# QGIS Application - Feature request #10124 take advantage of gdal's vsipreload mechanism to support VSIFILE on all formats

2014-04-27 07:17 PM - Etienne Tourigny

Status: Open Priority: Normal

Assignee:

Category: Data Provider/OGR

Pull Request or Patch shapplied: Resolution:

Easy fix?: No Copied to github as #: 18586

### Description

More details on vsipreload and why it would be a good thing to have it inside QGIS

http://osgeo-org.1560.x6.nabble.com/gdal-dev-vsipreload-enabling-VSI-Virtual-File-API-for-regular-I-O-td5055811.html

From gdal NEWS:

Add vsipreload.cpp that can be compiled as a shared library that can be LD\_PRELOAD'ed as an overload of libc to enable VSI Virtual FILE API to be used with binaries using regular libc for I/O

Many formats (e.g. netcdf) cannot be read inside .zip files without this

basically, it could be implemented this way (at least in linux):

- create a shared lib vsipreload.so and install it with other qgis libs (e.g. /usr/lib/)

this is how it is done inside gdal, should be done in another manner in qgis g++-Wall-fPIC port/vsipreload.cpp -shared -o vsipreload.so -lport -L. -L.libs -lgdal

- modify qgis startup script so that qgis is started like this

LD\_PRELOAD=vsipreload.so qgis.bin

I am not sure about licensing issues though, can we copy the port/vsipreload.cpp to ggis source legally? Looks ok to me.

#### History

# #1 - 2014-05-07 07:09 PM - Etienne Tourigny

- File vsipreload-patch.txt added
- File vsipreload.cpp added

Attaching the vsipreload.cpp code and a patch that allows to build and install it as a shared library.

With this, qgis can be started using the LE\_PRELOAD trick. It sould be easy to add this to the debian builds, which already use a startup script.

### #2 - 2014-05-07 10:33 PM - Paolo Cavallini

A pull request is probably better.

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# #3 - 2014-05-08 04:10 PM - Etienne Tourigny

- File landsat-gz.nc.gz added

# #4 - 2014-05-08 04:13 PM - Etienne Tourigny

added a pull request, this works with debian build

https://github.com/qgis/QGIS/pull/1342

## #5 - 2016-05-24 01:06 PM - Alexander Bruy

- Category changed from Build/Install to Data Provider/OGR

## #6 - 2017-05-01 12:47 AM - Giovanni Manghi

- Easy fix? set to No

## **Files**

vsipreload-patch.txt	1.08 KB	2014-05-07	Etienne Tourigny
vsipreload.cpp	55.1 KB	2014-05-07	Etienne Tourigny
landsat-gz.nc.gz	29.4 KB	2014-05-08	Etienne Tourigny

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