



Easily publish your QGIS projects on the web with QWC2

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‣ QGIS

- 4 C++ Core Developers
- QGIS Enterprise (Maintenance und Support)
- KADAS Albireo

‣ Web-GIS

- QGIS Web Client 2
- QGIS cloud SDI - qgiscloud.com





Outline

- › Introduction to QWC2
- › Introduction to qwc-services
- › Feature showcase
- › News from the project



QGIS Web Client 2

- QWC2 is the official web application for publishing QGIS projects on the web
 - First public release in 2016
 - Modern, responsive UI
 - Plugin architecture, easily extensible
 - State of the art technologies: ReactJS, OpenLayers 7





OGIS Web Client 2

The screenshot displays the OGIS Web Client 2 interface. The main view shows a satellite map of Europe with country boundaries highlighted in orange. A floating sidebar on the left contains a search bar, a "Toggle API demo" button, and a list of menu items: Theme, Layers & Legend, Layer catalog, Share Link, Bookmarks, Map Tools, Print, Help, and Login. On the right, a "Layers & Legend" panel is open, showing a tree view of layers: Demo (checked), Edit Demo (checked), and a list of sub-options like Edit Points, Edit Lines, Edit Polygons, and Geographic lines. Other layers listed include Country names, States and Provinces, and Countries. Below the layers panel are checkboxes for Show layer map tips, Compare top layer, and Import layer. At the bottom of the map area, there are zoom controls (+, -, full screen) and a "Demo attribution" link. The footer of the main window shows coordinates (1929481 5892447), a scale (1 : 25000000), and links to QWC2 Demo and Terms of use.



QGIS Web Client 2 · Core features

- Theme switcher (QGIS projects)
- Layertree
- Feature Info
- Search with configurable providers
- Measurement tools
- Redlining (sketching)
- Permalink sharing
- Geolocation
- PDF printing
- Map compare
- Importing external layers (WMS, WFS, WMTS, KML)
- Javascript API



QGIS Web Client 2

- QWC2 as simple WMS client on top of QGIS Server
 - Static JS/HTML/CSS application
 - Limited to functionality provided by QGIS Server



QGIS Project
- Layers
- Styles
- Print templates



QGIS Server



WMS



QGIS Web Client



- **Microservices for extending QWC2**
 - Collection of loosely-coupled services
 - Communication over HTTP/REST
 - Mostly Python-Flask services
- **Easily deployed as Docker containers**
 - <https://github.com/qwc-services/qwc-docker>
- **Or custom setup, i.e. via Apache + mod wsgi**

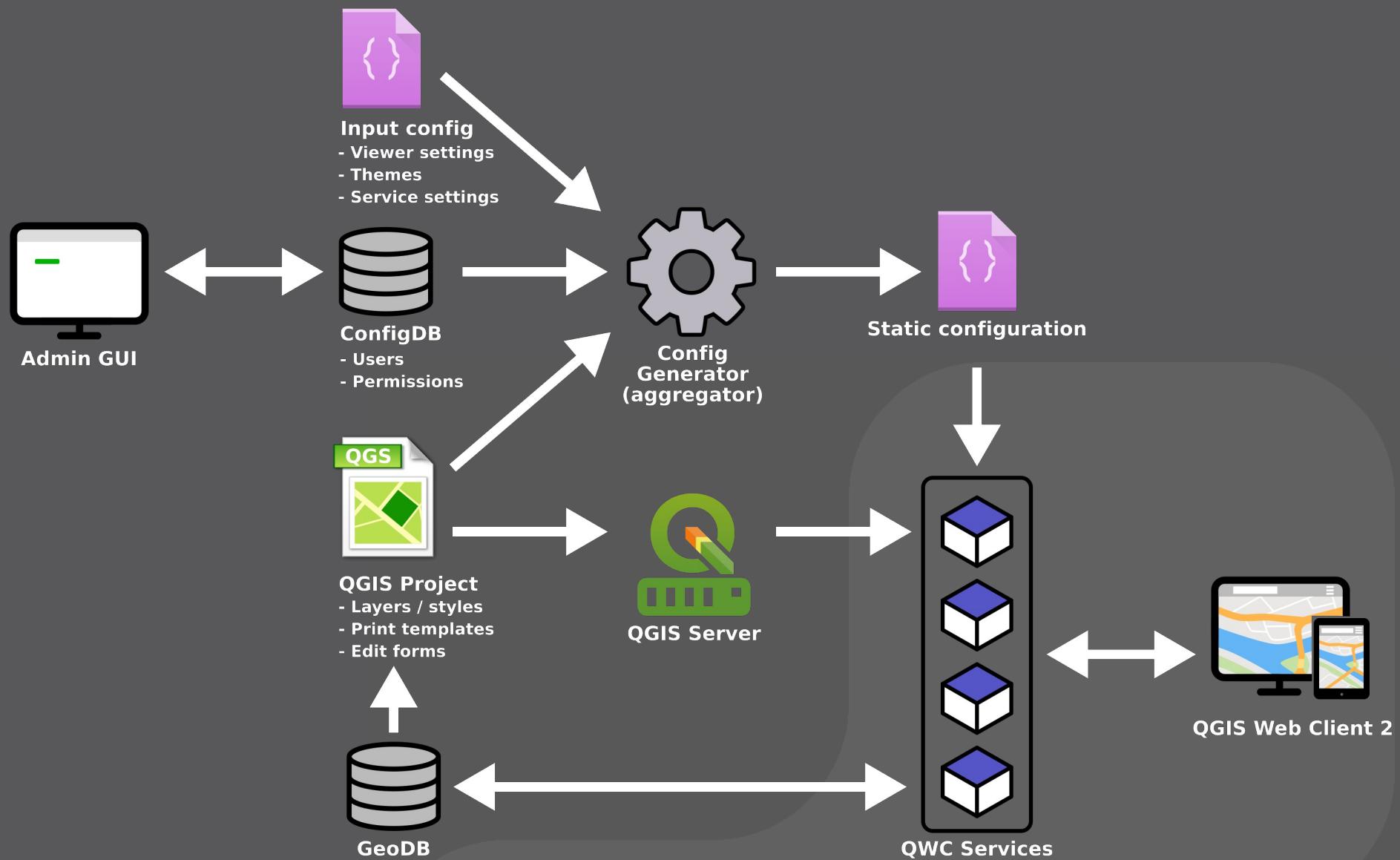


qwc-services • Extended features

- **Functionalities available by extending QWC2 with qwc-services**
 - User and resource management
 - Multi-tenancy
 - Authentication
 - Fulltext search
 - Editing
 - Compact permalinks, user bookmarks
 - Height profile
 - Custom feature-info templates
 - Reporting (Jasper)
 - Mapinfo popup



