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# QUO VADIS - QGIS

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Give a Basic Introduction to Free and Open Source Software (FOSS)

Give an Overview on FOSS for Geoinformatics (FOSS4G)

Talk on QGIS and Introduce the Basic Concepts of Software

# A Basic Introduction to Free and Open Source Software (FOSS)



GNU



“Free software is a matter of the user’s freedom to run, copy, distribute, study, change and improve the software. More precisely, it means that the programs’s users have the four essential freedoms:

- The freedom to run the program, for any purpose (freedom 0).
- The freedom to study how the program works, and change it so it does your computing as you wish (freedom 1). Access to the source code is a precondition for this.
- The freedom to redistribute copies so you can help your neighbor (freedom 2).
- The freedom to distribute copies of your modified versions to others (freedom 3). By doing this you can give the whole community a chance to benefit from your changes. Access to the source code is a precondition for this”.

-from the Free Software Definition  
<http://www.gnu.org/philosophy/free-sw.html>

FREE DOES NOT MEAN GRATIS – BUT, SOMETHINGS IS IN THE AIR

The beauty of open source GIS is that there are thousands of hardworking individuals across the globe that are working to advance the open source projects further, faster – and go beyond the traditional boundaries of geospatial technologies.

**Boundless CEO, Andy Dearing**

„WHY WE CODE“?

There's a lot of easy answers, which are variations of pure propaganda. They are mythic answers, emotional ones, they are easy to visualize

"Freedom!" is a *favourite*.

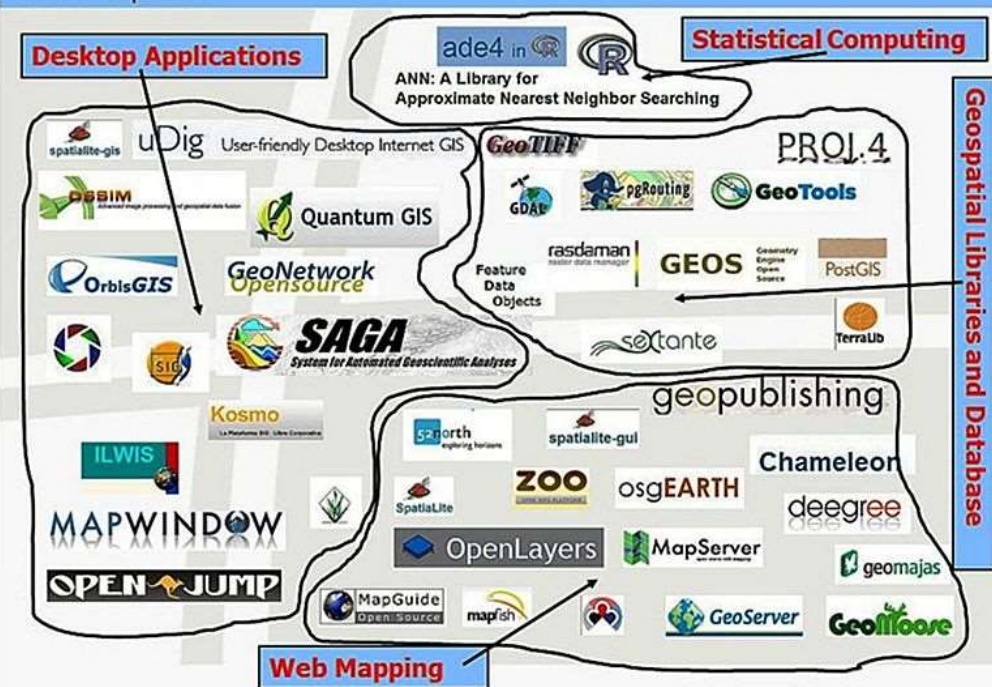
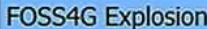
Software free to be read, free to modify, and free to redistribute with modifications. We code free software for idealism.

**FOSS4G Keynote, 2017, Paul Ramsey**

# FOSS - Explosion



Source: Steinger and Hunter, 2011.



Source: Horvat, 2014.



## FOSS – Desktop GIS

GIS Project (founding year)	webpage	user focus <sup>1</sup>	data focus <sup>2</sup> (raster vs. vector)	Platform	
				operating systems	language
GRASS (1982)	<a href="http://grass.osgeo.org">grass.osgeo.org</a>	experienced,... , research	more raster	MS-Windows, Linux, MacOSX	C, Tcl/Tk, Python
Quantum GIS (2002)	<a href="http://qgis.org">qgis.org</a>	novice,..., research	more vector	MS-Windows, Linux, MacOSX	C++, Qt4, Python
ILWIS Open (1984/5)	<a href="http://ilwis.org">ilwis.org</a>	novice,..., research	raster and vector	MS-Windows, Linux	MS Visual C
uDig (2004/5)	<a href="http://udig.refractory.net">udig.refractory.net</a>	novice,..., research	more vector	MS-Windows, Linux, MacOSX	JAVA
SAGA (2001/2)	<a href="http://saga-gis.org">saga-gis.org</a>	novice,..., research	more raster	MS-Windows, Linux	MS Visual C
OpenJUMP (2002/3)	<a href="http://openjump.org">openjump.org</a>	novice,..., research	vector	MS-Windows, Linux, MacOSX	JAVA
MapWindow (1998)	<a href="http://mapwindow.org">mapwindow.org</a>	novice,..., research	raster and vector	MS-Windows	MS Visual Studio .Net
gvSIG (2003)	<a href="http://gvSIG.gva.es">gvSIG.gva.es</a>	novice,..., research	more vector	MS-Windows, Linux, MacOSX	JAVA

