Help with QGIS bug fixing

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WebGIS and Geoserver

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About Us

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)
- For the upcoming 2.16 release:
  - Legend item widget tool
  - Enhancement to the "reshape" digitizing tool
  - Advanced "preset" settings for the Print Composer

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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Current SDI

SDI environments:

- Proprietary software
- Black boxes with Open source components
- Hybrid

Proprietary software

Pros and Cons

- Advantages:
  - Unified platform
  - Support and documentation
  - Usability
- Disadvantages
  - Dependency
  - Overall cost
  - Flexibility

Black box OS software

Pros and Cons

- Advantages:
  - Things work
  - Easy to migrate away
- Disadvantages
  - Similar cost to Proprietary Software
  - Not configurable/Customisable

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Business Case & Rational

Why migrate away:

- Performance issues
- Expensive software
- More number of users
- Unwanted extras

Evaluation and pilot study

- Migrating some data to PostGIS
- Migrating power users to QGIS
- Identifying blockers
- Assessing data & service compatibility and interoperability

Desktopn GIS

Customised QGIS - based on the LTR

- Resolving issues with the Active Directory
- Development of a QGIS plugin for gazetteer
- Integration with their OGC services
- Fixing bug (backport to QGIS project)

Newcastle City Council

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Training

Bespoke training for over 75 users

- Conversion from previous platform to QGIS
- Several new users

Migrating data

- OS Translator II
- ogr2ogr scripts

Migrating data

- Test server
- Main server
  - with back-up / restore script

Sync tool with ArcSDE

- Waiting for ESRI support (1 year!)

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Geoserver

WebGIS

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Implementation:

- All running on MS Windows
- PostGIS
- Geoserver + Geoserver Printing module
- Bespoke back-end services for
  - Find my nearest
  - Gazetteer
  - Download
- OpenLayers3

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If you are considering Open Source GIS

Considerations:

- Planning
- Pilot study
- Data and service interoperability
- Cost...nothing is free
- Support