qwc-services • Architecture





qwc-services • Core services

- **QWC OGC service**
 - Forwards requests to QGIS server enforcing permissions
- **QWC map viewer**
 - Enforces permissions to the QWC2 themes and viewer configuration
- **QWC Admin GUI**
 - Backend for managing users and resource permissions (maps, layers, edit datasets, ...)
- **QWC Config Generator**
 - Aggregates theme config and permissions into static service configuration files

- **QWC Data Service**

- Allows read/write access to configured datasets in a PostGIS DB
- Backend for the QWC2 editing functionality

- **QWC Permalink Service**

- Stores and resolves compact permalinks

- **QWC Fulltext Search Service**

- Faceted fulltext search with Apache Solr



- **Modular authentication services**
 - Issue JWT tokens
- **QWC DB Auth**
 - Authentication against user DB
- **QWC LDAP Auth**
 - Authentication with LDAP/Active Directory
- **and others (i.e. Kerberos, SAML)**



Docker / Kubernetes

‣ Docker

- One service per container
- Execution in controlled environment
- Easy to create and manage
- Distribution over centralized registry
- <https://www.docker.com/>

‣ Kubernetes

- System for automating the deployment, scaling and management of container applications
- <https://kubernetes.io/>



OWC2 features

OWC2 feature showcase



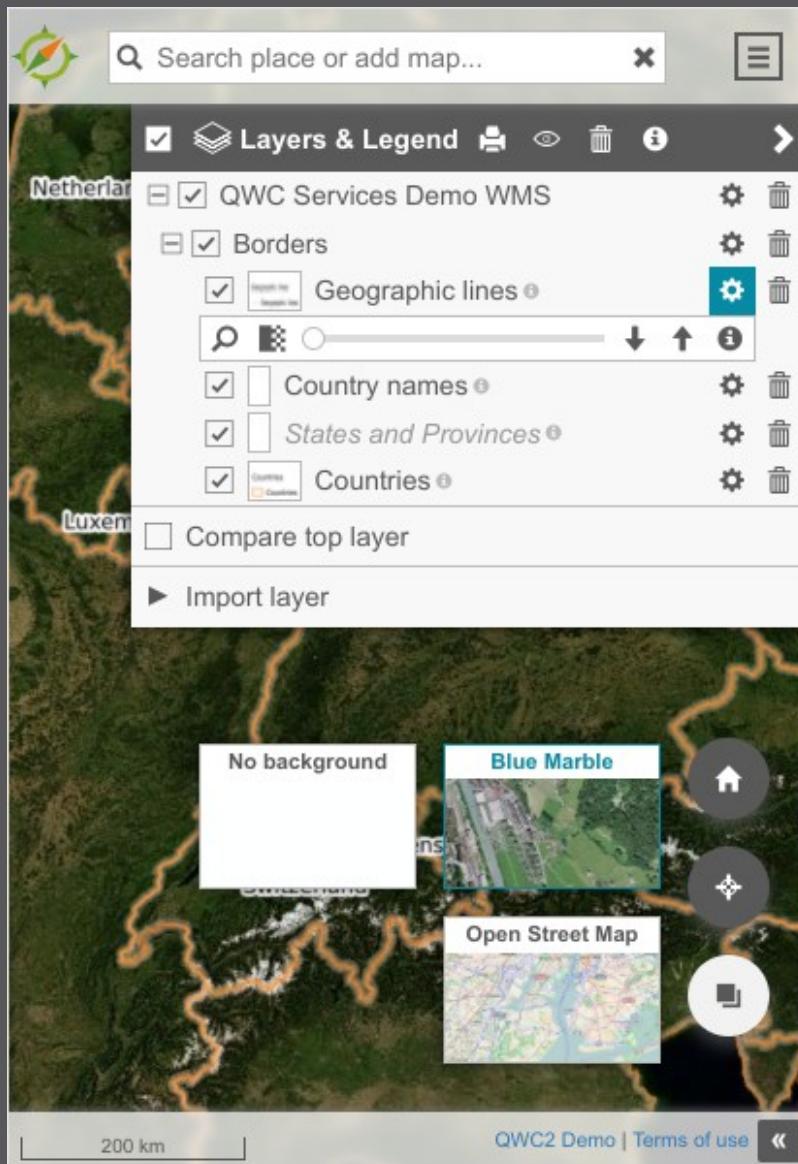
OWC2 Features • Theme Switcher



- A theme corresponds to a published QGIS Project

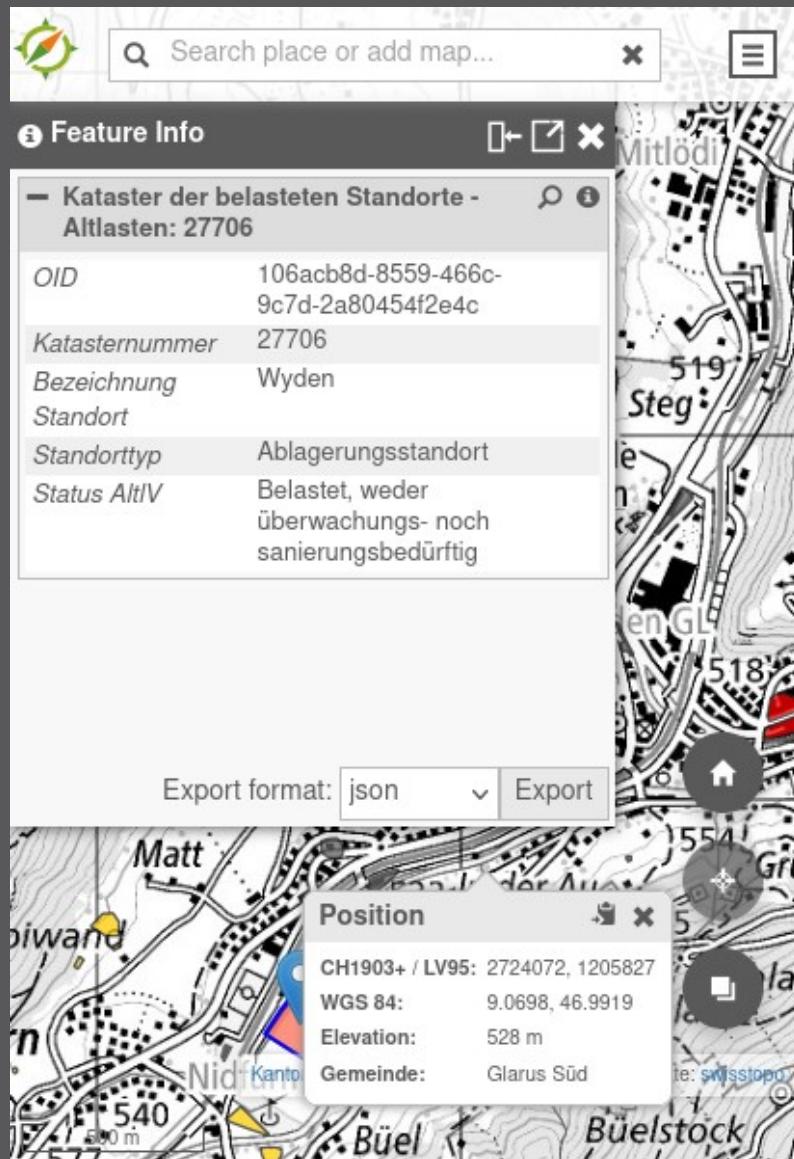


QWC2 Features • Layer Tree



- **Visibility / transparency**
- **Reorder layers**
- **Import external layers**
 - WMS/WMTS/WFS/KML/GeoJSON
- **Compare top layer**
- **Background layer switcher**

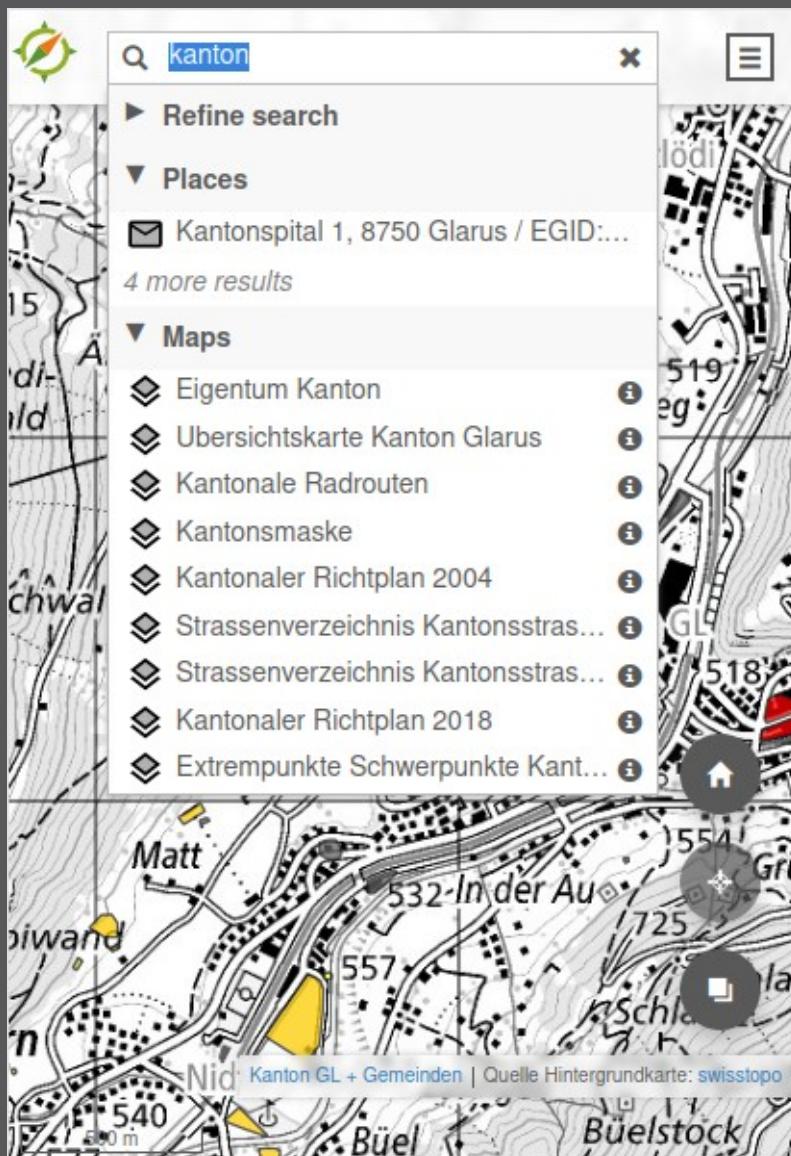
WP OWC2 Features • Feature & Map Info



- Info for selected feature
 - WMS GetFeatureInfo
- Info for selected position
 - Position, elevation
 - Custom information



