

MBTiles: Anatomy of an Open File Format



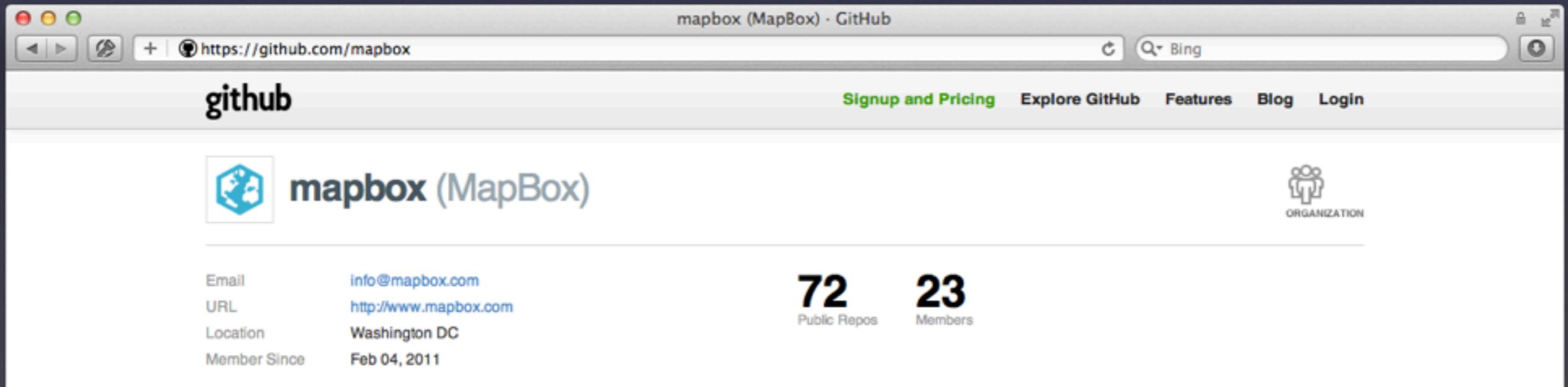
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Your Host

- Principally an iOS engineer these days
- Background in Mac, PHP/Drupal, sysadmin
- Open source software since about '99

MapBox

- Bootstrapped project of Development Seed
- Ecosystem around fast, beautiful maps
- Charge for cloud hosting (high availability)
- Produce lots of open source code

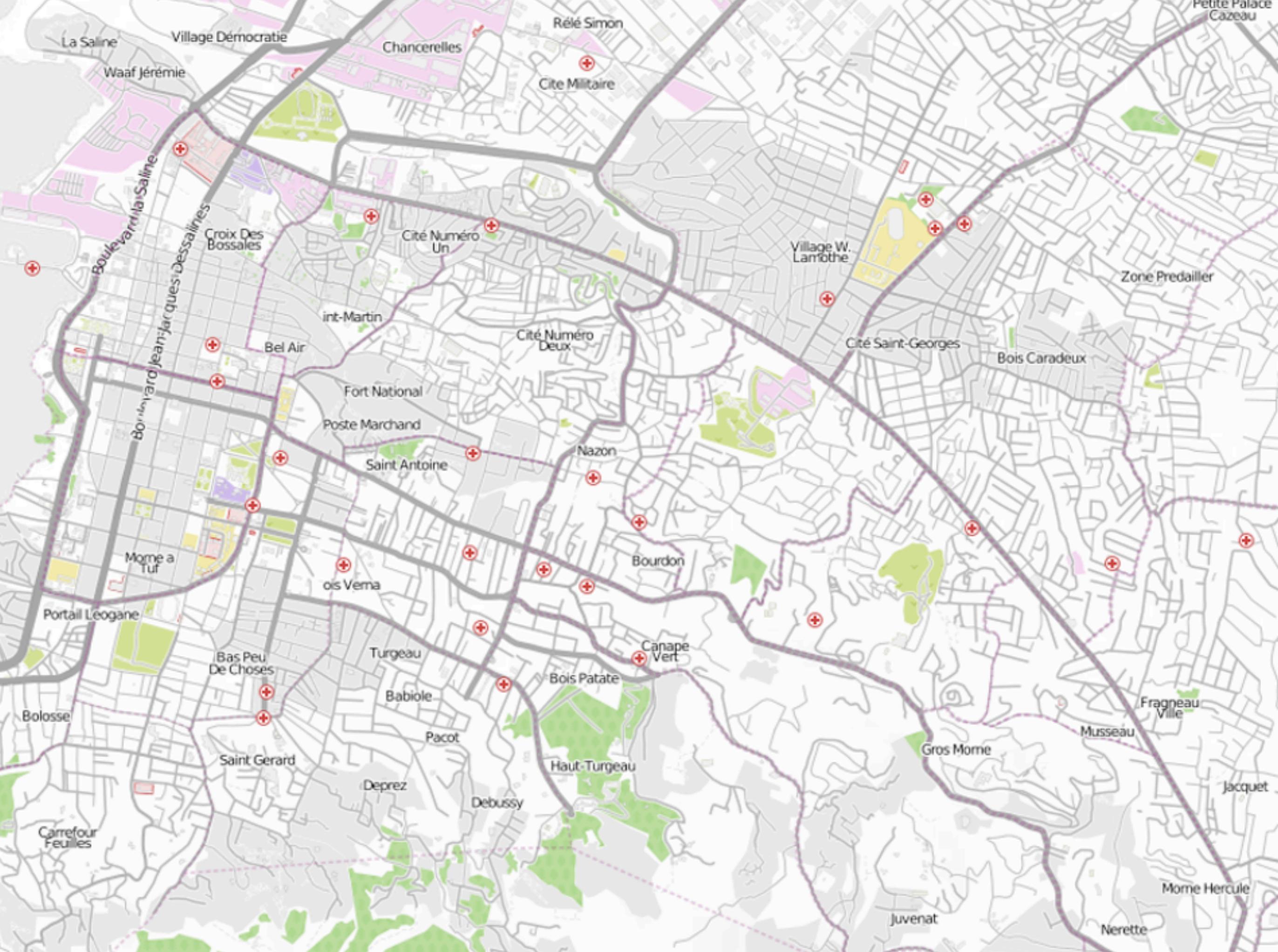


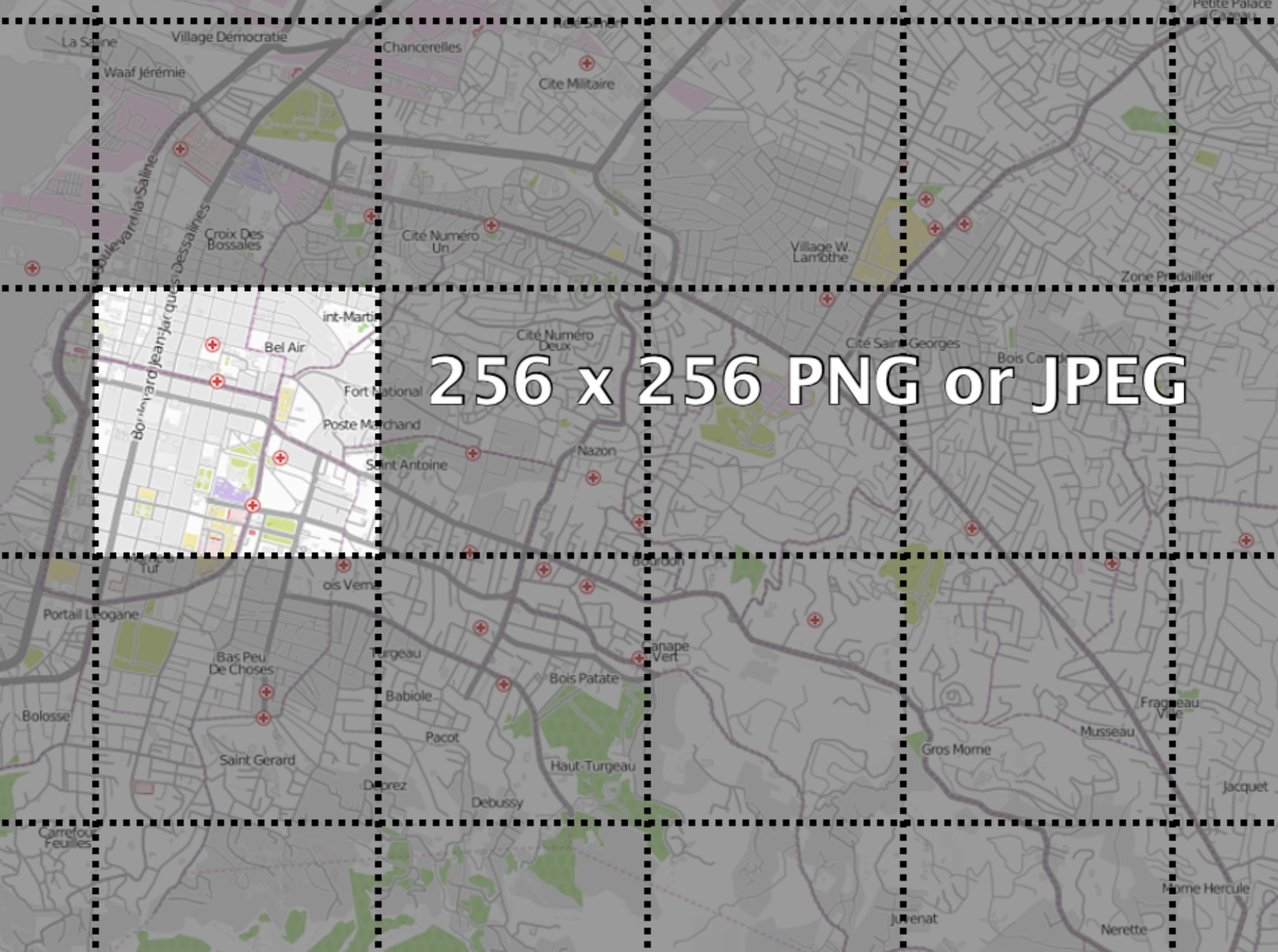
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Problem Background

- We work in “slippy maps”
- Maps are made up of tile images (256px)
- Maps have zoom levels



