QGIS 3 and coming features



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Lutra Consulting

- Core QGIS developers
- General (GIS) software/web development
- Support
- Training

QGIS features we developed

Development of:

- Multi-threaded rendering (2.4)
- Legend re-factoring and support for virtual multi-canvas, multi-styling (2.6 - 2.10)
- Rule-based labelling (2.12)
- Trace digitizing and snap caching (2.14)
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- Legend item widget tool, Advanced "preset" settings (2.16)
- WMTS enhancement and support for XYZ tiles (2.18)
- Bug fixing (ongoing)

QGIS features we will be developing

Future features:

- Multi-threaded rendering phase 2
 - Better raster performance
 - Better WM(T)S performance
- Vector caching
- QGIS Python API documentation
- ▶ Help with Python 3 and QT 5 migration

Various plugins















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QGIS 2.x

Python 2.x

► Ended development in 2010

Qt4

No longer available for some platforms

Changes

Qt5

- Better support for mobile devices
- Sensors and location
- High-res display
- Much more for developers (e.g. Qwt/PyQtChart)

Changes

Python 3

- Migrating plugins
 - ▶ Easy for Python 2 to Python 3 ^a
 - Python 3 is backward incompatible

ahttps://docs.python.org/3/howto/pyporting.html

Changes

API break

- Renaming/removing classed (possibly affects your plugins)
- New classes ^a



EVERY CHANGE BREAKS SOMEONE'S WORKFLOW.

ahttp://ggis.org/api/api_break.html

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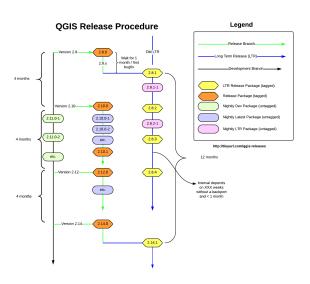
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Release cycle



Proposed changes

- ➤ 2.14 remains the last LTR (bugs will be backported to the branch)
- 2.18 (until the first 3.0 release)
 - will also receive the bug fixes
 - some new features
- 3.0 likely to be spring/summer 2017
- 3.2 will be the next LTR (4 months after 3.0 release)

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How to help QGIS 3.x migration

- Donate to QGIS.ORG ^a
- Test and report bugs
- Sponsor bug fixing

ahttp://www.qgis.org/en/site/getinvolved/donations.html



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Project and Layer Registry Refactoring

- Support for multiple projects
- Implications/improvements to QGIS Server

Improved Node Tool

- Work with the Advanced Digitizing Tools
- Editing nodes from multiple layers simultaneously
- More responsive and faster

Help with QGIS server refactoring

- A full PyQGIS application
- ► Tile server

QGIS Mobile

- Creating a new QGIS Mobile library (based on QGIS Core library):
 - Featuring touch optimised GUI components based on Qt Quick
 - Basic mapping components map canvas, layer tree (legend), GPS position, scale bar, markers
 - Support for capturing of new geometries
 - Display and editing of feature forms
 - Tools for seamless data sync to/from desktop