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## Convenciones

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Esta sección describe los estilos homogéneos que se utilizarán a lo largo de este manual.

### 2.1 Convenciones de la Interfaz Gráfica o GUI

Las convenciones de estilo del GUI están destinadas a imitar la apariencia de la interfaz gráfica de usuario. En general, un estilo reflejará la apariencia simplificada, por lo que un usuario puede escanear visualmente el GUI para encontrar algo que se parece a lo mostrado en el manual.

- Menú Opciones: *Capa* → *Añadir capa ráster* o *Preferencias* → *Barra de Herramientas* → *Digitalizacion*
- Tool:  Add a Raster Layer
- Boton : **[Guardar como]**
- Título del Cuadro de Diálogo: *Propiedades de capa*
- Pestaña: *General*
- Selección:  Renderizar
- Radio Button:  Postgis SRID  EPSG ID
- Select a number:
- Select a string:
- Browse for a file:
- Select a color:  
- Barra de desplazamiento: 
- Input Text:

El sombreado muestra un componente de la interfaz que el usuario puede pulsar.

### 2.2 Convenciones de Texto o Teclado

This manual also includes styles related to text, keyboard commands and coding to indicate different entities, such as classes or methods. These styles do not correspond to the actual appearance of any text or coding within QGIS.

- Hiperenlaces: <http://qgis.org>
- Combinaciones de Teclas: Pulsar Ctrl+B, significa mantener pulsada la tecla Ctrl y pulsar la letra B.
- Nombre de un Archivo: `lakes.shp`

- Nombre de una Clase: **NewLayer**
- Método: *classFactory*
- Servidor: *myhost.de*
- Texto para el Usuario: `qgis --help`

Las líneas de código se muestran con una fuente de ancho fijo:

```
PROJCS ["NAD_1927_Albers",
  GEOGCS ["GCS_North_American_1927",
```

## 2.3 Instrucciones específicas de cada plataforma

GUI sequences and small amounts of text may be formatted inline: Click *File* *QGIS* → *Quit to close QGIS*. This indicates that on Linux, Unix and Windows platforms, you should click the File menu first, then Quit, while on Macintosh OS X platforms, you should click the QGIS menu first, then Quit.

Las cantidades mayores de texto se pueden formatear como listas:

- Hacer esto
- Hacer aquello
- Hacer otra cosa

o como párrafos:

Hacer esto y esto y esto. Entonces hacer esto y esto y esto, y esto y esto y esto, y esto y esto y esto.

Hacer eso. Entonces hacer eso y eso y eso, y eso y eso y eso y eso, y eso y eso y eso, y eso y eso y eso, y eso y eso y eso.

Las capturas de pantalls que aparecen a lo largo de la guía de usuario han sido creadas en diferentes plataformas; éstas se indicarán por el ícono específico para cada una al final del pie de imagen.

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## Prólogo

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¡Bienvenido al maravilloso mundo de los Sistemas de Información Geográfica (SIG)!

QGIS is an Open Source Geographic Information System. The project was born in May of 2002 and was established as a project on SourceForge in June of the same year. We've worked hard to make GIS software (which is traditionally expensive proprietary software) a viable prospect for anyone with basic access to a personal computer. QGIS currently runs on most Unix platforms, Windows, and OS X. QGIS is developed using the Qt toolkit (<http://qt.digia.com>) and C++. This means that QGIS feels snappy and has a pleasing, easy-to-use graphical user interface (GUI).

QGIS aims to be a user-friendly GIS, providing common functions and features. The initial goal of the project was to provide a GIS data viewer. QGIS has reached the point in its evolution where it is being used by many for their daily GIS data-viewing needs. QGIS supports a number of raster and vector data formats, with new format support easily added using the plugin architecture.

QGIS is released under the GNU General Public License (GPL). Developing QGIS under this license means that you can inspect and modify the source code, and guarantees that you, our happy user, will always have access to a GIS program that is free of cost and can be freely modified. You should have received a full copy of the license with your copy of QGIS, and you also can find it in Appendix *GNU General Public License*.

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## Características

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QGIS offers many common GIS functionalities provided by core features and plugins. A short summary of six general categories of features and plugins is presented below, followed by first insights into the integrated Python console.

### 4.1 Ver datos

Se puede ver y sobreponer datos vectoriales y ráster en diferentes formatos y proyecciones sin convertir a un formato interno o común. Los formatos admitidos incluyen:

- Tablas y vistas habilitadas para operaciones espaciales utilizando PostGIS, SpatiaLite y MS SQL Spatial, Oracle Spatial, formatos vectoriales admitidos por la biblioteca OGR instalada, incluyendo archivos shape de ESRI, MapInfo, SDTS, GML y muchos más. Vea la sección [Trabajar con catos vectoriales](#).
- Ráster y formatos de imágenes admitidos por la biblioteca GDAL (Geospatial Data Abstraction Library) instalada, por ejemplo GeoTIFF, ERDAS IMG, ArcInfo ASCII GRID, JPEG, PNG y muchos más. Vea la sección [Trabajar con catos raster](#).
- Ráster GRASS y datos vectoriales de base de datos GRASS (location/mapset). Vea sección [Integracion GRASS SIG](#).
- Datos espaciales en línea servidos como servicios web OGC incluyendo WMS, WMTS, WCS, WFS, y WFS-T. Vea la sección [Trabajar con datos OGC](#).

### 4.2 Explorar datos y componer mapas

Se puede componer mapas y explorar datos espaciales interactivamente con una GUI amigable. Las muy útiles herramientas disponibles en la GUI incluyen:

- QGIS browser
- Reproyección al vuelo
- Gestor de Base de Datos
- Diseñador de mapas
- Panel de vista general
- Marcadores espaciales
- Herramientas de anotaciones
- Identificar/seleccionar objetos espaciales
- Editar/ver/buscar atributos
- Data-defined feature labeling

- Vectores definidos por datos y herramientas para simbología raster.
- Composición del atlas y mapa con capas de cuadricula.
- flecha barra de escala y etiqueta de derechos de autor para mapas
- Apoyo para guardar y restaurar proyectos

## 4.3 Crear, editar, gestionar y exportar datos

You can create, edit, manage and export vector and raster layers in several formats. QGIS offers the following:

- Herramientas de digitalización para formatos reconocidos OGR y capas vectoriales GRASS
- Capacidad para crear y editar archivos shape y capas vectoriales GRASS
- Complemento de georeferenciador para geocodificar imágenes
- Herramienta GPS para importar y exportar formato GPX y convertir otros formatos GPS a GPX o descargar o subir directo a la unidad GPS (en Linux, usb se agredo a la lista de objetos GPS.)
- Apoyo para visualizar y editar datos de OpenStreetMap
- Capacidad para crear tablas de base de datos espaciales desde archivos shape con el complemento de Administrados de BBDD
- Mejor manejo de tablas de bases de datos espaciales
- Herramientas para la gestión de tablas de atributos vectoriales
- Opción para guardar capturas de pantalla como imágenes georeferenciadas
- Herramienta para exportar DXF con capacidades aumentadas de explorar estilos y plugins que realizan funciones parecidas a CAD.

## 4.4 Analyse data

You can perform spatial data analysis on spatial databases and other OGR-supported formats. QGIS currently offers vector analysis, sampling, geoprocessing, geometry and database management tools. You can also use the integrated GRASS tools, which include the complete GRASS functionality of more than 400 modules. (See section [Integracion GRASS SIG](#).) Or, you can work with the Processing Plugin, which provides a powerful geospatial analysis framework to call native and third-party algorithms from QGIS, such as GDAL, SAGA, GRASS, fTools and more. (See section [Introducción](#).)

## 4.5 Publicar mapas en Internet

QGIS can be used as a WMS, WMTS, WMS-C or WFS and WFS-T client, and as a WMS, WCS or WFS server. (See section [Trabajar con datos OGC](#).) Additionally, you can publish your data on the Internet using a webserver with UMN MapServer or GeoServer installed.

## 4.6 Extend QGIS functionality through plugins

QGIS can be adapted to your special needs with the extensible plugin architecture and libraries that can be used to create plugins. You can even create new applications with C++ or Python!

## 4.6.1 Complementos del Núcleo

Los complementos del núcleo incluyen:

1. Captura de coordenadas (captura las coordenadas del ratón en diferentes SRCs)
2. DB Manager (Exchange, edit and view layers and tables; execute SQL queries)
3. Dxf2Shp Converter (convierte DXF a archivos shape)
4. eVIS (Visualizar eventos)
5. fTools (Analiza y gestiona datos vectoriales)
6. GDALTools (Integrate GDAL Tools into QGIS)
7. Georeferenciador GDAL (Añade información de la proyección para utilizar ráster GDAL)
8. Herramientas GPS (cargar e importar datos de GPS)
9. GRASS (integrar el SIG GRASS)
10. Mapa de calor (Genera ráster de mapa de calor de datos de punto)
11. Complemento de interpolación (Interpolación basada en vértices de una capa vectorial)
12. Cliente de Catálogo de metasearch
13. Edición fuera de Línea (permite editar fuera de línea y sincronizar con bases de datos)
14. GeoRaster Espacial de Oracle
15. Procesamiento (antiguamente SEXTANTE)
16. Análisis del Terreno Ráster (Analiza terreno a base de ráster)
17. Complemento Grafo de rutas (Analiza una red de ruta más corta)
18. Complemento de consulta espacial
19. SPIT (Import shapefiles to PostgreSQL/PostGIS)
20. Verificador de Topología (encuentra errores topológicos en una capa vectorial)
21. Complemento estadístico zonal (calcula recuento, suma y media de un ráster por cada polígono de una capa vectorial)

## 4.6.2 Complementos externos de Python

QGIS offers a growing number of external Python plugins that are provided by the community. These plugins reside in the official Plugins Repository and can be easily installed using the Python Plugin Installer. See Section [El diálogo de complementos](#).

## 4.7 Consola de Python

For scripting, it is possible to take advantage of an integrated Python console, which can be opened from menu: *Plugins → Python Console*. The console opens as a non-modal utility window. For interaction with the QGIS environment, there is the `qgis.utils.iface` variable, which is an instance of `QgsInterface`. This interface allows access to the map canvas, menus, toolbars and other parts of the QGIS application. You can create a script, then drag and drop it into the QGIS window and it will be executed automatically.

For further information about working with the Python console and programming QGIS plugins and applications, please refer to *PyQGIS-Developer-Cookbook*.

## 4.8 Problemas Conocidos

### 4.8.1 Limitación en el número de archivos abiertos

Si va a abrir un proyecto grande de QGIS y está seguro de que todas las capas son válidas, pero algunas capas se marcan como malas, es probable que se enfrentará a este problema. Linux (y otros sistemas operativos, así mismo) tiene un límite de archivos abiertos por proceso. Los límites de recursos son por proceso y heredados. El ulimit, que es una cáscara integrada, cambia los límites solamente para el proceso actual; el nuevo límite será heredado por los procesos hijos.

Puede ver toda la información ulimit actual al escribir

```
user@host:~$ ulimit -aS
```

You can see the current allowed number of opened files per process with the following command on a console

```
user@host:~$ ulimit -Sn
```

Para cambiar los límites de una **sesión existente**, es posible que pueda usar algo como

```
user@host:~$ ulimit -Sn #number_of_allowed_open_files  
user@host:~$ ulimit -Sn  
user@host:~$ qgis
```

#### Para solucionarlo para siempre

En la mayoría de los sistemas Linux, los límites de recursos se establecen al iniciar sesión por el módulo pam\_limits de acuerdo con los ajustes contenidos en:file:/etc/security/limits.conf o /etc/security/limits.d/\*.conf. Debe ser capaz de editar esos archivos si tiene privilegios de root (también a través de sudo), pero tendrá que volver a iniciar sesión para que los cambios surtan efecto.

Más información:

<http://www.cyberciti.biz/faq/linux-increase-the-maximum-number-of-open-files/> <http://linuxaria.com/article/open-files-in-linux?lang=en>

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## What's new in QGIS 2.8

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Esta versión contiene nuevas características y se extiende la interfaz de programación con respecto a versiones anteriores. Le recomendamos que utilice esta versión sobre las versiones anteriores.

This release includes hundreds of bug fixes and many new features and enhancements that will be described in this manual. You may also review the visual changelog at <http://qgis.org/en/site/forusers/visualchangelog28/index.html>.

## 5.1 Application

- **Map rotation:** A map rotation can be set in degrees from the status bar
- **Bookmarks:** You can share and transfer your bookmarks
- **Expressions:**
  - when editing attributes in the attribute table or forms, you can now enter expressions directly into spin boxes
  - the expression widget is extended to include a function editor where you are able to create your own Python custom functions in a comfortable way
  - in any spinbox of the style menu you can enter expressions and evaluate them immediately
  - a get and transform geometry function was added for using expressions
  - a comment functionality was inserted if for example you want to work with data defined labeling
- **Joins:** You can specify a custom prefix for joins
- **Layer Legend:** Show rule-based renderer's legend as a tree
- **DB Manager:** Run only the selected part of a SQL query
- **Attribute Table:** support for calculations on selected rows through a 'Update Selected' button
- **Measure Tools:** change measurement units possible

## 5.2 Data Providers

- **DXF Export tool improvements:** Improved marker symbol export
- **WMS Layers:** Support for contextual WMS legend graphics
- **Temporary Scratch Layers:** It is possible to create empty editable memory layers

## 5.3 Digitizing

- **Advanced Digitizing:**
  - digitise lines exactly parallel or at right angles, lock lines to specific angles and so on with the advanced digitizing panel (CAD-like features)
  - simplify tool: specify with exact tolerance, simplify multiple features at once ...
- **Snapping Options:** new snapping mode ‘Snap to all layers’

## 5.4 Map Composer

- **Composer GUI improvements:** hide bounding boxes, full screen mode for composer toggle display of panels
- **Grid improvements:** You now have finer control of frame and annotation display
- **Label item margins:** You can now control both horizontal and vertical margins for label items. You can now specify negative margins for label items.
- optionally store layer styles
- **Attribute Table Item:** options ‘Current atlas feature’ and ‘Relation children’ in Main properties

## 5.5 Plugins

- **Python Console:** You can now drag and drop python scripts into the QGIS window

## 5.6 QGIS Server

- Python plugin support

## 5.7 Symbology

- live heatmap renderer creates dynamic heatmaps from point layers
- raster image symbol fill type
- more data-defined symbology settings: the data-defined option was moved next to each data definable property
- support for multiple styles per map layer, optionally store layer styles

## 5.8 User Interface

- **Projection:** Improved/consistent projection selection. All dialogs now use a consistent projection selection widget, which allows for quickly selecting from recently used and standard project/QGIS projections

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## Comenzar

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This chapter gives a quick overview of installing QGIS, some sample data from the QGIS web page, and running a first and simple session visualizing raster and vector layers.

## 6.1 Instalación

Installation of QGIS is very simple. Standard installer packages are available for MS Windows and Mac OS X. For many flavors of GNU/Linux, binary packages (rpm and deb) or software repositories are provided to add to your installation manager. Get the latest information on binary packages at the QGIS website at <http://download.qgis.org>.

### 6.1.1 Instalación a partir de las fuentes

If you need to build QGIS from source, please refer to the installation instructions. They are distributed with the QGIS source code in a file called `INSTALL`. You can also find them online at <http://htmlpreview.github.io/?https://raw.github.com/qgis/QGIS/master/doc/INSTALL.html>

### 6.1.2 Instalación en medios extraíbles

QGIS allows you to define a `--configpath` option that overrides the default path for user configuration (e.g., `~/.qgis2` under Linux) and forces **QSettings** to use this directory, too. This allows you to, for instance, carry a QGIS installation on a flash drive together with all plugins and settings. See section *Menú Sistema* for additional information.

## 6.2 Datos de ejemplo

The user guide contains examples based on the QGIS sample dataset.

 The Windows installer has an option to download the QGIS sample dataset. If checked, the data will be downloaded to your `My Documents` folder and placed in a folder called `GIS Database`. You may use Windows Explorer to move this folder to any convenient location. If you did not select the checkbox to install the sample dataset during the initial QGIS installation, you may do one of the following:

- Usar datos SIG que ya tenga
- Download sample data from [http://qgis.org/downloads/data/qgis\\_sample\\_data.zip](http://qgis.org/downloads/data/qgis_sample_data.zip)
- Uninstall QGIS and reinstall with the data download option checked (only recommended if the above solutions are unsuccessful)

 For GNU/Linux and Mac OS X, there are not yet dataset installation packages available as rpm, deb or dmg. To use the sample dataset, download the file `qgis_sample_data` as a ZIP archive from <http://qgis.org/downloads/data> and unzip the archive on your system.

The Alaska dataset includes all GIS data that are used for examples and screenshots in the user guide; it also includes a small GRASS database. The projection for the QGIS sample dataset is Alaska Albers Equal Area with units feet. The EPSG code is 2964.

```
PROJCS["Albers Equal Area",
GEOGCS["NAD27",
DATUM["North_American_Datum_1927",
SPHEROID["Clarke 1866",6378206.4,294.978698213898,
AUTHORITY["EPSG","7008"]],
TOWGS84[-3,142,183,0,0,0,0],
AUTHORITY["EPSG","6267"]],
PRIMEM["Greenwich",0,
AUTHORITY["EPSG","8901"]],
UNIT["degree",0.0174532925199433,
AUTHORITY["EPSG","9108"]],
AUTHORITY["EPSG","4267"]],
PROJECTION["Albers_Conic_Equal_Area"],
PARAMETER["standard_parallel_1",55],
PARAMETER["standard_parallel_2",65],
PARAMETER["latitude_of_center",50],
PARAMETER["longitude_of_center",-154],
PARAMETER["false_easting",0],
PARAMETER["false_northing",0],
UNIT["us_survey_feet",0.3048006096012192]]
```

If you intend to use QGIS as a graphical front end for GRASS, you can find a selection of sample locations (e.g., Spearfish or South Dakota) at the official GRASS GIS website, <http://grass.osgeo.org/download/sample-data/>.

## 6.3 Sample Session

Now that you have QGIS installed and a sample dataset available, we would like to demonstrate a short and simple QGIS sample session. We will visualize a raster and a vector layer. We will use the landcover raster layer, qgis\_sample\_data/raster/landcover.img, and the lakes vector layer, qgis\_sample\_data/gml/lakes.gml.

### 6.3.1 Start QGIS

- Start QGIS by typing “QGIS” at a command prompt, or if using a precompiled binary, by using the Applications menu.
- Start QGIS using the Start menu or desktop shortcut, or double click on a QGIS project file.
- Double click the icon in your Applications folder.

### 6.3.2 Load raster and vector layers from the sample dataset

1. Click on the icon.
2. Navegue a la carpeta qgis\_sample\_data/raster/, seleccione el archivo ERDAS IMG landcover.img y haga clic en [Abrir].
3. If the file is not listed, check if the *Files of type* combo box at the bottom of the dialog is set on the right type, in this case “Erdas Imagine Images (\*.img, \*.IMG)”.
4. Now click on the icon.
5. File should be selected as *Source Type* in the new Add vector layer dialog. Now click [Browse] to select the vector layer.

6. Browse to the folder `qgis_sample_data/gml/`, select ‘Geography Markup Language [GML] [OGR] (.gml,.GML)’ from the *Filter*  combo box, then select the GML file `lakes.gml` and click [**Open**]. In the *Add vector layer* dialog, click [**OK**]. The *Coordinate Reference System Selector* dialog opens with *NAD27 / Alaska Alberts* selected, click [**OK**].
7. Zoom in a bit to your favorite area with some lakes.
8. Haga doble clic en la capa `lakes` en el panel Capas para abrir el diálogo *Propiedades*.
9. Clic en la pestaña *Estilo* y seleccionar un azul como color de relleno.
10. Click on the *Labels* tab and check the  *Label this layer with* checkbox to enable labeling. Choose the “NAMES” field as the field containing labels.
11. To improve readability of labels, you can add a white buffer around them by clicking “Buffer” in the list on the left, checking  *Draw text buffer* and choosing 3 as buffer size.
12. Haga clic en [**APLICAR**]. Compruebe si el resultado le gusta y finalmente pulse [**Aceptar**].

You can see how easy it is to visualize raster and vector layers in QGIS. Let’s move on to the sections that follow to learn more about the available functionality, features and settings, and how to use them.

## 6.4 Starting and Stopping QGIS

In section *Sample Session* you already learned how to start QGIS. We will repeat this here, and you will see that QGIS also provides further command line options.

-  Assuming that QGIS is installed in the PATH, you can start QGIS by typing `qgis` at a command prompt or by double clicking on the QGIS application link (or shortcut) on the desktop or in the Applications menu.
-  Start QGIS using the Start menu or desktop shortcut, or double click on a QGIS project file.
-  Double click the icon in your Applications folder. If you need to start QGIS in a shell, run `/path-to-installation-executable/Contents/MacOS/Qgis`.

To stop QGIS, click the menu option    *File*  *QGIS → Quit*, or use the shortcut `Ctrl+Q`.

## 6.5 Opciones de la línea de órdenes

 QGIS supports a number of options when started from the command line. To get a list of the options, enter `qgis --help` on the command line. The usage statement for QGIS is:

```
qgis --help
QGIS - 2.6.0-Brighton 'Brighton' (exported)
QGIS is a user friendly Open Source Geographic Information System.
Usage: /usr/bin/qgis.bin [OPTION] [FILE]
OPTION:
  [--snapshot filename]    emit snapshot of loaded datasets to given file
  [--width width] width of snapshot to emit
  [--height height]      height of snapshot to emit
  [--lang language]       use language for interface text
  [--project projectfile] load the given QGIS project
  [--extent xmin,ymin,xmax,ymax] set initial map extent
  [--nologo]              hide splash screen
  [--nopugins]            don't restore plugins on startup
  [--nocustomization]     don't apply GUI customization
  [--customizationfile]   use the given ini file as GUI customization
  [--optionspath path]    use the given QSettings path
  [--configpath path]     use the given path for all user configuration
  [--code path]           run the given python file on load
```

```
[--defaultui]    start by resetting user ui settings to default
[--help]          this text
```

**FILE:**

Files specified on the command line can include rasters, vectors, and QGIS project files (.qgs):

1. Rasters - supported formats include GeoTiff, DEM and others supported by GDAL
2. Vectors - supported formats include ESRI Shapefiles and others supported by OGR and PostgreSQL layers using the PostGIS extension

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**Truco: Ejemplo usando argumentos de la línea de órdenes**

You can start QGIS by specifying one or more data files on the command line. For example, assuming you are in the `qgis_sample_data` directory, you could start QGIS with a vector layer and a raster file set to load on startup using the following command: `qgis ./raster/landcover.img ./gml/lakes.gml`

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**Opción de la línea de órdenes --snapshot**

Esta opción permite crear una captura de pantalla en formato PNG de la vista actual. Esto es práctico cuando tiene muchos proyectos y quiere generar capturas de pantalla de sus datos.

Actualmente genera un archivo PNG con 800x600 píxeles. Esto se puede ajustar usando los argumentos “`--width`” y `--height` en la línea de órdenes. Se puede añadir un nombre de archivo después de `--snapshot`.

**Opción de la línea de órdenes --lang**

Based on your locale, QGIS selects the correct localization. If you would like to change your language, you can specify a language code. For example, `--lang=it` starts QGIS in italian localization.

**Opción de la línea de órdenes --project**

Starting QGIS with an existing project file is also possible. Just add the command line option `--project` followed by your project name and QGIS will open with all layers in the given file loaded.

**Opción de la línea de órdenes --extent**

Use esta opción para iniciar con una extensión de mapa específica. Necesita añadir el cuadro delimitador de su extensión en el siguiente orden, separado por una coma:

```
--extent xmin,ymin,xmax,ymax
```

**Opción de la línea de órdenes --nologo**

This command line argument hides the splash screen when you start QGIS.

**Opción de la línea de órdenes --nopugins**

Si tiene problemas con los complementos al iniciar, puede evitar cargarlos con ésta opción. Estarán aún disponibles después en el administrador de complementos.

**Opción de la línea de órdenes --customizationfile**

Utilizando este argumento de línea de órdenes puede definir un archivo de personalización de la GUI, que se utilizará al iniciar.

**Opción de la línea de órdenes --nocustomization**

Utilizando este argumento de línea de órdenes no se aplicará la personalización existente de la GUI.

**Opción de la línea de órdenes --optionspath**

You can have multiple configurations and decide which one to use when starting QGIS with this option. See [Opciones](#) to confirm where the operating system saves the settings files. Presently, there is no way to specify a file to write settings to; therefore, you can create a copy of the original settings file and rename it. The option specifies path to directory with settings. For example, to use /path/to/config/QGIS/QGIS2.ini settings file, use option:

```
--optionspath /path/to/config/
```

#### Opción de la línea de órdenes --configpath

This option is similar to the one above, but furthermore overrides the default path for user configuration (~/.qgis2) and forces **QSettings** to use this directory, too. This allows users to, for instance, carry a QGIS installation on a flash drive together with all plugins and settings.

#### Opción de línea de comandos --código

This option can be used to run a given python file directly after QGIS has started.

Por ejemplo, cuando se tiene un archivo python llamado `load_alaska.py` con el siguiente contenido:

```
from qgis.utils import iface
raster_file = "/home/gisadmin/Documents/qgis_sample_data/raster/landcover.img"
layer_name = "Alaska"
iface.addRasterLayer(raster_file, layer_name)
```

Assuming you are in the directory where the file `load_alaska.py` is located, you can start QGIS, load the raster file `landcover.img` and give the layer the name ‘Alaska’ using the following command: `qgis --code load_alaska.py`

## 6.6 Proyectos

The state of your QGIS session is considered a project. QGIS works on one project at a time. Settings are considered as being either per-project or as a default for new projects (see section *Opciones*). QGIS can save the state of your workspace into a project file using the menu options *Project* → Save or *Project* → Save As....

Load saved projects into a QGIS session using *Project* → Open..., *Project* → New from template or *Project* → Open Recent →.

If you wish to clear your session and start fresh, choose *Project* → New. Either of these menu options will prompt you to save the existing project if changes have been made since it was opened or last saved.

El tipo de información guardada en el archivo de proyecto incluye:

- Las capas añadidas
- Que capas pueden ser consultadas
- Propiedades de la capa, incluyendo simbolización y estilos
- Proyección de la vista del mapa
- Última extensión vista
- Diseñador de impresión
- Elementos de diseñador de impresión con ajustes
- Diseñador de impresión configuración de atlas
- Configuración de digitalización
- Tabla de relaciones
- Proyectos Macros
- Proyecto de estilos predeterminados
- Configuración de complementos
- Configuración de servidor QGIS desde la pestaña de ajustes de OWS en propiedades del proyecto
- Consultas almacenadas en el Administrador de BBDD

The project file is saved in XML format, so it is possible to edit the file outside QGIS if you know what you are doing. The file format has been updated several times compared with earlier QGIS versions. Project files from older QGIS versions may not work properly anymore. To be made aware of this, in the *General* tab under *Settings* → *Options* you can select:

- *Prompt to save project and data source changes when required*
- *Warn when opening a project file saved with an older version of QGIS*

Whenever you save a project in QGIS a backup of the project file is made with the extension ~.

## 6.7 Salida

There are several ways to generate output from your QGIS session. We have discussed one already in section *Proyectos*, saving as a project file. Here is a sampling of other ways to produce output files:

- Menu option *Project* →  *Save as Image* opens a file dialog where you select the name, path and type of image (PNG, JPG and many other formats). A world file with extension PNGW or JPGW saved in the same folder georeferences the image.
- Menu option *Project* → *DXF Export ...* opens a dialog where you can define the ‘Symbology mode’, the ‘Symbology scale’ and vector layers you want to export to DXF. Through the ‘Symbology mode’ symbols from the original QGIS Symbology can be exported with high fidelity.
- Menu option *Project* →  *New Print Composer* opens a dialog where you can layout and print the current map canvas (see section *Diseñadores de impresión*).

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## QGIS GUI

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When QGIS starts, you are presented with the GUI as shown in the figure (the numbers 1 through 5 in yellow circles are discussed below).

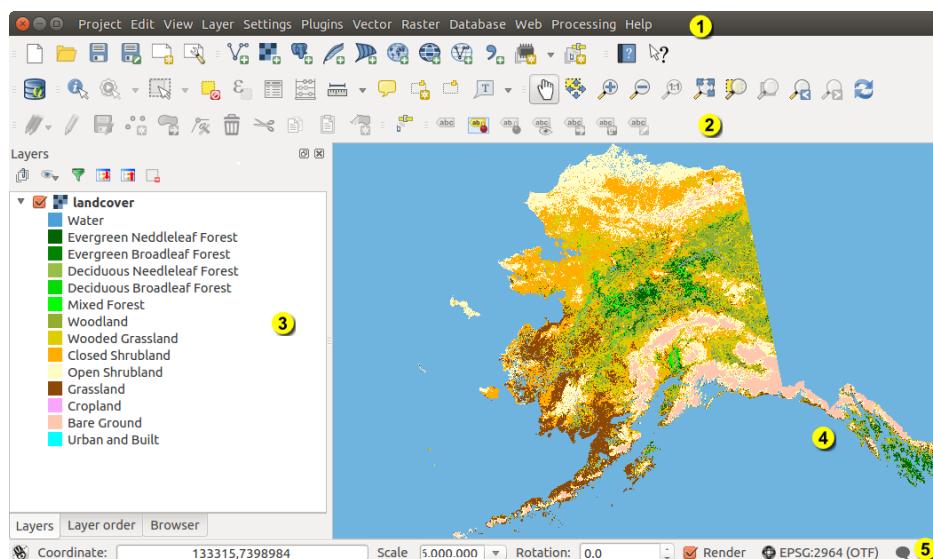


Figure 7.1: QGIS GUI with Alaska sample data 🐧

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**Nota:** Las decoraciones de las ventanas (barra de título, etc.) pueden ser distintas dependiendo de su sistema operativo y su gestor de ventanas.

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The QGIS GUI is divided into five areas:

1. Barra de Menú
2. Tool Bar
3. Map Legend
4. Vista del mapa
5. Barra de Estado

These five components of the QGIS interface are described in more detail in the following sections. Two more sections present keyboard shortcuts and context help.

## 7.1 Barra de Menú

The menu bar provides access to various QGIS features using a standard hierarchical menu. The top-level menus and a summary of some of the menu options are listed below, together with the associated icons as they appear on the toolbar, and keyboard shortcuts. The shortcuts presented in this section are the defaults; however, keyboard shortcuts can also be configured manually using the *Configure shortcuts* dialog, opened from *Settings → Configure Shortcuts....*

Aunque la mayoría de las opciones tiene una herramienta correspondiente y viceversa, los menús no están organizados exactamente como las barras de herramientas. La barra de herramientas que contiene la herramienta está listada después de cada opción de menú como una entrada de casilla de verificación. Algunas opciones de menú sólo aparecen si se carga el complemento correspondiente. Para obtener más información acerca de herramientas y barra de herramientas, ver la sección *Barra de herramientas*.

### 7.1.1 Proyecto

Menú Opción	Atajos	Referencia	Barra de herramientas
 <i>New</i>	Ctrl+N	ver <i>Proyectos</i>	<i>Proyecto</i>
 <i>Open</i> <i>Nuevo a partir de plantilla →</i> <i>Open Recent →</i>	Ctrl+O	ver <i>Proyectos</i> ver <i>Proyectos</i> ver <i>Proyectos</i> ver <i>Proyectos</i>	<i>Proyecto</i> <i>Proyecto</i> <i>Proyecto</i>
 <i>Save</i>	Ctrl+S	ver <i>Proyectos</i>	<i>Proyecto</i>
 <i>Save As...</i>	Ctrl+Shift+S	ver <i>Proyectos</i>	<i>Proyecto</i>
 <i>Save as Image...</i> <i>DXF Export ...</i>		ver <i>Salida</i> ver <i>Salida</i>	
 <i>New Print Composer</i>	Ctrl+P	ver <i>Diseñadores de impresión</i>	<i>Proyecto</i>
 <i>Composer manager ...</i> <i>Diseñadores de impresión →</i>		ver <i>Diseñadores de impresión</i> ver <i>Diseñadores de impresión</i>	<i>Proyecto</i>
 <i>Exit QGIS</i>	Ctrl+Q		



## 7.1.2 Editar

Menú Opción	Atajos	Referencia	Barra de herramientas
Undo	Ctrl+Z	ver <i>Digitalización avanzada</i>	<i>Digitalización Avanzada</i>
Redo	Ctrl+Shift+Z	ver <i>Digitalización avanzada</i>	<i>Digitalización Avanzada</i>
Cut Features	Ctrl+X	ver <i>Digitalizando una capa existente</i>	<i>Digitalización</i>
Copy Features	Ctrl+C	ver <i>Digitalizando una capa existente</i>	<i>Digitalización</i>
Paste Features	Ctrl+V	ver <i>Digitalizando una capa existente</i> ver <i>Working with the Attribute Table</i>	<i>Digitalización</i>
Pegar objetos espaciales como →			
Add Feature	Ctrl+. .	ver <i>Digitalizando una capa existente</i>	<i>Digitalización</i>
Move Feature(s)		ver <i>Digitalizando una capa existente</i>	<i>Digitalización</i>
Delete Selected		ver <i>Digitalizando una capa existente</i>	<i>Digitalización</i>
Rotate Feature(s)		ver <i>Digitalización avanzada</i>	<i>Digitalización Avanzada</i>
Simplify Feature		ver <i>Digitalización avanzada</i>	<i>Digitalización Avanzada</i>
Add Ring		ver <i>Digitalización avanzada</i>	<i>Digitalización Avanzada</i>
Add Part		ver <i>Digitalización avanzada</i>	<i>Digitalización Avanzada</i>
Fill Ring		ver <i>Digitalización avanzada</i>	<i>Digitalización Avanzada</i>
Delete Ring		ver <i>Digitalización avanzada</i>	<i>Digitalización Avanzada</i>
Delete Part		ver <i>Digitalización avanzada</i>	<i>Digitalización Avanzada</i>
Reshape Features		ver <i>Digitalización avanzada</i>	<i>Digitalización Avanzada</i>
Offset Curve		ver <i>Digitalización avanzada</i>	<i>Digitalización Avanzada</i>
Split Features		ver <i>Digitalización avanzada</i>	<i>Digitalización Avanzada</i>
Split Parts		ver <i>Digitalización avanzada</i>	<i>Digitalización Avanzada</i>
Merge Selected Features		ver <i>Digitalización avanzada</i>	<i>Digitalización Avanzada</i>
Merge Attr. of Selected Features		ver <i>Digitalización avanzada</i>	<i>Digitalización Avanzada</i>
Node Tool		ver <i>Digitalizando una capa existente</i>	<i>Digitalización</i>

After activating  Toggle editing mode for a layer, you will find the Add Feature icon in the *Edit* menu depending on the layer type (point, line or polygon).

### 7.1.3 Edición (extra)

Menú Opción	Atajos	Referencia	Barra de herramientas
 Add Feature		ver <a href="#">Digitalizando una capa existente</a>	Digitalización
 Add Feature		ver <a href="#">Digitalizando una capa existente</a>	Digitalización
 Add Feature		ver <a href="#">Digitalizando una capa existente</a>	Digitalización

### 7.1.4 Ver

Menú Opción	Atajos	Referencia	Barra de herramientas
 Pan Map			Navegación de mapas
 Pan Map to Selection			Navegación de mapas
 Zoom In	Ctrl++		Navegación de mapas
 Zoom Out	Ctrl+-		Navegación de mapas
Seleccionar →		ver <a href="#">Seleccionar y deseleccionar objetos espaciales</a>	Atributos
 Identify Features	Ctrl+Shift+I		Atributos
Medir →		ver <a href="#">Mediciones</a>	Atributos
 Zoom Full	Ctrl+Shift+F		Navegación de mapas
 Zoom To Layer			Navegación de mapas
 Zoom To Selection	Ctrl+J		Navegación de mapas
 Zoom Last			Navegación de mapas
 Zoom Next			Navegación de mapas
 Zoom Actual Size			Navegación de mapas
Ilustraciones →		ver <a href="#">Elementos decorativos</a>	
Modo Vista previa →			
 Map Tips			Atributos
 New Bookmark	Ctrl+B	ver <a href="#">Marcadores espaciales</a>	Atributos
 Show Bookmarks	Ctrl+Shift+B	ver <a href="#">Marcadores espaciales</a>	Atributos
 Refresh	F5		Navegación de mapas

## 7.1.5 Capa

Menú Opción	Atajos	Referencia	Barra de herramientas
<i>Crear capa →</i>		ver <a href="#">Crear nueva capa vectorial</a>	<a href="#">Administrar Capas</a>
<i>Añadir capa →</i>		ver <a href="#">Anidar proyectos</a>	<a href="#">Administrar Capas</a>
<i>Embed Layers and Groups ...</i>			
<i>Add from Layer Definition File ...</i>			
 <i>Copy style</i>		see <a href="#">Estilo de Menu</a>	
 <i>Paste style</i>		see <a href="#">Estilo de Menu</a>	
 <i>Open Attribute Table</i>		ver <a href="#">Working with the Attribute Table</a>	<a href="#">Atributos</a>
 <i>Toggle Editing</i>		ver <a href="#">Digitalizando una capa existente</a>	<a href="#">Digitalización</a>
 <i>Save Layer Edits</i>		ver <a href="#">Digitalizando una capa existente</a>	<a href="#">Digitalización</a>
 <i>Current Edits →</i>		ver <a href="#">Digitalizando una capa existente</a>	<a href="#">Digitalización</a>
<i>Save as...</i>			
<i>Save as layer definition file...</i>			
 <i>Remove Layer/Group</i>	Ctrl+D		
 <i>Duplicate Layers (s)</i>			
<i>Establecer escala de visibilidad de las capas</i>			
<i>Set CRS of Layer(s)</i>	Ctrl+Shift+C		
<i>Set project CRS from Layer</i>			
<i>Properties ...</i>			
<i>Query...</i>			
 <i>Labeling</i>			
 <i>Add to Overview</i>	Ctrl+Shift+O		<a href="#">Administrar Capas</a>
 <i>Add All To Overview</i>			
 <i>Remove All From Overview</i>			
 <i>Show All Layers</i>	Ctrl+Shift+U		<a href="#">Administrar Capas</a>
 <i>Hide All Layers</i>	Ctrl+Shift+H		<a href="#">Administrar Capas</a>
 <i>Show selected Layers</i>			
 <i>Hide selected Layers</i>			

## 7.1.6 Configuración

Menú Opción	Atajos	Referencia	Barra de herramientas
<i>Paneles → Barras de herramientas → Toggle Full Screen Mode</i>  <i>Project Properties ...</i>  <i>Custom CRS ...</i> <i>Administrador de estilos...</i>  <i>Configure shortcuts ...</i>  <i>Customization ...</i>  <i>Options ...</i> <i>Snapping Options ...</i>	F 11  Ctrl+Shift+P	ver <i>Panels and Toolbars</i> ver <i>Panels and Toolbars</i> ver <i>Proyectos</i> ver <i>Sistema de referencia de coordenadas personalizada</i> ver <i>Presentación</i> ver <i>Personalización</i> ver <i>Opciones</i>	

## 7.1.7 Complementos

Menú Opción	Atajos	Referencia	Barra de herramientas
 <i>Manage and Install Plugins ...</i>  <i>Python Console</i>	Ctrl+Alt+P	ver <i>El diálogo de complementos</i>	

When starting QGIS for the first time not all core plugins are loaded.

## 7.1.8 Vectorial

Menú Opción	Atajos	Referencia	Barra de herramientas
menuselection: <i>Open Street Map -&gt;</i>  <i>Herramientas de análisis -&gt;</i>  <i>Herramientas de investigación -&gt;</i>  <i>Herramientas de Geoprocreso -&gt;</i>  <i>Herramientas de geometría -&gt;</i>  <i>Herramientas de gestión de datos -&gt;</i>		ver <i>Cargar vectoriales OpenStreetMap</i> ver <i>Complemento fTools</i> ver <i>Complemento fTools</i> ver <i>Complemento fTools</i> ver <i>Complemento fTools</i> ver <i>Complemento fTools</i>	

When starting QGIS for the first time not all core plugins are loaded.

## 7.1.9 Ráster

Menú Opción	Atajos	Referencia	Barra de herramientas
<i>Raster calculator ...</i>		see <i>Calculadora Ráster</i>	

When starting QGIS for the first time not all core plugins are loaded.

### 7.1.10 Base de datos

Menú Opción	Atajos	Referencia	Barra de herramientas
<i>Base de datos→</i>		ver <i>Complemento administrador de BBDD</i>	<i>Base de datos</i>

When starting QGIS for the first time not all core plugins are loaded.

### 7.1.11 Web

Menú Opción	Atajos	Referencia	Barra de herramientas
<i>Metasearch</i>		ver <i>metabuscador</i>	<i>Web</i>

When starting QGIS for the first time not all core plugins are loaded.

### 7.1.12 Procesado

Menú Opción	Atajos	Referencia	Barra de herramientas
 <i>Toolbox</i>  <i>Graphical Modeler ...</i>  <i>History and log</i> ...  <i>Options ...</i>  <i>Results viewer ...</i>  <i>Commander</i>		ver <i>La caja de herramientas</i> ver <i>Modelador gráfico</i> ver <i>El administrador del historial</i> ver <i>Configurar el entorno de trabajo de procesamiento</i> ver <i>Configurar aplicaciones externas</i> Ctrl+Alt+M ver <i>Los Comandos QGIS</i>	

When starting QGIS for the first time not all core plugins are loaded.

### 7.1.13 Ayuda

Menú Opción	Atajos	Referencia	Barra de herramientas
 <i>Help Contents</i>	F1		Ayuda
 <i>What's This?</i>	Shift+F1		Ayuda
<i>API Documentation</i>			
<i>Need commercial support?</i>			
 <i>QGIS Home Page</i>	Ctrl+H		
 <i>Check QGIS Version</i>			
 <i>About</i>			
 <i>QGIS Sponsors</i>			

Please note that for Linux , the menu bar items listed above are the default ones in the KDE window manager. In GNOME, the *Settings* menu has different content and its items have to be found here:

 Custom CRS	Edit
 Style Manager	Edit
 Configure Shortcuts	Edit
 Customization	Edit
 Options	Edit
 Snapping Options ...	Edit

## 7.2 Barra de herramientas

La barra de herramientas proporciona acceso a la mayoría de las mismas funciones como las de los menús, y herramientas adicionales para interactuar con el mapa. Cada elemento de la barra de herramientas tiene ayuda emergente disponible. Mantenga el puntero del ratón sobre el elemento y una breve descripción del propósito de la herramienta se mostrará.

Every menu bar can be moved around according to your needs. Additionally, every menu bar can be switched off using your right mouse button context menu, holding the mouse over the toolbars (read also *Panels and Toolbars*).

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### Truco: Restauración de barras de herramientas

If you have accidentally hidden all your toolbars, you can get them back by choosing menu option *Settings → Toolbars →...*. If a toolbar disappears under Windows, which seems to be a problem in QGIS from time to time, you have to remove key `\HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\QGIS\qgis\UI\state` in the registry. When you restart QGIS, the key is written again with the default state, and all toolbars are visible again.

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## 7.3 Map Legend

The map legend area lists all the layers in the project. The checkbox in each legend entry can be used to show or hide the layer. The Legend toolbar in the map legend are list allow you to **Add group**, **Manage Layer Visibility** of all layers or manage preset layers combination, **Filter Legend by Map Content**, **Expand All** or **Collapse All** and **Remove Layer or Group**. The button  allows you to add **Presets** views in the legend. It means that you can choose to display some layer with specific categorization and add this view to the **Presets** list. To add a preset view just click on , choose *Add Preset...* from the drop down menu and give a name to the preset. After that you will see a list with all the presets that you can recall pressing on the  button.

Todos los preestablecidos añadidos están presentes en el diseño de impresión con el fin de permitirle crear un diseño de mapa en base a sus puntos de vista específicos (ver *Propiedades principales*).

Una capa se puede seleccionar y arrastrar hacia arriba o hacia abajo en la leyenda para cambiar el orden. El orden-z significa que las capas enlistadas más cerca de la parte superior de la leyenda son dibujadas sobre las capas que figuran más abajo en la leyenda.

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**Nota:** This behaviour can be overridden by the ‘Layer order’ panel.

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Layers in the legend window can be organised into groups. There are two ways to do this:

1. Press the  icon to add a new group. Type in a name for the group and press Enter. Now click on an existing layer and drag it onto the group.
2. Seleccionar algunas capas, al hacer clic derecho en la ventana de la leyenda y elegir *Grupo Seleccionado*. Las capas seleccionadas serán colocadas automáticamente en un nuevo grupo.

Para llevar una capa fuera de un grupo, puede arrastrar hacia afuera , o haga clic derecho sobre él y elija *Subir elemento al nivel superior*.

La casilla de verificación para un grupo mostrará u ocultará todas las capas en el grupo al hacer clic.

The content of the right mouse button context menu depends on whether the selected legend item is a raster or a vector layer. For GRASS vector layers,  *Toggle editing* is not available. See section [Digitalizar y editar una capa vectorial GRASS](#) for information on editing GRASS vector layers.

#### Right mouse button menu for raster layers

- *Zoom to Layer*
- *Show in overview*
- *Zoom to Best Scale (100%)*
- *Remove*
- *Duplicate*
- *Establecer escala de visibilidad de la capa*
- *Set Layer CRS*
- *Establecer SRC del proyecto a partir de capa*
- *Estilos→*
- *Save as ...*
- *Save As Layer Definition File ...*
- *Propiedades*
- *Cambiar nombre*

Additionally, according to layer position and selection

- *Mover al nivel superior*
- *Grupo seleccionado*

#### Right mouse button menu for vector layers

- *Zoom to Layer*
- *Show in overview*
- *Remove*
- *Duplicate*
- *Establecer escala de visibilidad de la capa*
- *Set Layer CRS*
- *Establecer SRC del proyecto a partir de capa*
- *Estilos→*
- *Open Attribute Table*
- *Toggle Editing* (not available for GRASS layers)
- *Save As ...*
- *Save As Layer Definition Style*
- *Filtrar*
- *Show Feature Count*
- *Propiedades*
- *Cambiar nombre*

Additionally, according to layer position and selection

- *Mover al nivel superior*

- *Grupo seleccionado*

#### Right mouse button menu for layer groups

- *Zoom to Group*
- *Remove*
- *Set Group CRS*
- *Cambiar nombre*
- *Add Group*

Es posible seleccionar mas de una capa o grupo al mismo tiempo manteniendo presionada la tecla **Ctrl** mientras selecciona las capas con el botón izquierdo del ratón. Después puede mover todas las capas a un nuevo grupo al mismo tiempo.

You may also delete more than one layer or group at once by selecting several layers with the **Ctrl** key and pressing **Ctrl+D** afterwards. This way, all selected layers or groups will be removed from the layers list.

### 7.3.1 Trabajar con el orden de la leyenda de la capa independiente

There is a panel that allows you to define an independent drawing order for the map legend. You can activate it in the menu *Settings → Panels → Layer order*. This feature allows you to, for instance, order your layers in order of importance, but still display them in the correct order (see [figure\\_layer\\_order](#)). Checking the  *Control rendering order* box underneath the list of layers will cause a revert to default behavior.

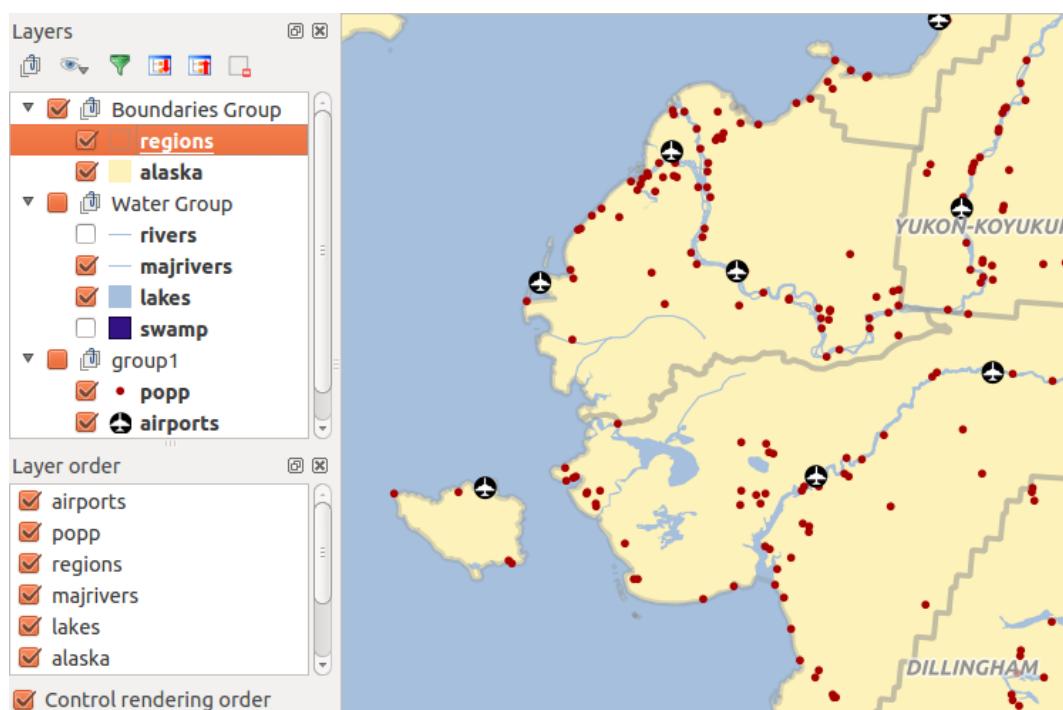


Figure 7.2: Define a legend independent layer order 🐧

## 7.4 Vista del mapa

This is the “business end” of QGIS — maps are displayed in this area! The map displayed in this window will depend on the vector and raster layers you have chosen to load (see sections that follow for more information on how to load layers). The map view can be panned, shifting the focus of the map display to another region, and

it can be zoomed in and out. Various other operations can be performed on the map as described in the toolbar description above. The map view and the legend are tightly bound to each other — the maps in view reflect changes you make in the legend area.

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**Truco: Zum al mapa con la rueda del ratón**

Puede utilizar la rueda del ratón para acercar y alejar zum en el mapa. Coloque el cursor del ratón dentro del mapa y gire la rueda hacia adelante (hacia la derecha) para acercar y hacia atrás (hacia usted) para alejarlo. El zum se centra en la posición del cursor del ratón. Puede personalizar el comportamiento del zum de la rueda del ratón usando la pestaña *Herramientas del mapa* bajo el menú *Configuración→Opciones*

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**Truco: Desplazar el mapa con las teclas de dirección y barra de espaciadora**

Puede utilizar las teclas de flechas para desplazar el mapa. Coloque el cursor dentro del mapa y haga clic en la tecla de flecha a la derecha para desplazarse al este, tecla de flecha izquierda para el oeste, flecha arriba para el norte y flecha abajo al sur. Puede también desplazar el mapa utilizando la barra espaciadora o al hacer clic en la rueda del ratón: basta con mover el ratón mientras mantiene pulsada la barra espaciadora o haga clic en la rueda del ratón.

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## 7.5 Barra de Estado

The status bar shows you your current position in map coordinates (e.g., meters or decimal degrees) as the mouse pointer is moved across the map view. To the left of the coordinate display in the status bar is a small button that will toggle between showing coordinate position or the view extents of the map view as you pan and zoom in and out.

Next to the coordinate display you will find the scale display. It shows the scale of the map view. If you zoom in or out, QGIS shows you the current scale. There is a scale selector, which allows you to choose between predefined scales from 1:500 to 1:1000000.

A la derecha de la escala desplegada se puede definir una rotación horaria actual de su vista de mapa en grados.

A progress bar in the status bar shows the progress of rendering as each layer is drawn to the map view. In some cases, such as the gathering of statistics in raster layers, the progress bar will be used to show the status of lengthy operations.

If a new plugin or a plugin update is available, you will see a message at the far left of the status bar. On the right side of the status bar, there is a small checkbox which can be used to temporarily prevent layers being rendered to the map view (see section *Renderizado* below). The icon  immediately stops the current map rendering process.

To the right of the render functions, you find the EPSG code of the current project CRS and a projector icon. Clicking on this opens the projection properties for the current project.

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**Truco: Calcular la escala correcta de su lienzo de mapa**

When you start QGIS, the default units are degrees, and this means that QGIS will interpret any coordinate in your layer as specified in degrees. To get correct scale values, you can either change this setting to meters manually in the *General* tab under *Settings → Project Properties*, or you can select a project CRS clicking on the  Current CRS: icon in the lower right-hand corner of the status bar. In the last case, the units are set to what the project projection specifies (e.g., '+units=m').

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## Herramientas generales

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### 8.1 Teclas de acceso rápido

QGIS provides default keyboard shortcuts for many features. You can find them in section *Barra de Menú*. Additionally, the menu option *Settings → Configure Shortcuts..* allows you to change the default keyboard shortcuts and to add new keyboard shortcuts to QGIS features.

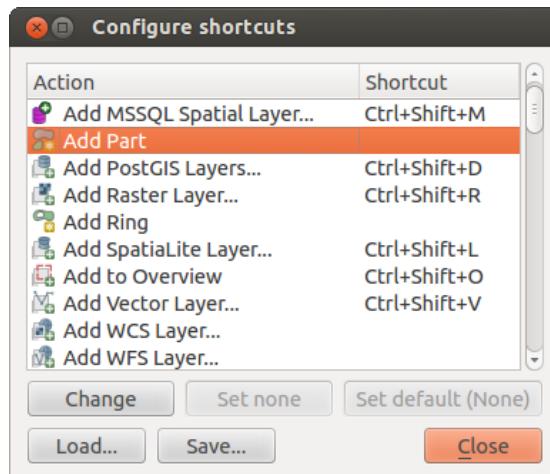


Figure 8.1: Define shortcut options (Gnome)

Configuration is very simple. Just select a feature from the list and click on [**Change**], [**Set none**] or [**Set default**]. Once you have finished your configuration, you can save it as an XML file and load it to another QGIS installation.

### 8.2 Ayuda de contexto

Cuando necesite ayuda sobre un tema específico, puede acceder a la ayuda de contexto mediante el botón [**Ayuda**] disponible en la mayoría de diálogos – tenga en cuenta que los complementos de terceros pueden apuntar a páginas web dedicadas.

### 8.3 Renderizado

By default, QGIS renders all visible layers whenever the map canvas is refreshed. The events that trigger a refresh of the map canvas include:

- Añadir una capa

- Desplazar o hacer zoom
- Resizing the QGIS window
- Cambiar la visibilidad de una o varias capas

QGIS allows you to control the rendering process in a number of ways.

### 8.3.1 Renderizado dependiente de la escala

El renderizado dependiente de la escala le permite especificar las escalas mínima y máxima a las que una capa será visible. Para establecer el renderizado dependiente de la escala, abra el diálogo *Propiedades* mediante doble clic en una capa en el panel Capas. En la pestaña *General*, haga clic en la casilla  *Visibilidad dependiente de la escala* para activar la característica, luego establezca los valores mínimo y máximo de escala.

You can determine the scale values by first zooming to the level you want to use and noting the scale value in the QGIS status bar.

### 8.3.2 Controlar el renderizado del mapa

Map rendering can be controlled in the various ways, as described below.

#### Suspender el renderizado

To suspend rendering, click the  *Render* checkbox in the lower right corner of the status bar. When the  *Render* checkbox is not checked, QGIS does not redraw the canvas in response to any of the events described in section *Renderizado*. Examples of when you might want to suspend rendering include:

- Añadir muchas capas y simbolizarlas antes de dibujar
- Añadir una o más capas grandes y establecer la dependencia de escala antes de dibujar
- Añadir una o más capas grandes y hacer zoom a una vista específica antes de dibujar
- Cualquier combinación de la anteriores

Marcar la casilla  *Renderizar* habilita el renderizado y origina un refresco inmediato del lienzo del mapa.

#### Configurar la opción de añadir una capa

Puede establecer una opción para cargar siempre las nuevas capas sin dibujarlas. Esto significa que las capas se añadirán al mapa pero su casilla de visibilidad en el panel Capas no estará marcada de forma predeterminada. Para establecer esta opción, seleccione la opción de menú *Configuración → Opciones* y haga clic en la pestaña *Representación*. Desmarque la casilla  *Por omisión, las nuevas capas añadidas al mapa se deben visualizar*. Cualquier capa añadida posteriormente al mapa estará desactivada (invisible) por omisión.

#### Detener el renderizado

Para detener el dibujado del mapa, presione la tecla **ESC**. Esto detendrá el refresco del lienzo del mapa y dejará el mapa parcialmente dibujado. Puede que tarde un poco desde que se presiona la tecla **ESC** hasta que se detenga el dibujado del mapa.

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**Nota:** Actualmente no es posible detener la representación — esto se desactivó en el paso a Qt4 debido a problemas y cuelgues de la Interfaz de Usuario (IU).

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## Updating the Map Display During Rendering

You can set an option to update the map display as features are drawn. By default, QGIS does not display any features for a layer until the entire layer has been rendered. To update the display as features are read from the datastore, choose menu option *Settings → Options* and click on the *Rendering* tab. Set the feature count to an appropriate value to update the display during rendering. Setting a value of 0 disables update during drawing (this is the default). Setting a value too low will result in poor performance, as the map canvas is continually updated during the reading of the features. A suggested value to start with is 500.

## Influir en la calidad del renderizado

To influence the rendering quality of the map, you have two options. Choose menu option *Settings → Options*, click on the *Rendering* tab and select or deselect following checkboxes:

- *Make lines appear less jagged at the expense of some drawing performance*
- *Fix problems with incorrectly filled polygons*

## Acelerar renderizado

There are two settings that allow you to improve rendering speed. Open the QGIS options dialog using *Settings → Options*, go to the *Rendering* tab and select or deselect the following checkboxes:

- *Enable back buffer*. This provides better graphics performance at the cost of losing the possibility to cancel rendering and incrementally draw features. If it is unchecked, you can set the *Number of features to draw before updating the display*, otherwise this option is inactive.
- *Usar cacheado de representación cuando sea posible para acelerar redibujados*

## 8.4 Mediciones

Measuring works within projected coordinate systems (e.g., UTM) and unprojected data. If the loaded map is defined with a geographic coordinate system (latitude/longitude), the results from line or area measurements will be incorrect. To fix this, you need to set an appropriate map coordinate system (see section [Trabajar con Proyecciones](#)). All measuring modules also use the snapping settings from the digitizing module. This is useful, if you want to measure along lines or areas in vector layers.

To select a measuring tool, click on  and select the tool you want to use.

### 8.4.1 Measure length, areas and angles

 **Measure Line**: QGIS is able to measure real distances between given points according to a defined ellipsoid. To configure this, choose menu option *Settings → Options*, click on the *Map tools* tab and select the appropriate ellipsoid. There, you can also define a rubberband color and your preferred measurement units (meters or feet) and angle units (degrees, radians and gon). The tool then allows you to click points on the map. Each segment length, as well as the total, shows up in the measure window. To stop measuring, click your right mouse button. Note that you can interactively change the measurement units in the measurement dialog. It overrides the *Preferred measurement units* in the options. There is an info section in the dialog that shows which CRS settings are being used during measurement calculations.

 **Measure Area**: Areas can also be measured. In the measure window, the accumulated area size appears. In addition, the measuring tool will snap to the currently selected layer, provided that layer has its snapping tolerance set (see section [Configurar la tolerancia del autoensamblado y radio de búsqueda](#)). So, if you want to measure

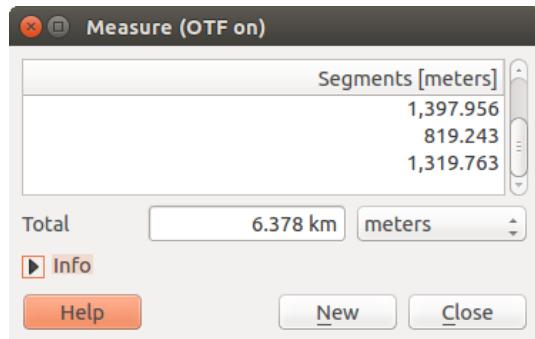


Figure 8.2: Measure Distance 

exactly along a line feature, or around a polygon feature, first set its snapping tolerance, then select the layer. Now, when using the measuring tools, each mouse click (within the tolerance setting) will snap to that layer.

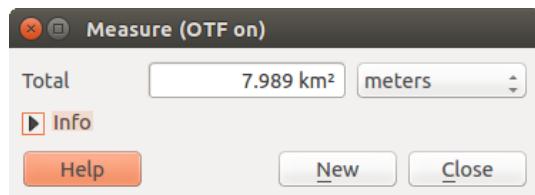


Figure 8.3: Measure Area 

 **Measure Angle**: You can also measure angles. The cursor becomes cross-shaped. Click to draw the first segment of the angle you wish to measure, then move the cursor to draw the desired angle. The measure is displayed in a pop-up dialog.

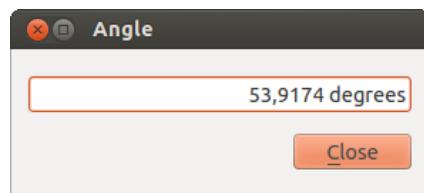


Figure 8.4: Measure Angle 

## 8.4.2 Seleccionar y deseleccionar objetos espaciales

The QGIS toolbar provides several tools to select features in the map canvas. To select one or several features, just click on  and select your tool:

-  Select Single Feature
-  Select Features by Rectangle
-  Select Features by Polygon
-  Select Features by Freehand
-  Select Features by Radius

To deselect all selected features click on  Deselect features from all layers.

 Select feature using an expression allow user to select feature using expression dialog. See [Expressions](#) chapter for some example.

Users can save features selection into a **New Memory Vector Layer** or a **New Vector Layer** using *Edit → Paste Feature as ...* and choose the mode you want.

## 8.5 Identificar objetos espaciales

The Identify tool allows you to interact with the map canvas and get information on features in a pop-up window.

To identify features, use *View → Identify features* or press **Ctrl + Shift + I**, or click on the  Identify features icon in the toolbar.

If you click on several features, the *Identify results* dialog will list information about all the selected features. The first item is the number of the layer in the list of results, followed by the layer name. Then, its first child will be the name of a field with its value. The first field is the one selected in *Properties → Display*. Finally, all information about the feature is displayed.

Esta ventana puede ser personalizada para mostrar campos personalizados, pero por omisión mostrará tres tipos de información:

- Actions: Actions can be added to the identify feature windows. When clicking on the action label, action will be run. By default, only one action is added, to view feature form for editing.
- Derived: This information is calculated or derived from other information. You can find clicked coordinate, X and Y coordinates, area in map units and perimeter in map units for polygons, length in map units for lines and feature ids.
- Data attributes: This is the list of attribute fields from the data.

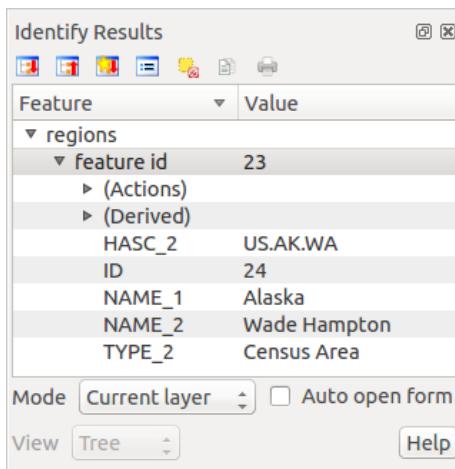


Figure 8.5: Identify feaures dialog 

At the top of the window, you have five icons:

-  Expand tree
-  Collapse tree
-  Default behaviour
-  Copy attributes
-  Print selected HTML response

At the bottom of the window, you have the *Mode* and *View* comboboxes. With the *Mode* combobox you can define the identify mode: ‘Current layer’, ‘Top down, stop at first’, ‘Top down’ and ‘Layer selection’. The *View* can be set as ‘Tree’, ‘Table’ and ‘Graph’.

The identify tool allows you to auto open a form. In this mode you can change the feautures attributes.

Otras funciones se pueden encontrar en el menú contextual del elemento identificado. Por ejemplo, del menú contextual se puede:

- Ver el formulario del objeto espacial
- Zum a objeto espacial
- Copiar objeto espacial: Copiar toda la geometría y atributos del objeto espacial
- Toggle feature selection: adds identified feature to selection
- Copiar el valor del atributo: copiar solo el valor del atributo sobre el cual se hizo clic
- Copy feature attributes: Copy only attributes
- Limpiar resultados: quitar resultados de la ventana
- Limpiar resaltados: Deseleccionar los objetos espaciales en el mapa
- Resaltar todo
- Resaltar capa
- Activar capa: Elegir una capa para ser activada
- Propiedades de la capa: Abrir la ventana de propiedades de la capa.
- Expandir todo
- Colapsar todo

## 8.6 Elementos decorativos

The Decorations of QGIS include the Grid, the Copyright Label, the North Arrow and the Scale Bar. They are used to ‘decorate’ the map by adding cartographic elements.

### 8.6.1 Cuadrícula



Cuadrícula permite agregar una rejilla de coordenadas y anotaciones a la vista del mapa.

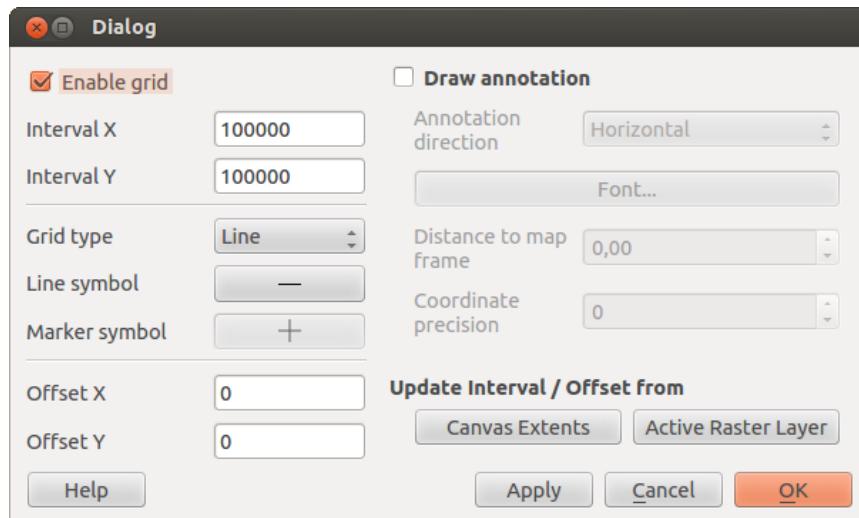
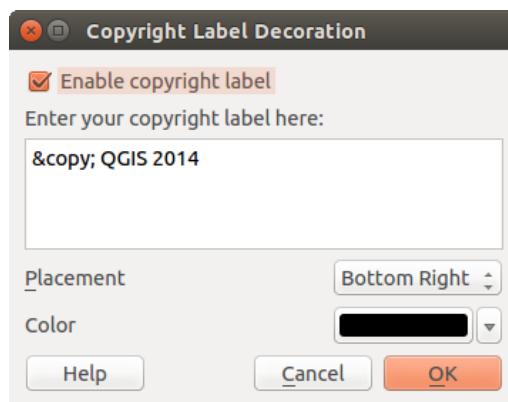
1. Seleccione en el menú *Ver* → *Ilustraciones*→ *Cuadrícula*. Aparece el diálogo (ver [figure\\_decorations\\_1](#)).
2. Activar la casilla  *Activar cuadrícula* y establecer la definición de la cuadrícula de acuerdo con las capas cargadas en la vista del mapa.
3. Activar la casilla  *Dibujar anotaciones* y establecer la definición de las anotaciones de acuerdo con las capas cargadas en la vista del mapa.
4. Click [Apply] to verify that it looks as expected.
5. Click [OK] to close the dialog.

### 8.6.2 Etiqueta de derechos de autor



Copyright label adds a copyright label using the text you prefer to the map.

1. Seleccione en el menú *Ver* → *Ilustraciones*→ *Etiqueta de Copyright*. Aparece el diálogo (ver [figure\\_decorations\\_2](#)).

Figure 8.6: The Grid Dialog Figure 8.7: The Copyright Dialog 

2. Escribir el texto que se quiera colocar en el mapa. Se puede usar HTML como se muestra en el ejemplo.
3. Choose the placement of the label from the *Placement* combo box.
4. Comprobar que la casilla de verificación *Activar etiqueta de copyright* este marcada.
5. Click [OK].

In the example above, which is the default, QGIS places a copyright symbol followed by the date in the lower right-hand corner of the map canvas.

### 8.6.3 Flecha del Norte

*North Arrow* places a simple north arrow on the map canvas. At present, there is only one style available. You can adjust the angle of the arrow or let QGIS set the direction automatically. If you choose to let QGIS determine the direction, it makes its best guess as to how the arrow should be oriented. For placement of the arrow, you have four options, corresponding to the four corners of the map canvas.

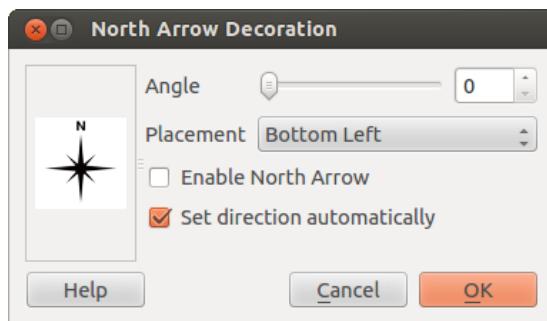


Figure 8.8: The North Arrow Dialog

### 8.6.4 Barra de escala

*Scale Bar* adds a simple scale bar to the map canvas. You can control the style and placement, as well as the labeling of the bar.

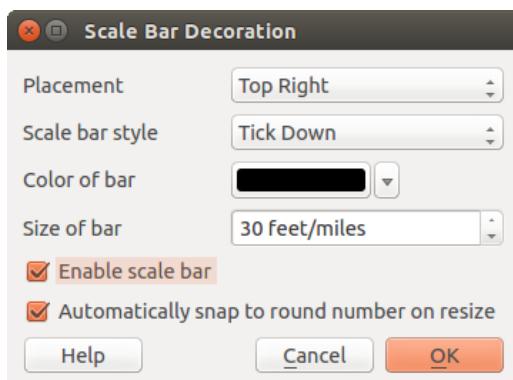


Figure 8.9: The Scale Bar Dialog

QGIS only supports displaying the scale in the same units as your map frame. So if the units of your layers are in meters, you can't create a scale bar in feet. Likewise, if you are using decimal degrees, you can't create a scale bar to display distance in meters.

Para añadir una barra de escala:

1. Seleccionar del menú *Ver* → *Ilustraciones* → *Barra de escala*. Se iniciará el diálogo (ver [figura\\_decorations\\_4](#)).
2. Choose the placement from the *Placement*  combo box.
3. Choose the style from the *Scale bar style*  combo box.
4. Select the color for the bar *Color of bar*  or use the default black color.
5. Set the size of the bar and its label *Size of bar* .
6. Comprobar que la casilla de verificación  *Habilitar barra de escala* esté marcada.
7. Optionally, check  *Automatically snap to round number on resize*.
8. Click [OK].

#### Truco: Configuración de elementos decorativos

Al guardar un proyecto .qgs, cualquiera de los cambios que se hayan hecho a la cuadrícula, flecha de norte, barra de escala y copyright se guardarán en el proyecto y se restaurarán la próxima vez que cargue el proyecto.

## 8.7 Herramientas de anotaciones

The  *Text Annotation* tool in the attribute toolbar provides the possibility to place formatted text in a balloon on the QGIS map canvas. Use the *Text Annotation* tool and click into the map canvas.

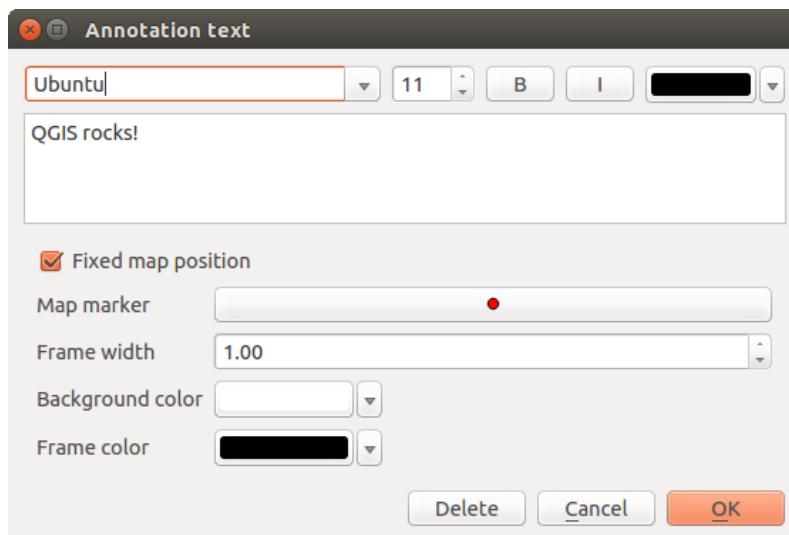


Figure 8.10: Annotation text dialog 

Haciendo doble clic sobre el elemento se abre un cuadro de diálogo con varias opciones. Hay un editor de texto para escribir el texto con formato y otros ajustes de elementos. Por ejemplo, existe la opción de tener el elemento colocado en una posición del mapa (mostrado por el símbolo del marcador) o tener el elemento en una posición de la pantalla (no relacionado con el mapa). El elemento se puede mover por la posición del mapa (al arrastrar el marcador del mapa) o moviendo solo el globo. Los iconos son parte del tema de los SIG, y se utilizan de forma predeterminada en otros temas también.

The  *Move Annotation* tool allows you to move the annotation on the map canvas.

## 8.7.1 Anotaciones HTML

The  *HTML Annotation* tools in the attribute toolbar provides the possibility to place the content of an html file in a balloon on the QGIS map canvas. Using the *HTML Annotation* tool, click into the map canvas and add the path to the html file into the dialog.

## 8.7.2 Anotaciones SVG

The  *SVG Annotation* tool in the attribute toolbar provides the possibility to place an SVG symbol in a balloon on the QGIS map canvas. Using the *SVG Annotation* tool, click into the map canvas and add the path to the SVG file into the dialog.

## 8.7.3 Anotaciones de formulario

Additionally, you can also create your own annotation forms. The  *Form Annotation* tool is useful to display attributes of a vector layer in a customized Qt Designer form (see [figure\\_custom\\_annotation](#)). This is similar to the designer forms for the *Identify features* tool, but displayed in an annotation item. Also see this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0pDBuSbQ02o> from Tim Sutton for more information.

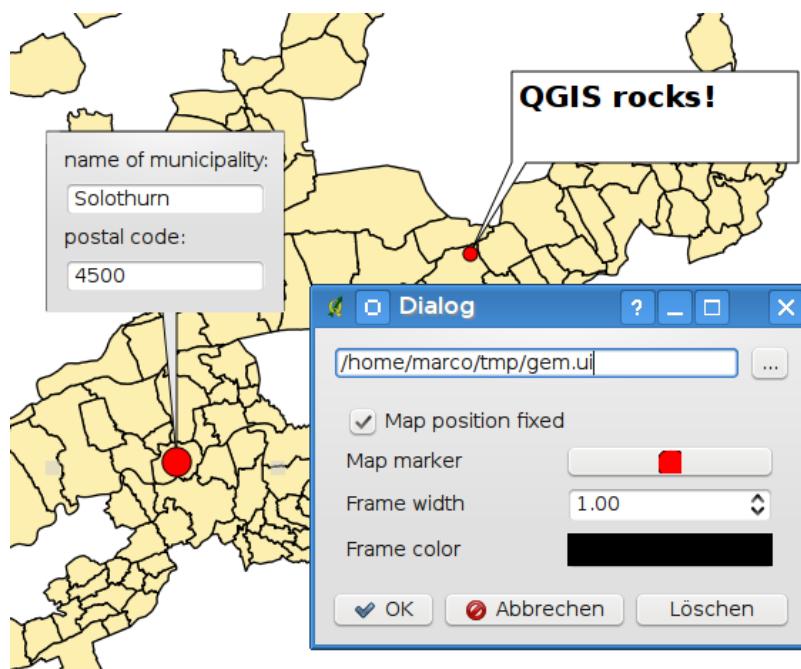


Figure 8.11: Customized qt designer annotation form 

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**Nota:** Si presiona **Ctrl+T** mientras está activa una herramienta *Anotación* (mover anotación, anotación de texto, anotación de formulario), se invierten los estados de visibilidad de los elementos.

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## 8.8 Marcadores espaciales

Spatial Bookmarks allow you to “bookmark” a geographic location and return to it later.

## 8.8.1 Crear un marcador

Para crear un marcador:

1. Hacer zoom o desplazarse al área de interés.
2. Select the menu option *View → New Bookmark* or press **Ctrl-B**.
3. Introduzca un nombre descriptivo para el marcador (hasta 255 caracteres).
4. Press **Enter** to add the bookmark or [**Delete**] to remove the bookmark.

Tenga en cuenta que puede tener múltiples marcadores con el mismo nombre.

## 8.8.2 Trabajar con marcadores

To use or manage bookmarks, select the menu option *View → Show Bookmarks*. The *Geospatial Bookmarks* dialog allows you to zoom to or delete a bookmark. You cannot edit the bookmark name or coordinates.

## 8.8.3 Zooming to a Bookmark

From the *Geospatial Bookmarks* dialog, select the desired bookmark by clicking on it, then click [**Zoom To**]. You can also zoom to a bookmark by double-clicking on it.

## 8.8.4 Deleting a Bookmark

To delete a bookmark from the *Geospatial Bookmarks* dialog, click on it, then click [**Delete**]. Confirm your choice by clicking [**Yes**], or cancel the delete by clicking [**No**].

## 8.8.5 Import or export a bookmark

To share or transfer your bookmarks between computers you can use the *Share* pull down menu in the *Geospatial Bookmarks* dialog.

## 8.9 Anidar proyectos

Si se quiere incluir contenido de otros proyectos en un proyecto, se puede elegir *Capa → Empotrar capas y grupos*.

### 8.9.1 Empotrar capas

El siguiente cuadro de diálogo le permite incluir capas de otros proyectos. Aquí un pequeño ejemplo:

1. Press  to look for another project from the Alaska dataset.
2. Select the project file `grassland`. You can see the content of the project (see [figure\\_embed\\_dialog](#)).
3. Press **Ctrl** and click on the layers `grassland` and `regions`. Press [**OK**]. The selected layers are embedded in the map legend and the map view now.

Si bien las capas incrustadas son editables, no se pueden cambiar sus propiedades como estilo y etiquetado.

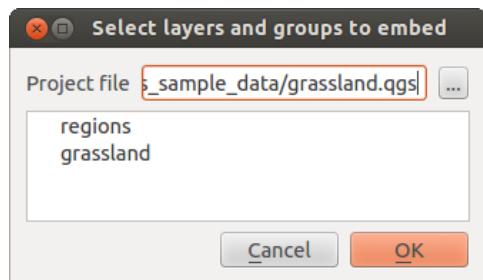


Figure 8.12: Select layers and groups to embed 🐧

### 8.9.2 Eliminar capas incrustadas

Right-click on the embedded layer and choose Remove.

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## QGIS Configuration

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QGIS is highly configurable through the *Settings* menu. Choose between Panels, Toolbars, Project Properties, Options and Customization.

**Nota:** QGIS follows desktop guidelines for the location of options and project properties item. Consequently related to the OS you are using, location of some of items described above could be located in the *View* menu (Panels and Toolbars) or in *Project* for Options.

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### 9.1 Panels and Toolbars

In the *Panels*→ menu, you can switch on and off QGIS widgets. The *Toolbars*→ menu provides the possibility to switch on and off icon groups in the QGIS toolbar (see [figure\\_panels\\_toolbars](#)).

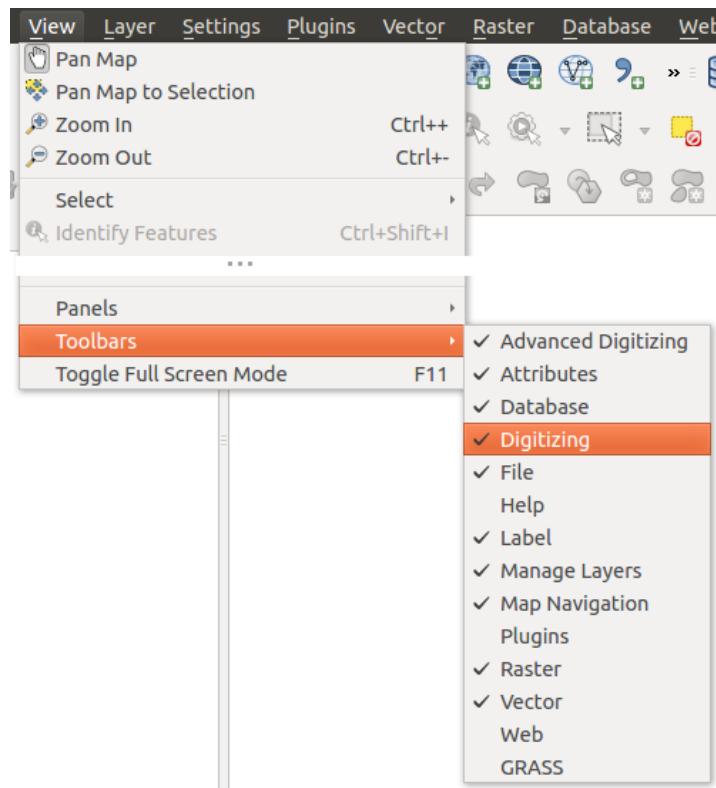


Figure 9.1: The Panels and Toolbars menu 

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**Truco:** Activating the QGIS Overview

In QGIS, you can use an overview panel that provides a full extent view of layers added to it. It can be selected under the menu *Settings* → *Panels* or *View* → *Panels*. Within the view is a rectangle showing the current map extent. This allows you to quickly determine which area of the map you are currently viewing. Note that labels are not rendered to the map overview even if the layers in the map overview have been set up for labeling. If you click and drag the red rectangle in the overview that shows your current extent, the main map view will update accordingly.

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**Truco: Show Log Messages**

It's possible to track the QGIS messages. You can activate *Log Messages* in the menu *Settings* → *Panels* or *View* → *Panels* and follow the messages that appear in the different tabs during loading and operation.

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## 9.2 Propiedades del proyecto

In the properties window for the project under *Settings* → *Project Properties* (kde) or *Project* → *Project Properties* (Gnome), you can set project-specific options. These include:

- In the *General* menu, the project title, selection and background color, layer units, precision, and the option to save relative paths to layers can be defined. If the CRS transformation is on, you can choose an ellipsoid for distance calculations. You can define the canvas units (only used when CRS transformation is disabled) and the precision of decimal places to use. You can also define a project scale list, which overrides the global predefined scales.
- El menú *SRC* habilitado para elegir el Sistema de Referencia de Coordenadas para este proyecto, y para habilitar la reproyección al vuelo de capas ráster y vector cuando se muestran capas de un diferente SRC.
- With the third *Identify layers* menu, you set (or disable) which layers will respond to the identify tool (see the “Map tools” paragraph from the *Opciones* section to enable identifying of multiple layers).
- The *Default Styles* menu lets you control how new layers will be drawn when they do not have an existing .qml style defined. You can also set the default transparency level for new layers and whether symbols should have random colours assigned to them. There is also an additional section where you can define specific colors for the running project. You can find the added colors in the drop down menu of the color dialog window present in each renderer.
- The tab *OWS Server* allows you to define information about the QGIS Server WMS and WFS capabilities, extent and CRS restrictions.
- El menú *Macros* es utilizado para editar macros de Python para proyectos. Actualmente, solo tres macros están disponibles: `openProject()`, `saveProject()` and `closeProject()`.
- El menú *Relaciones* es utilizado para definir relaciones 1:n. Las relaciones están definidas en el diálogo de propiedades del proyecto. Una vez que existen las relaciones de una capa, un nuevo elemento de la interfaz de usuario en la vista del formulario (por ejemplo al identificar un elemento espacial y abrir el formulario) mostrará una lista de las entidades relacionadas. Este proporciona un poderosa forma para expresar, por ejemplo la inspección de la longitud de una tubería o el segmento de carretera. Se puede encontrar más información acerca de relaciones 1:n y soporte en la sección *Creating one to many relations*.

## 9.3 Opciones

Some basic options for QGIS can be selected using the *Options* dialog. Select the menu option *Settings* → *Options*. The tabs where you can customize your options are described below.

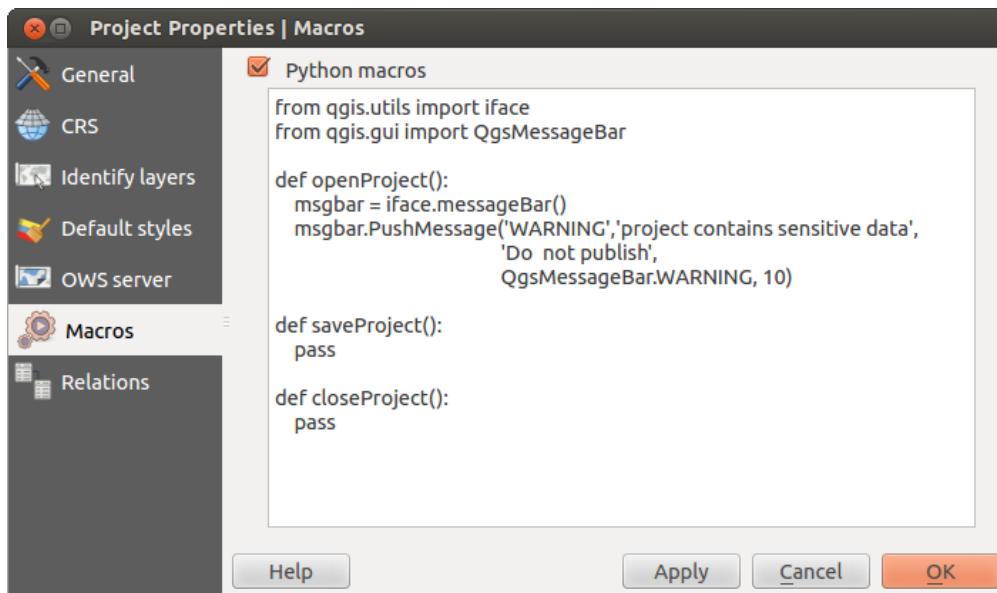


Figure 9.2: Macro settings in QGIS

### 9.3.1 Menú General

#### Aplicación

- Select the *Style* (*QGIS restart required*) and choose between ‘Oxygen’, ‘Windows’, ‘Motif’, ‘CDE’, ‘Plastique’ and ‘Cleanlooks’ .
- Define the *Icon theme* . Currently only ‘default’ is possible.
- Define the *Icon size* .
- Define the *Font*. Choose between *Qt default* and a user-defined font.
- Change the *Timeout for timed messages or dialogs* .
  - *Ocultar la pantalla de bienvenida al iniciar la aplicación*
  - *Mostrar consejos al iniciar*
  - *Títulos de cajas de grupos en negrita*
  - *Cajas de grupo al estilo QGIS*
  - *Utilizar los diálogos de selección de colores nativos*
  - *Usar diálogos de selección de color actualizadas en vivo*
  - *Estilo de barra lateral personalizado*
  - *Apoyo para rotación del lienzo experimental (requiere reiniciar)*

#### Los archivos de proyecto

- *Open project on launch* (choose between ‘New’, ‘Most recent’ and ‘Specific’). When choosing ‘Specific’ use the to define a project.
- *Crear nuevo proyecto desde el proyecto predeterminado*. Tiene la posibilidad de presionar *Establecer el actual proyecto como predeterminado* o sobre *Restablecer el predeterminado*. Puede navegar a través de sus archivos y definir un directorio donde se encuentra las plantillas definidas por el usuario. Esto se añadirá

a Proyecto → Nueva plantilla de formulario. Si activa primero  Crear nuevo proyecto desde proyecto predeterminado y entonces guarde un proyecto en la carpeta de las plantillas de proyecto.

- Solicitar guardar proyectos y fuentes de datos modificadas cuando sea necesario
- Pedir confirmación cuando se va a eliminar una capa
- Avisar cuando se abra un proyecto guardado con una versión anterior de QGIS
- Enable macros . This option was created to handle macros that are written to perform an action on project events. You can choose between ‘Never’, ‘Ask’, ‘For this session only’ and ‘Always (not recommended)’.

### 9.3.2 Menú Sistema

#### Entorno

Variables de entorno del sistema ahora se puede ver, y muchos lo configuran en el grupo **Entorno** (ver [figure\\_environment\\_variables](#)). Esto es útil para las plataformas, como Mac, donde una aplicación GUI no heredan necesariamente entorno del casco del usuario. También es útil para configurar y visualizar las variables de entorno para los conjuntos de herramientas externas controladas por la caja de herramientas de procesamiento (por ejemplo, SAGA, GRASS), y para activar la salida de depuración para secciones específicas del código fuente.

- Utilizar variables personalizadas (requiere reiniciar - incluir separadores). Puede [Añadir] y [Borrar] variables. Las variables de entorno ya definidas se muestran en *Variables de entorno actuales*, y es posible filtrarlos activando  Mostrar sólo variables de QGIS específicas.

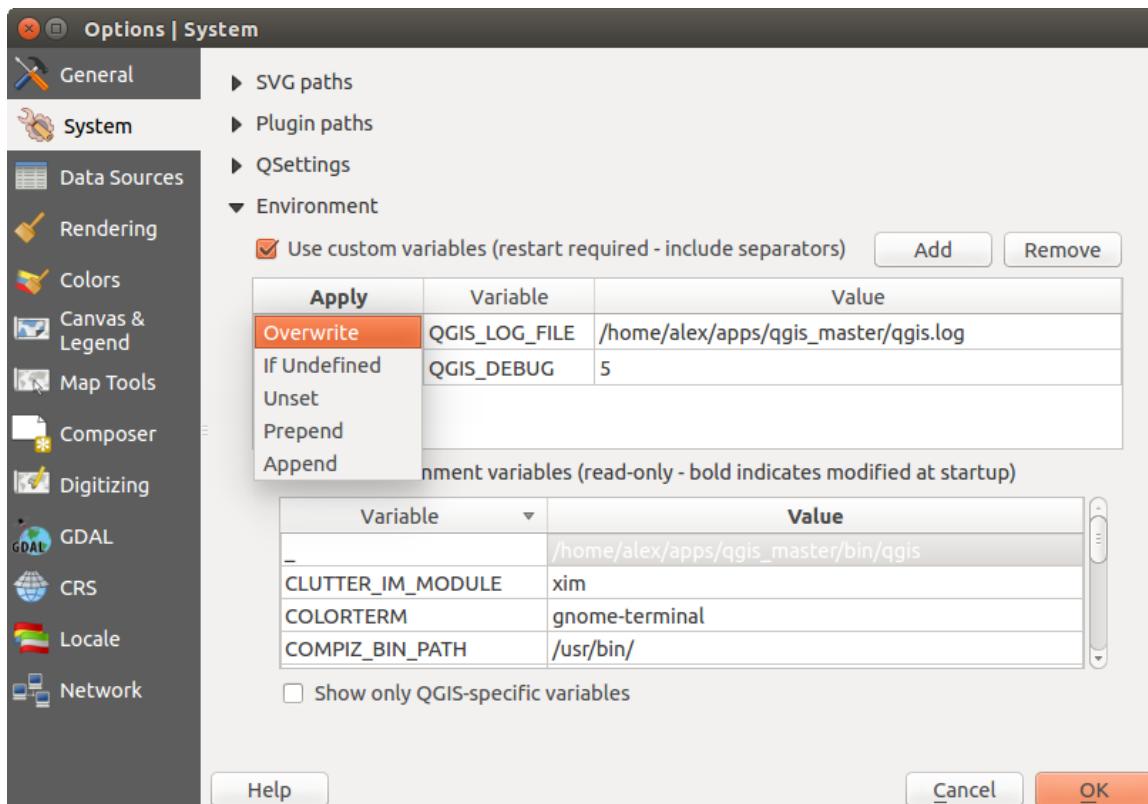


Figure 9.3: System environment variables in QGIS

#### Rutas de complemento

[Añadir] o [Borrar] Ruta(s) para buscar librerías de componentes en C++ adicionales

### 9.3.3 Menú Fuente de datos

#### Atributos de entidades espaciales y tabla

- *Abrir tabla de atributos en la ventana adosada (requiere reiniciar QGIS)*
- *Copy geometry in WKT representation from attribute table.* When using  *Copy selected rows to clipboard* from the *Attribute table* dialog, this has the result that the coordinates of points or vertices are also copied to the clipboard.
- *Attribute table behaviour* . There are three possibilities: ‘Show all features’, ‘Show selected features’ and ‘Show features visible on map’.
- *Attribute table row cache*  *[1,00]*. This row cache makes it possible to save the last loaded N attribute rows so that working with the attribute table will be quicker. The cache will be deleted when closing the attribute table.
- *Representación de valores NULOS.* Aquí, puede definir un valor para los datos de campos que tienen un valor NULO.

#### Manejo de fuente de datos

- *Scan for valid items in the browser dock* . You can choose between ‘Check extension’ and ‘Check file contents’.
- *Scan for contents of compressed files (.zip) in browser dock* . ‘No’, ‘Basic scan’ and ‘Full scan’ are possible.
- *Solicitar subcapas raster al abrir.* Algunas subcapas raster soportadas — se les llama subdataset en GDAL. Un ejemplo son los archivos netCDF — si hay muchos variables netCDF, GDAL ve cada variable como un subconjunto de datos. La opción le permite controlar cómo lidiar con subcapas cuando se abre un archivo con subcapas. Dispone de las siguientes opciones:
  - ‘Siempre’: Siempre preguntar (Si hay subcapas existentes)
  - ‘Si es necesario’: Preguntar si la capa no tiene bandas, pero tiene subcapas
  - ‘Nunca’: Nunca preguntar, no se cargarán nada
  - ‘Cargar todo’: Nunca preguntar, pero cargar todas las subcapas
- *Ignore shapefile encoding declaration.* If a shapefile has encoding information, this will be ignored by QGIS.
- *Añadir capas PostGIS con doble clic y seleccionar en modo extendido*
- *Añadir capas de Oracle con doble clic y seleccionar en modo extendido*

### 9.3.4 Menú representación

#### Rendering behaviour

- *Por defecto las nuevas capas añadidas al mapa se deben mostrar*
- *Utilizar el cacheo de presentación en lo posible a la velocidad de regeneración*
- *Representación de capas en paralelo utilizando muchos núcleos CPU*
- *Máximo de núcleos a utilizar*
- *Intervalo de actualización del mapa (por defecto 250 ms)*
- *Enable feature simplification by default for newly added layers*

- *Simplificación del umbral*
- *Simplifique el lado del proveedor si es posible*
- *Escala máxima a la que la capa se debe simplificar*

### Calidad de representación

- *Hacer que las líneas se muestren menos quebradas a expensas del rendimiento de la representación*

### Rásters

- Con *Selección de la banda RGB*, puede definir el numero para la banda Roja, Verde y Azul.

### Mejora de contraste

- *Single band gray*  . A single band gray can have ‘No stretch’, ‘Stretch to MinMax’, ‘Stretch and Clip to MinMax’ and also ‘Clip to MinMax’.
- *Multi band color (byte/band)*  . Options are ‘No stretch’, ‘Stretch to MinMax’, ‘Stretch and Clip to MinMax’ and ‘Clip to MinMax’.
- *Multi band color (>byte/band)*  . Options are ‘No stretch’, ‘Stretch to MinMax’, ‘Stretch and Clip to MinMax’ and ‘Clip to MinMax’.
- *Limits (minimum/maximum)*  . Options are ‘Cumulative pixel count cut’, ‘Minimum/Maximum’, ‘Mean +/- standard deviation’.
- *Límite para corte del conteo acumulativo de píxeles*
- *Multiplicador de la desviación estándar*

### Depuración

- *Refrescar lienzo de mapa*

## 9.3.5 Menú de Colores

Este menú le permite añadir algunos colores personalizados que puede encontrar en cada ventana de diálogo de color de la representación. Verá un conjunto de colores predefinidos en la pestaña: se puede eliminar o editar todos ellos. Por otra parte se puede añadir el color que se desea y realizar algunas operaciones de copiar y pegar. Finalmente se puede exportar el conjunto de colores como un archivo `gpl` o importarlos.

## 9.3.6 Menú Vista del mapa y leyenda

### Apariencia del mapa predeterminado (anulado por las propiedades del proyecto)

- Definir un *Color de selección* y un *Color de fondo*.

### Leyenda de capa

- *Double click action in legend*  . You can either ‘Open layer properties’ or ‘Open attribute table’ with the double click.
- Lo siguiente es posible *Estilos de elementos de la leyenda*:
  - *Comenzar el nombre de las capas con mayúsculas*
  - *Poner en negrita los nombres de la capa*
  - *Poner en negrita los nombres de grupo*
  - *Mostrar nombres de atributos de clasificación*

- *Crear iconos de ráster (puede ser lento)*

### 9.3.7 Menú Herramientas de mapa

This menu offers some options regarding the behaviour of the *Identify tool*.

- *Radio de búsqueda para identificar y visualizar avisos en el mapa* es un factor de tolerancia expresada como un porcentaje del ancho de mapa. Esto significa que la herramienta de identificación representara los resultados siempre y cuando haga clic dentro de esta tolerancia.
- *Color de realce* le permite elegir con que color deben ser identificados los objetos espaciales que están resaltados.
- *Buffer* expressed as a percentage of the map width, determines a buffer distance to be rendered from the outline of the identify highlight.
- *Minimum width* expressed as a percentage of the map width, determines how thick should the outline of a highlighted object be.

#### Herramienta de medición

- Definir *Color de la banda de medida* para herramienta de medida
- Definir *Lugares decimales*
- *Keep base unit*
- *Preferred measurements units*  ('Meters', 'Feet', 'Nautical Miles' or 'Degrees')
- *Preferred angle units*  ('Degrees', 'Radians' or 'Gon')

#### Mover y zum

- Define *Mouse wheel action*  ('Zoom', 'Zoom and recenter', 'Zoom to mouse cursor', 'Nothing')
- Definir *Factor de zum* para la rueda del ratón

#### Escalas predefinidas

Here, you find a list of predefined scales. With the **[+]** and **[-]** buttons you can add or remove your individual scales.

### 9.3.8 Menú Diseñador

#### Predeterminados de la composición

Se puede definir el *Tipo de letra predeterminado* aquí.

#### Apariencia de la cuadrícula

- Define the *Grid style*  ('Solid', 'Dots', 'Crosses')
- Definir el *Color de la cuadrícula*

#### Valores predeterminados de la cuadrícula y guía

- Define the *Grid spacing*  
- Define the *Grid offset*   for x and y
- Define the *Snap tolerance*  

### 9.3.9 Menú Digitalización

#### Creación de entidades espaciales

- *Suprimir formulario emergente de atributos después de crear objetos espaciales*
- *Reutilizar últimos valores de atributos introducidos*
- *Validate geometries.* Editing complex lines and polygons with many nodes can result in very slow rendering. This is because the default validation procedures in QGIS can take a lot of time. To speed up rendering, it is possible to select GEOS geometry validation (starting from GEOS 3.3) or to switch it off. GEOS geometry validation is much faster, but the disadvantage is that only the first geometry problem will be reported.

#### Banda de medición

- Definir banda elástica *Ancho de línea y Color de línea*

#### Autoensamblado

- *Abrir opciones de autoensamblado en una ventana adosada(requiere reiniciar QGIS)*
- Define *Default snap mode*  ('To vertex', 'To segment', 'To vertex and segment', 'Off')
- Definir *Tolerancia de autoensamblado predeterminado* en unidades de mapa o píxeles
- Definir el *Radio de búsqueda para edición de vértices* en unidades de mapa o píxeles

#### Marcar vértices

- *Mostrar marcadores sólo para los objetos espaciales seleccionados*
- Define vertex *Marker style*  ('Cross' (default), 'Semi transparent circle' or 'None')
- Definir vértice *Tamaño de marcador*

#### Herramienta de desplazamiento de curva

The next 3 options refer to the  *Offset Curve* tool in *Digitalización avanzada*. Through the various settings, it is possible to influence the shape of the line offset. These options are possible starting from GEOS 3.3.

- *Estilo de la unión*
- *Segmentos del cuadrante*
- *Límite Miter*

### 9.3.10 Menú GDAL

GDAL es una biblioteca de intercambio de datos para archivos ráster. En esta pestaña, puede *Editar opciones de creación* y *Editar opciones de pirámides* de los formatos ráster. Definir que controlador GDAL se va a utilizar para un formato ráster, como en algunos casos más de un controlador está disponible.

### 9.3.11 Menú SRC

#### SRC predeterminado para nuevos proyectos

- *Don't enable 'on the fly' reprojection*
- *Automatically enable 'on the fly' reprojection if layers have different CRS*
- *Enable 'on the fly' reprojection by default*
- Seleccionar un SRC y *Empezar siempre nuevos proyectos con este SRC*

## SRC para nuevas capas

Esta área permite definir la acción a realizar cuando una nueva capa es creada, o cuando una capa sin SRC es cargada.

- *Prompt for CRS*
- *Use project CRS*
- *Use default CRS*

## Por defecto transformación de datum

- *Preguntar por la trasformación del datum cuando el predeterminado no este definido*
- Si ha trabajado con la trasformación de SRC ‘al vuelo’ puede ver el resultado de la transformación en la ventana de abajo. Puede encontrar información acerca de ‘Origen SRC’ y ‘Destino SRC’ así como también ‘Transformación de datum de origen’ y ‘Trasformación de datum destino’.

## 9.3.12 Menú Idioma

- *Ignorar el idioma del sistema y Idioma a usar en su lugar*
- Información acerca del idioma del sistema

## 9.3.13 Menú Red

### General

- Definir *Dirección de búsqueda de WMS*, por omisión es `http://geopole.org/wms/search?search=%1&type=`
- Definir *Expiró el tiempo para solicitudes de red* - por omisión 60000
- Definir *Periodo de expiración predeterminada para teselas WMS-C/WMTS (en horas)* - por omisión 24
- Definir *Reintentar al máximo en caso de errores en la solicitud de tile*
- Definir *Agente- Usuario*

### Configuración de caché

Definir la configuración del caché *Directorio* y un *Tamaño*.

- *Usar proxy para acceso web* y definir ‘Servidor’, ‘Puerto’, ‘Usuario’, y ‘Contraseña’.
- Set the *Proxy type*  according to your needs.
  - *Default Proxy*: Proxy se determina con base en el proxy de aplicación que establece el uso
  - *Socks5Proxy*: Proxy genérico para cualquier tipo de conexión. Soporta TCP, UDP, unión a un puerto (conexiones entrantes) y autenticación.
  - *HttpProxy*: Implementado con el comando “CONNECT”, sólo admite conexiones TCP salientes; admite la autenticación.
  - *HttpCachingProxy*: Implementando el uso de comandos HTTP normales, es útil sólo en el contexto de peticiones HTTP.
  - *FtpCachingProxy*: Implementar el uso de un proxy FTP, es útil sólo en el contexto de las peticiones FTP.

Excluir algunas URLs se puede agregar a la caja de texto debajo los valores del proxy (ver [Figure\\_Network\\_Tab](#)).

Si necesita más información detallada acerca de las diferentes configuraciones de proxy, consulte el manual de documentación de la biblioteca QT en <http://doc.trolltech.com/4.5/qnetworkproxy.html#ProxyType-enum>.

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**Truco: Utilizar proxies**

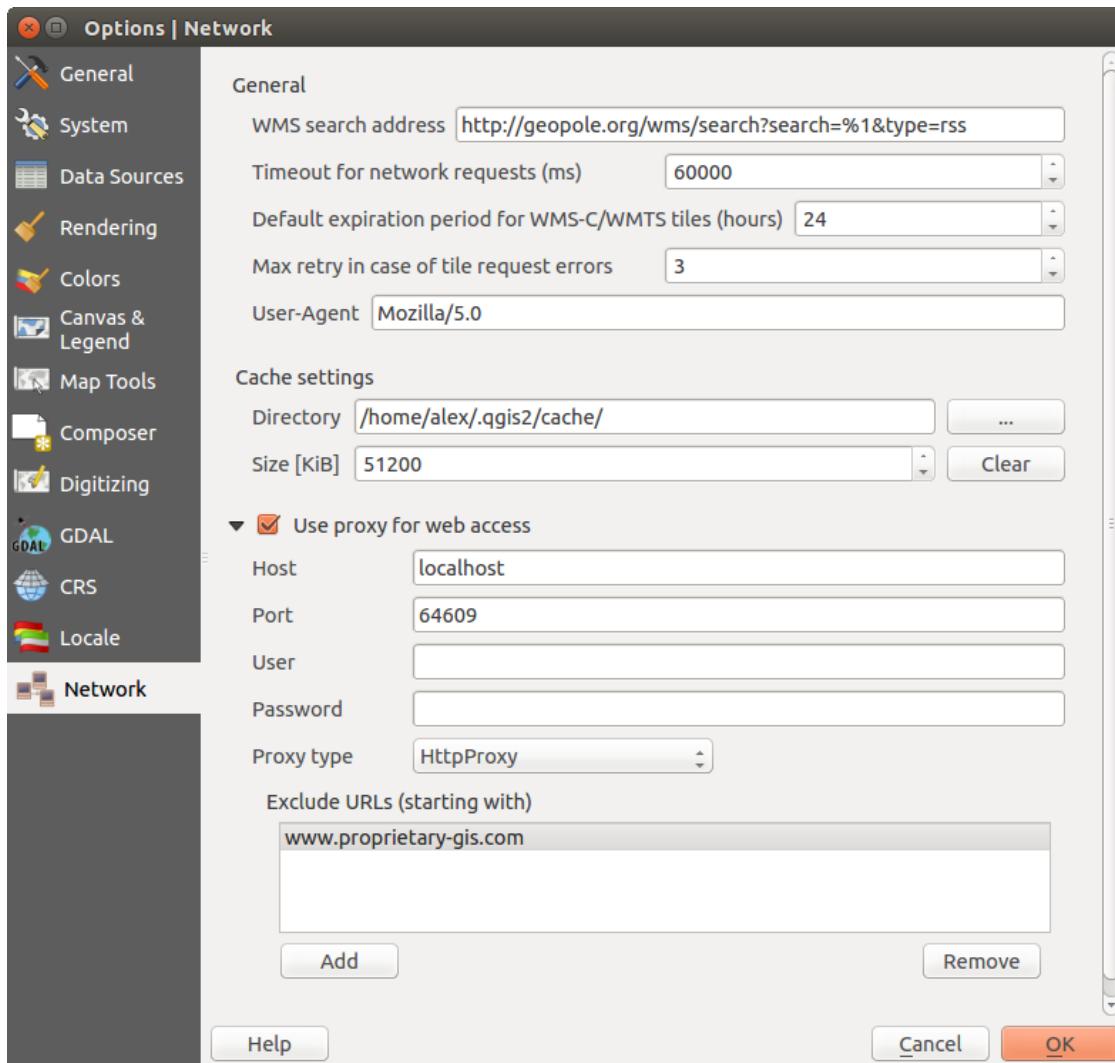


Figure 9.4: Proxy-settings in QGIS

El uso de proxies a veces puede ser complicado. Es útil para proceder por ‘prueba y error’ con los tipos de proxies anteriores, comprobar para ver si en su caso tiene éxito.

You can modify the options according to your needs. Some of the changes may require a restart of QGIS before they will be effective.

- La configuración se guarda en un archivo de texto: \$HOME/.config/QGIS/QGIS2.conf
- Puede encontrar sus ajustes en: \$HOME/Library/Preferences/org.qgis.plist
- Los ajustes se almacenan bajo el registro: HKEY\ CURRENT\_USER\ Software\ QGIS\ qgis

## 9.4 Personalización

The customization tool lets you (de)activate almost every element in the QGIS user interface. This can be very useful if you have a lot of plugins installed that you never use and that are filling your screen.

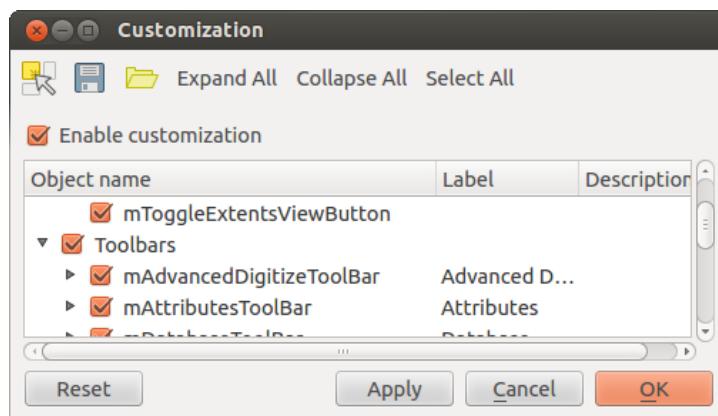


Figure 9.5: The Customization dialog

QGIS Customization is divided into five groups. In *Menus*, you can hide entries in the Menu bar. In *Panels*, you find the panel windows. Panel windows are applications that can be started and used as a floating, top-level window or embedded to the QGIS main window as a docked widget (see also [Panels and Toolbars](#)). In the *Status Bar*, features like the coordinate information can be deactivated. In *Toolbars*, you can (de)activate the toolbar icons of QGIS, and in *Widgets*, you can (de)activate dialogs as well as their buttons.

With *Switch to catching widgets in main application*, you can click on elements in QGIS that you want to be hidden and find the corresponding entry in Customization (see [figure\\_customization](#)). You can also save your various setups for different use cases as well. Before your changes are applied, you need to restart QGIS.



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## Trabajar con Proyecciones

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QGIS allows users to define a global and project-wide CRS (coordinate reference system) for layers without a pre-defined CRS. It also allows the user to define custom coordinate reference systems and supports on-the-fly (OTF) projection of vector and raster layers. All of these features allow the user to display layers with different CRSs and have them overlay properly.

### 10.1 Vista general de la ayuda de proyección

QGIS has support for approximately 2,700 known CRSs. Definitions for each CRS are stored in a SQLite database that is installed with QGIS. Normally, you do not need to manipulate the database directly. In fact, doing so may cause projection support to fail. Custom CRSs are stored in a user database. See section *Sistema de referencia de coordenadas personalizada* for information on managing your custom coordinate reference systems.

The CRSs available in QGIS are based on those defined by the European Petroleum Search Group (EPSG) and the Institut Géographique National de France (IGNF) and are largely abstracted from the spatial reference tables used in GDAL. EPSG identifiers are present in the database and can be used to specify a CRS in QGIS.

In order to use OTF projection, either your data must contain information about its coordinate reference system or you will need to define a global, layer or project-wide CRS. For PostGIS layers, QGIS uses the spatial reference identifier that was specified when the layer was created. For data supported by OGR, QGIS relies on the presence of a recognized means of specifying the CRS. In the case of shapefiles, this means a file containing the well-known text (WKT) specification of the CRS. This projection file has the same base name as the shapefile and a .prj extension. For example, a shapefile named alaska.shp would have a corresponding projection file named alaska.prj.

Whenever you select a new CRS, the layer units will automatically be changed in the *General* tab of the  *Project Properties* dialog under the *Project* (Gnome, OS X) or *Settings* (KDE, Windows) menu.

### 10.2 Especificar proyección global

QGIS starts each new project using the global default projection. The global default CRS is EPSG:4326 - WGS 84 (`proj=longlat +ellps=WGS84 +datum=WGS84 +no_defs`), and it comes predefined in QGIS. This default can be changed via the **[Select...]** button in the first section, which is used to define the default coordinate reference system for new projects, as shown in [figure\\_projection\\_1](#). This choice will be saved for use in subsequent QGIS sessions.

When you use layers that do not have a CRS, you need to define how QGIS responds to these layers. This can be done globally or project-wide in the *CRS* tab under *Settings* →  *Options*.

