# QGIS Application - Bug report #16042

# In standalone python script 'from qgis.\_core import \*' produces ImportError: DLL load failed: The specified module could not be found

2017-01-05 08:16 AM - Raphael Dumas

Status: Closed Priority: Normal

Assignee:

Category: Python plugins

Affected QGIS version: 2.14.9Regression?:NoOperating System:Windows 7Easy fix?:No

Pull Request or Patch shapplied: Resolution:

Crashes QGIS or corruptesdata: Copied to github as #: 23957

#### Description

In Windows 7 x64 SP1 using Python 2.7 x64, I installed QGIS 2.14.9 from the standalone x64 installer. I was trying to set up a python virtual environment to develop standalone app (<a href="http://gis.stackexchange.com/a/223325/36886">http://gis.stackexchange.com/a/223325/36886</a>). I added the following paths to a .pth file in the environment's site-packages:

C:\\Program Files\\QGIS Essen\\apps\\qgis-ltr\\python

C:\\Program Files\\QGIS Essen\\apps\\Python27\\

C:\\Program Files\\QGIS Essen\\apps\\Python27\\Lib\\

C:\\Program Files\\QGIS Essen\\apps\\Python27\\Lib\\site-packages

C:\\Program Files\\QGIS Essen\\bin

C:\\Program Files\\QGIS Essen\\include

C:\\Program Files\\QGIS Essen\\apps\\qgis-ltr\\bin

But when I type from qgis.core import \*, python tries to import qgis.\_core and fails with

ImportError: DLL load failed: The specified module could not be found

Having a look at the qgis/\_core.pyd file with DependencyWalker produces the attached output image

## History

## #1 - 2017-01-05 08:41 AM - Raphael Dumas

Sorry, fired off this issue a little prematurely.

I resolved the import error by adding the following to my PATH variable.

C:\\Program Files\\QGIS Essen\\apps\\qgis-ltr\\bin

C:\\Program Files\\QGIS Essen\\bin

Though I would highlight that just adding C:\\Program Files\\QGIS Essen, as the documentation suggested, didn't work. http://docs.qgis.org/2.14/en/docs/pyqgis\_developer\_cookbook/intro.html#running-custom-applications

## #2 - 2017-01-10 01:32 AM - Matthias Kuhn

- Status changed from Open to Closed

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Thanks for posting this followup.

Would you mind improving the description in the cookbook?

It should be trivial to create a improvement proposal (pull request) using the online editor here: <a href="https://github.com/qgis/QGIS-Documentation/blob/master/source/docs/pyqgis\_developer\_cookbook/intro.rst">https://github.com/qgis/QGIS-Documentation/blob/master/source/docs/pyqgis\_developer\_cookbook/intro.rst</a>

Thank you in advance!

## **Files**

dp_walker_qgis.PNG	27.3 KB	2017-01-05	Raphael Dumas
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