1.  Loading data

QGIS 3

How to Load Data

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Loading data into QGIS can be done in several ways. Here are the most common ways:

* You can **drag** data directly **from a folder** (Windows OS) straight into the map
* You can **drag** data from the **Browser panel** into the map
* You can **click Layer >Add Layer** and choose what type of layer to add to the map
* You can click **Layer > Data Source Manager**
	1. Layer > Add Layer

In the following screenshot, we are choosing to load Add Vector Layer, which can also be done using the Ctrl + Shift + V shortcut:



This screenshot gives you an idea of all the different data types that QGIS can consume.

* 1. QGIS Data Source Manager

To open the Data source Manager, either click on  in the **Data Source Manager Toolbar** or click **Laye**r > **Data Source Manager** or*Ctrl + L.*

The Data Source Manager is a really nice way of adding data to your map. You can add files one by one, add multiple files, or add different file types at the same time.



* 1. Adding data from a File GDB

