QUICK START GUIDE

THIS GUIDE RELATES TO THE FOLLOWING STYLESHEETS:

PRODUCT: OS VECTORMAP® DISTRICT

DATA FORMAT: GML OR SHP

STYLESHEET FORMAT: QGIS STYLESHEETS (QML)

The stylesheets have been designed to work with the data as supplied.

1   Either fork the stylesheets on GitHub or download them and navigate to the directory that matches your data format, stylesheet format and style preference.

2   Copy the font file OS_VMDistrict.otf into your systems font directory (on Windows machines this is C:\Windows\Fonts). Replace any previous version.

Your machine may require a restart to recognise the new font.

3   Open a new, blank map in QGIS.

4   Navigate to Project > Properties… in the top left of the window, and under the 'General' tab change the Background colour to R 252 B 252 G 250.

5   Click on the 'Add Vector Layer' button and navigate to the stylesheets folder and the directory that matches your data format, stylesheet format and style preference.
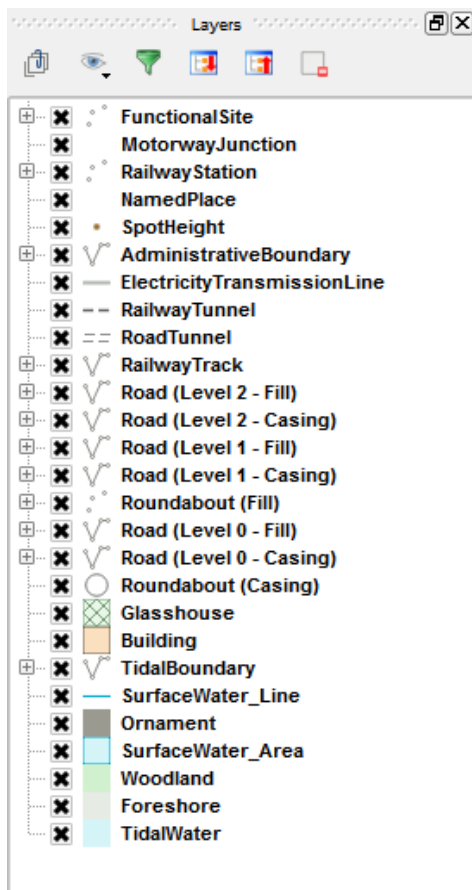
6   Select each of the required layers and click 'OK'.

7   Double-click on a layer to access the 'Layer Properties' window > click on 'Load Style…' > navigate to the directory containing the QML files (those ending .qml) > select the QML file that corresponds to that layer > click 'Open' > click 'OK'.

Repeat step 7 for all layers.

8   Although every feature is styled, for use as a contextual map our recommended layer order is shown overleaf. Layers can be dragged to reorder them accordingly.

You will notice that there are six Road layers and two Roundabout layers. This takes advantage of the draw order for multi-level junctions that exists within the data. Either repeat the load process to load Road and Roundabout again or right click on the layer to duplicate it. Rename the layers as overleaf to prevent any confusion then as usual load the QML style file of the same name.

Ordnance Survey

We recommend viewing the map between 1:10 000 and 1:25 000 for maximum legibility.

Your map should now look similar to this:

Ordnance Survey

Compatibility notes

Our QML files are created in QGIS 2.8.1 and we believe are compatible with any QGIS v2.x.

Additional information

'Hidden' features can be activated either through the checkbox or by changing their opacity from 0 to 100%.

More information about how to download, apply and edit our stylesheets including a Stylesheet user guide

More information about OS VectorMap District

More information about cartographic design at Ordnance Survey

Licence

By using these stylesheets you are accepting the terms of the Open Government Licence.