# QGIS LTR is making the world a better place



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# Outline

# What is Long Term Support

QGIS release cycle Past Problems LTR, LR, DEV

How to support QGIS (LTR)?

### **LTR**

#### What is LTR?

- ► Supported period
- Software bugs
- ▶ Features
- ► Release cycle

### **LTR**

#### Why LTR?

- ▶ Reliability
- ► Stability
- ► Less frequent release cycle

### LTR

#### Why NOT LTR?

- Users
  - New features
- Developers
  - ► Extra cost
  - ► Extra resources
  - ► Adding features is more fun!

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## QGIS release - past

#### Release early, release often

- ▶ 3 moths of development
- ▶ 1 month of bug fix

QGIS release	Date
$2.0^{1}$	September 2013
2.2	February 2014
2.4	June 2014
$2.6^{2}$	November 2014
2.8	February 2015
2.10	June 2015

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>To coincide with FOSS4G in Nottingham

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Delayed by a week

## QGIS release - problems

#### Less reliable software:

- Bug reporting participation
- Planned releasing
- Regressions and blockers

QGIS release	No. of bugs closed
$2.0^{3}$	1075
2.2	71
2.4	191
2.6	100
2.84	184

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Change of API

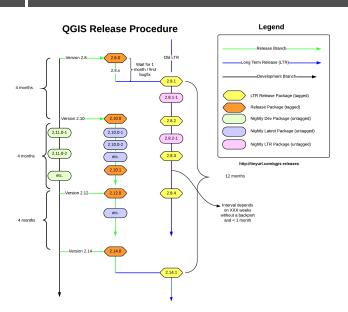
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Sum of 2.8.x releases

# QGIS release - LTR, LR, DEV

#### Give choice

- ► LTR (LTS): If you want reliability
- ► LR: If you want new features and don't your house on fire!
- DEV: Current development branch

#### QGIS release - LTR, LR, DEV



## QGIS release - LTR, LR, DEV

#### 2.8 in numbers

- ▶ 4 releases: 2.8.0, 2.8.1, 2.8.2 and 2.8.3
- ▶ 184 bugs closed
- ▶ 630 commits on github since 2.7 feature freeze:
  - **2** 8.0: 325
  - **▶** 2.8.1: +33
  - **▶** 2.8.2: +122
  - **▶** 2.8.3: +150
- 717568 downloads<sup>a</sup>
  - **2.8.0: 324**
  - **281:361907**
  - **2.8.2: 305389**
  - 2 8 3: 49948

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Windows stand-alone installer only

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#### You can:

- Sponsor bug fixing
  - ► Donation to QGIS
  - Contracting QGIS developer(s)



#### QGIS.org - Financial Report for 2014

The reporting period starts on July 8, 2014, when QGIS org obtained its own bank account. Prior to this date, the Swiss QGIS user group handled the finances of ggis.org, with separate accounting. The currency of all items is Euro (€).

#### Balance sheet

Account balance on July 8, 2014:	20'719.71
Account balance on December 31 2014:	18'317.79

#### Income (period 2014-07-08 to 2014-12-31):

Direct donations (wire transfer):	2'875.84
PayPal donations (includes three bronze sponsorships):	10'889.13
Sponsoring:	10'000.00
Other:	5'008.66
Total Income:	28'773.63

#### Expenses (period 2014-07-08 to 2014-12-31)

Paid bug fixing and QA: Expenses developer meeting:	20'120.69 10'990.09
Other expenses:	64.76
Total Expenses:	31'175.54



#### You can:

- Participate
  - Testing
    - ► Run multiple QGIS versions
    - ► Test previous bugs
    - Try new features
    - Help with other reported bugs
  - Filing bugs (https://hub.qgis.org/projects/quantum-gis/issues):
    - Step-by-step guide to reproduce your bug
    - ► Follow-ups
    - Provide test data

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# QGIS LTR: Case study

#### **Custom** installer

- ► Pre-configured with data/services
- ► Includes templates (print composers, styles, etc.)
- Directly compiled from LTR source on github
- Plugin configuration
- ► GUI configuration

