QGIS release overview and roadmap



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Outline

Understanding release cycle

QGIS release cycle Past

Problems

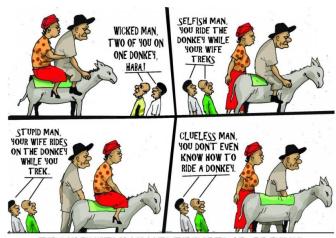
LTR, LR, DEV

How to support QGIS (LTR)?

Why so many versions

| Download for Win | ndows | * |
|---------------------|---|-----------------|
| Latest release (eg | g. for New Users): | |
| ± 🌠 | QGIS Standalone Installer Version 2.12 (32 bit) | o ^r |
| md5 | | ø' |
| ± 🌠 | QGIS Standalone Installer Version 2.12 (64 bit) | a |
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| Long term release | e (eg. for corporate users): | |
| ± 🌠 | QGIS Standalone Installer Version 2.8 (32 bit) | o ^r |
| md5 | | o ^r |
| ± 🌠 | QGIS Standalone Installer Version 2.8 (64 bit) | o ^r |
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| For Advanced Users: | | |
| ≜ OSGeo | OSGeo4W Network Installer (32 bit) | a ⁿ |
| ≜ OSGeo | OSGeo4W Network Installer (64 bit) | es ⁿ |

Keep everyone happy



THE PROBLEM WITH GIVING IN TO THE URGE TO PLEASE EVERYBODY

LTR

What is LTR?

- ► Supported period
- Software bugs
- ▶ Features
- ► Release cycle

LTR

Why LTR?

- ▶ Reliability
- ► Stability
- ► Less frequent release cycle

LTR

Why NOT LTR?

- Users
 - New features
- Developers
 - ► Extra cost
 - ► Extra resources
 - ► Adding features is more fun!

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QGIS release - past

Release early, release often

- ▶ 3 moths of development
- ▶ 1 month of bug fix

| QGIS release | Date |
|--------------|----------------|
| 2.0^{1} | September 2013 |
| 2.2 | February 2014 |
| 2.4 | June 2014 |
| 2.6^{2} | November 2014 |
| 2.8 | February 2015 |
| 2.10 | June 2015 |

¹To coincide with FOSS4G in Nottingham

²Delayed by a week

QGIS release - problems

Less reliable software:

- Bug reporting participation
- Planned releasing
- Regressions and blockers

| QGIS release | No. of bugs closed |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 2.0^{3} | 1075 |
| 2.2 | 71 |
| 2.4 | 191 |
| 2.6 | 100 |
| 2.84 | 184 |

³Change of API

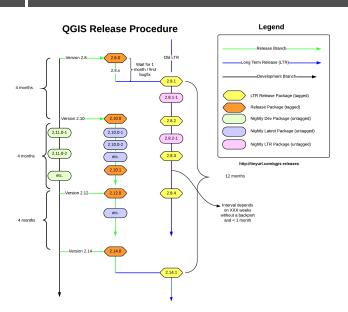
⁴Sum of 2.8.x releases

QGIS release - LTR, LR, DEV

Give choice

- ► LTR (LTS): If you want reliability
- ► LR: If you want new features and don't your house on fire!
- DEV: Current development branch

QGIS release - LTR, LR, DEV



QGIS release - LTR, LR, DEV

2.8 in numbers

- ▶ 4 releases: 2.8.0, 2.8.1, 2.8.2 and 2.8.3
- ▶ 184 bugs closed
- ▶ 630 commits on github since 2.7 feature freeze:
 - **2.8.0: 325**
 - **▶** 2.8.1: +33
 - **▶** 2.8.2: +122
 - **▶** 2.8.3: +150
- 717568 downloads^a
 - **2.8.0: 324**
 - **2.8.1: 361907**
 - **2.8.2: 305389**
 - 2 8 3: 49948

^aWindows stand-alone installer only

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How to support QGIS (LTR)?

You can:

- Sponsor bug fixing
 - ► Donation to QGIS
 - Contracting QGIS developer(s)



QGIS.org - Financial Report for 2014

The reporting period starts on July 8, 2014, when QGIS org obtained its own bank account. Prior to this date, the Swiss QGIS user group handled the finances of ggis.org, with separate accounting. The currency of all items is Euro (€).

Balance sheet

| Account balance on July 8, 2014: | 20'719.71 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Account balance on December 31 2014: | 18'317.79 |

Income (period 2014-07-08 to 2014-12-31):

| Direct donations (wire transfer): | 2'875.84 |
|--|-----------|
| PayPal donations (includes three bronze sponsorships): | 10'889.13 |
| Sponsoring: | 10'000.00 |
| Other: | 5'008.66 |
| Total Income: | 28'773.63 |

Expenses (period 2014-07-08 to 2014-12-31)

| Paid bug fixing and QA: Expenses developer meeting: | 20'120.69 10'990.09 |
|---|------------------------|
| Other expenses: | 64.76 |
| Total Expenses: | 31'175.54 |



You can:

- ► Participate
 - Testing
 - ► Run multiple QGIS versions
 - ► Test previous bugs
 - Try new features
 - Help with other reported bugs
 - Filing bugs (https://hub.qgis.org/projects/quantum-gis/issues):
 - Step-by-step guide to reproduce your bug
 - ► Follow-ups
 - Provide test data

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QGIS LTR: Case study

Custom installer

- ► Pre-configured with data/services
- ► Includes templates (print composers, styles, etc.)
- Directly compiled from LTR source on github
- Plugin configuration
- ► GUI configuration

