

Summer of Code Committee Annual Report

OSGeo participated in Google Summer of Code in 2012, with 20 of 22 students completing the summer. Several OSGeo projects took part to the program: QGIS, GRASS GIS, gvSIG, PostGIS, GeoServer, Opticks, OSSIM and GDAL. The OSGeo also provided Google Summer of Code-specific umbrella support for two smaller projects from outside of our foundation: pgRouting and uDig.

Key Accomplishments

Our students were great and a lot of good work was completed. The most important success we had is a smoothly running summer program that involved our largest number of students so far. Many of our former students continue to be involved in contributing to projects' development and have now taken on roles as mentors.

A couple of smaller external projects we have taken under our Google Summer of Code umbrella in the past are now participating in our incubation process to become full members of our

Foundation. One of our multi-year Google Summer of Code projects (gvSIG mini) now headlines the F-droid (FOSS for Android) repository's homepage!

Areas for Improvement

The OSGeo Summer of Code program has two main areas where improvements could be made. The first is in more cross-project collaboration: Google Summer of Code is a great opportunity to get code written, especially for the improvement of software communication. OSGeo projects vary from backend tools to end-user applications that would all benefit from an improved communication.

The second area for improvement is to encourage more involvement from OSGeo projects. Overall, only half of OSGeo projects answered the call for mentors, for many good reasons. How can OSGeo Google Summer of Code administrators facilitate the participation of all projects? Suggestions are welcome. Administrators aim to accept at least one student from every OSGeo project.

Opportunities to Help

Do you wish to participate in Google Summer of Code as a mentor? Check the yearly administrative page to get all your questions answered.

Feel free to propose project ideas for the students and to spread the word in universities and geospatial labs around the world.

Outlook for 2013

OSGeo has been accepted for Google Summer of Code 2013 - keep an eye on our wiki page!