Review Form Response

Review FOSS4G Academic Track Submission

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Remarks to the editors *

In their paper "Taarifa: Improving Public Service Provision in the Developing World Through a Crowd-sourced Location Based Reporting Application", the authors present the development of the Taarifa project from inception to first real-world deployment as a narrative. They also analyse the community structure of the project in comparison with the Ushahidi project, of which Taarifa is a fork, and the re-implementation of Taarifa in Django, Djangorifa, based on the code base of the projects.

The work presented in this manuscript is very interesting and relevant to the conference. The manuscript is very well written and gives a good overview of the development history, first practical experience, some current issues and the community structure of the Taarifa project. It serves as a very good introduction to the project; for a scientific publication, however, a more in-depth analysis with a more scientific approach, in particular of the deployment and real-world experience, would be desirable.

Remarks to the author

Recommendation *

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

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