

Maputnik

Making your own map with open source tools

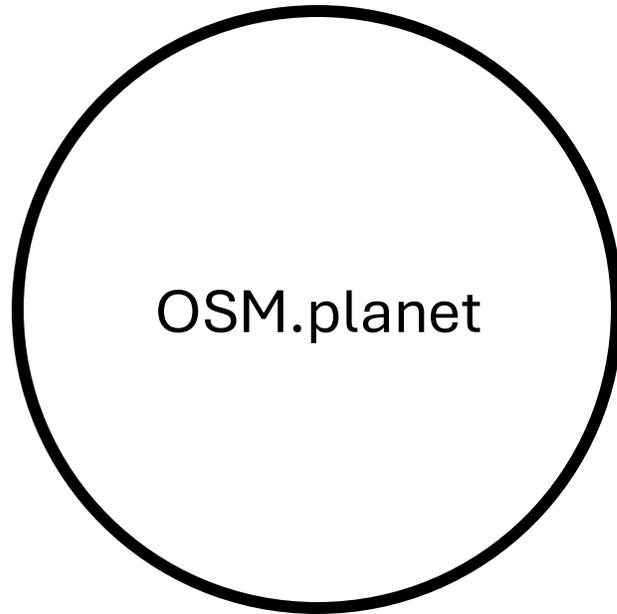
What is Maputnik?

“A free and open visual editor for the [MapLibre GL styles](#) targeted at developers and map designers.”

Put **simply** its an easy way to make your own maps with an **editor**
you can **easily** interact with in your browser

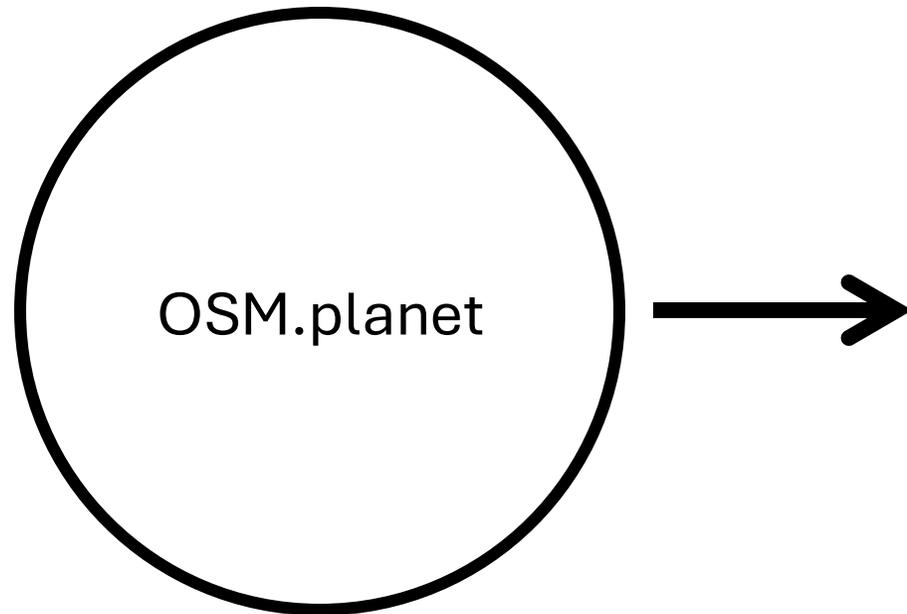
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That's a little more complicated...

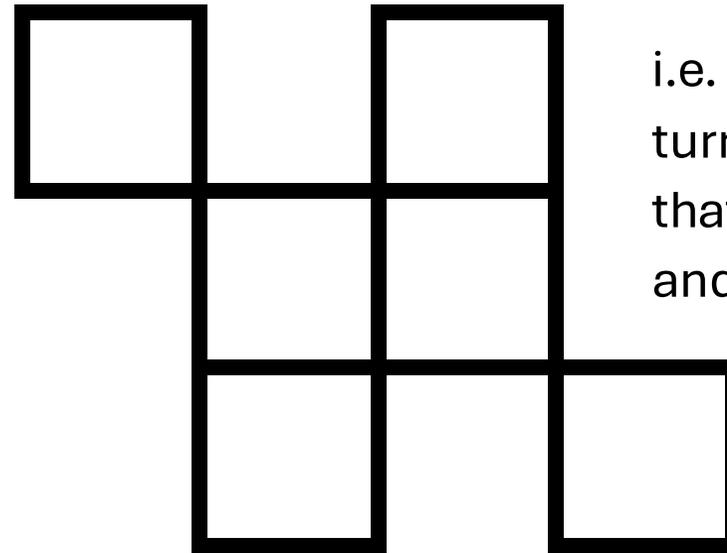


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It used to be ...



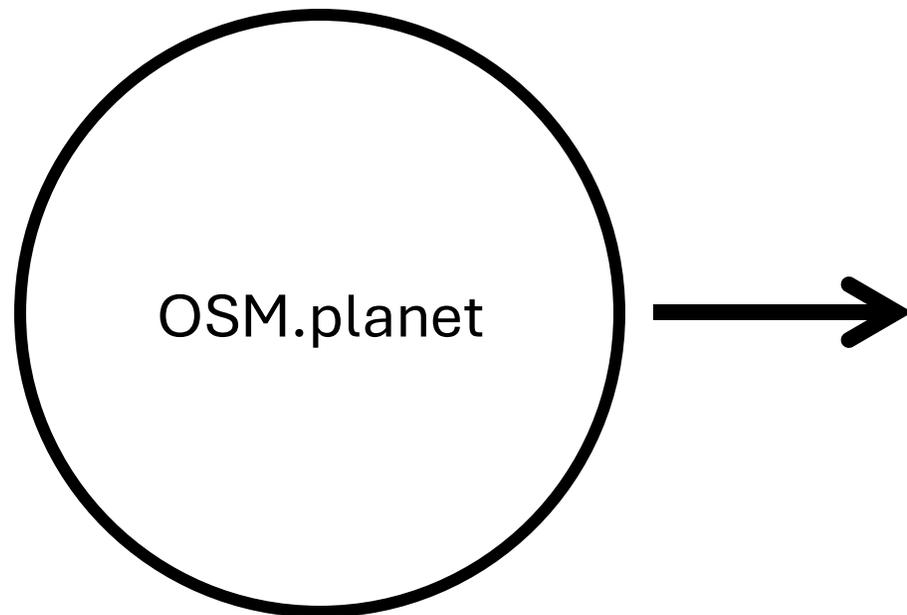
Pre-rendered map tiles



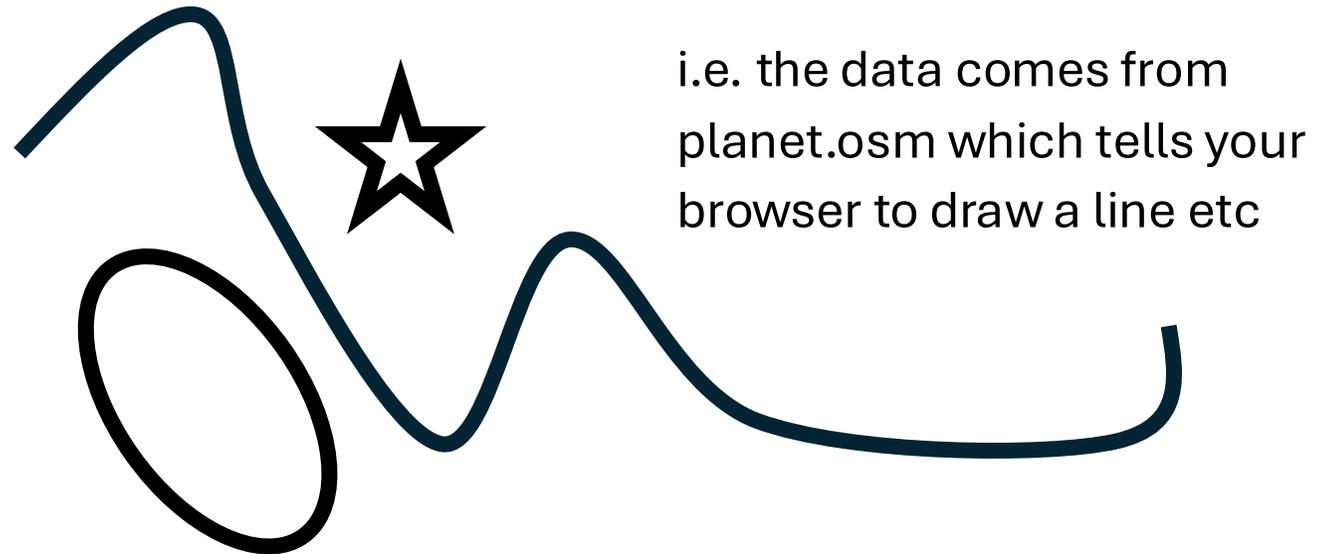
i.e. we would run code to
turn osm.planet into images
that you could then zoom in
and out of

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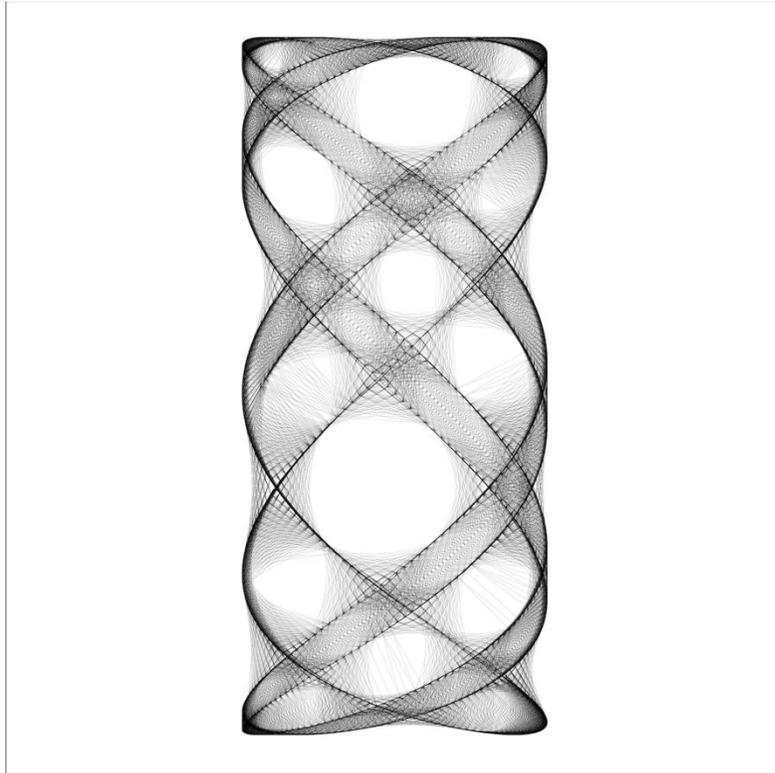
Now ...



