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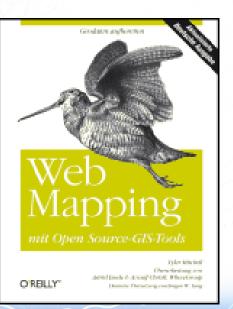
Beyond Features & Tools

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- Geographer, GIS Professional
- Author, Web Mapping Illustrated
- Executive Director & Charter Member Open Source Geospatial Foundation





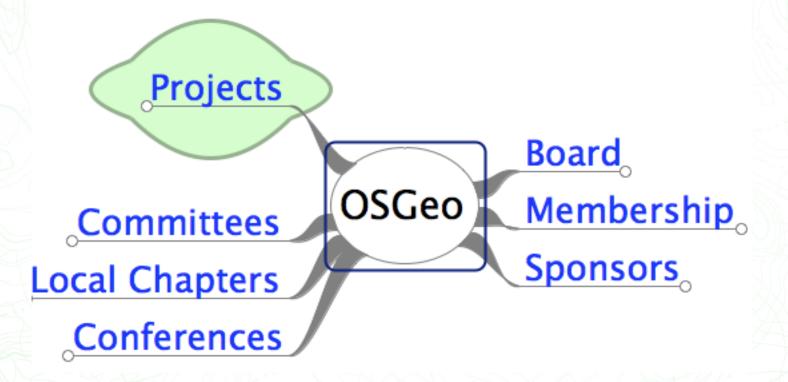


Beyond Features & Tools

- > Software Features
- > Internal Capabilities
- > Community



OSGeo's Role

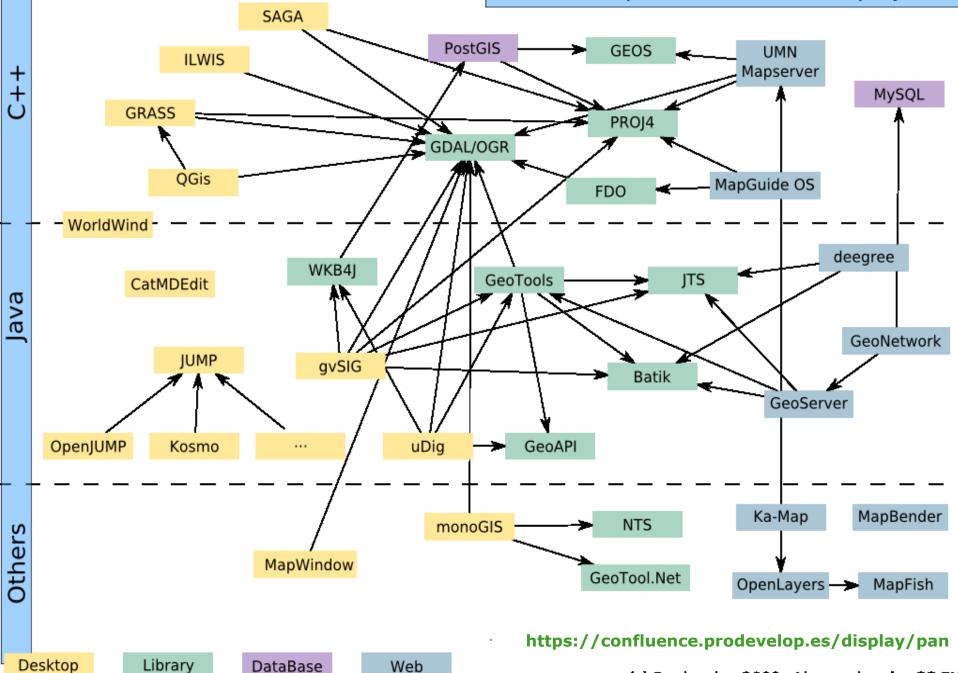




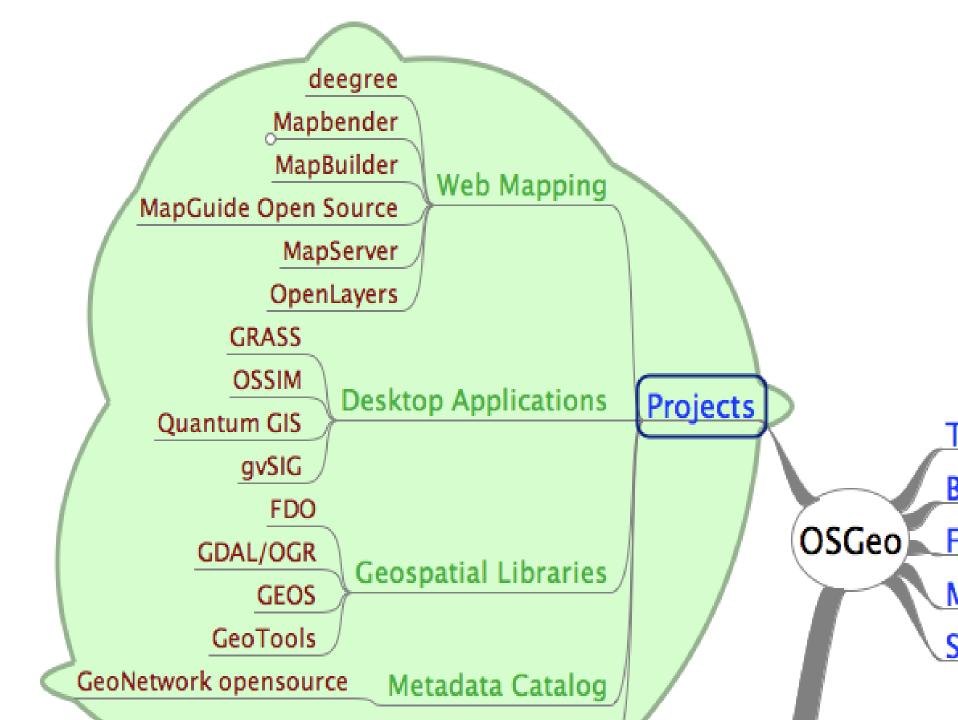
Software – Inside the Box

- Key features & functionality
 - > Power, Reliability, Usability
 - > Interoperability and standards
- Relationship to other projects
- Result: Meets your needs

Relationships between FOSS4G projects



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Beyond proprietary

Coding stats, costs and human stats

Project Development Statistics

OSGeo

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Project (link to stats page) 🖂	Codebase Lines of code M	Contributors 🖂	Effort (person years)	Est. cost \$USD
deegree 🗗	475,756	20	125	6,880,114
gvSIG &	1,797,359	62	506	27,804,278
GEOS 🗗	93,369	14	23	1,252,806
