



# The Geofabrik Download Server

What it does & how it works

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# What it does

- cuts “planet file” in handy pieces
- daily updates
- Shapefiles

new:

- regional diff updates
- collection of older files for each region



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# OpenStreetMap Data Extracts

**New site layout** - we've tried to make it so that any old saved links still work; do tell us if there's a problem!

Welcome to Geofabrik's free download server. This server has data extracts from the [OpenStreetMap project](#) which are normally updated every day. Select your continent and then your country of interest from the list below. (If you have been directed to this page from elsewhere and are not familiar with OpenStreetMap, we highly recommend that you read up on OSM before you use the data.) This download service is offered for free by Geofabrik GmbH.

**Neue Webseiten-Struktur** - Alle alten gespeicherten Links sollten aber trotzdem noch funktionieren.

Willkommen auf dem Geofabrik-Downloadserver. Hier gibt es Daten-Auszüge aus dem [OpenStreetMap-Projekt](#), die normalerweise täglich aktualisiert werden. Wählen Sie aus dem Verzeichnis unten den Kontinent und ggf. das Land, für die Sie Daten benötigen. (Wenn Sie von anderswo auf dieser Seite gelandet sind und von OpenStreetMap nichts wissen, dann ist es empfehlenswert, sich mit dem Projekt vertraut zu machen, bevor Sie mit den Daten arbeiten.) Diese Downloads werden von der Geofabrik GmbH kostenlos angeboten.

Click on the region name to see the overview page for that region, or select one of the file extension links for quick access.

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## North America

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### Commonly Used Formats

- [north-america-latest.osm.pbf](#), suitable for Osmium, Osmosis, imposm, osm2pgsql, mkgmap, and others.  
This file was last modified 1 hour ago and contains all OSM data up to 2013-06-06T18:59:04Z. File size: 5.5 GB; MD5 sum: 28b04c07bb420c3dbf2fab9fc96e089.
- [north-america-latest.shp.zip](#) is not available for this region; try one of the sub-regions.

### Other Formats and Auxiliary Files

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<a href="#">US Pacific</a>	<a href="#">[.osm.pbf]</a> (24.4 MB)	✗	<a href="#">[.osm.bz2]</a>
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- [california-latest.shp.zip](#) is not available for this region.

### Other Formats and Auxiliary Files

- [california-latest.osm.bz2](#), yields OSM XML when decompressed; use for programs that cannot process the .pbf format. This file was last modified 1 day ago. File size: 685 MB; MD5 sum: add33963b0be9560738c4f6f01df39e4.
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# Data held

- all continents
- most countries
- sub-country units for US, Canada,  
Germany, France, UK



# Why?

- easier for everyone to work with
- makes Geofabrik a “household name” in OSM circles



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[OSM-talk] planet.osm excerpt ...

lists.openstreetmap.org/pipermail/talk/2007-February/010908.html

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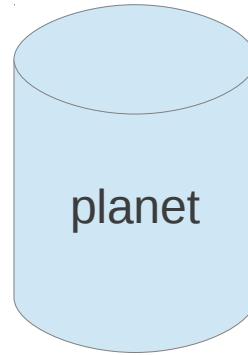
- used to be computed on server at the Geofabrik office
- later moved bz2 generation to download server
- meanwhile all done directly on download server – office line had 10 MBit/s upstream and could not cope