<sup>1</sup> user levels: (i) novice (viewing), (ii) experienced (editing, simple analysis), (iii) expert (analysis), (iv) research (scripting, programming)

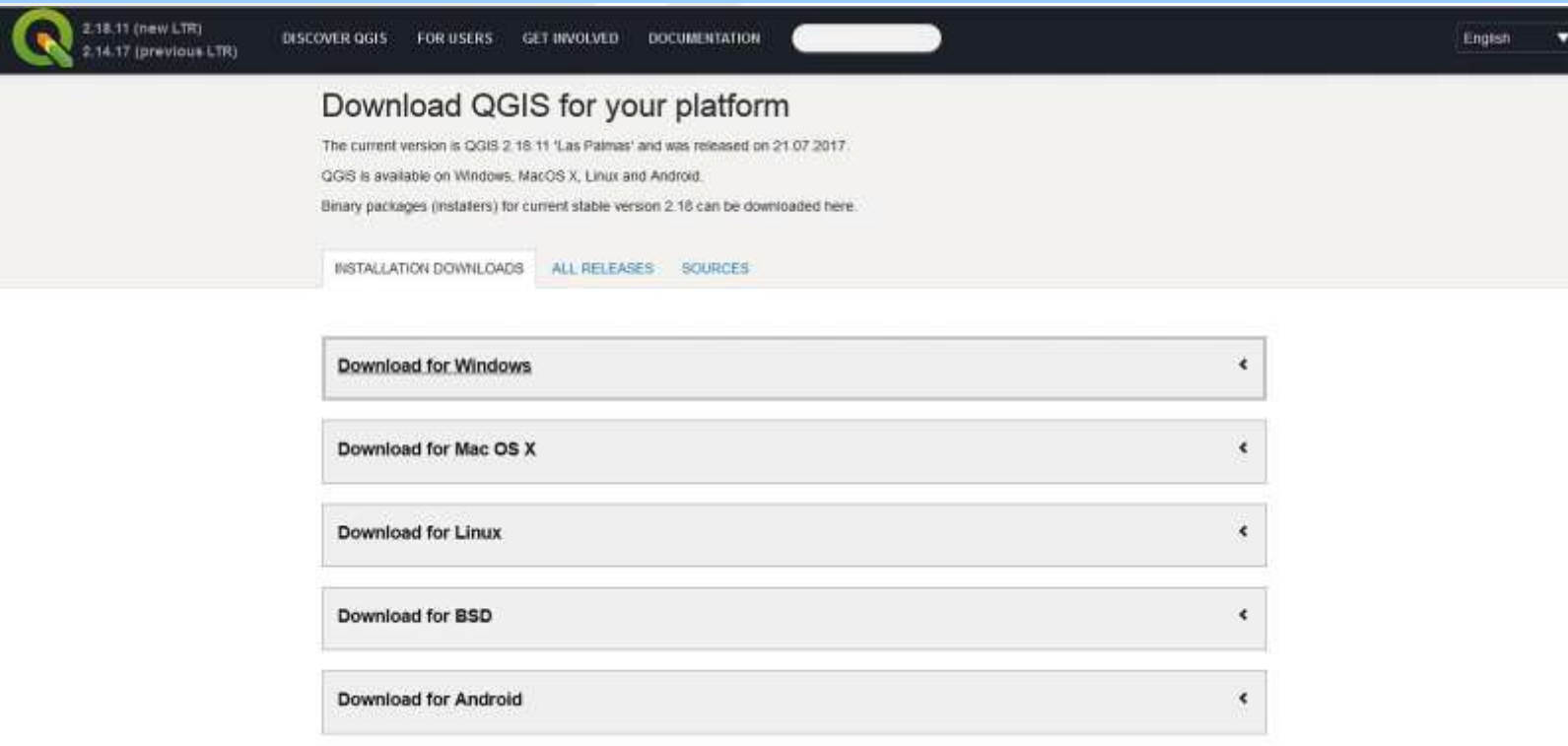
<sup>2</sup> data focus: subjective evaluation with respect to (i) software history and (ii) number of functions for raster and vector data editing and analysis

Source: Steiniger and Hay, 2009.

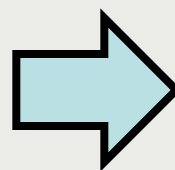
+ WHITEBOX:

<http://www.uoquelp.ca/~hydrogeo/Whitebox/>

# QGIS –Introduction to basic conceptes



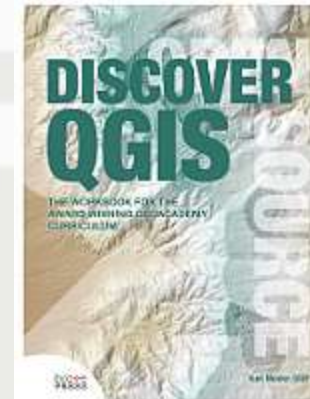
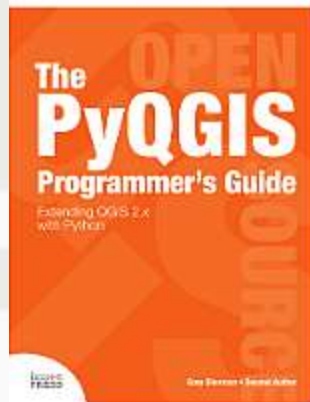
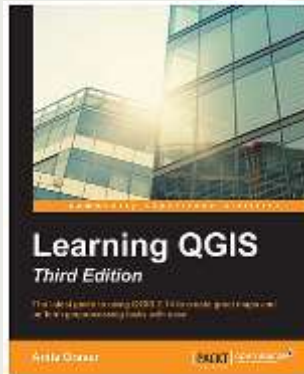
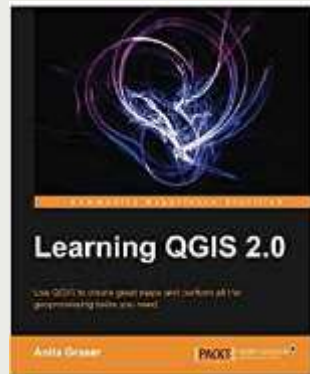
The screenshot shows the QGIS download page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: DISCOVER QGIS, FOR USERS, GET INVOLVED, and DOCUMENTATION. The main heading is "Download QGIS for your platform". Below it, text states: "The current version is QGIS 2.18.11 'Las Palmas' and was released on 21.07.2017. QGIS is available on Windows, MacOS X, Linux and Android. Binary packages (installers) for current stable version 2.18 can be downloaded here." There are three tabs: "INSTALLATION DOWNLOADS" (selected), "ALL RELEASES", and "SOURCES". Under the selected tab, there are five download buttons: "Download for Windows", "Download for Mac OS X", "Download for Linux", "Download for BSD", and "Download for Android".



The QGIS upgrade from version 2 to version 3 brings new features. The main change is access to new versions of Qt and Python. On HiDPI screens, the QGIS 3 user interface will significantly improve. QGIS 3 is not just a step towards new