Feature Data Objects (FDO) 🗗	770,748	22	212	11,679,154
GeoNetwork opensource 🗗	359,225	11	93	5,122,974
GeoTools &	1,472,845	46	410	22,548,581
GDAL &	619,706	26	170	9,357,931
Quantum GIS 🗗	193,174	34	50	2,761,972
OSSIM &	525,942	21	143	7,846,712
GRASS GIS 🗗	518,049	61	140	7,682,948
OpenLayers &	68,695	12	17	913,757
MapServer 🗗	108,306	32	27	1,499,454
MapGuide Open Source &	360,959	34	95	5,240,110
Community MapBuilder 🖗	141,198	24	35	1,921,633
Mapbender 🗗	261,029	23	68	3,713,822
Total	7,766,360	442	2,114	116,226,246



OSGeo Incubation

- Application, status, graduation
- Healthy, diverse projects



The OSGeo Incubator is run by the Incubation Committee. It is responsible for:

- 1. Preparing and recommending incubation process and criteria to the board.
- Reviewing applications for incubation and making recommendations to the board on projects that should be admitted into incubation.
- 3. Appointing a mentors for incubation projects.
- Reviewing progress of projects against incubation requirements, and recommending projects for full project status to the board, when deemed appropriate.
- Reporting on the status of projects in incubation and the incubation process to the board periodically (via Chair).

