

# QGIS Application - Bug report #4439

## Crash when changing style in Layer Properties

2011-10-24 02:32 PM - Ivan Mincik

<b>Status:</b> Closed	
<b>Priority:</b> Normal	
<b>Assignee:</b> Martin Dobias	
<b>Category:</b> Symbology	
<b>Affected QGIS version:</b>	<b>Regression?:</b> No
<b>Operating System:</b>	<b>Easy fix?:</b> No
<b>Pull Request or Patch supplied:</b>	<b>Resolution:</b> fixed
<b>Crashes QGIS or corrupts data:</b>	<b>Copied to github as #:</b> 14371

### Description

My QGIS is frequently crashing when changing Styles in Layer Properties.

I see many possibly related issues to this one (some of them already closed), but each one in slightly different case. I am not able to write down exact procedure how to reproduce crash.

To reproduce try:

1. Load some vector layer (SHP)
2. Go to Layer Manager -> Styles and classify by 'Unique value'.
3. Try to change styles for some categories. Sometimes double clicking to category name and than changing style helps to reproduce problem.
4. Press Apply or OK button, QGIS will crash.

I am including debug log and backtraces from two of my test cases.

OS: Debian Squeeze, Gnome, 32 bit

Qgis version: 1.7.1 - self compiled Debian package

### Associated revisions

**Revision ed20ff36 - 2011-10-31 01:51 PM - Martin Dobias**

Fix #4439

**Revision 61dfe66a - 2011-11-13 11:37 AM - Martin Dobias**

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### History

**#1 - 2011-10-27 04:38 PM - Mars Sjoden**

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**#2 - 2011-10-28 05:27 AM - Ivan Mincik**

marsofearth - wrote:

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Yes, also in my case it is possible to crash QGIS also by clicking on one of the layer categories and pressing OK or APPLY.

Currently I have found that there is better chance to survive when I just simply change outline style and return it back before any real changes has done.

### #3 - 2011-10-30 12:36 PM - Mars Sjoden

Another test to try that I have found on Mac OS X.6.8 with QGIS 1.7.1-2 William Kyng's build

And after watching hours of Screen Capture video of using (and crashing QGIS) on Debian Squeeze, Ubuntu 11.04, OpenSUSE, and Fedora 15

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Sometimes this would crash QGIS every time other times I would have to do One Further step of **ZOOMING** or **PANNING** the map canvas first before step 3.

Of Note. So far I have been unable to crash QGIS if I only **Right Click** the TOC Layer to select and invoke the **Properties Window**.

just something to try.

### #4 - 2011-10-30 12:52 PM - Giovanni Manghi

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### #5 - 2011-10-30 01:05 PM - Ivan Mincik

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**#6 - 2011-10-30 02:24 PM - Giovanni Manghi**

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**#7 - 2011-10-30 02:31 PM - Ivan Mincik**

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I will try to compile latest trunk and test again.

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Yes, crashing also with new symbology. I have this problem with many of my PostGIS layers.

**#8 - 2011-10-30 02:48 PM - Mars Sjoden**

Hello Ivan, if possible to somewhat standardize your debugging of our similar crashing issue, try using the publicly available [Natural Earth data](#)

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**#9 - 2011-10-30 03:00 PM - Ivan Mincik**

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**#10 - 2011-10-30 03:04 PM - Ivan Mincik**

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**#11 - 2011-10-30 03:50 PM - Giovanni Manghi**

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here seems rock solid. Same datasource, same steps.

**#12 - 2011-10-30 06:12 PM - Mars Sjoden**

Ivan, How are you invoking the Properties Window?

By Double Clicking the TOC Layer or  
Right Clicking and selecting Properties from the TOC Layer?

Do you notice any difference in stability between the two ways?

**#13 - 2011-10-31 01:01 AM - Ivan Mincik**

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Thanks for pointing this. I did once again many tests by invoking 'Properties' in both ways.

It seems that 'right clicking and selecting Properties from the TOC Layer' is more stable (no crash in my last tests) that 'double clicking the TOC Layer' (crashing many times).

**#14 - 2011-10-31 06:01 AM - Martin Dobias**

- Status changed from Open to Closed
- Resolution set to fixed

I can replicate the crash when double clicking layer's symbology items in legend.

Should be fixed in commit:ed20ff3

**#15 - 2011-10-31 07:29 AM - Ivan Mincik**

- File *crash\_with\_ed20ff368723695a76c03648b7b528b4bf827adb.log* added

Martin Dobias wrote:

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Hi Martin,

after applying Your patch (commit:ed20ff3) to release\_1\_7\_1 branch by 'cherry-pick' Qgis is immediately crashing when trying to open some project containing classified layer. Log and bt included.

**#16 - 2011-10-31 07:30 AM - Ivan Mincik**

- Resolution deleted (*fixed*)

**#17 - 2011-10-31 07:50 AM - Martin Dobias**

oops. commit:50f20c2 should take care of it.

**#18 - 2011-10-31 07:54 AM - Martin Dobias**

- Resolution set to *fixed*

btw. when deleting resolution "fixed" change also the status, otherwise the bug will stay marked as closed

**#19 - 2011-10-31 08:16 AM - Ivan Mincik**

Martin Dobias wrote:

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I wanted to do so, but I see this value as read-only text.

**Files**

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qgis_crashing_when_changing_styles.txt	9.27 KB	2011-10-24	Ivan Mincik
qgis_crashing_when_changing_styles2.txt	12.1 KB	2011-10-24	Ivan Mincik
crash_with_ed20ff368723695a76c03648b7b528b4bf827adb.log	22.8 KB	2011-10-31	Ivan Mincik