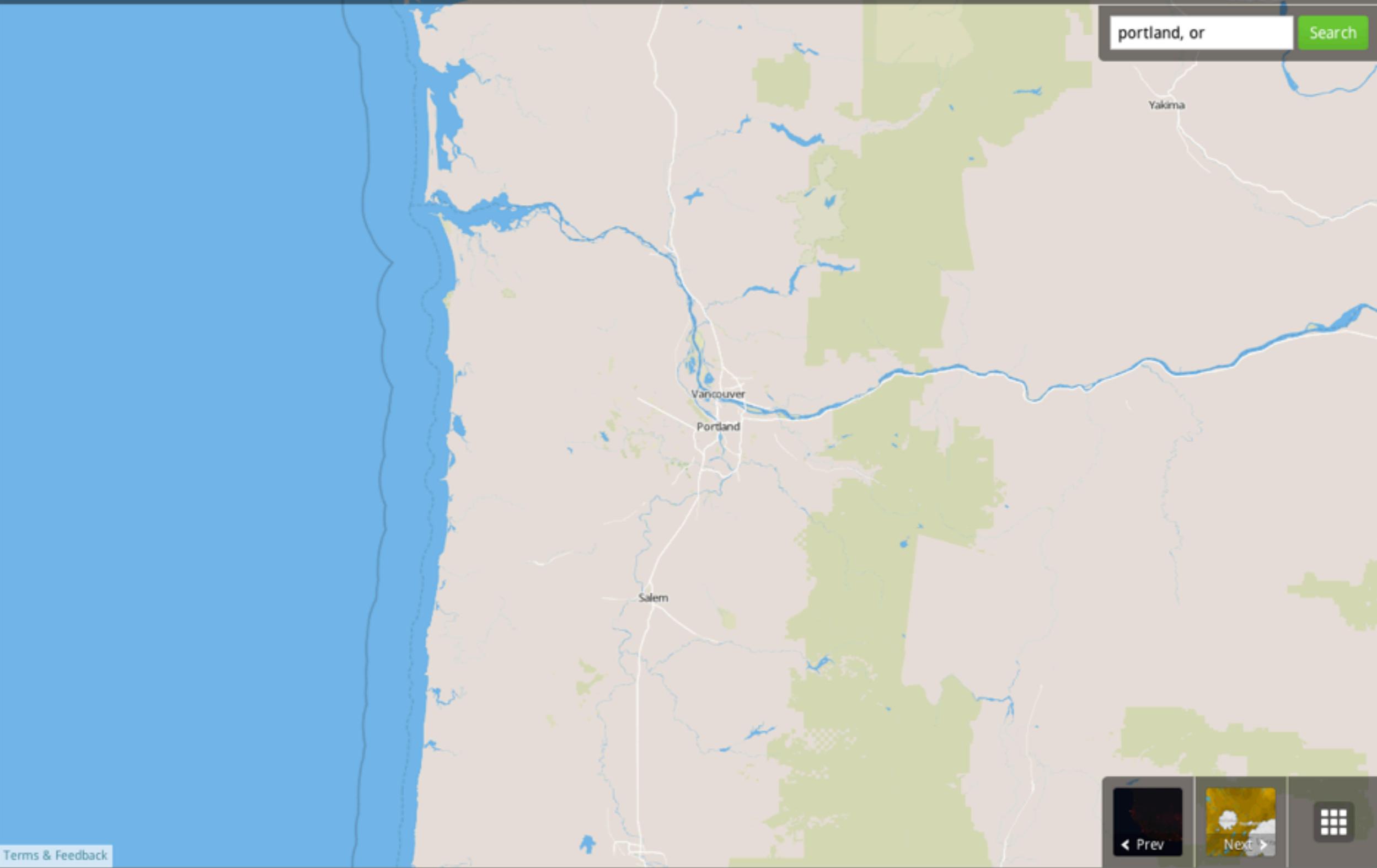


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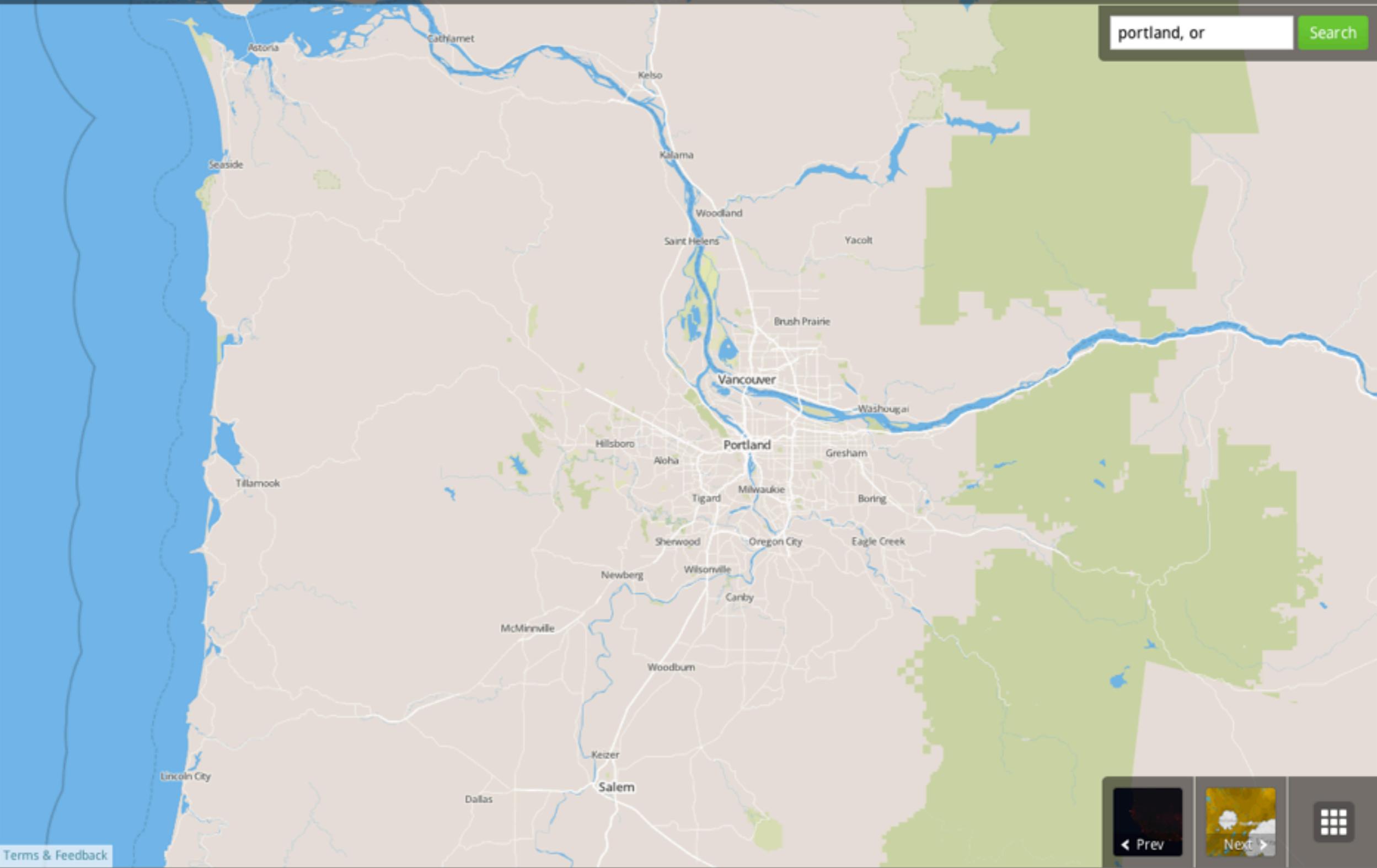
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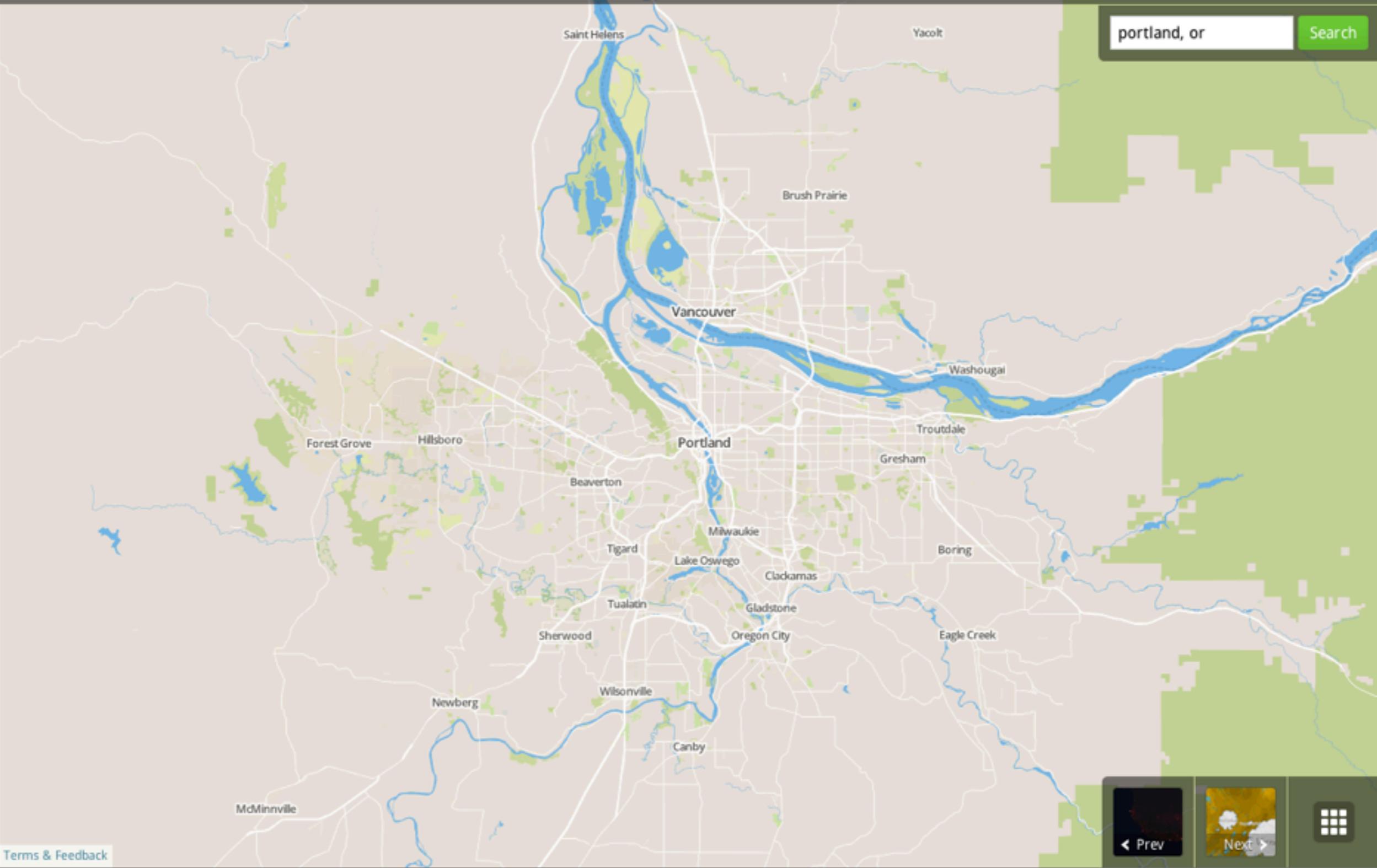
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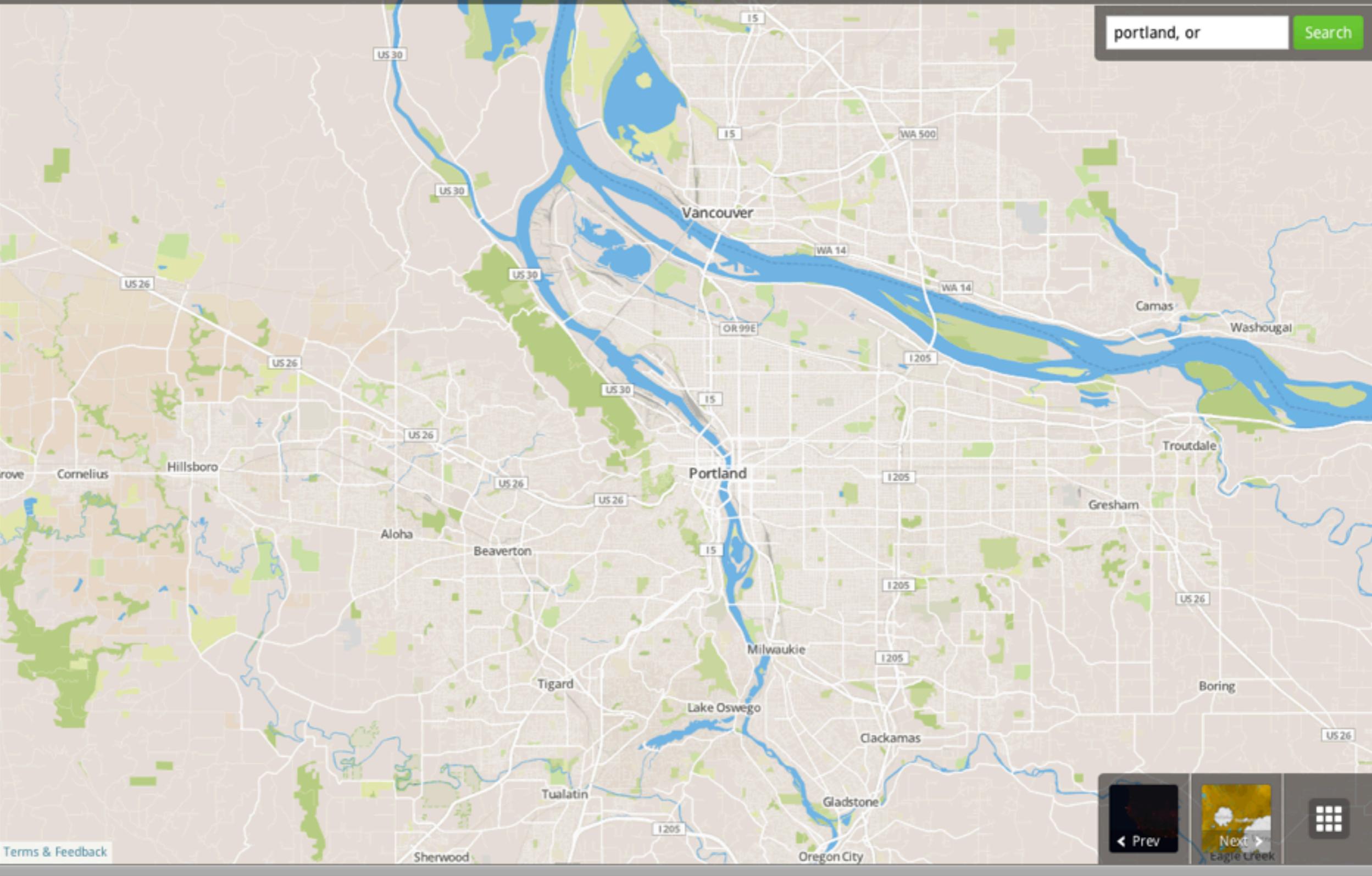
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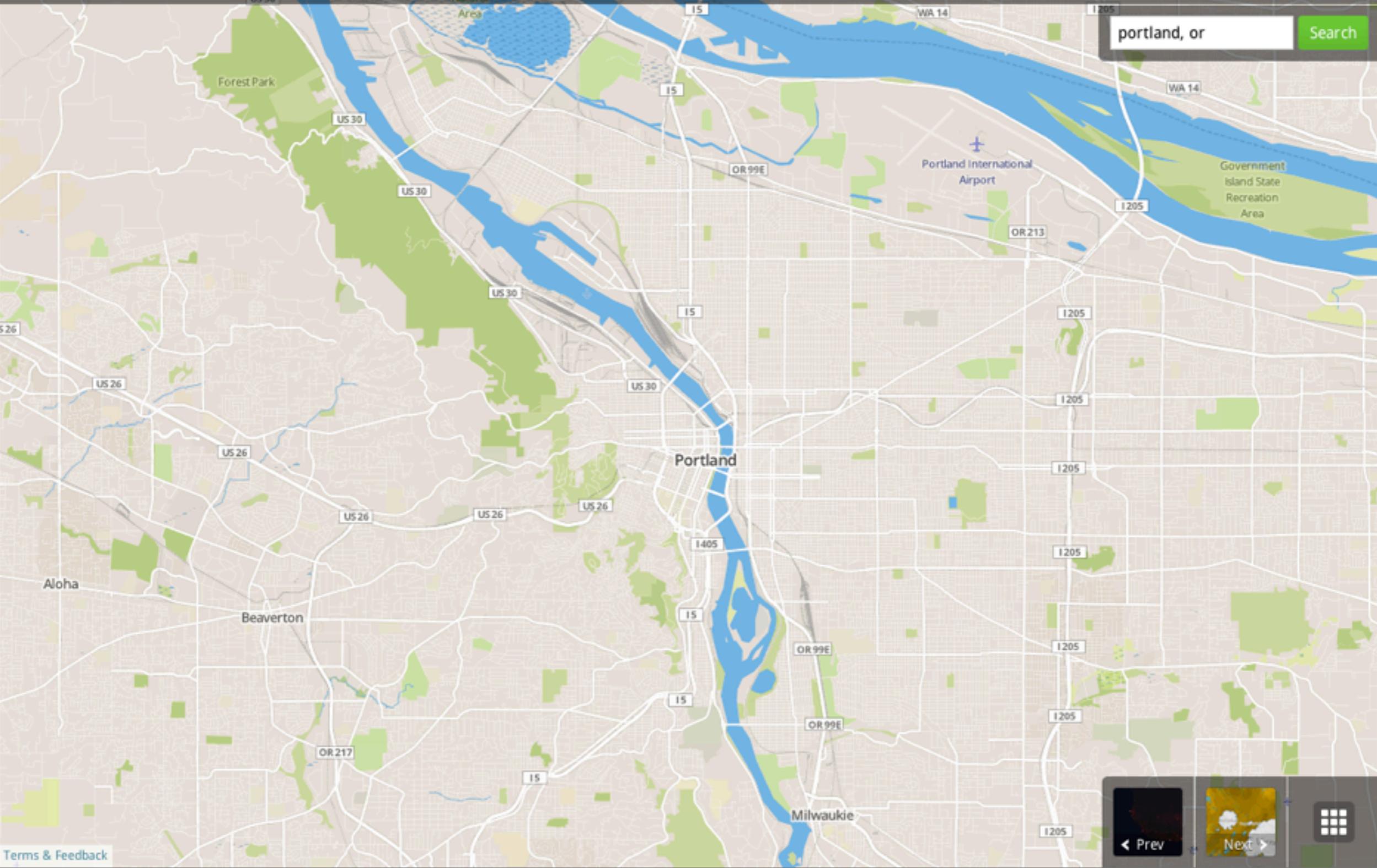


