LECTURE – 03

GETTING STARTED WITH QGIS

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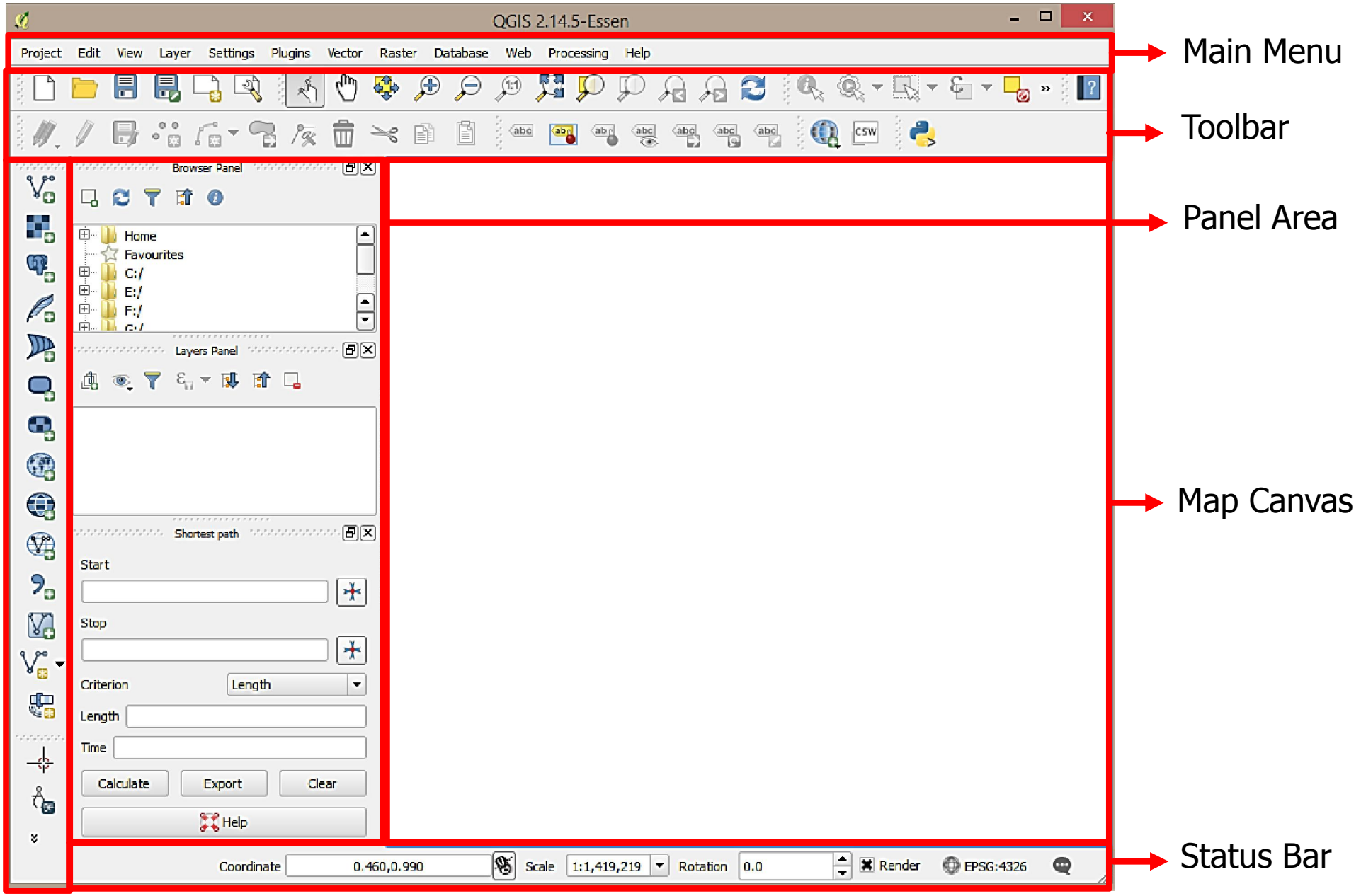
QGIS Software

- There are two main software currently in use in the market for GIS operations:
  - **ArcGIS** by ESRI (It is the most powerful commercial GIS software widely used in the market)
  - Qunatum GIS (**QGIS**) is an open source software with a lot of capabilities. It's license is free

