# The (accidental) political developer

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### Agenda

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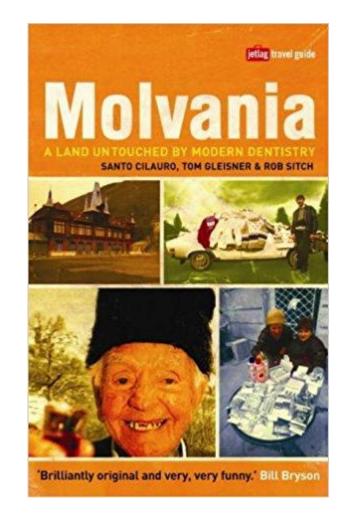
The story and the problem

New challenges

Solutions

#### Disclaimer

No correct names, we talk about the challenges for a developer



### 23 years?





## the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM or FYR Macedonia)



## #nocountry

### All started with an autosuggestion...

#### Where do you call home?





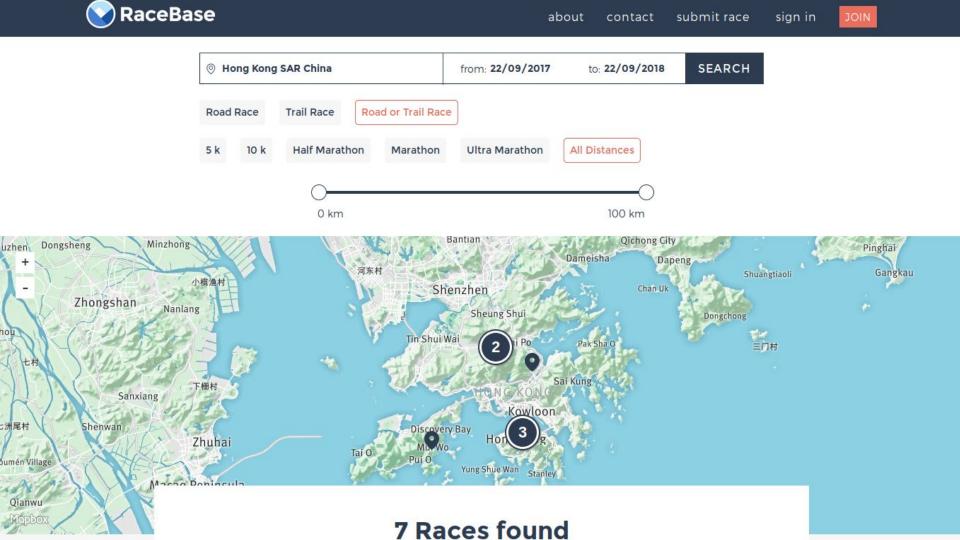
#### And a user in Hong Kong



"People won't use it. It is pretty offensive here"

"The HK people are a proud people who for the most part do not want the mainland association"





#### Mapbox feedback

"most of our users feel that HK is China"

"This is just not good enough for me"

#### No Country

#### **Our Community**

Welcome to RaceBase World!





