

2021 OpenStreetMap Community Survey

Survey of the OpenStreetMap community regarding Board activities

Thank you for taking this survey. Since OpenStreetMap is a volunteer-driven project that depends on its community, the Board of Directors of the OSM Foundation needs your input and feedback in order to set priorities in accord with community needs.

There are 18 questions in this survey.

Feedback

In 2020, the Board of Directors of the OpenStreetMap Foundation made several decisions. We would appreciate your honest feedback on those decisions.

1 [F1]

In 2020 the Board created a Diversity and Inclusion Special Committee, and asked the Local Chapters and Communities Working Group to recommend actions in response to complaints about Systemic Offensive Behavior in the OSM Community (<https://www.openstreetmap.org/user/apm-wa/diary/395070>).

On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is strongly disagree, 2 is disagree, 3 is neutral, 4 is agree, and 5 is strongly agree, please mark how strongly you agree or disagree with these actions.

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Please choose **only one** of the following:

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On the Diversity and Inclusion Special Committee

https://wiki.osmfoundation.org/wiki/Diversity_and_Inclusion_Special_Committee
(https://wiki.osmfoundation.org/wiki/Diversity_and_Inclusion_Special_Committee)

On the decision to respond to complaints about Systemic Offensive Behavior in the OSM Community
<https://www.openstreetmap.org/user/apm-wa/diary/395070> (<https://www.openstreetmap.org/user/apm-wa/diary/395070>)

December 2020 Talk Archive by Subject

<https://lists.openstreetmap.org/pipermail/talk/2020-December/subject.html#start>
(<https://lists.openstreetmap.org/pipermail/talk/2020-December/subject.html#start>)

A Call to Take Action and Confront Systemic Offensive Behaviour in the OSM Community

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/130JCTX9ve4H4ORXznmIVTpXiN3TX8nRGA8ayuTZ9ECI/edit?ts=5fd11436#heading=h.ccgTgjkcfgh>
(<https://docs.google.com/document/d/130JCTX9ve4H4ORXznmIVTpXiN3TX8nRGA8ayuTZ9ECI/edit?ts=5fd11436#heading=h.ccgTgjkcfgh>)

2 [F2]

In 2020 the Board began raising funds via large donations to cover projected increased costs of maintaining the platform (hardware, software, personnel) in the face of rapidly growing demand for OSM data.

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Treasurer's Report to the 2020 Annual General Meeting

https://wiki.osmfoundation.org/wiki/Annual_General_Meetings/2020/Treasurer%E2%80%99s_report
(https://wiki.osmfoundation.org/wiki/Annual_General_Meetings/2020/Treasurer%E2%80%99s_report)

OSMF Chairperson's Annual Report for 2020

https://wiki.osmfoundation.org/wiki/Annual_General_Meetings/2020/Chairperson%E2%80%99s_report
(https://wiki.osmfoundation.org/wiki/Annual_General_Meetings/2020/Chairperson%E2%80%99s_report)

[Osmf-talk] Community consultation: plans to hire a Senior Site Reliability Engineer

<https://lists.openstreetmap.org/pipermail/osmf-talk/2020-July/thread.html>
(<https://lists.openstreetmap.org/pipermail/osmf-talk/2020-July/thread.html>)

[Osmf-talk] FOSSGIS position on OSMF hiring staff (WAS: Framework for the foundation's hiring practices)

<https://lists.openstreetmap.org/pipermail/osmf-talk/2020-June/thread.html>
(<https://lists.openstreetmap.org/pipermail/osmf-talk/2020-June/thread.html>)

[Osmf-talk] Framework for the foundation's hiring practices

<https://lists.openstreetmap.org/pipermail/osmf-talk/2020-May/thread.html>
(<https://lists.openstreetmap.org/pipermail/osmf-talk/2020-May/thread.html>)

3 [F3]

In 2020 the Board began funding small-scale, one-time, limited-scope, short-term projects to improve existing software products that are considered core to OSM: Nominatim, osm2pgsql, and Potlatch. These products had previously been maintained wholly by volunteers.

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osmf-talk thread on funding of three infrastructure projects

<https://lists.openstreetmap.org/pipermail/osmf-talk/2020-August/thread.html>

(<https://lists.openstreetmap.org/pipermail/osmf-talk/2020-August/thread.html>)

<https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Nominatim> (<https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Nominatim>)

<https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Osm2pgsql> (<https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Osm2pgsql>)

<https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Potlatch> (<https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Potlatch>)

4 [F4]

In 2020 the Board voted to take over the cost of a single software developer for maintaining the default iD editor from a private firm that had been funding the position, thereby shifting control of iD maintenance from a third party to the OSM community.

On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is strongly disagree, 2 is disagree, 3 is neutral, 4 is agree, and 5 is strongly agree, please mark how strongly you agree or disagree with this action.

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osmf-talk thread on funding of iD development and maintenance

<https://lists.openstreetmap.org/pipermail/osmf-talk/2020-August/thread.html#6997>

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5 [F5]

In 2020 the Board began funding microgrants for one-off projects.

On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is strongly disagree, 2 is disagree, 3 is neutral, 4 is agree, and 5 is strongly agree, please mark how strongly you agree or disagree with this action.

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https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Microgrants/Microgrants_2020

(https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Microgrants/Microgrants_2020)

6 [F6]Optional: Please use this text box to comment on any decisions made in 2020 by the Board of Directors of the OSM Foundation.

