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Executive Reports

OSGeo in 2007

by Tyler Mitchell

Welcome to the first edition of the OSGeo Annual Report – a lot happened in 2007 and this document brings together highlights from across the spectrum of OSGeo activities. Nearly 50 reports from dozens of different authors and communities were contributed.

OSGeo has continued to grow, here are a few statistics to help show the magnitude of development during last year.

- **1st** OSGeo branded FOSS4G conference hosted **720+** attendees
- **3** new volumes of the OSGeo [Journal](#), **44** articles and over **70** contributors
- **5** new projects entered incubation (14 total)
- **6** Local Chapters officially approved (9 in total), total of **20+** Local Chapters have been started
- **7** initial Foundation [Sponsors](#)
- **\$160,000+** in sponsorships collected
- **100+** mailing lists, **13,300+** subscribers
- **6,000,000+** lines of code, representing **1,400+** years of effort across OSGeo projects
- Dozens of presentations, workshops and events around the world!

Web site stats - May through Dec:

- **147,000** unique visitors (54% increase),
- **284,000** visits (51% increase),
- **1,502,508** pages (46% increase),

- **7,588,049** hits (80% increase),
- **140.71GB** bandwidth
- Portions of website translated into **13** different languages

Throughout the following reports you will learn more about the projects and teams that made all this happen. It has been an incredible year to watch and a great challenge to keep up with all that has developed.

This is also your invitation to join in. You will find that many of the reports identify specific areas where you can help. Links to all our projects and their mailing lists are available on the main OSGeo.org website. Join the [Discuss list](#) to keep in touch.

I hope you enjoy the articles and I look forward to this report next year as we continue to sail through the exciting and uncharted open source geospatial world.

Sincerely,
Tyler

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Throughout the articles there are many URLs for online references. We've used footnotes with full URLs where feasible for readability. If a reference is [blue](#) but not a footnote, then refer to the digital PDF version for a link to click.

News Items from 2007

Headlines from news items posted on OSGeo.org:¹

January

- ILWIS GIS Software Migrates to Open Source
- MapGuide Open Source 1.1.0 Released
- FOSS4G in Victoria, Canada, September 24-27, 2007
- GDAL/OGR 1.4.0 Released
- GeoTools 2.3.0 Released

February

- OSGeo Celebrates 1st Anniversary
- FOSS4G 2007 Call for Workshops Reminder
- OpenLayers 2.3 Released
- MapServer 4.10.1 Released
- MOSS4G Project Announcement
- FOSS4G 2007 Call for Workshops

March

- OSGeo Accepted for Google Summer of Code
- MapGuide Open Source helps San Francisco protect the urban forest
- QGIS and FDO Enter OSGeo Incubation
- MapGuide Open Source Graduates Incubation

April

- deegree day 2007 - Call for Papers
- OSGeo Welcomes Sixteen Students for Google Summer of Code
- FOSS4G 2007 Call for Presentations

May

- AWARE Systems to extend LibTiff library with support for the new BigTIFF format
- OSGeo Journal Volume 1 Now Available
- Seeking Consultants and Service Organizations

June

- GDAL/OGR 1.4.2 Released
- FOSS4G 2007 Call for Presentations Closes THIS WEEK

- Quantum GIS 0.8.1 Released
- Journal Submissions for Peer Review

July

- FOSS4G 2007 Early Bird Registration Ends FRIDAY
- GRASS GIS releases version 6.2.2

August

- Ominiverdi Desktop LiveCD 2007.1 Released
- FOSS4G Program Finalized - 1 month to go!
- Sol Katz Award for Geospatial Free and Open Source Software - Call for Nominations
- FOSS4G 2008 Awarded to Cape Town, South Africa
- OSGeo Board Election Results

September

- Steve Lime Wins Sol Katz GFOSS Award
- MapServer 5.0 Released
- OSGeo Journal Volume 2 Available
- OSGeo Annual Meeting at FOSS4G
- gvSIG Enters OSGeo Incubation
- MapGuide Open Source 1.2.0 Released

October

- OSGeo Announces Request for Proposal for Hosting 2009 Conference
- Mapbender 2.4.3 Released

November

- Italian Local Chapter Formed
- OpenLayers Graduates Incubation
- GEOS Enters OSGeo Incubation
- Francophone Local Chapter Formed

December

- GDAL/OGR 1.5.0 Released
- FOSS4G Proceedings - Journal Vol. 3 Now Available
- GRASS Book 3rd Edition Available

¹To have news items posted to the OSGeo web site, send your requests to: news_items@osgeo.org

Finance Committee

Period covered by report: Jan-Dec 2007

Contact name: Dave McIlhagga, Treasurer

OSGeo's first full financial was in 2007. There were some funds to manage in 2006, particularly at the end of the year, but most sponsorships and costs started in 2007. This report also serves as a brief 2006 summary.

Highlights

- Dave McIlhagga was appointed Treasurer for OSGeo.
- Finance Committee created to oversee activities, including Dave McIlhagga, Tyler Mitchell, Paul Ramsey, Ken Tamura & Jo Walsh.
- Finance discussions on public mailing list.²
- Managed new sponsorships, renewals, expenses.
- Set up banking, PayPal and provided support for Project Sponsorship program.

Sponsorship & Revenue

There were officially seven sponsors during 2007. Sponsorship positions have a 1 year term. Three sponsors donated at the end of 2006 but four additional ones joined during the 2007 calendar year. The three sponsors from 2006 have also renewed their support for another year.

- \$130,000 was from Autodesk as a special donation, giving them a Sustaining Sponsorship position
- \$20,000 came from the Supporting Sponsors: INPE and Ingres
- \$12,000 came from the Associate Sponsors: 1Spatial, First Base Solutions, LizardTech, WhereGroup
- There was also significant revenue generated from annual Project Sponsorships through GDAL/OGR.
- More than \$100,000 was raised from the FOSS4G 2007 annual event.³

Our first year of fundraising was a success and helped sustain and surpass our financial needs for the

year. Additional sponsors for the 2008 year are already starting to come forward so programs can be extended.

Financial Statement Summaries

The following are the first set of financial statements generated for OSGeo. The 2006 Summary is provided for reference as the summary from the first year of operations. Various views of Income, Expenses and various other Classes are also presented for the full calendar year of 2007 further below.

2006/2007 Snapshot

USD \$	2006	2007	Total
Income	63,436	622,831	686,267
Expenses	22,296	488,494	510,790

2007 Annual Summary

Income		(USD\$)
	Conference Fees & Sponsors	\$437,385
	Sponsors & Donations	\$185,446
Total Income		\$622,831
Expenses		
	Banking	\$356
	Conference Expense	\$331,963
	Contract Labour (GDAL)	\$12,551
	Equipment Rental	\$148
	Incorporation Costs	\$274
	Office Related	\$4,859
	Payroll & Benefits	\$99,779
	Postage & Delivery	\$446
	Professional Fees	\$1,000
	Promotion & Visibility	\$5,925
	Systems	\$15,517
	Travel	\$15,676
Total Expenses		\$488,494
Net Balance		\$134,337

²Finance Committee list: <http://lists.osgeo.org/mailman/listinfo/finance>

³FOSS4G 2007 Event: <http://foss4g2007.org>

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