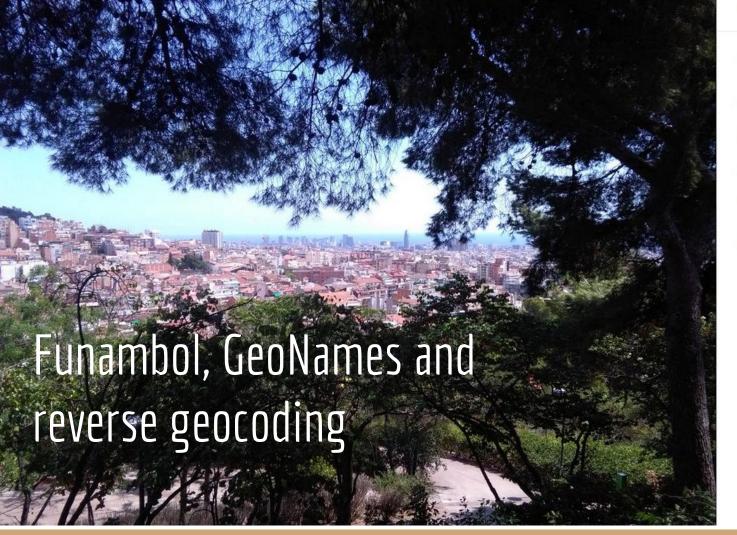








### #reversegeocoding



Info

File Name IMG\_20170813\_132515.jp g

Resolution 3264x2448

Size 3.20 MB

Date Taken Aug 13

Device

HUAWFI HUAWFI SCL-

Place Taken Barcelona, Catalonia,

### Forest in Hong Kong?

Place Taken

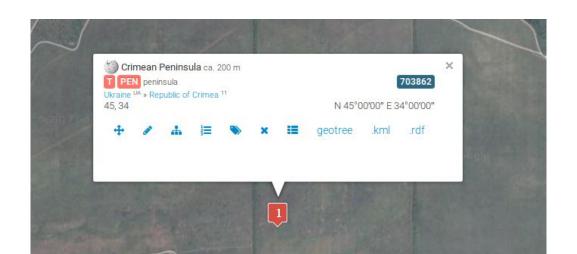
Shenzhen, Guangdong, China



#### GeoNames and Crimea

703862 Crimean Peninsula Crimean Peninsula Crimea, Crimean Peninsula, Krim, Krimean Peninsula, Krimhalvoya, Krym, Krym, Kryms'kyy Pivostriv, Krymskij poluostrov, Krymskiy Poluostrov, Kryms'kyy Pivostriv, Крымский полуостров 45 34 T PEN UA UA

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#### Where and when?

disputed territory & partially recognized states

Sign-up

Address & phone number

Maps

Geolocation

Image recognition services

Voice interaction

## #label















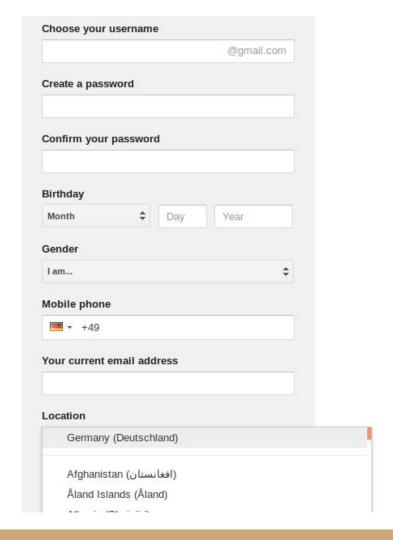


#### Take it all with you

Switch between devices, and pick up wherever you left off.



### Sign-up (Google)





Department -





#### **Autumn Deals Week**



Hello, LOSIO Your Account -

Prime - Lists -



Your Account > Your Addresses > New Address

#### Add a new address

Or pick up your packages at your convenience from our self-service locations. To add an Amazon Pickup Point or Locker, click here.

#### Country

Ecuador Egypt El Salvador Equatorial Guinea Eritrea Estonia Ethiopia Falkland Islands Faroe Islands Fiji Finland France French Guiana French Polynesia French Southern Territories Gabon Gambia, The Georgia Germany

### Address (Amazon)

#### Drop-down list

Just a label?

"Your country or territory of residence"

Location or country?

