

# OGC Participates in FOSS4G Conference

OGC will participate in the 2008 Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial (FOSS4G) Conference, to be held from 29th September until 3rd October 2008 at Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa. The conference is organised by the Open Source Geospatial Foundation (OSGeo) in cooperation with the Geo-Information Society of South Africa (GISSA).

At FOSS4G, an OGC/OSGeo Memorandum of Understanding will be highlighted. The two organisations agree to expand collaboration and promote the synergy between open standards and open source software in the geospatial domain. The OGC, is a leading industry organisation for geoprocessing standards used by providers of geoprocessing software. The OSGeo's goal is to encourage the use and collaborative development of community-led open source geospatial software projects, most of which depend on open standards like those from the OGC.

Raj Singh, Director of Interoperability Programs at OGC, will discuss the open source work of OGC members in the conference's demo theater. He will also deliver a paper on "WFS Simple," a candidate standard for consideration by the OGC membership. This talk will discuss how WFS Simple could be important not only for scientific data access, but also for mashing up Atom and GeoRSS feeds. Raj Singh will also describe an open source Java library for building a WFS Simple service that was prototyped in the OGC's Kentucky Landscape Census pilot project.

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