It happened as I expected to see the city dialog for my first city appear.

2: Loading tileset "amplio2".
2: Loading tileset "delta2".
2: Loading tileset "amplio2".
2: Loading tileset "amplio_earth".

0: in fill_grid_sprite_array() [tilespec.c::5181]: assertion 't->sprites.player[plrid][pedge->type][1] != NULL' failed.
0: Please report this message at https://www.hostedredmine.com/projects/freeciv

Thread 1 "freeciv-gtk3.22" received signal SIGABRT, Aborted.
raise (sig=<optimized out>) at ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/raise.c:50
      ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/raise.c: No such file or directory.
      (gdb) bt full
#0  raise (sig=<optimized out>) at ../sysdeps/unix/sysv/linux/raise.c:50
#1  0x000055555573fede in fc_assert_fail
      (file=file@entry=0x55555577eac1 "tilespec.c", function=function@entry=0x555555781d40 <__FUNCTION__.32224> "fill_grid_sprite_array", line=line@entry=5181, assertion=assertion@entry=0x5555557806b8 "t->sprites.player[plrid].grid_borders [pedge->type][1] != NULL", message=0x5555557ad4ec "nologmsg: %s") at log.c:523
level = LOG_FATAL
#2  0x0000555555760af3b in fill_grid_sprite_array (t=<optimized out>, sprs=sprs@entry=0x7fffffffab20, sprs@entry=0x7fffffffab20, ptile=ptile@entry=0x0, pedge=0x7fffffffb380, pcorner=0x0, punit=0x0, pcity=0x0) at tilespec.c:5823

tileno = <optimized out>
dir = <optimized out>
textras_near = [{vec = "\000\000\000\000\000\000\000"}, {vec = "\000\000\000\000\000\000\000"}, {vec = "\000\000\000\000\000\000\000"}, {vec = ","}, {vec = ","}, {vec = ","}, {vec = "\320\000\000\000\000\000\000"}, {vec = "\320\000\000\000\000\000\000"}]
terrain_near = [{vec = "\000\000\000\000\000\000\000"}, {vec = "\000\000\000\000\000\000\000"}, {vec = "\000\000\000\000\000\000\000"}, {vec = "\000\000\000\000\000\000\000"}, {vec = "\000\000\000\000\000\000\000"}, {vec = "\000\000\000\000\000\000\000"}]

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pcity_draw = <optimized out>
punit = <optimized out>
#5 0x0000555555555555 in city_dialog_redraw_map (pcity=0x555555987dd00, pcanvas=pcanvas@entry=0x7ffffffb410) at
citydlg_common.c:208
punt = <optimized out>
pcty_draw = <optimized out>
canvas_x = <optimized out>
canvas_y = <optimized out>
canvas_x_g = 2184
canvas_y_g = 5244
ptile = 0x0
pedge = <optimized out>
pcorner = <optimized out>
ptile_r1 = 2
ptile_y0 = 437
ptile_index = 44
ptile_yi = 439
ptile = 4
ptile_w = 96
ptile_x0 = -95
ptile_y1 = <optimized out>
ptile_count = 361
ptile_di = 528
ptile_x1 = <optimized out>
ptile_h = 48
ptile_x1 = <optimized out>
ptilepedge = {type = EDGE_WE, tile = {0x555557bb7d10, 0x555557bb97e0}}
ptilepcorner = {tile = {0x555557bb62f0, 0x555557bb7e18, 0x555557bb9890, 0x555557bb7dc0}}
ptile_si = 350
x_0 = <optimized out>
y_0 = <optimized out>
x_w = <optimized out>
y_h = <optimized out>
canvas_x_0 = -2256
Tile_y = <optimized out>
canvas_y_0 = 5256
Tile_x = <optimized out>
canvas_x = <optimized out>
canvas_y_h = <optimized out>
layer = LAYER_GRID1
tmp = 0x0
#6 0x00005555556207bc in city_dialog_update_map (pdialog=0x555557ac19d0) at citydlg.c:1915
store = {surface = 0x55555993d9670, drawable = 0x0, zoom = 1}
#7 0x0000555555622f7e in real_city_dialog_refresh (pcity=0x55555987dd00) at citydlg.c:492
pdialog = 0x555555557ac19d0
#8 0x0000555555622f7e in create_city_dialog (pdialog=0x555555557ac19d0) at citydlg.c:1693
close_command = 0x555557808c00
vbox = <optimized out>
hbox = <optimized out>
cbox = <optimized out>
ebox = <optimized out>
citizen_bar_width = <optimized out>
citizen_bar_height = <optimized out>
pb = <optimized out>
pdialog = <optimized out>
#9 real_city_dialog_popup (pcity=0x55555987dd00) at citydlg.c:554
pdialog = <optimized out>
#10 0x0000555555613e2d in cities_update_callback (data=<optimized out>) at update_queue.c:607
need_update = <optimized out>
pcity_iter = 0x0
pcity = 0x55555987dd00
pcity_player = <optimized out>
_pslotpcity_player = 0x555557311800
#11 cities_update_callback (data=<optimized out>) at update_queue.c:580
#12 0x0000555555613c02 in update_unqueue (data=<optimized out>) at update_queue.c:319
callback = 0x555555613d80 <cities_update_callback>
uq_data = <optimized out>
MY_mem_MY_iter = 0x7fffffffb550 "0\267sUUU"
MY_it_MY_iter = 0x7fffffffb550
MY_iter = 0x7fffffffb550
hash = 0x555556310920
#13 0x0000555555613e2d in idle_callback_wrapper (data=0x5555556bc46c0) at gui_main.c:2239
cb = 0x5555556bc46c0
#1 - 2020-02-01 12:59 PM - Jacob Nevins