Las opciones mostradas en [figure\\_projection\\_1](#) son:

- *Prompt for CRS*
- *Use project CRS*

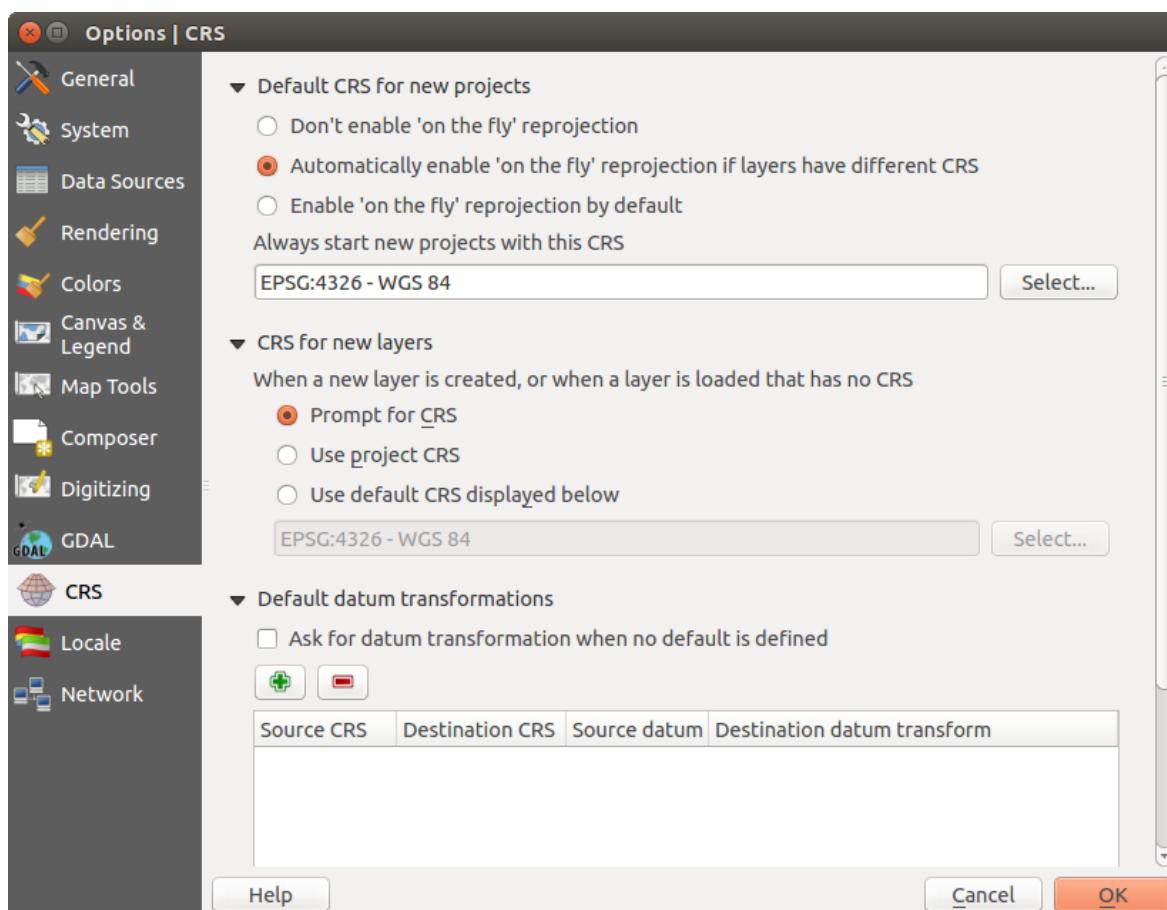


Figure 10.1: CRS tab in the QGIS Options Dialog 🐧

-  *Use default CRS displayed below*

If you want to define the coordinate reference system for a certain layer without CRS information, you can also do that in the *General* tab of the raster and vector properties dialog (see [General Menu](#) for rasters and [General Menu](#) for vectors). If your layer already has a CRS defined, it will be displayed as shown in [Vector Layer Properties Dialog](#).

#### Truco: SRC en la leyenda de mapa

Haga clic derecho sobre una capa en la leyenda del mapa (sección [Map Legend](#)) proporciona dos atajos. *Establecer SRC de la capa* te lleva directamente al diálogo del selección de Sistema de Referencia de Coordenadas (vea [figure\\_projection\\_2](#)). *Establecer SRC del proyecto a partir de la capa* redefine el SRC del proyecto mediante el SRC de la capa.

## 10.3 Definir reproyección al vuelo (OTF)

QGIS supports OTF reprojection for both raster and vector data. However, OTF is not activated by default. To use OTF projection, you must activate the  *Enable on the fly CRS transformation* checkbox in the *CRS* tab of the  [Project Properties](#) dialog.

#### Hay tres maneras de hacer esto:

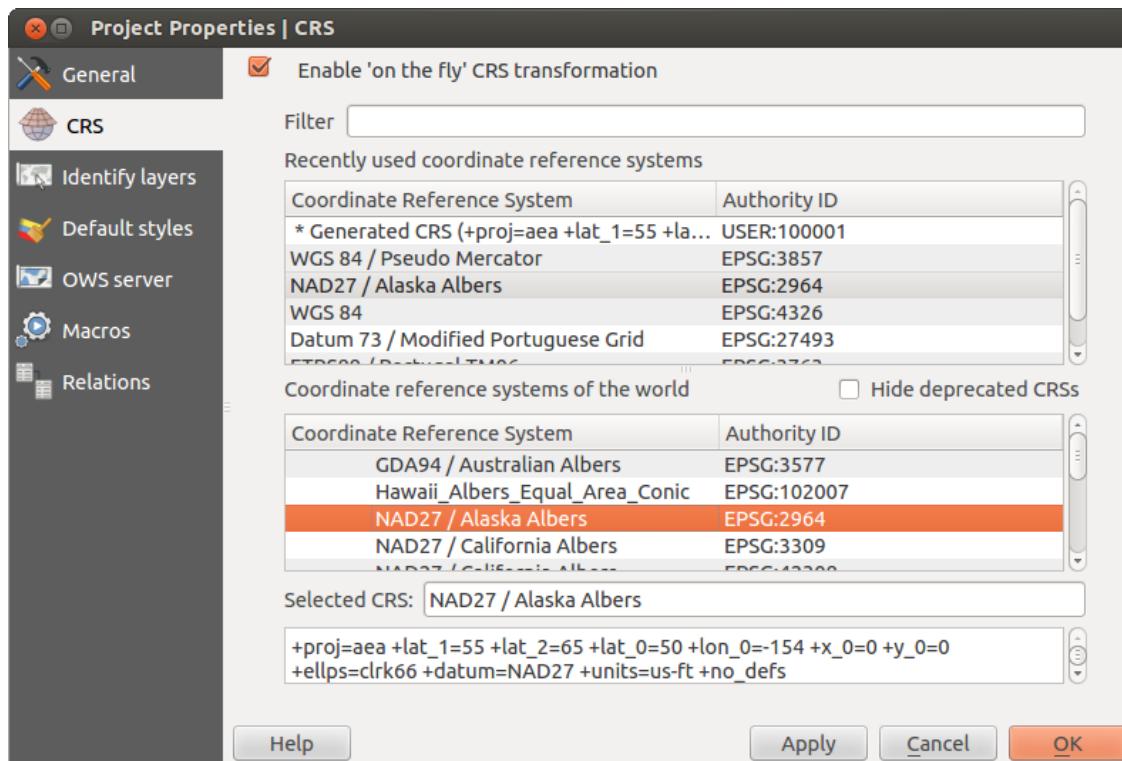
1. Select  [Project Properties](#) from the *Project* (Gnome, OSX) or *Settings* (KDE, Windows) menu.
2. Hacer clic en el ícono  *SRC actual* en la esquina inferior-derecha de la barra de estado.
3. Encender OTF por omisión en la pestaña :guilabel:'CRS' del diálogo :guilabel:'Options' seleccionando  *Permitir la reproyección 'on the fly' por omisión* o *Permitir automáticamente 'on the fly' si las capas tienen diferente CRS*.

Si ya se ha cargado una capa y desea habilitar la proyección OTF, lo mejor es abrir la pestaña *CRS* del diálogo [Propiedades del Proyecto](#), elegir un CRS, y activar el casillero  *Permitir la transformación 'on the fly' CRS*. El ícono  *geográfico* estado CRS no debe ser puesto en gris, y todas las capas serán proyectadas en OTF al CRS exhibido cerca del ícono.

La pestaña *CRS* en el diálogo [Propiedades del Proyecto](#) contiene cinco componentes importantes, como se muestra en [Figura\\_proyección\\_2\\_y](#) y descrita abajo:

1. **Habilitar la transformación 'on the fly' CRS** — Este casillero se usa para habilitar o deshabilitar la proyección OTF. Al estar apagado, cada capa es dibujada usando las coordenadas como se leen de la fuente de datos, y los componentes descritos abajo están inactivos. Al encender, las coordenadas en cada capa se proyectan al sistema de referencia de coordenadas definido por el mapa.
2. **Filtro** — Si conoce el código EPSG, el identificador, del nombre para un sistema de referencia por coordenadas, puede usar la facción de búsqueda para encontrarlo. Ingresar el código EPSG, el identificador o el nombre.
3. **Sistemas de referencia por coordenadas usadas recientemente** — Si tiene ciertos CRSs que ha usado frecuentemente en su trabajo GIS diario, estos se desplegarán en esta lista. Clic en una de estas opciones para seleccionar el CRS asociado.
4. **Coordinate reference systems of the world** — This is a list of all CRSs supported by QGIS, including Geographic, Projected and Custom coordinate reference systems. To define a CRS, select it from the list by expanding the appropriate node and selecting the CRS. The active CRS is preselected.
5. **\*\* Texto PROJ.4\*\*** — Esta es la cadena CRS usada por la máquina de proyección PROJ.4. Este texto es solo de lectura y provisto para propósitos de información.

#### Truco: Diálogo de Propiedades del proyecto

Figure 10.2: Project Properties Dialog 

Si se abre el diálogo *propiedades del Proyecto* del menú *Proyecto*, debe dar clic en la pestaña *CRS* para ver los ajustes CRS.

Abriendo el diálogo del ícono  estado CRS traerá automáticamente al frente la pestaña *CRS*.

## 10.4 Sistema de referencia de coordenadas personalizada

If QGIS does not provide the coordinate reference system you need, you can define a custom CRS. To define a CRS, select  *Custom CRS...* from the *Settings* menu. Custom CRSs are stored in your QGIS user database. In addition to your custom CRSs, this database also contains your spatial bookmarks and other custom data.

Defining a custom CRS in QGIS requires a good understanding of the PROJ.4 projection library. To begin, refer to “Cartographic Projection Procedures for the UNIX Environment - A User’s Manual” by Gerald I. Evenden, U.S. Geological Survey Open-File Report 90-284, 1990 (available at <ftp://ftp.remotesensing.org/proj/OF90-284.pdf>).

This manual describes the use of the `proj.4` and related command line utilities. The cartographic parameters used with `proj.4` are described in the user manual and are the same as those used by QGIS.

El diálogo *Definición del Sistema de Referencia de Coordenadas personalizada* sólo necesita dos parámetros para definir un usuario de SRC:

1. Un nombre descriptivo
2. Los parámetros cartográficos en el formato PROJ.4

To create a new CRS, click the  *Add new CRS* button and enter a descriptive name and the CRS parameters.

Note que :guilabel:`Parámetros` debe empezar con un bloque “+proj=”, para representar el nuevo sistema de referencia por coordenadas.

Usted puede evaluar sus parámetros CRS para ver si dan resultados sensatos. Para hacer esto, ingresar valores de longitud y latitud conocidos WGS 84 en campos *Norte* :guilabel:`Este`, respectivamente. Clic en [Calcular], y

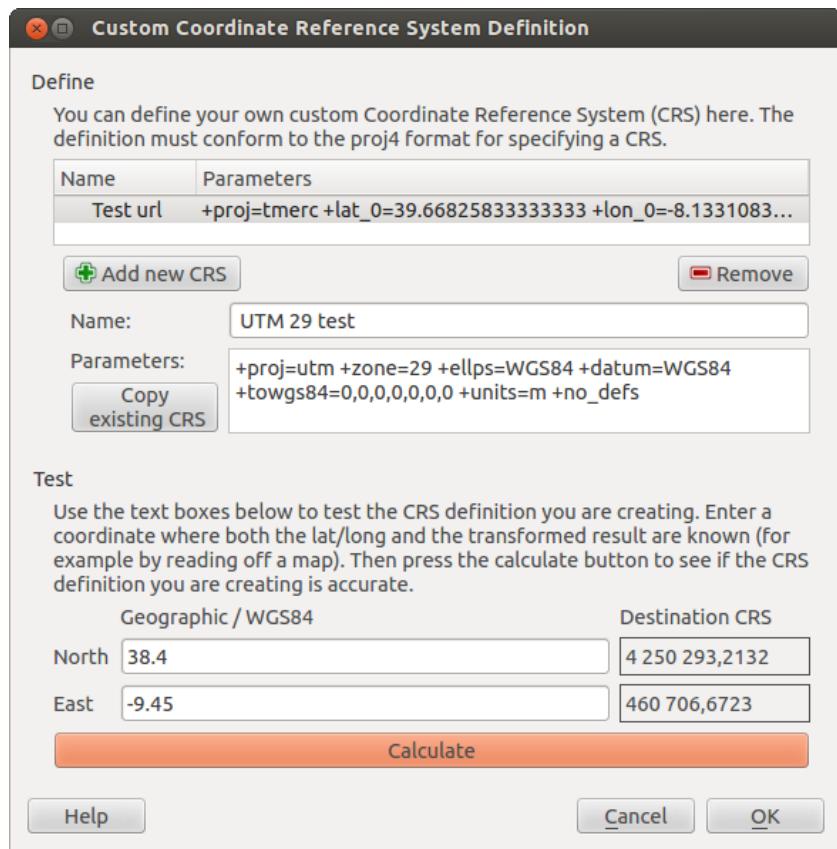


Figure 10.3: Custom CRS Dialog 🐧

comparar los resultados con valores conocidos en su sistema de referencia por coordenadas.

## 10.5 Transformaciones de datos predeterminadas

OTF depends on being able to transform data into a ‘default CRS’, and QGIS uses WGS84. For some CRS there are a number of transforms available. QGIS allows you to define the transformation used otherwise QGIS uses a default transformation.

In the *CRS* tab under *Settings* → 📞 *Options* you can:

- set QGIS to ask you when it needs define a transformation using  *Ask for datum transformation when no default is defined*
- editar una lista de predeterminaciones de usuarios para transformaciones.

QGIS asks which transformation to use by opening a dialogue box displaying PROJ.4 text describing the source and destination transforms. Further information may be found by hovering over a transform. User defaults can be saved by selecting  *Remember selection*.



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## QGIS Browser

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The QGIS Browser is a panel in QGIS that lets you easily navigate in your filesystem and manage geodata. You can have access to common vector files (e.g., ESRI shapefiles or MapInfo files), databases (e.g., PostGIS, Oracle, SpatiaLite or MS SQL Spatial) and WMS/WFS connections. You can also view your GRASS data (to get the data into QGIS, see [Integracion GRASS SIG](#)).

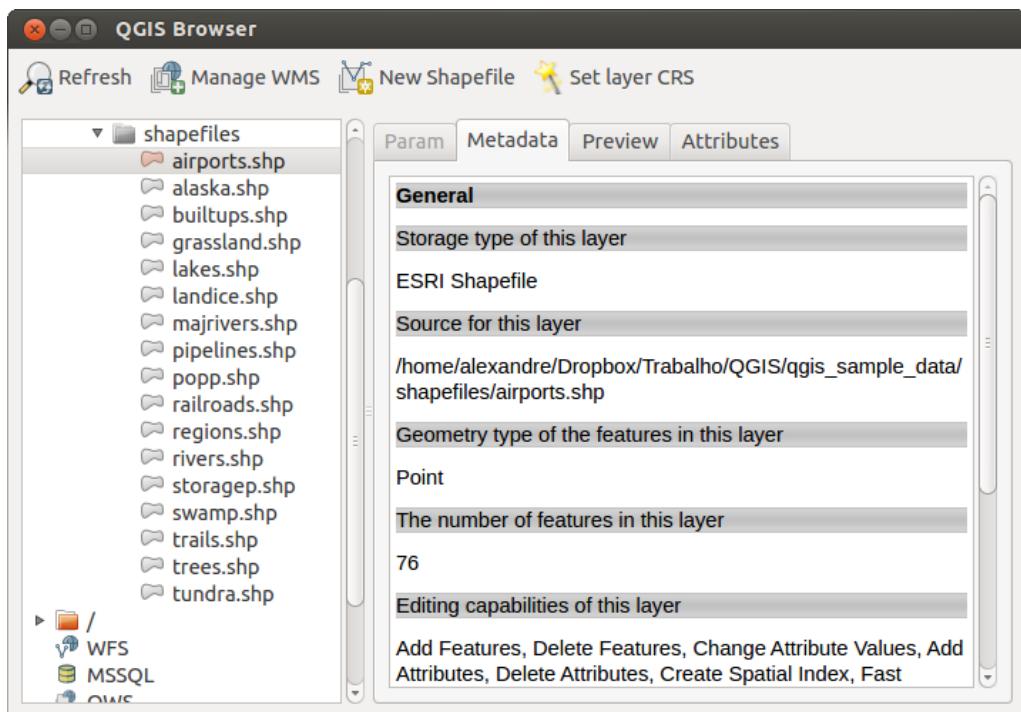


Figure 11.1: QGIS browser as a stand alone application 🐧

Use the QGIS Browser to preview your data. The drag-and-drop function makes it easy to get your data into the map view and the map legend.

1. Activate the QGIS Browser: Right-click on the toolbar and check  *Browser* or select it from *Settings* → *Panels*.
2. Drag the panel into the legend window and release it.
3. Click on the *Browser* tab.
4. Browse in your filesystem and choose the `shapefile` folder from `qgis_sample_data` directory.
5. Press the Shift key and select the `airports.shp` and `alaska.shp` files.
6. Press the left mouse button, then drag and drop the files into the map canvas.

7. Right-click on a layer and choose *Set project CRS from layer*. For more information see [Trabajar con Proyecciones](#).

8. Click on  *Zoom Full* to make the layers visible.

There is a second browser available under *Settings → Panels*. This is handy when you need to move files or layers between locations.

1. Activate a second QGIS Browser: Right-click on the toolbar and check  *Browser (2)*, or select it from *Settings → Panels*.

2. Drag the panel into the legend window.

3. Navigate to the *Browser (2)* tab and browse for a shapefile in your file system.

4. Select a file with the left mouse button. Now you can use the  *Add Selected Layers* icon to add it into the current project.

QGIS automatically looks for the coordinate reference system (CRS) and zooms to the layer extent if you work in a blank QGIS project. If there are already files in your project, the file will just be added, and in the case that it has the same extent and CRS, it will be visualized. If the file has another CRS and layer extent, you must first right-click on the layer and choose *Set Project CRS from Layer*. Then choose *Zoom to Layer Extent*.

The  *Filter files* function works on a directory level. Browse to the folder where you want to filter files and enter a search word or wildcard. The Browser will show only matching filenames – other data won't be displayed.

It's also possible to run the QGIS Browser as a stand-alone application.

### Start the QGIS browser

-  Type in “qbrowser” at a command prompt.
-  Start the QGIS Browser using the Start menu or desktop shortcut.
-  The QGIS Browser is available from your Applications folder.

In [figure\\_browser\\_standalone\\_metadata](#), you can see the enhanced functionality of the stand-alone QGIS Browser. The *Param* tab provides the details of your connection-based datasets, like PostGIS or MSSQL Spatial. The *Metadata* tab contains general information about the file (see [Metadata Menu](#)). With the *Preview* tab, you can have a look at your files without importing them into your QGIS project. It's also possible to preview the attributes of your files in the *Attributes* tab.

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## Trabajar con catos vectoriales

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### 12.1 Formatos de datos compatibles

QGIS uses the OGR library to read and write vector data formats, including ESRI shapefiles, MapInfo and MicroStation file formats, AutoCAD DXF, PostGIS, SpatiaLite, Oracle Spatial and MSSQL Spatial databases, and many more. GRASS vector and PostgreSQL support is supplied by native QGIS data provider plugins. Vector data can also be loaded in read mode from zip and gzip archives into QGIS. As of the date of this document, 69 vector formats are supported by the OGR library (see OGR-SOFTWARE-SUITE in *Referencias bibliográficas y web*). The complete list is available at [http://www.gdal.org/ogr/ogr\\_formats.html](http://www.gdal.org/ogr/ogr_formats.html).

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**Nota:** Not all of the listed formats may work in QGIS for various reasons. For example, some require external commercial libraries, or the GDAL/OGR installation of your OS may not have been built to support the format you want to use. Only those formats that have been well tested will appear in the list of file types when loading a vector into QGIS. Other untested formats can be loaded by selecting \*.\*.

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Trabajar con datos vectoriales GRASS se describe en la sección *Integracion GRASS SIG*.

This section describes how to work with several common formats: ESRI shapefiles, PostGIS layers, SpatiaLite layers, OpenStreetMap vectors, and Comma Separated data (CSV). Many of the features available in QGIS work the same, regardless of the vector data source. This is by design, and it includes the identify, select, labeling and attributes functions.

#### 12.1.1 Archivos shape de ESRI

The standard vector file format used in QGIS is the ESRI shapefile. Support is provided by the OGR Simple Feature Library (<http://www.gdal.org/ogr/>).

Un archivo shape actualmente consiste de varios archivos. Los siguientes tres son necesarios:

1. archivo .shp contiene las geometrías de los objetos espaciales
2. archivo .dbf contiene los atributos en formato dBase
3. archivo del índice .shx

Los archivos shape también incluyen un archivo con un sufijo .prj, que contiene la información de la proyección. Si bien es muy útil tener un archivo de proyección, no es obligatorio. Un conjunto de datos de archivo shape puede contener archivos adicionales. Para mayor detalle, consulte la especificación técnica de ESRI en <http://www.esri.com/library/whitepapers/pdfs/shapefile.pdf>.

## Loading a Shapefile

To load a shapefile, start QGIS and click on the  toolbar button, or simply press **Ctrl+Shift+v**. This will bring up a new window (see [figure\\_vector\\_1](#)).

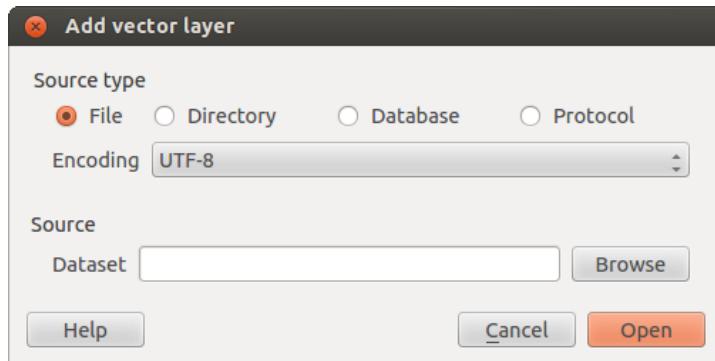


Figure 12.1: Add Vector Layer Dialog 

From the available options check  **File**. Click on [**Browse**]. That will bring up a standard open file dialog (see [figure\\_vector\\_2](#)), which allows you to navigate the file system and load a shapefile or other supported data source. The selection box **Filter**  allows you to preselect some OGR-supported file formats.

You can also select the encoding for the shapefile if desired.

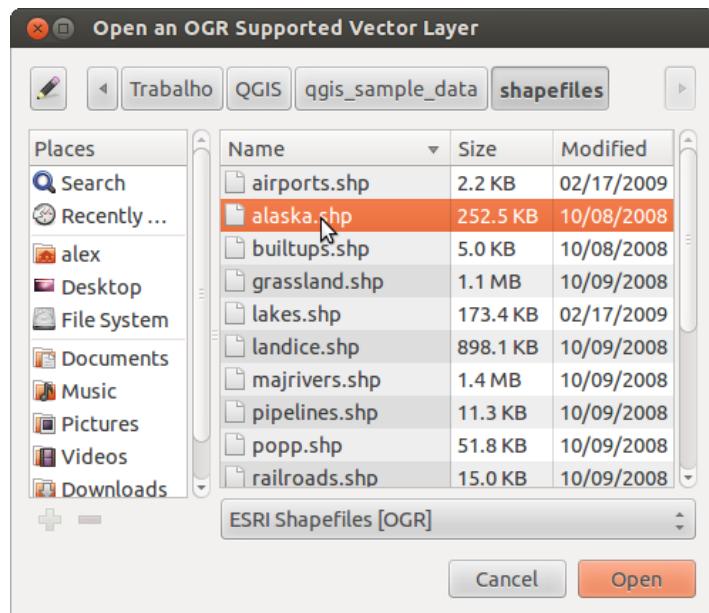


Figure 12.2: Open an OGR Supported Vector Layer Dialog 

Selecting a shapefile from the list and clicking [**Open**] loads it into QGIS. [Figure\\_vector\\_3](#) shows QGIS after loading the `alaska.shp` file.

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### Truco: Capa de colores

Cuando se añade una capa al mapa, se asigna un color al azar. Cuando se añade más de una capa a la vez, diferentes colores se asignan a cada capa.

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Once a shapefile is loaded, you can zoom around it using the map navigation tools. To change the style of a layer, open the *Layer Properties* dialog by double clicking on the layer name or by right-clicking on the name in

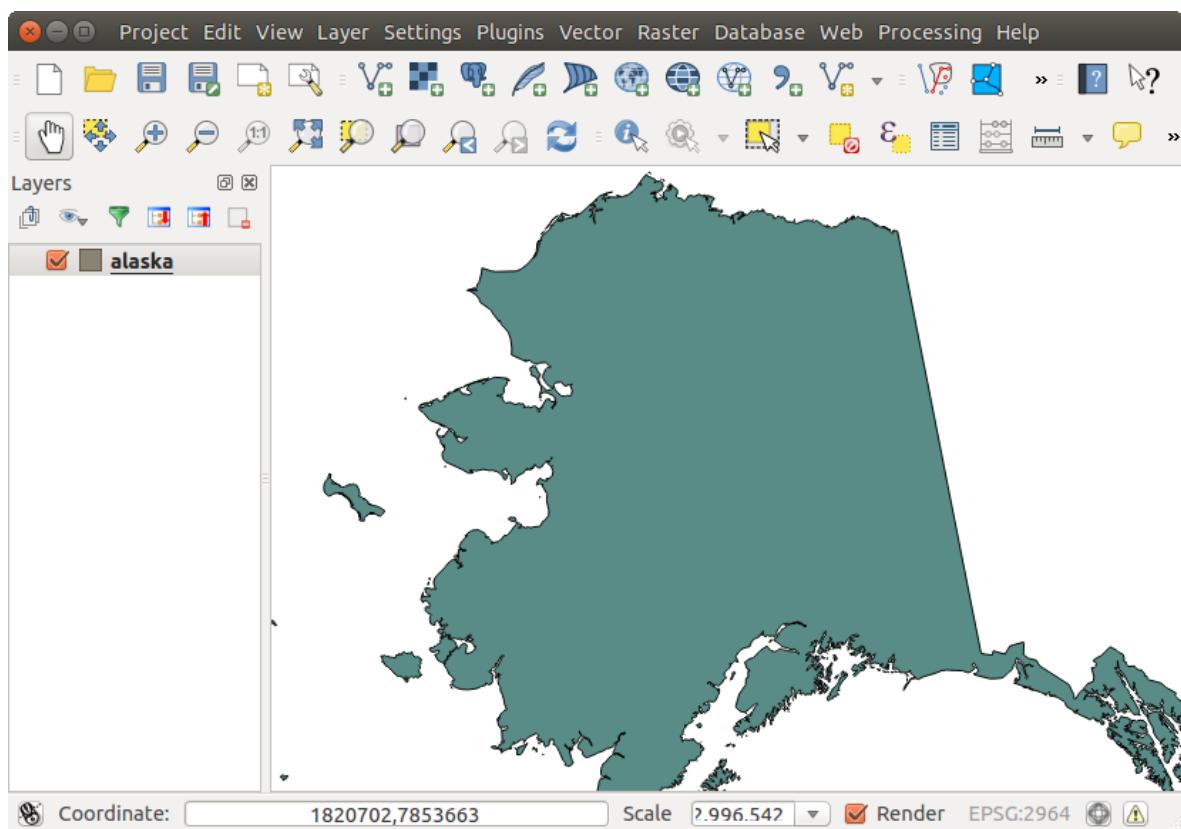


Figure 12.3: QGIS with Shapefile of Alaska loaded 

the legend and choosing *Properties* from the context menu. See section [Estilo de Menú](#) for more information on setting symbology of vector layers.

#### Truco: capa de cargada y se proyecta desde unidades externas montadas en OS X

En sistemas operativos X, unidades portátiles que se montan al lado del disco duro principal no aparecen como se esperaba en *Archivo → Abrir Proyecto*. Estamos trabajando en una diálogo de abrir/guardar más nativo al SO X para solucionar este problema. Como solución alternativa, puede escribir `/Volumes` en la caja *Nombre del archivo* y presionar *Enter*. A continuación, se puede desplazar a unidades externas y los montajes de la red.

### Improving Performance for Shapefiles

To improve the performance of drawing a shapefile, you can create a spatial index. A spatial index will improve the speed of both zooming and panning. Spatial indexes used by QGIS have a `.qix` extension.

Utilice estos pasos para crear un índice:

- Load a shapefile by clicking on the  Add Vector Layer toolbar button or pressing `Ctrl+Shift+V`.
- Abrir el diálogo *Propiedades de la capa* haciendo doble clic sobre el nombre del archivo shape en la leyenda o haciendo clic derecho y elegir *Propiedades* del menú contextual.
- En la pestaña *General*, hacer clic sobre el botón [Crear Índice Espacial].

### Problem loading a shape .prj file

If you load a shapefile with a `.prj` file and QGIS is not able to read the coordinate reference system from that file, you will need to define the proper projection manually within the *General* tab of the *Layer Properties* dialog

of the layer by clicking the [Specify...] button. This is due to the fact that .prj files often do not provide the complete projection parameters as used in QGIS and listed in the CRS dialog.

For the same reason, if you create a new shapefile with QGIS, two different projection files are created: a .prj file with limited projection parameters, compatible with ESRI software, and a .qpj file, providing the complete parameters of the used CRS. Whenever QGIS finds a .qpj file, it will be used instead of the .prj.

### 12.1.2 Loading a MapInfo Layer

 To load a MapInfo layer, click on the  Add Vector Layer toolbar button; or type **Ctrl+Shift+V**, change the file type filter *Files of type*  to ‘Mapinfo File [OGR] (\*.mif \*.tab \*.MIF \*.TAB)’ and select the MapInfo layer you want to load.

### 12.1.3 Loading an ArcInfo Binary Coverage

 To load an ArcInfo Binary Coverage, click on the  Add Vector Layer toolbar button or press **Ctrl+Shift+V** to open the *Add Vector Layer* dialog. Select  *Directory* as *Source type*. Change the file type filter *Files of type*  to ‘Arc/Info Binary Coverage’. Navigate to the directory that contains the coverage file, and select it.

Similarly, you can load directory-based vector files in the UK National Transfer Format, as well as the raw TIGER Format of the US Census Bureau.

### 12.1.4 Archivos de Texto delimitado

Los datos tabulares son muy comunes y un formato extensamente utilizado debido a su simplicidad y legibilidad – los datos pueden ser vistos y editados incluso en un editor de texto plano. Un archivo de texto delimitado es una tabla de atributos con cada columna separada por un carácter definido y cada fila separada por un salto de línea. La primera fila normalmente contiene los nombres de columnas. Un tipo de campo de archivo de texto delimitado es un CSV (Valores separados por comas), con cada columna separada por una coma.

Tales archivos de datos también pueden contener información posicional en dos formas principales:

- Como punto de coordenadas en columnas separadas
- Como representación de geometría well-known text (WKT)

QGIS allows you to load a delimited text file as a layer or ordinal table. But first check that the file meets the following requirements:

1. El archivo debe tener una fila de encabezado delimitado de nombre de campos. Esto debe ser la primera línea en el archivo de texto.
2. La fila del encabezado debe contener campo(s) con definición geométrica. Estos campo(s) pueden tener cualquier nombre.
3. La coordenada X y Y (si la geometría se define por coordenadas) se debe especificar como números. El sistema de coordenadas no es importante.

As an example of a valid text file, we import the elevation point data file `elevp.csv` that comes with the QGIS sample dataset (see section [Datos de ejemplo](#)):

```
X;Y;ELEV
-300120;7689960;13
-654360;7562040;52
1640;7512840;3
[ . . . ]
```

Algunos elementos a tener en cuenta sobre el archivo de texto:

1. El archivo de texto de ejemplo utiliza ; (punto y coma) como delimitador. Cualquier carácter se puede utilizar para delimitar los campos.
2. La primer fila es el encabezado. Este contiene los campos X, Y y ELEV.
3. Sin comillas ("") se utilizan para delimitar los campos de texto.
4. Las coordenadas X están contenidas en el campo X.
5. La coordenada Y está contenida en el campo Y.

### Cargar un archivo de texto delimitado

Click the toolbar icon  Add Delimited Text Layer in the *Manage layers* toolbar to open the *Create a Layer from a Delimited Text File* dialog, as shown in [figure\\_delimited\\_text\\_1](#).

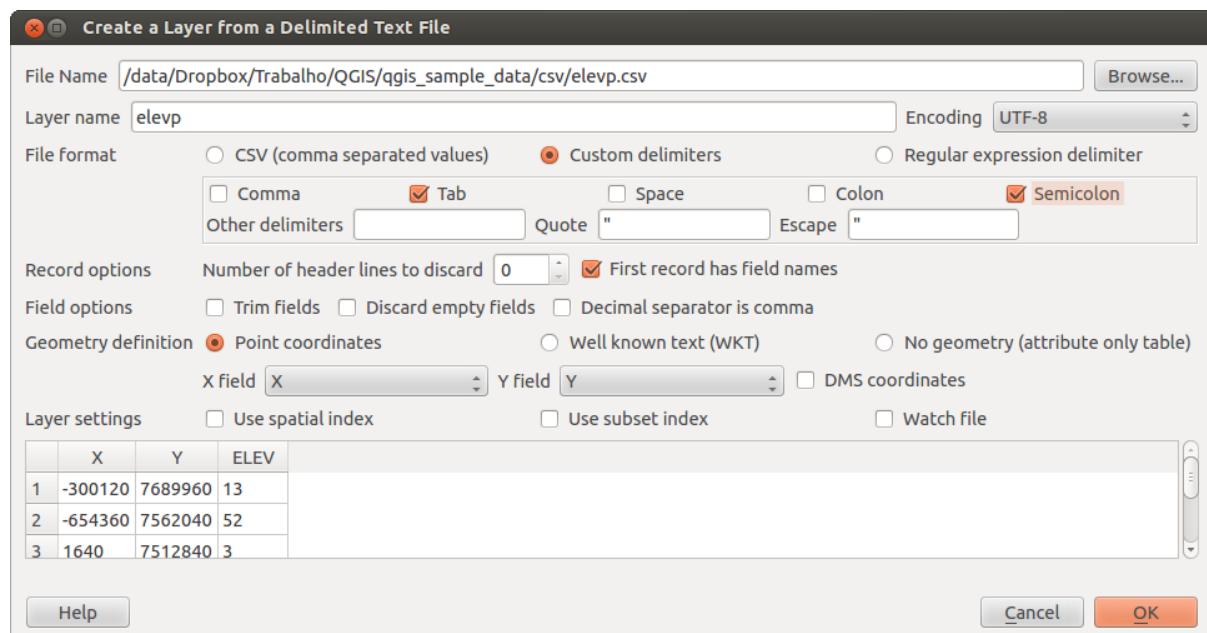


Figure 12.4: Delimited Text Dialog 

First, select the file to import (e.g., `qgis_sample_data/csv/elevp.csv`) by clicking on the [**Browse**] button. Once the file is selected, QGIS attempts to parse the file with the most recently used delimiter. To enable QGIS to properly parse the file, it is important to select the correct delimiter. You can specify a delimiter by activating  *Custom delimiters*, or by activating  *Regular expression delimiter* and entering text into the *Expression* field. For example, to change the delimiter to tab, use \t (this is a regular expression for the tab character).

Once the file is parsed, set *Geometry definition* to  *Point coordinates* and choose the X and Y fields from the dropdown lists. If the coordinates are defined as degrees/minutes/seconds, activate the  *DMS coordinates* checkbox.

Finally, enter a layer name (e.g., `elevp`), as shown in [figure\\_delimited\\_text\\_1](#). To add the layer to the map, click [**OK**]. The delimited text file now behaves as any other map layer in QGIS.

También hay una opción de ayuda que le permite recortar espacios iniciales y finales de los campos —  *Recortar campos*. Además, es posible  *Descartar campos vacíos*. Si es necesario, se puede forzar una coma para ser el separador decimal activando  *El separador decimal es la coma*.

If spatial information is represented by WKT, activate the *Well Known Text* option and select the field with the WKT definition for point, line or polygon objects. If the file contains non-spatial data, activate *No geometry (attribute only table)* and it will be loaded as an ordinal table.

Additionally, you can enable:

- *Utilizar índice espacial* para mejorar el rendimiento de la visualización y selección de objetos espacialmente.
- *Utilizar índice de subconjunto*.
- *Watch file* to watch for changes to the file by other applications while QGIS is running.

### 12.1.5 Datos OpenStreetMap

In recent years, the OpenStreetMap project has gained popularity because in many countries no free geodata such as digital road maps are available. The objective of the OSM project is to create a free editable map of the world from GPS data, aerial photography or local knowledge. To support this objective, QGIS provides support for OSM data.

#### Cargar vectoriales OpenStreetMap

QGIS integrates OpenStreetMap import as a core functionality.

- Para conectar al servidor OSM y descargar datos, abra el menú *Vectorial → Openstreetmap → Descargar datos*.... Se puede saltar este paso si se ha obtenido un archivo XML .osm mediante JOSM, Overpass API o cualquier otra fuente.
- El menú *Vectorial → Openstreetmap → Importar topología a partir de XML* convertirá su archivo .osm en una base de datos SpatiaLite y cree una conexión de base de datos correspondiente.
- The menu *Vector → Openstreetmap → Export topology to SpatiaLite* then allows you to open the database connection, select the type of data you want (points, lines, or polygons) and choose tags to import. This creates a SpatiaLite geometry layer that you can add to your project by clicking on the *Add SpatiaLite Layer* toolbar button or by selecting the *Add SpatiaLite Layer...* option from the *Layer* menu (see section *Capas SpatiaLite*).

### 12.1.6 Capas PostGIS

PostGIS layers are stored in a PostgreSQL database. The advantages of PostGIS are the spatial indexing, filtering and query capabilities it provides. Using PostGIS, vector functions such as select and identify work more accurately than they do with OGR layers in QGIS.

#### Crear una conexión almacenada

The first time you use a PostGIS data source, you must create a connection to the PostgreSQL database that contains the data. Begin by clicking on the *Add PostGIS Layer* toolbar button, selecting the *Add PostGIS Layer...* option from the *Layer* menu, or typing Ctrl+Shift+D. You can also open the *Add Vector Layer* dialog and select *Database*. The *Add PostGIS Table(s)* dialog will be displayed. To access the connection manager, click on the [New] button to display the *Create a New PostGIS Connection* dialog. The parameters required for a connection are:

- **Nombre:** Un nombre para esta conexión. Este puede ser el mismo como la *Base de datos*
- **Servicio:** Parámetro de servicio para ser utilizado como alternativa de nombre del host/puerto (y potencialmente la base de datos). Esto se puede definido en pg\_service.conf.

- **Host:** Name of the database host. This must be a resolvable host name such as would be used to open a telnet connection or ping the host. If the database is on the same computer as QGIS, simply enter ‘localhost’ here.
- **Puerto** Número de puerto al servidor de base de datos PostgreSQL escucha en. El puerto por defecto es 5432.
- **Base de datos:** Nombre de la base de datos.
- **SSL mode:** How the SSL connection will be negotiated with the server. Note that massive speedups in PostGIS layer rendering can be achieved by disabling SSL in the connection editor. The following options are available:
  - Deshabilitar: Sólo trata una conexión SSL cifrada.
  - Permitir: Trata una conexión no SSL. Si eso falla, trata una SSL.
  - Preferir (por defecto): Trata una conexión SSL. Si eso falla, intenta una no SSL.
  - Requerir: Sólo intenta una conexión SSL.
- **Nombre de usuario:** Nombre de usuario para iniciar sesión en la base de datos.
- **Contraseña:** Contraseña utilizada con *Nombre de usuario* para conectarse a la base de datos.

Opcionalmente se pueden activar las siguientes casillas:

- *Guardar nombre de usuario*
- *Guardar contraseña*
- *Sólo busque en la tabla geometry\_columns*
- *No se resuelve el tipo de columnas sin restricción (GEOMETRY)*
- *buscar sólo en el esquema ‘público’*
- *Listar también tablas sin geometría*
- *Utilizar metadatos de tablas estimados*

Una vez que todos los parámetros y opciones estén establecidos, se puede probar la conexión al hacer clic en el botón **[Probar conexión]**.

## Cargar una capa PostGIS



Once you have one or more connections defined, you can load layers from the PostgreSQL database. Of course, this requires having data in PostgreSQL. See section [Importar datos a PostgreSQL](#) for a discussion on importing data into the database.

Para cargar una capa de PostGIS, realizar los siguientes pasos:

- If the *Add PostGIS layers* dialog is not already open, selecting the **Add PostGIS Layer...** option from the **Layer** menu or typing **Ctrl+Shift+D** opens the dialog.
- Elija la conexión de la lista desplegable y haga clic en **[Conectar]**.
- Seleccione o deseccione  *Listar también las tablas sin geometría*.
- Opcionalmente, utilice algunas  *Opciones de búsqueda* para definir que objetos espaciales se deben cargar desde la capa, o utilice el botón **[Construir consulta]** al iniciar el diálogo *Constructor de consultas*.
- Encuentre las capa(s) que desee añadir en la lista de capas disponibles.

- Selecciónelo haciendo clic sobre él. Se puede seleccionar múltiples capas manteniendo pulsado la tecla Shift mientras hace clic. Consulte la sección *Constructor de consultas* para información sobre utilizar el constructor de consultas de PostgreSQL para definir aún más la capa.
- Haga clic en el botón [Añadir] para agregar la capa al mapa.

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**Truco: Capas PostGIS**

Normally, a PostGIS layer is defined by an entry in the geometry\_columns table. From version 0.9.0 on, QGIS can load layers that do not have an entry in the geometry\_columns table. This includes both tables and views. Defining a spatial view provides a powerful means to visualize your data. Refer to your PostgreSQL manual for information on creating views.

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**Algunos detalles acerca de las capas PostgreSQL**

This section contains some details on how QGIS accesses PostgreSQL layers. Most of the time, QGIS should simply provide you with a list of database tables that can be loaded, and it will load them on request. However, if you have trouble loading a PostgreSQL table into QGIS, the information below may help you understand any QGIS messages and give you direction on changing the PostgreSQL table or view definition to allow QGIS to load it.

QGIS requires that PostgreSQL layers contain a column that can be used as a unique key for the layer. For tables, this usually means that the table needs a primary key, or a column with a unique constraint on it. In QGIS, this column needs to be of type int4 (an integer of size 4 bytes). Alternatively, the ctid column can be used as primary key. If a table lacks these items, the oid column will be used instead. Performance will be improved if the column is indexed (note that primary keys are automatically indexed in PostgreSQL).

If the PostgreSQL layer is a view, the same requirement exists, but views do not have primary keys or columns with unique constraints on them. You have to define a primary key field (has to be integer) in the QGIS dialog before you can load the view. If a suitable column does not exist in the view, QGIS will not load the layer. If this occurs, the solution is to alter the view so that it does include a suitable column (a type of integer and either a primary key or with a unique constraint, preferably indexed).

QGIS offers a checkbox **Select at id** that is activated by default. This option gets the ids without the attributes which is faster in most cases. It can make sense to disable this option when you use expensive views.

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**Truco: Respaldo de base de datos PostGIS con capas guardadas por QGIS**

If you want to make a backup of your PostGIS database using the pg\_dump and pg\_restore commands the default layer styles as saved by QGIS are failing to restore afterwards. You need to set the XML option to DOCUMENT and the restore will work.

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### 12.1.7 Importar datos a PostgreSQL

Data can be imported into PostgreSQL/PostGIS using several tools, including the SPIT plugin and the command line tools shp2pgsql and ogr2ogr.

#### Administrador BBDD

QGIS comes with a core plugin named  DB Manager. It can be used to load shapefiles and other data formats, and it includes support for schemas. See section *Complemento administrador de BBDD* for more information.

#### shp2pgsql

PostGIS incluye una utilidad llamada **shp2pgsql** que puede ser utilizada para importar archivos shape a la base de datos PostGIS habilitada. Por ejemplo, importar un archivo shape llamado `lakes.shp` en la base de datos

PostgreSQL llamado `gis_data`, utilice el siguiente comando:

```
shp2pgsql -s 2964 lakes.shp lakes_new | psql gis_data
```

Esto crea una nueva capa llamada `lakes_new` en la base de datos `gis_data`. La nueva capa tendrá un identificador de referencia espacial (SRID) de 2964. Vea la sección [Trabajar con Proyecciones](#) para más información en sistema de referencia espacial y proyecciones.

### Truco: Exportar conjunto de datos de PostGIS

Como la herramienta de importar `shp2pgsql`, también hay una herramienta para exportar conjuntos de datos PostGIS como archivos shape: `pgsql2shp`. Esta es enviada dentro de su distribución PostGIS.

## ogr2ogr

Además de `shp2pgsql` y **Administrador de BBDD**, hay otra herramienta para alimentar de datos geográficos a PostGIS: **ogr2ogr**. Esto es parte de su instalación GDAL.

Para importar un archivo shape a PostGIS, realice lo siguiente:

```
ogr2ogr -f "PostgreSQL" PG:"dbname=postgis host=myhost.de user=postgres password=topsecret" alaska.shp
```

Esto importará el archivo shape `alaska.shp` a la base de datos de PostGIS `postgis` utilizando el usuario `postgres` con la contraseña `topsecret` del servidor local `myhost.de`.

Tenga en cuenta que OGR se debe contruir con PostgreSQL para reconocer PostGIS. Se debe verificar esto escribiendo (en )

```
ogrinfo --formats | grep -i post
```

Si prefiere utilizar el comando de PostgreSQL **COPY** en lugar del método predeterminado **INSERT INTO**, se puede exportar la siguiente variable de entorno (al menos disponible en  y ):

```
export PG_USE_COPY=YES
```

**ogr2ogr** no crea índices espaciales como lo hace **shp2pgsql**. Se deben crear manualmente, utilizando el comando SQL normal **CREATE INDEX** después como un paso extra (como se describe en la siguiente sección [Mejorar el desempeño](#)).

## Mejorar el desempeño

Retrieving features from a PostgreSQL database can be time-consuming, especially over a network. You can improve the drawing performance of PostgreSQL layers by ensuring that a PostGIS spatial index exists on each layer in the database. PostGIS supports creation of a GiST (Generalized Search Tree) index to speed up spatial searches of the data (GiST index information is taken from the PostGIS documentation available at <http://postgis.refractions.net>).

La sintaxis para crear un índice GiST es:

```
CREATE INDEX [indexname] ON [tablename]
  USING GIST ( [geometryfield] GIST_GEOMETRY_OPS );
```

Tenga en cuenta que para tablas grandes, crear el índice puede tomar un largo tiempo. Una vez que el índice es creado, se debe realizar un **VACUUM ANALYZE**. Vea la documentación de PostGIS (POSTGIS-PROJECT [Referencias bibliográficas y web](#)) para mayor información.

El siguiente es un ejemplo de cómo crear un índice GiST:

```
gsherman@madison:~/current$ psql gis_data
Welcome to psql 8.3.0, the PostgreSQL interactive terminal.
```

```
Type: \copyright for distribution terms
\h for help with SQL commands
\? for help with psql commands
\g or terminate with semicolon to execute query
\q to quit
```

```
gis_data=# CREATE INDEX sidx_alaska_lakes ON alaska_lakes
gis_data=# USING GIST (the_geom GIST_GEOMETRY_OPS);
CREATE INDEX
gis_data=# VACUUM ANALYZE alaska_lakes;
VACUUM
gis_data=# \q
gsherman@madison:~/current$
```

### 12.1.8 Las capas vectoriales que crusan 180° de longitud

Many GIS packages don't wrap vector maps with a geographic reference system (lat/lon) crossing the 180 degrees longitude line ([http://postgis.refractions.net/documentation/manual-2.0/ST\\_Shift\\_Longitude.html](http://postgis.refractions.net/documentation/manual-2.0/ST_Shift_Longitude.html)). As result, if we open such a map in QGIS, we will see two far, distinct locations, that should appear near each other. In Figure\_vector\_4, the tiny point on the far left of the map canvas (Chatham Islands) should be within the grid, to the right of the New Zealand main islands.



Figure 12.5: Map in lat/lon crossing the 180° longitude line 

Una solución temporal es transformar los valores de longitud utilizando PostGIS y la función **ST\_Shift\_Longitude**. Esta función lee todos los puntos/vértices en todos el componentes de todos los objetos espaciales de una geometría, y si la coordenada longitud es < 0°, se agregan 360°. El resultado es un 0° - 360° versión de los datos que se van a representar en 180° de un mapa centrado.

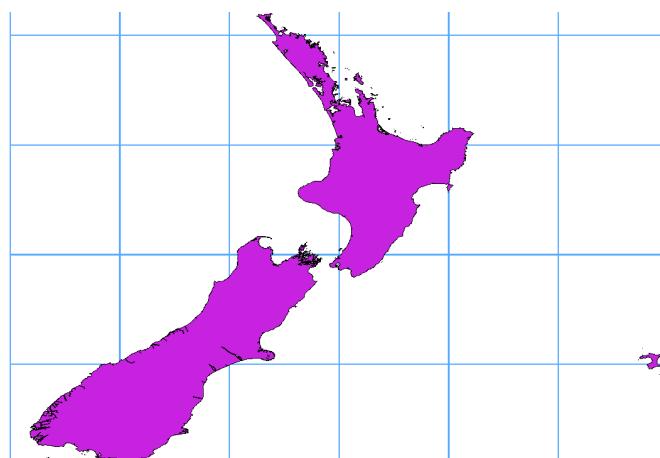


Figure 12.6: Cruzar 180° de longitud aplicando la función **ST\_Shift\_Longitude**

## Uso

- Importar datos a PostGIS ([Importar datos a PostgreSQL](#)) utilizando, por ejemplo, el complemento Administrador de BBDD.
- Utilizar la interfaz de línea de comandos de PostGIS para emitir el siguiente comando (en este ejemplo, “TABLE” es el nombre actual de su tabla de PostGIS): `gis_data=# update TABLE set the_geom=ST_Shift_Longitude(the_geom);`
- Si todo fue bien, debe recibir una confirmación acerca del número de objetos espaciales que se actualizaron. Entonces podrá cargar el mapa y ver la diferencia ([Figure\\_vector\\_5](#)).

### 12.1.9 Capas SpatiaLite

 The first time you load data from a SpatiaLite database, begin by clicking on the  Add SpatiaLite Layer toolbar button, or by selecting the  Add SpatiaLite Layer... option from the *Layer* menu, or by typing **Ctrl+Shift+L**. This will bring up a window that will allow you either to connect to a SpatiaLite database already known to QGIS, which you can choose from the drop-down menu, or to define a new connection to a new database. To define a new connection, click on **[New]** and use the file browser to point to your SpatiaLite database, which is a file with a `.sqlite` extension.

Si desea guardar una capa vectorial a un formato SpatiaLite, se puede hacer esto al hacer clic derecho sobre la capa en la leyenda. A continuación, haga clic sobre *Guardar como...*, definir el nombre del archivo de salida, y seleccionar ‘SpatiaLite’ como formato y el SRC. También se puede seleccionar ‘SQLite’ como formato y entonces añadir `SPATIALITE=YES` en el campo de opción de creación de fuente de datos. Esto le dice a OGR crear una base de datos SpatiaLite. También vea [http://www.gdal.org/ogr/driv\\_sqlite.html](http://www.gdal.org/ogr/driv_sqlite.html).

QGIS also supports editable views in SpatiaLite.

#### Crear una nueva capa SpatiaLite

Si se desea crear una nueva capa SpatiaLite, por favor consulte la sección [Crear una nueva capa SpatiaLite](#).

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#### Truco: Complemento de Administración de datos SpatiaLite

For SpatiaLite data management, you can also use several Python plugins: QSpatiaLite, SpatiaLite Manager or DB Manager (core plugin, recommended). If necessary, they can be downloaded and installed with the Plugin Installer.

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### 12.1.10 Capas MSSQL Spatial

 QGIS also provides native MS SQL 2008 support. The first time you load MSSQL Spatial data, begin by clicking on the  Add MSSQL Spatial Layer toolbar button or by selecting the  Add MSSQL Spatial Layer... option from the *Layer* menu, or by typing **Ctrl+Shift+M**.

### 12.1.11 Capas Oracle Spatial

The spatial features in Oracle Spatial aid users in managing geographic and location data in a native type within an Oracle database. QGIS now has support for such layers.

## Crear una conexión almacenada

 The first time you use an Oracle Spatial data source, you must create a connection to the database that contains the data. Begin by clicking on the  Add Oracle Spatial Layer toolbar button, selecting the  Add Oracle Spatial Layer... option from the Layer menu, or typing **Ctrl+Shift+O**. To access the connection manager, click on the [New] button to display the *Create a New Oracle Spatial Connection* dialog. The parameters required for a connection are:

- **Nombre:** Un nombre para esta conexión. Puede ser el mismo como la *Base de datos*
- **Base de datos:** SID o SERVICE\_NAME de la instancia de Oracle.
- **Host:** Name of the database host. This must be a resolvable host name such as would be used to open a telnet connection or ping the host. If the database is on the same computer as QGIS, simply enter '*localhost*' here.
- **Puerto:** Número de puerto al servidor de base de datos en donde escucha Oracle. El puerto predeterminado es 1521.
- **Nombre de usuario:** Nombre de usuario para iniciar sesión en la base de datos.
- **Contraseña:** Contraseña utilizada con *Nombre de usuario* para conectarse a la base de datos.

Opcionalmente, se pueden activar las siguientes casillas:

- *Guardar nombre de usuario* Indicar si guarda el nombre de usuario de la base de datos en la configuración de la conexión.
- *Guardar contraseña* Indicar si se guarda la contraseña de la base de datos en la configuración de la conexión.
- *Buscar sólo en la tabla de datos meta* Restringe las tablas mostradas a esos que están en la vista all\_sdo\_geom\_metadata. Esto puede acelerar la visualización inicial de tablas espaciales.
- *Buscar solo tablas de usuarios* Cuando busca tablas espaciales, restringe la búsqueda a tablas que son propiedad del usuario.
- *Listar también tablas sin geometría* Indica que las tablas sin geometría también se listan de forma predeterminada.
- *Utilizar metadatos de tabla estimados* Cuando la capa se configura, varios metadatos son requeridos para la tabla Oracle. Esto incluye información como el total de filas de la tabla, tipo de geometría y extensión espacial de los datos en la columna geometría. Si la tabla contiene un gran número de filas, la determinación de estos metadatos puede llevar mucho tiempo. Al activar esta opción, las siguientes operaciones de metadatos de tabla rápida se hacen: Total de filas se determina de `all_tables.num_rows`. Extensión de la tabla siempre se determina con la función SDO\_TUNE.EXENTS\_OF, incluso si un filtro de capa es aplicado. La tabla de geometría se determina de los primeros 100 filas de geometría no nula en la tabla.
- *Sólo tipos de geometría existente* Sólo listar los tipos de geometría existente y no ofrecer añadir otros.

Una vez que todos los parámetros y opciones estén establecidos, se puede probar la conexión al hacer clic en el botón **[Probar conexión]**.

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### Truco: Configuración de usuario QGIS User y seguridad

Depending on your computing environment, storing passwords in your QGIS settings may be a security risk. Passwords are saved in clear text in the system configuration and in the project files! Your customized settings for QGIS are stored based on the operating system:

-  Los ajustes son almacenados en su directorio de inicio en `~/.qgis2`.
-  Los ajustes son almacenados en el registro.

## Cargar una capa Oracle Spatial

 Once you have one or more connections defined, you can load layers from the Oracle database. Of course, this requires having data in Oracle.

Para cargar una capa de Oracle Spatial, realice los siguientes pasos:

- If the *Add Oracle Spatial layers* dialog is not already open, click on the  Add Oracle Spatial Layer toolbar button.
- Elija la conexión de la lista desplegable y haga clic en [Conectar].
- Seleccione o deseccione  *Listar también las tablas sin geometría*.
- Opcionalmente, utilice algunos  *Opciones de búsqueda* para definir que objetos espaciales cargar de la capa o utilice el botón [Construir consulta] para iniciar el diálogo *Constructor de consulta*.
- Encuentre las capa(s) que desee añadir en la lista de capas disponibles.
- Seleccionelo haciendo clic sobre él. Se puede seleccionar múltiples capas manteniendo pulsado la tecla Shift mientras hace clic. Vea la sección *Constructor de consultas* para más información sobre el uso del Constructor de consultas de Oracle para definir aún más la capa.
- Haga clic en el botón [Añadir] para agregar la capa al mapa.

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### Truco: Capas Oracle Spatial

Normalmente, una capa espacial de Oracle se define por una entrada en la tabla **USER\_SDO\_METADATA**.

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## 12.2 La librería Símbolo

### 12.2.1 Presentation

The Symbol Library is the place where users can create generic symbols to be used in several QGIS projects. It allows users to export and import symbols, groups symbols and add, edit and remove symbols. You can open it with the *Settings → Style Library* or from the **Style** tab in the vector layer's *Properties*.

#### Share and import symbols

Users can export and import symbols in two main formats: qml (QGIS format) and SLD (OGC standard). Note that SLD format is not fully supported by QGIS.

 *share item* displays a drop down list to let the user import or export symbols.

#### Grupos y grupos inteligentes

Groups are categories of Symbols and smart groups are dynamic groups.

To create a group, right-click on an existing group or on the main **Groups** directory in the left of the library. You can also select a group and click on the  *add item* button.

To add a symbol into a group, you can either right click on a symbol then choose *Apply group* and then the group name added before. There is a second way to add several symbols into group: just select a group and click  and choose **Group Symbols**. All symbols display a checkbox that allow you to add the symbol into the selected groups. When finished, you can click on the same button, and choose **Finish Grouping**.

Create **Smart Symbols** is similar to creating group, but instead select **Smart Groups**. The dialog box allow user to choose the expression to select symbols in order to appear in the smart group (contains some tags, member of a group, have a string in its name, etc.)

### Add, edit, remove symbol

With the *Style manager* from the [Symbol]  menu you can manage your symbols. You can  add item,  edit item,  remove item and  share item. ‘Marker’ symbols, ‘Line’ symbols, ‘Fill’ patterns and ‘colour ramps’ can be used to create the symbols. The symbols are then assigned to ‘All Symbols’, ‘Groups’ or ‘Smart groups’.

Para cada tipo de símbolo, siempre encontrará la misma estructura de diálogo:

- at the top left side a symbol representation
- under the symbol representation the symbol tree show the symbol layers
- at the right you can setup some parameter (unit, transparency, color, size and rotation)
- under these parameters you find some symbol from the symbols library

The symbol tree allow adding, removing or protect new simple symbol. You can move up or down the symbol layer.

More detailed settings can be made when clicking on the second level in the *Symbol layers* dialog. You can define *Symbol layers* that are combined afterwards. A symbol can consist of several *Symbol layers*. Settings will be shown later in this chapter.

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**Truco:** Note that once you have set the size in the lower levels of the *Symbol layers* dialog, the size of the whole symbol can be changed with the *Size* menu in the first level again. The size of the lower levels changes accordingly, while the size ratio is maintained.

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### 12.2.2 Símbolos de marcador

Símbolos de marcador tienen varios tipos de capas de símbolos:

- Marcador de elipse
- Marcador de fuente
- Marcador sencillo (por defecto)
- Marcador SVG
- Marcador campo vectorial

The following settings are possible:

- *Tipo de capa de símbolo*: Se tiene la opción para utilizar marcadores de elipse, marcadores de fuente, marcadores sencillos, marcadores SVG y marcadores campo vectorial.
- *Colores*
- *Tamaño*
- *Estilo de línea exterior*
- *Anchura de línea exterior*
- *Ángulo*
- *Desplazamiento X, Y*: Se puede cambiar el símbolo en la dirección x- o y-.
- *Punto de anclaje*
- *Propiedades definidas por datos ...*

### 12.2.3 Símbolos línea

Símbolos de línea de marcador tienen sólo dos tipos de símbolo:

- Línea de marcador
- Línea sencilla (por defecto)

The default symbol layer type draws a simple line whereas the other display a marker point regularly on the line. You can choose different location vertex, interval or central point. Marker line can have offset along the line or offset line. Finally, *rotation* allows you to change the orientation of the symbol.

The following settings are possible:

- *Color*
- *Anchura de plumilla*
- *Desplazamiento*
- *Estilo de plumilla*
- *Estilo de unión*
- *Estilo de mayusculas*
- *Usar patrón de guiones personalizado*
- *Unidad patrón de guiones*
- *Propiedades definidas por datos ...*

### 12.2.4 Símbolos de polígono

Símbolos de marcador de polígonos también tienen varios tipos de capas de símbolo:

- Relleno de centroides
- Relleno de gradiente
- Patrón de relleno de línea
- Patrón de relleno de puntos
- Relleno de imagen ráster
- Relleno SVG
- Relleno shapeburst
- Relleno sencillo (por defecto)
- Línea exterior: línea de marcador (el mismo como marcador de línea)
- Línea exterior: línea sencilla (la misma como marcador de línea)

The following settings are possible:

- *Colores para el contorno y el relleno.*
- *Estilo de relleno*
- *Estilo de borde*
- *Ancho de borde*
- *Desplazamiento X, Y*
- *Propiedades definidas por datos ...*

Using the color combo box, you can drag and drop color for one color button to another button, copy-paste color, pick color from somewhere, choose a color from the palette or from recent or standard color. The combo box allow you to fill in the feature with transparency. You can also just click on the button to open the palettte dialog. Note that you can import color from some external software like GIMP.

Con el relleno de imagen r\'aster' se puede llenar pol\'igonos con una imagen de trama de azulejos. Las opciones incluyen (datos definidos) nombre de archivo, opacidad, anchura de imagen (en p\'ixeles, mm o unidades de mapa), modo de coordenadas (objeto o \'area de visualizaci\'on) y la rotaci\'on.

'Gradient Fill' *Symbol layer type* allows you to select between a  Two color and  Color ramp setting. You can use the  Feature centroid as Referencepoint. All fills 'Gradient Fill' *Symbol layer type* is also available through the *Symbol* menu of the Categorized and Graduated Renderer and through the *Rule properties* menu of the Rule-based renderer. Other possibility is to choose a 'shapeburst fill' which is a buffered gradient fill, where a gradient is drawn from the boundary of a polygon towards the polygon's centre. Configurable parameters include distance from the boundary to shade, use of color ramps or simple two color gradients, optional blurring of the fill and offsets.

Esto es posible solamente para dibujar los bordes del pol\'igono dentro del pol\'igono. El uso de 'L\'nea exterior: L\'nea sencilla' seleccionar  Dibujar l\'nea s\'olo dentro del pol\'igono.

## 12.2.5 Color ramp

You can create a custom color ramp choosing *New color ramp...* from the *color ramp* drop-down menu. A dialog will prompt for the ramp type: Gradient, Random, colorBrewer, or cpt-city. The first three have options for number of steps and/or multiple stops in the color ramp. You can use the  Invert option while classifying the data with a color ramp. See [figure\\_symbology\\_3](#) for an example of custom color ramp and [figure\\_symbology\\_3a](#) for the cpt-city dialog.

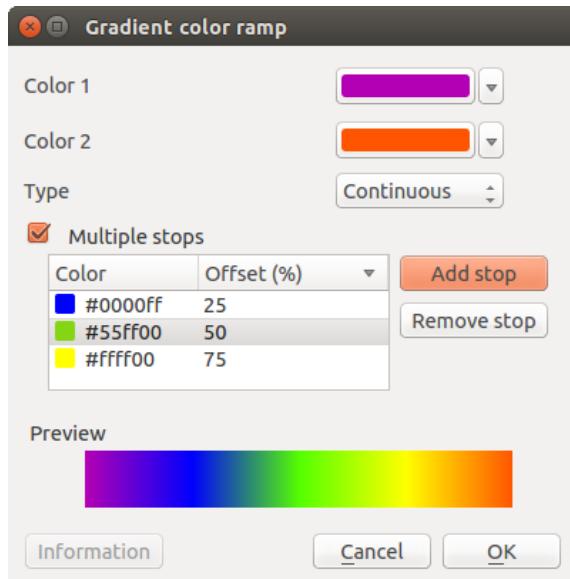


Figure 12.7: Example of custom gradient color ramp with multiple stops

La opci\'on cpt-city abre un nuevo di\'alogo con cientos de temas incluidos 'fuera de la caja'.

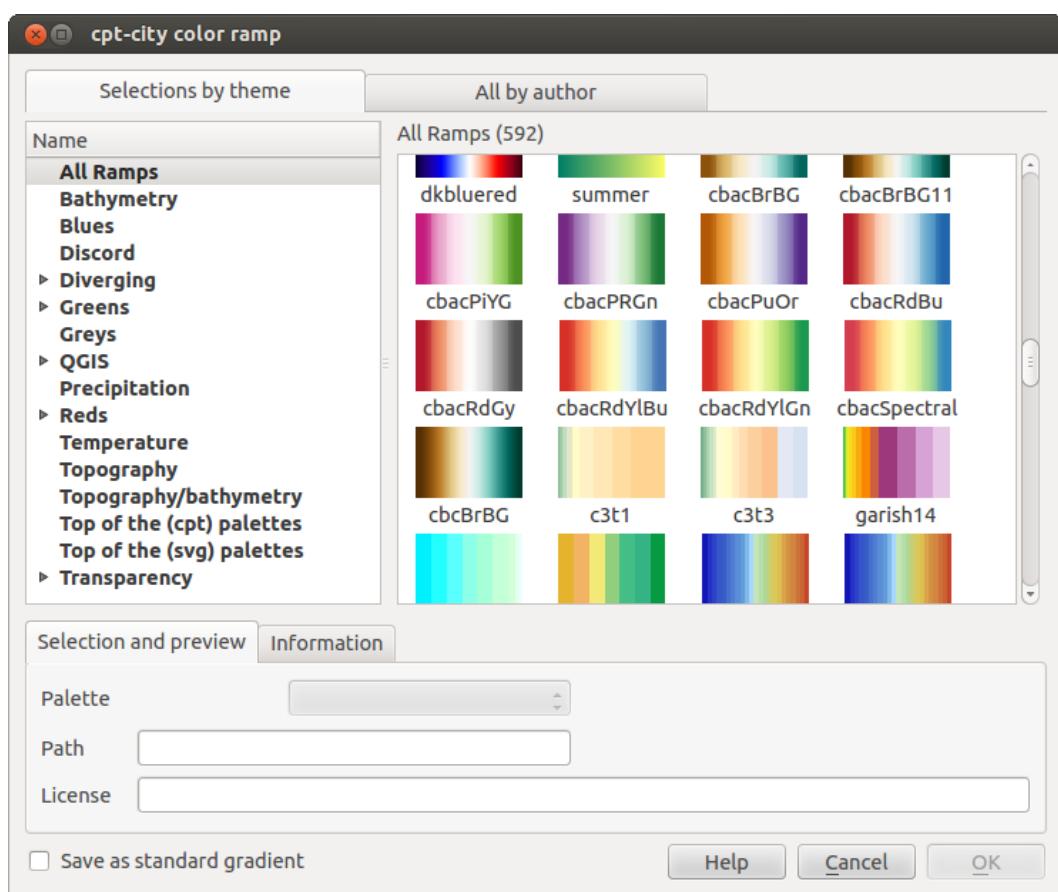


Figure 12.8: cpt-city dialog with hundreds of color ramps 🦸

## 12.3 El Dialogo de las Propiedades del Vector

The *Layer Properties* dialog for a vector layer provides information about the layer, symbology settings and labeling options. If your vector layer has been loaded from a PostgreSQL/PostGIS datastore, you can also alter the underlying SQL for the layer by invoking the *Query Builder* dialog on the *General* tab. To access the *Layer Properties* dialog, double-click on a layer in the legend or right-click on the layer and select *Properties* from the pop-up menu.

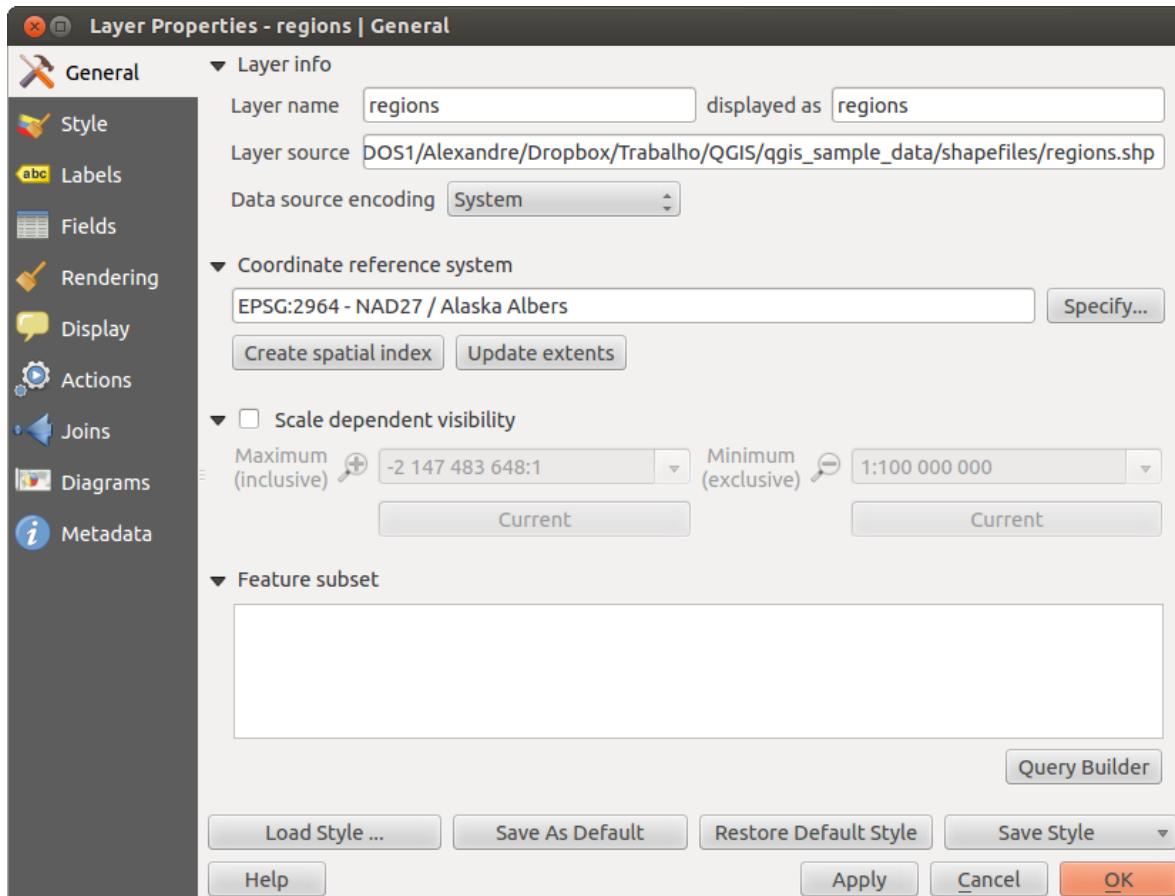


Figure 12.9: Vector Layer Properties Dialog 🐧

### 12.3.1 Estilo de Menú

The Style menu provides you with a comprehensive tool for rendering and symbolizing your vector data. You can use *Layer rendering* → tools that are common to all vector data, as well as special symbolizing tools that were designed for the different kinds of vector data.

#### Renderers

The renderer is responsible for drawing a feature together with the correct symbol. There are four types of renderers: single symbol, categorized, graduated and rule-based. There is no continuous color renderer, because it is in fact only a special case of the graduated renderer. The categorized and graduated renderers can be created by specifying a symbol and a color ramp - they will set the colors for symbols appropriately. For point layers, there is a point displacement renderer available. For each data type (points, lines and polygons), vector symbol layer types are available. Depending on the chosen renderer, the *Style* menu provides different additional sections. On the bottom right of the symbology dialog, there is a **[Symbol]** button, which gives access to the Style Manager (see *Presentation*). The Style Manager allows you to edit and remove existing symbols and add new ones.

After having made any needed changes, the symbol can be added to the list of current style symbols (using [Symbol] Save in symbol library), and then it can easily be used in the future. Furthermore, you can use the [Save Style] button to save the symbol as a QGIS layer style file (.qml) or SLD file (.sld). SLDs can be exported from any type of renderer – single symbol, categorized, graduated or rule-based – but when importing an SLD, either a single symbol or rule-based renderer is created. That means that categorized or graduated styles are converted to rule-based. If you want to preserve those renderers, you have to stick to the QML format. On the other hand, it can be very handy sometimes to have this easy way of converting styles to rule-based.

If you change the renderer type when setting the style of a vector layer the settings you made for the symbol will be maintained. Be aware that this procedure only works for one change. If you repeat changing the renderer type the settings for the symbol will get lost.

If the datasource of the layer is a database (PostGIS or Spatialite for example), you can save your layer style inside a table of the database. Just click on *Save Style* combobox and choose **Save in database** item then fill in the dialog to define a style name, add a description, an ui file and if the style is a default style. When loading a layer from the database, if a style already exists for this layer, QGIS will load the layer and its style. You can add several style in the database. Only one will be the default style anyway.

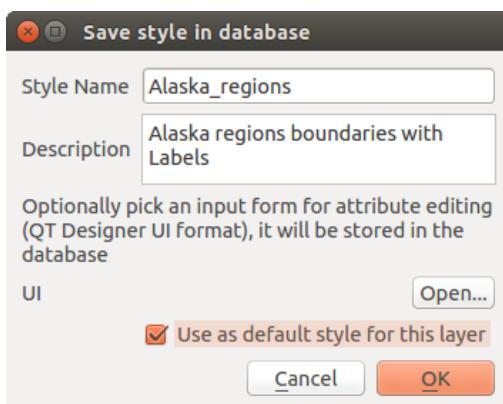


Figure 12.10: Save Style in database Dialog

#### Truco: Elegir y cambiar símbolos múltiples

The Symbology allows you to select multiple symbols and right click to change color, transparency, size, or width of selected entries.

#### Single Symbol Renderer

The Single Symbol Renderer is used to render all features of the layer using a single user-defined symbol. The properties, which can be adjusted in the *Style* menu, depend partially on the type of layer, but all types share the following dialog structure. In the top-left part of the menu, there is a preview of the current symbol to be rendered. On the right part of the menu, there is a list of symbols already defined for the current style, prepared to be used by selecting them from the list. The current symbol can be modified using the menu on the right side. If you click on the first level in the *Symbol layers* dialog on the left side, it's possible to define basic parameters like *Size*, *Transparency*, *color* and *Rotation*. Here, the layers are joined together.

In any spinbox in this dialog you can enter expressions. E.g. you can calculate simple math like multiplying the existing size of a point by 3 without resorting to a calculator.

If you click on the second level in the *Symbol layers* dialog a ‘Data-defined override’ for nearly all settings is possible. When using a data-defined color one may want to link the color to a field ‘budget’. Here a comment functionality is inserted.

```
/* This expression will return a color code depending on the field value.
 * Negative value: red
 * 0 value: yellow
 * Positive value: green
```

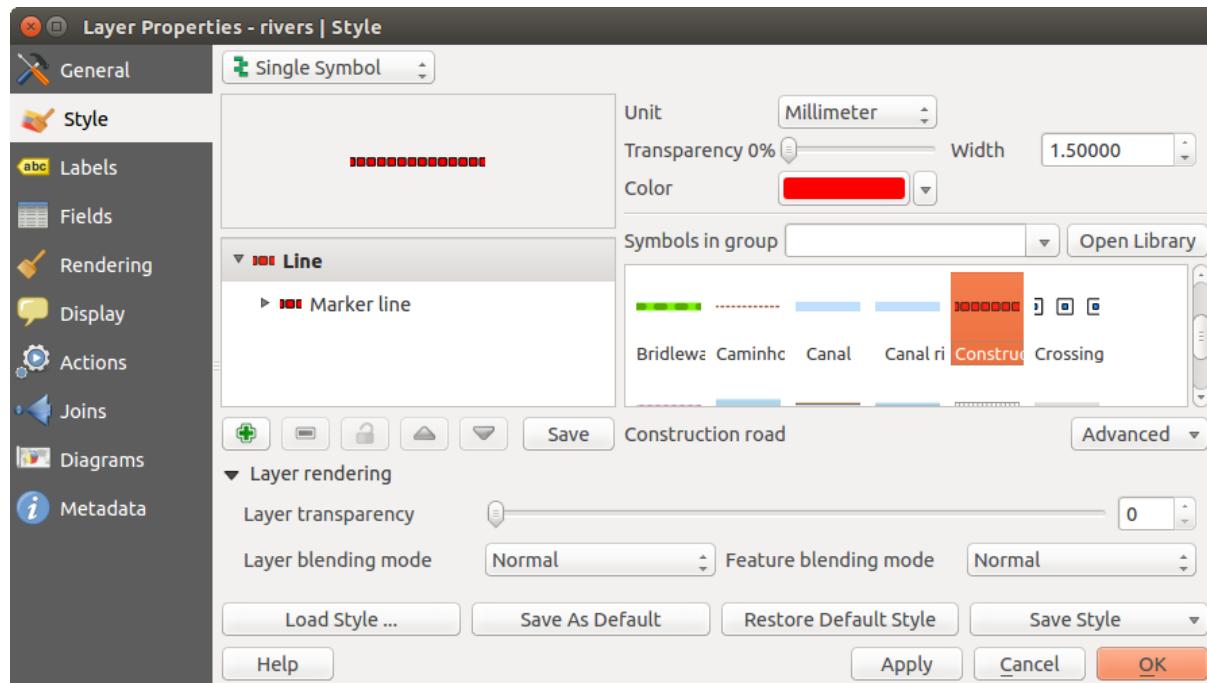


Figure 12.11: Single symbol line properties 

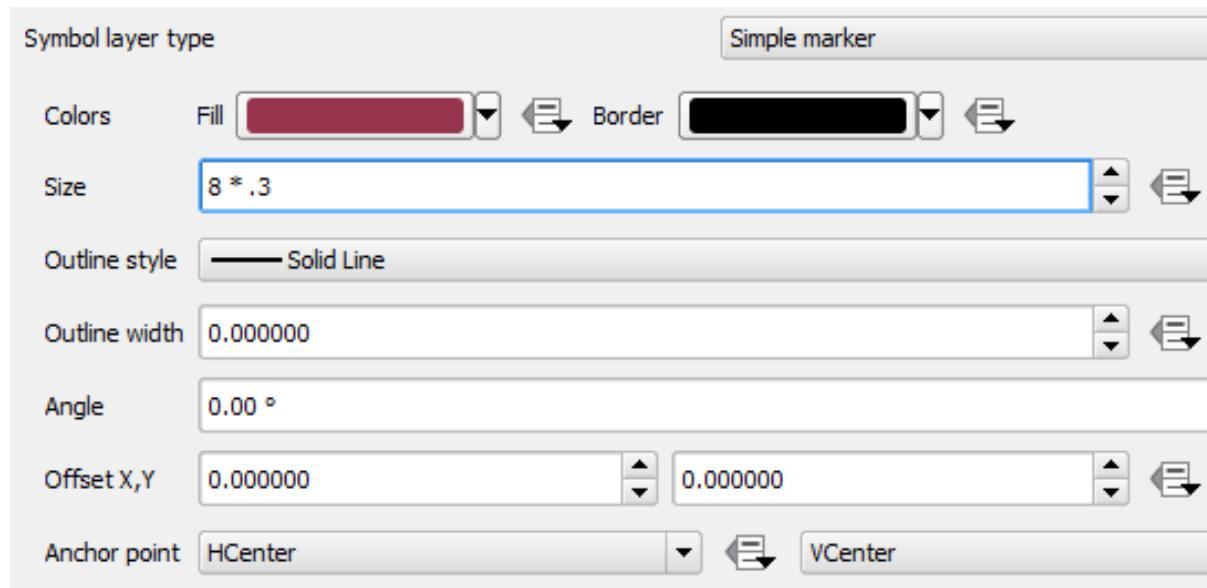
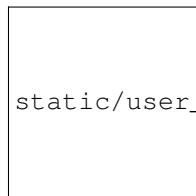


Figure 12.12: Expression in Size spinbox 

```
 */
CASE
    WHEN value < 0 THEN '#DC143C' -- Negative value: red
    WHEN value = 0 THEN '#CCCC00' -- Value 0: yellow
    ELSE '#228B22'           -- Positive value: green
END
```



static/user/manual/working\_with\_vector/symbol\_data\_defin...

Figure 12.13: Data-defined symbol with Edit... menu

### Categorized Renderer

The Categorized Renderer is used to render all features from a layer, using a single user-defined symbol whose color reflects the value of a selected feature's attribute. The **Style** menu allows you to select:

- The attribute (using the Column listbox or the [E... Set column expression](#) function, see [Expressions](#))
- The symbol (using the Symbol dialog)
- The colors (using the color Ramp listbox)

Then click on **Classify** button to create classes from the distinct value of the attribute column. Each classes can be disabled unchecking the checkbox at the left of the class name.

You can change symbol, value and/or label of the class, just double click on the item you want to change.

Right-click shows a contextual menu to **Copy/Paste**, **Change color**, **Change transparency**, **Change output unit**, **Change symbol width**.

The **[Advanced]** button in the lower-right corner of the dialog allows you to set the fields containing rotation and size scale information. For convenience, the center of the menu lists the values of all currently selected attributes together, including the symbols that will be rendered.

The example in [figure\\_symbology\\_6](#) shows the category rendering dialog used for the rivers layer of the QGIS sample dataset.

### Graduated Renderer

The Graduated Renderer is used to render all the features from a layer, using a single user-defined symbol whose color reflects the assignment of a selected feature's attribute to a class.

Like the Categorized Renderer, the Graduated Renderer allows you to define rotation and size scale from specified columns.

Also, analogous to the Categorized Renderer, the **Style** tab allows you to select:

- The attribute (using the Column listbox or the [E... Set column expression](#) function, see [Expressions](#) chapter)
- The symbol (using the Symbol Properties button)
- The colors (using the color Ramp list)

Additionally, you can specify the number of classes and also the mode for classifying features within the classes (using the Mode list). The available modes are:

- Equal Interval: each class has the same size (e.g. values from 0 to 16 and 4 classes, each class has a size of 4);
- Quantile: each class will have the same number of element inside (the idea of a boxplot);
- Natural Breaks (Jenks): the variance within each class is minimal while the variance between classes is maximal;

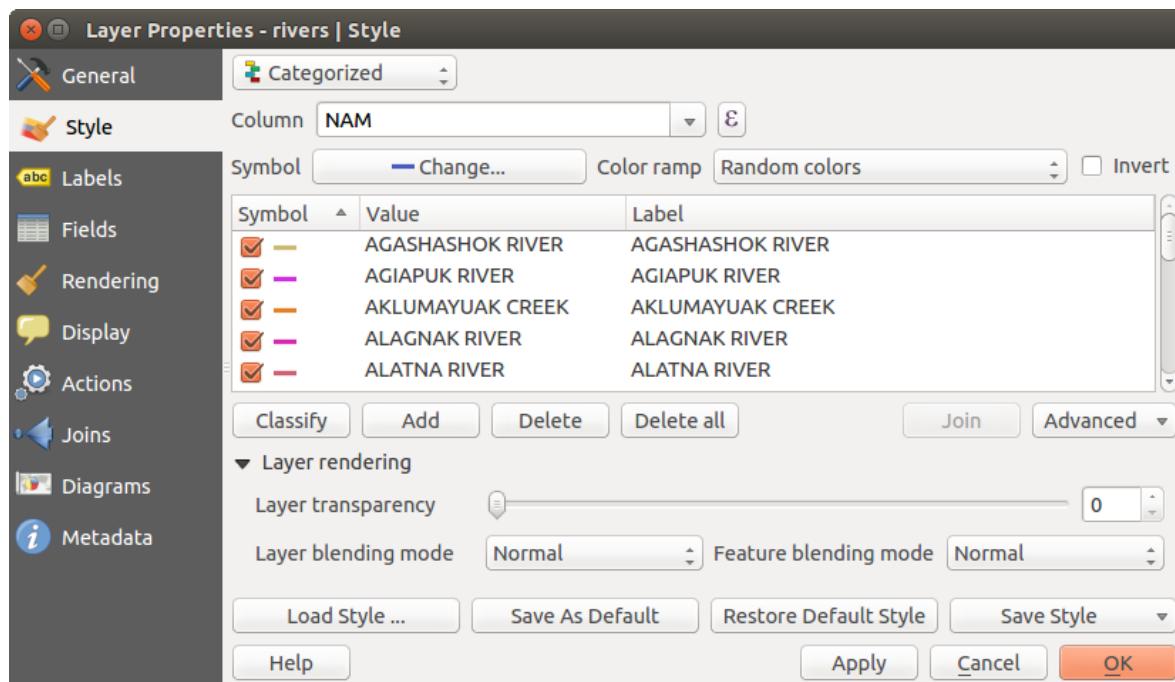


Figure 12.14: Categorized Symbolizing options 

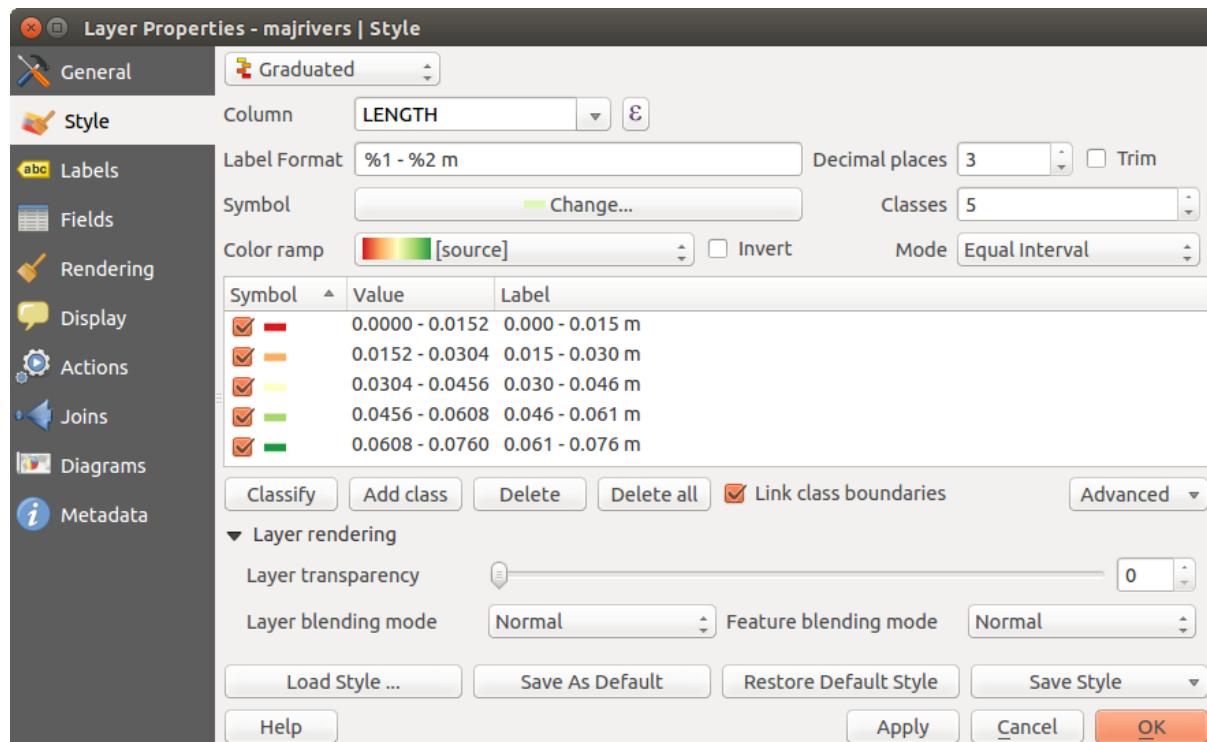


Figure 12.15: Graduated Symbolizing options 

- Standard Deviation: classes are built depending on the standard deviation of the values;
- Pretty Breaks: the same of natural breaks but the extremes number of each class are integers.

La caja de listas en el centro de la lista de menu *Style* crea lista de clase juntas con sus rangos, etiquetas y simbolos que se van a reproduccion.

Click on **Classify** button to create classes using the choosen mode. Each classes can be disabled unchecking the checkbox at the left of the class name.

You can change symbol, value and/or label of the clic, just double clicking on the item you want to change.

Right-click shows a contextual menu to **Copy/Paste**, **Change color**, **Change transparency**, **Change output unit**, **Change symbol width**.

The example in [figure\\_symbology\\_7](#) shows the graduated rendering dialog for the rivers layer of the QGIS sample dataset.

#### **Truco: Thematic maps using an expression**

Categorized and graduated thematic maps can now be created using the result of an expression. In the properties dialog for vector layers, the attribute chooser has been augmented with a *Set column expression* function. So now you no longer need to write the classification attribute to a new column in your attribute table if you want the classification attribute to be a composite of multiple fields, or a formula of some sort.

#### **Rule-based rendering**

The Rule-based Renderer is used to render all the features from a layer, using rule based symbols whose color reflects the assignment of a selected feature's attribute to a class. The rules are based on SQL statements. The dialog allows rule grouping by filter or scale, and you can decide if you want to enable symbol levels or use only the first-matched rule.

The example in [figure\\_symbology\\_8](#) shows the rule-based rendering dialog for the rivers layer of the QGIS sample dataset.

To create a rule, activate an existing row by double-clicking on it, or click on '+' and click on the new rule. In the *Rule properties* dialog, you can define a label for the rule. Press the button to open the expression string builder. In the **Function List**, click on *Fields and Values* to view all attributes of the attribute table to be searched. To add an attribute to the field calculator **Expression** field, double click its name in the *Fields and Values* list. Generally, you can use the various fields, values and functions to construct the calculation expression, or you can just type it into the box (see [Expressions](#)). You can create a new rule by copying and pasting an existing rule with the right mouse button. You can also use the 'ELSE' rule that will be run if none of the other rules on that level match. Since QGIS 2.8 the rules appear in a tree hierarchy in the map legend. Just double-klick the rules in the map legend and the Style menu of the layer properties appears showing the rule that is the background for the symbol in the tree.

#### **Point displacement**

The Point Displacement Renderer works to visualize all features of a point layer, even if they have the same location. To do this, the symbols of the points are placed on a displacement circle around a center symbol.

#### **Truco: Export vector symbology**

You have the option to export vector symbology from QGIS into Google \*.kml, \*.dxf and MapInfo \*.tab files. Just open the right mouse menu of the layer and click on *Save selection as* → to specify the name of the output file and its format. In the dialog, use the *Symbology export* menu to save the symbology either as *Feature symbology* → or as *Symbol layer symbology* →. If you have used symbol layers, it is recommended to use the second setting.

#### **Inverted Polygon**

Inverted polygon renderer allows user to define a symbol to fill in outside of the layer's polygons. As before you can select subrenderers. These subrenderers are the same as for the main renderers.

#### **Truco: Switch quickly between styles**

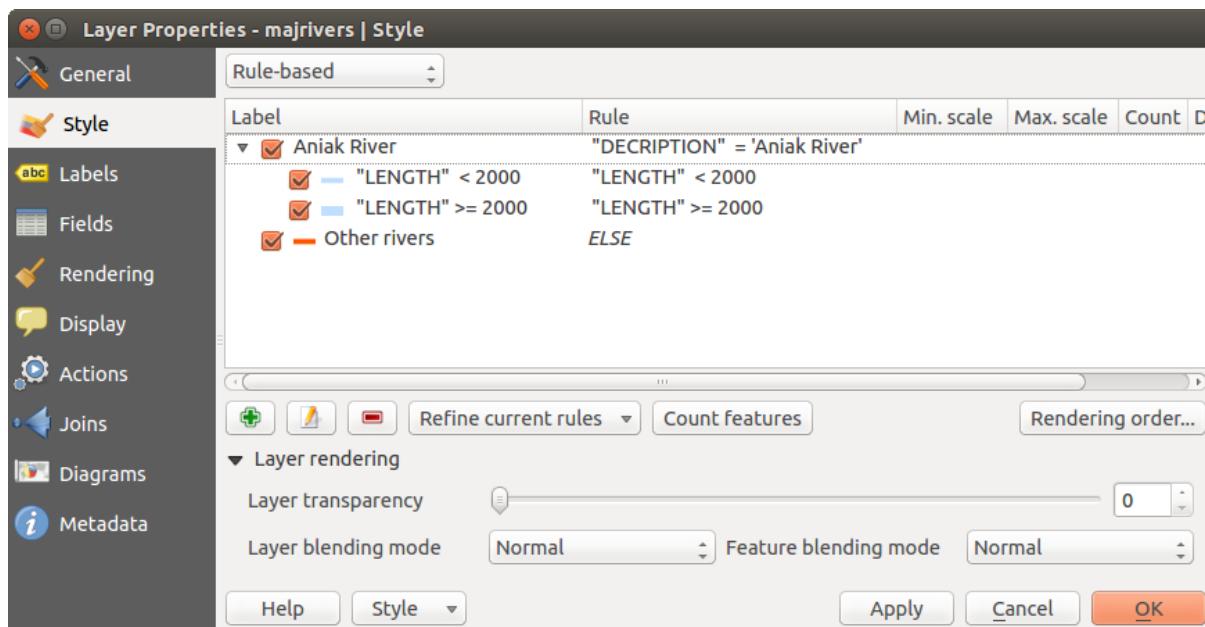


Figure 12.16: Rule-based Symbolizing options

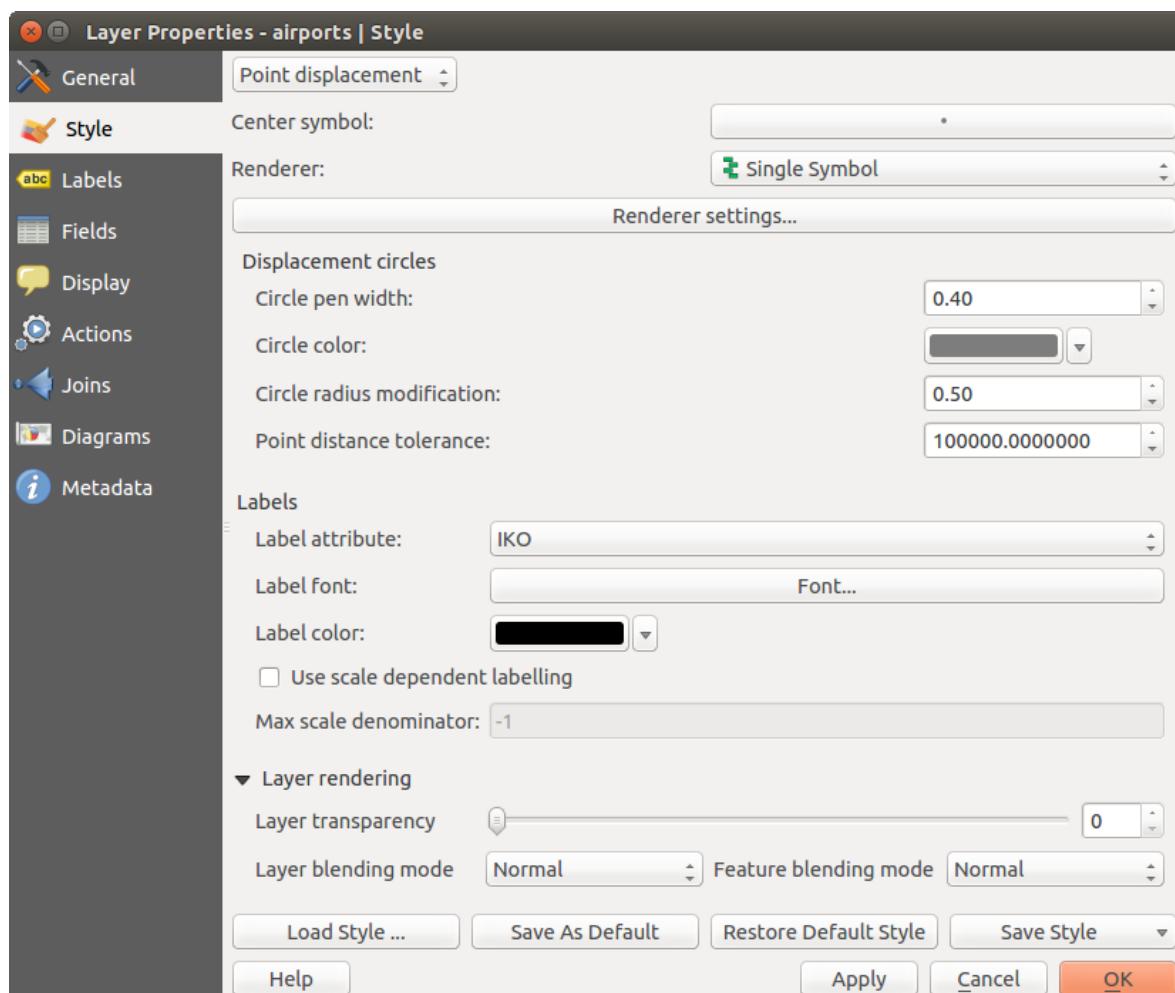


Figure 12.17: Point displacement dialog

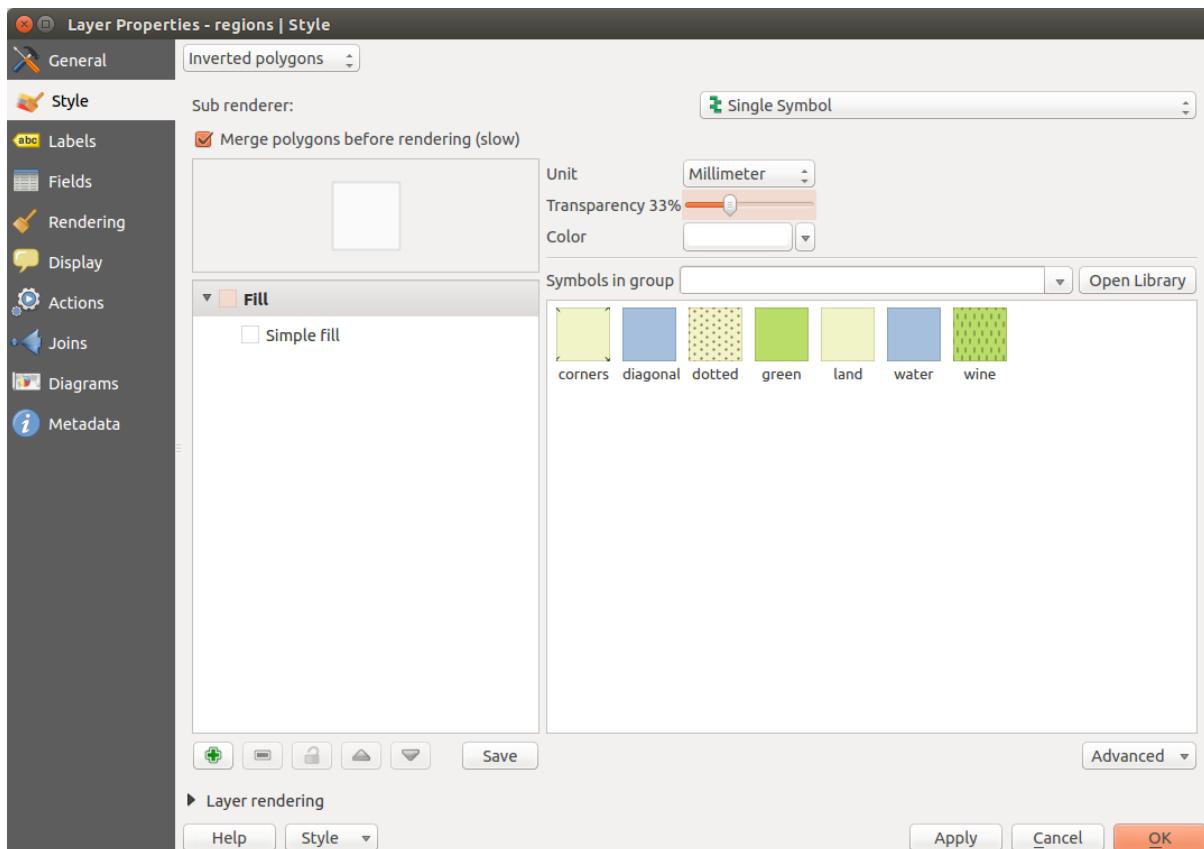


Figure 12.18: Inverted Polygon dialog 

Once you created one of the above mentioned styles you can right-klick on the layer and choose *Styles* → *Add* to save your style. Now you can easily switch between styles you created using the *Styles* → menu again.

## Heatmap

With the Heatmap renderer you can create live dynamic heatmaps for (multi)point layers. You can specify the heatmap radius in pixels, mm or map units, choose a color ramp for the heatmap style and use a slider for selecting a tradeoff between render speed and quality. When adding or removing a feature the heatmap renderer updates the heatmap style automatically.

## Color Picker

Regardless the type of style to be used, the *select color* dialog will show when you click to choose a color - either border or fill color. This dialog has four different tabs which allow you to select colors by  color ramp,  color wheel,  color swatches or  color picker.

Whatever method you use, the selected color is always described through color sliders for HSV (Hue, Saturation, Value) and RGB (Red, Green, Blue) values. There is also an *opacity* slider to set transparency level. On the lower left part of the dialog you can see a comparison between the *current* and the *new* color you are presently selecting and on the lower right part you have the option to add the color you just tweaked into a color slot button.

With  color ramp or with , you can browse to all possible color combinations. There are other possibilities though. By using *color swatches*  you can choose from a preselected list. This selected list is populated with one of three methods: *Recent colors*, *Standard colors* or *Project colors*.

Another option is to use the  color picker which allows you to sample a color from under your mouse pointer at

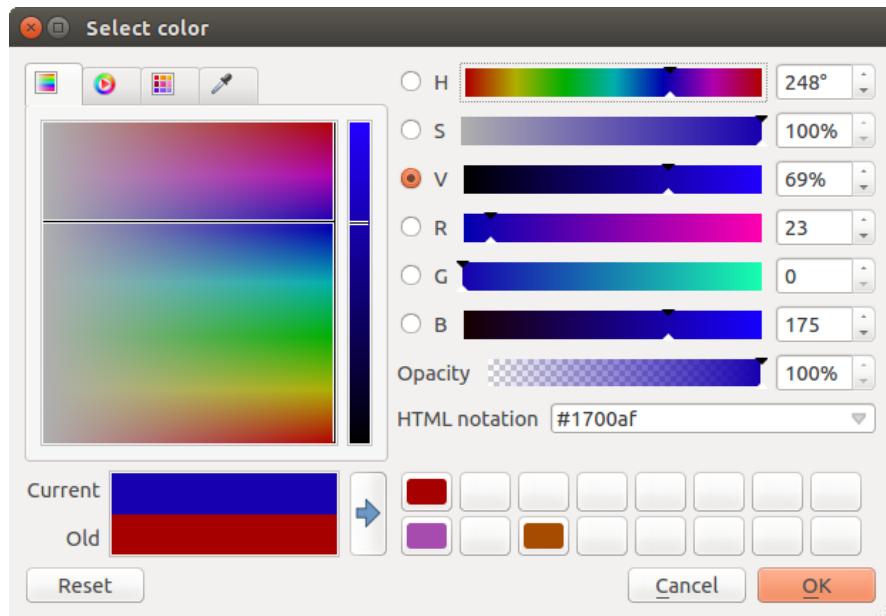


Figure 12.19: Color picker ramp tab 🐧

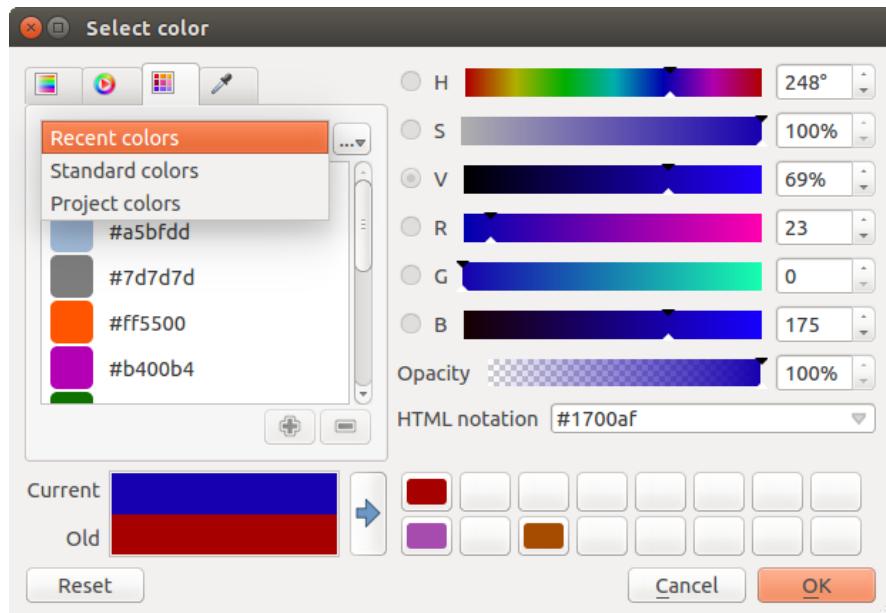


Figure 12.20: Color picker swatcher tab 🐧

any part of QGIS or even from another application by pressing the space bar. Please note that the color picker is OS dependent and is currently not supported by OSX.

#### Truco: quick color picker + copy/paste colors

You can quickly choose from *Recent colors*, from *Standard colors* or simply *copy* or *paste* a color by clicking the drop-down arrow that follows a current color box.

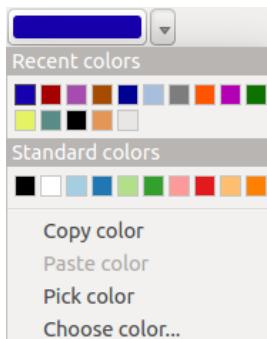


Figure 12.21: Quick color picker menu 

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- *Layer transparency* : You can make the underlying layer in the map canvas visible with this tool. Use the slider to adapt the visibility of your vector layer to your needs. You can also make a precise definition of the percentage of visibility in the the menu beside the slider.
- *Layer blending mode* and *Feature blending mode*: You can achieve special rendering effects with these tools that you may previously only know from graphics programs. The pixels of your overlaying and underlaying layers are mixed through the settings described below.
  - Normal: This is the standard blend mode, which uses the alpha channel of the top pixel to blend with the pixel beneath it. The colors aren't mixed.
  - Lighten: This selects the maximum of each component from the foreground and background pixels. Be aware that the results tend to be jagged and harsh.
  - Screen: Light pixels from the source are painted over the destination, while dark pixels are not. This mode is most useful for mixing the texture of one layer with another layer (e.g., you can use a hillshade to texture another layer).
  - Dodge: Dodge will brighten and saturate underlying pixels based on the lightness of the top pixel. So, brighter top pixels cause the saturation and brightness of the underlying pixels to increase. This works best if the top pixels aren't too bright; otherwise the effect is too extreme.
  - Addition: This blend mode simply adds pixel values of one layer with the other. In case of values above one (in the case of RGB), white is displayed. This mode is suitable for highlighting features.
  - Darken: This creates a resultant pixel that retains the smallest components of the foreground and background pixels. Like lighten, the results tend to be jagged and harsh.
  - Multiply: Here, the numbers for each pixel of the top layer are multiplied with the corresponding pixels for the bottom layer. The results are darker pictures.
  - Burn: Darker colors in the top layer cause the underlying layers to darken. Burn can be used to tweak and colorise underlying layers.
  - Overlay: This mode combines the multiply and screen blending modes. In the resulting picture, light parts become lighter and dark parts become darker.
  - Soft light: This is very similar to overlay, but instead of using multiply/screen it uses color burn/dodge. This is supposed to emulate shining a soft light onto an image.

- Hard light: Hard light is also very similar to the overlay mode. It's supposed to emulate projecting a very intense light onto an image.
- Difference: Difference subtracts the top pixel from the bottom pixel, or the other way around, to always get a positive value. Blending with black produces no change, as the difference with all colors is zero.
- Subtract: This blend mode simply subtracts pixel values of one layer from the other. In case of negative values, black is displayed.

### 12.3.2 Labels Menu

The  **Labels** core application provides smart labeling for vector point, line and polygon layers, and it only requires a few parameters. This new application also supports on-the-fly transformed layers. The core functions of the application have been redesigned. In QGIS, there are a number of other features that improve the labeling. The following menus have been created for labeling the vector layers:

- Text
- Formatting
- Buffer
- Antecedentes
- Shadow
- Placement
- Rendering

Let us see how the new menus can be used for various vector layers. **Labeling point layers**

Start QGIS and load a vector point layer. Activate the layer in the legend and click on the  Layer Labeling Options icon in the QGIS toolbar menu.

The first step is to activate the  *Label this layer with* checkbox and select an attribute column to use for labeling. Click  if you want to define labels based on expressions - See [labeling\\_with\\_expressions](#).

The following steps describe a simple labeling without using the *Data defined override* functions, which are situated next to the drop-down menus.

You can define the text style in the *Text* menu (see [Figure\\_labels\\_1](#)). Use the *Type case* option to influence the text rendering. You have the possibility to render the text ‘All uppercase’, ‘All lowercase’ or ‘Capitalize first letter’. Use the blend modes to create effects known from graphics programs (see [blend\\_modes](#)).

In the *Formatting* menu, you can define a character for a line break in the labels with the ‘Wrap on character’ function. Use the  *Formatted numbers* option to format the numbers in an attribute table. Here, decimal places may be inserted. If you enable this option, three decimal places are initially set by default.

To create a buffer, just activate the  *Draw text buffer* checkbox in the *Buffer* menu. The buffer color is variable. Here, you can also use blend modes (see [blend\\_modes](#)).

If the  *color buffer’s fill* checkbox is activated, it will interact with partially transparent text and give mixed color transparency results. Turning off the buffer fill fixes that issue (except where the interior aspect of the buffer’s stroke intersects with the text’s fill) and also allows you to make outlined text.

In the *Background* menu, you can define with *Size X* and *Size Y* the shape of your background. Use *Size type* to insert an additional ‘Buffer’ into your background. The buffer size is set by default here. The background then consists of the buffer plus the background in *Size X* and *Size Y*. You can set a *Rotation* where you can choose between ‘Sync with label’, ‘Offset of label’ and ‘Fixed’. Using ‘Offset of label’ and ‘Fixed’, you can rotate the background. Define an *Offset X,Y* with X and Y values, and the background will be shifted. When applying *Radius X,Y*, the background gets rounded corners. Again, it is possible to mix the background with the underlying layers in the map canvas using the *Blend mode* (see [blend\\_modes](#)).

Use the *Shadow* menu for a user-defined *Drop shadow*. The drawing of the background is very variable. Choose between ‘Lowest label component’, ‘Text’, ‘Buffer’ and ‘Background’. The *Offset angle* depends on the orientation of the label. If you choose the  *Use global shadow* checkbox, then the zero point of the angle is always oriented to the north and doesn’t depend on the orientation of the label. You can influence the appearance of the shadow with the *Blur radius*. The higher the number, the softer the shadows. The appearance of the drop shadow can also be altered by choosing a blend mode (see [blend\\_modes](#)).

Choose the *Placement* menu for the label placement and the labeling priority. Using the  *Offset from point* setting, you now have the option to use *Quadrants* to place your label. Additionally, you can alter the angle of the label placement with the *Rotation* setting. Thus, a placement in a certain quadrant with a certain rotation is possible. In the *priority* section you can define with which priority the labels are rendered. It interacts with labels of the other vector layers in the map canvas. If there are labels from different layers in the same location then the label with the higher priority will be displayed and the other will be left out.

In the *Rendering* menu, you can define label and feature options. Under *Label options*, you find the scale-based visibility setting now. You can prevent QGIS from rendering only selected labels with the  *Show all labels for this layer (including colliding labels)* checkbox. Under *Feature options*, you can define whether every part of a multipart feature is to be labeled. It’s possible to define whether the number of features to be labeled is limited and to  *Discourage labels from covering features*.

