

QGIS Application - Bug report #1929
transparency of 0 value do not apply to GDAL virtual rasters (vrt)

2009-09-15 03:19 AM - Paolo Cavallini

Status:	Closed	
Priority:	Low	
Assignee:	ersts -	
Category:	Rasters	
Affected QGIS version:		Regression?: No
Operating System:	All	Easy fix?: No
Pull Request or Patch supplied:		Resolution: invalid
Crashes QGIS or corrupts data:		Copied to github as #: 11989
Description		
If I load a virtual raster (BW, TIFF) and I apply full transparency to value 0 (to remove collars), the areas=0 remain white. If I do the same to individual TIFFs, the correctly become transparent: a bug, or a limitation of the VRT format?		

History

#1 - 2009-09-15 01:18 PM - ersts -
- Status changed from Open to In Progress

Paolo,

I just fired up your vrt dataset on a linux box (Ubuntu 9.04 - stock GDAL) running QGIS trunk .

In the color table, 0 = white (255,255,255) and 1 = black(0,0,0). When I added [0, 100%] to the transparency table all of the white was removed. As I only had your virtual raster loaded I had to change the background of the map canvas to another color, but the transparency seem to work as expected.

Are you running on windows or linux? version 1.3.0?

#2 - 2009-09-15 11:12 PM - Paolo Cavallini

See the attached image: I set up 100% transparency on 0 value, but the white collars are still shown.
Debian, QGIS compiled yesterday from trunk.
Thanks.

#3 - 2009-09-16 03:51 AM - Giovanni Manghi

Hi,

I tested also a different tiff/vrt on ubuntu 9.04 with qgis 1.3 installed from the ubuntugis repositories. Transparency works for any chosen colour on both formats.

#4 - 2009-09-16 07:04 AM - ersts -

Replying to [comment:2 pcav]:

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| See the attached image: I set up 100% transparency on 0 value, but the white collars are still shown.

This is not a transparency issue, it seems to be a registration problem. I turned my map canvas green so I can tell if the transparency is working - making white in the virtual raster 100% transparent - which ends up giving me black on green. See the attached screen grab.

#5 - 2009-09-17 09:56 AM - Paolo Cavallini

An interesting note from Giovanni Pasini:

With a single band raster map (eg. topographical black/white map) if there is a collar (eg. white border) around the raster, using gdalbuildvrt (and [[BuildVRT]] plugin) the result is a vrt file where the map have white strips in overlap area r1.

In this case making little modification in the vrt text file you can obtain a nice result r2. What is important is to set the NODATA value in vrt for each raster and replace [[SimpleSource]] with [[ComplexSource]].

I don't remember where I find this trick (mailing list?) and I'm not a gdal guru (vrt specification in gdal web site r3).

When created the vrt file (via command-line or the very useful new plugin) I run:

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sed -e 's/<SimpleSource>/<ComplexSource>/g' -e 's/<\\SimpleSource>/<NODATA>0<\\NODATA>\\<\\ComplexSource>/g' file_created.vrt
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and now all is ok.

Note that the trasparency of the final map must be set in qgis in the usual manner.

#6 - 2009-11-27 11:12 AM - Giuseppe Sucameli

This could be a buildvrt bug... I've opened a ticket on GDAL [ticket](#).

They can add a new param to set which color is blanc (e.g. -nodata 0) or resolve this bug in another way.

#7 - 2009-12-02 10:33 AM - Giuseppe Sucameli

Replying to [comment:6 brushtyler]:

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Hi all,

the GDAL bug was closed as fixed in gdal 1.7.0 (the dev version actually in trunk)

Below the ticket closing comment:

Enhancement implemented in :

/trunk/gdal/apps/ (gdal_utilities.dox gdalbuildvrt.cpp): gdalbuildvrt: add -srcnodata and -vrtnodata options, similar to the ones of gdalwarp, to set/override/unset the nodata settings at the source level and the VRTRasterBand level (#3254)

/trunk/autotest/utilities/test_gdalbuildvrt.py: Add test for -srcnodata option of gdalbuildvrt (#3254)

--> For your use case, 'gdalbuildvrt -srcnodata 0 out.vrt 250010.tif 250020.tif' should do.

I think that now, if there isn't other related problems, this ticket should be closed.

#8 - 2010-04-08 12:51 PM - Giuseppe Sucameli

- Resolution set to invalid
- Status changed from In Progress to Closed

This is not a QGIS bug, but a GDAL enhancement (implemented in gdal 1.7.0.)

Files			
qgis_vrt.png	215 KB	2009-09-15	Paolo Cavallini
screenshot.jpg	71.4 KB	2009-09-16	ersts -