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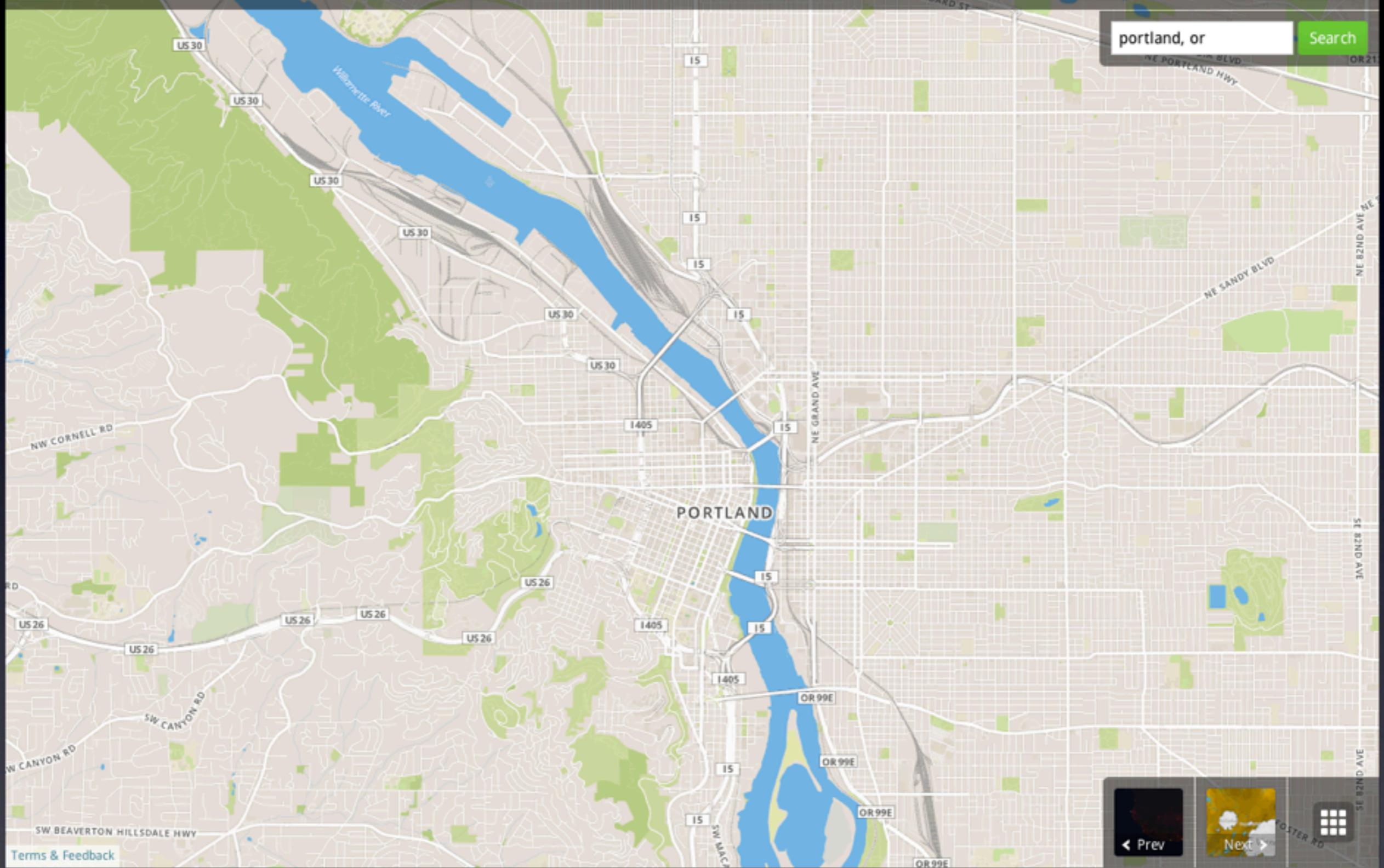
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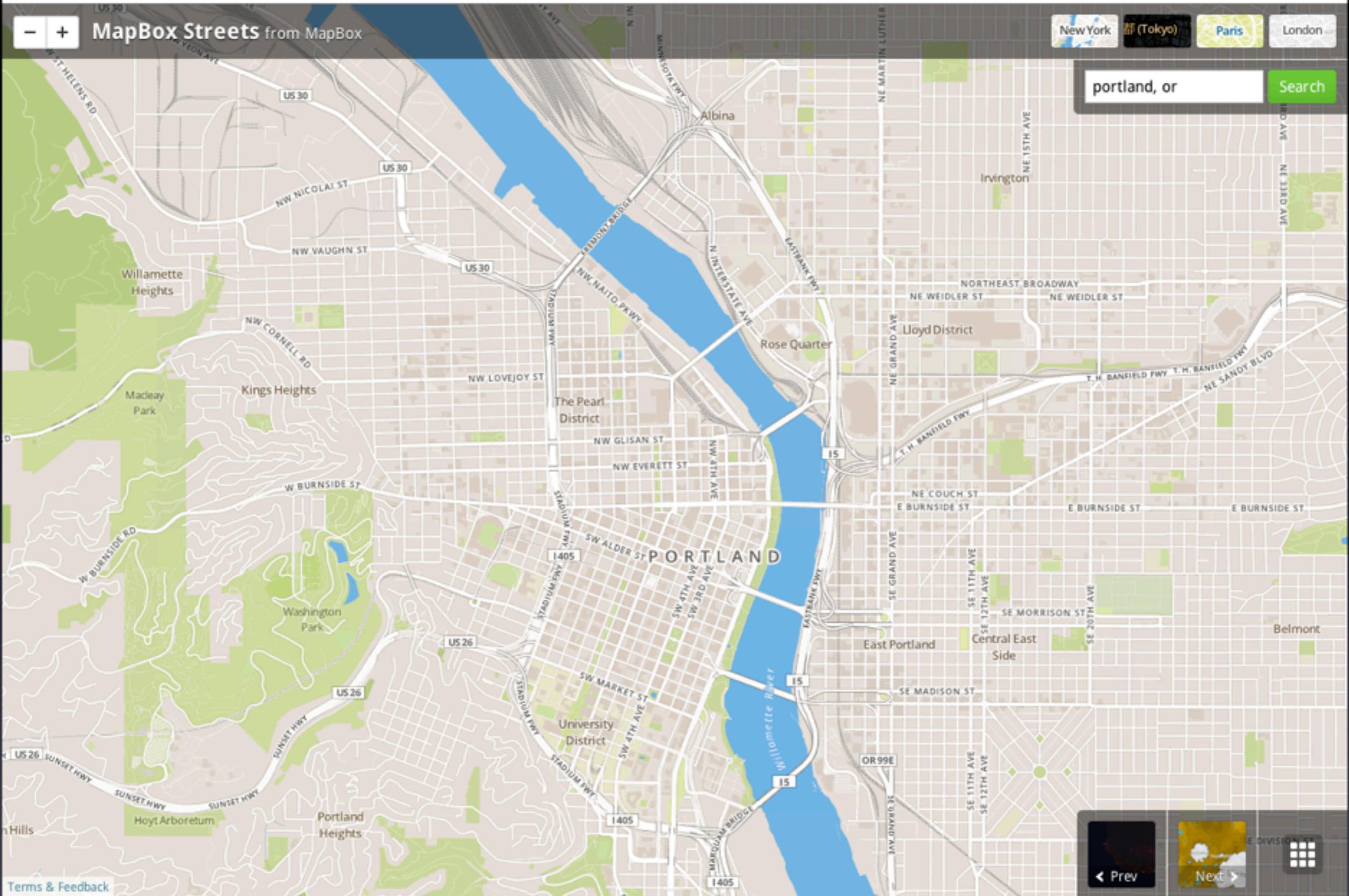