Please write your answer here:

Community Sentiment

This group of questions surveys community sentiments regarding certain controversial issues.

7 [S1]In 2021, what do you think should be the priority order of tasks the Board of Directors has set for itself? Please rank the tasks in order of relative importance to the OSM project. *

! All your answers must be different and you must rank in order.

Please number each box in order of preference from 1 to 7

Takeover protection

Brexit

Recruitment for Working Groups

Stability of the core infrastructure (hardware, software, human capital)

Attribution guidelines

Outreach to Local Chapters and Communities

Fund-raising

OSMF Chairperson's Annual Report for 2020

https://wiki.osmfoundation.org/wiki/Annual_General_Meetings/2020/Chairperson%E2%80%99s_report

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8 [S2] Some OSM community members favor use of artificial intelligence and machine learning tools to assist mapping. Others oppose use of these tools. The Board of Directors of the OpenStreetMap Foundation has taken no position on the matter since such a decision would likely violate the core principle that the Board does not tell anyone how to map or what to map. Should the Board... *

❗ Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ...continue to take no position (i.e., leave the issue to local communities), since the Foundation tells nobody what or how to map?
- ...adopt a policy formally approving artificial intelligence/machine learning tools (blanket approval)?
- ...adopt a policy formally approving artificial intelligence/machine learning tools but only if local communities agree?
- ...adopt a policy banning artificial intelligence/machine learning tools?
- No opinion

Artificial intelligence

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artificial_intelligence (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artificial_intelligence)

Machine learning

https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Machine_learning (https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Machine_learning)

General Questions about Map With AI

<https://github.com/facebookmicrosites/Open-Mapping-At-Facebook/wiki/FAQ>
(<https://github.com/facebookmicrosites/Open-Mapping-At-Facebook/wiki/FAQ>)

9 [S3] Some OSM community members think the Board should fund change of the map displayed on openstreetmap.org from raster tiles to vector tiles. Bearing in mind the potential cost of such an undertaking, and the possible impact on the OSM ecosystem, in your opinion the Board should... *

🗳️ Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- ...do nothing in this regard.
- ...encourage volunteers to create vector tiles for openstreetmap.org, but nothing more.
- ...pay developers to create vector tiles for openstreetmap.org, but in a manner calculated not to compete with commercial developers.
- ...pay developers to create vector tiles calculated to demonstrate the full breadth of OSM data.
- No opinion

Background on this issue:

Summary Report on OSMF Chair's Outreach Jan-early Apr 2020 (apm-wa diary entry, scroll to "Vector Tiles")
<https://www.openstreetmap.org/user/apm-wa/diary/392767> (<https://www.openstreetmap.org/user/apm-wa/diary/392767>)

What OpenStreetMap can be (blogpost by systemed)
<http://blog.systemed.net/post/15> (<http://blog.systemed.net/post/15>)

What else should the Board know?

What issues does the Board need to attend to that have not been covered in this survey?

10 [S4] Optional: Please use this text box to comment on anything additional you think the Board of Directors ought to know.

Please write your answer here:

11 [S5] May we share (anonymously, of course) your comments with the OpenStreetMap community? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

Your comments will be seen only by members of the Board of Directors of the OpenStreetMap Foundation if you select 'No'. If you check "Yes", the Board may choose to share your comment with the OpenStreetMap community when it publishes the survey results.

Demographic data (optional)

We want to know more about the structure of the community and respondents to this survey. Answering these questions is optional but your answers would help the Board understand the data better.

12 [D1]

Optional Demographic: Are you a member of...

i Check all that apply

Please choose **all** that apply:

- a working group
- the OpenStreetMap Foundation
- a local chapter
- a local community without chapter status
- a corporate sponsor of OSM
- a commercial company using OSM data
- a non-profit organization using OSM data

"Local community" includes supranational, national, and subnational OpenStreetMap communities that are not recognized local chapters.

13 [D2]

Optional Demographic: Are you a...

📌 Check all that apply

Please choose **all** that apply:

- mapper
- communicator
- data user
- developer / maintainer
- event organizer
- hardware / systems operator

Other:

Note: "Maintainer" refers to software maintainer. "Communicator" includes newsletter writer/editor, author, journalist, blogger, CWG member, or any other actor who spends at least an hour a week on disseminating information about OSM.

14 [D3]

Optional Demographic: How long have you been involved in the OSM project?

📌 Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- less than 1 year
- from 1 to 5 years
- from 5 to 10 years
- from 10 to 15 years
- more than 15 years

15 [D4] Optional Demographic: What is your gender?

📌 Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary

Other

16 [D5]Optional Demographic: In what country are you located (please click on the country on the map)?

Please write your answer here:

Please ignore the text box. No exact location is required. The survey will only record the country, and no other location data. Click on the map if the location of the point is wrong.

17 [D6]Optional Demographic: Have you voted in an OSM Foundation election? If not, please explain why not in the next question.

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was at question '12 [D1]' (Optional Demographic: Are you a member of...)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

18 [D7]Optional Demographic: If you have not voted in an OSMF election, please tell us why not.

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was at question '12 [D1]' (Optional Demographic: Are you a member of...) *and* Answer was 'No' at question '17 [D6]' (Optional Demographic: Have you voted in an OSM Foundation election? If not, please explain why not in the next question.)

Please write your answer here:

Thank you for completing the survey.

Submit your survey.

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