## QGIS – Manual, Books...



### Books

#### English

*Open the Door to GIS - Student and Teacher's Edition*

*QGIS Python Programming Cookbook - Second Edition*

*QGIS: Becoming a GIS Power User*

*Mastering QGIS - Second Edition*

*Discover QGIS*

*QGIS 2 Cookbook*

*Learning QGIS - Third Edition*

*QGIS Map Design*

*Mastering QGIS*

*QGIS Blueprints*

*QGIS By Example*

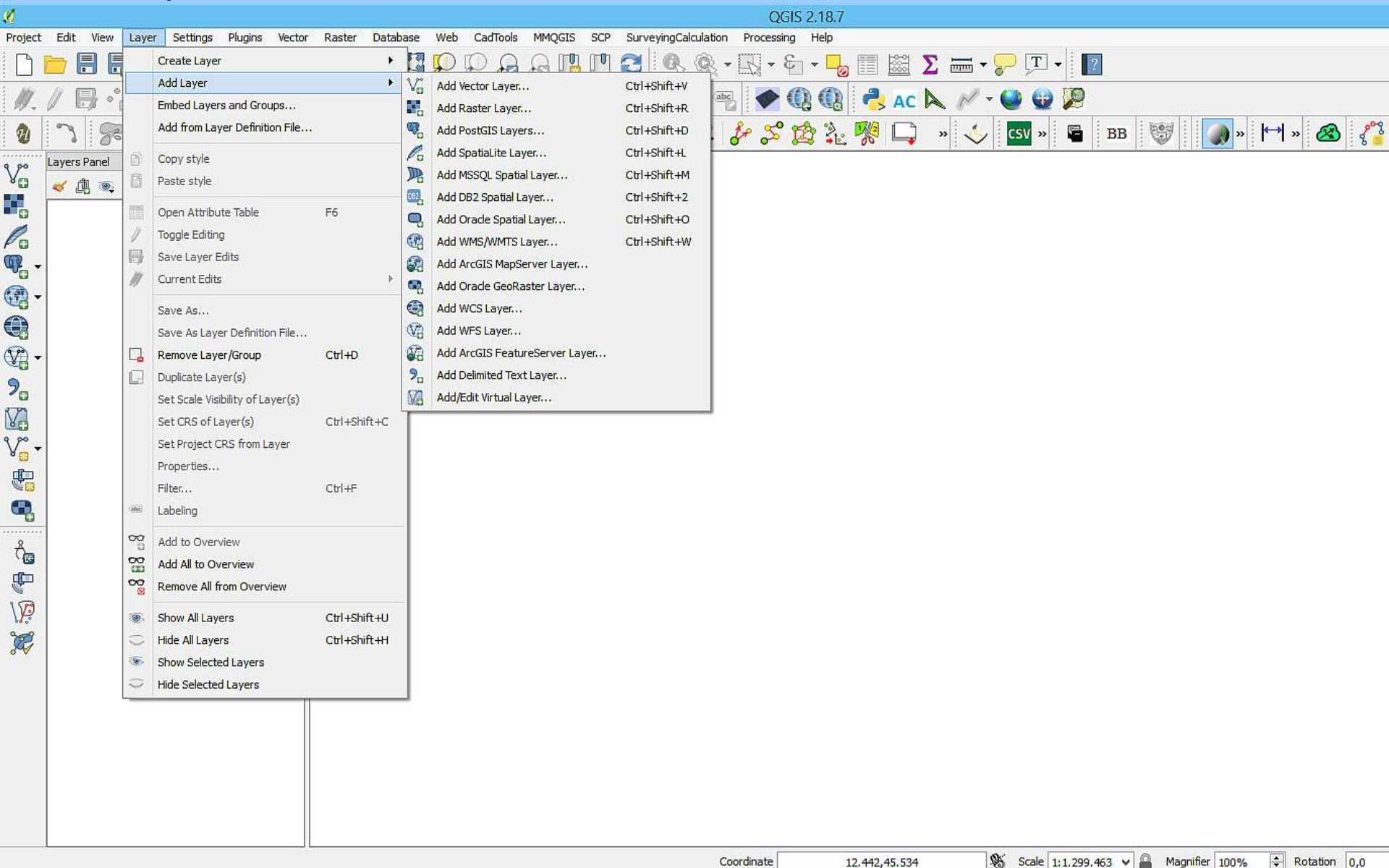
*The PyQGIS Programmer's Guide*

*- Extending QGIS with Python*

*The QGIS Training Manual - A Comprehensive Introduction to Quantum GIS*

QGIS has a great online manual, case studies, training material, books and a number of „how-to” QGIS examples written by people who use QGIS

# QGIS - Layers



# QGIS- On the fly reprojection

The screenshot shows the QGIS 2.18.11 interface with the 'Project Properties | CRS' dialog box open. The 'General' tab is selected, and the 'Enable "on the fly" CRS transformation (OTF)' checkbox is checked. The 'Layers Panel' on the left shows a list of layers, including 'Identify layers', 'Default styles', 'CRS aware', 'Macros', 'Relations', 'Data Sources', and 'Variables'. The 'Processing Toolbox' on the right shows a list of recently used algorithms, including 'Clip raster with polygon', 'Rgb composite', 'Merge vector layers', 'GDAL/OGR [48 geotools]', 'GRASS commands [161 geotools]', 'GRASS GIS 7 commands [315 geotools]', 'Models [0 geotools]', 'QGIS geotools [115 geotools]', 'R scripts [0 geotools]', 'SAGA (2.3.2) [249 geotools]', 'Scripts [0 geotools]', and 'TauDEM (hydrologic analysis) [5...]'.

**Project Properties | CRS**

☒ Enable "on the fly" CRS transformation (OTF)

Filter

Recently used coordinate reference systems

Coordinate Reference System	Authority ID
DB_REF / 3-degree Gauss-Kruger zone 5 (E-4)	EPSG:5685
ETRS89 / UTM zone 33N (N-E)	EPSG:5653
WGS 84 / UTM zone 33N	EPSG:32633
WGS72	IGNF:WGS72S
HDKS_5_TOQNO	USER:100002
HDKS_6_TOQNO	USER:100000
HTRS96 / Croatia TM	EPSG:3765
WGS 84	EPSG:4326

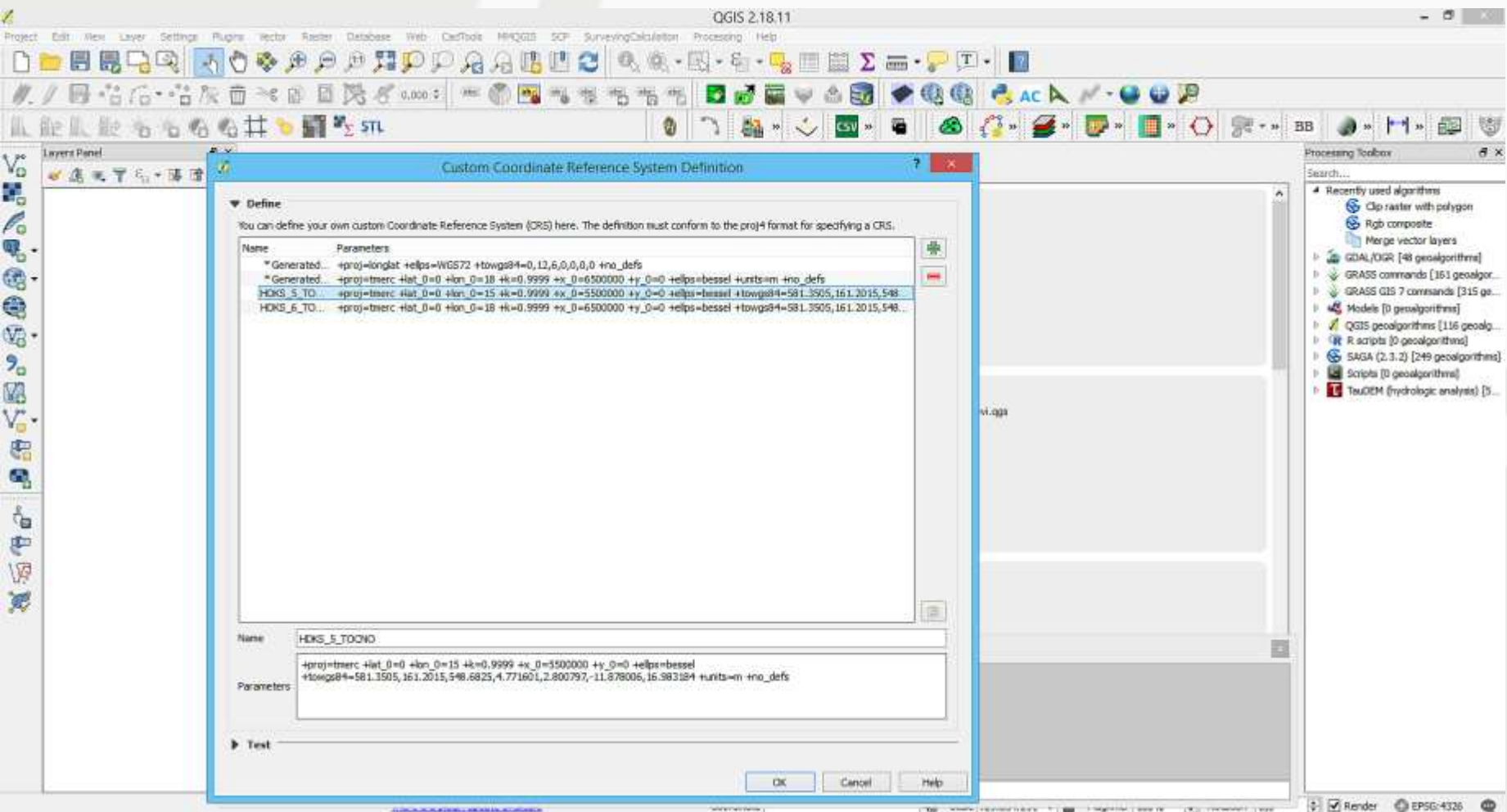
Coordinate reference systems of the world ☐ Hide deprecated CRSs

