

Open Source Geospatial Foundation

Empower everyone with open source geospatial

Welcome

The Open Source Geospatial Foundation is a software foundation promoting the global adoption of open source geospatial technology. The foundation directly supports projects serving as anr community.

- ▶ **OSGeo Projects:** Powerful open source software for gis professionals and technologist.
- ▶ **GeoForAll:** Over 100 educational labs from around the world who work with partners to make geospatial education and opportunities accessible to all.
- ▶ **FOSS4G:** Annual, international conference for Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial.

OSGeo is a volunteer driven not-for-profit organization drawing together a wide membership of individuals from around the world. We are pleased to work with our sponsors and partners to foster an open approach to software, standards, data and education.

Local Chapters

Starting out with any new technology can be intimidating. OSGeo offers worldwide access to “local chapter” groups to help you get started:

- ▶ Local Chapters formed for a region hold events, offer support, training and explore advocacy opportunities with (non-)governmental agencies and industry sectors.
- ▶ Local Chapters formed across regions, around a specific language or industry, provide an opportunity to connect, network and share.
- ▶ Each local chapter has a mix of GIS professionals, academic champions, software developers and service providers eager to share their stories and help you start your open source journey.

To discover a group near you please visit our website, we cannot wait to meet you.

Open Source Software

OSGeo holds a passionate belief in open source as the best way to build software. Open source starts off with a license that provides royalty free (re)use of software. Next, open source guarantees access to the source code for audit and modification and the ability to redistribute the software with no additional costs.

This approach provides you greater control than proprietary (closed) software. You are no longer tied to per-seat licensing or to a single software vendor. Support is available from an ecosystem of service providers and through community participation.

OSGeo projects are freely available under OSI certified open source licenses.

Open Geospatial

OSGeo is pleased to be at the forefront of the shift towards open geospatial:

- ▶ **Open Source:** securing a collaborative approach to software development.
- ▶ **Open Data:** providing freely available information to use as you wish.
- ▶ **Open Standards:** enabling interoperable software to avoid lock-in.
- ▶ **Open Education:** removing the barriers to learning and teaching.

Together these approaches define a new way of addressing the world's needs. OSGeo is pleased to celebrate our partners and friends shaping this future.

Software Foundation

OSGeo is responsible for supporting our great collection of projects, and fostering new talent and innovation. OSGeo assists projects technically with a community of their peers, socially with community building, and professionally ensuring projects are managed in a fair and sustainable manner.



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