# QGIS Application - Bug report #21364
# QGIS 3.4 is unable to locate datasources from a project created with version 2.18

2019-02-24 04:16 PM - MRick -

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| **Status:** | Open | | |
| **Priority:** | Normal | | |
| **Assignee:** | Alessandro Pasotti | | |
| **Category:** | Project Loading/Saving | | |
| **Affected QGIS version:** | 3.4.4 | **Regression?:** | No |
| **Operating System:** | MacOS 10.14.3 | **Easy fix?:** | No |
| **Pull Request or Patch supplied:** | | **Resolution:** | |
| **Crashes QGIS or corrupts data:** | No | **Copied to github as #:** | 29181 |

**Description**

I have several projects created with previous version such as version 2.18.

When opening them in QGIS 3.4, QGIS will ask to finds the different files missing, while it doesn't in 2.18.
For big project with a lot of different files it can become very irritating.

But moreover, when locating the files, QGIS will ask again and again were they are. It is never ending and you will have to import manually all of them one by one losing all the settings from the project…
No problem to open any of them in 2.18, whatever the computer or the OS is. Only QGIS 3.4 will give troubles.

**History**

**#1 - 2019-02-24 04:18 PM - MRick -**

*- File Capture d'écran 2019-02-23 à 22.41.56.png added*

**#2 - 2019-02-24 04:19 PM - Giovanni Manghi**

*- Regression? changed from Yes to No*

*- Category changed from Data Source Manager to Project Loading/Saving*

*- Status changed from Open to Feedback*

*- Assignee deleted (William Kyngesburye)*

Please attach a sample project/data.

**#3 - 2019-02-24 04:22 PM - MRick -**

*- File Capture d'écran 2019-02-23 à 22.42.15.png added*

*- File Capture d'écran 2019-02-23 à 22.42.05.png added*

*- File Capture d'écran 2019-02-23 à 22.42.09.png added*

*- File Capture d'écran 2019-02-23 à 22.42.22.png added*

**#4 - 2019-02-24 04:27 PM - MRick -**

Giovanni Manghi wrote:

> *Please attach a sample project/data.*

I don't think it will work because the bug only happen when files are not located at the same place of the project.

**#5 - 2019-02-24 08:57 PM - Giovanni Manghi**

*- Subject changed from QGIS 3.4 is enable tu locate files from a project creates with version 2.18 to QGIS 3.4 is unable to locate datasources from a project created with version 2.18*

**#6 - 2019-02-26 02:02 PM - Alessandro Pasotti**

Please attach a minimal sample project and data, and the developer will simulate your scenario by moving/renamig the data folder before loading the project.

Please make sure to specify all the individual steps and actions required to reproduce the issue, if possible also switch your QGIS language to English to make sure that we understand precisely all the steps that you are doing.

**#7 - 2019-02-26 02:02 PM - Alessandro Pasotti**

*- Assignee set to Alessandro Pasotti*

**#8 - 2019-03-17 09:28 AM - Giovanni Manghi**

*- Resolution set to no timely feedback*
*- Status changed from Feedback to Closed*

Closing for lack of feedback. Please reopen if necessary.

**#9 - 2019-03-17 10:23 PM - MRick -**

*- File crash log.txt added*
*- File readXml error.txt added*
*- Status changed from Closed to Reopened*
*- File Test.7z added*
*- File Capture d'écran 2019-03-17 à 21.40.16.png added*
*- File Capture d'écran 2019-03-17 à 21.36.14.png added*
*- File Capture d'écran 2019-03-17 à 21.36.14.png added*

I made a test file. Hope it will work.
When I open in 3.6, I get the same result.
I localize the files, it cannot find them and they appear in red. Then QGIS displays an XML error and crashes.
Plus, the startup screen remains always on top and it is annoying to handle the windows behind.

**#10 - 2019-03-20 12:34 PM - Giovanni Manghi**

*- Status changed from Reopened to Open*
*- Resolution deleted (no timely feedback)*

## Files

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| Capture d'écran 2019-02-23 à 22.41.56.png | 391 KB | 2019-02-24 | MRick - |
| Capture d'écran 2019-02-23 à 22.42.05.png | 522 KB | 2019-02-24 | MRick - |
| Capture d'écran 2019-02-23 à 22.42.09.png | 406 KB | 2019-02-24 | MRick - |
| Capture d'écran 2019-02-23 à 22.42.15.png | 489 KB | 2019-02-24 | MRick - |
| Capture d'écran 2019-02-23 à 22.42.22.png | 398 KB | 2019-02-24 | MRick - |
| Test.7z | 3.41 MB | 2019-03-17 | MRick - |
| Capture d'écran 2019-03-17 à 21.40.16.png | 466 KB | 2019-03-17 | MRick - |
| Capture d'écran 2019-03-17 à 21.36.14.png | 539 KB | 2019-03-17 | MRick - |

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| Capture d'écran 2019-03-17 à 21.36.14.png | 539 KB | 2019-03-17 | MRick - |
| readXml error.txt | 2.97 KB | 2019-03-17 | MRick - |
| crash log.txt | 134 KB | 2019-03-17 | MRick - |