Criteria

- The code is under an OSI approved license (data & doc projects need to specify their choice for a type of license).
- 2. The project is willing to keep code clear of encumbrances
- 3. The project is "geospatial", or directly in support of geospatial applications.

Desirable

The following are desirable traits of projects entering into the community:

- 1. Open source software is already reasonably mature (working quality code).
- 2. Project already has a substantial user community.
- 3. Project already has a substantial and diverse developer community.
- Project members are aware of, and implements support for, relevant standards (ie. OGC, etc).
- 5. Project has linkages with existing foundation projects.
- 6. Project fills a gap related to software that the foundation supports.
- 7. Project is prepared to develop in an open and collaborative fashion.
- Project has contributions and interest from more than just one company/organization.
- Project is willing to migrate some or all of its infrastructure (code repository, web site, wiki, mailing list, etc) to foundation support infrastructure, and to adopt a website style consistent with the foundation.

Process

- The Project completes the Incubator Application Questionnaire and submits it as a new Trac ticket for "Component Incubator" or email to info at osgeo.org.
- IncCom reviews pending Incubation Applications at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Each Incubation Application is evaluated based on the Project Evaluation Criteria.
- For Projects that meet the Project Evaluation Criteria, an Incubation Mentor is chosen. Incubation Mentors are selected based on willingness to act as a Mentor for a particular Project. If no Mentor is chosen, the Project is placed on hold until a Mentor can be found. It is acceptable (and desireable) for a Project to recruit a Mentor for itself as part of the Project Submission Process.
- The chairman of IncCom presents projects selected for Incubation to the OSGeo Board of Directors for acceptance or deferral.
- The Incubation Mentor reports incubation progress to the IncCom periodically using the Project Status Template.
- Incubation Projects remain in incubation until the Incubation Mentor and the IncCom agree the project is ready for full status.
- The Chairman of the IncCom presents projects ready for graduation at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the OSGeo Board of Directors. The OSGeo Board of Directors accepts or rejects a Project's graduation from the Incubator.
- Upon graduation, a member of the project's PMC is selected to report to the foundation board periodically on project status.



Internal Capabilities

- Focused on tasks of an organisation
- More than just users
- Build a professional toolkit
 - > Enhance personnel
 - > Fuel competitive advantage
 - > Look forward
- Result: Expanded offerings



Capabilities – Deliver Solutions

- Choosing components
- Custom fit for requirements
- Flexibility to change
- Reliability in long term