ISO 3166-1

Missing entries

Localization

## #maps



Palestine

Palestinian territories

English

# erusalem

Judea and Samaria

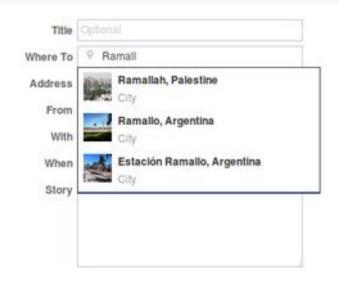
West Bank

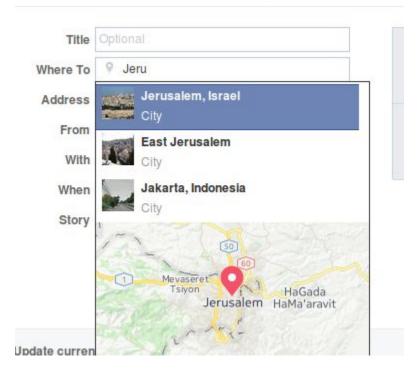
East Jerusalem

Arabic

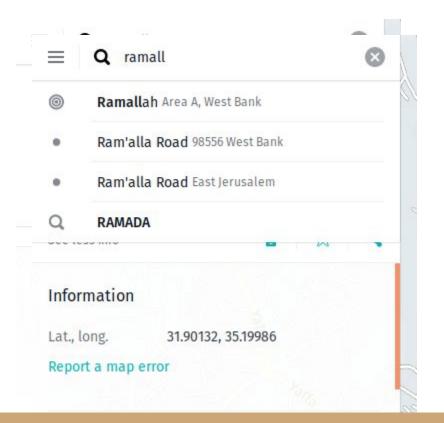
Hebrew

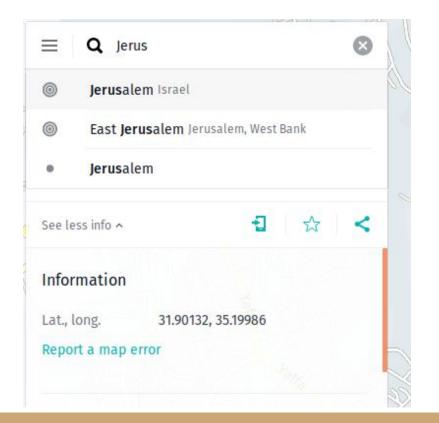
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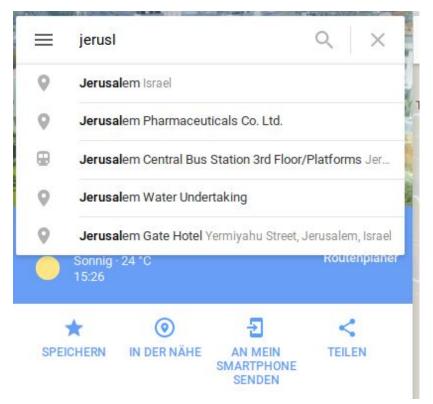