OWC2 Features • Search



- Search with configurable providers
 - Places
 - Layers/Map
 - Themes

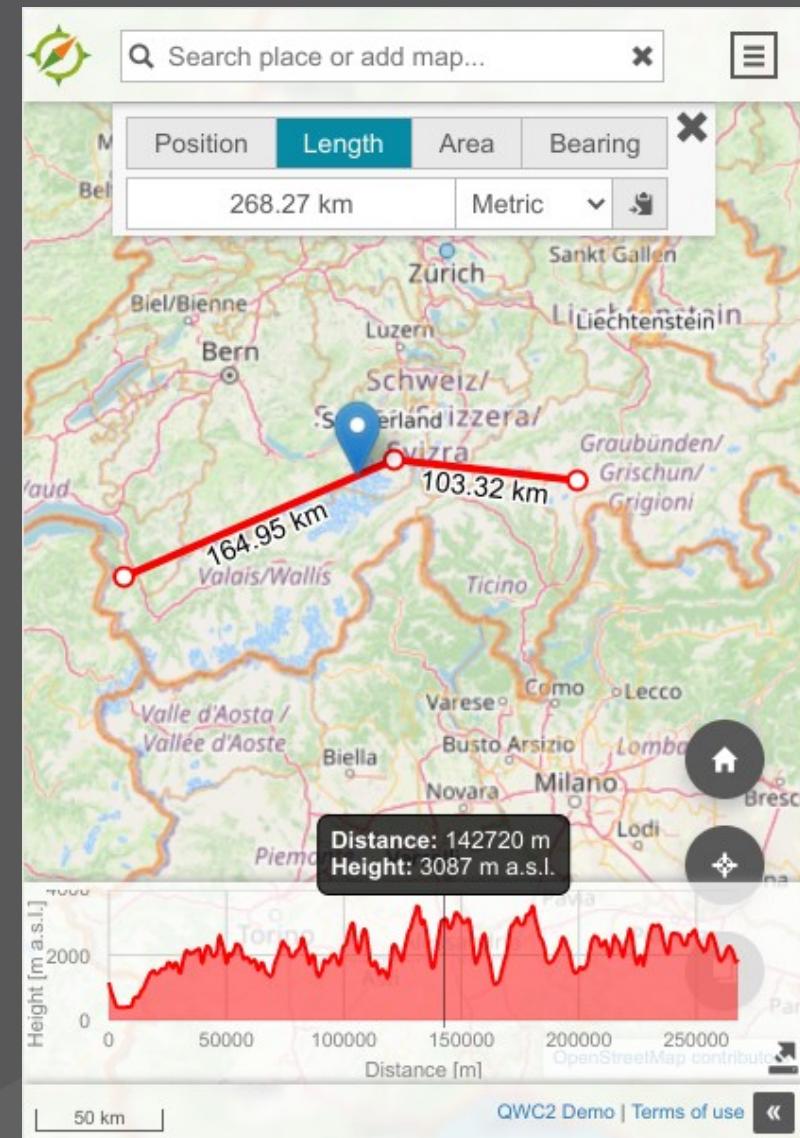
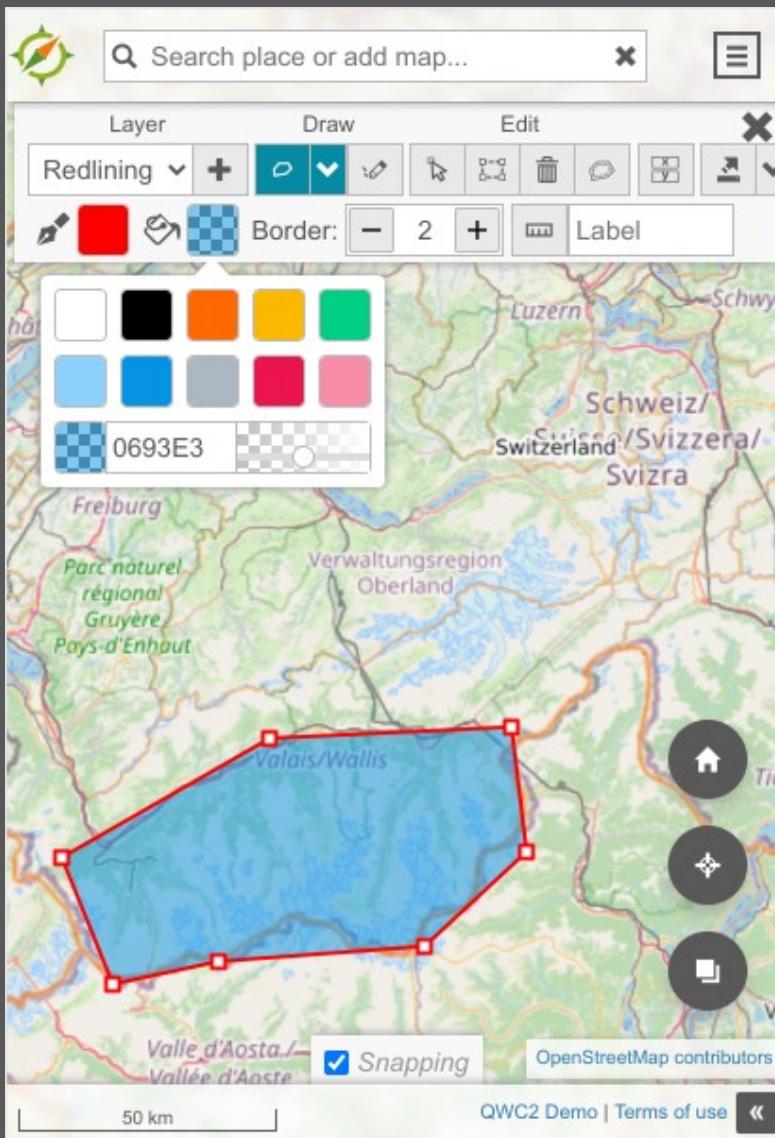


OWC2 Features • Printing

The screenshot illustrates the QGIS Web Client 2 interface, specifically focusing on printing capabilities. On the left, a map of Northern Italy and Southern Switzerland is displayed, featuring labels for cities like Mulhouse, Basel, Bern, and various regions. A search bar at the top allows for place search and map addition. On the right, a detailed print dialog is open, showing settings for 'Layout' (A4 Landscape), 'Scale' (1 : 900000), and 'Rotation' (0). Below this, a preview window titled '*A4 Landscape' shows a map of Europe with a legend and a scale bar. The bottom of the interface includes a status bar with coordinates (x: 339.938 mm, y: 85.9184 mm, page: 1) and a zoom control (30.7%).

