm file.close()
    return street_types
def update name(name, mapping):
    m = street type re.search(name)
    #print m.group()
    if m.group() not in expected:
        if m.group() in mapping.keys():
            name = re.sub(m.group(), mapping[m.group()], name)
    return name
#audit(SAMPLE FILE)
def test():
    st_types=audit(SAMPLE_FILE)
    for st type, ways in st types.iteritems():
        for name in ways:
            better_name = update_name(name, mapping)
            print name, "=>", better name
if __name__ == '_ main ':
    test()
Road 217 => Road 217
Highway 603 => Highway 603
Highway 604 => Highway 604
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N Broad => N Broad

Willow St. => Willow Street

Mossy Oak => Mossy Oak

Broad => Broad

Live Oak => Live Oak Mahalo Hui => Mahalo Hui No Access => No Access Jeff Davis => Jeff Davis Road 390 => Road 390 Unknown => Unknown Road 136 => Road 136 Youngswood Lp => Youngswood Loop Mckinley => Mckinley Mossy Oaks => Mossy Oaks Bay Oaks => Bay Oaks Grand Route St John => Grand Route St John Rue Nichole => Rue Nichole Demontluzin => Demontluzin Old Highway 49 => Old Highway 49 Road 297 => Road 297 LA-23 => LA-23Ala Moana => Ala Moana Highway 43 => Highway 43 Bouslog => Bouslog Ocean Wave => Ocean Wave Road 346 => Road 346 Rue Delphine => Rue Delphine Road 546 => Road 546 Esplanade => Esplanade Dogwood => Dogwood Rue Nadine => Rue Nadine Gladstone => Gladstone Cypress Knee => Cypress Knee $Hwy603 \Rightarrow Hwy603$ Road 528 => Road 528 Road 361 => Road 361 Avenue A => Avenue A Wainwright => Wainwright Avenue B => Avenue B Jordan Bluff => Jordan Bluff Road 141 => Road 141 Romaneda => Romaneda Ranch => Ranch Road 306 => Road 306 Magazine St => Magazine Street Canal St => Canal Street Pine Ext => Pine Ext Quail Creek => Quail Creek Seabrook => Seabrook Road 370 => Road 370 Devil'S Elbow => Devil'S Elbow Highway 90 => Highway 90 Pinecrest => Pinecrest Spanish Acres => Spanish Acres Longfellow => Longfellow Rue De Lasalle => Rue De Lasalle Olivari => Olivari

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Rue Le Ville => Rue Le Ville
General Taylor => General Taylor
Lanai Villa => Lanai Village
Rue Mignon => Rue Mignon
Terry Pky => Terry Parkway
S Massachusetts S => S Massachusetts S
Highway 53 => Highway 53
Rue Colette => Rue Colette
Rue Denise => Rue Denise
Cazabon Farm => Cazabon Farm
Road 273 => Road 273
Longo => Longo
Road 298 => Road 298
Road 530 => Road 530
N Claiborne Ave => N Claiborne Avenue
N Carrollton Ave => N Carrollton Avenue
Severn Ave => Severn Avenue
St. Peter => St. Peter
Road 418 => Road 418
Road 377 => Road 377
Gulfside => Gulfside
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Webb => Webb

I adjusted the mapping dictionary to improve our street names. For example, I found "'Pky':{'Terry Pky'}", which 'Pky' was supposed to be the abbreviation of 'Parkway'. So I added "Pky" as the key, "Parkway" as the value into mapping dictionary.

In addition, I don't want to change the street names which have numbers at last becasue they're supposed to be highway. And this expression is actually right for highway names. For example, street names like "Highway 604", "Road 310" and etc.

There's another type of street names I think we don't need to change, because its expression is pretty normal in our life. The type is ended with direction, such as 'North' and 'West'. Examples like 'Diamondhead Drive North', 'Seal Avenue North' and etc.

So I audited the street names which fell outside of our "expected" list. As above showed, for example, we've improved street name like "Decatur St => Decatur Street", "Youngswood Lp => Youngswood Loop", "Severn Ave => Severn Avenue".

Prepare Dataset for SQL

The next step is to prepare the data to be inserted into a SQL database. I'm goint to parse the elements in the SAMPLE_FILE, to transform them into tabular format, and to finnally write them to .csv files so we can use SQL database to analyze them.

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In [16]:
import csv
import codecs
import cerberus
import schema
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I named different .csv files for tables in SQL database later. And I imported schema and cerberus to prepare and validate for the following data transformation.

