

## QGIS Application - Bug report #4399

### Browser does not allow to tell which layer format to load

2011-10-18 03:34 AM - Paolo Cavallini

<b>Status:</b>	Closed	
<b>Priority:</b>	Normal	
<b>Assignee:</b>		
<b>Category:</b>	Data Provider	
<b>Affected QGIS version:</b>		<b>Regression?:</b> No
<b>Operating System:</b>		<b>Easy fix?:</b> No
<b>Pull Request or Patch supplied:</b>		<b>Resolution:</b> fixed
<b>Crashes QGIS or corrupts data:</b>		<b>Copied to github as #:</b> 14331
<b>Description</b>		
<p>In current trunk, layers are displayed without the file extension, and the user has no way to tell which format the file is. As a result, if one has &gt;1 layer with the same name and different format, (s)he does not know which one has to be loaded</p>		

#### History

##### #1 - 2011-10-18 06:05 AM - Martin Dobias

Would it be sufficient to show the extension (or the complete file name) as a tooltip? Originally we have been showing extensions, but later I have removed them since I consider that a corner case that someone has various layers with the same base name, only with different extensions. The list without extensions look much clearer to me than it was with extensions.

##### #2 - 2011-10-18 07:40 AM - Paolo Cavallini

I think this solution is optimal, as it follows the behaviour of the legend.

##### #3 - 2011-10-18 08:49 AM - Thaddeus -

Using Tooltips is not a viable option for medium to large size projects, it's only good for one or two layers and occasional use. To figure out what file is associated to a layer name, I always prefer to doubleclick on the layer name and use the tab "Layer Properties" => "General" and rely on the good behavior of such window: always pop up on the same spot and preserves the last tab setting.

Here is an idea, might not be a ... , but ... well .. anyway ..., here it goes: add an advanced-user setting option --say, new/existing plain ini/text file or Text-box widget somewhere or about:config type of thing, etc-- whereby, rather cryptic settings, can be entered: such as, IncludeExtOnLayerNm=1. Eventually, the clamour of the users can make those options gain a place on the GUI.

##### #4 - 2011-10-18 12:41 PM - Martin Dobias

Thaddeus - wrote:

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In future we may add such advanced settings. Even now the options dialog lists way too many options, so moving them away to a common place where super-power-users could further customize QGIS seems like a good idea. By these I mean settings like cache size, network reply timeout, render caching,

"fix problems with incorrectly filled polygons", overlay placement method etc.

**#5 - 2011-10-19 05:50 AM - Martin Dobias**

Tooltips added in commit:c3f6dff9

**#6 - 2011-10-19 05:51 AM - Martin Dobias**

- *Resolution set to fixed*
- *Status changed from Open to Closed*