



**Lessons from teaching 100+ beginners to use
the OpenStreetMap**

Geospatial
FOSDEM 26



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Active contributor: [Yes](#) & [Yes](#)

Mapping days: 413

Map changes: 117,120 (5,024)

Reverted changes: [11](#) (0.0%)




Discussed changesets: [5](#) (4)



OSM-related accounts:

1. [OSM Wiki](#): Editcount 16

Type? Heavy Mapper (Highly Active)

Recent changesets ([details](#)):  Eritrea (26)  Bulgaria (21)  Czech Republic (13)

Recent ranks:  British Virgin Islands [#2](#)  Eritrea [#3](#)  Burundi [#15](#)

OSM Notes: Closed w/ comment 8 (w/o 2), [commented 15](#) and opened 45

Changeset discussions: Participated in 6 and [created 6 comments](#) ([details](#))

Rollbacks performed: Reverted 5 changesets w/ [6 changes](#) of 4 contributors

Usernames: Bogomil Shopov ([2019-04-30](#)) → Bogomil Shopov - Boro ([2024-03-12](#))

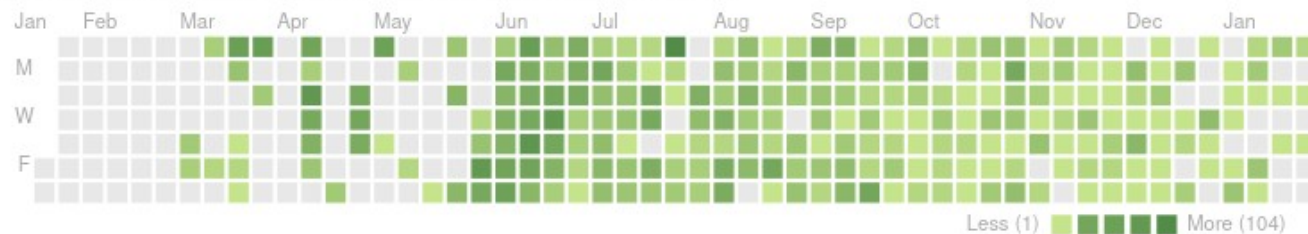
[iD editor](#): Resolved issues=135, Ignored warnings=8

Quality assurance: [OSM issues](#) ([details](#)): routing=64, tagging=15

[Osmose issues](#): [Level 1](#)=13, [Level 2](#)=26, [Level 3](#)=63

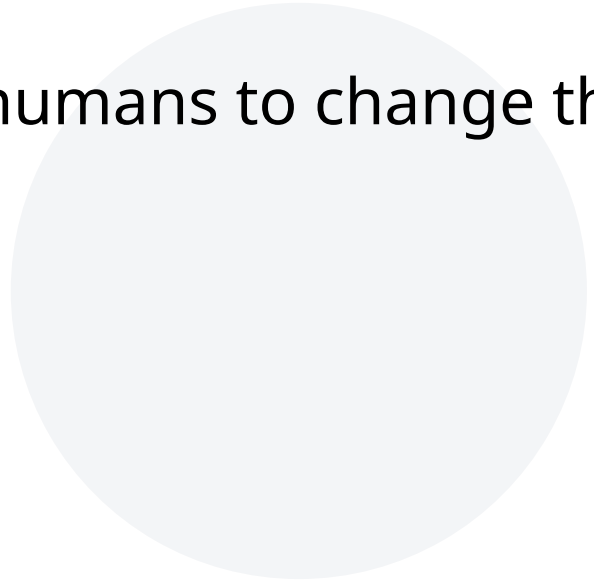
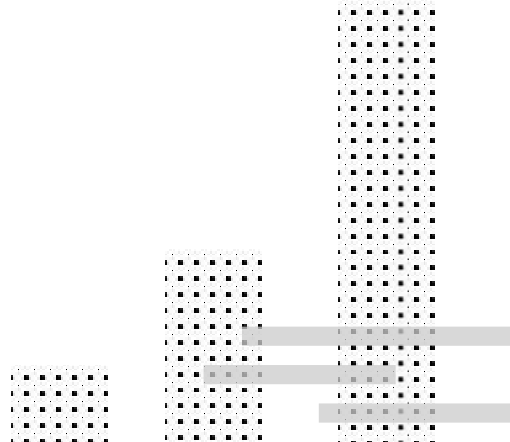
Changeset Discussion replies/questions: 80%

243 mapping days with 1,869 changesets in the last year





Motivate myself

- Hack the system and inject open data and F/LOSS into the corporate world.
 - Encourage humans to change their world.
 - Fun?
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Motivate Companies

Environmental, Social, and Governance

- Supports governance and data transparency objectives by enabling structured, policy-compliant contributions to open geospatial infrastructure.
- Strengthens the organization's environmental and social reporting by improving the quality of location-based data used by the public and partner institutions.

Corporate Social Responsibility

- Engages employees in a practical social impact activity that improves access to accurate geographic information for communities and public services.
- Demonstrates commitment to open knowledge and digital public goods through responsible participation in OpenStreetMap.
- Example: **World Water Day – works offline and online and it's scalable.**

Motivate Humans

- Start with a personal example. Mix heavy metal.
- Show examples on how the data is used based on the audience interest. [cyclists, surveillance, hikers]
- Trigger their curiosity – is your city fully mapped?
- Map their values to a task in OSM and help them fulfill it.



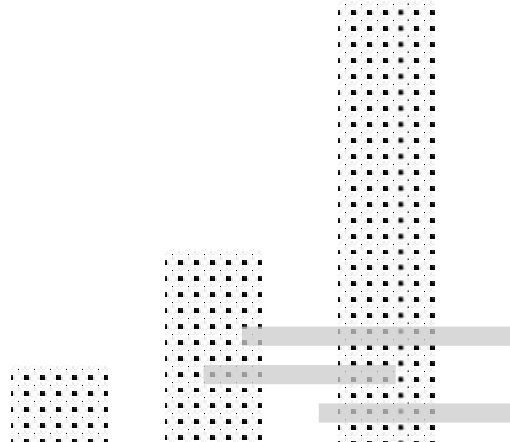
Benefits for the OSM



- Dollars for doers (\$)
- Volunteer days capacity (\$)
- New contributors (mappers) and thinkers (developers)



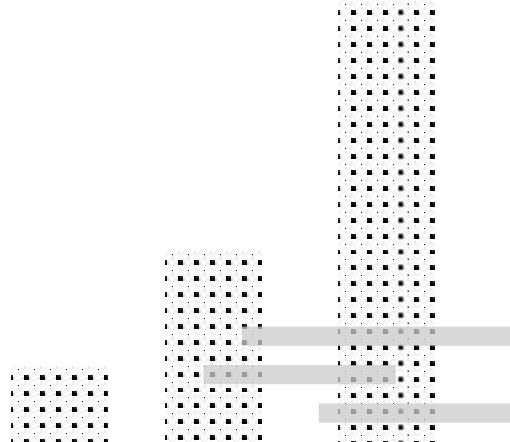

Challenges

- Proprietary vs. Open/Free license
 - Mapping party vs. Structured workshop
 - Humans don't care about corporate goals
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The One Thing Worth Remembering

When you map your world, you
change it.



Join my network!

I am cool :)

- fediverse/mastodon:
@bogo@hapyyr.com
- web: Talkweb.eu
- mail: bogomil@talkweb.eu (PGP)
- Sessions messenger session:
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