Vectors rendered by your browser



In principle this is the same as vectors in design software where you can keep zooming in



vector

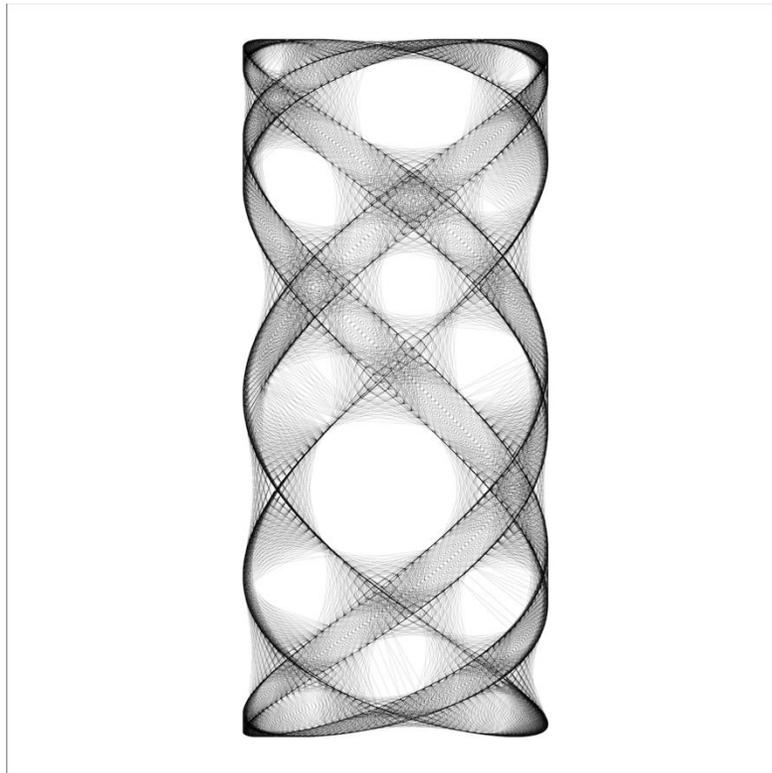
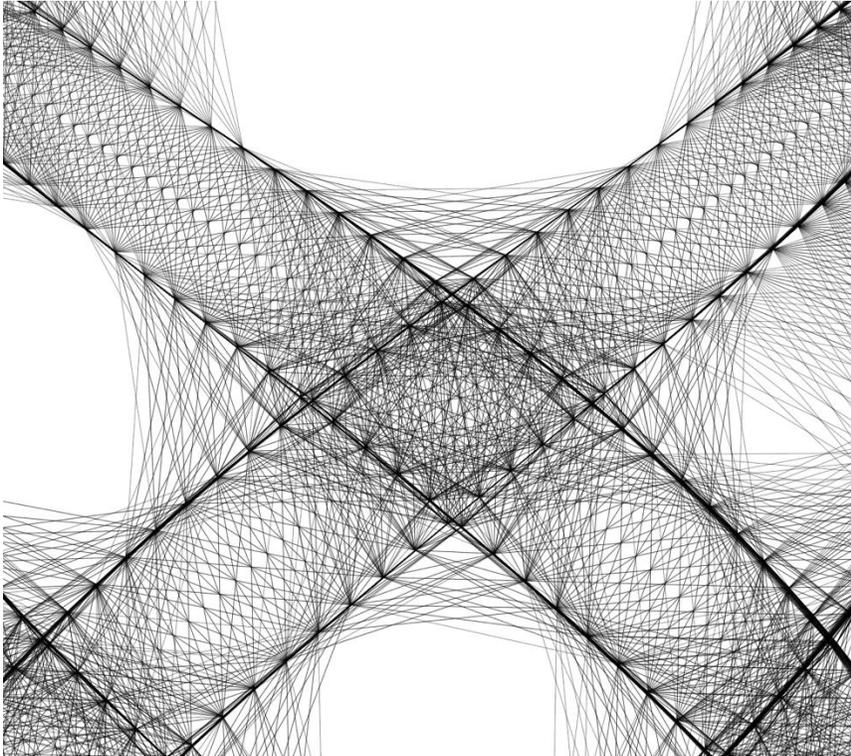


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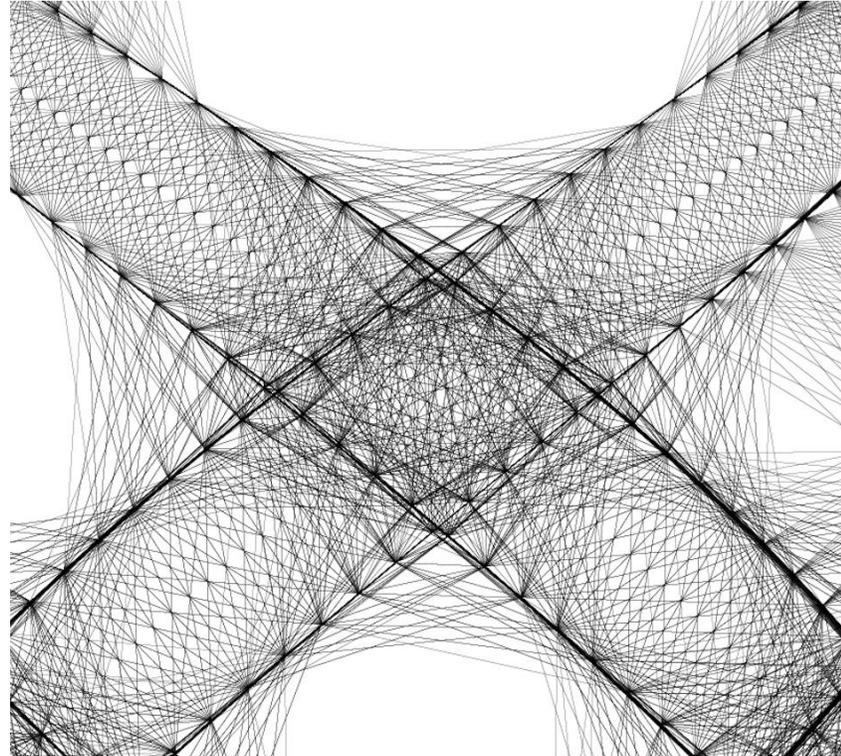
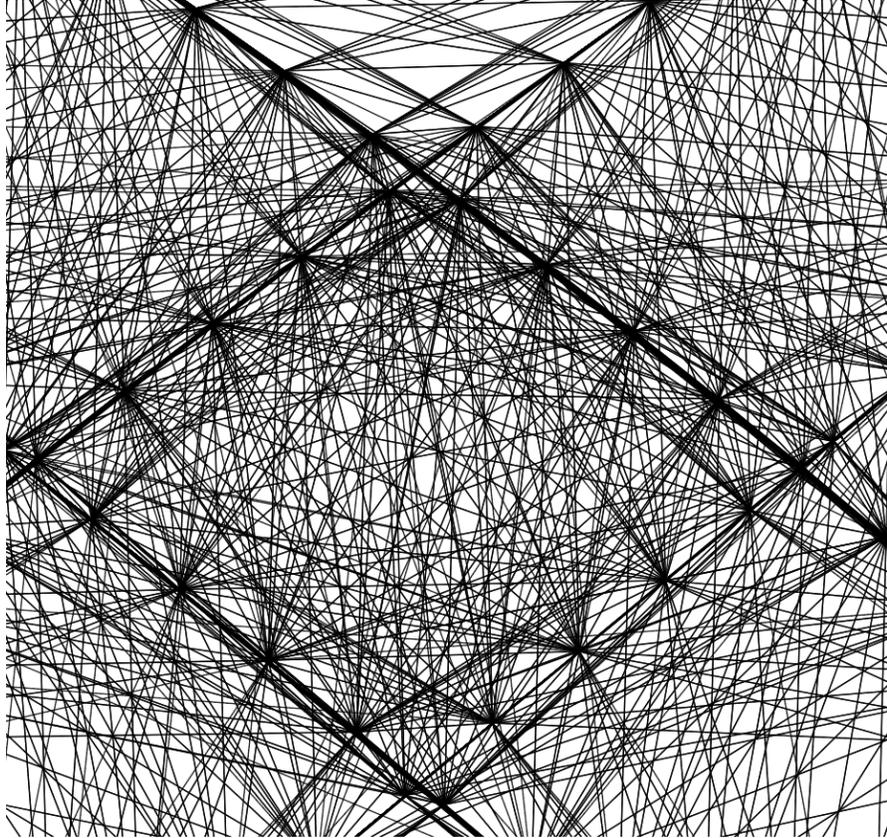


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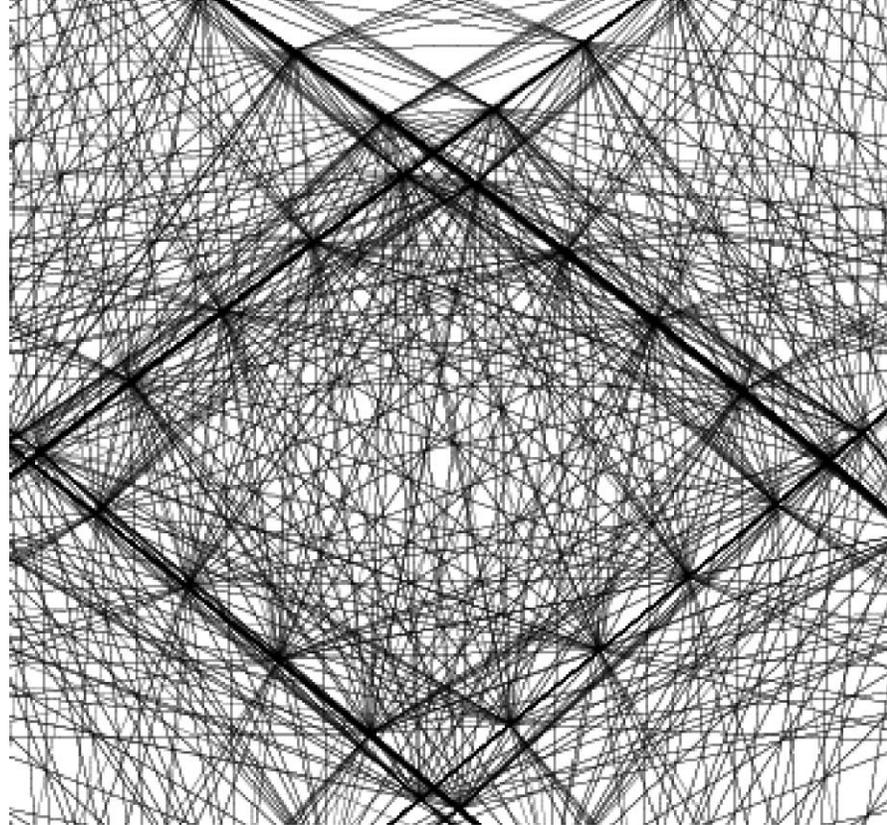
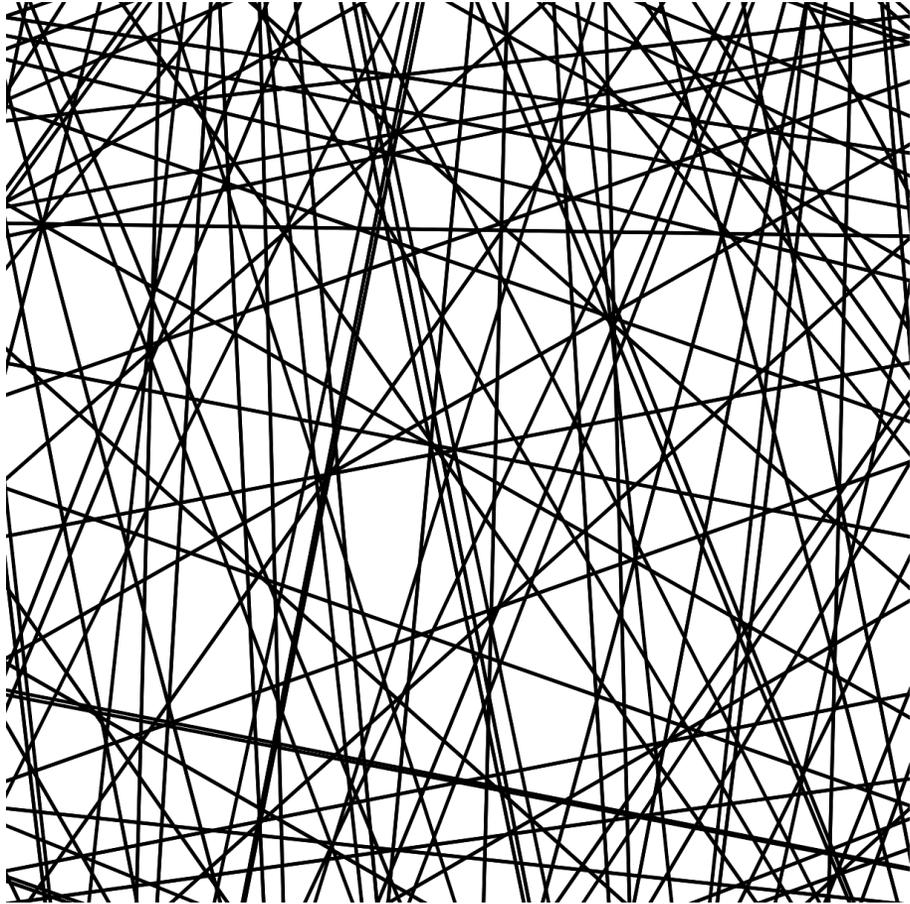


