# QGIS Application - Bug report #15265 Built-in tools missing from Vector menu

2016-07-12 01:42 PM - Eric Brelsford

Crashes QGIS or corrupts data:

Status: Closed **Priority:** Normal Assignee: Category: Vectors Affected QGIS version:2.16.0 Regression?: No **Operating System:** Linux (Ubuntu) Easy fix?: No Pull Request or Patch supplied: Resolution: invalid

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#### Description

Upon upgrading to QGIS 2.16, I no longer have any of the built-in tool in the Vector menu. The only entries in the menu are related to plugins that I have installed. See the attached screenshot for an example of what this looks like.

#### Reproduce:

- Open QGIS
- Open Vector menu

#### **History**

## #1 - 2016-07-13 03:23 AM - dr -

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#### #2 - 2016-07-13 05:21 AM - Eric Brelsford

dr - wrote:

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## #3 - 2016-07-13 06:57 AM - Giovanni Manghi

- Status changed from Open to Feedback

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#### #4 - 2016-07-13 07:30 AM - Eric Brelsford

Giovanni Manghi wrote:

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Okay, removing ~/.qgis2 did it. Thanks Giovanni!

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#### #5 - 2016-07-13 07:36 AM - Giovanni Manghi

- Status changed from Feedback to Closed
- Resolution set to invalid

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yes, it is known to be an issue: at some point we shipped Processing updates using the plugin manager. This versions were placed in the plugin folder and then masked the more recent versions shipped with new versions of QGIS. I think that the main Processing developers decided to stop shipping Processing updates this way to avoid this kind of confusions.

#### #6 - 2016-07-13 07:42 AM - Eric Brelsford

Got it. Thanks again for your help, glad to have a Vector menu again!

#### #7 - 2016-07-14 10:43 AM - Andre Joost

- Status changed from Closed to Reopened

Still strange: Using my German locale, I now have two vector menus. The first one only with entries from plugins, and the second one behind the Help menu, with the GDAL functions. Overriding the locale with US English, all is back together under the first Vector Menu.

Tested on Ubuntu and Windows. Under Ubuntu, they even have two shortcuts: V for the first and o for the second.

Removing the .qgis2 folder did not help.

## #8 - 2016-07-18 01:55 AM - A. Egberts

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Uninstall the Processing plugin is the solution!

#### #9 - 2016-08-03 11:53 PM - landry Landry Breuil

Fwiw, experienced the same bug/behaviour as reported by Andre Joost, removed processing plugin from my profiles, and now i have two 'vector' menus: one with stuff from extensions (ie osm, spatial request) with the V mnemonic/shortcut, and a second one with the tools from processing with the omnemonic.

Either way, users shouldnt have to restart from a clean profile, that's a huge hammer....

## #10 - 2016-08-05 05:35 AM - Casper Børgesen

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To further complicate the explaining, if a user first removes the 'x' next to the processing plugin thinking that they will remove the plugin this way, then uninstall it using the uninstall button and finally discover that it doesn't work. Of course putting back the 'x' next to the processing plugin will solve it, but they should put back the 'x' next to a plugin they just removed?!

#### #11 - 2016-08-08 01:43 AM - Harrissou Santanna

Yes, this isn't really easy to understand.

Couldn't it be possible to automatically throw away any existing processing plugin (in ~/.qgis2 folder) when someone is upgrading to QGIS 2.16 (in the install process)?

#### #12 - 2016-08-16 01:17 AM - Andrea Danamaita

- File test.jpg added

Hi all, after my update to 2.16 I noticed the absence from the Vector menù of geoprocessing tools. I followed this thread to set them visible again but now I can't do buffer using selected feature only beacuse is changed the interface. Any suggestion?

Thanks in advance.

UPDATE: It seems to work, when features are selected the buffer tool operates on them only. I'll do some tests.

#### #13 - 2016-08-22 06:00 AM - Adrian Klink

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I can confirm, in German locale, there are now two entries for 'Vector' ('Vektor'), the former 'fTools' items from 'Vector' which have been moved to 'Processing' are now placed right to 'help'. This was confusing, because first I missed the items in 'Vector', then I followed the instructions here (Trying to uninstall processing first, then removing '.qgis2' drawer), but after restarting I wouldn't have found the entries without this 'hint' of the second 'Vector' entry (nobody expects to find the items in a duplicate 'Vector'). Also it is confusing, that Plugin 'Processing', which can not be uninstalled due to its core status now, has version 2.12.99 (I would expect 2.16 as it is a core part of this version, so I first thought uninstall has failed, but there was no drawer 'processing' in '.qqis2').

#### #14 - 2017-05-01 01:05 AM - Giovanni Manghi

- Regression? set to No
- Easy fix? set to No

#### #15 - 2018-12-14 04:11 PM - Christian Nielsen

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#### #16 - 2019-02-11 07:04 PM - garret w

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## #17 - 2019-02-11 07:06 PM - Giovanni Manghi

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#### #18 - 2019-02-11 07:25 PM - garret w

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## #19 - 2019-02-11 08:06 PM - Giovanni Manghi

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I would first try to wipe any trace of qgis configurations/folder in your ~ (home) folder, for example /home/yourusername/.local/share/QGIS

# #20 - 2019-02-11 08:07 PM - Giovanni Manghi

- Status changed from Reopened to Closed

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## #21 - 2019-02-11 08:59 PM - garret w

Giovanni Manghi wrote:

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Ok, I will do what you've mentioned above, as well as file a new ticket (and reference this conversation).

Thanks!

#### **Files**

test.jpg 91.2 KB 2016-08-15 Andrea Danamaita

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