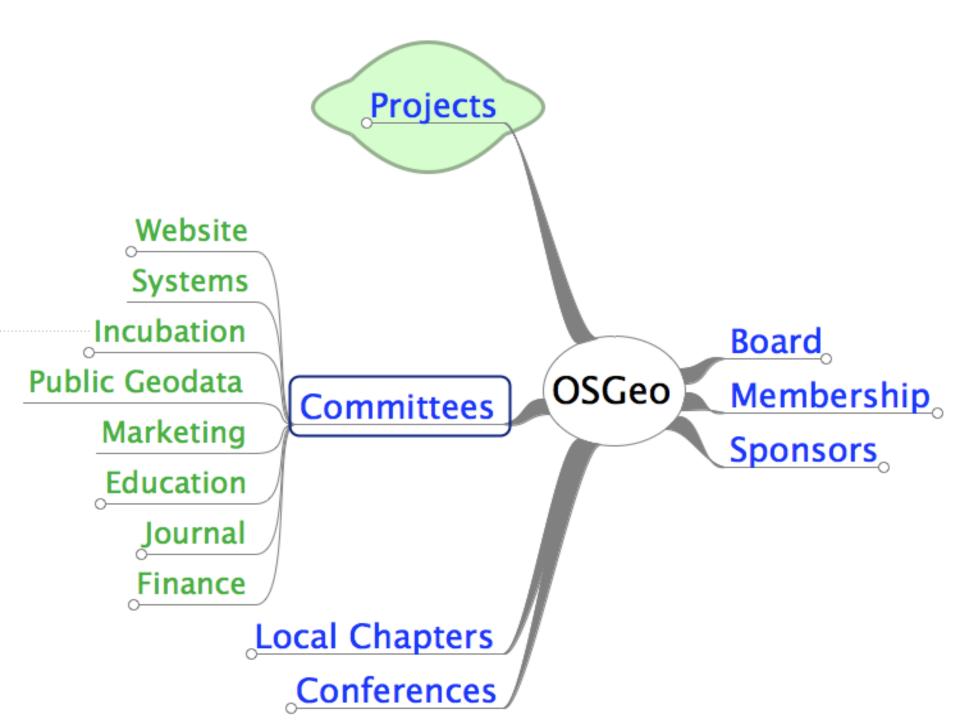
Community – Outside the Box

- Where will it take you?
- Deepening commitment
 - > Understanding others
 - > Working together
 - > Investing yourself
- Result: Builds professional networks



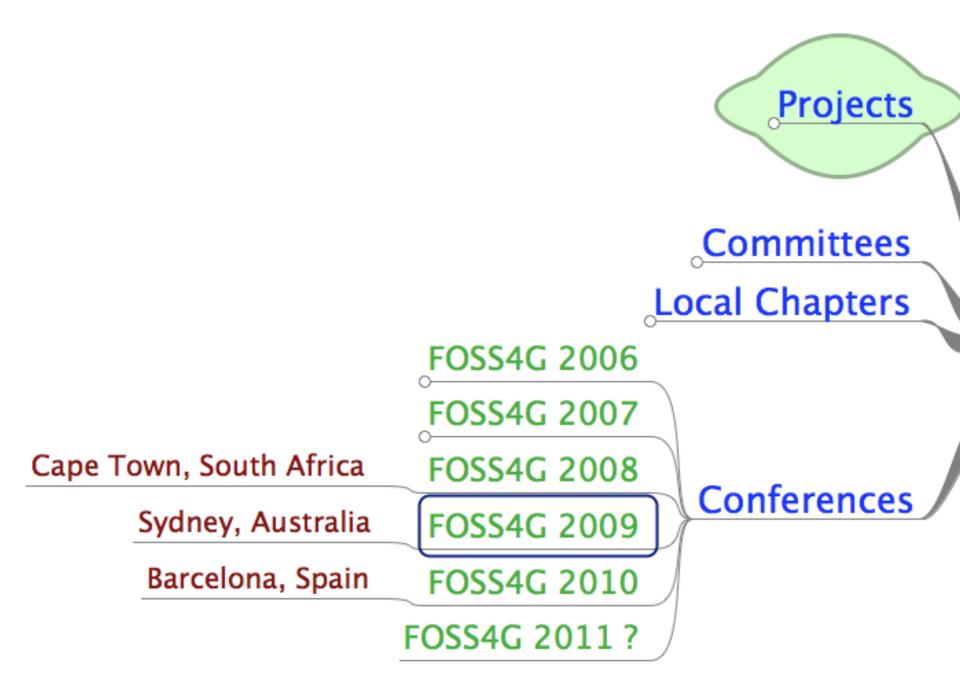
Community – Give and Take

- Local chapters
- Committees, Board, Members, Friends
- FOSS4G Conference
- Sponsors
- Evangelists, advocates and enthusiastic power users
- Developers, writers, testers















Your Outlook for 2010

Aim high!

- > Expect more
- > Get under the hood

Expand your abilities

- > Break out meet tomorrow's standards
- > Invest in your organisation
- Grow as people
 - > Encourage professionals
 - > Support others



