



The OSGeo Foundation

Transparency Openness Policy

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Open Source Geospatial Foundation

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

Content

Summary

What is Openness?

- Open Standards
- Open Source
- Open Data

Outlook

Summary

We already have the **Software**, the **Standards**
and the **Know-How**.

But we lack **Data**.

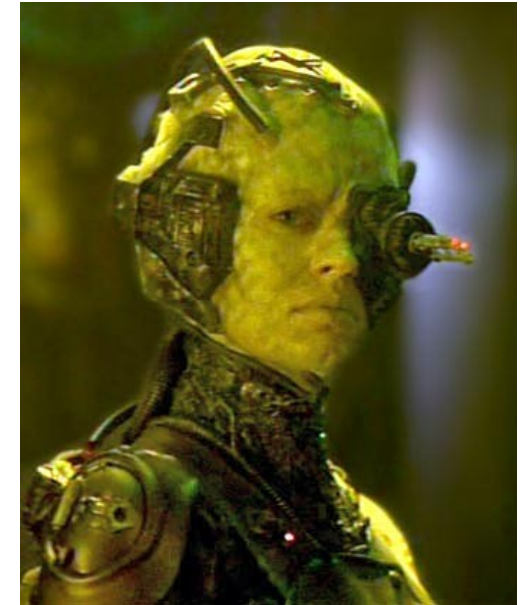
Future development should therefore focus on
(Public) **Open Linked Data** to support true
Transparency and allow broad Participation.

Whatever happens in the next 10 minutes, just think:



Arnulf Christl, Spatial Systems Architect

- Member of OGC Architecture Board
- OSGeo President
- OpenStreetMap advocate



My alter ego Seven is an Ex-Borg

Bringing Order to Chaos?

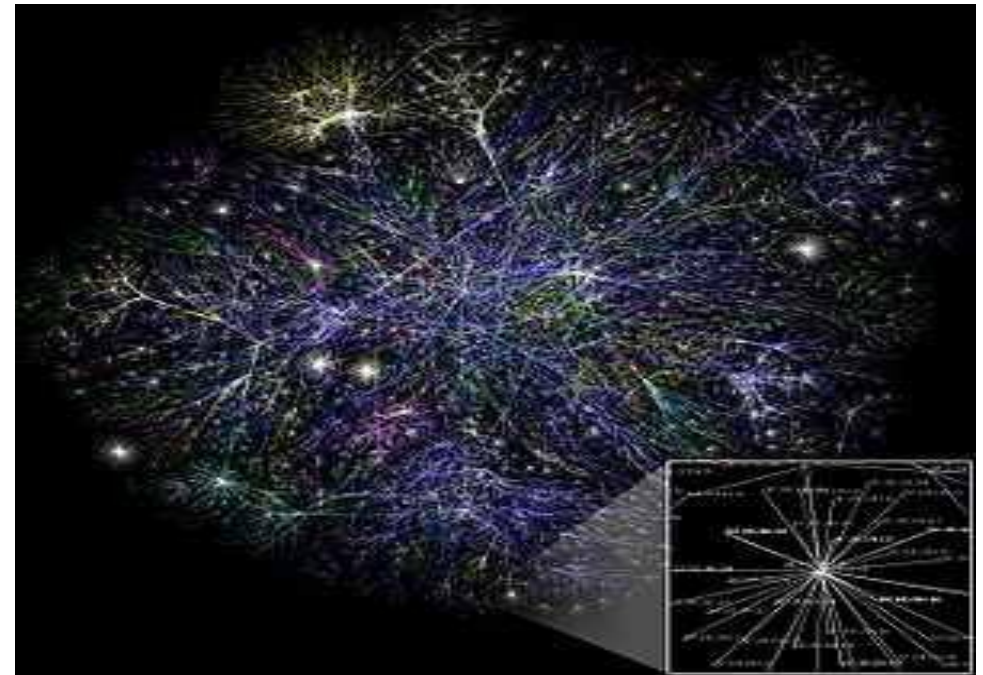
No!

(Coordinated)

Chaos is Good!

The Internet **Dis**-Order

- DNS (Domain Name System)
- Internet Protocol Suite
- TCP/IP, TLS Security
- HTTP
- URI < **Human error**
- ... **the Web**
- Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) < **Spam**



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet>

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sevenspatial Arnulf Christl

"@GISTrobl: @sevenspatial don't forget to include the 'open minds' as foundation for open*everythingelse!" Thanks. Done.

22 minutes ago

sevenspatial Arnulf Christl

/me prepares 'slide set' for the intro of the afternoon session @ #AGIT2011 on #Openness by retweeting different view points.