So, we were trying to draw borders, and we couldn't find an appropriate border sprite for one of the players. (The second one, but maybe the first was NULL.) And this happened when we were popping up a city dialog (which I think ought not to show any terrain that wasn't already on the main map?)

This rings a faint bell. One way this can happen is if something goes wrong with producing player-specific coloured border sprites from the generic ones when player colours are initialised. Haven't got proof that that went wrong here.

Haven't tried reproducing yet, but I've played a fair amount of civ2civ3_earth in the past and don't recall encountering trouble here.

#2 - 2020-02-02 11:40 PM - Marko Lindqvist

This is trivially reproducible. civ2civ3_earth ruleset + tileset does not show any borders.

Jacob Nevins wrote:

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I think the thing here is that there's no territory, and thus no borders, before the first city is founded. As soon as one founds the city, borders should appear.

#3 - 2020-02-02 11:58 PM - Marko Lindqvist

This only happens if one loads amplio_earth tileset from the ruleset's suggested tileset dialog. It does not happen if client is started with -t amplio_earth, nor does it happen if one refuses to load amplio_earth from the dialog but changes the tileset only once in game.

#4 - 2020-02-05 11:01 PM - Jacob Nevins

Yes, now I can reproduce this from cazfi's instructions. (For completeness: with freeciv-gtk3.22, and selecting the ruleset from the client dropdown rather than with "-r" or anything; I haven't checked if those things are necessary.)

#5 - 2020-02-05 11:07 PM - Jacob Nevins

I noticed in passing recently that the client pops up the tileset dialog on receiving the PACKET_RULESET_CONTROL packet (start of ruleset data), whereas PACKET_RULESETS_READY (end of ruleset data) feels like it would be safer? Maybe that's relevant? Haven't looked in detail.

#6 - 2020-02-05 11:51 PM - Jacob Nevins

I feel the code path involved (game.client.ruleset_ready FALSE, game_fully_initialized FALSE) might be unique to the situation of loading a ruleset-preferred tileset, so it's plausible there's a bug specific to it.

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So, the special conditions prevent tilespec_reread() calling tileset_player_init() for all players; and it is not consistently called later.

It is called for a few later-numbered players (but not the human), as a side effect of receiving PACKET_PLAYER_INFO. I'm guessing (but haven't proved) that doesn't happen for all players because PLAYER_INFO is an is-info packet, and nothing changed about the player from the server side.

The Qt client allows you to change the current tileset from the pregame screen, which feels like it ought to be an analogous situation.

But it doesn't run into the same problem, because it passes game_fully_initialized == client.conn.established, which is TRUE at this point. So it completely reinitialises tileset stuff from the player colours.

So, perhaps the answer is simply to pass game_fully_initialized as TRUE when switching tileset because of ruleset preference. It appears to mean something like "do we have a network connection"; and if we're thinking about a specific ruleset we must do.

(Probably this is a spot fix we can apply for the next release, but it feels like we ought to be able to reduce the number of code paths and boolean conditions involved here...)

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