QGIS Interface



QGIS Interface

- Customizing the Interface
  - View > Toolbar
  - View > Panel

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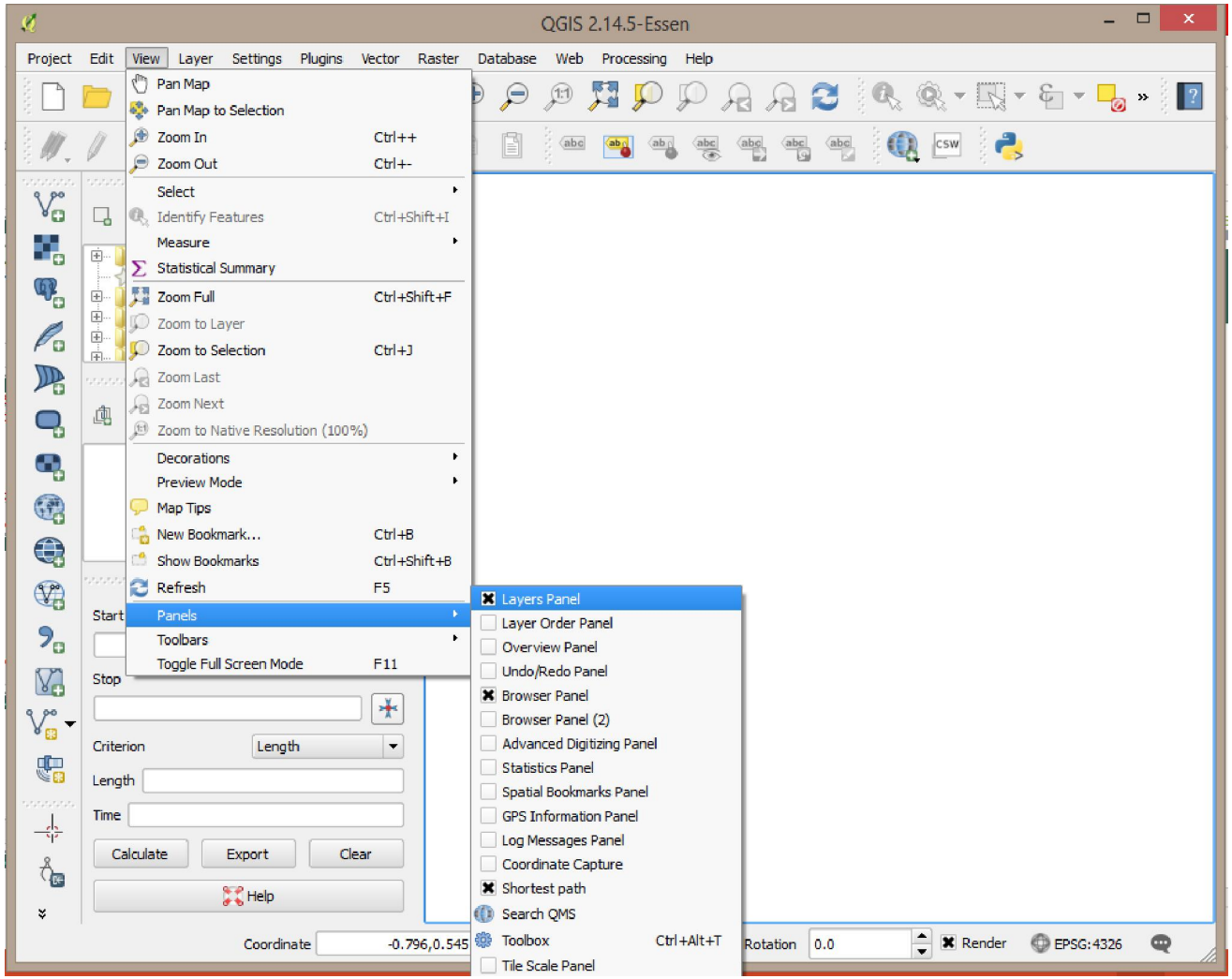


How to Add Vector Data Layer

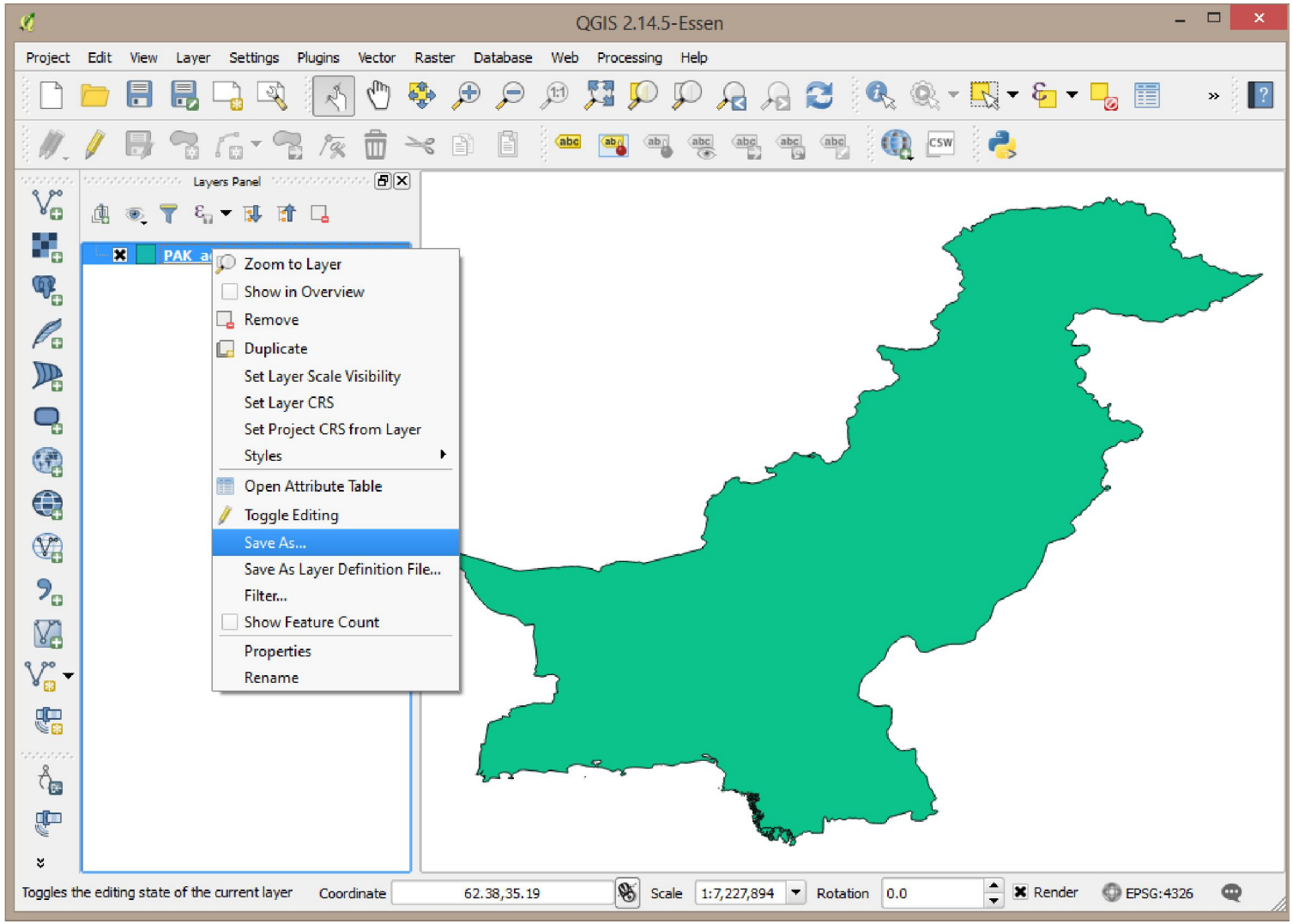
- Adding Vector Data Layer
  1. Layer > Add Layer > Add Vector Layer
  2. Shortcut: ctrl + shift + v
  3. Manage Layer Toolbar: Add Vector Layer