Coordinate Reference System	Authority ID
Fig 1986 / Fig Map Grid	EPSG:3460
Fig 1986 / Fig Map Grid (deprecated)	EPSG:3143
QDA94 / BC9202	EPSG:3113
QDA94 / CIG94	EPSG:6721
QDA94 / OD994	EPSG:6723
GRS87 / Greek Grid	EPSG:2300
Germany_Zone_1	EPSG:31491
Germany_Zone_2	EPSG:31492
Germany_Zone_3	EPSG:31493
Germany_Zone_4	EPSG:31494
Germany_Zone_5	EPSG:31495
Grenada 1953 / British West Indies Grid	EPSG:2003
Guadeloupe Port Marigot	IGNF:GLADFM49U20
Guadeloupe Ste Anne	IGNF:GLAD48UTM20
Gulshan 303 / Bangladesh Transverse Mercator	EPSG:3206
Guyane CS967 UTM Rseau 21	IGNF:CS967UTM21
Guyane CS967 UTM Rseau 22	IGNF:CS967UTM22
HTRS96 / Croatia TM	EPSG:3765

Selected CRS: HTRS96 / Croatia TM

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# QGIS- On the fly reprojection



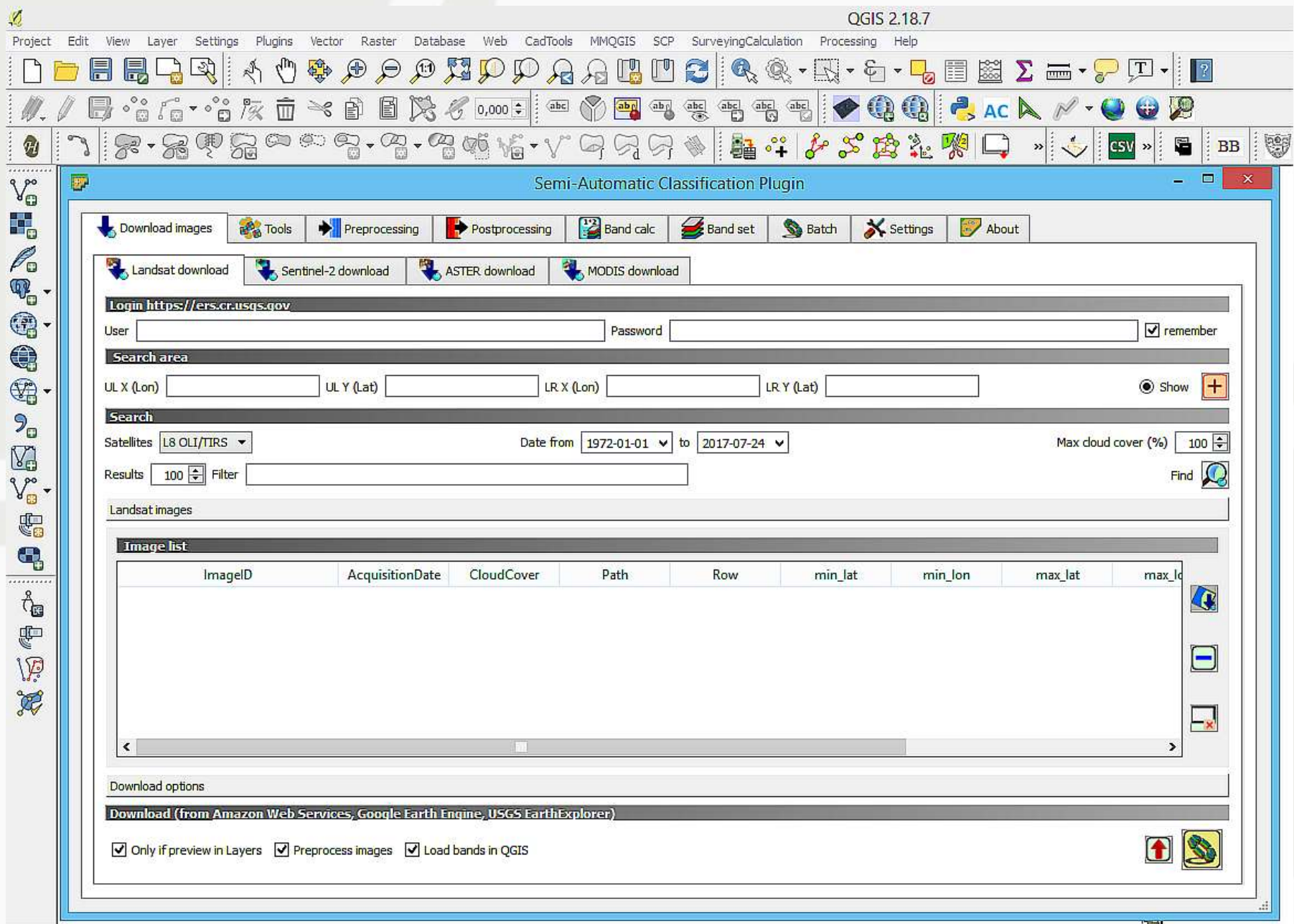
The QGIS provides a number of plugins.

