# QGIS Application - Bug report #20260 labelling is much slower in 3.4 compared to 2.18

2018-10-29 02:55 PM - Mario Baranzini

Status:	Closed				
Priority:	High				
Assignee:					
Category:	Labelling				
Affected QGIS version: 3.5(master)		Regression?:	Yes		
Operating System:		Easy fix?:	No		
Pull Request or Patch supplied:		Resolution:	Resolution:		
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Description		•			

QGIS takes a very very long time (or stops) trying to show labels with placement around centroid for a layer containing polygons with a big number of parts.

The problem is reproducible with the gadm36\_0.shp (containing 256 polygons with a total of more than 100'000 parts) that can be downloaded from <a href="https://biogeo.ucdavis.edu/data/gadm3.6/gadm36\_levels\_shp.zip">https://biogeo.ucdavis.edu/data/gadm3.6/gadm36\_levels\_shp.zip</a> (the file is freely available for non-commercial use but redistribution is not allowed).

The problem may depend on the geometry validity check. In fact, using the native processing algorithm with validity check activated, the same happens, but with the validity check disabled in the settings, there are no problems and centroids are calculated in a few seconds.

See also: #20260-6

## Associated revisions

## Revision ff5a8bc0 - 2018-11-09 08:13 PM - Nyall Dawson

Revert "[pal] Use QgsGeometry::makeValid instead of buffer(0) to repair geometries"

This reverts commit e05a5a930241ec3c9c5df7880650da60382b956c.

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## Revision 62d0bae6 - 2018-11-10 07:16 AM - Nyall Dawson

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(cherry picked from commit ff5a8bc0aebf51cd34c82ed0feaac21cbd22e2ce)

## History

## #1 - 2018-10-29 09:57 PM - Giovanni Manghi

- Status changed from Open to Feedback
- Operating System deleted (Linux)

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#### #2 - 2018-10-30 06:55 AM - Mario Baranzini

### Giovanni Manghi wrote:

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#### #3 - 2018-10-30 05:14 PM - Giovanni Manghi

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## #4 - 2018-10-30 07:09 PM - Mario Baranzini

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Ok, but this is not the case. In fact, the labels to show are only 256 like the geometries. The 256 geometries are multiparts and the parts are a lot (~100,000).

By placing the labels on the perimeter and not around the centroid, everything works perfectly. That's why I say that the problem is due to the calculation of centroids to place the labels and not the rendering of the labels.

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## #5 - 2018-10-31 10:40 AM - Giovanni Manghi

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## #6 - 2018-10-31 05:58 PM - Mario Baranzini

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### #7 - 2018-10-31 06:01 PM - Giovanni Manghi

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### #8 - 2018-10-31 06:32 PM - Mario Baranzini

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Yes, for labeling this is a regression. To display the same labels under the same conditions, it goes from 1 minute and 10 seconds in QGIS 2 to dozens of minutes with 100% cpu in QGIS 3.

### #9 - 2018-11-01 09:30 AM - Giovanni Manghi

- Status changed from Feedback to Open

- Subject changed from QGIS takes a very long time to show labels in layers with a lot of multipart geometries to labelling is much slower in 3.4 compared to 2.18

- Description updated
- Priority changed from Normal to High
- Regression? changed from No to Yes

## #10 - 2018-11-08 12:10 PM - Jürgen Fischer

- Description updated

## #11 - 2018-11-09 03:56 AM - Nyall Dawson

- Status changed from Open to In Progress

## #12 - 2018-11-09 08:13 PM - Nyall Dawson

- Status changed from In Progress to Closed
- % Done changed from 0 to 100

Applied in changeset commit:qgis|ff5a8bc0aebf51cd34c82ed0feaac21cbd22e2ce.