How to Add Raster Data Layer

- Adding Raster Data Layer
  1. Layer > Add Layer > Add Raster Layer
  2. Shortcut: ctrl + shift + r
  3. Manage Layer Toolbar: Add Raster Layer

Saving a Vector and Raster Layer

- Right click on layer (in Layer Panel) and click Save As



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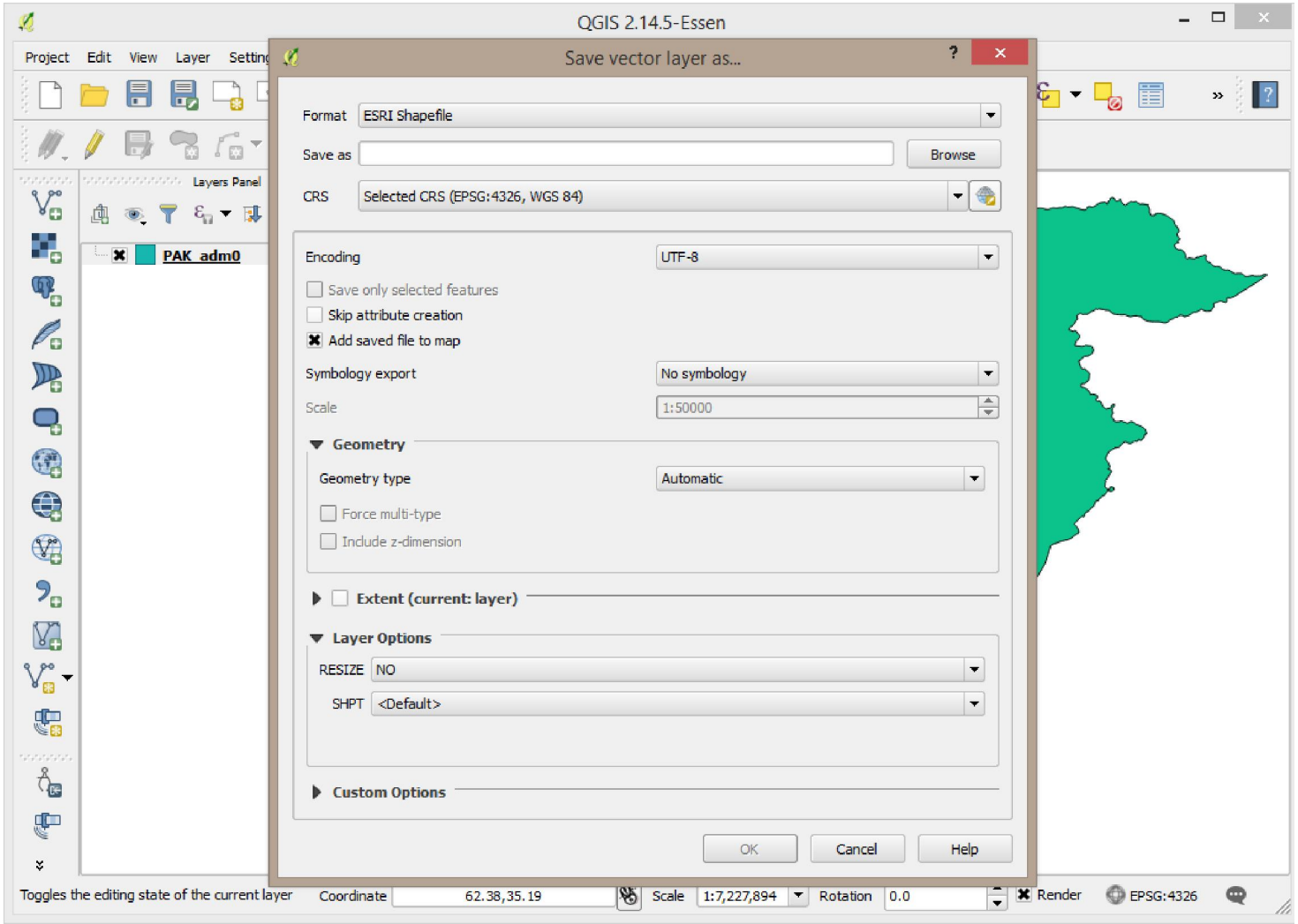
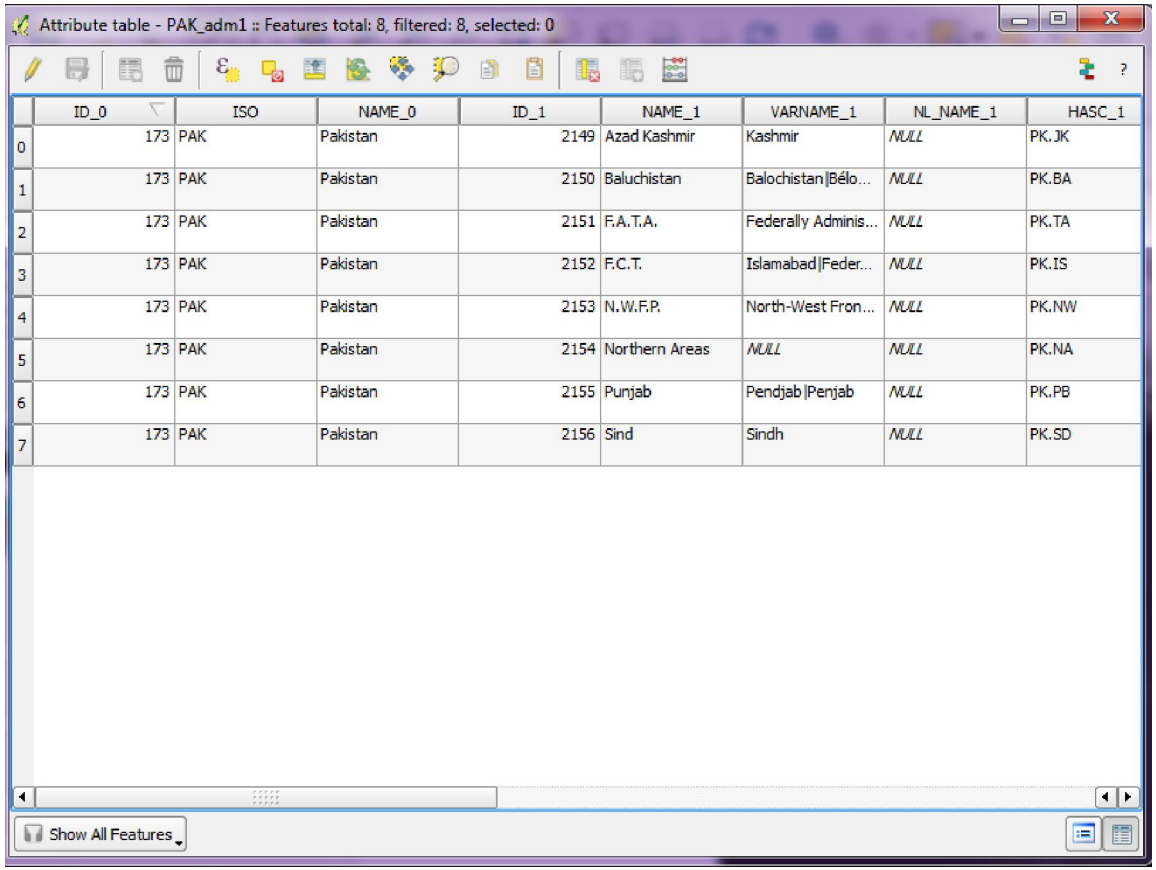


