

Introduction to OSGeo and QGIS



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Agenda

- Using QGIS
- Developing QGIS
- Open Source Ecosystems
- OSGeo's role and Structure

What are you missing?

User Group



What is QGIS?



QGIS is a full featured Desktop GIS

- Raster and Vector data capabilities
- OGC standard support
- Database support Postgres/PostGIS, etc.
- Editing, Analysis, Processing
- Standard Pug-In API
- Most everything you will ever need!



What is Open Source?

- Development model (Think Crowd Sourcing)
- Licensing model (also Free Software)
- Licensed and Copyrighted
- Business Model
- Community
- Software



What is Open Source... Not?

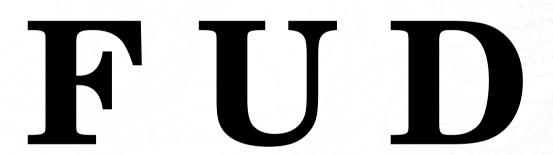
- Unfriendly to Business
- Low Quality
- Lacking Features
- Without Support
- Unlicensed
- Free of Cost
- Cheap Replacement
- Disruptive

- Not true
- Not true. Well, maybe...
- Probably Yes



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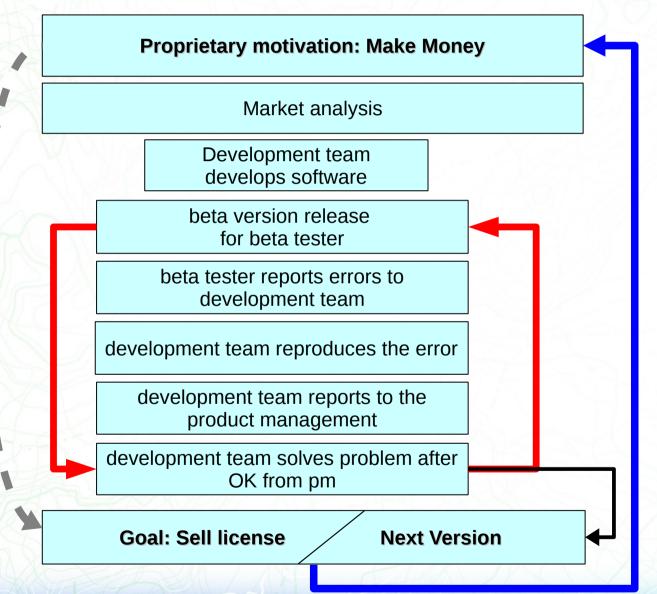
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Fear, Uncertainty & Doubt



Software Development



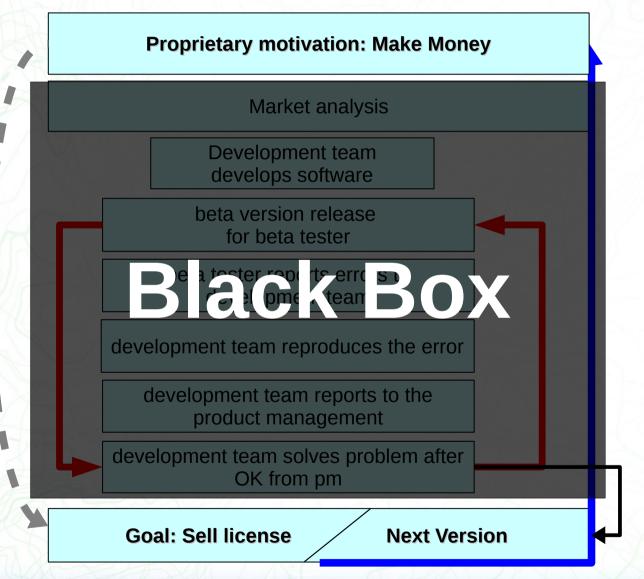
Software Life Cycle?

Software does not rust, break, deteriorate, rot, get sick, suffer from old age or die!

Software is time- & ageless.



Closed Development



Ask questions:

When is the software released?

When is new functionality implemented?

Who cares if something breaks?

How many people develop software?

What do the other employees do?



Open Source Software

Problem is identified

Software development team Solves the problem



https://www.qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/development/index.html

Publish Software (& Code)

Software Development Cycle Software users have new requirements, find bugs

Code is improved

new version is released



FOSS Licenses

- Clear BSD License
- GNU General Public License (GPL), Version 3
- GNU Lesser General Public License (LGPL), Version 3
- Apache License, Version 2.0
- Modified BSD license
- FreeBSD license
- Mozilla Public License (MPL) version 2.0
- XFree86 1.1 License
- etc.

http://www.gnu.org/licenses/license-list.html#SoftwareLicenses



What about Quality?

- Can you trust Open Source Software?
- Who will give Help?
- Who can answer questions?
- Who owns the License?
- What does it cost?
- Where do you find the best COTS Open Source Software?



Who do you ask?

