



# Road routing using OSRM

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# OSRM

Open Source Routing Machine

Note: There's more such tools available - I've just used this one more.

Check out

<https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Routing>

for a (hopefully!) full listing

<http://project-osrm.org/>

Github:

[https://github.com/Project-OSRM  
osrm-backend/](https://github.com/Project-OSRM/osrm-backend/)

API doc:

[http://project-osrm.org/docs/v5.2  
2.0/api/](http://project-osrm.org/docs/v5.2.0/api/)

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# What can this do?

<https://osrm-decentralized.github.io/demo>

watchout: longitude first,  
latitude later in API call

- On-road routing ( incl waypoints)
- Distance Matrix
- Map matching (Align a wavering GPS trace to the road)
- Trip optimization
- Debugging road networks (and fixing 'em!)

Explore the API: <http://project-osrm.org/docs/v5.22.0/api/>

# Benefits of Open Source

What all do the strict licensing terms of paid mapping services forbid you from doing?

- It's YOUR data
  - You can ARCHIVE the results and use them later
  - No worries about limits
  - Build up and combine geospatial data
  - Scale horizontally for different regions, speed up processes
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How about we dockerize this, and make it easy for folks to spin up their own?

..and so **osrm-decentralized** was born

<https://osrm-decentralized.github.io/> (basic intro page)

<https://github.com/osrm-decentralized>

A loose collection of projects to tackle various aspects of the puzzle

! Props to Srihari Thalla - docker whiz and hoster for a live all-India OSRM instance ([link](#))

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[https://github.com/osrm-decentralized/osrm\\_custom\\_pbf](https://github.com/osrm-decentralized/osrm_custom_pbf)

Pick a state from <https://server.nikhilvj.co.in/dump/>

- set up local folders
- shape docker commands
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# Get yer Openstreetmap Data dump!

.PBF format : Binary, compressed ([read all about it](#))

<https://download.geofabrik.de/> - Daily extracts for country

<https://server.nikhilvj.co.in/dump/> - Indian states (buffered) (you're welcome 😎)

<https://export.hotosm.org/en/v3/> - Custom areas (with some nice options)

Clip your own area from a bigger pbf using command line tools: [osmconvert](#) / [osmosis](#)

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# More to do!

Customizing the profiles that OSRM uses to interpret road networks

[https://github.com/osrm-decentralized/osrm\\_profiles\\_india](https://github.com/osrm-decentralized/osrm_profiles_india)

Check out “profiles/car-modified.lua”

- speeds, heights, turning restrictions

# ... And more...

- Translate driving directions to Indian languages :  
<https://github.com/Project-OSRM/osrm-text-instructions>
- A base to build up ETA with live traffic inputs : use “annotations” to fetch detailed list of nodes, ways the path is traversing
- Many features yet to explore in the galaxy of routing tools ([wiki](#))

# Okay!

More nitty gritties in OSRM: Mailing list:

<https://lists.openstreetmap.org/listinfo/osrm-talk>

GIS StackExchange:

<https://gis.stackexchange.com/questions/tagged/open-source-routing-machine>