Working with Attributes

- To view attributes of a data layer:
  - Right click on the layer > Open Attribute Table
  - Toolbar: Open Attribute Table



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Identify Features

- Identify feature is used to view attributes of a particular feature in a vector layer
- Command path:
  - Click on Identify Features icon in the Attribute Toolbar
  - View > Identify Features
  - Shortcut: ctrl + shift + i

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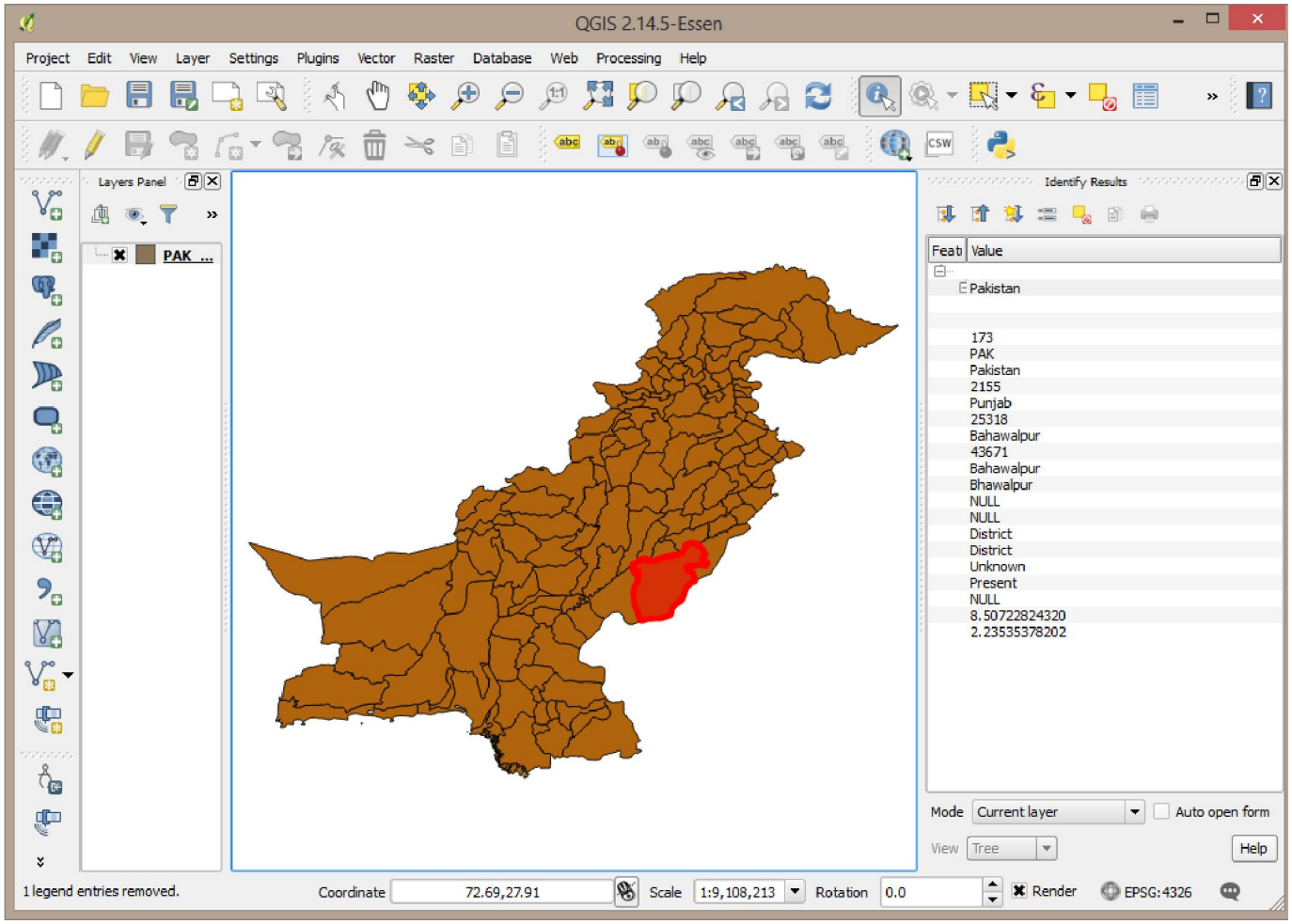

Search/Query Vector Layer

- There are two ways:
  - Layer > Filter
  - Shortcut: ctrl + F
- Note: In older version, Query is present instead of Filter.

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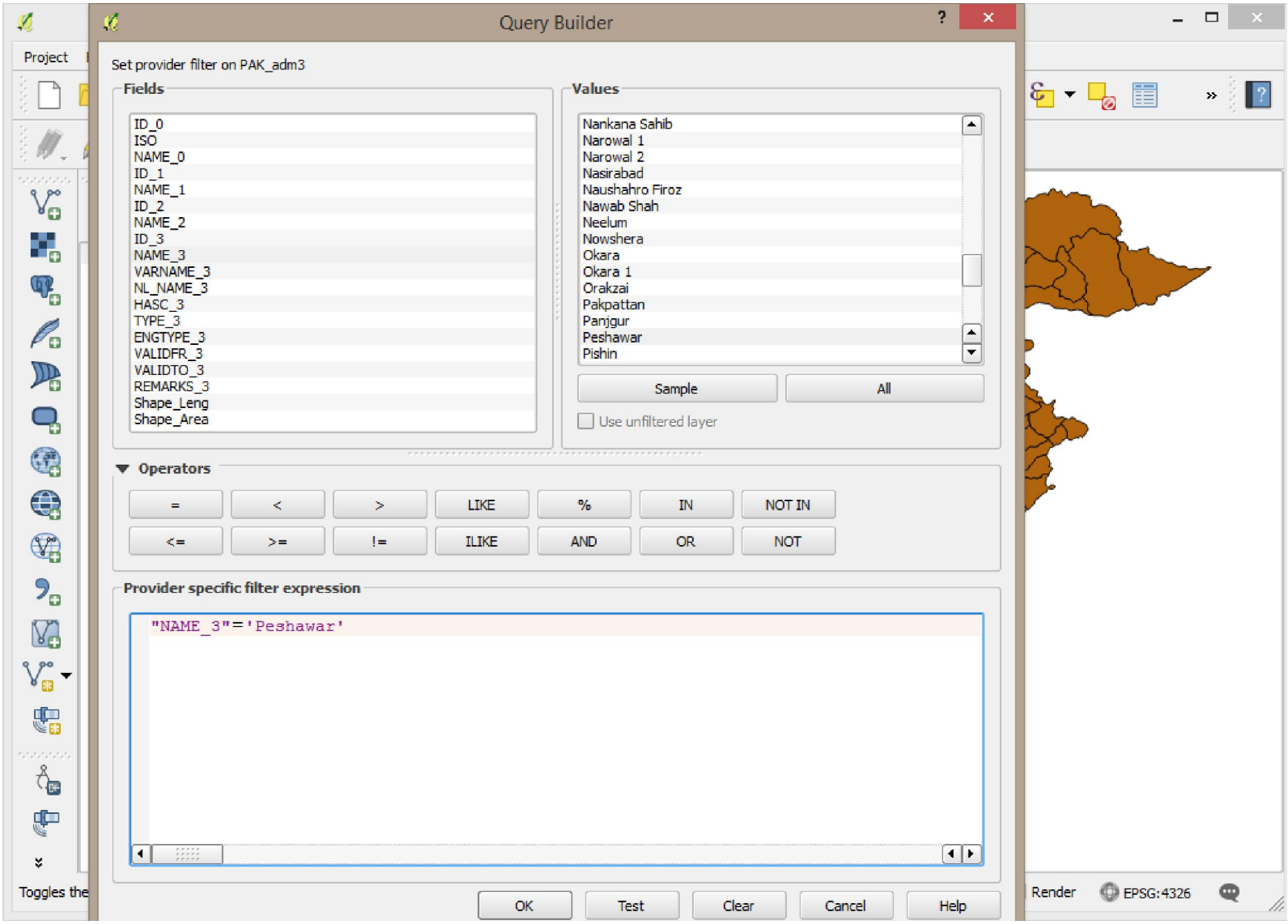