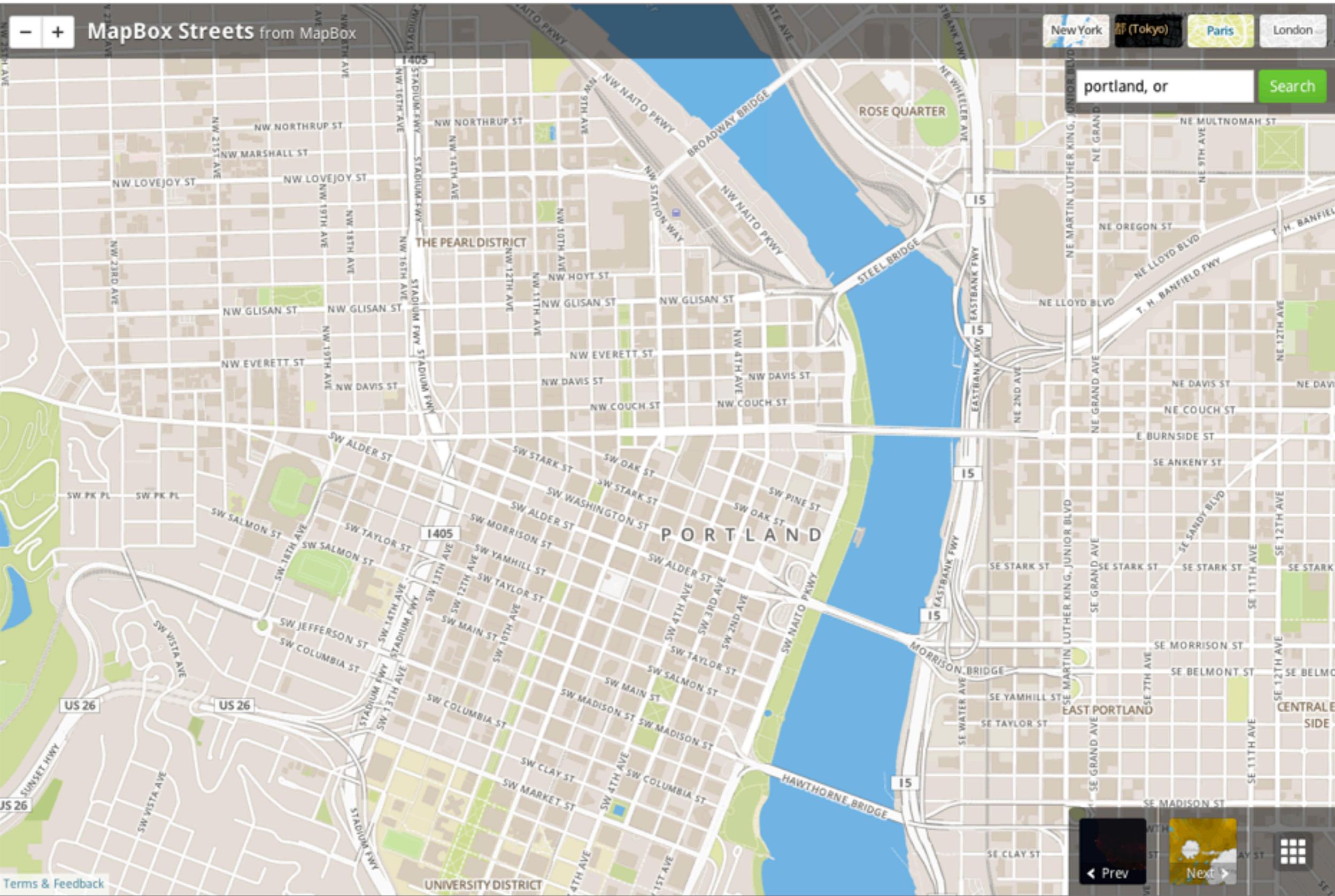
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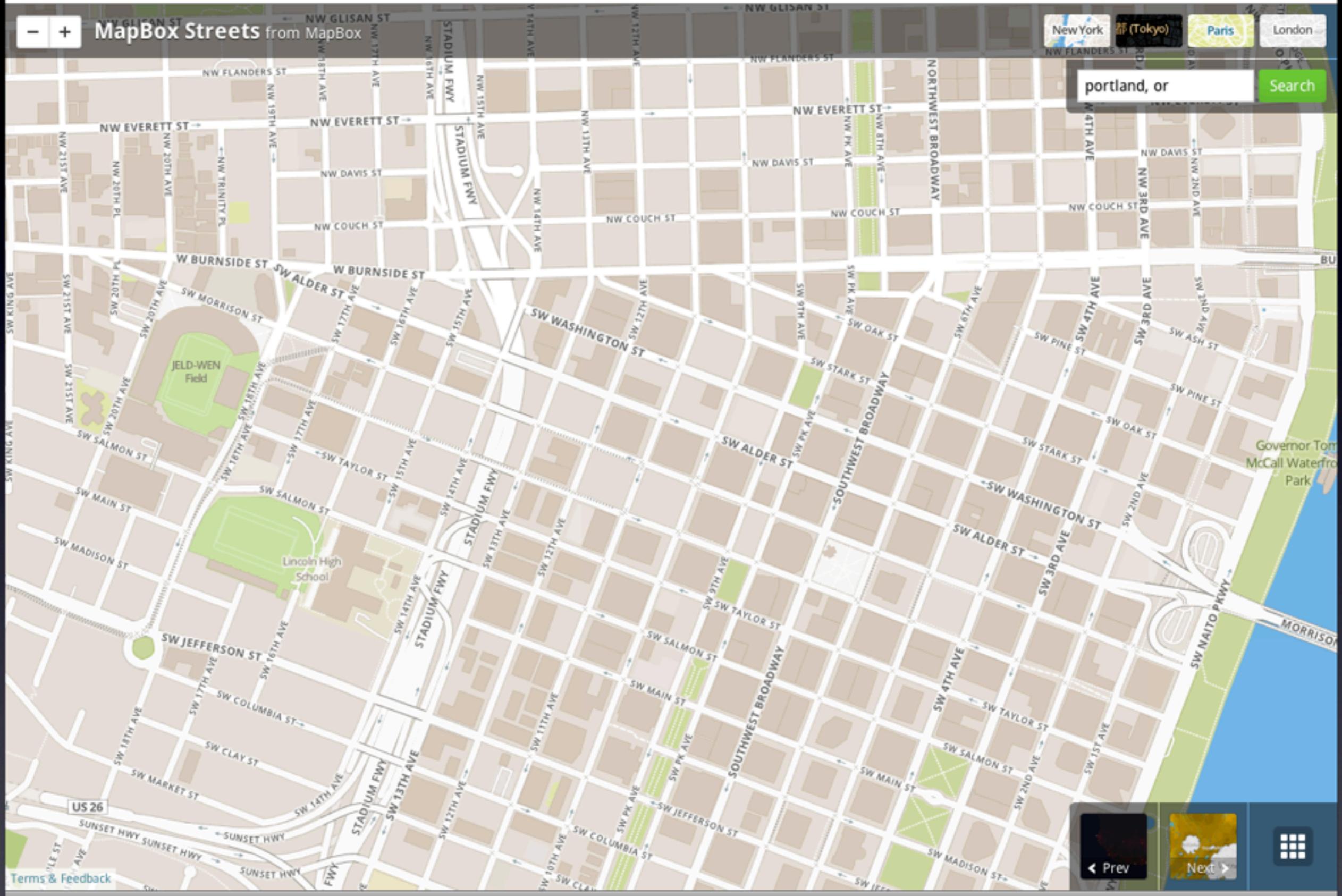
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Governor Tom McCall Waterfront Park