Your Open Source Compass!



http://www.osgeo.org



OSGeo Foundation

- OSGeo is a global not-for-profit organization founded in February 2006
- Leading voice for Geospatial Open Source
- Structure similar to the Apache Foundation
- Provides infrastructure and legal body
- Quality assurance for Software Projects
- Hosts user meetings and conferences



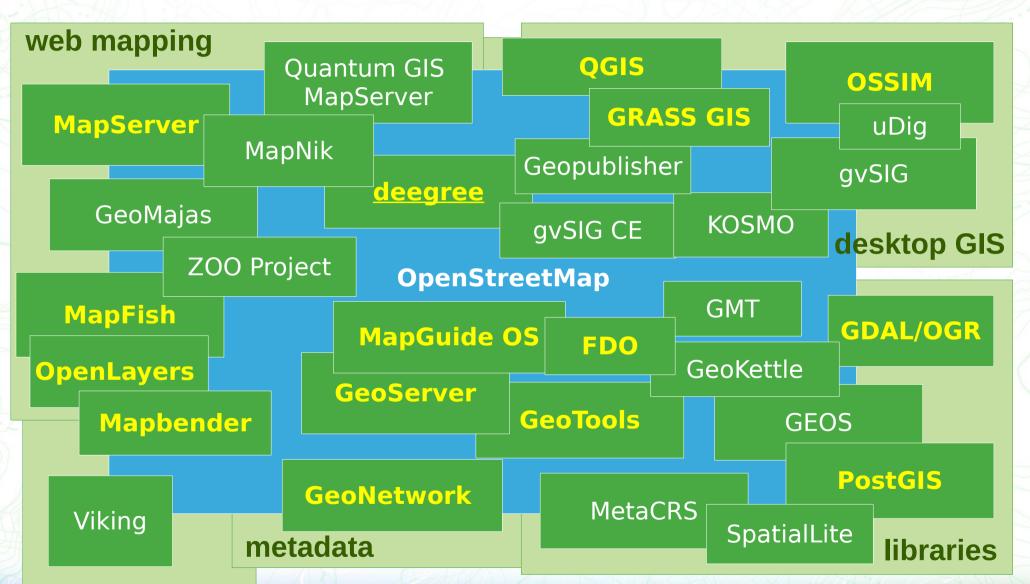
OSGeo's Mission

Support and Promote Highest Quality Open Source Geospatial Software!





Enterprise ready



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OSGeo's Objectives

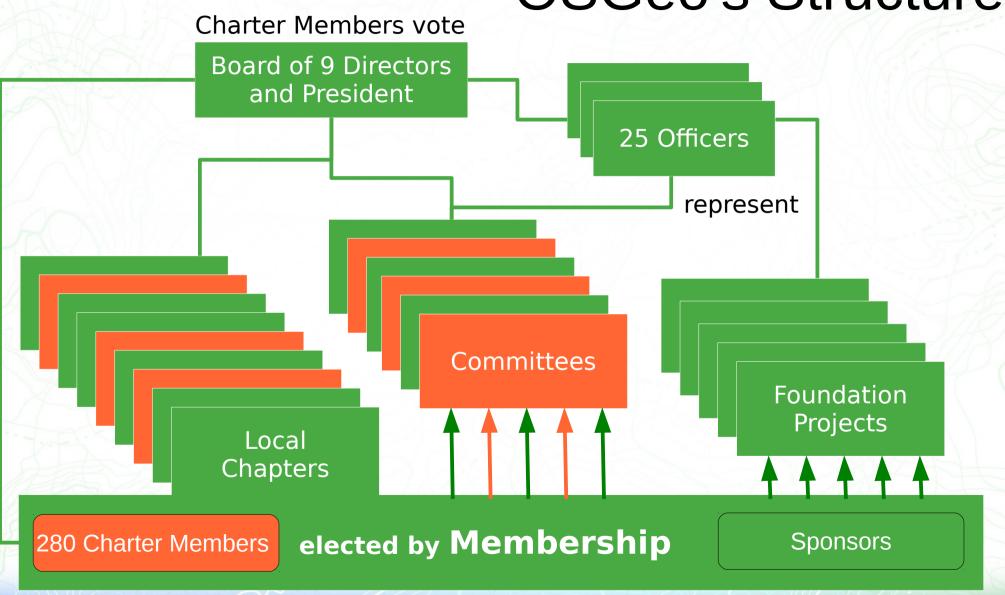
- Provide resources for Open Source projects:
 - Infrastructure
 - Legal

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- Financial
- Quality Assurance for Open Source projects
- Promote free and open geospatial data
- Create and maintain a quality brand
- Support Local Chapters



OSGeo's Structure





Open Source Ecosystem

Publish Software (& Code)

Plug-In Development

Support

Training

Maintain specific distribution

Interaction with Users

New Features

Iterate improving the Software

Release often (iterate)

Maintenance

Consulting

bug fixing

Service Level Agreement



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No quite yet!



Conclusion

- Open Source has come to stay!
- Open Source is not about being cheap.
- Open Source is about being better!
- Open Source Geospatial has a home:
 The OSGeo Foundation!

Try it out, it is freely & openly accessible!







Thank you for your Attention!

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