51 minutes ago

edparsons Ed Parsons ↻ by sevenspatial

@RealIvanSanchez :-)

12 hours ago

RealIvanSanchez Iván Sánchez Ortega ↻ by sevenspatial

@edparsons Do I have to explain free beer vs. free speech again? I thought we were over that. <http://www.opendefinition.org/okd/>

12 hours ago

sgillies Sean Gillies ↻ by sevenspatial

RT @petermurrayrust <http://bit.ly/nckUZo> Open Scholarship means better science

10 hours ago

spatialguru Tyler Mitchell ↻ by sevenspatial

we need an "open" test: suck=fail RT @lisa_cornish: Toronto's data open ... ~useless - torontosun.com/2011/07/06/tor... #opendata #gov20 via @DanAtSafe

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Geographic Information System (GIS) professional, manage...

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On Openness

- Frankness
- Candidness
- Candor
- Directness
- Forthrightness
- Ingenuousness
- Plainness
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Readiness to assume risk
- Predisposition
- Receptiveness
- Receptivity

More takes on Openness

- Free Software (<http://www.fsf.org/>)
- INSPIRE & Public Sector Information (EU)
- Data Liberation Front (Google internal initiative)
- Linked Open Data (W3C definition)
- US-Open (<http://www.usopen.org/>)
- Freedom of Information Act ([USA gov](#))
- Maps for OSM (Imports, Microsoft Bing Maps, ...)
- WikiLeaks ([Global Transparency, mirror](#))

Open Definition

Defining the Open in Open Data, Open Content and Open Services

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Version 1.1

Terminology

The term **knowledge** is taken to include:

1. Content such as music, films, books
2. Data be it scientific, historical, geographic or otherwise
3. Government and other administrative information

Software is excluded despite its obvious centrality because it is already adequately addressed by previous work.

<http://www.opendefinition.org/software-service/>
<http://www.opendefinition.org/okd/>

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Definitions of Openness in the Geospatial-Domain

- Open (Standards) <http://opengeospatial.org>
- Open (Source) Software <http://osgeo.org>
- Open (Free) Data <http://openstreetmap.org>

Vision:

Realization of the full societal, economic and scientific benefits of integrating electronic location resources into commercial and institutional processes worldwide.

Mission:

To serve as a global forum for the collaboration of developers and users of spatial data products and services, and to advance the development of international standards for geospatial interoperability.

Open in OGC

- **All** (with the appropriate financial background) **can participate.**
- All standards can be used royalty free (without cost) by anybody.
- All can comment on the standards during the public (open) discussion period.
- All can propose change requests

Consensus Oriented

Is there any objection to unanimous consent?

Discussion?

- No, ... then the motion passes.
- Yes? Then please explain ...
 - Friendly amendment ...
 - Go back to start ...



Open in OSGeo

- All can participate
- All software must be licensed as Open Source and Free Software.
- All processes of the organization are open to public scrutiny.

Vision and Mission

- A world where freely available geospatial data and tools are used for the benefit humanity.
- To support the collaborative development of open source geospatial software, and promote its widespread use.

(Selected) Goals

- To support foundation projects (...) and the implementation of open standards to achieve interoperability.
- To provide support for the use of OSGeo software in education.
- To promote freely available geodata - free software is useless without data.

Software Education Data

Free Software

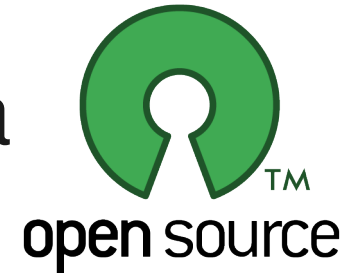
- Free Software is a license model!
- Not like "Free beer" but as in Free Speech
- Free to:
 - use anywhere and for any purpose
 - understand and improve
 - pass on to anybody else
 - provide services and grow a business around



...today and
tomorrow!

Open Source

Open Source is a way of collaborating in a coordinated way:



- Do good things (code) and talk about them (publish early, release often)
- Do not reinvent, reuse & improve (collaborate)
- Open (coordinated) participation to everyone
- Make (coordinated & collaborative) decisions transparent

Education and Curriculum

- Develop a Curriculum using Open Source Software
- Create Software stack to support Education
- Cooperate with Universities, for example through Memoranda of Understanding
- Support trainers and students
- Conduct Workshops and Tutorials

Do-ocracy

A do-ocracy [...] is an organizational structure in which individuals choose roles and tasks for themselves and execute them.

Responsibilities attach to people who do the work, rather than elected or selected officials.