Working with Style/Color, Symbols and Labels

- Right Click on Layer > Properties
  - Style
  - Labels

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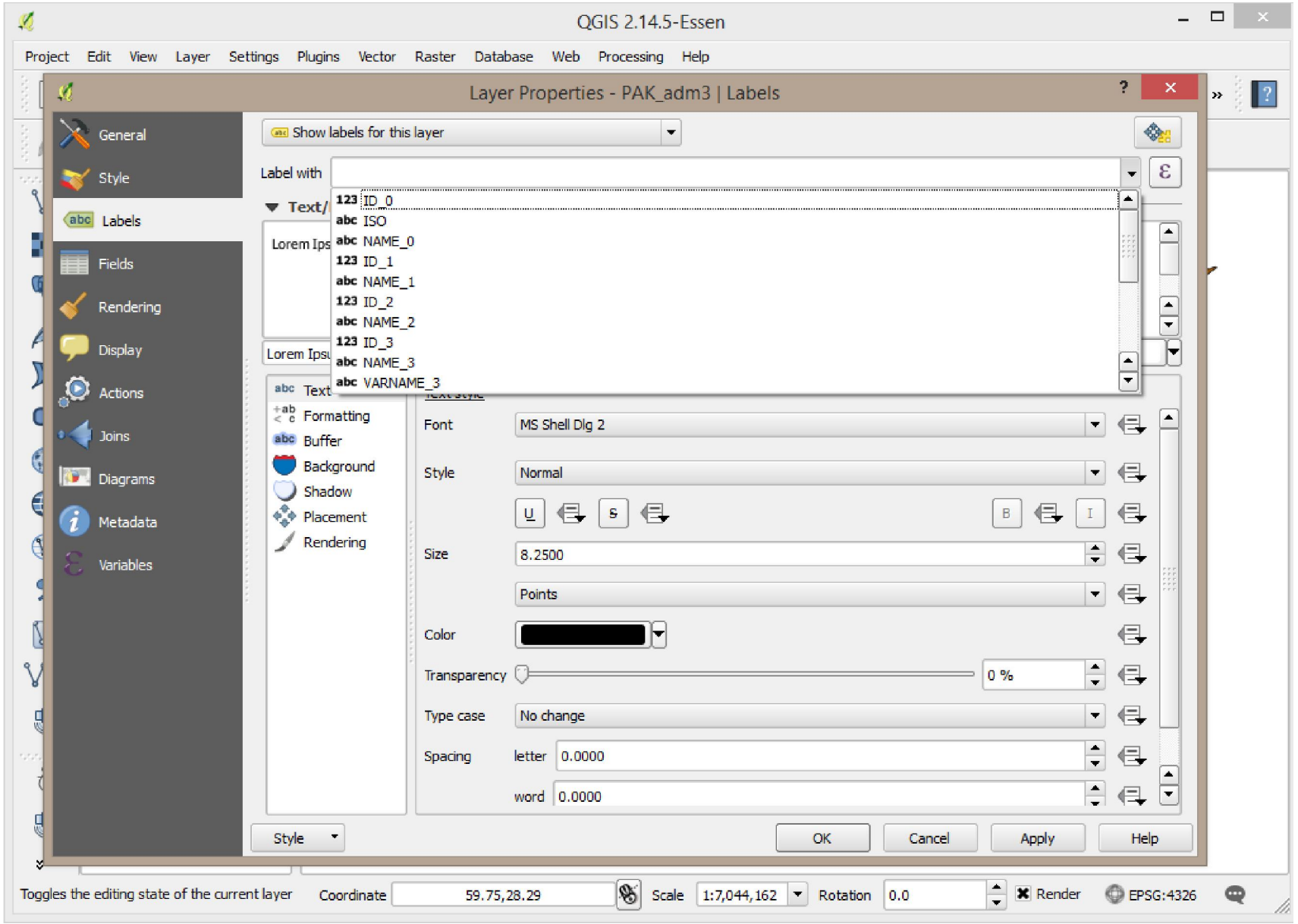

