

Open-Source Software

One of our recent Open Days really was 'Open'! A goodly number of people attended to hear more about open-source software and open data. The point of the Open Day was that we recognise that there are many options available to our customers these days and we felt it was useful to look at the pros and cons, and help people to make the choices that are appropriate to their needs.

Open-source software has developed (pun intended!) rapidly in recent years with GIS packages such as QGIS, MapGuide, MapServer, PostgreSQL, MangoMap, and PostGIS. Likewise there are now a number of useful free datasets such as Open Street Map and the free Ordnance Survey products.

This opens up the world of GIS to those with only very limited budgets and, coupled with the use of Cloud servers, can enable people to produce map-based web sites relatively cheaply. If you would like to talk through any of these options in respect of your own organisation please get in touch. We are able to offer assistance and bespoke training to fit your requirements in QGIS and MapGuide – so let us know if this is an area we can help you with.