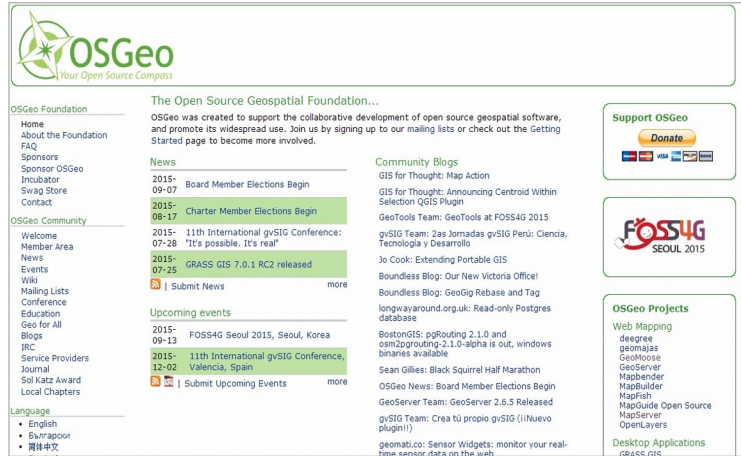


The Open Source Geospatial Foundation, or OSGeo, is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to support and promote the collaborative development of highest quality open geospatial technologies and data.

The foundation's projects are all freely available at <http://www.osgeo.org> and useable under an OSI-certified open source license.



OSGeo Mission and Goals

- The OSGeo's mission is to support the development of open source geospatial software, and promote its widespread use
- To provide resources for foundation projects - eg. infrastructure, funding and legal guidelines.
- To promote freely available geodata - free software is useless without data.
- To promote the use of open source software in the geospatial industry (not just foundation software) - eg. PR, training, outreach.
- To promote and support Local Chapter initiatives.
- To encourage the implementation of open standards and standards-based interoperability in foundation projects.
- To ensure a high degree of quality in foundation projects in order to build and preserve the foundation "brand".
- To make foundation and related software more accessible to end users - eg. binary "stack" builds, cross package documentation.
- To provide support for the use of OSGeo software in education via curriculum development, outreach, and support.
- To encourage communication and cooperation between OSGeo communities on different languages (eg. Java/C/Python) and operating systems (eg. GNU Linux, Unix, Win32, MacOS) platforms.
- To support use and contributions to foundation projects from the worldwide community through internationalization of software and community outreach.
- To operate the annual FOSS4G Conference.
- To award the Sol Katz award for service to the OSGeo community.

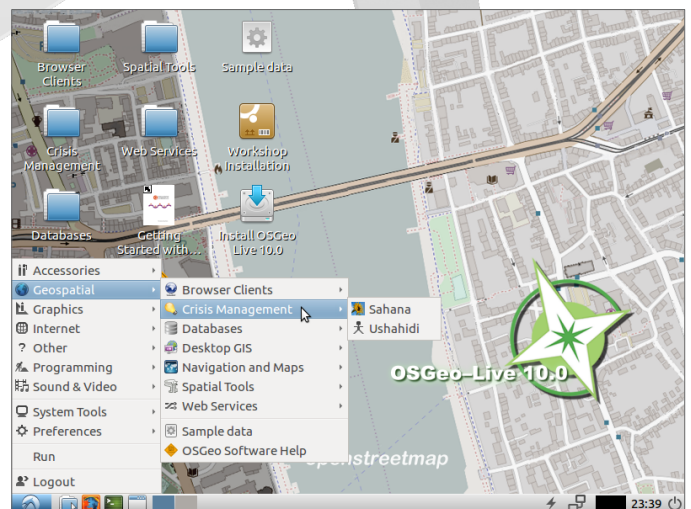
OSGeo is a community of communities governed by 280 charter members, 9 directors, one president. The Education, the Geodata Committee and all software projects are run by project steering committees whose chairs act as OSGeo officers and vice presidents. All funds of OSGeo are generated through sponsorships and surplus generated by OSGeo events such as the annual FOSS4G conference.

OSGeo is run like a meta level Open Source project. It is an umbrella to diverse communities with different regional, cultural and language background organized in formal and informal Local Chapters.

OSGeo Projects: Incubation and Graduation

The goal of the Incubation Process is to fulfill OSGeo requirements for open community operation, responsible project governance, code provenance and license verification and to ensure general good project operation. Graduating incubation is the OSGeo seal of approval for a project and gives potential users of the project added confidence in the viability and safety of the project.

- **Web Mapping**
deegree, geomajas, GeoMOOSE, GeoServer, Mapbender, MapFish, MapGuide Open Source, MapServer, OpenLayers
- **Desktop Application**
GRASS GIS, gvSIG, Marble, QGIS
- **Geospatial Libraries**
FDO, GDAL/OGR, GEOS, GeoTools, OSSIM, PostGIS
- **Metadata Catalogs**
GeoNetwork, pycsw
- **Outreach Projects**
GeoForAll initiative, OSGeo-Live
- **Incubating Projects**
istSOS, PyWPS, Team Engine, ZOO-Project, Opticks, MetaCRS, Orfeo ToolBox (OTB), GeoNode



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