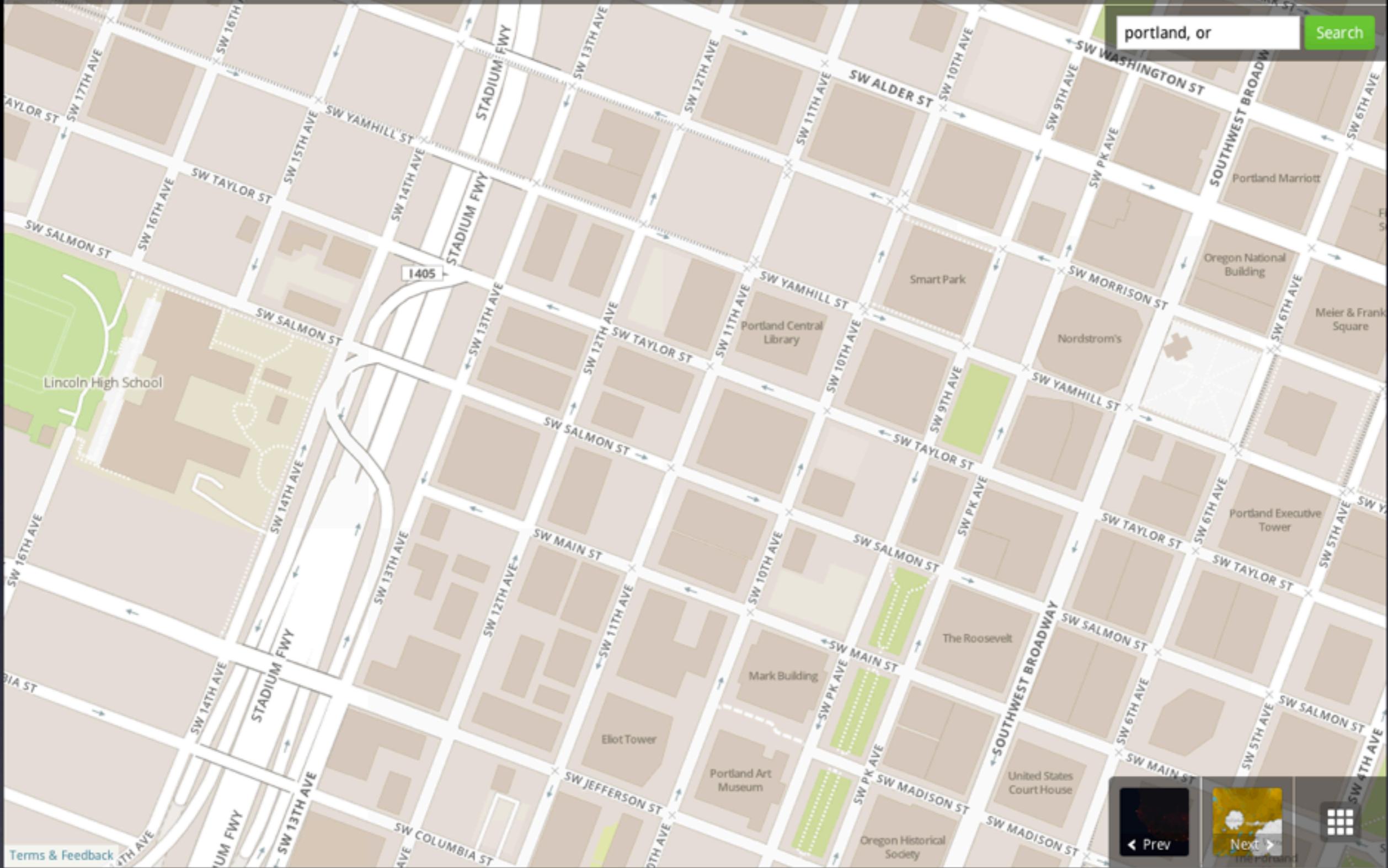
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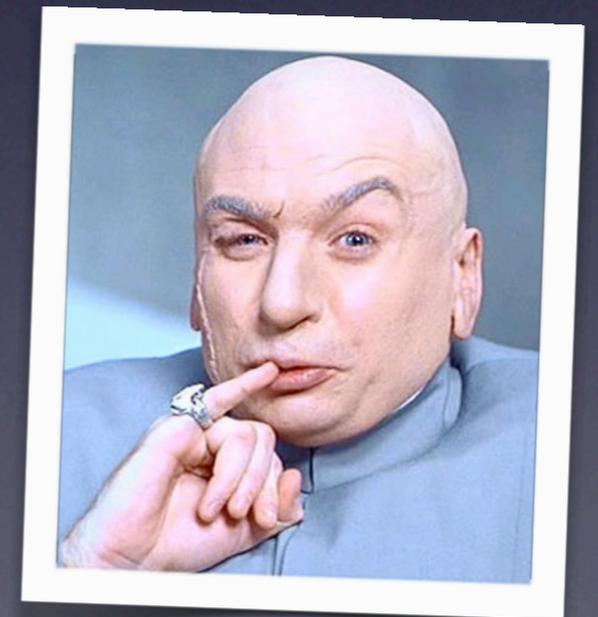
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Map Tiles

- Can easily number in the millions
 - Zoom level 0
 - One 256x256 tile (4^0)
 - Zoom level 17
 - **17,179,869,184** tiles (4^{17})



Problem Space

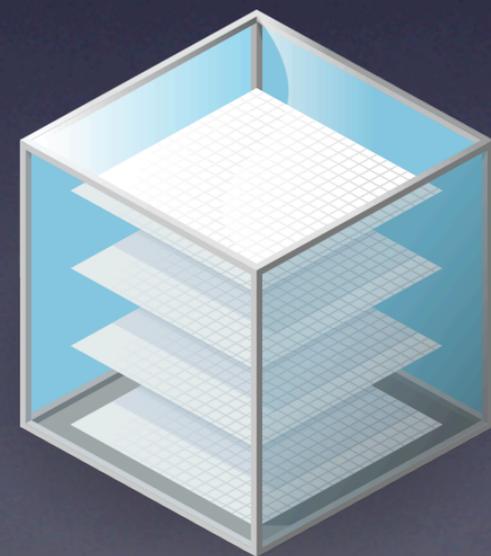
- Many, many (many) files
- Transfer time (esp. network)
- Portability/cross-platform
- Data integrity



- SQLite: self-contained, cross-platform, server-less database
 - *“Small. Fast. Reliable. Choose any three.”*
- Had seen Dr. Hipp speak at a conference
- Did I mention it's cross-platform?

Enter MBTiles

- Put tile images in rows as binary blobs
- Index by slippy tile $z/x/y$
- Add a metadata table
- That's about it





<http://www.flickr.com/photos/mutantlog/211436957>

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Schema | Data | SQL | Log

TABLES

- grid_key
- grid_utfgrid
- images
- keymap
- map
- metadata
- sqlite_master

VIEWS

- grid_data
- grids
- tiles

OPTIONS

- main

Name	Type
zoom_level	INTEGER
tile_column	INTEGER
tile_row	INTEGER
tile_data	blob

```
CREATE VIEW tiles AS
SELECT
    map.zoom_level AS zoom_level,
    map.tile_column AS tile_column,
    map.tile_row AS tile_row,
    images.tile_data AS tile_data
FROM map
JOIN images ON images.tile_id = map.tile_id
```

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6	2	0	0	
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	name	value
1	bounds	-180,-85.05112877980659,180,85.05112877980659
2	minzoom	0
3	maxzoom	8
4	legend	<div style="text-align:center;">
5	name	Geography Class
6	description	One of the example maps that comes with TileMill - a bright
7	attribution	
8	template	{{#_location_}}{/{_location_}}{#{_teaser_}}<div style="tex
9	version	1.0.0

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Extra Goodies

- Compression
 - 3GB → 1GB → 300MB
- Batch operations (move, delete, transfer)
- Offline use & ease of packaging
- Checksumming/integrity
- De-duping & views

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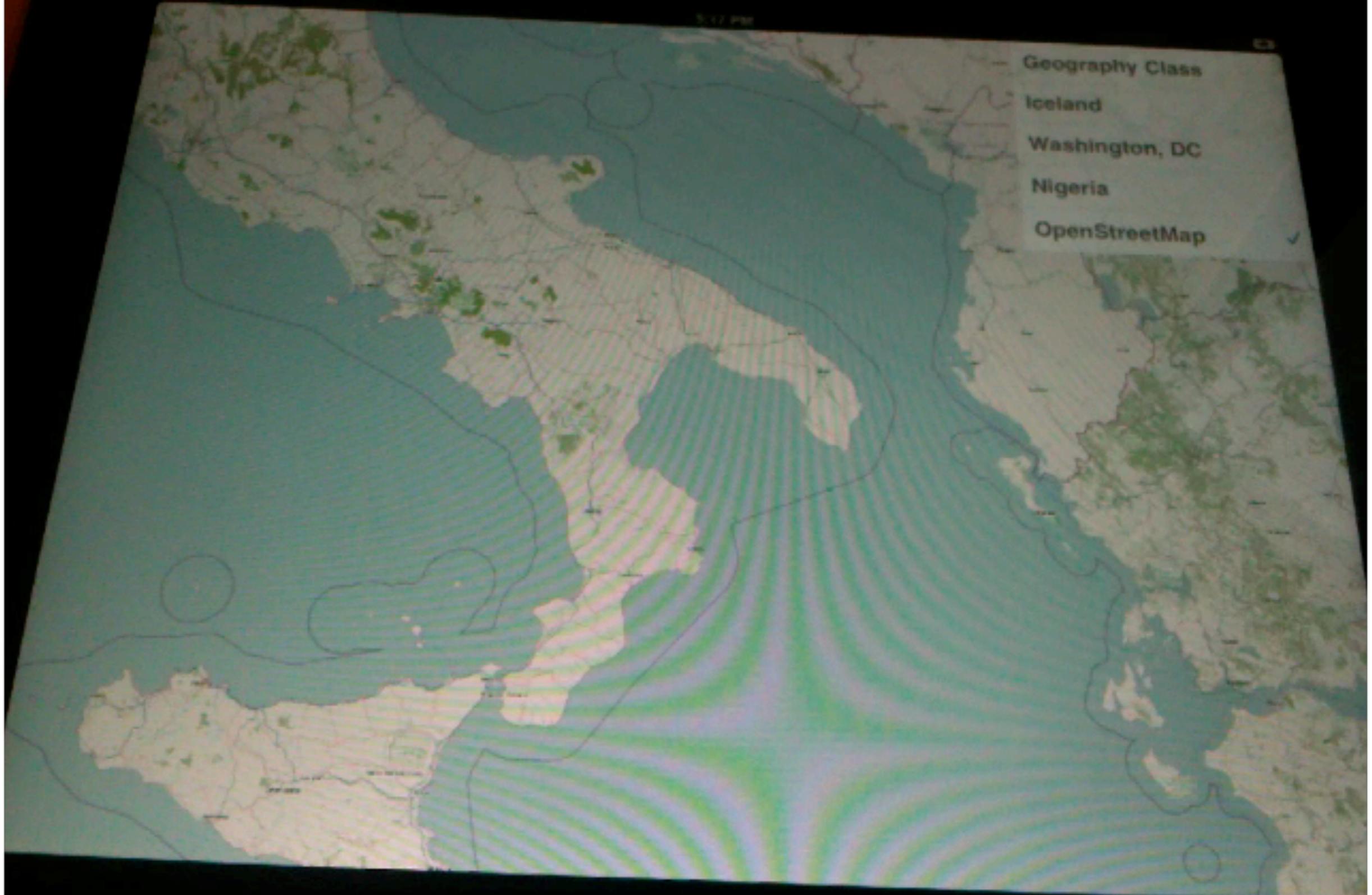
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Views: kind of like aliases