There are hundreds of plugins available as additional add-ons.

Some plugins are not just accessories but complete programs

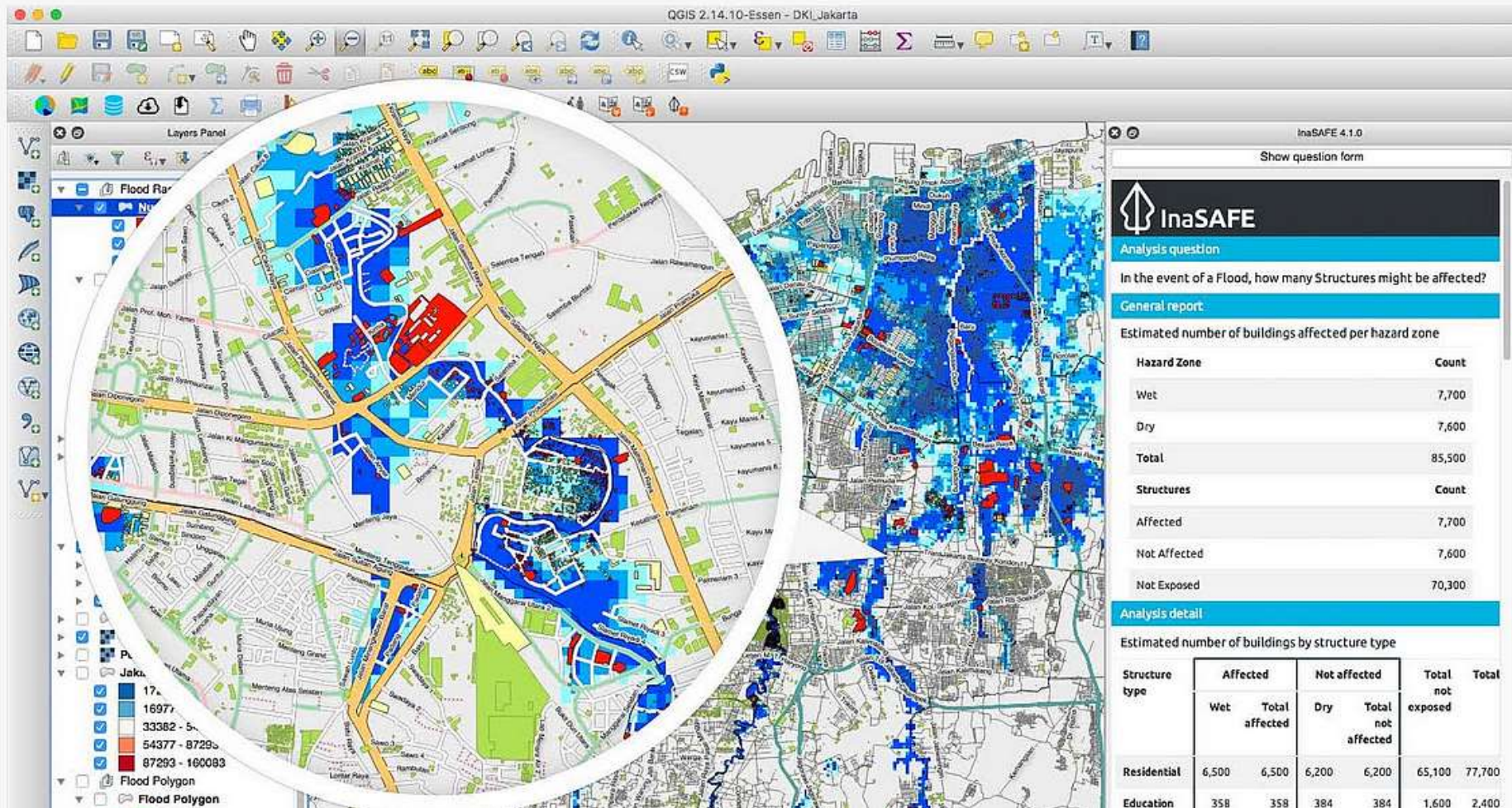


# QGIS – Plugins - SCP



# QGIS – Plugins - InaSAFE

**InaSAFE** is free software that produces realistic natural hazard impact scenarios for better planning, preparedness and response activities. It provides a simple but rigorous way to combine data from scientists, local governments and communities to provide insights into the likely impacts of future disaster events.