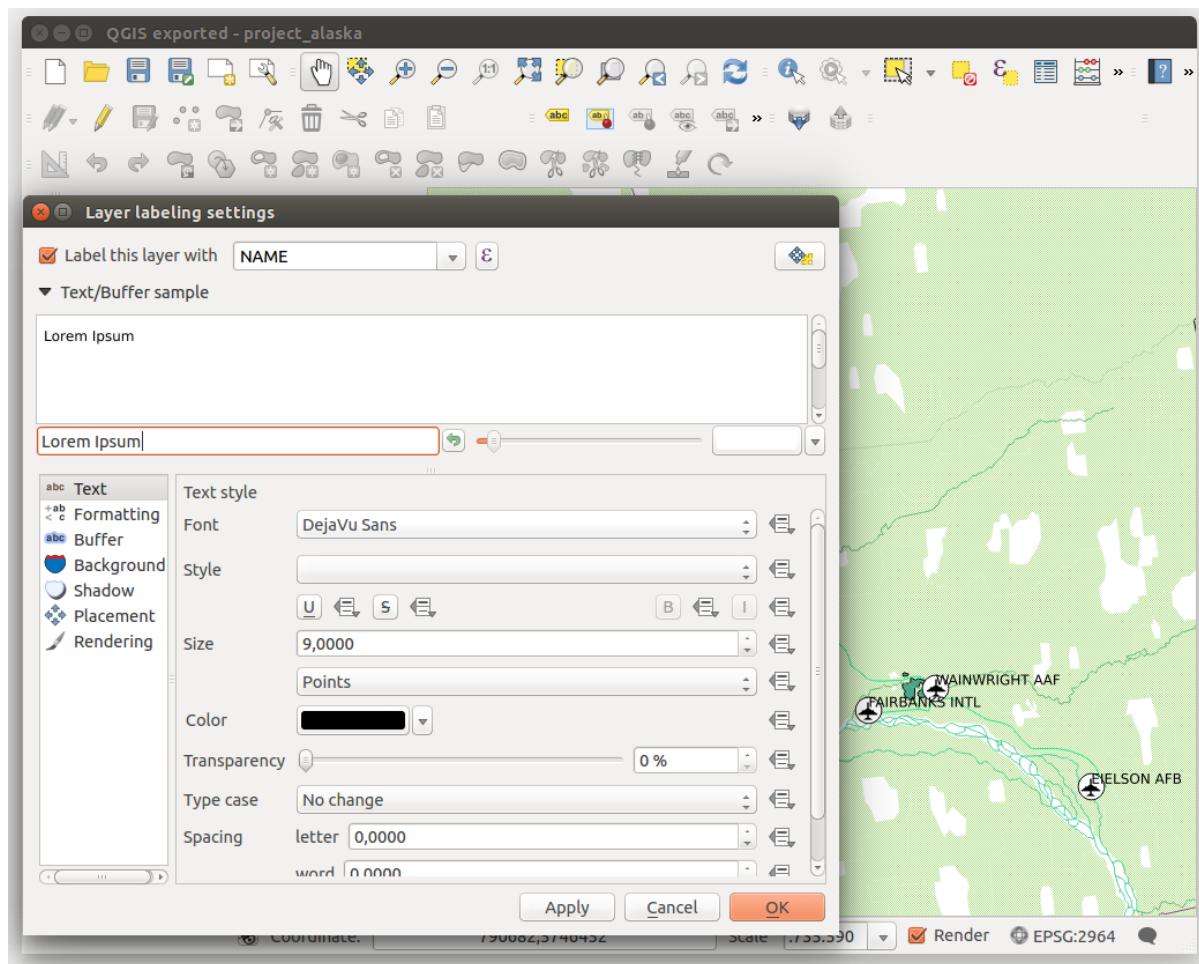


Figure 12.22: Smart labeling of vector point layers 🐧

### Labeling line layers

The first step is to activate the  *Label this layer* checkbox in the *Label settings* tab and select an attribute column to use for labeling. Click  if you want to define labels based on expressions - See [labeling\\_with\\_expressions](#).

After that, you can define the text style in the *Text* menu. Here, you can use the same settings as for point layers. Also, in the *Formatting* menu, the same settings as for point layers are possible.

The *Buffer* menu has the same functions as described in section [labeling\\_point\\_layers](#).

The *Background* menu has the same entries as described in section [labeling\\_point\\_layers](#).

Also, the *Shadow* menu has the same entries as described in section [labeling\\_point\\_layers](#).

In the *Placement* menu, you find special settings for line layers. The label can be placed  *Parallel*,  *Curved* or  *Horizontal*. With the  *Parallel* and  *Curved* option, you can define the position  *Above line*,  *On line* and  *Below line*. It's possible to select several options at once. In that case, QGIS will look for the optimal position of the label. Remember that here you can also use the line orientation for the position of the label. Additionally, you can define a *Maximum angle between curved characters* when selecting the  *Curved* option (see [Figure\\_labels\\_2](#) ).

You can set up a minimum distance for repeating labels. Distance can be in mm or in map units.

Some Placement setup will display more options, for example, *Curved* and *Parallel* Placements will allow the user to set up the position of the label (above, below or on the line), *distance* from the line and for *Curved*, the user can also setup inside/outside max angle between curved label. As for point vector layers you have the possibility to define a *Priority* for the labels.

The *Rendering* menu has nearly the same entries as for point layers. In the *Feature options*, you can now *Suppress labeling of features smaller than*.

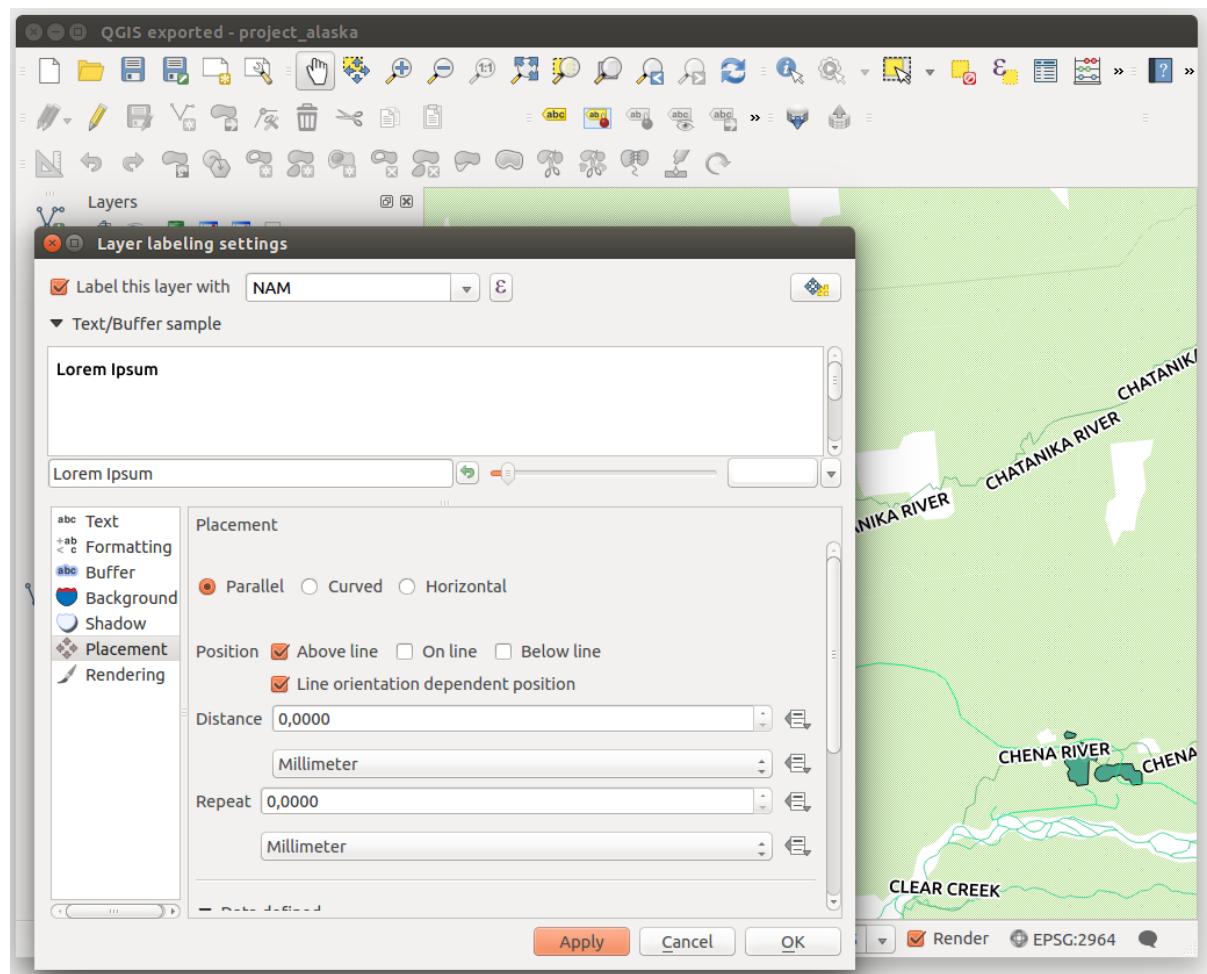


Figure 12.23: Smart labeling of vector line layers 🐧

## Labeling polygon layers

The first step is to activate the  *Label this layer* checkbox and select an attribute column to use for labeling. Click  if you want to define labels based on expressions - See [labeling\\_with\\_expressions](#).

In the *Text* menu, define the text style. The entries are the same as for point and line layers.

The *Formatting* menu allows you to format multiple lines, also similar to the cases of point and line layers.

As with point and line layers, you can create a text buffer in the *Buffer* menu.

Use the *Background* menu to create a complex user-defined background for the polygon layer. You can use the menu also as with the point and line layers.

The entries in the *Shadow* menu are the same as for point and line layers.

In the *Placement* menu, you find special settings for polygon layers (see [Figure\\_labels\\_3](#)).  *Offset from centroid*,  *Horizontal (slow)*,  *Around centroid*,  *Free* and  *Using perimeter* are possible.

In the  *Offset from centroid* settings, you can specify if the centroid is of the  *visible polygon* or  *whole polygon*. That means that either the centroid is used for the polygon you can see on the map or the centroid is determined for the whole polygon, no matter if you can see the whole feature on the map. You can place your label with the quadrants here, and define offset and rotation. The  *Around centroid* setting makes it possible to place the label around the centroid with a certain distance. Again, you can define  *visible polygon* or  *whole polygon* for the centroid. With the  *Using perimeter* settings, you can define a position and a distance for the label. For the position,  *Above line*,  *On line*,  *Below line* and  *Line orientation dependent position* are possible.

Related to the choice of Label Placement, several options will appear. As for Point Placement you can choose the distance for the polygon outline, repeat the label around the polygon perimeter.

As for point and line vector layers you have the possibility to define a *Priority* for the polygon vector layer.

The entries in the *Rendering* menu are the same as for line layers. You can also use *Suppress labeling of features smaller than* in the *Feature options*. **Define labels based on expressions**

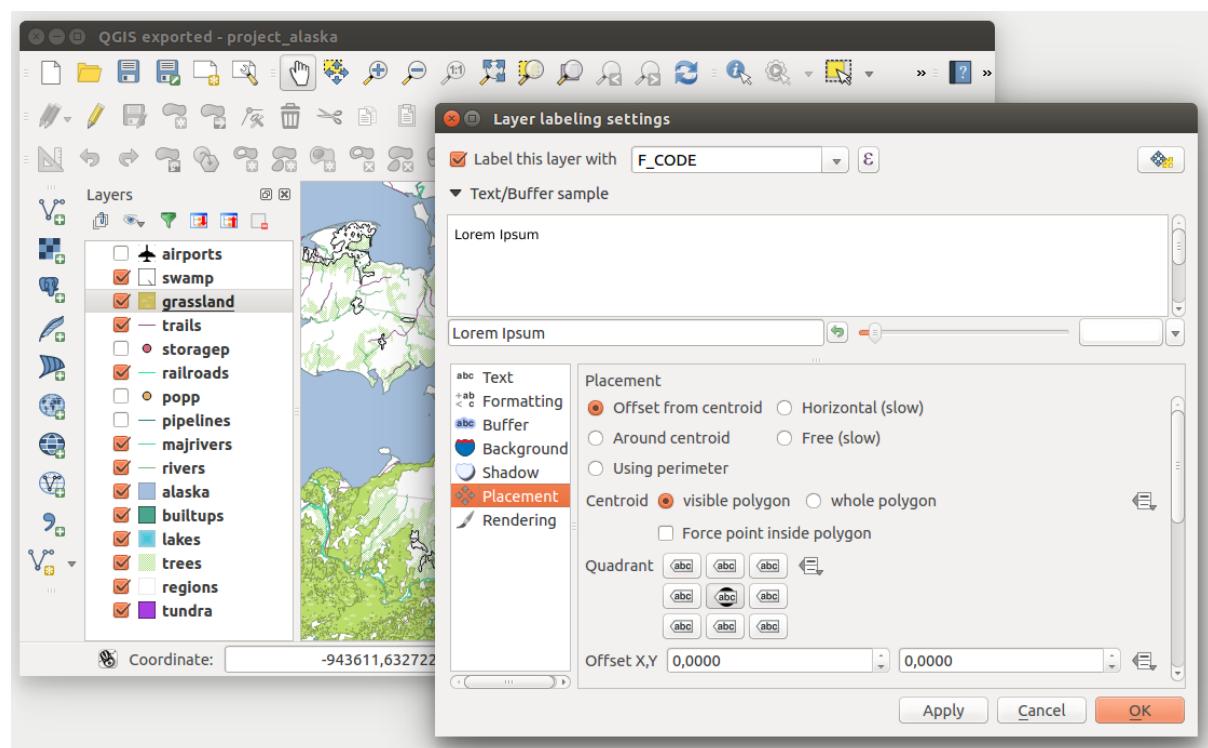


Figure 12.24: Smart labeling of vector polygon layers 

QGIS allows to use expressions to label features. Just click the icon in the Labels menu of the properties dialog. In [figure\\_labels\\_4](#) you see a sample expression to label the alaska regions with name and area size, based on the field ‘NAME\_2’, some descriptive text and the function ‘\$area()’ in combination with ‘format\_number()’ to make it look nicer.

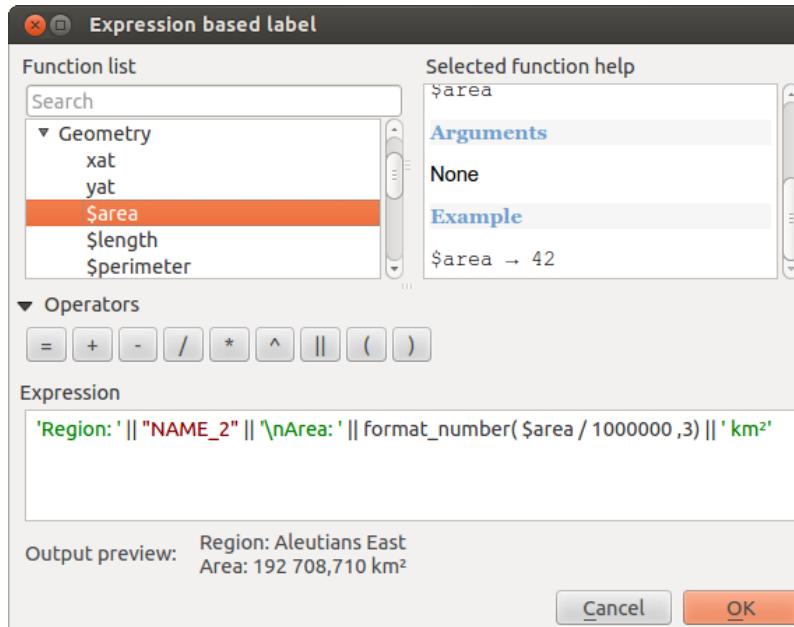


Figure 12.25: Using expressions for labeling

Expression based labeling is easy to work with. All you have to take care of is, that you need to combine all elements (strings, fields and functions) with a string concatenation sign ‘||’ and that fields are written in “double quotes” and strings in ‘single quotes’. Let’s have a look at some examples:

```
# label based on two fields 'name' and 'place' with a comma as separator
"name" || ', ' || "place"

-> John Smith, Paris

# label based on two fields 'name' and 'place' separated by comma
'My name is ' || "name" || 'and I live in ' || "place"

-> My name is John Smith and I live in Paris

# label based on two fields 'name' and 'place' with a descriptive text
# and a line break (\n)
'My name is ' || "name" || '\nI live in ' || "place"

-> My name is John Smith
    I live in Paris

# create a multi-line label based on a field and the $area function
# to show the place name and its area size based on unit meter.
'The area of ' || "place" || 'has a size of ' || $area || 'm²'

-> The area of Paris has a size of 105000000 m²

# create a CASE ELSE condition. If the population value in field
# population is <= 50000 it is a town, otherwise a city.
'This place is a ' || CASE WHEN "population" <= 50000 THEN 'town' ELSE 'city' END

-> This place is a town
```

As you can see in the expression builder, you have hundreds of functions available to create simple and very complex expressions to label your data in QGIS. See *Expressions* chapter for more information and examples on expressions.

### Using data-defined override for labeling

With the data-defined override functions, the settings for the labeling are overridden by entries in the attribute table. You can activate and deactivate the function with the right-mouse button. Hover over the symbol and you see the information about the data-defined override, including the current definition field. We now describe an example using the data-defined override function for the Move label function (see [figure\\_labels\\_5](#) ).

1. Import `lakes.shp` from the QGIS sample dataset.
2. Double-click the layer to open the Layer Properties. Click on *Labels* and *Placement*. Select Offset from centroid.
3. Look for the *Data defined* entries. Click the icon to define the field type for the *Coordinate*. Choose ‘ xlabel’ for X and ‘ ylabel’ for Y. The icons are now highlighted in yellow.
4. Zoom into a lake.
5. Go to the Label toolbar and click the icon. Now you can shift the label manually to another position (see [figure\\_labels\\_6](#) ). The new position of the label is saved in the ‘ xlabel’ and ‘ ylabel’ columns of the attribute table.

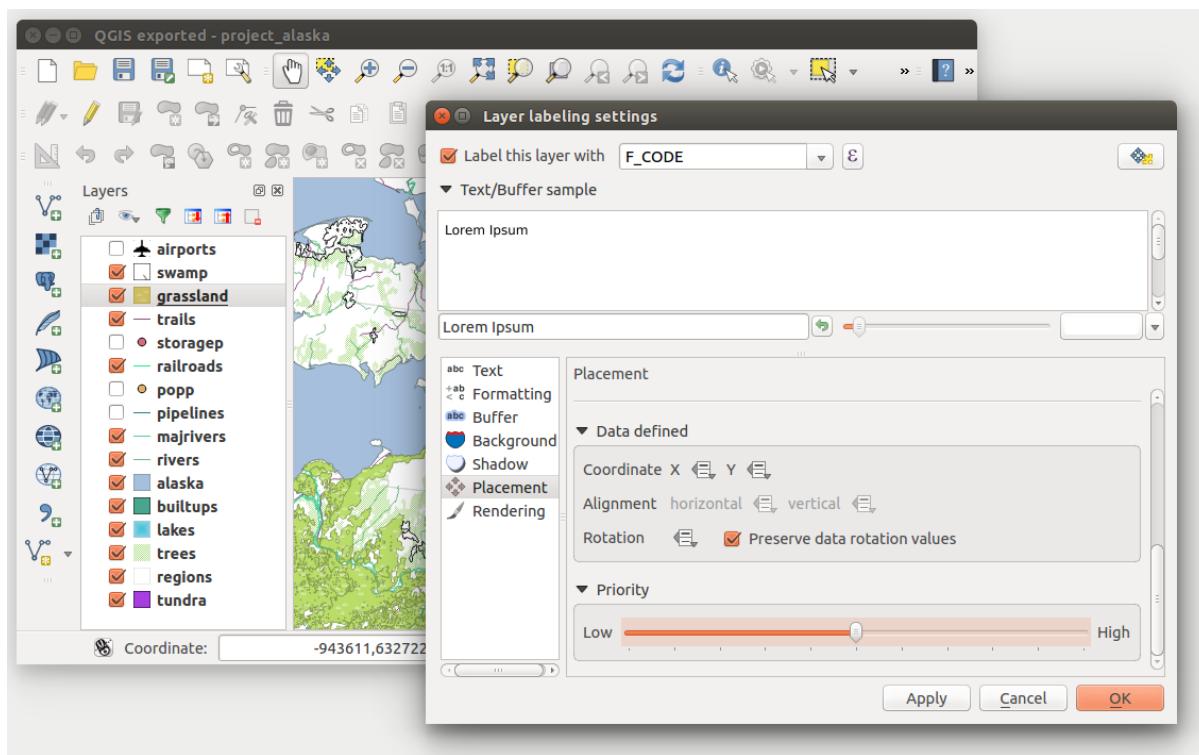
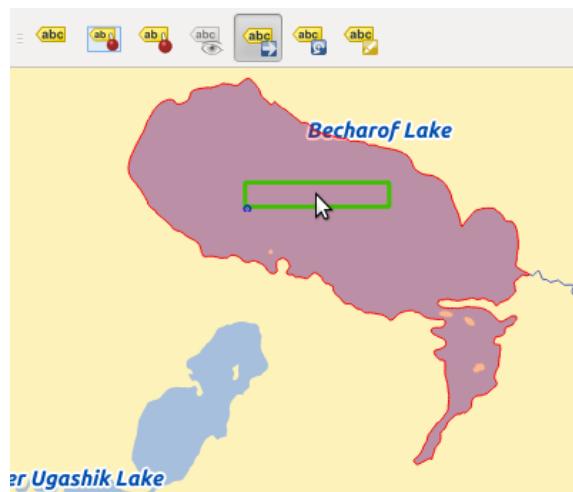
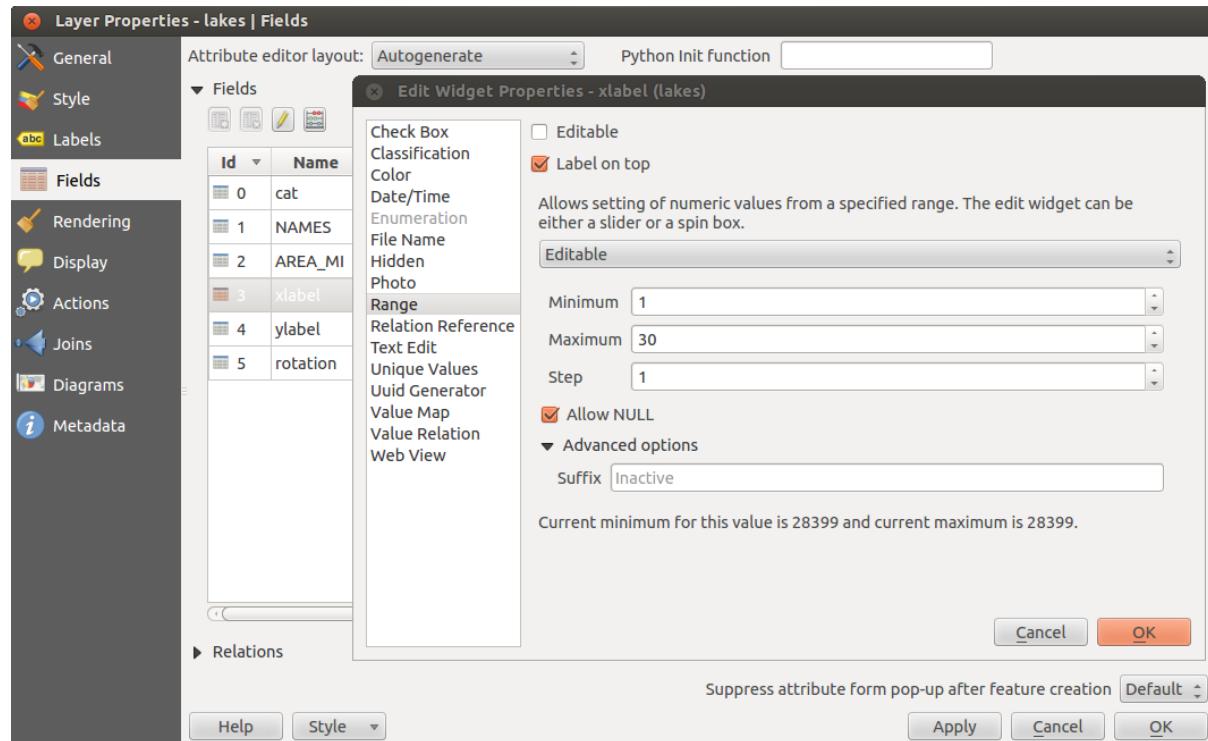


Figure 12.26: Labeling of vector polygon layers with data-defined override

### 12.3.3 Fields Menu

Within the *Fields* menu, the field attributes of the selected dataset can be manipulated. The buttons New Column and Delete Column can be used when the dataset is in Editing mode.

#### Edit Widget

Figure 12.27: Move labels Figure 12.28: Dialog to select an edit widget for an attribute column 

Within the *Fields* menu, you also find an **edit widget** column. This column can be used to define values or a range of values that are allowed to be added to the specific attribute table column. If you click on the [edit widget] button, a dialog opens, where you can define different widgets. These widgets are:

- **Checkbox:** Displays a checkbox, and you can define what attribute is added to the column when the checkbox is activated or not.
- **Classification:** Displays a combo box with the values used for classification, if you have chosen ‘unique value’ as legend type in the *Style* menu of the properties dialog.
- **Color:** Displays a color button allowing user to choose a color from the color dialog window.
- **Date/Time:** Displays a line field which can open a calendar widget to enter a date, a time or both. Column type must be text. You can select a custom format, pop-up a calendar, etc.
- **Enumeration:** Opens a combo box with values that can be used within the columns type. This is currently only supported by the PostgreSQL provider.
- **File name:** Simplifies the selection by adding a file chooser dialog.
- **Hidden:** A hidden attribute column is invisible. The user is not able to see its contents.
- **Photo:** Field contains a filename for a picture. The width and height of the field can be defined.
- **Range:** Allows you to set numeric values from a specific range. The edit widget can be either a slider or a spin box.
- **Relation Reference:** This wedged lets you embed the feature form of the referenced layer on the feature form of the actual layer. See *Creating one to many relations*.
- **Text edit** (default): This opens a text edit field that allows simple text or multiple lines to be used. If you choose multiple lines you can also choose html content.
- **Unique values:** You can select one of the values already used in the attribute table. If ‘Editable’ is activated, a line edit is shown with autocompletion support, otherwise a combo box is used.
- **UUID Generator:** Generates a read-only UUID (Universally Unique Identifiers) field, if empty.
- **Value map:** A combo box with predefined items. The value is stored in the attribute, the description is shown in the combo box. You can define values manually or load them from a layer or a CSV file.
- **Value Relation:** Offers values from a related table in a combobox. You can select layer, key column and value column.
- **Webview:** Field contains a URL. The width and height of the field is variable.

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**Nota:** QGIS has an advanced ‘hidden’ option to define your own field widget using python and add it to this impressive list of widgets. It is tricky but it is very well explained in following excellent blog that explains how to create a real time validation widget that can be used like described widgets. See <http://blog.vitu.ch/10142013-1847/write-your-own-qgis-form-elements>

With the **Attribute editor layout**, you can now define built-in forms (see [figure\\_fields\\_2](#)). This is usefull for data entry jobs or to identify objects using the option auto open form when you have objects with many attributes. You can create an editor with several tabs and named groups to present the attribute fields.

Choose ‘Drag and drop designer’ and an attribute column. Use the  icon to create a category to insert a tab or a named group (see [figure\\_fields\\_3](#)). When creating a new category, QGIS will insert a new tab or named group for the category in the built-in form. The next step will be to assign the relevant fields to a selected category with the  icon. You can create more categories and use the same fields again.

Other options in the dialog are ‘Autogenerate’ and ‘Provide ui-file’.

- ‘Autogenerate’ just creates editors for all fields and tabulates them.
- The ‘Provide ui-file’ option allows you to use complex dialogs made with the Qt-Designer. Using a UI-file allows a great deal of freedom in creating a dialog. For detailed information, see <http://nathanw.net/2011/09/05/qgis-tips-custom-feature-forms-with-python-logic/>.

QGIS dialogs can have a Python function that is called when the dialog is opened. Use this function to add extra logic to your dialogs. An example is (in module MyForms.py):

```
def open(dialog, layer, feature):
    geom = feature.geometry()
    control = dialog.findChild(QWidged, "My line edit")
```

Reference in Python Init Function like so: MyForms.open

MyForms.py must live on PYTHONPATH, in .qgis2/python, or inside the project folder.

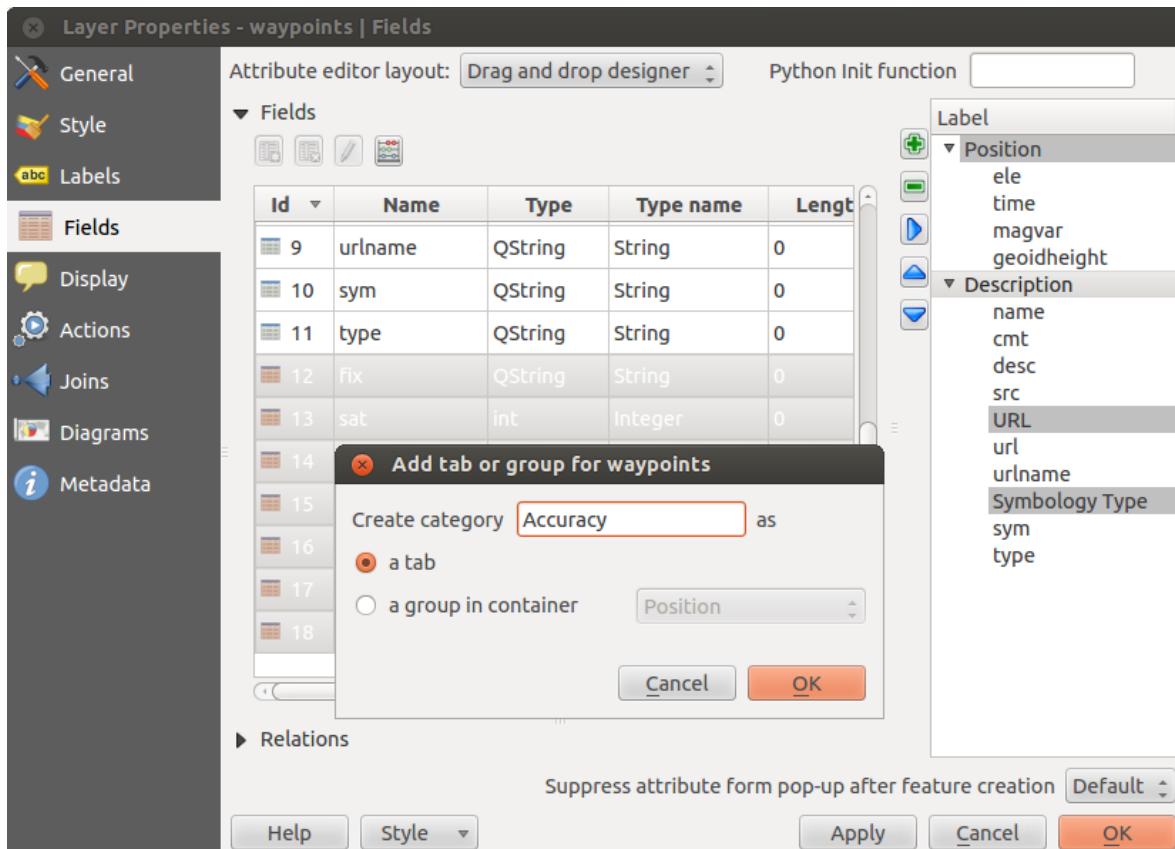


Figure 12.29: Dialog to create categories with the **Attribute editor layout**

### 12.3.4 General Menu



Use this menu to make general settings for the vector layer. There are several options available:

#### Layer Info

- Change the display name of the layer in *displayed as*
- Define the *Layer source* of the vector layer
- Define the *Data source encoding* to define provider-specific options and to be able to read the file

#### Coordinate Reference System

- *Specify* the coordinate reference system. Here, you can view or change the projection of the specific vector layer.
- Create a *Spatial Index* (only for OGR-supported formats)
- *Update Extents* information for a layer

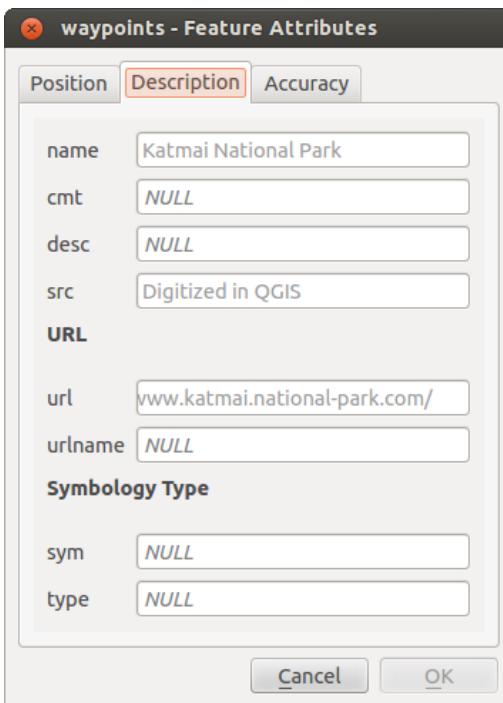


Figure 12.30: Resulting built-in form with tabs and named groups

- View or change the projection of the specific vector layer, clicking on *Specify ...*
- Scale dependent visibility*
  - You can set the *Maximum (inclusive)* and *Minimum (exclusive)* scale. The scale can also be set by the [Current] buttons.

#### Feature subset

- With the [Query Builder] button, you can create a subset of the features in the layer that will be visualized (also refer to section *Constructor de consultas*).

### 12.3.5 Rendering Menu

QGIS 2.2 introduces support for on-the-fly feature generalisation. This can improve rendering times when drawing many complex features at small scales. This feature can be enabled or disabled in the layer settings using the  *Simplify geometry* option. There is also a new global setting that enables generalisation by default for newly added layers (see section *Opciones*). **Note:** Feature generalisation may introduce artefacts into your rendered output in some cases. These may include slivers between polygons and inaccurate rendering when using offset-based symbol layers.

### 12.3.6 Display Menu

 This menu is specifically created for Map Tips. It includes a new feature: Map Tip display text in HTML. While you can still choose a  *Field* to be displayed when hovering over a feature on the map, it is now possible to insert HTML code that creates a complex display when hovering over a feature. To activate Map Tips, select the menu option *View → MapTips*. Figure Display 1 shows an example of HTML code.

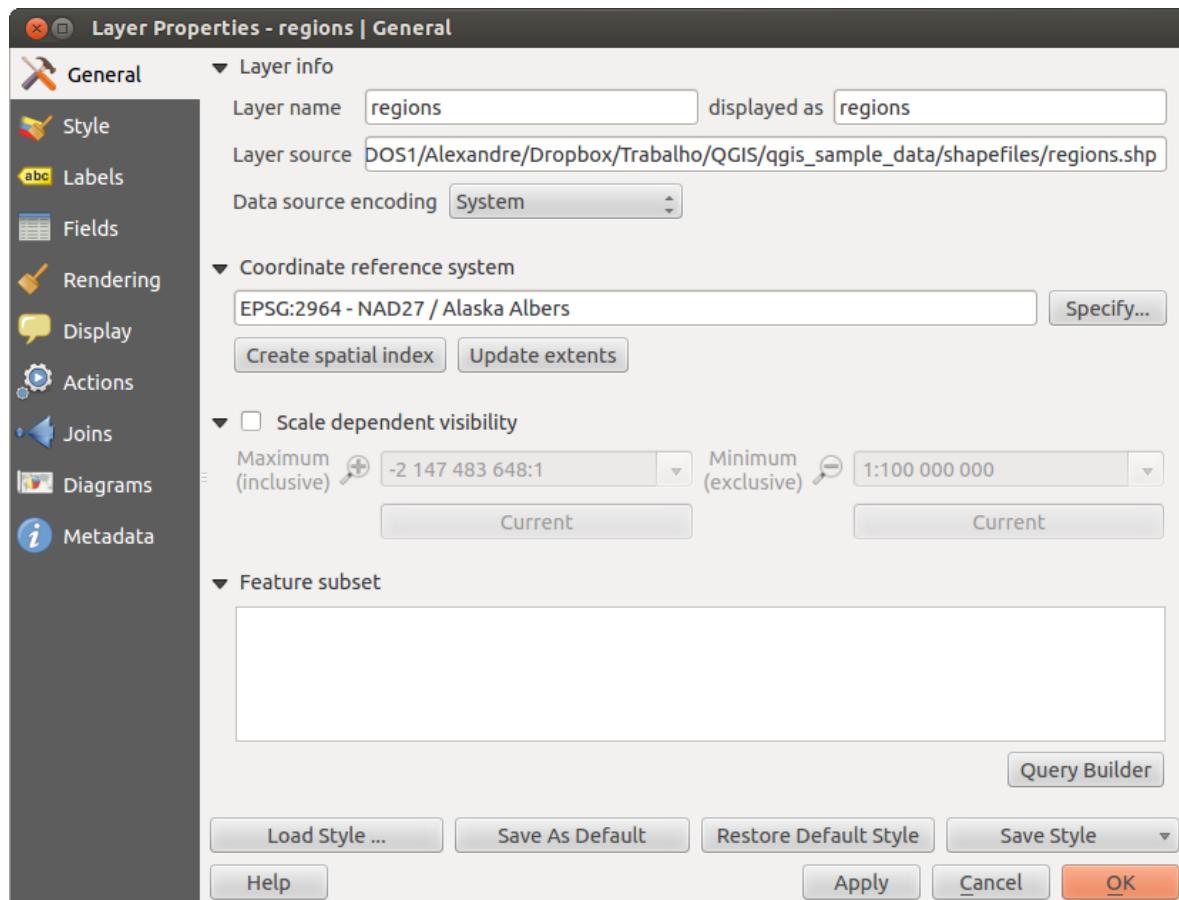


Figure 12.31: General menu in vector layers properties dialog

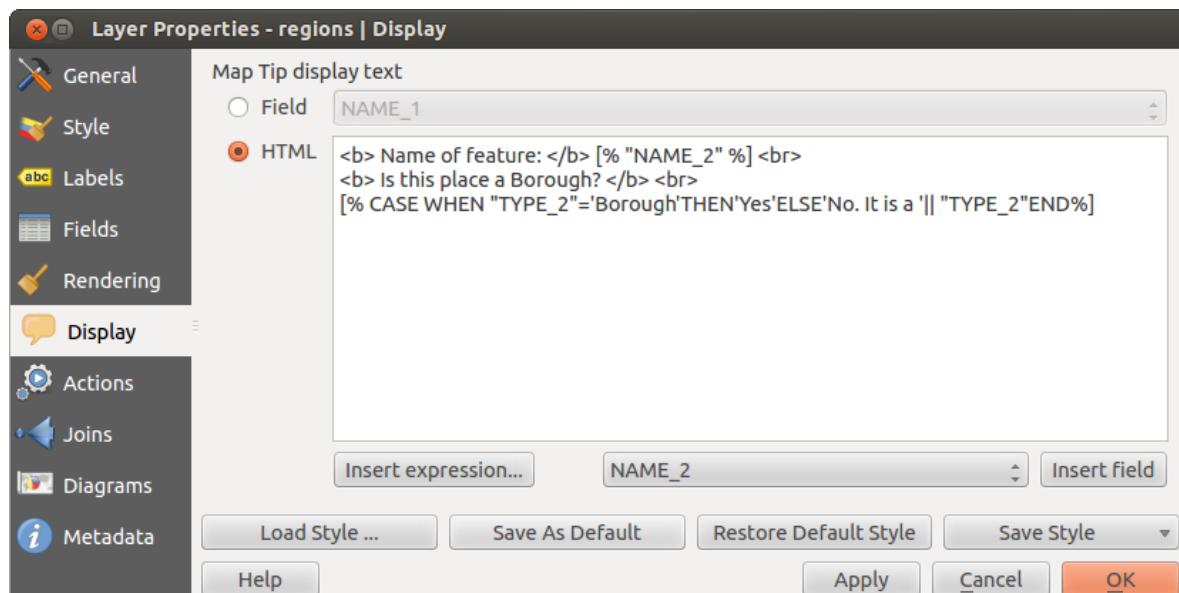


Figure 12.32: HTML code for map tip



Figure 12.33: Map tip made with HTML code 

### 12.3.7 Actions Menu

 QGIS provides the ability to perform an action based on the attributes of a feature. This can be used to perform any number of actions, for example, running a program with arguments built from the attributes of a feature or passing parameters to a web reporting tool.

Actions are useful when you frequently want to run an external application or view a web page based on one or more values in your vector layer. They are divided into six types and can be used like this:

- Generic, Mac, Windows and Unix actions start an external process.
- Python actions execute a Python expression.
- Generic and Python actions are visible everywhere.
- Mac, Windows and Unix actions are visible only on the respective platform (i.e., you can define three ‘Edit’ actions to open an editor and the users can only see and execute the one ‘Edit’ action for their platform to run the editor).

There are several examples included in the dialog. You can load them by clicking on **[Add default actions]**. One example is performing a search based on an attribute value. This concept is used in the following discussion.

#### Defining Actions

Attribute actions are defined from the vector *Layer Properties* dialog. To define an action, open the vector *Layer Properties* dialog and click on the *Actions* menu. Go to the *Action properties*. Select ‘Generic’ as type and provide a descriptive name for the action. The action itself must contain the name of the application that will be executed when the action is invoked. You can add one or more attribute field values as arguments to the application. When the action is invoked, any set of characters that start with a % followed by the name of a field will be replaced by the value of that field. The special characters %% will be replaced by the value of the field that was selected from the identify results or attribute table (see [using\\_actions](#) below). Double quote marks can be used to group text into a single argument to the program, script or command. Double quotes will be ignored if preceded by a backslash.

If you have field names that are substrings of other field names (e.g., col1 and col10), you should indicate that by surrounding the field name (and the % character) with square brackets (e.g., [%col10]). This will prevent the %col10 field name from being mistaken for the %col1 field name with a 0 on the end. The brackets will be removed by QGIS when it substitutes in the value of the field. If you want the substituted field to be surrounded by square brackets, use a second set like this: [ [%col10] ].

Using the *Identify Features* tool, you can open the *Identify Results* dialog. It includes a *(Derived)* item that contains information relevant to the layer type. The values in this item can be accessed in a similar way to the other fields by preceding the derived field name with *(Derived) ..* For example, a point layer has an X and Y field, and

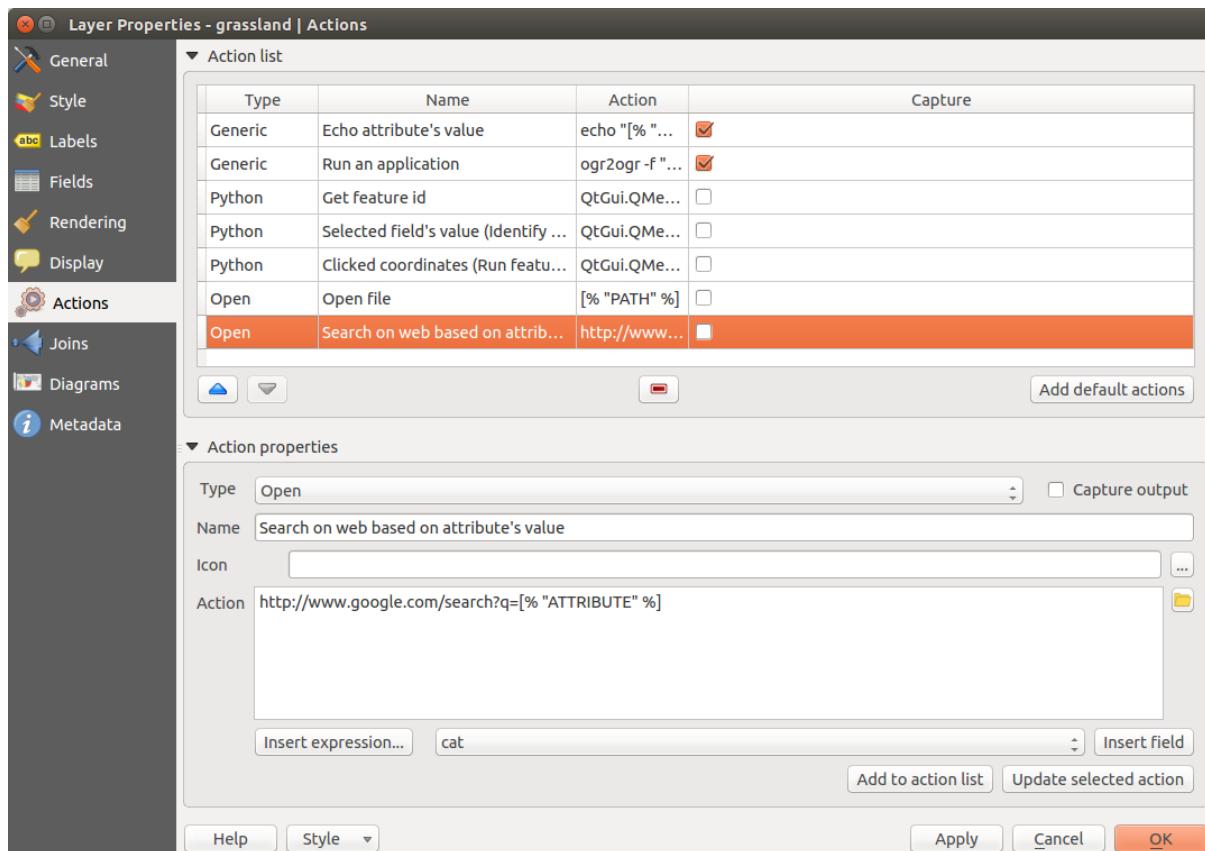


Figure 12.34: Overview action dialog with some sample actions 

the values of these fields can be used in the action with `% (Derived) .X` and `% (Derived) .Y`. The derived attributes are only available from the *Identify Results* dialog box, not the *Attribute Table* dialog box.

Two example actions are shown below:

- konqueror `http://www.google.com/search?q=%nam`
- konqueror `http://www.google.com/search?q=%%`

In the first example, the web browser konqueror is invoked and passed a URL to open. The URL performs a Google search on the value of the `nam` field from our vector layer. Note that the application or script called by the action must be in the path, or you must provide the full path. To be certain, we could rewrite the first example as: `/opt/kde3/bin/konqueror http://www.google.com/search?q=%nam`. This will ensure that the konqueror application will be executed when the action is invoked.

The second example uses the `%%` notation, which does not rely on a particular field for its value. When the action is invoked, the `%%` will be replaced by the value of the selected field in the identify results or attribute table.

### Using Actions

Actions can be invoked from either the *Identify Results* dialog, an *Attribute Table* dialog or from *Run Feature Action* (recall that these dialogs can be opened by clicking  *Identify Features* or  *Open Attribute Table* or  *Run Feature Action*). To invoke an action, right click on the record and choose the action from the pop-up menu. Actions are listed in the popup menu by the name you assigned when defining the action. Click on the action you wish to invoke.

If you are invoking an action that uses the `%%` notation, right-click on the field value in the *Identify Results* dialog or the *Attribute Table* dialog that you wish to pass to the application or script.

Here is another example that pulls data out of a vector layer and inserts it into a file using bash and the `echo` command (so it will only work on  or perhaps ). The layer in question has fields for a species name `taxon_name`, latitude `lat` and longitude `long`. We would like to be able to make a spatial selection of localities and export

these field values to a text file for the selected record (shown in yellow in the QGIS map area). Here is the action to achieve this:

```
bash -c "echo \"%taxon_name %lat %long\" >> /tmp/species_localities.txt"
```

After selecting a few localities and running the action on each one, opening the output file will show something like this:

```
Acacia mearnsii -34.0800000000 150.0800000000
Acacia mearnsii -34.9000000000 150.1200000000
Acacia mearnsii -35.2200000000 149.9300000000
Acacia mearnsii -32.2700000000 150.4100000000
```

As an exercise, we can create an action that does a Google search on the `lakes` layer. First, we need to determine the URL required to perform a search on a keyword. This is easily done by just going to Google and doing a simple search, then grabbing the URL from the address bar in your browser. From this little effort, we see that the format is <http://google.com/search?q=qgis>, where QGIS is the search term. Armed with this information, we can proceed:

1. Make sure the `lakes` layer is loaded.
2. Open the *Layer Properties* dialog by double-clicking on the layer in the legend, or right-click and choose *Properties* from the pop-up menu.
3. Click on the *Actions* menu.
4. Enter a name for the action, for example `Google Search`.
5. For the action, we need to provide the name of the external program to run. In this case, we can use Firefox. If the program is not in your path, you need to provide the full path.
6. Following the name of the external application, add the URL used for doing a Google search, up to but not including the search term: `http://google.com/search?q=`
7. The text in the *Action* field should now look like this: `firefox http://google.com/search?q=`
8. Click on the drop-down box containing the field names for the `lakes` layer. It's located just to the left of the **[Insert Field]** button.
9. From the drop-down box, select 'NAMES' and click **[Insert Field]**.
10. Your action text now looks like this:

```
firefox http://google.com/search?q=%NAMES
```

11. To finalize the action, click the **[Add to action list]** button.

This completes the action, and it is ready to use. The final text of the action should look like this:

```
firefox http://google.com/search?q=%NAMES
```

We can now use the action. Close the *Layer Properties* dialog and zoom in to an area of interest. Make sure the `lakes` layer is active and identify a lake. In the result box you'll now see that our action is visible:

When we click on the action, it brings up Firefox and navigates to the URL <http://www.google.com/search?q=Tustumena>. It is also possible to add further attribute fields to the action. Therefore, you can add a + to the end of the action text, select another field and click on **[Insert Field]**. In this example, there is just no other field available that would make sense to search for.

You can define multiple actions for a layer, and each will show up in the *Identify Results* dialog.

There are all kinds of uses for actions. For example, if you have a point layer containing locations of images or photos along with a file name, you could create an action to launch a viewer to display the image. You could also use actions to launch web-based reports for an attribute field or combination of fields, specifying them in the same way we did in our Google search example.

We can also make more complex examples, for instance, using **Python** actions.

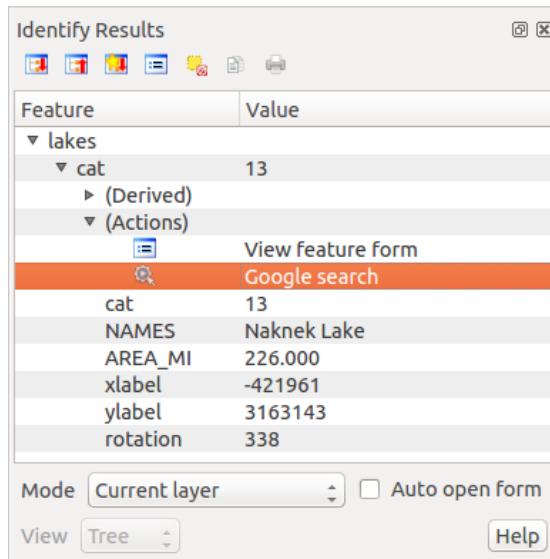


Figure 12.35: Select feature and choose action

Usually, when we create an action to open a file with an external application, we can use absolute paths, or eventually relative paths. In the second case, the path is relative to the location of the external program executable file. But what about if we need to use relative paths, relative to the selected layer (a file-based one, like a shapefile or SpatiaLite)? The following code will do the trick:

```
command = "firefox";
imagerelpath = "images_test/test_image.jpg";
layer = qgis.utils.iface.activeLayer();
import os.path;
layerpath = layer.source() if layer.providerType() == 'ogr'
    else (qgis.core.QgsDataSourceURI(layer.source()).database()
        if layer.providerType() == 'spatialite' else None);
path = os.path.dirname(str(layerpath));
image = os.path.join(path, imagerelpath);
import subprocess;
subprocess.Popen( [command, image] );
```

We just have to remember that the action is one of type *Python* and the *command* and *imagerelpath* variables must be changed to fit our needs.

But what about if the relative path needs to be relative to the (saved) project file? The code of the Python action would be:

```
command="firefox";
imagerelpath="images/test_image.jpg";
projectpath=qgis.core.QgsProject.instance().fileName();
import os.path; path=os.path.dirname(str(projectpath)) if projectpath != '' else None;
image=os.path.join(path, imagerelpath);
import subprocess;
subprocess.Popen( [command, image] );
```

Another Python action example is the one that allows us to add new layers to the project. For instance, the following examples will add to the project respectively a vector and a raster. The names of the files to be added to the project and the names to be given to the layers are data driven (*filename* and *layername* are column names of the table of attributes of the vector where the action was created):

```
qgis.utils iface.addVectorLayer('/yourpath/[% "filename" %].shp',[% "layername" %],
    'ogr')
```

To add a raster (a TIF image in this example), it becomes:

```
qgis.utils.iface.addRasterLayer('/yourpath/[% "filename" %].tif','[% "layername" %']')
```

### 12.3.8 Joins Menu

 The *Joins* menu allows you to join a loaded attribute table to a loaded vector layer. After clicking , the *Add vector join* dialog appears. As key columns, you have to define a join layer you want to connect with the target vector layer. Then, you have to specify the join field that is common to both the join layer and the target layer. Now you can also specify a subset of fields from the joined layer based on the checkbox  *Choose which fields are joined*. As a result of the join, all information from the join layer and the target layer are displayed in the attribute table of the target layer as joined information. If you specified a subset of fields only these fields are displayed in the attribute table of the target layer.

QGIS currently has support for joining non-spatial table formats supported by OGR (e.g., CSV, DBF and Excel), delimited text and the PostgreSQL provider (see [figure\\_joins\\_1](#)).

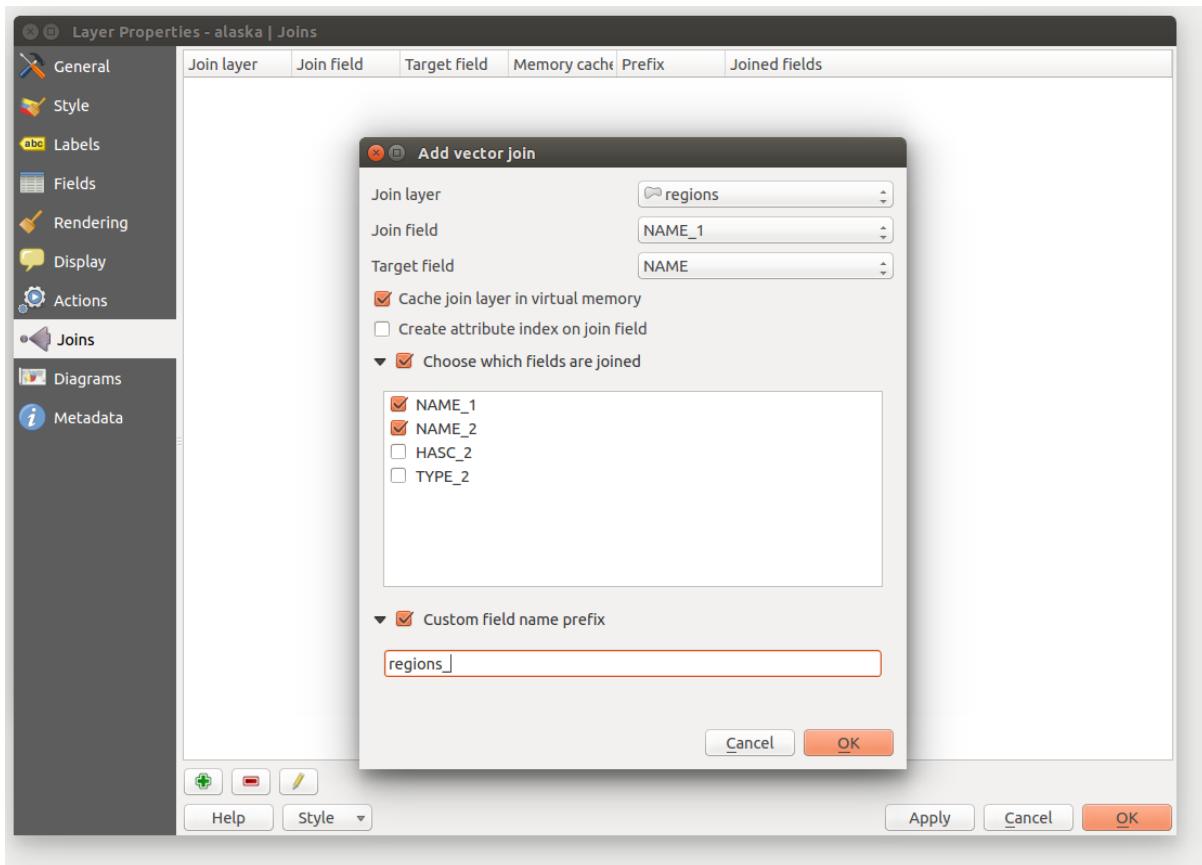


Figure 12.36: Join an attribute table to an existing vector layer 

Additionally, the add vector join dialog allows you to:

-  *Cache join layer in virtual memory*
-  *Create attribute index on the join field*
-  *Choose which fields are joined*
- Create a  *Custom field name prefix*

### 12.3.9 Diagrams Menu



The *Diagrams* menu allows you to add a graphic overlay to a vector layer (see [figure\\_diagrams\\_1](#)).

The current core implementation of diagrams provides support for pie charts, text diagrams and histograms.

The menu is divided into four tabs: *Appearance*, *Size*, *Position* and *Options*.

In the cases of the text diagram and pie chart, text values of different data columns are displayed one below the other with a circle or a box and dividers. In the *Size* tab, diagram size is based on a fixed size or on linear scaling according to a classification attribute. The placement of the diagrams, which is done in the *Position* tab, interacts with the new labeling, so position conflicts between diagrams and labels are detected and solved. In addition, chart positions can be fixed manually.

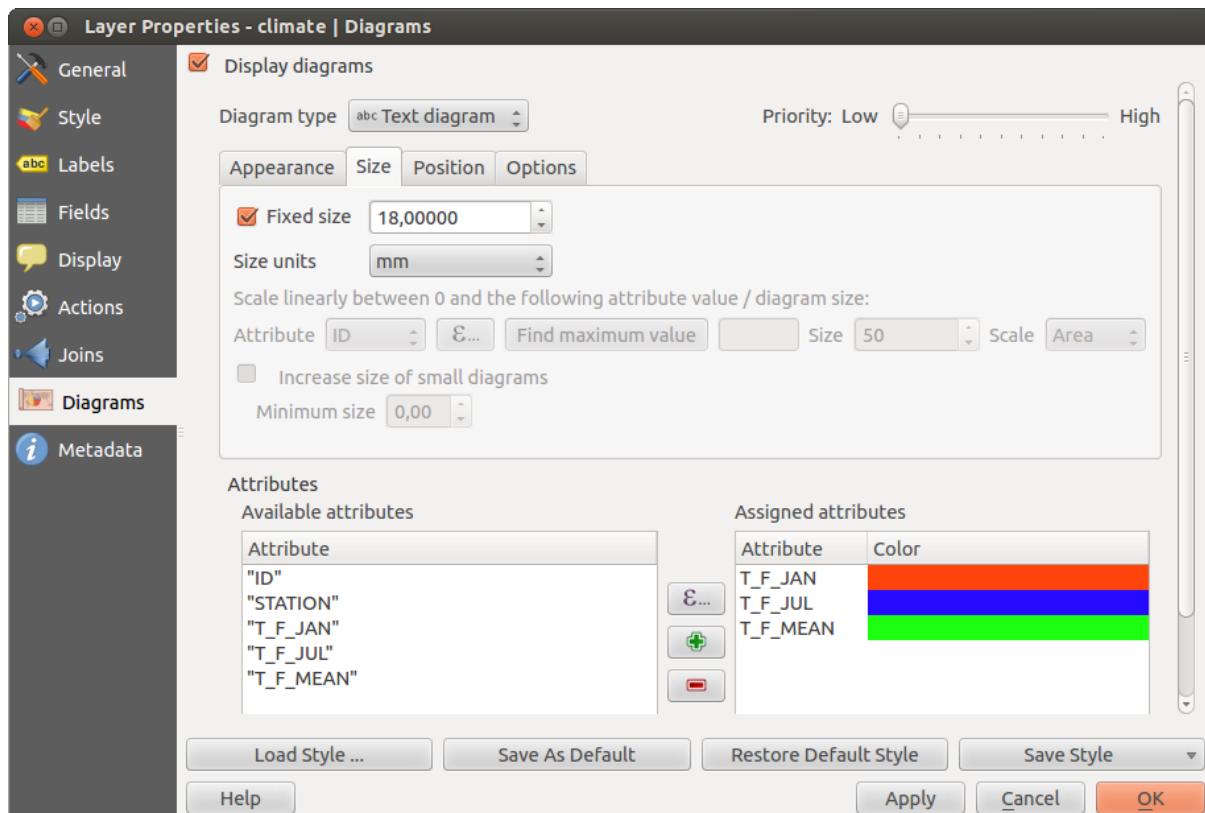


Figure 12.37: Vector properties dialog with diagram menu

We will demonstrate an example and overlay on the Alaska boundary layer a text diagram showing temperature data from a climate vector layer. Both vector layers are part of the QGIS sample dataset (see section [Datos de ejemplo](#)).

1. First, click on the Load Vector icon, browse to the QGIS sample dataset folder, and load the two vector shape layers `alaska.shp` and `climate.shp`.
2. Double click the `climate` layer in the map legend to open the *Layer Properties* dialog.
3. Click on the *Diagrams* menu, activate  *Display diagrams*, and from the *Diagram type* combo box, select ‘Text diagram’.
4. In the *Appearance* tab, we choose a light blue as background color, and in the *Size* tab, we set a fixed size to 18 mm.
5. In the *Position* tab, placement could be set to ‘Around Point’.

6. In the diagram, we want to display the values of the three columns T\_F\_JAN, T\_F\_JUL and T\_F\_MEAN. First select T\_F\_JAN as *Attributes* and click the button, then T\_F\_JUL, and finally T\_F\_MEAN.
7. Now click [Apply] to display the diagram in the QGIS main window.
8. You can adapt the chart size in the *Size* tab. Deactivate the  *Fixed size* and set the size of the diagrams on the basis of an attribute with the **[Find maximum value]** button and the *Size* menu. If the diagrams appear too small on the screen, you can activate the  *Increase size of small diagrams* checkbox and define the minimum size of the diagrams.
9. Change the attribute colors by double clicking on the color values in the *Assigned attributes* field. Figure [diagrams\\_2](#) gives an idea of the result.
10. Finally, click **[Ok]**.

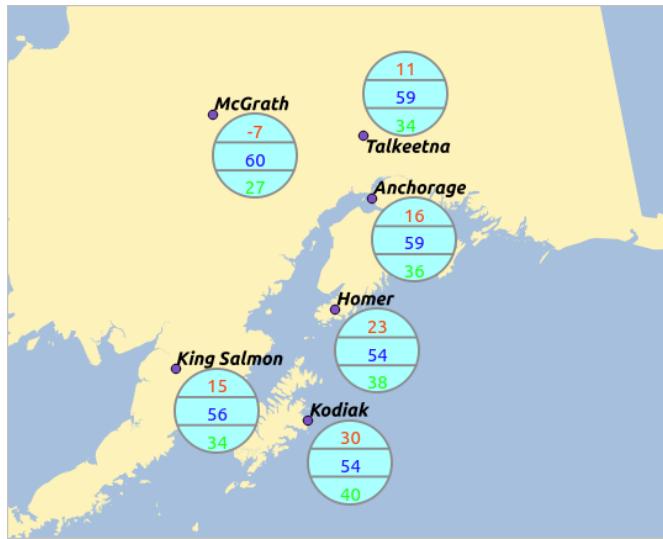


Figure 12.38: Diagram from temperature data overlayed on a map

Remember that in the *Position* tab, a  *Data defined position* of the diagrams is possible. Here, you can use attributes to define the position of the diagram. You can also set a scale-dependent visibility in the *Appearance* tab.

The size and the attributes can also be an expression. Use the button to add an expression. See [Expressions](#) chapter for more information and example.

### 12.3.10 Metadata Menu



The *Metadata* menu consists of *Description*, *Attribution*, *MetadataURL* and *Properties* sections.

In the *Properties* section, you get general information about the layer, including specifics about the type and location, number of features, feature type, and editing capabilities. The *Extents* table provides you with layer extent information and the *Layer Spatial Reference System*, which is information about the CRS of the layer. This is a quick way to get information about the layer.

Additionally, you can add or edit a title and abstract for the layer in the *Description* section. It's also possible to define a *Keyword list* here. These keyword lists can be used in a metadata catalogue. If you want to use a title from an XML metadata file, you have to fill in a link in the *DataUrl* field. Use *Attribution* to get attribute data from an XML metadata catalogue. In *MetadataUrl*, you can define the general path to the XML metadata catalogue. This information will be saved in the QGIS project file for subsequent sessions and will be used for QGIS server.

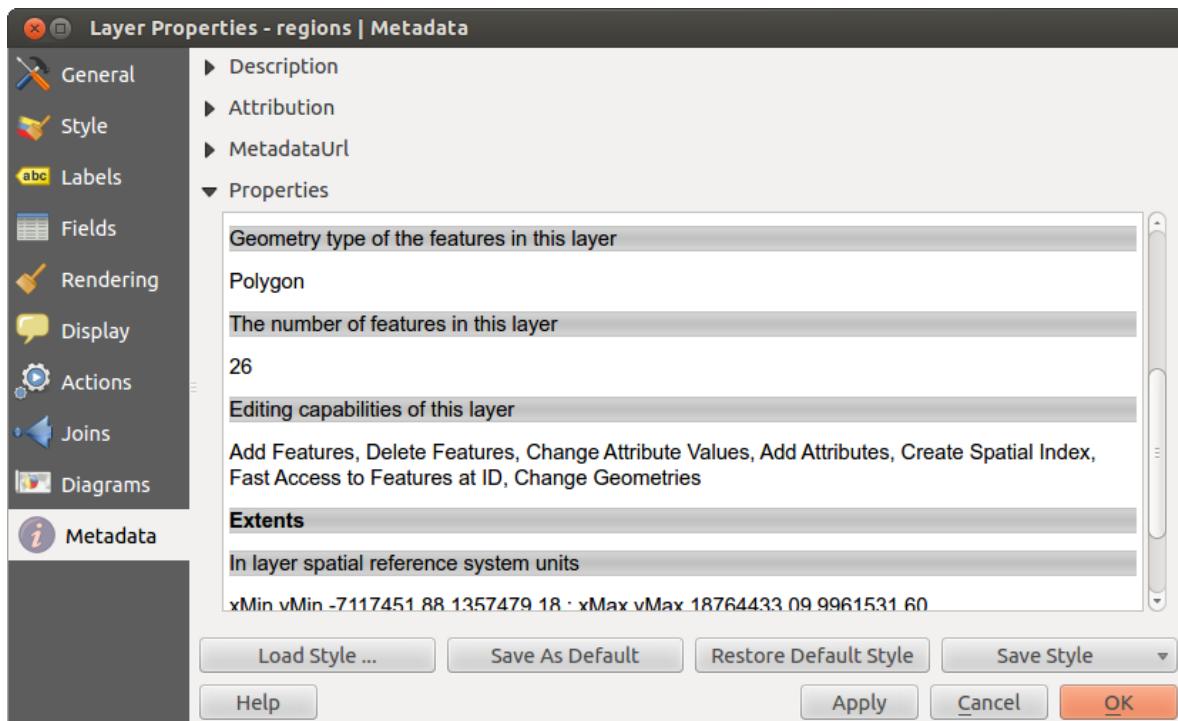


Figure 12.39: Metadata menu in vector layers properties dialog 

## 12.4 Expressions

La característica **Expresión** está disponible a través de la calculadora de campos o el agregar un nuevo botón columna en la tabla de atributos o la pestaña Campo (Field) en las propiedades Capa (Layer); a través del etiquetado basado-en-expresión  en la aplicación principal  :sup:'Labeling'; a través de la selección de característica y de la pestaña diagrama de las propiedades Capa (Layer) tanto como: guilable:'Main properties' del ítem etiqueta y la pestaña: guilable:'Atlas generation' en el Diseñador de Impresión.

They are a powerful way to manipulate attribute value in order to dynamically change the final value in order to change the geometry style, the content of the label, the value for diagram, select some feature or create virtual column.

### 12.4.1 Functions List

The **Function List** contains functions as well as fields and values. View the help function in the **Selected Function Help**. In **Expression** you see the calculation expressions you create with the **Function List**. For the most commonly used operators, see **Operators**.

In the **Function List**, click on *Fields and Values* to view all attributes of the attribute table to be searched. To add an attribute to the Field calculator **Expression** field, double click its name in the *Fields and Values* list. Generally, you can use the various fields, values and functions to construct the calculation expression, or you can just type it into the box. To display the values of a field, you just right click on the appropriate field. You can choose between *Load top 10 unique values* and *Load all unique values*. On the right side, the **Field Values** list opens with the unique values. To add a value to the Field calculator **Expression** box, double click its name in the **Field Values** list.

The *Operators*, *Math*, *Conversions*, *String*, *Geometry* and *Record* groups provide several functions. In *Operators*, you find mathematical operators. Look in *Math* for mathematical functions. The *Conversions* group contains functions that convert one data type to another. The *String* group provides functions for data strings. In the *Geometry* group, you find functions for geometry objects. With *Record* group functions, you can add a numeration

to your data set. To add a function to the Field calculator **Expression** box, click on the > and then double click the function.

## Operators

This group contains operators (e.g., +, -, \*).

a + b	a plus b
a - b	a minus b
a * b	a multiplied by b
a / b	a divided by b
a % b	a modulo b (for example, 7 % 2 = 1, or 2 fits into 7 three times with remainder 1)
a ^ b	a power b (for example, 2^2=4 or 2^3=8)
a = b	a and b are equal
a > b	a is larger than b
a < b	a is smaller than b
a <> b	a and b are not equal
a != b	a and b are not equal
a <= b	a is less than or equal to b
a >= b	a is larger than or equal to b
a ~ b	a matches the regular expression b
+ a	positive sign
- a	negative value of a
	joins two values together into a string 'Hello'    ' world'
LIKE	returns 1 if the string matches the supplied pattern
ILIKE	returns 1 if the string matches case-insensitive the supplied pattern (ILIKE can be used instead of LIKE to make the match case-insensitive)
IS	returns 1 if a is the same as b
OR	returns 1 when condition a or b is true
AND	returns 1 when condition a and b are true
NOT	returns 1 if a is not the same as b
column name "column name"	value of the field column name, take care to not be confused with simple quote, see below
'string'	a string value, take care to not be confused with double quote, see above
NULL	null value
a IS NULL	a has no value
a IS NOT NULL	a has a value
a IN (value[,value])	a is below the values listed
a NOT IN (value[,value])	a is not below the values listed

### Some examples:

- Joins a string and a value from a column name:

```
'My feature's id is: ' || "gid"
```

- Test if the “description” attribute field starts with the ‘Hello’ string in the value (note the position of the % character):

```
"description" LIKE 'Hello%'
```

## Conditionals

Este grupo contiene funciones para manejar comprobaciones condicionales en expresiones.

CASE	evaluates multiple expressions and returns a result
CASE ELSE	evaluates multiple expressions and returns a

	result
coalesce	returns the first non-NULL value from the expression list
regexp_match	returns true if any part of a string matches the supplied regular expression

### Some example:

- Send back a value if the first condition is true, else another value:

```
CASE WHEN "software" LIKE '%QGIS%' THEN 'QGIS' ELSE 'Other'
```

## Mathematical Functions

This group contains math functions (e.g., square root, sin and cos).

sqrt(a)	square root of a
abs	returns the absolute value of a number
sin(a)	sine of a
cos(a)	cosine of a
tan(a)	tangent of a
asin(a)	arcsin of a
acos(a)	arccos of a
atan(a)	arctan of a
atan2(y,x)	arctan of y/x using the signs of the two arguments to determine the quadrant of the result
exp	exponential of a value
ln	value of the natural logarithm of the passed expression
log10	value of the base 10 logarithm of the passed expression
log	value of the logarithm of the passed value and base
round	round to number of decimal places
rand	random integer within the range specified by the minimum and maximum argument (inclusive)
randf	random float within the range specified by the minimum and maximum argument (inclusive)
max	largest value in a set of values
min	smallest value in a set of values
clamp	restricts an input value to a specified range
scale_linear	transforms a given value from an input domain to an output range using linear interpolation
scale_exp	transforms a given value from an input domain to an output range using an exponential curve
floor	rounds a number downwards
ceil	rounds a number upwards
\$pi	pi as value for calculations

## Conversions

This group contains functions to convert one data type to another (e.g., string to integer, integer to string).

toint	converts a string to integer number
toreal	converts a string to real number

tostring	converts number to string
todatetime	converts a string into Qt data time type
toDate	converts a string into Qt data type
toTime	converts a string into Qt time type
toInterval	converts a string to an interval type (can be used to take days, hours, months, etc. off a date)

## Date and Time Functions

Este grupo contiene funciones para manipular datos de fecha y hora.

\$now	current date and time
age	difference between two dates
year	extract the year part from a date, or the number of years from an interval
month	extract the month part from a date, or the number of months from an interval
week	extract the week number from a date, or the number of weeks from an interval
day	extract the day from a date, or the number of days from an interval
hour	extract the hour from a datetime or time, or the number of hours from an interval
minute	extract the minute from a datetime or time, or the number of minutes from an interval
second	extract the second from a datetime or time, or the number of minutes from an interval

### Some example:

- Get the month and the year of today in the format “10/2014”

```
month($now) || '/' || year($now)
```

## String Functions

This group contains functions that operate on strings (e.g., that replace, convert to upper case).

lower	convert string a to lower case
upper	convert string a to upper case
title	converts all words of a string to title case (all words lower case with leading capital letter)
trim	removes all leading and trailing white space (spaces, tabs, etc.) from a string
wordwrap	returns a string wrapped to a maximum/minimum number of characters
length	length of string a
replace	returns a string with the supplied string replaced
regexp_replace(a,this,that)	returns a string with the supplied regular expression replaced
regexp_substr	returns the portion of a string which matches a supplied regular expression
substr(*a*,from,len)	returns a part of a string
concat	concatenates several strings to one
strpos	returns the index of a regular expression in a string
left	returns a substring that contains the n leftmost characters of the string

right	returns a substring that contains the n rightmost characters of the string
rpad	returns a string with supplied width padded using the fill character
lpad	returns a string with supplied width padded using the fill character
format	formats a string using supplied arguments
format_number	returns a number formatted with the locale separator for thousands (also truncates the number to the number of supplied places)
format_date	formats a date type or string into a custom string format

## Color Functions

This group contains functions for manipulating colors.

color_rgb	returns a string representation of a color based on its red, green, and blue components
color_rgba	returns a string representation of a color based on its red, green, blue, and alpha (transparency) components
ramp_color	returns a string representing a color from a color ramp
color_hsl	returns a string representation of a color based on its hue, saturation, and lightness attributes
color_hsla	returns a string representation of a color based on its hue, saturation, lightness and alpha (transparency) attributes
color_hsv	returns a string representation of a color based on its hue, saturation, and value attributes
color_hsfa	returns a string representation of a color based on its hue, saturation, value and alpha (transparency) attributes
color_cmyk	returns a string representation of a color based on its cyan, magenta, yellow and black components
color_cmyka	returns a string representation of a color based on its cyan, magenta, yellow, black and alpha (transparency) components

## Geometry Functions

This group contains functions that operate on geometry objects (e.g., length, area).

\$geometry	returns the geometry of the current feature (can be used for processing with other functions)
\$area	returns the area size of the current feature
\$length	returns the length size of the current feature
\$perimeter	returns the perimeter length of the current feature
\$x	returns the x coordinate of the current feature
\$y	returns the y coordinate of the current feature
xat	retrieves the nth x coordinate of the current feature.
yat	n given as a parameter of the function retrieves the nth y coordinate of the current feature.
xmin	n given as a parameter of the function returns the minimum x coordinate of a geometry. Calculations are in the Spatial Reference System of this Geometry
xmax	returns the maximum x coordinate of a geometry. Calculations are in the Spatial Reference System of this Geometry
ymin	returns the minimum y coordinate of a geometry. Calculations are in the Spatial Reference System of this

	<b>Geometry</b>
ymax	returns the maximum y coordinate of a geometry. Calculations are in the Spatial Reference System of this Geometry
geomFromWKT	returns a geometry created from a well-known text (WKT) representation
geomFromGML	returns a geometry from a GML representation of geometry
bbox	
disjoint	returns 1 if the geometries do not share any space together
intersects	returns 1 if the geometries spatially intersect (share any portion of space) and 0 if they don't
touches	returns 1 if the geometries have at least one point in common, but their interiors do not intersect
crosses	returns 1 if the supplied geometries have some, but not all, interior points in common
contains	returns true if and only if no points of b lie in the exterior of a, and at least one point of the interior of b lies in the interior of a
overlaps	returns 1 if the geometries share space, are of the same dimension, but are not completely contained by each other
within	returns 1 if geometry a is completely inside geometry b
buffer	returns a geometry that represents all points whose distance from this geometry is less than or equal to distance
centroid	returns the geometric center of a geometry
bounds	returns a geometry which represents the bounding box of an input geometry. Calculations are in the Spatial Reference System of this Geometry.
bounds_width	returns the width of the bounding box of a geometry. Calculations are in the Spatial Reference System of this Geometry.
bounds_height	returns the height of the bounding box of a geometry. Calculations are in the Spatial Reference System of this Geometry.
convexHull	returns the convex hull of a geometry (this represents the minimum convex geometry that encloses all geometries within the set)
difference	returns a geometry that represents that part of geometry a that does not intersect with geometry b
distance	returns the minimum distance (based on spatial ref) between two geometries in projected units
intersection	returns a geometry that represents the shared portion of geometry a and geometry b
symDifference	returns a geometry that represents the portions of a and b that do not intersect
combine	returns the combination of geometry a and geometry b
union	returns a geometry that represents the point set union of the geometries
geomToWKT	returns the well-known text (WKT) representation of the geometry without SRID metadata
geometry	returns the feature's geometry
transform	returns the geometry transformed from the source CRS to the dest CRS

## Record Functions

Este grupo contiene funciones que operan sobre identificadores de registros.

\$rownum	returns the number of the current row
\$id	returns the feature id of the current row
\$currentfeature	returns the current feature being evaluated. This can be used with the 'attribute' function to evaluate attribute values from the current feature.
\$scale	returns the current scale of the map canvas
\$uuid	generates a Universally Unique Identifier (UUID) for each row. Each UUID is 38 characters long.
getFeature	returns the first feature of a layer matching a given attribute value.
attribute	returns the value of a specified attribute from a feature.
\$map	returns the id of the current map item if the map is being drawn in a composition, or "canvas" if the map is being drawn within the main QGIS window.

## Fields and Values

Contains a list of fields from the layer. Sample values can also be accessed via right-click.

Select the field name from the list, then right-click to access a context menu with options to load sample values from the selected field.

Fields name should be double-quoted. Values or string should be simple-quoted.

## 12.5 Editar

QGIS supports various capabilities for editing OGR, SpatiaLite, PostGIS, MSSQL Spatial and Oracle Spatial vector layers and tables.

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**Nota:** El procedimiento para edición de capas GRASS es diferente - vea la sección [Digitalizar y editar una capa vectorial GRASS](#) para más detalles.

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### Truco: Las ediciones simultáneas

This version of QGIS does not track if somebody else is editing a feature at the same time as you are. The last person to save their edits wins.

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### 12.5.1 Configurar la tolerancia del autoensamblado y radio de búsqueda

Before we can edit vertices, we must set the snapping tolerance and search radius to a value that allows us an optimal editing of the vector layer geometries.

#### Tolerancia de autoensamblado

Snapping tolerance is the distance QGIS uses to search for the closest vertex and/or segment you are trying to connect to when you set a new vertex or move an existing vertex. If you aren't within the snapping tolerance, QGIS will leave the vertex where you release the mouse button, instead of snapping it to an existing vertex and/or segment. The snapping tolerance setting affects all tools that work with tolerance.

1. A general, project-wide snapping tolerance can be defined by choosing *Settings* → *Options*. On Mac, go to *QGIS* → *Preferences*.... On Linux: *Edit* → *Options*. In the *Digitizing* tab, you can select between

‘to vertex’, ‘to segment’ or ‘to vertex and segment’ as default snap mode. You can also define a default snapping tolerance and a search radius for vertex edits. The tolerance can be set either in map units or in pixels. The advantage of choosing pixels is that the snapping tolerance doesn’t have to be changed after zoom operations. In our small digitizing project (working with the Alaska dataset), we define the snapping units in feet. Your results may vary, but something on the order of 300 ft at a scale of 1:10000 should be a reasonable setting.

2. A layer-based snapping tolerance can be defined by choosing *Settings* → (or *File* →) *Snapping options...* to enable and adjust snapping mode and tolerance on a layer basis (see [figure\\_edit\\_1](#) ).

Note that this layer-based snapping overrides the global snapping option set in the Digitizing tab. So, if you need to edit one layer and snap its vertices to another layer, then enable snapping only on the `snap to` layer, then decrease the global snapping tolerance to a smaller value. Furthermore, snapping will never occur to a layer that is not checked in the snapping options dialog, regardless of the global snapping tolerance. So be sure to mark the checkbox for those layers that you need to snap to.

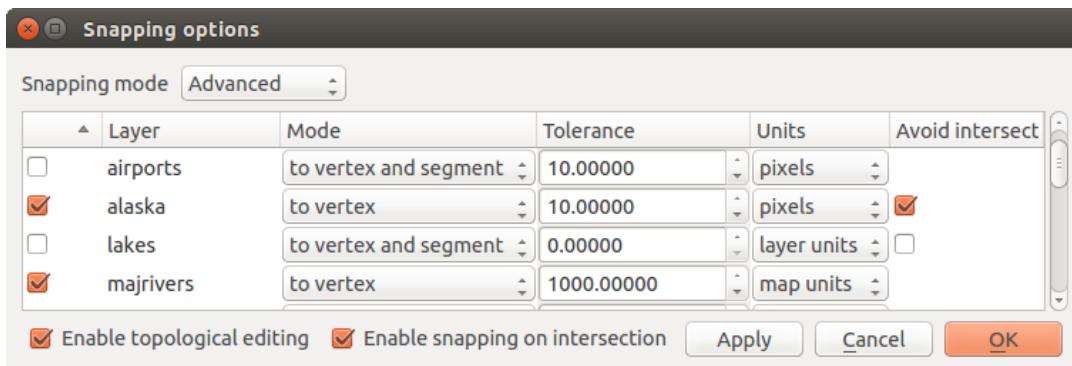


Figure 12.40: Edit snapping options on a layer basis (Advanced mode)

The *Snapping options* enables you to make a quick and simple general setting for all layers in the project so that the pointer snaps to all existing vertices and/or segments when using the ‘All layers’ snapping mode. In most cases it is sufficient to use this snapping mode.

It is important to consider that the per-layer tolerance in ‘map units’ was actually in layer units. So if working with a layer in WGS84 reprojected to UTM, setting tolerance to 1 map unit (i.e. 1 meter) wouldn’t work correctly because the units would be actually degrees. So now the ‘map units’ has been relabeled to ‘layer units’ and the new entry ‘map units’ operates with units of the map view. While working with ‘on-the-fly’ CRS transformation it is now possible to use a snapping tolerance that refers to either the units of the reprojected layer (setting ‘layer units’) or the units of the map view (setting ‘map units’).

## Radio de búsqueda

Search radius is the distance QGIS uses to search for the closest vertex you are trying to move when you click on the map. If you aren’t within the search radius, QGIS won’t find and select any vertex for editing, and it will pop up an annoying warning to that effect. Snap tolerance and search radius are set in map units or pixels, so you may find you need to experiment to get them set right. If you specify too big of a tolerance, QGIS may snap to the wrong vertex, especially if you are dealing with a large number of vertices in close proximity. Set search radius too small, and it won’t find anything to move.

The search radius for vertex edits in layer units can be defined in the *Digitizing* tab under *Settings* → *Options*. This is the same place where you define the general, project-wide snapping tolerance.

### 12.5.2 Zooming and Panning

Before editing a layer, you should zoom in to your area of interest. This avoids waiting while all the vertex markers are rendered across the entire layer.

Apart from using the  pan and  zoom-in /  zoom-out icons on the toolbar with the mouse, navigating can also be done with the mouse wheel, spacebar and the arrow keys.

### **Zooming and panning with the mouse wheel**

While digitizing, you can press the mouse wheel to pan inside of the main window, and you can roll the mouse wheel to zoom in and out on the map. For zooming, place the mouse cursor inside the map area and roll it forward (away from you) to zoom in and backwards (towards you) to zoom out. The mouse cursor position will be the center of the zoomed area of interest. You can customize the behavior of the mouse wheel zoom using the *Map tools* tab under the *Settings* →  *Options* menu.

### **Panning with the arrow keys**

Panning the map during digitizing is possible with the arrow keys. Place the mouse cursor inside the map area, and click on the right arrow key to pan east, left arrow key to pan west, up arrow key to pan north, and down arrow key to pan south.

You can also use the space bar to temporarily cause mouse movements to pan the map. The PgUp and PgDown keys on your keyboard will cause the map display to zoom in or out without interrupting your digitizing session.

## **12.5.3 Edición topológica**

Besides layer-based snapping options, you can also define topological functionalities in the *Snapping options...* dialog in the *Settings* (or *File*) menu. Here, you can define  *Enable topological editing*, and/or for polygon layers, you can activate the column  *Avoid Int.*, which avoids intersection of new polygons.

### **Habilitar edición topológica**

The option  *Enable topological editing* is for editing and maintaining common boundaries in polygon mosaics. QGIS ‘detects’ a shared boundary in a polygon mosaic, so you only have to move the vertex once, and QGIS will take care of updating the other boundary.

### **Evitar intersecciones de nuevos polígonos**

The second topological option in the  *Avoid Int.* column, called *Avoid intersections of new polygons*, avoids overlaps in polygon mosaics. It is for quicker digitizing of adjacent polygons. If you already have one polygon, it is possible with this option to digitize the second one such that both intersect, and QGIS then cuts the second polygon to the common boundary. The advantage is that you don’t have to digitize all vertices of the common boundary.

### **Habilitar autoensamblado en intersecciones**

Otra opción es utilizar  *Habilitar autoensamblado en intersección*. Le permitirá que se ajuste a una intersección de las capas de fondo, incluso si no hay ningún vértice en la intersección.

## **12.5.4 Digitalizando una capa existente**

By default, QGIS loads layers read-only. This is a safeguard to avoid accidentally editing a layer if there is a slip of the mouse. However, you can choose to edit any layer as long as the data provider supports it, and the underlying data source is writable (i.e., its files are not read-only).

In general, tools for editing vector layers are divided into a digitizing and an advanced digitizing toolbar, described in section [Digitalización avanzada](#). You can select and unselect both under *View → Toolbars →*. Using the basic digitizing tools, you can perform the following functions:

Icono	Propósito	Icono	Propósito
	Ediciones actuales		Comutar edición
	Adding Features: Capture Point		Adding Features: Capture Line
	Adding Features: Capture Polygon		Mover objeto espacial
	Herramienta de nodos		Borrar lo seleccionado
	Cortar objetos espaciales		Copiar objetos espaciales
	Pegar objetos espaciales		Guardar cambios de la capa

Edición de tabla: Barra de herramientas de edición básica de capa vectorial

All editing sessions start by choosing the *Toggle editing* option. This can be found in the context menu after right clicking on the legend entry for a given layer.

Alternatively, you can use the *Toggle Editing* *Toggle editing* button from the digitizing toolbar to start or stop the editing mode. Once the layer is in edit mode, markers will appear at the vertices, and additional tool buttons on the editing toolbar will become available.

#### Truco: Guardar regularmente

Remember to *Save Layer Edits* regularly. This will also check that your data source can accept all the changes.

#### Añadir objetos espaciales

You can use the *Add Feature*, *Add Feature* or *Add Feature* icons on the toolbar to put the QGIS cursor into digitizing mode.

For each feature, you first digitize the geometry, then enter its attributes. To digitize the geometry, left-click on the map area to create the first point of your new feature.

For lines and polygons, keep on left-clicking for each additional point you wish to capture. When you have finished adding points, right-click anywhere on the map area to confirm you have finished entering the geometry of that feature.

The attribute window will appear, allowing you to enter the information for the new feature. [Figure\\_edit\\_2](#) shows setting attributes for a fictitious new river in Alaska. In the *Digitizing* menu under the *Settings → Options* menu, you can also activate  *Suppress attributes pop-up windows after each created feature* and  *Reuse last entered attribute values*.

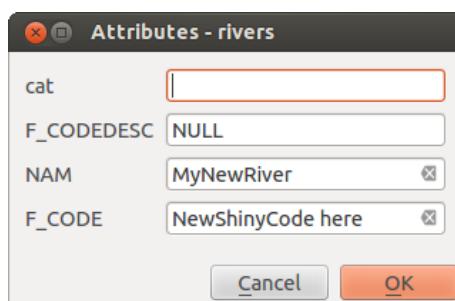


Figure 12.41: Enter Attribute Values Dialog after digitizing a new vector feature

With the *Move Feature(s)* icon on the toolbar, you can move existing features.

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### Truco: Attribute Value Types

For editing, the attribute types are validated during entry. Because of this, it is not possible to enter a number into a text column in the dialog *Enter Attribute Values* or vice versa. If you need to do so, you should edit the attributes in a second step within the *Attribute table* dialog.

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### Current Edits

This feature allows the digitization of multiple layers. Choose *Save for Selected Layers* to save all changes you made in multiple layers. You also have the opportunity to *Rollback for Selected Layers*, so that the digitization may be withdrawn for all selected layers. If you want to stop editing the selected layers, *Cancel for Selected Layer(s)* is an easy way.

Las mismas funciones están disponibles para editar todas las capas del proyecto.

### Herramienta de nodos

For shapefile-based layers as well as SpatialLite, PostgreSQL/PostGIS, MSSQL Spatial, and Oracle Spatial tables, the *Node Tool* provides manipulation capabilities of feature vertices similar to CAD programs. It is possible to simply select multiple vertices at once and to move, add or delete them altogether. The node tool also works with ‘on the fly’ projection turned on, and it supports the topological editing feature. This tool is, unlike other tools in QGIS, persistent, so when some operation is done, selection stays active for this feature and tool. If the node tool is unable to find any features, a warning will be displayed.

It is important to set the property *Settings* → *Options* → *Digitizing* → *Search Radius*:  to a number greater than zero (i.e., 10). Otherwise, QGIS will not be able to tell which vertex is being edited.

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### Truco: Marcadores vértices

The current version of QGIS supports three kinds of vertex markers: ‘Semi-transparent circle’, ‘Cross’ and ‘None’. To change the marker style, choose *Options* from the *Settings* menu, click on the *Digitizing* tab and select the appropriate entry.

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### Operaciones básicas

Start by activating the *Node Tool* and selecting a feature by clicking on it. Red boxes will appear at each vertex of this feature.

- **Selecting vertices:** You can select vertices by clicking on them one at a time, by clicking on an edge to select the vertices at both ends, or by clicking and dragging a rectangle around some vertices. When a vertex is selected, its color changes to blue. To add more vertices to the current selection, hold down the **Ctrl** key while clicking. Hold down **Ctrl** or **Shift** when clicking to toggle the selection state of vertices (vertices that are currently unselected will be selected as usual, but also vertices that are already selected will become unselected).
- **Añadir vértices:** Para añadir un vértice, sólo haga doble clic cerca de un borde y un nuevo vértice aparecerá en el borde cerca del cursor. Tome en cuenta que el vértice aparecerá en el borde, no en la posición del cursor; por lo tanto se debe mover si es necesario.
- **Deleting vertices:** After selecting vertices for deletion, click the **Delete** key. Note that you cannot use the *Node Tool* to delete a complete feature; QGIS will ensure it retains the minimum number of vertices for the feature type you are working on. To delete a complete feature use the *Delete Selected* tool.

- **Moving vertices:** Select all the vertices you want to move. Click on a selected vertex or edge and drag in the direction you wish to move. All the selected vertices will move together. If snapping is enabled, the whole selection can jump to the nearest vertex or line.

Each change made with the node tool is stored as a separate entry in the Undo dialog. Remember that all operations support topological editing when this is turned on. On-the-fly projection is also supported, and the node tool provides tooltips to identify a vertex by hovering the pointer over it.

## Cortar, copiar, y pegar objetos espaciales

Selected features can be cut, copied and pasted between layers in the same QGIS project, as long as destination layers are set to Toggle editing beforehand.

Features can also be pasted to external applications as text. That is, the features are represented in CSV format, with the geometry data appearing in the OGC Well-Known Text (WKT) format.

However, in this version of QGIS, text features from outside QGIS cannot be pasted to a layer within QGIS. When would the copy and paste function come in handy? Well, it turns out that you can edit more than one layer at a time and copy/paste features between layers. Why would we want to do this? Say we need to do some work on a new layer but only need one or two lakes, not the 5,000 on our `big_lakes` layer. We can create a new layer and use copy/paste to plop the needed lakes into it.

Como un ejemplo, copiaremos algunos lagos a una nueva capa:

1. Cargar la capa desde donde desee copiar (capa fuente)
2. Cargar o crear la capa a la que desee copiar (capa destino)
3. Comenzar a editar la capa destino
4. Hacer la capa de fuente activa haciendo clic sobre ella en la leyenda
5. Use the Select Single Feature tool to select the feature(s) on the source layer
6. Click on the Copy Features tool
7. Hacer la capa de destino activa haciendo clic en la leyenda.
8. Click on the Paste Features tool
9. Detener edición y guardar los cambios

What happens if the source and target layers have different schemas (field names and types are not the same)? QGIS populates what matches and ignores the rest. If you don't care about the attributes being copied to the target layer, it doesn't matter how you design the fields and data types. If you want to make sure everything - the feature and its attributes - gets copied, make sure the schemas match.

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### Truco: Congruencia del pegado de objetos espaciales

If your source and destination layers use the same projection, then the pasted features will have geometry identical to the source layer. However, if the destination layer is a different projection, then QGIS cannot guarantee the geometry is identical. This is simply because there are small rounding-off errors involved when converting between projections.

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### Truco: Copiar atributos de texto en otro

If you have created a new column in your attribute table with type 'string' and want to paste values from another attribute column that has a greater length the length of the column size will be extended to the same amount. This is because the GDAL Shapefile driver starting with GDAL/OGR 1.10 knows to auto-extend string and integer fields to dynamically accomodate for the length of the data to be inserted.

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## Borrar objetos espaciales seleccionados

If we want to delete an entire polygon, we can do that by first selecting the polygon using the regular Select Single Feature tool. You can select multiple features for deletion. Once you have the selection set, use the Delete Selected tool to delete the features.

The Cut Features tool on the digitizing toolbar can also be used to delete features. This effectively deletes the feature but also places it on a “spatial clipboard”. So, we cut the feature to delete. We could then use the Paste Features tool to put it back, giving us a one-level undo capability. Cut, copy, and paste work on the currently selected features, meaning we can operate on more than one at a time.

## Guardar capas editadas

When a layer is in editing mode, any changes remain in the memory of QGIS. Therefore, they are not committed/saved immediately to the data source or disk. If you want to save edits to the current layer but want to continue editing without leaving the editing mode, you can click the Save Layer Edits button. When you turn editing mode off with Toggle editing (or quit QGIS for that matter), you are also asked if you want to save your changes or discard them.

If the changes cannot be saved (e.g., disk full, or the attributes have values that are out of range), the QGIS in-memory state is preserved. This allows you to adjust your edits and try again.

### Truco: Integridad de datos

It is always a good idea to back up your data source before you start editing. While the authors of QGIS have made every effort to preserve the integrity of your data, we offer no warranty in this regard.

## 12.5.5 Digitalización avanzada

Icono	Propósito	Icono	Propósito
	Deshacer		Rehacer
	Rotar objeto(s) espacial(es)		Simplificar objeto espacial
	Añadir anillo		Añadir parte
	Rellenar anillo		Borrar anillo
	Borrar parte		Remodelar objetos espaciales
	Desplazar curva		Dividir objetos espaciales
	Dividir partes		Combinar objetos espaciales seleccionados
	Combinar atributos de objetos espaciales seleccionados		Rotar símbolos de puntos

Edición avanzada de tabla: la barra de herramientas de edición avanzada de capa vectorial

### Deshacer y rehacer

The Undo and Redo tools allows you to undo or redo vector editing operations. There is also a dockable widget, which shows all operations in the undo/redo history (see [Figure\\_edit\\_3](#)). This widget is not displayed by default; it can be displayed by right clicking on the toolbar and activating the Undo/Redo checkbox. Undo/Redo is however active, even if the widget is not displayed.

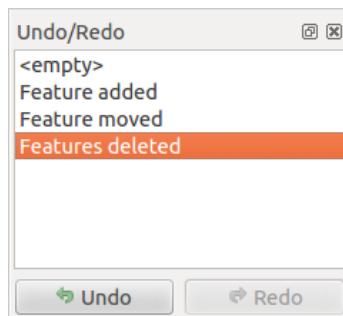


Figure 12.42: Redo and Undo digitizing steps 

When Undo is hit, the state of all features and attributes are reverted to the state before the reverted operation happened. Changes other than normal vector editing operations (for example, changes done by a plugin), may or may not be reverted, depending on how the changes were performed.

Utilizar el widget de historial de deshacer/rehacer, sólo haga clic para seleccionar la operación en la lista del histórico. Todos los objetos espaciales se revertirán al estado que tenían después de la operación de seleccionada.

### Rotar objeto(s) espacial(es)

Use  **Rotate Feature(s)** to rotate one or multiple features in the map canvas. Press the  **Rotate Feature(s)** icon and then click on the feature to rotate. Either click on the map to place the rotated feature or enter an angle in the user input widget. If you want to rotate several features, they shall be selected first.

Si se habilita la herramienta del mapa con objeto(s) seleccionados, su (ellos) centroide aparecerá y será el punto de delimitación de rotación. Si se desea mover el punto de delimitación, mantenga el botón **Ctrl** y haga clic en el mapa para colocarlo.

Si se mantiene **Shift** antes de hacer clic en el mapa, la rotación se hará en pasos de 45 grados, que pueden ser modificados después en el widget de entrada del usuario.

### Simplificar objeto espacial

The  **Simplify Feature** tool allows you to reduce the number of vertices of a feature, as long as the geometry doesn't change. With the tool you can also simplify multi-part features. First, drag a rectangle over the feature. The vertices will be highlighted in red while the color of the feature will change and a dialog where you can define a tolerance in map units or pixels will appear. QGIS calculates the amount of vertices that can be deleted while maintaining the geometry using the given tolerance. The higher the tolerance is the more vertices can be deleted. After gaining the statistics about the simplification just klick the **OK** button. The tolerance you used will be saved when leaving a project or when leaving an edit session. So you can go back to the same tolerance the next time when simplifying a feature.

### Añadir anillo

You can create ring polygons using the  **Add Ring** icon in the toolbar. This means that inside an existing area, it is possible to digitize further polygons that will occur as a 'hole', so only the area between the boundaries of the outer and inner polygons remains as a ring polygon.

## Añadir parte

You can  add part polygons to a selected multipolygon. The new part polygon must be digitized outside the selected multi-polygon.

## Rellenar anillo

You can use the  Fill Ring function to add a ring to a polygon and add a new feature to the layer at the same time.

Thus you need not first use the  Add Ring icon and then the  Add feature function anymore.

## Borrar anillo

The  Delete Ring tool allows you to delete ring polygons inside an existing area. This tool only works with polygon layers. It doesn't change anything when it is used on the outer ring of the polygon. This tool can be used on polygon and multi-polygon features. Before you select the vertices of a ring, adjust the vertex edit tolerance.

## Borrar parte

The  Delete Part tool allows you to delete parts from multifeatures (e.g., to delete polygons from a multi-polygon feature). It won't delete the last part of the feature; this last part will stay untouched. This tool works with all multi-part geometries: point, line and polygon. Before you select the vertices of a part, adjust the vertex edit tolerance.

## Remodelar objetos espaciales

You can reshape line and polygon features using the  Reshape Features icon on the toolbar. It replaces the line or polygon part from the first to the last intersection with the original line. With polygons, this can sometimes lead to unintended results. It is mainly useful to replace smaller parts of a polygon, not for major overhauls, and the reshape line is not allowed to cross several polygon rings, as this would generate an invalid polygon.

Por ejemplo, se puede editar el límite de un polígono con esta herramienta. En primer lugar, haga clic en la zona interior del polígono junto al punto en el que desea añadir un nuevo vértice. A continuación, cruce el límite y añada los vértices fuera del polígono. Para finalizar, haga clic derecho en la zona interior del polígono. La herramienta añadirá automáticamente un nodo en la nueva línea que cruza el límite. También es posible eliminar parte de la zona del polígono, a partir de la nueva línea fuera del polígono, agregar vértices en el interior, y poner fin a la línea exterior del polígono con un clic derecho.

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**Nota:** La herramienta de remodelar podría alterar la posición inicial de un anillo de polígono o una linea cerrada. Por lo tanto, el punto que está representado ‘dos veces’ no será más el mismo. Esto puede no ser un problema para la mayoría de las aplicaciones, pero es algo a considerar.

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## Desplazar curva

The  Offset Curve tool creates parallel shifts of line layers. The tool can be applied to the edited layer (the geometries are modified) or also to background layers (in which case it creates copies of the lines / rings and adds them to the the edited layer). It is thus ideally suited for the creation of distance line layers. The displacement is shown at the bottom left of the toolbar.

To create a shift of a line layer, you must first go into editing mode and activate the  Offset Curve tool. Then click on a feature to shift it. Move the mouse and click where wanted or enter the desired distance in the user input widget. Your changes may then be saved with the `lmActionSaveEdits:sup:Save Layer Edits` tool.

QGIS options dialog (Digitizing tab then **Curve offset tools** section) allows you to configure some parameters like **Join style**, **Quadrant segments**, **Miter limit**.

### Dividir objetos espaciales

You can split features using the  Split Features icon on the toolbar. Just draw a line across the feature you want to split.

### Dividir partes

In QGIS 2.0 it is now possible to split the parts of a multi part feature so that the number of parts is increased. Just draw a line across the part you want to split using the  Split Parts icon.

### Combinar objetos espaciales seleccionados

The  Merge Selected Features tool allows you to merge features. A new dialog will allow you to choose which value to choose between each selected features or select a function (Minimum, Maximum, Median, Sum, Skip Attribute) to use for each column. If features don't have a common boundaries, a multipolygon will be created.

### Combinar atributos de objetos espaciales

The  Merge Attributes of Selected Features tool allows you to merge attributes of features with common boundaries and attributes without merging their boundaries. First, select several features at once. Then press the  Merge Attributes of Selected Features button. Now QGIS asks you which attributes are to be applied to all selected objects. As a result, all selected objects have the same attribute entries.

### Rotar símbolos de puntos

 Rotate Point Symbols allows you to change the rotation of point symbols in the map canvas. You must first define a rotation column from the attribute table of the point layer in the *Advanced* menu of the *Style* menu of the *Layer Properties*. Also, you will need to go into the ‘SVG marker’ and choose *Data defined properties* .... Activate  *Angle* and choose ‘rotation’ as field. Without these settings, the tool is inactive.

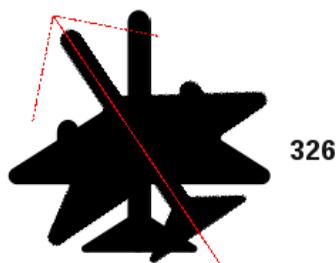


Figure 12.43: Rotate Point Symbols 

To change the rotation, select a point feature in the map canvas and rotate it, holding the left mouse button pressed. A red arrow with the rotation value will be visualized (see [Figure\\_edit\\_4](#)). When you release the left mouse button again, the value will be updated in the attribute table.

**Nota:** Si se mantiene presionada la tecla **Ctrl**, la rotación se realiza en pasos de 15 grados.

## 12.5.6 El panel de Digitalización Avanzada

When capturing new geometries or geometry parts you also have the possibility to use the Advanced Digitizing panel. You can digitize lines exactly parallel or at a specific angle or lock lines to specific angles. Furthermore you can enter coordinates directly so that you can make a precise definition for your new geometry.

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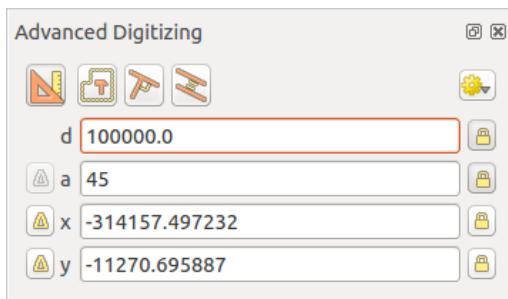


Figure 12.44: The Advanced Digitizing panel 

Las herramientas no están habilitadas si la vista del mapa esta en coordenadas geográficas.

## 12.5.7 Crear nueva capa vectorial

QGIS allows you to create new shapefile layers, new SpatiaLite layers, new GPX layers and New Temporary Scratch Layers. Creation of a new GRASS layer is supported within the GRASS plugin. Please refer to section [Crear una nueva capa vectorial GRASS](#) for more information on creating GRASS vector layers.

### Crear una nueva capa de archivo shape

To create a new shape layer for editing, choose *New* →  [New Shapefile Layer...](#) from the *Layer* menu. The *New Vector Layer* dialog will be displayed as shown in [Figure\\_edit\\_5](#). Choose the type of layer (point, line or polygon) and the CRS (coordinate reference system).

Note that QGIS does not yet support creation of 2.5D features (i.e., features with X,Y,Z coordinates).

To complete the creation of the new shapefile layer, add the desired attributes by clicking on the [**Add to attributes list**] button and specifying a name and type for the attribute. A first ‘id’ column is added as default but can be removed, if not wanted. Only *Type: real* , *Type: integer* , *Type: string*  and *Type:date*  attributes are supported. Additionally and according to the attribute type, you can also define the width and precision of the new attribute column. Once you are happy with the attributes, click [**OK**] and provide a name for the shapefile. QGIS will automatically add a .shp extension to the name you specify. Once the layer has been created, it will be added to the map, and you can edit it in the same way as described in section [Digitalizando una capa existente](#) above.

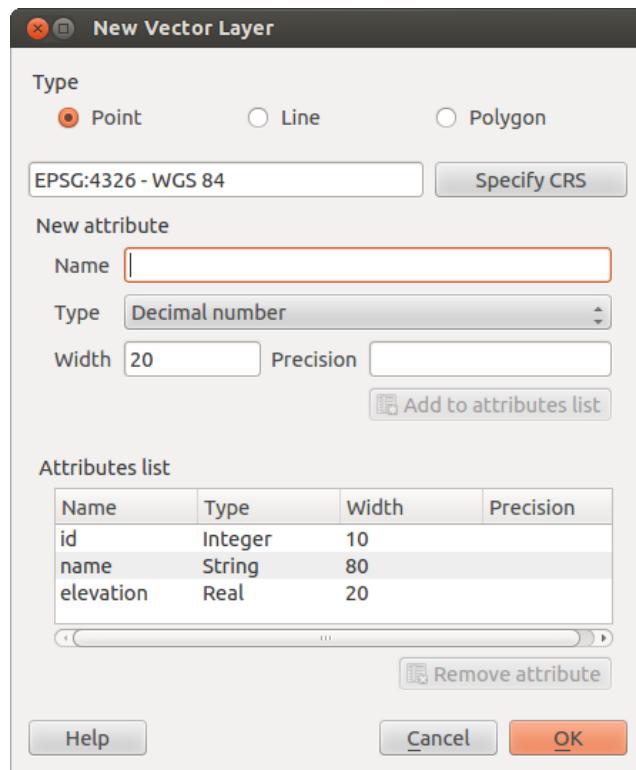


Figure 12.45: Creating a new Shapefile layer Dialog 

### Crear una nueva capa SpatiaLite

To create a new SpatiaLite layer for editing, choose *New* →  *New SpatiaLite Layer...* from the *Layer* menu. The *New SpatiaLite Layer* dialog will be displayed as shown in [Figure\\_edit\\_6](#).

The first step is to select an existing SpatiaLite database or to create a new SpatiaLite database. This can be done with the browse button  to the right of the database field. Then, add a name for the new layer, define the layer type, and specify the coordinate reference system with [**Specify CRS**]. If desired, you can select  *Create an autoincrementing primary key*.

To define an attribute table for the new SpatiaLite layer, add the names of the attribute columns you want to create with the corresponding column type, and click on the [**Add to attribute list**] button. Once you are happy with the attributes, click [**OK**]. QGIS will automatically add the new layer to the legend, and you can edit it in the same way as described in section [Digitalizando una capa existente](#) above.

Además de la gestión de capas SpatiaLite se puede hacer con la DBManager. Ver [Complemento administrador de BBDD](#).

### Crear una nueva capa GPX

To create a new GPX file, you need to load the GPS plugin first. *Plugins* →  *Plugin Manager...* opens the Plugin Manager Dialog. Activate the  *GPS Tools* checkbox.

When this plugin is loaded, choose *New* →  *Create new GPX Layer...* from the *Layer* menu. In the *Save new GPX file as* dialog, you can choose where to save the new GPX layer.

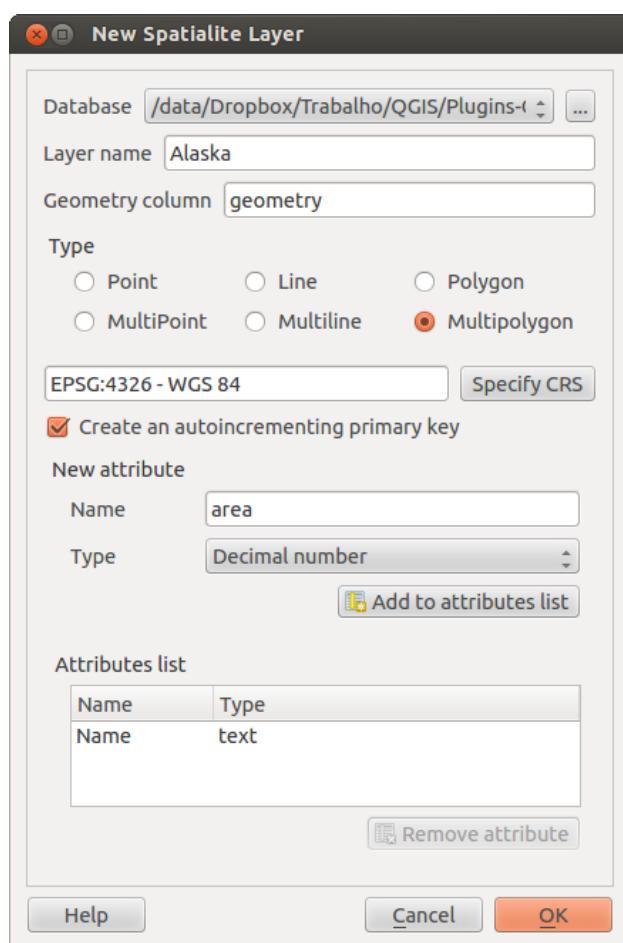


Figure 12.46: Creating a New SpatiaLite layer Dialog 

## Crear una nueva capa temporal

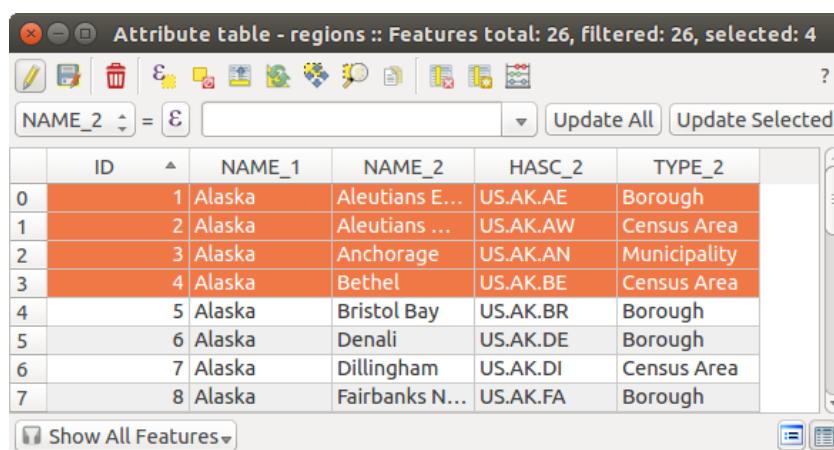
Empty, editable memory layers can be defined using *Layer → Create Layer → New Temporary Scratch Layer*. Here you can even create  **Multipoint**,  **Multiline** and  **Multipolygon** Layers beneath  **Point**,  **Line** and  **Polygon** Layers. Temporary Scratch Layers are not saved and will be discarded when QGIS is closed. See also [paste\\_into\\_layer](#).

