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- VisionZ; very useful!; do watch them! (qgis2 not 3)**
- the whole thing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KjvFil3o4y8&list=PLNCPalajQvg7wQvzf3fM8f0Z5lMKl86Q4>
 - 01 - open and view data
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KjvFil3o4y8&list=PLNCPalajQvg7wQvzf3fM8f0Z5lMKl86Q4&index=1>
 - 04 - Working with attributes
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6UeiGg2Cp8&list=PLNCPalajQvg7wQvzf3fM8f0Z5lMKl86Q4&index=4>
 - 07 - Basic vector styling
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-0MQ7dnVJk&index=7&list=PLNCPalajQvg7wQvzf3fM8f0Z5lMKl86Q4>
 - 03 - print composer
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnqbC1hkfnk&list=PLNCPalajQvg7wQvzf3fM8f0Z5lMKl86Q4&index=3>

other references

- http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=qgis
not sure, any of these useful in particular? email listserv
- pretty good and comprehensive; in-depth but easy to navigate reference <http://www.qgistutorials.com/en/>
- http://www.qgistutorials.com/en/docs/teach_qgis.html
- Good howto, references
 - <http://hub.qgis.org/projects/quantum-gis/wiki/>
 - QGIS FAQ
 - http://hub.qgis.org/projects/quantum-gis/wiki/How_do_I_do_that_in_QGIS

misc: basics

- need all gis (and other data), not just .shp
- quality v quantity
- interpret everything you show or drop it!
- (if it's not worth your discussion, why is it in the map?)

a tip of the week...

- get yourself a hi-res screen (if you don't have one yet)
- it immensely helps working with any research, especially gis
- it's just 150\$ or so
- 2560 x 1080 or larger would do, say <https://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16824025340>
- what matters is # of pixels not so much size of the screen!

first thing: find data

- reliable?: always think how reliable is the source
- trust the govt, “major companies”, universities, etc
- say US states; where do i get it?
- google “US states shapefile” and we get
- <https://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/data/tiger-cart-boundary.html>
- click 'State,' and get:
- https://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/data/cbf/cbf_state.html

saving and unzipping

- save link as 'cb_2016_us_state_20m.zip'
- and save say into /Downloads/= Home Folder/Downloads
- then open that location using file explorer (file cabinet icon at bottom left):
- Home Folder/Downloads
- right click and “Extract Here”
- you'll see a bunch of files—they key one is .shp
- keep them **all with same name in same location**—otherwise it won't work!

adding data

- click first icon on second toolbar “3 squares with +”
 - to open Data Source Manager
 - and click first icon on the left toolbar “line with nodes” for vector data
 - (“checkboard” is for raster/pictures (later))
 - and we got the map in the middle
 - it also appears in Layers panel on the left
- NOTE: can also grab zipped folder from file explorer/cabinet
 - and drop into map window of qgis
 - but sometimes need to unzip/extract first
 - and it shows you what's inside

zooming, identifying

- grab it and move around with “hand” pointer
- can zoom in and out
- either click the map with appropriate tool
- better yet, draw a rectangle to achieve appropriate zoom
- once zoomed in, let's identify features
- select tool “arrow with 'i'” - 'i' for info/identify
- click on some polygon, say TX and it'll pop up information
- a useful thing is to right click on layer and do “zoom to layer”

underlying data

- there is always a table (database) underlying a map
- right-click on the layer in left panel ,or from top menu:
Layer:
 - “Open Attribute Table”
- now, let's make a selection: highlight some rows in the table
 - or do it in the map: “arrow with rectangle”: Select Features by Area or single click
 - either click or draw a rectangle
 - to deselect use “rectangle with 'no' sign”

loading more data

- click and Save File <https://docs.google.com/uc?id=1xJDhcRCkgv7k4tNCa720og5bohV6dTB2&export=download>
- then can just hit blue download arrow at top right in firefox
- click folder to fire up file explorer
- and drag over the zipped file into qgis map window
- there were 3 shapefiles inside and now have 3 additional layers

play around

- move layers up and down
- turn on the layers and off (check tick)
- right click and see the data (table)
- remember i was saying there is always data under the map?

your first thematic map

- thematic maps are the key thing in this class (thematic.pdf)
- nj counties-Properties-Symbology and from drop-down:
 “Graduated”
- Column: “POP2010”
- Color ramp: can just leave Reds
- and hit “Classify” button
- many ways to do the classification: more soon
 - if you’re curious—just poke around with classifications
 - easy to experiment and figure things out there
- and hit “OK” to see the map—viola!

export

- make sure map is centered:
 - nj counties-Zoom to Layer
- Project-Import/Export-Export map to PDF
 - (useful for presentation/high quality mapping)
- Project-Import/Export-Export map to image????
 - (useful for ps to insert into word)
 - NOTE: have nice resolution, but not too big, say 1mb
 - otherwise you'll end up with unwieldy files that take forever to open