## QGIS Application - Bug report #6913

# Python interpreter starts hardwired to search buildSourcePath when run from build directory

2012-12-22 03:31 PM - Larry Shaffer

Status: Closed Priority: Normal

Assignee:

Category: Python plugins

Affected QGIS version:master

Operating System: All

Pull Request or Patch supplied:

Crashes QGIS or corrupts data:

Regression?: No

Easy fix?: No

Resolution: end of life

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#### Description

A current issue regarding the loading of plugins (while running from the build directory) is when plugins are restored on launch of the app. There is currently a goofy fix for this with commits commit:e31fb3c9 and commit: where QgsApplication::pkgDataPath() is temporarily set to something other than QgsApplication::buildSourcePath() when restoring core plugins.

The reason for that patch: when QgsPluginRegistry::restoreSessionPlugins() is called the Python packages are imported from QgsApplication::buildSourcePath()/python/plugins even though that path is NOT in sys.path for the interpreter. If QgsApplication::pkgDataPath() is pointed to something other than QgsApplication::buildSourcePath(), or an empty QString, it works. However, I could find no means by which the interpreter was assigned that module search path.

#### I have tried:

- changing the current working directory in C++ and via Python
- setting PYTHONPATH
- setting all kinds of debug output from the interpreter (never shows buildSourcePath()/python/plugins in sys.path)
- giving up

To reproduce the issue, run QGIS from the build directory and then launch DB Manager core plugin. You will get an error about a missing ui\_\*.py file, because that 'compiled' version of a \*.ui file does not exist in source directory, only in the build/output/python/plugins staged version of the plugin.

Now, run QGIS again, but with the --noplugins option. This will keep restoreSessionPlugins() from being called. After using Plugin Manager to turn back on DB Manager, launch the plugin and you should not get the error: sys.path is being honored, and the plugin is imported from build/output/python/plugins staged area, as expected.

While the current patch works, it requires core plugins to not request QgsApplication::pkgDataPath() when the plugin loads. A better solution is needed.

#### Related issues:

Related to QGIS Application - Bug report # 5879: running from build directory... Closed 2012-06-27

### History

## #1 - 2017-05-01 01:09 AM - Giovanni Manghi

- Easy fix? set to No
- Regression? set to No

## #2 - 2019-03-09 04:04 PM - Giovanni Manghi

- Resolution set to end of life
- Status changed from Open to Closed

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