Unrelated SQLite Stuff

- R*Tree
- SpatiaLite
- Don't needlessly complicate

- Geography Class
- Iceland
- Washington, DC
- Nigeria
- OpenStreetMap



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```

1 // from http://www.colourlovers.com/palette/522000/Storming_Psychedeli
2
3 @water: #3B2D38;
4 @land: #BCBDAC;
5 @fill: #F27435;
6 @border: darken(@land, 5.0);
7
8 Map {
9   background-color: @water;
10 }
11
12 #countries {
13   polygon-fill: @land;
14   line-color: @border;
15   line-width: 0.1;
16 }
17
18 #countries {
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20   [NAME = "South Africa"],
21   [NAME = "Peru"] {
22     polygon-fill: @fill;
23     line-color: @border;
24     line-width: 0.1;
25   }
26 }
27
28 #states [ISO = "USA"] {
29   line-width: 0.1;
30   [NAME_1 = "District of Columbia"],
31   [NAME_1 = "Oregon"],
32   [NAME_1 = "Washington"],
33   [NAME_1 = "Minnesota"] {
34     polygon-fill: @fill;
35     line-color: @border;
36   }
37 }

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- Upload
- PNG
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- SVG
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- Mapnik XML
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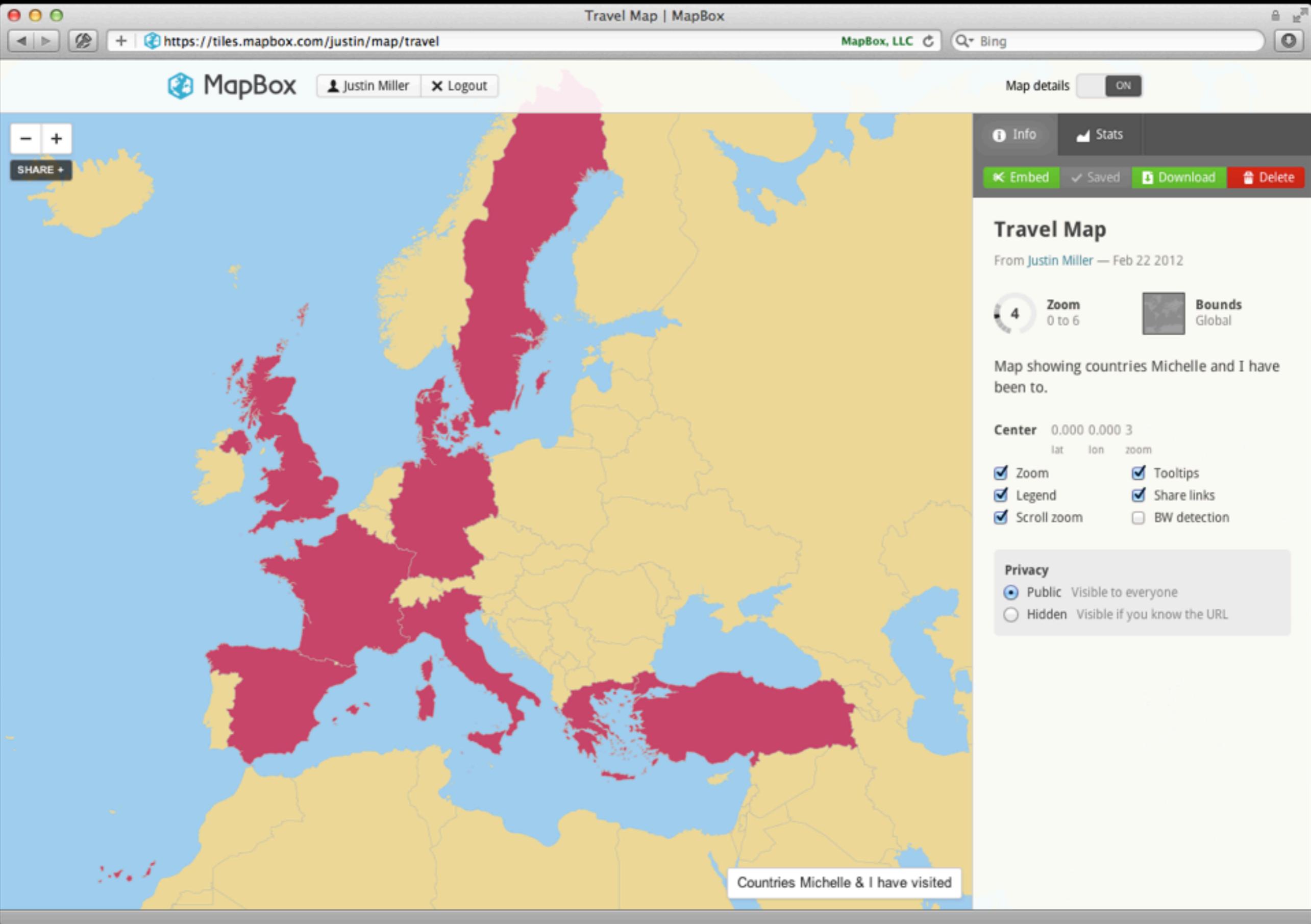
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 ctoutage.png		 Save	
 demo.mbtiles		 Save	

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From Justin Miller — Feb 22 2012

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Bounds Global

Map showing countries Michelle and I have been to.

Center 0.000 0.000 3
lat lon zoom

- Zoom
- Legend
- Scroll zoom
- Tooltips
- Share links
- BW detection

Privacy

- Public Visible to everyone
- Hidden Visible if you know the URL

Countries Michelle & I have visited

geography-class-mini.mbtiles Info

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Kind: MBTiles

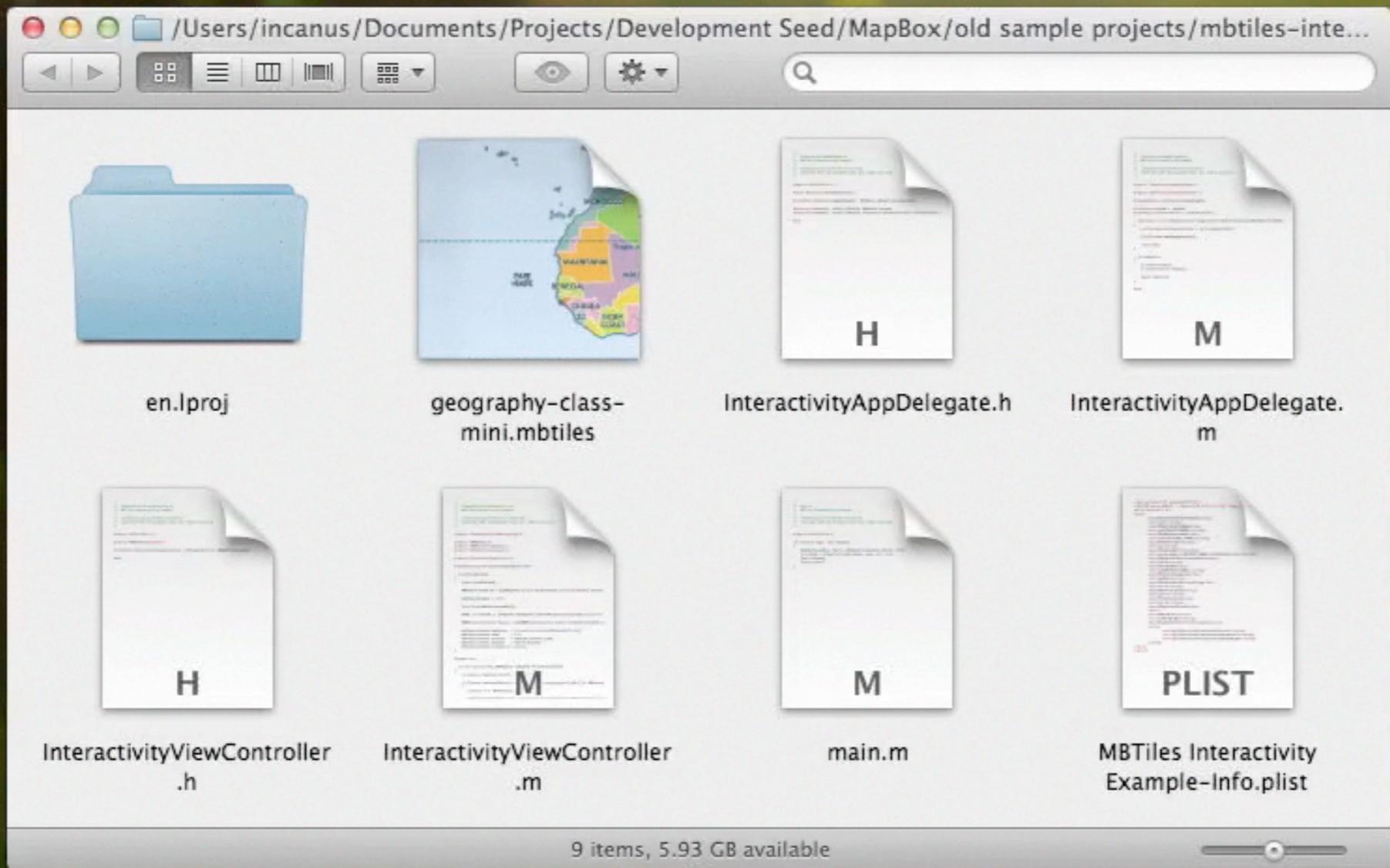
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GDAL - Geospatial Data Abstraction Library

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GDAL is a translator library for raster geospatial data formats that is released under an X/MIT style Open Source license by the Open Source Geospatial Foundation. As a library, it presents a single abstract data model to the calling application for all supported formats. It also comes with a variety of useful commandline utilities for data translation and processing. The NEWS page describes the May 2012 GDAL/OGR 1.9.1 release.

The related OGR library (which lives within the GDAL source tree) provides a similar capability for simple features vector data.