<http://wiki.osgeo.org/wiki/Logo> (2011-04-03)

OSGeo's Structure

Charter Members vote

Board of 9 Directors
and President

25 Officers

represent

Committees

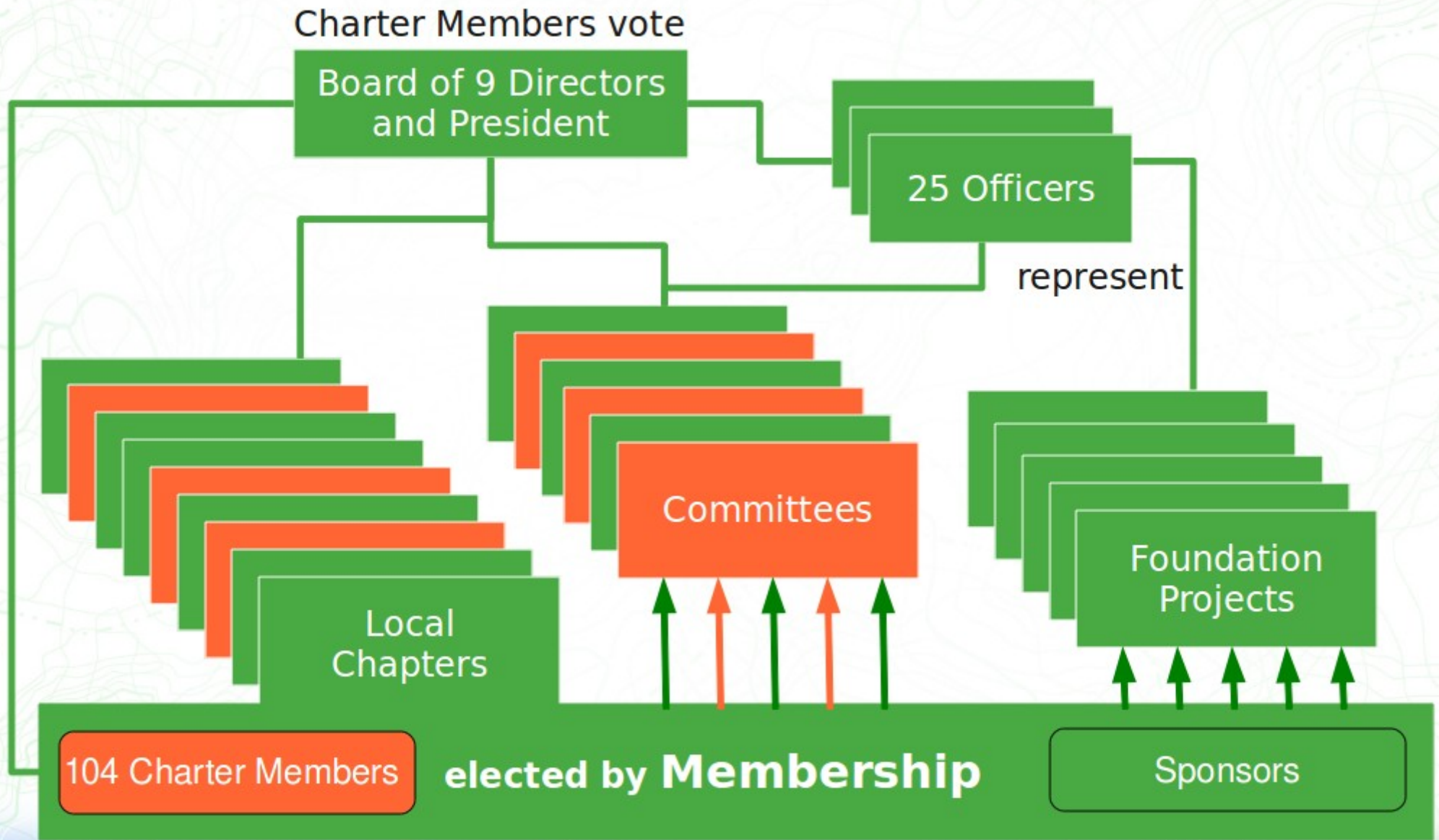
Foundation
Projects

Local
Chapters

104 Charter Members

elected by **Membership**

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But:

Software is worthless without data!

(Schuyler Erle)



OpenStreetMap

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OpenStreetMap
The Free Wiki World Map

OpenStreetMap is a free editable map of the whole world. It is made by people like you.

OpenStreetMap allows you to view, edit and use geographical data in a collaborative way from anywhere on Earth.

OpenStreetMap's hosting is kindly supported by the [UCL VR Centre](#) and [bytemark](#). Other supporters of the project are listed in the [wiki](#).

