

Learning to map!

Why and What do you {we} map?

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Introduction

First steps..



Created by rayhan maulana rikzan
from Noun Project

Getting here

How

- ★ Word of mouth ...
- ★ Make the world a better place
- ★ Contest
- ★ As part of my job
- ★ Data: I want X for Y
- ★ mapathon! mapathon!! mapathon!!!
- ★ Application M or O

Self



Created by Lars Meier toberens
from Noun Project

Africa

Data! Data!! Data!!!



Created by WEBTECHOPS LLP
from Noun Project

Talk-<?>

Mailing lists

Below is the collection of publicly-advertised [Mailman](#) mailing lists on lists.openstreetmap.org. Click on a list name to visit the configuration pages for that list. To visit the administrators configuration page for an unadvertised list, open a URL similar to this one, but with a '/' and the list name appended. If you have the proper authority, you can also [create a new mailing list](#).

General list information can be found at [the mailing list overview page](#).

(Send questions and comments to mailman@openstreetmap.org.)

List	Description
Accessibility	Accessibility
Advisors	<i>[no description available]</i>
Announce	OpenStreetMap Announcements
dev	OpenStreetMap developer discussion
dev-fr	Discussions d'Åveloppeur OSM en français
dev-italia	Discussioni OpenStreetMap per sviluppatori - in italiano
Diversity-talk	Discussion about diversity in OSM, in all it's forms.
Geocoding	Discussion of geocoding
Healthsites	Building an open data commons of health facility data with OpenStreetMap
Historic	The OpenHistoricalMap (OHM) listserv - OHM: mapping the world's history using OSM tools
HOT	Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team
Hot-announce	Important HOT announcements and updates only. Very low volume.
Hot-francophone	Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team en français
Imports	<i>[no description available]</i>
Imports-us	US Import Committee Discussion List
Jeography	Discussion about Jeography, a Java GIS and library for map UIs
josm-dev	JOSM developer mailing list
Learnosm-coord	<i>[no description available]</i>
Legal-general	General discussions about alternative OSM licensing scenarios.
legal-talk	Licensing and other legal discussions.
Local-chapters	General discussion of topics relevant for (local) chapters of the OSM Foundation
LoroDux-dev	LoroDux developers
machine-learning	Conversations around machine learning and OpenStreetMap

Figure 1: <https://lists.openstreetmap.org>

About Talk-africa

English (USA)

Discussing OSM of general interest across African continent. Also worth checking for individual country lists, they may be more active.

To see the collection of prior postings to the list, visit the [Talk-africa Archives](#).

Using Talk-africa

To post a message to all the list members, send email to talk-africa@openstreetmap.org.

You can subscribe to the list, or change your existing subscription, in the sections below.

Subscribing to Talk-africa

Subscribe to Talk-africa by filling out the following form. You will be sent email requesting confirmation, to prevent others from gratuitously subscribing you. This private list, which means that the list of members is not available to non-members.

Your email address:

Your name (optional):

You may enter a privacy password below. This provides only mild security, but should prevent others from messing with your subscription.

Do not use a valuable password as it will occasionally be emailed back to you in cleartext.

If you choose not to enter a password, one will be automatically generated for you, and it will be sent to you once you've confirmed your subscription. You can always request a mail-back of your password when you edit your personal options.

Pick a password:

Reenter password to confirm:

Which language do you prefer to display your messages?

English (USA)

Would you like to receive list mail batched in a daily digest?

☒ No ☐ Yes

Talk-africa Subscribers

(The subscribers list is only available to the list members.)

November 2021 Archives by thread

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Ending: Sun Nov 14 11:42:32 UTC 2021

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- [\[Talk-africa\] weeklyOSM #589 2021-10-26-2021-11-01](#) weeklyteam
- [\[Talk-africa\] hebdoOSM N° 589 2021-10-26-2021-11-01](#) theweekly.osm at gmail.com
- [\[Talk-africa\] weeklyOSM #590 2021-11-02-2021-11-08](#) weeklyteam
- [\[Talk-africa\] hebdoOSM N° 590 2021-11-02-2021-11-08](#) theweekly.osm at gmail.com


Last message date: Sun Nov 14 11:42:32 UTC 2021

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Welcome to OpenStreetMap, the project that creates and distributes *free* geographic data for the world. We started it because most maps you think of as free actually have legal or technical restrictions on their use, holding back people from using them in creative, productive, or unexpected ways.

[More about OpenStreetMap](#) | [How to contribute](#) | [Where to get help](#)


Use OpenStreetMap



Using OpenStreetMap

- Browse our world map!
- Check the ready-to-use products for your mobile device, your desktop computer or the web services
- [...more on using OpenStreetMap](#)


Contribute free map data



Beginners' Guide

- Browse the map feature documentation
- Browse the Mapping projects
- [...more on contributing map data](#)

Software Development



Develop and use the Platform

- Use OpenStreetMap for your software
- Contribute to the OpenStreetMap software

News

2021
19 Sep Two optional gadgets for enhancing discussion pages, [1.CommentInATime](#) and [2.ConvertedDiscussions](#) have been installed. You can enable them in your user preferences.
8 Apr Read about [ideas for mapping](#) for Earth Day and the International Day of Human Space Flight, both in April.
5 Apr The Local Chapters and Communities Working Group is looking for [volunteer moderators](#).

older news...

