

QGIS Application - Bug report #11141

Parallel multi-core rendering crashes QGIS

2014-09-04 08:49 AM - Bernhard Ströbl

Status:	Closed	
Priority:	Severe/Regression	
Assignee:		
Category:	Map Canvas	
Affected QGIS version:	2.6.0	Regression?: No
Operating System:	Windows	Easy fix?: No
Pull Request or Patch supplied:	No	Resolution: fixed/implemented
Crashes QGIS or corrupts data:	Yes	Copied to github as #: 19469
Description		
<p>We rolled out QGIS 2.4 recently and face regular crashes when setting a group containing many layers visible. All vector layers are PostGIS layers (dedicated DB server in the LAN) and some of the layers have data-defined symbology, one is a raster layer (raster on network drive). All layers are in the same CRS as the project.</p> <p>When unticking <i>Render layers in parallel using many CPU cores</i> the crash does not happen. Even when <i>Render layers in parallel using many CPU cores</i> has been activated again after setting the group visible no crash when changing the group's visibility again => The crash is only happening immediately after program start.</p> <p>Tests performed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- QGIS 2.4, Win7, 4 cores, 4GB RAM => crash- QGIS 2.5 (master, OSGEO-install), Win7 VM, 4 cores, 2GB RAM => crash- QGIS 2.5 (master, self compiled), OpenSuse 12.2 (64 bit), 4 cores 4 GB RAM => no crash <p>I attached the minidump file created on Windows hoping it helps.</p>		

History

#1 - 2014-09-04 08:52 AM - Bernhard Ströbl

seems the minidump file was to large to upload. I can provide it if someone needs it to analyze teh problem.

#2 - 2014-09-05 02:20 AM - Martin Dobias

In order to track down the likely source of the problem, I would need some more information regarding what kind of functionality has to be turned on in order to get crashes. For the start:

- will it crash if you stop using data-defined symbology on those layers? (ideally convert to single symbol renderer with just "simple" symbol)
- do you use labeling / diagrams? if yes, will it crash if you disable it?
- do you use joins? if yes, will it crash if you disable joins?
- will it crash if you use a different provider for the data than PostGIS?

Feel free to send minidump file to me, but I'm not sure if I will be able to make use of it (I work rarely on windows)

#3 - 2014-09-05 03:08 AM - Bernhard Ströbl

- File *qgis_style.png* added

Hi Martin,
Martin Dobias wrote:

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I was mistaken (mixed it up with a different group): There is no data-defined symbology but rule-based renderer. I changed to simple styles to no avail => crash persists

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No diagrams; switching off all labels has no effect

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no joins in QGIS

| - will it crash if you use a different provider for the data than PostGIS?

this would be quite heavy, transferring some 100000 datasets to e.g. SpatialLite. Will do that as last resort, though.

Currently I have nailed down the problem to a single layer within the group: If I set it to "Single symbol" all works ok (see attached screenshot). The setting looks weird because this project originally was a version 2.0.1 project (min/max scale seems exchanged). I replaced the modulo (%) with a simple / and the crash is gone!

#4 - 2014-09-05 03:17 AM - Bernhard Ströbl

ok I fixed the layer in question by duplicating it and using the modulo in the filter instead of the rule-based renderer. Would be great if you could still look into it.

#5 - 2014-09-05 03:24 AM - Bernhard Ströbl

I just realized that the position of the input lines for min/max scale was exchanged since 2.2, that's while it looked weird to me, not reading the label but been focussed on the position of an input element :-)

#6 - 2014-09-05 06:48 AM - Martin Dobias

So, do I understand correctly that in your case the crash happens only when modulo operator is used in rule-based renderer for a layer within the group?

Are there more layers with rule-based renderer?

To me it seems a bit unlikely that modulo operator would be causing the crash... (Also when checking the code.) Could you please try to do some more tests to confirm it is really the case?

#7 - 2014-09-08 02:42 AM - Bernhard Ströbl

Hi Martin,

I tested a lot this morning, results:

1. the modulo operator is not the cause of the crashes
2. the rule-based renderer is not the cause of the crashes
3. labels or scale based visibility are not the cause of the crashes
4. nor can a single layer be identified to cause the crashes
5. the minidump message is shown almost immediately after setting the group visible
6. the minidump message is displayed while the MapCanvas continues drawing until the map is finished
7. the minidump message is not shown at every crash; there are hard crashes, too
8. the crash is reproducible:
 - it only happens when setting the group to visible immediately after QGIS has finished loading the project
 - it only occurs when *Render layers in parallel using many CPU cores* is enabled

#8 - 2014-09-08 02:48 AM - Jürgen Fischer

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Can you really reproduce it reliably? I was unable to reproduce this kind of crashes so far. The minidumps are inconclusive (at least to me). And reopening the project a couple of times usually makes it work again. It seems to be some subtle race condition that isn't triggered too often.

