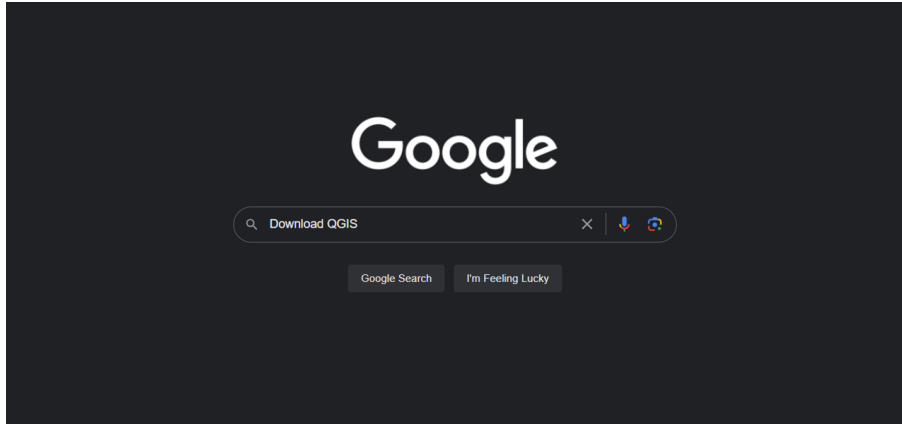
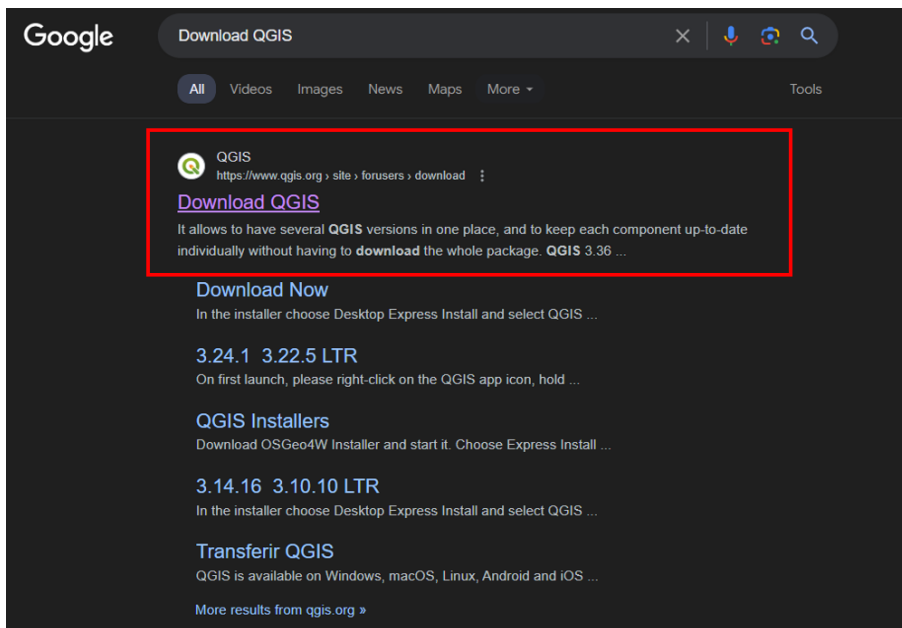


Downloading the QGIS software

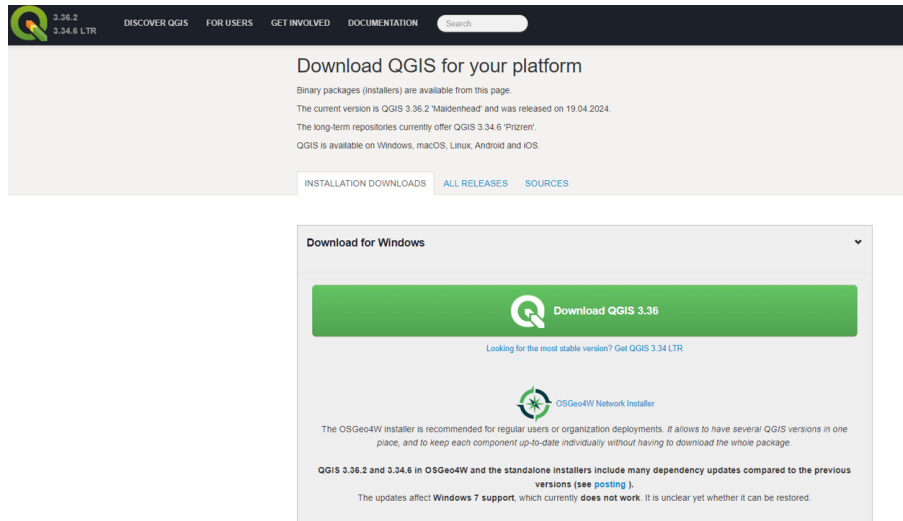
Before the QGIS tutorial, you will need to have the QGIS software package downloaded and installed on your computer. To do this, either right click **here** and select 'open in new tab' or search for **Download QGIS** in your browser.