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Upcoming events [\(events\)](#) - See also: [Past Events](#) | [Event archive 2004-2020](#)

18th-20th November UCB Brazil - CotaMapa (carta de mapeamento)	
19th-21st November State of the Map Africa 2021	
21st November New York City Meetup	New York, New York, United States
22nd-28th November UK Map Marathon	
22nd November HOT Summit 2021	
22nd November Summer Meetuptreffen (Online)	Berlin, Hesse-Hanau City of Berlin, Germany
23rd November South Bay Map Night	Toronto, California, United States
23rd November East Midlands OSM Pub Meet-up - Derby	Derby, England, United Kingdom
24th November Volschneuren-les-Nancy - Association	Vandœuvre les Nancy, Grand Est, France
24th November (Discussion) OSM-Treff (online)	Düsseldorf, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany
24th November Inviting OpenStreetMap with open data	Saudi Arabia, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
28th November (Online) OpenStreetMap Foundation board of Directors - public video meeting	
28th November November Brief History Maps mapathon at Department of Geography	York, England, United Kingdom
27th November Asociacion de Usuarios de Colombia (usuarios de OpenStreetMap)	Bogotá, Colombia
27th November OSM Nederland maandelijkse bijeenkomst (online)	Amsterdam, North Holland, Netherlands
27th November HOTOSM Training Webinar Series: Beginner JOSM	

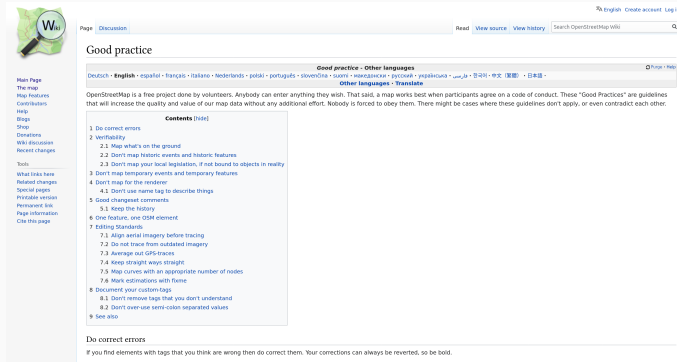
Figure 2: <https://wiki.openstreetmap.org>

Good Practice

- ★ #Ghana#OpenStreetMapAfrica#Abena#Claire
- ★ #Hermann#Angela#Mawutor#Emmanuel
- ★ asasasssadsddfdfdf
- ★ TRYING TO MAKE THE MAP BETTER
- ★

Good Practice

- ✦ One feature, one OSM element
- ✦ Keep history
- ✦ Don't ignore existing data; imagery offsets



The screenshot shows the OpenStreetMap Wiki page for 'Good practice'. The page is in English and includes a sidebar with navigation links like 'Main Page', 'The map', 'Map features', 'Contributors', 'Help', 'Blogs', 'Shop', 'Donations', 'Wiki discussion', and 'Recent changes'. The main content area has a title 'Good practice' and a subtitle 'Good practice - Other languages'. Below this, there is a paragraph explaining that OpenStreetMap is a free project done by volunteers and that these 'Good Practices' are guidelines to increase the quality and value of map data. A 'Contents' table of contents is provided, listing sections from 'Do correct errors' to 'See also'. The 'Do correct errors' section is expanded, showing a list of specific guidelines for correcting errors, such as 'Align aerial imagery before tracing' and 'Do not trace from outdated imagery'.

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Good practice

Good practice - Other languages

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Other languages - Translate

OpenStreetMap is a free project done by volunteers. Anybody can enter anything they wish. That said, a map works best when participants agree on a code of conduct. These "Good Practices" are guidelines that will increase the quality and value of our map data without any additional effort. Nobody is forced to obey them. There might be cases where these guidelines don't apply, or even contradict each other.

Contents [hide]

- 1 Do correct errors
- 2 Verifiability
 - 2.1 Map what's on the ground
 - 2.2 Don't map historic events and historic features
 - 2.3 Don't map your local legislation, if not bound to objects in reality
- 3 Don't map temporary events and temporary features
- 4 Don't map for the renderer
 - 4.1 Don't use name tag to describe things
- 5 Good changeset comments
 - 5.1 Keep the history
- 6 One feature, one OSM element
- 7 Editing Standards
 - 7.1 Align aerial imagery before tracing
 - 7.2 Do not trace from outdated imagery
 - 7.3 Average out GPS-traces
 - 7.4 Keep straight ways straight
 - 7.5 Map curves with an appropriate number of nodes
 - 7.6 Mark estimations with flame
- 8 Document your custom tags
 - 8.1 Don't remove tags that you don't understand
 - 8.2 Don't over-use semi-colon separated values
- 9 See also

Do correct errors

If you find elements with tags that you think are wrong then do correct them. Your corrections can always be reverted, so be bold.

Figure 4: https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Good_practice

Conclusion

- ★ if you can save it, don't kill it
- ★ Communication and Documentation is key
- ★ Be responsible, It is OUR project
- ★ Don't be shy
- ★ OSM:SOAPBOX ... not a competition
- ★ Have fun!

Thank you & Questions!

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