

To install **QGIS** on a **Windows**, follow these steps:

## 1. Download the Installer

Go to the official QGIS download page:

<https://qgis.org/en/site/forusers/download.html>

- Under **Windows**, choose the **QGIS Standalone Installer** (recommended).
  - The current version is QGIS 3.44.0 'Solothurn' was released on 2025-06-20
  - Download: QGIS 3.40 'Bratislava' (latest long-term release)
  - Long Term Version for Windows (3.40 LTR)
  - After the file as been downloaded: QGIS-OSGeo4W-3.40.8-1

## 2. Run the Installer

1. Locate the downloaded [QGIS-OSGeo4W-3.40.8-1](#) file (usually in your **Downloads** folder).
2. Double-click it to launch the installer.
3. Install anyway
4. Follow the on-screen prompts:
  - Accept the license
  - Choose the installation folder (default is fine)
  - Select components (leave default unless you need advanced options)

## 3. Complete Installation

- Click **Install** and wait for the process to finish.
- Once done, click **Finish** to close the installer.

## 4. Launch QGIS

- Go to **Start Menu > QGIS Desktop 3.40**
- The first launch may take a moment.

To install **QGIS** on a **Mac**, follow these steps:

## 1. Check System Requirements

- macOS 10.14 (Mojave) or later is recommended.
- Ensure you have at least 2 GB RAM and 1 GB of free disk space.

## 2. Download QGIS for Mac

Go to the official QGIS website:

<https://qgis.org/en/site/forusers/download.html>

Under **macOS**, choose the latest **QGIS standalone installer**. Click to download the **.dmg** file.

## 3. Install QGIS

1. Open the **.dmg** file.
2. Drag the **QGIS.app** to your **Applications** folder.
3. Eject the mounted image after installation.

## 4. Open QGIS

Go to **Applications > QGIS**. If macOS gives a security warning:

- Go to **System Preferences > Security & Privacy > General**
- Click “**Open Anyway**” next to the warning about QGIS
- Confirm again when prompted