

## QGIS Application - Bug report #20996

# QGIS Master does not export from Multilinestring Geometry type and does not recognize Geometry Type Linestring saved by QGIS 2

2019-01-14 04:41 PM - Antonio Viscomi

<b>Status:</b> Rejected	
<b>Priority:</b> High	
<b>Assignee:</b>	
<b>Category:</b> Geometry	
<b>Affected QGIS version:</b> 3.5(master)	<b>Regression?:</b> Yes
<b>Operating System:</b>	<b>Easy fix?:</b> No
<b>Pull Request or Patch supplied:</b>	<b>Resolution:</b> wontfix
<b>Crashes QGIS or corrupts data:</b>	<b>Copied to github as #:</b> 28815
<b>Description</b>	
<p>Hi all,</p> <p>I need a Linestring type shapefile then:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- I tried to convert my data to Linestring using QGIS Master <a href="https://github.com/qgis/QGIS/commit/aafd84812e">https://github.com/qgis/QGIS/commit/aafd84812e</a>;</li><li>- the conversion come out with a correct "converted" memory file (Screenshot 1);</li><li>- I tried to save "converted" file to a permanent file (selecting Linestring Type from export dialog);</li></ul> <p>well,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- the new file Is a Linestring type while It is a memory (Screenshot 1) whereas if I load It from "Open Layer" as a new layer, It change type in Multilinestring instead of a Linestring (Screenshot 2).</li></ul> <p>Moreover,</p> <p>If I try to open a QGIS 2 (screenshot 3) converted Linestring in QGIS Master, the opened file It is yet Multilinestring (Screenshot 4)</p> <p>I attach here the some screenshots and data (original data and Linestring data converted by Master and by QGIS 2)</p> <p>Regards</p>	

## History

### #1 - 2019-01-14 08:44 PM - Nyal Dawson

- Resolution set to wontfix
- Status changed from Open to Rejected

This is by design. In qgis 3 line/polygon shapefiles are always treated as multipart. This is because the shapefile format does not differentiate between the two, and in qgis it is necessary to know in advance if ANY feature in the layer will be multipart. Use geopackage if you need strict single/multi typing.

### #2 - 2019-01-15 12:36 AM - Antonio Viscomi

Hi Nyal,

Thanks for suggestion but...

Why allow to export shapefiles as Linestring?

Cheers

### #3 - 2019-01-15 03:54 AM - Nyal Dawson

That list isn't filtered by export format -- I guess we should consider that!

**#4 - 2019-01-15 09:45 AM - Antonio Viscomi**

- File *exported.gpkg* added
- File *gpkg\_properties.tif* added

Nyall Dawson wrote:

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Nyall,  
I just tried to export my multilinestring in Linestring in a gpkg as you suggested, well the result is yet a multilinestring... Is there anything that is not clear to me?

I attach gpkg and screenshot here

Cheers

**Files**

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Geometry_type.7z	364 KB	2019-01-14	Antonio Viscomi
gpkg_properties.tif	2.49 MB	2019-01-15	Antonio Viscomi
exported.gpkg	1.11 MB	2019-01-15	Antonio Viscomi