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In [17]:
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OSM PATH = "sample.osm"
NODES PATH = "nodes.csv"
NODE TAGS PATH = "nodes tags.csv"
WAYS PATH = "ways.csv"
WAY NODES PATH = "ways nodes.csv"
WAY TAGS PATH = "ways tags.csv"
SCHEMA = schema.schema
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In [29]:
#-Shape each element into several data structures using a custom function
LOWER_COLON = re.compile(r'^([a-z]|_)+:([a-z]|_)+')
PROBLEMCHARS = re.compile(r'[=+/&<>; \cdot'''?%#$@\cdot, \cdot \cdot t\cdot r\cdot n]')
# Make sure the fields order in the csvs matches the column order in the sql tab
le schema
NODE FIELDS = ['id', 'lat', 'lon', 'user', 'uid', 'version', 'changeset', 'times
tamp']
NODE TAGS FIELDS = ['id', 'key', 'value', 'type']
WAY_FIELDS = ['id', 'user', 'uid', 'version', 'changeset', 'timestamp']
WAY TAGS_FIELDS = ['id', 'key', 'value', 'type']
WAY NODES FIELDS = ['id', 'node id', 'position']
#The shape element function transforms each element into the correct format.
#It takes as input an iterparse Element object and return a dictionary organizin
#all the information into the correct format.
#For example, for elements whose top level tag is "node", the "shape element" fu
nction returns
#a dictionary whose format is {"node": .., "node tags": ...}.
#To be specific, the "node" key holds attributes like "id", "user", "uid", "version
","lat","lon","timestamp" and
#"changeset" for its top level "node". And "node tags" key holds a list of dicti
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onaries which includes
#attributes like "id", "key", "value" and "type" for its secondary tag.
def shape element (element, node attr fields=NODE FIELDS, way attr fields=WAY FIE
LDS,
                  problem chars=PROBLEMCHARS, default tag type='regular'):
    """Clean and shape node or way XML element to Python dict"""
    node attribs = {}
    way attribs = {}
    way nodes = []
    tags = [] # Handle secondary tags the same way for both node and way elemen
ts
    if element.tag == 'node':
        for attrib in element.attrib:
            if attrib in NODE FIELDS:
                node attribs[attrib]=element.attrib[attrib]
        for child in element:
            node tag={}
            if LOWER COLON.search(child.attrib['k']):
                if child.attrib['k'] == 'addr:street':
                    node_tag['value'] = update_name(child.attrib['v'], mapping)
                    node tag['id'] = element.attrib['id']
                    node tag['key'] = child.attrib['k'].split(':',1)[1]
                    node tag['type'] = child.attrib['k'].split(':',1)[0]
                    tags.append(node tag)
                else:
                    node_tag['id'] = element.attrib['id']
                    node tag['key'] = child.attrib['k'].split(':',1)[1]
                    node tag['type'] = child.attrib['k'].split(':',1)[0]
                    node tag['value'] = child.attrib['v']
                    tags.append(node tag)
            elif PROBLEMCHARS.search(child.attrib['k']):
                continue
            else:
                node tag['id'] = element.attrib['id']
                node_tag['key'] = child.attrib['k']
                node_tag['type'] = 'regular'
                node tag['value'] = child.attrib['v']
                tags.append(node tag)
        return {'node': node_attribs, 'node_tags': tags}
    elif element.tag == 'way':
        for attrib in element.attrib:
            if attrib in WAY FIELDS:
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position=0
        for child in element:
            way tag={}
            way node={}
            if child.tag=='tag':
                if LOWER COLON.search(child.attrib['k']):
                    if child.attrib['k'] == 'addr:street':
                        way tag['value'] = update name(child.attrib['v'], mappin
g)
                        way tag['id'] = element.attrib['id']
                        way tag['key'] = child.attrib['k'].split(':',1)[1]
                        way tag['type'] = child.attrib['k'].split(':',1)[0]
                        tags.append(way tag)
                    else:
                        way tag['id'] = element.attrib['id']
                        way tag['key'] = child.attrib['k'].split(':',1)[1]
                        way tag['type'] = child.attrib['k'].split(':',1)[0]
                        way tag['value'] = child.attrib['v']
                        tags.append(way tag)
                elif PROBLEMCHARS.search(child.attrib['k']):
                    continue
                else:
                    way_tag['id'] = element.attrib['id']
                    way tag['key'] = child.attrib['k']
                    way_tag['type'] = 'regular'
                    way_tag['value'] = child.attrib['v']
                    tags.append(way tag)
            #print tags
            elif child.tag=='nd':
                way_node['id']=element.attrib['id']
                way node['node id']=child.attrib['ref']
                way node['position']=position
                position+=1
                way_nodes.append(way_node)
        return {'way': way_attribs, 'way_nodes': way_nodes, 'way_tags': tags}
In [30]:
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way_attribs[attrib]=element.attrib[attrib]

