

AMS 2015 - Session 1B Open Data Standards and Sharing



Open Data Standards and Open Source Modeling Tools: The GPL'd Release of Winds On Critical Streamline Surfaces (GWOCSS)

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What is G(NU)WOCSS?



Short History of Winds On Critical Streamline Surfaces

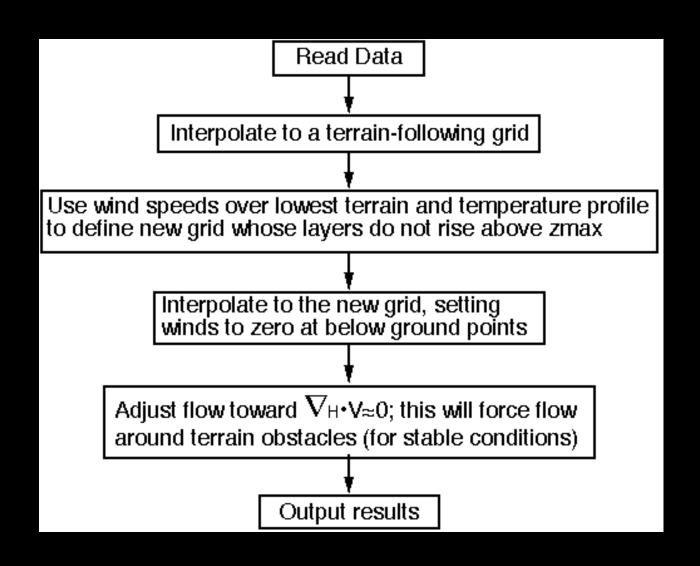
https://github.com/sarnold/gwocss http://www.met.sjsu.edu/cgi-bin/wind/windbin.cgi

- Mass conservation model (Estoque & Bhumralkar, 1969)
 - · Sigma-coordinate
 - Variational calculus
- Endlich (1967): variational => iterative adjustment
 - Faster, but not perfectly non-divergent
- Endlich & Ludwig (1982): sigma => user defined surfaces
 - · Allowed surfaces to intersect terrain, but
 - · Required user to define surface shapes for each case
 - · Iterative adjustment forces flow around obstacles
- · Critical streamline concepts to define surfaces
 - · Analogous to do what skilled analysts do
 - Iterative adjustment forces flow around obstacles



Functional Flow







What Is Open Source?



aka Free/Libre Open Source Software (FOSS/FLOSS)

- · Now includes hardware, audio/video, text, graphics, other Has "open" license
- · GPL/LGPL, BSD, MIT, Apache, EPL, Creative Commons Source code, hardware specs, other materials, are freely available for use and modification
 - Use restrictions (if any) vary by license

Freeware/shareware, demo-ware, public domain, are <u>not</u> open source and <u>outside</u> of the FLOSS definition. FLOSS itself is classed as a "commercial component" by FAR (D. Wheeler, 2006)

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FOSS Organizations



GNU and the Free Software Foundation

- Core free OS components & license philosophy
 - GNU General Public License
 - GNU Affero General Public License
 - GNU Lesser General Public License

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- Core free enterprise-grade software & licenses
 - · WWW, cloud, HA, developer tools
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 FOSS Built The Internet (not Al Gore)



It's All About Sharing (and proper licensing)



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A Plethora of Open Source Licenses



GPL, LGPL, AGPL, BSD, MIT, Apache, EPL, Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike?

· Which do you choose?

Answer: It depends...

- Easy answer for noncommercial, public, nonprofit, government, or educational organizations
- Thoughtful answer typically required for commercial organizations

Software typically benefits the most people via one of the GNU Public Licenses; other materials would use one from Creative Commons.



Use The Source, Luke...

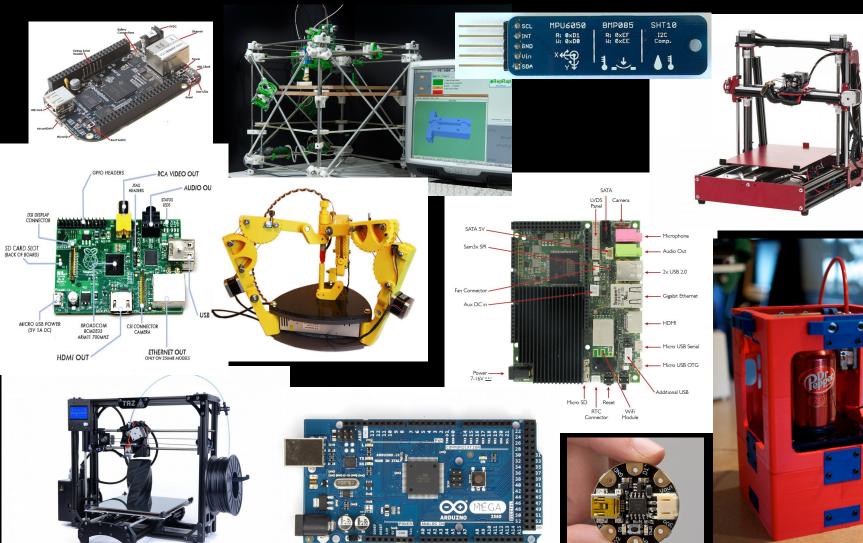


- Open Source Community and Culture
 - Terminology, both formal and colloquial (eg, the Jargon File or Hacker's Dictionary
 - Process, or "How to contribute to this project"
 - Gentoo Linux: Become a Developer
 - Mozilla Developer Network
 - Do your homework, get free support (How to ask questions)
- How to participate in open source
 - If you use it, file a good bug report, document a feature, contribute a patch, help out other users
 - If you create it, do it in the open using open source tools and follow open source processes (ie, expose your bug tracker, source repos, etc)
 - Hold an Open Source Process/IT Review (eg, GEM IT Report)



Open Source Hardware Examples







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