‣ QGIS Server WMS GetPrint
‣ QGIS Print Layouts

QP OWC2 Features • Redlining & Measure





OWC2 Features • Editing

The screenshot shows the QGIS interface with a map of a city area in the background. In the foreground, the 'animals - Feature Attributes' dialog is open. It contains two tabs: 'Basic' and 'Details'. The 'Basic' tab shows fields for 'Animal' (set to 'Cat'), 'name' (set to 'Mily'), 'age' (set to '2'), 'gender' (set to 'Female'), and 'weight' (set to '5'). Below these fields is a preview image of a cat. At the bottom of the dialog are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons. Above the dialog, the 'Editing' toolbar is visible, featuring 'Map & Tools' and buttons for 'Pick', 'Draw', and 'Table'.

- Edit geometry and attributes
 - QGIS edit forms
 - File uploads
 - Key-value relations
 - 1:N relations
- Attribute table
- Geometryless datasets

The screenshot shows the 'Attribute Table' interface for the 'Fluffy animals' layer. The table has columns for id, name, age, birthdate, size, hungry, sleepy, remarks, Animal, and picture. There are three rows of data:

- Row 1: id=2, name=Minni, age=0, birthdate=04/25/2011, size=5, hungry=unchecked, sleepy=unchecked, remarks=, Animal=Cat, picture=minni.jpg
- Row 2: id=1, name=Mily, age=2, birthdate=02/13/2019, size=6, hungry=checked, sleepy=checked, remarks=, Animal=Select, picture=11.jpg
- Row 3: id=3, name=asd, age=1, birthdate=mm/dd/yyyy, size=6, hungry=unchecked, sleepy=unchecked, remarks=, Animal=Cat, picture=Browse... (button)

At the bottom of the table are navigation buttons (1, >, 50 per page) and a search bar for 'id'.



OWC2 Features • Admin backend

Home Users Groups Roles Resources Permissions Registration ▾ Logout

Permissions

+ New Permission Role Filter: All ▾ Type Filter: All ▾ Search

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ID	Role	Resource type	Resource	Priority	Write	Edit	Remove
31	admin	Attribute	Long name (<i>countries</i>)	0	False	Edit	Remove
32	admin	FeatureInfo layer	Orthofoto_2015_stdzh_0.5_jpeg (<i>test1</i>)	0	False	Edit	Remove
8	public	Data	animal_names (<i>test1</i>)	0	False	Edit	Remove
6	public	Data	animals (<i>test1</i>)	0	True	Edit	Remove
7	public	Data	doctable (<i>test1</i>)	0	True	Edit	Remove
9	public	Data	document_types (<i>test1</i>)	0	False	Edit	Remove
3	public	Data	edit_lines (<i>qwc_demo</i>)	0	True	Edit	Remove
2	public	Data	edit_points (<i>qwc_demo</i>)	0	True	Edit	Remove
4	public	Data	edit_polygons (<i>qwc_demo</i>)	0	True	Edit	Remove
10	public	Data	Hauptbahnhof (<i>test1</i>)	0	True	Edit	Remove