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# ========= #
# Helper Functions #
# ========= #
#- Use iterparse to iteratively step through each top level element in the XML
def get_element(osm_file, tags=('node', 'way', 'relation')):
    """Yield element if it is the right type of tag"""
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context = ET.iterparse(osm_file, events=('start', 'end'))
   , root = next(context)
    for event, elem in context:
       if event == 'end' and elem.tag in tags:
           yield elem
           root.clear()
#- Utilize a schema and validation library to ensure the transformed data is in
the correct format
#Using the cerberus library can validate the output against this schema to ensur
e it is correct.
def validate element(element, validator, schema=SCHEMA):
    """Raise ValidationError if element does not match schema"""
    if validator.validate(element, schema) is not True:
       field, errors = next(validator.errors.iteritems())
       message string = \nElement of type '{0}' has the following errors:\n{1}
       error string = pprint.pformat(errors)
       raise Exception(message string.format(field, error string))
#- Write each data structure to the appropriate .csv files
class UnicodeDictWriter(csv.DictWriter, object):
    """Extend csv.DictWriter to handle Unicode input"""
   def writerow(self, row):
       super(UnicodeDictWriter, self).writerow({
           k: (v.encode('utf-8') if isinstance(v, unicode) else v) for k, v in
row.iteritems()
       })
   def writerows(self, rows):
       for row in rows:
           self.writerow(row)
# ============== #
               Main Function
# ============ #
def process map(file in, validate):
    """Iteratively process each XML element and write to csv(s)"""
   with codecs.open(NODES_PATH, 'w') as nodes_file, \
        codecs.open(NODE_TAGS_PATH, 'w') as nodes_tags_file, \
        codecs.open(WAYS PATH, 'w') as ways file, \
        codecs.open(WAY NODES PATH, 'w') as way nodes file, \
        codecs.open(WAY_TAGS_PATH, 'w') as way_tags_file:
       nodes writer = UnicodeDictWriter(nodes file, NODE FIELDS)
       node_tags_writer = UnicodeDictWriter(nodes_tags_file, NODE_TAGS_FIELDS)
       ways writer = UnicodeDictWriter(ways file, WAY FIELDS)
       way nodes writer = UnicodeDictWriter(way nodes file, WAY NODES FIELDS)
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way_tags_writer = UnicodeDictWriter(way_tags_file, WAY_TAGS_FIELDS)
        nodes writer.writeheader()
        node tags writer.writeheader()
        ways writer.writeheader()
        way nodes writer.writeheader()
        way tags writer.writeheader()
        validator = cerberus.Validator()
        for element in get element(file in, tags=('node', 'way')):
            el = shape element(element)
            if el:
                if validate is True:
                    validate element(el, validator)
                if element.tag == 'node':
                    nodes writer.writerow(el['node'])
                    node tags writer.writerows(el['node tags'])
                elif element.tag == 'way':
                    ways writer.writerow(el['way'])
                    way nodes writer.writerows(el['way nodes'])
                    way tags writer.writerows(el['way tags'])
if name == ' main ':
    process map(OSM PATH, validate=False)
```

Import csv files into SQL database

After audit and clean the dataset, I converted it from XML to CSV format, then imported the cleaned .csv files into a SQL database named "osm.db".

Statistical Overview of the Dataset

File sizes

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In [35]:
import os
folder = '/Users/tangyiyi/Desktop/Data Analyst/Data Wrangling/Project'
folder size = 0
for (path, dirs, files) in os.walk(folder):
    for file in files:
        if '.ipynb' not in file and '.py' not in file and '.DS Store' not in fil
e and '.jpg' not in file and '.png' not in file:
            filename = os.path.join(path, file)
            folder size = os.path.getsize(filename)
            print file, " = %0.1f MB" % (folder size/(1024*1024.0))
new-orleans louisiana.osm = 1219.5 MB
nodes.csv = 25.2 MB
nodes tags.csv = 0.3 \text{ MB}
osm.db = 31.9 MB
sample.osm = 61.6 MB
ways.csv = 1.1 \text{ MB}
ways nodes.csv = 8.0 MB
ways tags.csv = 2.5 \text{ MB}
Number of nodes and ways
In [38]:
import sqlite3
con = sqlite3.connect('osm.db')
cursor = con.cursor()
cursor.execute("SELECT count(*) FROM nodes;")
print(cursor.fetchall())
[(320614,)]
In [39]:
cursor.execute("SELECT count(*) FROM ways;")
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As above, the number of nodes is 320614, and the number of ways is 18914.

print(cursor.fetchall())

[(18914,)]

Number of unique users

(u'bhelx',),

(u'anna2233',)]

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In [40]:
cursor.execute("SELECT count(distinct(u.uid)) FROM (Select uid FROM nodes UNION
ALL SELECT uid FROM ways) u;")
print(cursor.fetchall())
[(482,)]
```

I used "union all" function to combine nodes and ways tables accroding to their uid, and named the combiend table "u". Then I counted distinct uid numbers. So as above showed, there's 482 unique users in the dataset.