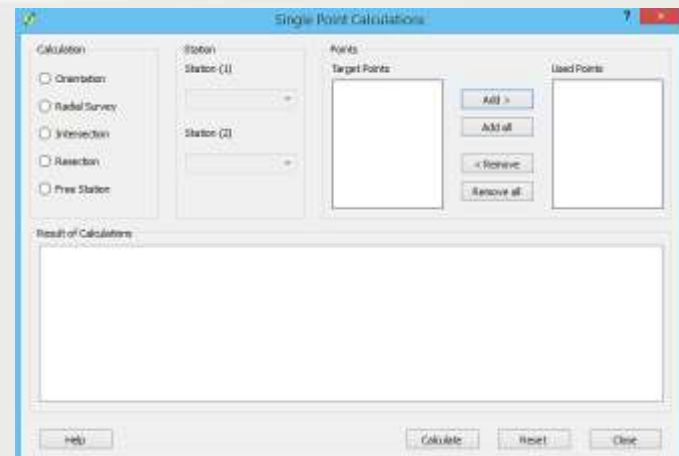
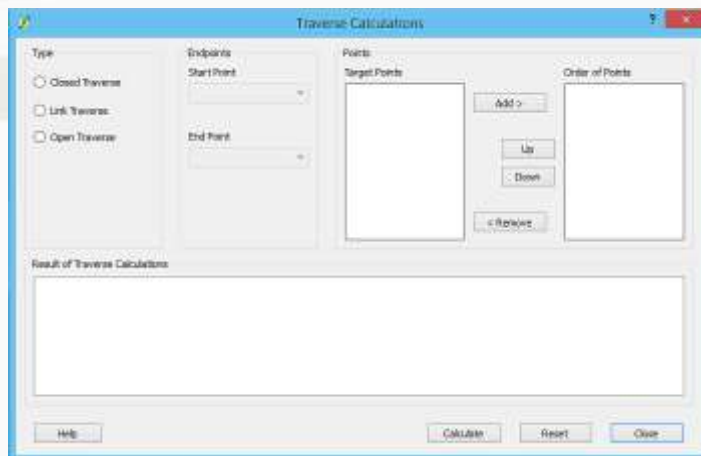
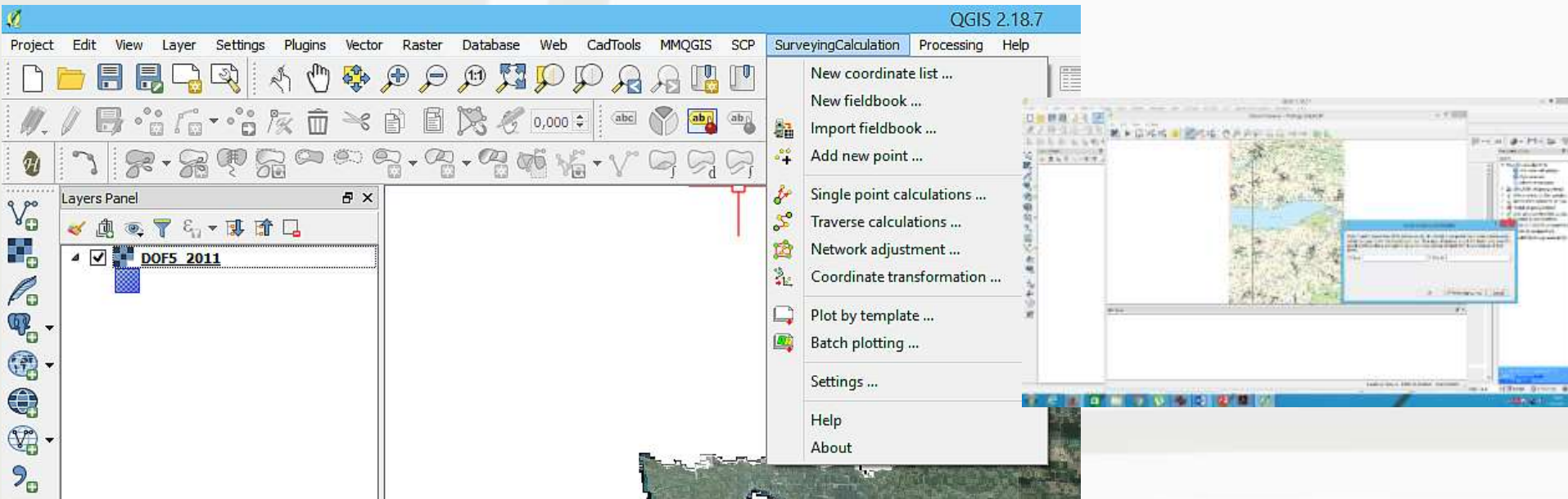


Basemaps refers to a collection of GIS data and/or orthorectified imagery that form the background setting for a map. The function of the basemap is to provide background detail necessary to orient the location of the map and edit vector data. Basemaps also add to the aesthetic appeal of a map.

The OpenLayers Plugin gets number one because it allows to add a number of basemap services to your map canvas:

- Google
  - Physical
  - Streets
  - Hybrid
  - Satellite
- OpenStreetMap
- Yahoo
  - Street
  - Hybrid
  - Satellite
- Bing
  - Road
  - Aerial
  - Aerial with labels
- MapQuest
- Apple Maps