Master: <http://www.gdal.org>

Download: ftp at remotesensing.org, http at download.osgeo.org

User Oriented Documentation

- [Wiki](#) - Various user and developer contributed documentation and hints
- [Downloads](#) - Ready to use binaries (executables)
- [Supported Formats](#) : GeoTIFF, Erdas Imagine, SDTS, ECW, MrSID, JPEG2000, DTED, NITF, ...
- [GDAL Utility Programs](#) : gdalinfo, gdal_translate, gdaladdo, gdalwarp, ...
- [GDAL FAQ](#)
- [GDAL Data Model](#)
- [GDAL/OGR Governance and Community Participation](#)
- [GDAL Service Provider Listings \(not vetted\)](#)
- [Sponsors, Acknowledgements and Credits](#)
- [Software Using GDAL](#)

Developer Oriented Documentation

- [Building GDAL From Source](#)
- [Downloads - source code](#)
- [API Reference Documentation](#)
- [GDAL API Tutorial](#)
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Mailing List

A [gdal-announce mailing list subscription](#) is a low volume way of keeping track of major developments with the GDAL/OGR project.

The gdal-dev@lists.osgeo.org mailing list can be used for discussion of development and user issues related to GDAL and related technologies. Subscriptions can be done, and archives reviewed [on the web](#). The mailing list is also available in read-only format by NNTP at <news://news.gmane.org/gmane.comp.gis.gdal.devel> and by HTTP at <http://news.gmane.org/gmane.comp.gis.gdal.devel>. Archives since 2005 are searchable on [Nabble](#).

Some GDAL/OGR users and developers can also often be found in the [gdal](#) IRC channel on irc.freenode.net.

Bug Reporting

GDAL bugs can be reported, and can be listed using [Trac](#).

GDAL In Other Languages

MBTiles

Starting with GDAL 2.0, the MBTiles driver allows to read rasters in the MBTiles format, which is a specification for storing tiled map data in SQLite databases.

GDAL/OGR must be compiled with OGR SQLite driver support, and JPEG and PNG drivers.

The SRS is always the Pseudo-Mercator (a.k.a Google Mercator) projection.

The driver can retrieve pixel attributes encoded according to the UTFGrid specification available in some MBTiles files. They can be obtained with the `gdallocationinfo` utility, or with a `GetMetadataItem("Pixel_iCol_iLine", "LocationInfo")` call on a band object.

Examples:

- Accessing a remote MBTiles raster :

```
$ gdalinfo /vsicurl/http://a.tiles.mapbox.com/v3/kkaefer.iceland.mbtiles
```