#9 - 2014-09-08 02:59 AM - Bernhard Ströbl

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I did not look at the minidump, however it is reproducible: I start QGIS which loads the project by default. When loading has finished and I set the group to visible QGIS always crashes (at least this morning in about 20 cases). If I e.g. open the group and set one layer to visible first and afterwards set the whole group to visible there is no crash.

#10 - 2014-09-08 11:47 PM - Martin Dobias

Thanks for further testing.

Will you still get a crash if you reduce the group to 5-10 layers? If yes, would replacing these few layers with other backend (shapefile?) avoid crashes?

Are there any visible postgis layers outside of that group?

I have a suspicion that the crash could be triggered by PQconnectDb() or something related to that. I found a very old (1998) mailing list discussion about its thread safety, but libpq seems to have evolved a lot since then...

#11 - 2014-09-09 06:20 AM - Bernhard Ströbl

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Thanks for your patience

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yes

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no crash with shape files

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No, **BUT** (tada!) if I set another PostGIS layer visible in the project, store the project, restart QGIS and set the group visible there is no crash!

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#12 - 2014-09-17 01:06 AM - Andreas Neumann

Hi,

I have very similar problems like Bernhard. The difference is that in my case the crash already happens at the end of project load, before the user gets any chance to interact with QGIS. If I turn off parallel rendering the crashes disappear.

My projects are similar to Bernhards:

- lots of layers
- all layers are loaded from PostgreSQL
- no joins so far (we use PostgreSQL views) - except the value relation widgets
- lots of nested groups
- embedded layers and groups from other projects

I had a look at it with Jürgen already but we weren't able to track down the exact cause. The crashes did not happen always, but often.

Hope that we can solve this problem before the next release.

#13 - 2014-09-17 01:18 AM - Bernhard Ströbl

Hi Andreas,

my workaround is to have one PostGIS layer (with one feature) visible in the project so the connection gets established upon loading (before that only a WMS layer was visible). Maybe your crashes are because you have too many set visible? (This is not an acceptable behaviour, though).

I currently have no embedded layers in my projects.

#14 - 2014-09-17 04:59 AM - Andreas Neumann

Yes - if I set visibility off for all except one layer, QGIS does not crash. If I then change visibility state to visible for a whole group (with subgroups and many layers), QGIS crashes.

It behaves quite similar to what Bernhard experiences.

#15 - 2014-09-25 09:27 AM - Martin Dobias

Please try again with latest master (commit:242754) - some possible crashes were fixed when expressions were used with parallel rendering.

#16 - 2014-10-02 03:57 AM - Andreas Neumann

It works fine for me. No more crashes for my projects.

#17 - 2014-10-03 11:34 AM - Giovanni Manghi

- Resolution set to fixed/implemented
- Status changed from Open to Closed

Andreas Neumann wrote:

| *It works fine for me. No more crashes for my projects.*

I assume that this should be fixed. Please test and reopen if necessary, cheers!

#18 - 2014-11-12 03:27 AM - Bernhard Ströbl

- Affected QGIS version changed from master to 2.6.0
- Status changed from Closed to Reopened
- Resolution deleted (fixed/implemented)

Sorry, I have to reopen this again. I checked back with Andreas and the problem persists on QGIS 2.6 on Win7 64 bit

#19 - 2015-01-08 03:18 AM - Nathan Woodrow

Try setting the max thread count in the options to max - 1. e.g if you can have max threads of 8 then use 7 or lower. I have found using max threads will crash Roam but if I set it to max-1 then it never crashes.

#20 - 2015-03-11 10:18 AM - Niccolo' Marchi

Bernhard Ströbl wrote:

| *Sorry, I have to reopen this again. I checked back with Andreas and the problem persists on QGIS 2.6 on Win7 64 bit*

Hi guys,

I have similar problems with 2.6.1 (osgeo) on Win8.1 64bit: lots of layers (raster+vector; no particular labelling or style), almost no 3rd party plugins (TomBio

prod tools, openlayers).
Zooming in&out quickly, QGIS randomly crashes. The problem disappears if MTR is switched off.
Settings of MTR were the default ones from installation. The processor is an i5 dual-core.
Hope this can help in some way.
Thank you all.

#21 - 2015-06-02 04:54 AM - Andreas Neumann

Can you please all check if the problem still persists? At my system the crashes are gone since the recent modifications of Jürgen regarding MTR and Postgis: commit:1e96813 and commit:c550af2

#22 - 2015-06-02 09:31 AM - Giovanni Manghi
- Status changed from Reopened to Feedback

#23 - 2015-06-15 06:56 AM - Bernhard Ströbl

Confirmed, problem seems gone in f4c3f3d (OSGEO-Install)

#24 - 2015-06-15 11:00 AM - Giovanni Manghi
- Status changed from Feedback to Closed
- Resolution set to fixed/implemented

reopen if necessary.

Files

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