Help Centre
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Map Key

Come to State of the Map, September 9-11th, Denver
The 5th annual international

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- Free and Open Data (what)
- Crowd Sourced Data (how)
...the Wiki way of doing things

"Volunteered Geographic Information" (Goodchild, 2007) ... but it lacks the all important aspect of free reusability of the data and thus participation.

OpenStreetMap



Open in OpenStreetMap

- All can participate
- All can create maps
- All can use and get the maps

Future Evolution

- Resources & Representations
- Semantics
- ...
- .
- ...
- Fully Open

The Five Stars for Linked Open Data

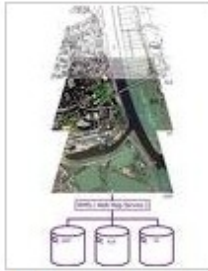
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Slide set: <http://inkdroid.org/journal/2010/06/04/the-5-stars-of-open-linked-data/>

Online example: <http://lab.linkeddata.deri.ie/2010/star-scheme-by-example/>

Geo Data



Überlagerung von Geodaten
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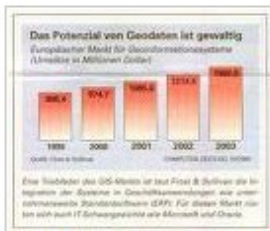
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kreis-olpe.de



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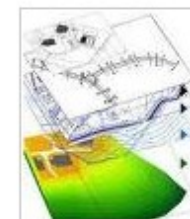
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huss-vermessung.de

Map Images

Swisstopo – the national map agency of Switzerland makes 500.000.000 tiles available through a cloud infrastructure for it's citizens.

The underlying **Data** is not available freely (yet).

<http://map.geo.admin.ch/>

Ordnance Survey Open Data



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Ordnance Survey Linked Data.

A description of the resource identified by <http://data.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/>

Title

Ordnance Survey Linked Data.

Description

Ordnance Survey is Great Britain's national mapping agency, providing the most accurate and up-to-date data for businesses, organisations and individuals. OS OpenData is the opening up of Ordnance Survey data as part of the drive to increase "Open Government Data" initiative. As part of this initiative Ordnance Survey has published a number of its products as Linked Data. Where data is published on the Web and then linked to other published data in much the same way that Linked Data is used to describe a method of exposing, sharing, and connecting data via URIs on the Web. For more information on the initiative please go to data.gov.uk. If you are not familiar with Linked Data, OS OpenData products are available on the OS OpenData website. Ordnance Survey can provide support for the Ordnance Survey OpenData product SPARQL or SPARQL Endpoints. Ordnance Survey has published three separate linked data resources: the administrative gazetteer for Great Britain

<http://data.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/>

Geoservicen

Hjem

Geoservicen – udstilling af centrale danske geokodede data

Geoservicen udstiller geokodede danske adresser, vejnavne, postnumre, kommuner, regioner, politikredse, sogne, retskredse samt opstillingskredse. Derudover tilbyder Geoservicen koordinattransformation mellem ETRS89/UTM32, det koordinatsystem som de danske myndigheder anvender, og WGS84/geografisk, som er det koordinatsystem, som de fleste GPS'ere og de gratis korttjenester, som f.eks. Google maps, anvender.

Formålet med Geoservicen er at gøre det lettere for ikke-geokyndige at anvende myndighedernes geokodede data i egne it-løsninger. Det kan være til mashups, GPS mobil apps, datavalidering, adressesøgning mm. Geoservicens funktionalitet tilbydes via et web API, som du kan anvende i dine it-løsninger. Beskrivelsen af API'et er opdelt i emnerområder og kan findes under overskriften Web API til højre på siden.

Hvad kan Geoservicen bruges til?

Geoservicen er ikke rettet mod slutbrugere, så den er ikke forsynet med en decideret brugergrænseflade til servicens funktionalitet og data. Geoservicen er derimod rettet mod dem, som ønsker at udvikle applikationer, hvis funktionalitet kræver geodata med tilhørende funktionalitet.

Du kan f.eks. bruge Geoservicen i dine applikationer til:

Adressesøgning

Mange applikationer har behov for at kunne finde adresser ud fra mangelfulde oplysninger. Hvis du f.eks. ved at en adresse har husnummeret er 77 og vejnavnet starter med a og slutter med gade, kan du finde de adresser, der opfylder dette på følgende måde;

http://geo.oiorest.dk/adresser?husnr=77&vejnavn=a*gade

Adressevalidering

Web API

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Eksempler på

<http://geo.oiorest.dk/>

Data Policy!

- Make public data freely available
- Pay by applying the polluter pays principle
- Data – not just maps!
- Freely available – to do whatever humanity deems suitable. **No restrictions.**
- Everywhere and for everyone

No restrictions.

Data Policy:

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- <http://opendata.org>