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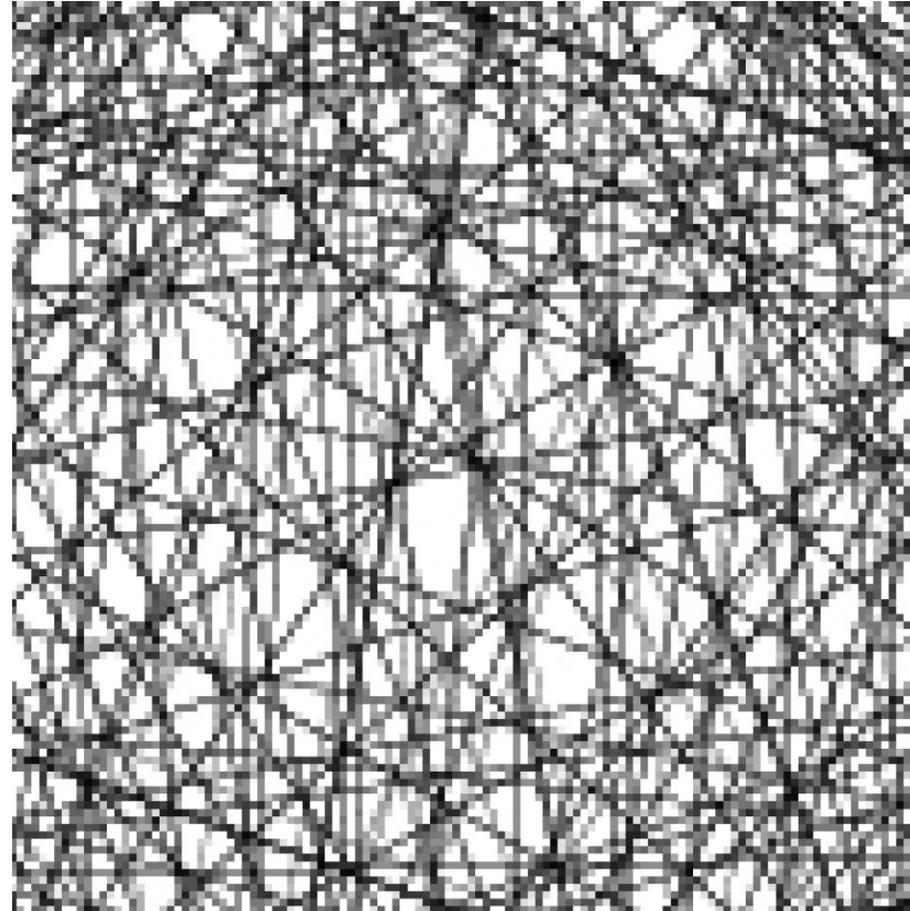
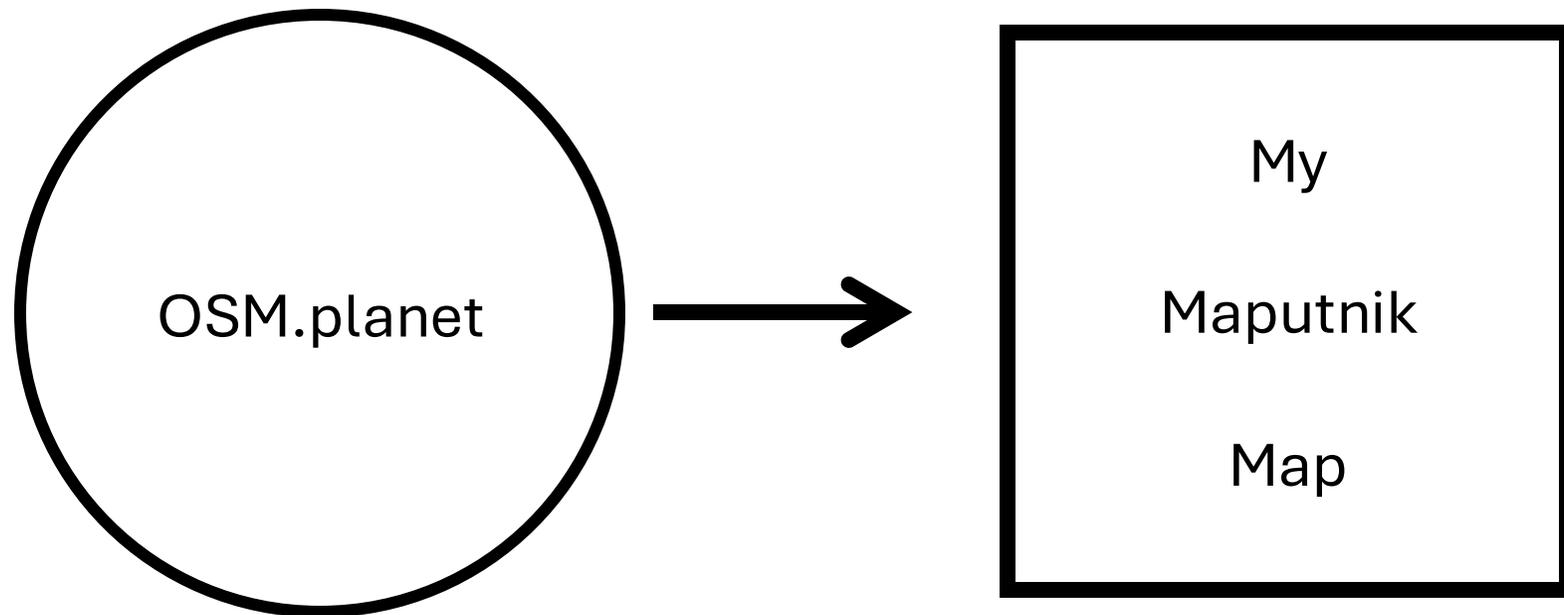


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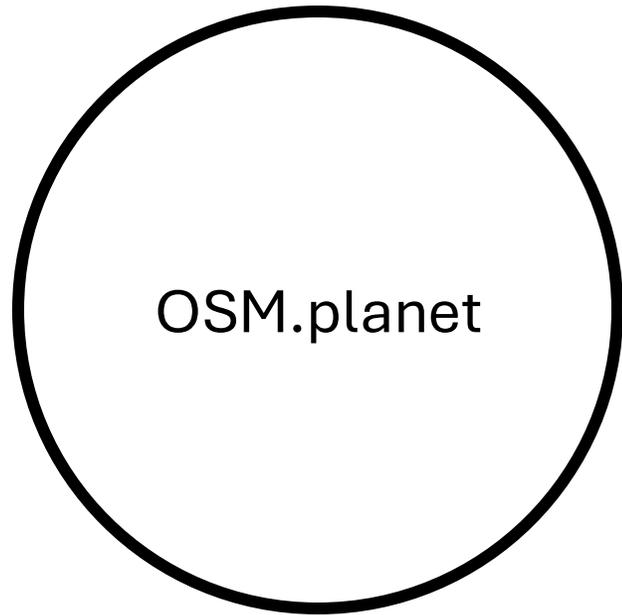
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This means it is easier to edit and customize or maps by directly accessing the data we want from OSM and telling the browser how we want it to be displayed