### 12.5.8 Working with the Attribute Table

The attribute table displays features of a selected layer. Each row in the table represents one map feature, and each column contains a particular piece of information about the feature. Features in the table can be searched, selected, moved or even edited.

To open the attribute table for a vector layer, make the layer active by clicking on it in the map legend area. Then, from the main *Layer* menu, choose  *Open Attribute Table*. It is also possible to right click on the layer and choose  *Open Attribute Table* from the drop-down menu, and to click on the  *Open Attribute Table* button in the Attributes toolbar.

This will open a new window that displays the feature attributes for the layer ([figure\\_attributes\\_1](#)). The number of features and the number of selected features are shown in the attribute table title.



	ID	NAME_1	NAME_2	HASC_2	TYPE_2
0	1	Alaska	Aleutians E...	US.AK.AE	Borough
1	2	Alaska	Aleutians ...	US.AK.AW	Census Area
2	3	Alaska	Anchorage	US.AK.AN	Municipality
3	4	Alaska	Bethel	US.AK.BE	Census Area
4	5	Alaska	Bristol Bay	US.AK.BR	Borough
5	6	Alaska	Denali	US.AK.DE	Borough
6	7	Alaska	Dillingham	US.AK.DI	Census Area
7	8	Alaska	Fairbanks N...	US.AK.FA	Borough

Figure 12.47: Attribute Table for regions layer 

#### Selecting features in an attribute table

**Each selected row** in the attribute table displays the attributes of a selected feature in the layer. If the set of features selected in the main window is changed, the selection is also updated in the attribute table. Likewise, if the set of rows selected in the attribute table is changed, the set of features selected in the main window will be updated.

Rows can be selected by clicking on the row number on the left side of the row. **Multiple rows** can be marked by holding the **Ctrl** key. A **continuous selection** can be made by holding the **Shift** key and clicking on several row headers on the left side of the rows. All rows between the current cursor position and the clicked row are selected. Moving the cursor position in the attribute table, by clicking a cell in the table, does not change the row selection. Changing the selection in the main canvas does not move the cursor position in the attribute table.

The table can be sorted by any column, by clicking on the column header. A small arrow indicates the sort order (downward pointing means descending values from the top row down, upward pointing means ascending values from the top row down).

For a **simple search by attributes** on only one column, choose the *Column filter* → from the menu in the bottom left corner. Select the field (column) on which the search should be performed from the drop-down menu, and hit the **[Apply]** button. Then, only the matching features are shown in the attribute table.

To make a selection, you have to use the  Select features using an Expression icon on top of the attribute table. 

Select features using an Expression allows you to define a subset of a table using a *Function List* like in the  Field Calculator (see [Calculadora de campo](#)). The query result can then be saved as a new vector layer. For example, if you want to find regions that are boroughs from `regions.shp` of the QGIS sample data, you have to open the *Fields and Values* menu and choose the field that you want to query. Double-click the field ‘`TYPE_2`’ and also **[Load all unique values]**. From the list, choose and double-click ‘Borough’. In the *Expression* field, the following query appears:

```
"TYPE_2" = 'Borough'
```

Here you can also use the *Function list* → *Recent (Selection)* to make a selection that you used before. The expression builder remembers the last 20 used expressions.

The matching rows will be selected, and the total number of matching rows will appear in the title bar of the attribute table, as well as in the status bar of the main window. For searches that display only selected features on the map, use the Query Builder described in section [Constructor de consultas](#).

To show selected records only, use *Show Selected Features* from the menu at the bottom left.

The field calculator bar allows you to make calculations on the selected rows only. For example, you can alter the number of the ID field of the file: `regions.shp` with the expression

`ID+5`

as shown in [figure\\_attributes\\_1](#).

The other buttons at the top of the attribute table window provide the following functionality:

-  Toggle editing mode to edit single values and to enable functionalities described below (also with `Ctrl+E`)
-  Save Edits (also with `Ctrl+S`)
-  Unselect all (also with `Ctrl+U`)
-  Move selected to top (also with `Ctrl+T`)
-  Invert selection (also with `Ctrl+R`)
-  Copy selected rows to clipboard (also with `Ctrl+C`)
-  Zoom map to the selected rows (also with `Ctrl+J`)
-  Pan map to the selected rows (also with `Ctrl+P`)
-  Delete selected features (also with `Ctrl+D`)
-  New Column for PostGIS layers and for OGR layers with GDAL version  $\geq 1.6$  (also with `Ctrl+W`)
-  Delete Column for PostGIS layers and for OGR layers with GDAL version  $\geq 1.9$  (also with `Ctrl+L`)
-  Open field calculator (also with `Ctrl+I`)

Below these buttons is the Field Calculator bar, which allows calculations to be quickly applied attributes visible in the table. This bar uses the same expressions as the  Field Calculator (see [Calculadora de campo](#)).

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### Truco: Skip WKT geometry

If you want to use attribute data in external programs (such as Excel), use the  [Copy selected rows to clipboard](#) button. You can copy the information without vector geometries if you deactivate *Settings* → *Options* → Data sources menu  *Copy geometry in WKT representation from attribute table*.

### Save selected features as new layer

The selected features can be saved as any OGR-supported vector format and also transformed into another coordinate reference system (CRS). Just open the right mouse menu of the layer and click on *Save as* to define the name of the output file, its format and CRS (see section [Map Legend](#)). To save the selection ensure that the  *Save only selected features* is selected. It is also possible to specify OGR creation options within the dialog.

### Paste into new layer

Features that are on the clipboard may be pasted into a new layer. To do this, first make a layer editable. Select some features, copy them to the clipboard, and then paste them into a new layer using *Edit* → *Paste Features as* and choosing *New vector layer* or *New memory layer*.

This applies to features selected and copied within QGIS and also to features from another source defined using well-known text (WKT).

### Working with non spatial attribute tables

QGIS allows you also to load non-spatial tables. This currently includes tables supported by OGR and delimited text, as well as the PostgreSQL, MSSQL and Oracle provider. The tables can be used for field lookups or just generally browsed and edited using the table view. When you load the table, you will see it in the legend field. It can be opened with the  [Open Attribute Table](#) tool and is then editable like any other layer attribute table.

As an example, you can use columns of the non-spatial table to define attribute values, or a range of values that are allowed, to be added to a specific vector layer during digitizing. Have a closer look at the edit widget in section [Fields Menu](#) to find out more.

### 12.5.9 Creating one to many relations

Relations are a technique often used in databases. The concept is, that features (rows) of different layers (tables) can belong to each other.

As an example you have a layer with all regions of alaska (polygon) which provides some attributes about its name and region type and a unique id (which acts as primary key).

#### Foreign keys

Then you get another point layer or table with information about airports that are located in the regions and you also want to keep track of these. If you want to add them to the region layer, you need to create a one to many relation using foreign keys, because there are several airports in most regions.

In addition to the already existing attributes in the airports attribute table another field fk\_region which acts as a foreign key (if you have a database, you will probably want to define a constraint on it).

This field fk\_region will always contain an id of a region. It can be seen like a pointer to the region it belongs to. And you can design a custom edit form for the editing and QGIS takes care about the setup. It works with different providers (so you can also use it with shape and csv files) and all you have to do is to tell QGIS the relations between your tables.



Figure 12.48: Alaska region with airports 

## Layers

QGIS makes no difference between a table and a vector layer. Basically, a vector layer is a table with a geometry. So you can add your table as a vector layer. To demonstrate you can load the ‘region’ shapefile (with geometries) and the ‘airport’ csv table (without geometries) and a foreign key (fk\_region) to the layer region. This means, that each airport belongs to exactly one region while each region can have any number of airports (a typical one to many relation).

## Definition (Relation Manager)

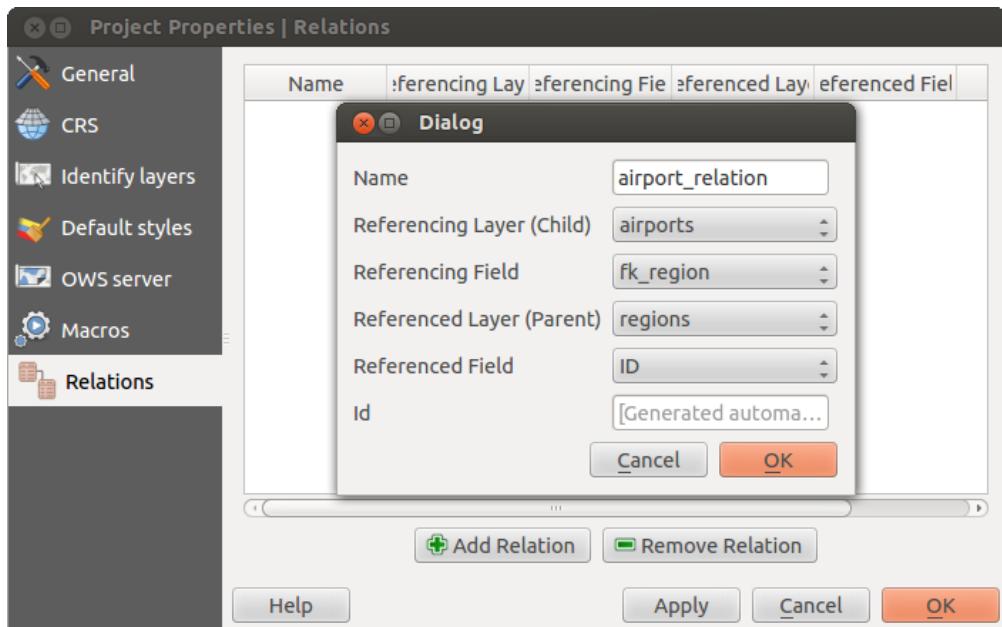
The first thing we are going to do is to let QGIS know about the relations between the layer. This is done in *Settings → Project Properties*. Open the *Relations* menu and click on *Add*.

- **name** is going to be used as a title. It should be a human readable string, describing, what the relation is used for. We will just call say “Airports” in this case.
- **referencing layer** is the one with the foreign key field on it. In our case this is the airports layer
- **referencing field** will say, which field points to the other layer so this is fk\_region in this case
- **referenced layer** is the one with the primary key, pointed to, so here it is the regions layer
- **referenced field** is the primary key of the referenced layer so it is ID
- **id** will be used for internal purposes and has to be unique. You may need it to build custom forms once this is supported. If you leave it empty, one will be generated for you but you can assign one yourself to get one that is easier to handle.

## Forms

Now that QGIS knows about the relation, it will be used to improve the forms it generates. As we did not change the default form method (autogenerated) it will just add a new widget in our form. So let’s select the layer region in the legend and use the identify tool. Depending on your settings, the form might open directly or you will have to choose to open it in the identification dialog under actions.

As you can see, the airports assigned to this particular region are all shown in a table. And there are also some buttons available. Let’s review them shortly

Figure 12.49: Relation Manager 

The screenshot shows the 'Attributes - regions' dialog. The main area displays attributes for region ID 22: NAME\_2 (Southeast Fairbanks) and TYPE\_2 (Census Area). Below this, a section titled '▼ airport\_regions' is expanded, showing a table of three rows with columns: ID, fk\_region, ELEV, NAME, and USE. The data is as follows:

	ID	fk_region	ELEV	NAME	USE	
0	40	22	1167.000	ALLEN AAF	Military	
1	41	22	1416.000	TANACROSS	Other	
2	42	22	1569.000	NORTHWAY	Civilian/Public	

Figure 12.50: Identification dialog regions with relation to airports 

- The button is for toggling the edit mode. Be aware that it toggles the edit mode of the airport layer, although we are in the feature form of a feature from the region layer. But the table is representing features of the airport layer.
- The button will add a new feature to the airport layer. And it will assign the new airport to the current region by default.
- The button will delete the selected airport permanently.
- The symbol will open a new dialog where you can select any existing airport which will then be assigned to the current region. This may be handy if you created the airport on the wrong region by accident.
- The symbol will unlink the selected airport from the current region, leaving them unassigned (the foreign key is set to NULL) effectively.
- The two buttons to the right switch between table view and form view where the later let's you view all the airports in their respective form.

If you work on the airport table, a new widget type is available which lets you embed the feature form of the referenced region on the feature form of the airports. It can be used when you open the layer properties of the airports table, switch to the *Fields* menu and change the widget type of the foreign key field 'fk\_region' to Relation Reference.

If you look at the feature dialog now, you will see, that the form of the region is embedded inside the airports form and will even have a combobox, which allows you to assign the current airport to another region.

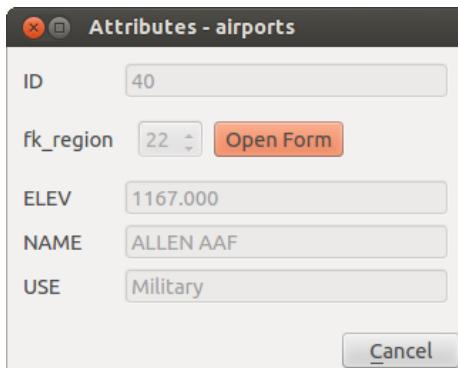


Figure 12.51: Identification dialog airport with relation to regions

## 12.6 Constructor de consultas

The Query Builder allows you to define a subset of a table using a SQL-like WHERE clause and to display the result in the main window. The query result can then be saved as a new vector layer.

### 12.6.1 Consulta

Open the **Query Builder** by opening the Layer Properties and going to the *General* menu. Under *Feature subset*, click on the **[Query Builder]** button to open the *Query builder*. For example, if you have a *regions* layer with a *TYPE\_2* field, you could select only regions that are *borough* in the *Provider specific filter expression* box of the Query Builder. [Figure\\_attributes\\_2](#) shows an example of the Query Builder populated with the *regions.shp* layer from the QGIS sample data. The Fields, Values and Operators sections help you to construct the SQL-like query.

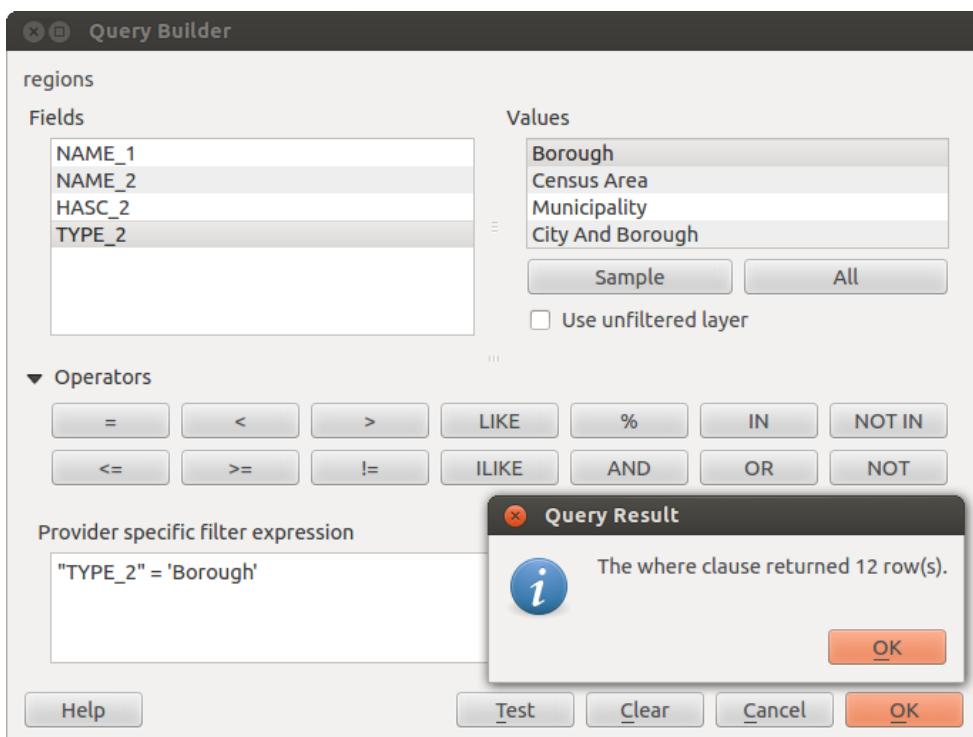


Figure 12.52: Constructor de consultas 

The **Fields list** contains all attribute columns of the attribute table to be searched. To add an attribute column to the SQL WHERE clause field, double click its name in the Fields list. Generally, you can use the various fields, values and operators to construct the query, or you can just type it into the SQL box.

The **Values list** lists the values of an attribute table. To list all possible values of an attribute, select the attribute in the Fields list and click the [all] button. To list the first 25 unique values of an attribute column, select the attribute column in the Fields list and click the [Sample] button. To add a value to the SQL WHERE clause field, double click its name in the Values list.

The **Operators section** contains all usable operators. To add an operator to the SQL WHERE clause field, click the appropriate button. Relational operators ( $=$ ,  $>$ , ...), string comparison operator (LIKE), and logical operators (AND, OR, ...) are available.

The **[Test]** button shows a message box with the number of features satisfying the current query, which is useful in the process of query construction. The **[Clear]** button clears the text in the SQL WHERE clause text field. The **[OK]** button closes the window and selects the features satisfying the query. The **[Cancel]** button closes the window without changing the current selection.

QGIS treats the resulting subset acts as if it were the entire layer. For example if you applied the filter above for 'Borough', you can not display, query, save or edit Anchorage, because that is a 'Municipality' and therefore not part of the subset.

The only exception is that unless your layer is part of a database, using a subset will prevent you from editing the layer.

## 12.7 Calculadora de campo

The  **Field Calculator** button in the attribute table allows you to perform calculations on the basis of existing attribute values or defined functions, for instance, to calculate length or area of geometry features. The results can be written to a new attribute field, a virtual field, or they can be used to update values in an existing field.

### Truco: Virtual Fields

- Virtual fields are not permanent and are not saved.
- To make a field virtual it must be done when the field is made.

The field calculator is now available on any layer that supports edit. When you click on the field calculator icon the dialog opens (see [figure\\_attributes\\_3](#)). If the layer is not in edit mode, a warning is displayed and using the field calculator will cause the layer to be put in edit mode before the calculation is made.

The quick field calculation bar on top of the attribute table is only visible if the layer is editable.

In quick field calculation bar, you first select the existing field name then open the expression dialog to create your expression or write it directly in the field then click on **Update All** button.

#### 12.7.1 Expression tab

In the field calculator dialog, you first must select whether you want to only update selected features, create a new attribute field where the results of the calculation will be added or update an existing field.

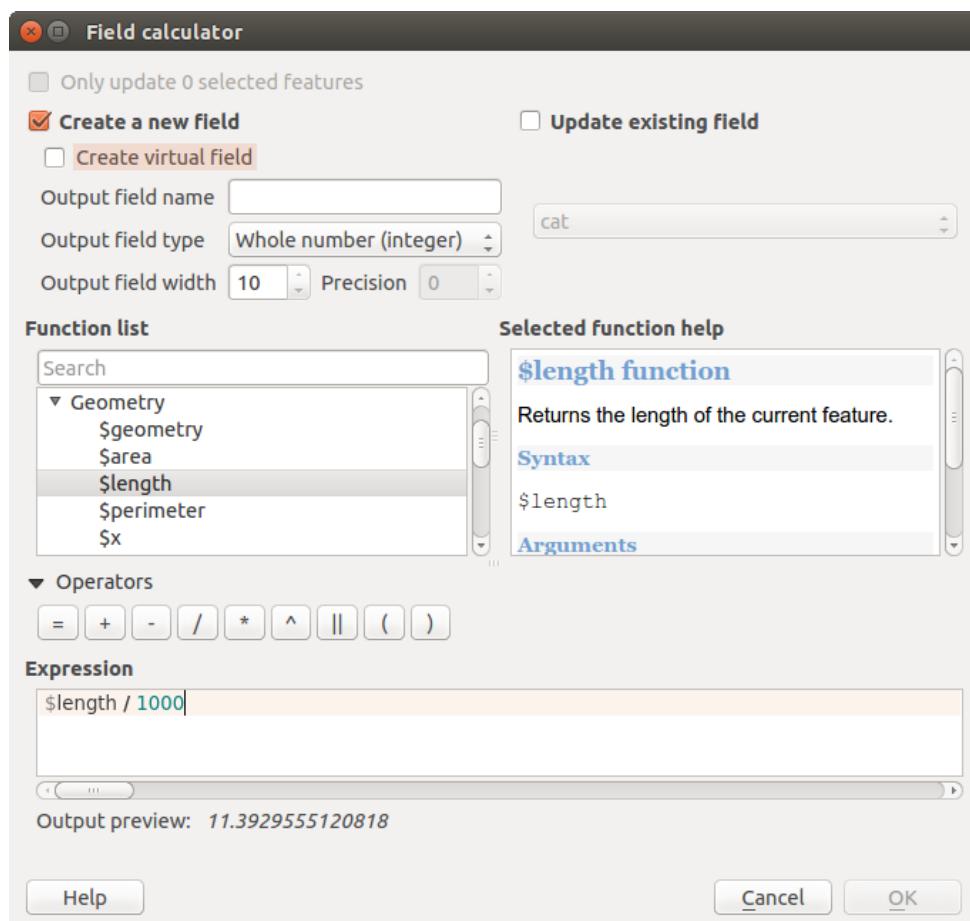


Figure 12.53: Field Calculator 

If you choose to add a new field, you need to enter a field name, a field type (integer, real or string), the total field width, and the field precision (see [figure\\_attributes\\_3](#)). For example, if you choose a field width of 10 and a field precision of 3, it means you have 6 digits before the dot, then the dot and another 3 digits for the precision.

A short example illustrates how field calculator works when using the *Expression* tab. We want to calculate the length in km of the railroads layer from the QGIS sample dataset:

1. Load the shapefile `railroads.shp` in QGIS and press  Open Attribute Table.
2. Click on  Toggle editing mode and open the  Field Calculator dialog.
3. Select the  *Create a new field* checkbox to save the calculations into a new field.
4. Add `length` as Output field name and `real` as Output field type, and define Output field width to be 10 and Precision, 3.
5. Now double click on function `$length` in the *Geometry* group to add it into the Field calculator expression box.
6. Complete the expression by typing “/ 1000” in the Field calculator expression box and click **[Ok]**.
7. You can now find a new field `length` in the attribute table.

The available functions are listed in [Expressions](#) chapter.

### 12.7.2 Function Editor tab

With the Function Editor you are able to define your own Python custom functions in a comfortable way. The function editor will create new Python files in `qgis2pythonexpressions` and will auto load all functions defined when starting QGIS. Be aware that new functions are only saved in the `expressions` folder and not in the project file. If you have a project that uses one of your custom functions you will need to also share the `.py` file in the `expressions` folder.

Here's a short example on how to create your own functions:

```
@qgsfunction(args="auto", group='Custom')
def myfunc(value1, value2 feature, parent):
    pass
```

The short example creates a function ‘myfunc’ that will give you a function with two values. When using the `args='auto'` function argument the number of function arguments required will be calculated by the number of arguments the function has been defined with in Python (minus 2 - feature, and parent).

This function then can be used with the following expression:

```
myfunc('test1', 'test2')
```

Your function will be implemented in the ‘Custom’ *Functions* of the *Expression* tab after using the *Run Script* button.

Further information about creating Python code can be found on [http://www.qgis.org/html/en/docs/pyqgis\\_developer\\_cookbook/index.html](http://www.qgis.org/html/en/docs/pyqgis_developer_cookbook/index.html)

The function editor is not only limited to working with the field calculator, it can be found whenever you work with expressions. See also [Expressions](#).



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## Trabajar con catos raster

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### 13.1 Trabajar con Datos Raster

This section describes how to visualize and set raster layer properties. QGIS uses the GDAL library to read and write raster data formats, including ArcInfo Binary Grid, ArcInfo ASCII Grid, GeoTIFF, ERDAS IMAGINE, and many more. GRASS raster support is supplied by a native QGIS data provider plugin. The raster data can also be loaded in read mode from zip and gzip archives into QGIS.

As of the date of this document, more than 100 raster formats are supported by the GDAL library (see [GDAL-SOFTWARE-SUITE](#) in *Referencias bibliográficas y web*). A complete list is available at [http://www.gdal.org/formats\\_list.html](http://www.gdal.org/formats_list.html).

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**Nota:** Not all of the listed formats may work in QGIS for various reasons. For example, some require external commercial libraries, or the GDAL installation of your OS may not have been built to support the format you want to use. Only those formats that have been well tested will appear in the list of file types when loading a raster into QGIS. Other untested formats can be loaded by selecting the [GDAL] All files (\*) filter.

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Working with GRASS raster data is described in section [Integracion GRASS SIG](#).

#### 13.1.1 What is raster data?

Raster data in GIS are matrices of discrete cells that represent features on, above or below the earth's surface. Each cell in the raster grid is the same size, and cells are usually rectangular (in QGIS they will always be rectangular). Typical raster datasets include remote sensing data, such as aerial photography, or satellite imagery and modelled data, such as an elevation matrix.

Unlike vector data, raster data typically do not have an associated database record for each cell. They are geocoded by pixel resolution and the x/y coordinate of a corner pixel of the raster layer. This allows QGIS to position the data correctly in the map canvas.

QGIS makes use of georeference information inside the raster layer (e.g., GeoTiff) or in an appropriate world file to properly display the data.

#### 13.1.2 Loading raster data in QGIS

Raster layers are loaded either by clicking on the  Add Raster Layer icon or by selecting the *Layer* →  Add Raster Layer menu option. More than one layer can be loaded at the same time by holding down the Ctrl or Shift key and clicking on multiple items in the *Open a GDAL Supported Raster Data Source* dialog.

Once a raster layer is loaded in the map legend, you can click on the layer name with the right mouse button to select and activate layer-specific features or to open a dialog to set raster properties for the layer.

#### Right mouse button menu for raster layers

- *Zoom to Layer Extent*
- *Zoom to Best Scale (100%)*
- *Stretch Using Current Extend*
- *Show in Overview*
- *Remove*
- *Duplicate*
- *Set Layer CRS*
- *Set Project CRS from Layer*
- *Save as ...*
- *Properties*
- *Rename*
- *Copy Style*
- *Add New Group*
- *Expand all*
- *Collapse all*
- *Update Drawing Order*

## 13.2 Dialogo de Propiedades Raster

To view and set the properties for a raster layer, double click on the layer name in the map legend, or right click on the layer name and choose *Properties* from the context menu. This will open the *Raster Layer Properties* dialog (see [figure\\_raster\\_1](#)).

There are several menus in the dialog:

- *General*
- *Style*
- *Transparency*
- *Pyramids*
- *Histogram*
- *Metadata*

### 13.2.1 General Menu

#### Layer Info

The *General* menu displays basic information about the selected raster, including the layer source path, the display name in the legend (which can be modified), and the number of columns, rows and no-data values of the raster.

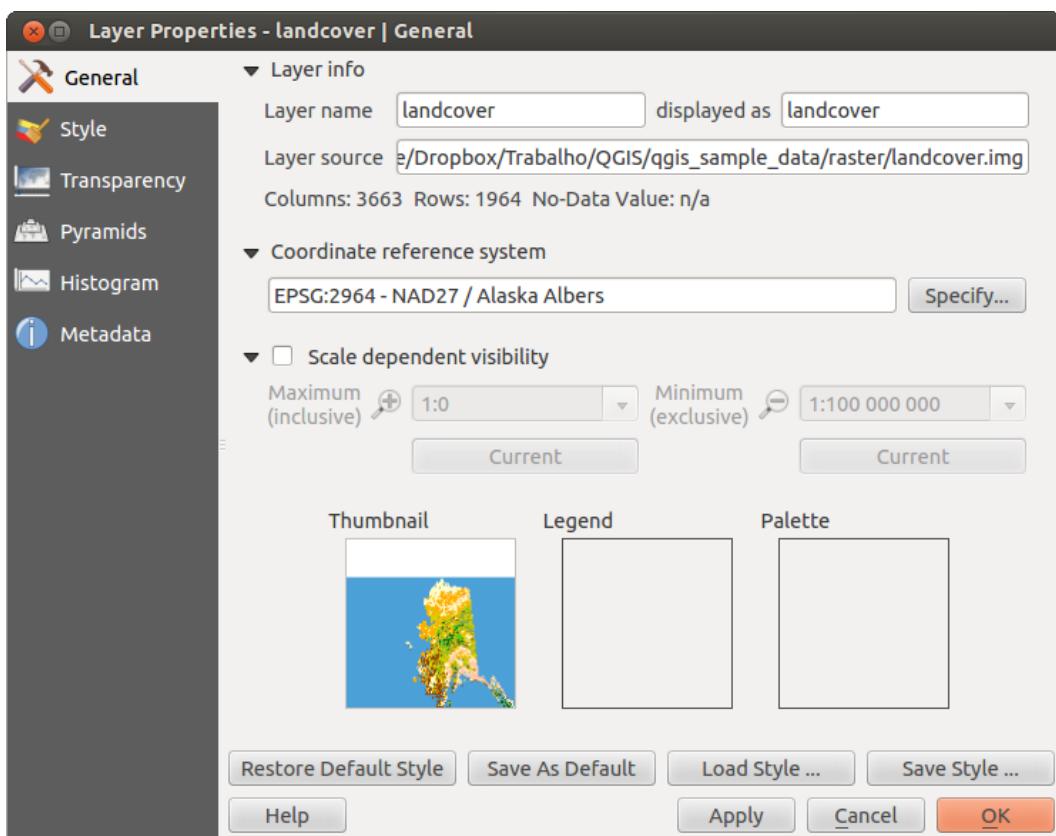


Figure 13.1: Raster Layers Properties Dialog 

## Coordinate reference system

Here, you find the coordinate reference system (CRS) information printed as a PROJ.4 string. If this setting is not correct, it can be modified by clicking the [Specify] button.

### Scale Dependent visibility

Additionally scale-dependent visibility can be set in this tab. You will need to check the checkbox and set an appropriate scale where your data will be displayed in the map canvas.

At the bottom, you can see a thumbnail of the layer, its legend symbol, and the palette.

## 13.2.2 Estilo de Menú

### Band rendering

QGIS offers four different *Render types*. The renderer chosen is dependent on the data type.

1. Multiband color - if the file comes as a multiband with several bands (e.g., used with a satellite image with several bands)
2. Paletted - if a single band file comes with an indexed palette (e.g., used with a digital topographic map)
3. Singleband gray - (one band of) the image will be rendered as gray; QGIS will choose this renderer if the file has neither multibands nor an indexed palette nor a continuous palette (e.g., used with a shaded relief map)
4. Singleband pseudocolor - this renderer is possible for files with a continuous palette, or color map (e.g., used with an elevation map)

## Multiband color

With the multiband color renderer, three selected bands from the image will be rendered, each band representing the red, green or blue component that will be used to create a color image. You can choose several *Contrast enhancement* methods: ‘No enhancement’, ‘Stretch to MinMax’, ‘Stretch and clip to MinMax’ and ‘Clip to min max’.

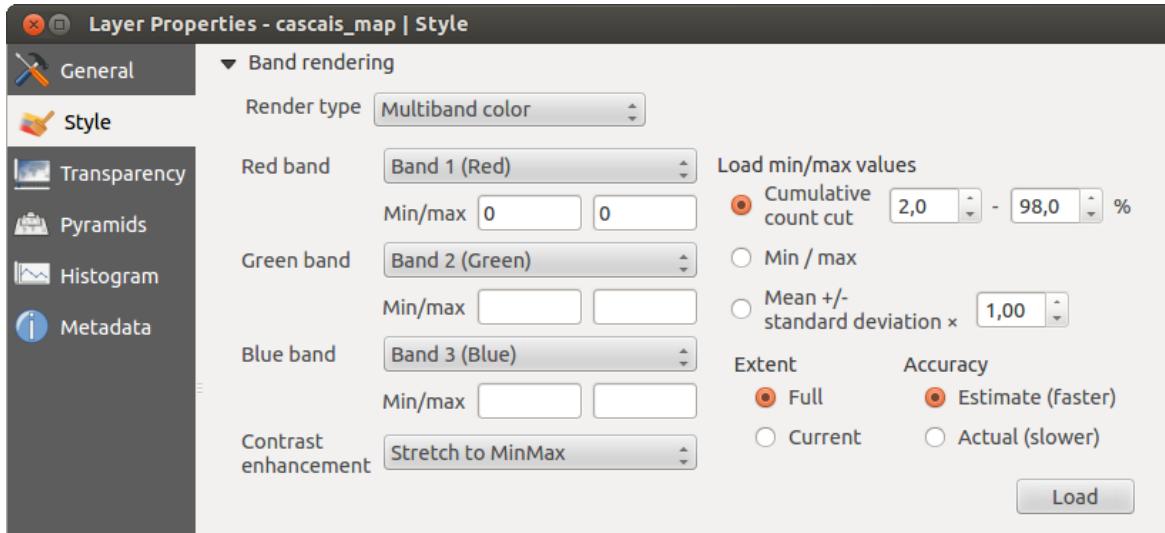


Figure 13.2: Raster Renderer - Multiband color 

This selection offers you a wide range of options to modify the appearance of your raster layer. First of all, you have to get the data range from your image. This can be done by choosing the *Extent* and pressing [**Load**]. QGIS can  *Estimate (faster)* the *Min* and *Max* values of the bands or use the  *Actual (slower) Accuracy*.

Now you can scale the colors with the help of the *Load min/max values* section. A lot of images have a few very low and high data. These outliers can be eliminated using the  *Cumulative count cut* setting. The standard data range is set from 2% to 98% of the data values and can be adapted manually. With this setting, the gray character of the image can disappear. With the scaling option  *Min/max*, QGIS creates a color table with all of the data included in the original image (e.g., QGIS creates a color table with 256 values, given the fact that you have 8 bit bands). You can also calculate your color table using the  *Mean +/- standard deviation x 1,00*. Then, only the values within the standard deviation or within multiple standard deviations are considered for the color table. This is useful when you have one or two cells with abnormally high values in a raster grid that are having a negative impact on the rendering of the raster.

All calculations can also be made for the  *Current extent*.

### Truco: Viewing a Single Band of a Multiband Raster

If you want to view a single band of a multiband image (for example, Red), you might think you would set the Green and Blue bands to “Not Set”. But this is not the correct way. To display the Red band, set the image type to ‘Singleband gray’, then select Red as the band to use for Gray.

## Paletted

This is the standard render option for singleband files that already include a color table, where each pixel value is assigned to a certain color. In that case, the palette is rendered automatically. If you want to change colors assigned to certain values, just double-click on the color and the *Select color* dialog appears. Also, in QGIS 2.2, it's now possible to assign a label to the color values. The label appears in the legend of the raster layer then.

## Contrast enhancement

**Nota:** When adding GRASS rasters, the option *Contrast enhancement* will always be set automatically to *stretch to min max*, regardless of if this is set to another value in the QGIS general options.

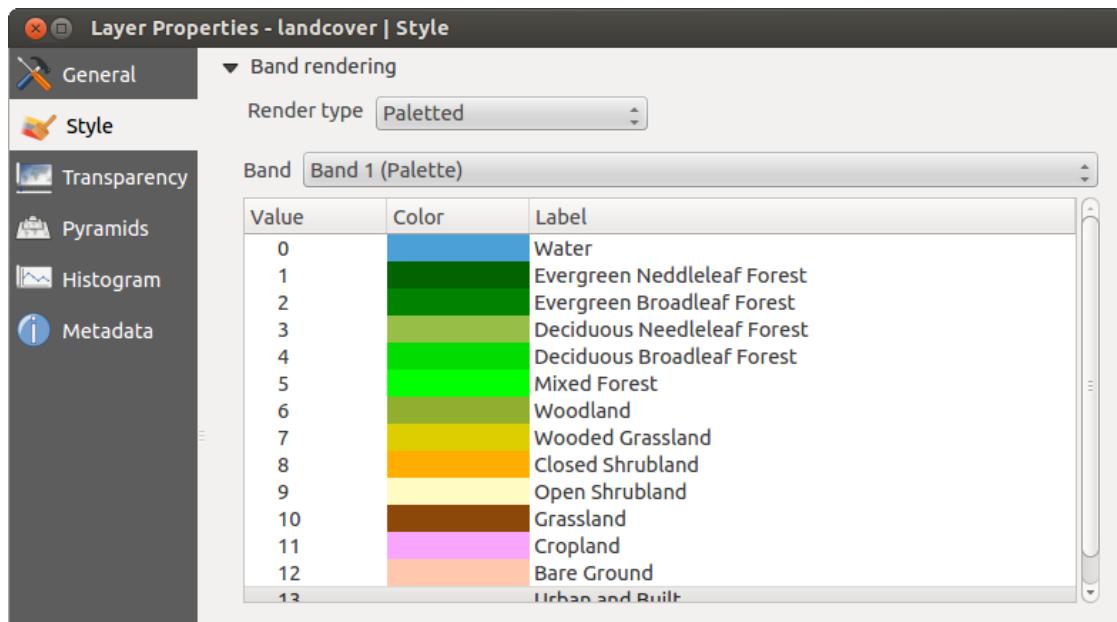


Figure 13.3: Raster Renderer - Paletted 🐧

### Singleband gray

This renderer allows you to render a single band layer with a *Color gradient*: ‘Black to white’ or ‘White to black’. You can define a *Min* and a *Max* value by choosing the *Extent* first and then pressing [Load]. QGIS can  *Estimate (faster)* the *Min* and *Max* values of the bands or use the  *Actual (slower) Accuracy*.

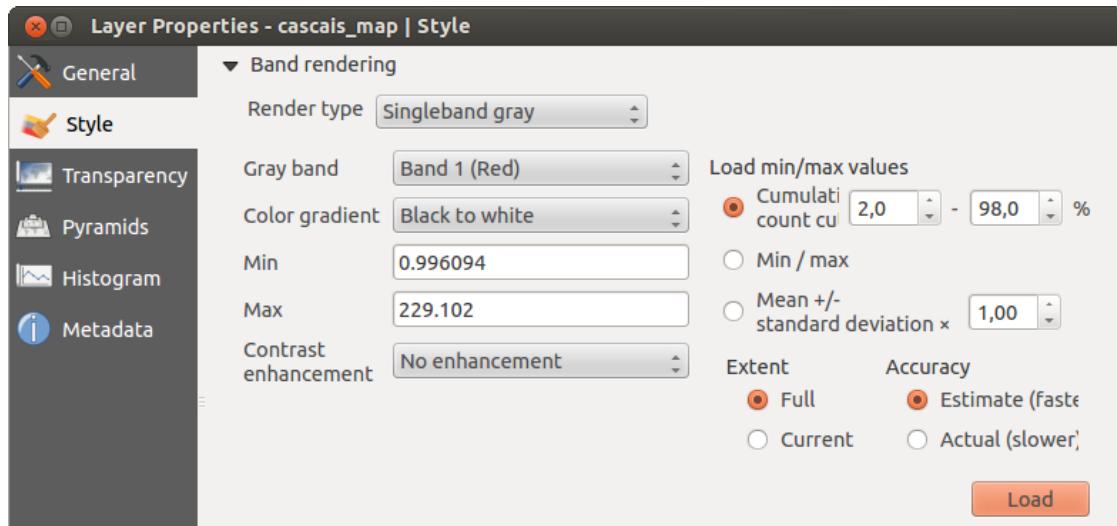


Figure 13.4: Raster Renderer - Singleband gray 🐧

With the *Load min/max values* section, scaling of the color table is possible. Outliers can be eliminated using the  *Cumulative count cut* setting. The standard data range is set from 2% to 98% of the data values and can be adapted manually. With this setting, the gray character of the image can disappear. Further settings can be made with  *Min/max* and  *Mean +/- standard deviation x 1,00*. While the first one creates a color table with all of the data included in the original image, the second creates a color table that only considers values within the standard deviation or within multiple standard deviations. This is useful when you have one or two cells with abnormally high values in a raster grid that are having a negative impact on the rendering of the raster.

### Singleband pseudocolor

This is a render option for single-band files, including a continuous palette. You can also create individual color maps for the single bands here. Three types of color interpolation are available:

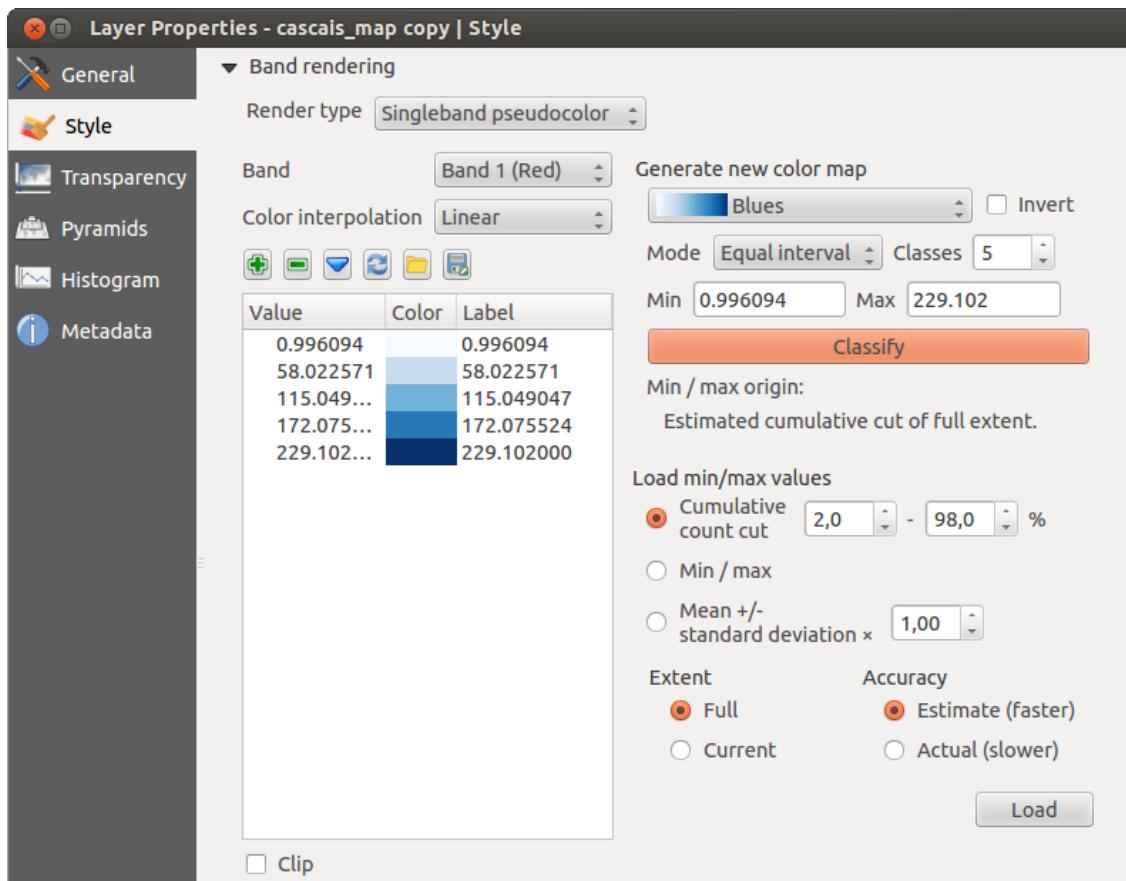


Figure 13.5: Raster Renderer - Singleband pseudocolor 

1. Discrete
2. Linear
3. Exact

In the left block, the button  Add values manually adds a value to the individual color table. The button  Remove selected row deletes a value from the individual color table, and the  Sort colormap items button sorts the color table according to the pixel values in the value column. Double clicking on the value column lets you insert a specific value. Double clicking on the color column opens the dialog *Change color*, where you can select a color to apply on that value. Further, you can also add labels for each color, but this value won't be displayed when you use the identify feature tool. You can also click on the button  Load color map from band, which tries to load the table from the band (if it has any). And you can use the buttons  Load color map from file or  Export color map to file to load an existing color table or to save the defined color table for other sessions.

In the right block, *Generate new color map* allows you to create newly categorized color maps. For the *Classification mode*  'Equal interval', you only need to select the *number of classes*  and press the button *Classify*. You can invert the colors of the color map by clicking the  Invert checkbox. In the case of the *Mode*  'Continuous', QGIS creates classes automatically depending on the *Min* and *Max*. Defining *Min/Max* values can be done with the help of the *Load min/max values* section. A lot of images have a few very low and high data. These outliers can be eliminated using the  Cumulative count cut setting. The standard data range is set from 2% to 98% of the data values and can be adapted manually. With this setting, the gray character of the image can disappear. With the scaling option  Min/max, QGIS creates a color table with all of the data included in the

original image (e.g., QGIS creates a color table with 256 values, given the fact that you have 8 bit bands). You can also calculate your color table using the  *Mean +/- standard deviation x [1,00]*. Then, only the values within the standard deviation or within multiple standard deviations are considered for the color table.

### Color rendering

For every *Band rendering*, a *Color rendering* is possible.

You can also achieve special rendering effects for your raster file(s) using one of the blending modes (see [El Dialogo de las Propiedades del Vector](#)).

Further settings can be made in modifying the *Brightness*, the *Saturation* and the *Contrast*. You can also use a *Grayscale* option, where you can choose between ‘By lightness’, ‘By luminosity’ and ‘By average’. For one hue in the color table, you can modify the ‘Strength’.

### Remuestreo

The *Resampling* option makes its appearance when you zoom in and out of an image. Resampling modes can optimize the appearance of the map. They calculate a new gray value matrix through a geometric transformation.

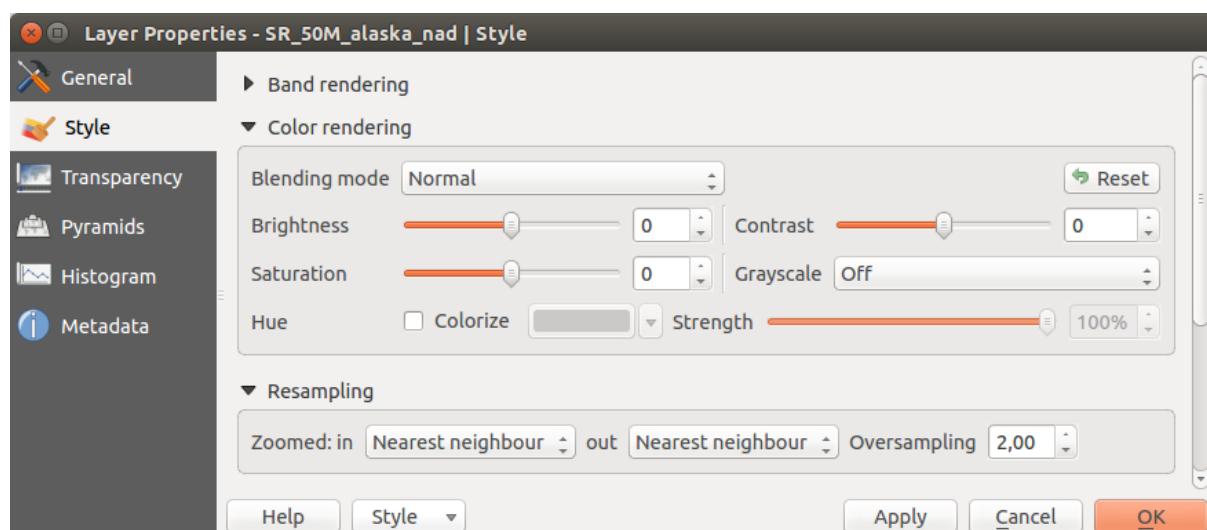


Figure 13.6: Raster Rendering - Resampling 

When applying the ‘Nearest neighbour’ method, the map can have a pixelated structure when zooming in. This appearance can be improved by using the ‘Bilinear’ or ‘Cubic’ method, which cause sharp features to be blurred. The effect is a smoother image. This method can be applied, for instance, to digital topographic raster maps.

### 13.2.3 Transparency Menu

QGIS has the ability to display each raster layer at a different transparency level. Use the transparency slider  to indicate to what extent the underlying layers (if any) should be visible through the current raster layer. This is very useful if you like to overlay more than one raster layer (e.g., a shaded relief map overlaid by a classified raster map). This will make the look of the map more three dimensional.

Additionally, you can enter a raster value that should be treated as *NODATA* in the *Additional no data value* menu. An even more flexible way to customize the transparency can be done in the *Custom transparency options* section. The transparency of every pixel can be set here.

As an example, we want to set the water of our example raster file `landcover.tif` to a transparency of 20%. The following steps are necessary:

1. Load the raster file `landcover.tif`.
2. Open the *Properties* dialog by double-clicking on the raster name in the legend, or by right-clicking and choosing *Properties* from the pop-up menu.
3. Select the *Transparency* menu.
4. From the *Transparency band* menu, choose ‘None’.
5. Click the  Add values manually button. A new row will appear in the pixel list.
6. Enter the raster value in the ‘From’ and ‘To’ column (we use 0 here), and adjust the transparency to 20%.
7. Press the **[Apply]** button and have a look at the map.

You can repeat steps 5 and 6 to adjust more values with custom transparency.

As you can see, it is quite easy to set custom transparency, but it can be quite a lot of work. Therefore, you can use the button  Export to file to save your transparency list to a file. The button  Import from file loads your transparency settings and applies them to the current raster layer.

### 13.2.4 Pyramids Menu

Large resolution raster layers can slow navigation in QGIS. By creating lower resolution copies of the data (pyramids), performance can be considerably improved, as QGIS selects the most suitable resolution to use depending on the level of zoom.

You must have write access in the directory where the original data is stored to build pyramids.

Several resampling methods can be used to calculate the pyramids:

- Nearest Neighbour
- Average
- Gauss
- Cubic
- Mode
- None

If you choose ‘Internal (if possible)’ from the *Overview format* menu, QGIS tries to build pyramids internally. You can also choose ‘External’ and ‘External (Erdas Imagine)’.

Please note that building pyramids may alter the original data file, and once created they cannot be removed. If you wish to preserve a ‘non-pyramided’ version of your raster, make a backup copy prior to building pyramids.

### 13.2.5 Histogram Menu

The *Histogram* menu allows you to view the distribution of the bands or colors in your raster. The histogram is generated automatically when you open the *Histogram* menu. All existing bands will be displayed together. You can save the histogram as an image with the  button. With the *Visibility* option in the  Prefs/Actions menu, you can display histograms of the individual bands. You will need to select the option  Show selected band. The *Min/max options* allow you to ‘Always show min/max markers’, to ‘Zoom to min/max’ and to ‘Update style to min/max’. With the *Actions* option, you can ‘Reset’ and ‘Recompute histogram’ after you have chosen the *Min/max options*.

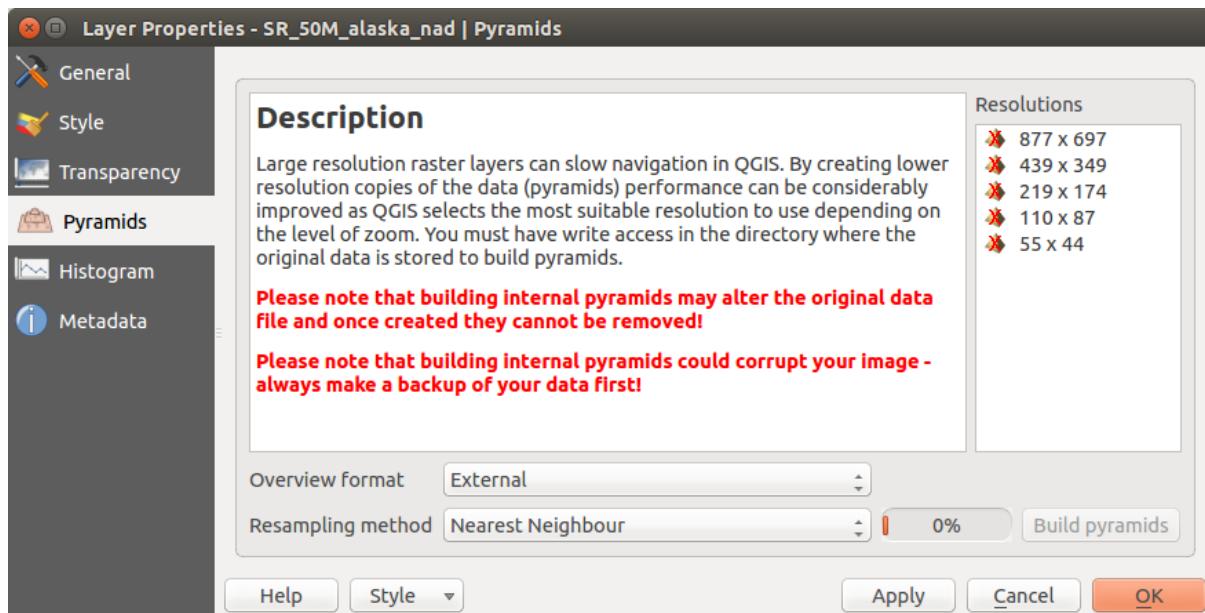


Figure 13.7: The Pyramids Menu 🐧

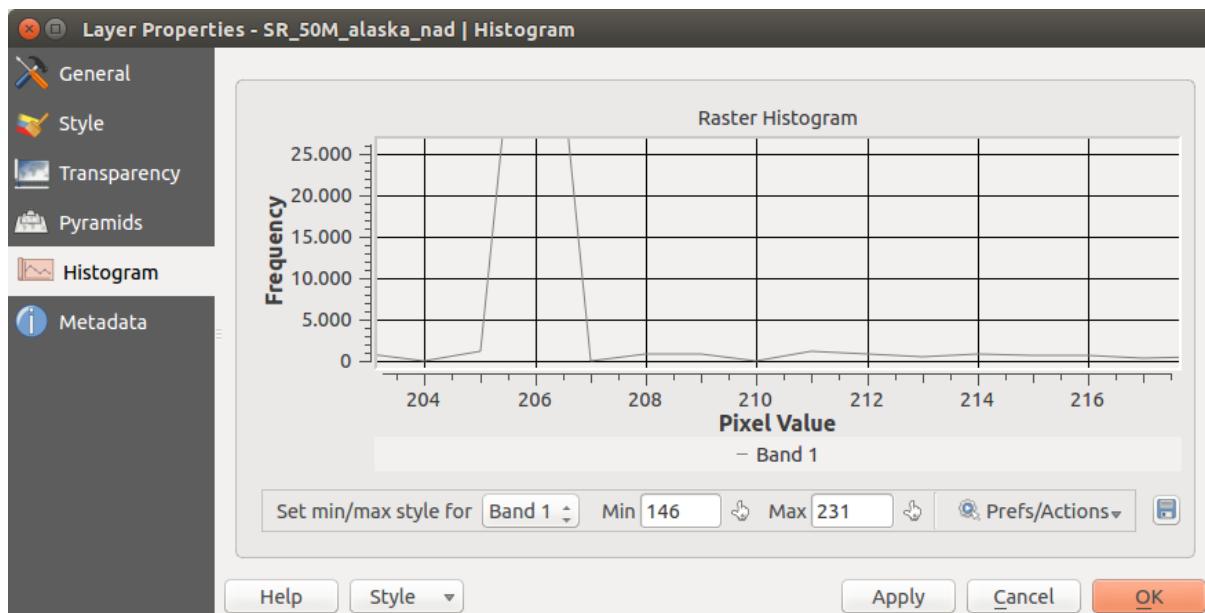


Figure 13.8: Raster Histogram 🐧

### 13.2.6 Metadata Menu

The *Metadata* menu displays a wealth of information about the raster layer, including statistics about each band in the current raster layer. From this menu, entries may be made for the *Description*, *Attribution*, *MetadataUrl* and *Properties*. In *Properties*, statistics are gathered on a ‘need to know’ basis, so it may well be that a given layer’s statistics have not yet been collected.

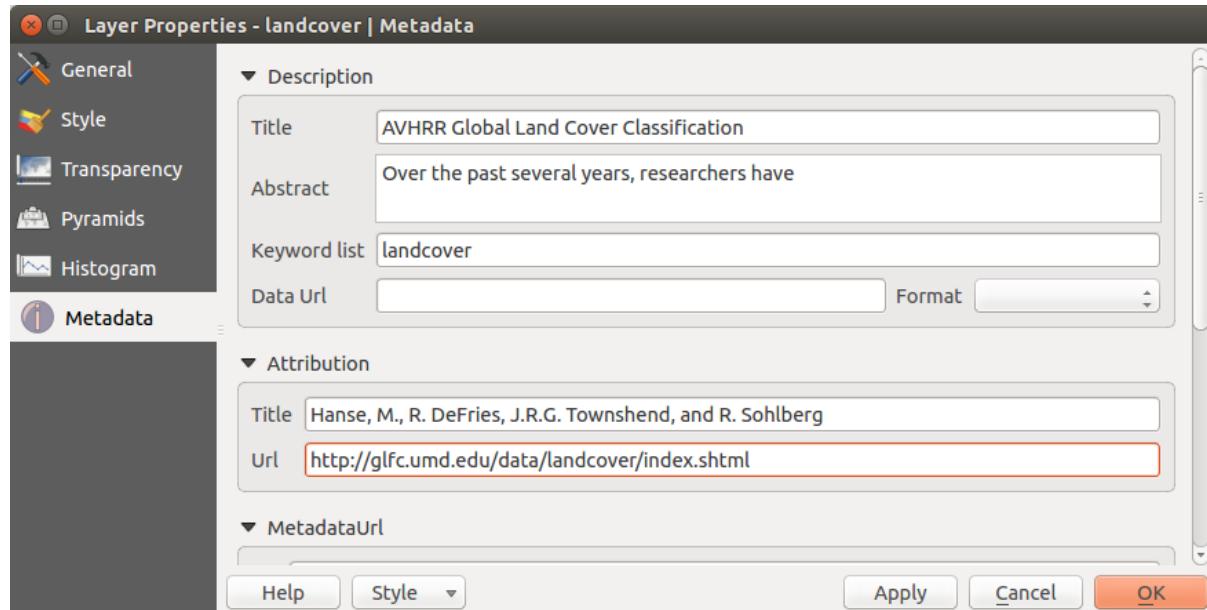


Figure 13.9: Raster Metadata 🐧

## 13.3 Calculadora Ráster

The *Raster Calculator* in the *Raster* menu allows you to perform calculations on the basis of existing raster pixel values (see [figure\\_raster\\_10](#)). The results are written to a new raster layer with a GDAL-supported format.

The **Raster bands** list contains all loaded raster layers that can be used. To add a raster to the raster calculator expression field, double click its name in the Fields list. You can then use the operators to construct calculation expressions, or you can just type them into the box.

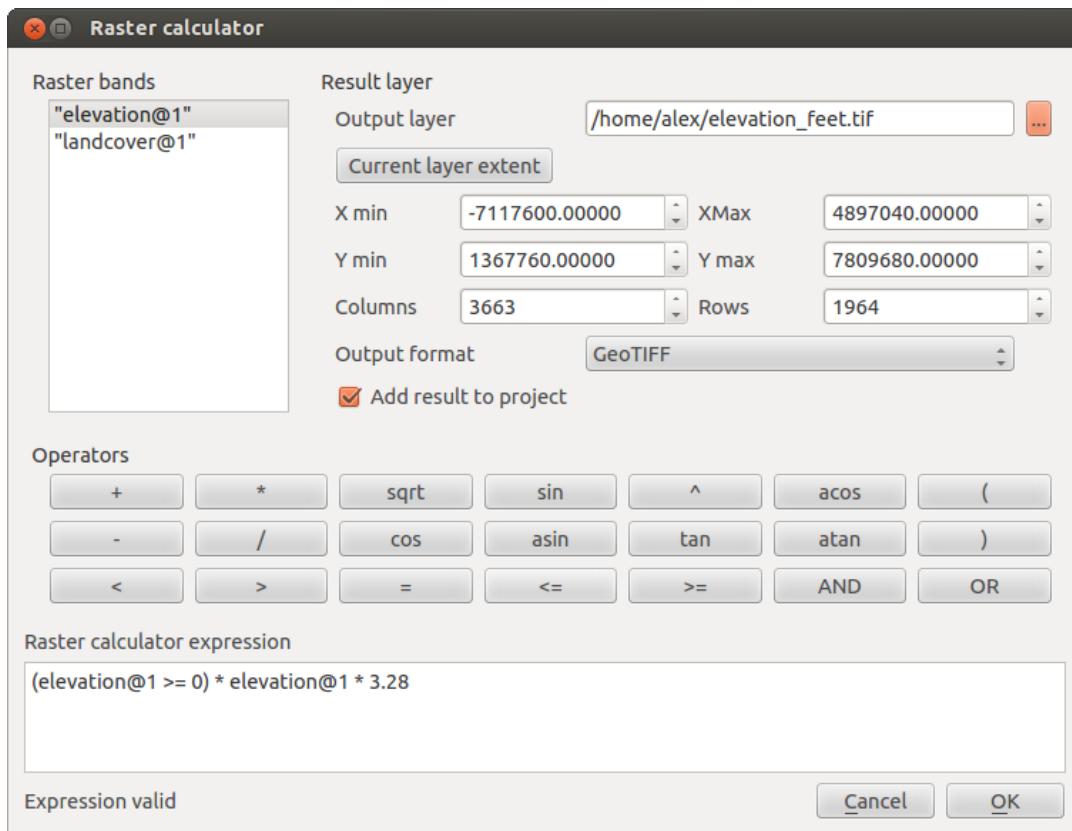
In the **Result layer** section, you will need to define an output layer. You can then define the extent of the calculation area based on an input raster layer, or based on X,Y coordinates and on columns and rows, to set the resolution of the output layer. If the input layer has a different resolution, the values will be resampled with the nearest neighbor algorithm.

The **Operators** section contains all available operators. To add an operator to the raster calculator expression box, click the appropriate button. Mathematical calculations (+, -, \*, ... ) and trigonometric functions (sin, cos, tan, ... ) are available. Stay tuned for more operators to come!

With the  *Add result to project* checkbox, the result layer will automatically be added to the legend area and can be visualized.

### 13.3.1 Ejemplos

#### Convert elevation values from meters to feet

Figure 13.10: Calculadora Ráster 

Creating an elevation raster in feet from a raster in meters, you need to use the conversion factor for meters to feet: 3.28. The expression is:

```
"elevation@1" * 3.28
```

### El uso de una máscara

If you want to mask out parts of a raster – say, for instance, because you are only interested in elevations above 0 meters – you can use the following expression to create a mask and apply the result to a raster in one step.

```
("elevation@1" >= 0) * "elevation@1"
```

In other words, for every cell greater than or equal to 0, set its value to 1. Otherwise set it to 0. This creates the mask on the fly.

If you want to classify a raster – say, for instance into two elevation classes, you can use the following expression to create a raster with two values 1 and 2 in one step.

```
("elevation@1" < 50) * 1 + ("elevation@1" >= 50) * 2
```

In other words, for every cell less than 50 set its value to 1. For every cell greater than or equal 50 set its value to 2.

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## Trabajar con datos OGC

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### 14.1 QGIS as OGC Data Client

El Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) es una organización internacional con miembros de más de 300 organizaciones comerciales, gubernamentales, sin fines de lucro y de investigación de todo el mundo. Sus miembros desarrollan e implementan estándares para contenido geoespacial y servicios, procesamiento de datos SIG y el intercambio.

Al describir un modelo de datos básico para las características geográficas, un número cada vez mayor de las especificaciones son desarrollados por OGC para atender las necesidades específicas de ubicación interoperable y la tecnología geoespacial, incluyendo SIG. Más información se puede encontrar en <http://www.opengeospatial.org/>.

Important OGC specifications supported by QGIS are:

- **WMS** — Web Map Service ([Cliente WMS/WMTS](#))
- **WMTS** — Web Map Tile Service ([Cliente WMS/WMTS](#))
- **WFS** — Web Feature Service ([Cliente WFS y WFS-T](#))
- **WFS-T** — Web Feature Service - Transactional ([Cliente WFS y WFS-T](#))
- **WCS** — Web Coverage Service ([WCT Cliente](#))
- **SFS** — Simple Features for SQL ([Capas PostGIS](#))
- **GML** — Lenguaje de Marcado Generalizado

OGC services are increasingly being used to exchange geospatial data between different GIS implementations and data stores. QGIS can deal with the above specifications as a client, being **SFS** (through support of the PostgreSQL / PostGIS data provider, see section [Capas PostGIS](#)).

#### 14.1.1 Cliente WMS/WMTS

##### Información general de la implementación WMS

QGIS currently can act as a WMS client that understands WMS 1.1, 1.1.1 and 1.3 servers. In particular, it has been tested against publicly accessible servers such as DEMIS.

A WMS server acts upon requests by the client (e.g., QGIS) for a raster map with a given extent, set of layers, symbolization style, and transparency. The WMS server then consults its local data sources, rasterizes the map, and sends it back to the client in a raster format. For QGIS, this format would typically be JPEG or PNG.

WMS is generically a REST (Representational State Transfer) service rather than a full-blown Web service. As such, you can actually take the URLs generated by QGIS and use them in a web browser to retrieve the same

images that QGIS uses internally. This can be useful for troubleshooting, as there are several brands of WMS server on the market and they all have their own interpretation of the WMS standard.

Las capas WMS se pueden añadir sencillamente, siempre que conozca la URL para acceder al servidor WMS, si tiene una conexión útil a ese servidor, y el servidor entiende HTTP como mecanismo de transporte de datos.

### Información general de la implementación WMTS

QGIS can also act as a WMTS client. WMTS is an OGC standard for distributing tile sets of geospatial data. This is a faster and more efficient way of distributing data than WMS because with WMTS, the tile sets are pre-generated, and the client only requests the transmission of the tiles, not their production. A WMS request typically involves both the generation and transmission of the data. A well-known example of a non-OGC standard for viewing tiled geospatial data is Google Maps.

Para mostrar los datos en una variedad de escalas cercanas a lo que el usuario podría querer, los conjuntos de teselas WMTS se producen en varios niveles de escala diferentes y están disponibles para el cliente SIG para pedirlos.

Este diagrama ejemplifica el concepto de conjunto de teselas:

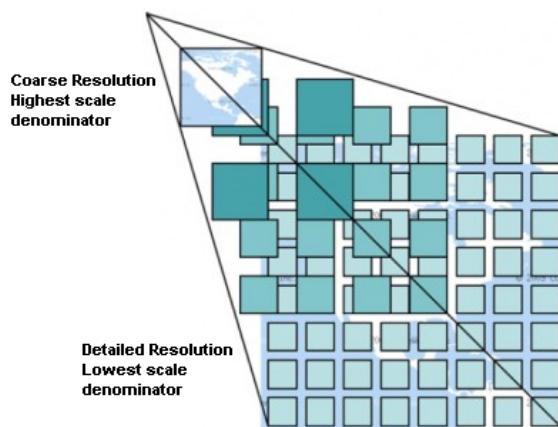


Figure 14.1: Concepto de conjunto de teselas WMTS

The two types of WMTS interfaces that QGIS supports are via Key-Value-Pairs (KVP) and RESTful. These two interfaces are different, and you need to specify them to QGIS differently.

1) In order to access a **WMTS KVP** service, a QGIS user must open the WMS/WMTS interface and add the following string to the URL of the WMTS tile service:

```
"?SERVICE=WMTS&REQUEST=GetCapabilities"
```

Un ejemplo de este tipo de dirección es

```
http://opencache.statkart.no/gatekeeper/gk/gk.open_wmts?\n    service=WMTS&request=GetCapabilities
```

Para probar la capa topo2 en este WMTS funciona muy bien. Añadir esta cadena indica que un servicio web WMTS se va a utilizar en lugar de un servicio WMS.

2. EL servicio **RESTful WMTS** toma una forma diferente, una URL sencilla. EL formato recomendado por OGC es:

```
{WMTSBaseUrl}/1.0.0/WMTSCapabilities.xml
```

This format helps you to recognize that it is a RESTful address. A RESTful WMTS is accessed in QGIS by simply adding its address in the WMS setup in the URL field of the form. An example of this type of address for the case of an Austrian basemap is <http://maps.wien.gv.at/basemap/1.0.0/WMTSCapabilities.xml>.

**Nota:** You can still find some old services called WMS-C. These services are quite similar to WMTS (i.e., same purpose but working a little bit differently). You can manage them the same as you do WMTS services. Just add ?tiled=true at the end of the url. See [http://wiki.osgeo.org/wiki/Tile\\_Map\\_Service\\_Specification](http://wiki.osgeo.org/wiki/Tile_Map_Service_Specification) for more information about this specification.

Cuando se lee WMTS, a menudo se puede pensar en WMS-C también.

## Seleccionar servidor WMS/WMTS

The first time you use the WMS feature in QGIS, there are no servers defined.

Begin by clicking the  Add WMS layer button on the toolbar, or selecting *Layer → Add WMS Layer...*.

El diálogo *Añadir capa(s) desde un servidor* para añadir capas que aparezcan en el servidor WMS. Se pueden agregar algunas capas para jugar haciendo clic en el botón [Añadir servidores predeterminados]. Este añadirá dos servidores demo WMS para usar: los servidores WMS de DM Solutions Group y Lizardtech. Para definir un nuevo servidor WMS en la pestaña *Capas*, seleccionar el botón [Nuevo]. A continuación introduzca los parámetros para conectarse a su servidor deseado, como se indica en table\_OGC\_1:

Nombre	Un nombre para esta conexión. Este nombre se utilizará en la lista desplegable de conexiones a servidor así que se puede distinguir de otros servidores WMS.
URL	La URL del servidor provee los datos. Este debe ser un nombre de host soluble – el mismo formato que usaría para abrir una conexión telnet o ping a un host.
Nombre de usuario	Nombre de usuario para acceder a un servidor asegurado de WMS. Este parámetro es opcional.
Contraseña	Contraseña para una autentificación básica al servidor WMS. Este parámetro es opcional
Ignorar URI GetMap	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ignorar URI <i>GetMap</i> reportada en las capacidades. Utilice un URI dado del campo URL anterior.
Ignorar la URI GetFeatureInfo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ignorar la URI <i>GetFeatureInfo</i> reportada en las capacidades. Utilice un URI dado del campo URL anterior.

Tabla OGC 1: Parámetros de conexión WMS

If you need to set up a proxy server to be able to receive WMS services from the internet, you can add your proxy server in the options. Choose *Settings → Options* and click on the *Network & Proxy* tab. There, you can add your proxy settings and enable them by setting  *Use proxy for web access*. Make sure that you select the correct proxy type from the *Proxy type*  drop-down menu.

Once the new WMS server connection has been created, it will be preserved for future QGIS sessions.

### Truco: En las direcciones URL del servidor WMS

Asegúrese, al introducir la URL del servidor WMS, que tiene solo la base URL. Por ejemplo, no debe tener fragmentos como `request=GetCapabilities` o `version=1.0.0` en su URL.

## Cargando capas WMS/WMTS

Una vez que haya llenado exitosamente en sus parámetros, puede utilizar el botón [Conectar] para recuperar las capacidades del servidor seleccionado. Esto incluye la codificación de la imagen, capas, estilos de capa y proyecciones. Como es una operación de la red, la velocidad de respuesta depende de la calidad de la conexión de red al servidor WMS. Mientras descarga los datos desde el servidor WMS, el proceso de descarga se visualizará en la parte inferior izquierda del dialogo WMS.

Su pantalla debe ahora lucir un poco como figure\_OGR\_1, que muestra la respuesta proporcionada por el servidor WMS del European Soil Portal.

### Codificación de la Imagen

La sección *Codificación de la imagen* lista los formatos que reconoce por ambos el cliente y el servidor. Elija uno dependiendo de sus requerimientos de precisión de imagen.

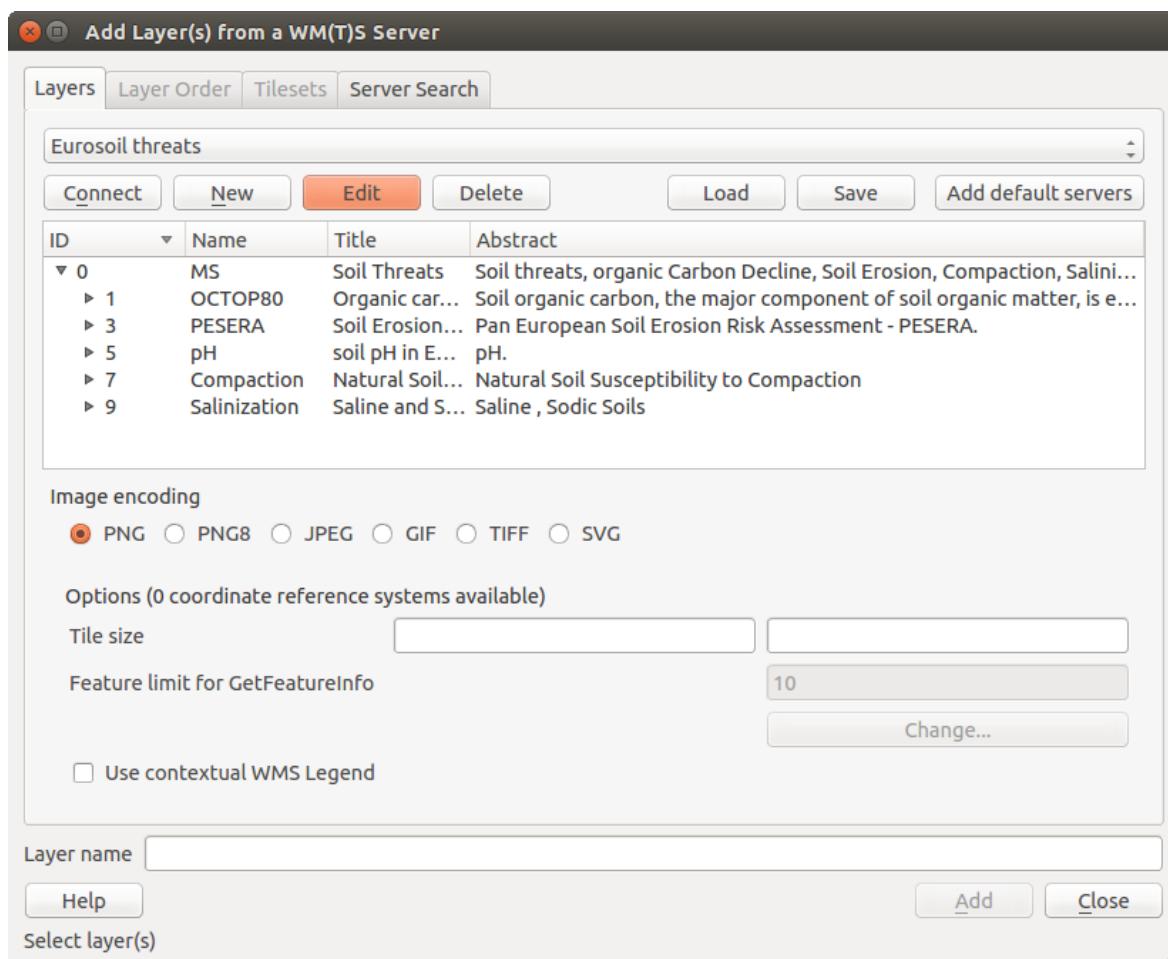


Figure 14.2: Dialog for adding a WMS server, showing its available layers 🐧

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### Truco: Codificación de la Imagen

Normalmente, encontrará que un servidor WMS le ofrece la opción de codificación de la imagen en JPEG o PNG. JPEG es un formato de compresión con pérdida, mientras que PNG reproduce fielmente los datos crudos raster.

Utilizar JPEG si se espera que los datos WMS sean de naturaleza fotográfica y/o no le importa cierta pérdida de calidad de la imagen. Esta disyuntiva típicamente reduce en cinco veces la necesidad de transferencia de datos en comparación con PNG.

Utilice PNG si desea representaciones precisas de los datos originales y no le importa el incremento de los requisitos de transferencia de datos.

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### Opciones

La zona Opciones del diálogo provee un campo de texto donde se puede añadir un *Nombre de capa* para la capa WMS. Este nombre aparecerá en la leyenda después de cargar la capa.

Debajo del nombre de la capa, se puede definir *Tamaño de la tesela*, si desea establecer tamaños de tesela (por ejemplo, 256x256) para dividir la petición WMS en múltiples peticiones.

El *Límite del objeto espacial para GetFeatureInfo* define los objetos espaciales del servidor a consultar.

Si se selecciona un WMS de la lista, aparece un campo con la proyección predeterminada proporcionada por el servidor de mapas. Si el botón [Cambiar...] está activo, puede hacer clic en él y cambiar la proyección por defecto de los WMS a otro SRC proporcionado por el servidor WMS.

Finalmente puede activar  *Utiliza leyenda-WMS contextual* si el servidor WMS admite este objeto. Entonces sólo la leyenda relevante para su actual extensión de vista de mapa se mostrará y así no incluirá los elementos de la leyenda por cosas que no puede ver en el mapa actual.

### Orden de la capa

La pestaña *Orden de Capas* lista las capas seleccionadas disponibles de la conexión actual al servidor WMS. Puede notar que algunas capas son ampliables; esto significa que la capa se puede visualizar en una selección de estilos de imagen.

You can select several layers at once, but only one image style per layer. When several layers are selected, they will be combined at the WMS server and transmitted to QGIS in one go.

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### Truco: Ordenar capas WMS

Las capas WMS representadas por un servidor son sobreuestas en el orden listado en la sección de Capas, desde la parte superior a la parte inferior de la lista. Si se desea cambiar el orden de la superposición, se puede usar la pestaña *Orden de capas*.

### Transparencia

In this version of QGIS, the *Global transparency* setting from the *Layer Properties* is hard coded to be always on, where available.

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### Truco: Transparencia de capa WMS

La disponibilidad de imagen WMS transparente depende de la codificación de la imagen utilizada: PNG y GIF reconocen la transparencia, mientras JPEG deja sin reconocerlo.

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### Sistema de referencia de coordenadas

A coordinate reference system (CRS) is the OGC terminology for a QGIS projection.

Cada capa WMS se puede representar en múltiples SRC's, dependiendo de la capacidad del servidor WMS.

Para elegir un SRC, seleccione [Cambiar...] y un cuadro de diálogo similar a Figure Projection 3 en [Trabajar con Proyecciones](#) aparecerá. La principal diferencia con la versión WMS del diálogo es que sólo aquellos SRCs son reconocidos por el servidor WMS se le mostrarán.

## Busqueda del servidor

Within QGIS, you can search for WMS servers. Figure\_OGC\_2 shows the *Server Search* tab with the *Add Layer(s) from a Server* dialog.

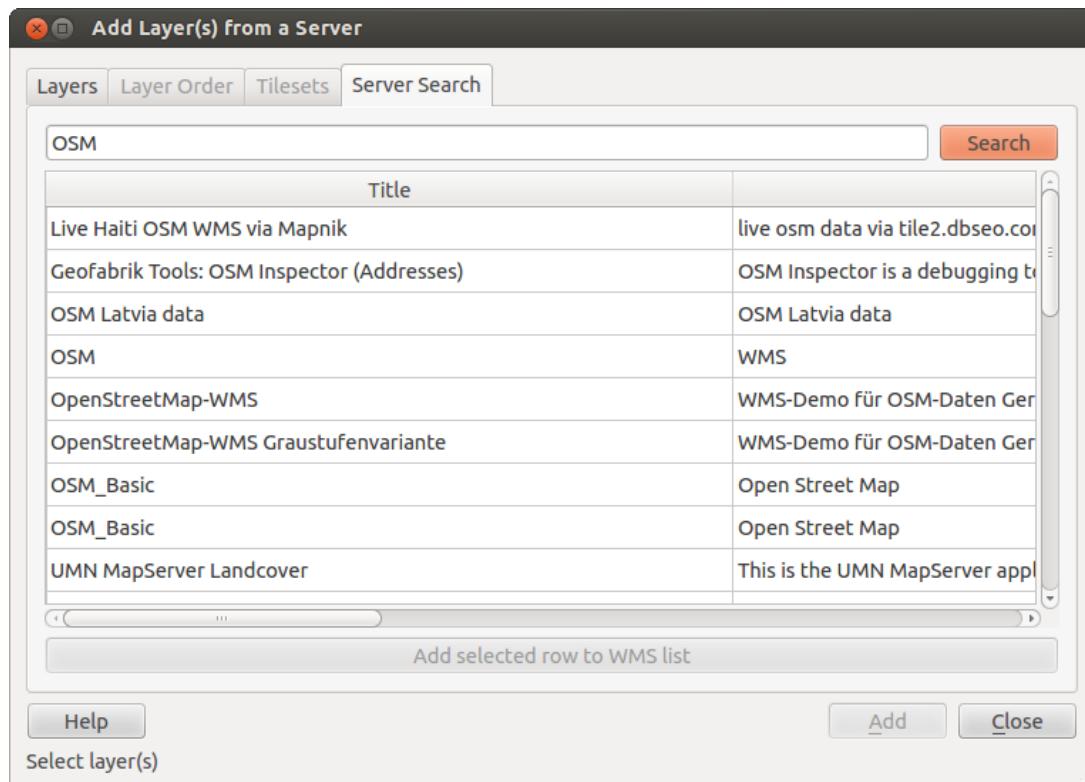


Figure 14.3: Dialog for searching WMS servers after some keywords 🐧

As you can see, it is possible to enter a search string in the text field and hit the **[Search]** button. After a short while, the search result will be populated into the list below the text field. Browse the result list and inspect your search results within the table. To visualize the results, select a table entry, press the **[Add selected row to WMS list]** button and change back to the *Layers* tab. QGIS has automatically updated your server list, and the selected search result is already enabled in the list of saved WMS servers in the *Layers* tab. You only need to request the list of layers by clicking the **[Connect]** button. This option is quite handy when you want to search maps by specific keywords.

Básicamente, esta opción es una interfaz del API de <http://geopole.org>.

## Conjunto de teselas

Al utilizar servicios WMTS (Cached WMS) como

```
http://opencache.statkart.no/gatekeeper/gk/gk.open_wmts?\n    service=WMTS&request=GetCapabilities
```

you are able to browse through the *Tilesets* tab given by the server. Additional information like tile size, formats and supported CRS are listed in this table. In combination with this feature, you can use the tile scale slider by selecting *Settings → Panels* (KDE and Windows) or *View → Panels* (Gnome and MacOSX), then choosing *Tile scale*. This gives you the available scales from the tile server with a nice slider docked in.

## Utilizar la herramienta de Identificar objetos espaciales

Once you have added a WMS server, and if any layer from a WMS server is queryable, you can then use the  Identify tool to select a pixel on the map canvas. A query is made to the WMS server for each selection made. The results of the query are returned in plain text. The formatting of this text is dependent on the particular WMS server used. **Selección de Formato**

Si múltiples formatos de salida son reconocidos por el servidor, una lista desplegable con formatos admitidos se añade automáticamente al diálogo de resultados identificados y el formato seleccionada puede ser almacenado en el proyecto para la capa. **Usar formato GML**

The  Identify tool supports WMS server response (GetFeatureInfo) in GML format (it is called Feature in the QGIS GUI in this context). If “Feature” format is supported by the server and selected, results of the Identify tool are vector features, as from a regular vector layer. When a single feature is selected in the tree, it is highlighted in the map and it can be copied to the clipboard and pasted to another vector layer. See the example setup of the UMN Mapserver below to support GetFeatureInfo in GML format.

```
# in layer METADATA add which fields should be included and define geometry (example):
"qml_include_items"      "all"
"ows_geometries"         "mygeom"
"ows_mygeom_type"        "polygon"

# Then there are two possibilities/formats available, see a) and b):
# a) basic (output is generated by Mapserver and does not contain XSD)
# in WEB METADATA define formats (example):
"wms_getfeatureinfo_formatlist" "application/vnd.ogc.gml,text/html"

# b) using OGR (output is generated by OGR, it is send as multipart and contains XSD)
# in MAP define OUTPUTFORMAT (example):
OUTPUTFORMAT
  NAME "OGRGML"
  MIMETYPE "ogr/gml"
  DRIVER "OGR/GML"
  FORMATOPTION "FORM=multipart"
END

# in WEB METADATA define formats (example):
"wms_getfeatureinfo_formatlist" "OGRGML,text/html"
```

### Ver propiedades

Una vez que haya añadido un servidor WMS, puede ver sus propiedades haciendo clic derecho sobre el mismo en la leyenda y la seleccionar *Propiedades*. **Pestaña de Metadatos**

La pestaña *Metadatos* muestra una gran cantidad de información acerca del servidor WMS, generalmente obtenida de la declaración de capacidades de ese servidor. Muchas definiciones pueden ser extraídas mediante la lectura del estándar WMS (vea OPEN-GEOSPATIAL-CONSORTIUM en [Referencias bibliográficas y web](#)), pero aquí hay algunas definiciones útiles:

- **Propiedades del servidor**
  - **Versión WMS** — La versión WMS implementada por el servidor.
  - **Image Formats** — The list of MIME-types the server can respond with when drawing the map. QGIS supports whatever formats the underlying Qt libraries were built with, which is typically at least image/png and image/jpeg.
  - **Identity Formats** — The list of MIME-types the server can respond with when you use the Identify tool. Currently, QGIS supports the text-plain type.
- **Propiedades de la capa**

- **Seleccionar** — Sea o no esta capa seleccionada cuando su servidor fue añadido a este proyecto.
- **Visible** — Whether or not this layer is selected as visible in the legend (not yet used in this version of QGIS).
- **Poder Identificar** — Sea o no esta capa regresará algunos resultados cuando la herramienta de identificar se utilice en él.
- **Can be Transparent** — Whether or not this layer can be rendered with transparency. This version of QGIS will always use transparency if this is Yes and the image encoding supports transparency.
- **Can Zoom In** — Whether or not this layer can be zoomed in by the server. This version of QGIS assumes all WMS layers have this set to Yes. Deficient layers may be rendered strangely.
- **Conteo en Cascada** — Los servidores WMS pueden actuar como proxy para otros servidores WMS para obtener datos ráster de una capa. Esta entrada muestra el número de veces que se remitió la solicitud de esta capa para ver a los servidores WMS para obtener un resultado.
- **Fixed Width, Fixed Height** — Whether or not this layer has fixed source pixel dimensions. This version of QGIS assumes all WMS layers have this set to nothing. Deficient layers may be rendered strangely.
- **WGS 84 Bounding Box** — The bounding box of the layer, in WGS 84 coordinates. Some WMS servers do not set this correctly (e.g., UTM coordinates are used instead). If this is the case, then the initial view of this layer may be rendered with a very ‘zoomed-out’ appearance by QGIS. The WMS webmaster should be informed of this error, which they may know as the WMS XML elements LatLonBoundingBox, EX\_GeographicBoundingBox or the CRS:84 BoundingBox.
- **Disponible en SRC** — Las proyecciones que esta capa puede representar por el servidor WMS. Éstos se enumeran en el formato nativo de WMS.
- **Disponible en estilo** — Los estilos de imagen que esta capa puede representar por el servidor WMS.

### Mostrar leyenda gráfica WMS en la tabla de contenido y diseñador de impresión

The QGIS WMS data provider is able to display a legend graphic in the table of contents’ layer list and in the map composer. The WMS legend will be shown only if the WMS server has GetLegendGraphic capability and the layer has getCapability url specified, so you additionally have to select a styling for the layer.

Si hay definida una legendGraphic, ésta se mostrará debajo de la capa. Es pequeña y hay que hacer clic sobre ella para abrirla en tamaño real (debido a una limitación de la arquitectura de QgsLegendInterface). Al hacer clic en la leyenda de la capa se abrirá un cuadro con la leyenda a la máxima resolución.

In the print composer, the legend will be integrated at it’s original (downloaded) dimension. Resolution of the legend graphic can be set in the item properties under Legend -> WMS LegendGraphic to match your printing requirements

La leyenda mostrará información contextual basada en su escala actual. La leyenda WMS se muestra sólo si el servidor WMS tiene capacidad GetLegendGraphic y la capa tiene definida una url getCapability, para lo que se debe seleccionar un estilo.

### Limitaciones del cliente WMS

Not all possible WMS client functionality had been included in this version of QGIS. Some of the more noteworthy exceptions follow.

#### Editar la configuración de la capa WMS

Once you’ve completed the  Add WMS layer procedure, there is no way to change the settings. A work-around is to delete the layer completely and start again.

\*\*Autentificación necesaria en servidores WMS \*\*

Actualmente, se admiten servicios WMS públicamente accesibles y garantizados. Los servidores WMS garantizados se puede acceder mediante autenticación pública. El usuario puede agregar las credenciales (opcional) cuando agregue un servidor WMS. Vea la sección :ref: *ogc-wms-servers* para más detalles.

#### Truco: Acceso garantizado a capas OGC

Si necesita acceder a capas protegidas mediante métodos seguros que no sean la autenticación básica, puede utilizar InteProxy como un proxy transparente, lo que lo hace compatible con varios métodos de autenticación. Puede encontrar más información en el manual InteProxy en <http://inteproxy.wald.intevation.org>.

#### Truco: QGIS WMS Mapserver

Since Version 1.7.0, QGIS has its own implementation of a WMS 1.3.0 Mapserver. Read more about this in chapter *QGIS as OGC Data Server*.

### 14.1.2 WCT Cliente

 Un Web Coverage Service (WCS) proporciona acceso a los datos ráster en formas que son útiles para la representación del lado cliente, como datos de entrada en los modelos científicos, y para otros clientes. El WCS se puede comparar con la WFS y el WMS. Como WMS y WFS instancias de servicios, un WCS permite a los clientes elegir partes de las explotaciones de información de un servidor basado en restricciones espaciales y otros criterios de consulta.

QGIS has a native WCS provider and supports both version 1.0 and 1.1 (which are significantly different), but currently it prefers 1.0, because 1.1 has many issues (i.e., each server implements it in a different way with various particularities).

The native WCS provider handles all network requests and uses all standard QGIS network settings (especially proxy). It is also possible to select cache mode ('always cache', 'prefer cache', 'prefer network', 'always network'), and the provider also supports selection of time position, if temporal domain is offered by the server.

### 14.1.3 Cliente WFS y WFS-T

In QGIS, a WFS layer behaves pretty much like any other vector layer. You can identify and select features, and view the attribute table. Since QGIS 1.6, editing WFS-T is also supported.

En general, añadir una capa WFS es muy similar al procedimiento utilizado con WMS. La diferencia es que no hay servidores por defecto definidos, así que tenemos que añadir la nuestra.

#### Cargar una capa WFS

Como un ejemplo, utilizamos el servidor WFS de DM Solutions y mostramos una capa. La URL es [http://www2.dmsolutions.ca/cgi-bin/mswfs\\_gmap](http://www2.dmsolutions.ca/cgi-bin/mswfs_gmap)

1. Haga clic en la herramienta  Añadir capa WFS en la barra de herramientas Capas. El diálogo *Añadir capa WFS de un servidor* aparecerá.
2. Haga clic en [Nuevo].
3. Ingrese 'DS Solutions' como nombre.
4. Introducir la URL (véase más arriba).
5. Haga clic en [Aceptar].
6. Choose 'DM Solutions' from the *Server Connections*  drop-down list.
7. Haga clic en [Conectar]
8. Espere a que la capa de capas este poblada.
9. Seleccione la capa *Parks* en la lista.

10. Haga clic en [Aplicar] para añadir la capa al mapa.

Tenga en cuenta que cualquier configuración de proxy que pueda haber establecido en sus preferencias también son reconocidos.

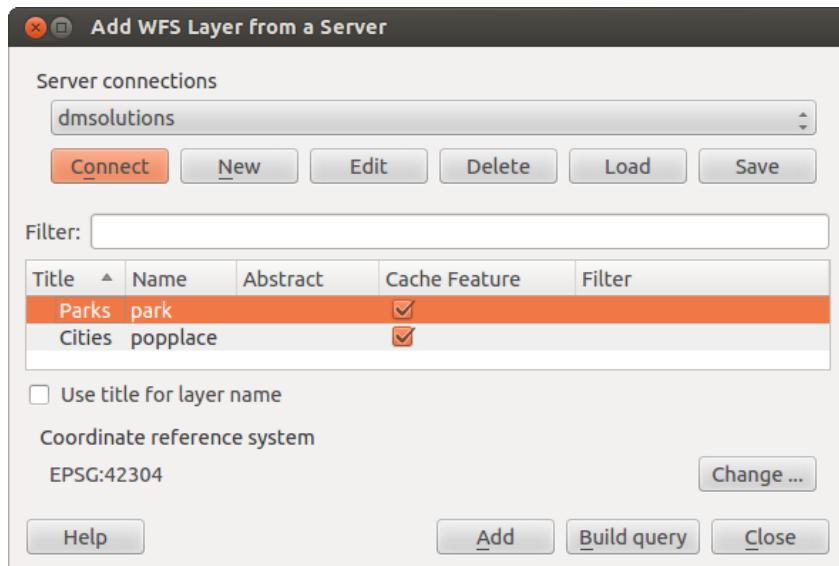


Figure 14.4: Adding a WFS layer 

You'll notice the download progress is visualized in the lower left of the QGIS main window. Once the layer is loaded, you can identify and select a province or two and view the attribute table.

Sólo la versión 1.0.0 de WFS es compatible. Por ahora, no ha habido muchas pruebas contra versiones WFS implementados en otros servidores de la CMA. Si tiene problemas con cualquier otro servidor WFS, por favor no dude en ponerse en contacto con el equipo de desarrollo. Por favor, consulte la sección :ref: `label\_helpsupport` para más información sobre las listas de correo.

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#### Truco: Encontrar servidores WFS

You can find additional WFS servers by using Google or your favorite search engine. There are a number of lists with public URLs, some of them maintained and some not.

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## 14.2 QGIS as OGC Data Server

QGIS Server is an open source WMS 1.3, WFS 1.0.0 and WCS 1.1.1 implementation that, in addition, implements advanced cartographic features for thematic mapping. The QGIS Server is a FastCGI/CGI (Common Gateway Interface) application written in C++ that works together with a web server (e.g., Apache, Lighttpd). It has Python plugin support allowing for fast and efficient development and deployment of new features. It is funded by the EU projects Orchestra, Sany and the city of Uster in Switzerland.

QGIS Server uses QGIS as back end for the GIS logic and for map rendering. Furthermore, the Qt library is used for graphics and for platform-independent C++ programming. In contrast to other WMS software, the QGIS Server uses cartographic rules as a configuration language, both for the server configuration and for the user-defined cartographic rules.

As QGIS desktop and QGIS Server use the same visualization libraries, the maps that are published on the web look the same as in desktop GIS.

In one of the following manuals, we will provide a sample configuration to set up a QGIS Server. For now, we recommend to read one of the following URLs to get more information:

- [http://karlinapp.ethz.ch/qgis\\_wms/](http://karlinapp.ethz.ch/qgis_wms/)
- [http://hub.qgis.org/projects/quantum-gis/wiki/QGIS\\_Server\\_Tutorial](http://hub.qgis.org/projects/quantum-gis/wiki/QGIS_Server_Tutorial)
- <http://linfiniti.com/2010/08/qgis-mapserver-a-wms-server-for-the-masses/>

### 14.2.1 Sample installation on Debian Squeeze

At this point, we will give a short and simple sample installation how-to for a minimal working configuration using Apache2 on Debian Squeeze. Many other OSs provide packages for QGIS Server, too. If you have to build it all from source, please refer to the URLs above.

Firstly, add the following debian GIS repository by adding the following repository:

```
$ cat /etc/apt/sources.list.d/debian-gis.list
deb http://qgis.org/debian trusty main
deb-src http://qgis.org/debian trusty main

$ # Add keys
$ sudo gpg --recv-key DD45F6C3
$ sudo gpg --export --armor DD45F6C3 | sudo apt-key add -

$ # Update package list
$ sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get upgrade
```

Now, install QGIS-Server:

```
$ sudo apt-get install qgis-server python-qgis
```

La instalación de un complemento de ejemplo HelloWorld para probar los servidores. Se puede crear un directorio para mantener los complementos del servidor. Esto se especificará en la configuración del host virtual y transmitirlo al servidor a través de una variable de entorno.

```
$ sudo mkdir -p /opt/qgis-server/plugins
$ cd /opt/qgis-server/plugins
$ sudo wget https://github.com/elpaso/qgis-helloserver/archive/master.zip
$ # In case unzip was not installed before:
$ sudo apt-get install unzip
$ sudo unzip master.zip
$ sudo mv qgis-helloserver-master HelloServer
```

Instalar el servidor Apache en un host virtual separado que escuche en el puerto 80. Habilitar el módulo de reescritura de pasar encabezados HTTP BASIC de autenticación:

```
$ sudo a2enmod rewrite
$ cat /etc/apache2/conf-available/qgis-server-port.conf
Listen 80
$ sudo a2enconf qgis-server-port
```

Esta es la configuración del host virtual, almacenado en /etc/apache2/sites-available/001-qgis-server.conf :

```
<VirtualHost *:80>
    ServerAdmin webmaster@localhost
    DocumentRoot /var/www/html

    ErrorLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/qgis-server-error.log
    CustomLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/qgis-server-access.log combined

    # Longer timeout for WPS... default = 40
    FcgidIOTimeout 120
    FcgidInitialEnv LC_ALL "en_US.UTF-8"
    FcgidInitialEnv PYTHONIOENCODING UTF-8
    FcgidInitialEnv LANG "en_US.UTF-8"
```

```
FcgidInitialEnv QGIS_DEBUG 1
FcgidInitialEnv QGIS_SERVER_LOG_FILE /tmp/qgis-000.log
FcgidInitialEnv QGIS_SERVER_LOG_LEVEL 0
FcgidInitialEnv QGIS_PLUGINPATH "/opt/qgis-server/plugins"

# ABP: needed for QGIS HelloServer plugin HTTP BASIC auth
<IfModule mod_fcgid.c>
    RewriteEngine on
    RewriteCond %{HTTP:Authorization} .
    RewriteRule .* - [E=HTTP_AUTHORIZATION:%{HTTP:Authorization}]
</IfModule>

ScriptAlias /cgi-bin/ /usr/lib/cgi-bin/
<Directory "/usr/lib/cgi-bin">
    AllowOverride All
    Options +ExecCGI -MultiViews +FollowSymLinks
    # for apache2 > 2.4
    Require all granted
    #Allow from all
</Directory>
</VirtualHost>
```

Ahora habilitar el host virtual y reiniciar Apache:

```
$ sudo a2ensite 001-qgis-server
$ sudo service apache2 restart
```

Probar el servidor con el complemento HelloWorld:

```
$ wget -q -O - "http://localhost/cgi-bin/qgis_mapserv.fcgi?SERVICE=HELLO"
HelloServer!
```

You can have a look at the default GetCapabilities of the QGIS server at:  
[http://localhost/cgi-bin/qgis\\_mapserv.fcgi?SERVICE=WMS&VERSION=1.3.0&REQUEST=GetCapabilities](http://localhost/cgi-bin/qgis_mapserv.fcgi?SERVICE=WMS&VERSION=1.3.0&REQUEST=GetCapabilities)

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**Truco:** If you work with a feature that has many nodes then modifying and adding a new feature will fail. In this case it is possible to insert the following code into the `001-qgis-server.conf` file:

```
<IfModule mod_fcgid.c>
FcgidMaxRequestLen 26214400
FcgidConnectTimeout 60
</IfModule>
```

---

## 14.2.2 Creating a WMS/WFS/WCS from a QGIS project

To provide a new QGIS Server WMS, WFS or WCS, we have to create a QGIS project file with some data. Here, we use the ‘Alaska’ shapefile from the QGIS sample dataset. Define the colors and styles of the layers in QGIS and the project CRS, if not already defined.

Then, go to the *OWS Server* menu of the *Project → Project Properties* dialog and provide some information about the OWS in the fields under *Service Capabilities*. This will appear in the GetCapabilities response of the WMS, WFS or WCS. If you don’t check  *Service capabilities*, QGIS Server will use the information given in the `wms_metadata.xml` file located in the `cgi-bin` folder.

### WMS capabilities

In the *WMS capabilities* section, you can define the extent advertised in the WMS GetCapabilities response by entering the minimum and maximum X and Y values in the fields under *Advertised extent*. Clicking *Use Current Canvas Extent* sets these values to the extent currently displayed in the QGIS map canvas. By checking  *CRS restrictions*, you can restrict in which coordinate reference systems (CRS) QGIS Server will offer to render maps.

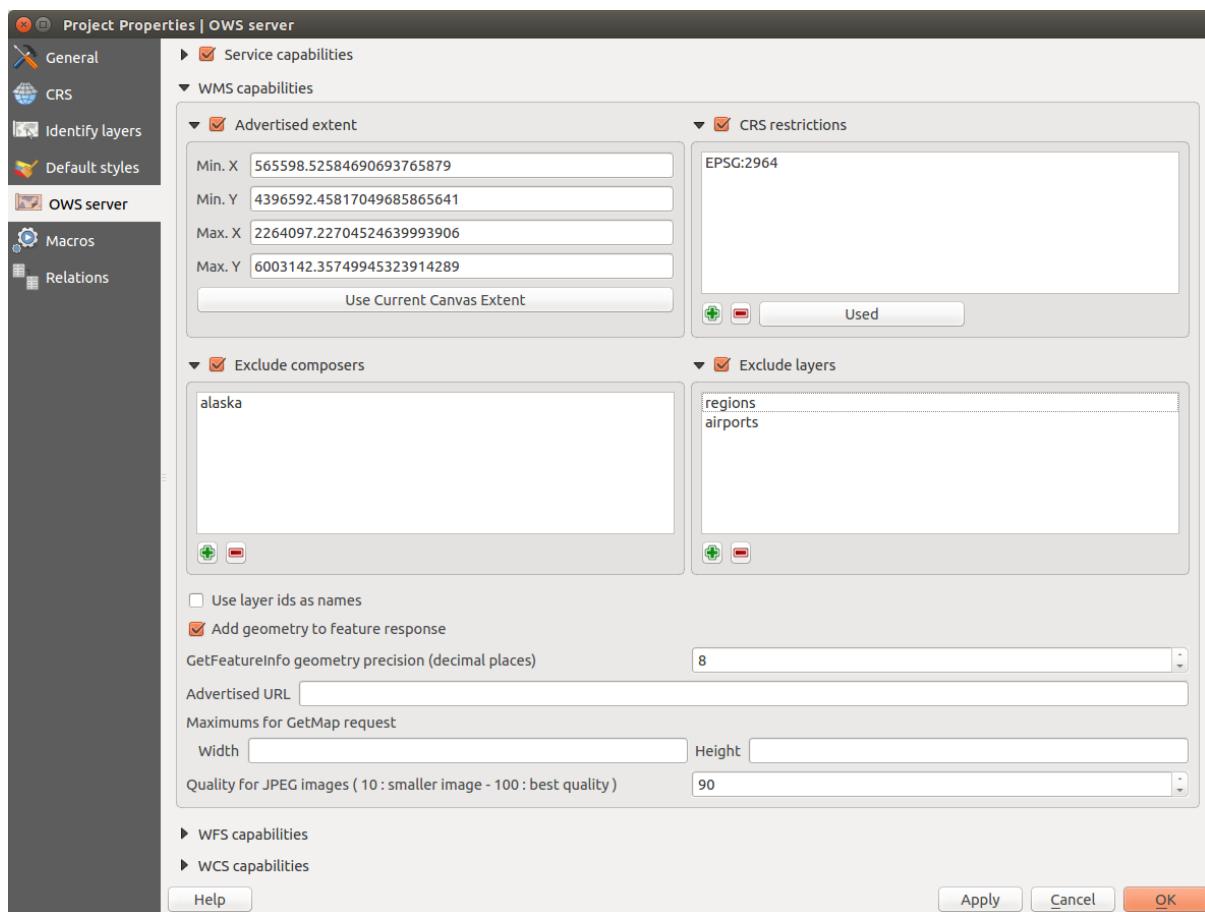
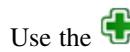


Figure 14.5: Definitions for a QGIS Server WMS/WFS/WCS project (KDE)



Use the button below to select those CRS from the Coordinate Reference System Selector, or click *Used* to add the CRS used in the QGIS project to the list.

If you have print composers defined in your project, they will be listed in the GetCapabilities response, and they can be used by the GetPrint request to create prints, using one of the print composer layouts as a template. This is a QGIS-specific extension to the WMS 1.3.0 specification. If you want to exclude any print composer from

being published by the WMS, check *Exclude composers* and click the button below. Then, select a print composer from the *Select print composer* dialog in order to add it to the excluded composers list.

If you want to exclude any layer or layer group from being published by the WMS, check *Exclude Layers* and click the button below. This opens the *Select restricted layers and groups* dialog, which allows you to choose the layers and groups that you don't want to be published. Use the Shift or Ctrl key if you want to select multiple entries at once.

You can receive requested GetFeatureInfo as plain text, XML and GML. Default is XML, text or GML format depends the output format chosen for the GetFeatureInfo request.

If you wish, you can check *Add geometry to feature response*. This will include in the GetFeatureInfo response the geometries of the features in a text format. If you want QGIS Server to advertise specific request URLs in the WMS GetCapabilities response, enter the corresponding URL in the *Advertised URL* field. Furthermore, you can restrict the maximum size of the maps returned by the GetMap request by entering the maximum width and height into the respective fields under *Maximums for GetMap request*.

If one of your layers uses the Map Tip display (i.e. to show text using expressions) this will be listed inside the GetFeatureInfo output. If the layer uses a Value Map for one of his attributes, also this information will be shown in the GetFeatureInfo output.

QGIS support the following request for WMS service:

- GetCapabilities
- GetMap
- GetFeatureInfo
- GetLegendGraphic (perfil SLD)
- DescribeLayer (perfil SLD)
- GetStyles (perfil QGIS personalizado)

### **WFS capabilities**

In the *WFS capabilities* area, you can select the layers that you want to publish as WFS, and specify if they will allow the update, insert and delete operations. If you enter a URL in the *Advertised URL* field of the *WFS capabilities* section, QGIS Server will advertise this specific URL in the WFS GetCapabilities response.

QGIS support the following request for WFS service:

- GetCapabilities
- DescribeFeatureType
- GetFeature
- Transacción

### **WCS capabilities**

In the *WCS capabilities* area, you can select the layers that you want to publish as WCS. If you enter a URL in the *Advertised URL* field of the *WCS capabilities* section, QGIS Server will advertise this specific URL in the WCS GetCapabilities response.

Ahora, guardarmos la sesión en un archivo de proyecto alaska.qgs. Para proveer el proyecto como WMS/WFS, creamos una nueva carpeta /usr/lib/cgi-bin/project con privilegios de administrados y añadimos el archivo del proyecto alaska.qgs y copiamos del archivo qgis\_mapserv.fcgi - eso es todo.

Now we test our project WMS, WFS and WCS. Add the WMS, WFS and WCS as described in [Cargando capas WMS/WMTS](#), [Cliente WFS y WFS-T](#) and [WCT Cliente](#) to QGIS and load the data. The URL is:

```
http://localhost/cgi-bin/project/qgis_mapserv.fcgi
```

QGIS support the following request for WCS service:

- GetCapabilities
- DescribeCoverage
- GetCoverage

## Ajuste fino de OWS

For vector layers, the *Fields* menu of the *Layer → Properties* dialog allows you to define for each attribute if it will be published or not. By default, all the attributes are published by your WMS and WFS. If you want a specific attribute not to be published, uncheck the corresponding checkbox in the *WMS* or *WFS* column.

You can overlay watermarks over the maps produced by your WMS by adding text annotations or SVG annotations to the project file. See section Annotation Tools in [Herramientas generales](#) for instructions on creating annotations. For annotations to be displayed as watermarks on the WMS output, the *Fixed map position* check box in the *Annotation text* dialog must be unchecked. This can be accessed by double clicking the annotation while one of the annotation tools is active. For SVG annotations, you will need either to set the project to save absolute paths (in the *General* menu of the *Project → Project Properties* dialog) or to manually modify the path to the SVG image in a way that it represents a valid relative path.

## Parámetros extra soportados por la petición GetMap del WMS

In the WMS GetMap request, QGIS Server accepts a couple of extra parameters in addition to the standard parameters according to the OCG WMS 1.3.0 specification:

- **MAP** parameter: Similar to MapServer, the MAP parameter can be used to specify the path to the QGIS project file. You can specify an absolute path or a path relative to the location of the server executable (`qgis_mapserv.fcgi`). If not specified, QGIS Server searches for .qgs files in the directory where the server executable is located.

Ejemplo:

```
http://localhost/cgi-bin/qgis_mapserv.fcgi?\nREQUEST=GetMap&MAP=/home/qgis/mymap.qgs&...
```

- Parámetro **DPI**: El parámetro DPI se puede utilizar para especificar la resolución de la solicitud de salida.

Ejemplo:

```
http://localhost/cgi-bin/qgis_mapserv.fcgi?REQUEST=GetMap&DPI=300&...
```

- Parámetro **OPACITIES**: La opacidad se puede establecer en una capa o nivel de grupo. Los valores permitidos van de 0 (completamente transparente) a 255 (totalmente opaco).

Ejemplo:

```
http://localhost/cgi-bin/qgis_mapserv.fcgi?\nREQUEST=GetMap&LAYERS=mylayer1,mylayer2&OPACITIES=125,200&...
```

## QGIS Server logging

To log requests send to server, set the following environment variables:

- **QGIS\_SERVER\_LOG\_FILE**: Especifica la ruta y el nombre de archivo. Comprobar que el servidor tiene los permisos apropiados para escritura de archivo. El archivo debe ser creado automáticamente, sólo envíe algunas solicitudes al servidor. Si no está allá, verifique los permisos.

- **QGIS\_SERVER\_LOG\_LEVEL:** Especifica el nivel de registro deseado. los valores disponibles son:
  - 0 INFO (registrar todas las solicitudes),
  - 1 ADVERTENCIA,
  - 2 CRÍTICA (Registrar sólo errores críticos, adecuado para fines de producción)

Ejemplo:

```
SetEnv QGIS_SERVER_LOG_FILE /var/tmp/qgislog.txt
SetEnv QGIS_SERVER_LOG_LEVEL 0
```

#### Note

- ¡Al usar el módulo Fcgid utilice FcgidInitialEnv en lugar de SetEnv!
- Server logging is enabled also if executable is compiled in release mode.

#### Variables de entorno

- **QGIS\_OPTIONS\_PATH:** The variable specifies path to directory with settings. It works the same ways as QGIS application –optionspath option. It is looking for settings file in <QGIS\_OPTIONS\_PATH>/QGIS/QGIS2.ini. For example, to set QGIS server on Apache to use /path/to/config/QGIS/QGIS2.ini settings file, add to Apache config:

```
SetEnv QGIS_OPTIONS_PATH "/path/to/config/"
```

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## Trabajar con datos GPS

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### 15.1 Plugin de GPS

#### 15.1.1 What is GPS?

GPS, the Global Positioning System, is a satellite-based system that allows anyone with a GPS receiver to find their exact position anywhere in the world. GPS is used as an aid in navigation, for example in airplanes, in boats and by hikers. The GPS receiver uses the signals from the satellites to calculate its latitude, longitude and (sometimes) elevation. Most receivers also have the capability to store locations (known as **waypoints**), sequences of locations that make up a planned **route** and a tracklog or **track** of the receiver's movement over time. Waypoints, routes and tracks are the three basic feature types in GPS data. QGIS displays waypoints in point layers, while routes and tracks are displayed in linestring layers.

#### 15.1.2 Loading GPS data from a file

There are dozens of different file formats for storing GPS data. The format that QGIS uses is called GPX (GPS eXchange format), which is a standard interchange format that can contain any number of waypoints, routes and tracks in the same file.

To load a GPX file, you first need to load the plugin. *Plugins* →  *Plugin Manager...* opens the Plugin Manager Dialog. Activate the  **GPS Tools** checkbox. When this plugin is loaded, a button with a small handheld GPS device will show up in the toolbar and in *Layer* → *Create Layer* → :

-  **GPS Tools**
-  **Create new GPX Layer**

For working with GPS data, we provide an example GPX file available in the QGIS sample dataset: `qgis_sample_data/gps/national_monuments.gpx`. See section *Datos de ejemplo* for more information about the sample data.

1. Select *Vector* → *GPS* → *GPS Tools* or click the  **GPS Tools** icon in the toolbar and open the *Load GPX file* tab (see [figure\\_GPS\\_1](#)).
2. Browse to the folder `qgis_sample_data/gps/`, select the GPX file `national_monuments.gpx` and click **[Open]**.

Use the **[Browse...]** button to select the GPX file, then use the checkboxes to select the feature types you want to load from that GPX file. Each feature type will be loaded in a separate layer when you click **[OK]**. The file `national_monuments.gpx` only includes waypoints.