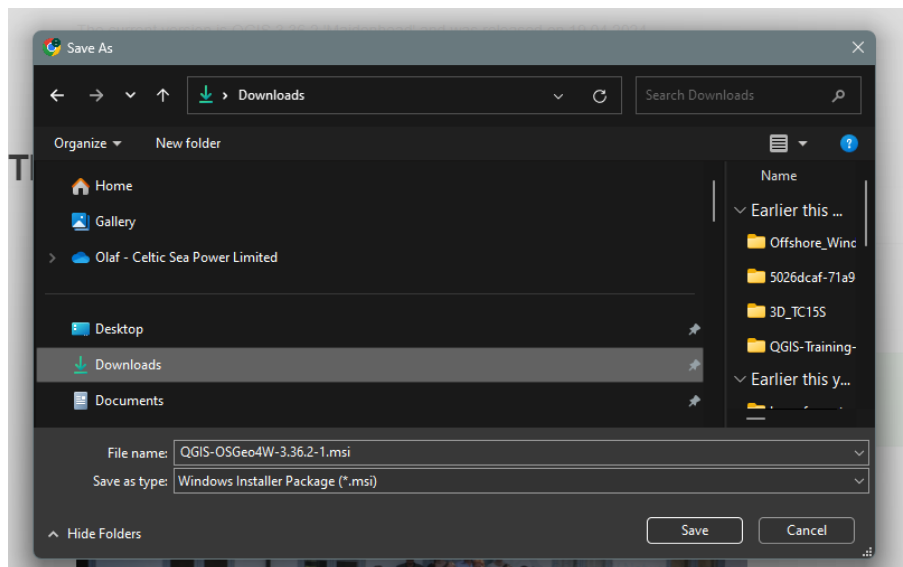
If you searched for the link online, look for the result from the QGIS website, and select it to go to their web page.



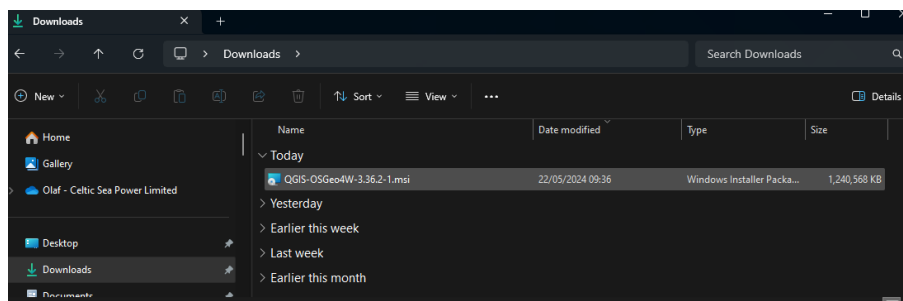
Click on the green button to download the software.



You'll be prompted to save the installer on your computer. You can save the installer in your downloads folder. Select the right folder and then press **Save**. This will begin the download.