News from the project



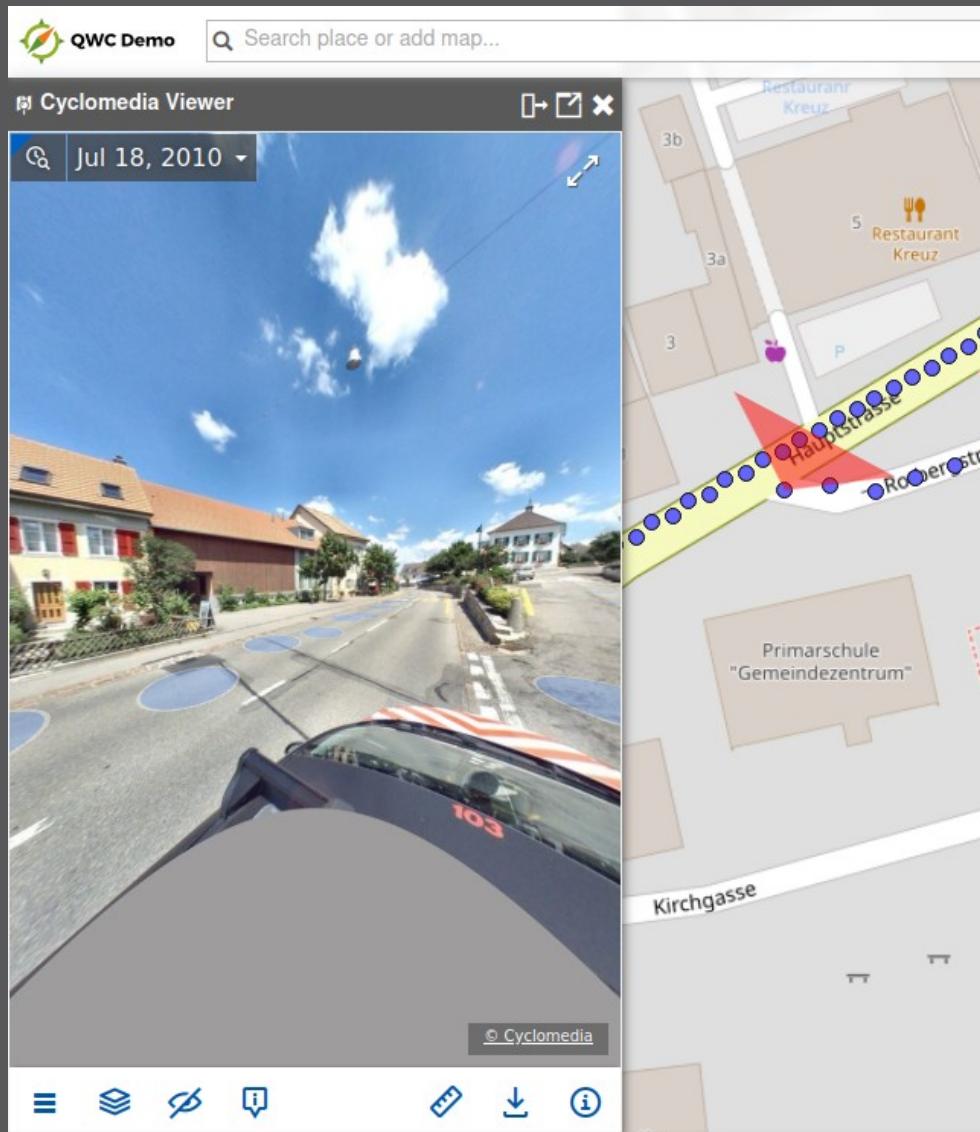
QWC2 News · Routing

The screenshot shows the QWC2 Routing interface. The search bar at the top contains "Search place or add map...". Below it, the "Routing" tab is selected. The "Route" tab is active. The route mode dropdown shows "Car" selected. The route summary indicates "Tenero, Tenero-Contra, Circolo d" as the start and "Bellinzona, Circolo di Bellinzona, Dist" as the end. There is an unchecked "Roundtrip" checkbox and a "Add route point" button. The travel time is "00:19:19" and the distance is "17.20 km". An "Export" button is available. A callout box provides navigation instructions: "Exit the roundabout onto Via Cantonale/13. Continue on 13." (time 00:11:09, distance 10.67 km) and "Turn left onto Via Franco Zorzi/2/13. Continue on 2/13.". A "Position" callout box displays coordinates "WGS 84 / Pseudo Mercator: 1003033, 5810276" and "WGS 84: 9.0104, 46.1864", elevation "226 m", country "Switzerland", and route information with buttons "From here", "To here", and "Via here". A scale bar shows "5 km". At the bottom, there are links for "QWC2 Demo" and "Terms of use".

‣ Routing & Isochrones

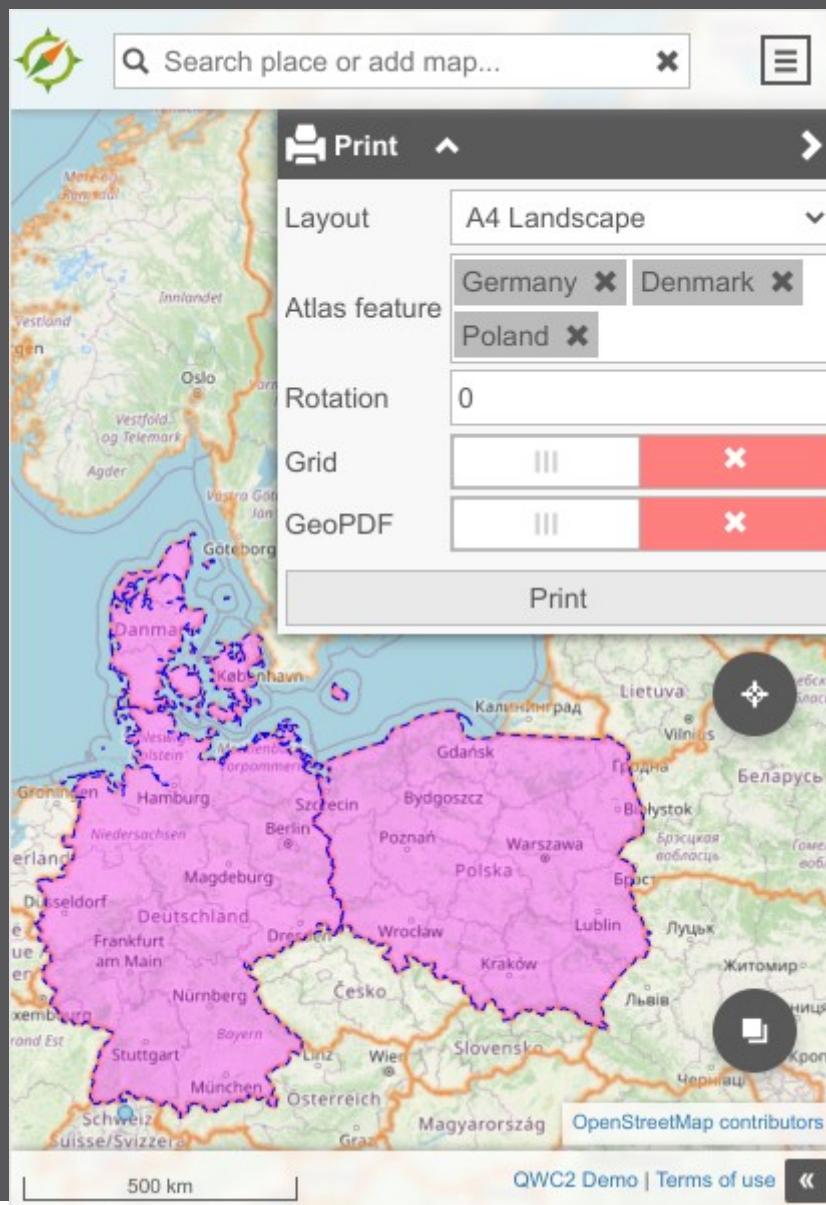
‣ Default Valhalla backend

The screenshot shows the QWC2 Reachability interface. The search bar at the top contains "Search place or add map...". Below it, the "Routing" tab is selected. The "Reachability" tab is active. The reachability mode dropdown shows "Time" selected with intervals "5, 10 min". An "Export" button is available. The map displays a purple-shaded area representing an isochrone, indicating the region reachable within 10 minutes. A callout box shows the coordinates "1003394, 5809040 (EPSG:3857)". A scale bar shows "5 km". At the bottom, there are links for "QWC2 Demo" and "Terms of use".