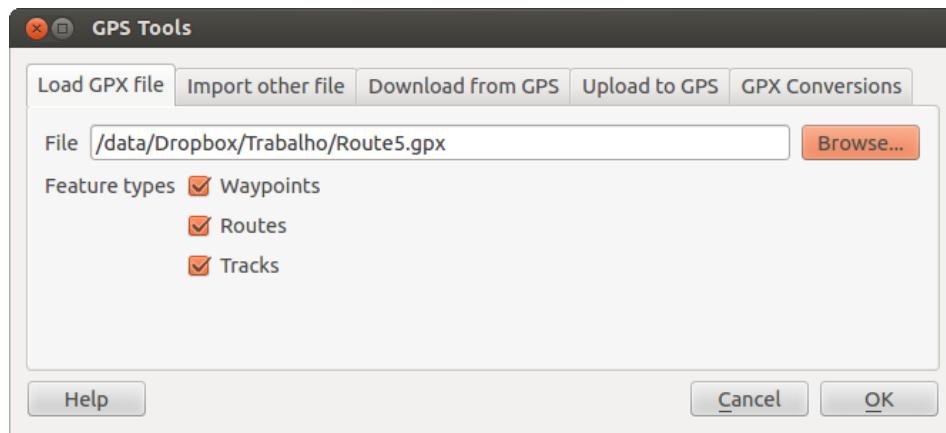


Figure 15.1: The *GPS Tools* dialog window 

**Nota:** GPS units allow you to store data in different coordinate systems. When downloading a GPX file (from your GPS unit or a web site) and then loading it in QGIS, be sure that the data stored in the GPX file uses WGS 84 (latitude/longitude). QGIS expects this, and it is the official GPX specification. See <http://www.topografix.com/GPX/1/1/>.

### 15.1.3 GPSBabel

Since QGIS uses GPX files, you need a way to convert other GPS file formats to GPX. This can be done for many formats using the free program GPSBabel, which is available at <http://www.gpsbabel.org>. This program can also transfer GPS data between your computer and a GPS device. QGIS uses GPSBabel to do these things, so it is recommended that you install it. However, if you just want to load GPS data from GPX files you will not need it. Version 1.2.3 of GPSBabel is known to work with QGIS, but you should be able to use later versions without any problems.

### 15.1.4 Importing GPS data

To import GPS data from a file that is not a GPX file, you use the tool *Import other file* in the GPS Tools dialog. Here, you select the file that you want to import (and the file type), which feature type you want to import from it, where you want to store the converted GPX file and what the name of the new layer should be. Note that not all GPS data formats will support all three feature types, so for many formats you will only be able to choose between one or two types.

### 15.1.5 Downloading GPS data from a device

QGIS can use GPSBabel to download data from a GPS device directly as new vector layers. For this we use the *Download from GPS* tab of the GPS Tools dialog (see [Figure\\_GPS\\_2](#)). Here, we select the type of GPS device, the port that it is connected to (or USB if your GPS supports this), the feature type that you want to download, the GPX file where the data should be stored, and the name of the new layer.

The device type you select in the GPS device menu determines how GPSBabel tries to communicate with your GPS device. If none of the available types work with your GPS device, you can create a new type (see section [Defining new device types](#)).

The port may be a file name or some other name that your operating system uses as a reference to the physical port in your computer that the GPS device is connected to. It may also be simply USB, for USB-enabled GPS units.

-  On Linux, this is something like /dev/ttyS0 or /dev/ttyS1.
-  On Windows, it is COM1 or COM2.

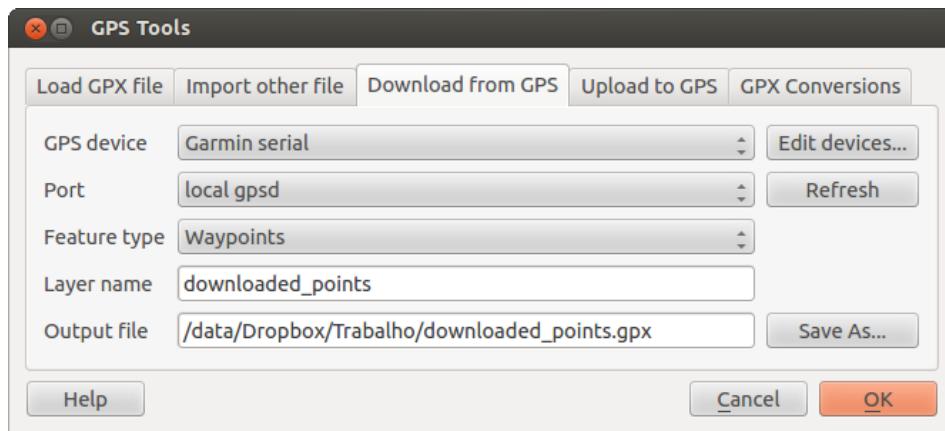


Figure 15.2: The download tool

When you click [**OK**], the data will be downloaded from the device and appear as a layer in QGIS.

### 15.1.6 Uploading GPS data to a device

You can also upload data directly from a vector layer in QGIS to a GPS device using the *Upload to GPS* tab of the GPS Tools dialog. To do this, you simply select the layer that you want to upload (which must be a GPX layer), your GPS device type, and the port (or USB) that it is connected to. Just as with the download tool, you can specify new device types if your device isn't in the list.

This tool is very useful in combination with the vector-editing capabilities of QGIS. It allows you to load a map, create waypoints and routes, and then upload them and use them on your GPS device.

### 15.1.7 Defining new device types

There are lots of different types of GPS devices. The QGIS developers can't test all of them, so if you have one that does not work with any of the device types listed in the *Download from GPS* and *Upload to GPS* tools, you can define your own device type for it. You do this by using the GPS device editor, which you start by clicking the [**Edit devices**] button in the download or the upload tab.

To define a new device, you simply click the [**New device**] button, enter a name, enter download and upload commands for your device, and click the [**Update device**] button. The name will be listed in the device menus in the upload and download windows – it can be any string. The download command is the command that is used to download data from the device to a GPX file. This will probably be a GPSBabel command, but you can use any other command line program that can create a GPX file. QGIS will replace the keywords `%type`, `%in`, and `%out` when it runs the command.

`%type` will be replaced by `-w` if you are downloading waypoints, `-r` if you are downloading routes and `-t` if you are downloading tracks. These are command-line options that tell GPSBabel which feature type to download.

`%in` will be replaced by the port name that you choose in the download window and `%out` will be replaced by the name you choose for the GPX file that the downloaded data should be stored in. So, if you create a device type with the download command `gpsbabel %type -i garmin -o gpx %in %out` (this is actually the download command for the predefined device type 'Garmin serial') and then use it to download waypoints from port `/dev/ttyS0` to the file `output.gpx`, QGIS will replace the keywords and run the command `gpsbabel -w -i garmin -o gpx /dev/ttyS0 output.gpx`.

The upload command is the command that is used to upload data to the device. The same keywords are used, but `%in` is now replaced by the name of the GPX file for the layer that is being uploaded, and `%out` is replaced by the port name.

You can learn more about GPSBabel and its available command line options at <http://www.gpsbabel.org>.

Once you have created a new device type, it will appear in the device lists for the download and upload tools.

### 15.1.8 Download of points/tracks from GPS units

As described in previous sections QGIS uses GPSBabel to download points/tracks directly in the project. QGIS comes out of the box with a pre-defined profile to download from Garmin devices. Unfortunately there is a [bug #6318](#) that does not allow create other profiles, so downloading directly in QGIS using the GPS Tools is at the moment limited to Garmin USB units.

#### Garmin GPSMAP 60cs

##### MS Windows

Install the Garmin USB drivers from [http://www8.garmin.com/support/download\\_details.jsp?id=591](http://www8.garmin.com/support/download_details.jsp?id=591)

Connect the unit. Open GPS Tools and use `type=garmin` `serial` and `port=usb`: Fill the fields *Layer name* and *Output file*. Sometimes it seems to have problems saving in a certain folder, using something like `c:\temp` usually works.

##### Ubuntu/Mint GNU/Linux

It is first needed an issue about the permissions of the device, as described at [https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/USB\\_Garmin\\_on\\_GNU/Linux](https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/USB_Garmin_on_GNU/Linux). You can try to create a file `/etc/udev/rules.d/51-garmin.rules` containing this rule

```
ATTRS{idVendor}=="091e", ATTRS{idProduct}=="0003", MODE=="666"
```

After that is necessary to be sure that the `garmin_gps` kernel module is not loaded

```
rmmmod garmin_gps
```

and then you can use the GPS Tools. Unfortunately there seems to be a [bug #7182](#) and usually QGIS freezes several times before the operation work fine.

#### BTGP-38KM datalogger (only Bluetooth)

##### MS Windows

The already referred bug does not allow to download the data from within QGIS, so it is needed to use GPSBabel from the command line or using its interface. The working command is

```
gpsbabel -t -i skytraq,baud=9600,initbaud=9600 -f COM9 -o gpx -F C:/GPX/aaa.gpx
```

##### Ubuntu/Mint GNU/Linux

Use same command (or settings if you use GPSBabel GUI) as in Windows. On Linux it maybe somehow common to get a message like

```
skytraq: Too many read errors on serial port
```

it is just a matter to turn off and on the datalogger and try again.

#### BlueMax GPS-4044 datalogger (both BT and USB)

##### MS Windows

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**Nota:** It needs to install its drivers before using it on Windows 7. See in the manufacturer site for the proper download.

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Downloading with GPSBabel, both with USB and BT returns always an error like

```
gpsbabel -t -i mtk -f COM12 -o gpx -F C:/temp/test.gpx
mtk_logger: Can't create temporary file data.bin
Error running gpsbabel: Process exited unsuccessfully with code 1
```

## Ubuntu/Mint GNU/Linux

### With USB

After having connected the cable use the `dmesg` command to understand what port is being used, for example `/dev/ttyACM3`. Then as usual use GPSBabel from the CLI or GUI

```
gpsbabel -t -i mtk -f /dev/ttyACM3 -o gpx -F /home/user/bluemax.gpx
```

### With Bluetooth

Use Blueman Device Manager to pair the device and make it available through a system port, then run GPSBabel

```
gpsbabel -t -i mtk -f /dev/rfcomm0 -o gpx -F /home/user/bluemax_bt.gpx
```

## 15.2 Seguimiento de GPS en Vivo

To activate live GPS tracking in QGIS, you need to select *Settings* → *Panels*  *GPS information*. You will get a new docked window on the left side of the canvas.

There are four possible screens in this GPS tracking window:

- GPS position coordinates and an interface for manually entering vertices and features
- GPS signal strength of satellite connections
- GPS polar screen showing number and polar position of satellites
- GPS options screen (see [figure\\_gps\\_options](#))

With a plugged-in GPS receiver (has to be supported by your operating system), a simple click on [**Connect**] connects the GPS to QGIS. A second click (now on [**Disconnect**]) disconnects the GPS receiver from your computer. For GNU/Linux, gpsd support is integrated to support connection to most GPS receivers. Therefore, you first have to configure gpsd properly to connect QGIS to it.

**Advertencia:** If you want to record your position to the canvas, you have to create a new vector layer first and switch it to editable status to be able to record your track.

### 15.2.1 Position and additional attributes

If the GPS is receiving signals from satellites, you will see your position in latitude, longitude and altitude together with additional attributes.

### 15.2.2 GPS signal strength

Here, you can see the signal strength of the satellites you are receiving signals from.

### 15.2.3 GPS polar window

If you want to know where in the sky all the connected satellites are, you have to switch to the polar screen. You can also see the ID numbers of the satellites you are receiving signals from.

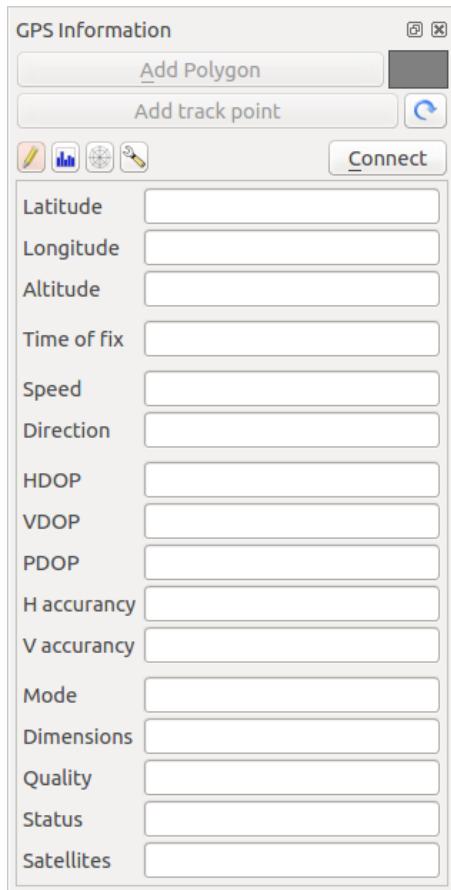


Figure 15.3: GPS tracking position and additional attributes 

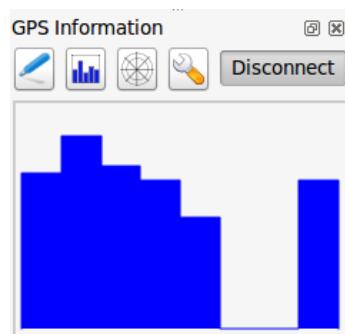


Figure 15.4: GPS tracking signal strength 

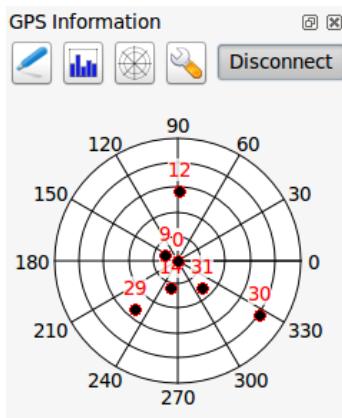


Figure 15.5: GPS tracking polar window 

#### 15.2.4 GPS options

 In case of connection problems, you can switch between:

- Autodetect
- Internal
- Serial device
- gpsd (selecting the Host, Port and Device your GPS is connected to)

A click on [Connect] again initiates the connection to the GPS receiver.

You can activate  *Automatically save added features* when you are in editing mode. Or you can activate  *Automatically add points* to the map canvas with a certain width and color.

Activating  *Cursor*, you can use a slider  to shrink and grow the position cursor on the canvas.

Activating  *Map centering* allows you to decide in which way the canvas will be updated. This includes ‘always’, ‘when leaving’, if your recorded coordinates start to move out of the canvas, or ‘never’, to keep map extent.

Finally, you can activate  *Log file* and define a path and a file where log messages about the GPS tracking are logged.

If you want to set a feature manually, you have to go back to  *Position* and click on [Add Point] or [Add track point].

#### 15.2.5 Connect to a Bluetooth GPS for live tracking

With QGIS you can connect a Bluetooth GPS for field data collection. To perform this task you need a GPS Bluetooth device and a Bluetooth receiver on your computer.

At first you must let your GPS device be recognized and paired to the computer. Turn on the GPS, go to the Bluetooth icon on your notification area and search for a New Device.

On the right side of the Device selection mask make sure that all devices are selected so your GPS unit will probably appear among those available. In the next step a serial connection service should be available, select it and click on [Configure] button.

Remember the number of the COM port assigned to the GPS connection as resulting by the Bluetooth properties.

After the GPS has been recognized, make the pairing for the connection. Usually the authorization code is 0000.

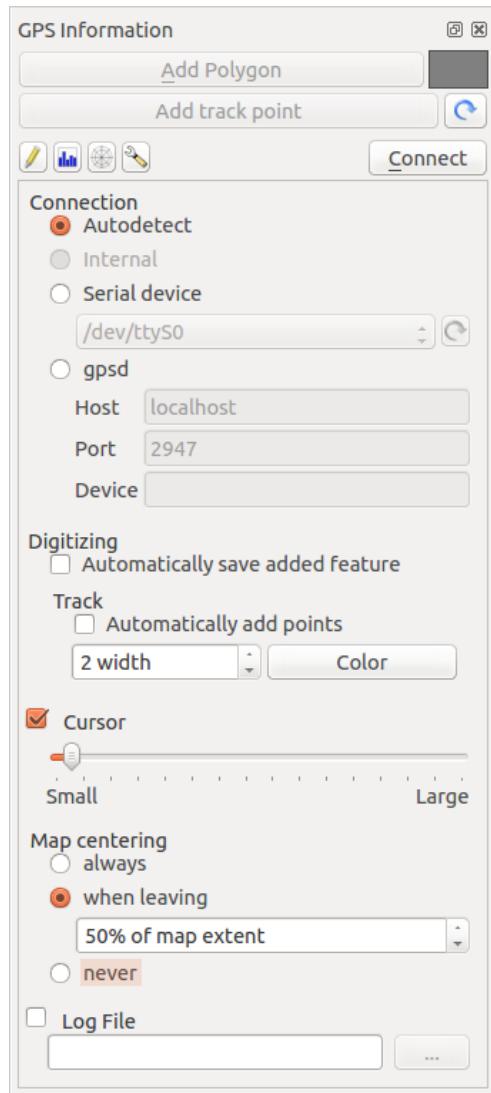


Figure 15.6: GPS tracking options window 

Now open *GPS information* panel and switch to  GPS options screen. Select the COM port assigned to the GPS connection and click the [Connect]. After a while a cursor indicating your position should appear.

If QGIS can't receive GPS data, then you should restart your GPS device, wait 5-10 seconds then try to connect again. Usually this solution work. If you receive again a connection error make sure you don't have another Bluetooth receiver near you, paired with the same GPS unit.

### 15.2.6 Using GPSMAP 60cs

#### MS Windows

Easiest way to make it work is to use a middleware (freeware, not open) called [GPSGate](#).

Launch the program, make it scan for GPS devices (works for both USB and BT ones) and then in QGIS just click [Connect] in the Live tracking panel using the  Autodetect mode.

#### Ubuntu/Mint GNU/Linux

As for Windows the easiest way is to use a server in the middle, in this case GPSD, so

```
sudo apt-get install gpsd
```

Then load the garmin\_gps kernel module

```
sudo modprobe garmin_gps
```

And then connect the unit. Then check with dmesg the actual device being used bu the unit, for example /dev/ttyUSB0. Now you can launch gpsd

```
gpsd /dev/ttyUSB0
```

And finally connect with the QGIS live tracking tool.

### 15.2.7 Using BTGP-38KM datalogger (only Bluetooth)

Using GPSD (under Linux) or GPSGate (under Windows) is effortless.

### 15.2.8 Using BlueMax GPS-4044 datalogger (both BT and USB)

#### MS Windows

The live tracking works for both USB and BT modes, by using GPSGate or even without it, just use the  Autodetect mode, or point the tool the right port.

#### Ubuntu/Mint GNU/Linux

##### For USB

The live tracking works both with GPSD

```
gpsd /dev/ttyACM3
```

or without it, by connecting the QGIS live tracking tool directly to the device (for example /dev/ttyACM3).

##### For Bluetooth

The live tracking works both with GPSD

`gpsd /dev/rfcomm0`

or without it, by connecting the QGIS live tracking tool directly to the device (for example `/dev/rfcomm0`).

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## Integracion GRASS SIG

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The GRASS plugin provides access to GRASS GIS databases and functionalities (see GRASS-PROJECT in [Referencias bibliográficas y web](#)). This includes visualizing GRASS raster and vector layers, digitizing vector layers, editing vector attributes, creating new vector layers and analysing GRASS 2-D and 3-D data with more than 400 GRASS modules.

In this section, we'll introduce the plugin functionalities and give some examples of managing and working with GRASS data. The following main features are provided with the toolbar menu when you start the GRASS plugin, as described in section [sec\\_starting\\_grass](#):

-  Open mapset
-  New mapset
-  Close mapset
-  Add GRASS vector layer
-  Add GRASS raster layer
-  Create new GRASS vector
-  Edit GRASS vector layer
-  Open GRASS tools
-  Display current GRASS region
-  Edit current GRASS region

### 16.1 Iniciar el complemento GRASS

To use GRASS functionalities and/or visualize GRASS vector and raster layers in QGIS, you must select and load the GRASS plugin with the Plugin Manager. Therefore, go to the menu *Plugins* →  *Manage Plugins*, select  **GRASS** and click **[OK]**.

You can now start loading raster and vector layers from an existing GRASS LOCATION (see section [sec\\_load\\_grassdata](#)). Or, you can create a new GRASS LOCATION with QGIS (see section [Crear una nueva LOCALIZACIÓN GRASS](#)) and import some raster and vector data (see section [Importar datos dentro de una LOCALIZACIÓN DE GRASS](#)) for further analysis with the GRASS Toolbox (see section [La caja de herramientas GRASS](#)).

## 16.2 Cargar capas ráster y vectorial de GRASS

With the GRASS plugin, you can load vector or raster layers using the appropriate button on the toolbar menu. As an example, we will use the QGIS Alaska dataset (see section *Datos de ejemplo*). It includes a small sample GRASS LOCATION with three vector layers and one raster elevation map.

1. Create a new folder called `grassdata`, download the QGIS ‘Alaska’ dataset `qgis_sample_data.zip` from <http://download.osgeo.org/qgis/data/> and unzip the file into `grassdata`.
2. Start QGIS.
3. If not already done in a previous QGIS session, load the GRASS plugin clicking on *Plugins* →  *Manage Plugins* and activate  *GRASS*. The GRASS toolbar appears in the QGIS main window.
4. In the GRASS toolbar, click the  *Open mapset* icon to bring up the *MAPSET* wizard.
5. For *Gisdbase*, browse and select or enter the path to the newly created folder `grassdata`.
6. You should now be able to select the *LOCATION*  `alaska` and the *MAPSET*  `demo`.
7. Click **[OK]**. Notice that some previously disabled tools in the GRASS toolbar are now enabled.
8. Click on  *Add GRASS raster layer*, choose the map name `gtopo30` and click **[OK]**. The elevation layer will be visualized.
9. Click on  *Add GRASS vector layer*, choose the map name `alaska` and click **[OK]**. The Alaska boundary vector layer will be overlaid on top of the `gtopo30` map. You can now adapt the layer properties as described in chapter *El Dialogo de las Propiedades del Vector* (e.g., change opacity, fill and outline color).
10. Also load the other two vector layers, `rivers` and `airports`, and adapt their properties.

As you see, it is very simple to load GRASS raster and vector layers in QGIS. See the following sections for editing GRASS data and creating a new LOCATION. More sample GRASS LOCATIONS are available at the GRASS website at <http://grass.osgeo.org/download/sample-data/>.

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### Truco: Cargando datos GRASS

If you have problems loading data or QGIS terminates abnormally, check to make sure you have loaded the GRASS plugin properly as described in section *Iniciar el complemento GRASS*.

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## 16.3 LOCALIZACIÓN y DIRECTORIO DE MAPA GRASS

GRASS data are stored in a directory referred to as `GISDBASE`. This directory, often called `grassdata`, must be created before you start working with the GRASS plugin in QGIS. Within this directory, the GRASS GIS data are organized by projects stored in subdirectories called `LOCATIONS`. Each `LOCATION` is defined by its coordinate system, map projection and geographical boundaries. Each `LOCATION` can have several `MAPSETS` (subdirectories of the `LOCATION`) that are used to subdivide the project into different topics or subregions, or as workspaces for individual team members (see Neteler & Mitasova 2008 in *Referencias bibliográficas y web*). In order to analyze vector and raster layers with GRASS modules, you must import them into a GRASS `LOCATION`. (This is not strictly true – with the GRASS modules `r.external` and `v.external` you can create read-only links to external GDAL/OGR-supported datasets without importing them. But because this is not the usual way for beginners to work with GRASS, this functionality will not be described here.)

### 16.3.1 Crear una nueva LOCALIZACIÓN GRASS

As an example, here is how the sample GRASS `LOCATION` `alaska`, which is projected in Albers Equal Area projection with unit feet was created for the QGIS sample dataset. This sample GRASS `LOCATION` `alaska`

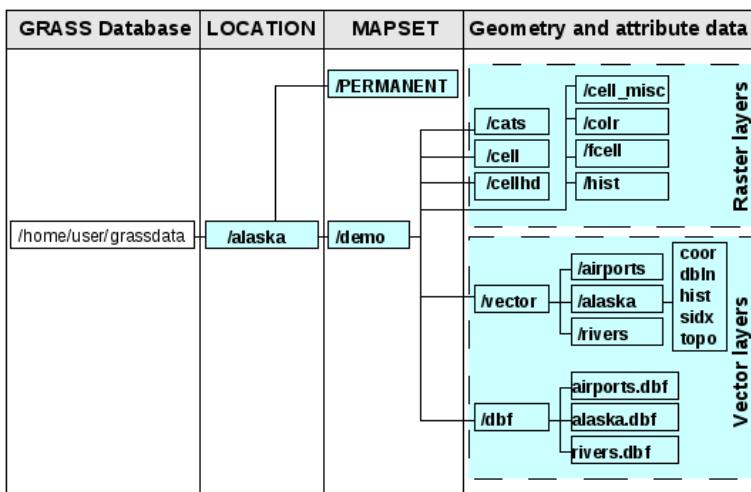


Figure 16.1: Datos GRASS en la LOCALIZACIÓN alaska

will be used for all examples and exercises in the following GRASS-related sections. It is useful to download and install the dataset on your computer (see [Datos de ejemplo](#)).

1. Start QGIS and make sure the GRASS plugin is loaded.
2. Visualize the `alaska.shp` shapefile (see section [Loading a Shapefile](#)) from the QGIS Alaska dataset (see [Datos de ejemplo](#)).
3. In the GRASS toolbar, click on the New mapset icon to bring up the *MAPSET* wizard.
4. Seleccione un conjunto de datos GRASS existente (GISDBASE) la carpeta `grassdata`, o cree una para la nueva LOCALIZACIÓN utilizando un administrador de archivos en su computadores. A continuación haga clic en **[Siguiente]**.
5. We can use this wizard to create a new MAPSET within an existing LOCATION (see section [Añadir un nuevo DIRECTORIO DE MAPA](#)) or to create a new LOCATION altogether. Select Create new location (see `figure_grass_location_2`).
6. Escriba un nombre para la LOZALIZACIÓN – usemos ‘alaska’ y haga clic en **[Siguiente]**.
7. Define the projection by clicking on the radio button Projection to enable the projection list.
8. We are using Albers Equal Area Alaska (feet) projection. Since we happen to know that it is represented by the EPSG ID 2964, we enter it in the search box. (Note: If you want to repeat this process for another LOCATION and projection and haven’t memorized the EPSG ID, click on the CRS Status icon in the lower right-hand corner of the status bar (see section [Trabajar con Proyecciones](#))).
9. En *Filtrar*, inserte 2964 para seleccionar la proyección.
10. Clic **[Siguiente]**.
11. To define the default region, we have to enter the LOCATION bounds in the north, south, east, and west directions. Here, we simply click on the button **[Set current lqgl extent]**, to apply the extent of the loaded layer `alaska.shp` as the GRASS default region extent.
12. Clic **[Siguiente]**.
13. También necesitamos definir un DIRECTORIO DE MAPA dentro de nuestra nueva LOCALIZACIÓN (esto es necesario al crear una nueva LOCALIZACIÓN). Puede nombrarlo como quiera - nosotros usamos ‘demo’. GRASS automáticamente crea un DIRECTORIO DE MAPA especial llamado PERMANENT, designado para almacenar los datos base para la proyección, su extensión espacial por defecto y sistema de coordenadas definida (vea Neteler & Mitasova 2008 en [Referencias bibliográficas y web](#))
14. Revise el resumen para asegurarse que es correcto y haga clic en **[Finalizar]**

15. La nueva LOCALIZACIÓN, ‘alaska’, y los dos DIRECTORIO DE MAPAS, ‘demo’ y ‘PERMANENT’, son creados. El conjunto de trabajo abierto actualmente es ‘demo’, como se ha definido.
16. Tenga en cuenta que algunas de las herramientas en la barra de herramientas de GRASS que estaban inhabilitadas ahora están habilitadas.

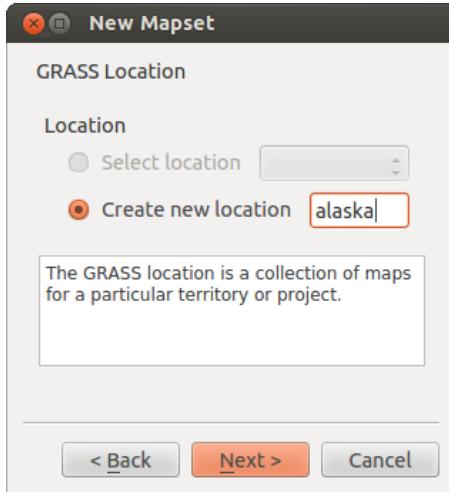


Figure 16.2: Creating a new GRASS LOCATION or a new MAPSET in QGIS

If that seemed like a lot of steps, it's really not all that bad and a very quick way to create a LOCATION. The LOCATION ‘alaska’ is now ready for data import (see section [Importar datos dentro de una LOCALIZACIÓN DE GRASS](#)). You can also use the already-existing vector and raster data in the sample GRASS LOCATION ‘alaska’, included in the QGIS ‘Alaska’ dataset [Datos de ejemplo](#), and move on to section [El modelo de datos vectoriales de GRASS](#).

### 16.3.2 Añadir un nuevo DIRECTORIO DE MAPA

A user has write access only to a GRASS MAPSET he or she created. This means that besides access to your own MAPSET, you can read maps in other users’ MAPSETS (and they can read yours), but you can modify or remove only the maps in your own MAPSET.

Todos los DIRECTORIO DE MAPAS incluyen un archivo WIND que almacena los valores de las coordenadas de los límites actuales y la resolución ráster actualmente seleccionado (vea Neteler & Mitasova 2008 en [Referencias bibliográficas y web](#), y la sección [La herramienta de región GRASS](#)).

1. Start QGIS and make sure the GRASS plugin is loaded.
2. In the GRASS toolbar, click on the  New mapset icon to bring up the MAPSET wizard.
3. Seleccione la base de datos GRASS (GISDBASE) la carpeta grassdata con la LOCALIZACIÓN ‘alaska’, donde queremos añadir otro DIRECTORIO DE MAPA llamado ‘test’.
4. Clic [Siguiente].
5. We can use this wizard to create a new MAPSET within an existing LOCATION or to create a new LOCATION altogether. Click on the radio button  Select location (see [figure\\_grass\\_location\\_2](#)) and click [Next].
6. Introduzca el nombre `test` para el nuevo DIRECTORIO DE MAPA. A continuación en el asistente, se ve una lista de un existente DIRECTORIO DE MAPAS y titulares correspondientes.
7. Haga clic en [Siguiente], valide el resumen para asegurarse que todo es correcto y haga clic en [Finalizar]

## 16.4 Importar datos dentro de una LOCALIZACIÓN DE GRASS

This section gives an example of how to import raster and vector data into the ‘alaska’ GRASS LOCATION provided by the QGIS ‘Alaska’ dataset. Therefore, we use the landcover raster map `landcover.img` and the vector GML file `lakes.gml` from the QGIS ‘Alaska’ dataset (see [Datos de ejemplo](#)).

1. Start QGIS and make sure the GRASS plugin is loaded.
2. In the GRASS toolbar, click the  Open MAPSET icon to bring up the *MAPSET* wizard.
3. Select as GRASS database the folder `grassdata` in the QGIS Alaska dataset, as LOCATION ‘alaska’, as MAPSET ‘demo’ and click [OK].
4. Now click the  Open GRASS tools icon. The GRASS Toolbox (see section [La caja de herramientas GRASS](#)) dialog appears.
5. Para importar el mapa ráster `landcover.img`, haga clic en el modulo `r.in.gdal` en la pestaña *Árbol de módulos*. Este modulo GRASS le permite importar archivos ráster GDAL-admitidos en un LOCALIZACIÓN de GRASS. El diálogo del módulo para que `r.in.gdal` aparezca.
6. Browse to the folder `raster` in the QGIS ‘Alaska’ dataset and select the file `landcover.img`.
7. Como nombre de salida del ráster, defina `landcover_grass` y haga clic en [**Ejecutar**]. en la pestaña *Salida*, y vea el comando GRASS actualmente ejecutado `r.in.gdal -o input=/path/to/landcover.img output=landcover_grass`.
8. When it says **Successfully finished**, click [**View output**]. The `landcover_grass` raster layer is now imported into GRASS and will be visualized in the QGIS canvas.
9. Para importar el archivo vector GML `lakes.gml`, haga clic en el modulo `v.in.ogr` en la pestaña *Árbol de módulos*. Este modulo GRASS le permite importar archivos vectoriales OGR-admitidos en una LOCALIZACIÓN de GRASS. El diálogo del modulo para que `v.in.ogr` aparezca.
10. Browse to the folder `gml` in the QGIS ‘Alaska’ dataset and select the file `lakes.gml` as OGR file.
11. Como nombre de salida del vector, define `lakes_grass` y haga clic en [**Ejecutar**]. No tiene que preocuparse por las otras opciones en este ejemplo. En la pestaña *Salida* se ve el comando GRASS ejecutado actualmente `v.in.ogr -o dsn=/path/to/lakes.gml output=lakes\_\_grass`.
12. When it says **Successfully finished**, click [**View output**]. The `lakes_grass` vector layer is now imported into GRASS and will be visualized in the QGIS canvas.

## 16.5 El modelo de datos vectoriales de GRASS

It is important to understand the GRASS vector data model prior to digitizing.

In general, GRASS uses a topological vector model.

This means that areas are not represented as closed polygons, but by one or more boundaries. A boundary between two adjacent areas is digitized only once, and it is shared by both areas. Boundaries must be connected and closed without gaps. An area is identified (and labeled) by the **centroid** of the area.

Además de los límites y centroides, un mapa vectorial también puede contener puntos y líneas. Todos estos elementos geométricos se pueden mezclar en una vector y serán representados en diferentes denominadas ‘capas’ dentro de un mapa vectorial GRASS. Por lo que en GRASS, una capa no es un mapa vectorial o ráster pero un nivel dentro de una capa vectorial. Esto es importante para distinguir cuidadosamente. (aunque es imposible mezclar elementos, es inusual e incluso en GRASS, sólo se utiliza en casos especiales como análisis de redes vectoriales. Usualmente, se debe preferir almacenar diferentes elementos geométricos en diferentes capas.)

Es posible almacenar varias ‘capas’ en un conjunto de datos vectoriales. Por ejemplo, campos, bosques y lagos se pueden almacenar en un vector. Un bosque y lago adyacente pueden compartir el mismo límite, pero tienen tablas de atributos separados. También es posible adjuntar atributos a límites. Un ejemplo podría ser el caso donde los límites entre un lago y un bosque es una carretera, por lo que puede tener una tabla de atributos diferente.

La ‘capa’ del objeto espacial es definido por la ‘capa’ dentro de GRASS. ‘Capa’ es el número que define si hay más de una capa dentro del conjunto de datos (por ejemplo, si la geometría es bosque o lago). Por ahora, sólo puede ser un número. En el futuro, GRASS también implementara nombres como campos en la interfaz de usuario.

Attributes can be stored inside the GRASS LOCATION as dBase or SQLite3 or in external database tables, for example, PostgreSQL, MySQL, Oracle, etc.

Los atributos en la tabla de base de datos están enlazadas a los elementos geométricos utilizando un valor ‘categoría’.

‘Categoría’ (llave, ID) es un entero adjunto a la geometría primitiva, y se utiliza como el enlace a una columna llave en la tabla de base de datos.

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**Truco: Aprendizaje del modelo vectorial GRASS**

La mejor forma de aprender el modelo vectorial GRASS y sus capacidades es descargar uno de los muchos tutoriales de GRASS donde el modelo vectorial se describe más profundo. Vea <http://grass.osgeo.org/documentation/manuals/> para más información, libros y tutoriales en varios idiomas.

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## 16.6 Crear una nueva capa vectorial GRASS

To create a new GRASS vector layer with the GRASS plugin, click the  Create new GRASS vector toolbar icon. Enter a name in the text box, and you can start digitizing point, line or polygon geometries following the procedure described in section [Digitalizar y editar una capa vectorial GRASS](#).

In GRASS, it is possible to organize all sorts of geometry types (point, line and area) in one layer, because GRASS uses a topological vector model, so you don't need to select the geometry type when creating a new GRASS vector. This is different from shapefile creation with QGIS, because shapefiles use the Simple Feature vector model (see section [Crear nueva capa vectorial](#)).

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**Truco: Creating an attribute table for a new GRASS vector layer**

If you want to assign attributes to your digitized geometry features, make sure to create an attribute table with columns before you start digitizing (see [figure\\_grass\\_digitizing\\_5](#)).

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## 16.7 Digitalizar y editar una capa vectorial GRASS

The digitizing tools for GRASS vector layers are accessed using the  Edit GRASS vector layer icon on the toolbar. Make sure you have loaded a GRASS vector and it is the selected layer in the legend before clicking on the edit tool. Figure [figure\\_grass\\_digitizing\\_2](#) shows the GRASS edit dialog that is displayed when you click on the edit tool. The tools and settings are discussed in the following sections.

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**Truco: Digitalizando polígonos en GRASS**

If you want to create a polygon in GRASS, you first digitize the boundary of the polygon, setting the mode to ‘No category’. Then you add a centroid (label point) into the closed boundary, setting the mode to ‘Next not used’. The reason for this is that a topological vector model links the attribute information of a polygon always to the centroid and not to the boundary.

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**Barra de herramientas**

In [figure\\_grass\\_digitizing\\_1](#), you see the GRASS digitizing toolbar icons provided by the GRASS plugin. Table [table\\_grass\\_digitizing\\_1](#) explains the available functionalities.



Figure 16.3: GRASS Digitizing Toolbar

Icono	Herramienta	Propósito
	Nuevo punto	Digitalizar un nuevo punto
	Nueva línea	Digitalizar nueva línea
	Nuevo límite	Digitize new boundary (finish by selecting new tool)
	Nuevo centroide	Digitalizar nuevo centroide (etiqueta de área existente)
	Move vertex	Move one vertex of existing line or boundary and identify new position
	Add vertex	Add a new vertex to existing line
	Delete vertex	Delete vertex from existing line (confirm selected vertex by another click)
	Move element	Move selected boundary, line, point or centroid and click on new position
	Split line	Split an existing line into two parts
	Delete element	Delete existing boundary, line, point or centroid (confirm selected element by another click)
	Edit attributes	Edit attributes of selected element (note that one element can represent more features, see above)
	Close	Close session and save current status (rebuilds topology afterwards)

Tabla de digitalización GRASS 1: Herramientas de digitalización GRASS

### Category Tab

The *Category* tab allows you to define the way in which the category values will be assigned to a new geometry element.

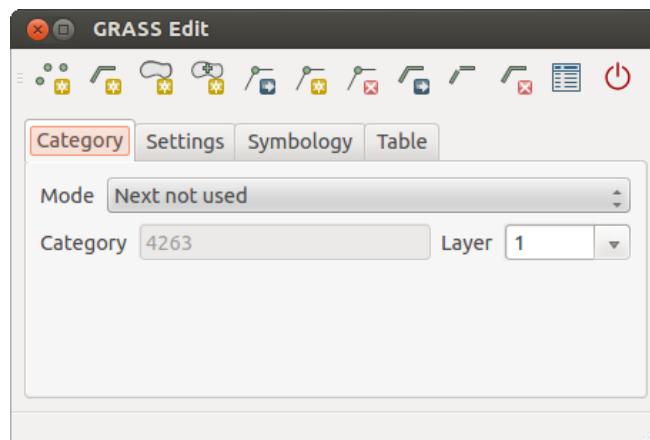


Figure 16.4: GRASS Digitizing Category Tab

- **Mode:** The category value that will be applied to new geometry elements.
  - Next not used - Apply next not yet used category value to geometry element.
  - Manual entry - Manually define the category value for the geometry element in the ‘Category’ entry field.

- No category - Do not apply a category value to the geometry element. This is used, for instance, for area boundaries, because the category values are connected via the centroid.
- **Category** - The number (ID) that is attached to each digitized geometry element. It is used to connect each geometry element with its attributes.
- **Field (layer)** - Each geometry element can be connected with several attribute tables using different GRASS geometry layers. The default layer number is 1.

#### Truco: Creating an additional GRASS ‘layer’ with lqgl

If you would like to add more layers to your dataset, just add a new number in the ‘Field (layer)’ entry box and press return. In the Table tab, you can create your new table connected to your new layer.

#### Settings Tab

The *Settings* tab allows you to set the snapping in screen pixels. The threshold defines at what distance new points or line ends are snapped to existing nodes. This helps to prevent gaps or dangles between boundaries. The default is set to 10 pixels.

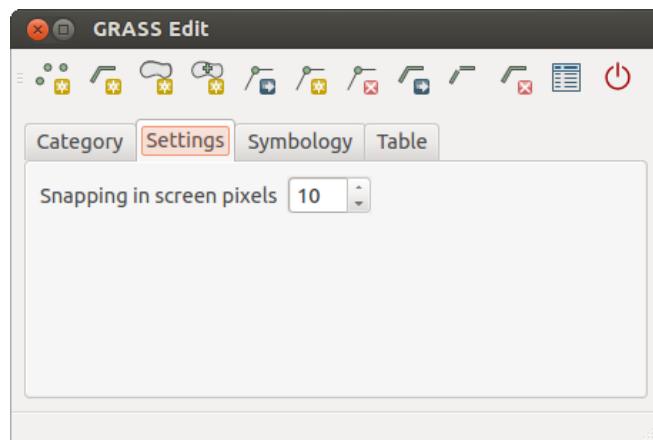


Figure 16.5: GRASS Digitizing Settings Tab

#### Symbology Tab

The *Symbology* tab allows you to view and set symbology and color settings for various geometry types and their topological status (e.g., closed / opened boundary).

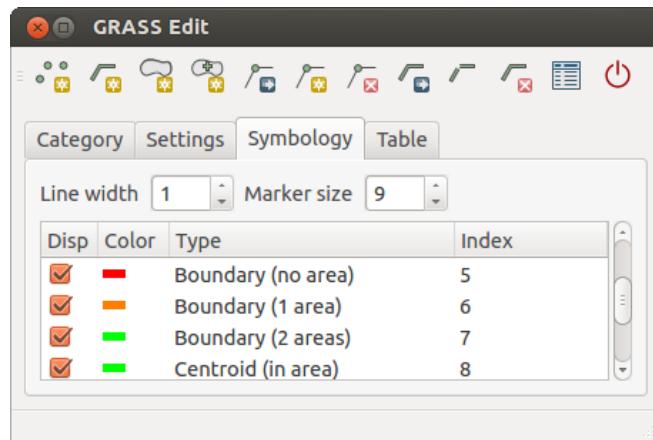


Figure 16.6: GRASS Digitizing Symbology Tab

#### Table Tab

The *Table* tab provides information about the database table for a given ‘layer’. Here, you can add new columns to an existing attribute table, or create a new database table for a new GRASS vector layer (see section [Crear una nueva capa vectorial GRASS](#)).

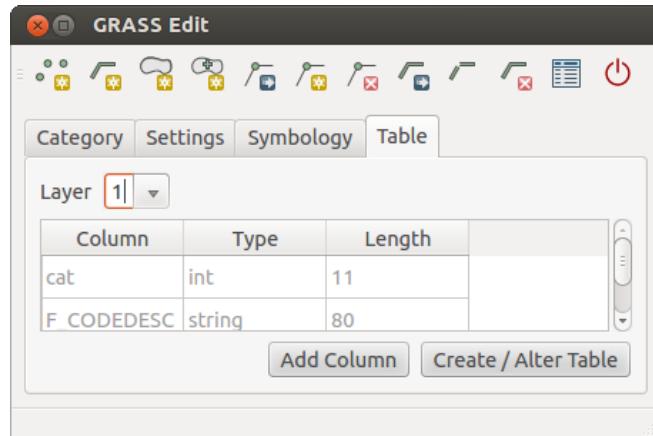


Figure 16.7: GRASS Digitizing Table Tab

#### Truco: Editar permisos de GRASS

Debe ser el propietario del DIRECTORIO DE MAPA de GRASS que desee editar. Es imposible editar capas de datos en un DIRECTORIO DE MAPA que no sea suyo, incluso si tiene permisos de escritura.

## 16.8 La herramienta de región GRASS

La definición de la región (ajuste una ventana de trabajo espacial) en GRASS es importante para trabajar con capas ráster. Análisis vectorial esta por defecto no limitado a cualquier definición de región definida. Pero todos los rásters recién creados tendrán la extensión espacial y resolución de la región GRASS definida actualmente, independientemente de su extensión y resolución original. La región GRASS actual es almacenada en el archivo \$LOCALIZACIÓN/\$DIRECTORIO DE MAPA/WIND, y define los límites norte, sur, este y oeste, número de columnas y filas, resolución espacial horizontal y vertical.

It is possible to switch on and off the visualization of the GRASS region in the QGIS canvas using the button.

With the icon, you can open a dialog to change the current region and the symbology of the GRASS region rectangle in the QGIS canvas. Type in the new region bounds and resolution, and click [OK]. The dialog also allows you to select a new region interactively with your mouse on the QGIS canvas. Therefore, click with the left mouse button in the QGIS canvas, open a rectangle, close it using the left mouse button again and click [OK].

El modulo GRASS `g.region` proporciona muchos más parámetros para definir una extensión de región apropiada y resolución para su análisis ráster. Se puede utilizar estos parámetros con la caja de herramientas GRASS, descrito en la sección [La caja de herramientas GRASS](#).

## 16.9 La caja de herramientas GRASS

The Open GRASS Tools box provides GRASS module functionalities to work with data inside a selected GRASS LOCATION and MAPSET. To use the GRASS Toolbox you need to open a LOCATION and MAPSET that you have write permission for (usually granted, if you created the MAPSET). This is necessary, because new raster or vector layers created during analysis need to be written to the currently selected LOCATION and MAPSET.

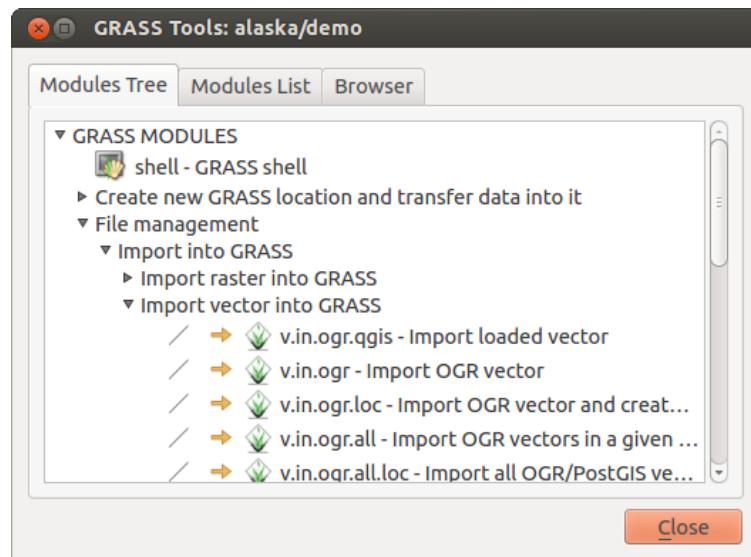


Figure 16.8: Caja de herramienta GRASS y módulo

### 16.9.1 Trabajando con módulos GRASS

La consola GRASS dentro de la caja de herramientas proporciona acceso a casi todo (más de 300) los módulos GRASS en una interfaz de línea de comando. Para ofrecer un entorno de trabajo más fácil de usar, cerca de 200 de los módulos de GRASS disponibles y funcionalidades también son proporcionados por diálogos gráficos dentro de la caja de herramientas del complemento GRASS.

A complete list of GRASS modules available in the graphical Toolbox in QGIS version 2.8 is available in the GRASS wiki at [http://grass.osgeo.org/wiki/GRASS-QGIS\\_relevant\\_module\\_list](http://grass.osgeo.org/wiki/GRASS-QGIS_relevant_module_list).

También es posible personalizar el contenido de la caja de herramientas GRASS. Este procedimiento se describe en la sección *Personalizar la caja de herramientas GRASS*.

Como se muestra en [figure\\_grass\\_toolbox\\_1](#), puede buscar el modulo GRASS apropiado utilizando las temáticas agrupadas *Árbol de módulos* o en la pestaña de búsqueda *Lista de módulos*.

Al hacer clic en un ícono de modulo gráfico, una nueva pestaña se añadirá al diálogo de Caja de herramientas, proporciona tres nuevas sub-pestañas *Opciones*, *Salida* y *Manual*.

#### Opciones

The *Options* tab provides a simplified module dialog where you can usually select a raster or vector layer visualized in the QGIS canvas and enter further module-specific parameters to run the module.

The provided module parameters are often not complete to keep the dialog clear. If you want to use further module parameters and flags, you need to start the GRASS shell and run the module in the command line.

A new feature since QGIS 1.8 is the support for a *Show Advanced Options* button below the simplified module dialog in the *Options* tab. At the moment, it is only added to the module `v.in.ascii` as an example of use, but it will probably be part of more or all modules in the GRASS Toolbox in future versions of QGIS. This allows you to use the complete GRASS module options without the need to switch to the GRASS shell.

#### Salida

La pestaña *Salida* proporciona información acerca del estado de salida del módulo. Cuando haga clic en botón **[Ejecutar]**, el módulo cambia a la pestaña de *Salida* y verá información acerca del proceso de análisis. Si todo funciona bien finalmente verá un mensaje Finalizado con éxito

#### Manual

La pestaña *Manual* muestra la página de ayuda HTML del modulo GRASS. Se puede utilizar para comprobar otros parámetros de los módulos y las banderas o para obtener un conocimiento más profundo acerca de la finalidad del módulo. Al final de cada página del manual del módulo, se ven otros enlaces al índice de ayuda

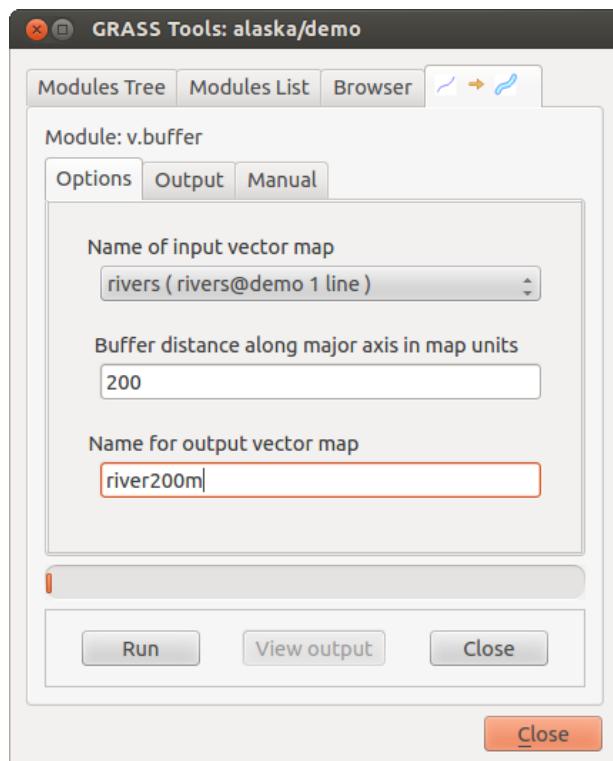


Figure 16.9: Opciones del módulo de la caja de herramientas GRASS 🐧

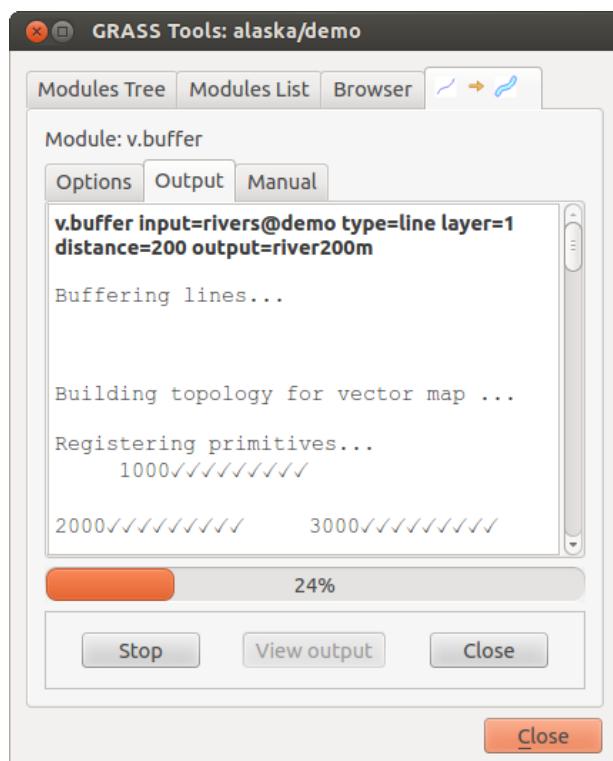


Figure 16.10: Salida del módulo de la caja de herramientas GRASS 🐧

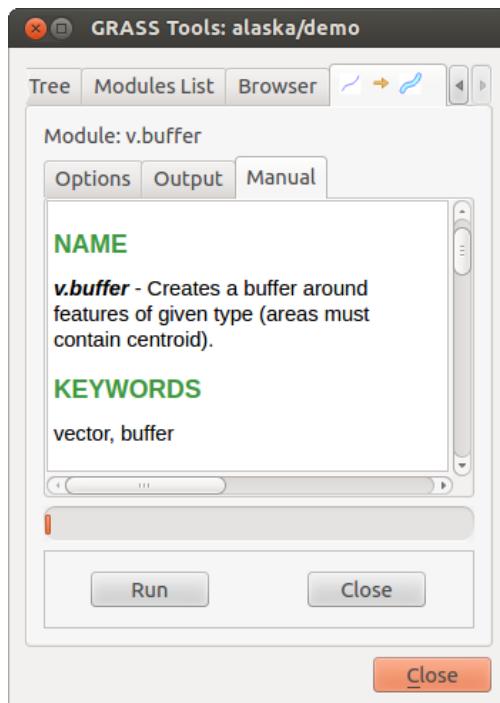


Figure 16.11: Módulo Manual de la caja de herramientas 

principal, al índice temático y al Índice completo. Estos enlaces proporcionar información de ejemplo como el modulo g.manual.

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#### Truco: Mostrar resultados inmediatamente

Si desea mostrar sus resultados de cálculo inmediatamente en su lienzo de mapa, se puede utilizar el botón ‘Ver Salida’ en la parte inferior de la pestaña de módulo.

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## 16.9.2 Ejemplos del módulo GRASS

Los siguientes ejemplos demostrarán el poder de algunos módulos GRASS.

### Crear curvas de nivel

El primer ejemplo crea un mapa de curvas de nivel vectoriales de un ráster de elevación (DEM). Aquí, se asume que se tiene LOCALIZACIÓN Alaska configurado como se explica en la sección *Importar datos dentro de una LOCALIZACIÓN DE GRASS*.

- First, open the location by clicking the  Open mapset button and choosing the Alaska location.
- Now load the gtopo30 elevation raster by clicking  Add GRASS raster layer and selecting the gtopo30 raster from the demo location.
- Now open the Toolbox with the  Open GRASS tools button.
- En la lista de categorías de herramientas, haga doble clic Ráster → Administración de superficie → Generar curvas de nivel vectoriales.
- Now a single click on the tool **r.contour** will open the tool dialog as explained above (see *Trabajando con módulos GRASS*). The gtopo30 raster should appear as the Name of input raster.

- Type into the *Increment between Contour levels*  the value 100. (This will create contour lines at intervals of 100 meters.)
- Escriba en *Nombre de salida del mapa vectorial* el nombre ctour\_100.
- Haga clic en [Ejecutar] para iniciar el proceso. Espere varios momentos hasta que el mensaje Finalizado con éxito aparezca en la ventana de salida. A continuación haga clic en [Ver Salida] y [Cerrar].

Dado que esta es una región grande, tomará un tiempo para mostrarla. Después de que termine la presentación, puede abrir la ventana de propiedades de la capa para cambiar el color de línea así el contorno aparece claramente sobre el ráster de elevación, como en [El Dialogo de las Propiedades del Vector](#).

El siguiente acercamiento a una pequeña y montañosa área en el centro de Alaska. Al acercarse, se puede observar que las curvas de nivel tienen esquinas afiladas. GRASS ofrece la herramienta **v.generalize** para alterar ligeramente mapas vectoriales, manteniendo su forma general. La herramienta utiliza varios algoritmos diferentes con propósitos diferentes. Algunos de los algoritmos (es decir, Douglas Peucker y Vertex Reduction) simplificar la línea mediante la eliminación de algunos de los vértices. El vector resultante se carga más rápido. Este proceso es útil cuando se tiene un vector muy detallado, pero va a crear un mapa de escala muy pequeña, por lo que el detalle es innecesario.

#### Truco: La herramienta de simplificar

Note that the QGIS fTools plugin has a *Simplify geometries* → tool that works just like the GRASS **v.generalize** Douglas-Peuker algorithm.

Sin embargo, el propósito de este ejemplo es diferente. Las líneas de curvas de nivel creadas por **r.contour** tiene ángulos agudos que deben ser suavizados. Entre el algoritmo **v.generalize** hay Chaiken's, lo que hace precisamente eso (también astillas de Hermite). Tenga en cuenta que estos algoritmos se pueden **añadir** vértices adicionales al vector, haciendo que se cargue más lentamente

- Abra la caja de herramientas GRASS y haga doble clic en las categorías *Vectorial* → *Desarrollar mapa* → *Generalización*,
- Compruebe que el vector 'ctour\_100' aparece como el *Nombre del vector de entrada*.
- De la lista de algoritmos, elija Chaiken's. Deje todas las otras opciones en su predeterminado y desplácese hacia abajo a la última fila para ingresar en el campo *Nombre del mapa vectorial de salida* 'ctour\_100\_smooth', y haga clic en [Ejecutar].
- El proceso toma varios minutos. Una vez que aparece Finalizo con éxito en la ventana de salida, haga clic [Ver Salida] y a continuación [Cerrar].
- Se puede cambiar el color del vector para que se muestre claramente sobre el fondo del ráster y para contrastar con las curvas de nivel originales. Se dará cuenta de que las nuevas curvas de nivel tienen esquinas más suaves que el original durante su estancia fiel a la original de forma general.

#### Truco: Otros usos de **r.contour**

El proceso descrito anteriormente se puede utilizar en otras situaciones equivalentes. Si tiene un mapa ráster de datos de precipitación, por ejemplo, entonces el mismo método se utilizará para crear un mapa vectorial de líneas isoyetas (lluvia constante).

#### Crear un efecto sombreado de relieve 3-D

Varios métodos se utilizan para mostrar capas de elevación y da un efecto #D a mapas. El uso de líneas de curvas de nivel, como se mostró anteriormente, es un método popular regularmente elegido para producir mapas topológicos. El efecto de sombreado se crea de un ráster (elevación) DEM calculando primero la pendiente y el aspecto de cada celda, entonces simula la posición del sol en el cielo y da un valor de reflectancia a cada celda. De este modo se obtienen pendientes frente al sol iluminadas; las pendientes orientadas lejos del sol (en la sombra) se oscurecen.

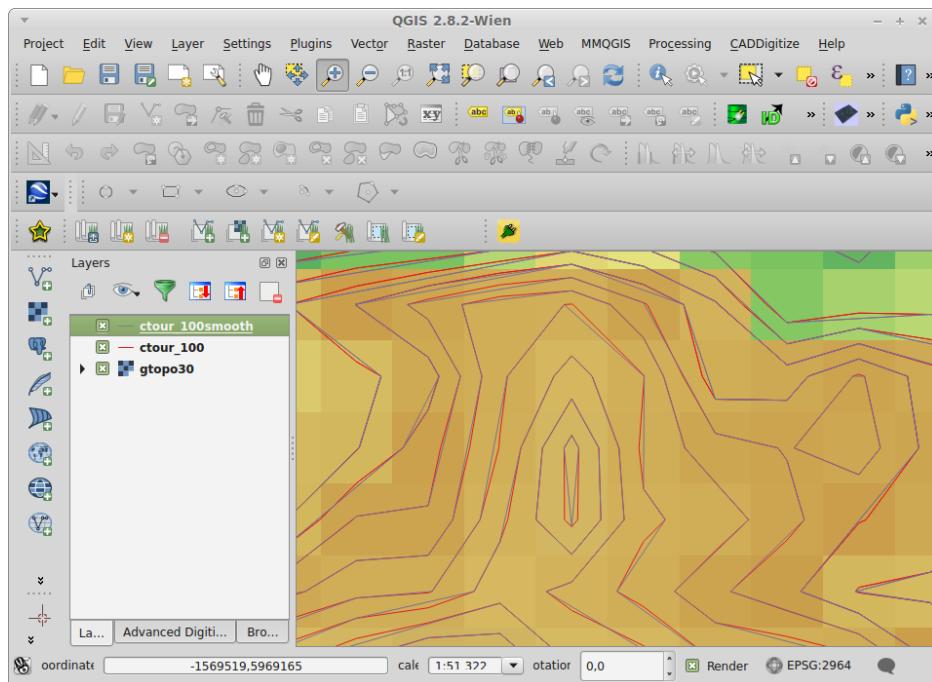


Figure 16.12: Módulo GRASS v.generalize para suavizar un mapa vectorial 

- Comience este ejemplo cargando el ráster de elevación `gtopo30`. Inicie la caja de herramientas GRASS y bajo la categoría ráster, haga doble clic para abrir *Análisis espacial → Análisis del terreno*.
- A continuación haga clic en `r.shaded.relief` para abrir el módulo.
- Change the *azimuth angle* `1,00` to 315.
- Ingrese `gtopo30_shade` para el nuevo ráster de mapa de sombras y haga clic en **[Ejecutar]**.
- Cuando el proceso finalice, añada el ráster de mapa de sombras al mapa. Debe verlo desplegado en escala de grises.
- Para ver ambos sombreados y los colores de la `gtopo30` juntos, mueva el mapa de sombreado abajo del mapa `gtopo30` en la tabla de contenido, a continuación abra la ventana *Propiedades* de `gtopo30`, cambie a la pestaña de *Transparencia* y establezca su nivel de transparencia a cerca de 25%.

Ahora debe tener la elevación `gtopo30` con su mapa de color y ajuste de transparencia mostrado **arriba** el mapa de sombras en escala de grises. Con el fin de ver los efectos visuales en el mapa de sombras, apague el mapa `gtopo30_shade`, a continuación, vuelva a encenderla.

### Utilizar la consola de GRASS

The GRASS plugin in QGIS is designed for users who are new to GRASS and not familiar with all the modules and options. As such, some modules in the Toolbox do not show all the options available, and some modules do not appear at all. The GRASS shell (or console) gives the user access to those additional GRASS modules that do not appear in the Toolbox tree, and also to some additional options to the modules that are in the Toolbox with the simplest default parameters. This example demonstrates the use of an additional option in the `r.shaded.relief` module that was shown above.

El modulo `r.shaded.relief` puede tomar un parámetro `zmult`, que multiplica los valores de elevación relativas a las unidades de las coordenadas X-Y por lo que el efecto de sombreado es incluso más pronunciado.

- Cargue el ráster de elevación `gtopo30` como antes, a continuación inicie la caja de herramientas GRASS y haga clic en la consola GRASS. En la ventana de la consola, escriba el comando `r.shaded.relief map=gtopo30 shade=gtopo30_shade2 azimuth=315 zmult=3` y presione **[Enter]**.
- After the process finishes, shift to the *Browse* tab and double-click on the new `gtopo30_shade2` raster to display it in QGIS.

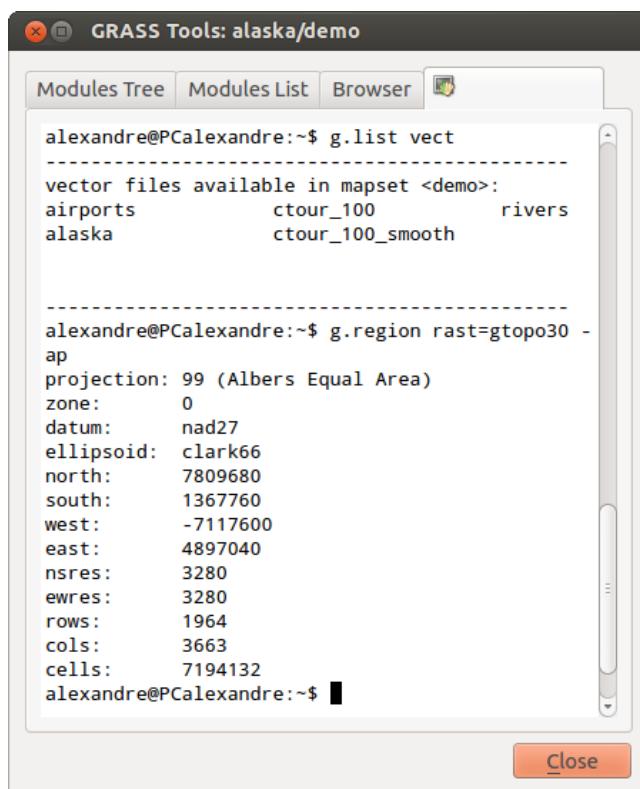


Figure 16.13: La consola de GRASS, módulo r.shaded.relief 

- Como se explicó anteriormente, mueva ráster del relieve sombreado a bajo del ráster gtopo30 en la tabla de contenido, entonces valide la transparencia de la capa coloreada gtopo30. Debe ver que el efecto 3-D destaca más fuertemente comparada con el primer mapa de relieve sombreado.

### Estadísticas de ráster en un mapa vectorial

El siguiente ejemplo muestra como un módulo GRASS puede agregar datos ráster y añadir columnas de una estadística para cada polígono en un mapa vectorial.

- De nuevo utilice los datos de Alaska, referirse a *Importar datos dentro de una LOCALIZACIÓN DE GRASS* para importar los árboles de archivos shape del directorio shapefiles en GRASS.
- Ahora un paso intermedio es necesario: los centroides se deben añadir al mapa de árboles importado para que sea una zona de GRASS completa del vector (incluyendo ambos límites y centroides).
- De la caja de herramientas, elija *Vectorial → Desarrollar mapa -> Administrar objetos espaciales*, y abra el modulo **v.centroids**.
- Introduzca como el *Mapa vectorial de salida* ‘forest\_areas’ y ejecute el módulo.
- Now load the `forest_areas` vector and display the types of forests - deciduous, evergreen, mixed - in different colors: In the layer *Properties* window, *Symbology* tab, choose from *Legend type*  ‘Unique value’ and set the *Classification field* to ‘VEGDESC’. (Refer to the explanation of the symbology tab in *Estilo de Menú* of the vector section.)
- A continuación vuelva a abrir la caja de herramientas de GRASS y abra *Vectorial → Actualizacion vectorial por otros mapas*.
- Haga clic en el modulo **v.rast.stats**. Ingrese `gtopo30` y `forest_areas`.
- Sólo un parámetro más es necesario: Ingrese *Prefijo de columna* `elev`, y haga clic en **[Ejecutar]**. Este es una operación pesada computacionalmente, que se ejecutará por un largo tiempo (probablemente más de dos horas).

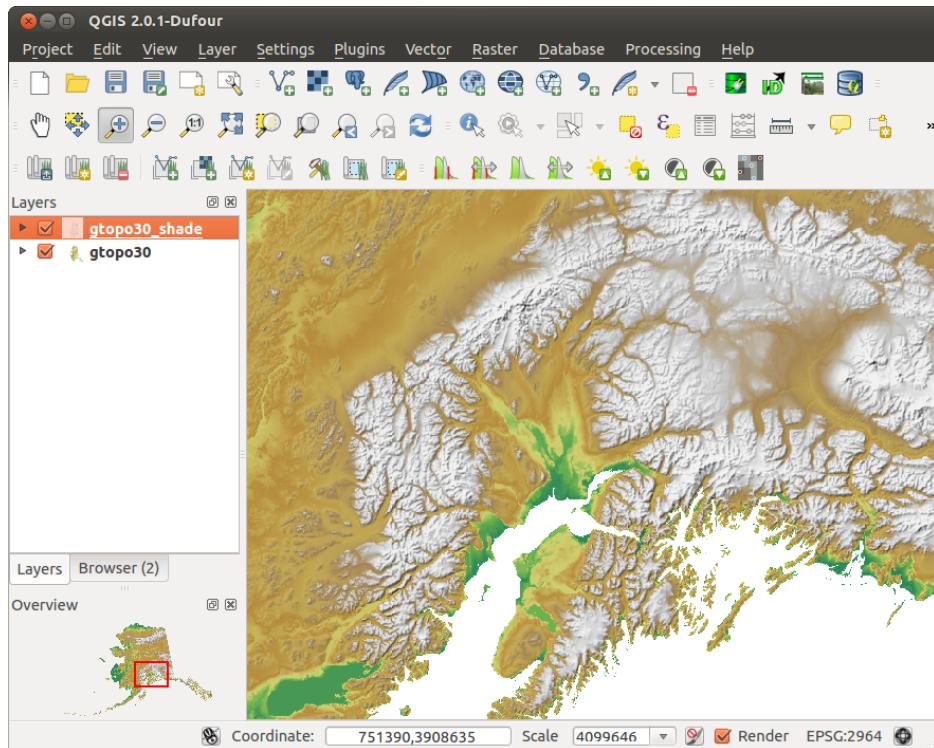


Figure 16.14: Mostrar relieve sombreado creado con el módulo de GRASS r.shaded.relfief 

- Finalmente, abra la tabla de atributos `forest_areas`, y verifique que varias de las nuevas columnas se han añadido, incluyendo `elev_min`, `elev_max`, `elev_mean`, etc., para cada polígono de bosque.

### 16.9.3 Working with the GRASS LOCATION browser

Another useful feature inside the GRASS Toolbox is the GRASS LOCATION browser. In [figure\\_grass\\_module\\_7](#), you can see the current working LOCATION with its MAPSETS.

In the left browser windows, you can browse through all MAPSETS inside the current LOCATION. The right browser window shows some meta-information for selected raster or vector layers (e.g., resolution, bounding box, data source, connected attribute table for vector data, and a command history).

The toolbar inside the *Browser* tab offers the following tools to manage the selected LOCATION:

-  *Add selected map to canvas*
-  *Copy selected map*
-  *Rename selected map*
-  *Delete selected map*
-  *Set current region to selected map*
-  *Refresh browser window*

The  *Rename selected map* and  *Delete selected map* only work with maps inside your currently selected MAPSET. All other tools also work with raster and vector layers in another MAPSET.

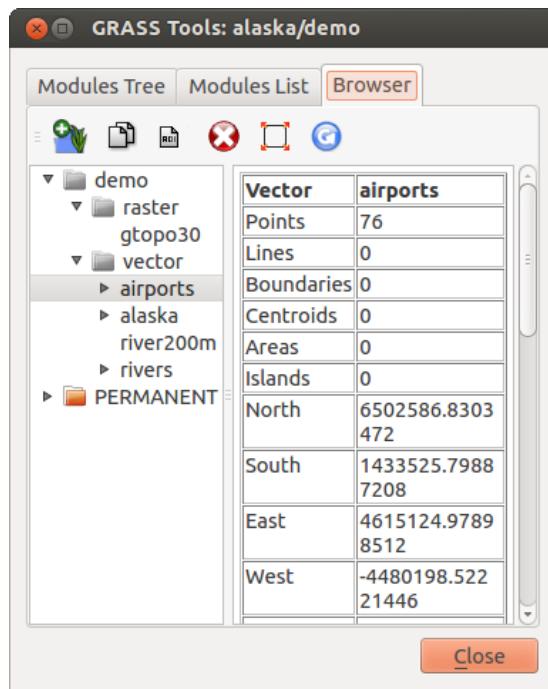


Figure 16.15: GRASS LOCATION browser 🐧

#### 16.9.4 Personalizar la caja de herramientas GRASS

Casi todos los módulos de GRASS se pueden añadir a la caja de herramientas de GRASS. Una interfaz XML se proporciona para analizar los archivos XML muy sencillos que configuran la apariencia y los parámetros de los módulos dentro de la caja de herramientas.

Un ejemplo del archivo XML para generar el módulo v.buffer (v.buffer.qgm) luce como esto:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE qgisgrassmodule SYSTEM "http://mrcc.com/qgisgrassmodule.dtd">

<qgisgrassmodule label="Vector buffer" module="v.buffer">
    <option key="input" typeoption="type" layeroption="layer" />
    <option key="buffer"/>
    <option key="output" />
</qgisgrassmodule>
```

The parser reads this definition and creates a new tab inside the Toolbox when you select the module. A more detailed description for adding new modules, changing a module's group, etc., can be found on the QGIS wiki at [http://hub.qgis.org/projects/quantum-gis/wiki/Adding\\_New\\_Tools\\_to\\_the\\_GRASS\\_Toolbox](http://hub.qgis.org/projects/quantum-gis/wiki/Adding_New_Tools_to_the_GRASS_Toolbox).



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## QGIS processing framework

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### 17.1 Introducción

This chapter introduces the QGIS processing framework, a geoprocessing environment that can be used to call native and third-party algorithms from QGIS, making your spatial analysis tasks more productive and easy to accomplish.

En las siguientes secciones, revisaremos cómo usar los elementos gráficos de este sistema y sacar el máximo provecho de cada uno de ellos.

There are four basic elements in the framework GUI, which are used to run algorithms for different purposes. Choosing one tool or another will depend on the kind of analysis that is to be performed and the particular characteristics of each user and project. All of them (except for the batch processing interface, which is called from the toolbox, as we will see) can be accessed from the *Processing* menu item. (You will see more than four entries. The remaining ones are not used to execute algorithms and will be explained later in this chapter.)

- La caja de herramientas. El elemento principal de la IUG, se usa para ejecutar un solo algoritmo o grupo de procesos sobre la base de ese algoritmo.

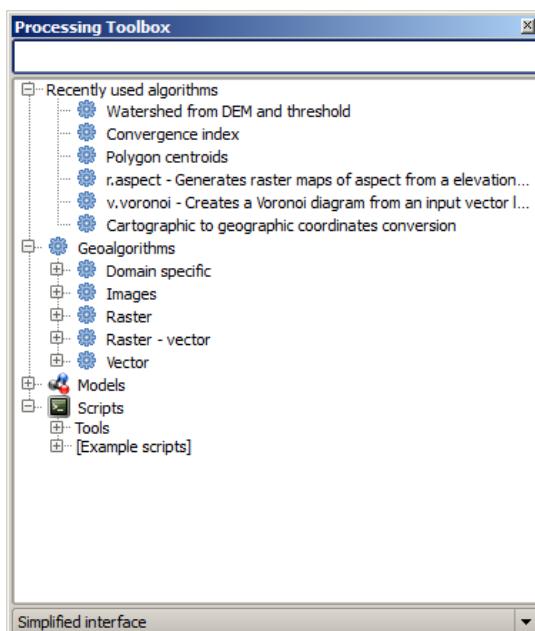


Figure 17.1: Processing Toolbox

- El modelador gráfico. Varios algoritmos se pueden combinar graficamente usando el modelador para definir un flujo de trabajo, creando un proceso individual que involucre varios subprocessos.

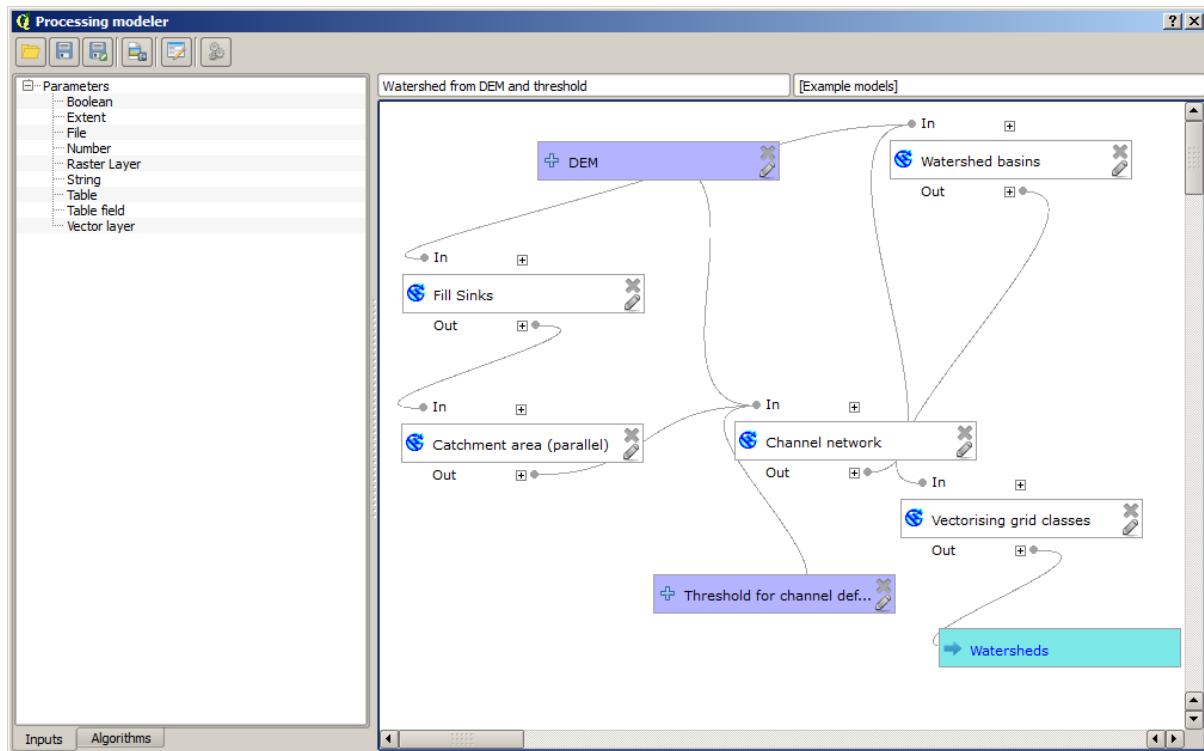


Figure 17.2: Processing Modeler

- El administrador del historial. Todas las acciones que se llevan acabo mediante cualquiera de los elementos mencionados se almacenan en un archivo de la historia y puede ser posteriormente producido usando el administrador del historial.
- La interfaz de procesamiento por lote. Esta interfaz permite que ejecute procesos por lote y automatizar la ejecución de un solo algoritmo a múltiples conjuntos de datos.

En las siguientes secciones, revisaremos cada uno de los elementos a detalle.

## 17.2 La caja de herramientas

La *Caja de herramientas* es el principal elemento de procesamiento de la interfaz gráfica de usuario, y el que más se suele usar en el trabajo diario. Muestra un listado de todos los algoritmos disponibles agrupados en diferentes bloques, y es el punto de acceso para ejecutarlos, bien haciéndolo como un proceso único o bien como un proceso por lotes que realice varias ejecuciones del mismo algoritmo con diferentes conjuntos de entradas.

The toolbox contains all the available algorithms, divided into predefined groups. All these groups are found under a single tree entry named *Geoalgorithms*.

Additionally, two more entries are found, namely *Models* and *Scripts*. These include user-created algorithms, and they allow you to define your own workflows and processing tasks. We will devote a full section to them a bit later.

En la parte superior de la caja de herramientas, hay una caja de texto. Para reducir el número de algoritmos que se muestran en la caja de herramientas y que resulte más fácil encontrar el que se necesita, se puede introducir cualquier palabra o frase en esa caja de texto. Según se va escribiendo, el número de algoritmos que se muestra se va reduciendo a sólo aquellos que contienen el texto introducido en su nombre.

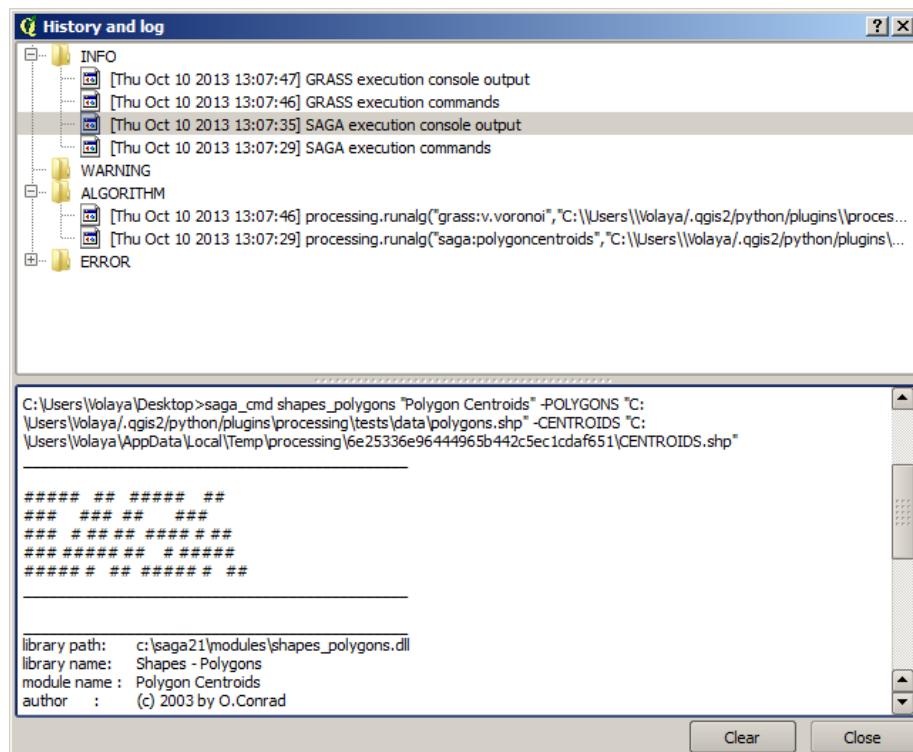


Figure 17.3: Processing History

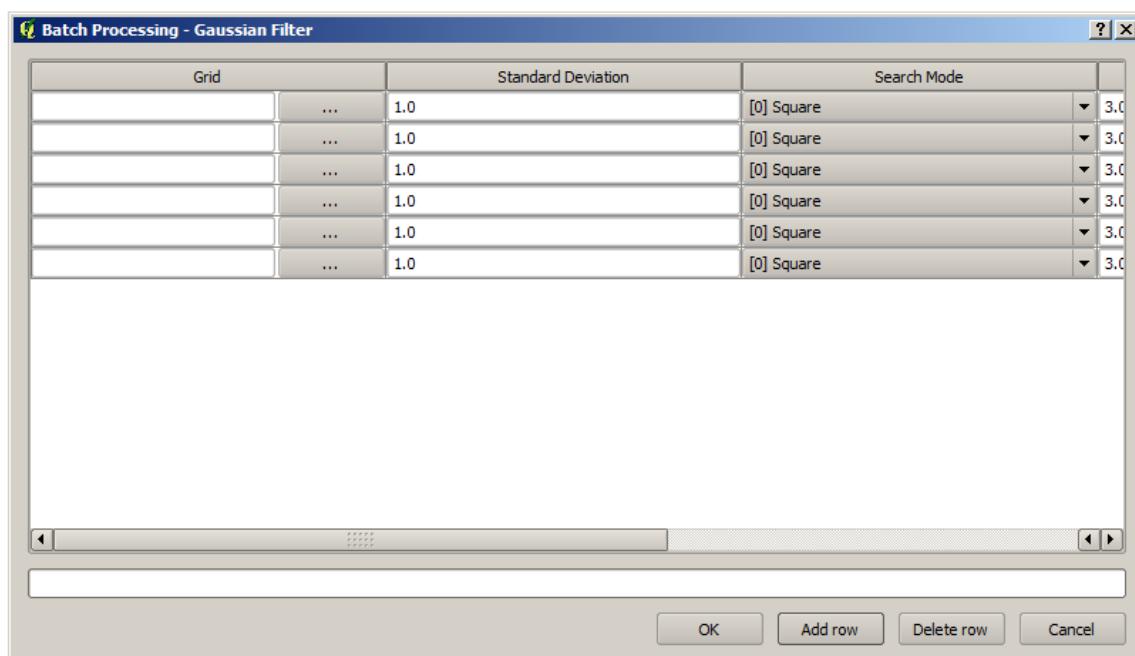


Figure 17.4: Batch Processing interface

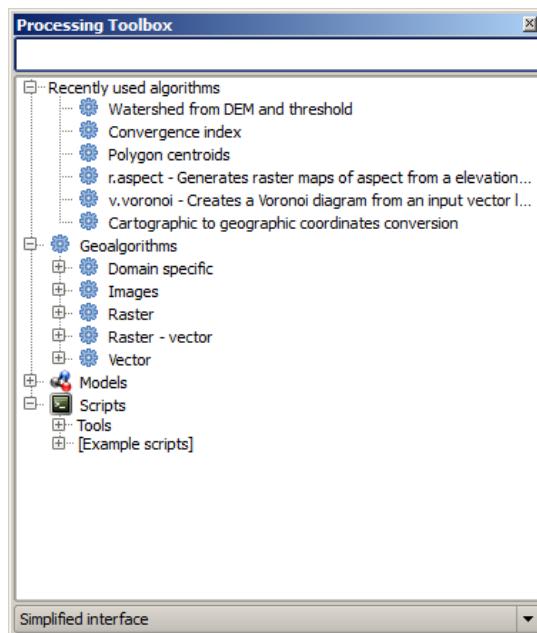


Figure 17.5: Processing Toolbox

In the lower part, you will find a box that allows you to switch between the simplified algorithm list (the one explained above) and the advanced list. If you change to the advanced mode, the toolbox will look like this:

In the advanced view, each group represents a so-called ‘algorithm provider’, which is a set of algorithms coming from the same source, for instance, from a third-party application with geoprocessing capabilities. Some of these groups represent algorithms from third-party applications like SAGA, GRASS or R, while others contain algorithms directly coded as part of the processing plugin, not relying on any additional software.

This view is recommended to those users who have a certain knowledge of the applications that are backing the algorithms, since they will be shown with their original names and groups.

Also, some additional algorithms are available only in the advanced view, such as LiDAR tools and scripts based on the R statistical computing software, among others. Independent QGIS plugins that add new algorithms to the toolbox will only be shown in the advanced view.

In particular, the simplified view contains algorithms from the following providers:

- GRASS
- SAGA
- OTB
- Native QGIS algorithms

In the case of running QGIS under Windows, these algorithms are fully-functional in a fresh installation of QGIS, and they can be run without requiring any additional installation. Also, running them requires no prior knowledge of the external applications they use, making them more accessible for first-time users.

If you want to use an algorithm not provided by any of the above providers, switch to the advanced mode by selecting the corresponding option at the bottom of the toolbox.

Para ejecutar un algoritmo, basta con hacer doble click sobre su nombre en la caja de herramientas.

### 17.2.1 El cuadro de diálogo de algoritmo

Once you double-click on the name of the algorithm that you want to execute, a dialog similar to that in the figure below is shown (in this case, the dialog corresponds to the SAGA ‘Convergence index’ algorithm).

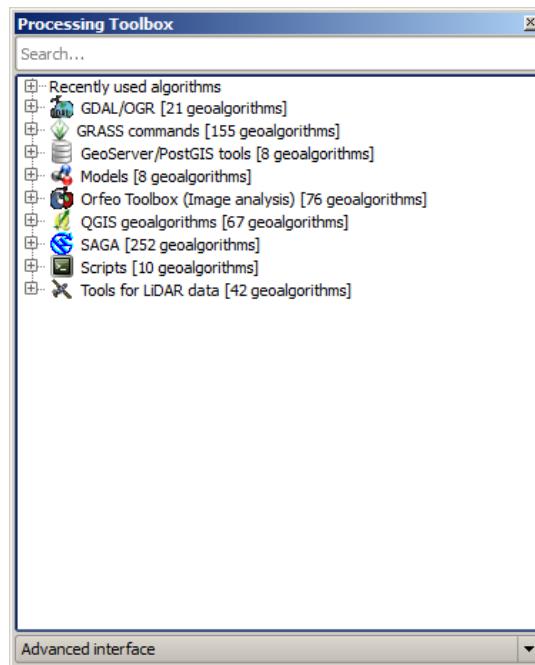


Figure 17.6: Processing Toolbox (advanced mode)

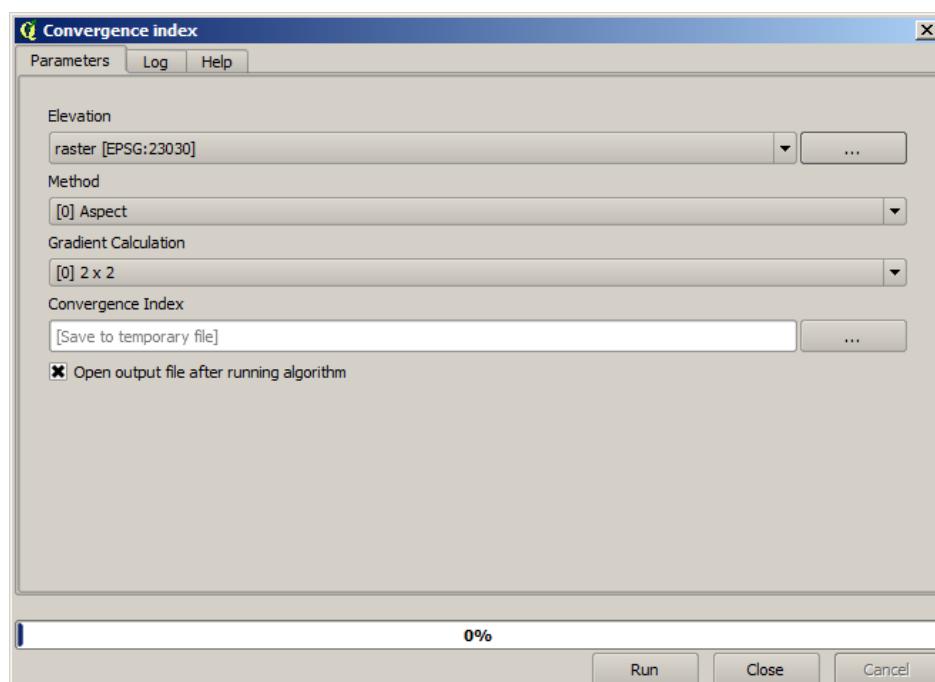


Figure 17.7: Parameters Dialog

This dialog is used to set the input values that the algorithm needs to be executed. It shows a table where input values and configuration parameters are to be set. It of course has a different content, depending on the requirements of the algorithm to be executed, and is created automatically based on those requirements. On the left side, the name of the parameter is shown. On the right side, the value of the parameter can be set.

Aunque el número y el tipo de parámetro dependen de las características del algoritmo, la estructura es similar para todos ellos. Los parámetros encontrados en la tabla pueden ser de uno de los siguientes tipos.

- A raster layer, to select from a list of all such layers available (currently opened) in QGIS. The selector contains as well a button on its right-hand side, to let you select filenames that represent layers currently not loaded in QGIS.
- A vector layer, to select from a list of all vector layers available in QGIS. Layers not loaded in QGIS can be selected as well, as in the case of raster layers, but only if the algorithm does not require a table field selected from the attributes table of the layer. In that case, only opened layers can be selected, since they need to be open so as to retrieve the list of field names available.

Se ve un botón por cada selector de capa vectorial, como se muestra en la figura inferior.

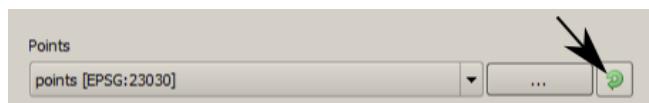


Figure 17.8: Vector iterator button

Si el algoritmo contiene varios de ellos, será capaz de cambiar cada uno de ellos. Si el botón correspondiente a una entrada vectorial se cambia, el algoritmo será ejecutado iterativamente en cada uno de sus elementos, en lugar de sólo una vez para toda la capa, produciendo mayor cantidad de salidas como veces que se ejecuta el algoritmo. Esto permite la automatización del proceso cuando todas las características de una capa tienen que ser procesados por separado.

- A table, to select from a list of all available in QGIS. Non-spatial tables are loaded into QGIS like vector layers, and in fact they are treated as such by the program. Currently, the list of available tables that you will see when executing an algorithm that needs one of them is restricted to tables coming from files in dBase (`.dbf`) or Comma-Separated Values (`.csv`) formats.
- Una opción, a elegir de una lista de selección de posibles opciones.
- A numerical value, to be introduced in a text box. You will find a button by its side. Clicking on it, you will see a dialog that allows you to enter a mathematical expression, so you can use it as a handy calculator. Some useful variables related to data loaded into QGIS can be added to your expression, so you can select a value derived from any of these variables, such as the cell size of a layer or the northernmost coordinate of another one.
- Un rango, con valores mínimo y máximo que se introducen en dos cuadros de texto.
- Una cadena de texto, que se introduce en un cuadro de texto.
- Un campo, a elegir desde la tabla de atributos de una capa vectorial o una tabla sencilla seleccionada en otro parámetro.
- Un sistema de referencia de coordenadas. Que puede escribir el código EPSG directamente en la caja de texto, o seleccionarlo desde el diálogo SRC que aparece cuando al hacer clic sobre el botón del lado derecho
- Una extensión que deberá inscribirse por cuatro números que representan sus límites `xmin`, `xmax`, `ymin`, `ymax`. Al hacer clic en el botón en la parte derecha del selector de valor, aparecerá un menú emergente, que le dará dos opciones: para seleccionar el valor de una capa o la extensión de la lienzo actual, o para definirlo arrastrando directamente sobre el lienzo del mapa.

Si se selecciona la primera opción, se verá una ventana como la siguiente.

Si se selecciona la segunda opción, la ventana de parámetros se ocultará, para que se pueda definir el rectángulo haciendo click y arrastrando dentro del lienzo. Una vez hecho esto, el cuadro de diálogo reaparecerá, con los valores correspondientes ya llenos en en cuadro de texto.

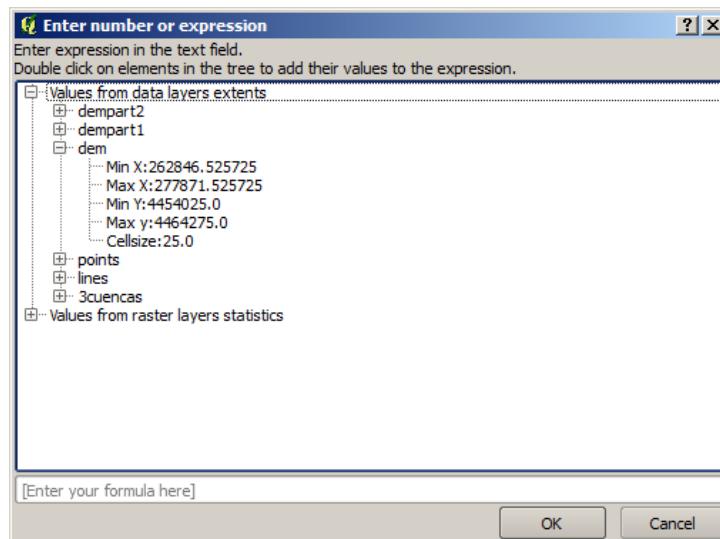


Figure 17.9: Number Selector

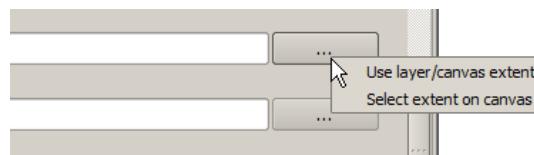


Figure 17.10: Extent selector

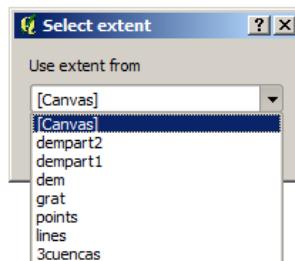


Figure 17.11: Extent List

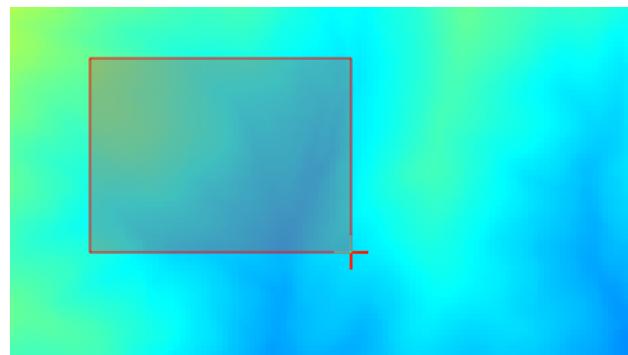


Figure 17.12: Extent Drag

- A list of elements (whether raster layers, vector layers or tables), to select from the list of such layers available in QGIS. To make the selection, click on the small button on the left side of the corresponding row to see a dialog like the following one.

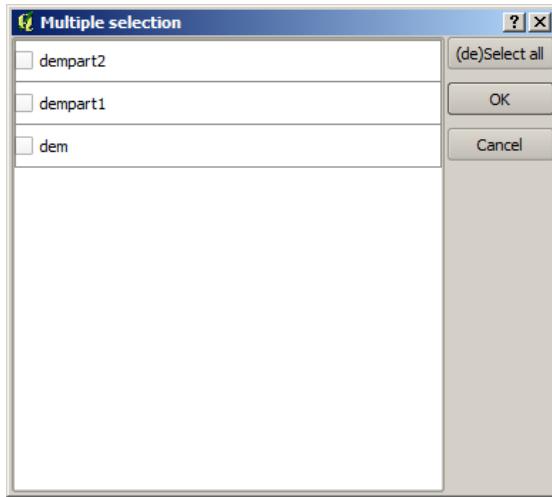


Figure 17.13: Multiple Selection

- Una pequeña tabla para que la edite el usuario. Éstas se usan para definir parámetros como tablas de búsqueda o matrices de convolución entre otros.

Click en el botón del lado derecho para ver la tabla y editar sus valores.

minimum	maximum	new
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0

Figure 17.14: Fixed Table

Dependiendo del algoritmo, el número de filas que pueden ser modificadas o no al utilizar los botones del lado derecho de la ventana.

You will find a [Help] tab in the parameters dialog. If a help file is available, it will be shown, giving you more information about the algorithm and detailed descriptions of what each parameter does. Unfortunately, most algorithms lack good documentation, but if you feel like contributing to the project, this would be a good place to start.

## Un comentario sobre proyecciones

Algorithms run from the processing framework — this is also true of most of the external applications whose algorithms are exposed through it. Do not perform any reprojection on input layers and assume that all of them are already in a common coordinate system and ready to be analyzed. Whenever you use more than one layer as input to an algorithm, whether vector or raster, it is up to you to make sure that they are all in the same coordinate system.

Note that, due to QGIS's on-the-fly reprojecting capabilities, although two layers might seem to overlap and match, that might not be true if their original coordinates are used without reprojecting them onto a common coordinate system. That reprojection should be done manually, and then the resulting files should be used as input to the algorithm. Also, note that the reprojection process can be performed with the algorithms that are available in the processing framework itself.

By default, the parameters dialog will show a description of the CRS of each layer along with its name, making it easy to select layers that share the same CRS to be used as input layers. If you do not want to see this additional information, you can disable this functionality in the processing configuration dialog, unchecking the *Show CRS* option.

Si intenta ejecutar un algoritmo utilizando como entrada dos o más capas con SRC diferentes, se mostrará un diálogo de advertencia.

Aún se puede ejecutar el algoritmo, pero en la mayoría de los casos se producirán resultados incorrectos, como capas vacías debido a que las capas de entrada no se solapan.

### 17.2.2 Resultados generados por algoritmos

Los tipos de resultados que se pueden generar con un algoritmo son los siguientes:

- Una capa ráster.
- Una capa vectorial.
- Una tabla
- Un archivo HTML (usado para salidas de texto y salidas gráficas).

These are all saved to disk, and the parameters table will contain a text box corresponding to each one of these outputs, where you can type the output channel to use for saving it. An output channel contains the information needed to save the resulting object somewhere. In the most usual case, you will save it to a file, but the architecture allows for any other way of storing it. For instance, a vector layer can be stored in a database or even uploaded to a remote server using a WFS-T service. Although solutions like these are not yet implemented, the processing framework is prepared to handle them, and we expect to add new kinds of output channels in a near feature.

To select an output channel, just click on the button on the right side of the text box. That will open a save file dialog, where you can select the desired file path. Supported file extensions are shown in the file format selector of the dialog, depending on the kind of output and the algorithm.

The format of the output is defined by the filename extension. The supported formats depend on what is supported by the algorithm itself. To select a format, just select the corresponding file extension (or add it, if you are directly typing the file path instead). If the extension of the file path you entered does not match any of the supported formats, a default extension (usually `.dbf` for tables, `.tif` for raster layers and `.shp` for vector layers) will be appended to the file path, and the file format corresponding to that extension will be used to save the layer or table.

If you do not enter any filename, the result will be saved as a temporary file in the corresponding default file format, and it will be deleted once you exit QGIS (take care with that, in case you save your project and it contains temporary layers).

You can set a default folder for output data objects. Go to the configuration dialog (you can open it from the *Processing* menu), and in the *General* group, you will find a parameter named *Output folder*. This output folder is used as the default path in case you type just a filename with no path (i.e., `myfile.shp`) when executing an algorithm.

Al ejecutar un algoritmo que utiliza una capa vectorial en modo iterativo, la ruta del archivo introducido se utiliza como la ruta de la base para todos los archivos generados, los cuales se denominan utilizando el nombre base y añadiendo un número que representa el índice de la iteración. La extensión del archivo (y el formato) se utiliza para todos los archivos generados.

Apart from raster layers and tables, algorithms also generate graphics and text as HTML files. These results are shown at the end of the algorithm execution in a new dialog. This dialog will keep the results produced by any algorithm during the current session, and can be shown at any time by selecting *Processing → Results viewer* from the QGIS main menu.

Some external applications might have files (with no particular extension restrictions) as output, but they do not belong to any of the categories above. Those output files will not be processed by QGIS (opened or included into the current QGIS project), since most of the time they correspond to file formats or elements not supported by QGIS. This is, for instance, the case with LAS files used for LiDAR data. The files get created, but you won't see anything new in your QGIS working session.

Para todos los otros tipos de salida, encontrará una casilla de verificación que se puede utilizar para decirle al algoritmo si se debe cargar el archivo una vez que se genera por el algoritmo o no. Por defecto, se abren todos los archivos.

Optional outputs are not supported. That is, all outputs are created. However, you can uncheck the corresponding checkbox if you are not interested in a given output, which essentially makes it behave like an optional output (in other words, the layer is created anyway, but if you leave the text box empty, it will be saved to a temporary file and deleted once you exit QGIS).

### 17.2.3 Configurar el entorno de trabajo de procesamiento

Como se ha mencionado, el menú de configuración permite el acceso a un nuevo diálogo donde se puede configurar cómo funcionan los algoritmos. Los parámetros de configuración están estructurados en bloques separados que se pueden seleccionar en la parte izquierda del cuadro de diálogo.

Along with the aforementioned *Output folder* entry, the *General* block contains parameters for setting the default rendering style for output layers (that is, layers generated by using algorithms from any of the framework GUI components). Just create the style you want using QGIS, save it to a file, and then enter the path to that file in the settings so the algorithms can use it. Whenever a layer is loaded by SEXTANTE and added to the QGIS canvas, it will be rendered with that style.

Los estilos de renderizado se pueden configurar individualmente para cada algoritmo y cada una de sus salidas. Basta con hacer clic derecho en el nombre del algoritmo en la caja de herramientas y seleccionar *Editar estilos de renderizados para salidas*. Aparecerá un cuadro de diálogo como el mostrado a continuación.

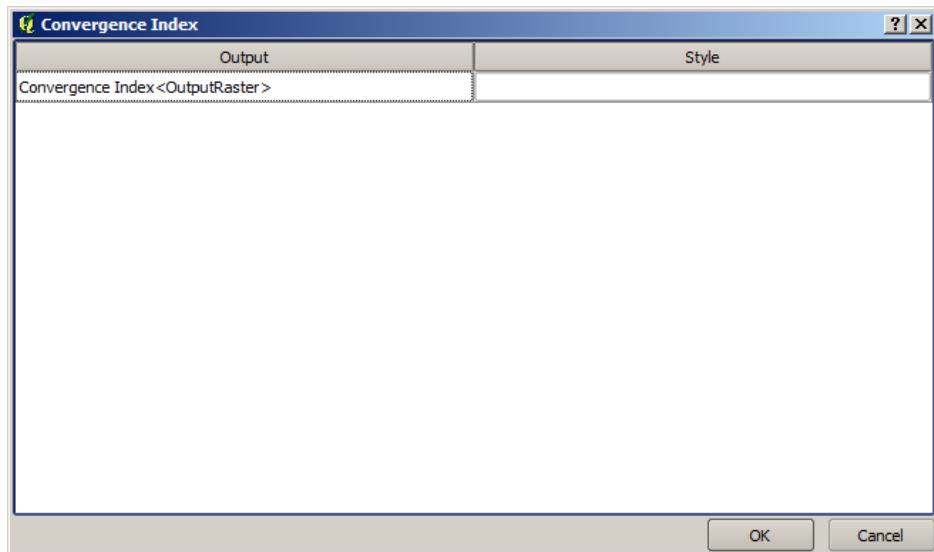


Figure 17.15: Rendering Styles

Seleccionar el archivo de estilo (.qml) que se deseé para cada salida y presionar [Aceptar].

Otras parámetros de configuración se en listan en el grupo *General* a continuación:

- *Utilizar nombre de archivo como nombre de capa.* El nombre de cada capa resultante creado por un algoritmo se define por el propio algoritmo. En algunos casos, un nombre fijo podría ser utilizado, lo que significa que el mismo nombre de salida será utilizada, no importa que capa de entrada se utiliza. En otros casos, el nombre podría depender del nombre de la capa de entrada o algunos de los parámetros utilizados para ejecutar el algoritmo. Si esta casilla de verificación está marcada, el nombre se toma del nombre de archivo de salida en su lugar. Tenga en cuenta que, si la salida se guarda en un archivo temporal, el nombre de archivo de este suele ser largo y sin sentido, destinada a evitar la colisión con otros nombres de archivos ya existentes.
- *Utilice sólo objetos espaciales seleccionados.* Si se selecciona esta opción, cada vez que se utiliza una capa vectorial como entrada para un algoritmo, sólo se utilizan sus objetos espaciales seleccionados. Si la capa no tiene elementos seleccionadas, se utilizarán todos los objetos.
- *Archivo script pre-ejecución y Archivo script post-ejecución.* Estos parámetros se refieren a scripts escritos utilizando la funcionalidad de secuencias de comandos de procesamiento, y se explican en la sección de secuencias de comandos de cobertura y la consola.

Aparte del bloque *General* en el diálogo de configuración, también encontrará un bloque para los proveedores de algoritmo. Cada entrada en este bloque contiene un elemento :guilabel: *Activar* que se puede utilizar para hacer que algoritmos aparezcan o no en la caja de herramientas. Además, algunos proveedores de algoritmos tienen sus propios elementos de configuración, que explicaremos más adelante en la cobertura de los proveedores de algoritmos particulares.

## 17.3 Modelador gráfico

The *graphical modeler* allows you to create complex models using a simple and easy-to-use interface. When working with a GIS, most analysis operations are not isolated, but rather part of a chain of operations instead. Using the graphical modeler, that chain of processes can be wrapped into a single process, so it is as easy and convenient to execute as a single process later on a different set of inputs. No matter how many steps and different algorithms it involves, a model is executed as a single algorithm, thus saving time and effort, especially for larger models.

El modelador puede ser abierto desde el menu de procesamiento

El modelador tiene un cambas funcional donde la estructura del modelo y el flujo de trabajo que representa se puede ver. En la parte izquierda de la ventana, un panel con dos pestañas se pueden utilizar para agregar nuevos elementos al modelo.

Crear un modelo requiere dos pasos:

1. “Definición de entradas no necesarias”. Estas entradas se agregaran a la ventana de parámetros, así el usuario puede poner sus valores cuando se ejecutan los modelos. El modelo en si es un algoritmo, así la ventana de parámetros de genera automáticamente como pasa con todos los algoritmos disponibles en el marco de referencia del procesador.
2. “Definición de un flujo de trabajo”. Usando los datos entrantes de un modelo, el flujo de trabajo se define por algoritmos adicionales y seleccionando como se utilizan las entradas o salidas generados por otros algoritmos que ya están en el modelo.

### 17.3.1 Definir entradas

El primer paso de crear un modelo es definir las entradas que se necesitan. Los siguientes elemenos se encuentran en la pestaña en el lado izquierdo de la ventana de modelos.

- Capa Raster

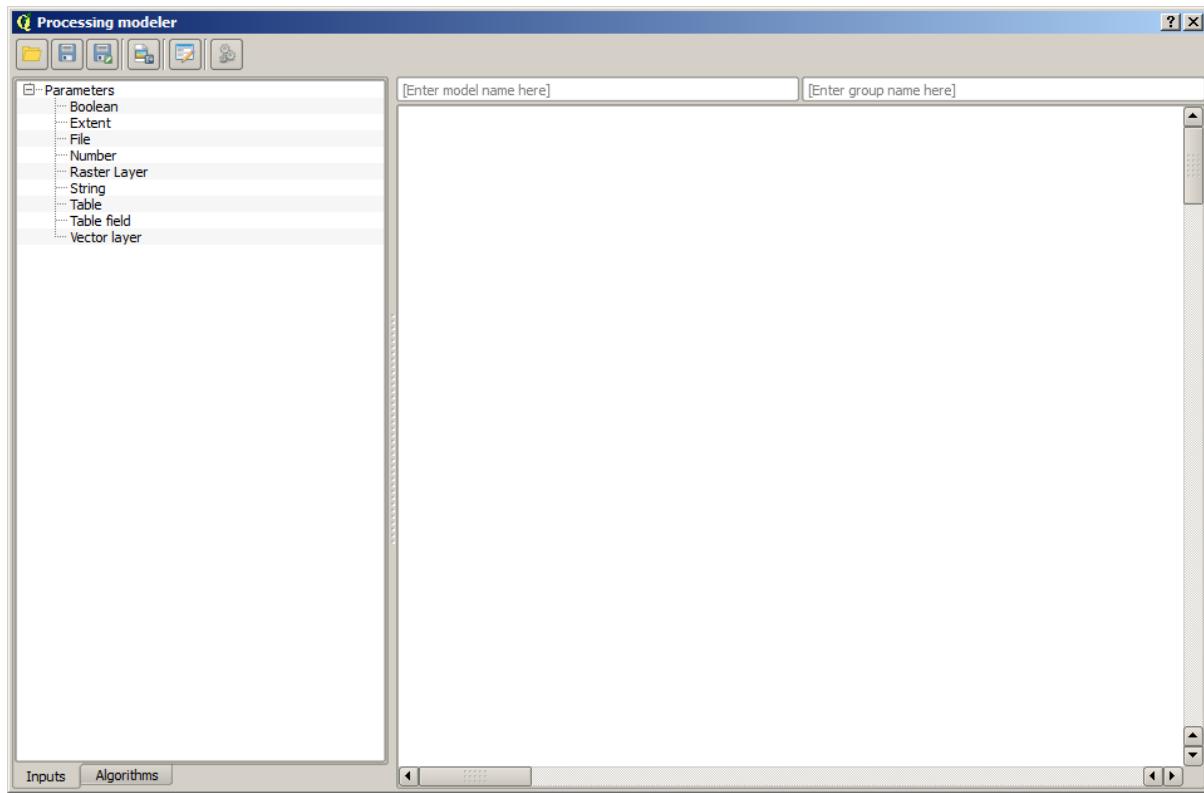


Figure 17.16: Modeler

- Capa Vector
- Cadena
- Campo de la tabla
- Tabla
- Extensión
- Número
- Boolean
- Archivo

Haga doble clic en cualquiera de estos elementos, un diálogo se muestra para definir sus características. Depende de los parámetros en si. El diálogo podría contener sólo un elemento básico (la descripción, que es la que el usuario verá al ejecutar el modelo) o más de ellos. Por ejemplo, al añadir un valor numérico, como se puede ver en la siguiente figura, parte de la descripción del parámetro, tiene que establecer un valor y un rango de valores válidos.

Para cada entrada adicional, un nuevo elemento se agrega al canvas modelador.

También puede añadir entradas al arrastrar el tipo de entrada de la lista y soltarlo en la vista del modelador, en la posición donde dese ubicarla.

### 17.3.2 Definición del flujo de trabajo.

Una vez que se ha definido las entradas, es tiempo para definir los algoritmos que se les aplica. Los algoritmos se pueden encontrar en la pestaña *Algorithms*, agrupados de una manera parecida a como están en la caja de herramientas.

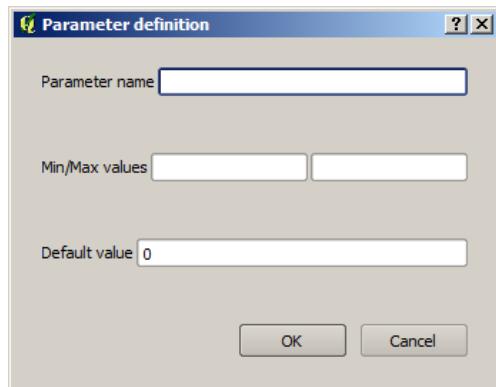


Figure 17.17: Model Parameters

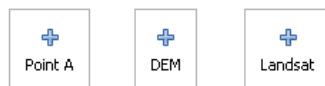


Figure 17.18: Model Parameters

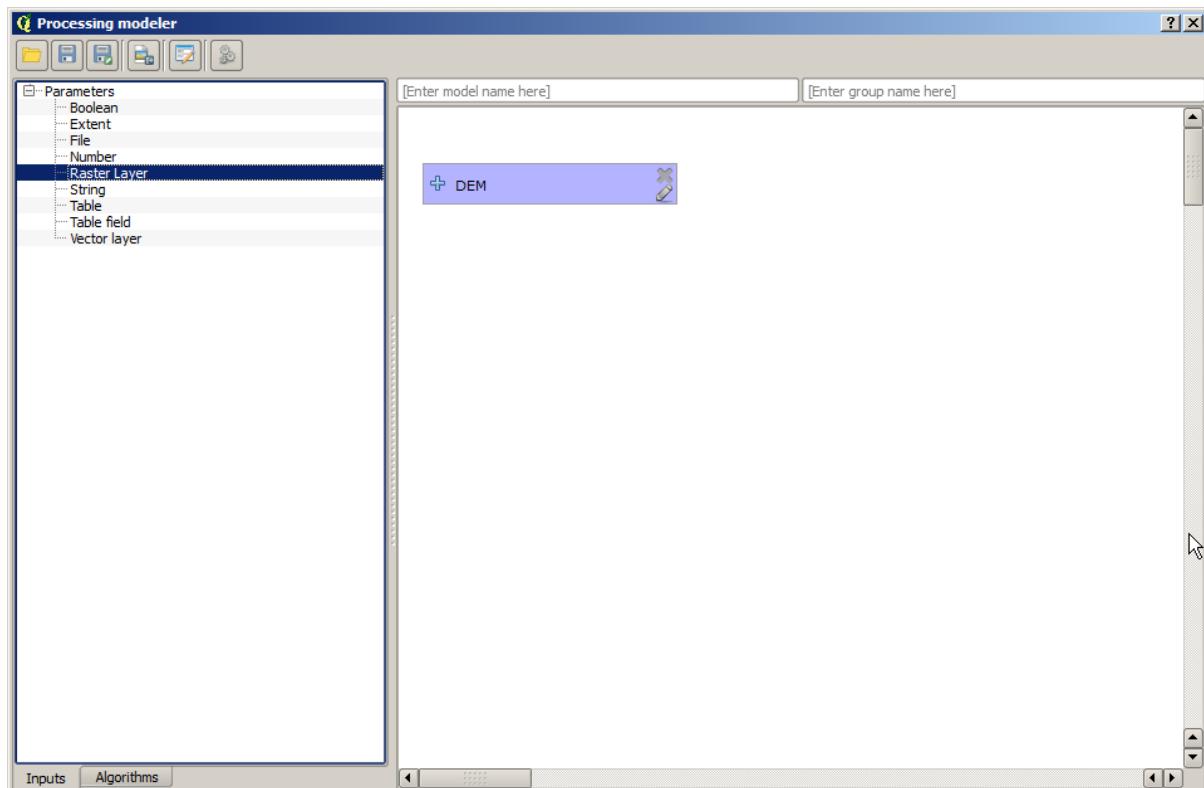


Figure 17.19: Model Parameters

The appearance of the toolbox has two modes here as well: simplified and advanced. However, there is no element to switch between views in the modeler, so you have to do it in the toolbox. The mode that is selected in the toolbox is the one that will be used for the list of algorithms in the modeler.

To add an algorithm to a model, double-click on its name or drag and drop it, just like it was done when adding inputs. An execution dialog will appear, with a content similar to the one found in the execution panel that is shown when executing the algorithm from the toolbox. The one shown next corresponds to the SAGA ‘Convergence index’ algorithm, the same example we saw in the section dedicated to the toolbox.

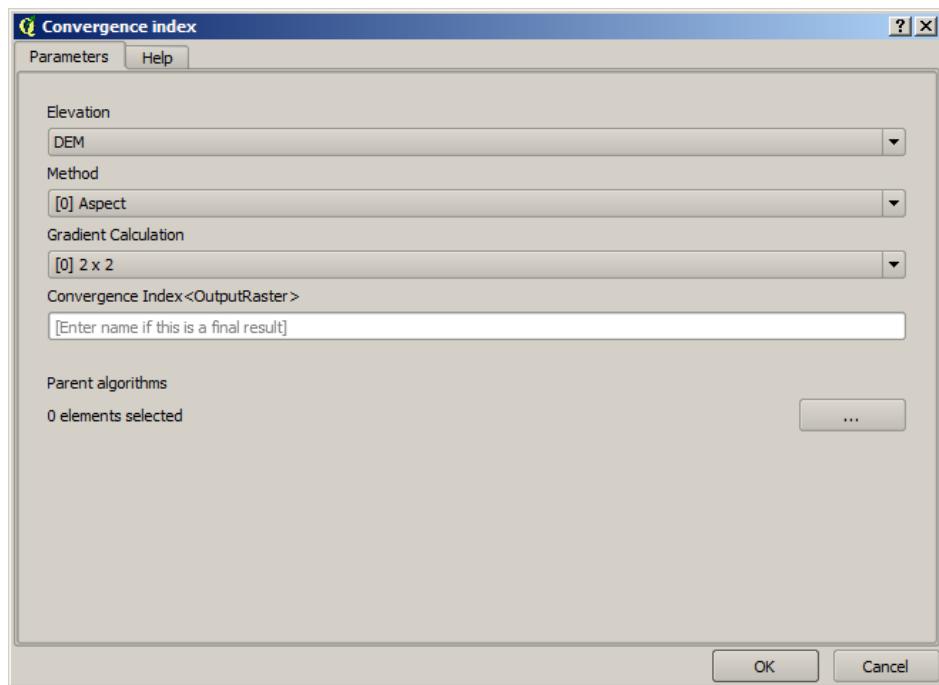


Figure 17.20: Model Parameters

Como se puede ver, existen algunas diferencias. En lugar de la caja de salida de archivo que se utiliza para establecer la ruta del archivo para capas y tablas de salida, una caja de texto simple se utiliza aquí. Si la capa generada por el algoritmo es sólo un resultado temporal que será utilizado como la entrada de otro algoritmo y no debe ser mantenida como resultado final, simplemente no modificar ese cuadro de texto. No escribir nada en él significa que el resultado es definitivo y el texto que se proporciona es la descripción de la salida, que será la salida que el usuario verá cuando se ejecute el modelo.

Seleccionar el valor de cada parámetro también es un poco diferente, ya que hay diferencias importantes entre contexto del modelador y de la caja de herramientas. Vamos a ver cómo introducir los valores para cada tipo de parámetro

- Layers (raster and vector) and tables. These are selected from a list, but in this case, the possible values are not the layers or tables currently loaded in QGIS, but the list of model inputs of the corresponding type, or other layers or tables generated by algorithms already added to the model.
- Los valores numéricos. Los valores literales se pueden introducir directamente en la caja de texto. Pero esta caja de texto también es una lista que se puede utilizar para seleccionar cualquiera de las entradas de valor numérico del modelo. En este caso, el parámetro tomará el valor introducido por el usuario cuando se ejecuta el modelo.
- Cadena. Como en el caso de valores numéricos, cadenas literales se pueden escribir, o una cadena de entrada se puede seleccionar.
- Campo de tabla. Los campos de la tabla padre o capa no se pueden conocer en tiempo de diseño, ya que dependen de la selección del usuario cada vez que el modelo es ejecutado. Para establecer el valor de este parámetro, escriba el nombre de un campo directamente en la caja de texto, o utilice la lista para seleccionar una entrada de campo de la tabla ya agregado al modelo. La validez del campo seleccionado será comprobada en tiempo de ejecución.

En todos los casos, se encontrará un parámetro adicional llamado *Algoritmos padres* que no esta disponible cuando llama al algoritmo de la caja de herramientas. Este parámetro permite definir el orden en que se ejecuten los algoritmos definiendo explícitamente un algoritmo como padre de la actual, lo que obligará al padre a ser ejecutado antes del actual.

When you use the output of a previous algorithm as the input of your algorithm, that implicitly sets the previous algorithm as parent of the current one (and places the corresponding arrow in the modeler canvas). However, in some cases an algorithm might depend on another one even if it does not use any output object from it (for instance, an algorithm that executes an SQL sentence on a PostGIS database and another one that imports a layer into that same database). In that case, just select the previous algorithm in the *Parent algorithms* parameter and the two steps will be executed in the correct order.

Una vez que a todos los parámetros se les han asignados valores validos, haga clic en **[Aceptar]** y el algoritmo se añadirá a la vista. Será enlazado a todos los otros elementos en la vista, si los algoritmos o entradas, eso proporciona objetos que se utilizan como entrada de ese algoritmo.

Los elementos se pueden arrastrar a una diferente posición dentro de la vista, para cambiar la forma de la estructura del modulo se muestra y hace más claro e intuitivo. Enlaces entre los elementos se actualizan automáticamente. Se puede acercar y alejar utilizando la rueda del ratón.

You can run your algorithm anytime by clicking on the **[Run]** button. However, in order to use the algorithm from the toolbox, it has to be saved and the modeler dialog closed, to allow the toolbox to refresh its contents.

### 17.3.3 Guardar y cargar modelos.

Utilice el botón actual **[Guardar]** para guardar el modelo actual y el botón **[Abrir]** para abrir cualquier modelo previamente guardado. Los modelos se guardan con la extensión `.model`. Si el modelo ha sido previamente guardado desde la ventana del modelador, no se le pedirá un nombre de archivo. Dado que ya existe un archivo asociado con ese modelo, el mismo archivo se utilizará para guardar cualquier subsiguiente.

Antes de guardar un modelo, tienes que entrar el nombre y el grupo, utilizando las cajas de texto en la parte superior de la ventana.

Los modelos guardados en la carpeta `modelos` (la carpeta predeterminada cuando se le pide un nombre de archivo para guardar el modelo) aparecerá en la caja de herramientas en la rama correspondiente. Cuando se invoca la caja de herramientas, que busca en la carpeta `modelos` de archivos con la extensión `.model` y carga los modelos que contienen. Puesto que un modelo es en sí mismo un algoritmo, este se puede añadir a la caja de herramientas al igual que cualquier otro algoritmo.

The models folder can be set from the processing configuration dialog, under the *Modeler* group.

Se puede cargar modelos desde la carpeta `models` que no solo aparece en la caja de herramientas sino tambien en el arbol de algoritmos en la pestaña *Algorithms* de la ventana modeladora.

In some cases, a model might not be loaded because not all the algorithms included in its workflow are available. If you have used a given algorithm as part of your model, it should be available (that is, it should appear in the toolbox) in order to load that model. Deactivating an algorithm provider in the processing configuration window renders all the algorithms in that provider unusable by the modeler, which might cause problems when loading models. Keep that in mind when you have trouble loading or executing models.

### 17.3.4 Editar un modelo.

Puedes editar un modelo que actualmente estás creando, redefiniendo el flujo de trabajo y la relación entre los algoritmos y las entradas que definen el modelo en si.

Si haces click derecho en un algoritmo en el canvas representado en el modelo, puedes ver el menu de contexto parecido a lo siguiente:

Seleccionando la opción *Remove* va a causar que el algoritmo seleccionado se elimine. Un algoritmo se puede eliminar solo si no hay otros algoritmos dependiendo de este. Eso es, si ninguna salida del algoritmo se utiliza en uno diferente de salida. Si intentar eliminar el algoritmo donde hay dependencia, un mensaje de advertencia como el que se ve abajo va a salir.

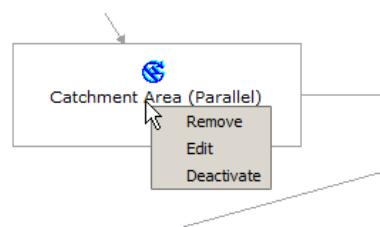


Figure 17.21: Modeler Right Click

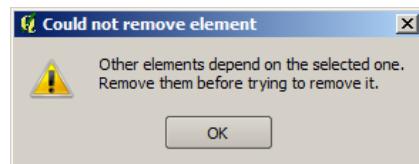


Figure 17.22: Cannot Delete Algorithm

Selecting the *Edit* option or simply double-clicking on the algorithm icon will show the parameters dialog of the algorithm, so you can change the inputs and parameter values. Not all input elements available in the model will appear in this case as available inputs. Layers or values generated at a more advanced step in the workflow defined by the model will not be available if they cause circular dependencies.

Seleccionar valores nuevos y luego hacer click en el botón de **[OK]** como es usual. Las conexiones entre elementos de modelos cambian de acuerdo con el ambas de modelar.

### 17.3.5 Editando archivos de ayuda y meta información de modelos

Puedes documentar tus modelos del modelador en si. Solo hacer click en el botón de **\*\*[Edit model help]\*** y un dialogo parecido al siguiente va a aparecer.

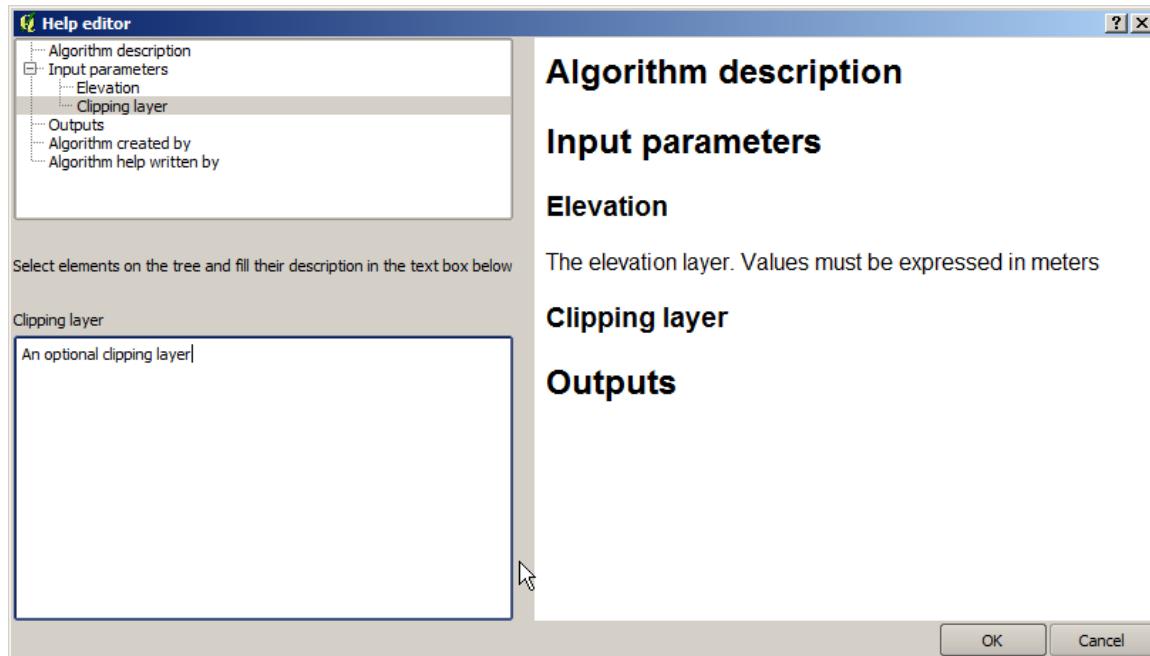


Figure 17.23: Help Edition

En el lado derecho, verá una página HTML simple, creado mediante la descripción de los parámetros de entrada y salidas del algoritmo, junto con algunos elementos adicionales como una descripción general del modelo o su

autor. La primera vez que se abre el editor de ayuda, todas estas descripciones están vacíos, pero se pueden editar utilizando los elementos en la parte izquierda del cuadro de diálogo. Seleccione un elemento en la parte superior y luego escriba su descripción en el cuadro de texto de abajo.

Model help is saved in a file in the same folder as the model itself. You do not have to worry about saving it, since it is done automatically.

### 17.3.6 Acerca de algoritmos disponibles

Puede notar que algunos algoritmos que pueden ser ejecutados desde la caja de herramientas no aparecen en la lista de algoritmos disponibles cuando se está diseñando un modelo. Para ser incluidos en un modelo, un algoritmo debe tener una semántica correcta, de modo que sea adecuadamente enlazado a los otros en el flujo de trabajo. Si un algoritmo no tiene tal bien definida la semántica (por ejemplo, si el número de capas de salida no puede ser conocido de antemano), entonces no es posible utilizarlo dentro de un modelo, y por lo tanto, no aparece en la lista de algoritmos que se puede encontrar en el diálogo modelador.

Además, se verán algunos algoritmos en el modelador que no se encuentran en la caja de herramientas. Estos algoritmos están destinados a ser utilizados exclusivamente como parte de un modelo, y que no son de interés en un contexto diferente. El algoritmo de ‘Calculadora’ es un ejemplo de ello. Es simplemente una calculadora aritmética simple que se puede utilizar para modificar valores numéricos (introducidos por el usuario o generados por algún otro algoritmo). Esta herramienta es muy útil dentro de un modelo, pero fuera de ese contexto, no tiene demasiado sentido.

## 17.4 La interfaz de procesamiento por lotes

### 17.4.1 Introducción

Todos los algoritmos (incluyendo modelos) se pueden ejecutar como un proceso por lotes. Es decir, que se pueden ejecutar utilizando no sólo un único conjunto de insumos, sino varios de ellos y ejecutar el algoritmo tantas veces sea necesario. Esto es útil al procesar grandes cantidades de datos, ya que no es necesario poner en marcha el algoritmo muchas veces desde la caja de herramientas.

Para ejecutar un algoritmo como un proceso por lotes, haga clic en su nombre en la caja de herramientas y seleccionar la opción *Ejecutar como proceso por lotes* en el menú emergente que aparecerá.

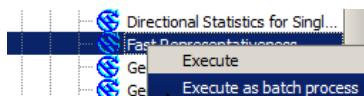


Figure 17.24: Batch Processing Right Click

### 17.4.2 La tabla de parámetros

La ejecución de un proceso por lotes es similar a la realización de una sola ejecución de un algoritmo. Los valores de los parámetros tienen que ser definidos, pero en este caso no sólo necesitan un valor único para cada parámetro, sino un conjunto de ellos en su lugar, una por cada vez que el algoritmo tiene que ser ejecutado. Los valores se introducen mediante una tabla como la que se muestra a continuación.

Cada línea de esta tabla representa una sola ejecución del algoritmo, y cada celda contiene el valor de uno de los parámetros. Es similar al diálogo de los parámetros que se ve cuando se ejecuta un algoritmo de la caja de herramientas, pero con una disposición diferente.

Por defecto, la tabla contiene sólo dos filas. Puede agregar o quitar filas utilizando los botones de la parte inferior de la ventana.

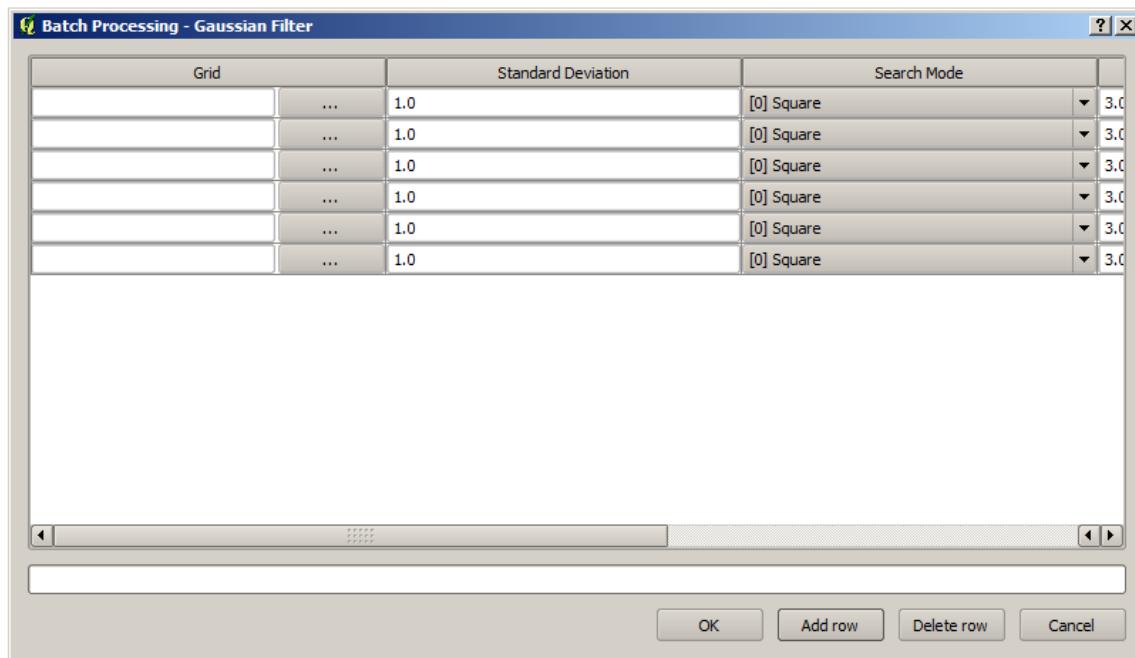


Figure 17.25: Batch Processing

Una vez que el tamaño de la tabla se ha establecido, este tiene que ser llenado con los valores deseados.

### 17.4.3 Llenado de la tabla de parámetros

Para la mayoría de los parámetros, establecen el valor es trivial. Sólo tienes que escribir el valor o seleccionarlo de la lista de opciones disponibles, dependiendo del tipo de parámetro.

The main differences are found for parameters representing layers or tables, and for output file paths. Regarding input layers and tables, when an algorithm is executed as part of a batch process, those input data objects are taken directly from files, and not from the set of them already opened in QGIS. For this reason, any algorithm can be executed as a batch process, even if no data objects at all are opened and the algorithm cannot be run from the toolbox.

Filenames for input data objects are introduced directly typing or, more conveniently, clicking on the button on the right hand of the cell, which shows a typical file chooser dialog. Multiple files can be selected at once. If the input parameter represents a single data object and several files are selected, each one of them will be put in a separate row, adding new ones if needed. If the parameter represents a multiple input, all the selected files will be added to a single cell, separated by semicolons ( ; ).

Output data objects are always saved to a file and, unlike when executing an algorithm from the toolbox, saving to a temporary file is not permitted. You can type the name directly or use the file chooser dialog that appears when clicking on the accompanying button.

Una vez que seleccione el archivo, un nuevo diálogo se mostrará para permitir la terminación automática de otras celdas en la misma columna (mismo parámetro).

Si se selecciona el valor por defecto ('No autocompletar'), se acaba de poner el nombre del archivo seleccionado en la celda seleccionada de la tabla de parámetros. Si se selecciona cualquiera de las otras opciones, todas las celdas debajo de la seleccionada será automáticamente llenado basado en un criterio definido. De esta manera, es mucho más fácil llenar la tabla, y el proceso por lotes se puede definir con menos esfuerzo.

El llenado automático puede hacerse por simple adición de los números correlativos a la ruta del archivo seleccionado, o al añadir el valor de otro campo en la misma fila. Esto es particularmente útil para nombrar a los objetos de datos de salida de acuerdo con los de entrada.

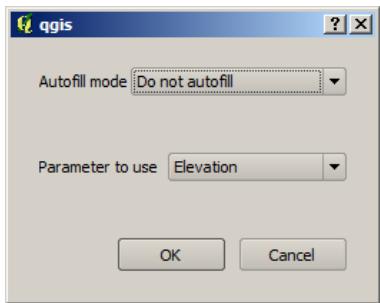


Figure 17.26: Guardar Procesamiento por lotes

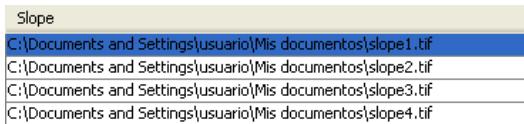


Figure 17.27: Batch Processing File Path

#### 17.4.4 Ejecutar el proceso por lotes

Para ejecutar el proceso por lotes una vez que haya introducido todos los valores necesarios, simplemente haga clic en **[Aceptar]**. El progreso de la tarea por lotes global se mostrará en la barra de progreso en la parte inferior del diálogo

## 17.5 Utilizar algoritmos de procesamiento desde la consola

La consola permite a los usuarios avanzados incrementar su productividad y realizar operaciones complejas que no se pueden realizar utilizando cualquiera de los otros elementos de la GUI del marco de procesamiento. Modelos que involucran varios algoritmos se pueden definir mediante la interfaz de línea de comandos y operaciones adicionales tales como bucles y sentencias condicionales que se pueden añadir para crear flujos de trabajo más flexibles y potentes.

There is not a proccesing console in QGIS, but all processing commands are available instead from the QGIS built-in Python console. That means that you can incorporate those commands into your console work and connect processing algorithms to all the other features (including methods from the QGIS API) available from there.

El código se puede ejecutar desde la consola de Python, incluso si no especifica ningún método de procesamiento, se puede convertir en un nuevo algoritmo que más tarde puede llamar desde la caja de herramientas, el modelador gráfico o algún otro componente, tal como lo hace con cualquier otro algoritmo. De hecho, algunos de los algoritmos que se pueden encontrar en la caja de herramientas son sencillas secuencias de comandos.

In this section, we will see how to use processing algorithms from the QGIS Python console, and also how to write algorithms using Python.

### 17.5.1 Invocando algoritmos desde la consola de Python

Lo primero que tiene que hacer es importar las funciones de procesamiento con la siguiente línea:

```
>>> import processing
```

Ahora, hay básicamente solo una cosa (interesante) que puede hacer con eso desde la consola: ejecutar un algoritmo. Eso se hace utilizando el método `runalg()`, que toma el nombre del algoritmo a ejecutar como su primer parámetro, y luego un número variable de parámetros adicionales dependiendo de los requisitos del algoritmo. Así lo primero

que necesita saber es el nombre del algoritmo a ejecutar. Ese no es el nombre que se ve en la caja de herramientas, si no más bien un nombre de linea de comando única. Para encontrar el nombre correcto de su algoritmo, se puede utilizar el método ``algslist(). Escribir la siguiente línea en su consola:

```
>>> processing.algslist()
```

Veras algo como esto:

```
Accumulated Cost (Anisotropic)----->saga:accumulatedcost(anisotropic)
Accumulated Cost (Isotropic)----->saga:accumulatedcost(isotropic)
Add Coordinates to points----->saga:addcoordinatesstopoints
Add Grid Values to Points----->saga:addgridvaluestopoints
Add Grid Values to Shapes----->saga:addgridvaluestoshapes
Add Polygon Attributes to Points----->saga:addpolygonattributestopoints
Aggregate----->saga:aggregate
Aggregate Point Observations----->saga:aggregatepointobservations
Aggregation Index----->saga:aggregationindex
Analytical Hierarchy Process----->saga:analyticalhierarchyprocess
Analytical Hillshading----->saga:analyticalhillshading
Average With Mask 1----->saga:averagewithmask1
Average With Mask 2----->saga:averagewithmask2
Average With Thereshold 1----->saga:averagewiththereshold1
Average With Thereshold 2----->saga:averagewiththereshold2
Average With Thereshold 3----->saga:averagewiththereshold3
B-Spline Approximation----->saga:b-splineapproximation
...
...
```

Esa es una lista de todos los algoritmos disponibles, ordenada alfabéticamente, junto con sus nombres de linea de comandos correspondientes.

Puede utilizar una cadena como parámetro para este método. En lugar de devolver la lista completa de algoritmos, que sólo mostrará aquellos que incluyen esa cadena. Si, por ejemplo, se busca un algoritmo para calcular la pendiente de un DEM, el tipo ``algslist("slope")`` obtendrá el siguiente resultado:

```
DTM Filter (slope-based)----->saga:dtmfilter(slope-based)
Downslope Distance Gradient----->saga:downslopedistancegradient
Relative Heights and Slope Positions----->saga:relativeheightsandslopepositions
Slope Length----->saga:slopelength
Slope, Aspect, Curvature----->saga:slopeaspectcurvature
Upslope Area----->saga:upslopearea
Vegetation Index[slope based]----->saga:vegetationindex[slopebased]
```

El resultado podría cambiar dependiendo de los algoritmos que se tienen disponibles.

Ahora es más fácil encontrar el algoritmo que se busca y el nombre de línea de comando, en este caso `saga:slopeaspectcurvature`.

Una vez que se conoce el nombre de línea de comandos del algoritmo, el siguiente paso es determinar la sintaxis correcta para ejecutarlo. Eso significa saber que parámetros se necesitan y el orden en el que tienen para pasarlo cuando se llame al método `runalg()`. Hay un método para describir un algoritmo a detalle, que se puede utilizar para obtener una lista de los parámetros que requiere un algoritmo y las salidas que va a generar. Para obtener esta información, se puede utilizar el método `alghelp (name_of_the_algorithm)`. Utilice el nombre de línea de comandos del algoritmo, no el nombre descriptivo completo.

Llamar al método con `saga:slopeaspectcurvature` como parámetro, se obtiene la siguiente descripción:

```
>>> processing.alghelp("saga:slopeaspectcurvature")
ALGORITHM: Slope, Aspect, Curvature
    ELEVATION <ParameterRaster>
    METHOD <ParameterSelection>
    SLOPE <OutputRaster>
    ASPECT <OutputRaster>
    CURV <OutputRaster>
```

```
HCURV <OutputRaster>
VCURV <OutputRaster>
```

Ahora se tiene todo lo necesario para ejecutar cualquier algoritmo. Como ya hemos mencionado, sólo hay un solo comando para ejecutar algoritmos: `runalg()`. Su sintaxis es la siguiente:

```
>>> processing.runalg(name_of_the_algorithm, param1, param2, ..., paramN,
                      Output1, Output2, ..., OutputN)
```

La lista de parámetros y salidas para añadir dependen del algoritmo que se desean ejecutar, y es exactamente la lista que el método `alghelp()` le da, en el mismo orden que se muestra.

Dependiendo del tipo de parámetro, los valores se introducen de manera diferente. La siguiente lista da una rápida revisión de cómo introducir los valores para cada tipo de parámetro de entrada.

- Raster Layer, Vector Layer or Table. Simply use a string with the name that identifies the data object to use (the name it has in the QGIS Table of Contents) or a filename (if the corresponding layer is not opened, it will be opened but not added to the map canvas). If you have an instance of a QGIS object representing the layer, you can also pass it as parameter. If the input is optional and you do not want to use any data object, use `None`.
- Selección. Si un algoritmo tiene un parámetro de selección, el valor de ese parámetro debe ser introducido mediante un valor entero. Para conocer las opciones disponibles, se puede utilizar el comando `algoptions()`, como se muestra en el siguiente ejemplo

```
>>> processing.algoptions("saga:slopeaspectcurvature")
METHOD (Method)
0 - [0] Maximum Slope (Travis et al. 1975)
1 - [1] Maximum Triangle Slope (Tarboton 1997)
2 - [2] Least Squares Fitted Plane (Horn 1981, Costa-Cabral & Burgess 1996)
3 - [3] Fit 2.Degree Polynom (Bauer, Rohdenburg, Bork 1985)
4 - [4] Fit 2.Degree Polynom (Heerdegen & Beran 1982)
5 - [5] Fit 2.Degree Polynom (Zevenbergen & Thorne 1987)
6 - [6] Fit 3.Degree Polynom (Haralick 1983)
```

En este caso, el algoritmo tiene uno de tales parámetros, con siete opciones. Tenga en cuenta que ordenar en base cero.

- La entrada múltiple. El valor es una cadena con descriptores de entrada separadas por punto y coma (;). Como en el caso de capas individuales o tablas, cada descriptor de entrada se puede el nombre del objeto de datos, o su ruta de archivo.
- El campo de la tabla de XXX. Utilice una cadena con el nombre del campo a usar. Este parámetro es sensible a mayúsculas y minúsculas.
- Tabla fija. Escribir la lista de todas las tablas de valores separadas por comas (,) y cerrar entre comillas (""). Los valores que empiezan en la fila superior y van de izquierda a derecha. También se puede utilizar un arreglo 2-D de valores que representen la tabla.
- SRC. Introduzca el número del código EPSG del SRC deseado.
- Extensión. Se debe utilizar una cadena con valores de `xmin`, `xmax`, `ymin` y `ymax` separados por comas (,“).

Los parámetros boolean, archivo, cadena y numéricos no necesitan alguna explicación adicional.

Los parámetros de entrada tales como valores string, booleanos o numericos tienen valores predeterminados. Para utilizarlos, especificar `None` en la entrada del parámetro correspondiente.

Para objetos de datos de salida, escriba la ruta del archivo que se utilizará para guardarlo, del mismo modo que se hace desde la caja de herramientas. Si desea guardar el resultado a un archivo temporal, use `None`. La extensión del archivo determina el formato de archivo. Si se ingresa la extensión no reconocida por el algoritmo, el formato de archivo predeterminado para el tipo de salida se utilizará, y su extensión correspondiente anexa a la ruta del archivo dado.

Unlike when an algorithm is executed from the toolbox, outputs are not added to the map canvas if you execute that same algorithm from the Python console. If you want to add an output to the map canvas, you have to do it yourself after running the algorithm. To do so, you can use QGIS API commands, or, even easier, use one of the handy methods provided for such tasks.

El método `runalg` regresa un diccionario con los nombres de salida (los que se muestran en la descripción del algoritmo) como llaves y la ruta del archivo de esas salidas como valores. Se pueden cargar esas capas al pasar las rutas de archivo correspondientes al método `load()`.

## 17.5.2 Funciones adicionales para manipular datos

Apart from the functions used to call algorithms, importing the `processing` package will also import some additional functions that make it easier to work with data, particularly vector data. They are just convenience functions that wrap some functionality from the QGIS API, usually with a less complex syntax. These functions should be used when developing new algorithms, as they make it easier to operate with input data.

Below is a list of some of these commands. More information can be found in the classes under the `processing/tools` package, and also in the example scripts provided with QGIS.

- `getObject (obj)`: Returns a QGIS object (a layer or table) from the passed object, which can be a filename or the name of the object in the QGIS Table of Contents.
- `values (layer, fields)`: Regresa los valores en la tabla de atributos de una capa vectorial, para los campos pasados. Los campos se pueden pasar como nombres de campos o como indices de archivos de base cero. Devuelve un diccionario de listas, con el identificador del campo pasado como llaves. Se considera la selección existente.
- `features (layer)`: Devuelve un iterador sobre las características de una capa vectorial, considerando la selección existente.
- `uniqueValues (layer, field)`: Devuelve una lista de valores únicos para un atributo dado. Los atributos se pueden pasar como un nombre de campo o indice de campo de base cero. Se considera la selección existente.

## 17.5.3 Crear scripts y ejecutarlos desde la Caja de Herramientas

Puede crear sus propios algoritmos escribiendo código Python y añadiendo unas pocas líneas extras para suministrar información adicional necesaria para definir la semántica del algoritmo. Se puede encontrar en el menú `guilabel:Crear nuevo script` bajo el grupo *Herramientas* en el bloque de algoritmos *Script* de la caja de herramientas. Haga doble clic en él para abrir el diálogo de edición de script. Eso es donde debe escribir su código. Guarde el script en la carpeta `scripts` (la carpeta predeterminada cuando abre el diálogo del archivo guardado) con la extensión `.py` automáticamente crea el algoritmo correspondiente.

El nombre del algoritmo (el que podrá ver en la caja de herramientas) se crea a partir del nombre de archivo, la eliminación su extensión y la sustitución de guiones bajos con espacios en blanco.

Vamos a echar un vistazo a el siguiente código, que calcula el Índice de Humedad topográfica (TWI) directamente de un DEM.

```
##dem=raster
##twi=output
ret_slope = processing.runalg("saga:slopeaspectcurvature", dem, 0, None,
                           None, None, None, None)
ret_area = processing.runalg("saga:catchmentarea(mass-fluxmethod)", dem,
                           0, False, False, False, None, None, None, None)
processing.runalg("saga:topographicwetnessindex(twi)", ret_slope['SLOPE'],
                  ret_area['AREA'], None, 1, 0, twi)
```

Como puede ver, el calculo implica tres algoritmos, todos ellos provenientes de SAGA. El último que calcula el TWI, pero se necesita una capa de pendientes y una capa de acumulación de flujo. No tenemos estas capas, pero ya tenemos el DEM, podemos calcularlas llamando a los algoritmos SAGA correspondientes.

La parte del código donde este procesamiento se lleva a cabo no es difícil de entender si ha leído las secciones anteriores de este capítulo. Las primeras líneas, sin embargo, necesitan alguna explicación adicional. Proporcionan la información que se necesita para convertir su código en un algoritmo que se puede ejecutar desde cualquiera de los componentes GUI, como la caja de herramientas o el modelador gráfico.

Estas líneas comienzan con un doble símbolo de comentario en Python (##) y tiene la siguiente estructura:

```
[parameter_name]=[parameter_type] [optional_values]
```

Aquí está una lista de todos los tipos de parámetros que se admiten en scripts de procesamiento, su sintaxis y algunos ejemplos.

- **raster.** Una capa ráster.
- **vector.** Una capa vectorial.
- **table.** Una tabla.
- **número.** Un valor numérico. Un valor por defecto debe ser proporcionado. Por ejemplo, `depth=number 2.4`.
- **string.** Una cadena de texto. Como en el caso de valores numéricos, por defecto se debe añadir un valor. Por ejemplo, `name=string Victor`.
- **boolean.** Un valor boolean. Añade `True` o `False` después para establecer el valor predeterminado. Por ejemplo, `verbose=boolean True`.
- **raster multiple.** Un conjunto de capas ráster de entrada.
- **Vector multiple.** Un conjunto de capas vectoriales de entrada.
- **Campo.** Un campo es la tabla de atributos de una capa vectorial. El nombre de la capa se tiene que añadir después de la etiqueta Campo. Por ejemplo, si ha declarado una vectorial de entrada con `mylayer=vector`, podría utilizar `myfield=field mylayer` para añadir un campo de esa capa como parámetro.
- **folder.** Una carpeta.
- **file.** A nombre de archivo.

El nombre del parámetro es el nombre que se mostrará al usuario cuando ejecuta el algoritmo, y también el nombre de variable a utilizar en la secuencia de código. El valor introducido por el usuario para ese parámetro se asignará a la variable con ese nombre.

Cuando muestra el nombre del parámetro al usuario, el nombre será editado para mejorar su apariencia, en sustitución de guiones bajos con espacios. Así, por ejemplo, si desea que el usuario vea un parámetro llamado `Un valor numérico`, puede utilizar el nombre de la variable `A_numerical_value`.

Layers and table values are strings containing the file path of the corresponding object. To turn them into a QGIS object, you can use the `processing.getObjectFromUri()` function. Multiple inputs also have a string value, which contains the file paths to all selected object, separated by semicolons (;).

Las salidas están definidas en una manera similar, utilizando los siguientes etiquetas:

- **raster de salida**
- **vector de salida**
- **tabla de salida**
- **html de salida**
- **archivo de salida**
- **número de salida**
- **texto de salida**

El valor asignado a las variables de salida es siempre una cadena con una ruta de archivo. Correspondrá a una ruta de archivo temporal en caso de que el usuario no haya introducido ningún nombre de archivo de salida.

When you declare an output, the algorithm will try to add it to QGIS once it is finished. That is why, although the `runalg()` method does not load the layers it produces, the final TWI layer will be loaded (using the case of our previous example), since it is saved to the file entered by the user, which is the value of the corresponding output.

No utilice el método `load()` en sus algoritmos de script, sino sólo cuando se trabaja con la línea de la consola. Si una capa es creada como salida de un algoritmo, debe ser declarada como tal. De lo contrario, usted no será capaz de utilizar correctamente el algoritmo en el modelador, ya que su sintaxis (según la definición de las etiquetas explicadas anteriormente) no coincidirá con lo que crea realmente el algoritmo.

Salidas ocultas (números y cadenas) no tienen un valor. En cambio, tiene que asignar un valor a los mismos. Para ello, basta con establecer el valor de una variable con el nombre que utilizó para declarar la salida. Por ejemplo, si ha utilizado esta declaración,

```
##average=output number
```

La siguiente linea establecerá el valor de salida a 5:

```
average = 5
```

Además de las etiquetas para los parámetros y resultados, también puede definir el grupo en las que se muestra el algoritmo, utilizando la etiqueta `grupo`.

Si su algoritmo toma mucho tiempo para procesar, es una buena idea informar al usuario. Se tiene una global llamada `progreso` disponible, con dos métodos posibles: `setText(text)` y `setPercentage(percent)` para modificar el texto y la barra de progreso.

Varios ejemplos son proporcionados. Por favor, consulte con ellos para ver ejemplos reales de cómo crear algoritmos utilizando las clases del marco de procesamiento. Haga clic derecho en cualquier script y seleccione *Editar script* para editar su código o sólo para verlo.

#### 17.5.4 Documentación de las secuencias de comandos

Al igual que en el caso de los modelos, puede crear documentación adicional para sus scripts, para explicar qué hacen y cómo utilizarlos. En el diálogo de edición de scripts, encontrará un botón **[Editor de ayuda]**. Haga clic en él y le llevará al diálogo de editor de ayuda. Compruebe la sección acerca del modelador gráfico para conocer más sobre este diálogo y cómo utilizarlo.

Los archivos de ayuda se guardan en el mismo folder como el script mismo, añadiendo la extensión `.help` al nombre del archivo. Tenga en cuenta que puede editar la ayuda de su script antes de guardarla la primera vez. Si después cierra el diálogo de edición de script sin guardarla (es decir, descartarla), el contenido de la ayuda que escribió se perderá. Si su script ya fue guardado y tiene asociado un nombre de archivo, se guardara automáticamente.

#### 17.5.5 Pre y post-ejecución de la secuencia de comandos hooks

Los scripts también pueden ser utilizados para establecer ganchos pre- y post ejecuciones, que se ejecutan antes y después de la ejecución de un algoritmo. Esto se puede utilizar para automatizar tareas que deben realizarse cada vez que se ejecuta un algoritmo.

La sintaxis es idéntica a la que se ha explicado anteriormente, pero una variable global adicional llamada `alg` está disponible, lo que representa el algoritmo que acaba de ser (o está a punto de ser) ejecutado.

En el grupo *General* del cuadro de diálogo de configuración de procesamiento se encuentran dos entradas llamadas *Script preejecución* y el :guilabel: *Script postejecución* donde el nombre de archivo de los scripts a ser ejecutados en cada caso se pueden introducir.

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## 17.6 El administrador del historial

### 17.6.1 El historial del procesamiento

Cada vez que ejecutas un algoritmo, la información acerca del proceso es almacenado en el administrador de la historia. Junto con los parámetros usados, la fecha y hora de la ejecución también se guardan.

This way, it is easy to track and control all the work that has been developed using the processing framework, and easily reproduce it.

El administrador del historial es un conjunto de entradas de registros agrupados de acuerdo a su fecha de ejecución, por lo que es más fácil encontrar información sobre un algoritmo ejecutado en cualquier momento en particular.

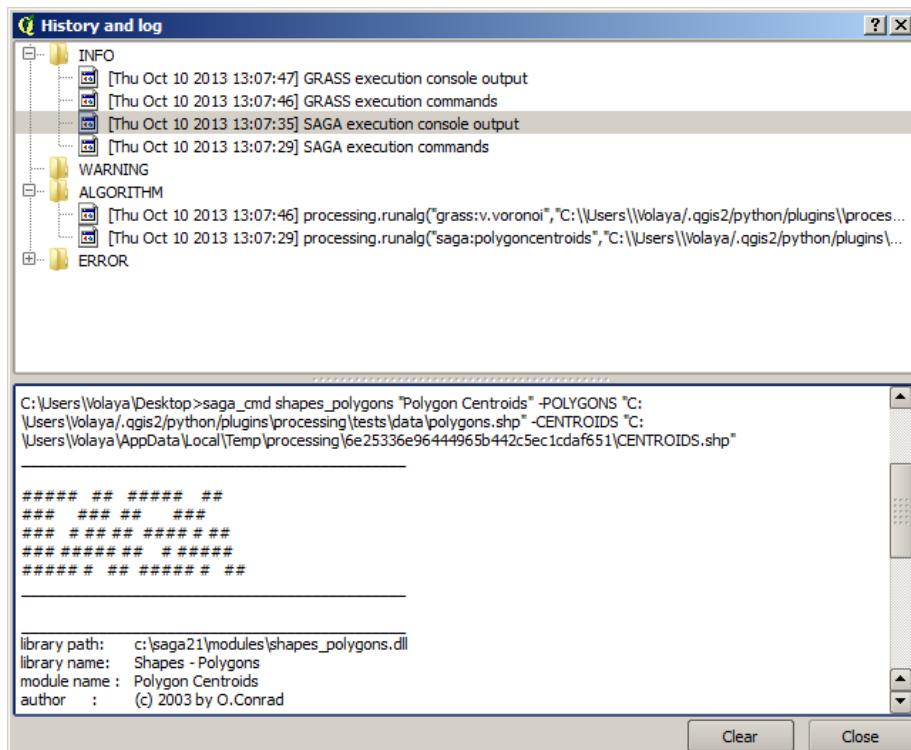


Figure 17.28: Historial

Información del proceso se mantiene como una expresión de línea de comandos, incluso si el algoritmo fue lanzado desde la caja de herramientas. Esto hace que sea también útil para aquellos que están aprendiendo cómo utilizar la interfaz de línea de comandos, ya que se pueden llamar un algoritmo usando la caja de herramientas y compruebe el administrados del historial para ver cómo ese mismo algoritmo podría ser llamado desde la línea de comandos.

Parte de la navegación por las entradas en el registro, también puede volver a ejecutar los procesos al hacer doble clic en la entrada correspondiente.

Along with recording algorithm executions, the processing framework communicates with the user by means of the other groups of the registry, namely *Errors*, *Warnings* and *Information*. In case something is not working properly, having a look at the *Errors* might help you to see what is happening. If you get in contact with a developer to report a bug or error, the information in that group will be very useful for her or him to find out what is going wrong.

Third-party algorithms are usually executed by calling their command-line interfaces, which communicate with the user via the console. Although that console is not shown, a full dump of it is stored in the *Information* group each time you run one of those algorithms. If, for instance, you are having problems executing a SAGA algorithm, look for an entry named 'SAGA execution console output' to check all the messages generated by SAGA and try to find out where the problem is.

Some algorithms, even if they can produce a result with the given input data, might add comments or additional information to the *Warning* block if they detect potential problems with the data, in order to warn you. Make sure you check those messages if you are having unexpected results.

## 17.7 Escribir nuevos algoritmos de procesamiento como scripts python

Puede crear sus propios algoritmos escribiendo el código Python correspondiente y añadiendo algunas líneas adicionales para suministrar la información adicional necesaria para definir la semántica del algoritmo. Puede encontrar un menú *Crear nuevo script* bajo el grupo *Herramientas* en el bloque de algoritmos *Script* de la caja de herramientas. Haga doble clic en él para abrir el diálogo de edición de script. Ahí es donde se debe escribir el código. Guardar el script desde allí en la carpeta *scripts* (el predeterminado cuando se abre el diálogo de guardar archivo), con la extensión *.py*, creará automáticamente el algoritmo correspondiente.

The name of the algorithm (the one you will see in the toolbox) is created from the filename, removing its extension and replacing low hyphens with blank spaces.

Vamos a tener el siguiente código, que calcula el Índice de Humedad Topográfico (TWI) directamente desde un DEM

```
##dem=raster
##twi=output raster
ret_slope = processing.runalg("saga:slopeaspectcurvature", dem, 0, None,
                               None, None, None, None)
ret_area = processing.runalg("saga:catchmentarea", dem,
                             0, False, False, False, None, None, None, None)
processing.runalg("saga:topographicwetnessindextwi", ret_slope['SLOPE'],
                  ret_area['AREA'], None, 1, 0, twi)
```

As you can see, it involves 3 algorithms, all of them coming from SAGA. The last one of them calculates the TWI, but it needs a slope layer and a flow accumulation layer. We do not have these ones, but since we have the DEM, we can calculate them calling the corresponding SAGA algorithms.

La parte del código donde este procesamiento se lleva a cabo no es difícil de entender si has leído el capítulo anterior. Las primeras líneas, sin embargo, necesitan una explicación adicional. Proporcionan la información que se necesita para convertir su código en un algoritmo que se pueda ejecutar desde cualquiera de los componentes GUI, como la caja de herramientas o el modelador gráfico.

Estas líneas comienzan con un doble símbolo de comentario en Python (##) y tiene la siguiente estructura

```
[parameter_name]=[parameter_type] [optional_values]
```

Here is a list of all the parameter types that are supported in processign scripts, their syntax and some examples.

- **raster.** Una capa ráster
- **vector.** Una capa vectorial
- **table.** Una tabla
- **number.** Un valor numérico. Un valor predeterminado debe ser proporcionado. Por ejemplo, `depth=number 2.4`
- **string.** Una cadena de texto. Como en el caso de los valores numéricos, un valor predeterminado se debe añadir. Por ejemplo, `name=string Victor`
- **longstring.** Igual que el string, pero un cuadro de texto más grande se mostrará, por lo que es más adecuado para cadenas largas, como para un script esperando un pequeño fragmento de código.
- **boolean.** Un valor boolean. Añade True o False después para establecer el valor predeterminado. Por ejemplo, `verbose=boolean True`.
- **multiple raster.** Un conjunto de capas ráster de entrada.

- *multiple vector*. Un conjunto de capas vectoriales de entrada.
- *field*. Un campo en la tabla de atributos de una capa vectorial. El nombre de la capa se tiene que añadir después de la etiqueta *field*. Por ejemplo, si ha declarado una vectorial de entrada con *mylayer=vector*, podría utilizar *myfield=field mylayer* para añadir un campo de esa capa como parámetro.
- *folder*. Una carpeta
- *file*. Un nombre de archivo
- *crs*. Un Sistema de Referencia de Coordenadas

El nombre del parámetro es el nombre que se mostrará al usuario cuando ejecute el algoritmo, y también el nombre de la variable a utilizar en el código del script. El valor introducido por el usuario para ese parámetro será asignado a una variable con ese nombre.

When showing the name of the parameter to the user, the name will be edited to improve its appearance, replacing low hyphens with spaces. So, for instance, if you want the user to see a parameter named *A numerical value*, you can use the variable name *A\_numerical\_value*.

Layers and tables values are strings containing the filepath of the corresponding object. To turn them into a QGIS object, you can use the `processing.getObjectFromUri()` function. Multiple inputs also have a string value, which contains the filepaths to all selected objects, separated by semicolons (;).

Las salidas son definidas en una manera similar, utilizando las siguientes etiquetas:

- rástér de salida
- vector de salida
- tabla de salida
- html de salida
- archivo de salida
- número de salida
- texto de salida
- Extensión de salida

El valor asignado a las variables de salida es siempre una cadena con una ruta de archivo. Correspondrá a una ruta de archivo temporal en el caso de que el usuario no ha introducido ningún nombre de archivo de salida.

Además de las etiquetas para los parámetros y resultados, también puede definir el grupo en las que se muestra el algoritmo, utilizando la etiqueta *group*.

La última etiqueta que se puede utilizar en su cabecera guion es `##nomodeler`. Utilice que cuando no quiere que su algoritmo se muestra en la ventana modelador. Esto se debe utilizar para los algoritmos que no tienen una sintaxis clara (por ejemplo, si el número de capas que se crearon no se conoce de antemano, en tiempo de diseño), que los hacen inadecuados para el modelador gráfico

## 17.8 Manipulación de datos producidos por el algoritmo

When you declare an output representing a layer (raster, vector or table), the algorithm will try to add it to QGIS once it is finished. That is the reason why, although the `runalg()` method does not load the layers it produces, the final *TWI* layer will be loaded, since it is saved to the file entered by the user, which is the value of the corresponding output.

No utilice el método `load()` en sus algoritmos de script, sino sólo cuando se trabaja con la línea de la consola. Si se crea una capa como salida de un algoritmo, que debe ser declarada como tal. De lo contrario, usted no será capaz de utilizar correctamente el algoritmo en el modelador, ya que su sintaxis (según la definición de las etiquetas se ha explicado anteriormente) no coincidirá con lo que crea realmente el algoritmo.

Salidas ocultas (números y cadenas) no tienen un valor. En cambio, es quien tiene que asignar un valor a los mismos. Para ello, acaba de establecer el valor de una variable con el nombre que utilizó para declarar la salida. Por ejemplo, si ha usado esta declaración,

```
##average=output number
```

En la siguiente línea se establecerá el valor de la salida a 5:

```
average = 5
```

## 17.9 La comunicación con el usuario

Si su algoritmo toma mucho tiempo para procesar, es una buena idea informar al usuario. Se tiene un nombre global `progreso` disponible, con dos métodos disponibles: `setText(text)` y `setPercentage(percent)` para modificar el texto y la barra de progreso.

Si tiene información para proporcionar al usuario, no relacionada al progreso del algoritmo, se puede utilizar el método `setInfo(text)`, también del objeto `progreso`.

Si su script tiene algún problema, la forma correcta de propagación es plantear una excepción de tipo `GeoAlgorithmExecutionException()`. Se puede pasar un mensaje como argumento al constructor de la excepción. El procesamiento se hará cargo de la manipulación y comunicación con el usuario, dependiendo desde donde se este ejecutando el algoritmo (Caja de herramientas, modelador, consola Python...)

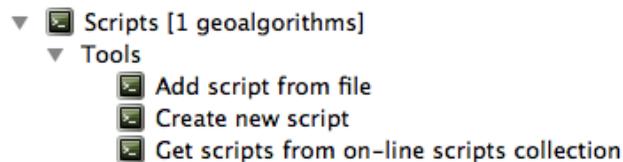
## 17.10 Documentando sus scripts

As in the case of models, you can create additional documentation for your script, to explain what they do and how to use them. In the script editing dialog you will find a [Edit script help] button. Click on it and it will take you to the help editing dialog. Check the chapter about the graphical modeler to know more about this dialog and how to use it.

Help files are saved in the same folder as the script itself, adding the `.help` extension to the filename. Notice that you can edit your script's help before saving it for the first time. If you later close the script editing dialog without saving the script (i.e. you discard it), the help content you wrote will be lost. If your script was already saved and is associated to a filename, saving is done automatically.

## 17.11 Scripts de ejemplo

Varios ejemplos están disponibles en la colección en línea de scripts, que pueden acceder al seleccionarlo la herramienta *Obtener script de la colección de script en línea* bajo la entrada *Scripts/herramientas* en la caja de herramientas.



Por favor, compruebe con ellos para ver ejemplos reales de cómo crear algoritmos que utilizan las clases de la arquitectura de procesamiento. Puede hacer clic derecho sobre cualquier algoritmo de secuencia de comandos y seleccione *Editar script* para editar su código o simplemente para verlo.

## 17.12 Las mejores prácticas al escribir scripts de algoritmos

Aquí está un resumen rápido de ideas a considerar cuando crea su propio script de algoritmos y especialmente, si se desea compartir con otros usuarios de QGIS. Siguiendo estas sencillas reglas asegurará la consistencia entre los diferentes elementos de procesamiento, tales como la caja de herramientas, el modelador o la interfaz de procesamiento por lotes.

- No cargar la capa resultante. Deje al Procesamiento manejar sus resultados y cargue sus capas si es necesario.
- Declarar siempre las salidas de su algoritmo creado. Evitar cosas tales como declarar una salida y luego usando el nombre de archivo de destino establecido para esa salida para crear una colección de ellos. Eso romperá la semántica correcta del algoritmo y hará que sea imposible usar de forma segura en el modelador. Si usted tiene que escribir un algoritmo así, asegúrese de agregar la etiqueta `##nomodeler`.
- No mostrar cajas de mensaje o utilice algún elemento GUI desde el script. Si desea comunicarse con el usuario, utilice el método `setInfo()` o lance `GeoAlgorithmExecutionException`
- Como una regla de oro, no olvide que su algoritmo puede ser ejecutado en un contexto que no sea la caja de herramientas de procesamiento.

## 17.13 Pre y post ejecución de ganchos de scripts

Los scripts también pueden ser utilizados para establecer ganchos pre y post ejecución, que se ejecutan antes y después de un algoritmo. Esto se puede utilizar para automatizar tareas que deben realizarse cada vez que se ejecuta un algoritmo.

La sintaxis es idéntica a la que se ha explicado anteriormente, pero una variable global adicional llamada `alg` esta disponible, lo que representa el algoritmo que acaba de ser (o esta a punto de ser) ejecutado.

En el grupo *General* del cuadro de diálogo de configuración de procesamiento se encuentran dos entradas llamadas *Archivo de script de pre-ejecución* y el script :guilabel: *Archivo script post-ejecución* donde el nombre de archivo de los scripts que deben ejecutarse en cada caso se pueden introducir.

## 17.14 Configurar aplicaciones externas

The processing framework can be extended using additional applications. Currently, SAGA, GRASS, OTB (Orfeo Toolbox) and R are supported, along with some other command-line applications that provide spatial data analysis functionalities. Algorithms relying on an external application are managed by their own algorithm provider.

Esta sección le mostrará cómo configurar el entorno de procesamiento para incluir estas aplicaciones adicionales, y le explicará algunas de las características particulares de los algoritmos basados en ellos. Una vez que haya configurado correctamente el sistema, usted será capaz de ejecutar algoritmos externos de cualquier componente, como la caja de herramientas o el modelador gráfico, tal como lo hace con cualquier otro geoalgoritmo.

By default, all algorithms that rely on an external application not shipped with QGIS are not enabled. You can enable them in the configuration dialog. Make sure that the corresponding application is already installed in your system. Enabling an algorithm provider without installing the application it needs will cause the algorithms to appear in the toolbox, but an error will be thrown when you try to execute them.

This is because the algorithm descriptions (needed to create the parameters dialog and provide the information needed about the algorithm) are not included with each application, but with QGIS instead. That is, they are part of QGIS, so you have them in your installation even if you have not installed any other software. Running the algorithm, however, needs the application binaries to be installed in your system.

### 17.14.1 Aclaración para los usuarios de Windows

If you are not an advanced user and you are running QGIS on Windows, you might not be interested in reading the rest of this chapter. Make sure you install QGIS in your system using the standalone installer. That will automatically install SAGA, GRASS and OTB in your system and configure them so they can be run from QGIS. All the algorithms in the simplified view of the toolbox will be ready to be run without needing any further configuration. If installing through OSGeo4W application, make sure you select for installation SAGA and OTB as well.

Si quiere saber más sobre cómo funcionan estos proveedores, o si quiere utilizar algún algoritmo que no se encuentre en la Caja de Herramientas simplificada (como los scripts de R), siga leyendo.

### 17.14.2 Aclaración respecto a los formatos de archivos

When using an external software, opening a file in QGIS does not mean that it can be opened and processed as well in that other software. In most cases, other software can read what you have opened in QGIS, but in some cases, that might not be true. When using databases or uncommon file formats, whether for raster or vector layers, problems might arise. If that happens, try to use well-known file formats that you are sure are understood by both programs, and check the console output (in the history and log dialog) to know more about what is going wrong.

Utilizar capas raster de GRASS es, por ejemplo, uno de los casos en los que pueden existir problemas y no completarse el trabajo si se invoca un algoritmo externo que use dicha capa como entrada. Por este motivo, estas capas no aparecerán como disponibles para los algoritmos.

You should, however, find no problems at all with vector layers, since QGIS automatically converts from the original file format to one accepted by the external application before passing the layer to it. This adds extra processing time, which might be significant if the layer has a large size, so do not be surprised if it takes more time to process a layer from a DB connection than it does to process one of a similar size stored in a shapefile.

Providers not using external applications can process any layer that you can open in QGIS, since they open it for analysis through QGIS.

Regarding output formats, all formats supported by QGIS as output can be used, both for raster and vector layers. Some providers do not support certain formats, but all can export to common raster layer formats that can later be transformed by QGIS automatically. As in the case of input layers, if this conversion is needed, that might increase the processing time.

If the extension of the filename specified when calling an algorithm does not match the extension of any of the formats supported by QGIS, then a suffix will be added to set a default format. In the case of raster layers, the `.tif` extension is used, while `.shp` is used for vector layers.

### 17.14.3 Nota referente a las selección de capas vectoriales

External applications may also be made aware of the selections that exist in vector layers within QGIS. However, that requires rewriting all input vector layers, just as if they were originally in a format not supported by the external application. Only when no selection exists, or the *Use only selected features* option is not enabled in the processing general configuration, can a layer be directly passed to an external application.

En otros casos sólo es necesario exportar un conjunto de características seleccionadas, lo que hará que los tiempos de ejecución sean mayores.

#### SAGA

SAGA algorithms can be run from QGIS if you have SAGA installed in your system and you configure the processing framework properly so it can find SAGA executables. In particular, the SAGA command-line executable is needed to run SAGA algorithms.

If you are running Windows, both the stand-alone installer and the OSGeo4W installer include SAGA along with QGIS, and the path is automatically configured, so there is no need to do anything else.

If you have installed SAGA yourself (remember, you need version 2.1), the path to the SAGA executable must be configured. To do this, open the configuration dialog. In the *SAGA* block, you will find a setting named *SAGA Folder*. Enter the path to the folder where SAGA is installed. Close the configuration dialog, and now you are ready to run SAGA algorithms from QGIS.

If you are running Linux, SAGA binaries are not included with SEXTANTE, so you have to download and install the software yourself. Please check the SAGA website for more information. SAGA 2.1 is needed.

In this case, there is no need to configure the path to the SAGA executable, and you will not see those folders. Instead, you must make sure that SAGA is properly installed and its folder is added to the PATH environment variable. Just open a console and type `saga_cmd` to check that the system can find where the SAGA binaries are located.

#### 17.14.4 Sobre las limitaciones del sistema de cuadrícula de SAGA

Most SAGA algorithms that require several input raster layers require them to have the same grid system. That is, they must cover the same geographic area and have the same cell size, so their corresponding grids match. When calling SAGA algorithms from QGIS, you can use any layer, regardless of its cell size and extent. When multiple raster layers are used as input for a SAGA algorithm, QGIS resamples them to a common grid system and then passes them to SAGA (unless the SAGA algorithm can operate with layers from different grid systems).

La definición de este sistema de cuadrícula común es controlado por el usuario, y se encontrará varios parámetros en el grupo SAGA de la ventana de configuración para hacerlo. Hay dos formas de establecer el sistema de cuadrícula de destino.

- Establecerlo manualmente. se define la extensión estableciendo los valores de los siguientes parámetros:
  - *Resampling min X*
  - *Resampling max X*
  - *Resampling min Y*
  - *Resampling max Y*
  - *Resampling cellsize*

Notice that QGIS will resample input layers to that extent, even if they do not overlap with it.

- Ajuste de forma automática a partir de capas de entrada. Para seleccionar esta opción, simplemente marque la opción *Utilizar el sistema de cuadrícula mínima para remuestreo*. Todos los demás ajustes se ignoran y la medida mínima que cubre todas las capas de entrada que se utilizarán. El tamaño de celda de la capa de destino es el máximo de todos los tamaños celulares de las capas de entrada.

Para los algoritmos que no utilizan múltiples capas raster, o para aquellos que no necesitan un único sistema de cuadrícula de entrada, no se realizará un remuestreo antes de invocar SAGA y dichos parámetros no son utilizados.

#### 17.14.5 Limitaciones para las capas multibanda

Unlike QGIS, SAGA has no support for multi-band layers. If you want to use a multiband layer (such as an RGB or multispectral image), you first have to split it into single-banded images. To do so, you can use the ‘SAGA/Grid - Tools/Split RGB image’ algorithm (which creates three images from an RGB image) or the ‘SAGA/Grid - Tools/Extract band’ algorithm (to extract a single band).

#### 17.14.6 Limitaciones en el tamaño de celda

SAGA asume que las capas ráster tienen el mismo tamaño de celda en el eje X y Y. Si se está trabajando con una capa con diferentes valores para el tamaño de celda horizontal y vertical, es posible que obtenga resultados inesperados. En este caso, se añadirá una advertencia al registro de procesamiento, lo que indica que una capa de entrada podría no ser adecuada para ser procesada por SAGA.

## 17.14.7 Registro

When QGIS calls SAGA, it does so using its command-line interface, thus passing a set of commands to perform all the required operations. SAGA shows its progress by writing information to the console, which includes the percentage of processing already done, along with additional content. This output is filtered and used to update the progress bar while the algorithm is running.

Both the commands sent by QGIS and the additional information printed by SAGA can be logged along with other processing log messages, and you might find them useful to track in detail what is going on when QGIS runs a SAGA algorithm. You will find two settings, namely *Log console output* and *Log execution commands*, to activate that logging mechanism.

La mayoría del resto de proveedores que utilizan una aplicación externa y la invocan a través de la línea de comandos tienen opciones similares, de forma que las podrá encontrar también en otros lugares de la lista de ajustes de procesamiento.

### R. Creating R scripts

R integration in QGIS is different from that of SAGA in that there is not a predefined set of algorithms you can run (except for a few examples). Instead, you should write your scripts and call R commands, much like you would do from R, and in a very similar manner to what we saw in the section dedicated to processing scripts. This section shows you the syntax to use to call those R commands from QGIS and how to use QGIS objects (layers, tables) in them.

The first thing you have to do, as we saw in the case of SAGA, is to tell QGIS where your R binaries are located. You can do this using the *R folder* entry in the processing configuration dialog. Once you have set that parameter, you can start creating and executing your own R scripts.

De nuevo, esto es diferente en Linux, dónde sólo hay que asegurarse de que el directorio de R está correctamente incluido en la variable de entorno PATH. Si R puede iniciarse simplemente escribiendo R en una consola, entonces la configuración es correcta.

To add a new algorithm that calls an R function (or a more complex R script that you have developed and you would like to have available from QGIS), you have to create a script file that tells the processing framework how to perform that operation and the corresponding R commands to do so.

Los archivos de script de R tienen la extensión .rsx, y crearlos es bastante sencillo si sólo tiene un conocimiento básico de la sintaxis y script de R. Deben ser almacenados en la carpeta de scripts de R. Se puede establecer esta carpeta en el grupo de ajustes *R* (disponible desde el diálogo de Configuración de procesamiento), al igual que se hace con la carpeta para scripts de procesamiento regular.

Let's have a look at a very simple script file, which calls the R method `spsample` to create a random grid within the boundary of the polygons in a given polygon layer. This method belongs to the `maptools` package. Since almost all the algorithms that you might like to incorporate into QGIS will use or generate spatial data, knowledge of spatial packages like `maptools` and, especially, `sp`, is mandatory.

```
##polyg=vector
##numpoints=number 10
##output=output vector
##sp=group
pts=spsample(polyg,numpoints,type="random")
output=SpatialPointsDataFrame(pts, as.data.frame(pts))
```

The first lines, which start with a double Python comment sign (##), tell QGIS the inputs of the algorithm described in the file and the outputs that it will generate. They work with exactly the same syntax as the SEXTANTE scripts that we have already seen, so they will not be described here again.

When you declare an input parameter, QGIS uses that information for two things: creating the user interface to ask the user for the value of that parameter and creating a corresponding R variable that can later be used as input for R commands.

In the above example, we are declaring an input of type `vector` named `polyg`. When executing the algorithm, QGIS will open in R the layer selected by the user and store it in a variable also named `polyg`. So, the name of a

parameter is also the name of the variable that we can use in R for accesing the value of that parameter (thus, you should avoid using reserved R words as parameter names).

Spatial elements such as vector and raster layers are read using the `readOGR()` and `brick()` commands (you do not have to worry about adding those commands to your description file – QGIS will do it), and they are stored as `Spatial*DataFrame` objects. Table fields are stored as strings containing the name of the selected field.

Las tablas se abren con el comando `read.csv()`. Sin una tabla introducida por el usuario no esta en formato CSV, será convertirá antes de importarlo en R.

Además, los ráster se pueden leer con el comando `readGDAL()` en lugar de `brick()` utilizando el `#usereadgdal`.

If you are an advanced user and do not want QGIS to create the object representing the layer, you can use the `#passfilename` tag to indicate that you prefer a string with the filename instead. In this case, it is up to you to open the file before performing any operation on the data it contains.

Con la información anterior, se puede comprender la primera línea de nuestro primer script de ejemplo (la primera línea que no comienza con un comentario de Python).

```
pts=spsample(polyg,numpoints,type="random")
```

La variable `polygon` ya contiene un objeto `SpatialPolygonsDataFrame`, por lo que se puede utilizar para llamar al método `spsample`, al igual que `numpoints`, que indica el número de puntos a añadir a la rejilla de ejemplo creada.

Como hemos declarado una salida de tipo vectorial llamada `salida`, tenemos que crear una variable llamada `salida` y almacenar un objeto `Spatial*DataFrame` en ella (en este caso, un `SpatialPointsDataFrame`). Se puede utilizar cualquier nombre para sus variables intermedias. Sólo asegúrese de que la variable almacena su resultado final y que tiene el mismo nombre que utilizó al declararla, y que contiene un valor adecuado.

In this case, the result obtained from the `spsample` method has to be converted explicitly into a `SpatialPointsDataFrame` object, since it is itself an object of class `ppp`, which is not a suitable class to be returned to QGIS.

Si el algoritmo genera capas raster, la forma en que se guardan dependerá de si o no han utilizado la opción `#dontuserasterpackage`. En que lo ha usado, las capas se guardan utilizando el método `writeGDAL()`. Si no, se utilizará el método `writeRaster()` del paquete `raster`.

Si ha utilizado la opción `#passfilename`, las salidas se generan utilizando el paquete `raster` (mediante `writeRaster()`), incluso cuando no se utiliza para las entradas.

Si el algoritmo no genera ninguna capa, sino más bien en su lugar regresa un texto en la consola, tiene que indicar lo que desea que la consola mostrará una vez finalizada la ejecución. Para ello, basta con iniciar la línea de comandos que producen los resultados que desea imprimir con el signo `>` (‘mayor’). La salida de todas las otras líneas no se mostrará. Por ejemplo, aquí está el archivo de descripción de un algoritmo que realiza una prueba normalmente en un determinado campo (columna) de los atributos de una capa vectorial:

```
##layer=vector
##field=field layer
##nortest=group
library(nortest)
>lillie.test(layer[[field]])
```

The output of the last line is printed, but the output of the first is not (and neither are the outputs from other command lines added automatically by QGIS).

Si su algoritmo crea algún tipo de gráficos (utilizando el método `plot()`), añada la siguiente línea:

```
##showplots
```

This will cause QGIS to redirect all R graphical outputs to a temporary file, which will be opened once R execution has finished.

Tanto los resultados gráficos como de consola, se mostrarán en el gesto de resultados de procesamiento.

For more information, please check the script files provided with SEXTANTE. Most of them are rather simple and will greatly help you understand how to create your own scripts.

**Nota:** `rgdal` and `maptools` libraries are loaded by default, so you do not have to add the corresponding `library()` commands (you just have to make sure that those two packages are installed in your R distribution). However, other additional libraries that you might need have to be explicitly loaded. Just add the necessary commands at the beginning of your script. You also have to make sure that the corresponding packages are installed in the R distribution used by QGIS. The processing framework will not take care of any package installation. If you run a script that requires a package that is not installed, the execution will fail, and Processing will try to detect which packages are missing. You must install those missing libraries manually before you can run the algorithm.

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## GRASS

Configuring GRASS is not much different from configuring SAGA. First, the path to the GRASS folder has to be defined, but only if you are running Windows. Additionally, a shell interpreter (usually `msys.exe`, which can be found in most GRASS for Windows distributions) has to be defined and its path set up as well.

By default, the processing framework tries to configure its GRASS connector to use the GRASS distribution that ships along with QGIS. This should work without problems in most systems, but if you experience problems, you might have to configure the GRASS connector manually. Also, if you want to use a different GRASS installation, you can change that setting and point to the folder where the other version is installed. GRASS 6.4 is needed for algorithms to work correctly.

Si se utiliza Linux, hay que asegurarse de que GRASS está correctamente instalado y que se puede ejecutar sin problemas desde una consola.

GRASS algorithms use a region for calculations. This region can be defined manually using values similar to the ones found in the SAGA configuration, or automatically, taking the minimum extent that covers all the input layers used to execute the algorithm each time. If the latter approach is the behaviour you prefer, just check the *Use min covering region* option in the GRASS configuration parameters.

The last parameter that has to be configured is related to the mapset. A mapset is needed to run GRASS, and the processing framework creates a temporary one for each execution. You have to specify if the data you are working with uses geographical (lat/lon) coordinates or projected ones.

## GDAL

No additional configuration is needed to run GDAL algorithms. Since they are already incorporated into QGIS, the algorithms can infer their configuration from it.

### Caja de Herramientas de Orfeo

Orfeo Toolbox (OTB) algorithms can be run from QGIS if you have OTB installed in your system and you have configured QGIS properly, so it can find all necessary files (command-line tools and libraries).

As in the case of SAGA, OTB binaries are included in the stand-alone installer for Windows, but they are not included if you are running Linux, so you have to download and install the software yourself. Please check the OTB website for more information.

Once OTB is installed, start QGIS, open the processing configuration dialog and configure the OTB algorithm provider. In the *Orfeo Toolbox (image analysis)* block, you will find all settings related to OTB. First, ensure that algorithms are enabled.

Entonces, configurar la ruta al directorio donde las aplicaciones de línea de comandos y las librerías de OTB se encuentran instaladas:

-  Normalmente, el directorio de aplicaciones de OTB apunta a '/usr/lib/otb/applications' y el directorio con los programas de línea de comandos de OTB es '/usr/bin'.

-  If you use the OSGeo4W installer, then install `otb-bin` package and enter `C:\OSGeo4W\apps\orfeotoolbox\applications` as *OTB applications folder* and `C:\OSGeo4W\bin` as *OTB command line tools folder*. These values should be configured by default, but if you have a different OTB installation, configure them to the corresponding values in your system.

## TauDEM

To use this provider, you need to install TauDEM command line tools.

### 17.14.8 Windows

Please visit the [TauDEM homepage](#) for installation instructions and precompiled binaries for 32-bit and 64-bit systems. **IMPORTANT:** You need TauDEM 5.0.6 executables. Version 5.2 is currently not supported.

### 17.14.9 Linux

There are no packages for most Linux distributions, so you should compile TauDEM by yourself. As TauDEM uses MPICH2, first install it using your favorite package manager. Alternatively, TauDEM works fine with Open MPI, so you can use it instead of MPICH2.

Download TauDEM 5.0.6 [source code](#) and extract the files in some folder.

Abrir el archivo `linearpart.h`, y después de la línea

```
#include "mpi.h"
```

añadir una nueva linea con

```
#include <stdint.h>
```

y obtendrá

```
#include "mpi.h"
#include <stdint.h>
```

Guardar los cambios y cerrar el archivo. Ahora abrir `tiffIO.h`, buscar la línea `#include "stdint.h"` y sustituir las comillas (" ") con <>, para obtener

```
#include <stdint.h>
```

Save the changes and close the file. Create a build directory and cd into it

```
mkdir build
cd build
```

Configure your build with the command

```
CXX=mpicxx cmake -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=/usr/local ..
```

and then compile

```
make
```

Finally, to install TauDEM into `/usr/local/bin`, run

```
sudo make install
```

## 17.15 Los Comandos QGIS

El procesado incluye una herramienta práctica que le permite ejecutar algoritmos sin tener que utilizar la caja de herramientas, pero tan solo escribir el nombre del algoritmo que se desee ejecutar.

Esta herramienta es conocida como *Comandos QGIS*, y esto es solo una sencilla caja de texto con autocompletado donde se escribe el nombre del comando que se desee ejecutar.

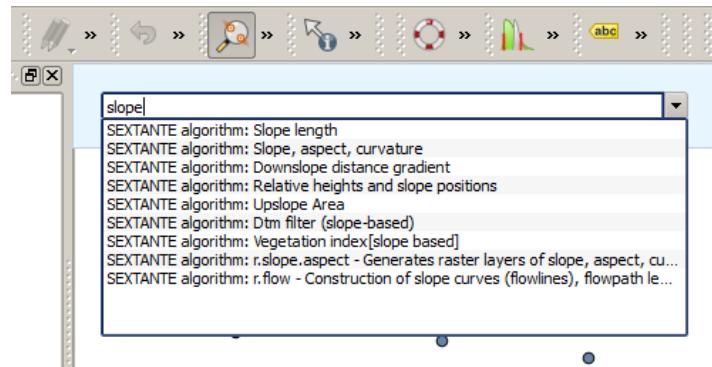


Figure 17.29: The QGIS Commander

The Commander is started from the *Analysis* menu or, more practically, by pressing Shift + Ctrl + M (you can change that default keyboard shortcut in the QGIS configuration if you prefer a different one). Apart from executing Processing algorithms, the Commander gives you access to most of the functionality in QGIS, which means that it gives you a practical and efficient way of running QGIS tasks and allows you to control QGIS with reduced usage of buttons and menus.

Moreover, the Commander is configurable, so you can add your custom commands and have them just a few keystrokes away, making it a powerful tool to help you become more productive in your daily work with QGIS.

### 17.15.1 Comandos disponibles

Los comandos disponibles en el Comandante caen en la siguiente categoría:

- Algoritmos de procesado. Estos se muestran como Algoritmo de procesamiento: <nombre del algoritmo>.
- Menu items. These are shown as Menu item: <menu entry text>. All menus items available from the QGIS interface are available, even if they are included in a submenu.
- Funciones Python. Puede crear funciones cortas en Python que serán entonces incluidas en la lista de comandos disponibles. Ellos se muestran como Function: <nombre de la función>.

Para ejecutar cualquiera de los anteriores, inicie escribiendo y a continuación, seleccione el elemento de la lista de comandos disponibles que aparecen después de filtrar toda la lista de comandos con el texto que ha introducido.

In the case of calling a Python function, you can select the entry in the list, which is prefixed by Function: (for instance, Function: removeall), or just directly type the function name ('removeall in the previous example). There is no need to add brackets after the function name.

### 17.15.2 Crear funciones personalizadas

Custom functions are added by entering the corresponding Python code in the `commands.py` file that is found in the `.qgis/sextante/commander` directory in your user folder. It is just a simple Python file where you can add the functions that you need.

The file is created with a few example functions the first time you open the Commander. If you haven't launched the Commander yet, you can create the file yourself. To edit the commands file, use your favorite text editor. You can also use a built-in editor by calling the `edit` command from the Commander. It will open the editor with the commands file, and you can edit it directly and then save your changes.

Por ejemplo, puede añadir la siguiente función, la cual borre todas las capas:

```
from qgis.gui import *

def removeall():
    mapreg = QgsMapLayerRegistry.instance()
    mapreg.removeAllMapLayers()
```

Una vez que se haya añadido la función, estará disponible en Comandos, y puede invocarlo escribiendo `removeall`. No hay necesidad de hacer algo más aparte de escribir la función en sí.

Las funciones pueden recibir parámetros. Añadir `*args` a la definición de su función para recibir argumentos. Cuando llame a la función desde Comandos, los parámetros tienen que ser pasados separados por espacios.

Aquí está un ejemplo de una función que carga una capa y toma un parámetro con el nombre del archivo de la capa cargada.

