

OpenStreetMap Code of Conduct



General: Be nice to each other. As simple as this sounds, this core value should guide all our interactions as part of this global community.



Be considerate: Work created in OpenStreetMap, and contributions to our many wikis and forums are seen by people around the world. By participating in these projects, your contributions reflect not only on yourself, but on the entire OpenStreetMap community. Your words should be thoughtful, and your actions considerate.



Be respectful: OpenStreetMap contributors come from a variety of backgrounds and have a variety of skill sets. We believe that our diversity is a source of strength and that everyone has something to contribute to the project. Some degree of frustration and constructive disagreement is to be expected when dealing with a passionate community project. However, it is important to remember that a community where people feel uncomfortable or threatened is not a productive one. In the spirit of collaboration, please refrain from allowing healthy differences of opinion or frustration to turn into personal attacks or flame/edit wars. We expect members of the OpenStreetMap community to be respectful when dealing with other contributors, as well as people outside the project.



Be collaborative and inclusive: Collaboration is central to OpenStreetMap. OSM encourages members to work together both inside and outside the organization. Collaboration, internally and externally, strengthens our community. OSM members are encouraged to act transparently and when possible involve all interested parties. When a new approach is being considered, or a major project is being planned; please notify the larger community early, document the work and inform others regularly of any progress.



When we disagree, we consult others: Disagreements, both social and technical, are common in diverse communities. It is crucial for the long term success of the project that major disagreements are resolved constructively, with transparency, with the help of the community and community processes.



When we are unsure, we ask for help: Nobody knows everything, and nobody is expected to be perfect in the OSM community. Asking questions before taking a major action can prevent problems down the road, and so questions are encouraged. When asking a question, members are encouraged to do so in an open and appropriate forum.



Step down considerately: When members of OSM leave or disengage from the project and/or community, they are asked to do so in a way that minimizes disruption to the project as a whole. Members are strongly encouraged to put forth an effort to ensure a smooth transition, so that others can pick up where they left off.



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