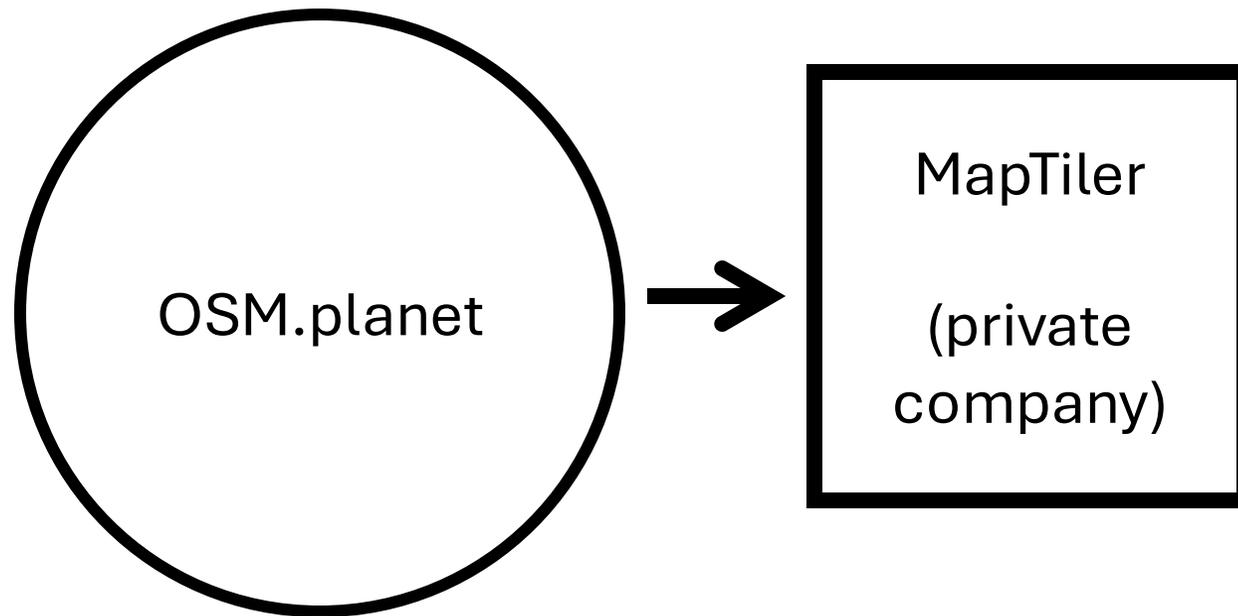
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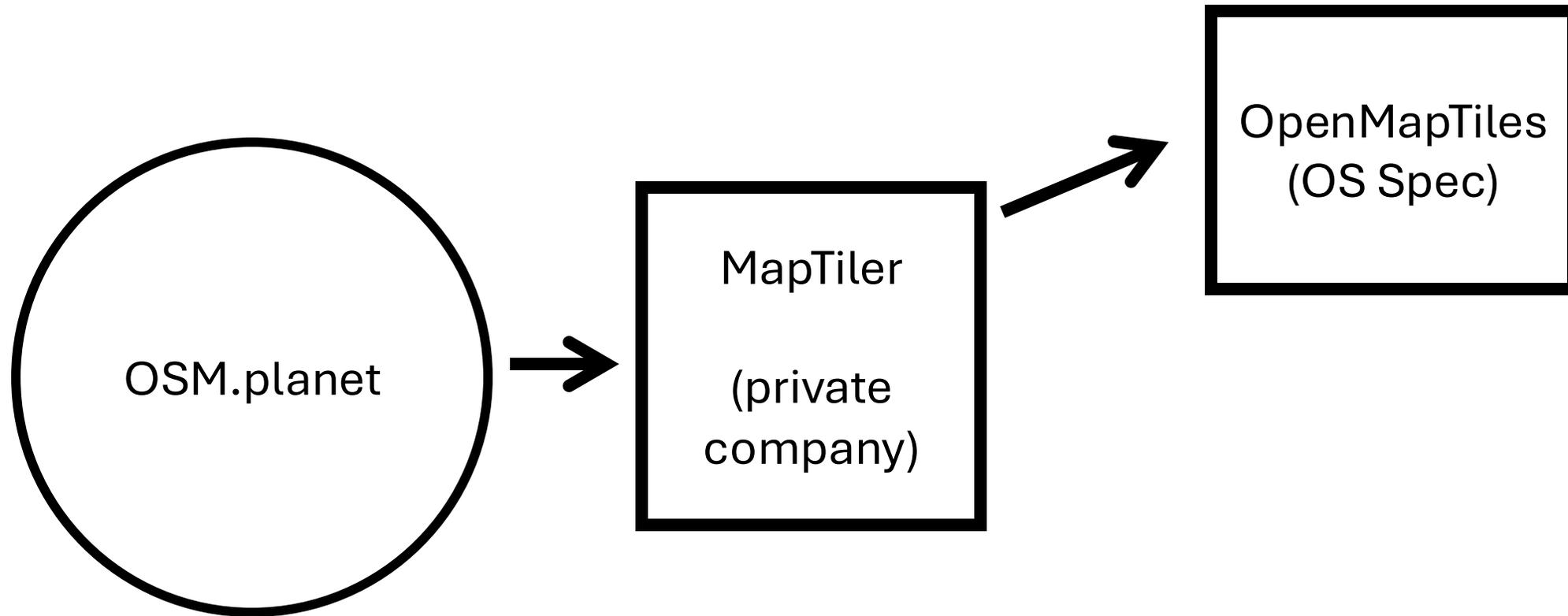
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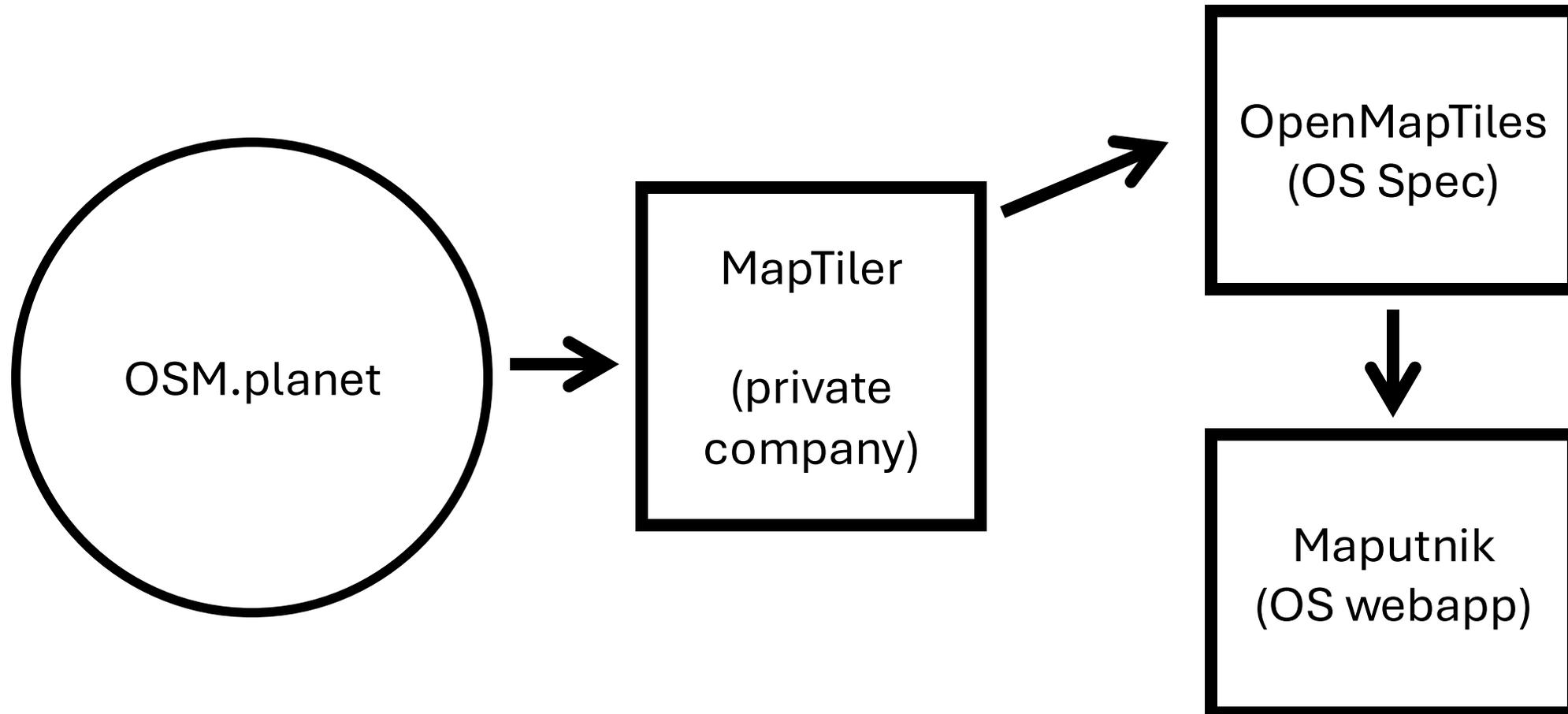
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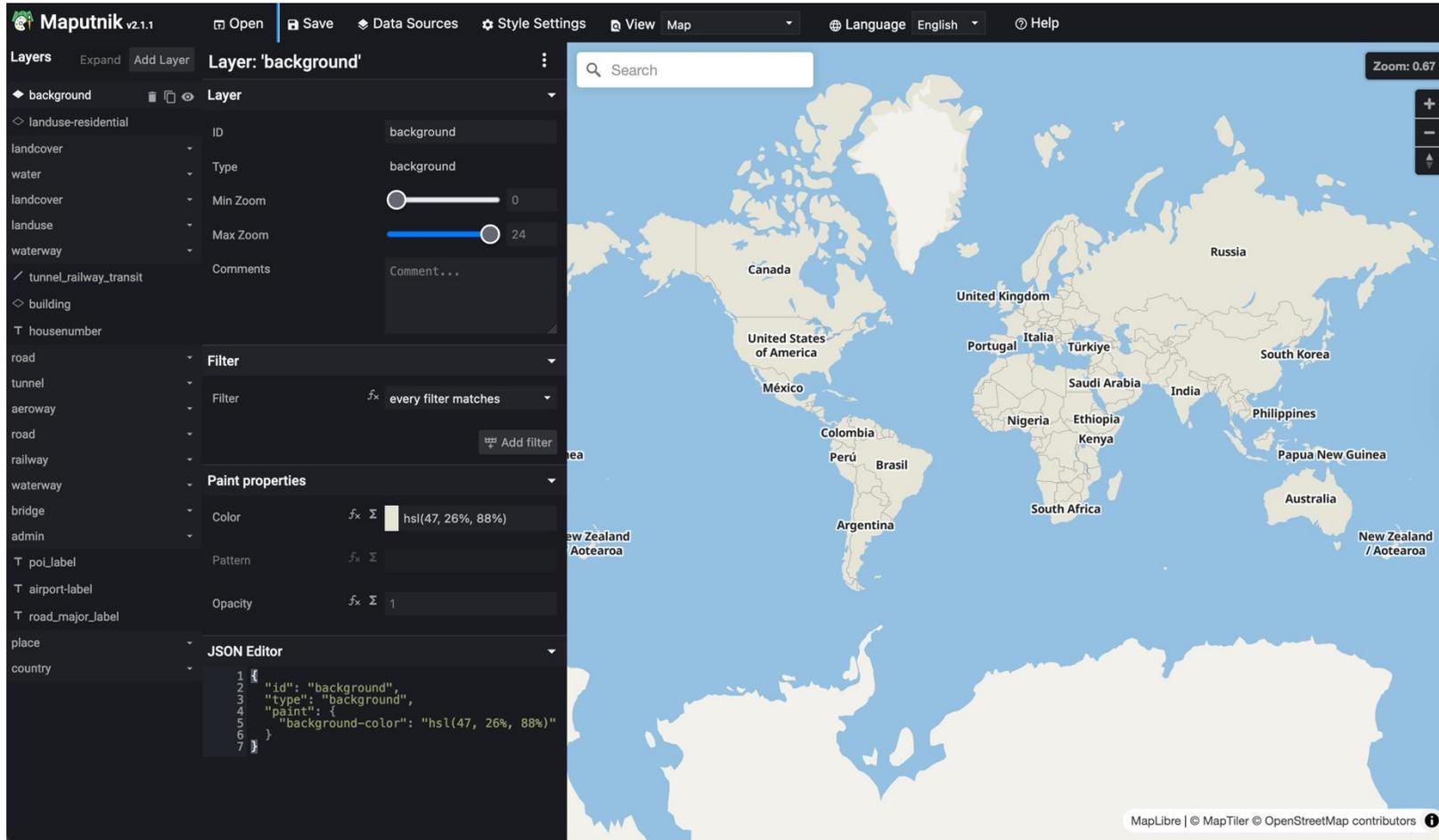


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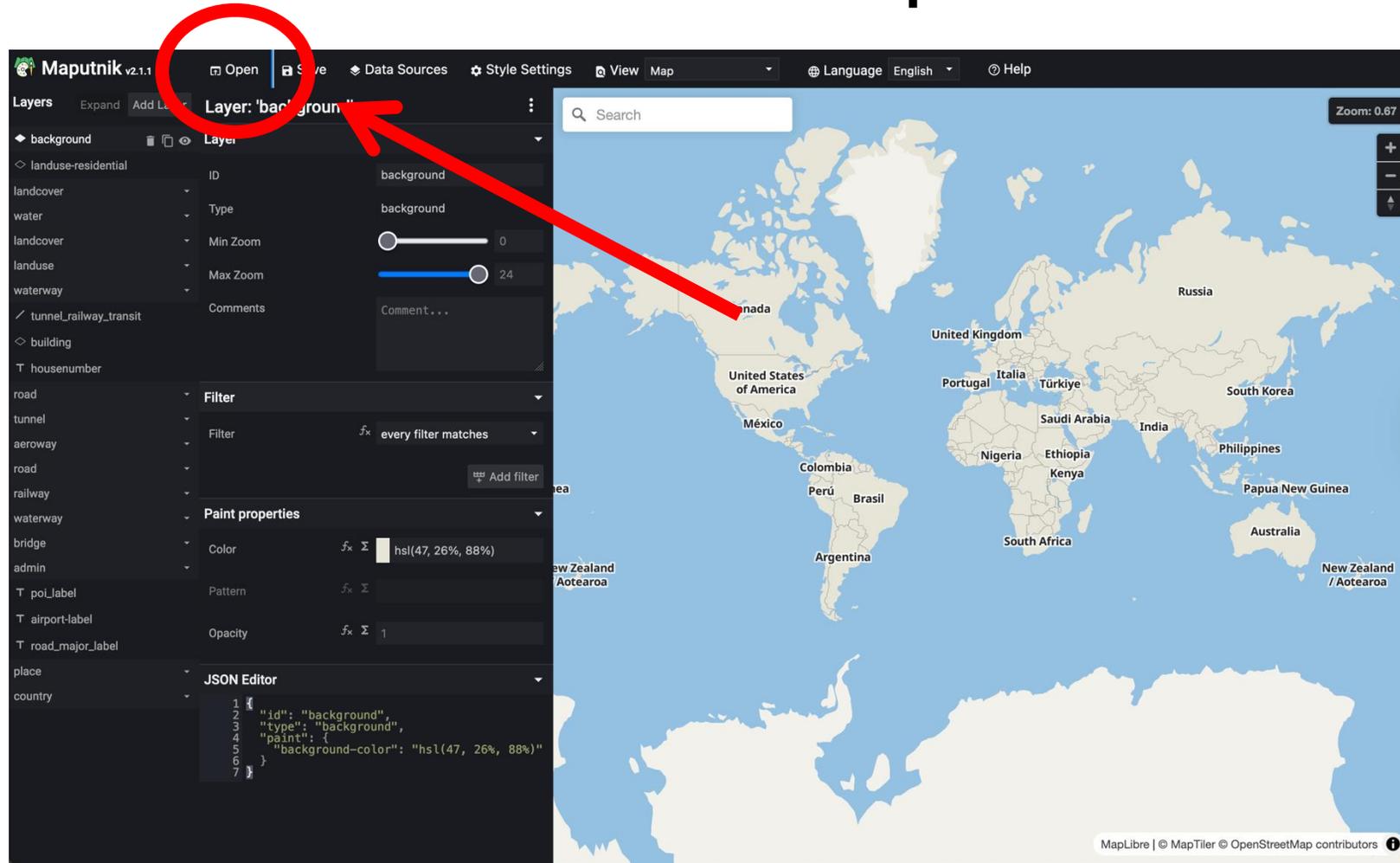


Enough! Lets make a map



<https://maplibre.org/maputnik/>

Lets make a **NEW** map



<https://maplibre.org/maputnik/>

Maputnik v2.1.1

Open Save Data Source **Open Style** Help

Layers Expand Add Layer Layer: 'background'

- background
- landuse-residential
- landcover
- water
- landuse
- waterway
- tunnel_railway_transit
- building
- housenumber
- road
- tunnel
- aeroway
- road
- railway
- waterway
- bridge
- admin
- poi_label
- airport-label
- road_major_label
- place
- country

Layer

ID Type Min Zoom Max Zoom Comments

Filter Filter every filter

Paint properties

Color Pattern Opacity

JSON Editor

```
1 {
2   "id": "background",
3   "type": "background",
4   "paint": {
5     "background-color": "#h
6   }
7 }
```

Open local Style

Open a local JSON style from your computer.

