

OSMCha meets OSM Foundation

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Team

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- OpenStreetMap contributor since 2010
- Created OSMCha in 2015 and maintained it with support from Mapbox between 2017 and 2021
- Led the development of Tasking Manager 4, at HOT
- Since July, working at Development Seed

Development Seed works on a series of OSM related tools, like:

- OSM Teams
- Scoreboard
- osm-seed
- OpenHistoricalMap
- OpenAerialMap



The motivation behind OSMCha

Back in 2015...

- Some problematic changesets were hard to find
- Errors persisted in the map for a long time
- Feeling of lack of control
- Difficulties to identify the most relevant changesets to be reviewed

What does OSMCha provide?

Powerful changeset queries

We store all changeset metadata in the database, making it possible to query by a wide range of parameters.

Date

2021-11-22

To

Comment


Enter a keyword like hotosm, import or fixme

Location

Any

Type a place on the world

Clear All



Bounding Box (BBox)

Pan to the location of interest in the map

Objects Created

from

to

Objects Modified

from

to

Objects Deleted

from

to

Number of comments

from

to

Source

eg. Bing, Local

Editor

eg. ID, JOSM

Imagery used

eg. Bing, Mapbox

Changeset IDs

Enter Changeset IDs

Other metadata

eg. changesets_count_max=50,hashtags=hotosm-project

Valuable flagging

Automated analysis helps the users to identify possible issues and prioritize the changesets to be reviewed

Toliman	16 minutes ago
A powerline added	
User has multiple blocks	
114194143	196 0 0

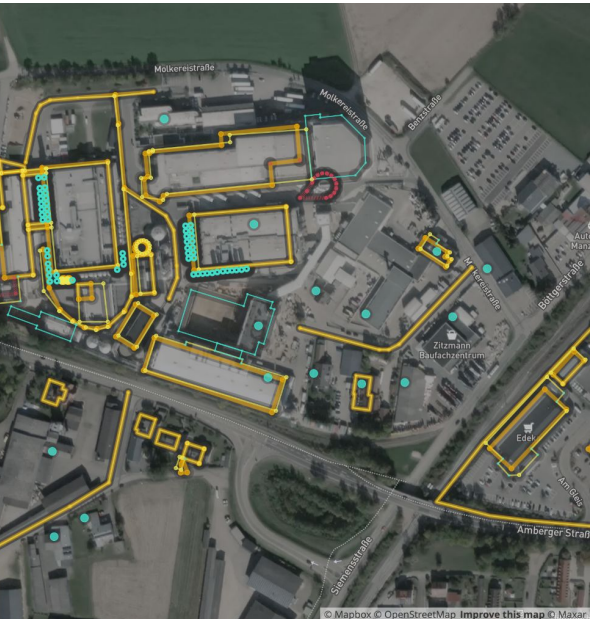
László Telavarro	17 minutes ago
Genauere Einzeichnung des Klinikums	
Crossing ways Very close points Outdated tags	
114194135	179 74 33

aweech	17 minutes ago
Improving highway geometries and adding stop lights on the west side	
Invalid tag modification	
114194127	12 30 7

mentzerae	17 minutes ago
I noticed a lot of restaurants and stores were missing from my area and wanted to fix that. I'm probably going to take some time this week to go	
New mapper Invalid tag modification	
Invalid key value combination	
114194124	17 5 0

Nice map visualization

A good way to visualize the changeset. It's also possible to visualize the changes in the relations.



What does OSMCha provide?

REST API

Allows new tools to be developed like JOSM plugins, notification systems, etc.

OSMCha API ^{v1}

[Base URL: osmcha.org/api/v1]
<https://osmcha.org/api-docs/?format=openapi>

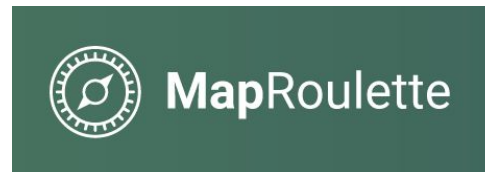
[OSMCha API Documentation](#)

[Contact the developer](#)

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Integration with MapRoulette

It's possible to push flagged features from OSMCha to MapRoulette challenges.

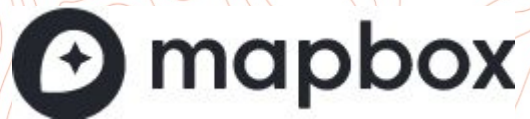


Open Source tooling

Part of our stack can be easily reused in other projects, for example the changeset-map library.



**Hosted and
maintained by
Mapbox since 2015**



Used by

OSM communities around the world

Companies

Mapbox, Apple, Facebook, Microsoft, Lyft...

