

QGIS Application - Feature request #14093

Prefer the QGIS-providers over the OGR-provider

2016-01-12 11:01 PM - Paolo Cavallini

Status:	Open	Resolution: Copied to github as #: 22100
Priority:	Low	
Assignee:		
Category:	Browser	
Pull Request or Patch supplied:	No	
Easy fix?:	No	
Description		
For files that are supported by both native QGIS and the GDAL/OGR providers, like CSV, it is usually preferable to use the native one over the GDAL one. See also #14078		
Related issues:		
Related to QGIS Application - Bug report # 14078: Incorrect loading of csv files		Closed 2016-01-08

History

#1 - 2016-01-13 12:26 AM - Jürgen Fischer

So what are you suggesting?

#2 - 2016-01-13 12:28 AM - Paolo Cavallini

To use QGIS provider for CSV instead of GDAL, when loading layers from the browser.

#3 - 2016-01-13 12:32 AM - Jürgen Fischer

- Category changed from Data Provider to Browser

#4 - 2016-01-13 01:24 AM - Even Rouault

Repeating my comment in #14078: I'd note that the OGR CSV driver has gained editing capabilities in GDAL 2.1dev (specifically to be used through QGIS), whereas AFAICS the QGIS CSV provider is read-only. It would be a shame that using the OGR CSV driver is no longer accessible. In my (admittedly biased) opinion, dealing with formats should be GDAL job ;-)

#5 - 2016-01-13 01:26 AM - Paolo Cavallini

Sounds right to me: why having a QGIS provider then?

#6 - 2016-01-13 01:19 PM - Nathaniel V. Kelso

+1 for keeping GDAL/OGR CSV provider. The edit ability in 2.1dev is really useful!

#7 - 2016-01-13 01:40 PM - Nyal Dawson

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There's lots of features in the QGIS provider not available in the OGR one. Eg custom delimiters and caching. If all these extra features were available in the OGR provider then I'd be in favor of removing the QGIS one.

**#8 - 2016-01-13 03:50 PM - Sebastian Dietrich**

I think one problem is that many users don't even know there are two different ways of handling a CSV file, nor do they know when they are used:

- QGIS provider, via
  - "Create layer from delimited text file"
- OGR provider, via
  - "Add vector layer"
  - command line argument
  - drag and drop

I was one of those users until I investigated #14078.

**#9 - 2017-05-01 12:46 AM - Giovanni Manghi**

- *Easy fix? set to No*

**#10 - 2018-03-06 06:19 PM - Paolo Cavallini**

- *Description updated*
- *Status changed from Open to Feedback*

Still a unified approach seems useful to me for QGIS 3.x.

Feel free to close this if appropriate.

**#11 - 2018-03-06 06:23 PM - Giovanni Manghi**

- *Status changed from Feedback to Open*