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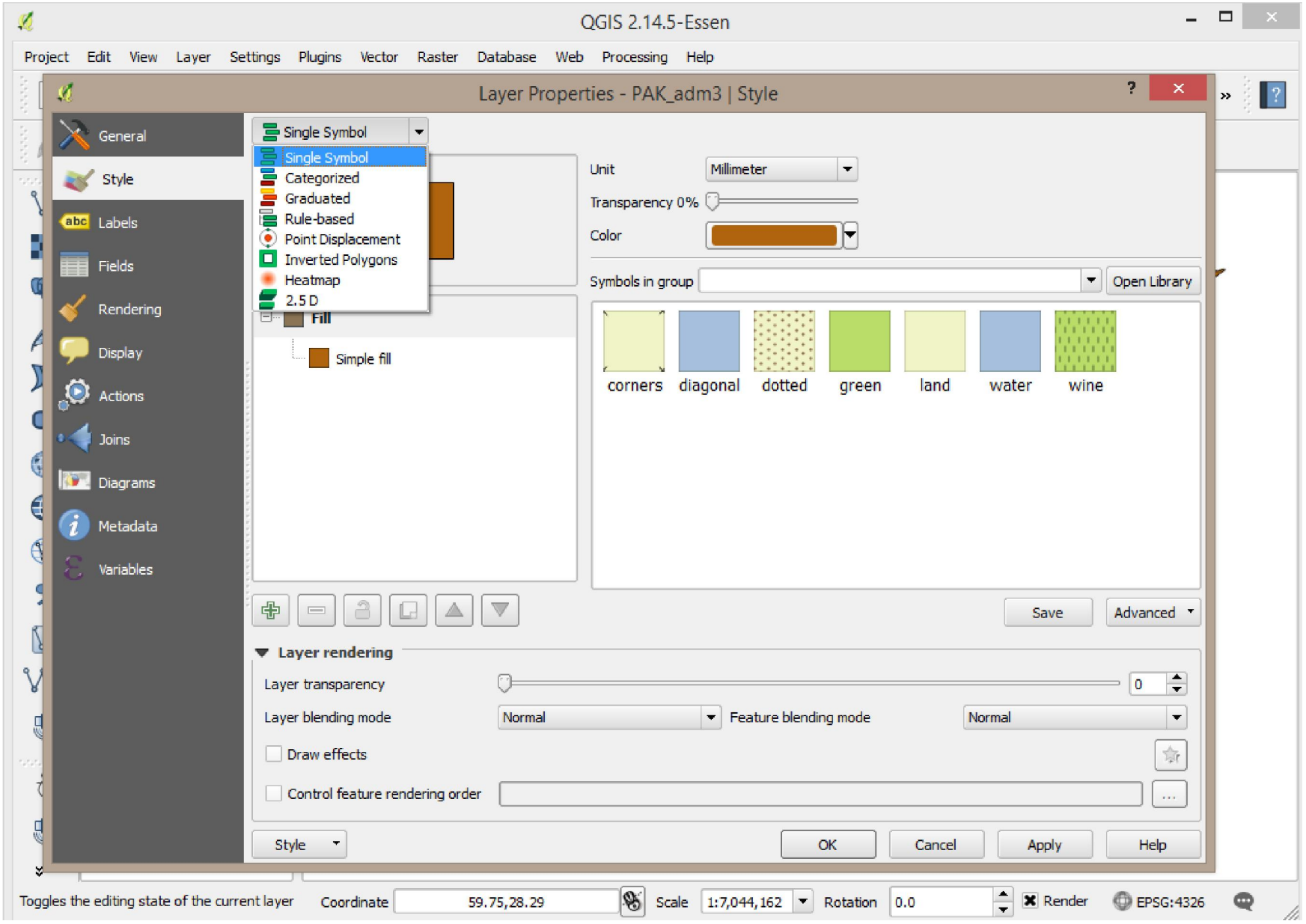

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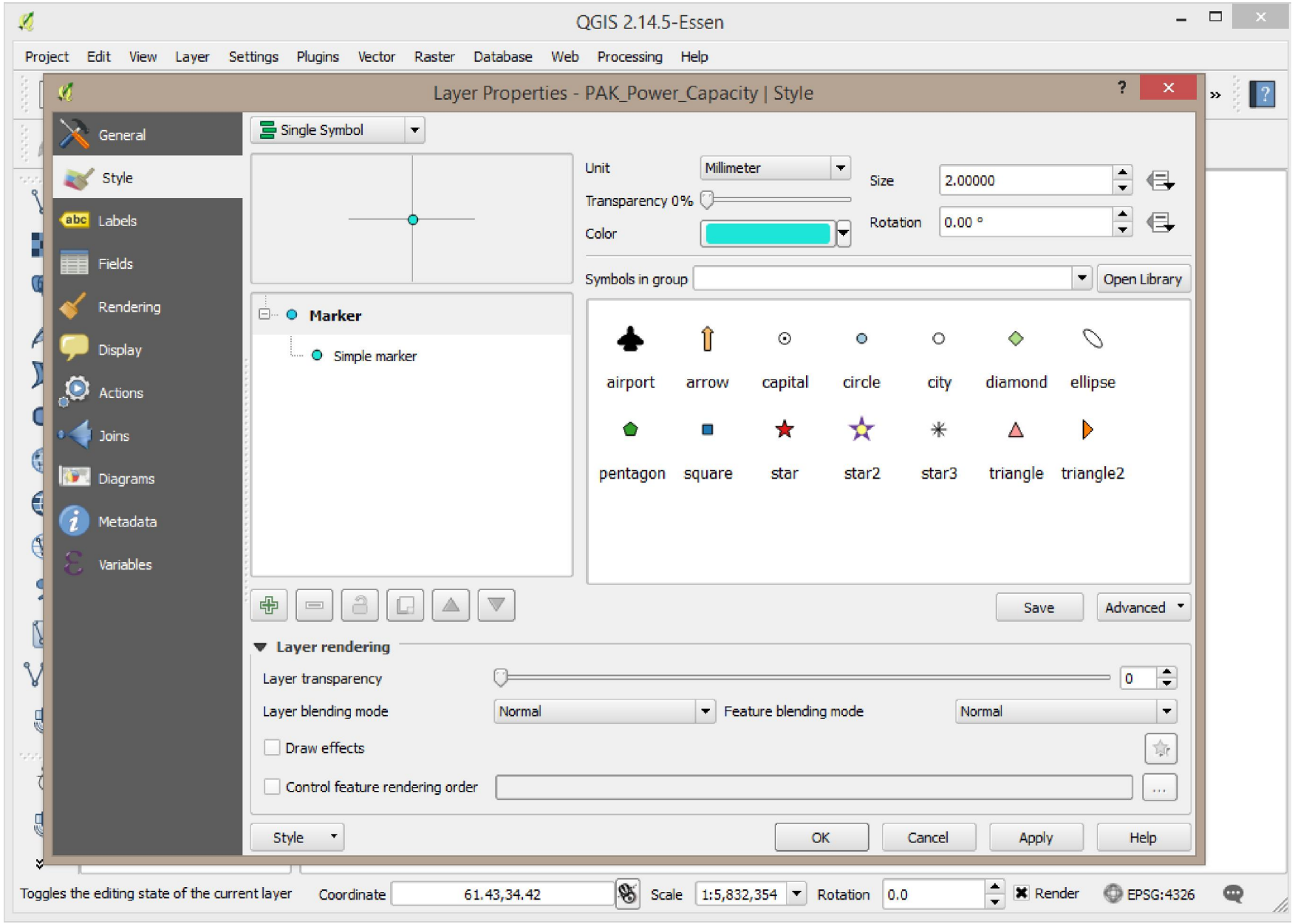