The most convenient tool for the OSM communities to track changesets

- It provides resources that are not present in the osm.org website
- Makes it possible to check if the changeset was already reviewed and what the evaluation was
- The new OSM Welcome Tool developed by OSM Belgium uses the OSMCha API to discover new users editing the areas
- We could do much more to support community mappers

Companies use OSMCha in addition to their internal tools

- Opportunity to be a central repository of validated changesets
- Increase transparency and collaboration between companies and communities
- Training data to Machine Learning models
- Quality assurance is the cost we have to pay to use crowdsourced data

View for the future

Find organizations interested in funding development

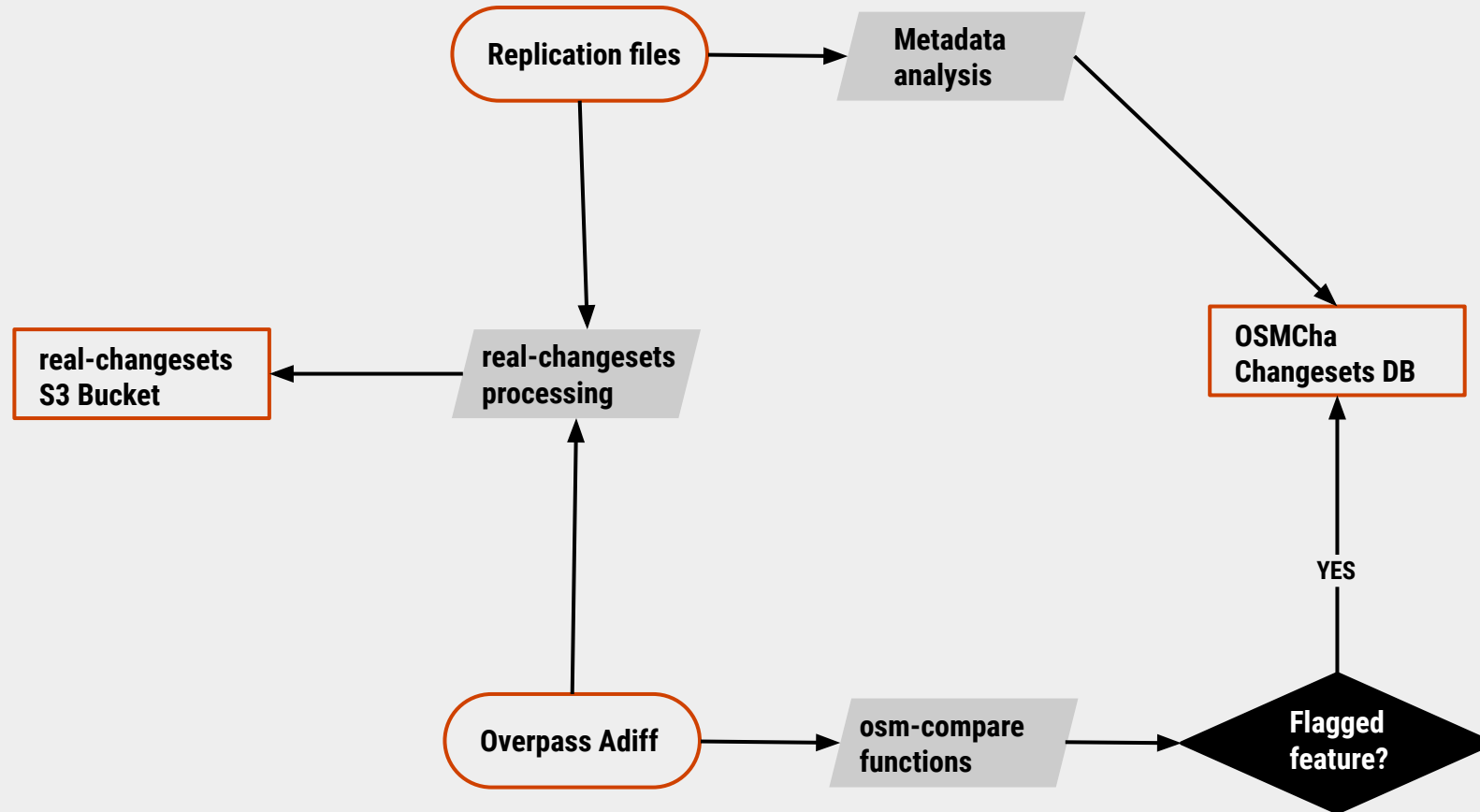
Add more intelligence to error flagging and prioritization

Empower users to create their own flags

Improve queries and database performance

Solve tech debt and keep it updated

Data architecture



Thank you!

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