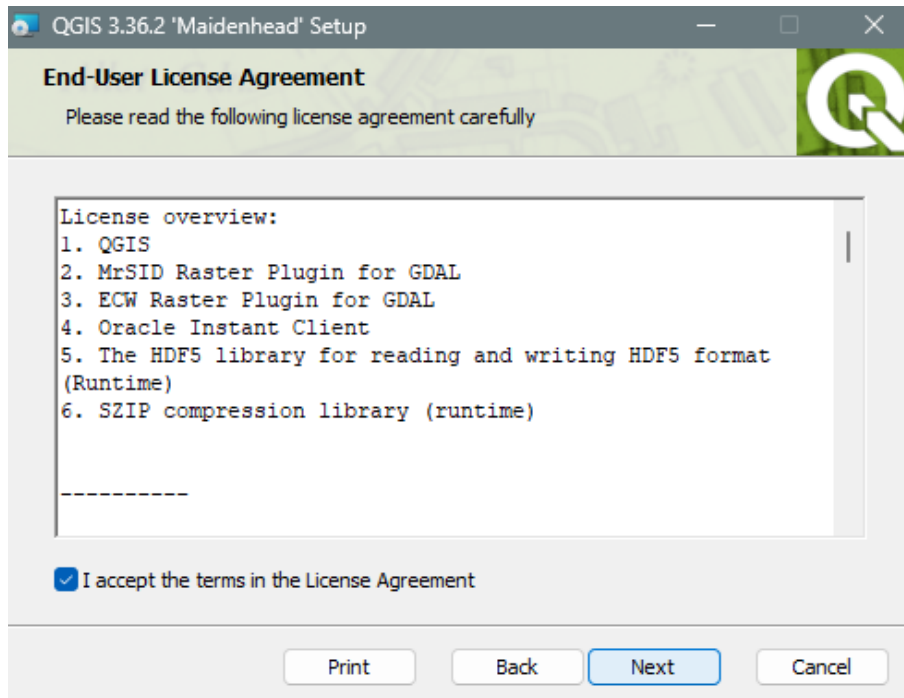
The download time will depend on your internet connection speed. Once the download is complete, the installer will be available in your downloads folder. Find it in the folder and double click to begin installation.



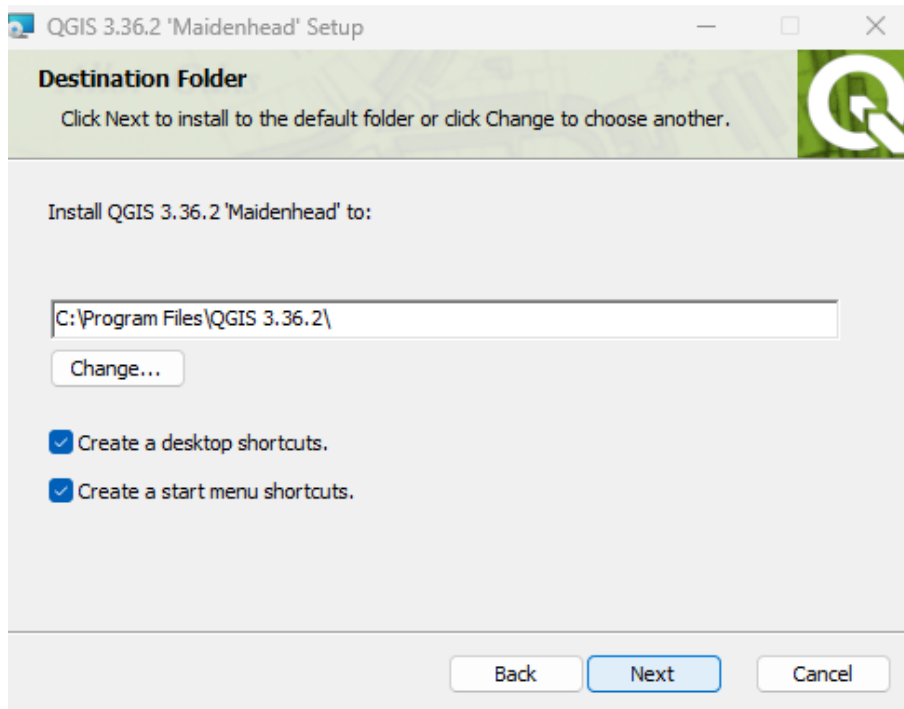
This will open the setup wizard. Click **Next** to continue.