Open Style

Load from URL

Load from a URL. Note that the URL must have **CORS enabled**.

Enter URL...

Load from URL

Gallery Styles

Open one of the publicly available styles to start from.

- Empty Style
- Americana
- Dark Matter
- MapTiler Basic
- Toner
- Zoomstack Light
- Zoomstack Night
- Zoomstack Outdoor
- Zoomstack Road
- OSM Bright
- OSM Liberty
- OSM OpenMapTiles

Zoom: 0.67

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Lets make a blank map

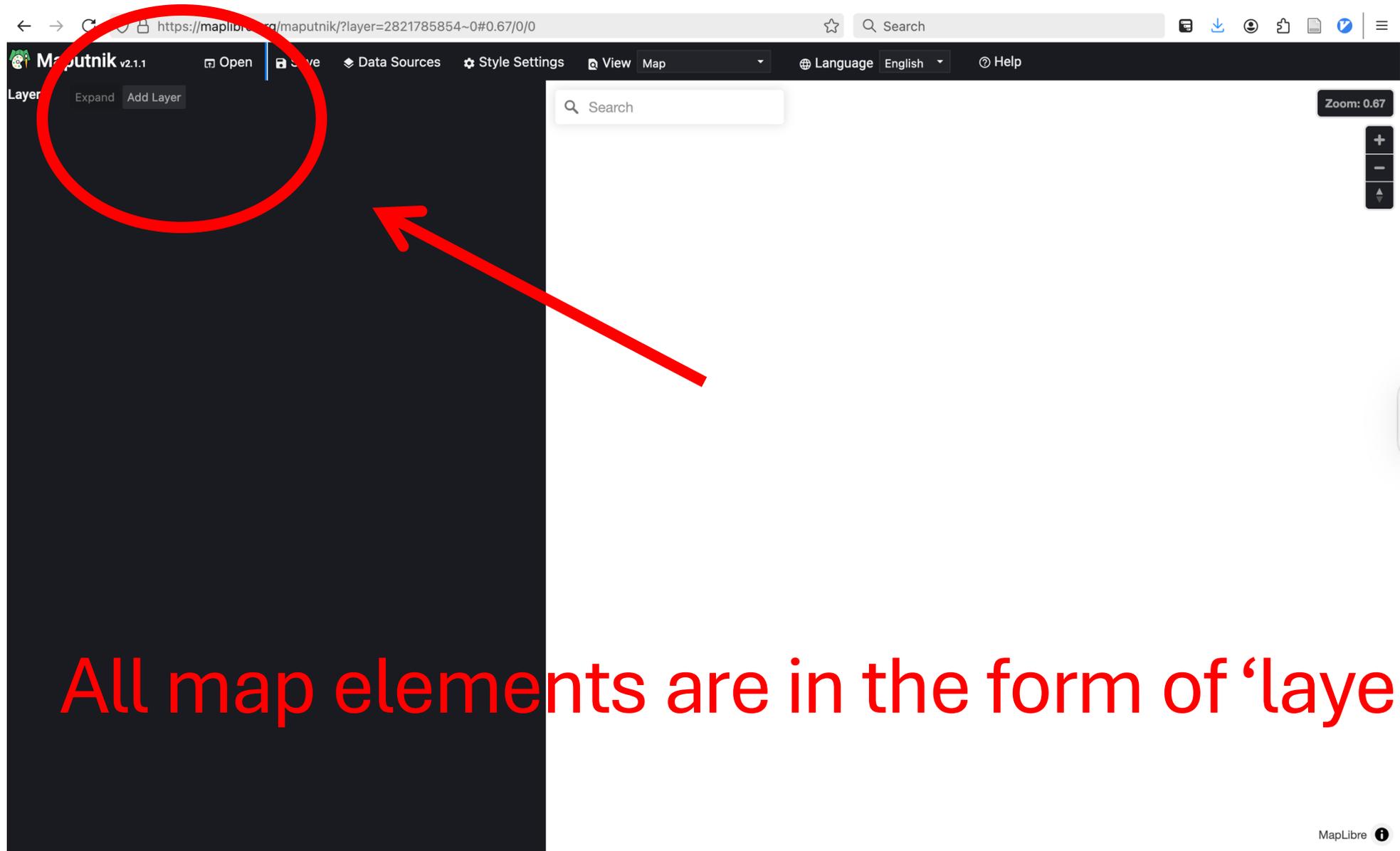
The image shows the Maputnik v2.1.1 interface. On the left, there is a 'Layers' panel with a tree view containing various map layers like 'background', 'landuse-residential', 'landcover', 'water', etc. The main area is dominated by the 'Open Style' dialog box. This dialog has three main sections: 'Load from URL', 'Gallery Styles', and 'JSON Editor'. The 'Load from URL' section has a text input field and a 'Load from URL' button. The 'Gallery Styles' section displays a grid of style thumbnails, with 'Empty Style' circled in red. The 'JSON Editor' section shows a code editor with JSON code for a background layer. On the right side of the interface, a map is visible with a zoom level of 0.67. The map shows a world view with labels for countries like Russia, South Korea, India, etc. At the bottom right, there is a footer with the text 'MapLibre | © MapTiler © OpenStreetMap contributors'.

Layers Expand Add Layer

🔍 Search

Zoom: 0.67





All map elements are in the form of 'layers'

Search

Zoom: 0.6

Add Layer ×

ID	background
Type	Background

Add Layer

Lets start with a background layer

Layers Expand Add Layer **Layer: 'background'**

background Layer

ID background

Type background

Min Zoom

Max Zoom

Comments

Filter

Filter f_x every filter matches Add filter

Paint properties

Color $f_x \Sigma$

Pattern $f_x \Sigma$

Opacity $f_x \Sigma$

JSON Editor

```
1 {
2   "id": "background",
3   "type": "background",
4   "paint": {
5     "background-color": "rgba(44, 166, 213, 1)",
6   }
7 }
```

🔍 Search

Zoom: 0.67

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-
⬆️
⬆️

Each layer then has lots of properties that we can edit, like color

#2CA6D5
HEX

Layers Expand Add Layer **Layer: 'background'**

◆ background 🗑️ 📄 👁️ **Layer**

ID background

Type background

Min Zoom

Max Zoom

Comments

Filter

Filter f_x every filter matches ⌵

⚙️ Add filter

Paint properties

Color f_x Σ rgba(44, 166, 213, 1)

Pattern f_x Σ

Opacity f_x Σ 1

JSON Editor

```
1 {  
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3   "type": "background",  
4   "paint": {  
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🔍 Search

Zoom: 0.67

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2C 6.15
HEX

This also includes JSON code of all of this information

Lets make a new layer with some data

Source

Active Sources

Choose Public Source

Add one of the publicly available sources to your style.

OpenMapTiles v3 #openmaptiles	Thunderforest Transport v2 #thunderforest_transport
Thunderforest Outdoors v2 #thunderforest_outdoors	OS Open Zoomstack v2 #open_zoomstack

Add New Source

Add a new source to your style. You can only choose the source type and id at creation time!

Source ID: kfs9j1f

Source Type: Vector (TileJSON URL)

TileJSON URL: https://localhost:3000/tiles/mon,so

Add Source

First we need to add a data source

