

# Installation of Quantum GIS

QGIS installation is very simple, standard installation packages for Windows, GNU/Linux and Mac OS X are free for download at [qgis.org](http://qgis.org). Downloading installation package takes approximately 10 minutes and installation itself should not be longer than 5-8 minutes. Some computers can require restart of the system after the installation process.

Follow the installation instructions for Windows:

1. Installation package of Quantum GIS version 1.7.3 Wroclav (this version is used in the Basic practical GIS training) for Windows is [here](#) - after clicking at this url the downloading process begins.
2. Click **Save** and choose any folder where you want to save the installation package.
3. When the download is finished, find the installation package in the folder you have chosen and open it by double clicking the mouse.
4. Confirmations throughout the subsequent dialogue has to follow using the **OK** button.
5. During the installation, the user is offered training data for Alaska and North Carolina. These are not needed for the installation and it is recommended not to request these as the request leads to significant slowdown of the installation.
6. Installation is completed by a dialogue window.
7. Three icons are now available on the desktop of your computer: Quantum GIS, MSYS and GRASS GIS. Only the first one which is used to start the QGIS software will be necessary for this course.
8. Open Quantum GIS software by double clicking "Quantum GIS" desktop icon. After you start *QGIS*, it will display a QGIS window with a blank project. ***If no error message appears, the software installation was successful. Now, you are ready to order the login to the course.***