# Introduction to Spatial Data & GIS

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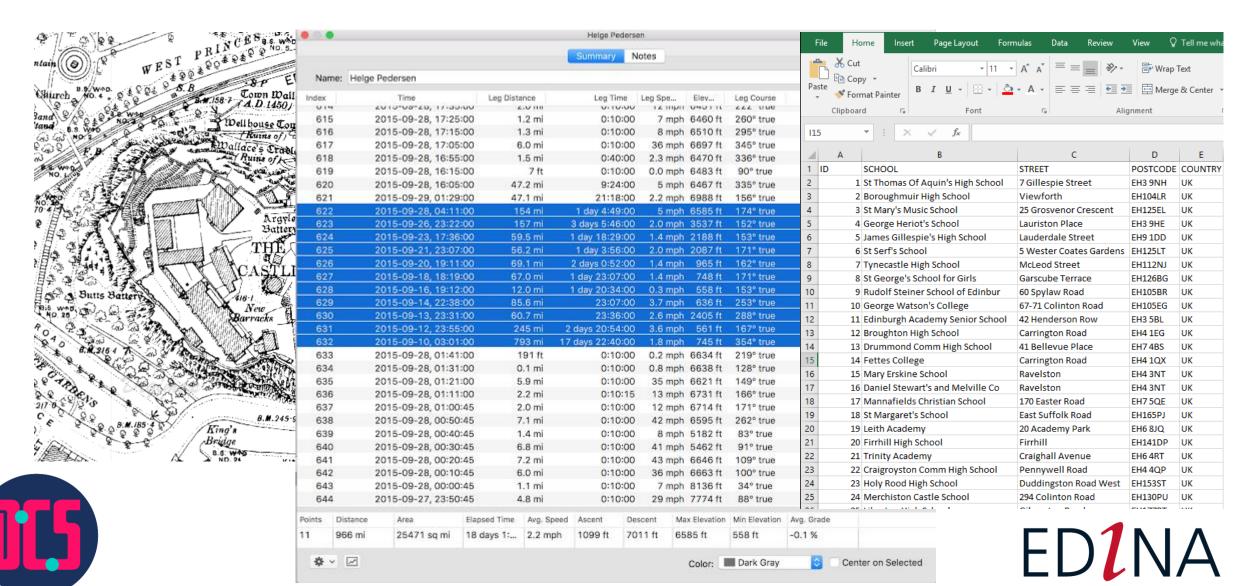
## Introduction

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## What is Spatial Data?



## What is GIS?

"A geographic information system (or GIS) is a system designed to capture, store, manipulate, analyse, manage, and present spatial or geographic data." Wikipedia 2017.

"GIS can show many different kinds of data on one map. This enables people to more easily see, analyse, and understand patterns and relationships." National Geographical Society 2016.

**Essential Components:** Database for storing data, Tools for capturing and creating data, Tools for analysing data, Tools for graphically representing the data, and Tools for outputting the data.





## What is QGIS?

- Free OpenSource GIS Software
  - http://qgis.com/
- Functionally comparable to commercial GIS.
- Community of developers to core code and added functionality plugins.

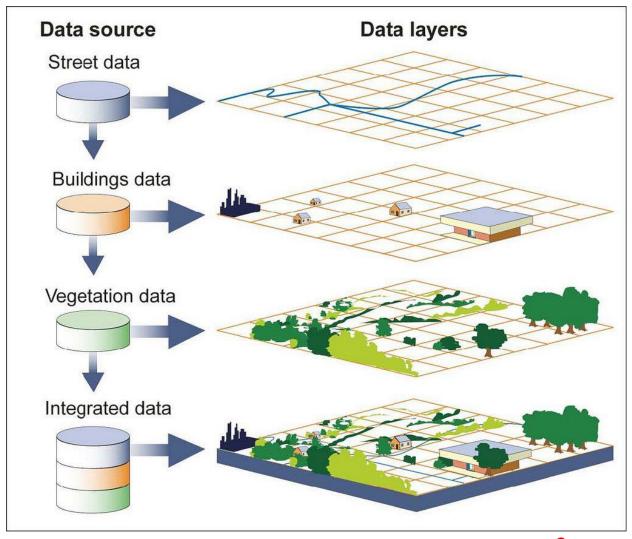






# Making Spatial Data

- Collecting in the field
- Georeferencing data
- Processing existing data







### Practical 1

- Creating a map from existing spatial data.
- Turning spreadsheets into map data, Geocoding.





#### Practical 2

- Georeferencing a scanned map.
- Capturing data from a base map.
- Selecting features by attribute.
- Selecting features by location.