```
1 {  
2   "id": "background",  
3   "type": "background",  
4   "paint": {  
5     "background-color": "rgba(44, 166, 213, 1)",  
6   }  
7 }
```

When we create a new layer then we can select our source and data type

Add Layer x

ID	<input type="text"/>
Type	Fill
Source	openmaptiles
Source Layer	water

Add Layer

Layers Expand Add Layer Layer: [empty_string]

background

Layer

ID

Type fill

Source openmaptiles

Source Layer water

Min Zoom 0

Max Zoom 24

Comments Comment...

Filter

Filter f_x every filter matches

Add filter

Paint properties

Opacity f_x Σ 1

Color f_x Σ #000000

Antialias f_x Σ

Outline color f_x Σ

Pattern f_x Σ

Translate f_x Σ 0

Search

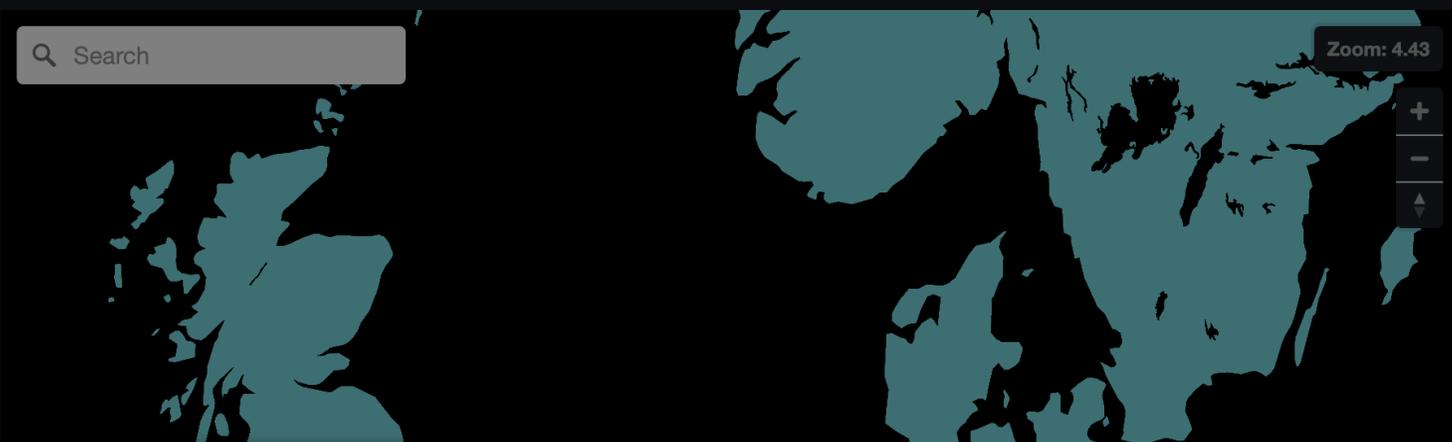
Zoom: 0.67



Water is black!

Layers Expand Add Layer

- background
- water



Add Layer x

ID	railways
Type	Line
Source	openmaptiles
Source Layer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">mountain_peakparkboundaryaerowaytransportationbuildingwater_name...

We can add in layers for lots of different types of OSM data

Layers Expand Add Layer Layer: 'railways'

background water railways

Layer

ID railways

Type line

Source openmaptiles

Source Layer transportation

Min Zoom 0

Max Zoom 24

Comments Comment...

Filter

Filter every filter matches

Add filter

Paint properties

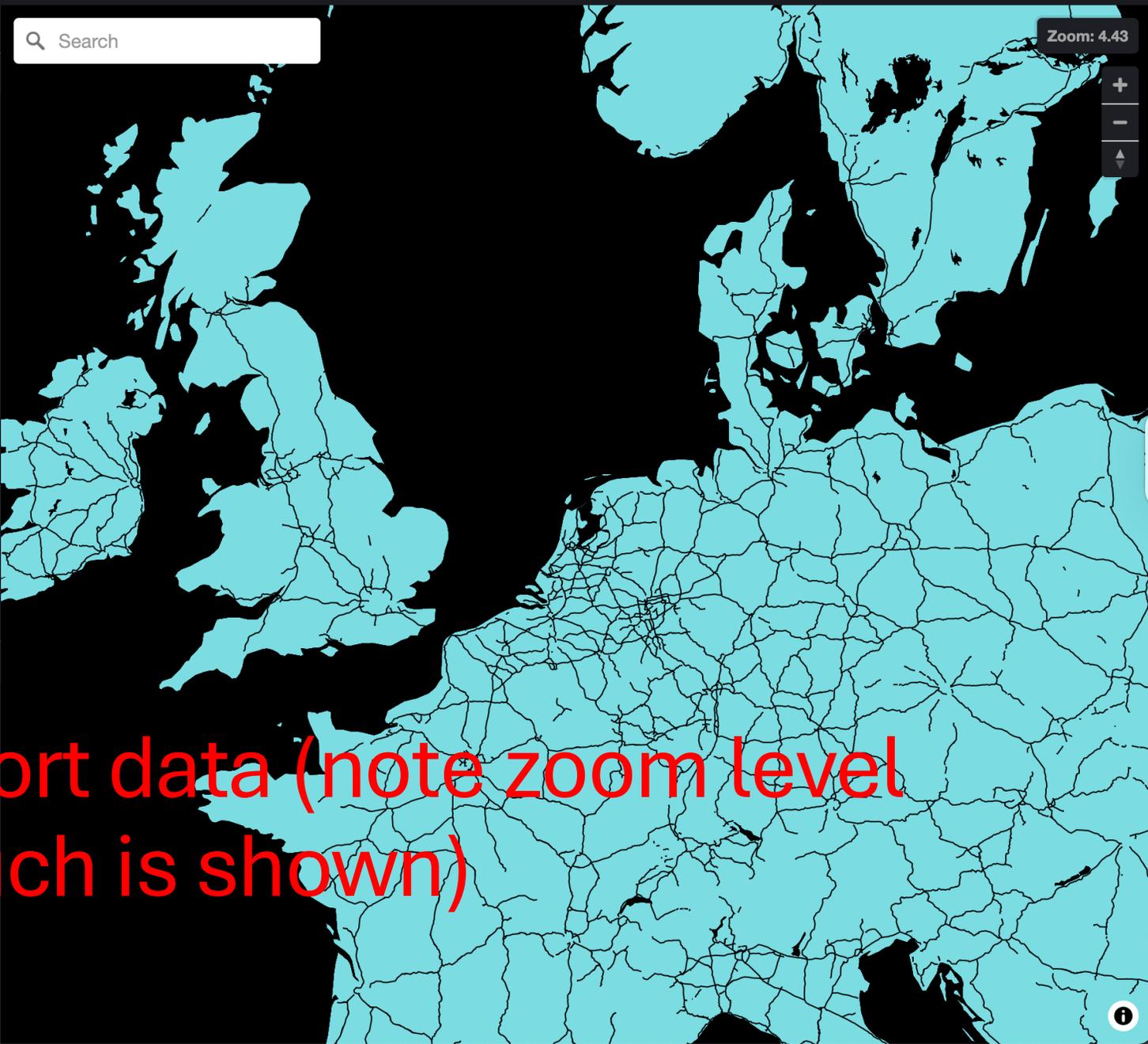
Opacity 1

Color #000000

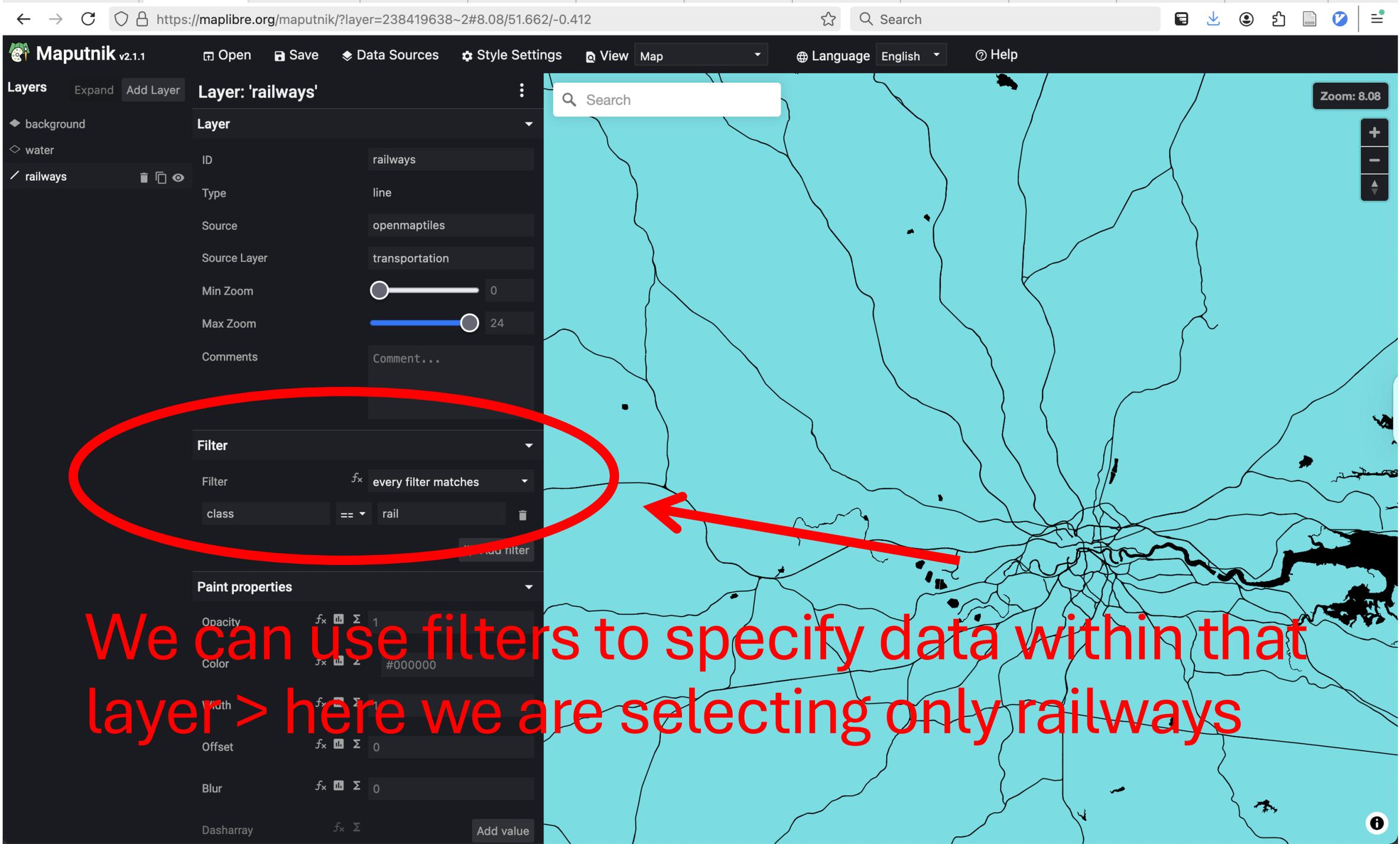
Width 1

Blur 0

Dasharray Add value



This is all transport data (note zoom level dictates how much is shown)



We can use filters to specify data within that layer > here we are selecting only railways

Maputnik v2.1.1

Layers: background, water, railways

Filter: class == rail

Paint properties:

- Function: interpolate
- Base: 1
- Zoom: Output value
- 6: #000000
- 16: rgba(10, 225, 26, 1)

We can add in further conditions that change how this data is displayed as we zoom in and out

Layers Expand Add Layer

- background
- water
- railways

Source Layer: transportation

Min Zoom: 0

Max Zoom: 24

Comments: Comment...

Search

Zoom: 12.30

Here our railways turn green when we reach zoom level 16!

Filter

Filter: f_x every filter matches

class == rail

Add filter

Paint properties

Opacity: f_x 1

Color

Function: interpolate

Base: 1

Zoom Output value

6	#000000
16	rgba(10, 225, 26, 1)

Add stop Convert to expression

Width: f_x 1

Offset: f_x 0

Blur: f_x 0

Dasharray: f_x Add value



Layers Expand Add Layer

- Background
- Residential
- Cemetery
- Military
- Railway
- Garage
- Dam
- Quarry
- Industrial
- Retail
- Commercial
- Education and Health
- Aeroway
- Wetland (medium sca
- Sand (medium scale)
- Grass (medium scale)
- Rock (medium scale)
- Wood (medium scale)
- Farmland (medium sc
- Marsh
- Park
- Pitch
- Stadium
- Garden
- Wood
- Tidalflat
- Wetland and swamp
- Scree

Filter

Filter f_x every filter matches

class	==	rail	🗑️
\$type	==	Polygon	🗑️

+ Add filter

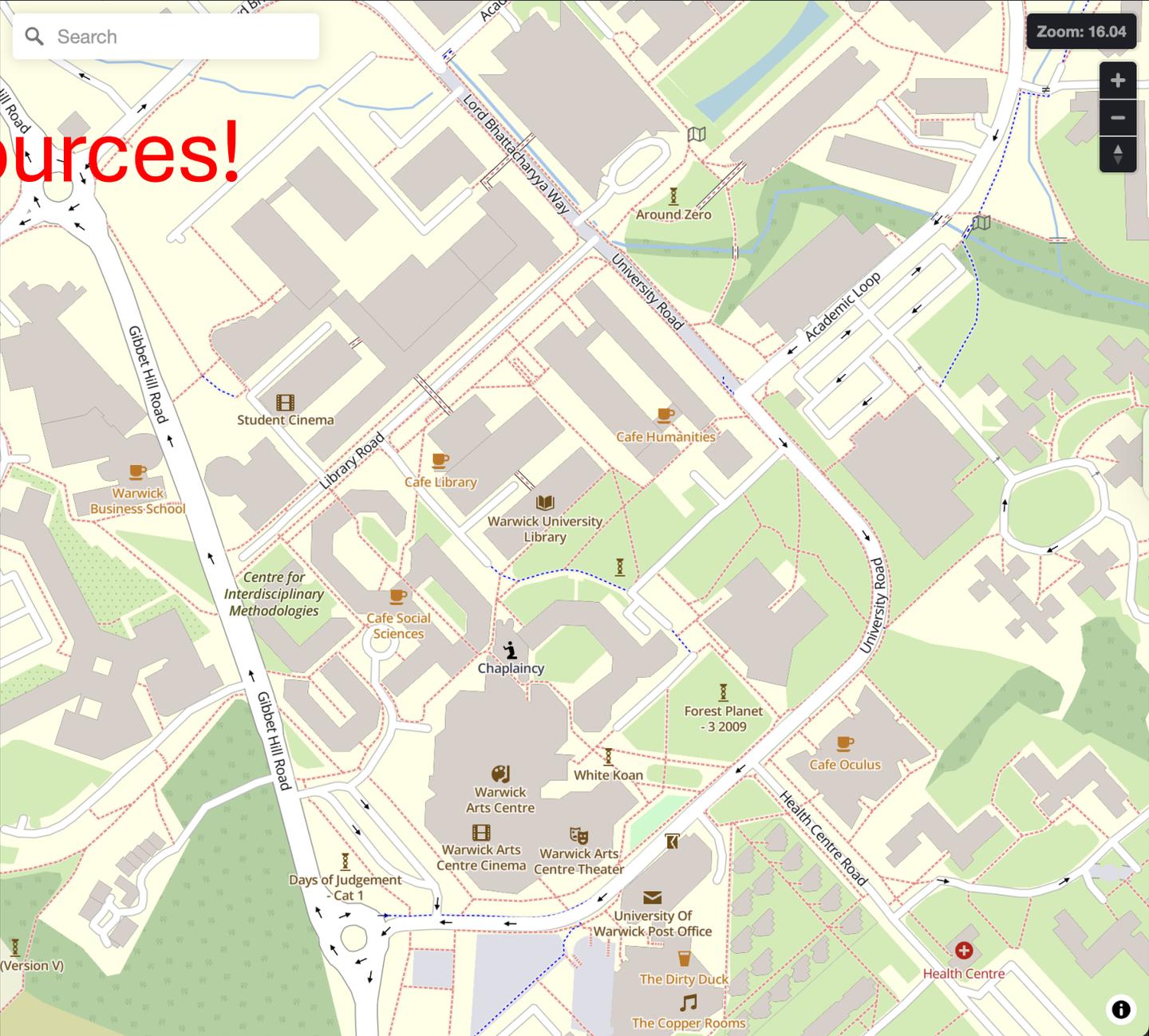
Paint properties

Opacity	f_x	Σ	1
Color	f_x	Σ	hsl(129, 24%, 73%)
Antialias	f_x	Σ	
Outline color	f_x	Σ	
Pattern	f_x	Σ	
Translate	f_x	Σ	0
Translate anchor	f_x	Σ	Map Viewport

JSON Editor

