

Targeted skills

By the end of this module, you will know how to:

- dissolve/merge polygon features by attribute (see explanation below)

Data

Data to be used in this module can be found in the following folder:

`data/grc_admin3`

Exercise outline & memos

Dissolving/merging polygon features by attribute

This operation looks a bit esoteric but the idea is simple. Let's take an example, imagine a country where the main administrative levels are provinces further divided into regions. You want a shapefile of these provinces but you only have for now a shapefile of the regions.

If in your “regions” shapefile, the attribute table contains the province name for each region feature (see table below), then you can dissolve/merge the polygons by attribute (in our case “province”).

province	region
prov_a	reg_1
prov_a	reg_2
prov_b	reg_3
prov_b	reg_4
...	...

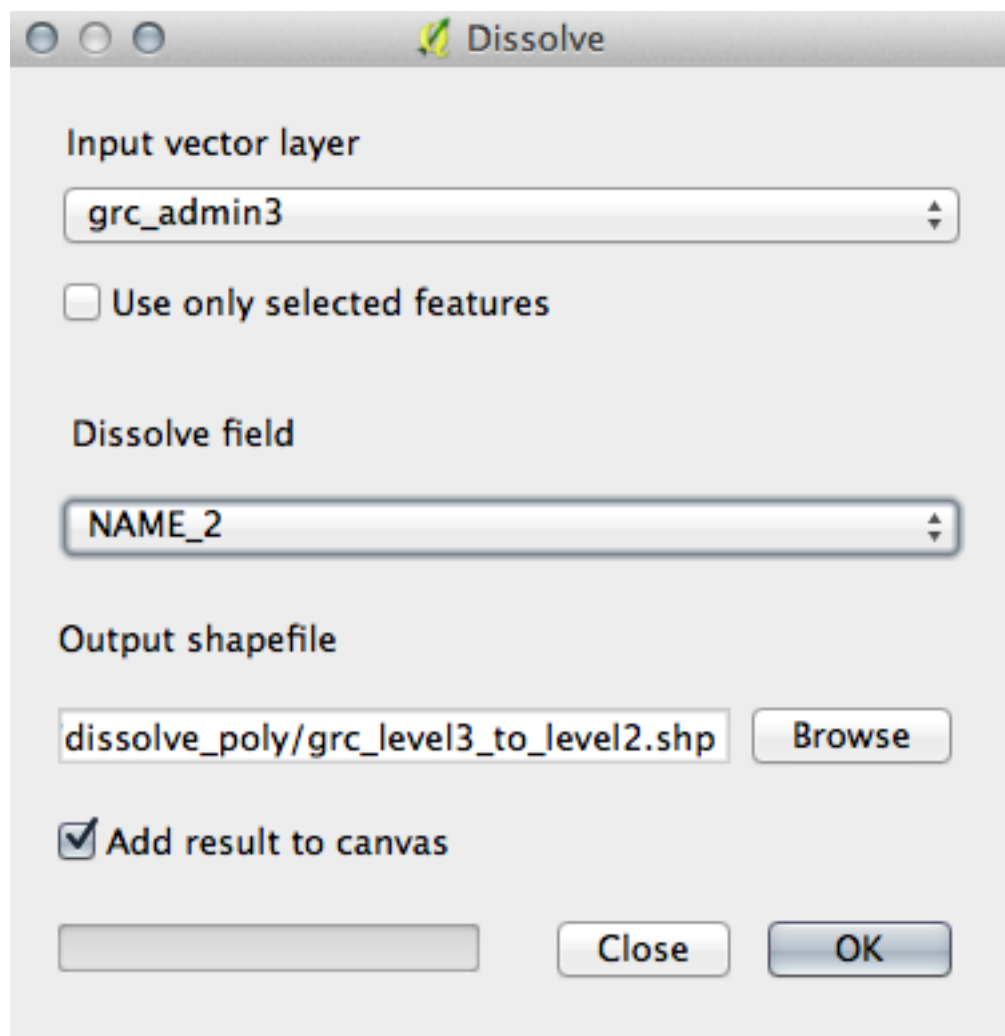
To do so go through the following steps:

Open: `data/grc_admin3/grc_admin3.shp`

[In QGIS top menu]

Vector Geoprocessing Tools Dissolve...

then reproduce the settings below:



Save shapefile created as: "grc_level3_to_level2"

As simple as that !