# QGIS – Plugins and Surveying



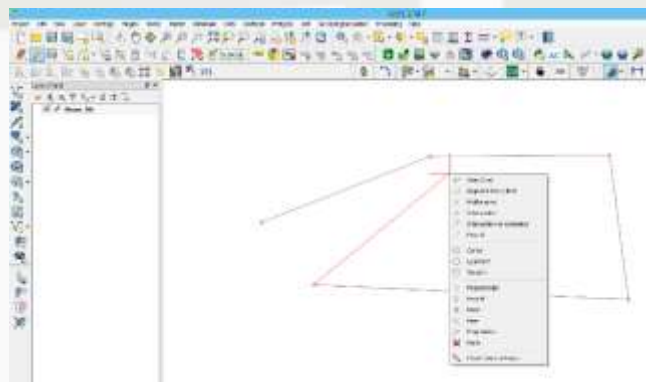
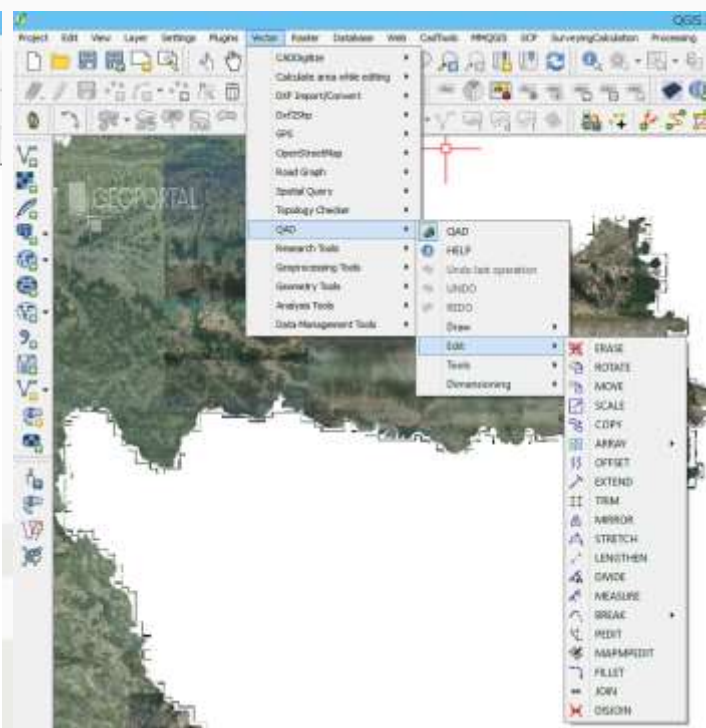
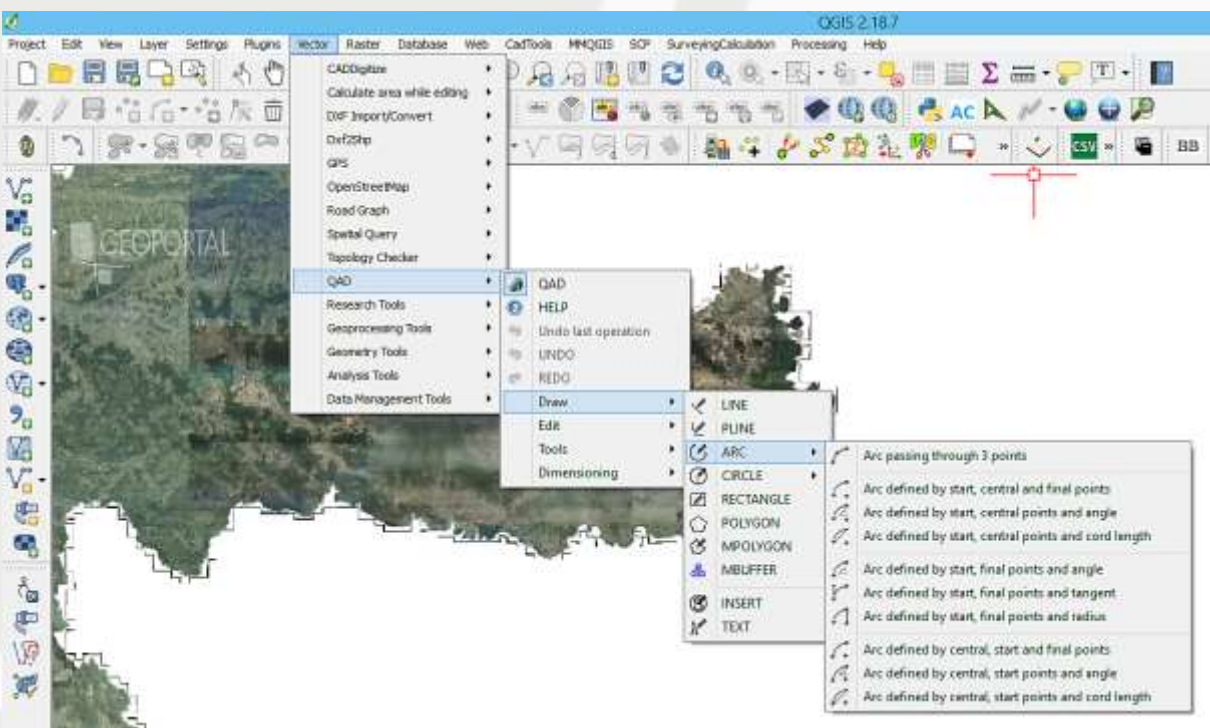
The cartographic capabilities of QGIS are sufficient to produce almost all the common map layout components with an adequate amount of advanced capabilities and even some options.

Cartography is where many people think that QGIS falls short (AutoCAD???).

But, the fact is that QGIS has seen remarkable growth in the cartographic capabilities in recent years



# QGIS and Cartography



Over the last decade there has been an explosion in the numbers of users and developers of FOSS for Geoinformatics.

FOSS4G is increasingly gaining in importance, and has become a kind of alternative to the proprietary (closed) software.

Try FOSS4G (any), use them, make changes to the software, share your new knowledge with OSS community, solve your GIS tasks, make money with FOSS.

**QGIS 3.0 - the new kid on the block**

# Thank you for your attention!

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