



# Open Source for STDM



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# Why Open Source?

- License and usage
- Professionality
- Scalability
- Stability
- Cost
- ...



# Open Source: Unrestricted Use

- Use of Open Source software is unrestricted.
- Unrestricted for testing, prototyping, and operation!
- Now and tomorrow and for decades to come.
- On as many machines you want or need. With as many CPU cores you may desire.
- Unlimited
- Unrestricted

# Open Source is Professional

- The Internet would not exist without Open Source.
- Open Source is used by all(!) big businesses.
- Google, eBay, Amazon, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Zalando, Uber, Skype,  
Name them ...
- They would all not exist as they do now – without Open Source!

# Open Source is Secure

Code is open for scrutiny, customization and improvement.

The [2003 MITRE study](#), "Use of Open Source Software in the U.S. Department of Defense", [...] concluded that OSS "plays a more critical role in the [Department of Defense (DoD)] than has generally been recognized".

FAQ by the U.S. Department of Defense:

<http://dodcio.defense.gov/Open-Source-Software-FAQ/>

# Open Source is Recommended

## U.S. Department of Defense:

- [...] Senior leadership must actively embrace open source software.
- [...] Executives and CIOs should capitalize on the opportunity provided by open source, set specific goals for its integration [...]



From: [http://dodcio.defense.gov/Portals/0/Documents/OSSFAQ/dodfoss\\_pdf.pdf](http://dodcio.defense.gov/Portals/0/Documents/OSSFAQ/dodfoss_pdf.pdf)

# Spatial Data in Postgresql

Institut Géographique National, France (IGN) stores more than 100 million spatial features in Postgresql and PostGIS.

Case Study: <http://postgis.refractions.net/documentation/casestudies/ign/>



Ordnance Survey Great Britain serves map data using Postgresql, PostGIS and GeoServer. Case study of Open Source GIS in the Public Sector:

Case Study: <https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/using-open-source-gis/>



# Postgresql Scalability

Maximum Database Size	Unlimited
Maximum Table Size	32 TB
Maximum Row Size	1.6 TB
Maximum Field Size	1 GB
Maximum Rows per Table	Unlimited
Maximum Columns per Table	250 - 1600 depending on column types
Maximum Indexes per Table	Unlimited

Source: <https://www.postgresql.org/about/>



# Thank You



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