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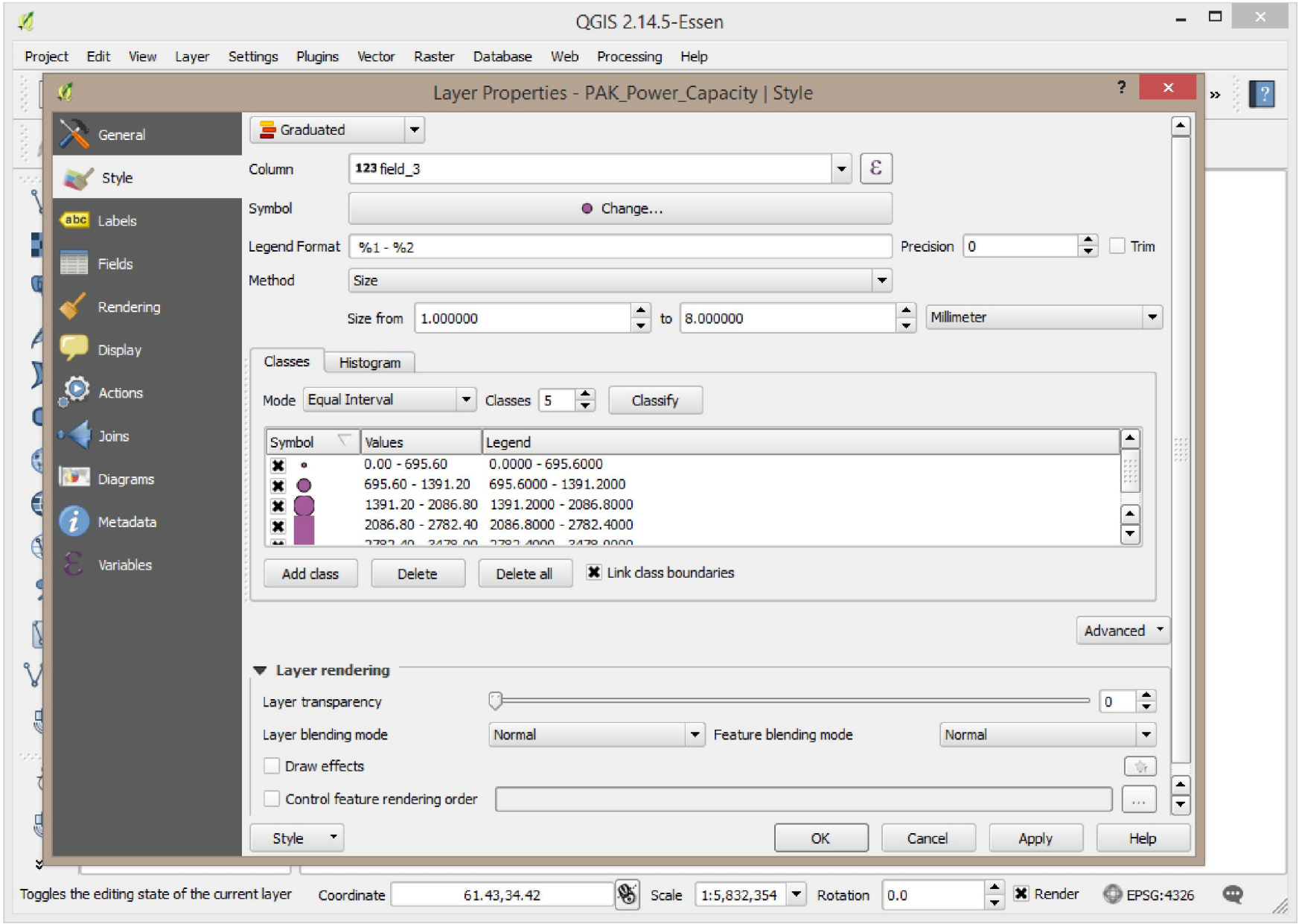

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