```
1 {  
2   "id": "Cemetery",  
3   "type": "fill",  
4   "source": "openmantiles"
```

Exploring data sources!



Layers Expand Add Layer

- Background
- Residential
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Filter

Filter every filter matches

Filter type Polygon

Paint properties

Opacity f_x Σ 1

Color f_x Σ hsl(129, 24%, 73%)

Antialias f_x Σ

Outline color f_x Σ

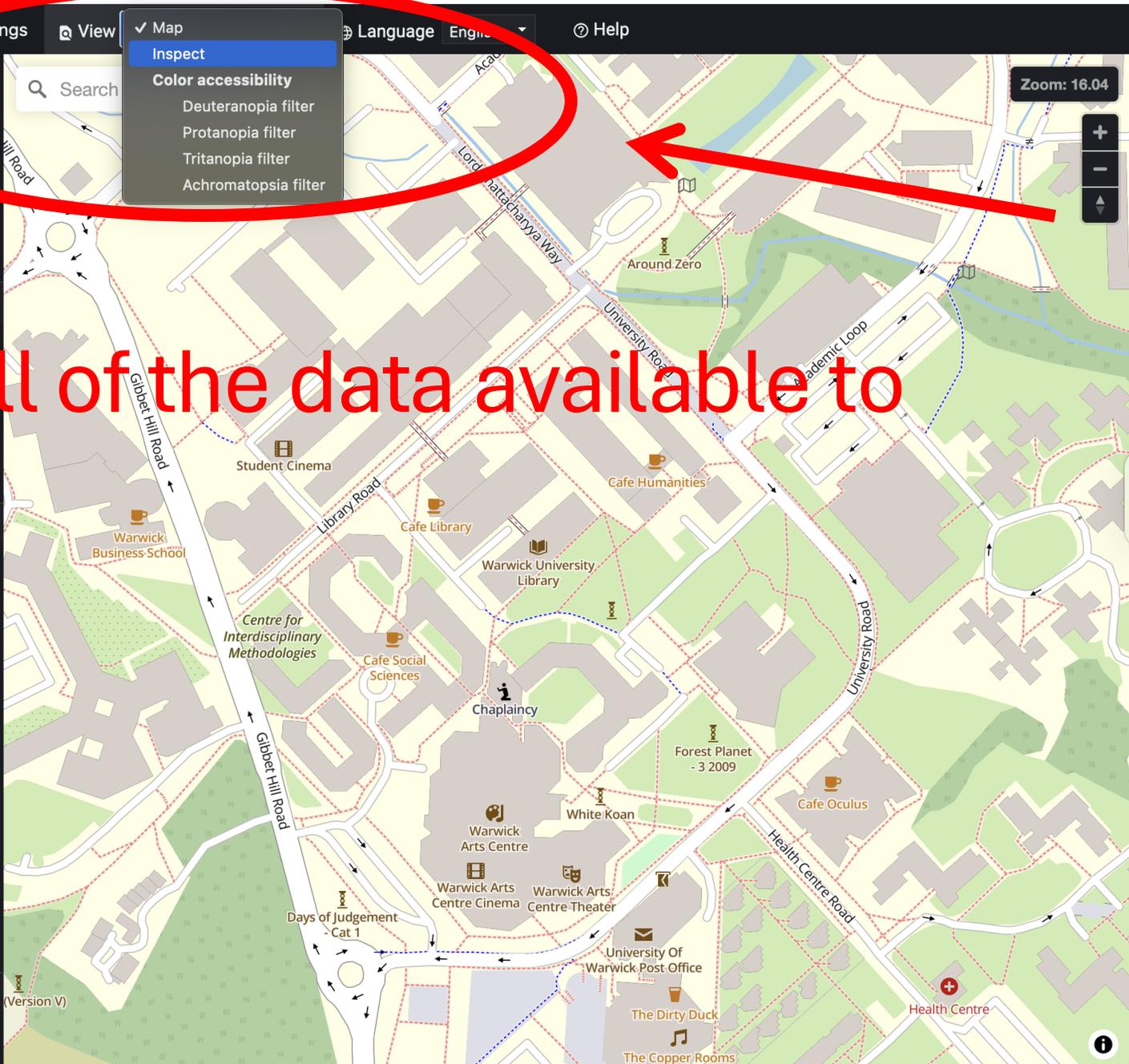
Pattern f_x Σ

Translate f_x Σ 0

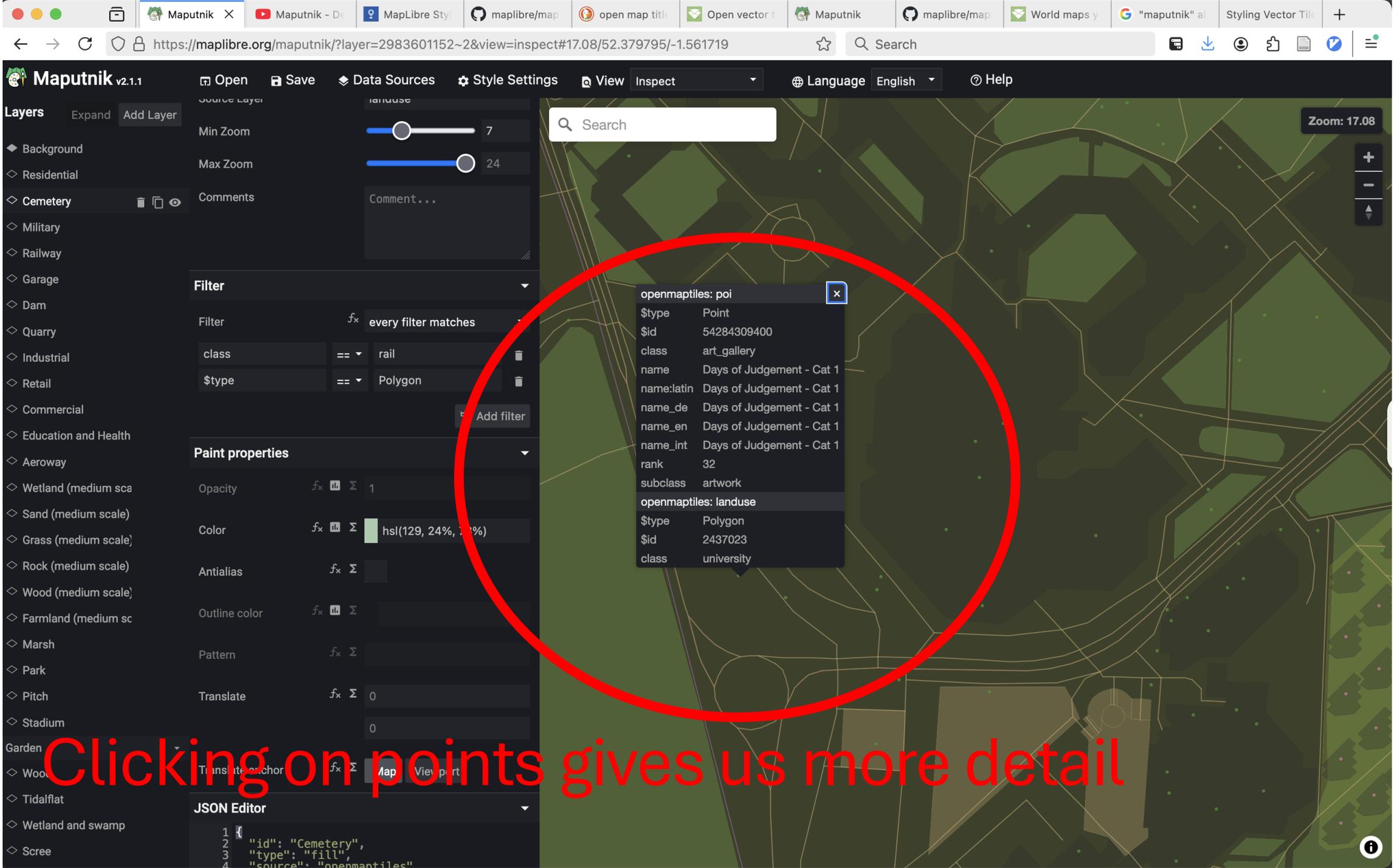
Translate anchor f_x Σ Map Viewport

JSON Editor

```
1 {
2   "id": "Cemetery",
3   "type": "fill",
4   "source": "openmaptiles"
```



We can inspect all of the data available to Maputnik



Clicking on points gives us more detail

Layers Expand Add Layer Layer: 'Background'

Background water

Layer

ID Background

Type background

Min Zoom 0

Max Zoom 24

Comments Comment...

Filter

Filter every filter matches

Paint properties

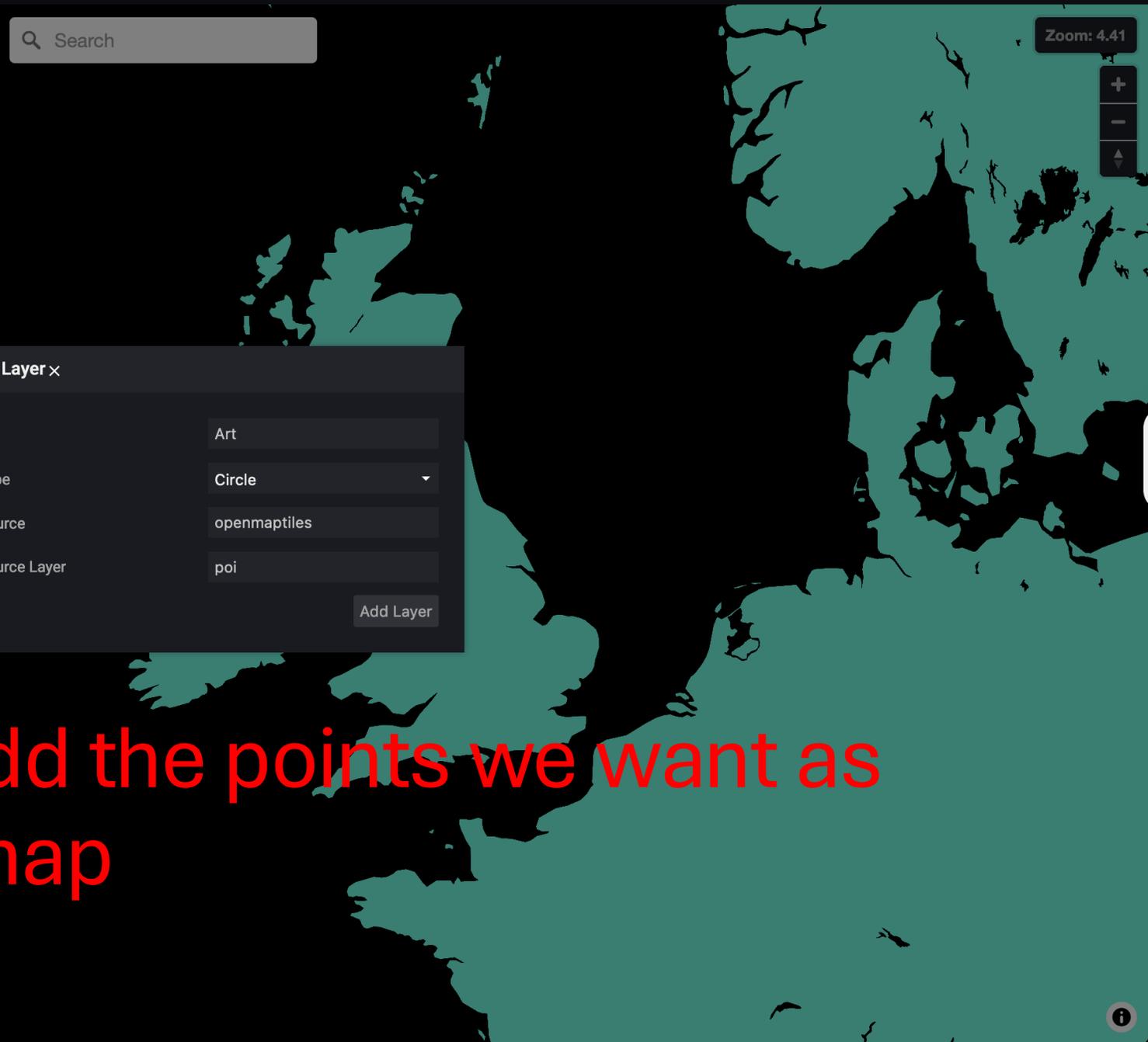
Color rgba(0, 255, 227, 1)

Pattern

Opacity 1

JSON Editor

