Points in Polygon Analysis

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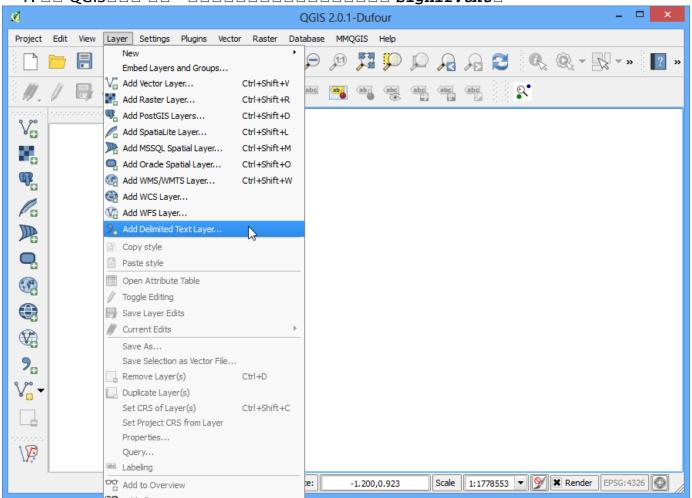


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2. Since this is a tab-delimited file, choose Tab as the File format. The X field and Y field would be auto-populated. Click OK.

Note

You may see some error messages as QGIS tries to import the file. These are valid errors and some rows from the file will not be imported. You can ignore the errors for the purpose of this tutorial.



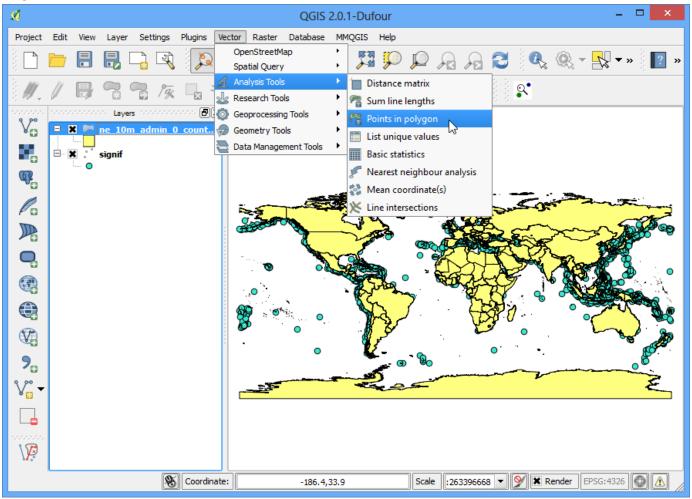
3. As the earthquake dataset has Latitude/Longitude coordinates, choose WGS 84 EPSG:436 as the CRS in the Coordinate Reference System Selector dialog.



4. The earthquake point layer would now be loaded and displayed in QGIS. Let's also open the Countries layer. Go to Layer > Add Vector Layer. Browse to the downloaded ne_10m_admin_0_countries.zip file and click Open. Select the ne_10m_admin_0_countries.shp as the layer in the Select layers to add... dialog.



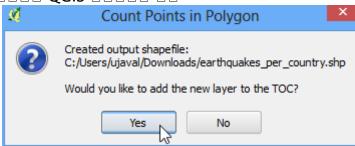
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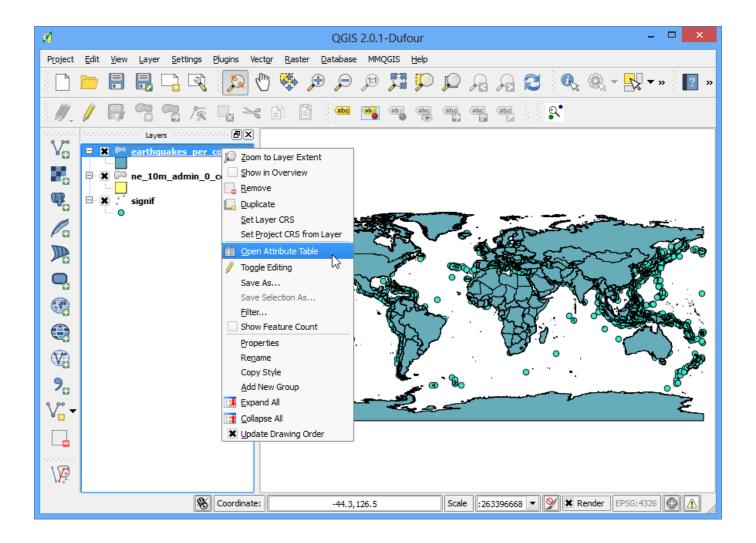


6. In the pop-up window, select the polygon layer and point layer respectively. Name the output layer as <code>earthquake_per_coutry.shp</code> and Click OK.



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10. To get our answer, we can simply sort the table by **PNTCNT** field and the country with highest count will be our answer. Click 2-times on the **PNTCNT** column to get it sorted in descending order. Click on the first row to select it and close the Attribute Table.



11. Back in the main QGIS window, you will see one feature highlighted in yellow. This is the feature linked to the selected row in the attribute table which had the highest number of points. Select the Identify tool and click on that polygon. You can see that the country with the highest number of Significant earthquakes is China.



We determined from the simple analysis of 2 datasets that China has had the highest number of major earthquakes. You may refine this analysis further by taking into consideration the population as well as the size of the country and determine which is the most adversely affected country by major earthquakes.