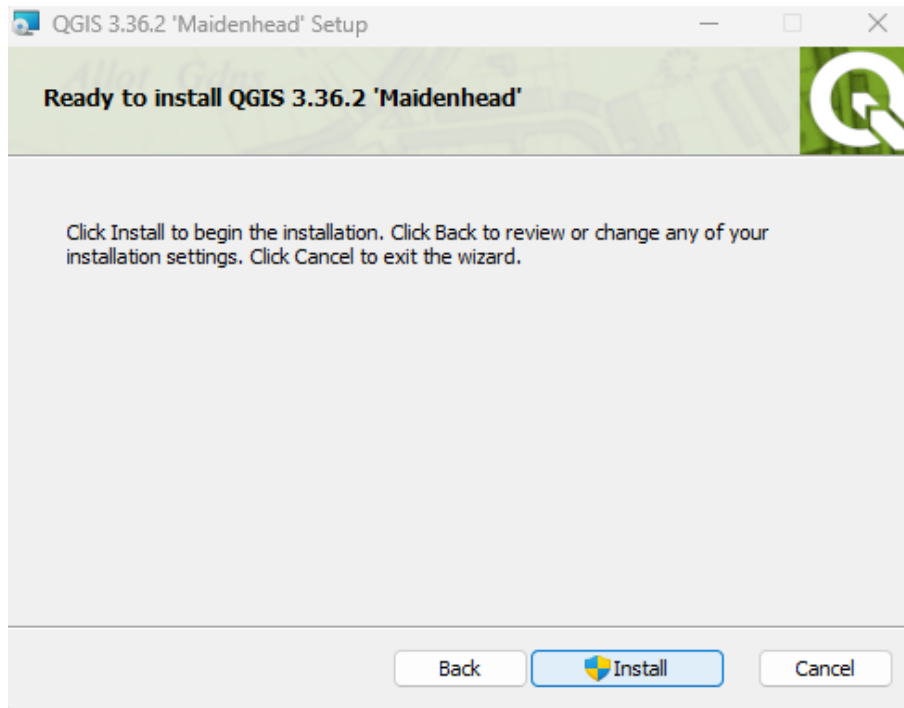
If you are happy to, accept the terms of the licence agreement and then click **Next** again.



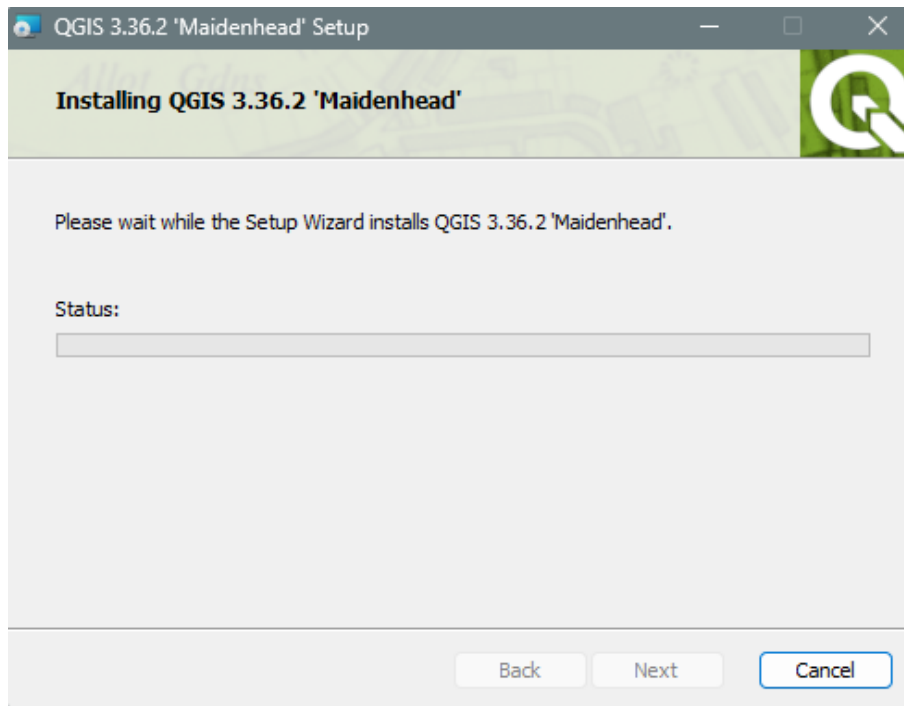
The setup wizard will then create a folder to store the program in. The default folder is fine. You can decide whether you want a shortcut on your desktop or start menu by selecting the tickboxes, and then press **Next** again.



Now you have selected your destination folder, the installer is ready to begin. Press **Install** if you are happy to proceed. If Windows asks for your permission to let the installer make changes, select **allow**.



The installer will now begin, it may take a while to finish.



Once the program has finished installing, you can open QGIS on your computer.