



Lessons from teaching 100+ beginners to use the OpenStreetMap

Geospatial
FOSDEM 26



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Registered: 2010-08-18
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 - Боро (2024-03-12)

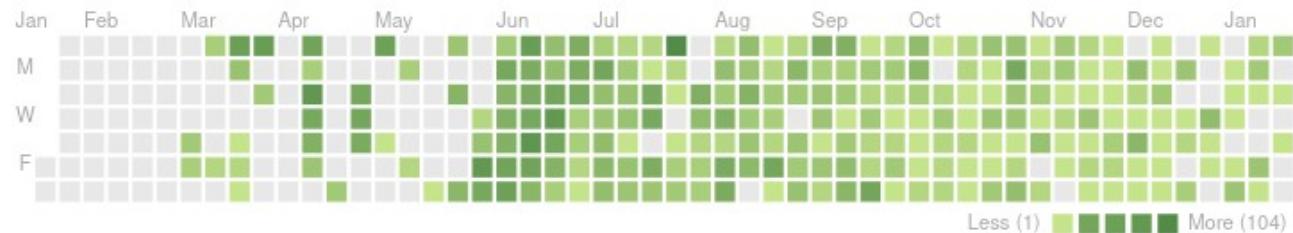
iD editor: Resolved issues=135, Ignored warnings=8

Quality assurance: [OSMI 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?

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

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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