Output:

```
Driver: MBTiles/MBTiles
Files: /vsicurl/http://a.tiles.mapbox.com/v3/kkaefer.iceland.mbtiles
Size is 16384, 16384
Coordinate System is:
PROJCS["WGS 84 / Pseudo-Mercator",
  GEOGCS["WGS 84",
    DATUM["WGS_1984",
      SPHEROID["WGS 84",6378137,298.257223563,
        AUTHORITY["EPSG","7030"]],
      AUTHORITY["EPSG","6326"]],
    PRIMEM["Greenwich",0,
      AUTHORITY["EPSG","8901"]],
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      AUTHORITY["EPSG","9122"]],
    AUTHORITY["EPSG","4326"]],
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Lower Left  (-3757031.250, 8766406.250) ( 33d44'59.95"W, 61d36'22.97"N)
Upper Right (-1252343.750,11271093.750) ( 11d14'59.98"W, 70d36'45.36"N)
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```

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Things TileStache does now:

- Renders [Mapnik](#) maps.
- Serves pre-rendered tiles out of [MBTiles](#) tilesets.
- Generates vector tiles from [OGR](#) datasources in [GeoJSON](#) usable in [Polymaps](#).
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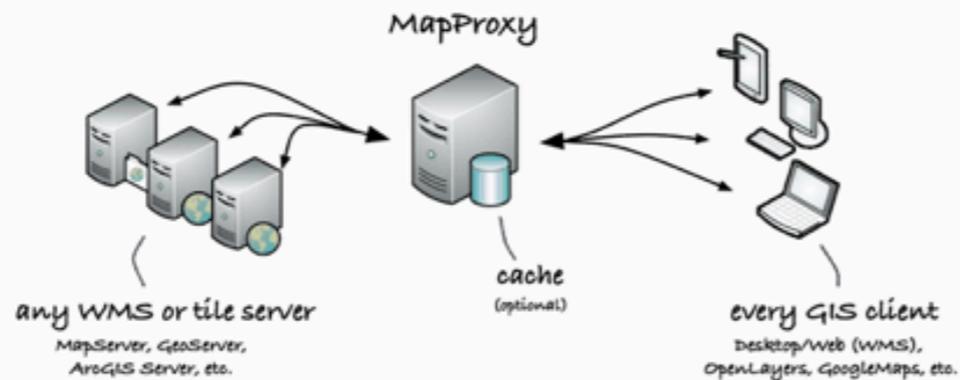
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MapProxy

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About

MapProxy is an open source proxy for geospatial data. It caches, accelerates and transforms data from existing map services and serves any desktop or web GIS client.



MapProxy is a tile cache solution, but also offers many new and innovative features like full support for WMS clients.

MapProxy is actively developed and supported by [Omniscale](#), it is released under the [Apache Software License 2.0](#), runs on Unix/Linux and Windows and is [easy to install and to configure](#).

News

- 2012-05-15: [New MapProxy 1.4.0 release](#)
- 2012-01-13: [New MapProxy 1.3.0 release](#)
- 2011-08-31: [New MapProxy 1.2.0 release](#)
- 2011-06-26: [New MapProxy 1.1.1 release](#)
- 2011-05-31: [New MapProxy 1.1.0 release](#)

Features of MapProxy

Tile cache

MapProxy is a tile server (WMS-C, TMS, WMTS, KML SuperOverlays).

It reads data from:

- WMS sources (1.0.0–1.3.0)
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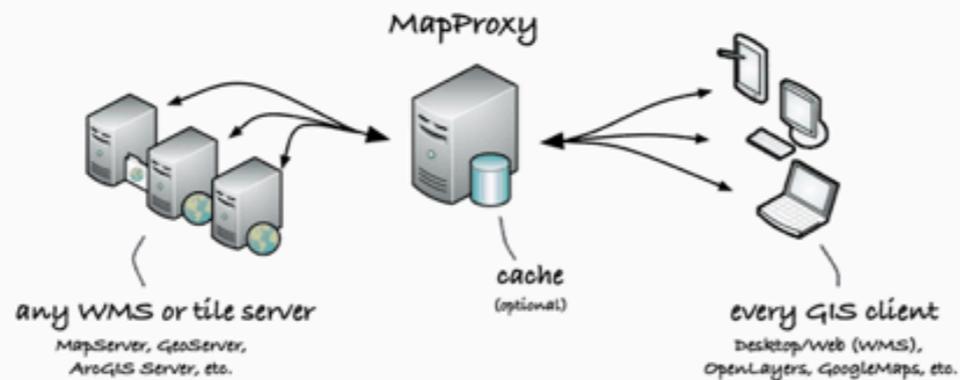
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About

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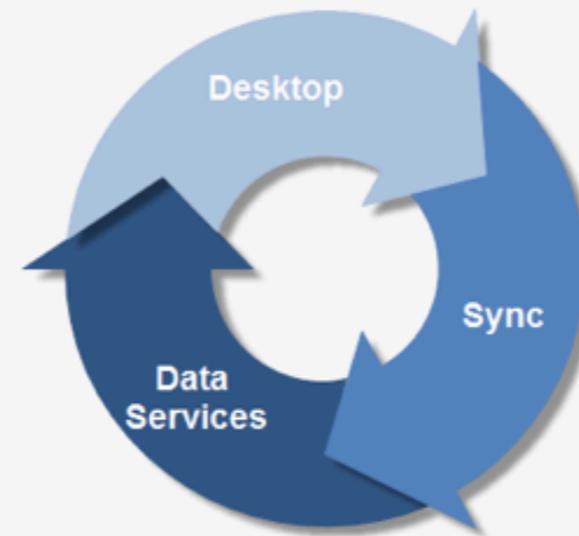
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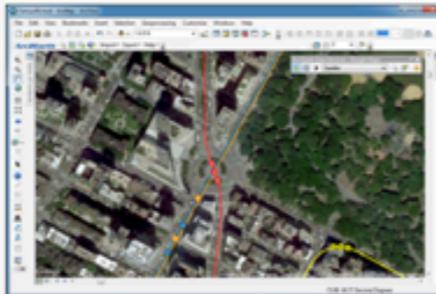


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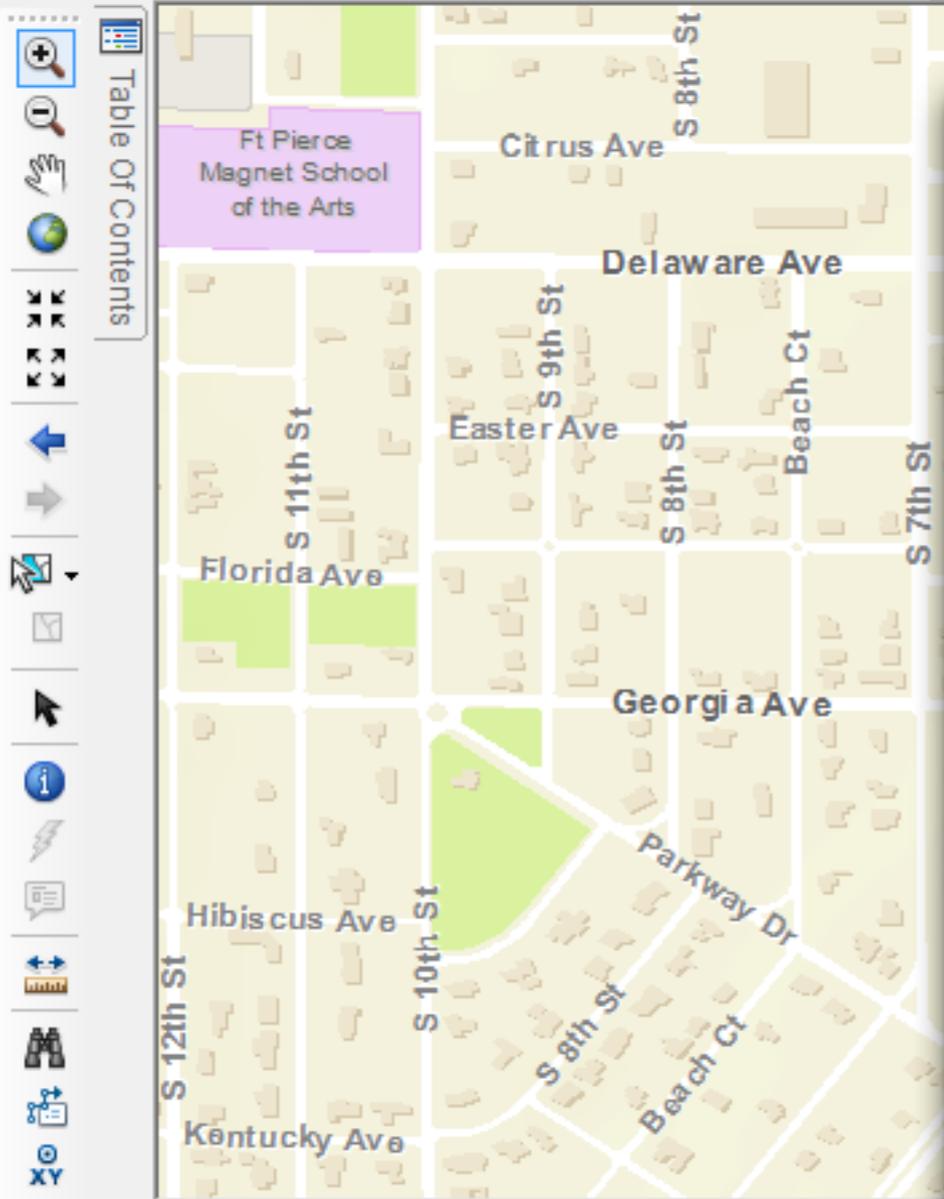
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Map Levels

Start Level: 13
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Create Tiles
 Export Map at Full Extent

Cache Format

- Google Maps (z/x/y)
- Google Maps (z/x/y)
- MS Bing Quadkey (0123)
- ArcGIS Server (Level/Row/Column)
- WeoGeo (z/y/x)
- OSGEO Tile Map Service (z/y/x)
- MBTiles - SQLite DB

Advanced Options...

Map Scales for Levels

- Level 13 Map Scale = 1: 72,224 (1 tiles)
- Level 14 Map Scale = 1: 36,112 (1 tiles)
- Level 15 Map Scale = 1: 18,056 (2 tiles)
- Level 16 Map Scale = 1: 9,028 (6 tiles)
- Level 17 Map Scale = 1: 4,514 (28 tiles)
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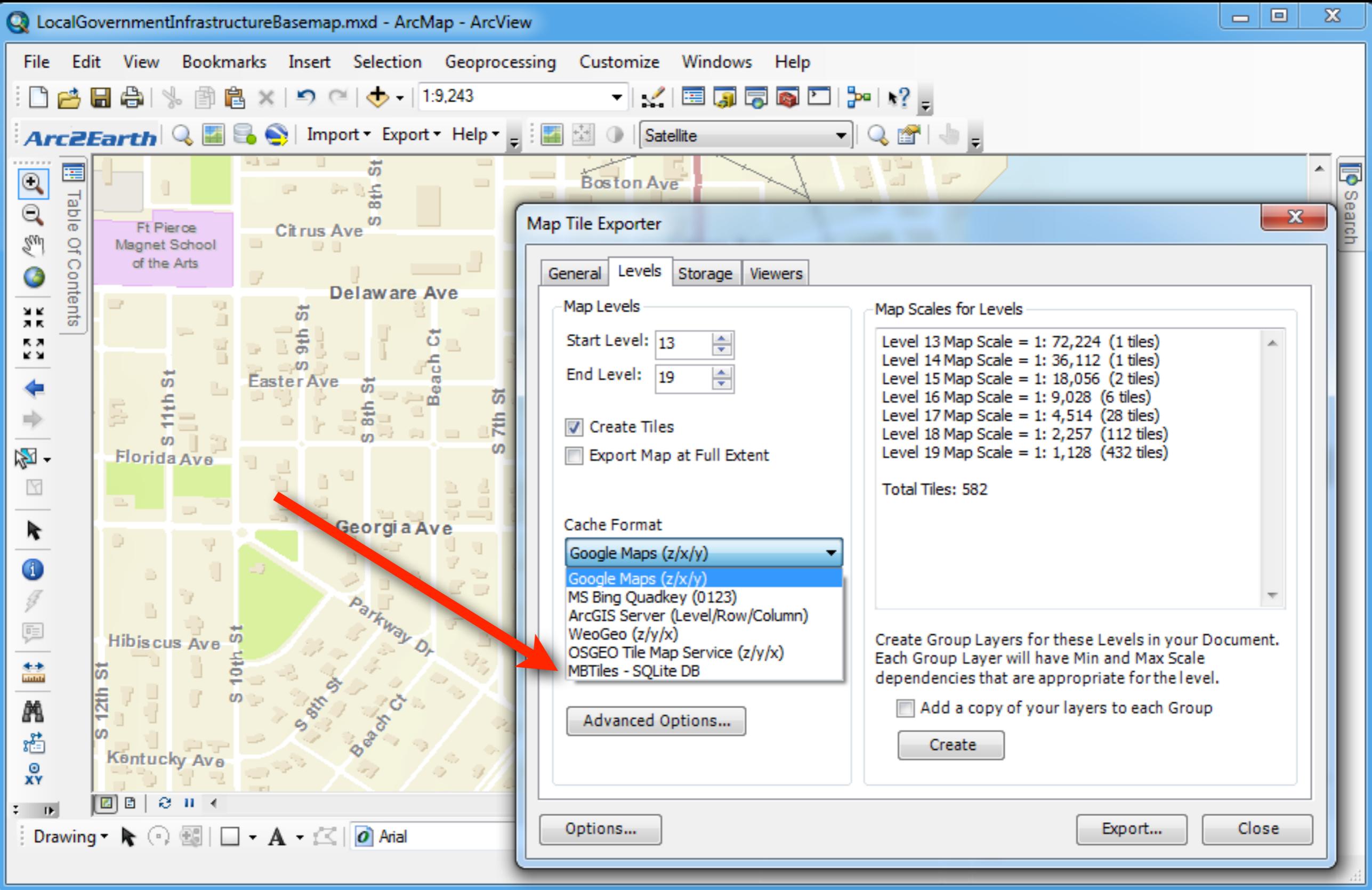
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Create Group Layers for these Levels in your Document. Each Group Layer will have Min and Max Scale dependencies that are appropriate for the level.

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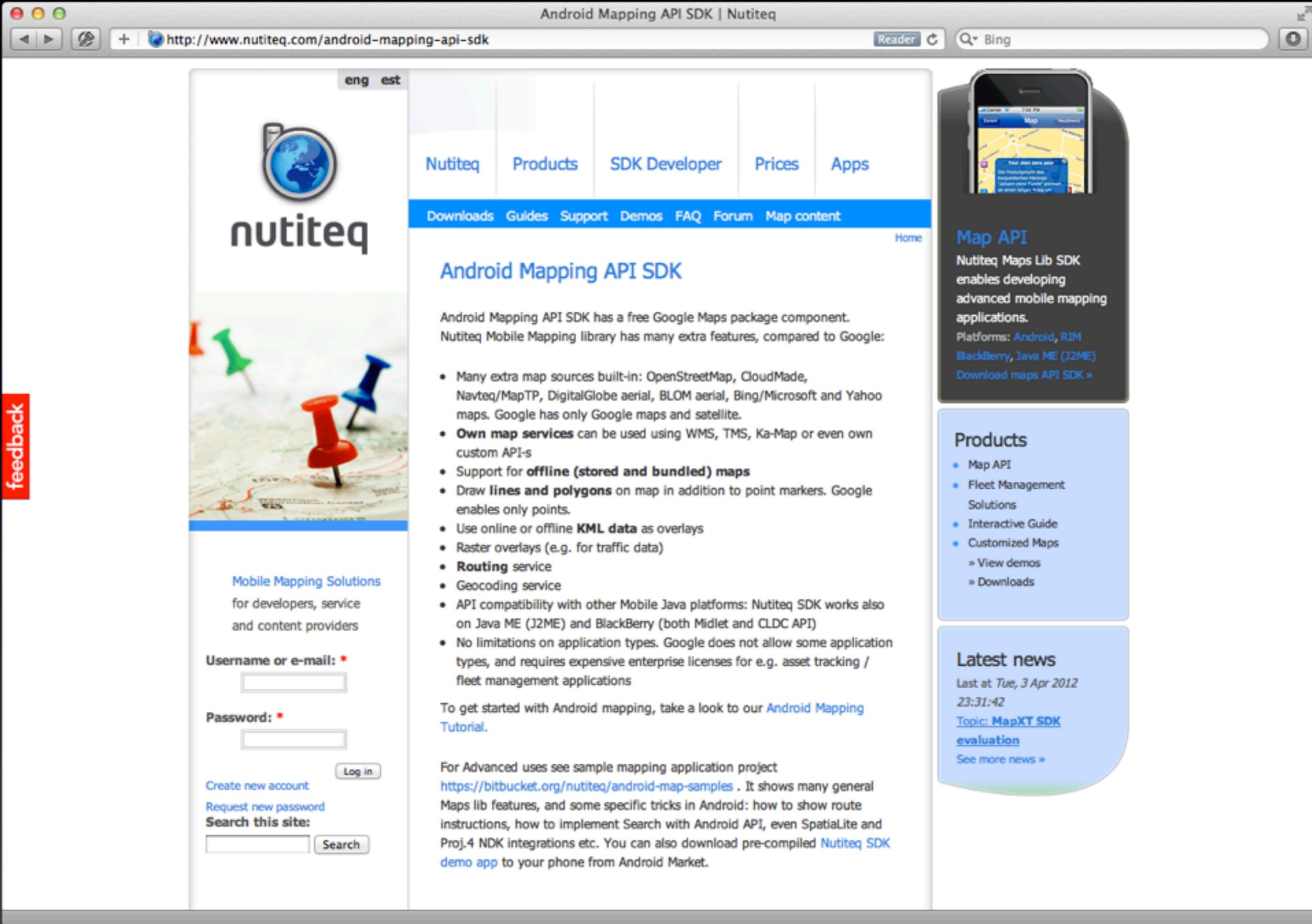
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- **Own map services** can be used using WMS, TMS, Ka-Map or even own custom API-s
- Support for **offline (stored and bundled) maps**
- Draw **lines and polygons** on map in addition to point markers. Google enables only points.
- Use online or offline **KML data** as overlays
- Raster overlays (e.g. for traffic data)
- **Routing** service
- Geocoding service
- API compatibility with other Mobile Java platforms: Nutiteq SDK works also on Java ME (J2ME) and BlackBerry (both Midlet and CLDC API)
- No limitations on application types. Google does not allow some application types, and requires expensive enterprise licenses for e.g. asset tracking / fleet management applications

To get started with Android mapping, take a look to our [Android Mapping Tutorial](#).

For Advanced uses see sample mapping application project <https://bitbucket.org/nutiteq/android-map-samples> . It shows many general Maps lib features, and some specific tricks in Android: how to show route instructions, how to implement Search with Android API, even SpatialLite and Proj.4 NDK integrations etc. You can also download pre-compiled [Nutiteq SDK demo app](#) to your phone from Android Market.



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- First class OS support (e.g. Mac plugins)
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Abstract

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Database Specifications

Tilesets are expected to be valid SQLite databases of [version 3.0.0](#) or higher. Only core SQLite features are permitted; tilesets **cannot** require extensions.

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