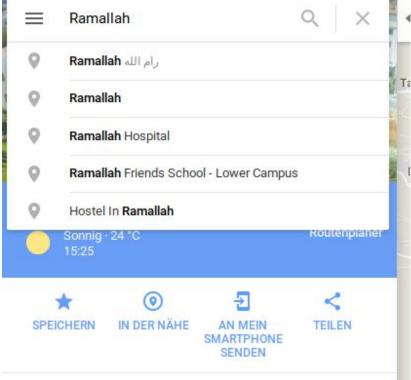
#### HERE Maps



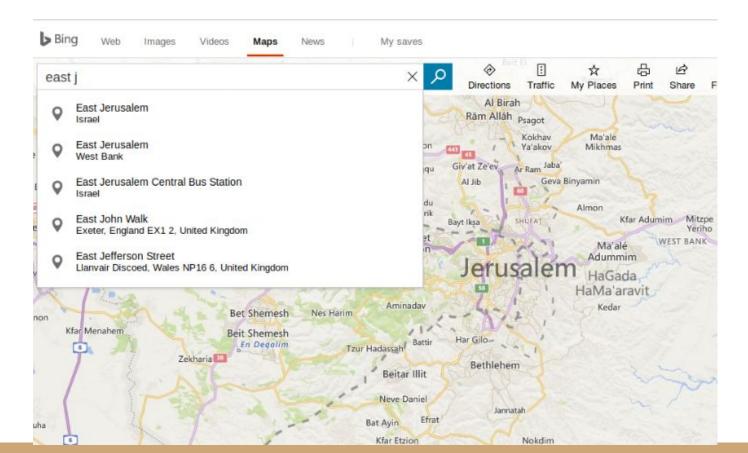


#### Google

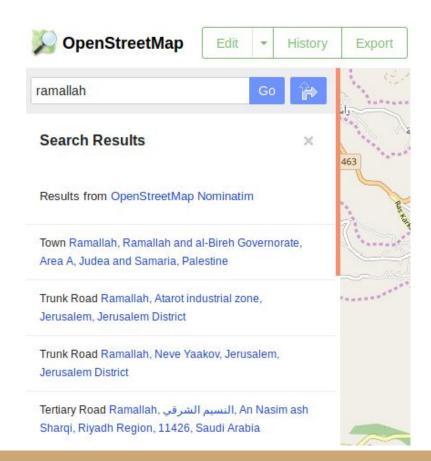


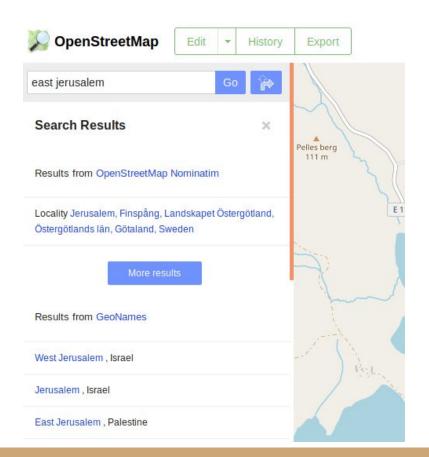


#### Microsoft Bing



#### OpenStreetMap





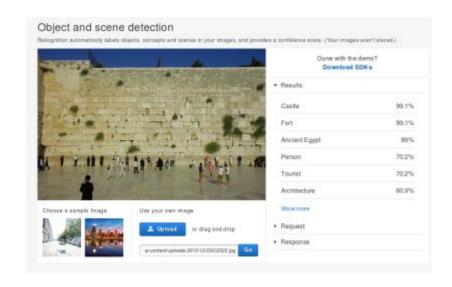
### Autosuggestion

	Bing	Google	Facebook	Here
Paris	France	France	France	lle-de-France, France
Yalta	Crimea, Ukraine	Crimea	Ukraine	Crimea, Ukraine
Skopye	FYRO Makedonija	Macedonia (FYROM)	Republic of Macedonia	Skopski, Former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia

### #imagecontentanalysis

#### Location & deep learning-based image analysis

- ☐ Google Vision, Amazon Rekognition
- Landmark detection
- A wall or the Western Wall?
- Temple Mount or the Haram esh-Sharif?
- Ancient Egypt 89%



## #voice



About

Methodology

API







China

## What's my place in the world population? How long will I live?

The Journey of your life in numbers and dates! Please enter your date of birth, country of birth and sex at birth:

Day

Month

Year

Country

Male Male

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go



**Q.** Alexa ask Big World the population of **Palestine**.?

**A.** The population of **West Bank and Gaza** today is 4916233, tomorrow there will be 368 people more.

Population.io

# Alexa

Slots (AMAZON.Country)

Arab Rep of Egypt, Islamic Republic of Iran, West Bank and Gaza or Hong Kong SAR-China

#### Solutions?

How to minimize the impact

Internationalization and localization

Remove country

Forgiving labels

Double entries

Standards

Do as the big players do

#### avoid complaints

attention to details

awareness

caring about all users

Google slammed for removing Palestine from its maps





This Is Why Palestine Doesn't Appear on Google Maps







#### Tools and references

How to test your application

GeoNames.org

Population.io

**VPN** 

Photo Exif Editor

Google stats

Test cases and comparison

## thanks!

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