

## QGIS Application - Bug report #16154

### Feature disappearing when saving edits

2017-02-06 05:36 AM - Jérôme Guélat

<b>Status:</b>	Closed	
<b>Priority:</b>	Severe/Regression	
<b>Assignee:</b>		
<b>Category:</b>	Digitising	
<b>Affected QGIS version:</b>	2.18.2	<b>Regression?:</b> No
<b>Operating System:</b>	Windows	<b>Easy fix?:</b> No
<b>Pull Request or Patch supplied:</b>	No	<b>Resolution:</b> invalid
<b>Crashes QGIS or corrupts data:</b>	No	<b>Copied to github as #:</b> 24066
<b>Description</b>		
<p>One colleague and I had problems with disappearing features when saving an edit session... Here's how to reproduce the problem:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Add the shapefile attached to this ticket (it was exported from ArcMap, I don't know if this is the cause of the problem)</li><li>2. Zoom in (I used one zooming step with the mouse wheel)</li><li>3. Start editing, add one feature, stop editing, save edits</li><li>4. Start editing again, add another feature, stop editing, save edits</li><li>5. The feature created at step 4 will disappear from the map but it will still be available in the attribute table</li></ol> <p>Surprisingly, the problem doesn't happen if you don't zoom in (see step 2). To see the new feature you need to either right-click on the layer and select "zoom to layer" or to add the shapefile a second time to the canvas. Hitting refresh or zooming manually doesn't help... I think this is a regression since we never had similar problems with older versions.</p> <p>This happens on Windows with QGIS 2.14.11, 2.18.2, 2.18.3 (OGR/GDAL 2.1.2 and 2.1.3).</p>		

#### History

##### #1 - 2017-02-07 03:52 AM - Saber Razmjooei

- Category set to Digitising

##### #2 - 2017-02-28 03:39 AM - Giovanni Manghi

- Status changed from Open to Closed

- Resolution set to invalid

remove the .sbn and .sbx spatial indexes created by esri and there will be no issue (well... maybe a new issue should be filed... qgis should handle better those indexes).

##### #3 - 2017-02-28 04:53 AM - Ger CO

- Status changed from Closed to Reopened

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##### #4 - 2017-02-28 11:18 AM - Giovanni Manghi

- Status changed from Reopened to Closed

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#### #5 - 2017-02-28 11:40 AM - Ger CO

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Sorry for being to brief in explaining! I am on win 7 64 bit (2.16.12 / 2.18.3/4). I have had this behavior for months now and it is crucial. It affects shapefiles (either created in ArcGIS or QGIS). The problem is very severe when user do't know they have to close and reopen the attribute table after saving edits. Otherwise data is usually corrupted, attributes and links get messed up completely. But even if you know how to behave without messing up your data, it is just annoying to handle attribute tables like that... and as much as I like QGIS, this makes me feel uncomfortable editing important data. Hence, this issue is really severe and closing this ticket is not the right solution in my opinion. Using the data source attached by the thread opener one can observe this behavior very clearly. Again: this affects all shapefiles (at least on windows).

#### #6 - 2017-02-28 12:40 PM - Giovanni Manghi

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**#8 - 2017-02-28 01:09 PM - Giovanni Manghi**

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- File shape.zip added

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by the way, I also cannot confirm yours #16236 too

#### Files

testshape.zip	29.6 KB	2017-02-06	Jérôme Guélat
shape.zip	1.71 KB	2017-02-28	Ger CO