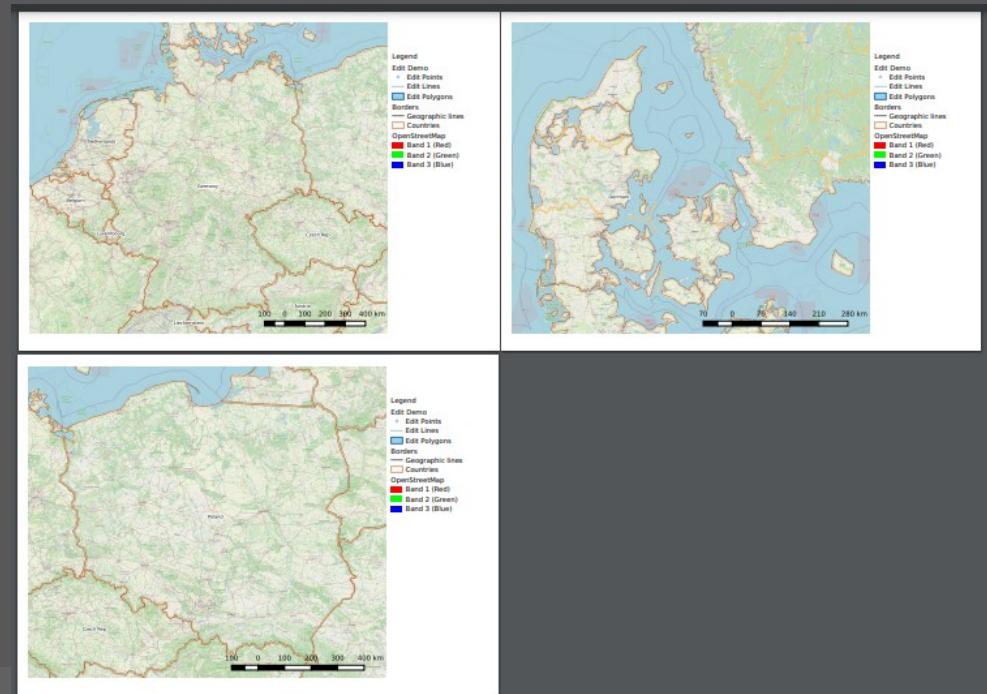


- Integration of Cyclomedia Panorama Viewer
- Basis also for other Panorama Viewers

QP OWC2 News · Printing improvements

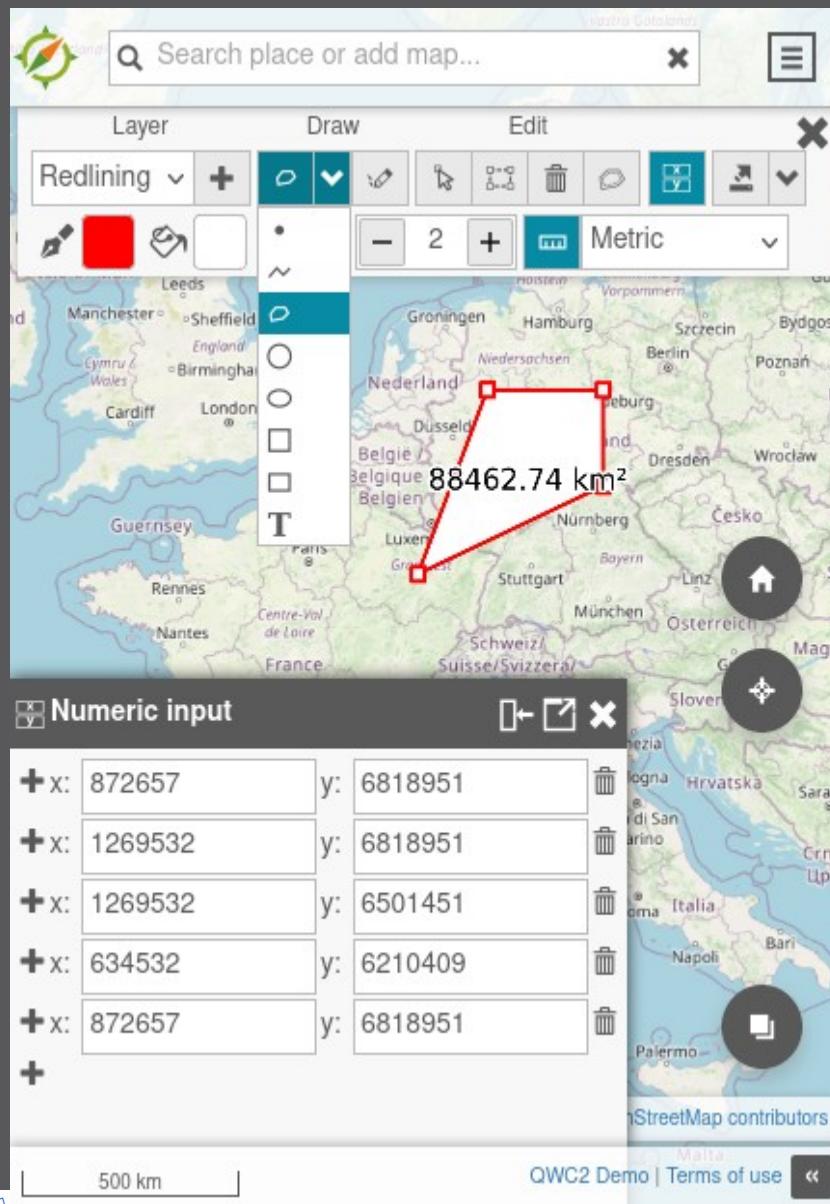


- **Atlas Printing**
- **GeoPDF support**
 - Requires QGIS 3.32





OWC2 News - Redlining



- Additional shapes
 - Rect/Square/Ellipse
- Transform tool
 - Scale/Rotate
- Measurement labels
- Numeric input
- KML/GeoJSON export



