

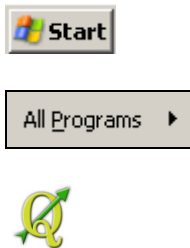
## ***Before You Begin***

### **Installation**

Links and information related to the **download and local installation** of Quantum GIS (QGIS - Copiapo, v1.6.0) for Windows, Linux, and MacOS can be found in the file **qgis-1.6.0\_user\_guide\_en.pdf** or at **<http://qgis.org/>**

### **Program Files**

To locate the QGIS application, select the following:



It is necessary to open QGIS before opening an existing Project file (.qgs)

### **File Locations / Directories**

QGIS is installed in the following directory:

#### **C:\Program Files\Quantum GIS Copiapo**

All files required for the Exercises will need to be located in the directories listed below:

Directories referenced as “DATA” navigate to **C:\INTROGIS\DATA**

Directories referenced as “PROJECTS” navigate to **C:\INTROGIS\PROJECTS**

Directories referenced as “METADATA” navigate to **C:\INTROGIS\METADATA**

The folders DATA, PROJECTS, AND METADATA can be found on the accompanying CD and will need to be copied to the above locations for files to work properly.

### **Saving Files**

The instructor will provide the location of a directory where it is possible to save files when necessary.

### **Operating System**

Exercises have been developed for use on a computer using a Windows operating system. Most instructions will work with QGIS for LINUX OR MacOS but differences should be expected. Refer to the file **qgis-1.6.0\_user\_guide\_en.pdf** for more information.