

QGIS Application - Feature request #2785

[Cmake] FindGRASS.cmake issue

2010-06-04 11:03 AM - Nikos Ves

Status: Closed	
Priority: Low	
Assignee: nobody -	
Category: Build/Install	
Pull Request or Patch supplied:	Resolution: invalid
Easy fix?: No	Copied to github as #: 12845
Description	
<p>when point qgis at grass lib</p> <p>CMake Error at src/plugins/grass/CMakeLists.txt:8 (MESSAGE): Your GRASS version is not supported (/home/nikos/src/qgis-src/src/plugins/grass/modules-7.0 is not found).</p> <p>which I'm pretty sure i dont have grass7 installed. Maybe grass6rc6 reports itself as 7?</p> <p>Grass 6RC6 can be downloaded either from grass site or from ubuntuGIS ppa.</p> <p>t</p> <p>The problem must be in <qgis-source>/src/pluging/grass/CMakeLists.txt</p> <pre>IF (GRASS_NUM_VERSION LESS 60300) SET (GRASS_MODULES_DIR "modules-6.3") ELSE (GRASS_NUM_VERSION LESS 60300) SET (GRASS_MODULES_DIR "modules-\${GRASS_MAJOR_VERSION}.\${GRASS_MINOR_VERSION}") ENDIF (GRASS_NUM_VERSION LESS 60300)</pre> <p>Im not pretending that i know anything ccmake files before but the if looks a bit off</p>	

History

#1 - 2010-06-04 11:46 AM - Jürgen Fischer

QGIS builds fine with GRASS 6.4.0rc6 here. Which GRASS version is found? Please quote the line from your build:

```
...
-- Found GRASS: /usr/lib/grass64 (6.4.0+42329)
...
```

#2 - 2010-06-04 04:51 PM - Nikos Ves

grass -v

```
GRASS GIS 6.4.0RC6
```

#3 - 2010-06-04 07:04 PM - Jürgen Fischer

Replying to [comment:2 vesnikos]:

```
| grass -v
```

```
> GRASS GIS 6.4.0RC6
```

Sorry, I meant the output from cmake.

#4 - 2010-06-05 02:33 AM - Paolo Cavallini

I confirm, it builds fine here, on two different architectures. Perhaps a leftover from another previous install?
Can you please check on another similar machine?

#5 - 2010-06-06 02:53 AM - Nikos Ves

I think I found the problem:

ccmake cache doesn't refresh, even if you change grass_prefix when you run cmake to parse its variables.

It found a previous installation of grass 7 (which was in userland)

to recap: cmake grass_prefix was pointing explicitly in /usr/lib/grass64

and cmake (from a previous install, by locate? - i couldn't confirm this) was pointing in ~/grass7-src

#6 - 2010-06-06 03:07 AM - Nikos Ves

more info:

findGRASS.cmake tries to find version.h in folder <grass-src>/include

but for grass6rc6 version.h is present as VERSION (

http://trac.osgeo.org/grass/browser/grass/tags/release_20100320_grass_6_4_0RC6/include/VERSION)

there isn't a version.h file (or at least I can't find one)

#7 - 2010-06-06 04:41 AM - Nikos Ves

more additional info:

from <http://www.mail-archive.com/cmake@cmake.org/msg07252.html>

```
# ^ and $ appear to be non-functional in practice. This makes it  
# impossible to code a non-trivial regex in CMake script. This in turn  
# forces the user to find or install other tools that can do so, rather
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# than keeping their scripting logic self-contained in CMake.
#
# ^ and $ work with respect to an entire <input> to STRING().
# That is to say, an <input> is treated as one line. The <input>
# does not preserve newlines, even if it is read from a multi-line file.
# The following code snippet demonstrates that ^ and $ will only
# match at the beginning and end of a file, when the file is read in as
# an <input> string.
```

one that was suggested was

```
STRING(REGEX REPLACE "\
?\
"; ENT "${input}")
FOREACH(line ${ENT})
# do the match on each line
```

#8 - 2010-06-06 07:51 AM - Jürgen Fischer

Replying to [comment:6 vesnikos]:

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#9 - 2010-06-30 12:32 PM - Jürgen Fischer

vesnikos, any news on this? Looks more like a GRASS installation problem on your end (missing version.h).

#10 - 2010-07-02 03:37 AM - Nikos Ves

- Status changed from Open to Closed

- Resolution set to invalid

Should have closed that bug ages ago.



Problem lies that in clarification in the documentation: Nowhere states that qgis is NOT compatible with grass70 - just says GRASS, no version



The another issued thats needs confirmation (its been couple of weeks since i've tested it) is that GRASS_PREFIX is not being refreshed if you install another version of grass (maybe grass6RC6, after grass70svn) with the correct path. Not even a conflict error. Maybe if there are more than one grass installations, user should choose manually the path?



and the third and most major: The grass60RC6 package that comes from ubuntu's ubuntuGIS/unstable ppa is not compatible with qgis to be build with grass support. I had to compile from source to get grass support.



Imho findgrass.cmake is a bit hackish, and needs some love to become more robust.
Since qgis comes to be the frontend of grass, its a shame people to stumble in such annoyances



I'll close the bug, and I hope none took offence in the comments above.

#11 - 2010-07-02 04:33 AM - Jürgen Fischer

Replying to [comment:11 vesnikos]:



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Incompatible in which way?

#12 - 2010-07-02 07:40 AM - Nikos Ves

Its been a while, it has something to do with the packages' "include" folder. If i remember correctly the binary package doesn't install the "include" files (where grass' version.h residences) and there isn't a -devel package provided by the ppa.

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hence if you install grass60rc6 from ubunbugis/unstable you're not able to compile qgis with grass support.

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After monday, i can do some tests with a virtual machine and test this, and open a new bug if needed

#13 - 2010-07-02 07:43 AM - Giovanni Manghi

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#14 - 2010-07-02 08:21 AM - Nikos Ves

Replying to [comment:14 lutra]:

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where does your grass_prefix points at, when running ccmake ?

#15 - 2010-07-02 01:18 PM - Jürgen Fischer

Replying to [comment:15 vesnikos]:

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Replying to [comment:14 lutra]:

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