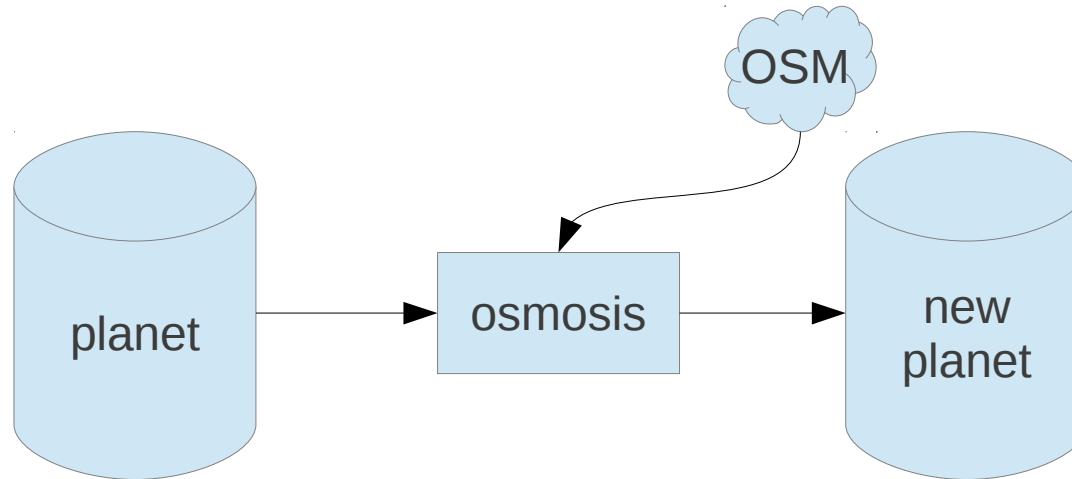
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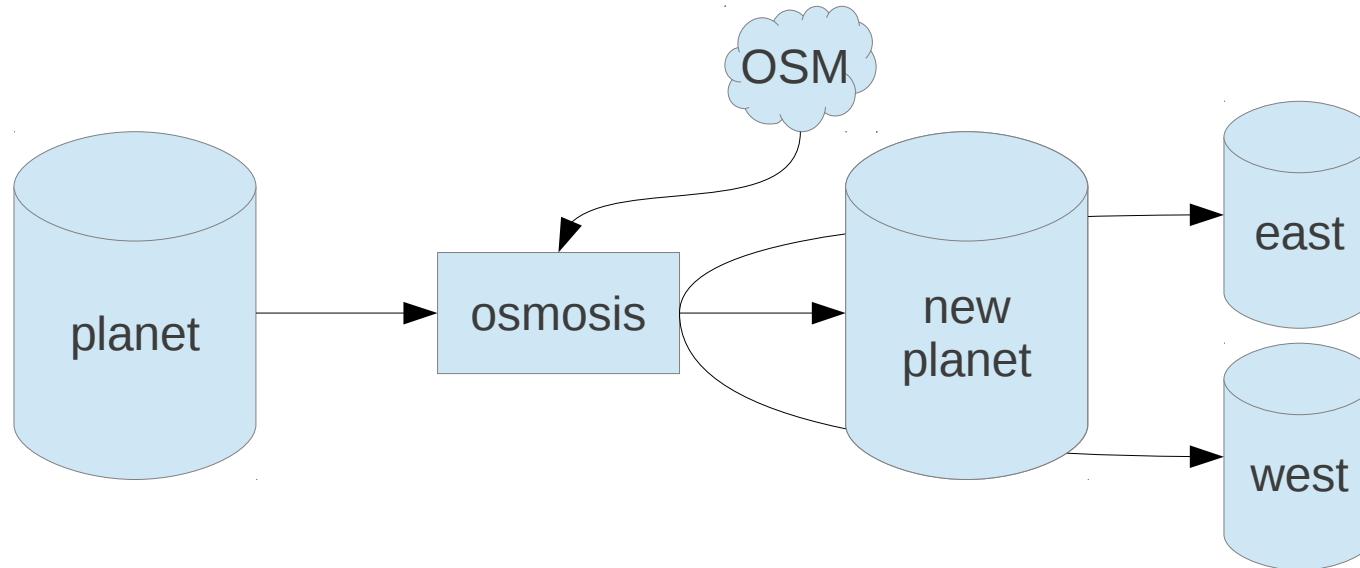
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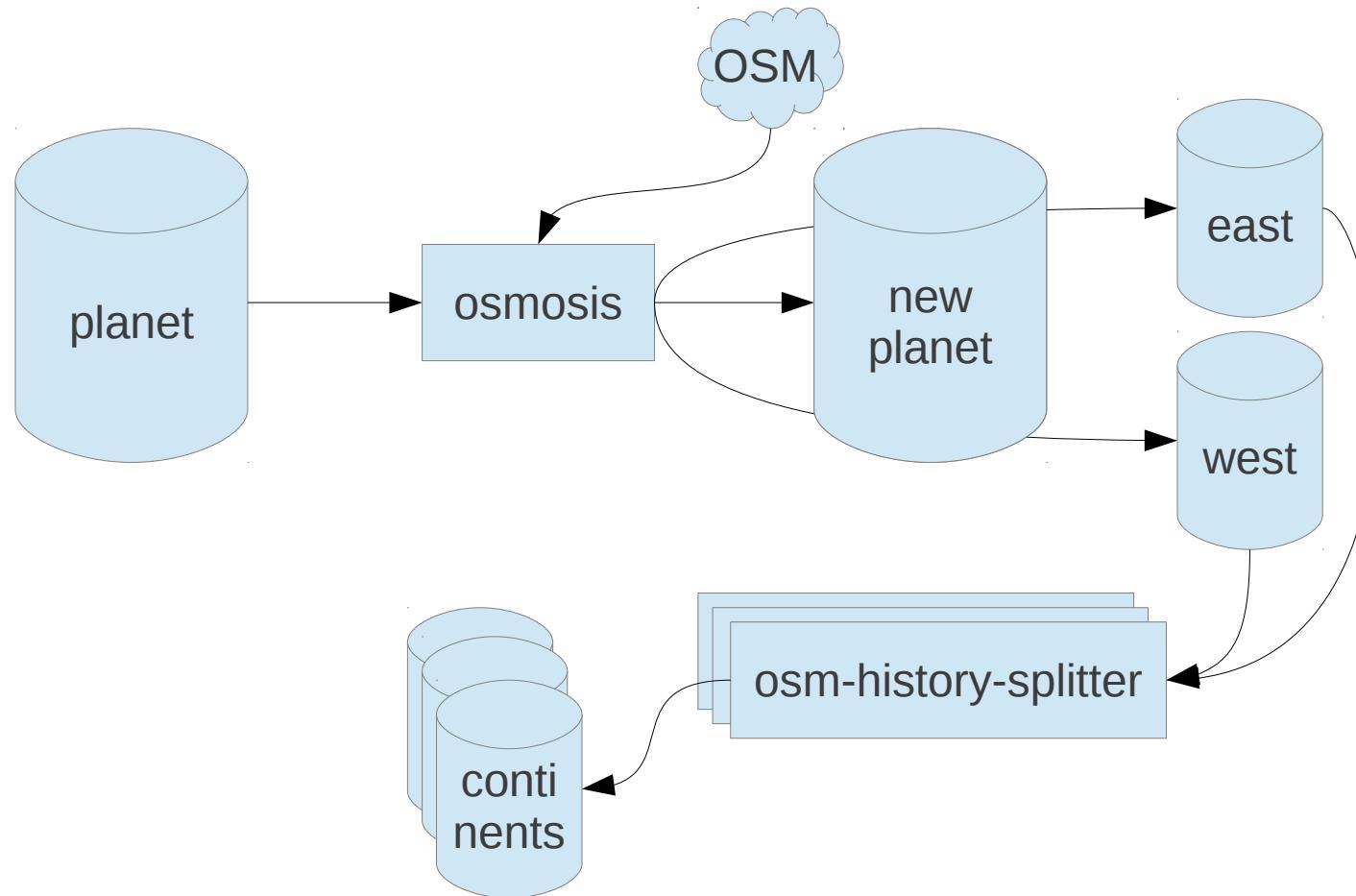
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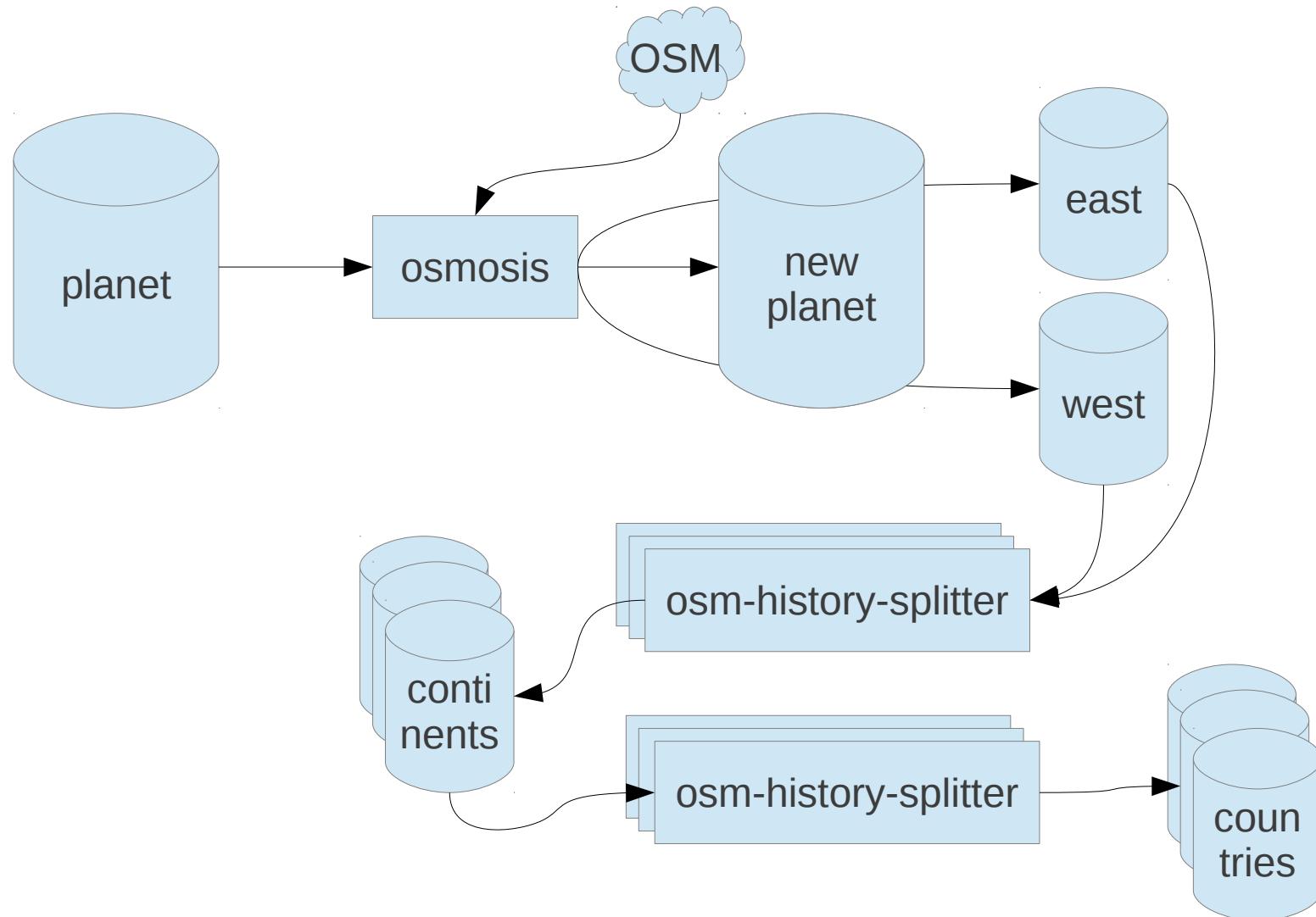
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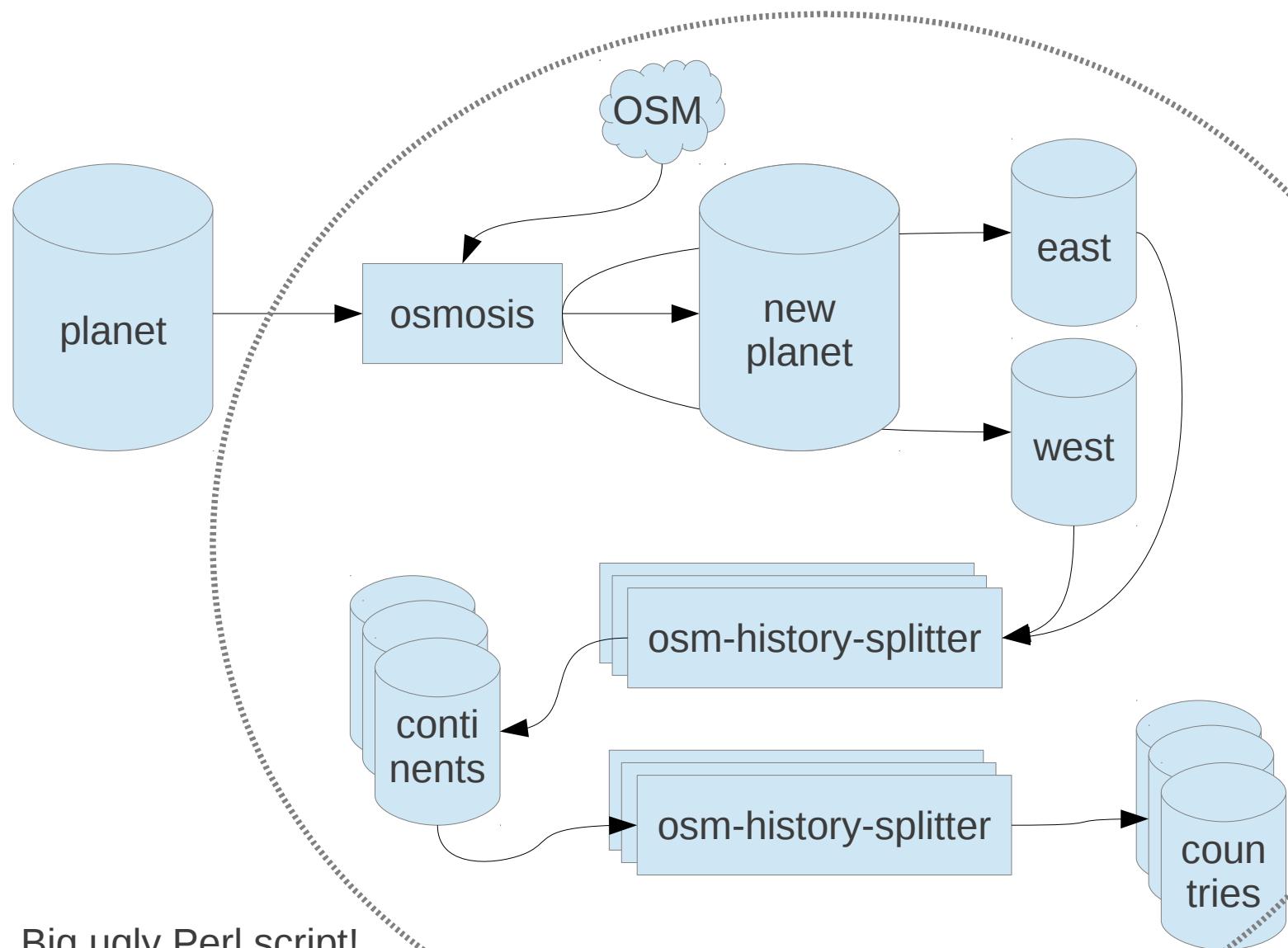
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Big ugly Perl script!



# Polygon files WTF?

- maproom.psu.edu/dcw ← their fault!
- format later adopted by Osmosis
- convert anything to poly files  
([svn.openstreetmap.org/applications/utils/osm-extract/polygons](http://svn.openstreetmap.org/applications/utils/osm-extract/polygons))
- planet-history-splitter can use .osm files



# Shortcomings

- cascading production causes problems
- complete relations
- large setup effort even for seldom-required extracts
- could small extracts be generated on the fly?
- no layers; extra shapes for rendering

# If you want to do this yourself...

- do you need “lossless” extracts?
- do you need the whole planet?
- ...
- Geofabrik code is available but not polished



# Alternatives

- [extract.bbbike.org](http://extract.bbbike.org)
- Overpass API
- [wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Planet.osm](http://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Planet.osm)



# Thank you!

Questions?

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