

Review Form Response

Review FOSS4G Academic Track Submission

This form is for reviewing a FOSS4G Academic Track Submission.

Remarks to the editors *

This paper is interesting but is lacking some sections. If reworked properly, it can be a good contribution to the Academic Track.

Remarks to the author

This is an interesting contribution that targets the "use of open source geospatial software and data, in and for scientific research" topic.

However, this contribution appears as a description of a collection of tools, and this is a bit confusing for the reader to capture what is really innovative and how these different projects relate to each other.

- Introduction and Discussion sections are missing.
- What are the benefits of using Open solutions?
- What are the problems authors encountered while implementing Open solutions?
- Do they have recommendations when implementing a mix of open/proprietary solutions?
- Please develop acronyms properly the first time they are mentioned.
- How Users have reacted when using Open solutions (e.g., feedbacks)?
- What are the future plans and challenges authors foresee with the solutions they implemented?
- A paragraph on NZ legal framework would be nice to have. And please better explain the context of Open Source in NZ.
- Page 3, what are the "spatial data interoperability needs" of NIWA?
- NIWA Quantum Map is a really interesting contribution. I recommend the authors to extend this section.
- In the title, authors are mentioning "Open Data". However, in the paper it is not clear what they intend by "Open Data" and how they make them available. What are the benefits?

Recommendation *

- Strong Accept and recommendation for inclusion in Transactions in GIS
- Strong Accept
- Weak Accept
- Reject

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