Number of cafes in the dataset & Who contributed to the cafe data

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In [41]:

cursor.execute("SELECT count(*) FROM nodes_tags where value='cafe';")

print(cursor.fetchall())

[(7,)]

In [47]:

cursor.execute("SELECT nodes.user FROM nodes INNER JOIN nodes_tags ON nodes.id=n odes_tags.id where nodes_tags.value='cafe';")

pprint.pprint(cursor.fetchall())

[(u'Matt Toups',),
   (u'wheelmap_visitor',),
   (u'wegavision',),
   (u'lokejul',),
   (u'lokejul',),
```

There's 7 cafe in the dataset. And user named "Matt Toups", "wheelmap_visitor", "wegavision", "lokejul", "bhelx", "anna2233" contributed to the cafe data.

How many times did user "Matt Toups" contribute to this dataset

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In [43]:

cursor.execute("SELECT count(*) FROM (SELECT user from nodes UNION ALL SELECT us
er from ways) u where user='Matt Toups';")

print(cursor.fetchall())
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[(172024,)]
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As results, user "Matt Toups" contributed 172024 times.

Other Ideas about the Datasets

Gamification

I found it interesting to review contributor statistical information in the dataset.

I found the contributions is pretty skewed:

- 1. Top contributor's contribution percentage: 50.67%
- 2. Top 3 contributors' contribution percentage: 80.06%
- 3. Top 10 contributors' contribution percentage: 94.26%

And I also found there's 119 contributors who just appeared one time. So all of these reminds me of "gamification" so that users could be motivated to contributes more and more for the OpenStreetMap. Gamification such as rewards, point scoring, and competitions showing on the leaderboard may all have positive influence on encouraging user participation in OpenStreetMap contributions.

Sum of contributions (posted by contributors)

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In [72]:
cursor.execute("SELECT count(*) FROM (SELECT user from nodes UNION ALL SELECT us
er from ways) u;")
print(cursor.fetchall())
[(339528,)]
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Sum of top 10 contributors' contributions

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In [74]:
cursor.execute("SELECT sum(num) FROM (SELECT u.user, count(*) as num FROM (SELEC
T user FROM nodes UNION ALL SELECT user FROM ways) u group by u.user order by nu
m desc limit 10) e;")
pprint.pprint(cursor.fetchall())
[(320030,)]
Top 20 contributors
In [50]:
cursor.execute("SELECT u.user, count(*) as num FROM (SELECT user FROM nodes UNIO
N ALL SELECT user FROM ways) u group by u.user order by num desc limit 20;")
pprint.pprint(cursor.fetchall())
[(u'Matt Toups', 172024),
 (u'ELadner', 61360),
 (u'wvdp', 38444),
 (u'coleman_nolaimport', 17414),
 (u'ELadnerImp', 12556),
 (u'woodpeck fixbot', 10518),
 (u'Matt Toups nolaimport', 2665),
 (u'Minh Nguyen nolaimport', 1920),
 (u'ceseifert nolaimport', 1833),
 (u'Maarten Deen', 1296),
 (u'TIGERcnl', 1288),
 (u'Alecs01', 1174),
 (u'RichRico', 790),
 (u'Glassman', 769),
 (u'bot-mode', 743),
 (u'Skywave', 697),
 (u'42429', 584),
 (u'Minh Nguyen', 581),
 (u'maxerickson', 510),
 (u'DaveHansenTiger', 477)]
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How many contributors only contribute one time

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In [56]:
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cursor.execute("SELECT count(*) FROM (SELECT u.user,count(*) as num FROM (SELECT
user FROM nodes UNION ALL SELECT user FROM ways) u group by u.user HAVING num=1)
i;")
pprint.pprint(cursor.fetchall())
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[(119,)]

Top 5 amenities

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In [75]:

cursor.execute("SELECT value, count(*) as num FROM nodes_tags WHERE key='amenity
' group by value order by num desc limit 5;")

pprint.pprint(cursor.fetchall())

[(u'place_of_worship', 48),
  (u'school', 48),
  (u'restaurant', 17),
  (u'restaurant', 10),
  (u'grave_yard', 8)]
```

Count amenity bar

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In [76]:

cursor.execute("SELECT count(*) FROM nodes_tags WHERE key='amenity'and value='ba
r';")
pprint.pprint(cursor.fetchall())

[(6,)]
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Counclusion

After this review, I found the dataset is incomplete and cleaned up the street name data for this dataset, and then discussed about the contributor statistic related problem, such as initiating "gamification" to encourage user participation in contribution. Also, I noticed that lots of public domain data source (like tiger: Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing system) makes contributions into OpenStreetMap under user names like "Joel Carranza", "chehrlic". With such data source or GPS working together, it will certainly help increasing the accurancy of the dataset input. However, it is possible that data from these source may have other potential problems that may need to cleaned or audied.

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