QWC2 News · New and improved plugins

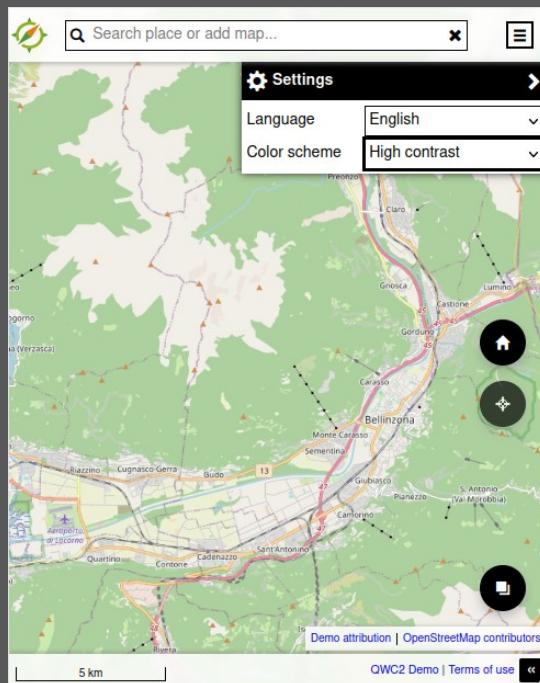
- **RasterExport: new fixed size mode**
- **NewsPopup**

The image shows two screenshots of the QGIS Web Client 2 (QWC2) interface. On the left, a 'Raster Export' dialog is open over a map of Europe. The dialog settings are: Format: PNG, Size: 15 x 15 cm, Scale: 1 : 12500000, and Resolution: 96 dpi. An 'Export' button is at the bottom. On the right, a 'News' dialog is open, titled 'Lorem Ipsum'. It contains the text: "Neque porro quisquam est qui dolore ipsum quia dolor sit amet, consectetur, adipisci velit..." and "There is no one who loves pain itself, who seeks after it and wants to have it, simply because it is pain...". Below this, a section titled 'What is Lorem Ipsum?' is partially visible, with the text: "Lorem Ipsum is simply dummy text of printing and typesetting industry. Lor...". At the bottom of the news dialog are 'Close' and 'Don't show again' buttons.



OWC2 News · Accessibility

- Colorschemes (CSS, freely configurable)
- Hotkeys



```
"name": "TopBar",
"cfg": {
  "menuItems": [
    {"key": "ThemeSwitcher", "icon": "themes", "shortcut": "alt+shift+t"},  

    {"key": "LayerTree", "icon": "layers", "shortcut": "alt+shift+l"},  

    {"key": "MapLegend", "icon": "list-alt"},  

    {"key": "LayerCatalog", "icon": "catalog", "shortcut": "alt+shift+c"},  

    {"key": "Share", "icon": "share", "shortcut": "alt+shift+s"},  

    {"key": "Bookmark", "icon": "bookmark", "shortcut": "alt+shift+b"},  

    {"key": "Tools", "icon": "tools", "subitems": [
      {"key": "Identify", "icon": "identify_region", "mode": "Region"},  

      {"key": "TimeManager", "icon": "clock"}]
```



OWC2 News · Viewer Configuration

- Simplified viewer configuration with common plugin configuration section

```
  ],
  "plugins": [
    "common": [ ... ],
    "mobile": [
      {
        "name": "BottomBar",
        "cfg": {
          "displayCoordinates": false,
          "displayScales": false
        }
      },
      ...
    ],
    "desktop": [ ... ]
  ]
}
```



QWC2 News - Tenant Configuration

- Simplified multi-tenant configuration with base template

config-in/tenantConfig.template.json

```
  },
  "config": {
    "qwc2_path": "/qwc2/",
    "auth_service_url": "/$tenants$/auth/",
    "data_service_url": "/$tenant$/api/v1/data/",
    "#document_service_url": "/$tenant$/api/v1/document/",
    "elevation_service_url": "/$tenant$/elevation/",
    "info_service_url": "/$tenant$/api/v1/featureinfo",
    "legend_service_url": "/$tenant$/api/v1/legend/",
    "mapinfo_service_url": "/$tenant$/api/v1/mapinfo/",
    "ogc_service_url": "/$tenant$/ows",
    "permalink_service_url": "/$tenant$/api/v1/permalink/",
    "print_service_url": "/$tenant$/api/v1/print/",
    "search_service_url": "/$tenant$/api/v2/search",
    "search_data_service_url": "/$tenant$/api/v2/search/geom/"
  },
  {
    "name": "featureInfo",
    "config": {
      "default_qgis_server_url": "http://qwc-qgis-server/ows/",
      "skip_empty_attributes": true
    }
  }
},
```

config-in/example/tenantConfig.json

```
{
  "template": "../tenantConfig.template.json",
  "config": {
    "tenant": "example"
  },
  "themesConfig": "./themesConfig.json"
}
```



OWC2 News · Long-Term Release

- **Stable release with one-year maintenance**
 - No new features
 - Bugfix only
- **Tags: v2023.x-lts**
- **Docker images available on dockerhub**
- **Newest releases still available as usual**
 - Tags: vYYYY-MM-DD



› qwc-services.github.io

The screenshot shows the QWC2 documentation website at qwc-services.github.io. The left sidebar contains navigation links for "QWC2 - latest", "Search docs", "QWC2", "Home", "Quick start", "General configuration" (with "Themes", "Viewer", "Resources and permissions", "Services" listed), "Selected topics" (with "Search", "Feature info", "Printing", "Map info", "Editing", "Snapping", "Temporal layers", "Legend graphics", "Interfacing with applications", "Multi-tenancy", "References" highlighted in dark blue), "Version history" (with "QWC2 upgrade notes" listed), and a "Next >" button. The main content area displays a map of Europe with various layers selected, including "Demo", "Edit Demo", "Edit Points", "Edit Lines", "Edit Polygons", "Geographic lines", "Country names", "States and Provinces", and "Countries". The map interface includes a search bar, a toolbar with icons for search, layers, print, and tools, and a legend panel on the right. The bottom of the map shows coordinates (1929481 5892447), scale (1 : 2500000), and attribution information.



References

- › **Homepage / Documentation**
 - › <https://qwc-services.github.io/>
- › **Main repositories**
 - › <https://github.com/qgis/qwc2-demo-app>
 - › <https://github.com/qwc-services/qwc-docker>
- › **Try it out**
 - › <https://qwc2.sourcepole.ch>
 - › <https://qgiscloud.com>
 - › <https://map.geo.gl.ch>
 - › <https://geo.so.ch/map/>



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Thank you!



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