



OpenStreetMap – Fast Facts

What is it?

OpenStreetMap (OSM) is a free editable map of the whole world. It's Wikipedia meets maps.

Web site:

www.openstreetmap.org

Blog:

www.opengeodata.org

Mission:

To map the world and give the data away for free

Founder:

Steve Coast

Established:

August 9, 2004

Members:

167,000 (300 new per day)

Supporting body:

OpenStreetMap Foundation

Governance:

Seven board members elected by OSM Foundation members

Funding:

Entirely by [donations](#)

Licensing model:

[Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 2.0](#) - considering [Moving to Open Database License Agreement \(ODbL\)](#)

Copyright:

Learn more about map related copyright [here](#)

How to contribute:

Five-step map making guide [here](#)

Why OpenStreetMap is so popular?

It's FREE! The underlying map data is free to use and manipulate - other maps may appear this way but actually have many copyright restrictions

The open source nature of the map means it can be downloaded, repackaged and used offline as well as online

Corporations can customize the map's style to fit their brand - with tools like [Style Editor](#) offered by [CloudMade](#)

It's the most detailed map available for activities such as cycling, hiking and walking.

About the Map

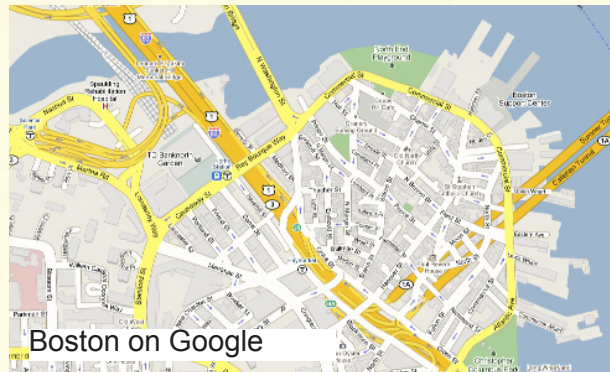
View a live feed [here](#) of who in the world is editing the map right now

Compare details of OSM example map tiles below to Google maps:

Hyde Park, London – [OSM](#) / [Google maps](#)

Tiergarten, Berlin – [OSM](#) / [Google maps](#)

University of Maryland – [OSM](#) / [Google Maps](#)



Map [data](#) has been re-engineered for Garmin eTrex devices so owners can download OSM onto their devices for free.

Open Initiatives based on OSM:

[OpenSeaMap](#) – aimed at mapping busy shipping lanes, down to buoy level of detail

[OpenRouteService](#) – first European-wide route service

[OpenCycleMap](#) – lists national and regional cycle routes across the world

Interesting projects using OSM:

The White House [Stimulus Map](#) – shows where stimulus money is being received

[Oakland](#) and [San Francisco](#) crime maps

UK national newspaper, The Guardian has a [map](#) which allows users to highlight news stories based on their locations

See hundreds of other projects by country [here](#)

About the [OpenStreetMap Foundation](#)

An international non-profit organization supporting but not controlling OSM

Encourages the growth, development and distribution of free geospatial data

Incorporated by the registrar of companies for England and Wales on August 22nd, 2006 as a company limited by guarantee

Three annual general meetings, new chairman appointed every 3 years, new board of advisors every year ([current board](#))

Interesting iPhone Apps based on OpenStreetMap:

[Mappity Quakes](#) – a simple earthquake viewer

[Bliin](#) – find where your friends are and share geo-tagged media

[MotionX GPS](#) – is a leading GPS app with over 1.5m downloads, used by bikers, hikers, walkers, skiers and sailors

[Trails](#) – is the first GPS app which allows you to record, export and import your tracks

[OffMaps](#) – incorporates CloudMade map styles, allows users to download map tiles for offline use

[Mobile-Streetmaps.com](#) – download specific city maps and store them on your iPhone

[GPS Mission](#) – allows creation of location based games

[ATMUK](#) – highlights 6,000 nearby ATM machines in the UK

Imagery:

Map [images](#) showing detail of London, Netherlands, Toronto, Baghdad

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