

Crunchy Data Strengthens Open Source Geospatial Data Management



Crunchy Data, a leading provider of open source PostgreSQL technology, support, and training, has announced its commitment to providing open source geospatial data management and analytics engineering and support by welcoming Paul Ramsey, Chair of the PostGIS Project Steering Committee and PostgreSQL Major Contributor, to its team of open source contributors.

PostGIS is a geospatial database extender to PostgreSQL that provides robust geometric and geographic functionality that allows engineers to create complex, location-aware applications. PostGIS has over 15 years of active development and has been widely deployed across many enterprises and governmental organisations. PostGIS is leveraged by a variety of geospatial applications and can be combined with other PostgreSQL

capabilities such as PL/R, a PostgreSQL language extension that allows you to write PostgreSQL functions and aggregate functions in the R statistical computing language, in order to perform advanced analytical operations against geospatial datasets in PostgreSQL.

Paul Ramsey began developing PostGIS in 2001 and is recognised as a leader in developing and promoting geospatial database technology. He has also made significant contributions to the MapServer, GDAL, and GEOS projects. Because of his work on PostGIS, Ramsey has been recognised as a major contributor to the open source PostgreSQL database community.

"PostGIS is recognised as the premier technology for geospatial data management, ahead of proprietary solutions" said Paul Laurence, President of Crunchy Data. "Crunchy Data supports a variety of enterprises deploying mission-critical geospatial applications that rely on PostGIS technology. With Paul Ramsey joining the Crunchy Data team, we will be able to further collaborate with our customers to advance the capability of PostGIS while providing expertise in geospatially-enabled PostgreSQL technology."

"I am excited to be joining a team with a passion for building out open source solutions that help people create applications" said Ramsey. "The support Crunchy Data provides to the open source software community and the engineering team they have assembled will only further enterprise adoption of PostGIS and PostgreSQL."