



Section: Introduction

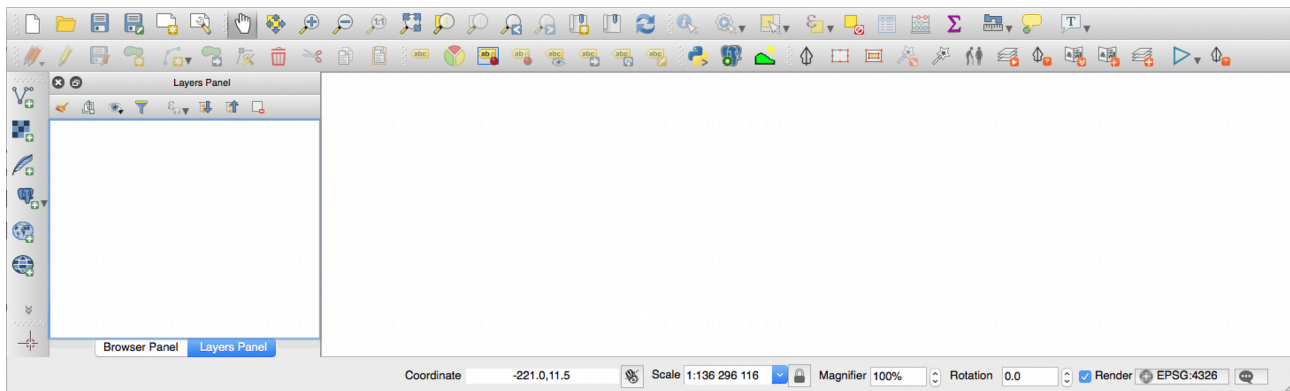
Module : QGIS User Interface Tour



A quick tour of the QGIS User Interface

“QGIS has a rich, graphical user interface. In this module we review the key application elements.”

There are standard components that you can find in almost any modern window based application – toolbars, menus, status bars and so on. QGIS offers these same features and it is worth doing a basic tour of the user interface before learning any specific functionality. In this exercise we will do just that.



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Goal: Familiarise yourself with the QGIS User Interface

- Move your mouse slowly over the toolbars and read each tooltip
- Open each menu and read each option you see listed in the menus
- Move your mouse slowly over each status bar element and read the tool tip
- Try dragging and dropping toolbars to arrange them in a way that is comfortable for you. Can you copy the layout shown in the image above?
- Can you identify which user interface elements are 'dock' windows? Try dragging them around to different edges of the application, and onto each other.
- What happens when you drag and drop one dock window onto another?



Check your results:

- Were you able to figure out how to show and hide toolbars?
- Were you able to figure out how to show and hide dock windows?

