

How to Install QGIS

QGIS is a Free and Open Source Geographic Information System. This means that there are no costs involved, and it is possible to access the source code to further build on the software.

All information on QGIS can be found online (<https://qgis.org/>), but this short manual allows you to get started easily.

Step 1: before installing QGIS on your computer, you need to check if your computer is running on a 64-bit or 32-bit operating system. You can do this by going to the Control Panel/System and Security/System type: check Operating System/Processor.

Step 2: go to the download page of the QGIS website and choose the correct QGIS version to install: <https://qgis.org/en/site/forusers/download.html>.

The newest, *most stable* version of QGIS to start with is **QGIS version 3.4**. It has been used and tested by the GIS community and contains the most important features. When you get more experienced, you can start trying out the latest releases (richest on features).

Choose the correct operating system (Windows, Mac OS X, Linux,...), the correct version (3.4) and the correct system (64-bit or 32-bit) to start your download.



For your convenience, the installation package for QGIS 3.4 has been uploaded as a zip-file to the regional data portal (both 64-bit or 32-bit).

Step 3: once downloaded, open the Application (.exe) file and let it run. The installation should be straightforward.

User guides and documentation can be consulted online or downloaded as PDF files.

- QGIS website: <https://qgis.org/en/docs/index.html>
- Regional data portal: search for the dataset “QGIS” and check the resources.

If you are completely new to GIS, check out “**A Gentle Introduction to GIS**”:
https://docs.qgis.org/3.4/en/docs/gentle_gis_introduction/