```
1 {
2   "id": "background",
3   "type": "background",
4   "background-color": "rgba(0, 255, 227, 1)"
5 }
6
7
```



Add Layer x

ID Art

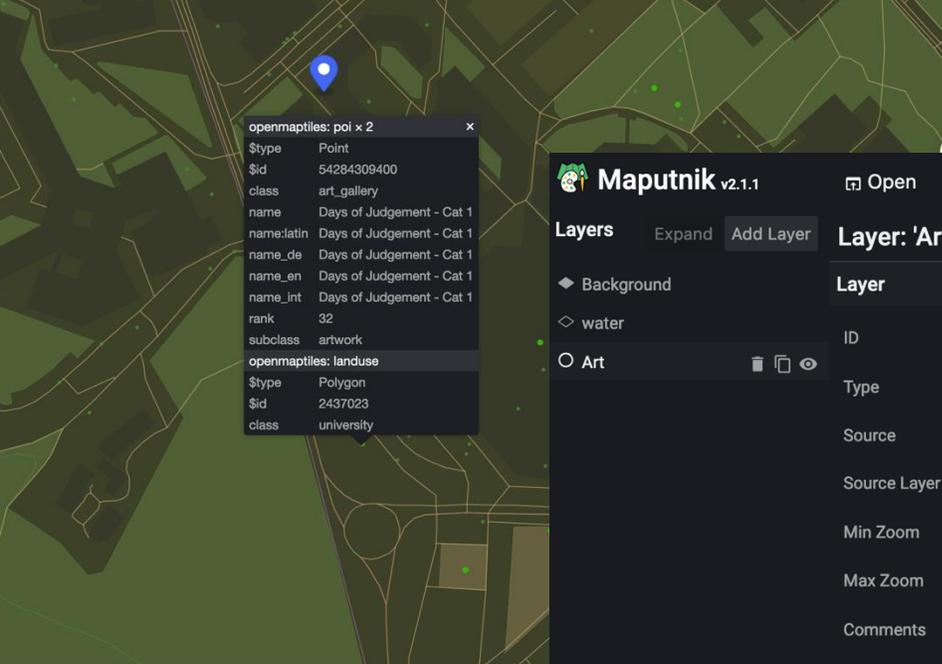
Type Circle

Source openmaptiles

Source Layer poi

Add Layer

We can then add the points we want as circles to our map



Maputnik v2.1.1

Open Save Data Sources Style Settings View Map Language English Help

Layers Expand Add Layer Layer: 'Art'

- Background
- water
- Art

Layer: 'Art'

ID	Art
Type	circle
Source	openmaptiles
Source Layer	poi
Min Zoom	0
Max Zoom	24
Comments	Comment...

Filter

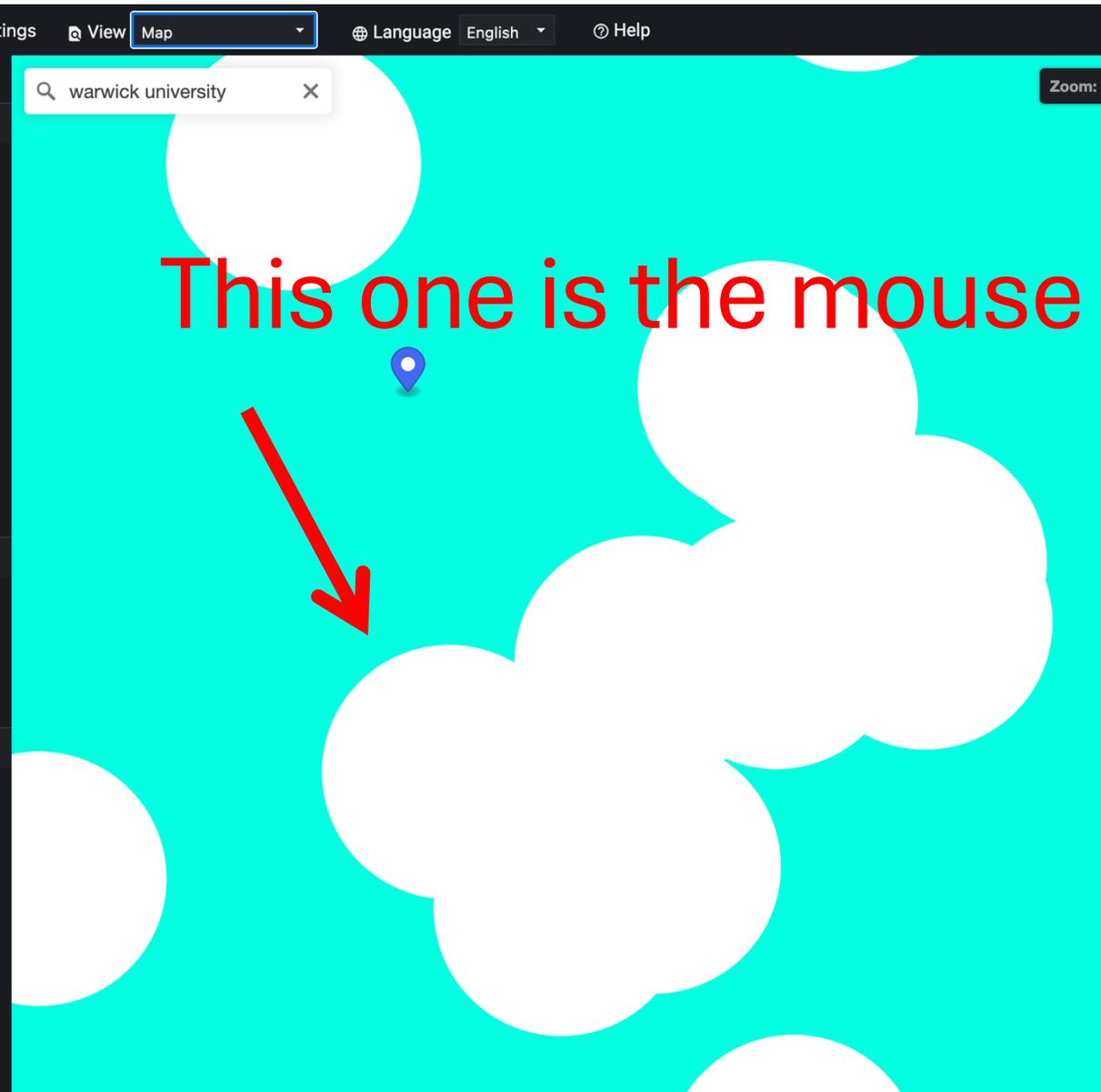
Filter f_x every filter matches

class == art_gallery

Add filter

Paint properties

Color	f_x Σ rgba(255, 255, 255, 1)
Opacity	f_x Σ 1
Stroke color	f_x Σ #000000
Stroke opacity	f_x Σ 1
Blur	f_x Σ 0
Radius	f_x Σ 100



Thanks, Tim, I can't wait to make exactly the map I want....



Actually Maputnik sort of has a lot of limitations

- Limited data from OSM
- Assumptions about crowding and zoom levels
- Fixed iconography

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Which can all be worked around, if you really want to...

Limited data from OSM



Inspect

Layers

- [aerodrome_label](#)
- [aeroway](#)
- [boundary](#)
- [building](#)
- [houenumber](#)
- [landcover](#)
- [landuse](#)
- [mountain_peak](#)
- [park](#)
- [place](#)
- [poi](#)
- [transportation](#)
- [transportation_name](#)
- [water](#)
- [water_name](#)
- [waterway](#)

The vector tile schema describes how the vector data is organized into different thematic layers and which attribute and values each layer contains. This is useful for writing a map style and allows for alternative implementations of a schema.

The OpenMapTiles schema is open (CC-BY) and you are free to use, extend or [build upon the existing implementation](#) (BSD license). Attribution is required. Please properly reference OpenMapTiles if you build upon the schema.

The vector tile schema has been developed by [Klokantech Technologies GmbH](#) and was initially modelled after the cartography of the [Carto Basemap Positron](#). The vector tile schema has been refined and improved in cooperation with the [Wikimedia Foundation](#) and is heavily influenced by the many years Paul Norman's experience of creating maps from OpenStreetMap.

[Schema updates and changelog](#).

Definition of layers

- [aerodrome_label](#) 

Show Diagrams

[View on GitHub](#)

[Aerodrome labels](#)

Work around

Maputnik v2.1.1

Layers: Layer: 'Art'

Layer Properties:

- ID: Art
- Type: circle
- Source: openmaptiles
- Source Layer: poi
- Min Zoom: [Slider]
- Max Zoom: [Slider]
- Comments: Comment...

Active Sources:

- #openmaptiles: TileJSON URL: https://api.maptiler.com/tiles/v3-openm
- #5q2wzb1: TileJSON URL: https://localhost:3000/tilejson.json

Choose Public Source

Add one of the publicly available sources to your style.

OS Open Zoomstack v2: #open_zoomstack

Add New Source

Add a new source to your style. You can only choose the source type and id at creation time!

Source ID: u148z0p

Source Type: Vector (TileJSON URL)

TileJSON URL: https://localhost:3000/tilejson.json

Add Source

Zoom: 16.35

Filter: art_gallery

Paint properties:

- Color: rgba(255, 255, 255, 1)
- Opacity: 1
- Stroke color: #000000
- Stroke opacity: 1
- Blur: 0
- Radius: 100

Import your own GeoJSON data source

Work around

- Find the feature you are looking for (overpass / taginfo)
- Query and download the data from overpass
- Host the GeoJSON somewhere yourself (could be github)
- Import it as a layer in Maputnik

Zoom levels

- Convert the geographical data you want to GeoJSON
- Use [Tippecanoe](#) (a tool for converting geodata to vector files) command line to adjust the underlying zoom level assumptions

```
tippecanoe -o output-file -Z zoom_level_in -z  
zoom_level_out input_file
```

- Host the .mbtiles output on maptiler or self-host as a data source

(see: <https://www.theinformationlab.co.uk/community/blog/zoom-levels-mapbox/>)

Iconography

- Icons are not just an image
- Icons are a mix of one image and a separate JSON file – which Maputnik then looks up

A Sprite typically consists of 4 files:

- `sprite.png` - the image with all the icons, for example:



- `sprite.json` - file describing the names and positions of the icons in the image (the names are later important when modifying the style in the Customize)
- `sprite@2x.png` and `sprite@2x.json` - the same as above, but in higher resolution (HiDPI/retina)

Iconography

- You can create your own sprite packs using command line tools like [Spreet](#)
- You need to do this for **ALL** the symbols on your map at once
- Then you need to host these files (as an API!) for Maputnik to query

OpenSource software as a service

- While MapTiler is the driving force behind Maputnik and lots of these software – and this is to be applauded – they also sell services that use this software
- Notably, lots of these ‘problems’ are more easily fixable if you pay for MapTiler services or consult with them to make a map for you
- ...

What we are going to do today

The image shows the Maputnik v2.1.1 interface. On the left, there is a 'Layers' panel with a tree view of map layers (Background, Residential, Cemetery, Military, Railway, Garage, Dam, Quarry, Industrial, Retail, Commercial, Education and Health, Aeroway, Wetland (medium scale), Sand (medium scale), Grass (medium scale), Rock (medium scale), Wood (medium scale), Farmland (medium scale), Marsh, Park, Pitch, Stadium, Garden, Wood, Tidalfat, Wetland and swamp, Scree). Below the layers is a 'Filter' section with a search box and a 'Paint properties' section with color, pattern, and opacity controls. At the bottom left is a 'JSON Editor' showing a snippet of JSON code.

The main area is a grid of map style thumbnails. A red circle highlights the 'OSM OpenMapTiles' style. The map on the right shows a street map of London with labels like Ilford, Barking, East Ham, Three Mills Island, Greenwich, Woolwich, Lewisham, Lee, Eltham, Catford, Grove Park, Bromley, and Sidcup. The zoom level is 10.84.

OSM Default style – OSM OpenMapTiles

What we are going to do today

- Try editing the default map to make it closer to what we want
 - Delete unwanted layers
 - Try adding in new ones
 - Changing colors and styles of existing layers
- Making a (post-it) note every time we encounter
 - Can't change something we want to
 - Find something we want to add (but isn't there on Maputnik)
 - Different symbols we would want to use (sketch them out!)
- Save your resulting JSON file!