```
import processing

def load(*args):
    processing.load(args[0])
```

If you want to load the layer in `/home/myuser/points.shp`, type `load /home/myuser/points.shp` in the Commander text box.



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## Diseñadores de impresión

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With the Print Composer you can create nice maps and atlases that can be printed or saved as PDF-file, an image or an SVG-file. This is a powerfull way to share geographical information produced with QGIS that can be included in reports or published.

The Print Composer provides growing layout and printing capabilities. It allows you to add elements such as the QGIS map canvas, text labels, images, legends, scale bars, basic shapes, arrows, attribute tables and HTML frames. You can size, group, align, position and rotate each element and adjust the properties to create your layout. The layout can be printed or exported to image formats, PostScript, PDF or to SVG (export to SVG is not working properly with some recent Qt4 versions; you should try and check individually on your system). You can save the layout as a template and load it again in another session. Finally, generating several maps based on a template can be done through the atlas generator. See a list of tools in [table\\_composer\\_1](#):

Icono	Propósito	Icono	Propósito
	Guardar Proyecto		Nuevo diseñador de impresión
	Duplicar diseñador de impresión		Administrador de diseñadores
	Cargar de plantilla		Guardar como plantilla
	Print or export as PostScript		Exportar a un formato de imagen
	Exportar como SVG		Exportar como PDF
	Revertir el último cambio		Restaurar el último cambio
	Zum general		Zoom to 100%
	Acercar Zum		Alejar Zum
	Refresh View		
	Pan		Zoom to specific region
	Seleccionar/Mover elementos		Mover contenido dentro de un elemento
	Añadir nuevo mapa de QGIS a la vista del mapa		Añadir imagen a diseño de impresión
	Añadir etiqueta al diseño de impresión		Añadir nueva leyenda a diseño de impresión
	Add scale bar to print composition		Añadir figura básica al diseño de impresión
	Añadir flecha		Añadir tabla de atributos
	Add an HTML frame		
	Agrupar elementos		Desagrupar elementos
	Lock Selected Items		Unlock All items
	Subir los elementos seleccionados		Bajar elementos seleccionados
	Mover elementos seleccionados arriba		Mover elementos seleccionados abajo
	Alinear a la izquierda elementos seleccionados		Alinear a la derecha elementos seleccionados
	Alinear al centro elementos seleccionados		Alinear al centro vertical los elementos seleccionados
	Alinear arriba los elementos seleccionados		Alinear abajo los elementos seleccionados
	Preview Atlas		First Feature
	Previous Feature		Next Feature
	Last feature		Print Atlas
	Export Atlas as Image		Atlas Settings

Tabla Diseñador 1: Herramientas del Diseñador de Impresión

Todas las herramientas del diseñador de impresión están disponibles en los menús y como iconos en la barra de herramientas. La barra de herramientas se puede prender y apagar utilizando el botón derecho del ratón sobre la barra de herramientas.

## 18.1 Primeros pasos

### 18.1.1 Abrir una plantilla del diseñador de impresión

Before you start to work with the Print Composer, you need to load some raster and vector layers in the QGIS map canvas and adapt their properties to suit your own convenience. After everything is rendered and symbolized to your liking, click the  New Print Composer icon in the toolbar or choose *File → New Print Composer*. You will be prompted to choose a title for the new Composer.

### 18.1.2 Overview of the Print Composer

Opening the Print Composer provides you with a blank canvas that represents the paper surface when using the print option. Initially you find buttons on the left beside the canvas to add map composer items; the current QGIS map canvas, text labels, images, legends, scale bars, basic shapes, arrows, attribute tables and HTML frames. In this toolbar you also find toolbar buttons to navigate, zoom in on an area and pan the view on the composer and toolbar buttons to select a map composer item and to move the contents of the map item.

Figure\_composer\_overview shows the initial view of the Print Composer before any elements are added.

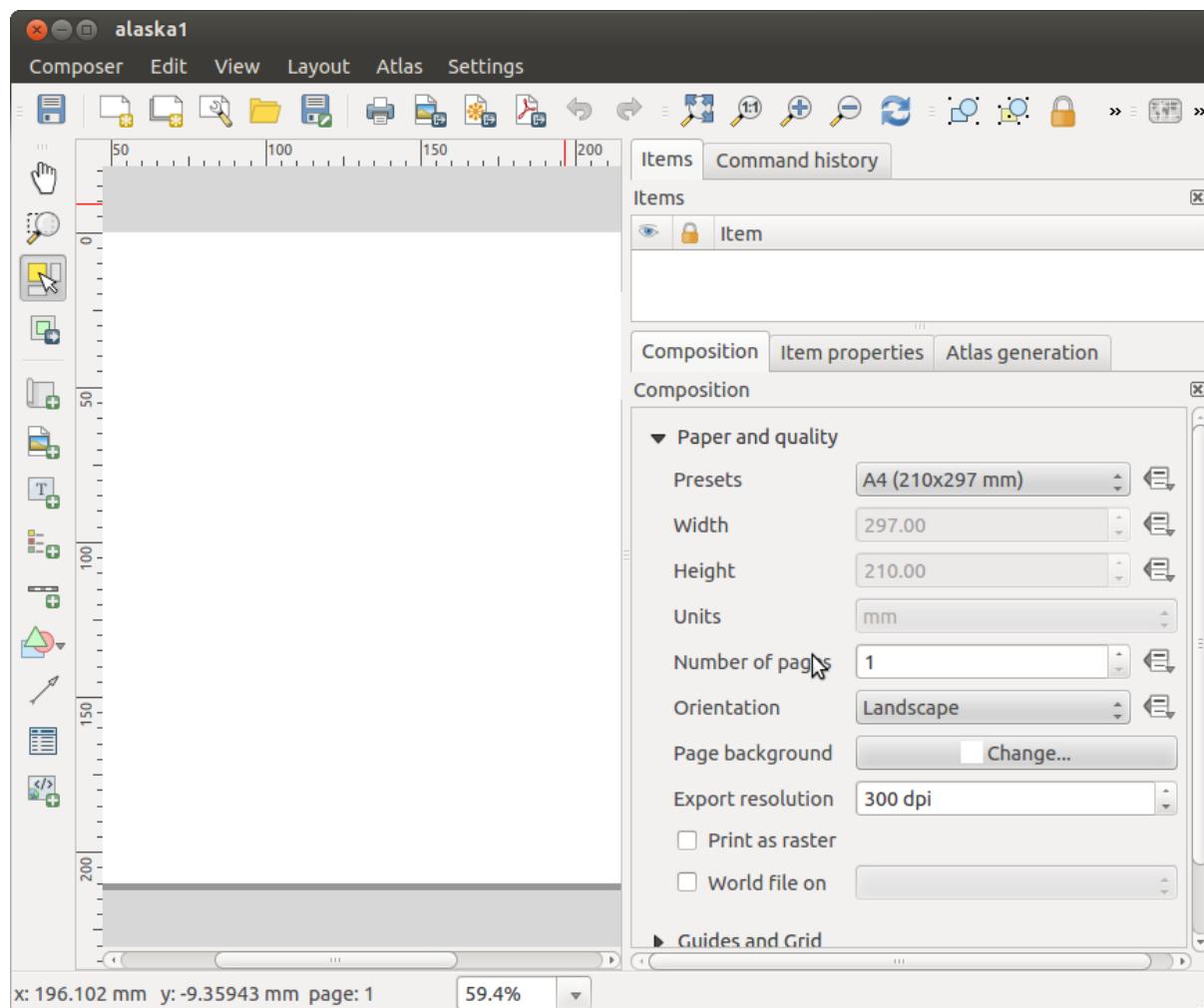


Figure 18.1: Diseñador de impresión 

On the right beside the canvas you find two panels. The upper panel holds the tabs *Items* and *Command History* and the lower panel holds the tabs *Composition*, *Item properties* and *Atlas generation*.

- The *Items* tab provides a list of all map composer items added to the canvas.
  - The *Command history* tab displays a history of all changes applied to the Print Composer layout. With a mouse click, it is possible to undo and redo layout steps back and forth to a certain status.
  - The *Composition* tab allows you to set paper size, orientation, the page background, number of pages and print quality for the output file in dpi. Furthermore, you can also activate the  *Print as raster* checkbox. This means all items will be converted to raster before printing or saving as PostScript or PDF. In this tab, you can also customize settings for grid and smart guides.
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- The *Item Properties* tab displays the properties for the selected item. Click the  *Select/Move item* icon to select an item (e.g., legend, scale bar or label) on the canvas. Then click the *Item Properties* tab and customize the settings for the selected item.
  - The *Atlas generation* tab allows you to enable the generation of an atlas for the current Composer and gives access to its parameters.
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- Finally, you can save your print composition with the  *Save Project* button.

In the bottom part of the Print Composer window, you can find a status bar with mouse position, current page number and a combo box to set the zoom level.

You can add multiple elements to the Composer. It is also possible to have more than one map view or legend or scale bar in the Print Composer canvas, on one or several pages. Each element has its own properties and, in the case of the map, its own extent. If you want to remove any elements from the Composer canvas you can do that with the **Delete** or the **Backspace** key.

### Herramientas de navegación

To navigate in the canvas layout, the Print Composer provides some general tools:

-  Acercar zum
-  Alejar zum
-  Zoom full
-  Zoom to 100%
-  Refresh view (if you find the view in an inconsistent state)
-  Pan composer
-  Zoom (zoom to a specific region of the Composer)

You can change the zoom level also using the mouse wheel or the combo box in the status bar. If you need to switch to pan mode while working in the Composer area, you can hold the **Spacebar** or the the mouse wheel. With **Ctrl+Spacebar**, you can temporarily switch to zoom mode, and with **Ctrl+Shift+Spacebar**, to zoom out mode.

#### 18.1.3 Sample Session

To demonstrate how to create a map please follow the next instructions.

1. On the left site, select the  *Add new map* toolbar button and draw a rectangle on the canvas holding down the left mouse button. Inside the drawn rectangle the QGIS map view to the canvas.
2. Select the  *Add new scalebar* toolbar button and place the map item with the left mouse button on the Print Composer canvas. A scalebar will be added to the canvas.

3. Select the  Add new legend toolbar button and draw a rectangle on the canvas holding down the left mouse button. Inside the drawn rectangle the legend will be drawn.
4. Select the  Select/Move item icon to select the map on the canvas and move it a bit.
5. While the map item is still selected you can also change the size of the map item. Click while holding down the left mouse button, in a white little rectangle in one of the corners of the map item and drag it to a new location to change its size.
6. Click the *Item Properties* tab on the left lower panel and find the setting for the orientation. Change the value of the setting *Map orientation* to ‘15.00°’. You should see the orientation of the map item change.
7. Finally, you can save your print composition with the  Save Project button.

### 18.1.4 Print Composer Options

From *Settings* → *Composer Options* you can set some options that will be used as default during your work.

- *Compositions defaults* let you specify the default font to use.
- With *Grid appearance*, you can set the grid style and its color. There are three types of grid: **Dots**, **Solid** lines and **Crosses**.
- *Grid and guide defaults* defines spacing, offset and tolerance of the grid.

### 18.1.5 Pestaña de Diseño — Configuración general de diseño

En la pestaña *Diseño*, puede definir la configuración global de su diseño.

- You can choose one of the *Presets* for your paper sheet, or enter your custom *width* and *height*.
- Composition can now be divided into several pages. For instance, a first page can show a map canvas, and a second page can show the attribute table associated with a layer, while a third one shows an HTML frame linking to your organization website. Set the *Number of pages* to the desired value. You can choose the page *Orientation* and its *Exported resolution*. When checked,  *print as raster* means all elements will be rasterized before printing or saving as PostScript or PDF.
- *Grid and guides* lets you customize grid settings like *spacings*, *offsets* and *tolerance* to your need. The tolerance is the maximum distance below which an item is snapped to smart guides.

Snap to grid and/or to smart guides can be enabled from the *View* menu. In this menu, you can also hide or show the grid and smart guides.

### 18.1.6 Composer items common options

Composer items have a set of common properties you will find on the bottom of the *Item Properties* tab: Position and size, Rotation, Frame, Background, Item ID and Rendering (See [figure\\_composer\\_common\\_1](#)).

- El diálogo *Posición y tamaño* le permite definir tamaño y posición del marco que contiene los elementos. También puede optar por *Punto de referencia* para establecer las coordenadas X y Y previamente definidas.
- The *Rotation* sets the rotation of the element (in degrees).
- The  *Frame* shows or hides the frame around the label. Use the *Frame color* and *Thickness* menus to adjust those properties.
- Use the *Background color* menu for setting a background color. With the dialog you can pick a color (see [Color Picker](#) ).

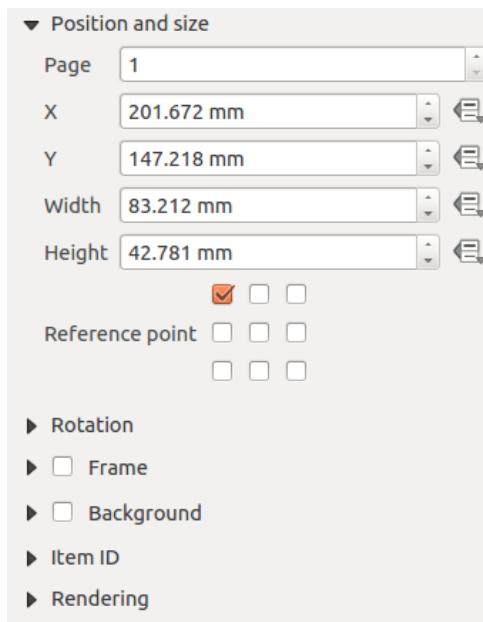


Figure 18.2: Diálogo de propiedades de elementos comunes 

- Use the *Item ID* to create a relationship to other Print Composer items. This is used with QGIS server and any potential web client. You can set an ID on an item (e.g., a map and a label), and then the web client can send data to set a property (e.g., label text) for that specific item. The `GetProjectSettings` command will list what items and which IDs are available in a layout.
- *Rendering* mode can be selected in the option field. See [Rendering\\_Mode](#).

#### Nota:

- If you checked  *Use live-updating color chooser dialogs* in the QGIS general options, the color button will update as soon as you choose a new color from **Color Dialog** windows. If not, you need to close the **Color Dialog**.
- The  *Data defined override* icon next to a field means that you can associate the field with data in the map item or use expressions. These are particularly helpful with atlas generation (See [atlas\\_data\\_defined\\_overrides](#)).

## 18.2 Modo de representación

QGIS now allows advanced rendering for Composer items just like vector and raster layers.

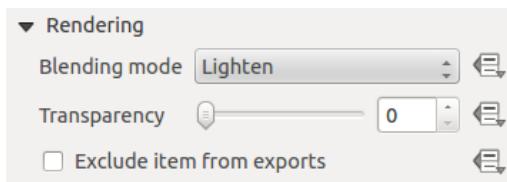


Figure 18.3: Modo de representación 

- *Transparency* : You can make the underlying item in the Composer visible with this tool. Use the slider to adapt the visibility of your item to your needs. You can also make a precise definition of the percentage of visibility in the menu beside the slider.

-  *Exclude item from exports:* You can decide to make an item not visible in all exports. After activating this checkbox, the item will not be included in PDF's, prints etc..
- *Blending mode:* You can achieve special rendering effects with these tools that you previously only may know from graphics programs. The pixels of your overlaying and underlaying items are mixed through the settings described below.
  - Normal: This is the standard blend mode, which uses the alpha channel of the top pixel to blend with the pixel beneath it; the colors aren't mixed.
  - Lighten: This selects the maximum of each component from the foreground and background pixels. Be aware that the results tend to be jagged and harsh.
  - Screen: Light pixels from the source are painted over the destination, while dark pixels are not. This mode is most useful for mixing the texture of one layer with another layer (e.g., you can use a hillshade to texture another layer).
  - Dodge: Dodge will brighten and saturate underlying pixels based on the lightness of the top pixel. So, brighter top pixels cause the saturation and brightness of the underlying pixels to increase. This works best if the top pixels aren't too bright; otherwise the effect is too extreme.
  - Addition: This blend mode simply adds pixel values of one layer with pixel values of the other. In case of values above 1 (as in the case of RGB), white is displayed. This mode is suitable for highlighting features.
  - Darken: This creates a resultant pixel that retains the smallest components of the foreground and background pixels. Like lighten, the results tend to be jagged and harsh.
  - Multiply: Here, the numbers for each pixel of the top layer are multiplied with the numbers for the corresponding pixel of the bottom layer. The results are darker pictures.
  - Burn: Darker colors in the top layer cause the underlying layers to darken. Burn can be used to tweak and colorise underlying layers.
  - Overlay: This mode combines the multiply and screen blending modes. In the resulting picture, light parts become lighter and dark parts become darker.
  - Soft light: This is very similar to overlay, but instead of using multiply/screen it uses color burn/dodge. This mode is supposed to emulate shining a soft light onto an image.
  - Iluminar fuerte: Ilumina fuerte es muy similar a la del modo de superposición. Se supone que es emular a la proyección de una luz muy intensa en una imagen.
  - Difference: Difference subtracts the top pixel from the bottom pixel, or the other way around, to always get a positive value. Blending with black produces no change, as the difference with all colors is zero.
  - Subtract: This blend mode simply subtracts pixel values of one layer with pixel values of the other. In case of negative values, black is displayed.

## 18.3 Elementos de diseño

### 18.3.1 The Map item

Click on the  Add new map toolbar button in the Print Composer toolbar to add the QGIS map canvas. Now, drag a rectangle onto the Composer canvas with the left mouse button to add the map. To display the current map, you can choose between three different modes in the map *Item Properties* tab:

- **Rectángulo** es la configuración predeterminada. Solo muestra una caja vacía con un mensaje ‘El mapa será impreso aquí’.
- **Cache** renders the map in the current screen resolution. If you zoom the Composer window in or out, the map is not rendered again but the image will be scaled.

- **Render** means that if you zoom the Composer window in or out, the map will be rendered again, but for space reasons, only up to a maximum resolution.

**Cache** is the default preview mode for newly added Print Composer maps.

You can resize the map element by clicking on the Select/Move item button, selecting the element, and dragging one of the blue handles in the corner of the map. With the map selected, you can now adapt more properties in the map *Item Properties* tab.

To move layers within the map element, select the map element, click the Move item content icon and move the layers within the map item frame with the left mouse button. After you have found the right place for an item, you can lock the item position within the Print Composer canvas. Select the map item and use the toolbar Lock Selected Items or the *Items* tab to Lock the item. A locked item can only be selected using the *Items* tab. Once selected you can use the *Items* tab to unlock individual items. The Unlock All Items icon will unlock all locked composer items.

## Propiedades principales

The *Main properties* dialog of the map *Item Properties* tab provides the following functionalities (see figure\_composer\_map\_1):

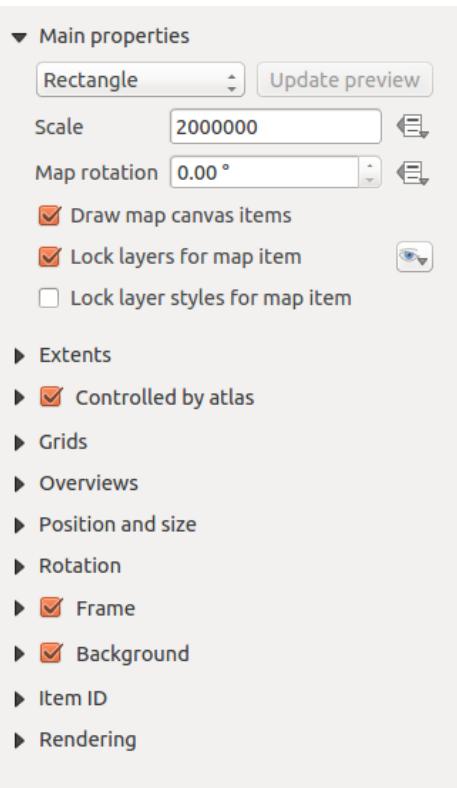


Figure 18.4: Pestaña de propiedades de elementos del mapa

- The **Preview** area allows you to define the preview modes ‘Rectangle’, ‘Cache’ and ‘Render’, as described above. If you change the view on the QGIS map canvas by changing vector or raster properties, you can update the Print Composer view by selecting the map element in the Print Composer and clicking the [**Update preview**] button.
- El campo *Escala* establece una escala manual

- The field *Map rotation*  allows you to rotate the map element content clockwise in degrees. The rotation of the map view can be imitated here. Note that a correct coordinate frame can only be added with the default value 0 and that once you defined a *Map rotation* it currently cannot be changed.
- Draw map canvas items* lets you show annotations that may be placed on the map canvas in the main QGIS window.
- You can choose to lock the layers shown on a map item. Check  *Lock layers for map item*. After this is checked, any layer that would be displayed or hidden in the main QGIS window will not appear or be hidden in the map item of the Composer. But style and labels of a locked layer are still refreshed according to the main QGIS interface. You can prevent this by using *Lock layer styles for map item*.
- The  button allows you to add quickly all the preset views you have prepared in QGIS. Clicking on the  button you will see the list of all the preset views: just select the preset you want to display. The map canvas will automatically lock the preset layers by enabling the  *Lock layers for map item*: if you want to unselect the preset, just uncheck the  and press on the  button. See [Map Legend](#) to find out how to create presets views.

## Extensión

The *Extents* dialog of the map item tab provides the following functionalities (see [figure\\_composer\\_map\\_2](#)):

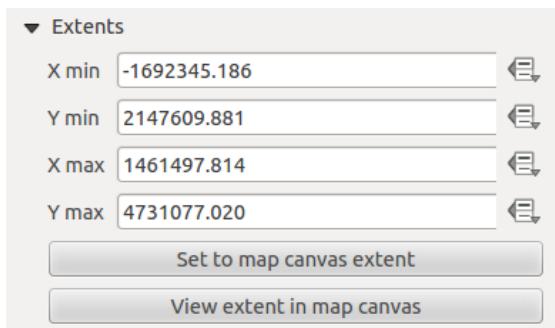


Figure 18.5: Diálogo de Extensión de Mapa

- The **Map extents** area allows you to specify the map extent using X and Y min/max values and by clicking the [**Set to map canvas extent**] button. This button sets the map extent of the composer map item to the extent of the current map view in the main QGIS application. The button [**View extent in map canvas**] does exactly the opposite, it updates the extent of the map view in the QGIS application to the extent of the composer map item.

If you change the view on the QGIS map canvas by changing vector or raster properties, you can update the Print Composer view by selecting the map element in the Print Composer and clicking the [**Update preview**] button in the map *Item Properties* tab (see [figure\\_composer\\_map\\_1](#)).

## Grids

The *Grids* dialog of the map *Item Properties* tab provides the possibility to add several grids to a map item.

- With the plus and minus button you can add or remove a selected grid.
- With the up and down button you can move a grid in the list and set the drawing priority.

When you double click on the added grid you can give it another name.

After you have added a grid, you can activate the checkbox  *Show grid* to overlay a grid onto the map element. Expand this option to provide a lot of configuration options, see [Figure\\_composer\\_map\\_4](#).

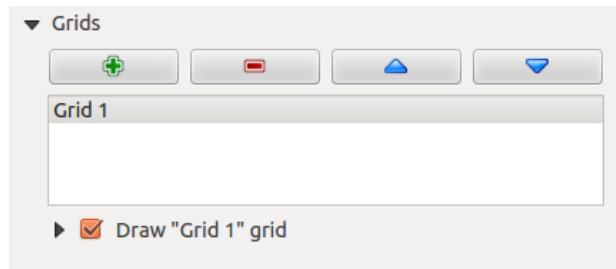


Figure 18.6: Map Grids Dialog 

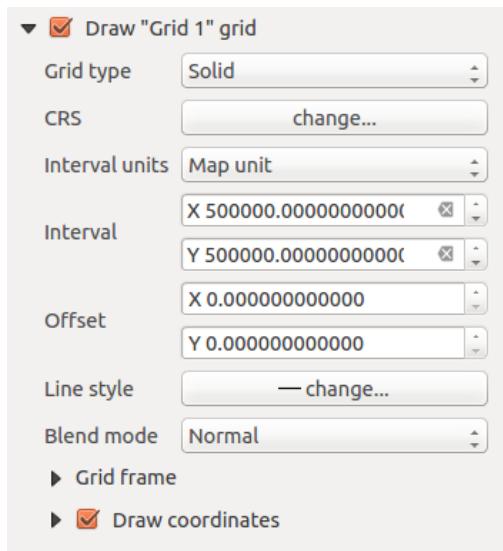


Figure 18.7: Draw Grid Dialog 

As grid type, you can specify to use a ‘Solid’, ‘Cross’, ‘Markers’ or ‘Frame and annotations only’. ‘Frame and annotations only’ is especially useful when working with rotated maps or reprojected grids. In the deviations section of the Grid Frame Dialog mentioned below you then have a corresponding setting. Symbology of the grid can be chosen. See section [Rendering\\_Mode](#). Furthermore, you can define an interval in the X and Y directions, an X and Y offset, and the width used for the cross or line grid type.

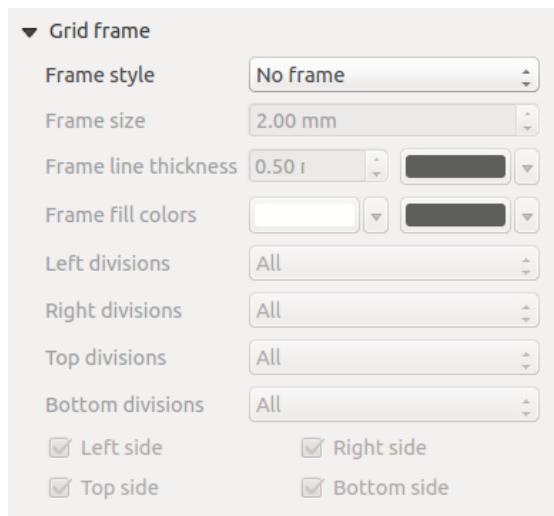


Figure 18.8: Grid Frame Dialog 

- There are different options to style the frame that holds the map. Following options are available: No Frame, Zebra, Interior ticks, Exterior ticks, Interior and Exterior ticks and Lineborder.
- With ‘LatitudeY/ only’ and ‘Longitude/X only’ setting in the deviations section you have the possibility to prevent a mix of latitude/y and longitude/x coordinates showing on a side when working with rotated maps or reprojected grids.
- Advanced rendering mode is also available for grids (see section [Rendering\\_mode](#)).
- The  *Draw coordinates* checkbox allows you to add coordinates to the map frame. You can choose the annotation numeric format, the options range from decimal to degrees, minute and seconds, with or without suffix, and aligned or not. You can choose which annotation to show. The options are: show all, latitude only, longitude only, or disable(None). This is useful when the map is rotated. The annotation can be drawn inside or outside the map frame. The annotation direction can be defined as horizontal, vertical ascending or vertical descending. In case of map rotation you can Finally, you can define the annotation font, the annotation font color, the annotation distance from the map frame and the precision of the drawn coordinates.

## Overviews

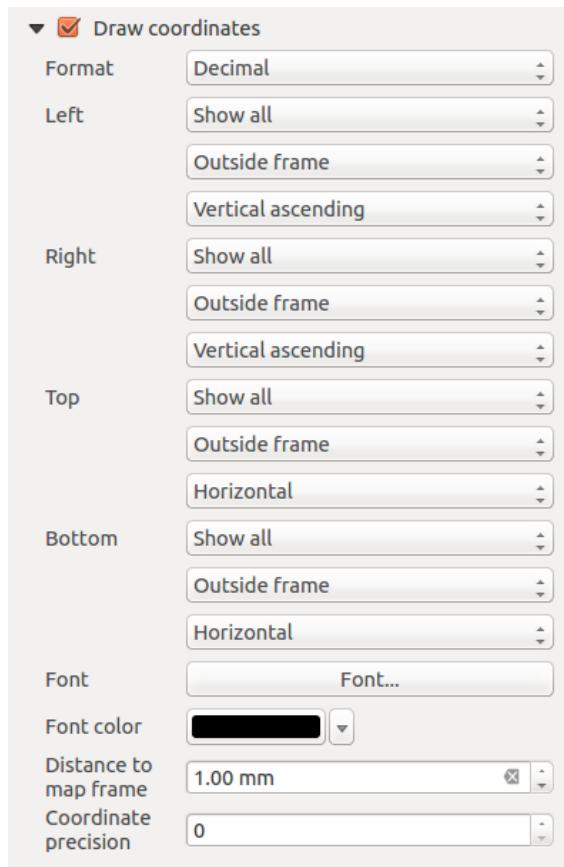
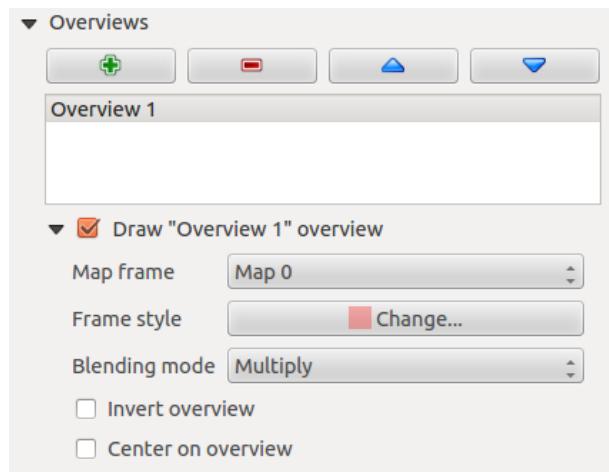
The *Overviews* dialog of the map *Item Properties* tab provides the following functionalities:

You can choose to create an overview map, which shows the extents of the other map(s) that are available in the composer. First you need to create the map(s) you want to include in the overview map. Next you create the map you want to use as the overview map, just like a normal map.

- With the plus and minus button you can add or remove an overview.
- With the up and down button you can move an overview in the list and set the drawing priority.

Open *Overviews* and press the green plus icon-button to add an overview. Initially this overview is named ‘Overview 1’ (see [Figure\\_composer\\_map\\_7](#)). You can change the name when you double-click on the overview item in the list named ‘Overview 1’ and change it to another name.

When you select the overview item in the list you can customize it.

Figure 18.9: Grid Draw Coordinates dialog Figure 18.10: Map Overviews Dialog 

- The  *Draw “<name\_overview>” overview* needs to be activated to draw the extent of selected map frame.
- The *Map frame* combo list can be used to select the map item whose extents will be drawn on the present map item.
- The *Frame Style* allows you to change the style of the overview frame.
- The *Blending mode* allows you to set different transparency blend modes. See [Rendering\\_Mode](#).
- The  *Invert overview* creates a mask around the extents when activated: the referenced map extents are shown clearly, whereas everything else is blended with the frame color.
- The  *Center on overview* puts the extent of the overview frame in the center of the overview map. You can only activate one overview item to center, when you have added several overviews.

### 18.3.2 The Label item

To add a label, click the  *Add label* icon, place the element with the left mouse button on the Print Composer canvas and position and customize its appearance in the label *Item Properties* tab.

The *Item Properties* tab of a label item provides the following functionality for the label item (see [Figure\\_composer\\_label](#)):

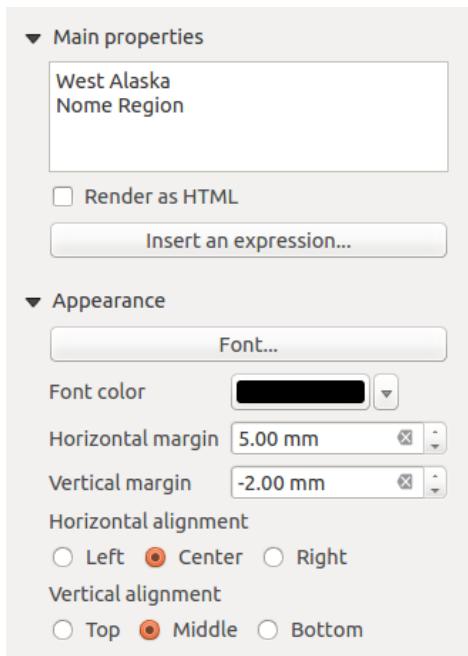


Figure 18.11: Pestaña de propiedades de elemento de etiqueta 

#### Propiedades principales

- The main properties dialog is where the text (HTML or not) or the expression needed to fill the label is added to the Composer canvas.
- Labels can be interpreted as HTML code: check  *Render as HTML*. You can now insert a URL, a clickable image that links to a web page or something more complex.
- You can also insert an expression. Click on **[Insert an expression]** to open a new dialog. Build an expression by clicking the functions available in the left side of the panel. Two special categories can be

useful, particularly associated with the atlas functionality: geometry functions and records functions. At the bottom, a preview of the expression is shown.

## Appearance

- Define *Font* by clicking on the [Font...] button or a *Font color* selecting a color using the color selection tool.
- You can specify different horizontal and vertical margins in mm. This is the margin from the edge of the composer item. The label can be positioned outside the bounds of the label e.g. to align label items with other items. In this case you have to use negative values for the margin.
- Using the *Alignment* is another way to position your label. Note that when e.g. using the *Horizontal alignment* in  *Center Position* the *Horizontal margin* feature is disabled.

### 18.3.3 The Image item

To add an image, click the  Add image icon, place the element with the left mouse button on the Print Composer canvas and customize its appearance in the image *Item Properties* tab.

The picture *Item Properties* tab provides the following functionalities (see figure\_composer\_image\_1):

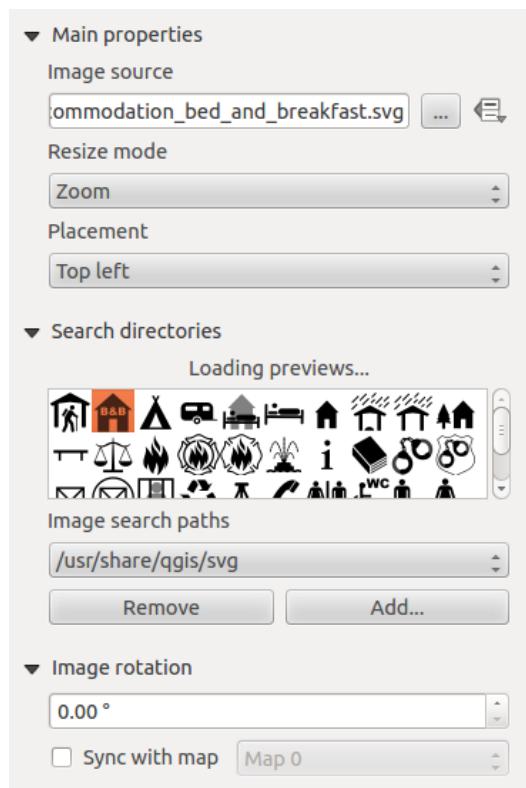


Figure 18.12: Pestaña de propiedades de elemento imagen 

You first have to select the image you want to display. There are several ways to set the *image source* in the **Main properties** area.

1. Use the browse button  of *image source* to select a file on your computer using the browse dialog. The browser will start in the SVG-libraries provided with QGIS. Besides SVG, you can also select other image formats like .png or .jpg.

2. You can enter the source directly in the *image source* text field. You can even provide a remote URL-address to an image.
3. From the **Search directories** area you can also select an image from *loading previews ...* to set the image source.
4. Use the data defined button  to set the image source from a record or using a regular expression.

With the *Resize mode* option, you can set how the image is displayed when the frame is changed, or choose to resize the frame of the image item so it matches the original size of the image.

You can select one of the following modes:

- Zoom: Enlarges the image to the frame while maintaining aspect ratio of picture.
- Stretch: Stretches image to fit inside the frame, ignores aspect ratio.
- Clip: Use this mode for raster images only, it sets the size of the image to original image size without scaling and the frame is used to clip the image, so only the part of the image inside the frame is visible.
- Zoom and resize frame: Enlarges image to fit frame, then resizes frame to fit resultant image.
- Resize frame to image size: Sets size of frame to match original size of image without scaling.

Selected resize mode can disable the item options ‘Placement’ and ‘Image rotation’. The *Image rotation* is active for the resize mode ‘Zoom’ and ‘Clip’.

With *Placement* you can select the position of the image inside its frame. The **Search directories** area allows you to add and remove directories with images in SVG format to the picture database. A preview of the pictures found in the selected directories is shown in a pane and can be used to select and set the image source.

Images can be rotated with the *Image rotation* field. Activating the  *Sync with map* checkbox synchronizes the rotation of a picture in the QGIS map canvas (i.e., a rotated north arrow) with the appropriate Print Composer image.

It is also possible to select a north arrow directly. If you first select a north arrow image from **Search directories** and then use the browse button  of the field *Image source*, you can now select one of the north arrow from the list as displayed in [figure\\_composer\\_image\\_2](#).

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**Nota:** Many of the north arrows do not have an ‘N’ added in the north arrow, this is done on purpose for languages that do not use an ‘N’ for North, so they can use another letter.

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#### 18.3.4 The Legend item

To add a map legend, click the  *Add new legend* icon, place the element with the left mouse button on the Print Composer canvas and position and customize the appearance in the legend *Item Properties* tab.

The *Item properties* of a legend item tab provides the following functionalities (see [figure\\_composer\\_legend\\_1](#)):

##### Propiedades principales

The *Main properties* dialog of the legend *Item Properties* tab provides the following functionalities (see [figure\\_composer\\_legend\\_2](#)):

In Main properties you can:

- Change the title of the legend.
- Set the title alignment to Left, Center or Right.
- You can choose which *Map* item the current legend will refer to in the select list.
- You can wrap the text of the legend title on a given character.

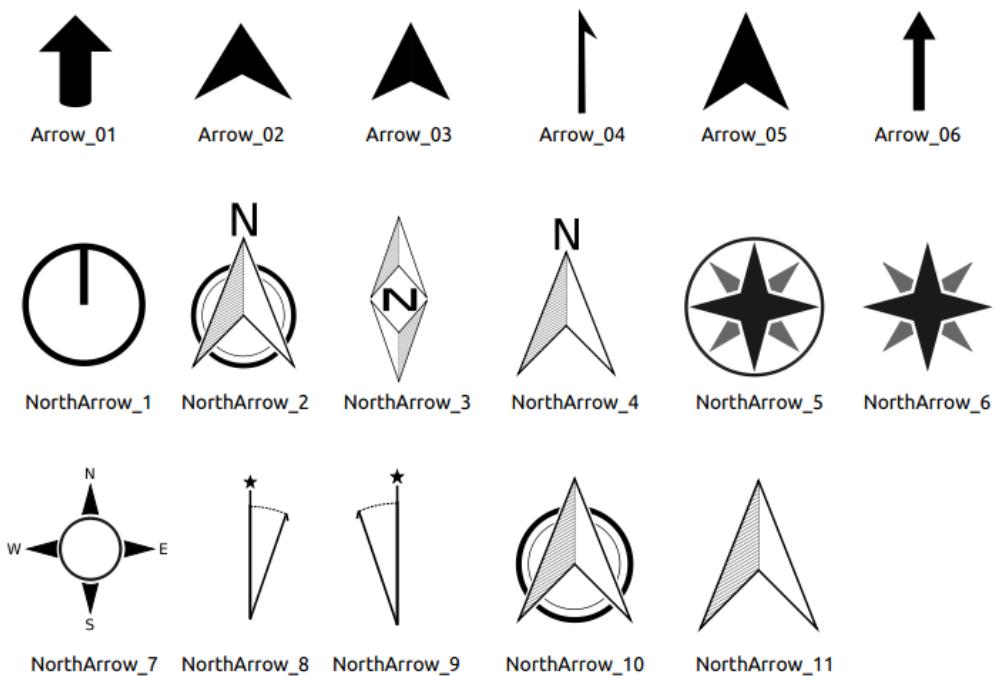


Figure 18.13: North arrows available for selection in provided SVG library

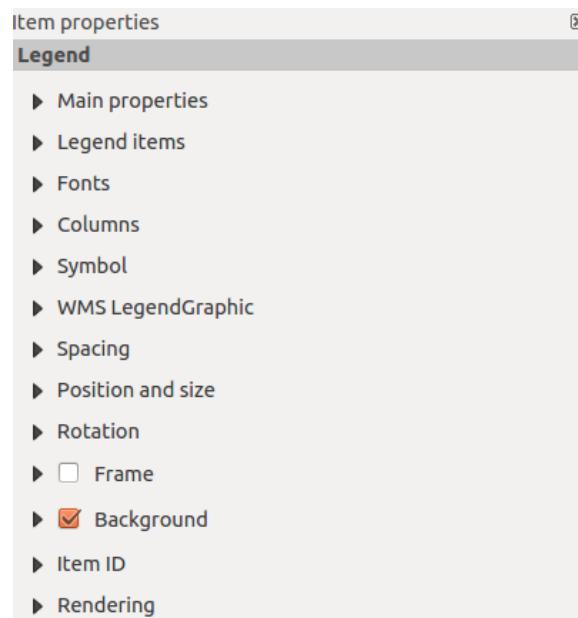


Figure 18.14: Pestaña de propiedades del elemento leyenda 🔍

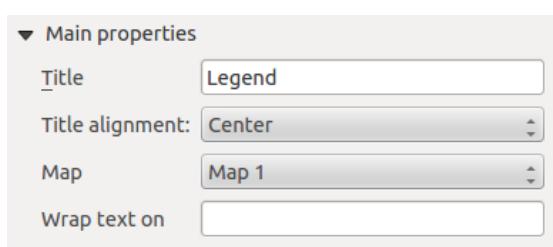


Figure 18.15: Diálogo de Propiedades de la leyenda principal 🔍

## Elementos de la leyenda

The *Legend items* dialog of the legend *Item Properties* tab provides the following functionalities (see figure\_composer\_legend\_3):

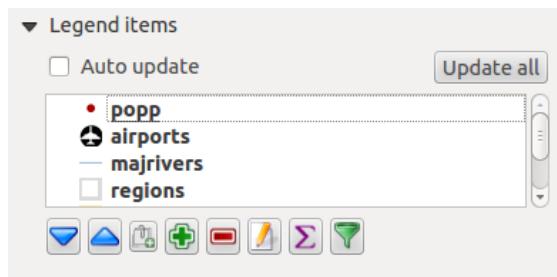


Figure 18.16: Diálogo de elementos de la leyenda 🐧

- The legend will be updated automatically if  *Auto-update* is checked. When *Auto-update* is unchecked this will give you more control over the legend items. The icons below the legend items list will be activated.
- The legend items window lists all legend items and allows you to change item order, group layers, remove and restore items in the list, edit layer names and add a filter.
  - The item order can be changed using the [**Up**] and [**Down**] buttons or with ‘drag-and-drop’ functionality. The order can not be changed for WMS legend graphics.
  - Use the [**Add group**] button to add a legend group.
  - Use the [**plus**] and [**minus**] button to add or remove layers.
  - The [**Edit**] button is used to edit the layer-, groupname or title, first you need to select the legend item.
  - The [**Sigma**] button adds a feature count for each vector layer.
  - Use the [**filter**] button to filter the legend by map content, only the legend items visible in the map will be listed in the legend.

After changing the symbology in the QGIS main window, you can click on [**Update All**] to adapt the changes in the legend element of the Print Composer.

## Fonts, Columns, Symbol

The *Fonts*, *Columns* and *Symbol* dialogs of the legend *Item Properties* tab provide the following functionalities (see figure\_composer\_legend\_4):

- Se puede cambiar la fuente del título de la leyenda, grupo, subgrupo y elementos (capa) en la leyenda. Haga clic en un botón de categoría para abrir un diálogo **Seleccionar fuente**.
- You provide the labels with a **Color** using the advanced color picker, however the selected color will be given to all font items in the legend..
- Legend items can be arranged over several columns. Set the number of columns in the *Count*  field.
  - *Equal column widths* sets how legend columns should be adjusted.
  - The  *Split layers* option allows a categorized or a graduated layer legend to be divided between columns.
- You can change the width and height of the legend symbol in this dialog.

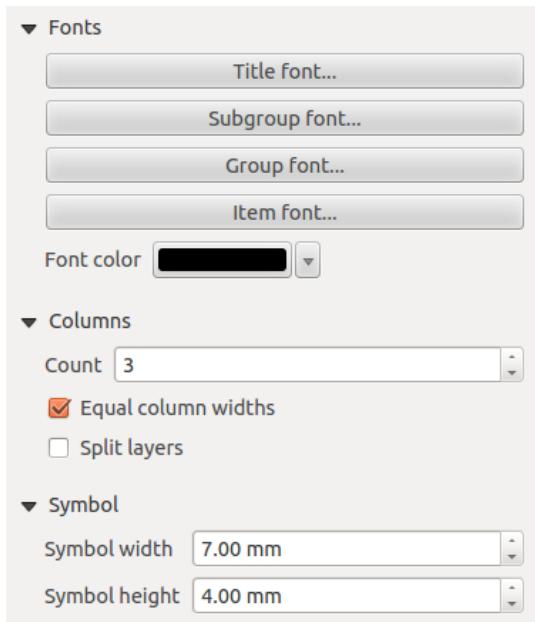


Figure 18.17: Diálogo de Fuentes de leyenda, Columnas, Símbolo y Espaciado 🐧

### WMS LegendGraphic and Spacing

The *WMS LegendGraphic* and *Spacing* dialogs of the legend *Item Properties* tab provide the following functionalities (see [figure\\_composer\\_legend\\_5](#)):

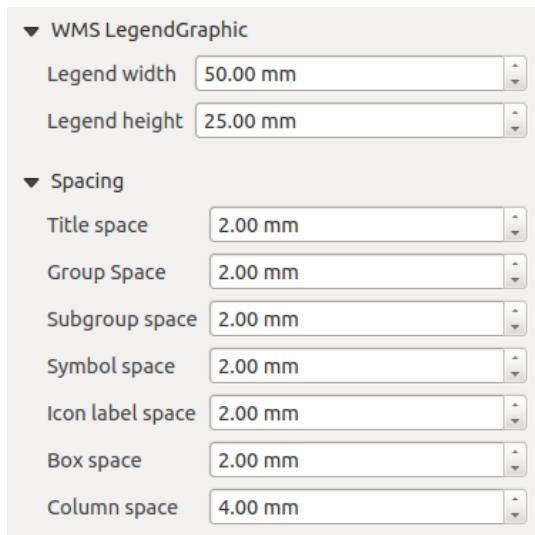


Figure 18.18: WMS LegendGraphic Dialogs 🐧

When you have added a WMS layer and you insert a legend composer item, a request will be send to the WMS server to provide a WMS legend. This Legend will only be shown if the WMS server provides the GetLegendGraphic capability. The WMS legend content will be provided as a raster image.

*WMS LegendGraphic* is used to be able to adjust the *Legend width* and the *Legend height* of the WMS legend raster image.

Spacing around title, group, subgroup, symbol, icon label, box space or column space can be customized through this dialog.

### 18.3.5 The Scale Bar item

To add a scale bar, click the  Add new scalebar icon, place the element with the left mouse button on the Print Composer canvas and position and customize the appearance in the scale bar *Item Properties* tab.

The *Item properties* of a scale bar item tab provides the following functionalities (see figure\_composer\_scalebar\_1):

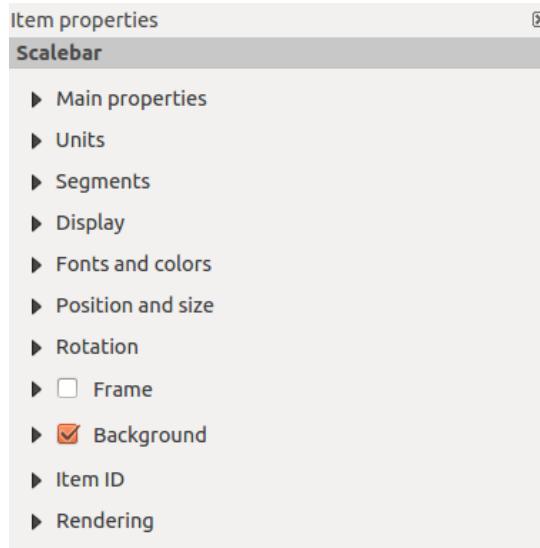


Figure 18.19: Scale Bar Item properties Tab 

#### Propiedades principales

The *Main properties* dialog of the scale bar *Item Properties* tab provides the following functionalities (see figure\_composer\_scalebar\_2):

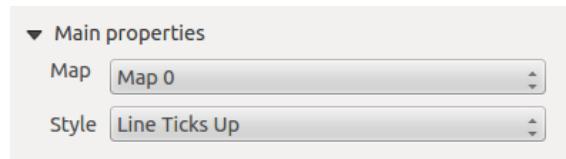


Figure 18.20: Scale Bar Main properties Dialog 

- First, choose the map the scale bar will be attached to.
- Then, choose the style of the scale bar. Six styles are available:
  - **Single box** and **Double box** styles, which contain one or two lines of boxes alternating colors.
  - **Middle**, **Up** or **Down** line ticks.
  - **Numeric**, where the scale ratio is printed (i.e., 1:50000).

#### Unidades y Segmentos

The *Units* and *Segments* dialogs of the scale bar *Item Properties* tab provide the following functionalities (see figure\_composer\_scalebar\_3):

In these two dialogs, you can set how the scale bar will be represented.

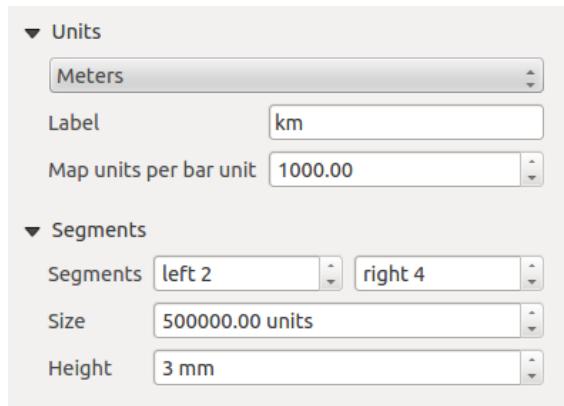


Figure 18.21: Scale Bar Units and Segments Dialogs 

- Select the map units used. There are four possible choices: **Map Units** is the automated unit selection; **Meters**, **Feet** or **Nautical Miles** force unit conversions.
- The *Label* field defines the text used to describe the units of the scale bar.
- The *Map units per bar unit* allows you to fix the ratio between a map unit and its representation in the scale bar.
- You can define how many *Segments* will be drawn on the left and on the right side of the scale bar, and how long each segment will be (*Size* field). *Height* can also be defined.

## Display

The *Display* dialog of the scale bar *Item Properties* tab provide the following functionalities (see [figure\\_composer\\_scalebar\\_4](#)):

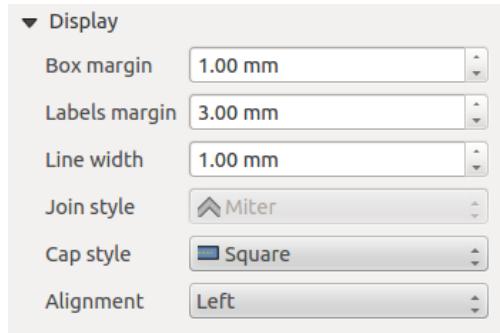


Figure 18.22: Scale Bar Display 

You can define how the scale bar will be displayed in its frame.

- *Box margin* : space between text and frame borders
- *Labels margin* : space between text and scale bar drawing
- *Line width* : line width of the scale bar drawing
- *Join style* : Corners at the end of scalebar in style Bevel, Rounded or Square (only available for Scale bar style Single Box & Double Box)
- *Cap style* : End of all lines in style Square, Round or Flat (only available for Scale bar style Line Ticks Up, Down and Middle)
- *Alignment* : Puts text on the left, middle or right side of the frame (works only for Scale bar style Numeric)

## Fonts and colors

The *Fonts and colors* dialog of the scale bar *Item Properties* tab provide the following functionalities (see figure\_composer\_scalebar\_5):

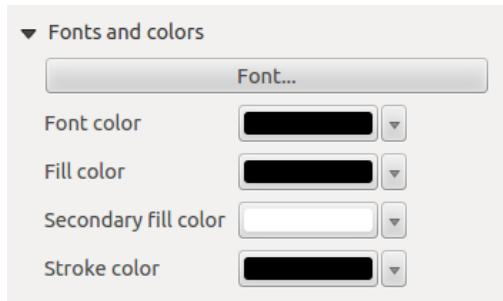


Figure 18.23: Scale Bar Fonts and colors Dialogs 🐧

You can define the fonts and colors used for the scale bar.

- Use the **[Font]** button to set the font
- *Font color*: set the font color
- *Fill color*: set the first fill color
- *Secondary fill color*: set the second fill color
- *Stroke color*: set the color of the lines of the Scale Bar

Fill colors are only used for scale box styles Single Box and Double Box. To select a color you can use the list option using the dropdown arrow to open a simple color selection option or the more advanced color selection option, that is started when you click in the colored box in the dialog.

### 18.3.6 The Basic Shape Items

To add a basic shape (ellipse, rectangle, triangle), click the icon or the icon, place the element holding down the left mouse. Customize the appearance in the *Item Properties* tab.

When you also hold down the Shift key while placing the basic shape you can create a perfect square, circle or triangle.

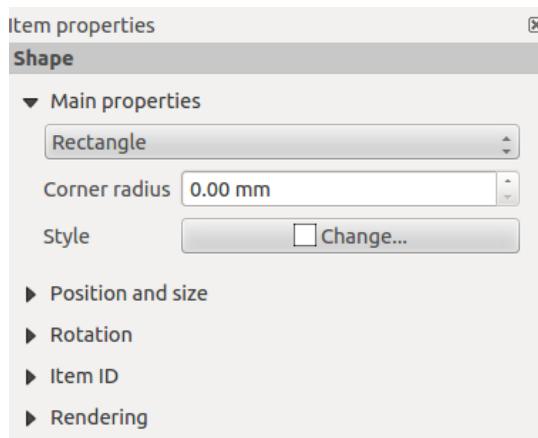


Figure 18.24: Pestaña de propiedades del elemento figura 🐧

The *Shape* item properties tab allows you to select if you want to draw an ellipse, rectangle or triangle inside the given frame.

You can set the style of the shape using the advanced symbol style dialog with which you can define its outline and fill color, fill pattern, use markers etcetera.

For the rectangle shape, you can set the value of the corner radius to round of the corners.

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**Nota:** Unlike other items, you can not style the frame or the background color of the frame.

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### 18.3.7 The Arrow item

To add an arrow, click the  Add Arrow icon, place the element holding down the left mouse button and drag a line to draw the arrow on the Print Composer canvas and position and customize the appearance in the scale bar *Item Properties* tab.

When you also hold down the Shift key while placing the arrow, it is placed in an angle of exactly 45°.

The arrow item can be used to add a line or a simple arrow that can be used, for example, to show the relation between other print composer items. To create a north arrow, the image item should be considered first. QGIS has a set of North arrows in SVG format. Furthermore you can connect an image item with a map so it can rotate automatically with the map (see [the\\_image\\_item](#)).

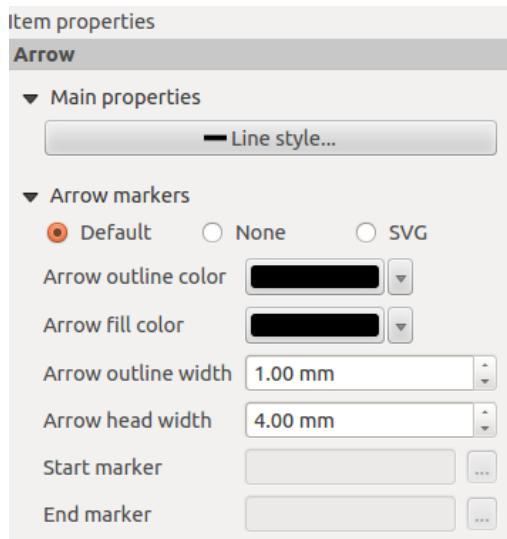


Figure 18.25: Pestaña de propiedades del elemento flecha 

#### Item Properties

The *Arrow* item properties tab allows you to configure an arrow item.

The [**Line style ...**] button can be used to set the line style using the line style symbol editor.

In *Arrows markers* you can select one of three radio buttons.

- *Default* : To draw a regular arrow, gives you options to style the arrow head
- *None* : To draw a line without arrow head
- *SVG Marker* : To draw a line with an SVG *Start marker* and/or *End marker*

For *Default* Arrow marker you can use following options to style the arrow head.

- *Arrow outline color* : Set the outline color of the arrow head
- *Arrow fill color* : Set the fill color of the arrow head

- *Arrow outline width* : Set the outline width of the arrow head
- *Arrow head width*: Set the size of the arrow head

For *SVG Marker* you can use following options.

- *Start marker* : Choose an SVG image to draw at the beginning of the line
- *End marker* : Choose an SVG image to draw at the end of the line
- *Arrow head width*: Sets the size of Start and/or End marker

SVG images are automatically rotated with the line. The color of the SVG image can not be changed.

### 18.3.8 The Attribute Table item

It is possible to add parts of a vector attribute table to the Print Composer canvas: Click the  icon, place the element with the left mouse button on the Print Composer canvas, and position and customize the appearance in the *Item Properties* tab.

The *Item properties* of an attribute table item tab provides the following functionalities (see figure\_composer\_table\_1):

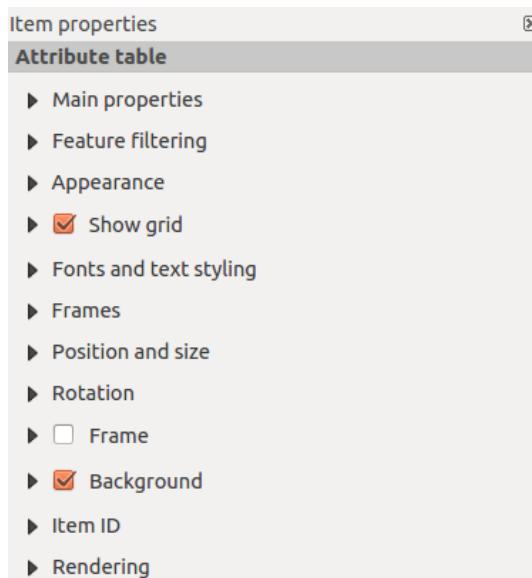


Figure 18.26: Attribute table Item properties Tab 

#### Propiedades principales

The *Main properties* dialogs of the attribute table *Item Properties* tab provide the following functionalities (see figure\_composer\_table\_2):

- For *Source* you can normally select only ‘Layer features’.
- With *Layer* you can choose from the vector layers loaded in the project.
- The button **[Refresh table data]** can be used to refresh the table when the actual contents of the table has changed.
- In case you activated the  *Generate an atlas* option in the *Atlas generation* tab, there are two additional *Source* possible: ‘Current atlas feature’ (see figure\_composer\_table\_2b) and ‘Relation children’ (see figure\_composer\_table\_2c). Choosing the ‘Current atlas feature’ you won’t see any option to choose the layer, and the table item will only show a row with the attributes from the current feature of the atlas coverage

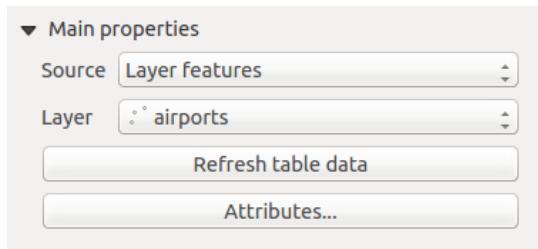


Figure 18.27: Attribute table Main properties Dialog

layer. Choosing ‘Relation children’, an option with the relation name will show up. The ‘Relation children’ option can only be used if you have defined a relation using your atlas coverage layer as parent, and it will show the children rows of the atlas coverage layer’s current feature (for further information about the atlas generation see [atlasgeneration](#)).

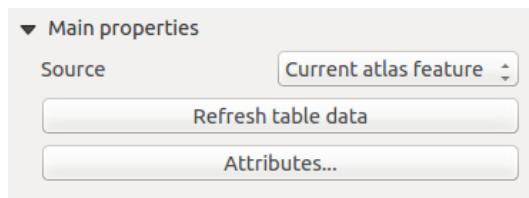


Figure 18.28: Attribute table Main properties for ‘Current atlas feature’

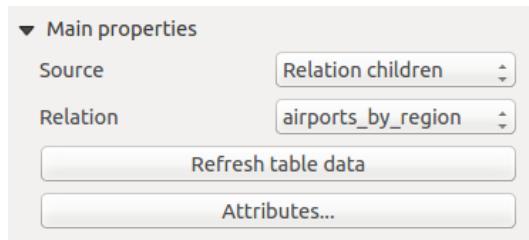


Figure 18.29: Attribute table Main properties for ‘Relation children’

- The button [**Attributes...**] starts the *Select attributes* menu, see [figure\\_composer\\_table\\_3](#), that can be used to change the visible contents of the table. After making changes use the [**OK**] button to apply changes to the table.

In the *Columns* section you can:

- Remove an attribute, just select an attribute row by clicking anywhere in a row and press the minus button to remove the selected attribute.
- Add a new attribute use the plus button. At the end a new empty row appears and you can select empty cell of the column *Attribute*. You can select a field attribute from the list or you can select to build a new attribute using a regular expression ( button). Of course you can modify every already existing attribute by means of a regular expression.
- Use the up and down arrows to change the order of the attributes in the table.
- Select a cel in the *Headings* column to change the *Heading*, just type in a new name.
- Select a cel in the *Alignment* column and you can choose between Left, Center or Right alignment.
- Select a cel in the *Width* column and you can change it from Automatic to a width in mm, just type a number. When you want to change it back to Automatic, use the cross.
- The [**Reset**] button can always be used to restore it to the original attribute settings.

In the *Sorting* section you can:

- Add an attribute to sort the table with. Select an attribute and set the sorting order to ‘Ascending’ or ‘Descending’ and press the plus button. A new line is added to the sort order list.
- select a row in the list and use the up and down button to change the sort priority on attribute level.
- use the minus button to remove an attribute from the sort order list.

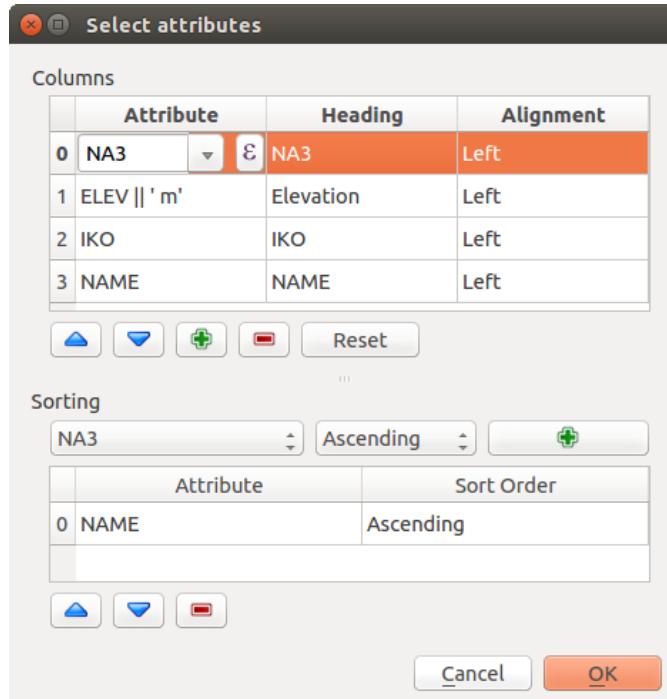


Figure 18.30: Seleccionar tabla de atributos Diálogo de atributos 

## Feature filtering

The *Feature filtering* dialogs of the attribute table *Item Properties* tab provide the following functionalities (see figure\_composer\_table\_4):

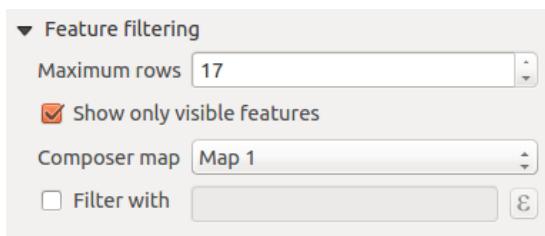


Figure 18.31: Attribute table Feature filtering Dialog 

You can:

- Define the *Maximum rows* to be displayed.
- Activate  *Remove duplicate rows from table* to show unique records only.
- Activate  *Show only visible features within a map* and select the corresponding *Composer map* to display the attributes of features only visible on selected map.
- Activate  *Show only features intersecting Atlas feature* is only available when  *Generate an atlas* is activated. When activated it will show a table with only the features shown on the map of that particular page of the atlas.

- Activate *Filter with* and provide a filter by typing in the input line or insert a regular expression using the given expression button. A few examples of filtering statements you can use when you have loaded the airports layer from the Sample dataset:
  - ELEV > 500
  - NAME = 'ANIAK'
  - NAME NOT LIKE 'AN%
  - regexp\_match( attribute( \$currentfeature, 'USE' ) , '[i]' )

The last regular expression will include only the airports that have a letter ‘i’ in the attribute field ‘USE’.

## Appearance

The *Appearance* dialogs of the attribute table *Item Properties* tab provide the following functionalities (see figure\_composer\_table\_5):

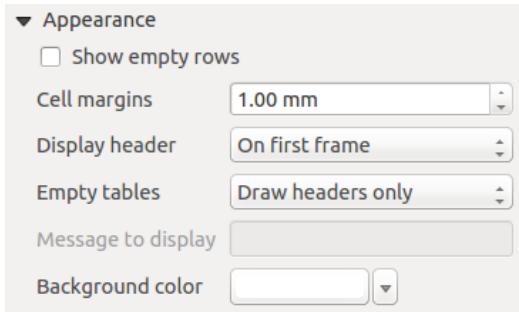


Figure 18.32: Attribute table appearance Dialog

- Click *Show empty rows* to make empty entries in the attribute table visible.
- With *Cell margins* you can define the margin around text in each cell of the table.
- With *Display header* you can select from a list one of ‘On first frame’, ‘On all frames’ default option, or ‘No header’.
- The option *Empty table* controls what will be displayed when the result selection is empty.
  - Draw headers only**, will only draw the header except if you have chosen ‘No header’ for *Display header*.
  - Hide entire table**, will only draw the background of the table. You can activate *Don't draw background if frame is empty* in *Frames* to completely hide the table.
  - Draw empty cells**, will fill the attribute table with empty cells, this option can also be used to provide additional empty cells when you have a result to show!
  - Show set message**, will draw the header and adds a cell spanning all columns and display a message like ‘No result’ that can be provided in the option *Message to display*
- The option *Message to display* is only activated when you have selected **Show set message** for *Empty table*. The message provided will be shown in the table in the first row, when the result is an empty table.
- With *Background color* you can set the background color of the table.

## Show grid

The *Show grid* dialog of the attribute table *Item Properties* tab provide the following functionalities (see figure\_composer\_table\_6):

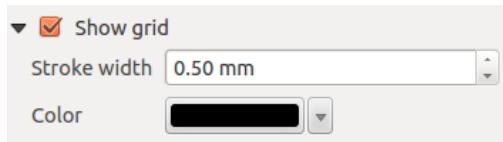


Figure 18.33: Attribute table Show grid Dialog

- Activate  *Show grid* when you want to display the grid, the outlines of the table cells.
- With *Stroke width* you can set the thickness of the lines used in the grid.
- The *Color* of the grid can be set using the color selection dialog.

## Fonts and text styling

The *Fonts and text styling* dialog of the attribute table *Item Properties* tab provide the following functionalities (see [figure\\_composer\\_table\\_7](#)):

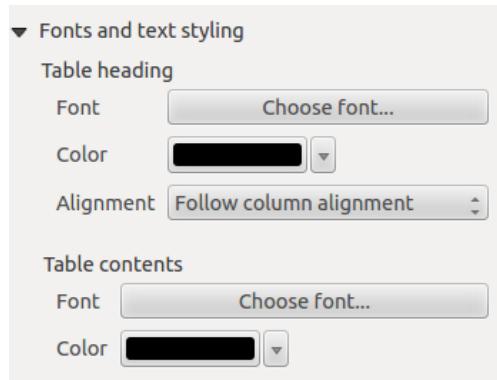


Figure 18.34: Attribute table Fonts and text styling Dialog

- You can define *Font* and *Color* for *Table heading* and *Table contents*.
- For *Table heading* you can additionally set the *Alignment* and choose from *Follow column alignment*, *Left*, *Center* or *Right*. The column alignment is set using the *Select Attributes* dialog (see [Figure\\_composer\\_table\\_3](#) ).

## Frames

The *Frames* dialog of the attribute table *Item Properties* tab provide the following functionalities (see [figure\\_composer\\_table\\_8](#)):

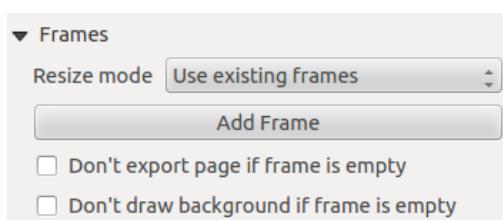


Figure 18.35: Attribute table Frames Dialog

- With *Resize mode* you can select how to render the attribute table contents:
  - Use existing frames* displays the result in the first frame and added frames only.
  - Extent to next page* will create as many frames (and corresponding pages) as necessary to display the full selection of attribute table. Each frame can be moved around on the layout. If you resize a frame, the resulting table will be divided up between the other frames. The last frame will be trimmed to fit the table.
  - Repeat until finished* will also create as many frames as the *Extend to next page* option, except all frames will have the same size.
- Use the **[Add Frame]** button to add another frame with the same size as selected frame. The result of the table that will not fit in the first frame will continue in the next frame when you use the Resize mode *Use existing frames*.
- Activate  *Don't export page if frame is empty* prevents the page to be exported when the table frame has no contents. This means all other composer items, maps, scalebars, legends etc. will not be visible in the result.
- Activate  *Don't draw background if frame is empty* prevents the background to be drawn when the table frame has no contents.

### 18.3.9 The HTML frame item

It is possible to add a frame that displays the contents of a website or even create and style your own HTML page and display it!

Click the  icon, place the element by dragging a rectangle holding down the left mouse button on the Print Composer canvas and position and customize the appearance in the *Item Properties* tab (see figure\_composer\_html\_1).

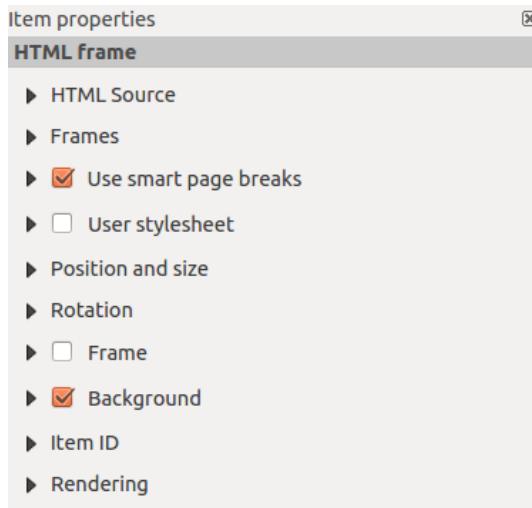


Figure 18.36: HTML frame, the item properties Tab 

#### HTML Source

As an HTML source, you can either set a URL and activate the URL radiobutton or enter the HTML source directly in the textbox provided and activate the Source radiobutton.

The *HTML Source* dialog of the HTML frame *Item Properties* tab provides the following functionalities (see figure\_composer\_html\_2):

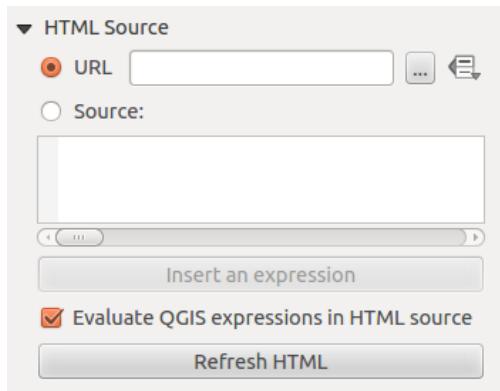


Figure 18.37: HTML frame, the HTML Source properties 

- In *URL* you can enter the URL of a webpage you copied from your internet browser or select an HTML file using the browse button . There is also the option to use the Data defined override button, to provide an URL from the contents of an attribute field of a table or using a regular expression.
- In *Source* you can enter text in the textbox with some HTML tags or provide a full HTML page.
- The **[insert an expression]** button can be used to insert an expression like `[%Year($now)%]` in the Source textbox to display the current year. This button is only activated when radiobutton *Source* is selected. After inserting the expression click somewhere in the textbox before refreshing the HTML frame, otherwise you will lose the expression.
- Activate  *Evaluate QGIS expressions in HTML code* to see the result of the expression you have included, otherwise you will see the expression instead.
- Use the **[Refresh HTML]** button to refresh the HTML frame(s) to see the result of changes.

## Frames

The *Frames* dialog of the HTML frame *Item Properties* tab provides the following functionalities (see figure\_composer\_html\_3):

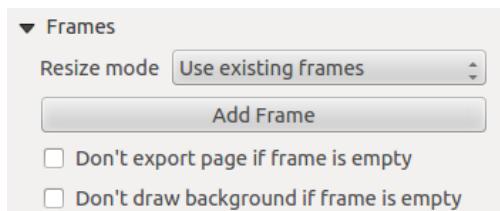


Figure 18.38: HTML frame, the Frames properties 

- With *Resize mode* you can select how to render the HTML contents:
  - *Use existing frames* displays the result in the first frame and added frames only.
  - *Extent to next page* will create as many frames (and corresponding pages) as necessary to render the height of the web page. Each frame can be moved around on the layout. If you resize a frame, the webpage will be divided up between the other frames. The last frame will be trimmed to fit the web page.
  - *Repeat on every page* will repeat the upper left of the web page on every page in frames of the same size.
  - *Repeat until finished* will also create as many frames as the *Extend to next page* option, except all frames will have the same size.

- Use the [Add Frame] button to add another frame with the same size as selected frame. If the HTML page that will not fit in the first frame it will continue in the next frame when you use *Resize mode* or *Use existing frames*.
- Activate  *Don't export page if frame is empty* prevents the map layout from being exported when the frame has no HTML contents. This means all other composer items, maps, scalebars, legends etc. will not be visible in the result.
- Activate  *Don't draw background if frame is empty* prevents the HTML frame being drawn if the frame is empty.

### Use smart page breaks and User style sheet

The *Use smart page breaks* dialog and *Use style sheet* dialog of the HTML frame *Item Properties* tab provides the following functionalities (see figure\_composer\_html\_4):

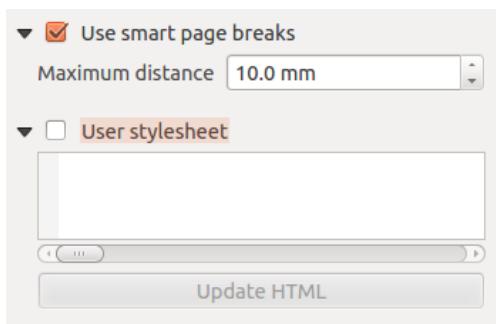


Figure 18.39: HTML frame, Use smart page breaks and User stylesheet properties 

- Activate  *Use smart page breaks* to prevent the html frame contents from breaking mid-way a line of text so it continues nice and smooth in the next frame.
- Set the *Maximum distance* allowed when calculating where to place page breaks in the html. This distance is the maximum amount of empty space allowed at the bottom of a frame after calculating the optimum break location. Setting a larger value will result in better choice of page break location, but more wasted space at the bottom of frames. This is only used when *Use smart page breaks* is activated.
- Activate  *User stylesheet* to apply HTML styles that often is provided in cascading style sheets. An example of style code is provide below to set the color of <h1> header tag to green and set the font and fontsize of text included in paragraph tags <p>.

```
h1 {color: #00ff00;
}
p {font-family: "Times New Roman", Times, serif;
   font-size: 20px;
}
```

- Use the [Update HTML] button to see the result of the stylesheet settings.

## 18.4 Manage items

### 18.4.1 Size and position

Each item inside the Composer can be moved/resized to create a perfect layout. For both operations the first step is to activate the  *Select/Move item* tool and to click on the item; you can then move it using the mouse while holding the left button. If you need to constrain the movements to the horizontal or the vertical axis, just hold the Shift

while moving the mouse. If you need a better precision, you can move a selected item using the Arrow keys on the keyboard; if the movement is too slow, you can speed up it by holding Shift.

A selected item will show squares on its boundaries; moving one of them with the mouse, will resize the item in the corresponding direction. While resizing, holding Shift will maintain the aspect ratio. Holding Alt will resize from the item center.

The correct position for an item can be obtained using snapping to grid or smart guides. Guides are set by clicking and dragging in the rulers. Guides are moved by clicking in the ruler, level with the guide and dragging to a new place. To delete a guide move it off the canvas. If you need to disable the snap on the fly just hold Ctrl while moving the mouse.

You can choose multiple items with the  Select/Move item button. Just hold the Shift button and click on all the items you need. You can then resize/move this group just like a single item.

Once you have found the correct position for an item, you can lock it by using the items on the toolbar or ticking the box next to the item in the *Items* tab. Locked items are **not** selectable on the canvas.

Locked items can be unlocked by selecting the item in the *Items* tab and unchecking the tickbox or you can use the icons on the toolbar.

To unselect an item, just click on it holding the Shift button.

Inside the *Edit* menu, you can find actions to select all the items, to clear all selections or to invert the current selection.

## 18.4.2 Alignment

Raising or lowering functionalities for elements are inside the  Raise selected items pull-down menu. Choose an element on the Print Composer canvas and select the matching functionality to raise or lower the selected element compared to the other elements (see [table\\_composer\\_1](#)). This order is shown in the *Items* tab. You can also raise or lower objects in the *Items* tab by clicking and dragging an object's label in this list.

There are several alignment functionalities available within the  Align selected items pull-down menu (see [table\\_composer\\_1](#)). To use an alignment functionality, you first select some elements and then click on the matching alignment icon. All selected elements will then be aligned within to their common bounding box. When moving items on the Composer canvas, alignment helper lines appear when borders, centers or corners are aligned.

## 18.4.3 Copy/Cut and Paste items

The print composer includes actions to use the common Copy/Cut/Paste functionality for the items in the layout. As usual first you need to select the items using one of the options seen above; at this point the actions can be found in the *Edit* menu. When using the Paste action, the elements will be pasted according to the current mouse position.

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**Nota:** HTML items can not be copied in this way. As a workaround, use the **[Add Frame]** button in the *Item Properties* tab.

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## 18.5 Revertir y Restaurar herramientas

During the layout process, it is possible to revert and restore changes. This can be done with the revert and restore tools:

-  Revert last change
-  Restore last change

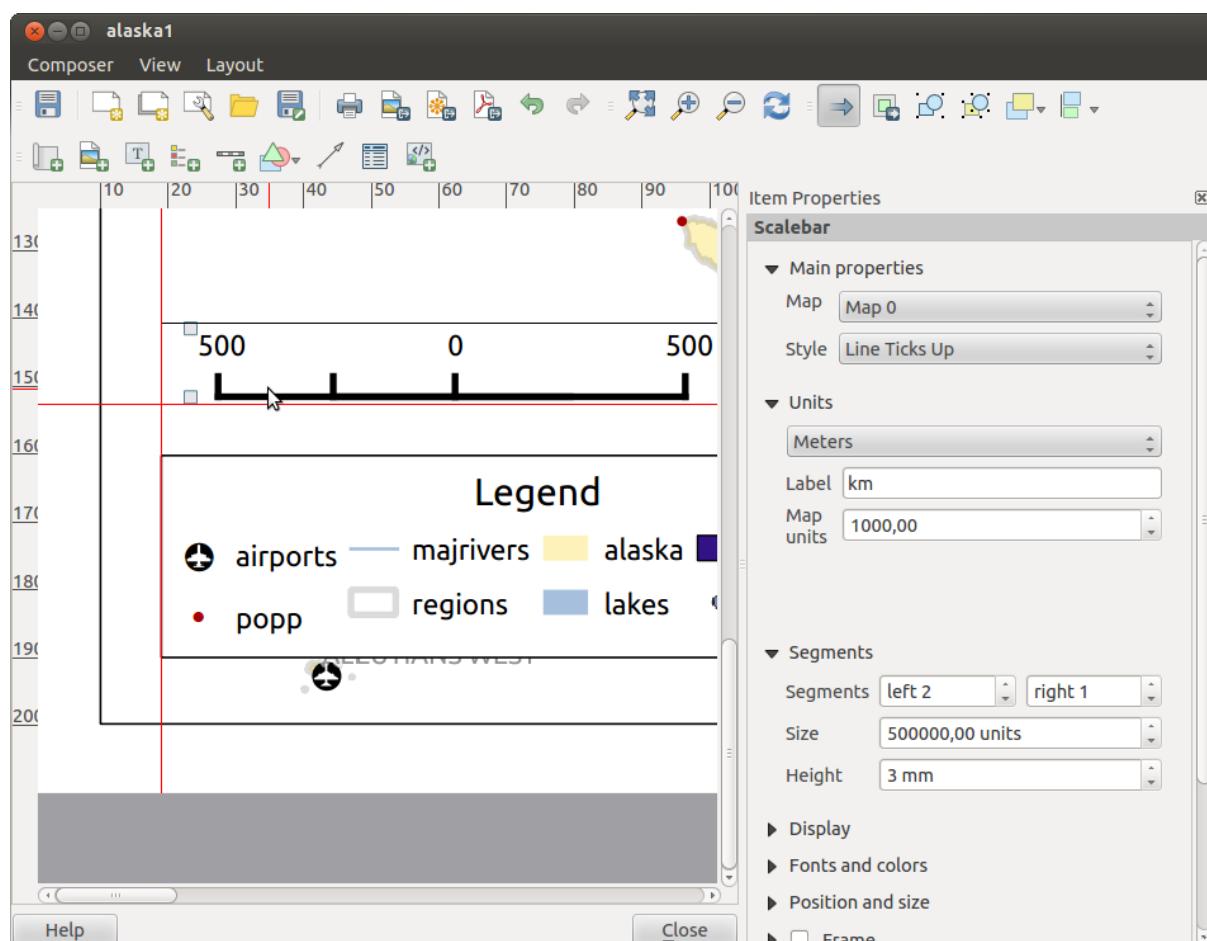


Figure 18.40: Líneas auxiliares de alineación en el diseño de impresión 🐧

This can also be done by mouse click within the *Command history* tab (see [figure\\_composer\\_29](#)).

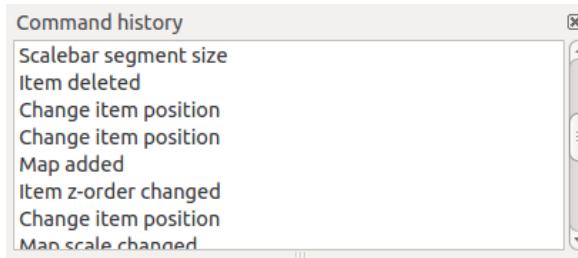


Figure 18.41: Historial de comandos en el diseñador de impresión

## 18.6 Generación de Atlas

The Print Composer includes generation functions that allow you to create map books in an automated way. The concept is to use a coverage layer, which contains geometries and fields. For each geometry in the coverage layer, a new output will be generated where the content of some canvas maps will be moved to highlight the current geometry. Fields associated with this geometry can be used within text labels.

Every page will be generated with each feature. To enable the generation of an atlas and access generation parameters, refer to the *Atlas generation* tab. This tab contains the following widgets (see [Figure\\_composer\\_atlas](#)):

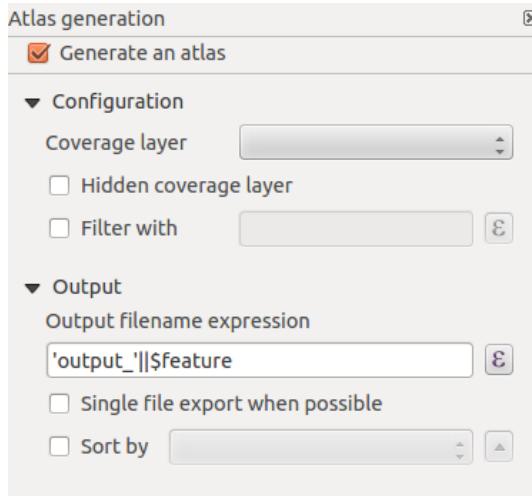


Figure 18.42: Pestaña de Generación de Atlas

- *Generate an atlas*, which enables or disables the atlas generation.
- A *Coverage layer* combo box that allows you to choose the (vector) layer containing the geometries on which to iterate over.
- An optional  *Hidden coverage layer* that, if checked, will hide the coverage layer (but not the other ones) during the generation.
- An optional *Filter with* text area that allows you to specify an expression for filtering features from the coverage layer. If the expression is not empty, only features that evaluate to True will be selected. The button on the right allows you to display the expression builder.
- Una caja de texto *Expresión de nombre de archivo de salida* que se utiliza para generar un nombre de archivo para cada geometría si es necesario. Se basa en expresiones. Este campo es significativo solo para presentar múltiples archivos.

- A  *Single file export when possible* that allows you to force the generation of a single file if this is possible with the chosen output format (PDF, for instance). If this field is checked, the value of the *Output filename expression* field is meaningless.
- An optional  *Sort by* that, if checked, allows you to sort features of the coverage layer. The associated combo box allows you to choose which column will be used as the sorting key. Sort order (either ascending or descending) is set by a two-state button that displays an up or a down arrow.

You can use multiple map items with the atlas generation; each map will be rendered according to the coverage features. To enable atlas generation for a specific map item, you need to check  *Controlled by Atlas* under the item properties of the map item. Once checked, you can set:

- A radiobutton  *Margin around feature* that allows you to select the amount of space added around each geometry within the allocated map. Its value is meaningful only when using the auto-scaling mode.
- A  *Predefined scale* (best fit). It will use the best fitting option from the list of predefined scales in your project properties settings (see *Project -> Project Properties -> General -> Project Scales* to configure these predefined scales).
- A  *Fixed scale* that allows you to toggle between auto-scale and fixed-scale mode. In fixed-scale mode, the map will only be translated for each geometry to be centered. In auto-scale mode, the map's extents are computed in such a way that each geometry will appear in its entirety.

### 18.6.1 Labels

In order to adapt labels to the feature the atlas plugin iterates over, you can include expressions. For example, for a city layer with fields CITY\_NAME and ZIPCODE, you could insert this:

```
The area of [% upper(CITY_NAME) || ',' || ZIPCODE || ' is ' format_number($area/1000000,2) %] km2
```

The information [% *upper(CITY\_NAME)* || ',' || *ZIPCODE* || ' is ' *format\_number(\$area/1000000,2)* %] is an expression used inside the label. That would result in the generated atlas as:

*The area of PARIS,75001 is 1.94 km2*

### 18.6.2 Data Defined Override Buttons

There are several places where you can use a  *Data Defined Override* button to override the selected setting. These options are particularly useful with Atlas Generation.

For the following examples the *Regions* layer of the QGIS sample dataset is used and selected for Atlas Generation. We also assume the paper format *A4 (210X297)* is selected in the *Composition* tab for field *Presets*.

With a *Data Defined Override* button you can dynamically set the paper orientation. When the height (north-south) of the extents of a region is greater than its width (east-west), you rather want to use *portrait* instead of *landscape* orientation to optimize the use of paper.

In the *Composition* you can set the field *Orientation* and select *Landscape* or *Portrait*. We want to set the orientation dynamically using an expression depending on the region geometry. Press the  button of field *Orientation*, select *Edit ...* so the *Expression string builder* dialog opens. Give following expression:

```
CASE WHEN bounds_width($atlasgeometry) > bounds_height($atlasgeometry) THEN 'Landscape' ELSE 'Portrait'
```

Now the paper orients itself automatically for each Region you need to reposition the location of the composer item as well. For the map item you can use the  button of field *Width* to set it dynamically using following expression:

```
(CASE WHEN bounds_width($atlasgeometry) > bounds_height($atlasgeometry) THEN 297 ELSE 210 END) - 10
```

Use the  button of field *Height* to provide following expression:

```
(CASE WHEN bounds_width($atlasgeometry) > bounds_height($atlasgeometry) THEN 210 ELSE 297 END) - 2
```

When you want to give a title above map in the center of the page, insert a label item above the map. First use the item properties of the label item to set the horizontal alignment to  *Center*. Next activate from *Reference point* the upper middle checkbox. You can provide following expression for field *X*:

```
(CASE WHEN bounds_width($atlasgeometry) > bounds_height($atlasgeometry) THEN 297 ELSE 210 END) / 2
```

For all other composer items you can set the position in a similar way so they are correctly positioned when page is automatically rotated in portrait or landscape.

Information provided is derived from the excellent blog (in english and portuguese) on the Data Defined Override options [Multiple\\_format\\_map\\_series\\_using\\_QGIS\\_2.6](#).

This is just one example of how you can use Data Defined Overrides.

### 18.6.3 Preview

Once the atlas settings have been configured and map items selected, you can create a preview of all the pages by clicking on *Atlas* → *Preview Atlas* and using the arrows, in the same menu, to navigate through all the features.

### 18.6.4 Generación

The atlas generation can be done in different ways. For example, with *Atlas* → *Print Atlas*, you can directly print it. You can also create a PDF using *Atlas* → *Export Atlas as PDF*: The user will be asked for a directory for saving all the generated PDF files (except if the  *Single file export when possible* has been selected). If you need to print just a page of the atlas, simply start the preview function, select the page you need and click on *Composer* → *Print* (or create a PDF).

## 18.7 Hide and show panels

To maximise the space available to interact with a composition you can use *View* →  *Hide panels* or press F10.

:: note:

It's also possible to switch to a full screen mode to have more space to interact by pressing :kbd:`'F11'` or using :guilabel:`'View' --> [checkbox] :guilabel:`'Toggle full screen'`.

## 18.8 Crear salida

`Figure_composer_output` shows the Print Composer with an example print layout, including each type of map item described in the sections above.

Before printing a layout you have the possibility to view your composition without bounding boxes. This can be enabled by deactivating *View* →  *Show bounding boxes* or pressing the shortcut `Ctrl+Shift+B`.

The Print Composer allows you to create several output formats, and it is possible to define the resolution (print quality) and paper size:

- The  *Print* icon allows you to print the layout to a connected printer or a PostScript file, depending on installed printer drivers.

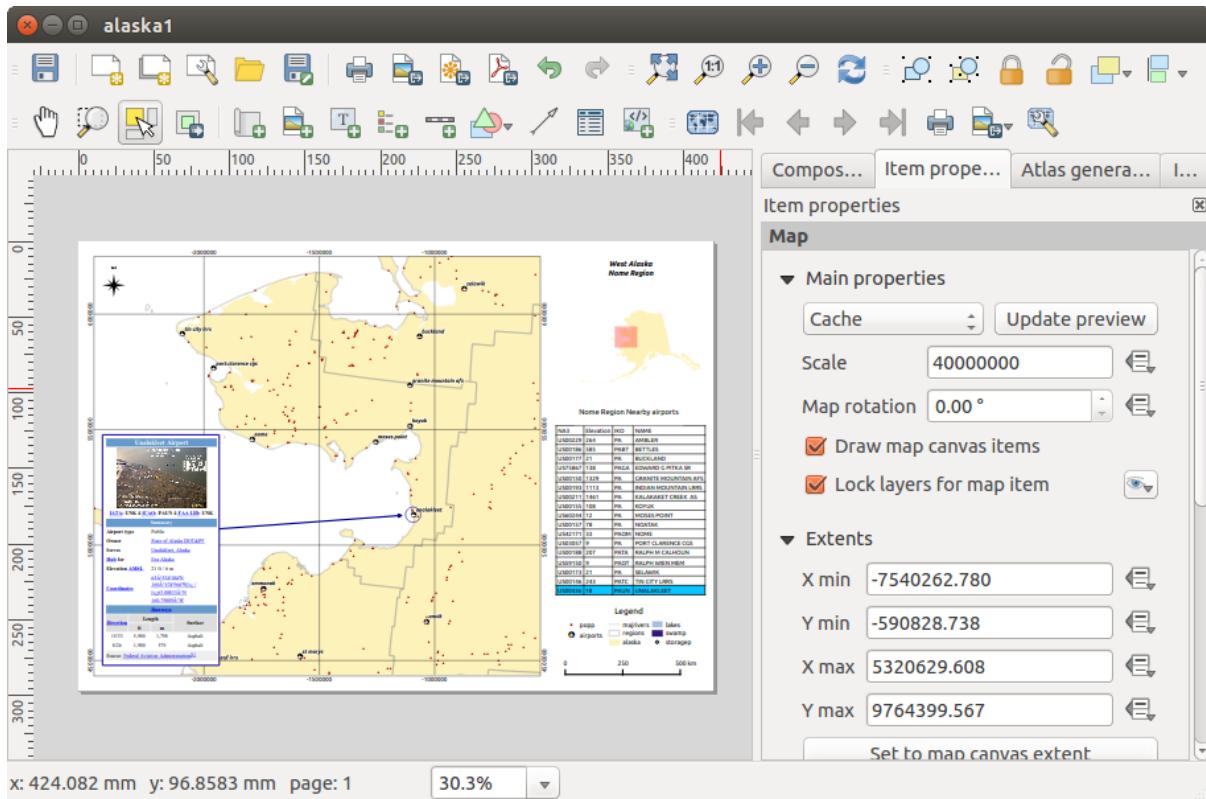


Figure 18.43: Print Composer with map view, legend, image, scale bar, coordinates, text and HTML frame added



- The Export as image icon exports the Composer canvas in several image formats, such as PNG, BMP, TIF, JPG,...
- The Export as PDF saves the defined Print Composer canvas directly as a PDF.
- The Export as SVG icon saves the Print Composer canvas as an SVG (Scalable Vector Graphic).

If you need to export your layout as a **georeferenced image** (i.e., to load back inside QGIS), you need to enable this feature under the Composition tab. Check  *World file on* and choose the map item to use. With this option, the ‘Export as image’ action will also create a world file.

#### Nota:

- Currently, the SVG output is very basic. This is not a QGIS problem, but a problem with the underlying Qt library. This will hopefully be sorted out in future versions.
- Exporting big rasters can sometimes fail, even if there seems to be enough memory. This is also a problem with the underlying Qt management of rasters.

## 18.9 Administrar el diseñador de impresión

With the Save as template and Add items from template icons, you can save the current state of a Print Composer session as a .qpt template and load the template again in another session.

The Composer Manager button in the QGIS toolbar and in *Composer → Composer Manager* allows you to add a new Composer template, create a new composition based on a previously saved template or to manage already

existing templates.

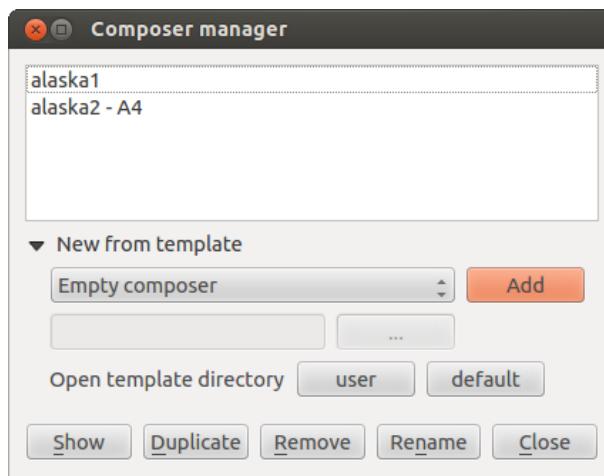


Figure 18.44: EL Administrador de diseñadores 🐧

By default, the Composer manager searches for user templates in `~/.qgis2/composer_template`.

The New Composer and Duplicate Composer buttons in the QGIS toolbar and in *Composer → New Composer* and *Composer → Duplicate Composer* allow you to open a new Composer dialog, or to duplicate an existing composition from a previously created one.

Finally, you can save your print composition with the Save Project button. This is the same feature as in the QGIS main window. All changes will be saved in a QGIS project file.



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## Complementos

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### 19.1 QGIS Plugins

QGIS has been designed with a plugin architecture. This allows many new features and functions to be easily added to the application. Many of the features in QGIS are actually implemented as plugins.

Puede administrar sus complementos en el diálogo de complementos que se puede abrir con *Complementos > Administrar e instalar complementos....*

When a plugin needs to be updated, and if plugins settings have been set up accordingly, QGIS main interface could display a blue link in the status bar to tell you that there are some updates for plugins waiting to be applied.

#### 19.1.1 El diálogo de complementos

The menus in the Plugins dialog allow the user to install, uninstall and upgrade plugins in different ways. Each plugin have some metadatas displayed in the right panel:

- information if the plugin is experimental
- descripción
- rating vote(s) (you can vote for your prefered plugin!)
- etiquetas
- some useful links as the home page, tracker and code repository
- autor(es)
- versión disponible

Puede utilizar el filtro para encontrar un complemento específico.



All

Here, all the available plugins are listed, including both core and external plugins. Use [**Upgrade all**] to look for new versions of the plugins. Furthermore, you can use [**Install plugin**], if a plugin is listed but not installed, and [**Uninstall plugin**] as well as [**Reinstall plugin**], if a plugin is installed. If a plugin is installed, it can be de/activated using the checkbox.



Installed

En este menú, se pueden encontrar solo los complementos instalados. Los complementos instalados pueden ser desinstalados y reinstalados usando los botones [**Desinstalar complemento**] y [**Reinstalar complemento**]. Se puede [**Actualizar todo**] aquí también.

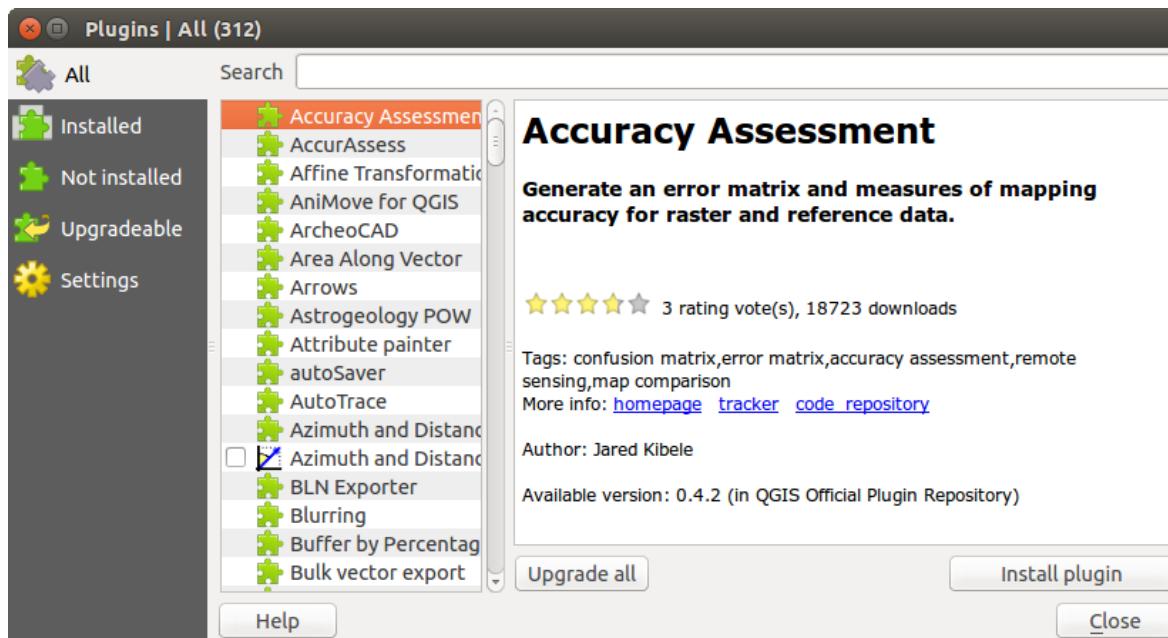


Figure 19.1: The All menu

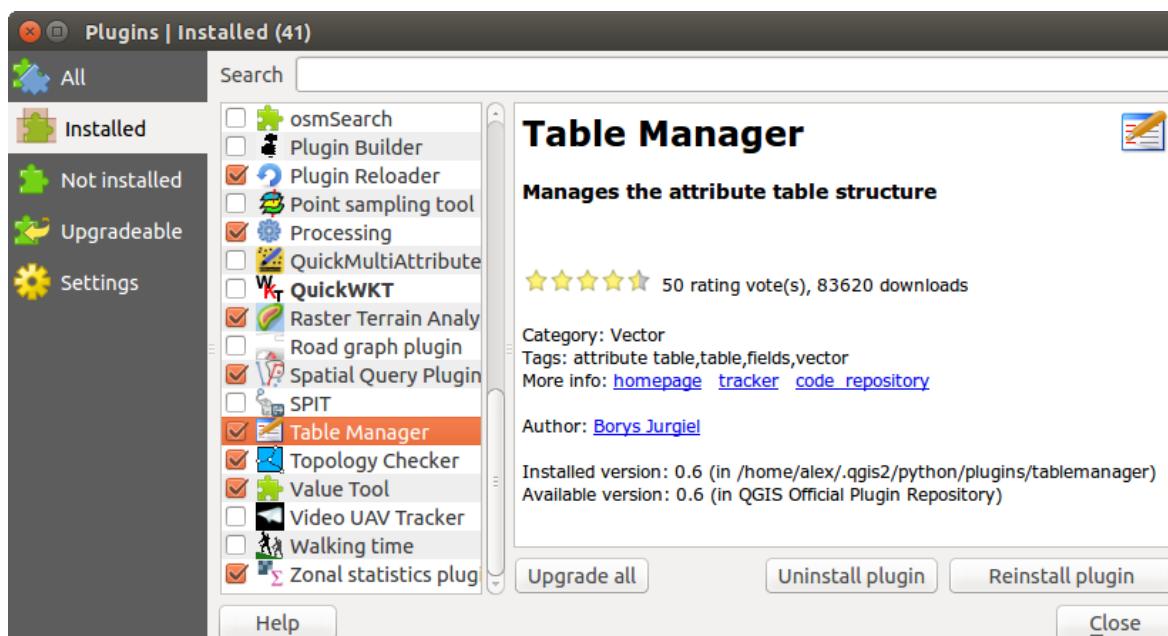


Figure 19.2: The Installed menu

### No instalado

This menu lists all plugins available that are not installed. You can use the [Install plugin] button to implement a plugin into QGIS.



Figure 19.3: The  *Not installed* menu 

### Upgradeable

If you activated  *Show also experimental plugins* in the  *Settings* menu, you can use this menu to look for more recent plugin versions. This can be done with the [Upgrade plugin] or [Upgrade all] buttons.

### Settings

Este menú, puede utilizar las siguientes opciones:

- *Check for updates on startup*. Whenever a new plugin or a plugin update is available, QGIS will inform you ‘every time QGIS starts’, ‘once a day’, ‘every 3 days’, ‘every week’, ‘every 2 weeks’ or ‘every month’.
- *Show also experimental plugins*. QGIS will show you plugins in early stages of development, which are generally unsuitable for production use.
- *Mostrar también complementos obsoletos*. Estos complementos están en desuso y generalmente no aptos para uso en producción.

Para añadir un repositorio de un autor externo, haga clic [Añadir...] en la sección *Repositorios de complementos*. Si no desea uno o más de los repositorios añadidos, se pueden deshabilitar con el botón [Editar...], o eliminar completamente con el botón [Borrar]

The *Search* function is available in nearly every menu (except  *Settings*). Here, you can look for specific plugins.

#### Truco: Core and external plugins

QGIS plugins are implemented either as **Core Plugins** or **External Plugins**. **Core Plugins** are maintained by the QGIS Development Team and are automatically part of every QGIS distribution. They are written in one of two languages: C++ or Python. **External Plugins** are currently all written in Python. They are stored in external repositories and are maintained by the individual authors.

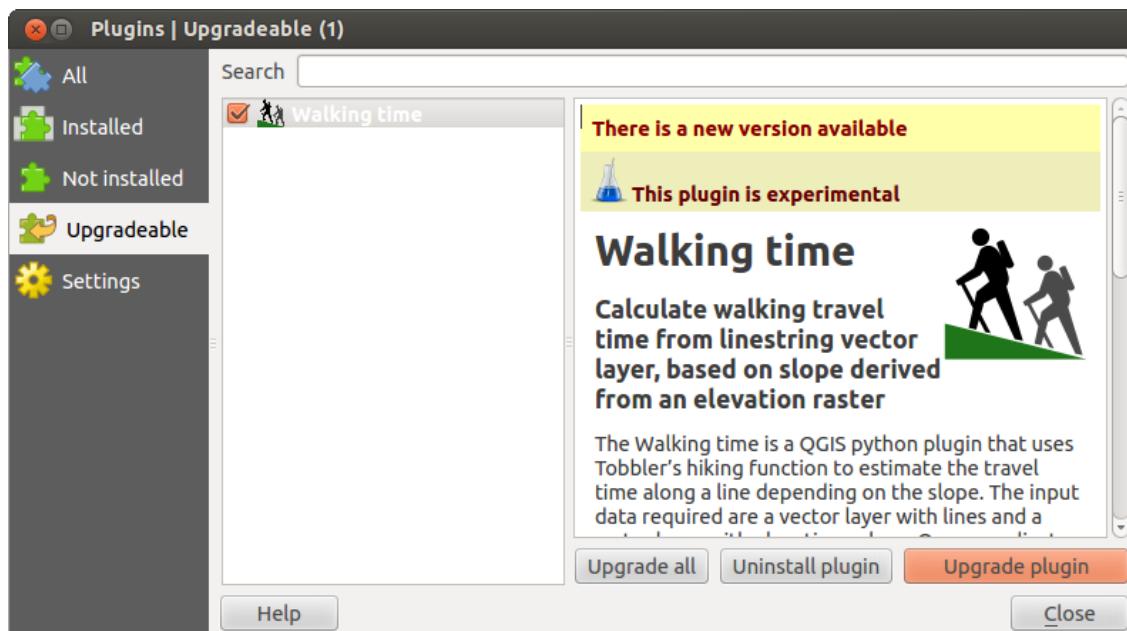


Figure 19.4: The *Upgradeable* menu

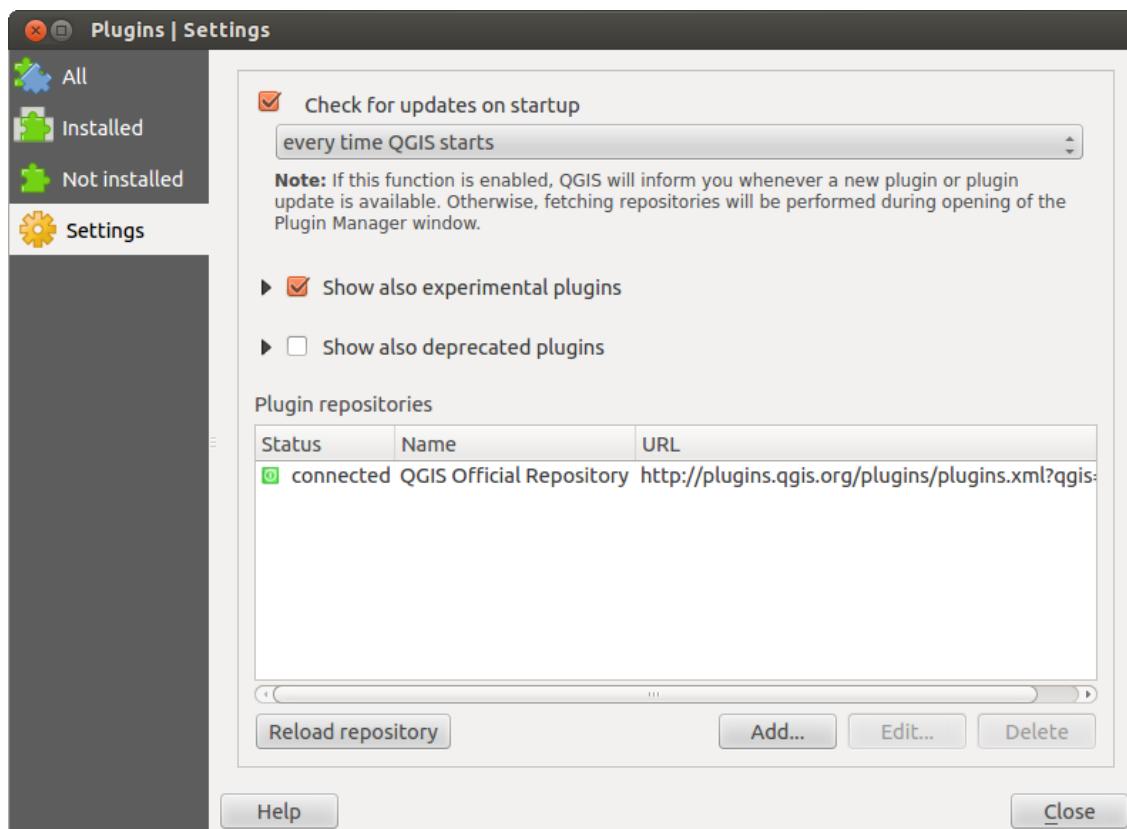


Figure 19.5: The *Settings* menu

Detailed documentation about the usage, minimum QGIS version, home page, authors, and other important information are provided for the ‘Official’ QGIS Repository at <http://plugins.qgis.org/plugins/>. For other external repositories, documentation might be available with the external plugins themselves. In general, it is not included in this manual.

## 19.2 Using QGIS Core Plugins

Icono	Complemento	Descripción	Manual de referencia
	Accuracy Assessment	Generate an error matrix	<i>accuracy</i>
	CadTools	Perform CAD-like functions in QGIS	<i>cadtools</i>
	Captura de coordenadas	Captura de coordenadas del ratón en diferentes SRC	<i>Complemento Captura de coordenadas</i>
	DB Manager	Manage your databases within QGIS	<i>Complemento administrador de BBDD</i>
	Conversor DXF2Shp	Convertir de archivo DXF a formato SHP	<i>Complemento Conversor DxfaShp</i>
	eVis	Herramienta de visualización de eventos	<i>Complemento Visualización de Eventos</i>
	fTools	Un conjunto de herramientas vectoriales	<i>Complemento fTools</i>
	Herramientas de GPS	Herramientas para cargar e importar datos GPS	<i>Plugin de GPS</i>
	GRASS	Funcionalidad GRASS	<i>Integracion GRASS SIG</i>
	Herramientas GDAL	Funcionalidad ráster GDAL	<i>Complemento Herramientas de GDAL</i>
	Georreferenciador GDAL	Georeferenciación de rásteres con GDAL	<i>Complemento Georreferenciador</i>
	Mapa de calor	Crear mapa de calor de un capa de puntos de entrada.	<i>Complemento Mapa de calor</i>
	Complemento de interpolación	Interpolación en base a vértices de una capa vectorial	<i>Complemento de interpolación</i>
	Edición fuera de línea	Edición fuera de línea y sincronización con la base de datos	<i>Complemento Edición fuera de linea</i>
	Georaster Espacial de Oracle	Acceso a Georasters Espaciales de Oracle	<i>Complemento GeoRaster espacial de Oracle</i>
	Administrar complementos	Administrar complementos núcleo y externos	<i>El diálogo de complementos</i>
	Análisis del terreno ráster	Calcular entidades geomorfológica de un DEMs	<i>Complemento Análisis de Terreno</i>
	Complemento Grafo de rutas	Ánalisis de la ruta más corta	<i>Complemento Grafo de rutas</i>
	SQL Anywhere plugin	Access SQL anywhere DB	<i>sqlanywhere</i>
	Consulta espacial	Consulta espacial en vectores	<i>Complemento Consulta espacial</i>
	SPIT	Shapefile to PostgreSQL/PostGIS Import Tool	<i>Complemento SPIT</i>
	Estadísticas de zona	Calcular estadísticas de ráster para polígonos.	<i>Complemento de Estadísticas de zona</i>
	MetaSearch	Interactuar con metadata catalogue services (CSW)	<i>MetaSearch Catalogue Client</i>

## 19.3 Complemento Captura de coordenadas

El complemento de captura de coordenadas es fácil de usar y proporciona la capacidad de mostrar coordenadas en la vista del mapa para dos sistemas de referencia de coordenadas (SRC).

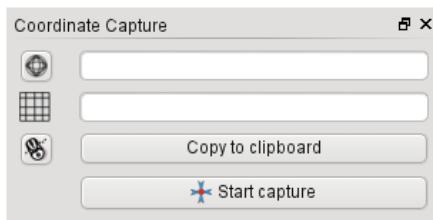


Figure 19.6: Coordinate Capture Plugin 🐧

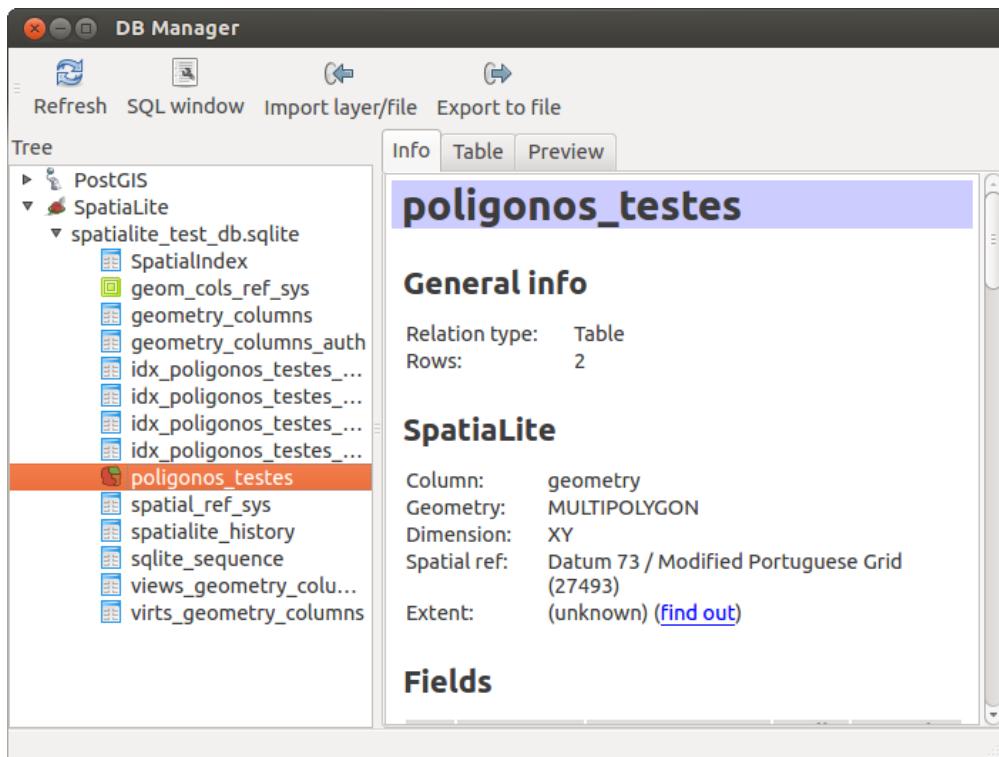
1. Start QGIS, select *Project Properties* from the *Settings* (KDE, Windows) or *File* (Gnome, OSX) menu and click on the *Projection* tab. As an alternative, you can also click on the CRS status icon in the lower right-hand corner of the status bar.
2. Pulse en la casilla de verificación *Activar transformación de SRC al vuelo* y seleccione un sistema de coordenadas proyectadas de su elección (vea también *Trabajar con Proyecciones*)
3. Activar el complemento de Captura de coordenadas en el Administrador de complementos (vea *El diálogo de complementos*) y asegúrese que el diálogo es visible, vaya a *Ver → Paneles* y y asegúrese que *Captura de coordenadas* está habilitada. El diálogo de captura de coordenadas aparece como se muestra en la Figura figure\_coordinate\_capture\_1. Alternativamente, también puede ir a *Vectorial → Captura de coordenadas* y vea si *Captura de coordenadas* está habilitada.
4. Haga clic en el icono Pulse para seleccionar el SRC a usar para la visualización de coordenadas y elija un SRC diferente al que seleccionó anteriormente.
5. Para empezar a capturar coordenadas, pulse [**Comenzar captura**]. Ahora puede hacer clic en cualquier lugar de la vista del mapa y el complemento mostrará las coordenadas en ambos SRC seleccionados.
6. Para habilitar el seguimiento de coordenadas del ratón, pulse el icono Seguimiento del ratón.
7. También se pueden copiar las coordenadas seleccionadas al portapapeles.

## 19.4 Complemento administrador de BBDD

The DB Manager Plugin is officially part of the QGIS core and is intended to replace the SPIT Plugin and, additionally, to integrate all other database formats supported by QGIS in one user interface. The DB Manager Plugin provides several features. You can drag layers from the QGIS Browser into the DB Manager, and it will import your layer into your spatial database. You can drag and drop tables between spatial databases and they will get imported. ... \_figure\_db\_manager:

El menú *Base de datos* permite conectar a una base de datos existente, para iniciar la ventana de SQL y para finalizar el componente de Administrador de BBDD. Una vez que este conectado a la base de datos existente, los menús *Esquema* y *Tabla* aparecerá de forma adicional.

EL menú *Esquema* incluye herramientas para crear y eliminar (vaciar) esquemas y, si la topología esta disponible (e.j., PostGIS 2), iniciar un *TopoViewer*.

Figure 19.7: DB Manager dialog 

The *Table* menu allows you to create and edit tables and to delete tables and views. It is also possible to empty tables and to move tables from one schema to another. As further functionality, you can perform a VACUUM and then an ANALYZE for each selected table. Plain VACUUM simply reclaims space and makes it available for reuse. ANALYZE updates statistics to determine the most efficient way to execute a query. Finally, you can import layers/files, if they are loaded in QGIS or exist in the file system. And you can export database tables to shape with the Export File feature.

The *Tree* window lists all existing databases supported by QGIS. With a double-click, you can connect to the database. With the right mouse button, you can rename and delete existing schemas and tables. Tables can also be added to the QGIS canvas with the context menu.

Si se está conectado a una base de datos, la ventana **principal** del Administrador de BBDD ofrece tres pestanas. La pestaña *Info* proporciona información acerca de la tabla y su geometría, así como de los campos existentes, limitaciones e índices. También permite que ejecute Vacuum Analyze y crear índices espaciales en una tabla seleccionada, si no está ya hecho. La pestaña de *Tabla* muestra todos los atributos y la pestaña *Vista preliminar* representa las geometrías como vista previa.

#### 19.4.1 Trabajar con la ventana SQL

You can also use the DB Manager to execute SQL queries against your spatial database and then view the spatial output for queries by adding the results to QGIS as a query layer. It is possible to highlight a portion of the SQL and only that portion will be executed when you press F5 or click the *Execute (F5)* button.

## 19.5 Complemento Conversor Dxfashp

El complemento Conversor Dxfashp se puede usar para convertir datos vectoriales del formato DXF a archivo shape. Requiere que se especifiquen los siguientes parámetros antes de ejecutarlo:

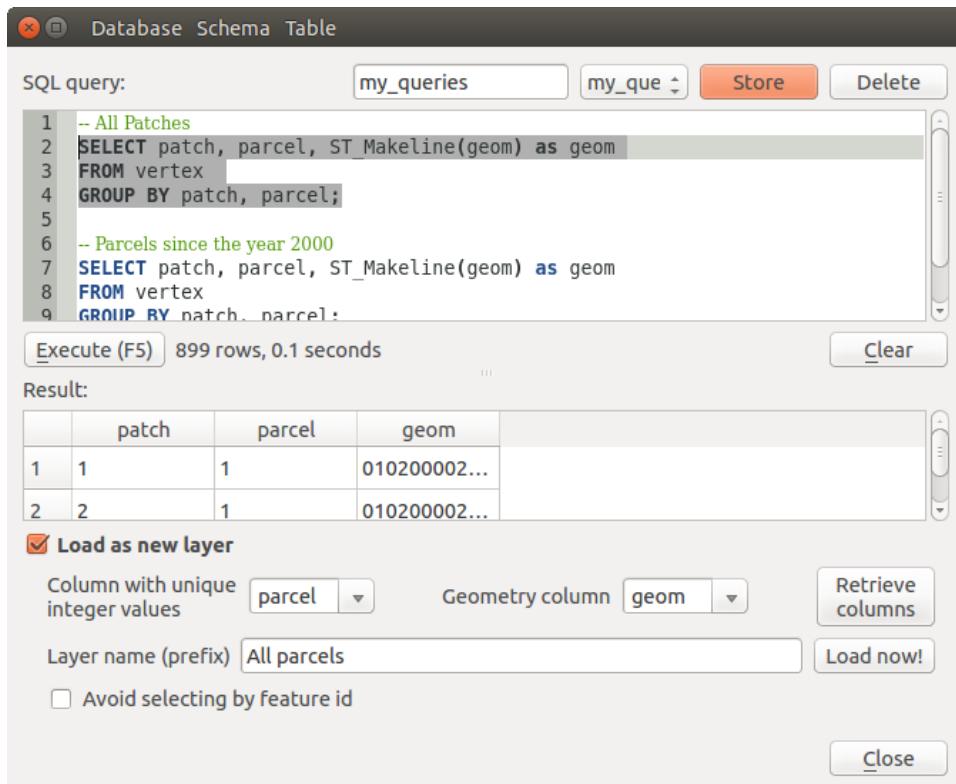


Figure 19.8: Executing SQL queries in the DB Manager SQL window

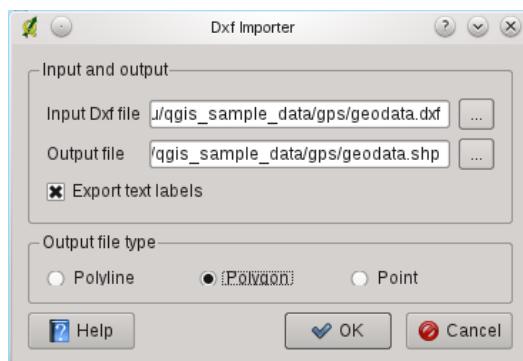


Figure 19.9: Complemento Conversor DxfaShp

- **Archivo DXF de entrada:** Introduzca la ruta al archivo DXF a convertir.
- **Archivo shp de salida:** Introduzca el nombre deseado para el archivo shape a crear.
- **Tipo de archivo de salida:** Especificar el tipo de geometría del archivo de salida. Actualmente los tipos soportados son polilíneas, polígonos y puntos.
- **Exportar etiquetas de texto:** Cuando esta casilla de verificación esta habilitada, se creará una capa de puntos adicional, y la tabla DBF asociada contendrá información sobre los campos “texto” que se encuentran en el archivo DXF y las cadenas de texto en sí.

### 19.5.1 Usar el complemento

1. Start QGIS, load the Dxf2Shape plugin in the Plugin Manager (see [El diálogo de complementos](#)) and click on the  Dxf2Shape Converter icon, which appears in the QGIS toolbar menu. The Dxf2Shape plugin dialog appears, as shown in [Figure\\_dxf2shape\\_1](#).
2. Introduzca el archivo DXF de entrada, un nombre para el archivo shape de salida y el tipo de archivo shape.
3. Habilitar la casilla de verificación  *Exportar etiquetas de texto* si desea crear una capa extra de puntos con etiquetas.
4. Hacer clic en [Aceptar]

## 19.6 Complemento Visualización de Eventos

(En esta sección se deriva de Horning, N., K, Koy, P. Ersts. 2009. eVis (v1.1.0) Guía de Usuario. Museo Americano de Historia Natural, Centro para la Biodiversidad y Conservación. Disponible de <http://biodiversityinformatics.amnh.org/>, y realizado bajo GNU FDL.)

The Biodiversity Informatics Facility at the American Museum of Natural History’s (AMNH) Center for Biodiversity and Conservation (CBC) has developed the Event Visualization Tool (eVis), another software tool to add to the suite of conservation monitoring and decision support tools for guiding protected area and landscape planning. This plugin enables users to easily link geocoded (i.e., referenced with latitude and longitude or X and Y coordinates) photographs, and other supporting documents, to vector data in QGIS.

eVis is now automatically installed and enabled in new versions of QGIS, and as with all plugins, it can be disabled and enabled using the Plugin Manager (see [El diálogo de complementos](#)).

El complemento de visualización de eventos se compone de tres módulos: la ‘Herramienta para conexión a la base de datos’, ‘Herramienta de ID evento’, y el ‘Eventos del navegador’. Estos trabajan juntos para permitir la visualización de fotografías geocodificadas y otros documentos que están vinculados a objetos espaciales almacenados en archivo de vectores, base de datos o hojas de cálculo.

### 19.6.1 Explorador de Eventos

The Event Browser module provides the functionality to display geocoded photographs that are linked to vector features displayed in the QGIS map window. Point data, for example, can be from a vector file that can be input using QGIS or it can be from the result of a database query. The vector feature must have attribute information associated with it to describe the location and name of the file containing the photograph and, optionally, the compass direction the camera was pointed when the image was acquired. Your vector layer must be loaded into QGIS before running the Event Browser.

## Iniciar el módulo de Explorador de eventos

Para poner en marcha el modulo Explorador de Eventos, haga clic en *Base de datos*→*eVis* → *Explorador de Eventos eVis*. Esto abrirá la ventana *Explorador de Eventos Genérico*.

La ventana *Explorador de eventos* tiene tres pestañas desplegadas en la parte superior de la ventana. La pestaña *Visualizar* se utiliza para ver las fotografías y los datos de sus atributos asociados. La pestaña *Opciones* proporciona un número de ajustes para controlar el funcionamiento del complemento eVis. Por último, la pestaña *Configuración de aplicaciones externas* se utiliza para mantener una tabla de extensiones de archivos y su aplicación asociada para permitir a eVis desplegar documentos que no sean imágenes.

## Comprender la ventana Visualizar

Para ver la ventana *Visualizar*, haga clic en la pestaña *Visualizar* en la ventana *Explorador de Eventos*. La ventana *Visualizar* se utiliza para visualizar las fotografías geocodificadas y los atributos asociados a ellas.

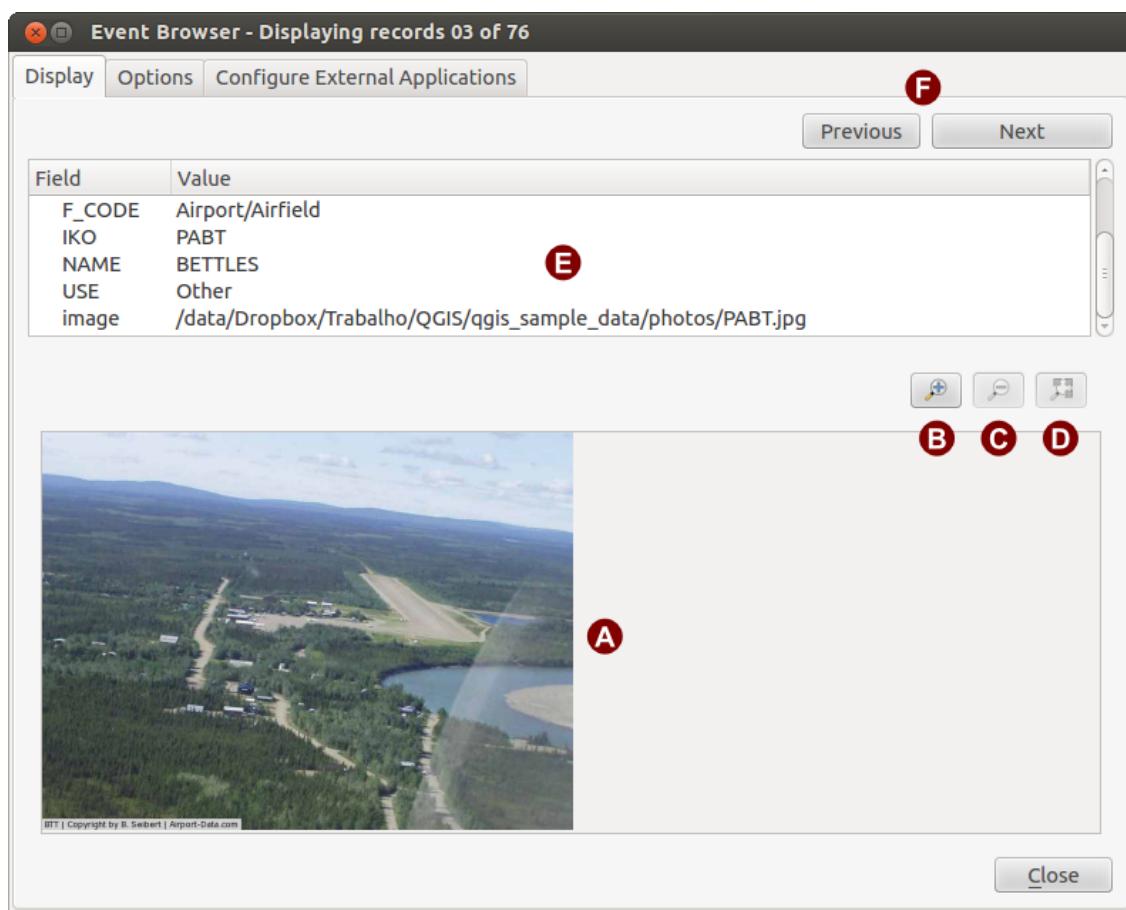


Figure 19.10: La ventana de *eVis* visualizar

1. **Ventana de Visualizar:** Una ventana donde la fotografía aparece.
2. **Botón de Acercar zoom:** Acercar zoom para ver más detalle. Si la imagen completa no puede ser visualizada en la ventana de visualizar, las barras de desplazamiento aparecerán en del lado izquierdo e inferior de la ventana para permitirle desplazarse por la imagen.
3. **Botón de Alejar zoom:** Alejar zoom para ver más área.
4. **Botón Zum general:** Despliega la fotografía completa.
5. **Ventana de información de atributos:** Toda la información de atributos del punto asociado con la foto que se está viendo se muestra aquí. Si el tipo de archivo al que hace referencia del registro mostrado no es una

imagen sino un tipo de archivo definido en la pestaña *Configurar aplicaciones externas* cuando haga doble clic en el valor del campo que contiene la ruta al archivo se abrirá la aplicación para ver u oír el contenido del archivo. Si se reconoce la extensión del archivo los datos de los atributos se mostrarán en verde.

6. **Botones de Navegación:** Utiliza el botón anterior y siguiente para cargar el objeto anterior o siguiente cuando mas de un objeto espacial esta seleccionado.

## Comprender la ventana de Opciones

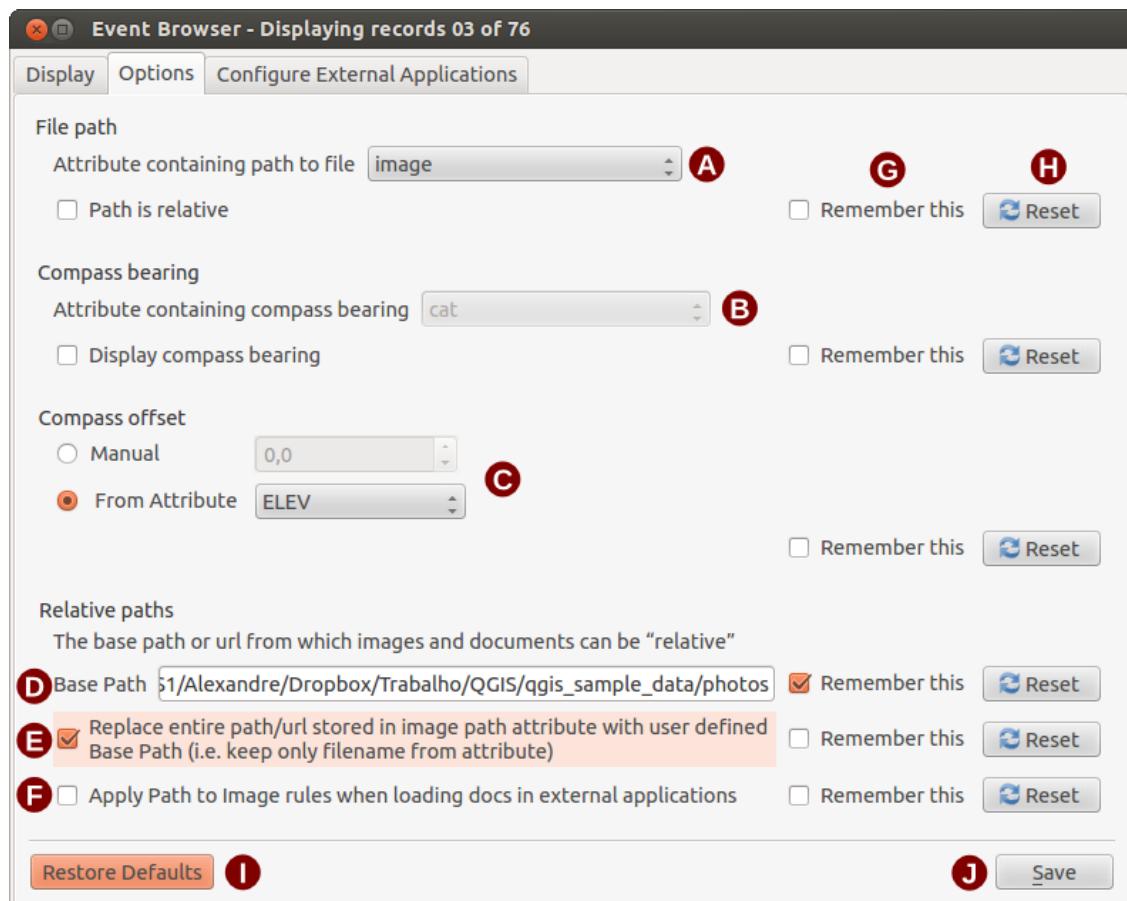


Figure 19.11: La ventana de *eVis Opciones*

1. **Ruta del archivo:** Una lista desplegable para especificar el campo de atributo que contiene la ruta del directorio o URL para las fotografías u otros documentos que se muestran. Si la ubicación es una ruta relativa, entonces la casilla de verificación debe hacer clic. LA ruta base para una ruta relativa puede ser introducida en la caja de texto *Ruta Base* a continuación. La información sobre las diferentes opciones para especificar la ubicación del archivo se indica en la sección *Especificar la ubicación y nombre de la fotografía* a continuación.
2. **Rumbo de la brújula:** Una lista desplegable para especificar el campo de atributo que contiene el rumbo de la brújula asociado con las fotografías que se muestran. Si la información del rumbo de la brújula esta disponible, es necesario hacer clic en casilla de verificación a continuación el título del menú desplegable.
3. **Compass offset:** Compass offsets can be used to compensate for declination (to adjust bearings collected using magnetic bearings to true north bearings). Click the  *Manual* radio button to enter the offset in the text box or click the  *From Attribute* radio button to select the attribute field containing the offsets. For both of these options, east declinations should be entered using positive values, and west declinations should use negative values.
4. **Ruta del archivo:** La ruta de la base sobre la que se añadirá la ruta relativa se define en [Figure\\_eVis\\_2](#) (A).

5. **Sustituir la ruta:** Si esta casilla de verificación esta marcada, solo el nombre del archivo de A se anexará a la ruta base.
6. **Aplicar regla a todos los documentos:** Si se marca, las mismas reglas de ruta que están definidas para las fotografías se utilizarán para los documentos sin imagen, tales como películas, documentos de texto y archivos de sonido. Si no se marca, las reglas de ruta sólo se aplicarán a las fotografías, y los otros documentos ignorarán el parámetro de la ruta base.
7. **Recordar ajustes:** Si la casilla de verificación es marcada, los valores de los parámetros asociados se guardarán para la siguiente sesión cuando la ventana se cierra o cuando el botón [Guardar] de abajo sea presionado.
8. **Restablecer:** Restablecer los valores en esta línea a la configuración predeterminada.
9. **Restaurar los valores predeterminados:** Esto restablecerá todos los campos a su configuración predeterminada. Tiene el mismo efecto hacer clic en todos los botones de [Restablecer].
10. **Guardar:** Esto guardará los ajustes sin cerrar el panel *Opciones*.

### Comprender la ventana de Configurar aplicaciones externas

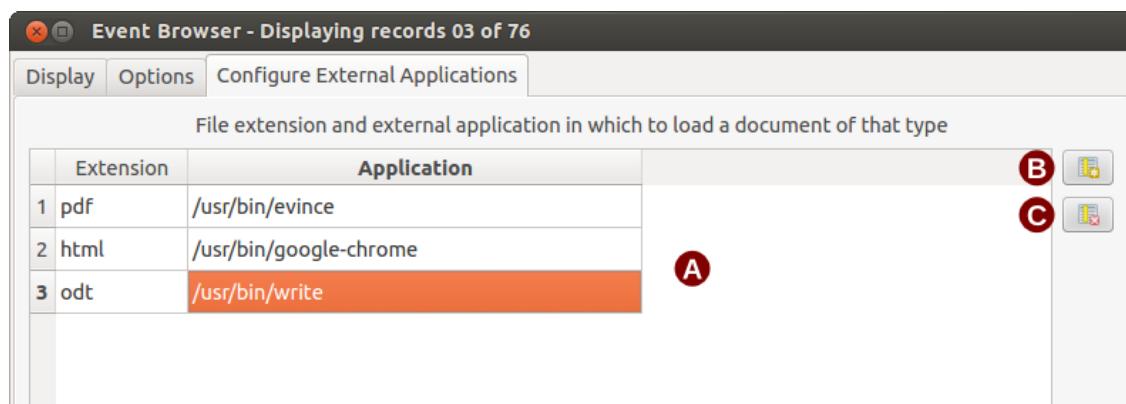


Figure 19.12: La ventana de eVis Aplicaciones externas

1. **Tabla de referencia de archivo:** Una tabla contiene los tipos de archivo que se pueden abrir utilizando eVis. Cada tipo de archivo necesita una extensión de archivo y la ruta de una aplicación que pueda abrir ese tipo de archivo. Esto proporciona la capacidad de abrir una amplia gama de archivos tales como películas, grabaciones sonoras y documentos de texto en lugar de solo imágenes.
2. **Añadir nuevo tipo de archivo:** Añadir un nuevo tipo de archivo con una única extensión y la ruta para la aplicación que puede abrirlo.
3. **Borrar la fila actual:** Borrar el tipo de archivo destacado en la tabla y definido por una extensión de archivo y una ruta a una aplicación asociada.

### 19.6.2 Especificar la ubicación y nombre de la fotografía

La ubicación y nombre de la fotografía se pude almacenar utilizando una ruta relativa o absoluta, o una URL, si la fotografía esta disponible en el servidor web. Ejemplos de los diferentes enfoques están listados en la tabla `evis_examples`.

X	Y	FILE	BEARING
780596	1784017	C:\Workshop\eviS_Data\groundphotos\DSC_0168.JPG	275
780596	1784017	/groundphotos/DSC_0169.JPG	80
780819	1784015	http://biodiversityinformatics.amnh.org/\evis_testdata/DSC_0170.JPG	10
780596	1784017	pdf:http://www.testsite.com/attachments.php?\attachment_id=12	76

### 19.6.3 Especificar la ubicación y nombre de otros documentos soportados

Los documentos de apoyo tales como documentos de texto, videos, y clips de sonido también se pueden visualizar o reproducir por eVis. Para ello, es necesario añadir una entrada en el archivo de tabla de referencia que se puede acceder desde la ventana *Configurar Aplicaciones Externas* ‘en el’ :guilabel: ‘Generic Event Browser’ que coincide con la extensión de archivo a una aplicación que se puede utilizar para abrir el archivo. También es necesario disponer de la ruta o URL para el archivo en la tabla de atributos de la capa vectorial. Una regla adicional que puede ser utilizada para las direcciones URL que no contienen una extensión de archivo para el documento que desea abrir es especificar la extensión del archivo antes de la URL. El formato es — file extension:URL. La URL es precedida por la extensión de archivo y dos puntos; esto es particularmente útil para el acceso a los mismos a partir de los wikis y otros sitios web que utilizan una base de datos para gestionar las páginas web (véase Table [evis\\_examples](#)).

### 19.6.4 Utilizar el Explorador de eventos

Cuando la ventana :guilabel: *Navegador de Eventos* se abre, una fotografía aparecerá en la pantalla si el documento se hace referencia en la tabla de atributos de archivo vectorial es una imagen y si la información de la ubicación del archivo en la ventana *Opciones* es correctamente establecida. Si se espera una fotografía y no aparece, será necesario ajustar los parámetros en la ventana :guilabel: *Opciones*.

Si un documento de apoyo (o una imagen que no tiene una extensión de archivo reconocido por eVis) se hace referencia en la tabla de atributos, el campo que contiene la ruta del archivo se resaltará en verde en la ventana de información de atributos si esa extensión de archivo se define en el archivo de la tabla de referencia se encuentra en la ventana *Configurar Aplicaciones Externas*. Para abrir el documento, haga doble clic en la línea verde resaltado en la ventana de información de atributos. Si un documento de apoyo se hace referencia en la ventana de información de atributos y la ruta del archivo no está resaltado en verde, entonces será necesario añadir una entrada para la extensión de nombre de archivo del archivo en la ventana *Configurar Aplicaciones Externas*. Si la ruta del archivo se resalta en verde, pero no se abre al hacer doble clic, será necesario ajustar los parámetros en la ventana :guilabel: *Opciones* por lo que el archivo puede ser localizado por eVis.

Si no se proporciona una brújula en la ventana :guilabel: *Opciones*, un asterisco rojo se mostrará en la parte superior de la característica de vector que se asocia con la fotografía que se muestra. Si se proporciona una brújula, a continuación, aparecerá una flecha apuntando en la dirección indicada por el valor en el campo de visualización de brújula en la ventana :guilabel: *Navegador de Eventos*. La flecha estará centrado sobre el punto que se asocia con la fotografía u otro documento.

Para cerrar la ventana *Explorador de eventos*, haga clic en el botón [Cerrar] de la ventana *Visualizar*.

### 19.6.5 Herramienta ID evento

The ‘Event ID’ module allows you to display a photograph by clicking on a feature displayed in the QGIS map window. The vector feature must have attribute information associated with it to describe the location and name of the file containing the photograph and, optionally, the compass direction the camera was pointed when the image was acquired. This layer must be loaded into QGIS before running the ‘Event ID’ tool.

#### Iniciar el módulo ID evento

To launch the ‘Event ID’ module, either click on the  Event ID icon or click on *Database* → *eVis* → *Event ID Tool*. This will cause the cursor to change to an arrow with an ‘i’ on top of it signifying that the ID tool is active.

To view the photographs linked to vector features in the active vector layer displayed in the QGIS map window, move the Event ID cursor over the feature and then click the mouse. After clicking on the feature, the *Event Browser* window is opened and the photographs on or near the clicked locality are available for display in the browser. If more than one photograph is available, you can cycle through the different features using the [**Previous**] and [**Next**] buttons. The other controls are described in the [ref:evis\\_browser](#) section of this guide.

## 19.6.6 Conexión a base de datos

El módulo ‘Conexión a base de datos’ proporciona herramientas para conectar a y consultar una base de datos u otros recursos ODBC, tales como una hoja de cálculo.

eVis puede conectar directamente a los siguientes tipos de base de datos: PostgreSQL, MySQL, y SQLite; también puede leer desde conexiones ODBC (por ejemplo, MS Access). Al leer desde una base de datos ODBC (por ejemplo una hoja de Excel), es necesario configurar su driver ODBC para el sistema operativo que esté utilizando

### Iniciar el módulo de Conexión a base de datos

To launch the ‘Database Connection’ module, either click on the appropriate icon  or click on *Database → eVis → Database Connection*. This will launch the *Database Connection* window. The window has three tabs: *Predefined Queries*, *Database Connection*, and *SQL Query*. The *Output Console* window at the bottom of the window displays the status of actions initiated by the different sections of this module.

### Conectar a una base de datos

Click on the *Database Connection* tab to open the database connection interface. Next, use the *Database Type*  combo box to select the type of database that you want to connect to. If a password or username is required, that information can be entered in the *Username* and *Password* textboxes.

Introduzca el host de base de datos en el cuadro de texto :guilabel: *Host de Base de Datos*. Esta opción no está disponible si ha seleccionado ‘MS Access’ como el tipo de base de datos. Si la base de datos reside en su equipo, usted debe seleccionar “localhost”.

Introducir el nombre de la base de datos en la caja de texto *Nombre de la base de datos*. Si seleccionó ‘ODBC’ como el tipo de base de datos, es necesario introducir el nombre de la fuente de datos.

Cuando todos los parámetros están llenos, haga clic en el botón **[Conectar]**. Si la conexión es satisfactoria, un mensaje se escribirá en la ventana *Consola de salida*, indica que la conexión fue establecida. Si una conexión no se establece, se necesita comprobar los parámetros correctos fueron insertados anteriormente.

1. **Tipo de base de datos:** Una lista desplegable para especificar el tipo de base de datos que se utilizará.
2. **Host de la base de datos:** El nombre del host de la base de datos.
3. **Puerto:** El numero de puerto si una un tipo de base de datos MySQL o PostgreSQL es seleccionado.
4. **Nombre de la base de datos:** EL nombre de la base de datos.
5. **Conectar:** Un botón para conectar a la base de datos utilizando los parámetros definidos anteriormente.
6. **Salidas a la Consola:** La ventana de consola donde los mensajes relacionados a procesos son mostrados.
7. **Nombre del Usuario:** Nombre del usuario para utilizar cuando una base de datos este protegida con contraseña.
8. **Contraseña:** Para usar cuando la base de datos esta protegida con contraseña.
9. **Consultas predefinidas:** Pestaña para abrir la ventana “Consultas Predefinidas”.
10. **Conexión a base de datos:** Pestaña para abrir la ventana “Conexión a base de datos”.
11. **Consulta SQL:** Pestaña para abrir la ventana “Consulta SQL”.
12. **Ayuda:** Muestra la ayuda en línea.
13. **Aceptar:** Cierra la ventana principal “Conexión a Base de datos”

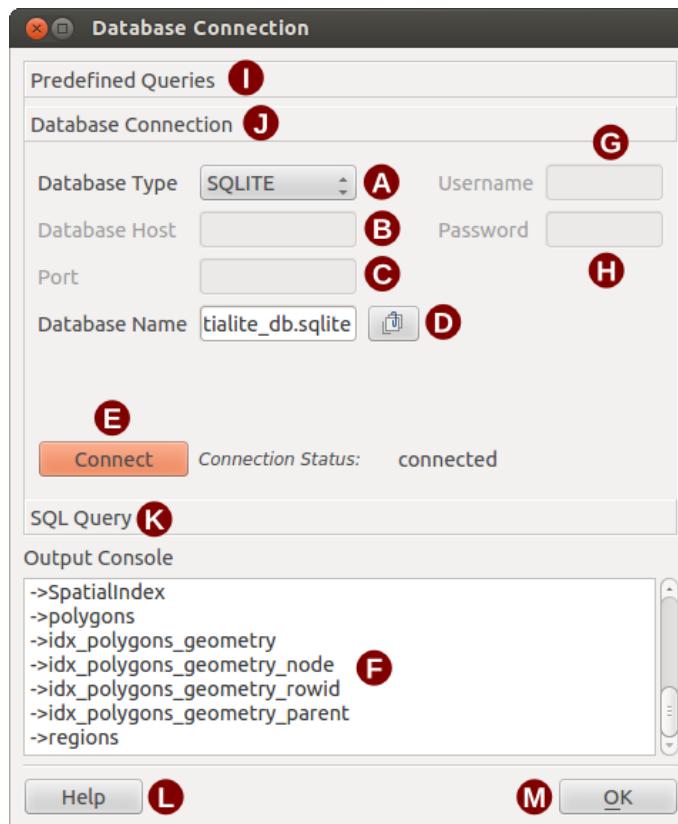


Figure 19.13: La ventana de conexión a base de datos eVis

## Ejecutar consultas SQL

SQL queries are used to extract information from a database or ODBC resource. In eVis, the output from these queries is a vector layer added to the QGIS map window. Click on the *SQL Query* tab to display the SQL query interface. SQL commands can be entered in this text window. A helpful tutorial on SQL commands is available at <http://www.w3schools.com/sql>. For example, to extract all of the data from a worksheet in an Excel file, select \* from [sheet1\$] where sheet1 is the name of the worksheet.

Haga clic en el botón **[Ejecutar Consulta]** para ejecutar el comando. Si la consulta es satisfactoria, una ventana *Selección de archivo de base de datos* se mostrará. Si la consulta no es satisfactoria, aparecerá un mensaje de error en la ventana *Consola de salida*.

En la ventana *Selección de archivo de base de datos*, introduzca el nombre de la capa que será creada de los resultados de la consulta en la caja de texto *Nombre de la nueva capa*

1. **Ventana de texto de consulta SQL:** Una pantalla para consultas tipo SQL.
2. **Ejecutar consulta:** El botón para ejecutar la consulta introducida en la *Consulta SQL*.
3. **Consola de salida:** La consola de salida donde se muestran los mensajes relacionados con el procesamiento.
4. **Ayuda:** Muestra la ayuda en línea.
5. **Aceptar:** Cierra la ventana principal *Conexión a base de datos*.

Use the *X Coordinate* and *Y Coordinate* combo boxes to select the fields from the database that stores the X (or longitude) and Y (or latitude) coordinates. Clicking on the **[OK]** button causes the vector layer created from the SQL query to be displayed in the QGIS map window.

To save this vector file for future use, you can use the QGIS 'Save as...' command that is accessed by right-clicking on the layer name in the QGIS map legend and then selecting 'Save as...'

**Truco: Crear una capa vectorial de una Hoja de cálculo de Microsoft Excel**

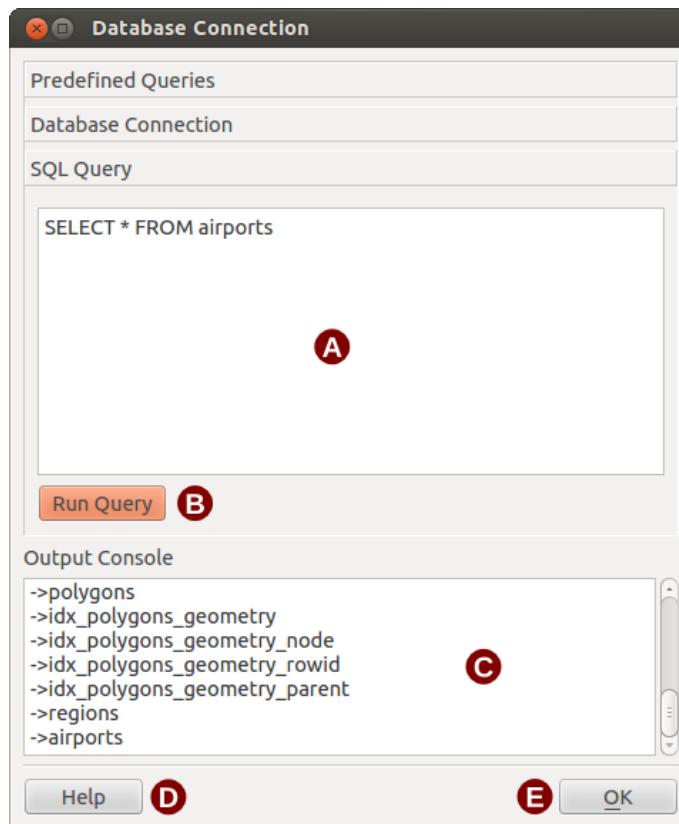


Figure 19.14: La pestaña Consulta SQL de eVis

When creating a vector layer from a Microsoft Excel Worksheet, you might see that unwanted zeros (“0”) have been inserted in the attribute table rows beneath valid data. This can be caused by deleting the values for these cells in Excel using the Backspace key. To correct this problem, you need to open the Excel file (you’ll need to close QGIS if you are connected to the file, to allow you to edit the file) and then use *Edit → Delete* to remove the blank rows from the file. To avoid this problem, you can simply delete several rows in the Excel Worksheet using *Edit → Delete* before saving the file.

### Ejecutar consultas predefinidas

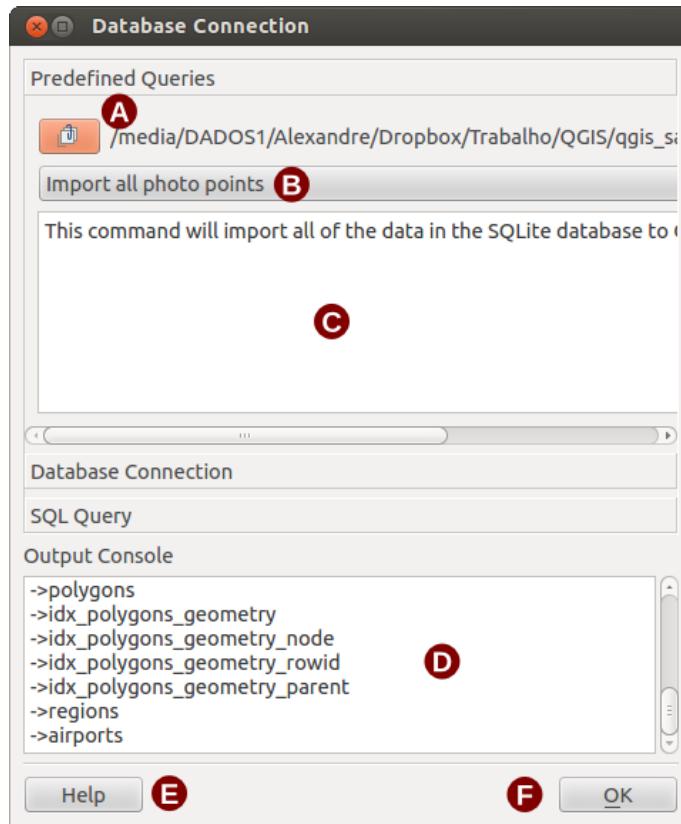
Con las consultas predefinidas, se pueden seleccionar consultas escritas previamente almacenadas en un archivo de formato XML. Esto es particularmente útil, si no esta familiarizado con comandos SQL. Haga clic en la pestaña *Consultas predefinidas* para visualizar la interfaz de consultas predefinidas.

To load a set of predefined queries, click on the Open File icon. This opens the *Open File* window, which is used to locate the file containing the SQL queries. When the queries are loaded, their titles as defined in the XML file will appear in the drop-down menu located just below the Open File icon. The full description of the query is displayed in the text window under the drop-down menu.

Seleccione la consulta que deseé ejecutar del menú desplegable y después haga clic en la pestaña *Consulta SQL* para ver las consultas que se han estado cargando en la ventana de consultas. Si es la primera vez puede ejecutar una consulta predefinida o esta cambiando a base de datos, necesita estar seguro para conectarse a la base de datos.

Haga clic en el botón **[Ejecutar consulta]** en la pestaña *Consulta SQL* para ejecutar el comando. Si la consulta es satisfactoria, una ventana *Selección de archivo de base de datos* se mostrará. Si la consulta no es satisfactoria, aparecerá un mensaje de error en la ventana *Consola de salida*.

- 1. Abrir Archivo:** Iniciar el archivo “Abrir Archivo” navegar para buscar el archivo XML manteniendo las consultas predefinidas.

Figure 19.15: La pestaña de *eVis Consultas predefinidas*

2. **Consultas predefinidas:** Una lista desplegable con todas las consultas definidas por el archivo XML de consultas predefinidas.
3. **Descripción de consulta:** Una descripción corta de la consulta. Esta descripción es del archivo XML de consultas predefinidas.
4. **Consola de salida:** La consola de salida donde se muestran los mensajes relacionados con el procesamiento.
5. **Ayuda:** Muestra la ayuda en línea.
6. **Aceptar:** Cierra la ventana principal “Conexión a Base de datos”

#### El formato XML para consultas predefinidas eVis

Las etiquetas XML leídas por eVis

Etiquetas	Descripción
Consulta	Definir el inicio y fin de una sentencia de consulta.
Descripción corta	Una descripción corta de la consulta que aparece en el menú desplegable de eVis.
Descripción	Una descripción más detallada de la consulta desplegada en la ventana de texto de consulta predefinida.
Tipo de base de datos	El tipo de la base de datos, definido en el menú desplegable de Tipo de base de datos en la pestaña de Conexión a base de datos.
Puerto	El puerto como se define en el cuadro de texto Puerto en la pestaña de Conexión a base de datos.
Nombre de la base de datos	El nombre de la base de datos como se define en el cuadro de texto en la pestaña de Conexión a base de datos.
Nombre de usuario	El nombre de usuario de la base de datos como se define en el cuadro de texto Nombre de usuario en la pestaña de Conexión a base de datos.
databasepassword	La contraseña de la base de datos como se define en el cuadro de texto Contraseña en la pestaña Conexión a base de datos.
Sentencia sql	El comando SQL
autoconectar	Una bandera (“verdadero” o “falso”) para especificar si las etiquetas anteriores deben utilizarse para conectarse automáticamente a la base de datos sin ejecutar la rutina de conexión de base de datos en la solapa Conexión de Base de Datos.

Se muestra un archivo XML de ejemplo completo con tres preguntas a continuación:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<doc>
  <query>
    <shortdescription>Import all photograph points</shortdescription>
    <description>This command will import all of the data in the SQLite database to QGIS
    </description>
    <databasestype>SQLITE</databasestype>
    <databasehost />
    <databaseport />
    <databasefilename>C:\textbackslash Workshop\textbackslash
eVis\_Data\textbackslash PhotoPoints.db</databasefilename>
    <databaseusername />
    <databasepassword />
    <sqlstatement>SELECT Attributes.*, Points.x, Points.y FROM Attributes LEFT JOIN
      Points ON Points.rec_id=Attributes.point_ID</sqlstatement>
    <autoconnect>false</autoconnect>
  </query>
  <query>
    <shortdescription>Import photograph points "looking across Valley"</shortdescription>
    <description>This command will import only points that have photographs "looking across
      a valley" to QGIS</description>
    <databasestype>SQLITE</databasestype>
    <databasehost />
    <databaseport />
    <databasefilename>C:\Workshop\PhotoPoints.db</databasefilename>
    <databaseusername />
    <databasepassword />
    <sqlstatement>SELECT Attributes.*, Points.x, Points.y FROM Attributes LEFT JOIN
      Points ON Points.rec_id=Attributes.point_ID where COMMENTS='Looking across
      valley'</sqlstatement>
    <autoconnect>false</autoconnect>
  </query>
  <query>
    <shortdescription>Import photograph points that mention "limestone"</shortdescription>
    <description>This command will import only points that have photographs that mention
      "limestone" to QGIS</description>
    <databasestype>SQLITE</databasestype>
    <databasehost />
    <databaseport />
```

```

<database>C:\Workshop\eVis_Data\PhotoPoints.db</database>
<username />
<password />
<sqlstatement>SELECT Attributes.*, Points.x, Points.y FROM Attributes LEFT JOIN
    Points ON Points.rec_id=Attributes.point_ID where COMMENTS like '%limestone%'
</sqlstatement>
<autoconnect>false</autoconnect>
</query>
</doc>

```

## 19.7 Complemento fTools

El objetivo del complemento fTools Python es proporcionar un recurso integral para muchas tareas comunes de SIG basados en vectores, sin necesidad de software adicional, bibliotecas, o complejas soluciones temporales. Proporciona un conjunto cada vez mayor de las funciones de gestión y análisis de datos espaciales que son a la vez rápidos y funcionales.

fTools is now automatically installed and enabled in new versions of QGIS, and as with all plugins, it can be disabled and enabled using the Plugin Manager (see [El diálogo de complementos](#)). When enabled, the fTools plugin adds a *Vector* menu to QGIS, providing functions ranging from Analysis and Research Tools to Geometry and Geoprocessing Tools, as well as several useful Data Management Tools.

