

## QGIS Application - Bug report #19509

### Slow opening of large GPX file on Windows

2018-07-30 11:57 AM - David Fiedler

<b>Status:</b>	Closed	
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	
<b>Assignee:</b>		
<b>Category:</b>	Data Provider	
<b>Affected QGIS version:</b>	3.2.1	<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> no timely feedback
<b>Crashes QGIS or corrupts data:</b>	No	<b>Copied to github as #:</b> 27337
<b>Description</b>		
<p>The opening of large GPX file (on my computer, it is noticeable when using files larger than 50MB) is very slow on windows. The problem is not the rendering, the rendering is reasonably fast with respect to file size. The lag is before the rendering process starts, before and after the dialog when we can decide what elements to import from the gpx file. The whole UI freezes for a couple of seconds for 50MB file up to over half hour in case of 3GB gpx file. I've tested the behavior in both 3.2 and 2.18 versions of QGIS.</p> <p>When opening the same files on Linux, the time before rendering starts are significantly shorter (4 vs 35 mins for 3GB file).</p>		

#### History

##### #1 - 2018-07-30 12:06 PM - Giovanni Manghi

- Status changed from Open to Feedback

Does it works better on QGIS LTR? Can you point us to the data?

##### #2 - 2018-07-30 03:54 PM - David Fiedler

If I understand it correctly, version 2.18 is LTR, so yes, I've already tested it on LTR. I didn't benchmarked it, so I don't have exact times, but the freeze was also very long on 2.18. Will it be helpful if I send you exact times for both versions?

Concerning the data, I have to anonymize it first.

##### #3 - 2018-07-30 03:58 PM - Giovanni Manghi

David Fiedler wrote:

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no, not for me at least.

How ogrinfo performs against this large datasource?

##### #4 - 2018-07-30 06:15 PM - David Fiedler

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slowness is no longer a mystery.

**#5 - 2018-07-30 08:46 PM - Giovanni Manghi**

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it does indeed. This ticket should be closed here and reopened in the gdal tracker.

**#6 - 2018-08-10 10:26 AM - David Fiedler**

Concerning ogrinfo, which command is relevant to QGIS and therefore I should evaluate it?

**#7 - 2018-08-12 01:42 PM - Giovanni Manghi**

David Fiedler wrote:

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QGIS uses OGR to handle a number of formats (while for others it has native providers), so if it is slow in OGR it will also be slow in QGIS. Please post this issue in the GDAL/OGR bug tracker.

**#8 - 2018-08-17 11:34 AM - David Fiedler**

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**#9 - 2018-08-17 02:18 PM - Jürgen Fischer**

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**#10 - 2018-08-19 11:04 AM - Giovanni Manghi**

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should be close this as upstream?

**#11 - 2018-08-19 02:33 PM - David Fiedler**

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**#12 - 2018-08-20 11:08 AM - Giovanni Manghi**

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**#13 - 2018-08-20 12:42 PM - David Fiedler**

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It is slow or quick depending on the command used. On both platforms. I think I'm lacking the insight into the ogr needed to evaluate it in a meaningful way.

**#14 - 2018-08-20 05:57 PM - Giovanni Manghi**

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can you make practical/real examples and possibly also add a download link for such a big gpx file? Thanks!

**#15 - 2018-08-20 07:46 PM - David Fiedler**

The file contains vehicle traces. I cannot send you the data, as it is private, but I can generate similar data for you, will it be helpful?

**#16 - 2018-08-21 11:39 AM - Giovanni Manghi**

David Fiedler wrote:

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yes

**#17 - 2018-08-21 12:48 PM - David Fiedler**

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*yes*

Ok, I will provide you with the data. But it will take some time before I can get to it.

**#18 - 2018-08-27 02:41 PM - David Fiedler**

Here is the link to the generated traces: <https://mega.nz/#F!5fIXElqT!SZd6NISXoIQ-nXwkLqAJrQ>

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**#19 - 2018-08-30 05:22 PM - Giovanni Manghi**

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**#20 - 2018-08-31 04:58 PM - David Fiedler**

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I'm sorry, I wasn't aware that Mega does not support Firefox for large downloads.

**#21 - 2018-08-31 05:10 PM - Giovanni Manghi**

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The link points to a folder with three files of different sizes. It pointed only to one file first, but I updated it within a minute, you had to click the link very fast - try it now.

### #23 - 2018-09-02 09:04 PM - Giovanni Manghi

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Geometry: Multi Line String

Feature Count: 100000

Extent: (14.257992, 49.942957) - (14.694051, 50.174524)

Layer SRS WKT:

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GEOGCS["WGS 84",
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    SPHEROID["WGS 84",6378137,298.257223563,
      AUTHORITY["EPSG","7030"]],
    AUTHORITY["EPSG","6326"]],
  PRIMEM["Greenwich",0,
    AUTHORITY["EPSG","8901"]],
  UNIT["degree",0.01745329251994328,
    AUTHORITY["EPSG","9122"]],
  AUTHORITY["EPSG","4326"]]
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name: String (0.0)

cmt: String (0.0)

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I don't think this explains the twenty minutes loading time of the file on Windows.

#### #25 - 2019-02-23 08:36 PM - Jürgen Fischer

- Status changed from Feedback to Closed
- Resolution set to no timely feedback

Bulk closing 82 tickets in feedback state for more than 90 days affecting an old version. Feel free to reopen if it still applies to a current version and you have more information that clarify the issue.