

QGIS Application - Bug report #21839

QgsDataSourceUri parameter checkPrimaryKeyUnicity is ignored for postgres provider

2019-04-11 11:24 PM - Tom Vanzieleghem

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| Status: Closed | |
| Priority: Normal | |
| Assignee: Alessandro Pasotti | |
| Category: Data Provider/PostGIS | |
| Affected QGIS version: 3.7(master) | Regression?: No |
| Operating System: | Easy fix?: No |
| Pull Request or Patch supplied: Yes | Resolution: fixed/implemented |
| Crashes QGIS or corrupts data: No | Copied to github as #: 29654 |
| Description | |
| <p>Initial loading time of large PostgreSQL views (> 10 million records) seems to have increased considerably compared to QGIS 2. After observing the db logs I noticed the sql queries for checking primary key unicity is one of the causes for this. From the API documentation I had the impression that this behaviour could be disabled by setting the property <i>TrustLayerMetadata</i> on the project to true (in the GUI under project properties). This did not make a difference when loading new PG layers.</p> <p>So I tried setting the parameter <i>checkPrimaryKeyUnicity</i> to '0' in several ways (editing an exported layer definition file and through pyqgis) but it did not make a difference.</p> <p>Seems that, in case of a postgres provider, the parameter <i>checkPrimaryKeyUnicity</i> set on the <i>QgsDataSourceUri</i> instance is changed depending on the <i>layerOptions</i> (more specific the <i>readExtentFromXml</i> option) specified on the <i>QgsVectorLayer</i> class. The parameter also seems to disappear in the uri string after loading into the canvas and/or saving as a layer definition file.</p> <p>I always was impressed with the loading of postgis layers in QGIS 2 but this has considerably changed in QGIS 3. Is it possible to include an option in the GUI somewhere to prevent the checks on <i>primaryKeyUnicity</i> or resolve this in another way?</p> <p>best regards and keep up the good work,</p> <p>Tom</p> | |

Associated revisions

Revision 38c91e4e - 2019-04-24 05:14 PM - Alessandro Pasotti

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History

#1 - 2019-04-11 11:30 PM - Giovanni Manghi

- Easy fix? changed from Yes to No

Interesting... if this will not get traction I suggest you to raise the matter in the developers mailing list. Thanks!

#2 - 2019-04-17 04:52 PM - Regis Haubourg

| *This did not make a difference when loading new PG layers*

Giovanni Manghi wrote:

| *Interesting... if this will not get traction I suggest you to raise the matter in the developers mailing list. Thanks!*

Hi, "trust" option is only acting when loading a project file I think. The use case was to speed up opening big project with data having no metadata, either in desktop or in server context.

#3 - 2019-04-17 05:02 PM - Regis Haubourg

And in I confirm that whatever the "select at id" value you set, QGIS will still throw a `select count(distinct(..)` query to check unicity.

I have no idea why this could be slower in QGIS3 for huge tables though.

The proposal to add a column with a checkbox "don't check unicity on load" would be the way to go. however this PostgreSQL connection dialog is already overcrowded, and very few users understand the use of "select at id" option. I think we should work on tooltips and UI design here.

#4 - 2019-04-24 09:32 AM - Alessandro Pasotti

- *Operating System deleted (Windows 10)*
- *Affected QGIS version changed from 3.4.6 to 3.7(master)*
- *Assignee set to Alessandro Pasotti*

#5 - 2019-04-26 09:41 AM - Alessandro Pasotti

- *Resolution set to fixed/implemented*
- *Pull Request or Patch supplied changed from No to Yes*
- *Status changed from Open to In Progress*

PR <https://github.com/qgis/QGIS/pull/9873>

#6 - 2019-04-27 07:00 PM - Alessandro Pasotti

- *Status changed from In Progress to Closed*
- *% Done changed from 0 to 100*

Applied in changeset commit:qgis|38c91e4e9715321b0b1164eea3bca82b45eb830c.