### 19.7.1 Herramientas de Análisis

Icono	Herramienta	Propósito
	Matriz de distancia	Medida de distancias entre dos puntos en la capa, y el resultado de salida como a) Matriz de distancia cuadrada, b) Matriz de distancia lineal, o c) Matriz de distancia resumen. Puede limitar las distancias de las entidades k más cercanas.
	Sumar longitud de líneas	Calcular la suma total de la longitudes de linea para cada polígono de una capa vectorial de polígonos.
	Puntos en polígonos	Contar el número de puntos que se encuentran en cada polígono de una capa vectorial de polígonos de entrada.
	Listar valores únicos	Lista de todos los valores únicos en un campo de la capa vectorial de entrada.
	Estadísticas básicas	Estadísticas básicas (media, desviación estándar, N, suma, CV)en un campo de entrada.
	Análisis del vecino más próximo	Calcular estadísticas del vecino más cercano para evaluar el nivel de agregación en una capa vectorial de puntos.
	Coordenada(s) media	Calcular el centro medio normal o ponderado de una capa vectorial completa, o múltiples entidades basadas en un campo ID único.
	Intersecciones de líneas	Localizar intersecciones entre líneas, y los resultados de salida como un archivo shape de puntos. Útil para localizar calles o intersecciones de corrientes, ignora intersecciones de línea con longitud > 0.

Tabla Ftools 1: Herramientas de Análisis fTools

### 19.7.2 Herramientas de investigación

Icono	Herramienta	Propósito
	Selección aleatoria	Selección aleatoria de un número n de entidades, o n porcentaje de entidades.
	Selección aleatoria dentro de subconjuntos	Selección aleatoria de entidades dentro de subconjuntos basado en un campo ID único
	Puntos aleatorios	Generar puntos pseudo-aleatorios más de una capa de entrada.
	Puntos regulares	Generar una cuadrícula regular de puntos sobre una región específica y exportarlos como un archivo shape de puntos.
	Cuadrícula vectorial	Generar una cuadrícula de línea o polígono en base a un espaciado de cuadrícula especificada.
	Seleccionar por localización	Seleccionar entidades en función de su ubicación con respecto a otra capa para formar una nueva selección, o sumar o restar de la selección actual.
	Polígono de la extensión de la capa	Crear un rectángulo sencillo en la capa de polígono de extensión de una capa de entrada ráster o vectorial.

Tabla Ftools 2: Herramientas de investigación fTools

### 19.7.3 Herramientas de geoprocreso

Icono	Herramienta	Propósito
	Envolvente(s) convexa(s)	Crear un envolvente convexo para una capa de entrada, o en función de un campo ID.
	Buffer(s)	Crear buffer(s) en torno a las entidades basado en la distancia, o un campo de distancia.
	Intersección	Sobreponer capas de manera que la salida contenga áreas donde ambas capas se cruzan.
	Unión	sobreponer capas de manera que la salida contenga las áreas intersectadas y las no intersectadas.
	Diferencia Simétrica	Sobreponer capas de manera que la salida contenga esas zonas de las capas de entrada y diferencia que no se intersectan.
	Cortar	Sobreponer capas de tal manera que la salida contenga zonas que cruzo la capa de corte.
	Deferencia	Sobreponer capas de tal manera que la salida contenga las zonas que no intersectó la capa de corte.
	Disolver	Combinar entidades basadas en el campo de entrada. Todas los rasgos con valores de entrada idénticos se combinan para formar una solo rasgo.
	Eliminar polígonos <<astilla>>	Merges selected features with the neighbouring polygon with the largest area or largest common boundary.

Tabla Ftools3: Herramientas de geoprocreso fTools

### 19.7.4 Herramientas de geometría

Icono	Herramienta	Propósito
	Comprobar validez de geometría	Check polygons for intersections, closed holes, and fix node ordering. You can choose the engine used by the in the options dialog, digitizing tab Change the Validate geometries value. There are two engines: QGIS and GEOS which have pretty different behaviour. Another tool exists which shows different result as well: Topology Checker plugin and ‘must not have invalid geometries’ rule.
	Exportar/Añadir columnas de geometría	Añadir a capa vectorial información de geometría de la capa de punto (XCOORD, YCOORD), línea(LONGITUD), o polígono (ÁREA, PERÍMETRO).
	Centroides de polígonos	Calcular los verdaderos centroides de cada polígono en una capa de polígonos de entrada.
	Triangulación de Delaunay	Calcular y salida (como polígonos) de la triangulación Delaunay de una capa vectorial de puntos de entrada.
	Polígonos Voronoi	Calcular polígonos Voronoi de una capa vectorial de puntos de entrada.
	Simplificar geometrías	Generalizar líneas o polígonos con un algoritmo Douglas-Peucker modificado.
	Densificar geometrías	Densificar líneas o polígonos al añadir vértices.
	Multipartes a partes sencillas	Convertir entidad multiparte a entidades múltiples de partes sencillas. Crear polígonos y líneas sencillas
	Partes sencillas a multiparte	Unir múltiples entidades a una sencilla multiparte en base a un campo ID único.
	Polígonos a líneas	Convertir polígonos a líneas, polígonos multiparte a líneas multiple de parte sencilla
	Líneas a polígonos	Convertir líneas a polígonos, líneas multiparte a polígonos de múltiple parte sencilla.
	Extraer nodos	Extraer nodos de las capas de líneas y polígonos y la salida de ellos como puntos.

Tabla Ftools 4: Herramientas de geometría fTools

**Nota:** La herramienta de **Simplificar geometría** se puede utilizar para borrar nodos duplicados en geometrías de líneas y polígonos. Solo tiene que establecer el parámetro de **Tolerancia de simplificado** a 0 y esto hará el truco.

### 19.7.5 Herramientas de gestión de datos

Icono	Herramienta	Propósito
	Definir la proyección actual	Especificar el SRC para archivos shape cuyo SRC no ha sido definido.
	Unir atributos adicionales a la capa de vectorial en función de su relación espacial.	Los atributos de una capa vectorial se adjunta a la tabla de atributo de otra capa y se exporta como un archivo shape.
	Dividir capa vectorial	Dividir la capa de entrada en varias capas separadas basadas en el campo de entrada.
	Combinar archivos shape en uno	Combinar varios archivos shape dentro de una carpeta en un nuevo archivo shape basándose en el tipo de capa (punto, linea, polígono)
	Crear índice espacial	Crear un índice espacial para formatos OGR soportados.

Tabla Ftools 5: Herramientas de gestión de datos

## 19.8 Complemento Herramientas de GDAL

### 19.8.1 ¿Qué son las herramientas GDAL?

El complemento de herramientas GDAL ofrece una GUI para la colección de herramientas en Geospatial Data Abstraction Library, <http://gdal.osgeo.org>. Estas son las herramientas de gestión ráster para consultar, re-proyecto, urdimbre y combinar una amplia variedad de formatos ráster. También se incluyen herramientas para crear una capa (vector) del contorno, o un relieve sombreado de un ráster MDT, y para hacer una VRT (Virtual Raster Tile en formato XML) a partir de una colección de uno o más archivos ráster. Estas herramientas están disponibles cuando se instala el complemento y es activado.

#### La biblioteca GDAL

The GDAL library consists of a set of command line programs, each with a large list of options. Users comfortable with running commands from a terminal may prefer the command line, with access to the full set of options. The GDALTools plugin offers an easy interface to the tools, exposing only the most popular options.

### 19.8.2 Lista de Herramientas GDAL

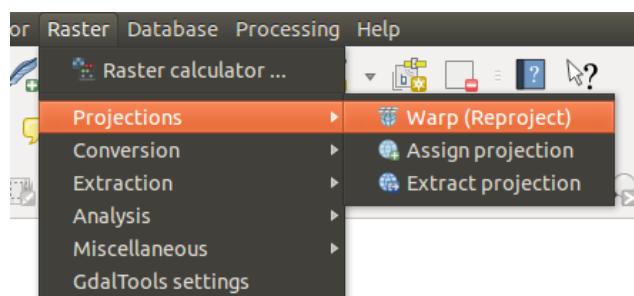


Figure 19.16: La lista del menú *Herramientas GDAL*

## Proyecciones

 <b>Warp (Reproject)</b>	Esta utilidad es una imagen de mosaicos, reproyección y utilidad deformación. El programa puede reproyectar a cualquier proyección apoyada, y también se puede aplicar GCPs almacenados con la imagen si la imagen es “crudo” con información de control. Para obtener más información, se puede leer en el sitio web GDAL <a href="http://www.gdal.org/gdalwarp.html">http://www.gdal.org/gdalwarp.html</a>
 <b>Assign projection</b>	Esta herramienta le permite asignar proyección a rásters que ya tengan una referencia geográfica, que le falte la información de la proyección. También con su ayuda, es posible alterar las definiciones de proyección existentes. Ambos archivos simples y el modo por lotes son compatibles. Para obtener más información, por favor visite la página de utilidad en el sitio GDAL <a href="http://www.gdal.org/gdalwarp.html">http://www.gdal.org/gdalwarp.html</a> .
 <b>Extract projection</b>	Esta utilidad te ayuda a extraer información de la proyección de un archivo de entrada. Si desea extraer información de un directorio completo, puede usar el modo por lotes. Este crea ambos archivos .prj and .wld

## Conversión

 <b>Rasterize</b>	Este programa fusiona geometrías vectoriales (puntos, líneas y polígonos) en la banda(s) ráster de una imagen raster. Los vectores se leen de formatos vectoriales reconocidos por OGR. Tenga en cuenta que los datos vectoriales debe estar en el mismo sistema de coordenadas como los datos ráster; en la reproyección al vuelo no se proporciona. Para obtener más información, consulte <a href="http://www.gdal.org/gdal_rasterize.html">http://www.gdal.org/gdal_rasterize.html</a> .
 <b>Poly- gonize</b>	Esta utilidad crea polígonos vectoriales para todas las regiones conectadas de píxeles del ráster que comparte un valor de píxel en común. Cada polígono se crea con un atributo que indica el valor de píxel de dicho polígono. La utilidad crea el vector de salida de origen de datos si no existe ya, predeterminado a el formato de archivo shape de ESRI. Ver también <a href="http://www.gdal.org/gdal_polygonize.html">http://www.gdal.org/gdal_polygonize.html</a> .
 <b>Translate</b>	Esta utilidad se puede utilizar para convertir los datos ráster entre diferentes formatos, lo que podría llevar a cabo algunas operaciones como subconjuntos, remuestreo, y reescalar píxeles en el proceso. Para obtener más información se puede leer en <a href="http://www.gdal.org/gdal_translate.html">http://www.gdal.org/gdal_translate.html</a> .
 <b>RGB to PCT</b>	Esta utilidad calculará una tabla de pseudocolor óptima para una imagen RGB determinada, utilizando un algoritmo de corte medio de un histograma RGB downsampled. Luego se convierte la imagen en una imagen pseudocoloreada usando la tabla de colores. Esta conversión utiliza Floyd-Steinberg (difusión de errores) para maximizar la imagen de salida de calidad visual. La utilidad también se describe en <a href="http://www.gdal.org/rgb2pct.html">http://www.gdal.org/rgb2pct.html</a> .
 <b>PCT to RGB</b>	Esta utilidad convertirá una banda pseudocolor en el archivo de entrada en un archivo RGB de salida del formato deseado. Para mayor información, vea <a href="http://www.gdal.org/pct2rgb.html">http://www.gdal.org/pct2rgb.html</a> .

## Extracción

 <b>Contour</b>  <b>Clipper</b>	<p>Este programa genera un archivo vectorial de curvas de nivel del modelo del terreno ráster (MDT). En <a href="http://www.gdal.org/gdal_contour.html">http://www.gdal.org/gdal_contour.html</a>, se puede encontrar más información.</p> <p>Esta utilidad le permite que acorte rásteres (extraer un subconjunto) utilizando una extensión seleccionada o en base a límites de la capa de máscara.. Más información se puede encontrar en <a href="http://www.gdal.org/gdal_translate.html">http://www.gdal.org/gdal_translate.html</a>.</p>
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## Análisis

 <b>Sieve</b>	<p>Esta utilidad elimina polígonos ráster más pequeños que un tamaño umbral previsto (en píxeles) y los reemplaza con el valor del píxel del polígono vecino más grande. El resultado se puede escribir de nuevo a la banda del ráster existente, o copiado en un nuevo archivo. Para mayor información, vea <a href="http://www.gdal.org/gdal_sieve.html">http://www.gdal.org/gdal_sieve.html</a>.</p>
 <b>Near Black</b>	<p>Esta utilidad escaneará una imagen y tratar de establecer todos los píxeles que son casi negros (o casi blancos) alrededor del borde para exactamente negro (o blanco). Esto se utiliza a menudo para “arreglar” comprimir pérdidas de fotos aéreas de modo que los píxeles de color se pueden tratar como transparentes cuando se hace el mosaico. También vea <a href="http://www.gdal.org/nearblack.html">http://www.gdal.org/nearblack.html</a>.</p>
 <b>Fill nodata</b>	<p>Esta utilidad rellena regiones de ráster seleccionadas (generalmente áreas sin datos) por interpolación de píxeles válidos alrededor de los bordes de las áreas. En <a href="http://www.gdal.org/gdal_fillnodata.html">http://www.gdal.org/gdal_fillnodata.html</a>, se puede encontrar más información.</p>
 <b>Proximity</b>	<p>Esta utilidad genera un mapa ráster de proximidad que indica la distancia desde el centro de cada píxel al centro del píxel más cercano identificado como un píxel objetivo. Los pixeles objetivo son los del ráster fuente para la cual el valor de píxel del ráster está en el conjunto de valores de píxel objetivo. Para obtener más información, consulte <a href="http://www.gdal.org/gdal_proximity.html">http://www.gdal.org/gdal_proximity.html</a>.</p>
 <b>Grid (Interpolation)</b>	<p>Esta utilidad crea una cuadrícula regular (ráster) a partir de los datos dispersos leídos desde la fuente de datos OGR. Los datos de entrada serán interpolados para llenar nodos de la cuadrícula con los valores, y puede elegir entre varios métodos de interpolación. La utilidad también se describe en el sitio web GDAL, <a href="http://www.gdal.org/gdal_grid.html">http://www.gdal.org/gdal_grid.html</a>.</p>
 <b>DEM (Terrain models)</b>	<p>Herramientas para analizar y visualizar DEMs. Esto puede crear un relieve sombreado, pendiente, orientación, color de relieve y un índice de irregularidad del terreno, un índice de posición topográfica y un mapa de irregularidad de algún ráster de elevación reconocido GDAL. Para mayor información , vea <a href="http://www.gdal.org/gdaldem.html">http://www.gdal.org/gdaldem.html</a>.</p>

## Miscelánea

 <i>Build Virtual Raster (Catalog)</i>	Este programa crea un VRT (Conjunto de datos virtual) que es un mosaico de la lista de conjunto de datos GDAL de entrada. Vea también <a href="http://www.gdal.org/gdalbuildvrt.html">http://www.gdal.org/gdalbuildvrt.html</a> .
 <i>Merge</i>	Esta utilidad automáticamente hará el mosaico un conjunto de imágenes. Todas las imágenes deben estar en el mismo sistema de coordenadas y tener un número correspondiente de bandas, pero pueden ser superpuestas, y en diferentes resoluciones. En áreas de superposición, la última imagen se copiará en las anteriores. La utilidad también se describe en <a href="http://www.gdal.org/gdal_merge.html">http://www.gdal.org/gdal_merge.html</a> .
 <i>Information</i>	Esta utilidad muestra diversa información acerca de un conjunto de datos ráster GDAL-implementado. En <a href="http://www.gdal.org/gdalinfo.html">http://www.gdal.org/gdalinfo.html</a> , puede encontrar más información.
 <i>Build Overviews</i>	La utilidad gdaladdo se puede utilizar para construir o reconstruir las vistas generales para los formatos más compatibles con un de varios algoritmos de disminución de resolución. Para obtener más información, vea <a href="http://www.gdal.org/gdaladdo.html">http://www.gdal.org/gdaladdo.html</a> .
 <i>Tile Index</i>	Esta utilidad crea un archivo shape con un registro para cada archivo de entrada ráster, un atributo contiene el nombre del archivo y una geometría de polígono delineando el ráster. Vea también <a href="http://www.gdal.org/gdaltindex.html">http://www.gdal.org/gdaltindex.html</a> .

## Configuración de herramientas GDAL

Utilice este diálogo para integrar las variables GDAL.

## 19.9 Complemento Georreferenciador

El complemento Georreferenciador es una herramienta para generar archivos de referencia de ráster. Permite referenciar los ráster a sistemas de coordenadas geográficas o proyectadas mediante la creación de un nuevo GeoTiff o añadiendo un archivo de referencia a la imagen existente. El enfoque básico para georreferenciar un ráster es localizar puntos del ráster para los que se puedan determinar con precisión las coordenadas.

### Características

Icono	Propósito	Icono	Propósito
	Abrir ráster		Comenzar georreferenciado
	Generar script de GDAL		Cargar puntos PCT
	Guardar puntos PCT como		Configuración de la transformación
	Añadir punto		Borrar punto
	Mover punto PCT		Desplazar
	Acercar zum		Alejar zum
	Zum a la capa		Zum anterior
	Zum siguiente		Link Georeferencer to QGIS
	Link QGIS to Georeferencer		Estiramiento total del histograma
	Estiramiento local del histograma		

Tabla Georreferenciador 1: Herramientas de Georreferenciador

### 19.9.1 Procedimiento habitual

Como coordenadas X e Y (GMS (gg mm ss.ss), GG (gg.gg) o coordenadas proyectadas (mmmm.mm)), que correspondan al punto seleccionado en la imagen, se pueden usar dos procedimientos alternativos:

- El propio ráster a veces proporciona cruces con coordenadas “escritas” sobre la imagen. En este caso se pueden introducir las coordenadas manualmente.
- Using already georeferenced layers. This can be either vector or raster data that contain the same objects/features that you have on the image that you want to georeference and with the projection that you want for your image. In this case, you can enter the coordinates by clicking on the reference dataset loaded in the QGIS map canvas.

El procedimiento habitual para georreferenciar una imagen consiste en seleccionar múltiples puntos en el ráster, especificando sus coordenadas, y elegir un tipo de transformación adecuado. Sobre la base de los parámetros y datos de entrada, el complemento calculará los parámetros del archivo de referencia. Cuantas más coordenadas suministre, mejor será el resultado.

The first step is to start QGIS, load the Georeferencer Plugin (see *El diálogo de complementos*) and click on *Raster → Georeferencer*, which appears in the QGIS menu bar. The Georeferencer Plugin dialog appears as shown in figure\_georeferencer\_1.

Para este ejemplo usaremos una hoja topográfica de Dakota del Sur del SDGS. Más tarde se puede visualizar junto con los datos de la localización spearfish60 de GRASS. Puede descargar la hoja topográfica aquí: [http://grass.osgeo.org/sampledatal/spearfish\\_toposheet.tar.gz](http://grass.osgeo.org/sampledatal/spearfish_toposheet.tar.gz).

#### Introducir puntos de control sobre el terreno (PCT)

1. To start georeferencing an unreferenced raster, we must load it using the button. The raster will show up in the main working area of the dialog. Once the raster is loaded, we can start to enter reference points.
2. Using the Add Point button, add points to the main working area and enter their coordinates (see Figure figure\_georeferencer\_2). For this procedure you have three options:
  - Hacer clic en un punto de la imagen ráster e introducir las coordenadas X e Y manualmente.
  - Click on a point in the raster image and choose the From map canvas button to add the X and Y coordinates with the help of a georeferenced map already loaded in the QGIS map canvas.

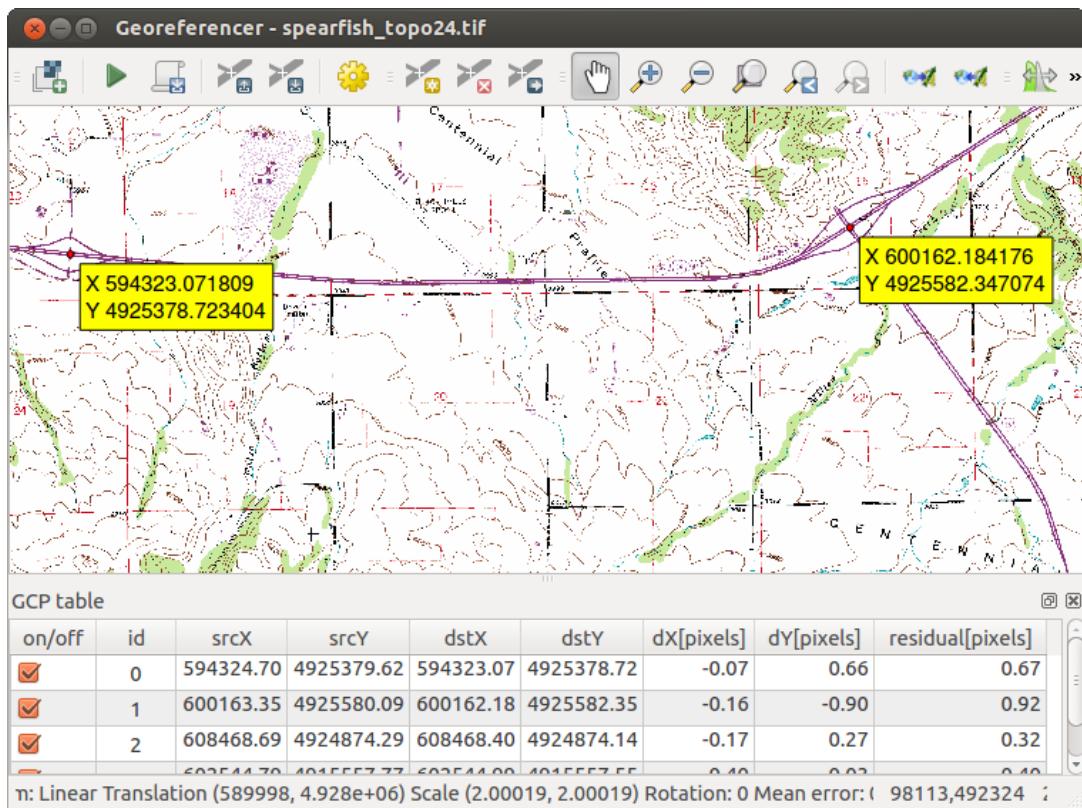


Figure 19.17: Diálogo del complemento Georreferenciador 🐧

- With the button, you can move the GCPs in both windows, if they are at the wrong place.
- Continuar introduciendo puntos. Debe tener por lo menos cuatro puntos y cuantas más coordenadas pueda proporcionar mejor será el resultado. Existen herramientas adicionales en el cuadro de diálogo del complemento para hacer zum o desplazar la zona de trabajo con el fin de localizar un conjunto relevante de puntos PCT.

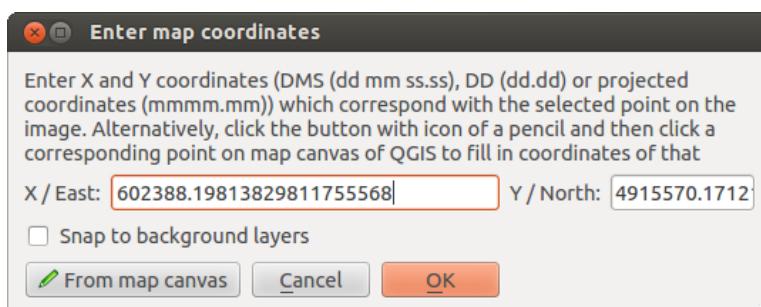


Figure 19.18: Añadir puntos a la imagen ráster 🐧

The points that are added to the map will be stored in a separate text file (`[filename].points`) usually together with the raster image. This allows us to reopen the Georeferencer plugin at a later date and add new points or delete existing ones to optimize the result. The points file contains values of the form: `mapX, mapY, pixelX, pixelY`. You can use the Load GCP points and Save GCP points as buttons to manage the files.

### Definir la configuración de la transformación

Después de añadir los PCT a la imagen ráster, debe definir la configuración de la transformación para el proceso de georreferenciación.

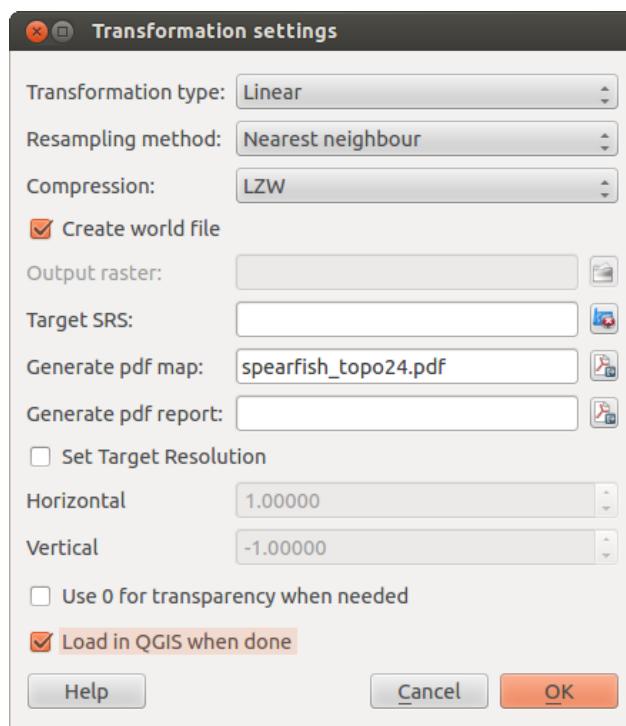


Figure 19.19: Definir la configuración de la transformación del georreferenciador 🐧

## Algoritmos de transformación disponibles

Dependiendo del número de puntos de control sobre el terreno que haya capturado, es posible que desee utilizar diferentes algoritmos de transformación. La elección del algoritmo de transformación también depende del tipo y la calidad de los datos de entrada y la cantidad de distorsión geométrica que está dispuesto a introducir en el resultado final.

Actualmente están disponibles los siguientes *Tipos de transformación*:

- El algoritmo **Lineal** se utiliza para crear un archivo de referencia y es diferente de los otros algoritmos, ya que realmente no trasforma el ráster. Este algoritmo probablemente no será suficiente si se trata de material escaneado.
- La transformación **Helmert** realiza un escalado sencillo y transformaciones de rotación.
- The **Polynomial** algorithms 1-3 are among the most widely used algorithms introduced to match source and destination ground control points. The most widely used polynomial algorithm is the second-order polynomial transformation, which allows some curvature. First-order polynomial transformation (affine) preserves collinearity and allows scaling, translation and rotation only.
- El algoritmo **Thin Plate Spline** (TPS) es un método de georreferenciación más moderno, que es capaz de introducir deformaciones locales en los datos. Este algoritmo es útil cuando se georreferencian originales de muy baja calidad.
- La transformación **Proyectiva** es una rotación lineal y traducción de coordenadas.

## Definir el método de remuestreo

El tipo de remuestreo que elija probablemente dependerá de los datos de entrada y el objetivo último del ejercicio. Si no se desea cambiar las estadísticas de la imagen, es posible que desee elegir “Vecino más próximo”, mientras que un ‘Remuestreo cúbico’ probablemente proporcionará un resultado más suavizado.

Es posible elegir entre cinco diferentes métodos de remuestreo:

1. Vecino más próximo

2. Lineal
3. Cúbica
4. Spline cúbica
5. Lanczos

### Definir la configuración de la trasformación

Hay varias opciones que deben definirse para el ráster de salida georreferenciado.

- La casilla de verificación checkbox *Crear archivo de referencia* esta disponible solo si se decide utilizar la transformación lineal, porque esto quiere decir que la imagen ráster no será transformada realmente. En este caso, el campo *Ráster de salida* no se activa, porque solo se creará el nuevo archivo de referencia.
- Para todos los otros tipos de transformación hay que definir un *Ráster de salida*. Por omisión se creará un nuevo archivo ([nombre de archivo] \_modificado) en la misma carpeta junto con la imagen ráster original.
- Como siguiente paso, tiene que definir el *SRE de destino* (Sistema de Referencia Espacial) para la imagen georeferenciada (vea [Trabajar con Proyecciones](#)).
- Si lo desea, puede **generar un mapa en pdf** y también **un informe en pdf**. El informe incluye información acerca de los parámetros de trasformación utilizados, una imagen de los residuos y una lista con todos los PCT y sus errores RMS.
- Además, puede activar la casilla de verificación  *Establecer resolución de destino* y definir la resolución del píxel del archivo de salida. Por omisión la resolución horizontal y vertical es 1.
- Se puede activar la casilla  *Usar 0 para transparencia cuando sea necesario*, si los píxeles con valor 0 deben visualizarse transparentes. En nuestra hoja topográfica de ejemplo todas las áreas blancas serían transparentes.
- Finally,  *Load in QGIS when done* loads the output raster automatically into the QGIS map canvas when the transformation is done.

### Mostrar y adaptar las propiedades del ráster

Al hacer clic en el diálogo *Propiedades del ráster* en el menú *Configuración* se abren las propiedades del ráster de la capa que desea georreferenciar.

### Configurar el georreferenciador

- You can define whether you want to show GCP coordinates and/or IDs.
- Como unidades residuales se pueden elegir píxeles y unidades del mapa.
- Para el informe PDF puede definir un margen izquierdo y derecho y también puede establecer el tamaño del papel para el mapa PDF.
- Finalmente, puede activar  *Mostrar la ventana del Georeferenciador adosada*.

### Ejecutar la transformación

After all GCPs have been collected and all transformation settings are defined, just press the  Start georeferencing button to create the new georeferenced raster.

## 19.10 Complemento Mapa de calor

The *Heatmap* plugin uses Kernel Density Estimation to create a density (heatmap) raster of an input point vector layer. The density is calculated based on the number of points in a location, with larger numbers of clustered points resulting in larger values. Heatmaps allow easy identification of “hotspots” and clustering of points.

### 19.10.1 Activar el complemento Mapa de calor

En primer lugar este complemento núcleo necesita ser activado utilizando el Administrador de Complementos (véase [El diálogo de complementos](#)). Después de activarlo, el icono de mapa de calor  se puede encontrar en la barra de herramientas de Ráster, y bajo el menú *Ráster → Mapa de calor*.

Seleccione el menú *Ver → Barras de herramientas → Ráster* para mostrar la barra de herramientas Ráster, si no está visible.

### 19.10.2 Usar el complemento de Mapa de calor

Haga clic en el botón de la herramienta  *Mapa de calor* para abrir el diálogo del complemento Mapa de calor (vea [figure\\_heatmap\\_2](#)).

El diálogo tiene las siguientes opciones:

- **Capa de puntos de entrada:** Lista todas las capas vectoriales de puntos del proyecto actual y se usa para seleccionar la capa a analizar.
- **Output raster:** Allows you to use the  button to select the folder and filename for the output raster the Heatmap plugin generates. A file extension is not required.
- **Output format:** Selects the output format. Although all formats supported by GDAL can be chosen, in most cases GeoTIFF is the best format to choose.
- **Radio:** Se usa para especificar el radio de búsqueda del mapa de calor (o ancho de banda del kernel) en metros o unidades del mapa. El radio especifica la distancia alrededor de un punto a la que se notará la influencia del punto. Los valores más altos dan lugar a un mayor suavizado, mientras que los valores más pequeños pueden mostrar detalles y variación más finos en la densidad de puntos.

Cuando la casilla de verificación  *Avanzado* está marcada, hay disponibles opciones adicionales:

- **Filas y Columnas:** Utilizado para cambiar las dimensiones del ráster de salida. Estos valores también están ligados a los valores de **Tamaño X de celda** y **Tamaño Y de celda**. Incrementar el número de filas y columnas disminuirá el tamaño de la celda e incrementará el tamaño del archivo de salida. Los valores en Filas y Columnas también están vinculados, por lo que duplicar el número de filas duplicará automáticamente el número de columnas y el tamaño de las celdas también se reducirá a la mitad. ¡El área geográfica del ráster de salida seguirá siendo el mismo!
- **Tamaño X de celda y Tamaño Y de celda:** Controlan el tamaño geográfico de cada píxel en el ráster de salida. Cambiar estos valores también cambiará el número de filas y columnas en el ráster de salida.
- **Kernel shape:** The kernel shape controls the rate at which the influence of a point decreases as the distance from the point increases. Different kernels decay at different rates, so a triweight kernel gives features greater weight for distances closer to the point than the Epanechnikov kernel does. Consequently, triweight results in “sharper” hotspots, and Epanechnikov results in “smoother” hotspots. A number of standard kernel functions are available in QGIS, which are described and illustrated on [Wikipedia](#).
- **Relación de decadencia:** Se puede utilizar con kernel Triangulares para un mayor control de cómo disminuye el calor de una entidad con la distancia a la misma.
  - Un valor de 0 (= mínimo) indica que el calor estará concentrado en el centro del radio dado y se extinguirá por completo en el borde.

- Un valor de 0.5 indica que a los píxeles del borde del radio se les dará la mitad del calor que a los píxeles del centro del radio de búsqueda.
- Un valor de 1 significa que el calor se distribuye uniformemente por todo el círculo del radio de búsqueda. (Esto es equivalente al kernel ‘Uniforme’.)
- Un valor mayor que 1 indica que el calor es mayor hacia el borde del radio de búsqueda que en el centro.

La capa de puntos de entrada también puede tener campos de atributos que pueden afectar la forma en que influyen en el mapa de calor:

- **Usar radio a partir de campo:** Establece el radio de búsqueda para cada entidad a partir de un campo de atributos de la capa de entrada.
- **Usar peso a partir de campo:** Permite ponderar las entidades de entrada por un campo de atributos. Esto se puede utilizar para aumentar la influencia que ciertas entidades tienen en el mapa de calor resultante.

Cuando se especifica un nombre para el archivo ráster de salida se puede utilizar el botón [Aceptar] para crear el mapa de calor.

### 19.10.3 Tutorial: crear un mapa de calor

For the following example, we will use the `airports` vector point layer from the QGIS sample dataset (see *Datos de ejemplo*). Another excellent QGIS tutorial on making heatmaps can be found at <http://qgis.spatialthoughts.com>.

En Figure\_Heatmap\_1, se muestran los aeropuertos de Alaska.

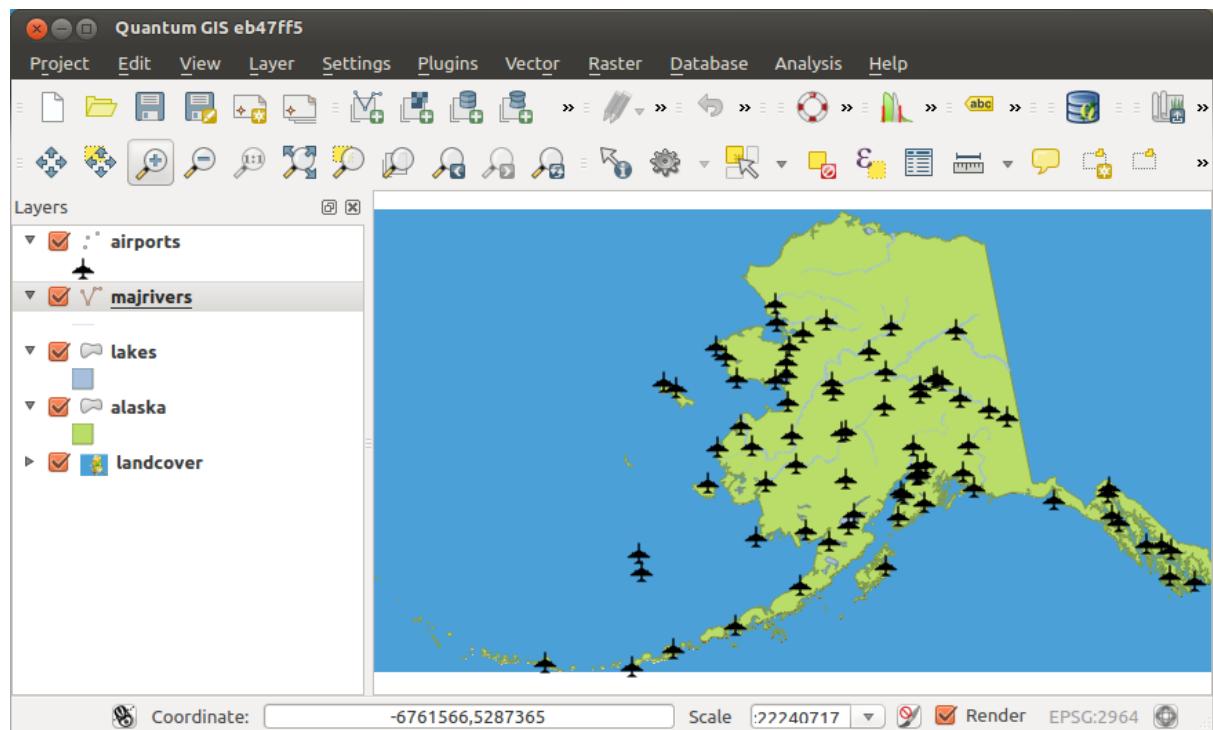


Figure 19.20: Airports of Alaska 

1. Seleccione el botón de la herramienta  *Mapa de calor* para abrir el diálogo de Mapa de calor (vea Figure\_Heatmap\_2).
2. In the *Input point layer*  field, select `airports` from the list of point layers loaded in the current project.

3. Specify an output filename by clicking the button next to the *Output raster* field. Enter the filename `heatmap_airports` (no file extension is necessary).
4. Deje el *Formato de salida* como el formato predeterminado, GeoTIFF.
5. Cambie el *Radio* a 1000000 metros.
6. Haga clic en **[Aceptar]** para crear y cargar el mapa de calor de aeropuertos (vea [Figure\\_Heatmap\\_3](#)).

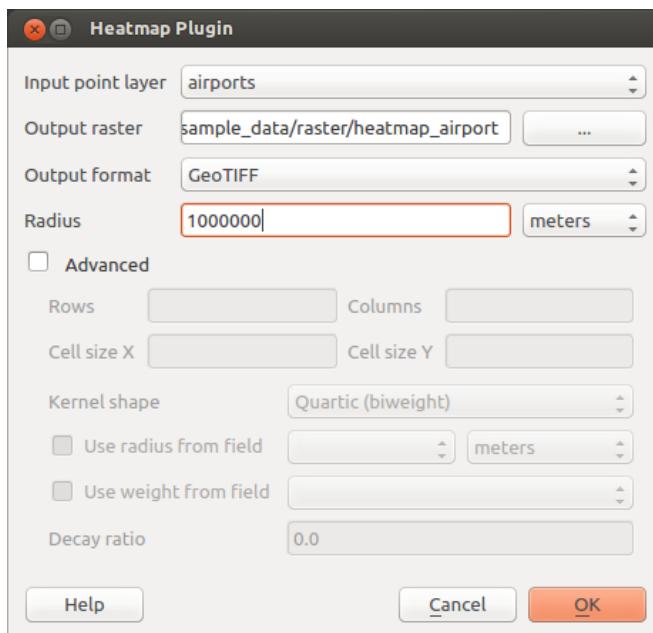


Figure 19.21: The Heatmap Dialog

QGIS will generate the heatmap and add the results to your map window. By default, the heatmap is shaded in greyscale, with lighter areas showing higher concentrations of airports. The heatmap can now be styled in QGIS to improve its appearance.

1. Abra el diálogo de propiedades de la capa `heatmap_airports` (seleccione la capa `heatmap_airports`, abra el menú contextual con el botón derecho del ratón y seleccione *Propiedades*).
2. Seleccione la pestaña *Estilo*.
3. Change the *Render type* to 'Singleband pseudocolor'.
4. Select a suitable *Color map* , for instance `YlOrRed`.
5. Haga clic en el botón **[Cargar]** para recabar los valores mínimo y máximo del ráster, después pulse el botón **[Clasificar]**.
6. Pulse **[Aceptar]** para actualizar la capa.

El resultado final se muestra en [Figure\\_Heatmap\\_4](#).

## 19.11 Complemento de interpolación

The Interpolation plugin can be used to generate a TIN or IDW interpolation of a point vector layer. It is very simple to handle and provides an intuitive graphical user interface for creating interpolated raster layers (see [Figure\\_interpolation\\_1](#)). The plugin requires the following parameters to be specified before running:

- **Input Vector layers:** Specify the input point vector layer(s) from a list of loaded point layers. If several layers are specified, then data from all layers is used for interpolation. Note: It is possible to insert lines or

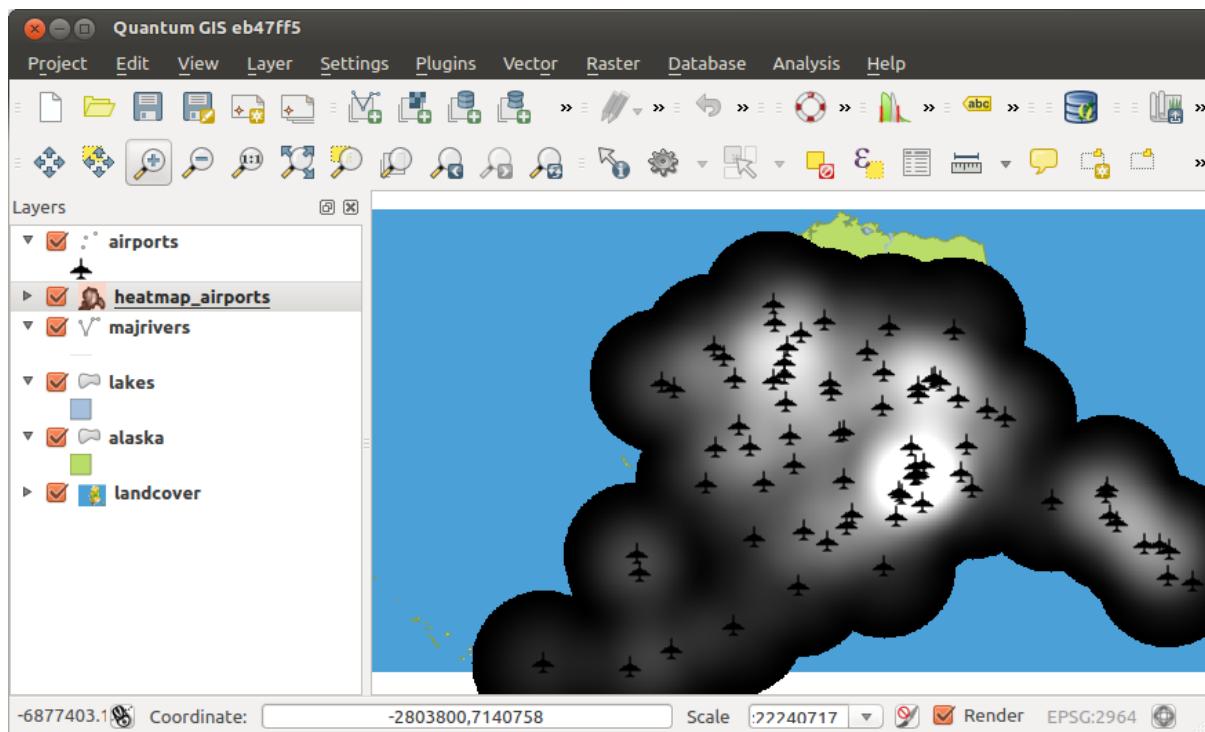


Figure 19.22: The heatmap after loading looks like a grey surface 🐧

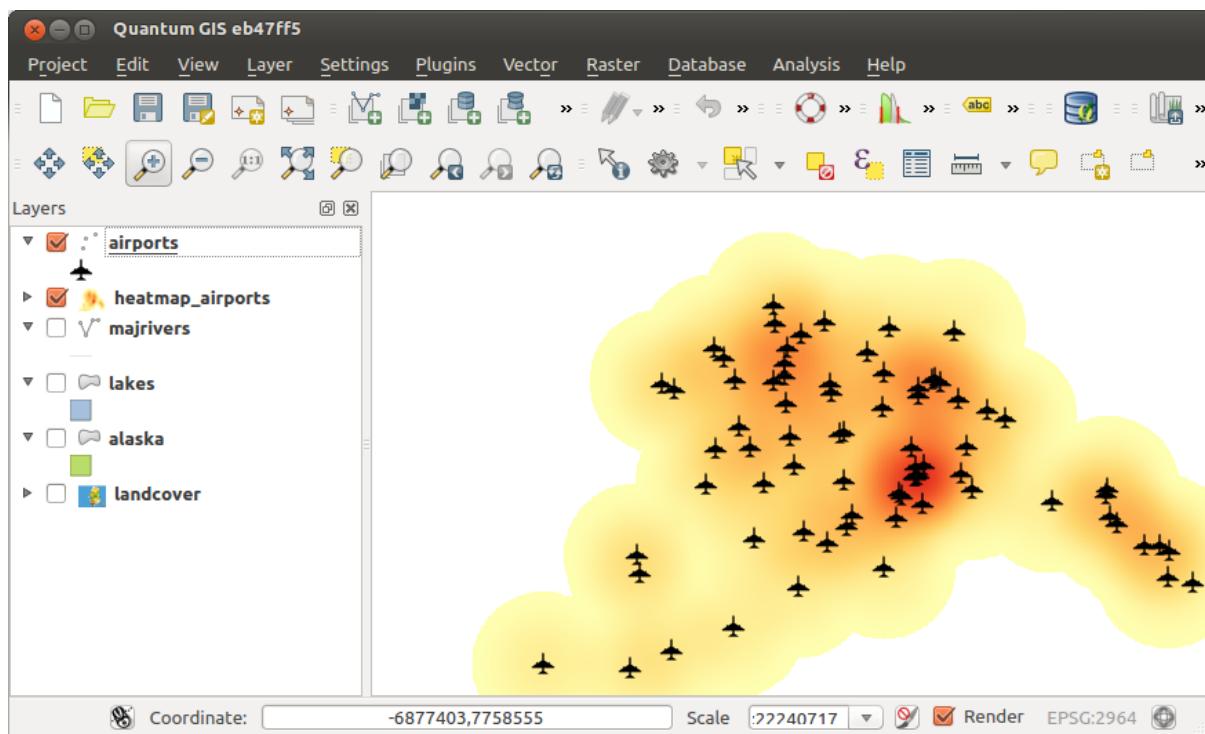


Figure 19.23: Styled heatmap of airports of Alaska 🐧

polygons as constraints for the triangulation, by specifying either “points”, “structure lines” or “break lines” in the *Type*  combo box.

- **Atributo de interpolación:** Seleccionar la columna de atributos a usar para la interpolación o habilitar la casilla  *Usar coordenada-Z* para usar los valores Z almacenados en la capa.
- **Interpolation Method:** Select the interpolation method. This can be either ‘Triangulated Irregular Network (TIN)’ or ‘Inverse Distance Weighted (IDW)’. With the TIN method you can create a surface formed by triangles of nearest neighbour points. To do this, circumcircles around selected sample points are created and their intersections are connected to a network of non overlapping and as compact as possible triangles. The resulting surfaces are not smooth. When using the IDW method the sample points are weighted during interpolation such that the influence of one point relative to another declines with distance from the unknown point you want to create. The IDW interpolation method also has some disadvantages: the quality of the interpolation result can decrease, if the distribution of sample data points is uneven. Furthermore, maximum and minimum values in the interpolated surface can only occur at sample data points. This often results in small peaks and pits around the sample data points.
- **Número de columnas/filas:** Especificar el número de filas y columnas para el archivo ráster de salida.
- **Archivo de salida:** Especifica un nombre para el fichero ráster de salida.
-  *Añadir el resultado al proyecto* para cargar el resultado en la vista del mapa.

Note that using lines as constraints for the interpolation (TIN method) you can either use ‘structure lines’ or ‘break lines’. When using ‘break lines’ you produce sharp breaks in the surface while using ‘structure lines’ you produce continuous breaks. The triangulation is modified by both methods such that no edge crosses a breakline or structure line.

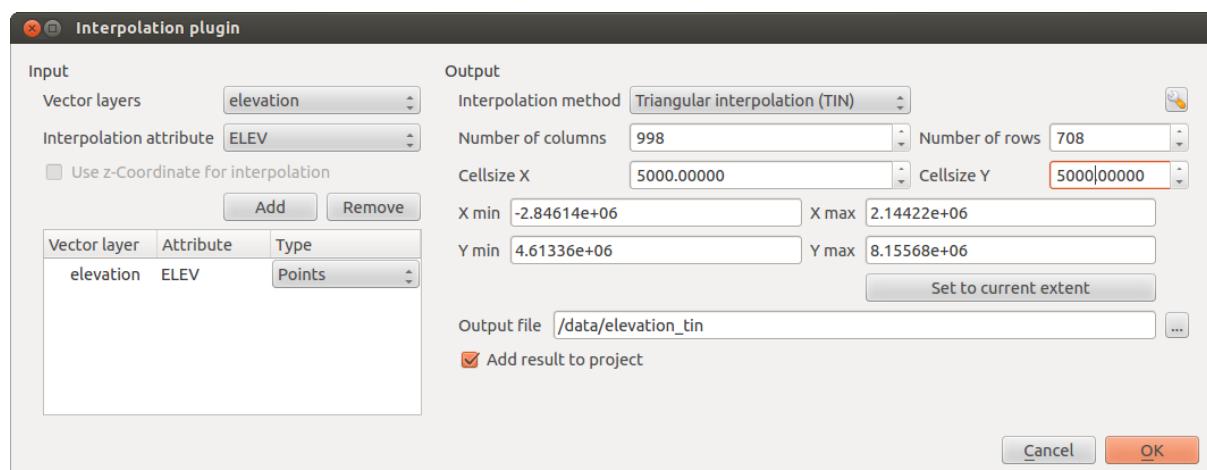


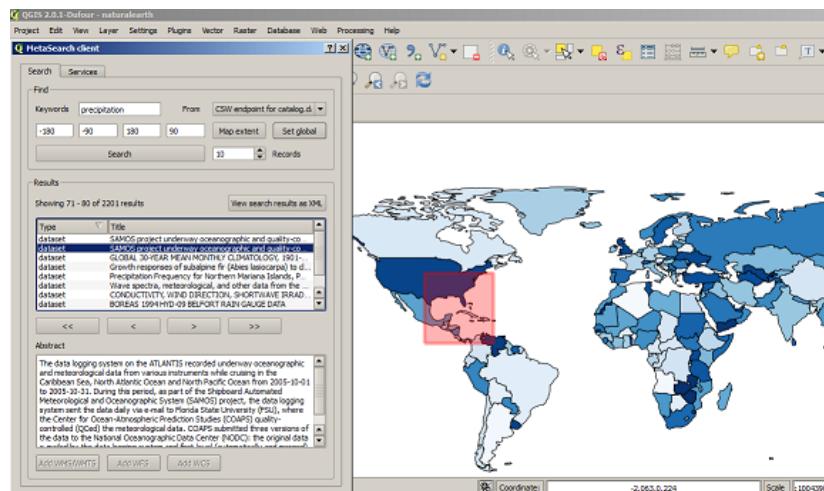
Figure 19.24: Interpolation Plugin 

### 19.11.1 Usar el complemento

1. Start QGIS and load a point vector layer (e.g., `elevp.csv`).
2. Load the Interpolation plugin in the Plugin Manager (see *El diálogo de complementos*) and click on the *Raster → Interpolation →  Interpolation*, which appears in the QGIS menu bar. The Interpolation plugin dialog appears as shown in [Figure\\_interpolation\\_1](#).
3. Select an input layer (e.g., `elevp`  ) and column (e.g., `ELEV`) for interpolation.
4. Seleccionar un método de interpolación (ej. ‘Red Irregular Triangulada (Triangulated Irregular Network-TIN)’) y especificar un tamaño de celda de 5000 así como el nombre del archivo ráster de salida (ej.:file:`elevation_tin`).

5. Pulse [Aceptar].

## 19.12 MetaSearch Catalogue Client



### 19.12.1 Introducción

MetaSearch is a QGIS plugin to interact with metadata catalogue services, supporting the OGC Catalogue Service for the Web (CSW) standard.

MetaSearch provides an easy and intuitive approach and user-friendly interface to searching metadata catalogues within QGIS.

### 19.12.2 Instalación

MetaSearch is included by default with QGIS 2.0 and higher. All dependencies are included within MetaSearch.

Install MetaSearch from the QGIS plugin manager, or manually from <http://plugins.qgis.org/plugins/MetaSearch>.

### 19.12.3 Working with Metadata Catalogues in QGIS

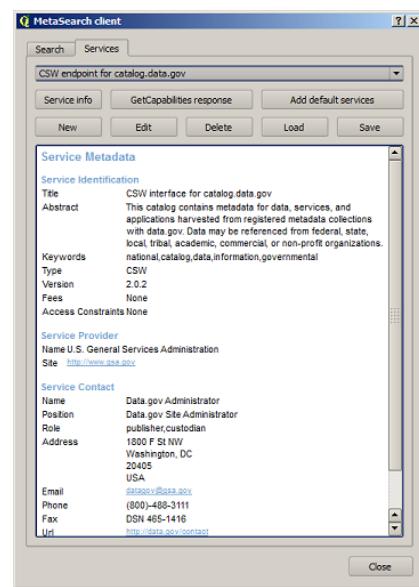
#### CSW (Catalogue Service for the Web)

CSW (Catalogue Service for the Web) is an OGC (Open Geospatial Consortium) specification, that defines common interfaces to discover, browse, and query metadata about data, services, and other potential resources.

#### Startup

To start MetaSearch, click the MetaSearch icon or select Web / MetaSearch / MetaSearch via the QGIS main menu. The MetaSearch dialog will appear. The main GUI consists of two tabs: ‘Services’ and ‘Search’.

## Managing Catalogue Services



The ‘Services’ tab allows the user to manage all available catalogue services. MetaSearch provides a default list of Catalogue Services, which can be added by pressing ‘Add default services’ button.

To all listed Catalogue Service entries, click the dropdown select box.

To add a Catalogue Service entry, click the ‘New’ button, and enter a Name for the service, as well as the URL/endpoint. Note that only the base URL is required (not a full GetCapabilities URL). Clicking ok will add the service to the list of entries.

To edit an existing Catalogue Service entry, select the entry you would like to edit and click the ‘Edit’ button, and modify the Name or URL values, then click ok.

To delete a Catalogue Service entry, select the entry you would like to delete and click the ‘Delete’ button. You will be asked to confirm deleting the entry.

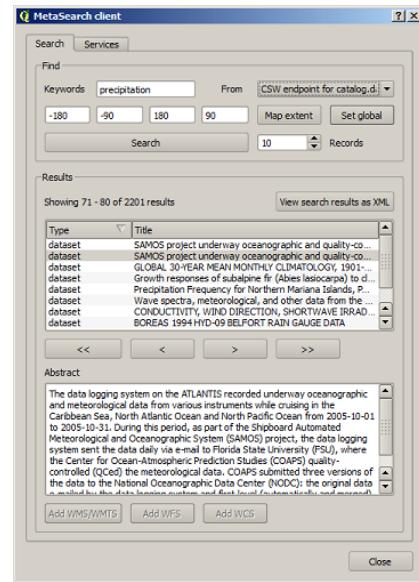
MetaSearch allows for loading and saving connections to an XML file. This is useful when you need to share settings between applications. Below is an example of the XML file format.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<qgsCSWConnections version="1.0">
  <csw name="Data.gov CSW" url="http://catalog.data.gov/csw-all"/>
  <csw name="Geonorge - National CSW service for Norway" url="http://www.geonorge.no/geonetwork"
  <csw name="Geoportale Nazionale - Servizio di ricerca Italiano" url="http://www.pcn.minambiente.it"
  <csw name="LINZ Data Service" url="http://data.linz.govt.nz/feeds/csw"/>
  <csw name="Nationaal Georegister (Nederland)" url="http://www.nationaalgeoregister.nl/geonetwerk"
  <csw name="RNDT - Repertorio Nazionale dei Dati Territoriali - Servizio di ricerca" url="http://www.rndt.it"
  <csw name="UK Location Catalogue Publishing Service" url="http://csw.data.gov.uk/geonetwork/services"
  <csw name="UNEP/GRID-Geneva Metadata Catalog" url="http://metadata.grid.unep.ch:8080/geonetwerk"
</qgsCSWConnections>
```

To load a list of entries, click the ‘Load’ button. A new window will appear; click the ‘Browse’ button and navigate to the XML file of entries you wish to load and click ‘Open’. The list of entries will be displayed. Select the entries you wish to add from the list and click ‘Load’.

The ‘Service info’ button displays information about the selected Catalogue Service such as service identification, service provider and contact information. If you would like to view the raw XML response, click the ‘GetCapabilities response’ button. A separate window will open displaying Capabilities XML.

## Searching Catalogue Services



The ‘Search’ tab allows the user to query Catalogue Services for data and services, set various search parameters and view results.

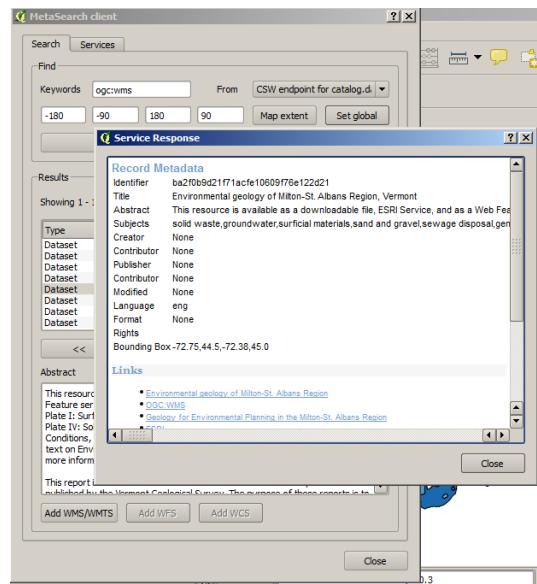
The following search parameters are available:

- **Keywords:** free text search keywords
- **From:** the Catalogue Service to perform the query against
- **Bounding box:** the spatial area of interest to filter on. The default bounding box is the map view / canvas. Click ‘Set global’ to do a global search, or enter custom values as desired
- **Records:** the number of records to return when searching. Default is 10 records

Clicking the ‘Search’ button will search the selected Metadata Catalogue. Search results are displayed in a list and are sortable by clicking on the column title. You can navigate through search results with the directional buttons below the search results. Clicking the ‘View search results as XML’ button opens a window with the service response in raw XML format.

Clicking a result will show the record’s abstract in the ‘Abstract’ window and provides the following options:

- if the metadata record has an associated bounding box, a footprint of the bounding box will be displayed on the map
- double-clicking the record displays the record metadata with any associated access links. Clicking the links opens the link in the user’s web browser
- if the record is an OGC web service (WMS/WMTS, WFS, WCS), the appropriate ‘Add to WMS/WMTS|WFS|WCS’ buttons will be enabled for the user to add to QGIS. When clicking this button, MetaSearch will verify if this is a valid OWS. The OWS will then be added to the appropriate QGIS connection list, and the appropriate WMS/WMTS|WFS|WCS connection dialogue will then appear



## Settings

You can fine tune MetaSearch with the following settings:

- **Connection naming:** when adding an OWS connection (WMS/WMTS|WFS|WCS), the connection is stored with the various QGIS layer provider. Use this setting to set whether to use the name provided from MetaSearch, whether to overwrite or to use a temporary name
- **Results paging:** when searching metadata catalogues, the number of results to show per page
- **Timeout:** when searching metadata catalogues, the number of seconds for blocking connection attempt. Default value is 10

## 19.13 Complemento Edición fuera de linea

Para la recolección de datos, es una situación común para trabajar con un ordenador portátil o una línea de teléfono celular en el campo. A su regreso a la red, los cambios tienen que ser sincronizados con el origen de datos principal (ej., una base de datos PostGIS). Si varias personas están trabajando simultáneamente en los mismos conjuntos de datos, es difícil fusionar los cambios a mano, incluso si la gente no cambia los mismo elementos.

The  Offline Editing Plugin automates the synchronisation by copying the content of a datasource (usually PostGIS or WFS-T) to a SpatiaLite database and storing the offline edits to dedicated tables. After being connected to the network again, it is possible to apply the offline edits to the master dataset.

### 19.13.1 Usar el complemento

- Abrir algunas capas vectoriales (e.j. de una fuente de datos PostGIS o WFS-T).
- Guardarlo como un proyecto.
- Go to *Database* → *Offline Editing* →  *Convert to offline project* and select the layers to save. The content of the layers is saved to SpatiaLite tables.
- Editar las capas fuera de linea.
- After being connected again, upload the changes using *Database* → *Offline Editing* →  *Synchronize*.

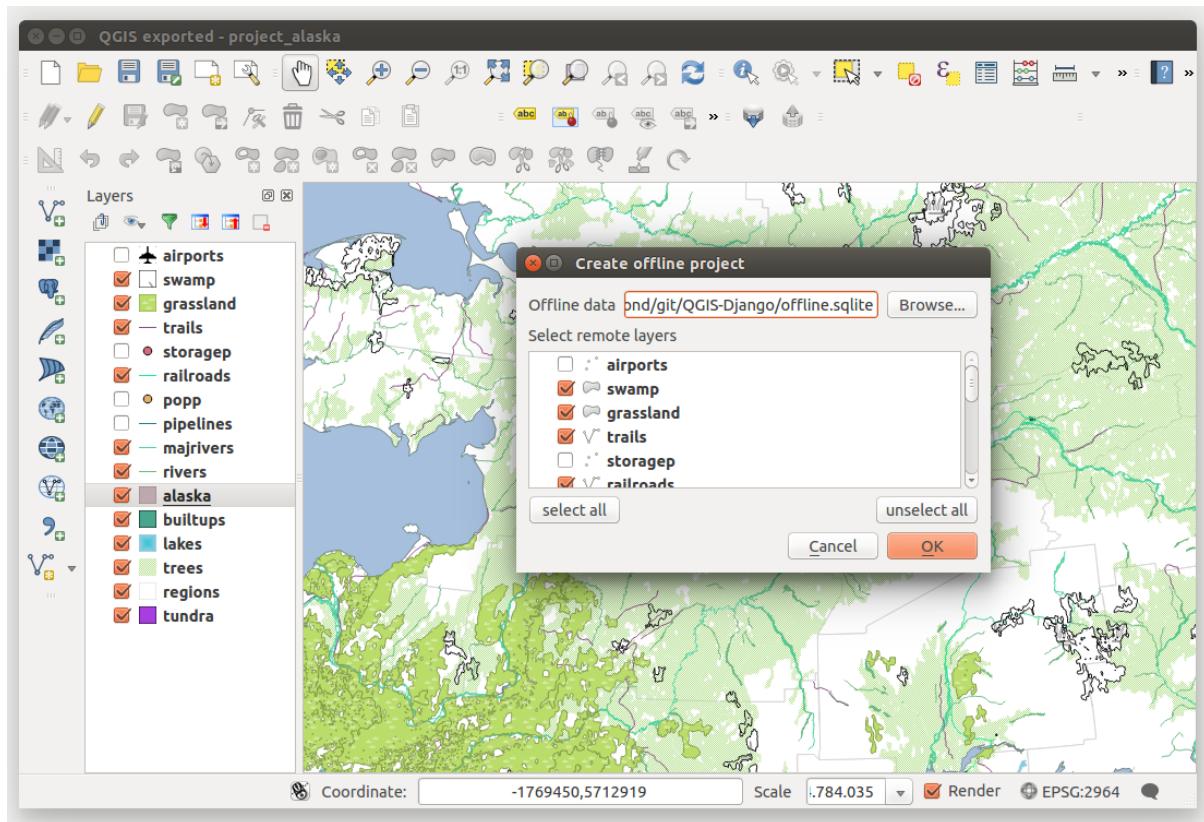


Figure 19.25: Crear un proyecto fuera de linea de capas PostGIS o WFS

## 19.14 Complemento GeoRaster espacial de Oracle

In Oracle databases, raster data can be stored in SDO\_GEORASTER objects available with the Oracle Spatial extension. In QGIS, the  Oracle Spatial GeoRaster plugin is supported by GDAL and depends on Oracle's database product being installed and working on your machine. While Oracle is proprietary software, they provide their software free for development and testing purposes. Here is one simple example of how to load raster images to GeoRaster:

```
$ gdal_translate -of georaster input_file.tif geor:scott/tiger@orcl
```

Esto cargará el raster en la tabla predeterminada GDAL\_IMPORT, como una columna llamada “RASTER”

### 19.14.1 Administrar conexiones

Firstly, the Oracle GeoRaster Plugin must be enabled using the Plugin Manager (see [El diálogo de complementos](#)). The first time you load a GeoRaster in QGIS, you must create a connection to the Oracle database that contains the data. To do this, begin by clicking on the  Add Oracle GeoRaster Layer toolbar button – this will open the *Select Oracle Spatial GeoRaster* dialog window. Click on [New] to open the dialog window, and specify the connection parameters (See [Figure\\_oracle\\_raster\\_1](#)):

- **Nombre:** Introduzca un nombre para la conexión a la base de datos.
- **Instancia de la base de datos:** Introduzca el nombre de la base de datos a la que desea conectarse.
- **Nombre de usuario:** Especificar su nombre de usuario que usará para acceder a la base de datos.

- **Contraseña:** Proporcionar la contraseña asociada con su usuario que es requerida para el acceso a la base de datos.

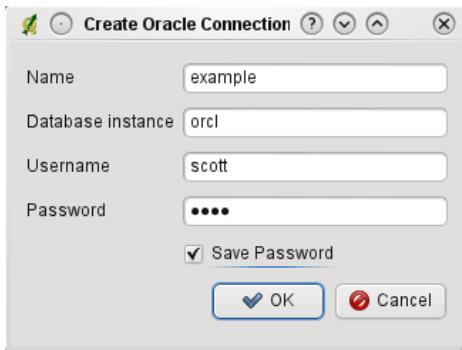


Figure 19.26: Crear dialogo de conexión de Oracle

Ahora, de vuelta en la ventana principal de *GeoRaster espacial de Oracle* (vea la [Figure\\_oracle\\_raster\\_2](#)), utilice la lista desplegable para elegir una conexión y utilice el botón [Conectar] para establecer la conexión. También puede [Editar] la conexión abriendo el dialogo previo y haciendo cambios en la información de la conexión, o usar el botón [Borrar] para eliminar la conexión desde la lista desplegable.

### 19.14.2 Seleccionar un GeoRaster

Una vez que la conexión se ha establecido, la ventana de subconjuntos de datos mostrará los nombres de todas las tablas que contengan columnas GeoRaster en esa base de datos en el formato de un nombre del subconjunto de datos GDAL.

Haga clic en uno de los subconjuntos de datos listados y después haga en [Seleccionar] para elegir el nombre de la tabla. Ahora se mostrará otra lista de subconjuntos de datos con los nombres de las columnas del GeoRaster en la tabla. Normalmente es una lista corta, ya que la mayoría de los usuarios no tendrán mas de una o dos columnas de GeoRaster en la misma tabla.

Clic sobre uno de los subconjuntos de datos en listados y después sobre [Seleccionar] para elegir una de las combinaciones tabla/columna. El dialogo mostrará ahora todos los registros que contengan objetos GeoRaster. Note que la lista de subconjunto de datos mostrará ahora las parejas de tablas de datos raster e Id de raster.

En cualquier momento, la entrada seleccionada se puede ser editar para ir directamente a un GeoRaster conocido o para regresar al inicio y seleccionar otro nombre de tabla.

La entrada de datos seleccionados también puede usarse para introducir una cláusula WHERE al final de la cadena de identificación (ej. geor:scott/tiger@orcl,gdal\_import,raster,geoid=). Vea [http://www.gdal.org/frmt\\_georaster.html](http://www.gdal.org/frmt_georaster.html) para mayor información.

### 19.14.3 Mostrar GeoRaster

Finally, by selecting a GeoRaster from the list of Raster Data Tables and Raster Ids, the raster image will be loaded into QGIS.

El dialogo *Seleccionar GeoRaster espacial de Oracle* puede cerrarse ahora y la siguiente ocasión en que se abra mantendrá la misma conexión y mostrará la misma lista previa de subconjuntos de datos, haciendo muy fácil abrir otra imagen del mismo contexto.

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**Nota:** GeoRasters that contain pyramids will display much faster, but the pyramids need to be generated outside of QGIS using Oracle PL/SQL or gdaladdo.

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Lo siguiente es un ejemplo usando gdaladdo:

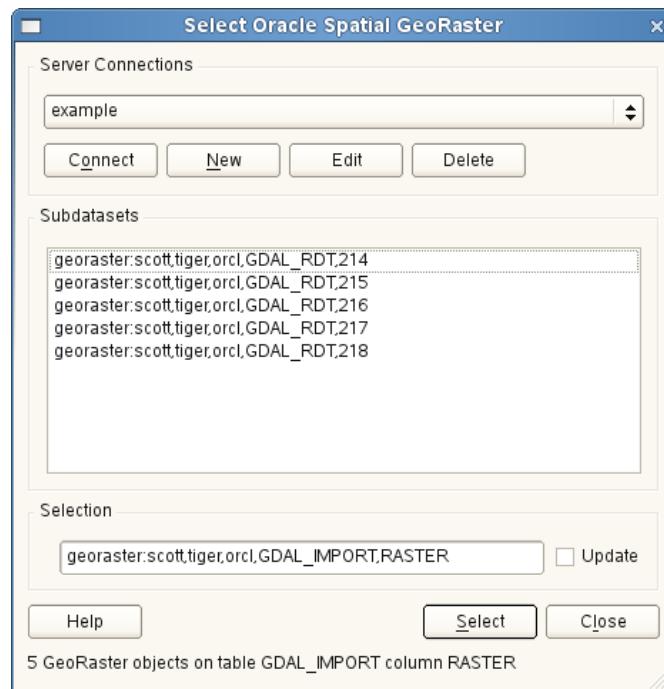


Figure 19.27: Diálogo de selección de GeoRaster de Oracle

```
gdaladdo georaster:scott/tiger@orcl,georaster\_\_table,georaster,georid=6 -r
nearest 2 4 6 8 16 32
```

Este es un ejemplo usando PL/SQL:

```
$ sqlplus scott/tiger
SQL> DECLARE
  gr sdo_georaster;
BEGIN
  SELECT image INTO gr FROM cities WHERE id = 1 FOR UPDATE;
  sdo_geor.generatePyramid(gr, 'rLevel=5, resampling=NN');
  UPDATE cities SET image = gr WHERE id = 1;
  COMMIT;
END;
```

## 19.15 Complemento Análisis de Terreno

 The Raster Terrain Analysis Plugin can be used to calculate the slope, aspect, hillshade, ruggedness index and relief for digital elevation models (DEM). It is very simple to handle and provides an intuitive graphical user interface for creating new raster layers (see [Figure\\_raster\\_terrain\\_1](#)).

Descripción del análisis:

- **Pendiente:** Calcula el ángulo de la pendiente de cada celda en grados (basado en primer orden estimación derivada).
- **Orientación:** Exposición (iniciar con 0 para la dirección norte, en grados antihorario).
- **Mapa de sombras:** Crea un mapa de sombra utilizando luz y sombra para proveer un aspecto más tridimensional para un mapa de relieve sombreado. El mapa de salida es una banda gris individual que refleja el valor gris de los píxeles.

- **Índice de irregularidad:** Una medición cuantitativa de la heterogeneidad del terreno tal como se describe por Riley et al. (1999). Se calcula para cada lugar con un resumen de los cambios en la elevación dentro de la cuadrícula de 3x3 píxeles.
- **Relieve:** Crea un mapa de relieve sombreado de los datos digitales de elevación. Implementado es un método para elegir los colores de elevación mediante el análisis de distribución de frecuencia. EL mapa de salida es una color multibanda con tres bandas que reflejan los valores RGB del relieve sombreado.

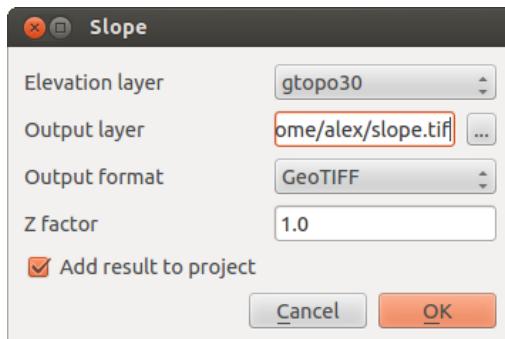


Figure 19.28: Complemento de Modelado de Terreno (Cálculo de la pendiente)

### 19.15.1 Usar el complemento

1. Start QGIS and load the `gtopo30` raster layer from the GRASS sample location.
2. Cargar el complemento de Análisis de Terreno en el Administrador de Complementos (vea [El diálogo de complementos](#)).
3. Seleccione un método de análisis del menú (e.j., *Ráster → Análisis de Terreno → Pendiente*). El diálogo *Pendiente* aparece como se muestra en [Figure\\_raster\\_terrain\\_1](#).
4. Especificar una ruta , y un tipo de archivo de salida
5. Haga clic en **[Aceptar]**.

## 19.16 Complemento Grafo de rutas

The Road Graph Plugin is a C++ plugin for QGIS that calculates the shortest path between two points on any polyline layer and plots this path over the road network.

Características principales:

- Calcula la ruta, así como la longitud y el tiempo de viaje.
- Optimiza la longitud o el tiempo de viaje.
- Exporta la ruta a una capa vectorial.
- Resalta la dirección de las carreteras (esto es lento y se utiliza principalmente para fines de depuración y para pruebas de configuración)

As a roads layer, you can use any polyline vector layer in any QGIS-supported format. Two lines with a common point are considered connected. Please note, it is required to use layer CRS as project CRS while editing a roads layer. This is due to the fact that recalculation of the coordinates between different CRSs introduces some errors that can result in discontinuities, even when ‘snapping’ is used.

En la tabla de atributos de la capa, se pueden usar los siguientes campos:

- Velocidad en una sección de la carretera (campo numérico).

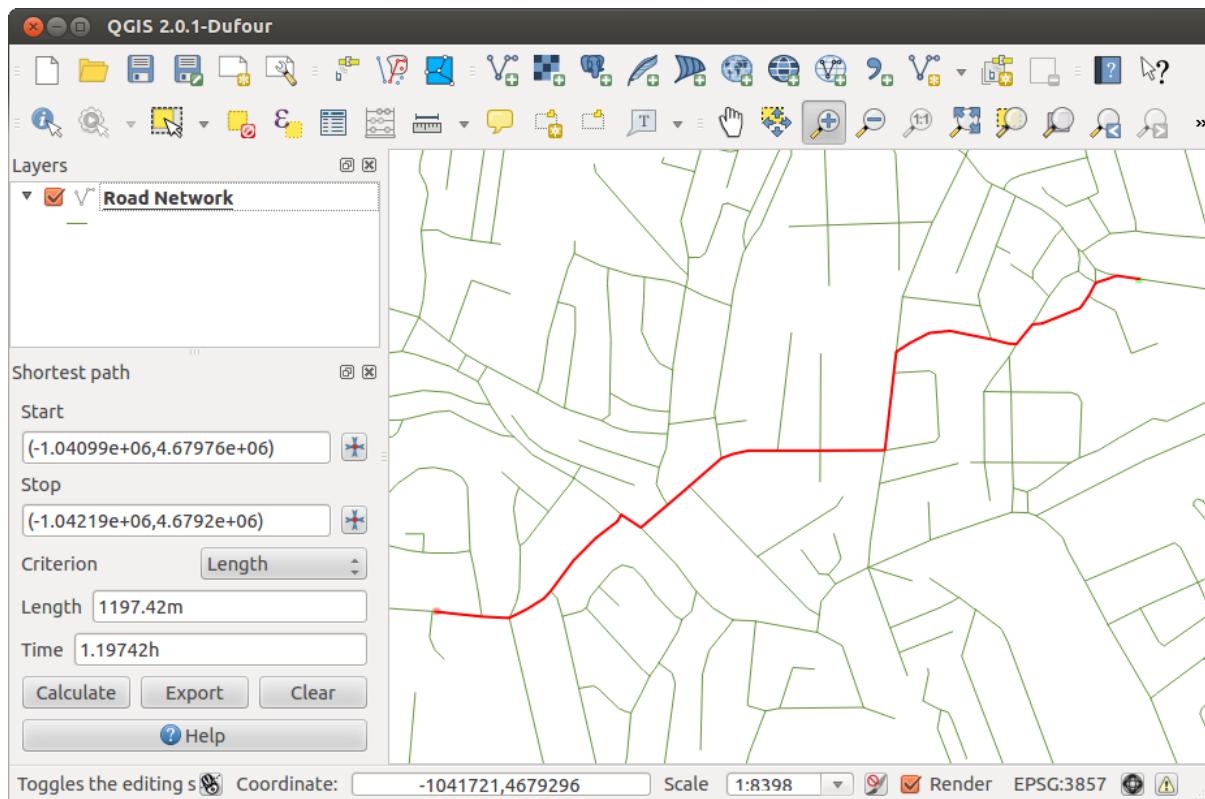


Figure 19.29: Road Graph Plugin 🐧

- Dirección (cualquier tipo que se pueda convertir en texto). Las direcciones de avance y retroceso corresponden a una carretera de un solo sentido, ambas direcciones indican una carretera de doble sentidos.

Si algunos campos no tienen ningún valor o no existen, se usan los valores predeterminados. Puede cambiar lo predeterminado y algunas configuraciones del complemento en el diálogo de configuración del complemento.

### 19.16.1 Usar el componente

After plugin activation, you will see an additional panel on the left side of the main QGIS window. Now, enter some parameters into the *Road graph plugin settings* dialog in the *Vector → Road Graph* menu (see figure\_road\_graph\_2).

Después de configurar *Unidad de tiempo*, *Unidad de distancia* y *Tolerancia de topología*, puede seleccionar la capa vectorial en la pestaña *Capa de transporte*. Aquí también puede seleccionar el *Campo de sentido* y el *Campo de velocidad*. En la pestaña *Configuración predeterminada*, puede establecer el *Sentido* para el cálculo.

Finalmente, en el panel *Ruta más corta*, seleccione un punto de Inicio y un punto Final en la capa de red de carreteras y pulse [Calcular].

## 19.17 Complemento Consulta espacial

The  Spatial Query Plugin allows you to make a spatial query (i.e., select features) in a target layer with reference to another layer. The functionality is based on the GEOS library and depends on the selected source feature layer.

Operadores posibles son:

- Contiene

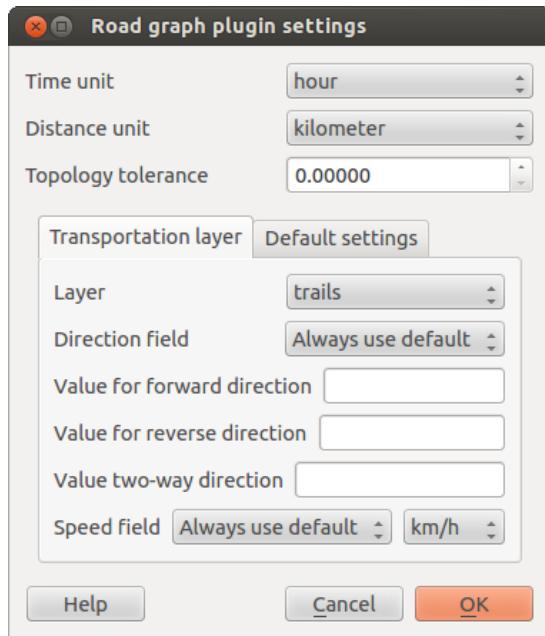


Figure 19.30: Road graph plugin settings 

- Igual
- Solapa
- Cruzar
- Intersecta
- Está inconexo
- Toca
- Dentro

### 19.17.1 Usar el complemento

Como un ejemplo, queremos encontrar regiones en el conjunto de datos de Alaska que contenga aeropuertos. Los siguientes pasos son necesarios:

1. Start QGIS and load the vector layers `regions.shp` and `airports.shp`.
2. Load the Spatial Query plugin in the Plugin Manager (see *El diálogo de complementos*) and click on the  Spatial Query icon, which appears in the QGIS toolbar menu. The plugin dialog appears.
3. Seleccione la capa `regions` como la capa origen y `airports` como la capa de entidades de referencia.
4. Seleccione ‘Contiene’ como operador y haga clic en [Aplicar].

Ahora obtiene una lista de IDs de entidades de la consulta y tiene varias opciones, como se muestra en [figure\\_spatial\\_query\\_1](#).

- Click on  Create layer with list of items.
- Select an ID from the list and click on  Create layer with selected.
- Select ‘Remove from current selection’ in the field *And use the result to* .
- Se puede  *Zum al elemento* o desplegar  *Registro de mensajes*.

- Additionally in *Result Feature ID's* with the options ‘Invalid source’ and ‘Invalid reference’ you can have a look at features with geometries errors. These features aren’t used for the query.

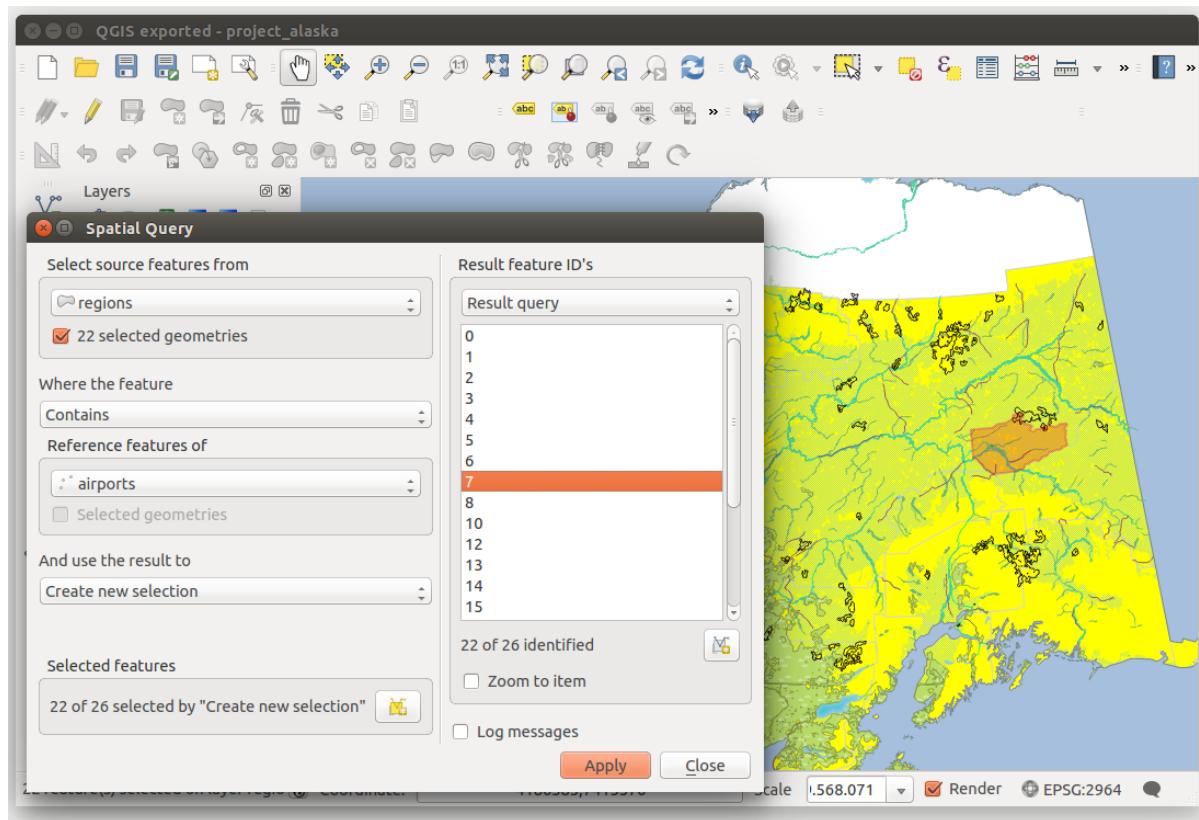


Figure 19.31: Spatial Query analysis - regions contain airports 

## 19.18 Complemento SPIT

QGIS comes with a plugin named SPIT (Shapefile to PostGIS Import Tool). SPIT can be used to load multiple shapefiles at one time and includes support for schemas. To use SPIT, open the Plugin Manager from the *Plugins* menu, in the  *Installed* menu check the box next to the  *SPIT* and click **[OK]**.

To import a shapefile, use *Database* → *Spit* → *Import Shapefiles to PostgreSQL* from the menu bar to open the *SPIT - Shapefile to PostGIS Import Tool* dialog. Select the PostGIS database you want to connect to and click on **[Connect]**. If you want, you can define or change some import options. Now you can add one or more files to the queue by clicking on the **[Add]** button. To process the files, click on the **[OK]** button. The progress of the import as well as any errors/warnings will be displayed as each shapefile is processed. .

## 19.19 Complemento Comprobador de topología.

La topología describe las relaciones entre puntos, líneas y polígonos que representa los objetos espaciales de una región geográfica. Con el complemento de Comprobador de Topología, puede revisar sus archivos vectoriales y verificar la topología con varias reglas topológicas. Estas reglas comprueban con relaciones espaciales si su objeto espacial es ‘Equal’, ‘Contain’, ‘Cover’, ‘CoveredBy’, ‘Cross’, o son ‘Disjoint’, ‘Intersect’, ‘Overlap’, ‘Touch’ o ‘Within’ el uno al otro. Depende de sus preguntas individuales qué reglas topológicas que se aplican a los datos vectoriales (por ejemplo, normalmente no aceptará overshoots en capas de líneas, pero si ellos representan callejones sin salida que no eliminará de su capa vectorial).

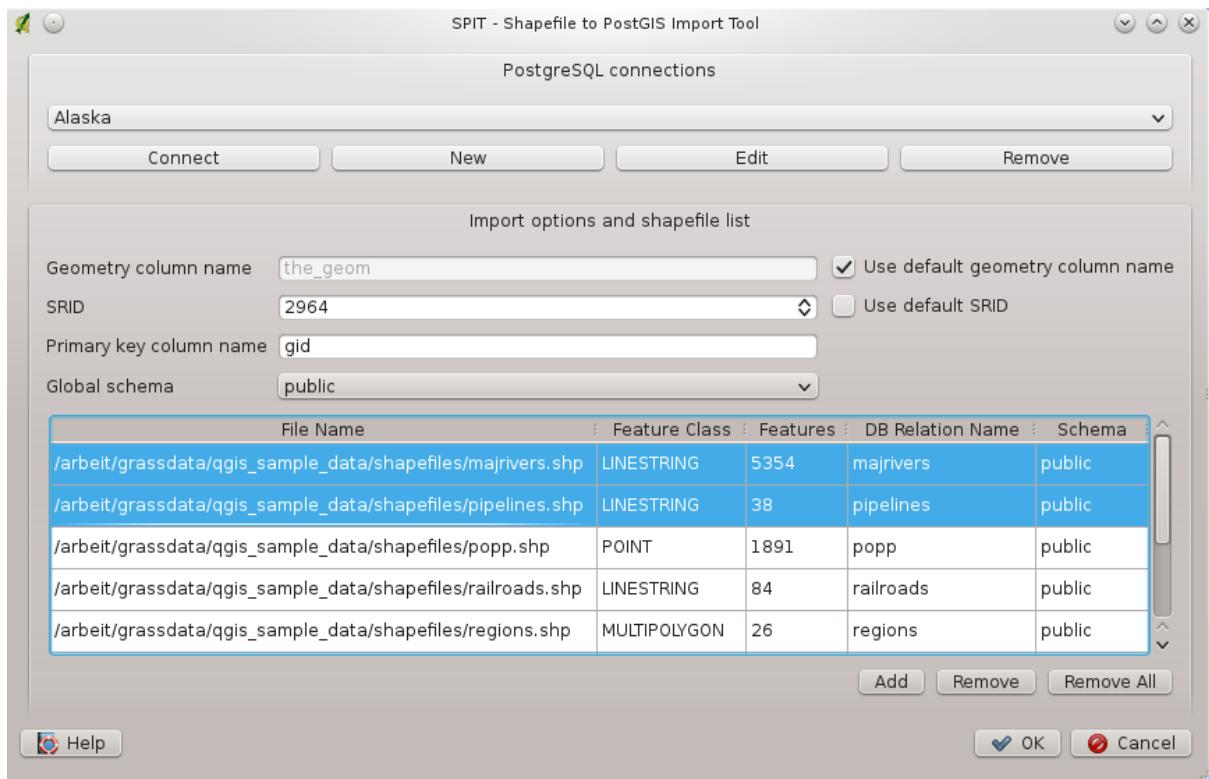


Figure 19.32: Usar el complemento SPIT para importar archivos shape a PostGIS 🐧

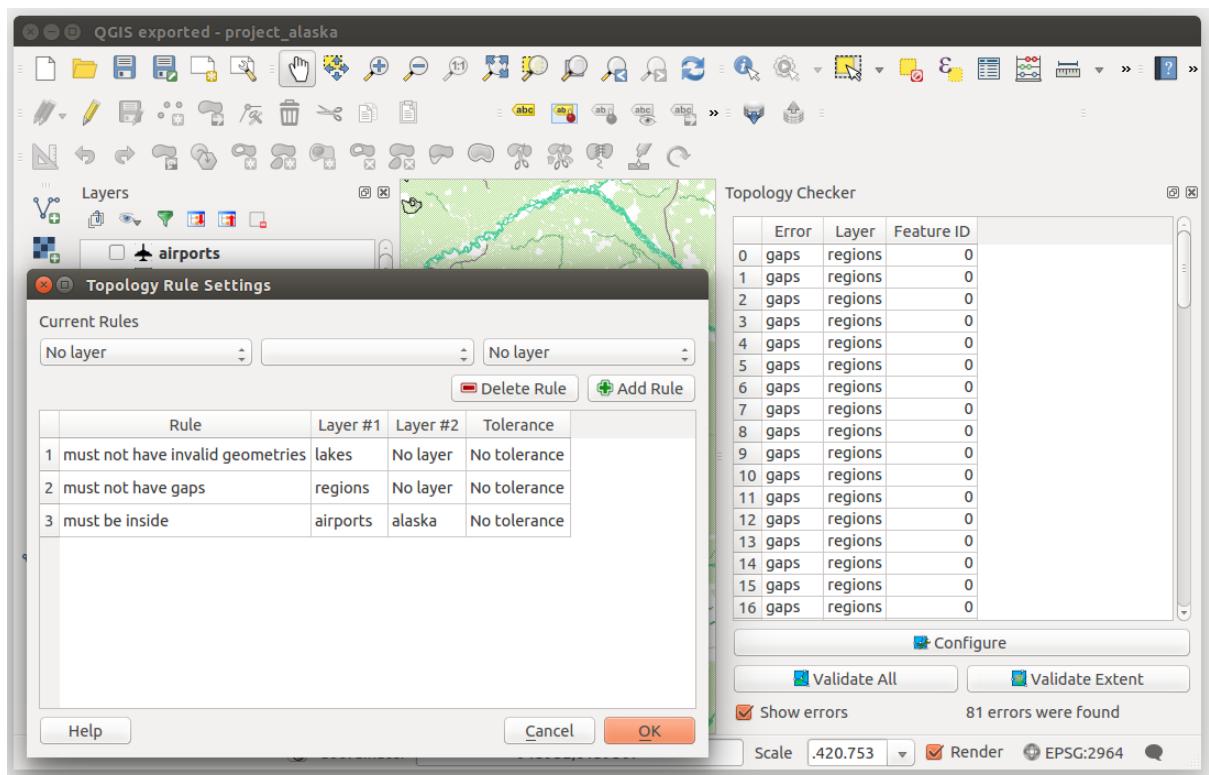


Figure 19.33: El complemento de Comprobador de Topología

QGIS has a built-in topological editing feature, which is great for creating new features without errors. But existing data errors and user-induced errors are hard to find. This plugin helps you find such errors through a list of rules.

Es muy simple crear reglas topológicas con el complemento Comprobador de topología.

En **capa de puntos** las siguientes reglas están disponibles:

- **Must be covered by:** Aquí puede elegir una capa vectorial de su proyecto. Los puntos que no están cubiertos por la capa vectorial dada se produce en el campo ‘Error’.
- **Must be covered by endpoints of:** Aquí puede elegir una capa de líneas de su proyecto.
- **Must be inside:** Here you can choose a polygon layer from your project. The points must be inside a polygon. Otherwise, QGIS writes an ‘Error’ for the point.
- **Must not have duplicates:** Siempre que un punto se representa dos o más veces, se producirá el campo ‘Error’.
- **Must not have invalid geometries:** Comprobar si las geometrías son validas.
- **Must not have multi-part-geometries:** Todos los puntos multi-parte se escriben en el campo ‘Error’.

En **Capas de líneas**, las siguientes reglas están disponibles:

- **End points must be covered by:** Aquí se puede seleccionar una capa de puntos de su proyecto.
- **Must not have dangles:** Este mostrará los overshoots en la capa de líneas.
- **Must not have duplicates:** Siempre que un objeto línea es representado una o dos veces, se producirá en el campo ‘Error’.
- **Must not have invalid geometries:** Comprobar si las geometrías son validas.
- **Must not have multi-part geometries:** A veces, una geometría es en realidad una colección de simples (una sola pieza) geometrías. Una geometría de este tipo se denomina de geometría multiparte. Si contiene sólo un tipo de geometría simple, lo llamamos multi-punto, multi-línea o multi-polígono. Todas las líneas de multi-partes se escriben en el campo ‘Error’.
- **Must not have pseudos:** A line geometry’s endpoint should be connected to the endpoints of two other geometries. If the endpoint is connected to only one other geometry’s endpoint, the endpoint is called a psuedo node.

En **capas de polígonos**, las siguientes reglas están disponibles:

- **Must contain:** La capa de polígonos debe contener al menos un punto de la geometría de la segunda capa.
- **Must not have duplicates:** Los polígonos de la misma capa no deben tener geometrías idénticas. Cada vez que una entidad de polígono se represente dos veces o más se producirá en el campo ‘Error’.
- **Must not have gaps:** Los polígonos adyacentes no deben formar espacios entre ellos. Los límites administrativos podrían mencionarse como ejemplo (polígonos de los estados de Estados Unidos no tienen espacios entre ellos ...).
- **Must not have invalid geometries:** Comprobar si las geometrías con validas. Algunas de las reglas que definen si una geometría es valida son:
  - Anillos de polígonos deben cerrarse.
  - Los anillos que definen agujeros deben estar dentro de los anillos que definen los límites exteriores.
  - Los anillos no deben intersectarse (Ni pueden tocarse o cruzarse entre si)
  - Los anillos no puede tocar otros anillos, excepto en un punto.
- **Must not have multi-part geometries:** A veces, una geometría es en realidad una colección geometrías sencillas (parte sencilla). Una geometría de este tipo se denomina de geometría multi-part. Si contiene sólo un tipo de geometría simple, lo llamamos multi-punto, multi-líneas o multi-polígono. Por ejemplo, un país que consta de múltiples islas se puede representar como un multi-polígono.
- **Must not overlap:** Los polígonos adyacentes no deben de compartir un área en común.

- **Must not overlap with:** Los polígonos adyacentes de una capa no deben compartir un área con los polígonos de otra.

## 19.20 Complemento de Estadísticas de zona

With the  *Zonal statistics* plugin, you can analyze the results of a thematic classification. It allows you to calculate several values of the pixels of a raster layer with the help of a polygonal vector layer (see [figure\\_zonal\\_statistics](#)). You can calculate the sum, the mean value and the total count of the pixels that are within a polygon. The plugin generates output columns in the vector layer with a user-defined prefix.

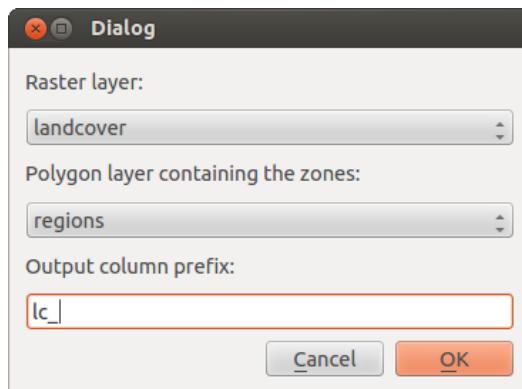


Figure 19.34: Zonal statistics dialog (KDE) 



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## Ayuda y apoyo

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### 20.1 Listas de correos

QGIS is under active development and as such it won't always work like you expect it to. The preferred way to get help is by joining the qgis-users mailing list. Your questions will reach a broader audience and answers will benefit others.

#### 20.1.1 usuarios-qgis

This mailing list is used for discussion of QGIS in general, as well as specific questions regarding its installation and use. You can subscribe to the qgis-users mailing list by visiting the following URL: <http://lists.osgeo.org/mailman/listinfo/qgis-user>

#### 20.1.2 fossgis-talk-liste

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#### 20.1.3 desarrollador-qgis

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#### 20.1.4 qgis-commit

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#### 20.1.5 qgis-trac

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## **20.1.9 edu-qgis**

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## **20.1.10 psc-qgis**

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## **20.2 IRC**

También mantenemos una presencia en IRC - visítenos uniéndose al canal #qgis en irc.freenode.net. Por favor, espere una respuesta a su pregunta, la mayoría de gente en el canal están haciendo otras cosas y puede tomar un tiempo para que noten su pregunta. Si se ha perdido una discusión en IRC, ¡no hay problema! Registramos toda discusión, así que puede fácilmente ponerse al día. Sólo tiene que ir a <http://qgis.org/irclogs> y leer los IRC-logs.

Apoyo comercial para QGIS también está disponible. Revisar la página web <http://qgis.org/en/commercial-support.html> para mayor información.

## **20.3 Rastreador de Errores**

While the qgis-users mailing list is useful for general ‘How do I do XYZ in QGIS?’-type questions, you may wish to notify us about bugs in QGIS. You can submit bug reports using the QGIS bug tracker at <http://hub.qgis.org/projects/quantum-gis/issues>. When creating a new ticket for a bug, please provide an email address where we can contact you for additional information.

Por favor, tenga en cuenta que su error no siempre puede disfrutar de la prioridad que podría esperar (depende de su gravedad). Algunos errores pueden requerir de significativo esfuerzo por parte del desarrollador para remediar, y la mano de obra no siempre está disponible para esto.

Se pueden presentar las solicitudes de funciones utilizando el mismo sistema de ticket de errores. Asegúrate de seleccionar el tipo «Función».

If you have found a bug and fixed it yourself, you can submit this patch also. Again, the lovely redmine ticket system at <http://hub.qgis.org/wiki/quantum-gis/issues> has this type as well. Check the `Patch supplied` checkbox and attach your patch before submitting your bug. One of the developers will review it and apply it to QGIS. Please don't be alarmed if your patch is not applied straight away – developers may be tied up with other commitments.

## 20.4 Blog

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## 20.5 Plugins

The website <http://plugins.qgis.org> provides the official QGIS plugins web portal. Here, you find a list of all stable and experimental QGIS plugins available via the ‘Official QGIS Plugin Repository’.

## 20.6 Wiki

Por último, mantenemos un sitio web en WIKI <http://hub.qgis.org/projects/quantum-gis/wiki> donde se puede encontrar una variedad de información útil relacionada con el desarrollo de QGIS, planes de lanzamiento, los enlaces para descargar sitios, mensajes- consejos de traducción y más. ¡Compruébelo, hay algunas cosas en el interior!



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## Apéndice

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